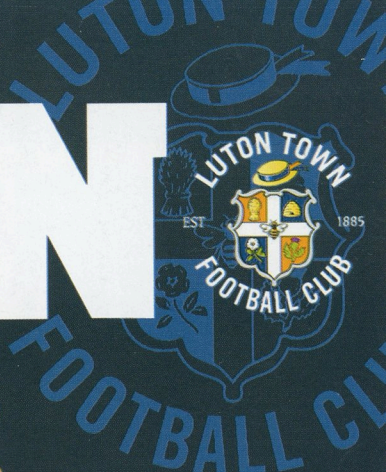


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MONEY TALKS

“ Saturday’s draw may have ended a run of nine successive victories but our focus remains the same as it always has been since I took over: picking up as many points as we can. ”



Good evening and welcome to all supporters to Kenilworth Road for tonight’s important Blue Square Premier match with Histon.

I would like to welcome Alan Lewer, his staff and players, the directors and supporters of Histon.

Since my last notes on Bank Holiday Monday against Grays Athletic we have earned four points and seen our winning sequence finally come to an end following a 1-1 draw at Tamworth on Saturday.

The point earned at the Lamb Ground made it 29 points out of the last 33 available which is a truly magnificent tally collated by the players who deserved a fantastic amount of credit.

I said after our draw at Mansfield, the game that started this unbeaten run of 11 matches, we would need to go on a winning run until the end of the season if we were to land up challenging for the sole automatic place.

Saturday’s draw may have ended a run of nine successive victories but our focus remains the same as it always has been since I took over: picking up as many points as we can.

We cannot influence what happens elsewhere and the destiny is out of our own hands. Until it is mathematically impossible to finish in first place we will not be giving up.

Last time out at Kenilworth Road we enjoyed an excellent victory over a relegated Grays side with Kevin Gallen hitting a superb hat-trick in a comprehensive 6-0.

I found it hard to believe that was Kevin’s first career hat-trick but it was fully warranted and he was ably assisted by strike partner Tom Craddock who weighed in with another two goals.

Once again our strength in-depth was highlighted by Liam Hatch’s goal. With Matthew Barnes-Homer scoring the winner at Stevenage on Easter Saturday.

Our reserves are in good scoring form too, and it bodes well, going into an incredibly important phase of the season, that we should be blessed with a group of players who are enjoying good form.

Saturday’s draw at Tamworth was disappointing for obvious reasons but I always knew – and said before the game – that it was going to be one of the toughest of our remaining fixtures.

There were many different frustrating aspects during the game for us. Not only would we always like to think that once we go a goal ahead we can go on and win any game but the goal we conceded was very unlike us.

Those supporters who made the trip – and on that I thank you for your

unerring support away from home once again – will have probably noted how good the pitch looked from the stands.

However, it was very hard and difficult for us to pass with confidence on and not helped by the slope.

We rallied late on to try and push for a winner but in the end we had to settle for just the one point.

Football is a funny old game and with three games to go I still wouldn’t rule out any late twists and turns.

We will be focusing on getting back to winning ways this evening against a Histon side who are safe in the knowledge that they will be playing in the Blue Square Premier next season.

We never take any opposition lightly and we will show them the greatest respect this evening.

Your support both home and away has been a real plus for us over the past weeks so please continue to back the players.

Enjoy the game.

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DIRECTOR STEPHEN BROWNE REFLECTS ON A MAGNIFICENT LAST MONTH



Welcome to Kenilworth Road!

Today we entertain Histon for the rearranged fixture from Boxing Day that was again called off due to bad weather in February.

They have had a good season and will be happy that they will be in the Conference Premier next season.

They are a difficult team to play against and they are quite capable of beating any team in this division. Losing by the odd goal at Stevenage recently shows that they will be up for the challenge tonight. We welcome the Histon supporters, board, players and management to Kenilworth Road as the season draws to a close.

The past couple of weeks have shown that our lads are capable of beating anyone from Grays Athletic to Stevenage Borough,

and we have been treated to some sumptuous football along the way.

Journalists and opposing teams alike have been waxing lyrical about our current form so it is vital that we capitalise on our current position.

We were delighted by the behaviour of all fans at Stevenage where we set a new home attendance record for them.

Of course we were all delighted by the result and the way our team dug in, gave an excellent defensive display and went on to get a deserved winner. Your singing and support gave the lads that extra shot in the arm that is so important. It puts to bed that night last October when they snatched a late, late winner.

We then played Grays in front of

one of the biggest crowds of the season and put them to the sword with six goals and an excellent hat-trick from Kevin Gallen. On behalf of the board and supporters I would like to congratulate Kevin on the first hat-trick of his career and let's hope it is not his last with us!

Additionally, in the Grays game, we should not forget that the referee, rightly or wrongly, stopped the goal of the season from our very own Jake Howells! A fantastic run, brilliant dribble and deadly shot saw Jake go most of the length of the pitch only to be denied by a dubious whistle. Fortunately the resultant free kick was a top corner bullet from Gallen so justice was served in the end.

I write this article before our tough away game at Tamworth.

As Richard has said, all games in this league are hard and anyone can spring a surprise, so we must guard against complacency both on the pitch and in the terraces. We have no absolute right to promotion and we will only get what we earn and work for.

All of us play a role in that, and we know every team will try and frustrate us, so we must continue to support the lads even if the result is not going for us, and patience is the key.

We must not allow ourselves to be spoilt by the excellent displays recently and start assuming that all teams will just roll over when we come on the pitch and that we will start scoring from the kick-off!

Again, on behalf of all the supporters and board, I would like to whole-heartedly congratulate Richard on winning Manager of the Month award which will be presented to him tonight before the game.

It is some while since that award has come to Luton and Richard thoroughly deserves his award because of his hard work and commitment and, again, we hope it is the first of many in his time at Kenilworth Road.

Seven wins and a draw in March is a spectacular effort by Richard, his staff and his players. Congratulations to everyone involved in a memorable month where records were broken.

The good news does not stop there. There are a number of Hatters players who would have been in contention for Player of the Month, but it was edged this month by Claude Gnaka.

His wonderful hat-trick against Ebbsfleet led us on to victory and in every game in March he played a vital role.

We all get extremely excited when Claude is on the ball and takes on players with his guile and strength.

The rumour is that his mum's soup has played a key role in Claude's 'Marvellous March' so we have asked that he shares his secret with his team-mates (not that they need any help!).

With three games left, the target is maximum points. We are guaranteed a Play-Off place but of course we would like to win the title instead.

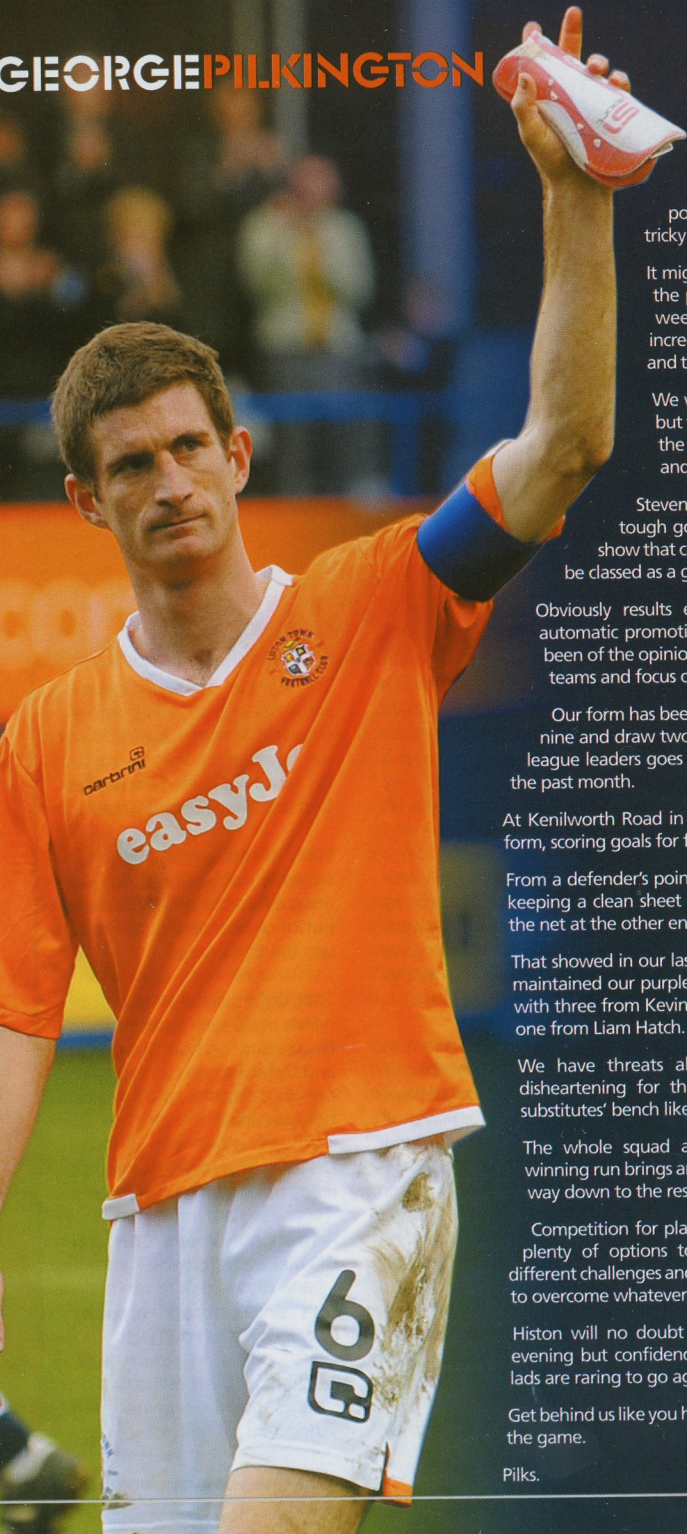
That, unfortunately, is not in our hands so all we can do is keep the pressure on both Stevenage and Oxford so we can capitalise on any mistake they make, however small.

On that note, I will leave you to enjoy the rest of the evening.

Remember, we fans CAN and DO make a difference.

Let's sing out our support! COME ON YOU HATTERS!

Stephen



Tonight gives us the perfect opportunity to bounce back to winning ways after Saturday's frustrating 1-1 draw at Tamworth.

We knew it was going to be a tough match and that's how it turned out as we had to settle for a point in a game that was played on a tricky pitch.

It might have looked better than some of the pitches we have played on in recent weeks but I can assure you it was incredibly difficult. It was hard underfoot and the slope took a lot of getting used to.

We went in front against the run of play but were disappointed that having taken the lead we couldn't push on and go on and collect all three points.

Stevenage and Oxford have also found it tough going there this season which goes to show that come the end of the campaign it could be classed as a good point gained.

Obviously results elsewhere meant that our aim of automatic promotion took a slight knock but we have been of the opinion that we will not worry about other teams and focus on what we are capable of.

Our form has been nothing short of superb and to win nine and draw two of our last 11 games and win at the league leaders goes to show how good we've been over the past month.

At Kenilworth Road in particular we have been in top, top form, scoring goals for fun and keeping it tight at the back.

From a defender's point of view there's nothing better than keeping a clean sheet whilst watching the attackers hitting the net at the other end.

That showed in our last match here against Grays when we maintained our purple patch in front of goal with six goals with three from Kevin Gallen, two from Tom Craddock and one from Liam Hatch.

We have threats all over the pitch and it must be disheartening for the opposition at this level to see a substitutes' bench like ours.

The whole squad are enjoying the confidence that a winning run brings and that seems to have spread right the way down to the reserves.

Competition for places is fierce which gives the manager plenty of options to choose from. Every game has its different challenges and it seems we have the necessary squad to overcome whatever tests are thrown at us.

Histon will no doubt pose a different kind of threat this evening but confidence in the camp remains high and the lads are raring to go again tonight.

Get behind us like you have been doing so brilliantly and enjoy the game.

Pilks.

SUPER SUB SINKS STEVENAGE

STEVENAGE BOROUGH 0 - 1 LUTON TOWN



MATCH-WINNER MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER BURSTS DOWN THE RIGHT FLANK

Super sub Matthew Barnes-Homer struck a goal a minute after his introduction to blow the title race wide open as the Hatters secured their eighth success on the spin at leaders Stevenage.

The Town were the quickest out of the blocks on a pudding of a pitch with captain George Pilkington almost giving them an early lead when his inadvertent near-post flick-on from Keith Keane's low left-wing corner was cleared off the line on four minutes.

Most inside Broadhall Way were on their feet on 20 minutes when striker Tim Sills finished neatly past Mark Tyler after a tricky run and clever pass from Yemi Odubade but to the relief of the 2,800 Hatters fans, an offside flag was raised and it remained goalless.

Four minutes into the second half the Hatters were again indebted to Tyler to keep the score goalless when he spread himself superbly to deny Chris Beardsley after the midfield had raced clear.

It was a crucial save and it's importance, together with a tactical masterstroke from Money, swung things in the Hatters' favour.

On 54 minutes Barnes-Homer replaced Tom Craddock and within a minute of his introduction he was celebrating his fourth goal in Town colours.

Stevenage failed to deal with a long Freddie Murray throw and the ball was mis-kicked by Michael Bostwick. It kindly fell to the feet of the Barnes-Homer who turned and hit a terrific finish past the despairing dive of Chris Day to send the travelling hordes into ecstasy.

It was back to the wall time for the Town as Boro went all out in search of a leveller.

There were some anxious final moments but Stevenage failed to seriously test Tyler again as his teammates dealt with everything that was thrown at them.

Hatch, whose presence when defending Boro's aerial threat was also key, almost doubled the Hatters' lead with a minute left but the striker could only poke a shot straight at Day.

But, after three minutes of injury time, the Town held on which was the cue for massive celebrations in the away end.

POST-MATCH REACTION

RICHARD MONEY:

"It takes all kinds of things to get a performance. Sometimes it's free-flowing football, other times you need to make sure we defend well, win the headers, make the blocks and get the tackles and it was that type of game.



"The back four were excellent and the nature of the game and the state of the league meant that they were always going to throw everything at us.

"We would have like to have played with a bit more composure but we've held on

"The players deserve a lot of credit and we should be very proud of them."

GRAHAM WESTLEY:

"It was an even contest. I said to Richard Money at the end that the best side lost and he agreed.



"The lads are gutted. It was our first defeat at home since November 2008 and there's always a small sense of injustice after losing when you think you're the better side.

"It could easily have been a different result. We've had a goal disallowed and then they've nicked it. But tense affairs like this are often settled by one moment like that.

"We have to pick ourselves up and kick on."

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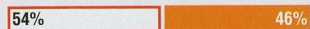
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Stevenage Borough: Day, Laird, Ashton, Odubade (Boylan 76), Roberts, Sills (Griffin 68), Bridges, Beardsley (Wilson 65), Drury, Bostwick, Henry. Subs not used: Bayes, Byrom.

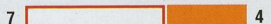
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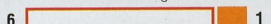
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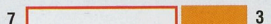
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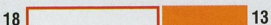
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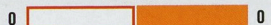
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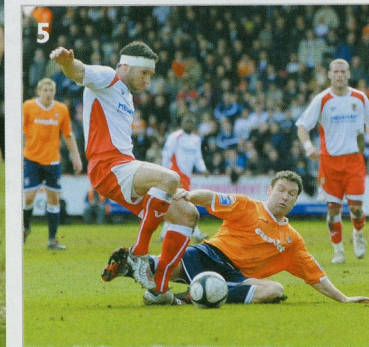
MAN OF THE MATCH

George Pilkington

The skipper was in terrific form at the heart of the Hatters' defence who had to deal with the constant threat of the home side's dangerous set-pieces all afternoon.

- 1.1-0: The moment the Hatters took the lead through Matthew Barnes-Homer.
- 2.Jake Howells surges forward down the left wing.
- 3.Defender Shane Blackett attacks a set-piece.
- 4.Captain George Pilkington saw this near post flicked cleared off-the-line.
- 5.Kevin Gallen gets stuck in.
- 6. Mark Tyler makes a comfortable save before half-time to keep it goalless.

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125 YEARS OF HISTORY

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH ON THE HATTERS' ANNIVERSARY



strength was Luton Excelsior who were also made up of working class men but rather more rough and ready than their aristocratic neighbours.

They did, however, boast a more enclosed playing pitch in Dallow Lane no more than a stone's throw from the Wanderers ground and it is this reason above all others that led to suggestions being raised as to an amalgamation of the two clubs which would then be able to take on opponents from further afield, as football continued to take a hold on the population.

At a public meeting called on 11th April 1885 in the Council Chambers of Luton Town Hall it was moved that a Town Football Club be formed, to be called Luton Town Football Club.

The Excelsior body at the meeting was fully behind the merger, but there was a pocket from the other camp that were not quite so keen as they had decided to change the name of the Wanderers to the Luton Town Football Club at a meeting held at St Matthew's School some three months before.

Fortunately the motion opposing the merger was overwhelmingly defeated, but it is difficult to see why there should have been any bad feeling as the joining together of the two strongest sides made eminent sense especially when the Excelsior ground was thrown into the equation.

A poll was taken to elect the inaugural committee of nine gentlemen and to keep the peace

it was agreed that six players from Wanderers would be selected for the first game to be played, added to five from Excelsior, with the split changing the following week and on throughout the season.

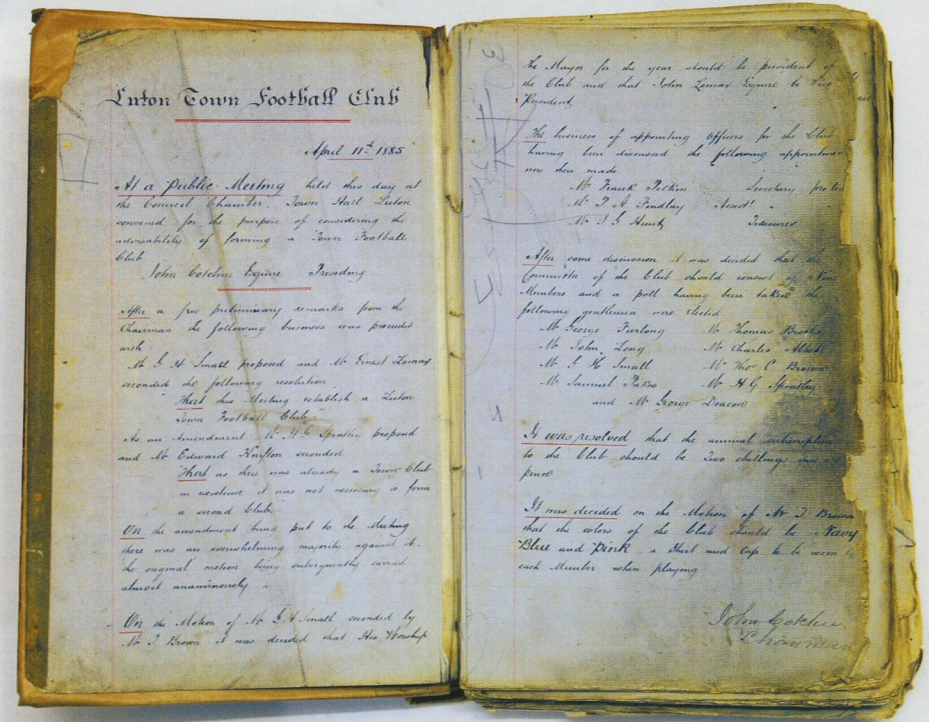
Certain Wanderers officials still festered over the merger, however, and managed to put out a side in the FA Cup over the following two campaigns albeit with little success. No mention of Wanderers as a separate entity is evident past 1887.

Football was obviously a different game compared to that played today. In 1885 professionalism had only just been legalised but was confined to northern clubs, there were no goal nets and the penalty kick was still six years away from entering the rule books.

Players were courteous to each other but, on the other hand, play was brutal to say the least with little finesse being exhibited as the combatants kicked lumps out of each other.

The Luton Town minute book famously confirms that the 'colors (note the American spelling) of the club should be navy blue and pink with a shirt and cap to be worn by each member when playing.'

How the players were expected to perform while wearing a cap is anyone's guess but they were certainly still being worn the following year as it was reported that 'Messrs Beecroft's were to be taken to task for overcharging for the new caps.'



The pages from the club's minute book covering that first ever meeting 125 years ago this week

Adverts were placed in the popular 'Pastime' and 'Referee' magazine asking for fixtures and a list of likely opponents was also drawn up and letters written.

Among the earliest invitees were Old Etonians, Grove House, Old Foresters, Old Wykehamists, Prairie Rangers, Hendon, Hotspur and St Albans.

Although most of these names mean little to today's supporter they were, in fact, the Premier League of the day boasting

international players galore. Negotiations were immediately entered into with John Sanders, the joint owner of the Dallow Lane ground previously used by Excelsior, and the annual rent of five guineas (£5.25) was swiftly agreed.

The committee then confirmed that a ball should be purchased and scaffold poles erected for the goals.

This was then followed by the erection of a hut for the

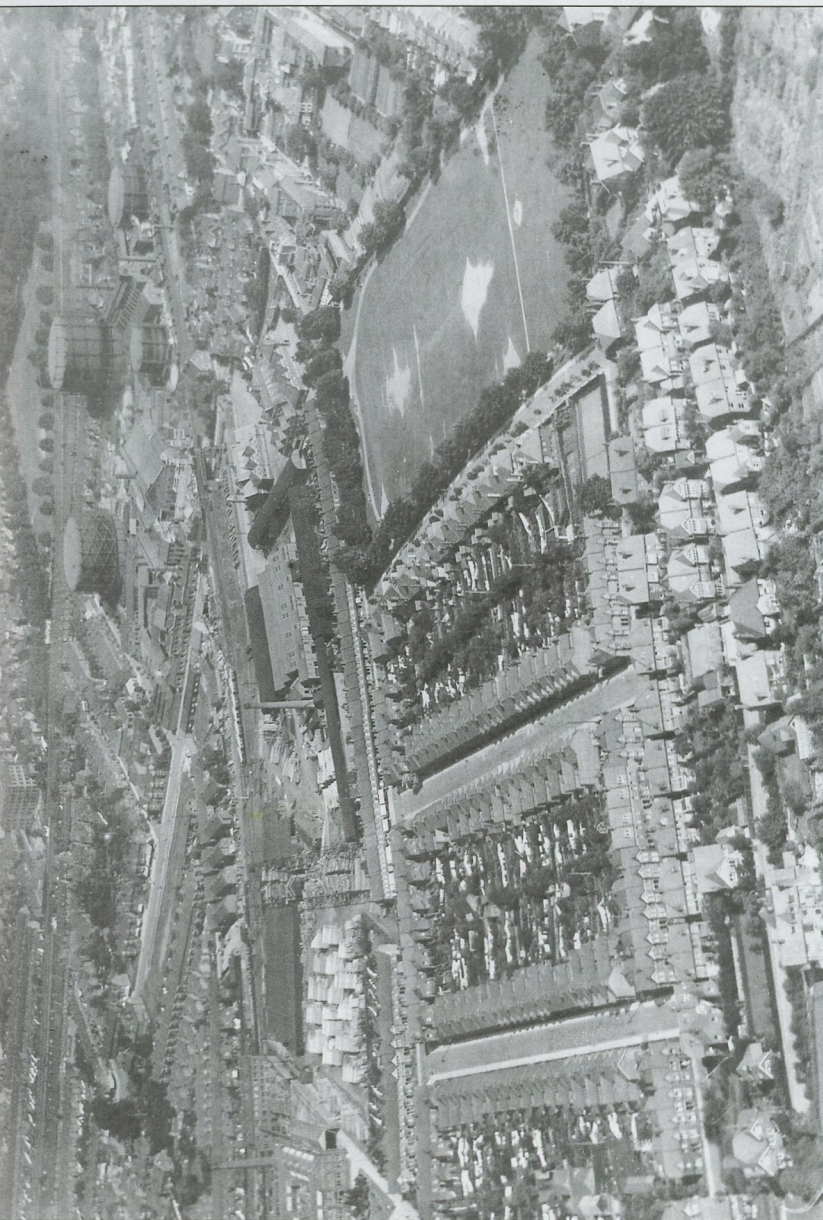
convenience of members as well as requesting that one constable should be present at each of the forthcoming games.

So, the Luton Town Football Club, which was formed before the likes of Arsenal, Chelsea and Liverpool, came into being.

None of the members attending that first meeting little realised that the Hatters would still be in existence 125 years later in a ever changing world.

125 YEARS OF HISTORY

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH ON THE HATTERS' ANNIVERSARY



It all happened in this area 125 years ago.

The original home of the Wanderers, now Dallow Road Recreation Ground, is clearly shown in this aerial photo taken in the 1930's.

The Dallow Road Ground, home to the amalgamated Luton Town is to the

north but, by the time of the photo, was covered by Henry Brown's Timber Yard although one of the original stands, used for storing wood, can be seen.

The Town's second home, in Dunstable Road, is seen centre left empty and forlorn awaiting the building of the Odleon Cinema on the site.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road to all supporters and our sponsors and corporate guests for tonight's game with Histon.

We are hoping it is third time lucky this evening after the game had been postponed firstly back on Boxing Day and then again in February.

Following this evening's game we only have one home fixture remaining but with the possibility of a potential Play-Off match after the regular season has finished.

The fortunes of the team continue to impress and, from a commercial point of view, we couldn't have asked for a better sequence of results at this important stage of the season.

Success on the pitch breeds interest for those who wish to get involved. Whether that be supporters clicking through the turnstiles or those people and companies who wish to be associated with the club commercially.

Should we just miss out on the sole automatic place then interest in the Play-Off semi-final here at Kenilworth Road will be huge and should that scenario occur keep your eyes peeled for further information on our official website at www.lutontown.co.uk.

Once again we have the pleasure of having the continued support of match sponsors and two commercial mascot as well as having a programme sponsor for tonight's fixture.

Let's hope for another three points

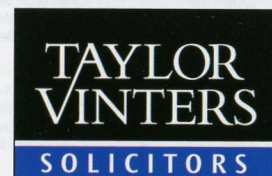
this evening and I look forward to seeing you all here again on Saturday when we entertain Altrincham.

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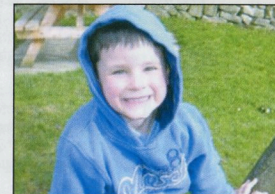
Please give a warm welcome to our two commercial mascots this evening who are 11-year-old Katie Deards from Deanshanger in Milton Keynes and four-year-old Thailer Kovacs from Luton.

Katie attends Deanshanger Primary School and apart from football she likes horse riding, dancing, karate and going to the cinema.

She will get to meet all the players in the dressing room before leading the team out onto the pitch, as well as getting to meet her favourite player who is Lewis Emanuel.

Thailer attends Elstow Lower School and enjoys swimming and trains. His favourite player is Janos Kovacs and watches games at Kenilworth Road with his dad.

We hope you all have a fantastic time with us tonight.



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5	JANOS KOVACS
6	GEORGE PILKINGTON
7	ADAM NEWTON
8	KEVIN NICHOLLS
9	LIAM HATCH
10	TOM CRADDOCK
11	TAIWO ATIENO
12	SHANE BLACKETT
13	SHANE GORE
14	ASA HALL
15	JAKE HOWELLS
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23	FREDDIE MURRAY
24	GAVIN CAINES
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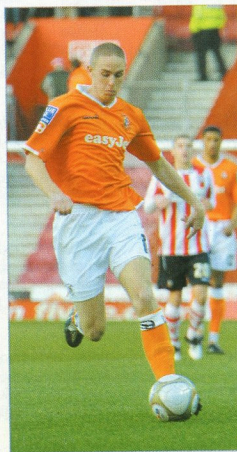
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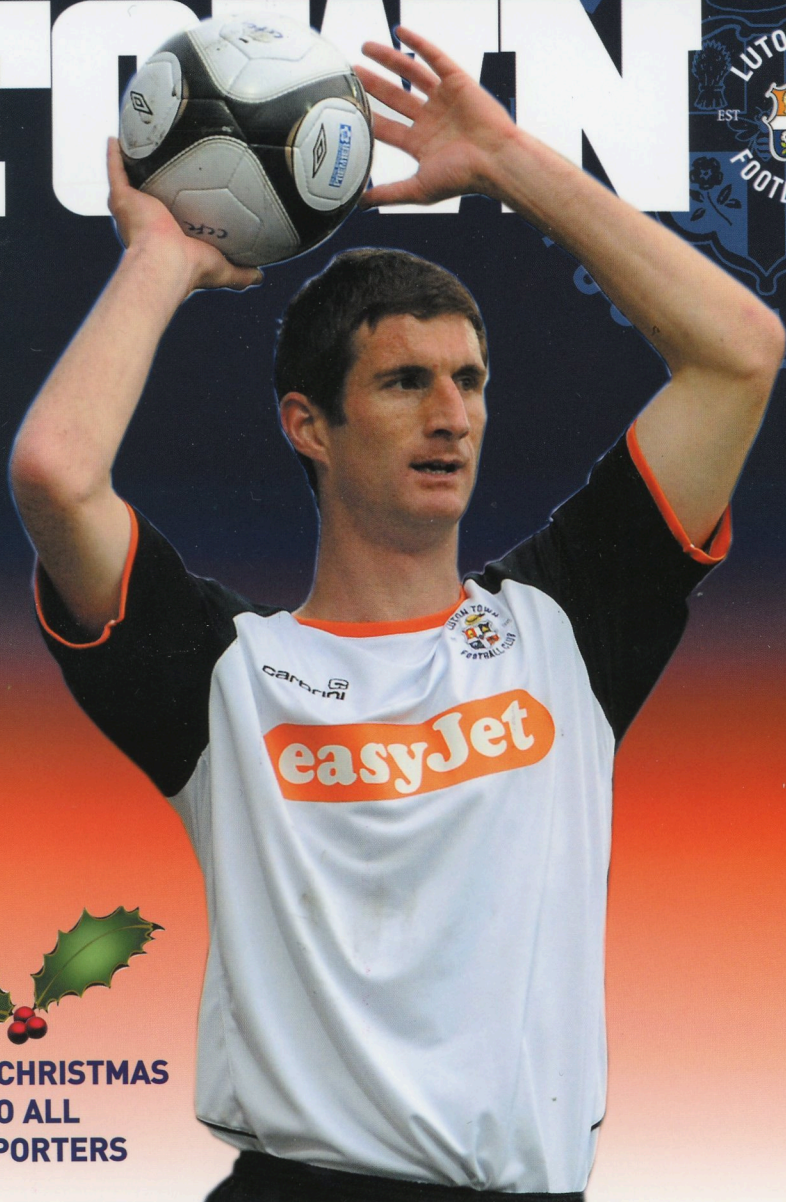
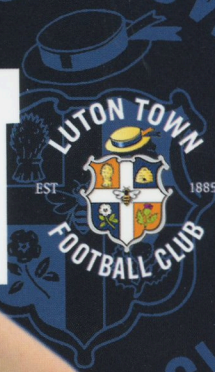
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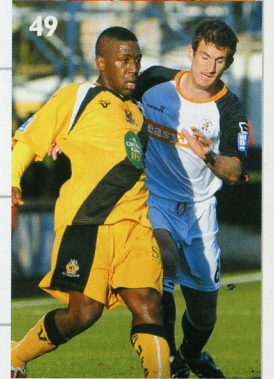
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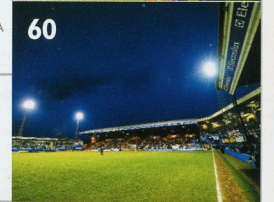
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LITTLEWOODS CUP
Winners 1988
Runners up 1989

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Runners up 1959
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FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
Champions 1982

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Champions 2005

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Champions 1968

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Finalists 1988

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Winners 2009

MONEY TALKS

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road to the first of two important matches on home soil over what will be a busy Christmas period.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the staff, players, directors and supporters of Histon for what will be a crucial game for both sides.

It has been well documented that our form at Kenilworth Road needs improving so two home games on the trot gives us a great opportunity to do so.

Not that this will be easy.

We have spoken many times already this season that teams that come here and raise their game against us because we are Luton Town.

However, we need to stop using this as an excuse and concentrate on what we do best.

Hopefully we can continue from where we left off following our last fixture at Kenilworth Road when we beat a very strong Rotherham United team here to progress to the third round of the FA Cup.

That night was a prime example of us scoring the goals at the right time as well as having the rub of the green.

I believe that is the first time since I have taken over here that we have had that extra bit of luck and, after overcoming a difficult opening five minutes, I thought we played some terrific football and scored three really good goals.

We changed our strategy which may have taken Rotherham by surprise but we have enough quality and strength in depth in our squad to do this.

Overall I thought we thoroughly deserved to win against a side who will be in the promotion shake-up in the division above us come the end of the season.

Unfortunately we couldn't take the positives of that performance into the game at Cambridge in the FA Trophy.

I felt we started the game really well but were hit by three sucker punches in a 30-minute spell which was obviously hugely disappointing.

We know that our defending wasn't good enough in the first half but in the second we saw a marked improvement, but, despite pulling a goal back, there were sadly no comeback like in previous matches with Cambridge.

While it would have been nice to go on a run in the FA Trophy we know where our most important priority lies and that is our aim to get out of this league.

Getting out of this division is no easy task, as many former Football League sides have found out over the past couple of years.

We say it every week but every match is important.

We are treating today's and Monday's home matches here at Kenilworth Road as cup ties and it is vitally important that we pick up as many points as possible.

Positive results and performances from these games will breed confidence and give us the perfect platform to build on going into the second half of the season.

With your superb backing again this afternoon let's try and start these two home games with the best possible start.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all back here on Monday when Eastbourne are the visitors.

Enjoy the game.





2020 MISSION

CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN GIVES US HIS FESTIVE FOOTBALL MEMORIES



Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this festive fixture and our penultimate match of 2009.

A special welcome to the players, directors and fans of Histon as we prepare to play them for the first time in our history. A happy Christmas to all!

As we reach the end of the year, it's inevitable we reflect on events of the past 12 months and think about what might have been if we hadn't been so savagely treated by the authorities.

But I prefer to think that, in the seasons to come, our over-riding memories will be of that wonderful day in April when over 40,000 of us

congregated from all corners of the globe to witness our memorable win against Scunthorpe at Wembley.

An astonishing achievement by a great bunch of players against an immensely daunting backdrop of those sanctions.

I cherish some terrific Christmas memories following the Town. My first dates back to Boxing Day 1959 when we played Arsenal twice in three days in the old Division One.

We were struggling against relegation but we won 3-0 at Highbury on the Boxing Day. A fabulous, shock result and I couldn't wait for the return at Kenilworth Road on the 28th.

We battered them, but, to my huge childhood disappointment, we lost 1-0, thanks to a stunning display from their goalkeeper, Jim Standen.

Eventually, we went down, but I'm glad to say Standen joined us soon afterwards. What a hero! He went on to play for West Ham and won the FA Cup with them in 1964.

He was also a professional cricketer with Worcestershire and they landed the County Championship in the same season...with Standen as their leading bowler. What a year for him!

Coming further up-to-date, I remember another Christmas

period when we were once again staring relegation from Division One in the face. We were bottom of the table when we took on Ipswich Town at Portman Road on Boxing Day.

A young striker called Ron Futcher, seen as a lesser light compared with twin brother Paul, made his debut and scored the only goal of the game. Two days later, in a spirit of bubbling euphoria, we met Wolves at home.

In front of a near 20,000 crowd, Paul and Ron were simply sensational. Ron scored a hat-trick and we won 3-2. God I was happy as I went home that afternoon! Sadly, we couldn't do enough to stay up but the season still provided some excellent

memories.

And then there was the Second Division Boxing Day match at Watford in 1979, when Kirk Stephens scored our winner in the 89th minute!

The Watford manager at the time, Graham Taylor, told me the other day that the one thing that gave him strength that day was Eric Morecambe. Our then director had promised Graham he'd show him his famous bag trick in the boardroom after the game. And he did - some small comfort perhaps for him, but what a sensational finish for us that day!

The Christmas fixtures are always special for me because they come in the middle of a holiday and there's something about

the atmosphere.

However, it must have been tough for the players in the Fifties and before. In the season I started taking an interest, 1957/58, we played Manchester United on Christmas Day itself.

We then had the re-match at home on Boxing Day, before taking on Arsenal two days later. And we'd already faced Bolton on the 21st. Four games in eight days. Phenomenal!

I do hope you are having a good Christmas and let's all pull together to give ourselves and our beloved Luton Town a fabulous 2010.

I somehow think we deserve it! Bye for now.

Nick

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KEVIN NICHOLLS

It's been a week of ups and downs following two cup fixtures with vastly contrasting results and the disappointment of our game against Forest Green being postponed.

Our performance against Rotherham in the FA Cup was fantastic. We took our chances at the right time, played some exciting, attacking football and with it earned a place in the third round of the competition.

We changed our formation after working on a different shape in training and felt it worked well enough to carry it out against Rotherham.

A 3-0 victory over a side going great guns in the league above further highlights the progress we are making.

Over the course of the two games we scored five times against them after we scored the same amount against Rochdale in the previous round. Rochdale go into their game this afternoon four points clear at the top of League 2.

From a personal point of view I extremely enjoyed the match having been pushed forward into a more advanced role but credit must go to team for putting on such a polished performance.

We followed that up victory with a disappointing result at Cambridge in the FA Trophy.

I felt we started the game well but were hit by three goals in half-an-hour. Naturally it was frustrating to exit a competition we felt we could have gone a long way in but it gives us an opportunity now to concentrate on the most important competition we face: the league.

Christmas is always a crucial period for any side with aspirations of winning promotion so to have two home fixtures on the bounce gives us a massive incentive of pushing on and cementing a position in the Play-Offs.

We know that three games are important but equally we realise that we face teams that need the points just as much as ourselves.

While we appreciate that sides will come to Kenilworth Road looking to frustrate us it is up to us to remain patient and play the kind of football that we know we can.

Today game is a huge match for us as three points this afternoon will give us a massive amount of confidence going another game Eastbourne on Monday.

Following the postponement of the Forest Green game I never had the chance to wish you all a Happy Christmas but I hope you all had a fantastic day yesterday.

Enjoy the game.

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THE CAPTAIN

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HATTERSNEWS

ALL THE LATEST FROM AROUND
KENILWORTH ROAD

TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

A superb all-round display from the Town earned them a place in the third round of the FA Cup and a trip to Southampton following a comprehensive and fully-deserved 3-0 victory over League 2 side Rotherham United.

First half goals from Adam Newton and Alan White put the Hatters two goals to the good before Claude Gnankpa sealed the win midway through the second half.

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

The Hatters' reserves lost 2-1 to their Watford counterparts at Barton Rovers' Sharpshoe Road.

Despite a goal from Mark Nwokeji the Town were unable to overturn a two-goal deficit as they suffered their fifth straight game in the totesport.com Combination.

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

There are no comebacks at the Abbey Stadium as the Hatters are dumped out of the FA Trophy at the first round stage by Cambridge United.

The hosts raced into a 3-0 half-time lead with goals from Danny Crow and Chris Holroyd that put Martin Ling's side in control.

An own goal from the U's' Wayne Hatswell gave the Hatters hope but it wasn't enough as Cambridge comfortably held on to seal their place in round two.

There was better news for the Hatters' Under-18s as they beat Brentford 2-1 in the Youth Alliance with Taylor Nathaniel – from the penalty spot – and Jean-Philippe Yamfam on target.



SHIRTS AND STOCK AT THE CLUB SHOP

We are pleased to inform supporters that a new batch of replica shirts have arrived at the club shop.

The new home and away kits have been flying off the shelves since the first batches winged their way to the club last month.

Shirts are available to purchase online immediately at www.hattersshop.co.uk or from the club shop.

So remember to pop into shop or go online for all your Hatters merchandise.

Today is the first of two matches over the festive period and it's sure to be cold so what better way of keeping warm than our new lines of gloves, hats and scarves?

Among the new stock in the shop are the hoodies, jumpers, tracksuits and t-shirts.

Add to that the whole host of other winter warmers plus mugs, key-rings, DVDs, car mats, sweets and whole lot more!

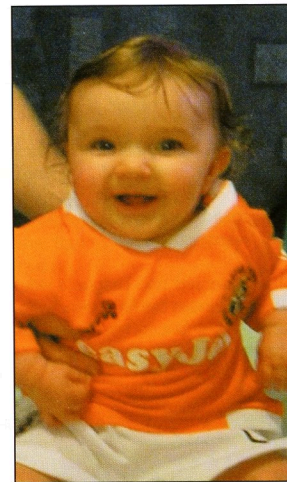
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FUTURE HATTER

Congratulations to Town fan and season ticket holder Craig Lowrie on the birth of his baby daughter Lucy-May.

Craig, from Poole in Dorset, believes – or hopes! – that Lucy-May, who is now six-and-a-half months old, will go onto be a mad-keen Hatters fan in the future.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Town fan Ryan Le-Vien celebrated his 13th birthday on 7th December.

Ryan attends Arnold Middle School in Barton and his favourite player is captain Kevin Nicholls.

He comes to Town matches with his dad Joe and his little sister Esme and sits in the Kenilworth Road upper tier.

PROGRAMMES WANTED

Hatters supporter Leo Valentin is looking to add two programmes from this season to growing collection.

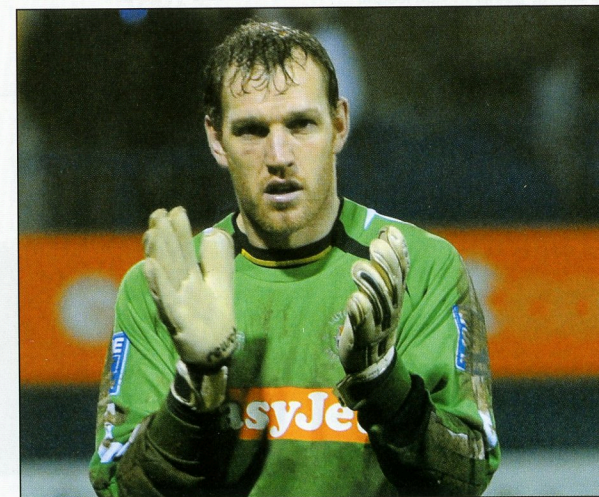
Both are from our away fixtures at Kettering and Wrexham in the Blue Square Premier. Leo is looking for either programmes irrespective of condition and if any fans can help him please write to him at the following address: Leo K Valentin, 6 Symondson Mews, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG42, 5TE.

KEEPER PILKINGTON EXTENDS STAY

The Hatters can confirm that goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington has extended his loan spell for a further month.

Pilkington, 35, has appeared seven times between the sticks for the Town this season after arriving from Notts County.

He made his debut in the 2-0 victory at Grays Athletic on 14th November and will remain at Kenilworth Road until mid-January.



HATTERSDIARY

MONDAY 28TH DECEMBER

The Town play host to Eastbourne in the Blue Square Premier. Kick-off at Kenilworth Road is at 3pm.

CLUB SHOP AND TICKET OFFICE CHRISTMAS AND NEWYEAR OPENING HOURS

Saturday 26th December - 12 noon until kick-off and then after the game until required

Sunday 27th December - CLOSED

Monday 28th December - 12 noon until kick-off and then after the game until required

Tuesday 29th December - CLOSED

Wednesday 30th December - 10am-4pm

Thursday 31st December - 10am-4pm

Friday 1st January - CLOSED

Saturday 2nd January - 12pm-3pm

Sunday 3rd January - CLOSED



HISTON

WE TAKE A LOOK AT TODAY'S VISITORS



Nickname: The Stutes
Manager: Steve Fallon
Ground: Bridge Road
Last season: Conference 3rd
2008/09 average attendance: 1,177
2009/10 BSP title odds: 28/1

PREVIOUS MEETINGS:
None

RECENT HISTORY:
The rise and success of Histon through the pyramid has been one of the biggest talking points in non-league football.

The Stutes were playing in the Eastern Counties League in the mid-1990's, winning promotion from Division One as runners-up in 1996/97 before going onto lift the ECL Premier Division title in 1999/2000 under current boss Steve Fallon.

That meant an elevation to the Southern League, where it took Fallon and the Cambridgeshire outfit four seasons to win promotion from the Division One East as runners-up in 2003/04.

Success soon followed the next season when they won the Southern League

Premier Division to lift the title on the final day of the campaign. By the now the Bridge Road faithful were now watching Conference South football – the highest point in the club's history – and a fifth place finish in their first in Conference South saw them qualify for the Play-Offs but they lost in the final to St. Albans City.

However, Stutes' fans were not be disappointed for long as the following season they won the Conference South championship and thus earned their fourth promotion in seven years.

A seventh place finish in their first at Conference level saw further success flow for Fallon and co. last season, only to see their campaign end in Play-Off heartbreak.

They disposed two League 1 sides at Bridge Road in the FA Cup in Swindon and Leeds, but, after a third place finish in the Conference, they lost out to eventual Play-Off winners Torquay United in the end-of-season lottery 2-1 on aggregate.

FACT:

Histon's nickname, The Stutes, is derived from the club's former name Histon Institute – who were formed in 1904.

THE MANAGER

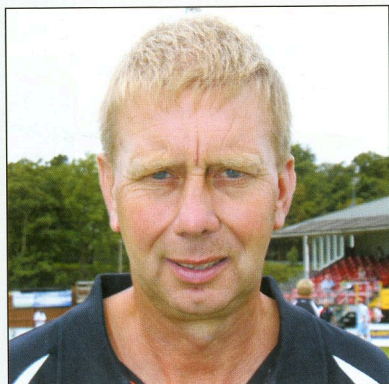
STEVE FALLON

After taking over the reigns of Stutes 10 years ago Fallon has seen the club rise from the Eastern Counties League right the way to the top of the non-league game.

That success has included three league titles including the most recent one, the Blue Square South, in 2006/07 that lifted Histon into the Conference National for the first time in the club's history.

As a player, Fallon was a central defender at Cambridge United. He made 410 league appearances for the U's between 1974 and 1986 before his professional football career was cut short because of injury.

He later became player-manager at United's non-league city rivals Cambridge City before making the short hop to Bridge Road.



Histon arrive at Kenilworth Road for today's Boxing Day fixture on the back of a four-game unbeaten run which has also seen them only concede four goals during that period.

With the halfway mark in the season rapidly approaching the Stutes' assistant Manager Alan Lewer gives his thoughts on their progress in the Blue Square Premier.

"We've had a reasonable season so far considering we lost a couple of really good players in the summer," Lewer explained.

"It's always going to be difficult when you lose players of their abilities, but now they have left, we've had to regroup and try and move on.

"We are not far off the Play-Off's which is where we want to be at the end of the season so we can



LEWER UP FOR LUTON CHALLENGE

ALAN LEWER SAYS HE'S EXPECTING A LIVELY ENCOUNTER

give ourselves a chance of gaining promotion."

With the recent postponements due to the bad weather, Lewer believes that it is important to have a large number of players to choose from ahead of the potential fixture pile-up in the New Year.

"Teams like Oxford and Luton have big squads so they will be more comfortable throughout the year especially with more games coming up," he said.

"The biggest challenge for teams like ourselves is going to be the second half of the season when our squad is put to test because we don't have the largest and if we get injuries we will be under pressure.

"I believe if we had a bigger squad

we would be up there challenging, but we know what we have here and know what we have to do to achieve something."

The temporary boss is expecting a very tough fixture at Kenilworth Road today and was full of praise for Luton supporters ahead of the game.

Lewer added: "Being a Boxing Day fixture I expect the game to be very lively with the Town fans and ours

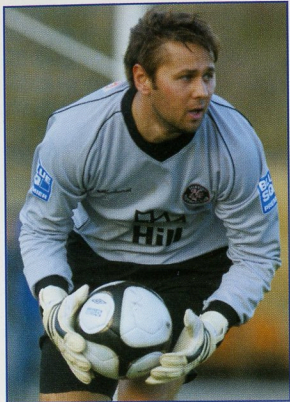
contributing to make it a great atmosphere.

"It is a fixture that we have been looking forward to since the start of the season. They have excellent fans which will make it a great occasion.

"It will be a very difficult and challenging game for us but we are ready and will go out there and try to win."

“ It is a fixture that we have been looking forward to since the start of the season. They have excellent fans which will make it a great occasion. ”





DANNY NESBITT

GOALKEEPERS

Danny Naisbitt

Joined the Stutes from Cambridge City at the start of the 2007/08 season making his debut against Oxford United. Danny went on to make 43 appearances during his first season before the 2008/09 season saw a further 51 first team starts. The goalkeeper's former clubs include Middlesbrough, Walsall, Barnet, Carlisle, Dagenham & Redbridge and AFC Wimbledon.

Joe Welch

Joined in the Autumn of 2008 and, after impressing in the reserves, earned a first-team contract. He made his debut for the Stutes in November 2008 against Hinckley United. His good form at the beginning of the 2009/10 season led to a call up to the England C squad.

DEFENDERS

Gareth Gwillim

Joined the club in the summer of

2007 from Bishop's Stortford, Gareth made his debut at Halifax Town. During his first season at Bridge Road he made over 50 appearances scoring four goals. Last season saw him play a further 47 games with two goals. At the beginning of the 2009/10 season the defender was named as Vice Captain.



GARETH GWILLIM

Matthew Langston

Towering centre-half who signed from Cambridge City during the summer of 2006. At the start of the 2009/10 campaign Langston took over as captain of the side. Started his career at Watford, Langston has also had spells at Aldershot, Barnet, and Stevenage Borough.

Erkan Okay

Defender who re-signed for the Stutes in September 2009 after originally leaving Bridge Road to sign for Conference South side Chelmsford City. Initially arrived in Cambridgeshire in 2004 following his release from Ipswich Town, Erkan has been selected in the England C squad.

Lanre Oyebanjo

Signed for the Stutes following his release from Brentford in the summer of 2008. During his first season at the club he made 49 appearances and was selected for the Republic of Ireland Under-19 side.

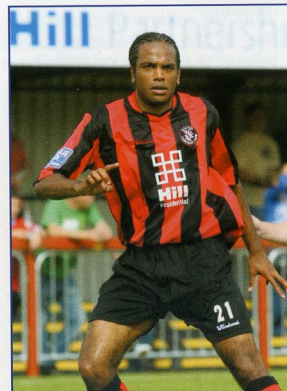
It has been a stop-start 2009/10 season so far for the defender who has been on trial at Championship side Peterborough and has been selected for the Irish Under-21s.

Craig Pope

Former Barnet and Cambridge City defender who arrived at Bridge Road during the summer of 2007. He made his Histon debut against Aldershot Town but The 2009/10 season has seen his appearances restricted by injury.

Adam Tann

Vastly experienced defender who signed for the Stutes during the summer of 2009 after he spent 2008/09 season at Notts County. Made his Histon debut at



LANRE OYEBANJO



ADAM TANN

Gateshead, his former clubs also Cambridge City and Gravesend and Northfleet.

MIDFIELDERS

Neil Andrews

The 2008/09 season saw the midfielder mark 10 years at Histon having joined the club from Cambridge City. Having been ever present in the side for a number of campaigns, the last three seasons have been stop/start due to injury.

Samuel Cox

Currently on-loan from Tottenham Hotspur the midfielder has already spent a loan spell at Cheltenham Town this term. Samuel made his Histon debut against Rushden & Diamonds in November.

Billy Crook

On loan from Championship side Peterborough United, Billy started as a trainee at Crystal Palace, before joining Posh

during the 2006/07 season. The 2008/09 campaign saw a loan spells at Bromley and Weymouth.

Nathaniel Knight-Percival

Midfielder who has worked his way through the ranks at Bridge Road, Nathaniel made his full debut in 2007 with the his first goal coming just days later. His performances in the Stutes' midfield earned him a call-up for the England C team, during the 2007/08 season.



NATHANIEL KNIGHT PERCIVAL

STRIKERS

Jamie Barker

The end of the 2008/09 season saw Jamie mark 10 years at Histon having come through the club's youth team.

Michael Frew

Former Cambridge City striker who signed in the summer of 2009, Michael made his first team debut at Gateshead with his first goal coming against

Salisbury City. His former clubs include Yaxley, Peterborough United and Kings Lynn.

Bradley Hudson-Odoi

Ghanaian Under-20 international who joined the Stutes on the eve of the new season in August 2009 from League 2 side Hereford United. He started his career as a schoolboy at Fulham at the age of 12 before joining Hereford in July 2008.

Andrew Tidswell

Striker who has an eye for goal, Andrew spent the beginning of the 2009/10 season at Bury Town on loan but returned to Histon and played for the clubs reserve side.

After making a suitable impression he made a scoring debut for the first team in November at Rushden & Diamonds.



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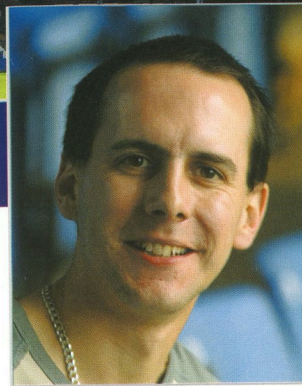
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The number of matches previously played at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day. Five of these matches were in the Southern League and the remaining 31 were in the Football League. The Hatters have won 21 of these matches drawn nine and lost just six, scoring 63 goals and conceding 36.

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The first Kenilworth Road Boxing Day fixture came in 1905 which was a 1-0 victory over Northampton Town. This was the fifth consecutive year that the two sides had met on Boxing Day. The Hatters won four times scoring 10 goals and conceding just twice. The meeting in 1901 finished as a goalless draw. The Cobblers were also the visitors on this day in 1997 when David Oldfield and Tony Thorpe scored to earn the Hatters a point after they had trailed to an early Jason Dozell penalty and an Alan White own goal.

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Luton have played West Ham three times on this date and have won every match. In 1946 Hugh Billington and Bill Waugh scored in a 2-1 victory whilst in 1951 Gordon Turner scored a hat-trick in a 6-1 win - the biggest Boxing Day victory for the Hatters. Bert Mitchell, Jack Taylor and George Stobart were the other goal scorers that day. Two years later the sides met again with Turner netting twice, and Mitchell also scoring, in a 3-1 victory for the Town.

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The most number of goals scored in a Boxing Day fixture at Kenilworth Road happened in 1958 when Arsenal were beaten 6-3. Billy Bingham and Allan

NUMBERS GAME

Brown both netted twice with Jimmy Adam and Tony Gregory also getting on the scoresheet. The following season Arsenal were the visitors once again and, in front of the highest Boxing Day attendance at Kenilworth Road - 27,055 - went away with a 1-0 victory.

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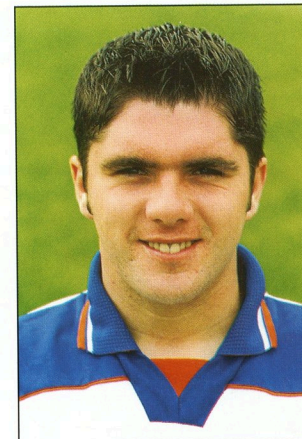
Only two Luton players have scored Boxing Day hat-tricks at Kenilworth Road. Gordon Turner in 1951 has already been mentioned but the other occurred the year previous when Willie Havenga scored all three in the 3-1 victory over Swansea Town.

5,870

The lowest crowd came in 1999 when Chesterfield were the visitors when Adam Locke scored in a 1-1 draw. Chesterfield have also been the visitors to Luton on Boxing Day 1899, 100 years earlier and won 3-0. The Town also met the Spireites this time last year when an Ian Roper header deep into injury time earned a 2-2 draw.

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The Hatters last played at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day seven years ago when Cardiff City were the visitors. The Bluebirds, who were promoted via the Play-Offs at the end of the season, were beaten 2-0 courtesy of goals from Tony Thorpe and Steve Howard.



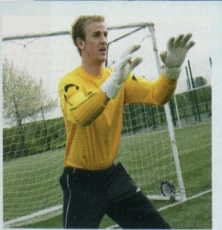
TONY THORPE WAS ON TARGET AGAINST CARDIFF ON THIS DAY SEVEN YEARS AGO

PLAYERSTATS

	THIS SEASON LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		CARDS		LTCF CAREER TOTAL	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Yel	Red	Apps	Goals
Ed ASAFI-ADJAYE	7(0)	0	3(1)	0	8(1)	0	0	0	40	0
Martin BARNES-SHOWER	1(1)	0	0(0)	0	1(1)	0	0	0	3	0
Steve BASHAM	1(5)	0	1(0)	2	2(5)	2	0	0	7	2
George BEAVAN	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	9	0
Shane BLACKETT	9(5)	0	5(0)	1	14(5)	1	0	1	39	1
Andy BURGESS	6(1)	0	3(0)	0	9(1)	0	0	0	10	0
Ashley CAIN	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Ryan CHARLES	0(0)	1	1(0)	0	1(7)	1	0	0	28	4
Tom CRADDOCK	20(2)	7	2(3)	1	22(5)	8	3	0	57	20
George DONNELLY	0(4)	0	0(0)	0	0(4)	0	0	0	4	0
Lewis EMANUEL	2(1)	0	0(1)	0	2(2)	0	0	0	89	5
Kevin GALLEN	16(0)	5	6(0)	2	22(0)	7	2	0	51	10
Claude GNANKPA	10(6)	1	4(2)	1	14(8)	2	6	0	60	5
Shane GORE	0(0)	0	2(0)	0	2(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Asa HALL	15(2)	3	2(2)	1	17(4)	4	2	0	72	14
Liam Hatch	3(1)	0	0(0)	0	3(1)	0	2	1	4	0
Jake HOWELLS	6(7)	1	2(3)	0	8(10)	1	0	0	47	1
Rossi JARVIS	14(2)	1	3(0)	0	17(2)	1	2	1	65	4
Keith KEANE	13(0)	0	4(0)	0	17(0)	0	3	0	171	4
Freddie MURRAY	16(3)	0	4(0)	0	20(3)	0	5	0	23	0
Taylor NATHANIEL	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Adam NEWTON	19(0)	2	5(1)	2	24(1)	4	2	0	25	4
Kevin NICHOLLS	14(0)	0	4(0)	0	18(0)	0	3	1	229	33
Mark NWOKKEI	0(2)	0	0(1)	0	0(3)	1	0	0	3	1
Jordan PATRICK	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Kevin PILKINGTON	4(0)	0	3(0)	0	7(0)	0	1	0	7	0
George PILKINGTON	22(0)	4	6(0)	0	28(0)	4	2	0	50	4
Callum REYNOLDS	4(2)	0	1(0)	0	5(2)	0	1	1	7	0
Mark TYLER	18(0)	0	1(0)	0	19(0)	0	0	0	41	0
Alan WHITE	18(0)	0	6(0)	1	24(0)	1	3	0	115	4
Ben WRIGHT	4(1)	1	0(0)	0	4(1)	1	0	0	5	1



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MILLIERS DUSTED DOWN BY TOWN
 LUTON TOWN 3-0 ROTHERHAM UNITED



ALAN WHITE CELEBRATES HIS GOAL THAT PUT THE TOWN 2-0 UP

The Hatters put the disappointment of their recent league performances well and truly behind them as they earned a FA Cup third round trip to Southampton following a superb 3-0 victory over Rotherham United.

They took the lead when clever play between Kevin Gallen and Rossi Jarvis found Kevin Nicholls who found Adam Newton at the back-post to fire past Andy Warrington in the visitors' goal.

The Town were playing some terrific stuff with Gallen, Claude Gnakpa and Nicholls pulling the strings.

As the Hatters continued to press it was no surprise when they doubled their lead nine minutes later.

Gnakpa was hauled down the right touchline after beating two defenders and from the resulting free-kick curled in by Nicholls, Alan White was first to get up amongst the crowd to guide a header past Warrington.

Another fine move two minutes before the break almost made it 3-0 inside 45 minutes when Gallen lifted

a close-range header over the crossbar after quick-thinking from Nicholls released Newton down the left.

The second 45 minutes was much the same as the Town continued to dominate.

Not as many chances were coming their way but they got the third got their play deserved when Gnakpa smashed home a rousing effort on 68 minutes when firing home from the edge of the box after good work from Keith Keane and Freddie Murray down the left.

Rotherham failed to call Kevin Pilkington into any serious action but they almost reduced arrears on 81 minutes Drewe Broughton headed against the crossbar.

With olés ringing around Kenilworth Road as the Town's top football continued to please the crowd, they were almost treated to a fourth goal three minutes from time when Newton saw a shot saved by Warrington and Sharps cleared Tom Craddock's follow-up off the line.

POSTMATCH REACTION

RICHARD MONEY:

"I thought we played really well. I thought we got the tactics right and got the shape spot on so full credit to the players for doing all of that.



"As a manager you can only send the players out but they've gone out there and from 1-11 they were terrific tonight.

"We've beaten a very, very good side doing well in the division above and we've thoroughly beaten them.

"Sometimes you win 3-0 and scoreline never reflects that but tonight it was totally justified."

RONNIE MOORE:

"It was the way in which we lost that was disappointing to me. We couldn't cope with their two wide men, the full-backs have had a torrid time and we were a little fortunate that they didn't score a couple late on.



"You cannot go anywhere and defend as a back four like that; you are just never going to win games.

"We did it again for the third goal when we showed another right footed player inside, that is basic defending and if you are not doing those type of things right then you are not going to win games."



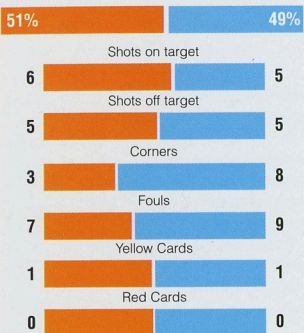
Luton Town: K. Pilkington, Keane, White, G. Pilkington, Newton, Nicholls (Hall 84), Blackett, Jarvis, Gnaka (Craddock 75), Gallen (Howells 89), Murray.
Subs not used: Nwokeji, Gore, Asafu-Adjaye, Watkins

Rotherham United: Warrington, Harrison, Sharps, Pope (Taylor 74), Law, Brogan, Joseph, Lynch, Ellison (Broughton 74), Roberts, Le Fondre.
Subs not used: Nicholas, Annerston, Green, Cummins, Mills

Referee: C Boyeson.

Attendance: 2,518.

Possession



Shots on target

Shots off target

Corners

Fouls

Yellow Cards

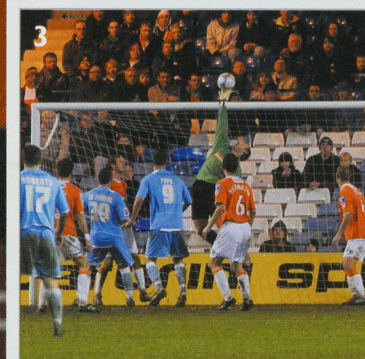
Red Cards

MAN OF THE MATCH
Alan White

Outstanding performance from Town's centre-back. He was very commanding and composed on the ball and scored a fine headed goal to round off a great evening for the defender.

- Adam Newton strokes the ball past Andy Warrington to put the Hatters in front.
- Alan White's bullet header makes it 2-0.
- Goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington stretches to keep Rotherham at bay.
- Shane Blackett heads clear as the rain comes down.
- Newton celebrates his goal which brings smiles from Keith Keane, Rossi Jarvis and Kevin Nicholls.
- Claude Gnaka rises highest to head the ball to safety.

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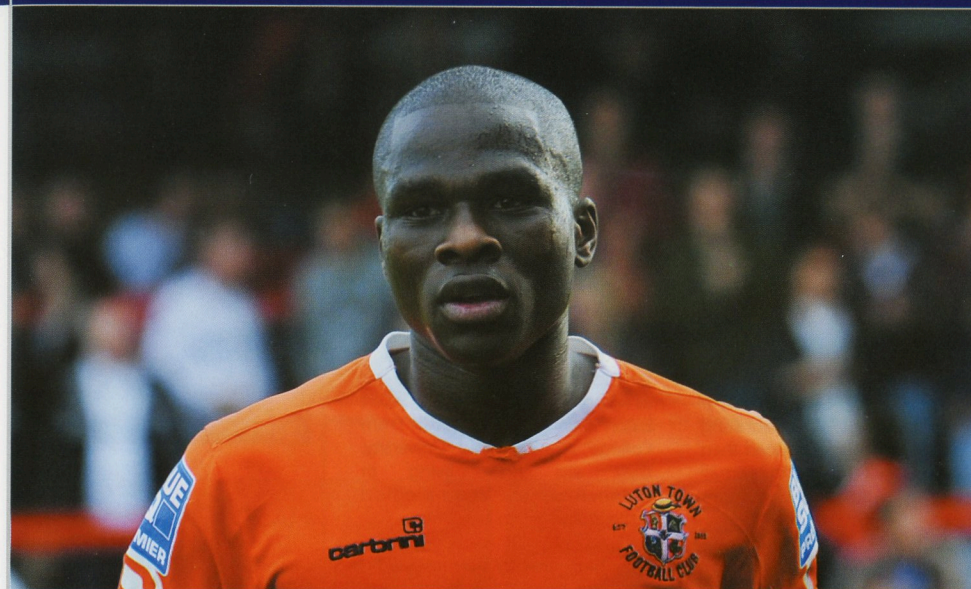
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CLAUDE GNAKPA

TOWN MIDFIELDER EYES WEMBLEY RETURN THIS SEASON

Luton Town's versatile player Claude Gnakpa was in a positive mood when he reflected on his, and his team-mate's, performance against League 2 side Rotherham United in the FA Cup.

The Frenchman who scored against the Millers was delighted with his involvement in the 3-0 win which sets up a Third Round tie against Southampton in the New Year.

"It was a great team performance. We played very well, which is good for the spirit within the side because we have been working hard in training recently," Gnakpa said.

"I scored after coming in from the left-hand side and got the ball on my right foot and shot past the keeper. It felt good to get a goal in

the FA Cup, I am very happy.

"The manager talks a lot about our shape and how we are going to play in games and after the Rotherham performance we are confident we can take that into our next fixtures.

"I try to get forward as much as possible and sometimes I win free-kicks around the penalty area, which is good because it allows our big lads like Alan White and George Pilkington to come up to try and score."

The former Peterborough United player is keen for the Hatters' to build on their FA Cup run and is looking forward to the possibility of repeating last season's cup exploits with Luton.

"We are a winning team and know what it feels like to play at Wembley so we all want to return there at the end of the season," the 26-year-old explained.

"I'm sure we will do all we can to win in the cup competitions because we all want to have another day out at the end of the season. It would be brilliant for the fans and also for us and the coaching staff.

"There is no reason why we can't get there. The confidence in the side is high at the moment.

"The squad is full of good players that are capable of getting good results so that we can push on in the league and do well in cup competitions."

Good afternoon to all supporters, and in particular all our commercial guests and sponsors with us for the first of two home league fixtures over the festive period.

The commercial department has been working non-stop in anticipation for these games and we are delighted with the response from supporters who have been interested in taking advantage of our different sponsorship and hospitality packages.

These are still available for the match against Eastbourne so if you're thinking of celebrating Christmas at Kenilworth Road then please contact us on the email address and telephone number below.

On 15th December we had the pleasure of launching the opening of the Icon hotel in the town with our Evening with Kirk Stephens and Jake Findlay.

The night was a huge success and raised a lot of money for charity. Photographs on the opposite page show how much fun was had by all those that attended.

Both Kirk and Jake were on top form as they reminisced about their time with the Town.

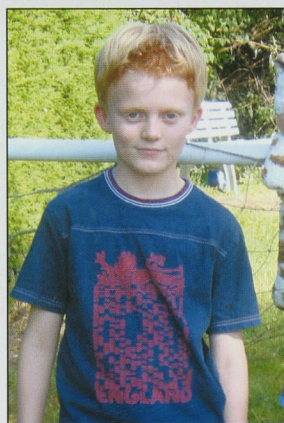
We hope to bring you news of similar events throughout the 2010 and we will keep you posted on this page in the programme and on www.lutontown.co.uk.

As it's our first home game since Christmas I'd like to wish all supporters, sponsors and corporate guests a very Merry Christmas.

MATCH SPONSOR:

Today's match joint sponsors are Andrew and Christopher Bodycombe. Both have been Luton fanatics for over 20 years. Educated at Hillborough Junior School, South Luton High School, the Sixth From College and Sheffield University, they are now living in Nottinghamshire and Sheffield respectfully.

They have recently been attending most Hatters' matches in the North and Midlands.



COMMERCIAL MASCOT

Please give a warm welcome to our commercial this afternoon who is 10-year-old Luke Humbles from Wheathampstead.

Luke attends St Domanics School in Harpenden and apart from football, he likes listening to music.

Luke will get to meet all the players in the dressing room before leading the team out onto the pitch.

We hope you have a great day with us, Luke.

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Our 'Evening with Kirk Stephens and Jake Findlay' was a roaring success on Tuesday as 120 guests packed the Icon hotel in Luton to hear the Hatters' legends look back on their careers and time at Kenilworth Road. Club photographer Gareth Owen was on hand to capture the evening's antics.



Heads or tails? Club Historian Roger Wash enjoys the heads and tails game.



Joy and heartbreak. The winner celebrates leaving the runner-up frustrated!



Claude takes the mic to address the guests after the fun and games.



Champions! Jake and Kirk hold the 1981/82 Second Division trophy aloft.



Richard Easterbrook of A-Plan Insurance is pictured with compare Mark Jones and Mandy Gill of the Karen Trust after winning the auction for the signed shirt which fetched £500.



The Likely Lads. Jake and Kirk take centre stage to recall the good times they enjoyed together at Kenilworth Road.

To contact the commercial department at Luton Town call 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk

LUTON TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST

ANDY DUCAT ROUNDS-UP WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT



Welcome to today's fixture against Histon. Unfortunately the Community Department was unable to extend a warm welcome to the players and parents from the Performance Centre at the Forest Green game last week due to the postponement.

Stuart English, who runs the development programmes, was all set to parade Luton's next crop of up and coming footballers around the pitch while their parents looked on proudly.

The performance centres have become an integral part of the Club's youth programme as it provides an important stepping-stone between club football and centre of excellence football.



To date, more than 60 players have progressed through the performance centre on to the centre of excellence, providing the youth programme with an invaluable scouting system.

New Year raffle

Representatives from the Community will be selling raffle tickets at all home fixtures up until the Salisbury match on 16th January.

Tickets only cost a £1 with all proceeds going to the Community Trust.

We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs so please get behind the Trust and support us by purchasing a ticket.

First prize – Ultimate Match Day Experience

Exclusive use of a five-seater executive box at a home fixture of your choice. Prize includes meals, drinks and

signed shirt, a chance to meet the players and a guided pre-match tour of Kenilworth Road.

Second prize – Ultimate Family Day Out

Prize includes a pre-match meals and drinks in the Joe Payne suite for four, signed shirt, full youth kit for two plus opportunity to be a match day mascot.

Third prize – Ultimate Supporters Package

Prize includes a pre-match meals and drinks in the Joe Payne suite for four, signed shirt, a chance to meet the players as well as a pre-match tour of Kenilworth Road.

Holiday Programmes

The indoor Christmas holiday programme we recently delivered at the Luton Regional Sports Centre in partnership with Active Luton proved to be very popular.

With the cold weather upon us it was great to be able to deliver a fully indoor football programme.

The youngsters who attended the programme enjoyed specially developed indoor football skill sessions, speed gun challenges and daily football tournaments.

We are already getting set for the February half-term break. The very popular 'train with the players' course we delivered at Ely Way will be run again.

The last time we delivered this programme we had a fantastic response. We only have limited spaces so you need to book your place early to avoid disappointment.

For information about all our community courses please contact Kieran Fox on 07771 704139.



GIRLS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

WITH COMMUNITY PROJECT MANAGER KIERAN FOX

Today I would like to tell you about our Under-10 and or Under-12 squads. The Under-10s have started the season very well by winning eight out of 11 games with two victories over local rivals Watford.

Defeats have come against the likes of Manchester United, Arsenal and Norwich which shows the massive strides the Club is taking in girls' football.

The Under-10s have 13 players in the squad: Venus Ashu, Lucy Hollamby, Naomi Bedeau, Jodie Southby, Rebecca Ferris, Abbie Roberts, Amelia Hazard, Scarlett Howman, Tia Ashton, Kirsty Crowhurst, Chloe Fitzsimmons, Chiara Meola and Eireann O'Donoghue.

It's certainly been an interesting few months for the Under-12s with defender Errin Davie scored from the halfway line against Northampton Town while coach John Frame departed for a new life in Canada.

Graham Pitts arrived from coaching in America to take control with Ruth Derrick as his assistant.

Then an injury crisis affected the side with striker Shannon Pearson scoring against Arsenal before then went on to break her ankle.

Within two weeks goalkeeper Orlagh Daly broke her wrist followed by midfielder Alex Bush who also injured whilst covering in goal. Defender Kezia Hassal stepped into the breach to don the gloves again showing her versatility.

Elsewhere, top goalscorer Lilley Coleman scored a fine goal against Cambridge and Hannah Moules was named player of the month.

Amy Dewar, Amber Pearson, Niketa Dinnall, Iszy Attenborough, Vicky Reid, Renae Mooney and Rhiannon Scora make up the rest of the squad

I would just like to say to all the girls and parents thank you for all your hard work and support.

I hope you all get some well-earned rest.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Luton Town Girls' Centre of Excellence Fixtures 2009/10

August		
22	WATFORD	A
29	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H
September		
5	WATFORD	A
12	MILTON KEYNES	A
19	MANCHESTER UNITED	A
26	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	H
October		
3	NORWICH CITY	A
10	ARSENAL	H
17	CAMBRIDGE	A
November		
7	IPSWICH TOWN	A
14	LEYTON ORIENT	A
21	COLCHESTER	H
28	LEYTON ORIENT	H
December		
5	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	H
12	LIVERPOOL	A
2010		
January		
9	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	H
16	NORWICH CITY	A
23	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H
30	WATFORD	H
February		
6	MILTON KEYNES	H
13	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A
27	NORWICH CITY	H
March		
6	ARSENAL	A
13	CAMBRIDGE	H
20	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	A
27	COLCHESTER	A
April		
10	IPSWICH TOWN	H
17	COLCHESTER	A
24	READING	H
May		
1	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	A
8	GAME TO BE CONFIRMED	H
15/16	LUTON NATIONALCOE FESTIVAL	H



GIRLS' CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE 2009-10



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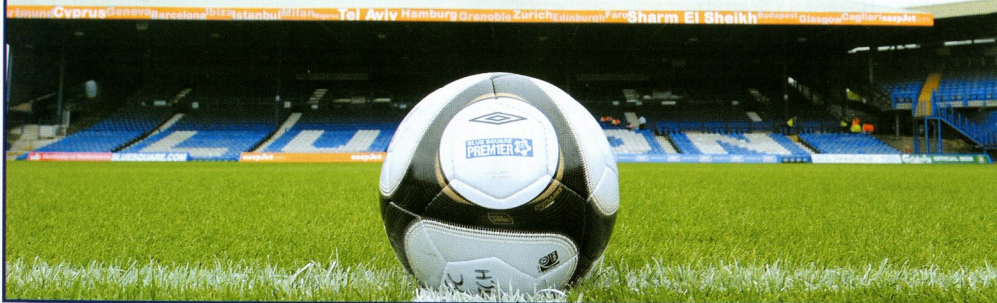
OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

LOYALTY LIST ROLL OF HONOUR



Despite a decrease in the cost of season tickets for this season, the following season ticket holders have kindly decided to pay last season's prices. We salute you!

T. Neale, James Armstrong, Keith Mayhew, Russell Farnhill, Andy Smith, Shirley Hobbs, Jacqueline Russell, Patricia Pipkin, Ian Corkett, Michael O Hara, Richard Buckingham, Craig Stichbury, Peter Little, James Little, Sam Watt, Phil Wash, Stephen Bailey, Andrew Wallace, Richard Tilley, Robert Eley, David Maynard, Jeff Carter, Michael Aukett, Andrew Turner, David Smeaton, Jacqueline Peacock, Graham Bell, Steven Moore, Marl Allsop, Sarah Delaney, Andrew Delaney, Andrew King, Valerie Marsh, John Earls, Graham Andrews, Craig Andrews, Martin Trainer, Julie Parry, Steve Oliver, David Carter, Graham Gaylor, Stephen Howe, Robin Platten, Mick Hall, Brian Webb, Melvyn Bass, Wendy Dilley, Mark Dilley, Sean Devlin, Connor Devlin, Steven Manfredi, Paul Manfredi, Paul Winston, Roderick Jones, Richard Robinson, E. Parish, John Parish, Mark Day, David Cockfield, Martin Henry, David Hyde, Roy Platten, Lorraine Catling, Julian Goodman, Nicholas Ellingham, Matthew Hall, Ian Baldwin, David Jones, Robin Parsons, Ben Terret, Andrew Lewis, Andy Smith, Edward Kent, Mark Bradbury, Phillip Rolt, Terence Worrell, David Albone, Peter Norris, Steven Eade, Chris Browne, Jane Long, Neil Rose, Peter Wright, James Farnbrough, A. Lovell, Tonino Ciuffini, Roger Davies, Paul Ashby, Lawrence Foord, John Browning, Ronald Ledwich, Roger Davies, T. Kingston, Victor Brunt, Kevin Lennon, Glenn Hearn, Nigel Brown, Matthew Phillips, Geoffrey Chapman, Chris Oddy, Dave Wright, Peter Eyre, Damon Read, Mark George, Peter Strode, Zoe Ayres, Nigel Squires, Pamela Lavery, Benjamin Woodley, Richard Gray, Richard Ogden, Dipac Patel, Robert Atkinson, Paul Catling, Ian Beeson, Brian Garrett, J. Sanders, Mark Ashworth, Dennis Ecott, Russell Kitley, Adrian Rees, John Lawrence, William Larman, Cyril Brinklow, Cathleen Stevens, Tommy Lennon, Samuel Taylor, Louis Taylor, Chris Bailey, Zak Tilley, Joseph Kitley, Robert Kitley, Simon Gatward, Jack Gatward.



GOLDEN GAMBLE

Our Golden Gamble winner walked away from Kenilworth Road £255 richer after our superb FA Cup victory over Rotherham United.

Angie Mulvey was the lucky winner who's ticket - number 018405 - was plucked out of the barrel at half time.

Tickets only £1 - half of which directly benefits the club.

THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY

NINE BLUE SQUARE PREMIER TEAMS ELIMINATED IN OPENING ROUND



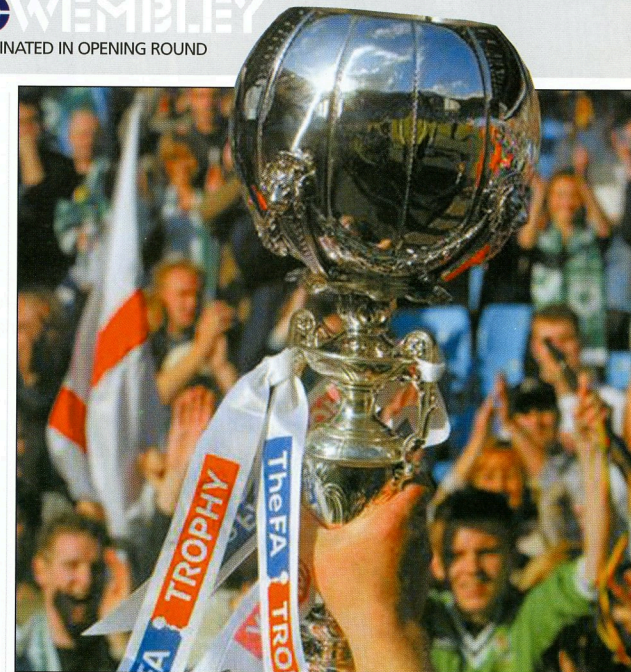
The Hatters weren't the only side from the Blue Square Premier to fall at the first hurdle in the first round of the FA Trophy over the past week.

As reported elsewhere in today's programme the Town were on the receiving end of 3-1 defeat to fellow Conference side Cambridge United in their first outing in non-league's premier knockout cup competition.

The Town were one of nine Blue Square Premier teams to exit at the first round stage as 14 sides made it through to the next stage with our Boxing Day visitors Histon still to play Maidstone after their tie was postponed last weekend.

The sides that did bite the dust included promotion rivals Mansfield and Kettering, who both lost at home to Tamworth and Barrow respectively.

All four clubs that occupy relegation places in the Conference were eliminated with Chester, Forest Green and Grays all losing to lower league opposition - with Fleetwood, Woking and Worcester all progressing - while Ebbsfleet lost at Stevenage.



Hayes & Yeading lost 1-0 at Oxford United and Altrincham edged out Wrexham by the same score after a replay.

Two sides from the BSP needed replays to overcome opposition from the Blue Square North with Gateshead beating Harrogate Town 2-0 after a 1-1 draw at the International Stadium. York also needed a second bite of the cherry to see off Hinckley United 3-1 at KitKat Crescent in their replay.

Goals were in short supply in ties involving sides in Conference with Crawley's 3-2 win over Southern League Bashley the highest scoring game involving a team from the Town's division.

Those clubs who did make it through against lower league opposition made hard work of it with most progressing courtesy of one-goal winning margins.

AFC Wimbledon beat Boreham Wood 2-1, Rushden and Diamonds saw off Billericay 1-0, Eastbourne beat Welling 1-0 while two late goals ensured Kidderminster earned a 2-0 victory over Matlock.

There was still a representative from Bedfordshire in the competition after Saturday following Arlesley Town's 1-1 draw with Chippenham but Southern League Division One Midlands outfit were ousted 2-0 by their Wiltshire opponents in Tuesday's replay.



STEVE BUCKLEY

From forklift driver to professional footballer – that’s the move Steve Buckley made when he joined Luton Town back in 1974.

Now 56, driving is something Steve still does a bit of having moved away from any involvement in football but by his own admission he’s virtually retired these days. Steve spent four years in Luton colours before going on to have a lengthy time at Derby County and further spells with Lincoln City and Boston United.

His non-playing career in the game was spent largely carrying out scouting work for his brother Alan, a successful manager for the likes of Grimsby Town and West Bromwich Albion.

“I’m still employed with an agency to do some driving but when they ring me up I always seem to find some excuse!” Steve laughed when talking about his current life after football.

“I did a bit of driving when I finished playing, and I did some scouting for Alan, I’ve always done a lot of work for him.

“I don’t miss football though. Since Alan was last at Grimsby, and they sacked him last year, he asked me if I wanted to do it again but I’d had enough.”

It’s over 30 years since Steve last pulled on a Luton shirt before his move to Derby.

He originally joined from Burton Albion, where he had been playing semi-professionally, and hails from Nottinghamshire.

But his time as a Luton player will always be strongly remembered by

the left-back with a ferocious shot to his name.

“It was great down at Luton and I’ll never forget that,” Steve continued.

“They were the only club prepared to give me a chance, which was all I needed, someone to give me a chance to prove myself.

“I always look out for Luton and it’s really sad to see them in the situations they’ve been in and having dropped to the Conference.

“I am sure though that Nick Owen is doing his best there to get the club turned around.”

Steve’s leap from the Southern League to the old First Division was a remarkable one and he had a season in the top-flight under Harry Haslam, before the Hatters were relegated in 1975.

Haslam is someone Steve credits highly for his own development as a footballer and he recalls a “real character”.

“He was the manager when I signed and was a smashing bloke too,” said Steve.

“Harry never seemed to get flustered or really angry, he was very laid back, but if you hadn’t done well you knew about it because he would always let you know!

“You always wanted to do your best for Harry and he gave me my chance in the first-team so I’m grateful for that.”

Steve was actually one of two players signed from Burton in a short space of time – following Maitland Pollack down from the Brewers. Here was a 20-year-old defender just out of semi-professional football about to



“ I always look out for Luton and it’s really sad to see them in the situations they’ve been in and having dropped to the Conference. ”

embark on a career in the senior game, and he admits some things took him by surprise.

“It was a big eye-opener for me to come from working full-time and playing semi-professionally to full-time in football, but it was a dream come true,” added Steve.

“It was a big change for me, definitely, and when I started the first pre-season it absolutely killed me because I wasn’t used to it!

“Gradually I did get used to it though and I got in the first-team in October, then more or less stayed in.

“Luton had just got promoted from the Second Division as it was then, which was fantastic for them, but unfortunately we went straight back down.

“For me it was fantastic as six months earlier I was playing in the Southern League for Burton, then I made the jump up to play at places like Liverpool and

against people I’d only ever before seen on TV.

“Unfortunately we didn’t stay up in that first year and in a couple of seasons we came quite close to getting back up, but fell away at the final hurdle.

“I had some good times at Luton and we had some good players there too – guys like the Futcher brothers, Jimmy Ryan, Andy King and Lil Fucillo were very good footballers.”

One aspect that Steve remembers very well is the welcome he received when he came down from his native Nottinghamshire.

He said: “I must also give a mention to my landlady Cis Hollowell, who has sadly passed away now.

“If I hadn’t had such good digs when I came down I don’t think I’d have stuck it through, I’d have come home, but I had some good times there and Cis was a marvellous lady.”

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RESERVES' HALF-TERM REPORT

DEFEAT TO LOCAL RIVALS LEAVES THE HATTERS POINTLESS

After winning the totesport.com East Division title last season the Hatters' reserves have found life tough going this season.

As usual at this time of the year, reserve games have been few and far between as games are re-arranged around the first team squad's activity.

It's meant that Kevin Watson and Alan Neilson's second string have only made it through to the New Year playing five fixtures.

Unfortunately all five of those have been defeats as Colchester, Wycombe, Peterborough, Ipswich and, mostly recently, Watford, mean the Town sit stone last in the division but with games in hand on most of their rivals.

Their last outing was a 2-1 defeat to Watford in a game played at Barton Rovers' Sharpenshoe Road ground with on-loan striker Mark Nwokeji netting a superb volley to reduce arrears after a strong Hornets side had raced into a 2-0 lead.

First Team Coach Watson explained that despite the losing record this term, the number one priority is to prepare players for first team action as the Club look to bounce back playing League football.

"At the end of the day, results to me, Alan Neilson and the manager mean nothing," he said.

"It's the performances of the players that interest us the most. Our aim is help players break into the first team.

"That can be players coming back from injury, players not currently in the first-team and young players looking for experience.

"It was brilliant that we won the

league last year but results are almost irrelevant to me.

"It's been disappointing that we have only played five games so far but the most important thing is that next season we are back in the Football League."

Watson was also happy with the showing against Watford considering the visitors' XI contained many talented players with Championship experience.

"It was a good game," he said. "It was fiercely competitive as you'd expect – even at reserve level.

"I thought our boys did very well considering Watford had the likes of Will Hoskins and Matt Sadler playing.

"We usually have to make four or five changes while Watford have had a settled side this season.

"We had a couple of trialists play who put in encouraging performances and Mark took his goal very well."

The reserves are next scheduled to play again in the New Year when they face Norwich City on 13th January.



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SEPTEMBER		
Tue 15	Colchester United	A 10-4
OCTOBER		
Tue 13	Wycombe Wanderers	A 10-1
NOVEMBER		
Tue 3	Peterborough United	H 10-3
Wed 17	Ipswich Town	H 11-3
DECEMBER		
Wed 9	Watford	H 11-2
JANUARY 2010		
Wed 13	Norwich City	A (19:30)
Wed 20	Ipswich Town	A (14:00)
Wed 27	Wycombe Wanderers	H (14:00)
FEBRUARY		
Wed 3	Northampton Town	H (14:00)
Mon 8	Watford	A (19:00)
Wed 17	Norwich City	H (14:00)
Tue 23	Stevenage Borough	H (14:00)
MARCH		
Wed 3	Peterborough United	A (14:00)
Wed 10	Stevenage Borough	A (19:00)
Wed 17	Colchester United	H (14:00)
Tue 23	Southend United	A (14:00)

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totesport.com Combination – East Division table

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Peterborough United	10	6	2	2	12	20
2	Ipswich Town	8	4	2	2	7	14
3	Watford	6	4	1	1	41	3
4	Colchester United	7	3	2	2	10	11
5	Norwich City	6	3	1	2	10	10
6	Wycombe Wanderers	6	2	4	0	3	10
7	Southend United	6	1	3	2	-9	6
8	Northampton Town	6	0	2	4	-9	2
9	Stevenage Borough	4	0	1	3	-17	1
10	LUTON TOWN	5	0	0	5	-11	0



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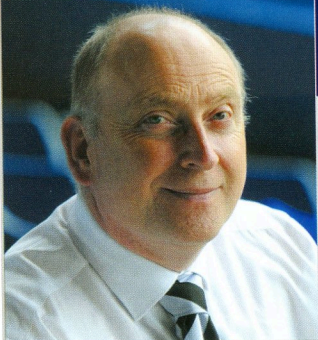


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DAYS PAST

CHRISTMAS 1991



The Town had done remarkably well to stay in the old Division One for nine seasons but as the clamour for a 'premier' league grew, with all its promised riches, it left clubs like Luton increasingly marginalised.

For three years running the Hatters had escaped the drop on the final day and as the 1991/92 campaign got under way, the loss of Kingsley Black, the promising Matt Jackson and the eccentric Lars Elstrup with no adequate replacements left most supporters fearing the worst as the internal and external pressures grew.

It took the Hatters 407 minutes to score their first goal and six games to record their first win.

Firepower was obviously needed and the return of Mick Harford to the fold gave the crowd a lift and with it a



MICK HARFORD. TALISMANIC FIGURE

second win of the season as he made his second debut in a home game against Oldham.

Unfortunately, although Harford was a talismanic figure, he was now 32 with a history of injury and as Autumn turned to Winter it became obvious that he could not carry the team on his own.

Manager David Pleat tinkered with the side but the players brought in were frankly not of top flight quality being either bargain basement buys because of the financial constraints, over the hill or wet behind the ears. The victory over Oldham, in mid-September, proved to be a flash in the pan as, by 20th December another 11 games had been played with only four points gained in the process.

Quite rightly the Town were, by now, rock bottom of the table and needing miracles to escape the drop.

The supporters obviously felt the same and for the visit of Coventry on 20th December, the first of three home games in a row, only 7,533 bothered to turn up.

On a cold night those supporters that did attend were pleased to see that the visitors were truly awful.

For a team that had thrashed the Town 5-0 earlier in the campaign, opportunities were presented to reverse that scoreline but lacking in confidence and knotted with nerves, the Luton players were a little slow on the uptake.

Clouds were eventually lifted when Harford took advantage of sloppy defending by the Sky Blues to slot the ball home on 55 minutes and from then on it was plain sailing although last minute panic could have resulted in Coventry getting an undeserved equaliser.



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RICHARD HARVEY - SCORER OF A RARE GOAL

Next up was the visit of reigning champions Arsenal on Boxing Day with the all-ticket crowd rising to 12,665 - the highest of the season at that stage.

The first half was very scrappy with neither side gaining the upper hand but the supporters were heartened to see that the Town were not in any way overawed by their lofty opponents.

With the game entering its final quarter Pleat took the gamble of sending on a fresh pair of legs against the tiring Gunners by introducing Scott Oakes to the fray.

Oakes immediately lifted the tempo of the game by running at the Arsenal defence and within four minutes his long diagonal pass was met on the volley by Harford with the ball whistling past a helpless David Seaman.

Arsenal desperately tried for an equaliser but with Trevor Peake holding new scoring sensation Ian Wright, the Luton defence held firm to eventually pick up another unexpected three points.

Two days later the fans trooped back to Kenilworth Road with this time much more spring in their steps.

Mid-table Chelsea were to be the latest guests together with their most famous supporter, Prime Minister John Major, who was obviously hoping for an easy three points.

Confidence was now flowing through the Town side and the players were up for the game unlike Chelsea who took a long time to settle. By then they were two goals down and chasing shadows.

Firstly a clever free-kick routine left full-back Richard Harvey with a clear sight of the target from 25 yards out and his left foot shot arrowed into the net leaving Dave Beasant in the Chelsea goal flat-footed.

Shortly afterwards, Mark Pembridge was pulled down in the area by Beasant and after a couple of minutes protestations John Dreyer, with his famous and heartstopping one step run up, slotted the ball home from the spot.

Beasant, under newly announced rule changes, should have been sent off but he got away with a caution.

His colleague Tommy Boyd, though, was not so lucky when, with 15 minutes to go, he chopped down Paul Telfer in the area when he was clear through on goal and was immediately red-carded.

At the interval Pleat, never happy with Dreyer's penalty taking style, had ordered that Harford should take any further spot-kicks. Harford, therefore, stepped up to take this latest offering and promptly hit the bar with his effort!

Nine points from nine, three clean sheets and finally off the bottom of the table was the Town's happy Christmas haul.



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GEORGE CUMMINS

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Everyone at Kenilworth Road was saddened to learn of the death of George Cummins on 29th November at Southport District Hospital after a short illness.

George was one of the Hatters' heroes in the teams that won promotion to the old Division One in 1955 and reached the F.A. Cup final in 1959. A player of skill and vision, capable of carving open a defence with a single touch, George was a regular for Eire and became the Town's most capped player until being overtaken by Mal Donaghy.

Born in Dublin, George was the original all-rounder, representing his home city in both Gaelic Football and Hurling, as well as turning out for Eire schoolboys in Association Football.



Although never renowned for his goalscoring ability, he did manage four goals in a Schoolboy game against England in 1947.

successful time at Goodison Park and played for Everton in the 1953 F.A. Cup semi-final against Bolton which the Toffees lost 4-3.

Although it was suggested that he should stick to hurling, George decided that football offered the greater chance of making a name for himself and whilst appearing for St Patrick's Athletic in the Irish League he came to the attention of Manchester United.

A total of 52 professionals at Everton made it difficult to retain a first team place however, and the chance to come to Luton was grabbed with both hands.

George signed for a huge (by Luton's standards) £12,000 in August 1953 and became an instant crowd favourite with his silky skills and was a regular in the side that won promotion to Division One for the first time in the club's history in 1955, and then reached the F.A. Cup final four years later.

Just as he was about to sign for the Old Trafford club a counter offer was put to him by Everton and he joined them instead mainly because they had a stronger Irish contingent on their books. George enjoyed a relatively



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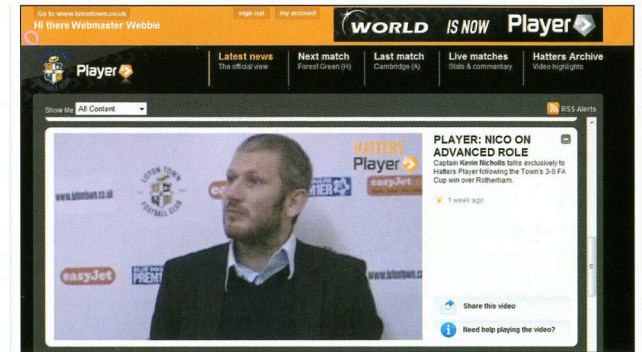
MATCH HIGHLIGHTS, VIDEO INTERVIEWS AND MUCH MORE

Once again it's been a busy week on Hatters Player following our cup ties with Rotherham United and Cambridge United.

Our superb 3-0 victory over Rotherham at Kenilworth Road there was almost a queue of players in the media department wanting to get themselves on camera to talk about their fantastic performance. In the end we had to wrap it up after five interviews as the clock ticked around to the early hours! Hatters Player subscribers were privy to all the post-match interviews including:

- Manager Richard Money reflects on a "deserved" cup success.
- Frenchman Claude Gnakpa talks us through his goal that put the Town 3-0 to the good.
- Captain Kevin Nicholls gives his verdict on playing in an advanced role.
- Kevin Gallen looks back on a job well done.
- Adam Newton speaks of his delight at putting the Hatters in front against the Millers.
- Five minutes of highlights from the 3-0 victory that earned Money's men a trip to League 1 side Southampton.

HATTERS Player



With interviews with Richard Money, Kevin Pilkington, Tom Craddock and match highlights from both games, Player subscribers have had plenty to watch for their money.

The new Town boss' pre-match press conferences have seen Richard Money responded to questioning in a refreshingly honest and candid manner and Hatters Player is always there to capture the moment.

Don't forget as always we've got commentary on every Luton game with commentator Simon Pitts calling all the shots

There's even a six-minute snippet online of Simon's commentary so

check out what you've been missing on Hatters Player by visiting the official website now.

Remember it's the official voice of the club and subscriptions earn vital revenue for the club.

Hatters Player will be FIRST with the exclusive news from all the men the matter following this afternoon's game, as well as match highlights so why not sign up and give it a try? You can also give Player as a Christmas gift this year so log-on to www.lutontown.co.uk to find out more information.

If you have any comments or ideas for Hatters Player then email andrew.barringer@2020mission.com





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UNDER 18s BEES

LUTON TOWN UNDER-18S 2-1 BRENTFORD UNDER-18S



Martin Prickett's Under-18s recorded back-to-back victories for the second time this season with a hard fought 2-1 win against Brentford.

The Bees started much the quicker side and only sharp saves from Lewis Kidd kept the scores level.

However, the Town eventually settled and started to keep the ball with more purpose and were somewhat fortunate to take the lead.

A mix-up between a Brentford centre-back and the goalkeeper allowed Adam Watkins to pick up the ball in the box, and when it looked like Watkins was about to score, he was hauled down by the Bees' goalkeeper and Taylor Nathaniel slotted home the resulting penalty.

The Hatters then had to dig deep and fight with the constant bombardment from Brentford and against the run of play Town doubled the lead.

Watkins floated an inch perfect pass into the path of Jean-Philippe Yamfam who brushed off a centre-back before calmly slotting home.

The Town's two goal advantage was quickly reduced from the restart when Brentford played a ball over the top that was drilled across the goal and was eventually smashed home.

The second half was much the same as the first with Brentford's more physical approach dominating the game and their pressing game making it hard for Town to really get going.

Once again dominant goalkeeping from Kidd kept the Bees at bay, whilst Watkins and Tavernier went close for Town but no further goals meant

Luton earned another three points in the Youth Alliance.

A happy Prickett said after the game: "It certainly wasn't a classic and Brentford were probably the more dominant side throughout the game. It's a bit of a reversal really, because in the first game I felt we were the better side and didn't get the result we deserved and I'm sure they are feeling the same way now.

"We set ourselves a target of being unbeaten in the five games leading up to Christmas and I would have been happy with nine points from those matches, so to get twelve points out of fifteen is a terrific run for us and now we must make sure it continues into the New Year."

Squad: Kidd, James, Lacey, Carney, Nathaniel, Tavernier, Wood, Barker, Dasilva, Watkins, Yamfam, Ann, Donacien, Toomey.

AUGUST			SAT 12	BRENTFORD	W2-1
SAT 15	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	L1-3	JANUARY 2010		
SAT 29	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	D2-2	SAT 09	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H
			SAT 23	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	A
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SAT 05	NORTHAMPTON T/PYAC 1	D2-2	FEBRUARY		
THU 10	NORTHAMPTON SPENCER	W6-0	SAT 06	PETERBOROUGH UNITED	H
			SAT 13	BRIGHTON & HOVE A	A
SAT 19	PETERBOROUGH / PYAC3	L0-2	SAT 20	SOUTH CUP SEMI FINAL	
WED 23	RAUNDS TOWN FAYC	W7-1	SAT 27	COLCHESTER UNITED	H
SAT 26	LEYTON ORIENT / PYAC 4	L0-2	MARCH		
			SAT 06	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	A
OCTOBER					
SAT 03	GILLINGHAM / PYAC 5	L1-2	SAT 13	GILLINGHAM	H
WED 07	RUSHDEN FAYC	L0-2	SAT 20	SOUTHWEND UNITED	A
SAT 10	BARNET	W5-1	SAT 27	MILLWALL	H
SAT 17	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	L0-2	APRIL		
NOVEMBER					
SAT 14	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	W2-0	SAT 10	LEYTON ORIENT	A
SAT 21	BARNET	W3-1	SAT 17	ALDERSHOT TOWN	H
SAT 28	BRENTFORD	L2-4	MAY		
DECEMBER					
SAT 05	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	W2-1	SAT 22	IN SERVICE TRAINING	

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WITH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER GREGG BROUGHTON



SPORTS INTERACTIVE



SPONSORS OF LUTON TOWN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Today we would like to welcome the players, parents and coaches from the Luton Town Performance Centre.

These boys are within the middle tier of our recruitment programme and have been invited to train one night a week with us while continuing to play for their club or school side.

They represent the Hatters in games during school holidays against other professional clubs from East Anglia, and also play games twice a season against the Centre of Excellence.

The boys have been identified to excel in at least one of the following areas:

Technically
Insight and Games Understanding
Physically

Their training with Luton looks to accentuate their strengths whilst also improving their weaknesses.

Over the past three years the Centre has proved to be a vital source of players for the Club's youth policy.

Current youth team centre-back Alex

Lacey and Under-16's captain Newman Carney both progressed through the Performance Centre, and the total number of players signed now stands at 53.

Recent Liverpool acquisition Dave Moli also began his Luton career at the Performance Centre.

The attached photograph is Matthew Reynolds (Under-12s) who became the 52nd player to be signed in September 2009.

The Centre is managed by the Club's Football Development Officer Stuart English who is a UEFA A Licence coach, and he is assisted by the following coaching staff:

Albert Bell
(Goalkeepers)

Darren Pickard
(Under-9 and Under-13)

Andy Kempton
(Under-11)

Adam Balletta
(Under-10 and Under-13)

Andy Hopwood
(Under-14 & Under-16)

Alkesh Lalji
(Under-16)

Andy Elderton
(Under-14)

Chris Hyde
(Under-12 and Under-14)

Adam Turner
(Under-11 and Under-16)

John Oxley
(Under-9)

Joe Davenport
(Under-10 and Under-12)

Please can we also welcome the coaching staff from our Soccer Centres which is the entry level to our recruitment programme.

These coaches play a vital part in identifying and preparing the players for the Performance Centre.

Please show your appreciation to the players and staff when they are presented at half-time today.

LUTON TOWN CLUB PARTNERSHIP

WITH TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT COACH DAN WALDER

Formed by parents in 2007, AFC Sundon is a family friendly football club that plays in the Under-11s section of the Chiltern Youth League on Sunday mornings.

Whilst having a number of players on the radar of established football clubs including Luton Town, MK Dons and Queens Park Rangers, Sundon's ethos remains the same as it did in 2007, that fun be at the heart of everything they do.

It's this ethos that makes AFC Sundon special, in addition to attending today's game, recent club funded activities includes go-karting at Daytona MK and

a day out at Wickstead Park for the whole family.

While having fun they've also achieved success on the playing field. This season, tournament results include, winning the Woburn Lions Cup and finishing as runners-up in the Flitwick Eagles Cup in their first outing at 11-a-side.

Based in the Sundon Park area of Luton they benefit from excellent local facilities and have an enviable home pitch at Sundon Park Junior School, while training is held on Tuesday evenings on the 3G astro-turf facility at Lealands High School.

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HATTERS TROPHY DREAMS ENDED AT FIRST HURDLE

CAMBRIDGE UNITED 3-1 LUTON TOWN



KEVIN GALLEN HAS A SHOT BLOCKED BY WAYNE HATSWELL DURING THE 3-1 DEFEAT

Three goals in the space of 30 first-half minutes ended the Hatters' first involvement in the FA Trophy at the first hurdle.

Unbeaten in nine previous cup fixtures stretching back 13 months, the Town fell 3-0 behind by half-time with strikers Danny Crow and Chris Holroyd punishing Richard Money's side.

United took the lead on six minutes when Crow stole a march ahead of the Hatters' defence to divert the ball beyond Kevin Pilkington from close range following Courtney Pitt's teasing, curling left-wing free-kick.

The Town, to their credit, were unfortunate to find themselves behind as they pieced together a number of intricate passing moves with Kevin Gallen at the heart of most.

However, the U's took further control when Holroyd pounced twice in the space of six minutes.

Firstly, the striker nodded home from six yards with Pitt again the provider with a cross from the left and then, somewhat fortunately,

was able to pass the ball past Pilkington from close range after he took advantage of a lucky deflection that found its way to him after Wayne Hatswell's long range effort was blocked by Alan White.

Money rang the changes at the break introducing Matthew Barnes-Homer and Tom Craddock for Shane Blackett and Alan White.

While both made a difference to the Town's attack, Danny Potter was largely untroubled in the U's goal.

As they tried to rally the Hatters got themselves back into the game when Hatswell headed into his own net following Kevin Nicholls' free-kick on 68 minutes.

That seemed to spurn the Town on but, with them still trailing by two goals they failed to test Potter again.

Cambridge threatened to put the game well and truly beyond doubt with Holroyd, Crow and substitute Andy Parkinson all guilty of missing decent chances but come the full time whistle it was the hosts who were celebrating.

POST-MATCH REACTION

RICHARD MONEY:

"You can't defend the way we did in our penalty box. Cambridge put three crosses in the box and scored three goals and therein lies the problem.

"Our defenders struggled to cope with Holroyd and Crow. They've both got movement that is too good for this level.

"I don't think any of our defenders have had dealt with Cambridge well all season.

"If you don't mark men in the box then you're going to be in trouble. A defender's first job is to pick-up the attacker."

MARTIN LING:

"You know when you play a team as good as Luton they're going to have a spell in the game, but I think that was as good as we've played for a long while.

"It's pleasing that we've passed the ball as well. We talk about 'pass with a purpose' and I think we've done that and shown ourselves to be the better side

"We've proved against a good Luton side that we've got something in the dressing room and that will be tested in the next four games."





Luton Town: K. Pilkington; G. Pilkington, White (Craddock 46), Blackett (Barnes-Homer 46), Murray (Emanuel 19); Newton, Keane, Jarvis, Gnakpa; Nicholls; Gallen.

Subs not used: Gore, Hall.

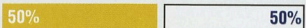
Cambridge United: Potter, Gleeson, Tonkin, Saah, Hatswell, Holroyd (Beesley 87), Crow, Willmott (Reason 78), Carden, Ives, Pitt (Parkinson 87).

Subs not used: McAuley, Walker.

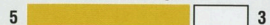
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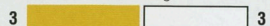
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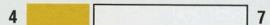
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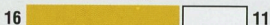
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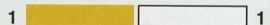
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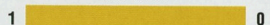
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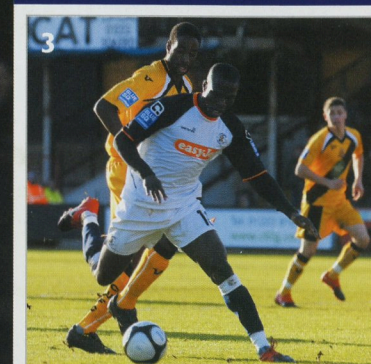
MAN OF THE MATCH

Tom Craddock

Only on for 45 minutes but the striker's introduction at half-time gave the Town an attacking threat down the left-flank that caused the U's problems.

1. Captain Kevin Nicholls battles with Paul Carden and Brian Saah.
2. Kevin Gallen tries a shot at goal in the first half.
3. Claude Gnakpa shields the ball from Saah.
4. Carden stops Nicholls in his tracks at the Abbey Stadium.
5. Gnakpa keeps his eye on the ball as Anthony Tonkin closes in.
6. George Pilkington tries to dispossess ex-Hatter Courtney Pitt.

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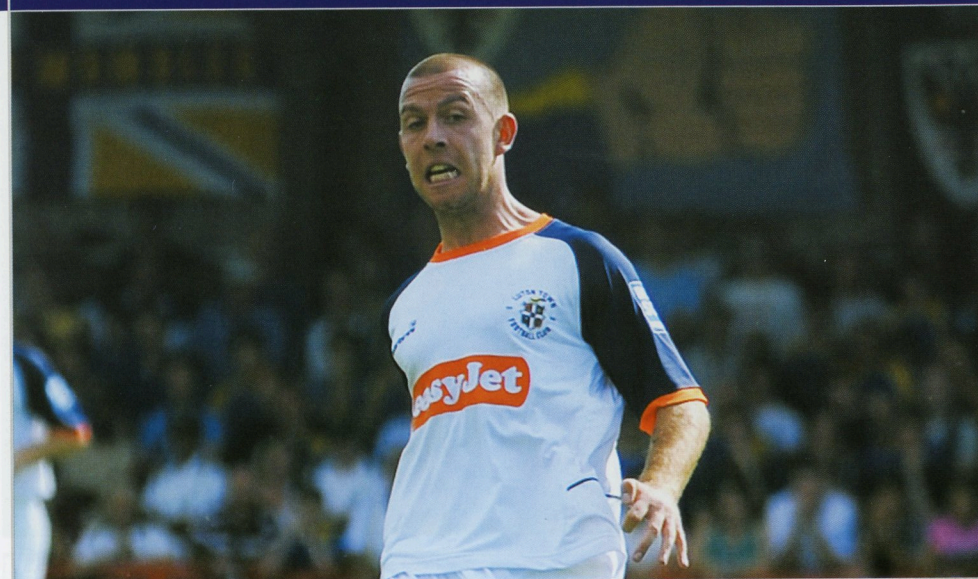
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KEITH KEANE

TOWN'S MIDFIELD MAN REFLECTS ON TROPHY LOSS



Luton were knocked out of the FA Trophy by Blue Square Premier rivals Cambridge United last weekend in a match that saw the Hatters concede three goals in the first-half.

At the final whistle, Luton Town's versatile number four Keith Keane reflected on the loss at the Abbey Stadium.

"We were all very disappointed with the first-half performance against Cambridge," Keane said.

"Giving goals like that away killed us after 45 minutes. We can't defend like that in games.

"Going three up, they sat back in the second-half and soaked up our pressure, but again we are frustrated because we could have

got back into the game with the chances we created.

"If we had defended better in the first-half we would have won the game comfortably, but you have to defend properly at this level."

Looking ahead to the busy festive period the 23-year-old wants to see a positive reaction from Town, following last weekend's defeat and thinks going out of the FA Trophy could benefit the team.

"It could be a blessing in disguise that we are now out of the Trophy, not having the extra games so we can concentrate our efforts on the league," Keane added.

"We have three massive games coming up at home which we need to do well in because if we want to

be up there challenging soon. "These games are very winnable and to get three wins would be a huge step for us over the Christmas period."

Keane highlights the need for the team to put a good run together over the next few games so that they can be confident heading into the New Year fixtures.

"Hopefully we can start playing a bit better and being more consistent so that we can push on and catch the top two," he explained.

"We are determined to give it our all for the rest of the season so that the team ends up where it should be, which is back in the Football League."

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HATTERS IN THE COMMUNITY

STEPH WALKER WITH THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE HATTERS STUDY CENTRE



During the last term we have piloted a new project called 'Double Club' at two local schools.

Double Club takes the principles of our education programme at the study support centre into schools. Children spend one hour learning literacy or maths through a football based context and they also have an hour with a Luton Town community coach learning football skills.

This gives children that are not always motivated in school an extra incentive and a new approach towards key curriculum subjects.

One of the schools we have worked in partnership with this term to pilot the Double Club is Farley Junior School.

Farley is one of our key link schools and has supported us since the beginning of the Hatters Study Support Centre. We have now had two cohorts of children come

through the centre from Farley, all who have been a credit to the school, always eager to learn and have fun.

There have been two Double Clubs running this term at Farley, one during curriculum time and one after school. The club has given 30, year six children the opportunity to access key learning that will be vital to their end of year tests.

Lorraine Roe is a teaching assistant at Farley and since attending the study centre with their first group of children, has been a big fan of the work the Hatters' centre does. Lorraine has become the link teacher between the centre and the school and didn't hesitate to help us pilot the programme within her school.

Kieran Fox, one of our community coaches, has been leading the project. Some of the key topics Kieran has covered with the children are: fractions, percentages, adverbs and

adjectives. He has also spent time out of the classroom on the school field coaching the children core football skills and teamwork.

We'd like to thank Lorraine along with all the other staff and the children of Farley Junior School for their continued support and hard work in partnership with the centre.



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Welcome to back to Kenilworth Road again to all Junior Hatters for our first home game since Christmas!

A big hello to all those young fans from Histon who have made the trip here. We hope you enjoy the game and have a safe journey home.

Today is a really important game as it's the start of two home matches on the trot so get behind the lads again and cheer them on to three valuable points.

Since we were last had a home game we have won one and lost one in two cup games.

Our last match at Kenilworth Road was the 3-0 win over Rotherham United in the FA Cup – and what a game that was!

It was a sensational performance against a team doing well in the division above us and to do so so comfortably is a credit to the players.

It means we go to Southampton in the third round which is going to be another tough game but all the players know it will be good to play

at a nice, new stadium and I'm sure we will take a lot of fans there.

We had our Junior Hatters Christmas Party. It was a great night with many of the players and management in attendance joining in the fun and games.

We'll have some photographs from the party in the Eastbourne programme so keep an eye out for your picture in that issue.

It just leaves me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. I hope you got all those Luton Town presents that you asked for and will no doubt be wearing them today.

Come on you Hatters and Merry Christmas!

Happy Harry

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Junior Hatters who celebrate their birthday this month:

Lucy Burton, Cane Gutteridge, Michael Clinton, Cameron Plater, Sinead Duffy, James Wells, Jake Brooks, Jamie Graves, Jake Wright, Harry Evans, Emma Leaf and David Baverstock.

Do you want to be a Junior Hatter? Every season we have lots of new children who join up who get the chance to become a mascot for every single Luton Town game. If you're interested contact the community department on 01582 391927 or email trish.ltfc@hotmail.co.uk



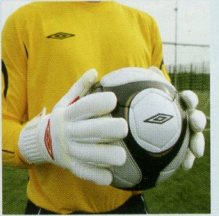
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LUTONTOWNLADIES
 WITH DAVE BAKER



THE LADIES UNDER 10 SIDE

This afternoon we focus on our Under-10 squad who take a well earned rest from league action this afternoon to attend today's match as a group and hopefully see the Town start the festive program with a victory.

The squad consisting of Maddie Lewis, Charlie Linney, Charlotte Motto, Amy Higgs, Kelsey Gibson, Morgan Gillen, Tyler Trussell and Claudia Attenborough have had a productive start to the season.

They have progressed in the League Cup and ended league leaders Tottenham Hotspur's 100 per cent record by battling out a 1-1 draw with the odds heavily stacked against them.

There have been well deserved wins against Denham United and Harvesters and several narrow defeats along the way.

However, considering that for most

of the girls this is their first season of competitive football, they have really equipped themselves well. The management team have installed a self belief in the girls that is now bearing fruit on the field.

With the first-team's FA Cup tie with Cambridge City falling victim to the weather, the other Ladies squads were involved in cup action of their own with the Town's third-team entertaining London United. In spite of Kellie Hair heading in an Alice Burbury free-kick they went down 2-1 and missed out on a place in the last 16.

The youth team cups are initially league based and the Under-16s began strongly sweeping past Letchworth GC Eagles with a comfortable 6-0 away win.

Jess McKay fired a hat-trick with Maisie Wyatt, Mirella Tambini and Holly Sheridan also on the scoresheet.

The Under-15 Hatters got off to a flyer against Barnet with a stirring performance and a 7-0 win. Georgia Hardy scored four, Rebecca Smart netted twice and Kally Wilson was also on target.

Brentford suffered their third beating of the season from the other Under-15 squad. On this occasion it was a 4-1 scoreline with Amy Nash, Rachel Kosky, Maddie Warby and Jodie Whitford-Stark on the scoresheet.

The unbeaten Under-13s extended their unbeaten run with goals from Rebecca Reeve and an own goal defeating Islington Borough 2-0. Completing a clean youth cup sweep were the Under-10s who pulled off a 2-1 away victory at Harvesters.

Claudia Attenborough scored the first and Tyler Trussell grabbed the winner with a strike from outside the area.

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SOUTHAMPTON

FA Cup third round
Saturday 2nd January 2010 Kick-off 3pm

We have been given an initial allocation of 1,200 seats.

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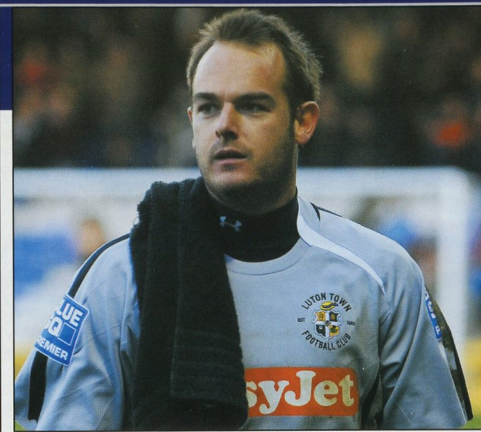
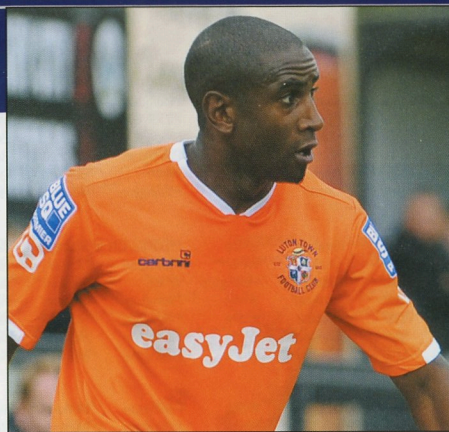
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We're down to the final four as we quiz members of the Hatters' first team against their football knowledge. As we're in the semis the questions are even tougher. Can you do better? The answers are on page 66.



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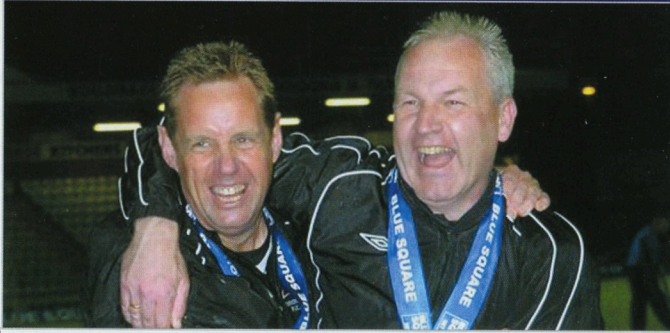
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SHANE GORE

Mexico	✓	Who is playing South Africa in the opening game of the World Cup this summer?	✓	Mexico
John Main	✓	Which player scored the first goal against us this season?	✓	John Main
Liverpool, Northampton Town	✓	Name two of the four teams of the Premier League and Football League teams that start and end with the same letter?	✓	Liverpool, Asaton Villa
Grimsby verses Macclesfield	✓	If you're watching Mariners against the Silkmen which game would you be watching?	✓	Grimsby verses Macclesfield
Real Madrid	✓	Which team has won the most European Cups?	✓	Real Madrid
Ayresome Park	✓	What was the name of the ground that Middlesbrough used to play at before moving to the Riverside Stadium?	✗	Pass
Everton	✓	At which club did George Pilkington start his professional career?	✓	Everton
Marco Materazzi	✓	Which player did Zinedine Zidane headbutt in the chest in the 2006 World Cup final?	✓	Materazzi
Alan Pardew	✓	Who is the manager of Southampton?	✓	Alan Pardew
8 Yards	✓	How many yards apart are the two goalposts?	✓	Eight

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After today's match against Histon, Luton are again at home 48 hours from now as they take on Eastbourne Borough on Monday 28th December in another festive showdown.

The Sports have struggled to find any momentum so far this season and will look to the busy Christmas period as a way of climbing free from their lowly position in the Blue Square Premier.

They have been draw specialists this season which Eastbourne Manager Garry Wilson will be hoping to turn into wins very soon.

Previously named Langney Sports, the visitors are from East Sussex and play their home games at Langney Sports Club.

Wilson celebrated his 10th year at the club as Manager earlier this year and when Hereford United boss Graham Turner stepped down from his role at Edgar Street in April 2009, Wilson became the third longest-serving manager in English football's top five divisions, behind Sir Alex Ferguson and Arsene Wenger.

Wilson has brought success to the Sussex club in his ever increasing long spell winning promotion after promotion in his time there.

In his first season in charge they won the Sussex County League, gaining promotion to the Southern League Eastern Division. Two years later they were on an upward move once again as they were promoted to the newly formed Conference South and immediately found their feet in a higher division, finishing fifth and with it a Play-Off spot but lost out to Altrincham in the Final at Stoke City's Britannia Stadium.

The 2007/08 season was the best on record for everyone involved at Eastbourne as they achieved promotion to the Football Conference after defeating Hampton & Richmond Borough 2-0 in the Final.

They were not overcome by the new demanding challenges of playing in a higher league and produced a respectable 13th place in the Conference in their maiden season.

Now that Wilson has brought them to the heights of the Conference National, he is hoping to gain promotion to the Football League with the Sports before he retires.

Before visiting Kenilworth Road on Monday Eastbourne face a tough trip to Crawley Town in the Blue Square Premier.

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10	TOM CRADDOCK
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13	SHANE GORE
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20	KEVIN GALLEN
21	CALLUM REYNOLDS
23	FREDDIE MURRAY
25	GEORGE BEAVAN
26	KEVIN PILKINGTON
27	MARK NWOKEJI
28	ASHLEY CAIN
29	MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER

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4	SAM LONG
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