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2008/09	NFA Maunsell Cup Winners
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2000/01	Conference Shield Winners
2000/01	Nationwide Conference Champions
1999/00	NFA Maunsell Cup Winners
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1996/97	Southern League Championship Cup Winners
1995/96	Beazer Homes Premier Division Champions
1994/95	NFA Maunsell Cup Winners
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1993/94	Beazer Homes Midland Division Champions

a note from the editor

Good afternoon and welcome to Nene Park for today's last league match against Luton Town.

I would like to extend a special welcome to Simon Campbell and his guests from First Defence Solicitors. They are today's match sponsors and I hope they enjoy their day.

Today's programme includes profiles on Sam Smith and Jake Beecroft. You will also find match reports and photos from the Ebbsfleet, Mansfield and Wrexham matches. Justin, Jamie and Simon have their usual pages to share their thoughts with you.

I would like to thank everybody who has contributed to the programme during the season, including the players and especially Simon Parsell.

Enjoy the match.
Gill

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From the *boardroom*



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to everyone associated with Luton Town. Firstly I would like to congratulate you all on your success in reaching the play offs, which is truly deserved.

I want to take this opportunity to reflect on this season, which on any basis has been the most successful season for a very long time, both on and off the pitch. I cannot praise highly enough the very hard work put in by everybody associated with the Club and the management team of Justin and Michael have been outstanding. The devotion of the management and the players, to the Club, has been unbending and has been reflected in their performances and the success we have enjoyed. It is such a refreshing change to be talking in this positive way in these notes instead of doom and gloom. For that, the management team off the pitch must take credit too. From a development side I hope you will all appreciate the foundations that we have been putting in place over the last three and a half years. As you can see they have been sound plans and it is good to see some of

the old faces returning to renew their enthusiasm for the success we are enjoying.

I will leave it to Justin, and others to go into detail but the job is only half done and there is still a long way to go. That said I would personally like to thank all those involved and associated with the Club including sponsors and third parties. Your donations in so many ways have allowed the Club to survive another season and that, on any basis, is a huge achievement.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the semi final play off game here on Thursday evening but in the meantime enjoy today's final league game of the season.

Let's get behind the team today and give them the support they deserve.

Keith

Message from the Safety Team

Both Clubs have enjoyed a very successful 2009/10 season. However, there is still a long way to go and we hope that fans will respect the safety of themselves, fellow supporters, Players and Club Officials at all times and leave any celebrations until the outcome of the Play-Off's are fully known and we therefore respectfully ask you all to please keep off the pitch at all times, especially at the final whistle, for the sake of both Clubs during this very important run in to the end of this season.

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Justin's Judgement



Good afternoon and welcome to Nene Park and an extended welcome to Richard Money and everyone connected with Luton Town Football Club.

Our win against Ebbsfleet saw us reach the play offs, which I'm sure you will all agree is well deserved but probably never imagined after the first game of the season. I saw enough that day to know we had a serious chance of being at the right end of the table and to reach the playoffs with four games to spare shows how far this squad has come in a short space of time. The players have been first class all season and I cannot praise them enough.

Behind the scenes I have a lot of people to thank too. Michael has been top class all year and I'm very fortunate to have a right hand man that is so focused and determined for the Club to be successful. The phys has been as important as he has for the last 30 years he's been at the Club. Working with such a small squad it is so vital to keep all your players fit and he has achieved that and I'm so grateful for all his efforts as I also am to Matt Wild. I would also like to personally thank Paul Driver, Mark Starmer, Kevin Shoemake, Gareth Haynes, Gill Wignall, Helen Thompson, Rachel Roberts, Gill Swords, Cathy Watts, Penny Hulatt and Phil Heath for all their help throughout the season.

Following the Ebbsfleet game we travelled to Mansfield which was extra special being the Club's one thousandth game. Unfortunately we didn't get the result we wanted or deserved but the players produced a good performance to match your support which again was fantastic. I made some changes for the trip to Wrexham giving a debut to Joe Day along with Ainsley McDonald and giving Beeky his first start of the season. I was delighted with the performance and result and we finished the game with four players that have come through our youth system, which is so vital to the Club. This shows the excellent job Paul and Mark continue to do.

I would like to finish by thanking you all for your outstanding support home and away this season. You have been fantastic and keep it up please.

Please continue to get behind the boys as it is very much appreciated.

Justin.



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Good afternoon and welcome to today's match against Luton Town.

It's good to be back at Nene Park after a couple of away matches at Mansfield and Wrexham. It's always good to play your last home game of the season in front of your home crowd. The players were all delighted to have qualified for the play offs after beating Ebbsfleet here so we now know we still have two more matches to play.

As we were coming to the end of the season the Gaffer made a few changes to the team. The youngsters all performed really well and we saw Joe Day and Ainsley make their debuts for the First Team, with Beeky starting for the first time this season. I was a sub then but didn't come on. I would rather be playing but was very proud of the boys and it was good to see Azzer score as captain.

As we go into today's game against Luton we obviously want to finish on a high and take that momentum into the play offs. We won't know which team we will meet until after today's game but we will certainly be going in as the unfavoured team. We may not be as big as either of the Clubs we are likely to meet but we have an excellent spirit in the camp and have no fear of any team.

We want to give you the fans a good send off today as we appreciate the excellent support you have given us this season. Please keep it going today and through the play off games.

Enjoy the match.

Jamie

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 with fizz*



Well that's it, another season over and we look forward to a summer break to re-group. Hold it! What am I doing? I've got so used to writing that for the last few years that I forgot we have the excitement of the play offs to come.

Today is going to be fantastic with a packed house and a bit of cat and mouse from both teams as we could be opponents again soon.

Well done to Stevenage as they deserved the title in my opinion.

What a season it has been for us! Unfancied by many, very rarely talked about in newspapers and thankfully Justin couldn't get manager of the month. Here we are enjoying amazing times at Nene Park. No matter what follows the team has been outstanding with a spirit I have not witnessed for a long time.

The strength of character was shown at Wrexham with debuts for Joe Day and Ainsley McDonald. Initially Ainsley was struggling to get to grips with the pace of the game. This became clear when the linesman overtook him on a run. Joe had a great start to his career and showed us what a sledgehammer he has for a left foot. Beeky returned from Korean duties and put in an outstanding shift. Sam Smith showed character playing with a broken hand. The only downside was a disgraceful tackle on Aaron O'Connor for which the ref said he couldn't show a red card. As usual, no protection from refs for players like Aaron. Luckily the injury wasn't too bad and a sprinkling of magic healing dust will see him have a fitness test today.

Fizzer and Tommo have returned to full training but Cocker's season may well be over with his hamstring injury. He is improving daily but time keeps ticking by. Tommo returned quickly having heard that we had KFC on the bus.

Winning isn't everything they say but introduce a bowling competition to staff and players and the game is on. Of course I won't mention my individual high score or the staff team's victory. When you are on the lane about to put some action on the ball before it enters the back end and produces a turkey, the competitor does come out. Luckily the Gaffer and I set the standard for our anchor man Paul Driver to produce a curve ball. Stoney was ok with Cesare but they got bench jockeyed. Drives was wearing some interesting bowling gear. He called them three quarter length trousers but they looked more like Burner's trousers and shoes had a fight and the shoes won by an uppercut.

I would like to thank Penny, Gill, Cathy and Gareth for keeping us clean and smart, Phil Heath for his numerous repairs to the showers., Gill for her work with the programme and secretarial duties, my old mate Matt Wild who one day will be a Club Secretary and not wear silly jumpers, and to Helen and Rachel who work hard behind the scenes and make us undertake risk assessments. The Gaffer reckons he does that every week with team selection. Thanks to Doctors Mellor and Durrani for their valuable input on injuries. Thank you to you the fans. You've waited a long time for games like this and you deserve it for your loyalty. Last but not least I work with great lads and three other top fellas Justin, Michael and Drives. Having said all of that I hope its payrises all round. Sorry got to dash the Chairman has collapsed in the Boardroom. The words pay rise send him a bit funny.

Fizzzz



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Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to the directors, staff and supporters, for this our last league game of the season.



Today's match sponsors are First Defence Solicitors. A very warm welcome to Simon Campbell and his guests for this, their second match sponsorship this season. First Defence Solicitors is the largest firm of criminal defence lawyers in Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire. Thank you Simon and hopefully we will see you again next season.

We also have a large number enjoying our corporate hospitality in both the North and South Stand today, so a very warm welcome to them from everyone at Nene Park, and we hope you enjoy your day with us.

Packages for the play-off game, which will be played on Thursday 29th April, kick-off at 7.45pm, are available now.

Our presentation evening will be held on Friday 7th May in The Kimberley Suite. All sponsors should have by now received their invitations and tickets. The evening will be a sit down meal, followed by the presentations and then dance the night away. If you wish to join us on the night tickets are priced at £20 each and are available from myself.

As this is the last league game of the season; I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Club, by being a match or player sponsor. Packages for next year will be available soon, but if you wish to discuss being a sponsor for next season before then, please contact me at the Club.

I must also thank the large number of volunteers who help out on match days and sometimes miss some or all of the game. We could not run this Club without their help and we really do appreciate it.

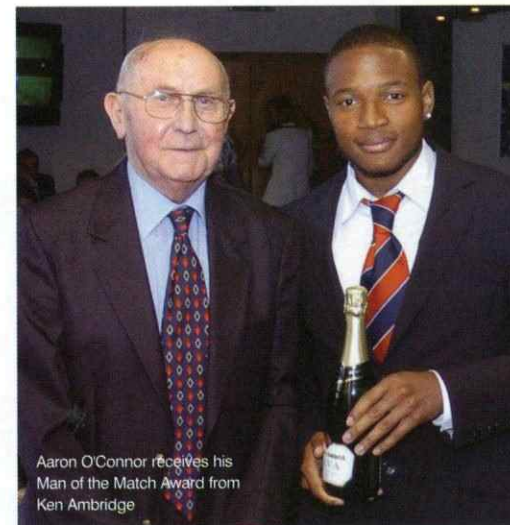
After the game today we shall be doing our annual presentation on the pitch, to:

- Man of the Match
- Supporters Player of the season
- E.T. Player of the Month and Season
- Diamond Minors Player of the Month and Season

Please stay behind and watch as it may be your favourite player receiving the award.

I look forward to seeing you all at the play-off game, but for now let's get behind Justin, Michael and the lads for today's game.

Rachel



Aaron O'Connor receives his Man of the Match Award from Ken Ambridge

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match report:

Rushden & Diamonds 2 Ebbsfleet United 0

Rushden & Diamonds confirmed their place in the end-of-season playoff games in the Blue Square Premier with a 2-0 win over relegation threatened Ebbsfleet United at Nene Park.

The Diamonds took the lead after 27 minutes when a deft flick from Craig Farrell set Aaron O'Connor free down the right, and he coolly slotted past Cronin. The Diamonds had a chance to increase their lead in first half injury time, when Craig Farrell was felled by Darius Charles, but Paul Terry hit a poor penalty that Cronin easily saved, and then Terry looped the rebound over the bar. The Diamonds sealed the game with one of the goals of the season from Aaron O'Connor, as he broke down the left from the half-way line, turned three defenders inside out before slotting into the corner of the net. The victory stretches the Diamonds unbeaten run to 11 games, with this being game 999 of the Diamonds history.

The first half started rather slowly, with both sides appearing to show some nerves. The early chances fell to Lee Tomlin, as twice he had a chance to run into the left-hand side of the box, but one attempt was stopped by Cronin, and one by the Fleet defence. At the other end Roberts dealt easily with an Ashikodi shot, but saw a Holmes free kick squirm from his grasp, but away to safety.

The Diamonds took the lead after 27 minutes after moving the ball quickly from defence to attack. Craig Farrell reverse-flicked the ball into the path of Aaron O'Connor just in front of the Fleet dugout, and his strike partner took the ball on before firing past Cronin for the opening goal.

Mark Byrne was able to run through a gap in the visitors defence, but saw Cronin save his shot. A slick Diamonds move just after the half-hour mark saw Farrell and O'Connor combine to set up Max Porter for a shot that was narrowly wide.

Dale Roberts was rarely called into action, but got his body behind an Ashikodi freekick after the Diamonds wall failed to do its job, and then behind a Magno Viera shot.

Shortly before half-time Lee Tomlin was replaced by Cliff Akurang, having picked up a twisted ankle.

As the game moved into injury time at the end of the half, the Diamonds won a penalty. Referee Merchant had already signalled his intent to penalise suspect challenges, having given the visitors three freekicks in dangerous positions earlier, so it was not a surprise to see him point to the spot when Craig Farrell ran into the area and was tackled by Darius Charles. This followed a Diamonds corner, won by Curtis Osano, which was partially cleared, and Farrell was alert to beat the offside trap, running past two team-mates who were further forwards. Just as it looked like the Diamonds might get a two goal cushion before the break, their penalty woes continued, with Paul Terry added to the long list of Diamonds players who have missed from the spot this season. His initial kick was sidefooted to Cronin's left, allowing a comfortable save, but the ball rebounded to Terry, who could only balloon a shot into the Airwair seats.

Half-Time:

Rushden & Diamonds 1 v Ebbsfleet United 0

With Craig Farrell being replaced by Sam Smith at half-time, as he was continuing to feel the effects of the injury that had kept him out at Kidderminster, the reshaped Diamonds front line quickly clicked into a rhythm that was causing the visitors defence problems – perhaps showing the benefit of them playing together at Kidderminster.



Sam Smith pressurised Leon Crooks into a mistake which allowed him to get in a dangerous cross that Mark Byrne fired at goal, but the pace was taken off the shot before it reached Cronin. Byrne had a second chance minutes later when Smith laid the ball off to Akurang down the right, and his cross from a narrow angle saw the Diamonds midfielder just failing to get a good contact on his header and it flew wide. Moments earlier Curtis Osano had a chance to get a header on goal after Aaron O'Connor had forced a corner.

Mark Byrne almost created a chance for Sam Smith after a run down the left saw Cronin reach his cross just ahead of Smith. Aaron O'Connor was continuing to give the Fleet defence problems, and another run down the left saw him create a chance for Sam Smith at the far post.

It looked just a matter of time before the Diamonds increased their lead, and so it proved – but it turned out to be a goal created and scored out of nothing. Aaron O'Connor picked up the ball on the half-way line, just in front of the Ebbsfleet dugout, and after beating the Fleet midfield he turned Leon Crooks inside out on the edge of the area before firing a shot in the far corner for one of the goals of the season at Nene Park.

The Diamonds had been having much the better of the second half, and looked more likely to get their third than the Fleet were to score. Simon Downer had been having a very impressive game at the back, but made his one mistake of the game after 77 minutes, as he tried to overplay whilst under pressure, and conceded the ball to substitute Scott Ginty. Ginty's effort on goal was fended away with the quick reflexes of Dale Roberts, but the Fleet player looked favourite to tuck away the rebound, only to see it strike the outside of the post and go out for a goal kick.

Downer almost had a part in creating the Diamonds third when he gained possession and hit a long ball to Cliff Akurang, who had been impressing with his aerial presence, and he flicked the ball to Aaron O'Connor whose attempted volley was over the bar. O'Connor had a further chance for his hatrick shortly afterwards, with another volleying opportunity following a Diamonds throw, but again narrowly missed the target. O'Connor's effort and workrate as well as his two well-taken goals earned him a deserved man-of-the-match award.

There was still time for Sam Smith to go close as he tried to flick a Curtis Osano cross towards goal, and Cliff Akurang shot from a narrow angle towards an empty goal go narrowly wide, after Lance Cronin had slipped when trying to clear outside his area.

The final whistle sounded to confirm the Diamonds place in the playoffs, with the players saluting the fans who had got behind the team so well, paying particular attention to those in the North Stand who will be relocated for the Diamonds final home game of the regular season.

Full-Time:

Rushden & Diamonds 2 Ebbsfleet United 0

Teams:

Rushden & Diamonds

Dale Roberts, Curtis Osano, Kurt Robinson, Jamie Stuart (Capt), Simon Downer, Paul Terry, Mark Byrne (Rob Wollleston 79), Max Porter, Aaron O'Connor, Craig Farrell (Sam Smith H/T), Lee Tomlin (Cliff Akurang 43)

Subs Not Used: Joe Day (GK), Shane Huke

Ebbsfleet United

Lance Cronin, Will Salmon, Gavin Heeroo (Scott Ginty 75), Leon Crooks, Darius Charles, Peter Holmes (Capt), Stefan Bailey, Kane Wills (Ishmael Welsh 52), Ricky Shakes (Alexander Stavrinou 52), Magno Vieira, Moses Ashikodi

Subs Not Used: Charlie Read, Matthew Lamprell (GK)

Goals: O'Connor (1-0, 27mins; 2-0, 70mins)

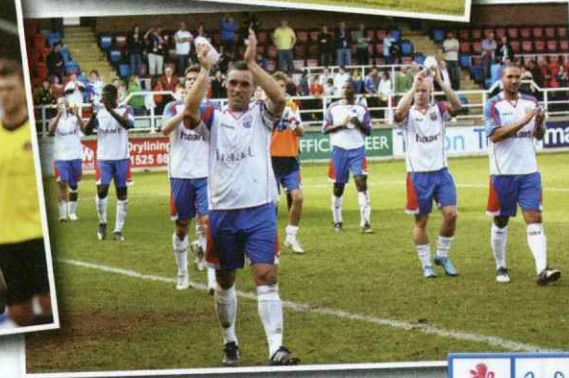
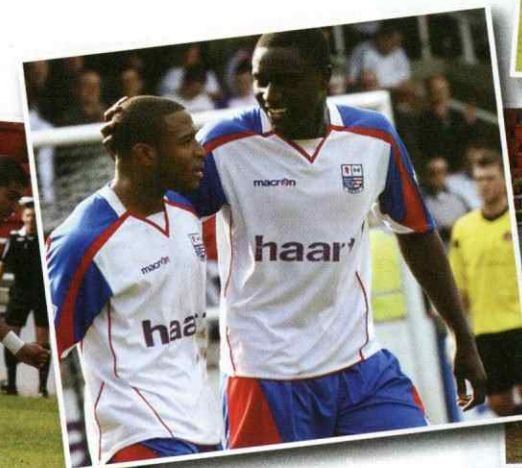
Yellow Cards: Porter, Stuart, Heeroo, Byrne

Referee: Rob Merchant (Staffordshire)

Attendance: 1440 (Away 70)

Diamonds Man of the Match chosen by Ken Ambridge:

Aaron O'Connor



CLUB NEWS

QUIZ

- Who in 2002 was awarded the title of "Britain's Brainiest Footballer" and in 2010 became a champion on Countdown on Channel 4?
- What team is supported by Countdown host Jeff Stelling?
- Radio 5 Live summariser Jimmy Armfield played for which club throughout his league career?
- Which Premiership team are nicknamed 'The Black Cats'?
- Born in 1971, who in 2001 became the World's most expensive footballer?
- Who is the older brother, Phil or Gary Neville?
- Which Premiership club got their nickname due to the large number of home grounds they've had?
- Name the first Eastern European team to win the European Cup?
- In which year did Brazil win their third World Cup?
- Which country held the FIFA World Cup throughout World War 2?

ANSWERS: 1 Clarke Carlisle 2 Hartlepool United 3 Blackburn 4 Sunderland 5 Zinedine Zidane 6 Gary Neville 7 Bolton Wanderers - The Trotters 8 Steaua Bucharest 9 1970 10 Italy

MASCOT:



Name?: Simon Green
Age?: 12
Brothers/Sisters?: Abigail
Pets?: Dog- Sasha and Cat-Henry
How Long Have You Supported R&DFC?: 6 years
Favourite Players?: Curtis Osano and Simon Downer
Hobbies?: Football and Table Tennis
Favourite Food/Drink?: Salmon
Favourite T.V. programme?: Flash forward
Favourite Group?: Scouting for Girls
What Do You Want to Be When You Leave School?: Dunno-but definitely not a Doctor
What Would You Buy If You Had £200?: A Computer

Today's Bucket Collection

Rushden Town Band, based at the Working Men's Club in Griffith St, Rushden, won 3rd prize last month at the Midlands Regional Brass Band Championships (4th section) qualifying for the National Finals in Harrogate on September 26th.

We have chosen Cancer Research for today's Bucket Collection as several players and their families have recently been affected by this disease.

MASCOTS



Name?: Callum Castle-Palmer
Age?: 5
Brothers/Sisters?: 1 sister Courtney
Pets?: A goldfish called Sparkle
Favourite player?: Kurt Robinson and Adam Sharp
Hobbies?: Playing football and playing Wii

Favourite Food/Drink?: Sausages and milk
Favourite T.V. programme?: Any football
Favourite Group?: JLS
What Do You Want to Be When You Leave School?: Footballer
What Would You Buy If You Had £200?: Buy lots of different football shirts



Name?: Matthew Hatton
Age?: 7
Brothers/Sisters?: 0
Pets?: Fish
How long have you been supporting R&DFC?: 2 years
Favourite player?: Lee Tomlin
Hobbies?: Playing football and

DS Games
Favourite Food/Drink?: Pizza and Sprite
Favourite T.V. programme?: Anything football
Favourite Group?: Def Leppard
What Do You Want to Be When You Leave School?: Footballer
What Would You Buy If You Had £200?: A season ticket to the Diamonds



Name?: David Allen
Age?: 15
Brothers/Sisters?: 2 Brothers
Pets?: 4 Dogs
How long have you been supporting R&DFC?: 10 Years
Favourite player?: Jamie Stuart
Hobbies?: Football

Favourite Food/Drink?: Pasta - Lucozade Sport
Favourite T.V. programme?: Any football
Favourite Group?: Any music
What Do You Want to Be When You Leave School?: Footballer
What Would You Buy If You Had £200?: iPhone

Today's Match Officials

Saturday 24th April 2010
Rushden & Diamonds v Luton Town
Referee: Nick Kinseley (Wickford - Essex)
Assistants: B C O'Sullivan & N A Smith
Fourth Official: S P Feerick
Assessor: Brian Curson (Leicestershire)

Today's referee is Nick Kinseley from Wickford in Essex. In nine Conference games this season he has issued 20 yellow cards and 3 reds. Back in August he was in the middle at Broadhall Way for our 2-1 defeat at Stevenage. Last Saturday he was on the line as Alan Wiley took charge of Gillingham v Leeds. Nick was promoted to the Select Group of Assistant Referees in 2006 and was appointed as Referee to the 1998 Essex Senior League Cup Final.

"How did you get introduced to Refereeing?"

"I got into refereeing through my Dad. I had finished playing at 15 and he was involved in a local club. He suggested I take the course and I never looked back."

"What has been the highlight of your career so far?"

"The highlight of my career so far was to be given the opportunity to be involved at the highest level of the game. The Premier league is one of the best leagues in the world and to be a part of that is a real thrill."

"What is the best game you have officiated?"

"The best game I have officiated on was probably Portsmouth V Barnsley in the 2001/2002 season. It was 4-4, two penalties, one sending off and my first Division 1 match (as it was then) of my career. The game had everything."

"What are your aims as a Select Group Assistant Referee?"

"My aims are to officiate on as many Premier league games I can and enjoy myself in the process."

"What skills do you think you need to become a Select Group Assistant Referee?"

"To be a Select Group Assistant, you need to be fit, agile and have good concentration skills. It is vital to stay focused as your decisions could affect people's careers."

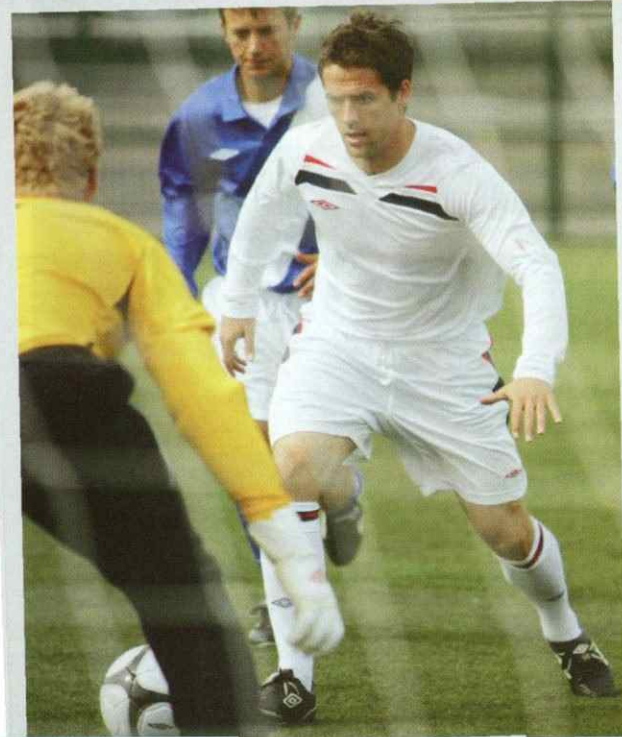
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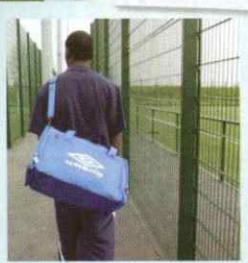
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youth match report:

Spalding Utd Youth 0 R&DFC Youth 7
Friday 9th April 2010
Sir Halley Stewart Field, Spalding Utd FC

Diamonds Youth Team came close to securing the Midland Division title with a 7-0 win against Spalding United, although the goals total should have been in double figures.

The game was virtually a one-way affair with Diamonds coming close to opening the scoring on numerous occasions. Aynsley McDonald, Liam Read, Elliot Dent, Anthony Stockman and Callum Earls all came close, while Nabil Shariff had a shot cleared off the line before having another effort tipped over the bar. Dan Easley also struck the bar but in added time, Morgan Phillips finally headed home from an Earls free kick.

Diamonds went further ahead 2 minutes into the second half when an Earls corner was nodded on by Phillips, and Read finished at far post. Both Shariff and Wilson struck the bar before Stockman made it three on 64 minutes.

McDonald also struck the woodwork before heading home another from an Earls corner, while the final ten

minutes saw Diamonds add another three goals. Shariff latched onto a through ball from Adam Sharpe, before Sharpe himself scored twice, first with a 20yard shot, and then poking home from close range.

With just two games remaining, they need 1 point to secure a place in the Championship Play Offs where the six Division champions enter a knock out competition.

Rushden & Diamonds: James Broadbent, Matt Evans (George Cox 57); Callum Earls; Connor Hayes (Adam Sharpe 57); Aynsley McDonald, Morgan Phillips; Liam Read, Elliot Dent, Nabil Shariff, Dan Easley (Lewis Wilson HT), Anthony Stockman.

Subs not used: Nil.

Goals: Morgan Phillips 45+1 (0-1), Liam Read 47 (0-2), Anthony Stockman 64 (0-3), Aynsley McDonald 73 (0-4), Nabil Shariff 82 (0-5), Adam Sharpe 84 (0-6), Adam Sharpe 87 (0-7).



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match report:

Mansfield Town 3 Rushden & Diamonds 2

Rushden & Diamonds unbeaten run ended in controversial fashion at Field Mill after they had twice taken the lead. After seeing three solid penalty claims for the Diamonds turned down, the Stags were awarded what looked the weakest claim of the night as the game entered injury time.



This was the 1000th game in the Diamonds history, and their performance deserved more from the game, which also ended their unbeaten record at Field Mill.

The first half belonged almost entirely to the Diamonds, as they completely dominated midfield, with ex-Diamonds Mills and Burgess looking well off the pace.

Louis found his way past Andy Nicholas to get a low cross that Aaron O'Connor couldn't quite reach, and then a Diamonds corner saw Curtis Osano find plenty of room for an unchallenged header that Alan Marriott pushed around the post. Another Louis cross went over Marriott, but dropped

narrowly over the bar. All three Diamonds strikers threatened to break through the shaky looking home defence, and it was no surprise to see the Diamonds take the lead after 16 minutes when Jefferson Louis picked up the ball near the centre circle and threaded a ball that dissected the home defence for Aaron O'Connor to run onto and fire home a well-hit low shot from just outside the area for his fourteenth goal of the season.

Pattison set up O'Connor for a chance on the half-hour mark that forced ex-Diamonds keeper Alan Marriott to make a fine save, and then Louis blazed over before a rare Stags attack saw Louis Briscoe tackled by the impressive Curtis Osano.

Further chances fell to Mark Byrne and Matt Pattison before half-time and it looked like that chance was to be from the penalty spot, as crosses from Mark Byrne was clearly handled on the edge of the six yard box by Gary Silk, but no penalty was awarded.

Half-Time: Mansfield Town 0 Rushden & Diamonds 1

After the Diamonds had dominated the first half, it was important that they continued in that vein in the second half. Unfortunately a routine long ball towards the left hand corner of the Diamonds half saw Jamie Stuart lay the ball back to Dale Roberts. Roberts wasn't in a position to kick upfield, so

passed it back to Stuart, but the skipper chose to take two touches, the second of which was intercepted by Kyle Perry, and he quickly passed to Jake Speight who fired past Roberts for the equaliser.

The Diamonds were still finding holes in the home defence, and one of the major controversies of the night came on the hour mark when Aaron O'Connor tricked his way past two defenders before hitting a shot that Marriott could

only parry. As Cliff Akurang went after the loose ball

there was clear contact with Marriott, but, rather than awarding what looked a clear penalty, referee Simpson booked Akurang for an alleged dive.

Shortly afterwards Sam Smith was brought on for Akurang, and within three minutes he had restored the Diamonds lead. Jefferson Louis had an



"assist" for the first Diamonds goal, and he had a part in the second when he worked a Mark Byrne pass into the path of Sam Smith, whose first touch took him past his marker, and his second fired the ball high into the net past Alan Marriott.

The Diamonds had their third solid penalty claim of the night waved away by the referee when another run by Aaron O'Connor was slowed by an attempted trip but the striker's attempts to keep on his feet allowed referee Simpson to wave away the claims.

The Diamonds were continuing to close down the ineffective Stags midfield, and they did this to such an effect they were forced to retreat all the way back to Marriott after an attack broke down midway into the Diamonds half. Marriott's long ball deceived Jamie Stuart, who could only deflect the ball into the path of the breaking Jake Speight who ran forwards and lobbed the advancing Roberts for the second equaliser.

Jefferson Louis had been supporting the Diamonds midfield all evening, but a challenge on Luke Foster in front of the dugout earned him a yellow card, and then a challenge on Briscoe saw referee Simpson decide to give him a second yellow card.

There was still time for the final controversy of the night, when Mark Byrne challenged Kyle Nix in the Diamonds box and referee Simpson pointed to the spot. After a delay Rob Duffy hit a penalty just to the left of centre of the goal that Roberts came close to stopping, but the Diamonds had seen their unbeaten run come to an end.

Full-Time: Mansfield Town 3 Rushden & Diamonds 2

Teams: Mansfield Town: Alan Marriott, Gary Mills, Scott Garner, Louis Briscoe, Luke Foster (Capt), Gary Silk (Stevie Istead 66), Jake Speight, Andy Nicholas, Kyle Perry (Rob Duffy 54), Kyle Nix, Andy Burgess

Subs Not Used: Neil Collett (GK), Matt Somner, Jon Shaw

Rushden & Diamonds: Dale Roberts, Shane Huke, Kurt Robinson, Jamie Stuart (Capt), Curtis Osano, Mark Byrne, Paul Terry, Matt Pattison (Max Porter 73), Aaron O'Connor, Jefferson Louis, Cliff Akurang (Sam Smith 68)

Subs Not Used: Joe Day (GK), Nicky McNamara, Jake Beecroft
Goals: O'Connor (0-1, 16mins), Speight (1-1, 48mins), Smith (1-2, 72mins), Speight (2-2 78mins), Duffy (pen, 3-2, 90mins)

Yellow Cards: Silk, Akurang, Istead, Louis, Duffy, Speight

Red Card: Louis (second yellow)

Referee: Jeremy Simpson

Attendance: 2031 (Away 178)

player profile

SAM SMITH



TEAM SUPPORTED?	Derby County	HOBBIES?	PS3, golf
BOOTS WORN?	Adidas Predator	FAVOURITE FILM?	The Patriot
MATCH RITUALS?	Wear short sleeve shirts	WHO'S WINNING THE PREMIERSHIP?	Chelsea
FAVOURITE PLAYER?	Alan Smith	DREAM WOMAN?	Ashleigh (my little teddy bear)
FAVOURITE CRISPS?	Monster Munch Pickled Onion	WHICH PREMIERSHIP PLAYER	Bendtner or Pavlyuchenko
FAVOURITE TAKEAWAY?	Indian	IS MOST LIKE YOU?	Determined, honest and friendly
NEWSPAPER READ?	Sun	THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOU?	Lewis Hamilton
FAVOURITE MAGAZINE?	Astronomy monthly or FHM	WHO WOULD YOU BE FOR 24HRS?	Twirl
FAVOURITE FOOD?	Steak and chips	FAVOURITE CHOCOLATE BAR?	Call of Duty
FAVOURITE COMEDIAN?	Michael MacIntyre	FAVOURITE CONSOLE GAME?	Car
FAVOURITE TV SHOW?	Outnumbered	MOST PRIZED POSSESSION?	My mum
FAVOURITE AFTERSHAVE?	Davidoff Coolwater	WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON A DESERT ISLAND WITH?	Boxers
PERSON YOU TRAVEL WITH?	Beeky	BLONDES/BRUNETTES?	Brunettes or any but ginger
LOUDEST MANAGER?	Garry Hill	FACEBOOK/TWITTER?	Facebook
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IF NOT A FOOTBALLER?	Astronomer		





sam smith



jake beecroft

youth team

Youth League Table & Recent Results 2009/2010

Conference Youth Alliance Midland Division League Table (14 April)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	20	16	2	2	79	13	+66	50
HITCHIN TOWN	19	13	2	4	67	22	+45	41
WATFORD HERTSWOOD	21	12	5	4	44	30	+14	41
BIRMINGHAM CITY WHITES*	19	12	2	5	62	25	+37	38
FOOTBALLCV REDS	19	10	3	6	36	28	+8	33
OXFORD CITY BLUES *	19	9	3	7	47	39	+8	30
OXFORD UNITED *	19	8	5	6	33	30	+3	26
BOSTON UNITED	22	7	4	11	34	49	-15	25
ST.ALBANS CITY	19	7	1	11	28	32	-4	22
WYCOMBE W'DRERSMSC	22	5	1	16	27	104	-77	16
IPSWICH TOWN CT	21	2	3	16	26	61	-35	9
SPALDING UNITED	20	2	3	15	16	66	-50	9

(* Birmingham City Whites unable to fulfil their fixture v Oxford City Blues on 10 March - 3 points awarded to Oxford City Blues)

(* Oxford United deducted 3 points for their 1-0 win at Wycombe Wanderers MSC on 3 February for fielding ineligible player)

Youth Players Given Pro-Contracts McDonald and Shariff

We are pleased to announce that Aynsley McDonald and Nabil Shariff have been given professional contracts for next season.

Eighteen year old Aynsley McDonald joined the Centre of Excellence in his Under 13 year. The defender played in the first team friendly in July 2009 against Spurs and made his debut against Stevenage in the Setanta Shield in November 2009. In the 2008/9 season he was called up to the Welsh Under-17 squad and played in the games against Turkey and Romania. He also played against Iceland in Wales pre season tour prior to this season and has recently been called up to their Under-19 training camps.

Aynsley has been on loan to Wingate & Finchley and Banbury United this season as well as work experience at Billericay Town. Shortly after his 18th birthday he was given a first team squad number for this season - number 29.

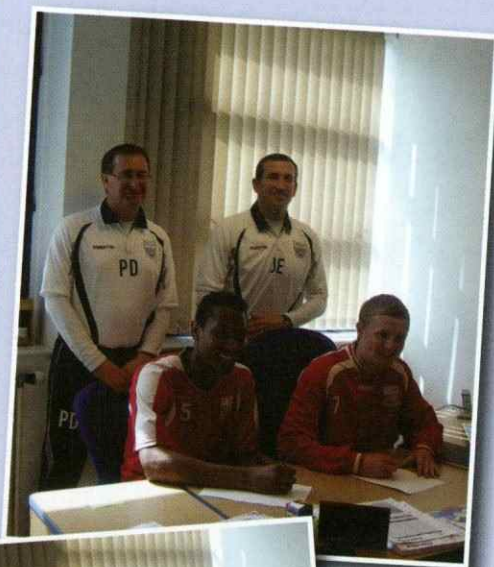
Seventeen year old Nabil Shariff joined the Centre of Excellence at the start of his Under 14 year. The striker made his senior debut in the NFA Hillier Senior Cup game against Rothwell Corinthians in November 2008 and also played against Daventry United in this season's Hillier Senior Cup.



He has an impressive scoring record this season for the youth team – scoring 25 goals so far and was loaned to Newport Pagnell earlier on in the season to gain senior experience as well as going on work experience to Banbury United in November.

Manager Justin Edinburgh commented – "They're both thoroughly deserved, both have made excellent progress throughout the course of the season.

Certainly the loan system has sped up their progress, Nabil going out to Banbury and Aynsley to Wingate & Finchley – we're delighted to be working with both of them next season."



player profile

JAKE BEEKY BEECROFT



TEAM SUPPORTED?	Spurs	LOUDEST MANAGER?	Kevin Wilson
BOOTS WORN?	CTR Nike	WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IF NOT A FOOTBALLER?	Accountant
FAVOURITE PLAYER?	Steven Gerrard	HOBBIES?	Films, X-Box (COD)
FAVOURITE CRISPS?	Walkers Worcester Sauce	FAVOURITE FILM?	Donkey Punch or Enter the Dragon
FAVOURITE TAKEAWAY?	Chinese	WHO'S WINNING THE PREMIERSHIP?	Chelsea
NEWSPAPER READ?	Sun	DREAM WOMAN?	Hayden Panettiere (Heroes)
FAVOURITE MAGAZINE?	Nuts and Zoo	WHICH PREMIERSHIP PLAYER IS MOST LIKE YOU?	J Sung Park
FAVOURITE FOOD?	Paella	THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE YOU?	Chinese, helpful and friendly
FAVOURITE COMEDIAN?	Lee Evans	WHO WOULD YOU BE FOR 24HRS?	Gerrard Butler
FAVOURITE TV SHOW?	League of their Own	FAVOURITE CHOCOLATE BAR?	Aero mint
FAVOURITE AFTERSHAVE?	Lacoste	FAVOURITE CONSOLE GAME?	Call of Duty
PERSON YOU TRAVEL WITH?	Smithy	MOST PRIZED POSSESSION?	Mobile phone
		WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON A DESERT ISLAND WITH?	Haden Panettiere and Smithy
		BOXERS/Y FRONTS/NONE?	None
		BLONDES/BRUNETTES?	Blondes
		FACEBOOK/TWITTER?	Facebook



match report:

Wrexham 0 Rushden & Diamonds 1

A much-changed Rushden & Diamonds showed great spirit and determination to defeat Wrexham at the Racecourse Ground.



The Diamonds goal came after 17 minutes when a Matt Pattison corner was flicked on to Aaron O'Connor at the far post, and his over the shoulder effort squeezed in from a very narrow angle. The main concern though, was the injury sustained by O'Connor in the second half, as he had to be stretchered from the field with a twisted ankle after being tripped by Aaron Brown. The Diamonds had to constantly reorganise in the second half, with Aynsley McDonald given his league debut as a substitute, after Joe Day was similarly given his first start, as the Diamonds held firm with a final back four of Porter, Huke, Osano and McDonald.

In front of a big crowd on a sunny afternoon in Wales the home side had the better of the early possession, but it was the Diamonds who created the first good chance, with a Matt Pattison cross being shielded back to Aaron O'Connor by Sam Smith, and the Diamonds skipper forced a good low save from keeper Maxwell.

Sam Smith had a run down the centre which forced another save from Maxwell before the Diamonds took the lead after 17 minutes. Mansour Assoumani fouled Cliff Akurang just inside the Wrexham half, and the Matt Pattison free-kick was deflected away for a corner. Pattison also took the kick, and it was knocked down by Curtis Osano towards the far post, to where Aaron O'Connor had made a clever run, and the Diamonds stand-in skipper flicked the ball over his shoulder and into the net despite the efforts of Maxwell and two defenders. O'Connor pointed to his captain's armband as he celebrated the opening goal.

The Diamonds had a scare at the other end when a corner from Mark Jones was fired towards goal by Mansour Assoumani but it was scrambled clear by Simon Downer, and as half-time approached a low ball across the area from Adrian Cieslewicz eluded everyone and went away for a goal kick.

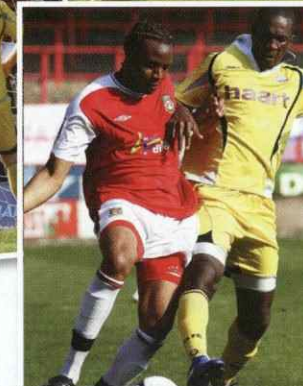
Half-Time: Wrexham 0 Rushden & Diamonds 1

The second half started with the Diamonds still looking the most likely to convert the chances

created, and Aaron O'Connor went close to scoring his 16th of the season when he showed excellent ball skills to bring an Akurang cross under control, but his shot was blocked.

With less than 10 minutes of the half gone, the Diamonds made their first change, with Aynsley McDonald making his league debut at right back, when Shane Huke moved to centre back to replace Simon Downer as the Diamonds management took the sensible step of bringing off Downer knowing that a second yellow card would mean a three match ban given his earlier dismissals this season. Huke was following up his impressive game at Mansfield with an assured performance at both right back and centre back. The Diamonds defence had several permutations during the half, as later on in the half Kurt Robinson was also replaced, he too having picked up an earlier yellow card. That meant McDonald moved to his more familiar position of left back, with Max Porter entering the action at right back.

After 56 minutes the Diamonds appeared to be denied what looked a certain penalty as he was clattered into by keeper Maxwell when about to "pull the trigger" on a shooting chance.



Referee Bond was not able to make a decision in the face of the protests of the home crowd behind the goal that Smith had exaggerated what looked like solid contact.

Just after the hour mark the Red Dragons won a corner on their left, with Aaron Brown forcing debutant McDonald to concede the kick. As happened several times, a poor corner was easily cleared, and Aaron O'Connor set off on a run with only Brown preventing him getting clear on goal. A very poor challenge from Brown saw O'Connor brought down, and he had to be stretchered from the field with an ankle injury. It was a surprise that Brown was only shown a yellow card, especially as this meant that such a poor challenge was equated with some fairly innocuous challenges that had earned yellow earlier.

Following O'Connor's injury Mark Byrne came on, and he was given a more forward role than usual, and his clever runs in the centre helped create more space on the flanks for Matt Pattison who was having one of his most impressive games for the club, after having started the game as the most experienced midfielder in the side. A Pattison cross from the left eluded the home defence, but Smith and Byrne appeared to get in each other's way in their eagerness to finish what looked an excellent chance. Byrne also went very close with a well-hit shot that shaved the left-hand post with Maxwell beaten.

The one real scare for debutant Joe Day in the second half occurred when he came to the edge of the area to clear up a loose ball, and some confusion with Huke and McDonald meant he knocked the ball towards striker Gareth Taylor, whose attempted lob towards an empty net went just over the bar. Aaron Brown had a couple of attempts on goal from outside the box during the half, but Day was able to watch them fly to safety in the empty terrace behind his goal.

The game ended after six minutes of added time, with the home fans rather disgruntled, despite the fact they had gained admission for free.

Full-Time: Wrexham 0 Rushden & Diamonds 1

Teams:

Wrexham: Chris Maxwell, Curtis Obeng, Mansour Assoumani, Ashley Westwood (Capt), Adrian Cieslewicz (Wes Baynes 77), Mark Jones (Silvio Spann 63), Kristian O'Leary, Christian Smith, Aaron Brown, Gareth Taylor (Matty Wolfenden 80), Andy Mangan.

Subs Not Used: Sam Russell (GK), Kai Edwards

Rushden & Diamonds: Joe Day, Shane Huke, Kurt Robinson (Max Porter 79), Simon Downer (Aynsley McDonald 54), Curtis Osano, Nicky McNamara, Jake Beecroft, Matt Pattison, Aaron O'Connor (Capt) (Mark Byrne 63), Sam Smith, Cliff Akurang

Subs Not Used: Dale Roberts (GK), Jamie Stuart

Goal: Aaron O'Connor (17mins)

Yellow Cards: Obeng, Downer, Robinson, McNamara, Brown

Referee: Darren Bond (Lancs)

Attendance: 5672

Diamonds Man of the Match: Curtis Osano

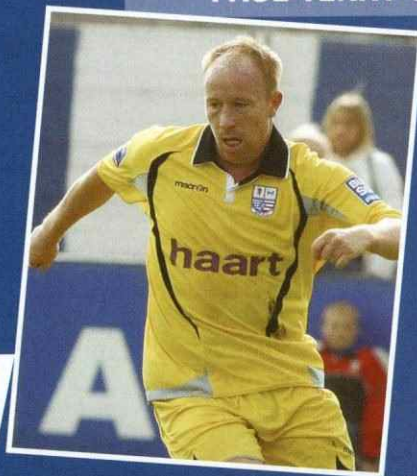


player quiz

SIMON DOWNER 5



PAUL TERRY 8

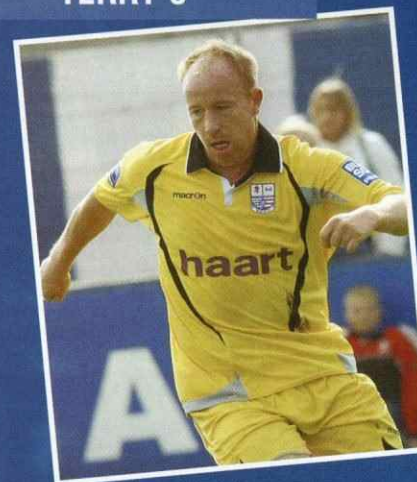


SEMI FINAL

- In which children's film will find the character Lenny "Ienford" the Binoculars?
A. Toy Story Downer: Toy Story Terry: Toy Story
- Who is missing in this sequence of England managers Taylor, Venables, Hoodle,...?..., Keegan?
A. Howard Wilkinson Downer: Wilkinson Terry: Wilkinson
- If you were travelling at 50MPH what would you be travelling at in KPH?
A. 80 Downer: 60 Terry: 80
- Who recently replaced David Tennant as Dr Who?
A. Matt Smith Downer: No idea Terry: Pass
- What internet error code number appears on a computer screen to indicate that a web page cannot be found?
A. 404 Downer: 0032 Terry: Don't know
- What country won the 2009 Eurovision Song Contest?
A. Norway Downer: Czech Terry: Norway
- Who in 2009 became Britain's first individual diving world Champion?
A. Tom Daley Downer: The young kid Terry: Tom Daley
- What street dance group won the 2009 Britain's Got Talent show?
A. Diversity Downer: Diversity Terry: Diversity
- Who is England's most capped outfield player?
A. David Beckham Downer: Beckham Terry: Beckham
- In 2009 the Bloodgate rugby scandal centred on which club?
A. Harlequins Downer: Harlequins Terry: Harlequins

player quiz

TERRY 8



COUSINS 9



FINAL

- In what sport do players tap and guard their balls?
A. Bowls Terry: Basketball Cousins: Curling
- What is the official national sport of Bulgaria?
A. Weightlifting Terry: Football Cousins: Weightlifting
- Which famous footballer was known as the fifth Beatle?
A. George Best Terry: George Best Cousins: George Best
- What is the most northerly city to have staged a World Cup Final?
A. Stockholm 1958 Terry: Stockholm Cousins: Stockholm
- Who did Leon Smith recently replace as Britain's Davis Cup captain?
A. John Lloyd Terry: John Lloyd Cousins: John Lloyd
- Peterborough Panthers are associated with which sport?
A. Speedway Terry: Speedway Cousins: Speedway
- Which player traditionally throws the ball in at a Rugby Union line out?
A. Hooker Terry: Hooker Cousins: Hooker
- In which sport is it forbidden to play left handed?
A. Polo Terry: Polo Cousins: Polo
- Who bit a chunk out of Evander Holyfield's ear in 1997?
A. Mike Tyson Terry: Mike Tyson Cousins: Mike Tyson
- At which stadium will the 2010 UEFA Europa League Final be held?
A. HSH Nordbank B. Terry: Nordbank Cousins: Hamburg
Arena, Hamburg Arena, Hamburg



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IN THE NEWS

Welcome back to Nene Park for today's game.



After the final whistle there will be presentations from myself and PW House Jewellers of Rushden to the top three in our player-of-the-season awards.

It's no surprise that first prize goes to Lee Tomlin. Indeed it's a shock to still see him as part of the Rushden & Diamonds squad because everyone expected him to move during the January transfer window.

This term Tomlin has developed his game with more goals to add to the creativity, which has produced plenty of assists. Last year he finished third and collected a hat-trick of monthly honours. Now he deserves extra credit for the consistency of his performances.

The runner-up is captain Jamie Stuart who has led by example at the heart of the Diamonds defence.

Third place goes to midfielder Max Porter to reward his displays just ahead of several other candidates which shows how well the whole squad have done to reach the play-offs.

We should also appreciate the fantastic efforts of Justin Edinburgh and his backroom staff for securing a top-five finish in the Blue Square Premier.

It has been an extra-special time for Diamonds with the 1,000th first-team fixture and today's Evening Telegraph includes a supplement to celebrate this landmark occasion.

Don't miss your copy featuring exclusive interviews with Roger Ashby, Darren Collins, Ray Warburton, Duane Darby and much more.

Log on to www.northantsnet.co.uk after today's game for a full report and don't miss Monday's Evening Telegraph for all the reaction. As always, we will have all the latest news and views plus analysis and photographs.

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Supporter's Trust

Good Afternoon and welcome to the last game of the league Season.



Thank-you

A big thank-you must go to Justin, the players and all the backroom staff that have made it such an enjoyable season, as well as all the volunteers who have helped to keep the Club going throughout the season during difficult financial times.

Trust Membership Renewal

I would like remind members that membership renewals are due at the end of May and to encourage all our supporters to join or rejoin the Trust for the coming year. Existing members will receive their renewal form in the post soon.

The Chairman has already made clear that continued support from the Trust and its members, has never been more important to the future success of the Club, so please do renew your membership. Forms are available now from the Club Shop, Trust Cabin or to download from the Trust page on the Club website.

Trust membership benefits include:

Rushden & Diamonds FC again offering a discount to trust members for 2010/2011 Season Tickets purchased before the 1st May and who are Trust members for 2010/2011 upon collection in July, while the Club Shop also offers 10% discount to trust members on all purchases.

A & J Sectional Buildings Ltd offer any Trust member purchasing a building from their site off Denington Road, Wellingborough a 7.5% percent discount on production of a valid Supporters Trust membership card. A & J Sectional Buildings will also make a donation to the Supporters Trust for every discount claimed.

Terry Alexander Mobile Phone Installations offers all Trust members 10% discount on all car kits and installations.

Haart Estate Agents in Rushden also offer a range of special discounts and benefits for Trust members

Fundraising:

The fundraising volunteers will again busy between now and the start of next season take part in a wide range of summer events. Anyone wishing to help out or in taking part should contact myself on 07974097002. We will be announcing the dates of next seasons Quiz and Race nights as soon as the fixture list is published.

The Diamond Draw lottery with all profits going to supporting the RDFC youth programme has already seen over £3200 paid out in prizes. The next draw will held on Friday 29th May with a 1st prize of over £100.00 and the draw will continue throughout the Summer. Application forms are available now from the Club Shop.

Sponsor a goal for next season:

Simply pledge an amount for every first team goal scored up until the end of the season and you will not only help raise valuable funds for the Club but also hopefully spur the boys on in what will be an exciting season. Pick-up a sponsorship form today from the Club Shop or the Supporters Trust Cabin.

Stadium Summer Maintenance.

Thank you to all the Trust members who have or who are continuing to assist with helping to maintain our facilities at Nene Park throughout the season. We currently need extra people to help with the clean up after matches. Simply go to the Control Room corner of the South Stand after the game if you are able to help. All equipment is provided and the more of us there are the quicker the clean up is.

With the close season fast approaching the Trust will again be helping with the maintenance and cleaning at Nene Park. If you are able to spare any time to help then please contact Glenis Haynes on 07870332606. Alternatively, there is a regular maintenance team on site on Friday mornings from 9.30am who would love to see you!

I hope you all enjoy the game, and continue to support the Trust to support your Club.

Warren Barber // Board Member
Rushden & Diamonds Supporters Trust

Stoney's Tutorial



This is a quick and easy session to get started when you may only have one goal or one goalkeeper at your disposal

How do I organise the session?

Mark out an area that starts along the penalty spot and moves outside the penalty box. Players are divided into one team of 7 (red) and one team of 5 (blue). The red players, as shown in the diagram, have one target player on the outside at either end of the grid. The red team should have a restriction on the number of touches they are allowed to take when in possession of the ball.



So how does the session work?

The goal of the red team is to try and pass the ball from their target player at one end of the grid to the target player at the opposite end without any blue player intercepting. If a blue player wins possession of the ball then his objective is to try and score or set up a team-mate to shoot at the main goal. If the blue team score then play is re-started by the coach from the back of the grid. Red players are allowed to try and re-gain possession of the ball.

Can I move from this session into a shooting exercise?

Mark out two triangles on the corner edges of the penalty box. Players are divided into 3's. Player A passes to Player B, Player B passes to C and C sets up Player A who has made a run around B to cross the ball. As soon as Players B and C have touched the ball, they make runs into the penalty box to attack the incoming cross. Players rotate positions and switch to opposite triangle.

What should I be looking to coach?

Quality of passes and crosses (low ball across near post or high ball to far post); Timing of runs; Decision-making when shooting and quality of shots;



Have any questions about this session or any of the previous tutorials or have a general coaching question then please e-mail tutorial@rd-fc.co.uk

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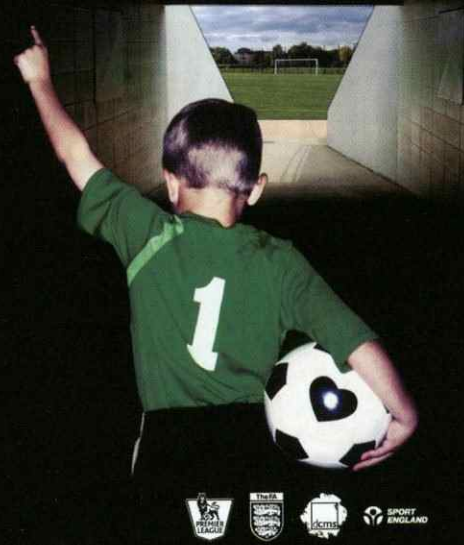
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DIAMOND LEAGUE REPORT



The league tables have an untidy look to them as we should have had nine complete weeks of football.

Two teams have backed out of the indoor league, which has meant the table has had to be adjusted. We can fill those two indoor spaces now if anyone wants to join. It is a 5-a-side competition with squads of up to 15 players and has a league and cup set-up officiated by NFA officials.

Last year's indoor league winners and runners up are even tighter this term. They have now met three times (they play each other once more) and all have been draws – quite amazing. They have both beaten all other opposition with AFC Streetwise gaining a better goal difference but Real Sports defence remains the tighter. There is a similar battle for third place between Rippers FC and Hardly Athletic and both play some good football. NFC pick up points here and there but We Ain't No Kop rarely do but credit to them for turning up each week and they are improving.

Contact Ken Dobbs on 07921 368756 if you wish to enter a team.

DIAMOND LEAGUE 2009/10 IN ASSOCIATION WITH SPORTSFORM AUTUMN/WINTER LEAGUE

INDOOR LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
AFC STREETWISE	28	25	3	0	168	36	132	78
AS REAL SPORTS	28	24	3	1	154	38	116	75
HARDLY ATHLETIC	28	15	4	9	104	72	32	49
RIPPERS FC	28	13	5	10	82	67	15	44
NFC	28	10	4	14	72	83	-11	34
TURVEY'S TIGERS	28	6	2	20	45	101	-56	20
WE'RE NO KOP	28	4	2	22	43	151	-108	14
ADAM'S APPLE FC	28	3	1	24	31	151	-120	10

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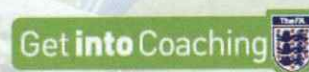


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Diamonds players model new kit. New kit for playoffs



Five of the Rushden & Diamonds First Team Squad were at Nene Park today modelling the new R&DFC kit. The new strip will be worn during at least one of the Diamonds playoff games, and is intended to become the away strip next season.

The kit is available from the Club Shop, and fans buying the replica kit during April will have the option of including the Haart logo (as will be displayed during the playoff games), or leaving the sponsor's name blank and then having next season's sponsors (details to be confirmed) printed on the shirt when it is announced, in time for the start of next season.



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Player stats as of 20th April 2010

	TOTAL APPS	TOTAL LEAG	TOTAL GOALS	09/10 APP	09/10 LEAG	09/10 FAC	09/10 FAT	09/10 CC	09/10 GOALS
NATHAN ABBEY (#)	13	10	=	13	10	3	0	0	=
JACK AINSLEY (#)	2	1	0	1(1)	0(1)	0	0	1	0
BOBBY AISIEN (#)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
CLIFF AKURANG	34	32	8	16(18)	16(16)	0(1)	0(1)	0	8
GEORGE ARTEMI	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
JAKE BEECROFT	38	30	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
MARK BYRNE	44	39	5	39(5)	35(4)	2(1)	2	0	5
MICHAEL CORCORAN	90	76	6	25(2)	22(2)	2	1	0	4
NEIL COUSINS	30	28	2	6(4)	4(4)	2	0	0	1
GEORGE COX	4	0	0	0(2)	0	0	0	0(2)	0
JOE DAY	5	1	=	2	1	0	0	1	=
SIMON DOWNER	51	46	1	31(3)	26(3)	2	1	2	1
DAN EASLEA	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
MATT EVANS	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
CRAIG FARRELL	45	40	13	31(14)	26(14)	3	2	0	13
LEWIS HALLFORD	3	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0
CONNOR HAVES	2	0	0	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
JACK HIGGINS (#)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEWIS HILLIARD	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHANE HUKU	6	6	0	4(2)	4(2)	0	0	0	0
JEFFERSON LOUIS	25	23	7	20(5)	19(4)	0	1(1)	0	7
AVNSLEY MCDONALD	6	1	0	1(1)	0(1)	0	0	1	0
JAMIE MCGUINNESS	10	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
NICKY MCNAMARA	18	15	3	9(4)	7(3)	0(1)	0	2	3
DANNY MILLS (#)	4	1	0	1(3)	0(1)	0(2)	0	1	0
AARON O'CONNOR	42	38	15	33(9)	29(9)	3	1	0	15
CURTIS OSANO	146	121	1	43(2)	38(2)	3	2	0	0
MATT PATTISON	29	24	2	17(12)	16(8)	0(3)	0(1)	1	2
MAX PORTER	47	42	4	38(9)	33(9)	3	2	0	4
JAMES REID (#)	14	11	3	6(8)	4(7)	0(1)	0	2	3
DALE ROBERTS	93	79	=	35	32	0	2	1	=
KURT ROBINSON	66	60	1	44(1)	39(1)	3	2	0	0
NABIL SHARIF	4	0	0	1(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	0
SEAN SHIELDS (#)	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1(1)	0
SAM SMITH	73	60	11	3(16)	2(16)	0	0	1	2
JAMIE STUART	44	40	4	44	40	2	2	0	4
PAUL TERRY	34	30	2	32(2)	28(2)	2	2	0	2
WES THOMAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEE TOMLIN	193	156	38	38(1)	33(1)	3	2	0	15
ROB WOLLEASTON	63	57	9	9(9)	8(8)	0	0(1)	1	1

* SUBSTITUTE APPEARANCES FOR THIS SEASON SHOWN IN BRACKETS.
NO LONGER WITH THE CLUB.

Form Guide Last 6 games - 20 April 2010)

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	FORM	POS
STEVENAGE BOROUGH	5	0	1	9	1	15	WWWWWL	1
SALISBURY CITY	5	0	1	13	5	15	WWWLWL	13
LUTON TOWN	4	2	0	18	4	14	DWDWWW	2
OXFORD UNITED	4	1	1	6	2	13	WWDWWL	3
YORK CITY	4	1	1	16	5	13	DWLWWW	5
RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	3	2	1	10	5	11	WLWDDW	4
TAMWORTH	3	2	1	10	7	11	WLDWWD	16
BARROW	3	1	2	8	7	10	WLWLDW	15
CRAWLEY TOWN	3	1	2	6	6	10	DWLLWW	7
FOREST GREEN ROVERS	3	0	3	7	7	9	WWLLWL	19
EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	3	0	3	10	12	9	LWLWLW	20
WREXHAM	2	2	2	5	4	8	LLWDWD	12
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	2	1	3	8	8	7	WDLWLL	10
EBBSFLEET UNITED	2	0	4	8	15	6	WLWLLL	22
KETTERING TOWN	1	3	2	8	9	6	DWDLDL	6
AFC WIMBLEDON	2	0	4	4	12	6	LLWLLW	8
GRAYS ATHLETIC	1	2	3	3	13	5	DWLLDL	23
HAYES & YEADING	1	2	3	7	12	5	LDLWLW	17
KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	1	2	3	6	8	5	LLDWLD	11
MANSFIELD TOWN	1	1	4	7	11	4	LWLLLD	9
ALTRINCHAM	1	1	4	5	10	4	LDLWLW	14
GATESHEAD	1	1	4	3	7	4	LLLDWL	21
HISTON	0	2	4	5	13	2	LLLDLD	18

* MOST RECENT GAME SHOWN FIRST.

LEAGUE TABLE WITH DIAMONDS RESULTS - 20 APRIL 2010

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	H	A
1 STEVENAGE BOROUGH (P)	43	29	9	5	78	24	54	96	1-0	1-2
2 LUTON TOWN	43	26	9	8	83	38	44	87	2-0	2-0
3 OXFORD UNITED	43	25	11	7	64	30	34	86	1-1	0-1
4 RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	43	22	12	9	76	38	38	78	XX	XX
5 YORK CITY	43	22	12	9	62	34	28	78	0-1	0-0
6 KETTERING TOWN	43	18	12	13	51	39	12	66	0-0	3-0
7 CRAWLEY TOWN	44	19	9	16	50	57	-7	66	1-1	1-2
8 AFC WIMBLEDON	43	18	10	15	61	46	15	64	0-1	1-0
9 MANSFIELD TOWN	43	17	10	16	66	57	9	61	1-0	2-3
10 CAMBRIDGE UNITED	43	14	14	14	63	53	10	56	1-1	2-2
11 KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	43	15	11	17	54	49	5	56	2-1	1-1
12 WREXHAM	43	14	13	16	44	39	5	55	0-0	1-0
13 SALISBURY CITY *	43	20	5	18	56	63	-7	55	0-2	3-1
14 ALTRINCHAM	43	13	15	15	53	49	4	54	0-1	2-2
15 BARROW	43	13	12	18	48	65	-17	51	4-1	6-1
16 TAMWORTH	43	11	16	16	39	48	-9	49	3-2	1-0
17 HAYES & YEADING UTD	43	12	12	19	59	84	-25	48	2-1	6-1
18 HISTON	43	11	12	20	42	65	-23	45	2-1	1-0
19 FOREST GREEN ROVERS	43	12	9	22	49	74	-25	45	4-2	0-1
20 EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	43	10	13	20	41	72	-31	43	2-0	1-1
21 GATESHEAD *	43	12	7	24	45	69	-24	42	8-0	0-0
22 EBBSFLEET UNITED	43	11	8	24	46	79	-33	41	2-0	0-0
23 GRAYS ATHLETIC * (R)	43	4	13	26	33	90	-57	23	5-4	3-0

SALISBURY CITY DOCKED 10 POINTS FOR ENTERING ADMINISTRATION
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For this current '09-'10 campaign, it's been both a very entertaining and competitive season for Diamonds, with the playoffs still to come. And likewise again, it's been another great season for Radio Diamonds! We've had full match commentary for every home game. We regularly attend the Diamonds' weekly "press day" on Thursdays to get

management and player interviews previewing the upcoming match on Saturday. Also, on game days, we have guests joining us in the studio, both before and after the Diamonds match. Recent guests have included the Youth Team manager, Paul Driver and Club Physio, Simon Parsell. And, hopefully today, we'll have the chairman, Keith Cousins, joining us to give his third annual end of the season "State of the Diamonds" address.

Many thanks to all of our dedicated volunteer staff of Radio Diamonds: Old Pete, Dean, Jamie, Bruce, Philip, Young Pete, Susie, Colin, Laura, and Nigel. And thanks for the continued backing of the Rushden & Diamonds Supporters Trust. And most of all, a big shout out for all of our faithful listeners to Radio Diamonds!

So, don't forget...Radio Diamonds is here for you on game day at 1503 am. Also, you can listen to us on the internet at www.radiodiamonds.co.uk. And, hey, like everything else these days, we now even have our very own listing on Wikipedia!

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- 11 Apr 10 - Norwich City FC (East Anglia)
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- 22 May 10 - Leicester City FC (Midlands)
- 29 May 10 - MK Dons FC (Buckinghamshire)
- 31 May 10 - West Ham United FC (London)
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Thursday 29th April 2010 - Kick Off 7.45pm
Blue Square Premier Playoff Semi Final 1st Leg

R&DFC v Luton Town OR Oxford United



Nene Park

Prices will be: Adults Standing/Seating: £14/£17

Concessions(60+, Students) Standing/Seating: £9/£12 Under 16s: £6 (all areas) Under 8s: Free (all areas)

This game will be an ALL PAY and ALL TICKET fixture - as things stand there will be no tickets sold on the day and no admission by cash on the turnstiles on the day. South Stand Season Ticket holders' seats are reserved for this game, provided they are purchased before 5.00pm Wednesday 28th April.

The South Stand and De Banke Terraces will be available for Rushden & Diamonds fans.

Tickets are currently on sale to Season Ticket holders, Trust members and holders of tickets for today's fixture.

Tickets will go on general sale to fans on our ticket system on Monday 26th April. Fans must be on our ticket database, or have proof of attending R&DFC games in order to purchase tickets.

Monday 3rd May 2010 - Kick Off 3.00pm
Blue Square Premier Playoff Semi Final 2nd Leg

Luton Town/Oxford United v R&DFC



Kassam Stadium(OX4 4XP)/Kenilworth Road(LU4 8AW)

Admissions

TO BE ANNOUNCED

If we are drawn against Luton Town, then Rushden & Diamonds have been allocated 1,500 seats in the Oak Road Stand.

If we are drawn against Oxford United, then we will be allocated 1,192 seats (plus an extra 117 if needed) in the North Stand.

LUTON Directions to Kenilworth Stadium: Take A45 and then the M1 South, Exit the M1 at Junction 11 (A505/Luton Central), Take the A505 (Dunstable Road) heading to Luton. At the Hatters Way retail park roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Chaul End Lane. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Hatter's Way (A5065), after a short way the ground is on the left, although not accessible from this road, at the end of Hatters Way bear left and try to find some street parking (most of the area immediately around the ground is residents only so you may have to travel a way to find some parking)

OR

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Rushden & Diamonds Match by Match Analysis- 2009/2010



DATE	KO	VENUE	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT	ATT						
August												
Sat 8	15:00	H	Salisbury City	BSQP	0-2	1272	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downes	McNamara
Tue 11	19:45	A	York City	BSQP	0-0	2267	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Corcoran	Porter
Sat 15	15:00	A	Eastbourne B	BSQP	1-1	941	Roberts	Osano	Corcoran	Stuart	Downer	Cousins
Tue 18	19:45	H	Hayes&Yeading	BSQP	2-1	1059	Roberts	Osano	Corcoran	Stuart	Downer	Cousins
Sat 22	15:00	H	Forest Green	BSQP	4-2	1056	Roberts	Osano	Corcoran	Stuart	Downer	Pattison
Sat 29	15:00	A	Stevenage	BSQP	2-1	1704	Roberts	Osano	Corcoran	Stuart	Downer	Pattison
Mon 31	15:00	H	Cambridge	BSQP	1-1	2344	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Stuart 1	Downer	Pattison
September												
Sat 5	15:00	A	Barrow	BSQP	1-6	1089	Roberts	Porter	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Pattison 1
Tue 8	19:45	A	Ebbsfleet	BSQP	0-0	863	Roberts	Porter	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Pattison
Sat 12	15:00	H	Grays Athletic	BSQP	5-4	1192	Roberts	Porter	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Pattison 1
Sat 19	15:00	H	Mansfield Town	BSQP	1-0	1822	Abbey	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Pattison
Tue 22	19:45	A	Gateshead	BSQP	0-0	409	Abbey	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Pattison
Sat 26	15:00	A	Crawley Town	BSQP	2-1	925	Abbey	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Pattison
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Wimbledon	BSQP	0-1	1824	Abbey	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Pattison
October												
Sat 3	15:00	H	Altrincham	BSQP	0-1	1168	Abbey	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	O'Connor
Sat 17	15:00	H	Tamworth	BSQP	3-2	1313	Abbey	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Cousins
Sat 24	15:00	A	Workington	FAC4Q	0-3	724	Abbey	Corcoran 2	Robinson	Osano	Downer	Cousins
Sat 31	15:00	A	Luton Town	BSQP	0-2	7101	Abbey	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Cousins
November												
Sat 7	15:00	H	Hinckley Utd	FACR1	2-1	1540	Abbey	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne 1
Sat 14	15:00	H	Histon	BSQP	2-1	1126	Abbey	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Sat 21	15:00	A	Salisbury City	BSQP	1-3	840	Abbey	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Tue 24	19:45	A	Cambridge United	BSQP	2-2	2612	Abbey	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Sat 28	15:00	H	Brighton	FACR2	3-2	3638	Abbey	Downer	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Cousins
December												
Tue 1	19:45	H	York City	BSQP	0-1	1117	Roberts	Downer	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Sat 5	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers	BSQP	1-0	755	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Sat 12	15:00	H	Billericay Town	FAT1	1-0	696	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Mon 28	15:00	H	Kidderminster	BSQP	2-1	1425	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Porter	Stuart	Downer
January												
Tue 19	19:45	A	Workington	FAT2	1-2	252	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Byrne
Sat 23	15:00	H	Barrow	BSQP	4-1	1134	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Stuart 1	Downer	Byrne
Tue 26	15:00	H	Wrexham	BSQP	0-0	960	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Byrne
Sat 30	15:00	A	Hayes&Yeading	BSQP	1-6	377	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Stuart 1	Downer	Byrne
February												
Tue 9	19:45	H	Eastbourne Borough	BSQP	2-0	1038	Roberts	Corcoran 1	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Byrne
Sat 13	15:00	H	Stevenage Borough	BSQP	1-0	1923	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Byrne
Tue 16	19:45	A	Oxford United	BSQP	1-0	7625	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Byrne
Sat 27	12:00	H	Kettering Town	BSQP	0-0	2998	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Byrne
March												
Wed 3	19:45	A	Histon	BSQP	0-1	583	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Osano	Downer	Byrne
Sat 6	15:00	A	Tamworth	BSQP	0-1	1016	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Osano	Downer	Byrne
Sat 13	15:00	H	Gateshead	BSQP	8-0	1414	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart 1	Downer 1	Byrne 1
Sat 20	15:00	A	Altrincham	BSQP	2-2	1035	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Wed 24	19:45	H	Oxford United	BSQP	0-0	2970	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Sat 27	15:00	A	AFC Wimbledon	BSQP	0-1	3640	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Tue 30	19:45	A	Kettering Town	BSQP	0-3	2031	Roberts	Corcoran	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne 1
April												
Fri 2	19:45	H	Crawley Town	BSQP	1-1	1703	Roberts	Huke	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Mon 5	15:00	A	Kidderminster	BSQP	1-1	1463	Roberts	Huke	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Wolleaston
Sat 10	15:00	H	Ebbsfleet United	BSQP	2-0	1440	Roberts	Osano	Robinson	Stuart	Downer	Byrne
Tue 13	19:45	A	Mansfield Town	BSQP	3-2	2031	Roberts	Huke	Robinson	Stuart	Osano	Byrne
Sat 17	15:00	A	Wrexham	BSQP	0-1	5672	Day	Huke	Robinson	Downer	Osano	McNamara
Sat 24	15:00	H	Luton Town	BSQP								

DATE	KO	VENUE	OPPONENTS	COMP	RESULT	ATT						
August												
Wolleaston	Tomlin	O'Connor	Akurang	Reid	Farrell	Smith	Porter	Cousins	Corcoran			
Wolleaston	Tomlin	O'Connor	Farrell	Cousins	Reid	Akurang	McNamara	Pattison	Byrne			
Reid	Porter	Wolleaston	O'Connor	Farrell	Akurang 1	Tomlin	McNamara	Pattison	Byrne			
Tomlin 1	Porter	Wolleaston	O'Connor	Akurang	Farrell 1	Reid	McNamara	Cousins	Byrne			
Tomlin	Porter	Byrne 1	Farrell 1	Akurang 1	O'Connor 1	Reid	McNamara	Cousins	Beecroft			
Tomlin	Porter	Byrne	O'Connor	Akurang 1	Farrell	Smith	Reid	Cousins	Beecroft			
Tomlin	Porter	Byrne	O'Connor	Akurang	Farrell	Smith	Reid	Cousins	Aisien			
September												
Tomlin	Terry	Byrne	Farrell 2	Akurang 1	O'Connor	Reid 1	Cousins 1	Smith	Aisien			
Tomlin	Terry	Byrne	Farrell	Akurang	Smith	Reid	O'Connor	Cousins	Aisien			
Tomlin 2	Terry	Byrne	Farrell	O'Connor	Akurang 1	Reid 1	Corcoran	Cousins	Smith			
Tomlin	Terry	Byrne	Farrell	O'Connor	Akurang 1	Reid	Porter	Cousins	Roberts			
Tomlin	Porter	Byrne	Farrell	Akurang	Smith	Reid	Corcoran	Cousins	Roberts			
Reid	Terry	Byrne	Farrell 1	Akurang	Smith	Corcoran	Porter	Cousins	Roberts			
Reid	Terry	Byrne	Farrell	Akurang	Smith	Corcoran	Porter	Cousins	Roberts			
October												
Pattison	Terry	Byrne	Farrell	Akurang	Smith	Reid	Porter	Cousins	Roberts			
Tomlin 2	Terry	Porter	Farrell	Akurang	O'Connor 1	Pattison	Byrne	Smith	Roberts			
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	Farrell	O'Connor 1	Mills	Pattison	Byrne	Smith	Roberts	Aisien	Reid	
Tomlin 1	Terry	Porter	Farrell	O'Connor	Akurang	Pattison	Byrne 1	Mills	Roberts			
November												
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	Farrell	O'Connor 1	Mills	Reid	Pattison	McNamara	Roberts	McGuinness	Ainsley	
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	Farrell	Louis	Akurang 2	Mills	Pattison	Downer	Roberts			
Pattison	Terry 1	Porter	Farrell	Akurang	O'Connor 2	Cousins	Downer	McNamara	Roberts			
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	O'Connor	Louis	Farrell	Akurang	Downer	Cousins	Roberts			
Tomlin 1	Byrne	Porter	Farrell	O'Connor 1	McNamara	Pattison	Akurang	Corcoran	Roberts	Smith	Ainsley	
December												
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	O'Connor	Louis	Akurang	Ainsley	Farrell	Pattison	Day			
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	O'Connor	Louis	Pattison	Farrell	Akurang	Ainsley	Day			
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	O'Connor 1	Farrell	Pattison	Akurang	Louis	Ainsley	Day			
O'Connor	Farrell	Tomlin 2	Byrne	Terry	Wolleaston	Day	Akurang	Louis	Matthews			
January												
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	Farrell 1	Louis	Wolleaston	Pattison	Corcoran	McNamara	Day			
Tomlin	Terry	Wolleaston	Farrell 1	Louis 2	Porter	Pattison	Smith	Corcoran	Day			
Tomlin	Terry	Wolleaston	Farrell	Louis	Porter	O'Connor	Smith	Corcoran	Day			
Tomlin 1	Terry	Porter	O'Connor 1	Louis	Wolleaston	Farrell 2	Corcoran	Smith	Day			
February												
Farrell	Terry	Porter	O'Connor	Louis 1	Wolleaston	McNamara	Smith	Pattison	Day			
Farrell	Terry	Porter	O'Connor	Louis	Wolleaston 1	Akurang	Smith	Osano	Day			
Tomlin	Terry	Wolleaston	O'Connor	Louis	Porter	Farrell	Akurang	Day				
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	O'Connor	Louis	Farrell	Akurang	Pattison	Corcoran	Day			
March												
Tomlin 1	McNamara	Porter	O'Connor	Louis	Farrell	Akurang	Pattison	Smith	Day			
Tomlin	Pattison	Porter 1	O'Connor	Louis	Smith	Akurang	Farrell	McDonald	Day			
Tomlin 1	Terry	Porter 1	O'Connor	Louis 2	Smith	Farrell 1	Osano	Pattison	Day			
Tomlin	Terry 1	Porter 1	Farrell	Louis	O'Connor	Pattison	Akurang	Smith	Day			
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	Farrell	Louis	O'Connor	Akurang	Downer	Pattison	Day			
Tomlin	McNamara	Porter	Farrell 1	O'Connor	Louis	Huke	Akurang	Wolleaston	Day			
Tomlin 1	McNamara	Porter	Farrell 1	O'Connor	Huke	Louis	Wolleaston	Thomas	Day			
April												
Tomlin 1	McNamara	Porter	Farrell	Louis	Wolleaston	O'Connor	Terry	Akurang	Day			
O'Connor	McNamara	Porter 1	Smith	Akurang	Downer	Terry	Louis	Pattison	Byrne			
Tomlin	Terry	Porter	Farrell	O'Connor 2	Wolleaston	Smith	Akurang	Huke	Day			
O'Connor 1	Terry	Pattison	Louis	Akurang	Smith	Porter	Beecroft	McNamara	Day			
Beecroft	O'Connor 1	Pattison	Smith	Akurang	Byrne	Porter	McDonald	Stuart	Roberts			



Saturday 24th April 2010
v Luton Town FC // Kick Off: 3.00pm



Rushden & Diamonds

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- 2 CURTIS OSANO
- 3 KURT ROBINSON
- 4 MAX PORTER
- 5 JAMIE STUART
- 6 SIMON DOWNER
- 7 AARON O'CONNOR
- 8 ROB WOLLEASTON
- 9 CRAIG FARRELL
- 10 LEE TOMLIN
- 11 WES THOMAS
- 12 NEIL COUSINS
- 13 JOE DAY
- 14 NICK MCNAMARA
- 15 JAKE BEECROFT
- 16 MICHAEL CORCORAN
- 17 JAMIE MCGUINNESS
- 18 MATT PATTISON
- 19 SAM SMITH
- 20 MARK BYRNE
- 21 LEWIS HILLIARD
- 22 SHANE HUKU
- 24 PAUL TERRY
- 25 CLIFF AKURANG
- 27 JEFFERSON LOUIS
- 29 AINSLEY MCDONALD

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