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by JASON MCGILL

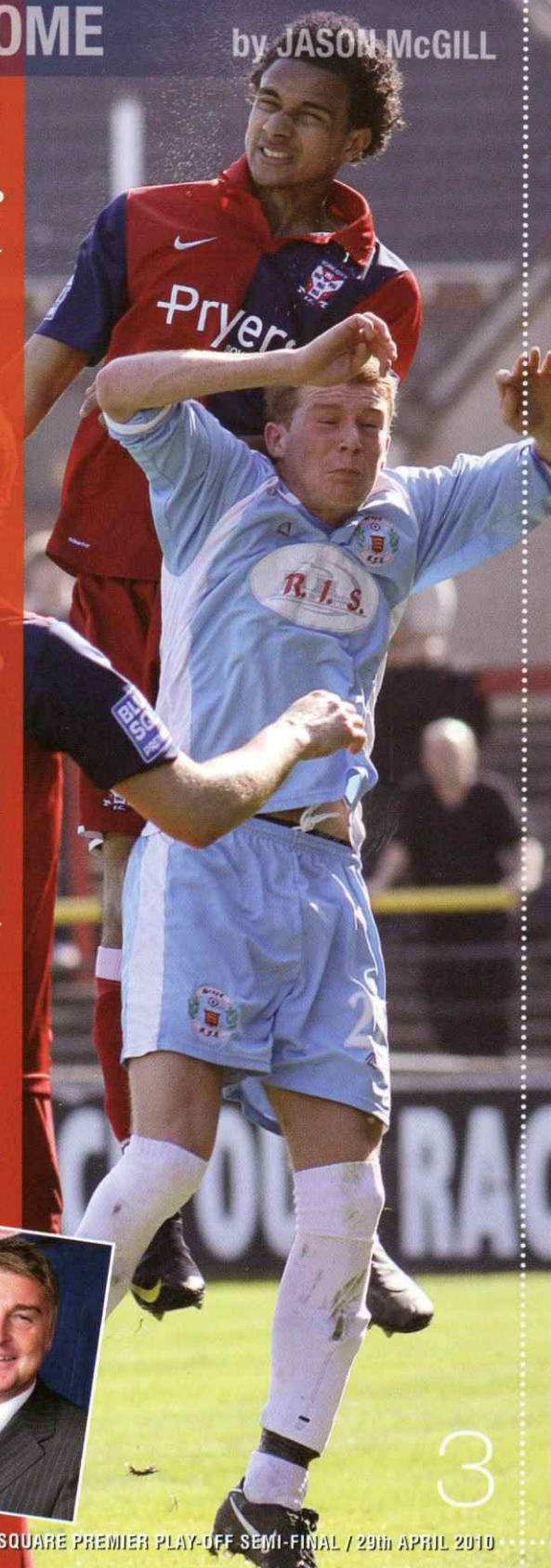
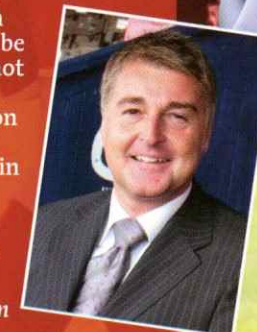
Good evening and welcome to Bootham Crescent, to the directors, officials, staff, players, supporters of Luton Town FC and of course to the York City faithful. I hope you all enjoy the game and thank you all for supporting what promises to be a hard fought uncompromising football match.

I feel we have had a marked turn-around in performances this season, cumulating in a top five league finish, breaking the Club record for consecutive league wins, and an appearance in the 3rd round of the FA Cup, where our away following was phenomenal and should prove to the doubters that with on pitch success, YCFC has serious potential. Positive playing results coupled with a new modern stadium will give this football club and its supporters the kick start needed to take us to the next level and help us all to realise our ambitions. You all have a part to play, we should not let the City of York Council off the hook, they should be providing a sporting facility that befits the once Capital of England. The benefits to the city would take on not just a regional but national significance. Lobby your local councillors, your prospective parliamentary candidates, get them to commit themselves to providing a new facility for the community, don't take no for an answer. Councillors hide behind the mark of protecting the "public purse" and that they need to look after the wishes of the majority not the minority, so I say let the council ask the people of York if they want a new stadium the city can be proud of. If the answer is no then we know where we stand, if the answer is yes then there would be no hiding place for Councillors, they would need to act. July will be a very important month for the future of York City Football Club, following the presentation of the full feasibility Stadium Report to the Executive. We need a positive outcome with a non-negotiable date for delivery of the new Community Stadium to be completed within five years. We have been trying since November 2003 to move forward, I await publication of the Council's position with interest and at the moment with some concern.

Our two previous meetings this season against Luton Town have been close affairs with honours even going into tonight's fixture. It is therefore more important than ever for YCFC supporters to help the team make the most of home advantage in this crucial 1st leg. We need a twelfth man atmosphere tonight, get behind Martin and the Team, be vocal but most of all be positive and supportive. Negativity is not needed, be loud and proud to be York tonight and for those travelling to Luton on Monday, cheer on the lads, show them you are behind them all the way in what will be an electric atmosphere.

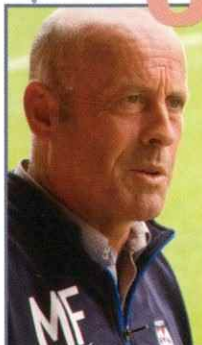
Enjoy the game and all the luck in the world to Martin, Andy and the players of York City FC season 2009/2010.

Jason



MANAGER'S COMMENTS

MARTIN FOYLE



Welcome to Luton for tonight's play-off game.

Well, this is an exciting time for us and we have progressed quicker than we anticipated. It is a nervous time for all concerned and it's the team who make the least mistakes and those who take their chances who will progress through to Wembley.

My players have been a credit to the club and themselves and have worked very hard to be where we are and I know all of them are up for it and

ready to through their bodies on the line again. Our home record in the League and Cup has been impressive, playing 27 and only losing two, so we know we are confident but either way after tonight's result, it is only half time.

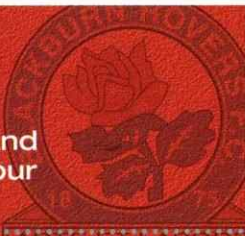
Big congratulations to our Youth Team who have finished runners up in a very strong league. To be a non-league club without funding is a great achievement, well done to everyone concerned.

Enjoy tonight - give the lads every bit of encouragement.

Martin

DID YOU KNOW

On this date in 1972 City lost at home to Blackburn Rovers 1-0 and avoided relegation to Division Four on goal average.



CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

DANIEL PARSLAW

We played well at Stevenage on Saturday. A large crowd generated a great atmosphere to celebrate their deserved promotion to the Football League.

Tonight all we can do is ensure we put in a good performance against Luton. We have nothing to fear, this season we have performed well against Luton so confidence will be high and everyone will be raring to go.

A big thank you all for your magnificent support throughout the season. Support us today and hopefully we will be one step closer to promotion. Enjoy the game.



Daniel

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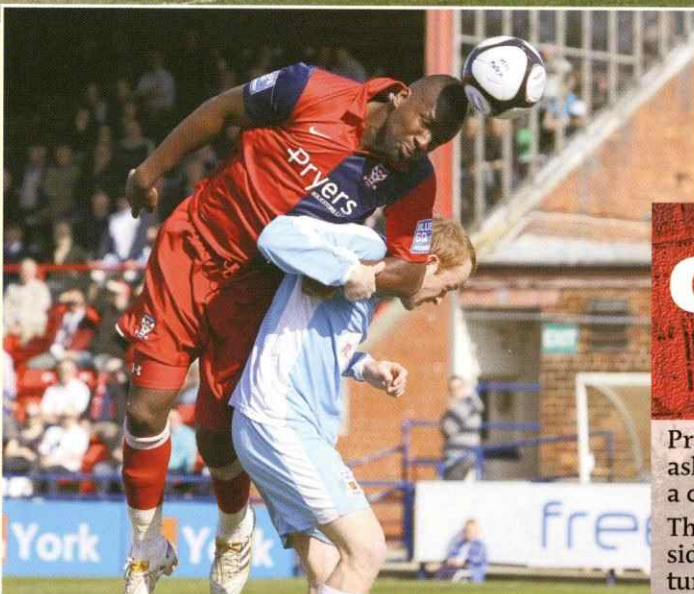
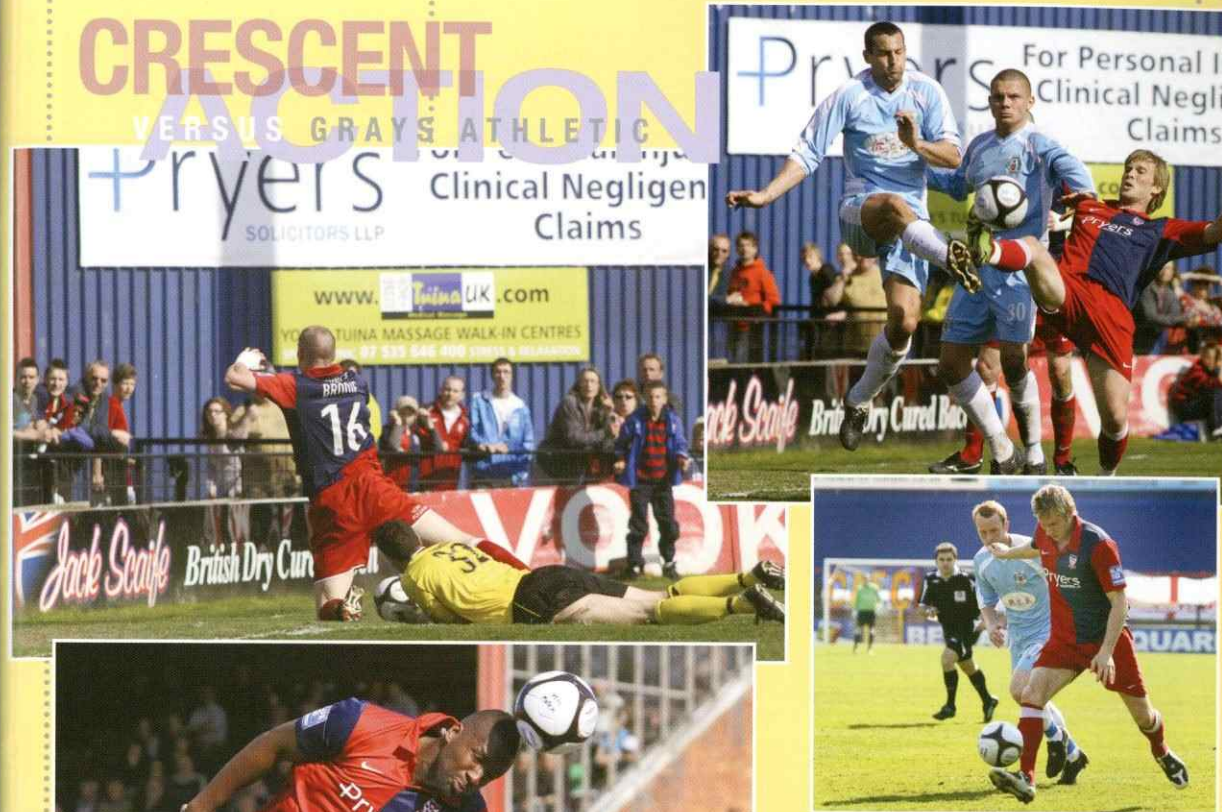
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We need your help to make sure sport in this city has a future.

The statement on the petition reads:

"We the undersigned believe that York needs a community stadium to help ensure that its sports clubs survive and prosper, and to be an amenity and focus of civic pride for the whole community.

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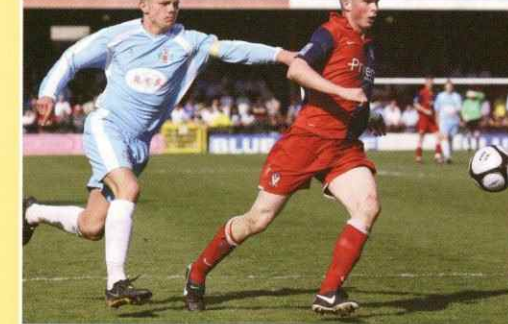
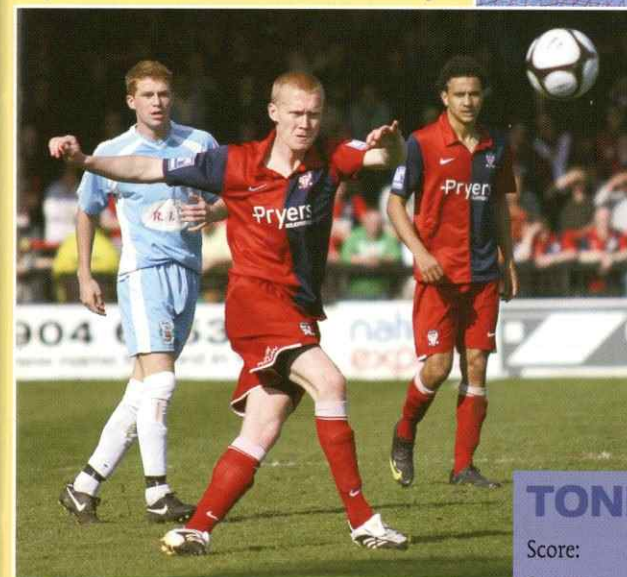
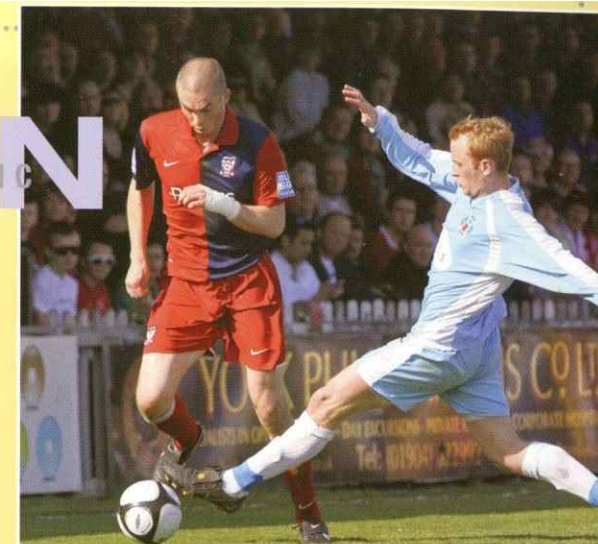
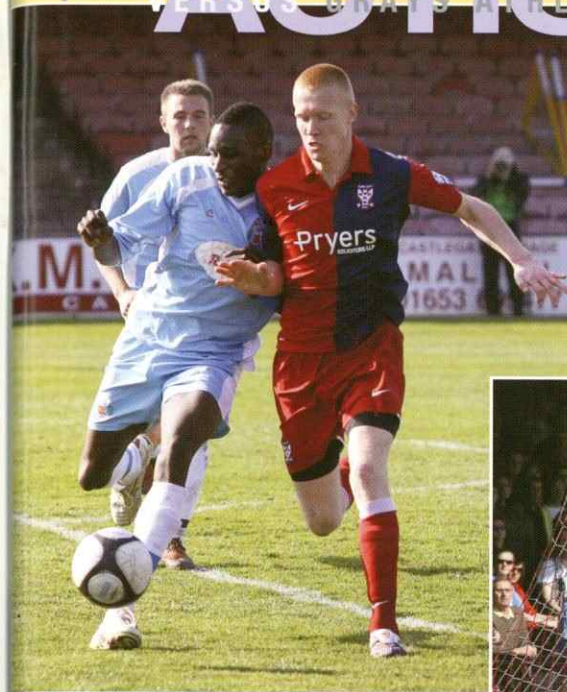
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Scorers:

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POTTER'S PAGE

ROSS POTTER



Good evening and welcome to this evenings Play-Off Semi Final against Luton Town.

As the last home match of the season please get the behind the team and roar them on. It's been a fantastic season, promotion to League Two is what we all crave for. Nothing will be won or lost tonight but let's hope that we have a good result to take into the 2nd leg. Everyone at the Club is up for this, it's what we have worked for all season. Full credit must go to Martin, Andy and the players as they have been superb this year and have turned the Club's fortunes around.

A big thanks also to all the staff at the Club and volunteer Phil Howden who have worked tirelessly recently selling tickets without any breaks to get us to this situation tonight.

There are lots of others that deserve a thank you for their tremendous help this season. The list is too long but thanks go out to everybody that has got involved and raised money for us or provided us with their time for free to help the Club.

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Neil Barrett is pictured here collecting his Man of the Match award from the Grays Athletic match sponsor, (soon to be married) Laurence Tonkin and friends.

deal with and is held in high regard by everybody involved with the Club.



Sponsoring the Match Ball this evening is Abracs. Welcome to Managing Director, David Elcock and guests.

We are delighted to welcome our VIP guests this evening - Mark and Anita Triffitt. I would like to also wish Anita a very happy 43rd Birthday. I hope that you enjoy the day with us and bring us luck this evening.

We are also joined in hospitality by Karen Hodge and guests.

Thanks to each and everyone of you for coming tonight. Be loud, get behind the team and cheer them on for 90 minutes! Enjoy the game.

Ross Potter / General Manager

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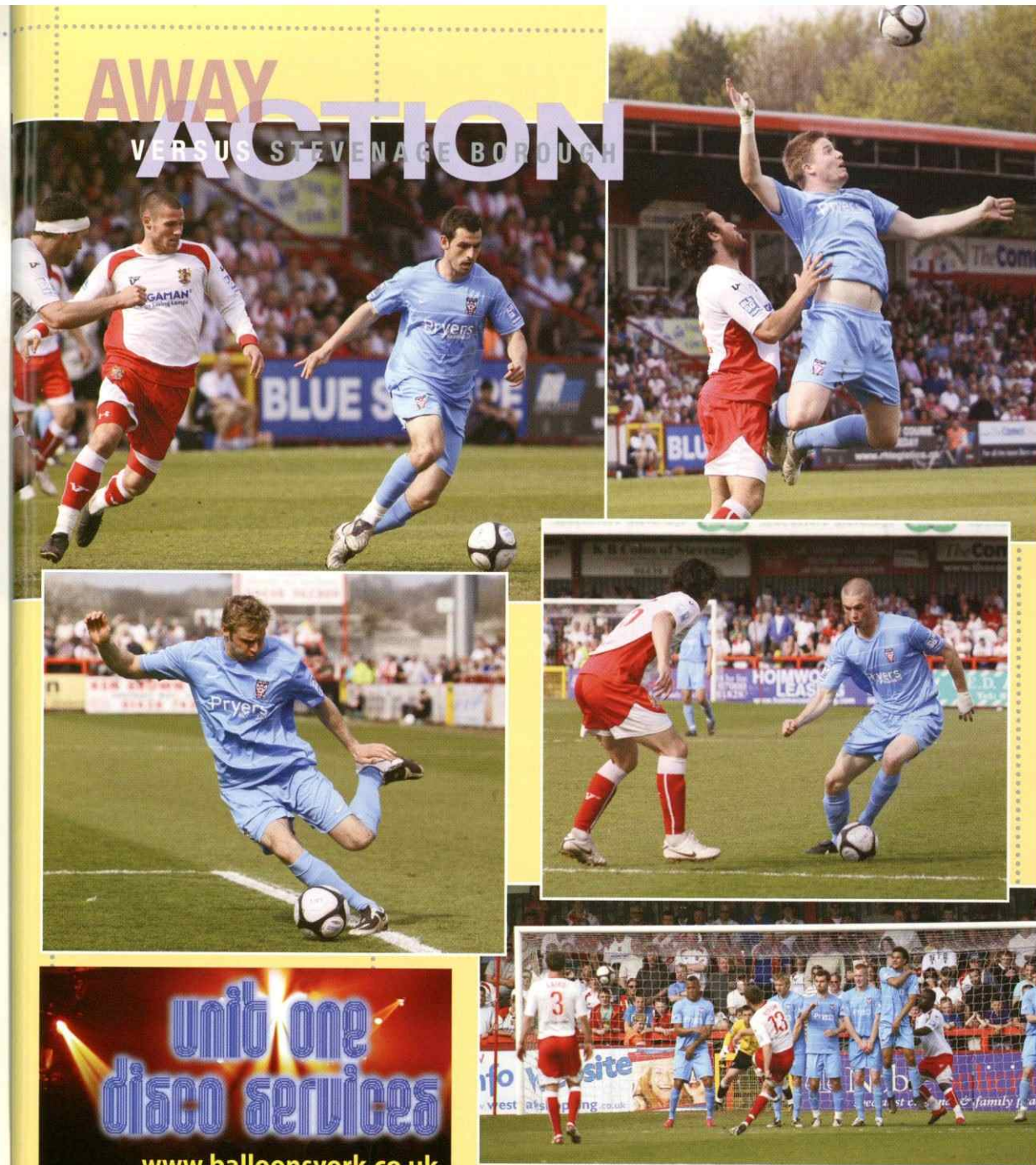
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DID YOU KNOW

49 years ago today City lost 1-0 at Crystal Palace in front of 17,885 and ended the campaign 5th in Division Four. Making his last senior appearance for the club was full back George Howe.



THE PLAY-OFF YEARS 2009/10

A look back at City's promotion play-off seasons, by David Batters.

This is the 4th time in the club's history that City have figured in the promotion play offs. In 1992/93 they won promotion to the Second Division (League One) by beating Bury in the semi-finals and then Crewe Alexandra at Wembley. The following campaign they lost to Stockport County at the semi-final stage as they bid to reach the second tier of English football for the second time in their history. Three years ago they succumbed to Morecambe in the semi-finals.

Following the disappointment of last season when the club just avoided the drop into Blue Square North new signings at the start of this term included Michael Gash and Neil Barrett from Ebbsfleet United, James Meredith from Shrewsbury Town, Alex Lawless from Forest Green Rovers, Andy Ferrell ex Kidderminster Harriers and Michael Rankine from Rushden & Diamonds.

The season kicked off at Oxford United when City conceded two late goals to go down to an unlucky 2-1 defeat after leading through a first half strike from Richard Brodie. The line up for the opening game was:

Ingham, Purkiss, McGurk, Parslow, Meredith, Lawless (Smith), Mackin, Barrett, Ferrell (Nelthorpe), Brodie, Rankine (Gash).

A 0-0 home draw against Rushden & Diamonds was followed by a 2-0 win at Bootham Crescent over Forest Green Rovers and with just one point from visits to Wrexham and Hayes & Yeading after five games City slipped to 17th in the table. A turning point came at Gateshead on 25th August when

City fought back from a goal down to triumph 2-1 with goals from Richard Brodie and Gash and this with ten men after Richard Pacquette, another new signing, had been sent off. Six of the next seven games were at home and City took full advantage and by early October the club had moved up to 5th in the table with an unbeaten run of ten matches (6 wins/4 draws). During this sequence City entertained Stevenage Borough and a lively encounter ended 1-1. Danny Parslow had the misfortune to put through his own goal in the first half to give the visitors the lead but in a storming finish Djoumin Sangare headed a dramatic late equaliser. The Frenchman, who had won his place in the side following an early season injury to David McGurk, had joined the club from Salisbury City in August.

Two key games in mid October against Oxford and Luton Town both finished 1-1. United came to Bootham Crescent nine points clear at the top having lost only one of their 16 fixtures but once again City, as at the Kassam Stadium on the opening day, outplayed the visitors for long periods. Rankine opened the scoring after 71 minutes only for Oxford to equalise in the closing stages with what was their only shot on target. Three days later City gave another resounding display at Kenilworth Road with Barrett scoring as they fully deserved their point - their first ever at Luton. The month finished with a 3-1 reverse at Crawley Town and at the end of October City were 7th in the table with the following record: P 18, W 7, D 7, L 4, F 23, A 19, Pts 28. Newcomers at this period were Luke Graham from Mansfield and Chris Carruthers from Oxford.

Starting on 7th November City embarked on a club record run of eight successive League wins beating the previous record of seven set in 1964/65. (It was actually nine on the trot but the 3-2 victory over Chester City was later deleted from the records.) The highlights of this sequence included wins at Wimbledon, Rushden & Diamonds, and Cambridge United along with a 3-0 Boxing Day success over Mansfield Town in front of Bootham Crescent's biggest crowd of the season 4,587. The run ended with a 1-1 draw at Histon in early February and was followed by a win at Kettering to extend the unbeaten spell to ten games: W 9, D 1, F 16, A 3, Pts 28.

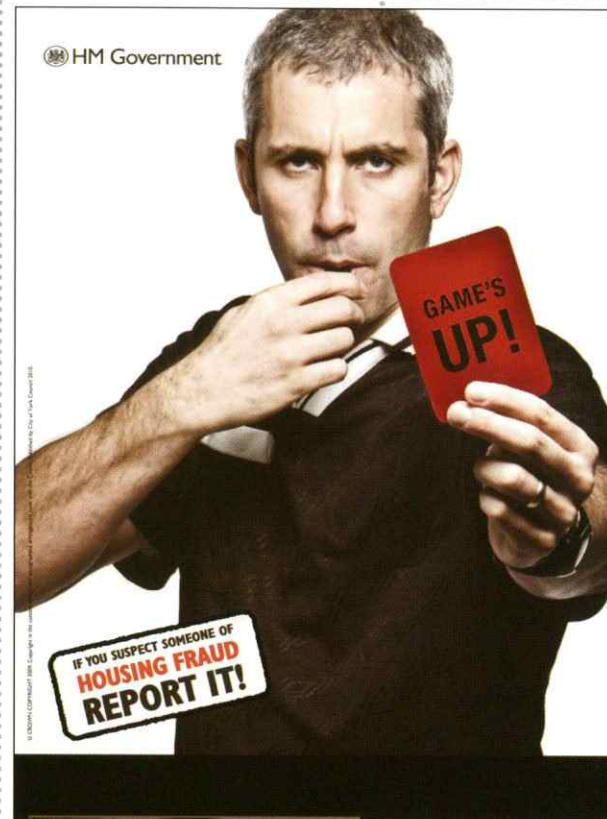
Positions at the top of the table on 6th February read:

Oxford United P 27 Pts 60
Stevenage Borough P 29 Pts 60
CITY P 29 Pts 59

Luton were 7th with 49 points from 27 games.

The next six games were to yield just two points and for the first time since mid November City lost their place in the top five following a home defeat at the hands of Salisbury City on March 9th. In this spell was an exciting goalless draw at Bootham Crescent against Luton Town in a match in which City were unlucky not to win. They got back to winning ways at Mansfield in mid March to go back into the top five and recorded five wins and two draw in seven outings including victories at Kettering and Grays Athletic and a resounding 5-0 success at home to Wimbledon which virtually clinched a play off position.

A feature of the campaign has been the scoring feats of Richard Brodie.



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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Top scorer	Ave. Att
2004/05	42	11	10	21	39	66	43	17	A Bishop (11)	2,333
2005/06	42	17	12	13	63	48	63	8	A Bishop (22)	2,871
2006/07	46	23	11	12	65	45	80	4	C Donaldson (24)	2,859
2007/08	46	17	11	18	71	74	62	14	O Sodje/M Woolford (14)	2,258
2008/09	46	11	19	16	47	51	52	17	R Brodie (15)	2,295
2009/10	44	22	12	10	62	35	78	5	R Brodie (26)	2,664

His record of 33 goals (26 League/7 Cup), making him the top marksman in the Blue Square Premier, has only been bettered twice in the club's history. In 1928/29 **Jimmy Cowie** (top left) hit a total of 56 goals (49 League/7 Cup) in City's last season in the Midland League prior to their election to the Football League and in 1954/55 **Arthur Bottom** (below left) scored 39 times (31 League/8 Cup).

The hat trick Richard netted against Chester was deleted from the record books but he hit two other trebles against Hinckley United in the FA Cup and Wimbledon and in a six match run in the closing weeks notched nine goals. His tally of 26 League goals is the best since John Byrne who netted 27 in 1983/84.

A total of 25 players have been utilised this season the least since 1994/95. Michael Ingham, "Clubman of the Year" and James Meredith made the most appearances.

City completed five League doubles - Wimbledon, Gateshead, Kettering Town, Kidderminster Harriers and Mansfield Town while Eastbourne and Salisbury beat City twice.

The average home league crowd of 2,664 is the third best since City dropped out of the Football League.

To complete a very good campaign City reached the 3rd round of the FA Cup for the first time since 2001/02 and the quarter finals of the FA Trophy.

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second left onto Ash Road. Continue to end of Ash Road, TL and you will see the FC in front of you. Continue past the FC, bear right, crossing over the dual carriageway, to where there is plenty of street parking.

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PLAYER APPEARANCES

player	BSP		CUP		TOTAL	
	apps	goals	apps	goals	apps	goals
N Barrett	39+2	4	6+1	1	45+3	5
A Boyes	1+2	-	1	-	2+2	-
R Brodie	36+4	26	6+2	7	42+6	33
C Carruthers	22+4	2	8+2	-	30+6	2
J Clarke	7	-	1	-	8	-
A Ferrell	16+7	1	4+3	1	20+10	2
K Gall	0+5	1	2+2	-	2+7	1
M Gash	21+15	7	3+4	-	24+19	7
L Graham	25	1	7+1	-	32+1	1
P Harsley	7+2	1	-	-	7+2	1
M Ingham	43	-	9	-	52	-
A Lawless	31+4	1	7	-	38+4	1
L Mackin	29+5	1	7+1	-	36+6	1
D McGurk	28+6	1	9	-	37+6	1
A McWilliams	0+3	-	-	-	0+3	-
J Meredith	42+1	-	10	-	52+1	-
J Mimms	1	-	1	-	2	-
C Nelthorpe	0+7	-	0+1	-	0+8	-
R Pacquette	3+10	1	2+3	3	5+13	4
D Parslow	33	-	7	-	40	-
C Pitt	6+5	1	-	-	6+5	1
B Purkiss	34+2	1	5+3	-	39+5	1
M Rankine	29+14	8	8+1	2	37+15	10
D Sangare	18+4	3	2+2	-	20+6	3
A Smith	13+15	2	5+1	-	18+16	2
total goals		62		14		76



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Welcome to the much anticipated Play Off semi-final home leg on behalf of the York City in the Community Team and our Community Sponsors, CPP.

As we are heading towards the end of the season, we are able to reflect on the past year and the projects that the Community Department have been involved in. Our coaching team have offered our free in school coaching to over 90 schools this season and have worked with over 10,000 children.

YCITC have hosted over 50 children's birthday parties at Bootham Crescent since last July, including the newly introduced Match Day Parties, which have proved very popular.

The department has been operating for over three years, and originally began just in the York area, but has been operating in the Ryedale area for over eighteen months and extended it's services further from January this year to cover the new area of Selby. The team have run approximately 50 after school clubs this season across the 3 areas, running every night during term time on behalf of specific schools. The Coaches also continue to run Young Player Development Centres at 4 sites every Saturday and the team have introduced 3 midweek venues during this season.

During School Holidays, the team can be found running the ever popular Football Fun Camps from 1-4 days usually at up to 5 venues per week. Over 2000 children have attended these this season and enjoyed the YCITC water bottles sponsored by CPP.

YCITC run the young supporters club, Junior Reds and offer a number of initiatives to the young fans, including Match Day Specials, Xmas Specials and Junior Reds Training Day. This season's fan base has doubled to over 150. We have also achieved over 100 new Fans on our newly launched Facebook page, which has been set up for Fans to find out more about forthcoming events and hear the latest Community News.

We are also the organisers of The CPP Challenge Cup for local school teams. This years winners, for the second year running, were Dunnington Primary School who won the Trophy in addition to some new equipment for their school team courtesy of CPP.

Newly introduced for 2010, YCITC will be hosting the First Annual YCITC Football Tournament for local Junior

Football Teams for under 7's to under 11's on 19-20 June, at Training Ground. Please contact the Community Office if you would like to find out more information or enquire about booking a team on 01904 624447 (ext 7) or email community@ycfc.net

We are also involved in the return of the YCFC Family Open Day on 1st August, and will be attending a number of charitable events throughout the summer.

YCITC are currently exploring the prospect of working more with local Police in several Wards, and are working on a pilot project to introduce York City Street Dance and Multi-Sports camps into our future Holiday schedule.

Paula, Dan, Pete and Matty who make up the permanent Community Team, would like to take this opportunity to thank our growing team of Coaches (Dave, Mike, Kris, Jamie, Josh, Dan, Pat) who enable us to offer the number of projects we run and to thank Community Sponsors, CPP, whose help and support is invaluable to the development of the department. Thank you also to all the other York City staff who work with us, and to Martin, Andy and the Playing Team for giving of their own time to attend our many events. Their input is much appreciated and has a great impact on all our young players. Thank you to Mark at The Max, Robin at Selby Abbey Leisure, Stuart and Alice at Energise, Jamie and Gordon at York College, Des at Norton College, Barry at Pickering, Oli and Tom at PlayFootball, Adam at Huntington School, Val and Jim at Poppleton JFC, Dave at Clifton Catering, Mark at Clive Owen, Stuart and Dave at The Press, Laura at Minster FM, Sarah and the Youth Team Parents, Gary from CYC, Liz, Tim, Jan and the Play Team at CYC, Andy, Les and Danny from Derwent Police, Matt from Clifton Police and all our other key contacts who assist our Community Projects in so many ways. We look forward to working with you all again next season and seeing what exciting new projects we can develop.

Enjoy this momentous game. Good luck to the players!

Paula and the Community Team

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Party Time at York City FC

Why not celebrate your birthday with friends at York City Football Club. We cater for boys and girls aged 5-12 years.

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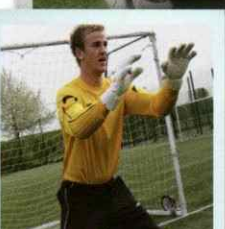
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PHYSIO'S UPDATE

JEFF MILLER



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I am writing these notes nine days before today's game so hopefully no players got any serious knocks in the Stevenage game.

With the season coming to a close it was pleasing to see that no players injuries were severe enough to require surgical intervention, although at one stage we did think Michael Gash's fractured 5th metatarsal may have to. We have had twenty-nine injuries where players have been out of action for more than three days. The

season has been approximately forty two weeks long if you include pre-season training, including Youth Team injuries there has only been eight days during this time when we have been injury free.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Doctors Porter, Moroney and Davis for their fantastic support again this season. Their advice and guidance has been invaluable and their commitment first class. I would also like to thank Tom Robinson for his help over the

season and the fine job he has down with both the Centre of Excellence and Youth Team and Reserves when called upon. I would also like to thank Rachel Marson who along with Tom has provided medical care for the Centres teams. Rachel's efforts have been much appreciated.

Finally, I would also like to thank all Consultants and Staff at York District Hospital, York Nuffield Hospital and the MRI Centre at YDH, although we have not had to call on them much this season their expertise has been very welcome when needed, also Jonathan Draper podiatrist at White Rose Clinic and Mark Pilmoor, Chiroprapist at Heworth.

Have a good summer!
Good Health

Jeff



FOSTER'S

DID YOU KNOW

On this date in 1957 City drew 1-1 at Bootham Crescent against Division Three North champions elect Derby County watched by 9,413. Billy Fenton was the scorer and City finished the season in 7th position.



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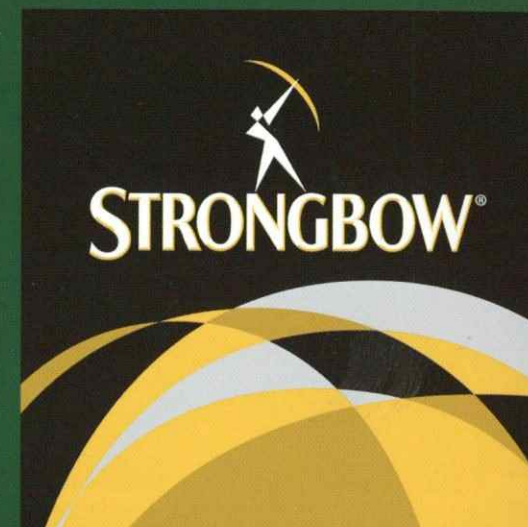
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AN INTERVIEW WITH SIMON HOOD

by MAX BENSON

Those who 'don't do football' could probably be forgiven for labelling dedicated fans as mad – traipsing across the country to obscure towns watching non-league football on a weekly basis. What they would make of Simon Hood is anyone's guess.

In just under nine months, Si has racked up nearly 10,000 miles, taking in every York City league and FA Cup game this season. Not a unique feat in itself, even among City fans. Not until you consider the fact he's done it all on a pushbike, that is.

"I'd been living in London for a few years and decided to pedal to the first match of last season; the false-hope inducing win over Crawley," Si tells me. "My mind wandered and came up with the idea of doing it over the course of a whole season. I checked the fixture list for that term and figured it would be just about feasible.



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"I set about contacting corporate sponsors, putting out feelers in the media, working out logistics, breaking the news gently to my girlfriend and so on. I'm appallingly disorganised at the best of times so this part was harder than any of the cycling has been."

Giving up his job at a stage scenery company in London, Si made the move back to his North Yorkshire roots for the challenge, perhaps with the belief he had to make up for lost time. "I'm from Stillingfleet originally and first got into City when I started secondary school at

Fulford in the late 80s," he says. "By the time the Ward/Little teams was gracing Bootham Crescent, I'd go to most home games and many away matches too. In the mid-90s I went to university in Scotland; then lived in France, Australia and London so drifted away from the club a fair bit. I guess this is a slightly over-the-top way of redressing the balance."

'Gruelling' probably does not do his 'season in the saddle' justice as Si aims to raise £5,000 for The Alzheimer's Society, although he appears to have coped well despite his dietary indiscipline, adding: "I've come through with very little wear and tear. I was a bit apprehensive about my hamstrings which twang like banjo strings at the slightest hint of exercise,

but even they've held out. I lost a lot of weight to start with but have started to put a bit back on again. I guess my full English breakfast, beer and pie diet isn't going to be a huge bestseller.

"I don't mind being in the confines of my own head so the solitude hasn't been too difficult to deal with. I think the unexpected success on the pitch has helped a lot. I shudder to think what my mental wellbeing would have been like had I taken this on last season."

Naturally, Si has met several new faces along the way, one of them being Preston North End and England hero Sir Tom Finney.

"He had cared for his wife as she suffered with Alzheimer's towards the end of her life," Si explains. "He had been in hospital for a couple of weeks before I met him so instead of meeting at Deepdale as we had planned he invited us round to his house. It was amazing to be in this unassuming little bungalow which was bursting at the seams with all his



The club at the heart of it all have also done their bit to help the cause.

"City have been really good," Si adds. "Tickets to the home matches has been a great help, they've publicised my cause on the official website and allowed me to do the bucket collection for The Alzheimer's Society tonight. Doing a couple of 50/50 draws and presenting Michael Rankine with his Player of the Month award was a great way to get onto the hallowed Bootham Crescent turf."

The Minstermen were by no means alone in helping the cause around the Blue Square Premier and beyond - something Si is quick to appreciate.

"Pretty much all of the away clubs have been fantastic," he says. "Most have helped me out with a ticket and somewhere to store the bike. Histon, Tamworth and Wrexham were particularly helpful but I think Hayes & Yeading were the best. They gave me a signed shirt and a cheque for the charity and had me on the pitch at half time.

"It's not just the small clubs who've been helpful though. I wangled my way into the press box at Stoke (for City's FA Cup Third Round tie) to watch the first half as my ticket was stuck with my Dad on the M62. I forgot where I was when we scored - I'm not sure that it's the done thing to dance around hugging people!"

There can be no doubt that fortunes on the field in league and cup has made life in the saddle a great deal easier.

"It's been a pleasure to pedal in hope rather than trepidation," says Si. "I don't want to dwell too much on last season. We all know how awful it was. The turnaround under Martin Foyle and his staff has been phenomenal. If you'd told City fans after the abject defeat at Grays last year that the club would be in the play-offs a year later, they'd have had you carted off by the men in white coats."

Should the Minstermen negotiate their way past Luton



memorabilia. It was a genuinely humbling experience to meet him, he was just a really nice and modest man."

Practical support from close relatives to benevolent strangers has been fundamental to Si completing his challenge. He adds: "Exiled City fans around the country have offered me beds for the night, many strangers have donated money, food, time to show me local places of interest, a corner of their garden for my tent and so on. People want to know what you're up to on a fully-laden bike and I guess the cycling, football and charity angles offer plenty of common ground.

"My Dad joined me for a leg at the end of November, taking in the FA Cup win at Cambridge and the win at Rushden - the first away games he'd been to since the League Cup quarter final at Rochdale in 1962!"

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tonight and on Bank Holiday Monday at Kenilworth Road, the prospect of finishing the season with a Play-Off Final under the arch of the new Wembley Stadium would be a fitting finale, not least for Si. "It's the Hollywood ending isn't it? It would be an incredible way to round off an amazing season," he says. "If we do get there, I'll be contacting the stadium officials for somewhere to store my bike, though, as there's no way I'm leaving it unattended in that part of London."

After an exhausting adventure, Si is facing a return to

normality, but refuses to rule out another adventure in the future, adding: "Unfortunately I've got to re-enter the real world. I'm moving to Oxford to live with my girlfriend so I'm looking for work and a flat to rent and it's all a bit sudden. So it's a period of earning some money and writing the book. Then we'll see..."

SUPPORTERS' CLUB NOTES

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YORK MINSTERMEN

York Minstermen would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our efforts over the last twelve months whether financially, or by giving so freely of their time.

In hard cash terms, you've enabled us to make donations totalling nearly £12,000. A further £10,000 has been spent by you, the supporters, over the bar at events in the Social Club where we've provided volunteer staff.

Of necessity, the youth team has been a major focus for us this year, and we're delighted that they have had such a successful season. Our congratulations go to the players, coaching staff, and parents who have all ensured this was a real team effort.

COACH TO LUTON

We are running a coach to the second leg of the play-off on Monday. Priced at £18, places are running out fast. Call or text Ian on 07794 091 810 to book your place. The coach will be departing at 8.00am from the Memorial Gardens, Leeman Road. We regret we're unable to accept bookings from unaccompanied under-18s

SOCIAL CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Dave Potter will be hosting our monthly general knowledge quiz on election night, **Thursday 6th May** in the Social Club, which will be a politics-free zone in honour of the occasion!

The quiz begins at **8:30pm**, but the bar will be open from **7:30pm**.

As ever, there'll be prizes of Social Club drinks vouchers, cans to take away, snacks from Country Products, and other goodies.

There'll also be a raffle for the legendary YMM Navvy's Breakfast.

The evening will feature the draw for our Spring Raffle.

SPRING RAFFLE 2010

Our major annual fundraiser is approaching its climax, and the draw will be made in the Social Club on **Thursday 6th May**.

The lucky winner will receive £250 cash, but further excellent prizes are being added all the time. You can see the latest list at www.yorkminstermen.org.uk

As well as buying tickets we hope that, as in previous years, large numbers of City fans will help by selling tickets to friends, family, and work mates.

If you would like to take some tickets to sell, please visit the Supporters' Office (next to the Club Shop).

The raffle has raised many thousands of pounds for good causes at York City and with your help, we can make this year the best yet!

THE BOOTHAM CRESCENT WORLD CUP BEER FESTIVAL

Friday 25th - Sunday 27th June
With World Cup matches on the big screens during every session, and bottled beers and tasty snacks from the competing nations as well as a dozen real ales and ciders, there's sure to be a bumper turn out of beer fans and football supporters alike.

Tickets cost just £5 and are valid on all three days of the festival. Included in the price are a souvenir half-pint glass, your first two drinks, and a festival programme & pen.

Tickets can be bought from the Supporters' Office on match days, and from the Club Shop on non-match days.

WORLD CUP GAMES ON TV IN THE SOCIAL CLUB

In addition to games that are shown as part of the World Cup Beer Festival, volunteers will be opening the Social Club for all of England's games.

The bar will open 90 minutes before kick-off, the club will be decorated with flags, and there'll be competitions to enter and win prizes.

Follow us www.twitter.com/YorkMinstermen for further information.

TREASURE HUNT

York Minstermen Treasure hunt booklets are on sale tonight from the Supporters Office for just £2. They will then be on sale - cash or cheque (payable to York Minstermen) **only** - from the York City Club Shop (Monday-Friday, 10:30am-2:30pm).

You can complete the Treasure Hunt at your own convenience over the summer months and have until 6th September to submit your entry, if you would like to have a chance of winning some impressive prizes, including a £25 voucher from our sponsor Stonegate Yard Bar & Brasserie.

All proceeds will be donated to the York City FC Centre of Excellence, which coaches young footballers from 10-16 years old.

WORLD CUP PREDICTION COMPETITION

Entry forms for the 2010 World Cup Prediction Competition can be picked up from the Supporters Office and Club Shop, downloaded from www.yorkminstermen.org.uk, requested by e-mail to ian@yorkminstermen.org.uk or by post to York Minstermen, YCFC, Bootham Crescent, York YO30 7AQ.

It's just £5 to enter, and the top three cash prizes will be for 30%, 20%, and 10% of all money taken. In addition, the winner will get a pair of hospitality tickets for a City home game.

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HARROGATE MINSTERMEN

Good evening

First of all I would like to say a Big Thank you to everyone connected with the Harrogate Minstermen for supporting us this season. We are now taking membership for the 2010/11 season - £10 for adult membership and £5 for under 16s. There are several benefits in becoming a member, including reduced prices for travelling home and away. Everyone welcome.

Also a Big Thank you to the club, especially Ross, Nick and Louise for assisting the branch, and to Martin and Andy for providing guests for us. We are running our minibus to Luton on Monday, and up to press we are full.

Enjoy the game *John Uttley*
www.harrogateminstermen.com
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YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Good evening everyone and thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the season and enabled us to sponsor both first team and youth team players.

The winner of our final members prize draw for the season is Chris Cramer.

We are going to hold our Annual General Meeting at Bootham Crescent on Thursday 6th May, with a guest speaker, and presentation of our balance sheet.

Raymond Wynn (01904-797578)

POCKLINGTON MINSTERMEN

PMM ON FACEBOOK

We now have an FB group, just put pocklington minstermen into the search bar its open for anyone to join, here you will find Photos of meetings and other events along with any other group news and the football card winners.

50/50 CASH DRAW V GRAYS ATHLETIC

The winning tickets were drawn by Margot Fenton, who was attending the game to present the Billy Fenton Memorial Trophy to the Clubman of the Year, Michael Ingham.

As an end of season 'thank you' to all those who have supported the 50/50 Cash Draw, we offered a guaranteed prize of at least £500. However, due to exceptional levels of ticket sales, the prize actually reached £600.

The winner of the **£600** was **Kenneth Dove** of Clifton, who had ticket number **26344**. As a boy, Kenneth attended the first game at Bootham Crescent back in 1932. Exactly 67 years ago, he was also in the 35,000 plus crowd at Hillsborough to see City lose 3-0 against Sheffield Wednesday in the first leg of a War Cup semi final.

The two week membership for two people at **ROKO Health Club** was won by **Kenneth Robertson** from Howden. Kenneth's winning ticket was **25294**. Is there another Kenneth out there, who didn't come to claim the **PlayFootball** prize? The prize of a one hour pitch hire was unclaimed by the holder of ticket number **25098**.

Good luck in this evening's 50/50 Super Draw.

Ian Tyssen / 50/50 Cash Draw Promoter / Tel: 07794 091 810 / ycfc5050@hotmail.co.uk

FOOTBALL CARD

The winner at the Grays game was Tommo with Barnsley.

MEMBERSHIPS

We will be sending out memberships renewal forms for next season towards the end of May early June, £5 Adults £2 Children and family membership £10. If you don't receive one, forms can be downloaded from our website details below or from myself or Peter Allenby.

Once again can I thank everyone who has helped us with our fundraising this season.

Steve Clark / Pocklington Minstermen Chairman
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YORK CITY SOUTH

SOUTHERN CONNECTIONS

We are the southern based Supporters Club and welcome new members. We hold regular social evenings in Central London, have our own website and send out regular newsletters. We also organise car shares and meeting points before matches. Membership

is £10 for the season [details and membership form on our website] - so if you are based 'down south' then please come and join us.

LONDON MARATHON - 25th APRIL - CHILDREN WITH LEUKAEMIA

James Ward, completed the London Marathon for Children with Leukaemia on 25th April in under five hours - well done James! He thanks everyone for their support and sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor him, please check his website - www.wardyruns2010.com Thank you.

NEXT SOCIAL EVENING

Our next social evening will be on **THURSDAY 20th MAY** from 7:30pm in the Old Doctor Butlers Head Public House [Voted Shepherd Neame pub of the Year 2008], 2 Masons Avenue, Moorgate, London EC2V 5BT [Tel 020 7606 3504] - nearest tube stations are Bank, St Pauls and Moorgate. Thank you to Chris and all his staff at the pub for their support during the season.

An opportunity to review the season - and to tackle a challenging quiz! More details will be on our website nearer the date.

WEBSITE

Check out our York City South web site www.yorkcitysouth.co.uk for all the latest branch updates [with thanks to Chris Forth our webmaster]. Review the latest edition of 'New Frontiers', try the 'Arthur Bottom' quiz, download City Fixture posters to promote home matches ... and much more!



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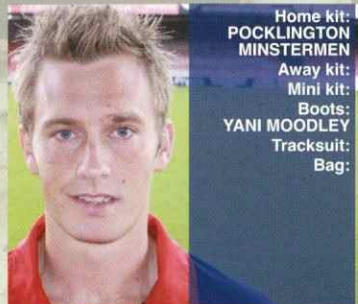
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DID YOU KNOW

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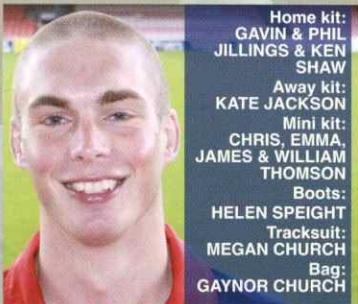
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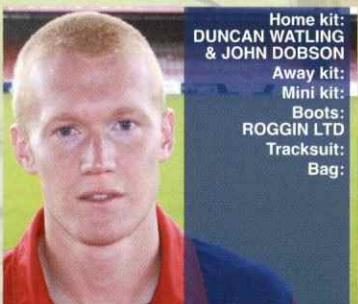
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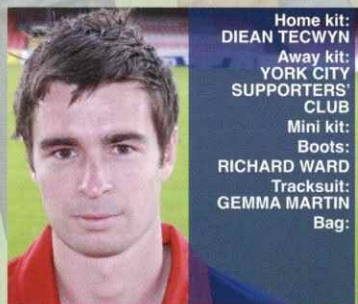
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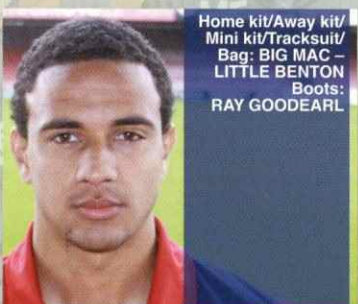
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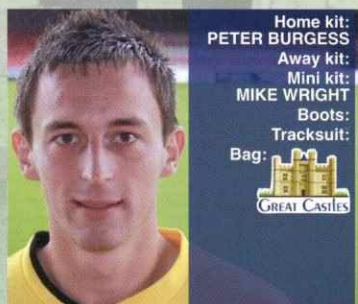
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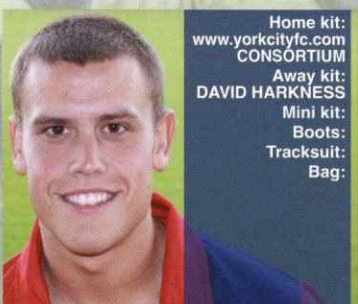
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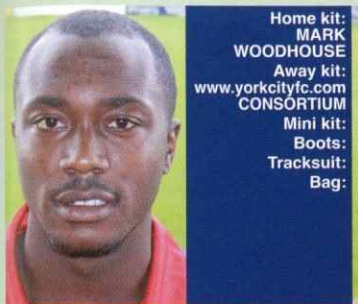
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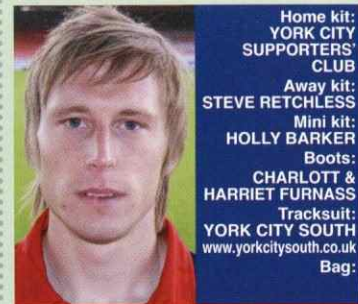
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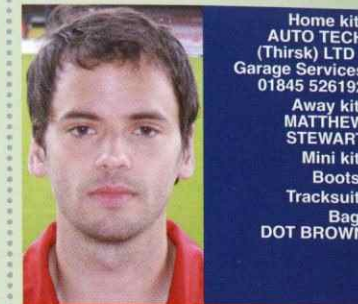
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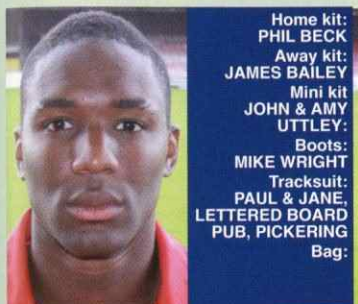
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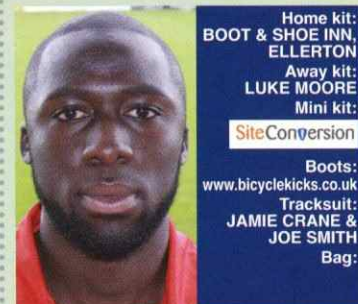
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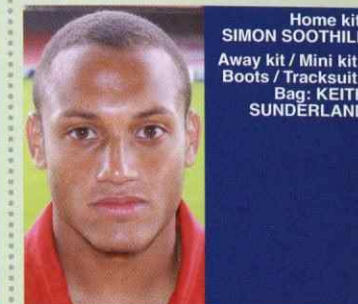
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Welcome to the play-offs. If you'd have offered any City fan the prospect of this before the season got underway, they'd have bitten your hand off. When you add a third-round FA Cup tie at a Premiership side to the massive on-field improvement this season, you have to give credit to everyone at the club, from Martin Foyle and Andy Porter to Chairman Jason McGill, the board, the backroom staff and the players. I'm writing this soon after the home draw with Grays - a disappointing end to the regular

home season, but these results can happen to every club at every level. Forget it. The big picture is that City go into the play-offs having improved by at least 12 places in the League, not having (unluckily) lost to another top five team this season since the opening day, and having given themselves every chance of being a League club come 17th May.

They've also gone about it the right way, only spending what can be afforded. Contrast the fortunes of Stevenage and Cambridge, for instance. Both have been spending money to try and get out this league, and both have previously come tantalisingly close to doing it. The difference has been their previous on-field success. Stevenage have been spending the money they've received from several play-off and FA

Trophy final appearances. They've knocked repeatedly on the trapdoor to the Football League and eventually have been able to climb through. Cambridge, meanwhile, have admitted over-reaching, leading to a cutting of the wage budget and a flirt with relegation.

York, like Stevenage, have been realistic in upping the ante. Last season's FA Trophy exploits, the sale of players like Martyn Woolford and, to a lesser extent, Adam Boyes, have helped finance the current crop. Knowing the FA Cup and play-off money are there from this season gives me a huge amount of confidence about what this club can achieve in '10-'11.

If that's in the Blue Square, then so be it, but there's no reason it won't be a season in League Two.



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Last Sunday, following an extended period of no matches to watch because of many flight cancellations, I decided to get my fix by watching the Under 12s and 14s play against their Rotherham United counterparts.

Sadly the luck that had been with me the previous week, whilst stranded in Spain, carried forward and both teams were beaten, the Under 12s by four goals to one and the Under 14s by four goals to two. Each game consisted of three 25 minute periods and the matches were well attended by parents and supporters. Ben Godfrey scored with a penalty for the Under 12s and Oliver Smith and an own goal were the Under 14s scorers.

We are now entering a crucial time for the players who attend the Centre of Excellence, because the coach's are now in the process of evaluating individuals for next seasons retained lists.

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Hopefully players will be retained and continue to develop as they strive to carve out a career as professional footballers, if this is not the case, however, it is always hoped that the player will return to the community a better person with improved footballing and social skills.

The remaining home fixtures until the end of the season are as follows:

- 2nd May - Under 11s, 13s and 15s v Hartlepool United
- 9th May - Under 12s, 14s and 16s v Scunthorpe United
- 16th May - Under 11s, 13s and 15s v Hull City

The Centre operates six teams, aged from under 11's to under 16's and also offers coaching facilities for those players aged 10 and under. Home matches take place at the clubs Wigginton Road training ground, kick off at 11:00am, and supporters are most welcome. Refreshments are available and a raffle with a number of prizes is organised by the player's parents with all of the proceeds going towards the Youth Development Fund.

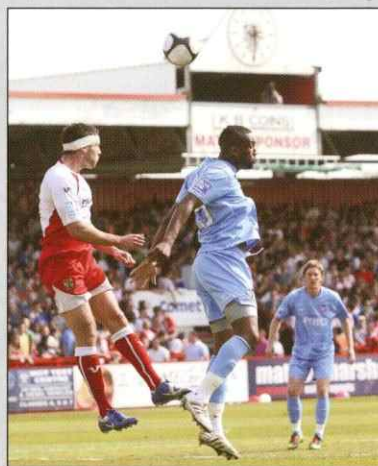
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As a result of the parent's efforts over £6,000 has already been spent, so far, this season on new kit, equipment and coaching and pitch hire expenses.

Enjoy your summer break and hopefully I will be seeing you all at Wembley.

Graham Kilby



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TEAM	PD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Hull City	26	20	4	2	65	24	+41	64
2 YORK CITY	26	19	2	5	66	23	+43	59
3 Chesterfield	26	17	2	7	54	32	+32	53
4 Grimsby Town	26	14	5	7	44	34	+10	47
5 Scunthorpe Utd	26	11	6	9	37	37	0	39
6 Lincoln City	25	11	5	9	53	39	+14	38
7 Darlington	25	11	5	9	36	24	+12	38
8 Hartlepool Utd	25	9	8	8	39	33	+6	35
9 Bradford City	25	8	8	9	42	35	+7	32
10 Doncaster R	26	8	5	13	40	54	-14	29
11 Notts County	26	7	3	16	37	63	-26	24
12 Mansfield Town	26	7	2	17	45	86	-41	23
13 Burton Albion	26	5	2	19	39	79	-40	17
14 Rotherham Utd	26	3	3	20	44	78	-34	12

YOUTH TEAM NEWS

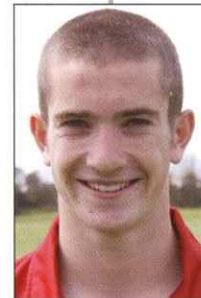
In our penultimate game of the season we produced a solid team performance winning 2-0 against Burton Albion.

The game started well for York when Kingsley Wetherald was put through on goal in the first five minutes, the on rushing Burton goalkeeper thought he had done enough but he was adjudged to have fouled Wetherald outside the area. Jamie Hopcutt then saw his free kick deflected over the bar and from the resulting corner Nick Thompson somehow missed from just yards out.

Burton packed the midfield and left just the one up front making it hard for York to break them down. It took York a good 25 minutes to create another chance but when they did Kingsley Wetherald was on hand to put the visitors in front. Dom Brown forced the Burton centre half into a poor header, which turned out to be a great assist for Wetherald who calmly rounded the keeper and tapped into an empty net.

Minutes later Jamie Hopcutt nearly marked his return from injury with a goal, but his superb curling effort just went past the post. The referee then brought the first half to a close with York just edging proceedings.

Shortly into the second half Jed Vale was introduced and immediately his pace created York's first opening of the second half, after beating his opponent his cut back only



Thanks - Nick Thompson

needed a tap in from Wetherald, but he failed to get any real contact on the ball and the chance was gone.

Wetherald had another chance to make it two after a Burton defender sliced his clearance and it fell nicely for Wetherald but the goalkeeper stopped his lobbed attempt.

Substitute Dan Owers nearly made the points safe for York ten minutes from the end but the keeper was equal to his effort after he had cleverly worked the space for himself.

Burton rarely threatened the York defence who were once again solid and looked comfortable for another clean sheet. With time ticking away Burton through their centre half up front, but York coped well with anything Burton had to offer.

In the final minutes of the match Wetherald got his second of the game, Jonny Andrew found time to pick out the unmarked Wetherald after a short corner and he met the cross on the volley to ensure York got all three points.

The performance wasn't the best against a poor Burton side but it was pleasing to get three points and this also meant we guaranteed second place in the league with a game to go which is a great achievement and all the lads and coaches deserve credit for an excellent season.

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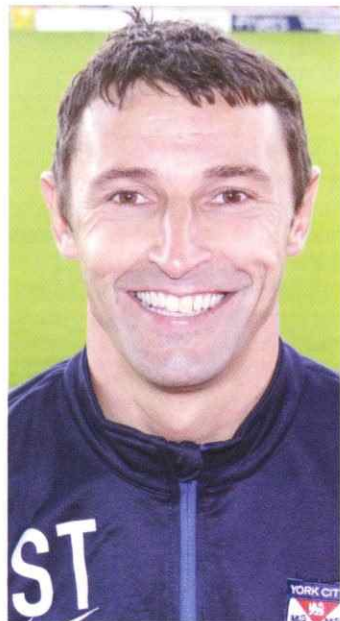
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STEVE'S END OF SEASON REPORT

Good evening and welcome to tonight's Blue Square Premier Play-Off 1st leg with Luton Town. Congratulations to Martin, Andy and the team for progressing to the Play-Offs, everyone at Youth level wishes them success in the competition.



Not only have the 1st Team achieved great things this season, but we've also done well at Youth level. Despite not having the luxury of funding from the Football League, we've finished the season as Runners

Up in the Football League Youth Alliance behind Hull City who of course have Barclays Premiership back up. This is a tribute to the lads hard work both on and off the pitch and I congratulate them on their achievement and thank them for their commitment this season. Hopefully a number of them will go on to play at 1st Team level for the club and there will be more news about contract offers in the coming weeks.

Not only have the Youth Team done well but their parents have also provided massive support off the pitch both emotionally and financially. Their achievement of raising the necessary funds to keep the Youth system alive deserves every recognition and congratulations. Thank you to all them for their support and all our supporters who have made donations throughout the year.

Thank you also to Louise Jackson for her help and support with the back office administration for the Youth system, her help has been much appreciated.

Everyone is looking forward to a great game tonight and in the 2nd leg on Monday, enjoy the game and thanks to everyone for their support.

Steve Torpey / Youth Coach

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TONIGHT'S MASCOT



CHRIS PRYER

Chris is in his favourite York City away strip. He lives in Dunnington and whilst his first love has always been Newcastle United, he now has divided loyalty between the two clubs and is pleased that they didn't meet in the FA Cup this season!

Chris plays football and cricket and wants to take up Ice Hockey over the summer.

DID YOU KNOW

21 years ago today City and Rochdale drew 3-3 at Bootham Crescent in front of 1,920. The scorers were Tony Canham, Steve Tutill and Iain Dunn and City were midtable in the Fourth.



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PEN PICTURES 2009/10

GOALKEEPERS 1 Mark TYLER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United. Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. After falling down the pecking order at Posh he found first team opportunities hard to come by and in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury. A former England Youth international.

13 Shane GORE

Former Wimbledon stopper who arrived at Kenilworth Road on a short-term deal on the eve of the 2009/10 season. He came through the ranks at Selhurst Park but could only make one substitute appearance before leaving for Peterborough in 2003. Shane has also had spells with Barnet and Stevenage and featured for

Maidenhead United in 2008-10 prior to joining the Hatters.

DEFENDERS 24 Gavin CAINES

Centre-half who signed on-loan from Kidderminster Harriers in March 2010. Gavin began his career as a trainee at Walsall but joined Cheltenham Town in 2004 helping the Robins to win promotion in his first season in which he also won the Young Player of the Year award. After over 150 appearances five years at Whaddon Road he fell out of favour and signed in the summer of 2009 for Harriers scoring five times from central defence before his switch to Bedfordshire.

18 Claude GNAKPA

A defender capable of playing centre back or full back, who joined on a free transfer in August 2008. Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein, Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell. He was then off again in July 2007 to Peterborough United and was a regular in the League 2 promotion

winning side. Scored the Hatters' winning goal in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Scunthorpe United in April 2009.

4 Keith KEANE

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003, Keith Keane went on to enjoy an extended run in the side. He finished the season with 14 appearances under his belt, all this whilst still in the first year of his scholarship. Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates. Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt.

6 George PILKINGTON

Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly regarded defender was named player of the year twice and club captain.

LOOKBACK / Luton Town

The clubs have met 16 times in League football (14 in the Football League and twice in the Blue Square Premier) and in the series City can boast just one win (5-1 in 1966/67) and five draws. The Hatters have won on ten occasions. At Bootham Crescent (City's details first): P 8, W 1, D 4, L 3, F.14, A 13. At Kenilworth Road: P 8, W 0, D 1, L 7, F 5, A 22.

One pairing in the FA Cup and that was in the 3rd round in 1978/79 when Fourth Division City defeated Second Division (Championship) Luton 2-0 at Bootham Crescent.

For the record here are details of City's two successes over Luton.

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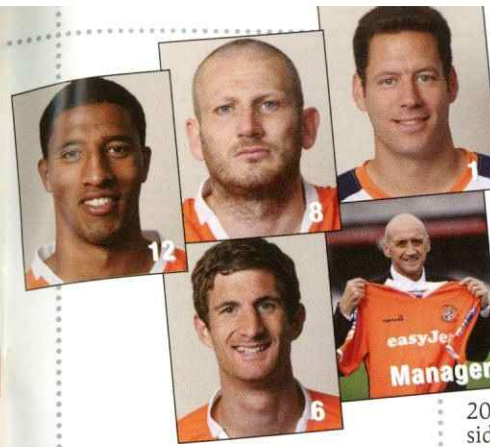
CITY: Fallon, Baker, Turner, Collinson, Jackson, Walker, Horrey, Hawksby, Spencer, Goodchild, Provan. Scorers: Provan (13 & 87 mins), Collinson (52 mins), Spencer (69 mins), Goodchild (70 mins).

TOWN: Swan, Thompson, Jardine, Dougan, Rivers, Moore, French, Allen, Conboy, King, Whittaker. Scorer: French (23 mins).

9th January, 1979
FA Cup Rd 3 Attd: 6,730
CITY 2 TOWN 0

CITY: Brown, Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth. Scorers: Staniforth (3 mins), Randall (85 mins).

TOWN: Findlay, Jones, Aizlewood, Carr, Price, Donaghy, West, Hill, Stein, Hatton, Sherlock (Heale).



25 George BEAVAN

A highly promising central defender Beavan was spotted by former Youth Team coach Marvin Johnson, who initially gave him a trial at the club. He impressed tremendously and soon became a consistent member of the Luton Town Youth team during the 2006/07 season. George is predicted to have a bright future in the game by many at Kenilworth Road. Sent on-loan to Salisbury City in 2008 and has just completed a loan spell at Grays Athletic.

3 Lewis EMANUEL

Lewis Emanuel arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2006 after deciding to leave his home town club Bradford City, the place where the defender started his career. Lewis is a pacy full-back but can also play on the left side of midfield, a position where he started on his league debut for the club. Lewis made over 150 appearances for Bradford in six-years at the club, scoring four goals. In his first season at Kenilworth Road he made 40 appearances, scoring twice. Out of contract at the end of the 2008/09 campaign, Lewis signed a new contract in July 2009.

2 Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up. Sent on on-loan to non-league side Walton & Hersham, he made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell.

However, with first team opportunities still blocked, Ed went on-loan to Salisbury City where he earned rave reviews and when Mick Harford arrived as manager at Kenilworth Road one of the first things he did when he was in charge was to recall the young defender. Making his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra he has gone from strength to strength and was part of the Town team that won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

15 Jake HOWELLS

The young left back came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 he was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May.

5 Janos KOVACS

Giant Hungarian-born defender who signed for the Hatters in January 2010 from League 2 side Lincoln City. Kovacs enjoyed 18 months at Sincil Bank before being placed on the transfer list by boss Chris Sutton. A cult hero in Lincolnshire he joined the Imps following a successful spell with Chesterfield where he spent two years. Had a spell on loan with City in 2006/07.

12 Shane BLACKETT

Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing

of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road from Peterborough United. Equally adept at centre-back or at left-back, Shane began his career with Dunstable Town before a switch to Arlesey Town in 2003. His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed the 6'3" defender in May 2004. He made 83 appearances during his time at Victoria Road and helped the Daggers win the Conference title and earn promotion to the Football League in 2006/07. His reputation as a pacy defender alerted the attention of Peterborough who snapped him up.

23 Freddie MURRAY

Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009 and was made permanent in January 2010. Previously with Northampton Town, Stevenage Borough and Cambridge United Freddie began his career as a trainee with Blackburn Rovers.

MIDFIELDERS

7 Adam NEWTON

Ascot-born Adam became Mick Harford's second summer signing after agreeing a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford. Predominately used as a right winger, the pacy wide man is equally as comfortable at right-back. Adam started his career at West Ham United, coming through the Hammers'

respected academy before signing for Peterborough United in May 2002. The former England Under 21 international went onto make a name for himself with the Posh making 249 appearances in six years at London Road going onto win promotion at the end of the 2007/08 campaign. After leaving Peterborough at the end of the 2007/08 season, Adam was snapped by Andy Scott and Brentford where he helped the Bees to the League 2 title. A St Kitts and Nevis international, he has spent time on-loan at Portsmouth, Notts County and Leyton Orient.

16 Rossi JARVIS

Adaptable player who can play on the left or right hand side of defence or midfield. Jarvis came through the Norwich City youth system, becoming the youngest player to appear for the reserve team at the tender age of 14. He went on to spend loan periods at Torquay United and Rotherham United and after finding first team opportunities hard to come by Jarvis joined Luton Town in August 2008 on a free transfer.

14 Asa HALL

Versatile player capable of playing in midfield or defence. Hall began his football career in Wolverhampton Wanderers youth system, before signing his first professional contract with Birmingham City in 2004. While at the Blues he was a regular in the reserve team and was named young player of the year in the 2004/05 season. He also received caps for England at Under-19

and Under-20 levels and went on to have loan spells with Boston United, Ashford Town and Shrewsbury Town, starting 13 games for the latter.

8 Kevin NICHOLLS

Kevin Nicholls needs no introduction to most Hatters fans. The hard-working midfielder enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, captaining the side to the League One title in the 2004/05 season. Nicholls began his career at Charlton Athletic, before moving to Wigan Athletic in 1999, where he made 28 appearances in two years. He moved to Luton in 2001, and in the next six seasons went on to appear 175 times, scoring 30 goals. He moved to Leeds United for £700,000 in July 2006 and was made club captain by then boss Dennis Wise. However, his very public fall-out with Wise saw him fall down the pecking order at Elland Road, and the following summer he moved to Preston North End for a fee of £750,000. His time at Preston began encouragingly, however a change in the management team saw his first-team opportunities limited. Kevin was delighted to re-sign for Luton, signing a three-year deal in August 2008 and being named as club captain.

FORWARDS

17 Ryan CHARLES

An energetic striker who has made a huge impact at Kenilworth Road since making his debut in 2007. Charles, who has been at Kenilworth Road since the age of nine, had worked his way through the ranks.

10 Tom CRADDOCK

Originally a defender, Tom developed into a promising forward who has done well at youth and Reserve team levels with Middlesbrough. He was the eighth member of Boro's 2004 FA Youth Cup-winning side to progress to first team level. He joined the Hatters on-loan from the Riverside in October 2008

and scored twice on his debut in a 2-2 draw with Grimsby Town. Two further goals followed in the games against Bury and Chesterfield and once his loan expired Mick Harford moved quickly to snap up the striker on a permanent basis. A £80,000 bid was accepted by Middlesbrough and Tom signed a two-and-half year contract in January 2009. He has previously spent spells on loan with Wrexham and Hartlepool United. Top scorer with 24 goals to his credit.

31 Jordan PATRICK

Promising young forward who became the youngest ever player to feature for the Hatters. Patrick made his first team bow when appearing as a substitute at Grimsby Town in October 2008 aged 16 years and seven days. With pace to burn the striker is tipped to have a big future ahead of him and is a regular for the Town's Under 18s.

20 Kevin GALLEN

A Shepherds Bush native, Gallen established himself as something of a legend at QPR. He notched up over 400 appearances and hit 97 goals for the R's in two spells spanning nearly 14 years. Gallen joined Huddersfield 2000 and after 10 goals in 30 starts for the Terriers, Gallen moved across Yorkshire to join Barnsley the following summer, but the call of West London saw him return to QPR within a few months. He scored nine goals in 16 league starts for MK Dons before joining Luton on loan. After a successful loan spell Gallen joined permanently in January 2009. Netted 18 goals this term.

9 Liam HATCH

The 6'3" striker signed for the Hatters on a season-long loan from Peterborough United in June 2009. Hatch started his career with Herne Bay before a move to neighbours Gravesend & Northfleet in 2001. A successful spell at Stonebridge Road saw



him transferred to Barnet for £17,500 where he helped the Bees to promotion to the Football League with 11 league goals in the 2004/05 campaign. His form at Underhill alerted the attention of Peterborough United who paid £150,000 for the striker's services. With first team opportunities limited at London Road Hatch was sent on-loan to Darlington during the 2008/09 campaign where he hit nine goals in 29 league and cup appearances at the Darlington Arena.

27 Mark NWOKEJI

Lightening quick striker with superb goalscoring record at non-league level who signed on loan until January from League 2 outfit Dagenham & Redbridge.

29 Matthew BARNES-HOMER

Prolific striker who joined Luton from Kidderminster Harriers. Capped for England 'C', he began his career as a trainee at Wolves.

Had a spell playing in the USA before returning to England. After a period in non-league football, he signed for Wycombe Wanderers before moving to Kidderminster. He was Richard Money's first signing for the club and has scored 13 goals this season.

11 Taiwo ATIENO

Kenyan international striker Taiwo signed in March 2010 until the end of the season after returning to the UK after a spell playing in Puerto Rico and America. Starting his career as a scholar at Walsall he failed to make the breakthrough at the Bescot and was sent out on loan gain first team experience to a number of Football League sides. After failing to make the grade with the Saddlers he was snapped up by Tamworth and scored 12 goals in his first season with the Lambs before signing for the Puerto Rico Islanders in 2007.

MANAGER

Richard MONEY

Lowestoft-born Richard became the Hatters' 24th post-war permanent manager to succeed Mick Harford. Dubbed "Dicky Dosh" by Walsall fans after he guided the Saddlers to the League 2 title in 2006/07, Richard played 49 times during his season-long stay at Kenilworth Road in 1982/83. Richard cut his managerial teeth at Scunthorpe United - who he also served as a player, before going continuing his education overseas with two clubs in Sweden. After a brief stint in Australia it was to the Bescot where he enjoyed his most successful spell before joining Newcastle United as academy director prior to returning to Bedfordshire.

York City Vice Presidents

AS CHAIRMAN of the York City Vice Presidents and on behalf of all our members I would like to congratulate Martin Foyle, Andy Porter, Steve Torpey and the players on their wonderful achievement this season. Football, passion and pride in the shirt the players pull on have returned to the pitch, our home is once again Bootham Crescent, and the future looks good. Hopefully the next three games will go in our favour and we can regain our place in the Football League, but most of all win or lose we can once again hold our heads up with pride. As Rob Havercroft tells us 'keep the faith'.

The Vice Presidents have worked hard in the support of Jason McGill and his fellow directors by fund raising, which is very difficult in the present financial climate. However difficult through our own 200 Club lottery, Golden Goal each match day, a raffle and the end of season dinner we have been able to hand Jason a cheque for £5,000. There have also been a number of individual donations from Vice Presidents to the club and Youth Team Development which I'm sure the club appreciates.

Over the last few months the Club's General Manager Ross Potter introduced the VIP Ticket to supporters, the ticket includes a tour of the club, referees room, changing rooms plus seats in the directors box and joining the Vice Presidents for

hospitality before and after the game. Over the Easter period we welcomed two Scottish supporters from Falkirk who managed to take in four games, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Rotherham and finally York City. Our game against Altrincham was not one of our best but they enjoyed the hospitality and vowed to return to York next season. Many people have taken up the offer and the hospitality we provide - why not give it a go.

The Vice Presidents are always looking for new members to help raise much needed funds for York City but still enjoying the game of football. This year we welcomed Simon Crack as a new member following his visit to Wembley with the Vice Presidents. During the season we welcomed David Elcock of Abracs - his advertising boards are adorning the front of the Longhurst Stand, more recently Phil Richardson, who did such a sterling job organising the Youth Team Dinner with Sarah Andrews and both supported our own Vice Presidents Dinner in March. We have enjoyed your company and hopefully they will join us next year as Vice Presidents, watching league football!

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BLUE SQUARE PREMIER TABLE

THE FINAL TABLE OF THE SEASON

TEAM	PD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Stevenage Boro	44	30	9	5	79	24	55	99
2 Luton Town	44	26	10	8	84	40	44	88
3 Oxford United	44	25	11	8	64	31	33	86
4 Rushden & D'md	44	22	13	9	77	39	38	79
5 YORK CITY	44	22	12	10	62	35	27	78
6 Kettering Town	44	18	12	14	51	41	10	66
7 Crawley Town	44	19	9	16	50	57	-7	66
8 AFC Wimbledon	44	18	10	16	61	47	14	64
9 Mansfield Town	44	17	11	16	69	60	9	62
10 Cambridge Utd	44	15	14	15	65	53	12	59
11 Wrexham	44	15	13	16	45	39	6	58
12 Salisbury City*	44	21	5	18	58	63	-5	58
13 Kidderminster H	44	15	12	17	57	52	5	57
14 Altrincham	44	13	15	16	53	51	2	54
15 Barrow	44	13	13	18	50	67	-17	52
16 Tamworth	44	11	16	17	42	52	-10	49
17 Hayes & Yeading	44	12	12	20	59	85	-26	48
18 Histon	44	11	13	20	44	67	-23	46
19 Eastbourne Boro	44	11	13	20	42	72	-30	46
20 Gateshead†	44	13	7	24	46	69	-23	45
21 Forest Green R	44	12	9	23	50	76	-26	45
22 Ebbsfleet United	44	12	8	24	50	82	-32	44
23 Grays Athletic‡	44	5	13	26	35	91	-56	26

Points docked: *Salisbury 10; †Gateshead 1; ‡Grays Athletic 2

The lottery of the play offs is once again upon us in the Blue Square Premier, North and South. Let's have a look at who the contenders for promotion are...

BLUE SQUARE PREMIER

Tonight's visitors **Luton Town** were favourites for the title at the beginning of the season, however a slow start to the season looked likely to place on hold any aspirations of achieving this. However after an unbeaten run over the last 14 games of the season, along with the form of striker Tom Craddock, the Hatters broke into the play offs and secured 2nd place. In their way are of course **York City**. A settled team and the form of top scorer Richard Brodie, has seen Martin Foyle's side make a miraculous turnaround from the

threat of relegation last season. The games between these two sides during the season produced two entertaining draws and the play off games look likely to be tight affairs. The Hatters will be under immense pressure at home, therefore if City can produce a home win tonight, they may just find themselves making a trip to the home of English football for the second season in a row.

Oxford United were at one stage 12 points ahead of their nearest rivals, however a torrid final three months to the season has led to them having to settle for a play off place. United have undoubted quality within their squad but the pressure of large crowds at the Kassam Stadium seems to get to the U's and therefore a win in the 1st leg at **Rushden & Diamonds** may be the key to their quest for

a final place. The Diamonds have been the surprise package in the BSP this season. They have quietly chipped away at a top five place and have met that objective with a team of hard working players. Lee Tomlin has been the star of the show at Nene Park this season and he could be the key player if they are to make a return to the Football League after an absence of four years.

BLUE SQUARE NORTH

Fleetwood Town have pushed champions Southport all the way this season. The Lancashire side have spent heavily to ensure that they would be in with a fighting chance of securing a place in the BSP next season. After finishing only one point behind the champions, they are the undoubted favourites to

secure the second promotion place. Their opponents will be another Lancashire side - **Droylsden**. A short lived stay in the BSP two seasons ago gave them an insight into how strong they will need to be should they be successful in making a return. **Alfreton Town** have been close to promotion a number of times over the last five years. The experience of former Chesterfield manager Nicky Law has seen them once again secure a place in the top five. They face the most Northerly based side in the BSN - **Workington**. The management team of ex city favourites Darren Edmondson and Viv Busby has guided the Cumbrian side to their highest finishing place in five years and after embarking on a run to the FA Trophy quarter finals, they proved that they can mix it up with sides in the BSP.

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

South coast side **Dover Athletic** are aiming for their third successive promotion after securing 2nd place in the BSS. If they are to achieve the hat trick of promotions they will need to beat a side with recent experience of playing in the top division of non league football - **Woking**. The Surrey based side dropped out of the BSP last season but after securing the services of a number of highly experienced lower league players, have given themselves a great chance of an instant return.

Essex based side **Chelmsford City** will face FA Cup specialists **Bath City** in the other BSS play off. The two sides both hold similar home and away records and this looks likely to be a close encounter but Bath's cup experience, having reached the second round of the FA Cup this season, could give them the edge.

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- 8 Kevin NICHOLLS
- 9 Liam HATCH
- 10 Tom CRADDOCK
- 11 Taiwo ATIENO
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