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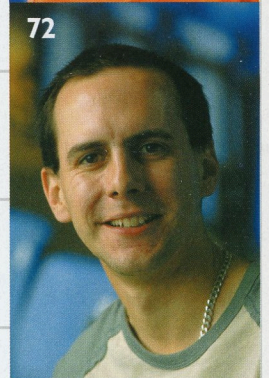
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MONEY TALKS

Good afternoon and welcome to all supporters to Kenilworth Road for today's hugely significant game with York City for what promises to be an exciting and no doubt tense second leg.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from Bootham Crescent, manager Martin Foyle, his players and staff, the directors and supporters of the Minstermen.

We go into this afternoon's Bank Holiday fixture a goal behind at what is 'half-time' in this two-legged semi-final with a place at Wembley at stake.

Play-Off fixtures are always tense, nerve affairs and I am sure you will all be experiencing plenty of nerves on your way to the ground and that is to be expected.

However, those supporters who made the long journey on Thursday night can reassure those sitting around you that weren't there that night, of how well we played in spite of the fact we came away losing to a late goal.

I said after the game, and have admitted recently too, that I am really proud of the players' effort. Not only in making Stevenage sweat for the Championship, not only for going on a 14-match unbeaten run but for Thursday's performance too.

It was extremely disappointing to lose to such a goal at that time when it looked like we have done enough to at the very least earn a goalless draw to take back to Kenilworth Road.

The way in which we passed the ball and created chances was very, very encouraging but, as I said to the players in the dressing after the game, if we played to a similar standard this afternoon then we'll be very happy.

Had Thursday's game ended goalless it would have been the best 0-0 draw I have ever seen. It was far from the expected cagey match many people expected.

Both sides really went for it, slogged it out when they had to and played some good football on a wet surface ideal for opening, attacking football and as a result it meant for an exciting, end-to-end match which would have been a fantastic spectacle for the neutral.

The goal was unfortunate to concede and the result harsh on us given the amount of chances we have created, however, the amount of positives taken from the game stands us in good stead this afternoon.

There's no doubting it will be another huge test for us today but over the past few months the character, attitude and performances of the players have been magnificent which gives us every reason to be confident.

With the way the tie is currently poised, and with a full-house inside the ground expected today, your support has never been so important.

It has been phenomenal ever since I took over and your loyalty and passion was once again evident on Thursday night where your backing was tremendous – it can't have been easy standing out in the rain.

The atmosphere at home games has been exceptional too, and today we need you to turn the place into a cauldron and really crank up the noise.

Keep with us, embrace the moment and enjoy the game.





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CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN LOOKS AHEAD TO TODAY'S HUGE PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINAL



Good afternoon and welcome to an absolute must-win game for Luton Town. We don't need to spell it out, do we?

As I said at the annual Supporters' Club night last weekend, it is never dull following the Hatters. I wasn't able to get to York on Thursday because I was caught up in the Prime Ministerial debate at Birmingham University, but I was receiving texts between pronouncements from Messrs Brown, Cameron and Clegg!

It was bitterly disappointing to hear we'd conceded right at the end, but everyone I've spoken to says we were superb on the night, so there's real hope we can put things right today.

To suffer our first defeat since February at such a crucial time is

crucially ironic, but it is only half time in the tie overall and I can assure you the players and coaching staff are absolutely raring to go today.

They don't even contemplate being beaten. We and they know how good we are, how magnificent our performances have been in the last couple of months and how good our form is.

And so we're into the month of May and the final hurdle of a remarkable season. Remarkable for its inconsistency at certain stages when so much was expected of us, but remarkable more memorably for some of the breathtaking performances we've witnessed.

The comeback at Cambridge when we went in two down

with 10 men to snatch the game in the second half, a dazzling second half at Ebbsfleet when the lads knocked in six in front of our incredulous supporters, that battling win at Stevenage, the eight against Hayes and Yeading and, for me the best of all, that stunning victory over Oxford when we scored twice after the 90th minute.

A turning point, I reckon, in terms of morale and confidence and I shall never forget the way we all raised the roof at such an amazing climax. I lived on that game for days afterwards and I'm sure you did too.

Our support has been the envy of everyone in this division and indeed quite a few clubs in the divisions above. Thank you for that...it's been said loads of times, I know, but the players

really appreciate it and we do too in the boardroom.

I often turn to my colleagues Gary, Antony or Stephen prior to kick off and say how proud it makes me feel to be a supporter of this great football club and to be so involved. It's an absolute honour.

When you see our fans packed together around an away ground in a sea of orange or chanting the odds here at Kenilworth Road, it really does make the hair stand up on the back of your neck.

We are a very close bunch in the boardroom and that includes our hugely committed investors too, who have stood by the club through some desperate times. I hope they know how much they are appreciated.

Without their generous backing during our

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administration and the fiendishly difficult time coming out of it, Luton Town wouldn't have had a chance. Their dedicated support continues and, on behalf of all my fellow fans, I thank them for it.

So here we go, Luton versus York for a place at Wembley and a possible return to the Football League.

A warm welcome to everyone from York as we get set for what should be an excellent and competitive game of

football in front of a sell-out crowd.

It'll be good to see the Oak Road packed out for a change...it's looked a little desolate all too often this season.

With so much at stake, today's atmosphere should be something else.

Enjoy it and, Hatters fans, spur Luton Town onto Wembley!

Nick

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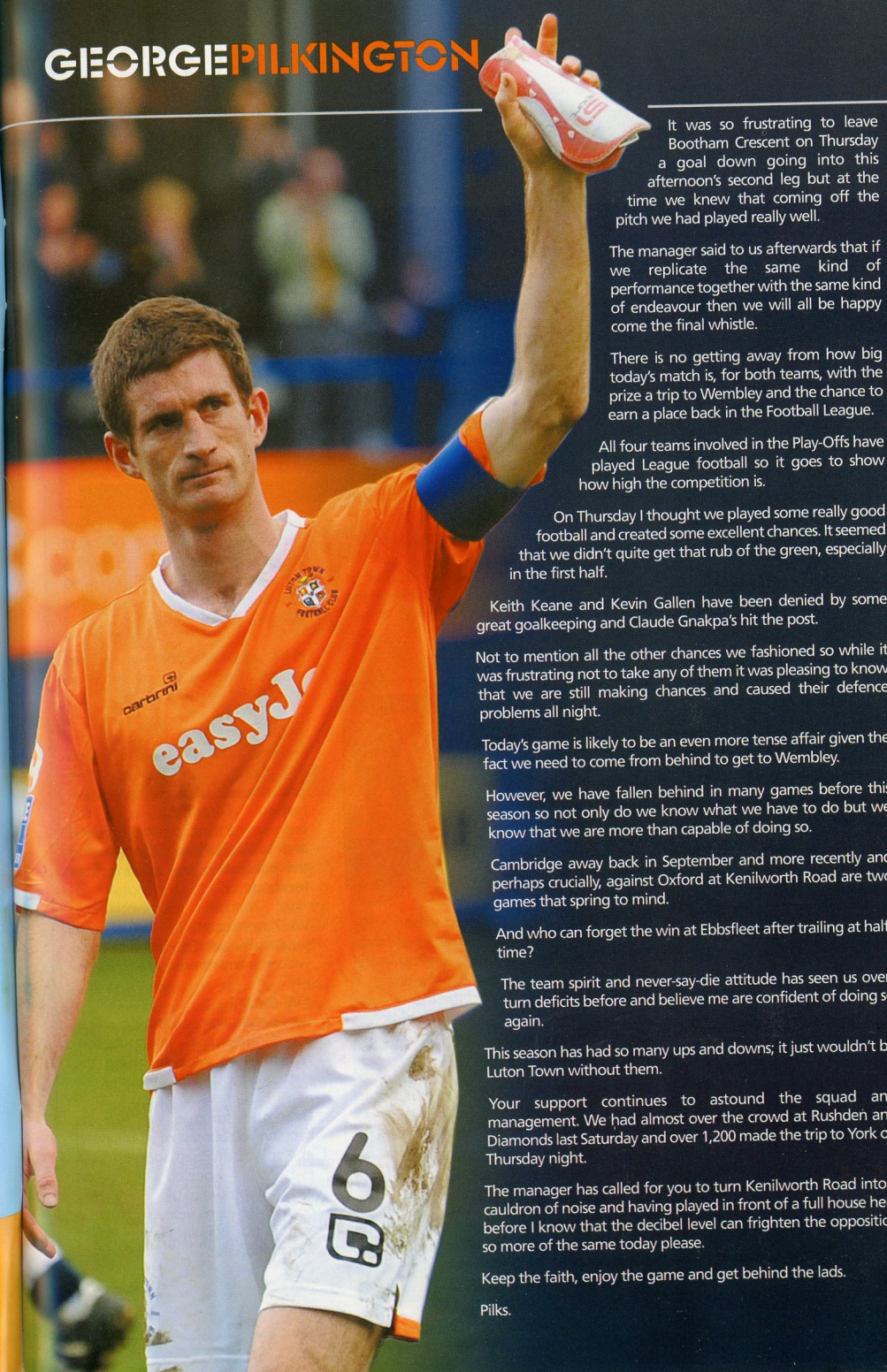
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GEORGE PILKINGTON



It was so frustrating to leave Bootham Crescent on Thursday a goal down going into this afternoon's second leg but at the time we knew that coming off the pitch we had played really well.

The manager said to us afterwards that if we replicate the same kind of performance together with the same kind of endeavour then we will all be happy come the final whistle.

There is no getting away from how big today's match is, for both teams, with the prize a trip to Wembley and the chance to earn a place back in the Football League.

All four teams involved in the Play-Offs have played League football so it goes to show how high the competition is.

On Thursday I thought we played some really good football and created some excellent chances. It seemed that we didn't quite get that rub of the green, especially in the first half.

Keith Keane and Kevin Gallen have been denied by some great goalkeeping and Claude Gnaka's hit the post.

Not to mention all the other chances we fashioned so while it was frustrating not to take any of them it was pleasing to know that we are still making chances and caused their defence problems all night.

Today's game is likely to be an even more tense affair given the fact we need to come from behind to get to Wembley.

However, we have fallen behind in many games before this season so not only do we know what we have to do but we know that we are more than capable of doing so.

Cambridge away back in September and more recently and perhaps crucially, against Oxford at Kenilworth Road are two games that spring to mind.

And who can forget the win at Ebbsfleet after trailing at half-time?

The team spirit and never-say-die attitude has seen us overturn deficits before and believe me are confident of doing so again.

This season has had so many ups and downs; it just wouldn't be Luton Town without them.

Your support continues to astound the squad and management. We had almost over the crowd at Rushden and Diamonds last Saturday and over 1,200 made the trip to York on Thursday night.

The manager has called for you to turn Kenilworth Road into a cauldron of noise and having played in front of a full house here before I know that the decibel level can frighten the opposition so more of the same today please.

Keep the faith, enjoy the game and get behind the lads.

Pilks.

THE CAPTAIN

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HATTERS NEWS

SATURDAY 7TH APRIL

The Hatters know that winning the Blue Square Premier is beyond them after Altrincham earn a point in a goalless draw at Kenilworth Road. For pictures, reaction and a report turn to pages 19-23.

The Town's Under-18s fair no better as they went down 2-1 at home to Aldershot with Liam Toomey on target.

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL

The Town keep-up their unbeaten record at Nene Park and stretch their unbeaten run to 14 matches in the Blue Square Premier with a 1-1 draw at fellow Play-Off participants Rushden and Diamonds.

Tom Craddock put the Hatters ahead after nine minutes but a Mark Byrne goal levelled matters 11 minutes later.

Despite a Matt James goal, Martin Prickett's Under-18s fall to a 3-1 defeat to Wycombe Wanderers in the Youth Alliance.

You can read Martin's Under-18s review of the season on pages 46 and 47.

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL

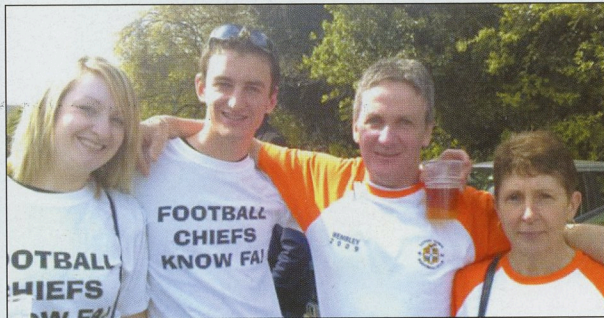
George Pilkington picks up four of the seven awards at the Luton Town Supporters' Club awards night. For reaction and photographs if the evening turn to pages 68 and 69.

TUESDAY 27TH APRIL

The Town's reserves came from a goal down to beat Southend United 3-1 in their final fixture of the totesport.com Combination campaign. In a match played at Barton Rovers, Taiwo Atieno, JJ O'Donnell and Alex Lacey were on target to ensure the Hatters' second string's fifth win in their last six outings.

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL

Turn to pages 49-53 for a report, pictures and reaction from our first leg fixture against York at Bootham Crescent.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Clive Williams is celebrating his 50th birthday with wife Julie, son Michael and daughter Nicola of whom are all avid Hatters fans. Happy 50th Birthday Clive!

aggregate at the end of normal time today. Away goals DO NOT count and if the scores remain the same on aggregate at the end of 90 minutes, 30 minutes of extra-time will be played.

MARATHON MAN



Avid Hatters fan and season ticket holder Danny Weatherill has raised almost £3,000 after running in the London Marathon last Sunday. Danny, who raised the money for a Multiple Sclerosis charity, finished in a time of three hours and 55 minutes.

After the race Danny was quick to raise a Town scarf aloft in celebration of his achievement. A big well done from everyone at Luton Town.

TONIGHT

We've been inundated with supporters wishing to know what happens if the scores are level on

If the aggregate score remain level after that period the game will be decided by a penalty shoot-out.

THANK YOU

The editorial team would like to go on record and express their gratitude to all those who have helped contribute in the programme throughout the season and to supporters for purchasing the publication and offering their feedback.

We have began planning on next season's issue and once again would welcome any comments and ideas.

STAY ONLINE

Remember, although this is our final programme of the season, remember to keep following the Hatters on your official website.

Over the summer we will be keeping you abreast of all the news at Kenilworth Road so keep your eyes peeled on www.lutontown.co.uk. Every click on the site earns valuable revenue as does our popular Hatters Player subscription site.

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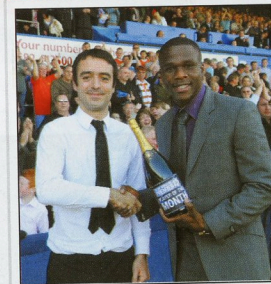


AWARDS A PLENTY

Before our last home game with Altrincham, Richard Money, Claude Gnakpa and George Pilkington all picked up awards.

The manager and the flying Frenchman collected their Blue Square Manager and Player of the Month awards while George Pilkington scooped the Bobbers Travel Club and Loyal Luton Supporters' Club Player of the Year trophies.

George picked up even more trophies at the Luton Town Supporters' Club awards evening. Turn to pages 68 and 69 for pictures and reaction.



HATTERSDIARY

SUNDAY 16TH MAY

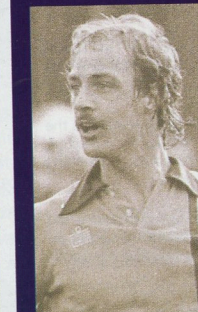


SIR BOB LORD TROPHY: Either the Town or York will compete for it at Wembley.

The winners of tonight's tie will meet with Rushden and Diamonds or Oxford United at Wembley in the Blue Square Premier Promotion Final.

The game will kick-off at 5pm and is being screen live on Sky Sports.

TUESDAY 18TH MAY



Ex-Hatters John Faulkner is our special guest speak at the end-of-season dinner that takes place at the Auction House in Luton.

For more information on the event turn to pages 23 and 24.



YORK CITY

WE TAKE A LOOK AT TODAY'S VISITORS



Nickname: The Minstermen
Manager: Martin Foyle
Ground: Bootham Crescent
Last season: Conference 17th
2008/09 average attendance: 2,295
2009/10 BSP title odds: 22/1

victory, was probably best remembered for Steve Howard's missed penalty. The former Northampton striker missed twice after he was allowed to re-take the spot-kick by the referee.

The two sides have met on eight occasions at Kenilworth Road with the last – October's 1-1 draw – the Minstermen's only ever point on Bedfordshire soil, bringing to an end seven successive Town wins.

York's only league victory came in the two sides' first ever meeting in March 1967 at Bootham Crescent, coming out on top 5-1. That was followed two months later when the Hatters beat City by the same scoreline at Kenilworth Road!

PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Luton wins: 10 Draws: 5 York wins: 2

The Hatters hold a healthy advantage in meetings with the Minstermen with 10 victories from the past 17 league and cup encounters – including doing the double the last time the two sides met prior to this season in 2001/02.

The match at Bootham Crescent, a 2-1

THE MANAGER

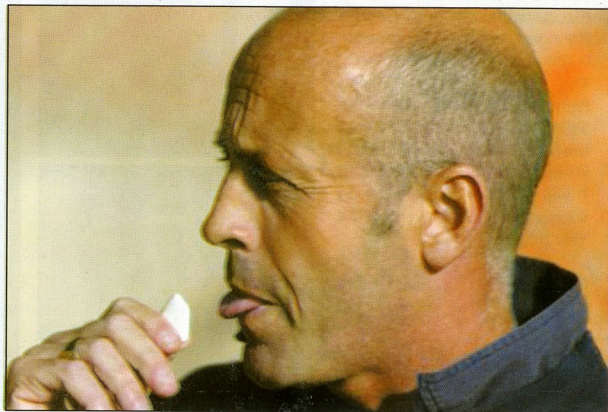
MARTIN FOYLE

Foyle was appointed manager at KitKat Crescent in November 2008 following the dismissal of Colin Walker.

He started his career with Southampton in the early 1980's and went on to play for Aldershot, Oxford and Port Vale netting 155 goals in 533 Football League games.

On finishing his playing days he became the Valiants' youth team coach and then went on to reign as the manager at Vale Park from 2004 to 2007.

Before moving to York Foyle also had a spell as assistant boss at Wrexham



RECENT HISTORY:

After being founded in 1922 and joining the Football League seven years later the Minstermen finally lost their status as a League club following relegation from League 2 in 2003/04.

Their relegation that season was down in no small part to the fact they failed to win a league game in their final 20 matches of the campaign.

After a 17th place finish in their first season in the Conference they missed out on the Play-Offs by three places in 2005/06.

The following season, however, the Minstermen did make the end-of-season lottery but lost at the semi-final stage to Morecambe, who went on to win promotion themselves.

In 2007/08 City failed to replicate the form of the previous campaign and ended up marooned in mid-table, eventually finishing 14th.

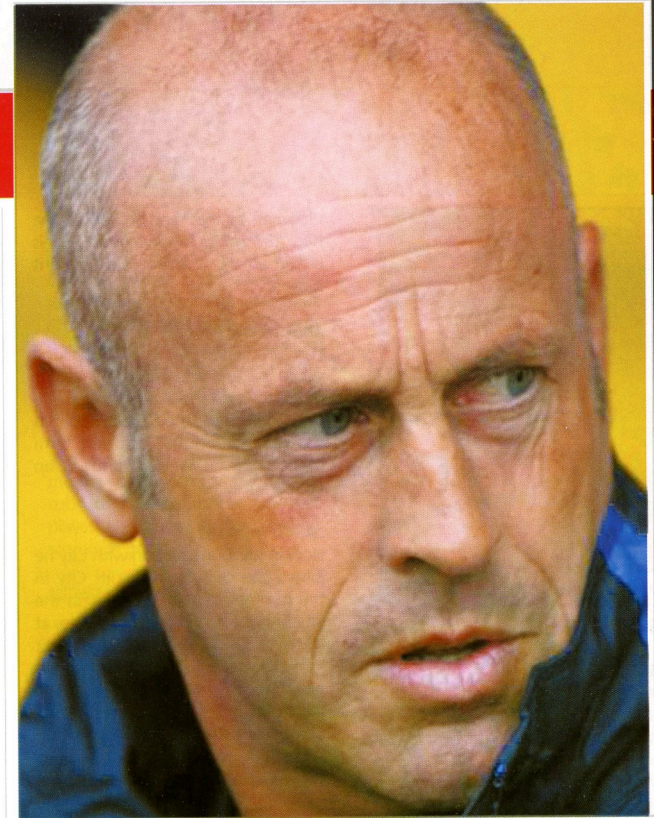
Last season saw another frustrating league campaign in the Conference for the Bootham Crescent faithful when finishing in 17th place, narrowly avoiding the drop with a late resurgence in form, towards the tail end of the season, helping them survive.

It was a different matter in the cup competitions, and Manager Martin Foyle did guide the club to Wembley in the FA Trophy, but the Minstermen lost 2-0 in the Final to Stevenage Borough.

York City manager Martin Foyle was naturally playing down the significance of the Minstermen's victory at Bootham Crescent on Thursday night, insisting there is still a long way to go in the tie following York's first leg victory.

Last season, Foyle was instrumental in saving City from relegation courtesy of a final day 2-1 victory over Weymouth to keep the club in the Conference. He also guided his team to the FA Trophy final at Wembley, which ended in a 2-0 defeat to Stevenage Borough.

The former Aldershot, Oxford United and Port Vale striker is desperate to return to



MARTIN FOYLE

MINSTERMEN BOSS PLEASED TO BE BRINGING A LEAD TO KENILWORTH ROAD

Wembley this year but is not getting carried away with his team's slender advantage over the Hatters.

Speaking after York's last-gasp victory Foyle said: "I have just said to the lads that it is only half-time. We didn't know what the score was going to be prior to the game and it is hard to work out what the scenarios will be for the second leg.

"To keep a clean sheet against a very, very good side is a delight for the back four and the keeper, who pulled off a great save at the right time in

the first half which kept us well and truly in the game.

"There were a lot plus points and we know we are in for a hard game, but to go there with a lead, I am absolutely delighted with it."

Foyle believed the weather had a huge impact on the game, with Richard Brodie's late winner coming from a mistake by Hatters' defender Shane Blackett, but the City boss was quick to dismiss the result as good fortune.

"There were so many good things," he said. "I thought the

midfield worked hard, we kept ourselves narrow because Murray likes to get forward, Newton likes to get forward and we tried to stop balls getting into the front two because Gallen is very clever and we know what Craddock can do.

"One or two players have got a few knocks, but I am going to go quietly about my business and not shout from the roof tops because I said to the players don't get too excited because we are no where near there."



MICHAEL INGHAM

GOALKEEPERS

MICHAEL INGHAM

In his second season with the club having signed from Hereford United in the summer of 2008 and was virtual ever present last term. He has won two full caps for Northern Ireland and whilst with Sunderland had a spell on loan with City in 2003 making 17 Football League appearances for the club. He also had loan spells at Carlisle United, Darlington and Doncaster Rovers and moved to Wrexham in 2005 before moving to Edgar Street.

JOSH MIMMS

Son of former City, Everton, Tottenham Hotspur and Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper Bobby. He signed a permanent deal in January 2008. Made four senior appearances in 2007/08.

DEFENDERS

DAVID MCGURK

The longest serving player on the club's books having first played for City in 2004/05 on loan from Darlington. The following campaign he had a full season on loan from the Quakers before signing for the club in August 2006. In 2006/07 he helped City reach the promotion Play-Offs and last term the FA Trophy final.

Clubman of the Year in 2007/08, he had 187 senior appearances to his credit at the start of the present season.

ANDY McWILLIAMS

Has graduated through the dub's youth system and made his senior debut towards the end of the 2007/08 campaign. He turned professional in the summer of 2008 and last term made 26 League and Cup appearances.

DANIEL PARSLow

Now in his fourth season with City he joined the club from Cardiff City in the summer of 2006. Whilst with the Bluebirds he was capped for Wales at Under-21 level and in his time at York has captained the Wales non-league side. Helped the club reach the promotion Play-Off in 2006/07 and during last season took over the captaincy leading the side out at Wembley in the FA

Trophy final against Stevenage Borough. Twice he has won the Community Player of the Year award and last term was Clubman of the Year. By the end of last season he had made 136 senior appearances for City.

BEN PURKISS

Joined the club, initially on loan, from Gainsborough Trinity in March 2007. A trainee with Sheffield United, he had moved to Trinity in 2003. As at the start of this season he had made 101 senior appearances for the club. A Law student he represented Great Britain in the World Student games which were held in Belgrade during the summer.

DJOUNIN SANGARE

Equally at home at right-back or centre of defence he joined the club during the summer. Born in France he played in the French League for Wasquehal before coming to the UK. After spells at Lewes, Grays Athletic and Staffor Rangers he spent 2008/09

with Salisbury City.

JAMES MEREDITH

A close season signing capture the Australian-born left sided defender started his career as a youngster with Derby County. He had a loan period at Chesterfield and a spell with Irish club Sligo Rovers before moving to Shrewsbury Town in 2007/08. He spent last season on loan with AFC Telford United.

MIDFIELDERS

LEVI MACKIN

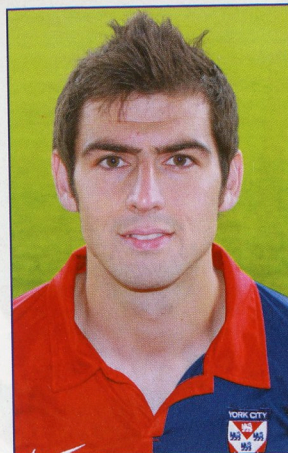
Having had a successful loan spell from Wrexham in the second half of last season helping City reach the FA Trophy final he signed a permanent deal in the summer. Capped for Wales at Under-21 level he joined Wrexham from school and spent six seasons at the Racecourse Ground. Had a spell on loan with Droylsden in 2007/08.

ALEX LAWLESS

A close season signing from Forest Green Rovers having spent the last three campaigns at the New Lawn. A former Fulham trainee and Welsh Under-21 international he has also been on Torquay United books. A utility player he is equally at home at full back or midfield.



LEVI MACKIN



ALEX LAWLESS

NEIL BARRETT

Another summer signing having joined City from Ebbsfleet United. An England schoolboy international he started his career as a youngster at Chelsea and moved to Portsmouth in 2001 and made 26 appearances for the Fratton Park club in the second tier of English football. He later had spells with Dundee, Livingston and Woking before moving to Ebbsfleet in 2007 and in his first season there helped United win the FA Trophy.

ADAM SMITH

Joined the club midway through last season from Gainsborough Trinity, initially on loan. He joined Chesterfield from school and turned professional in 2004 and made a number of senior appearances for the Spireites. He had a loan spell with Lincoln City in 2007/08 before being released by Chesterfield at the end of the season.

STRIKERS

RICHARD BRODIE

Joined the club midway through

the 2006/07 campaign from Newcastle Benfield after impressing against City in an FA Cup tie earlier that season. He scored on his debut in a 4-0 win at Altrincham in February 2007. He had a spell on loan with Barrow last term and on his return went onto finish top scorer with 19 League and Cup goals helping the club reach Wembley in the FA Trophy and was capped for England C. At the start of this campaign including substitute appearances he had played in 106 games for City and scored 34 goals.

MICHAEL RANKINE



MICHAEL RANKINE

Moved to City in the summer from Rushden & Diamonds in a deal which involved Craig Farrell switching to Nene Park. The striker started his career at Barrow before joining Scunthorpe United in 2004 and he scored for the Iron on his Football League debut. In three seasons at Rushden he netted 32 goals in 124 appearances and last term had a spell on loan with League 2 Bournemouth.

RICHARD PACQUETTE

Dominican international who started his career at Queens Park Rangers with whom he made a number of Football League appearances. After a loan spell at Mansfield Town he then joined MK Dons and later Brentford. In 2007/08 he was in the Havant & Waterlooville side that reached the fourth round of the FA Cup. At that stage they lost 5-2 to Liverpool and he scored the goal that gave his side a shock lead at Anfield. He subsequently had a loan spell at Histon and last season he was with Blue Square South Maidenhead United.

MICHAEL GASH

Signed from Ebbsfleet for a fee of £55,000 in July 2009. He started his career at Cambridge City and then joined neighbours Cambridge United in 2006. A year later he returned to City and in 2007/08 notched 27 goals before moving to Stonebridge Road in the summer of 2008. Top scorer for Ebbsfleet last term with 13 goals.



MICHAEL GASH

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NUMBERSGAME

SIMON PITTS TELLS THE STORY OF THE SEASON IN NUMBERS

Cup ties against Grays and Southampton respectively.

23

The number of goals scored by Tom Craddock in the Blue Square this season, including his first

professional hat-trick against Histon. Craddock only netted seven goals in the first half of the season, with another coming in the FA Cup tie at Rotherham. In the final 21 matches of the season, however, Craddock hit an incredible 16 goals, including two against Forest Green Rovers, Hayes & Yeading and Grays Athletic as well as his treble against Histon.

8

The biggest margin of victory came on 27th March when Hayes & Yeading were the visitors to Kenilworth Road. The previous Saturday had seen the Hatters hit six in the second half

against Ebbsfleet, and they continued this goalscoring run with seven goals in the opening 35 minutes against Hayes & Yeading. Kevin Gallen, Claude Gnakpa and Tom Craddock all scored twice, with Keith Keane and Jake Howells also finding the net.

6,9-18

The average attendance at Kenilworth Road for a Blue Square Premier match this season. The highest attendance, 8,860, was against Oxford United for the 2-1 win on 9th February. The lowest attendance, of 5,884, included just 42 visiting supporters, was for the 2-1 win against Forest Green a month later. The lowest away support at Kenilworth Road was the 21 Grays fans who witnessed the 6-0 defeat! Coincidentally this was also the biggest home support for a game as the other 7,839 supporters were all cheering for the Town.

4-4

The number of Blue Square Premier games played this season with just George Pilkington starting in every single match. Tom Craddock was the only other player to have featured in every game, having started in 40 and come on as a substitute in the other four.

1-4

The most number of substitute appearances by one player, Matthew Barnes-Homer, who also came off the bench in the FA Trophy defeat at Cambridge. Shane Blackett, Liam Hatch and Jake Howells all made 10 substitute appearances in the Blue Square Premier this season.

30

The total number of players featuring for the Hatters in the Blue Square Premier this season. However it would have been 31 as Ashley Cain only made one appearance, at Chester City, but this match was expunged from the record books. The only player with just one appearance therefore was Shane Gore, who came on for the injured Kevin Pilkington against Ebbsfleet on 30th January.

17

The number of players who made their debut for the Hatters this season in the Blue Square Premier. Matthew Barnes-Homer, Steve Basham, Shane Blackett, Andy Burgess, George Donnelly, Shane Gore, Liam Hatch, Simon Heslop, Janos Kovacs, Freddie Murray, Craig Nelthorpe, Adam Newton, Mark Nwokeji, Kevin Pilkington, Callum Reynolds, Mark Tyler, and Ben Wright. Another two, youngsters Taylor Nathaniel and Adam Watkins, made their first-team debuts, and only appearances so far for Luton, in the FA

PLAYERSTATS

	THIS SEASON				TOTAL Apps	TOTAL Goals	LITFC CAREER CARDS			TOTAL Goals
	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals			Yellow	Red	Apps	
Ed ASAFU-ADIJAYE	18(2)	0	2(1)	0	20(3)	0	2	0	54	0
Matthew BARNES-H	8(6)	4	0(1)	0	8(6)	4	1	0	25	4
Steve BASHAM	0(5)	0	1(0)	2	1(5)	2	0	0	6	2
George BEAVAN	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	9	0
Shane BLACKETT	14(0)	0	6(0)	1	20(0)	1	1	1	30	1
Andy BURGESS	5(1)	0	3(0)	0	8(1)	0	0	0	9	0
Ryan CHARLES	0(6)	1	1(1)	0	1(7)	1	0	0	28	4
Tom CRADDOCK	4(4)	23	3(3)	1	44(7)	24	7	0	81	36
George DONNELLY	0(4)	0	3(3)	0	0(4)	0	0	0	4	0
Lewis EMANUEL	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	1(2)	0	0	0	88	5
Kevin GALLEN	31(1)	16	7(0)	2	38(1)	18	2	0	68	21
Claude GNAKPA	27(9)	8	4(3)	1	31(12)	9	7	0	81	12
Shane GORE	0(1)	0	2(0)	0	2(1)	0	0	0	3	0
Asa HALL	28(3)	5	3(2)	1	31(5)	6	2	0	87	16
Liam HATCH	10(10)	4	0(0)	0	11(9)	4	6	1	20	4
Simon HESLOP	12(0)	1	0(0)	0	12(0)	1	0	0	12	1
Jake HOWELLS	22(10)	6	3(3)	0	25(13)	6	1	0	67	6
Rossi JARVIS	21(6)	2	4(0)	0	25(6)	2	2	1	77	5
Keith KEANE	34(0)	2	4(0)	0	38(0)	2	7	1	192	6
Janos KOVACS	17(0)	1	0(0)	0	17(0)	1	3	0	17	1
Freddie MURRAY	39(2)	0	4(0)	0	43(2)	0	7	0	45	0
Taylor NATHANIEL	0(0)	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Craig NELTHORPE	0(8)	0	0(0)	0	0(8)	0	1	0	8	0
Adam NEWTON	33(3)	2	6(1)	2	39(4)	4	3	0	43	0
Kevin NICHOLLS	22(0)	0	5(0)	0	27(0)	0	5	1	238	33
Mark NWOKEJI	0(6)	0	0(2)	1	0(8)	1	0	0	8	1
Jordan PATRICK	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	2	0
George PILKINGTON	45(6)	6	7(0)	0	52(6)	6	4	0	74	6
Kevin PILKINGTON	7(0)	0	4(0)	0	11(0)	0	1	0	11	0
Callum REYNOLDS	3(2)	0	1(0)	0	4(2)	0	1	1	6	0
Mark TYLER	38(0)	0	1(0)	0	39(0)	0	1	0	61	0
Adam WATKINS	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Alan WHITE	16(0)	0	6(0)	1	22(0)	1	3	0	114	4
Ben WRIGHT	4(1)	1	0(0)	0	4(1)	1	0	0	5	1

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LUTON TOWN 0-0 ALTRINCHAM



IT'S THE PLAY-OFFS FOR THE TOWN AFTER THE GOALLESS DRAW

POST-MATCH REACTION

RICHARD MONEY:

"It was frustrating to be honest. It was a tight game, like I knew it would be, and we just couldn't make the breakthrough."



"I'd like to see what the possession count and number of shots, corners and crosses was - we had but we just couldn't do it."

"I suppose when you score 24 in your past four home games you're always going to have one of those days when one doesn't go in."

"I think Altrincham came off the pitch thinking 'mission accomplished', they came to frustrate us and make life difficult and they certainly did that."

"I am proud of the players' efforts over the last quarter of the season. I always thought it was a bridge too far to catch Stevenage but fair play to our players for pushing as hard as they have done."

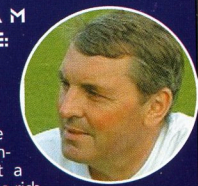
"We're not disappointed, we've had a huddle and I don't think we could have done any more."

"It's been a fantastic effort. We'd won seven home games on a row before today - and we haven't lost."

"We have only lost once in 15 away games. That suggests that going into the Play-Offs we're in good form."

GRAHAM HEATHCOTE:

"People can say what they like, for us to have kept a clean-sheet against a team in such a rich scoring vein as Luton had been is a terrific achievement in my book."



after good work from Matthew Barnes-Homer.

Altrincham, safe in midtable, came into the game having ran Stevenage and Oxford close in their previous two games.

However, the closest Graham Heathcote's side came to finding the target came on 15 minutes when Mark Tyler reacted smartly to Robbie Williams close range effort.

The Town continued to huff and puff but after Money sent on Liam Hatch and Barnes-Homer they could not find a winner despite having four strikers on the field for the final 27 minutes and, with Stevenage clinching the title, Richard Money's men can look ahead to an extended season in the Play-Offs.

After the recent goal gluts at Kenilworth Road, it was a strange end to the regular home campaign and meant that it was the first time since 2nd December that the Town had failed to score at home.

The Hatters will have to win promotion from the Blue Square Premier the hard way after a frustrating goalless draw at Kenilworth Road was coupled by news that leaders Stevenage had won at Kidderminster.

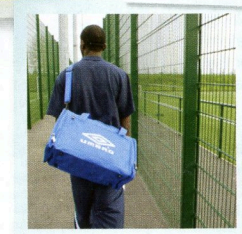
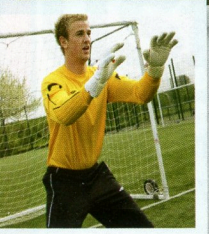
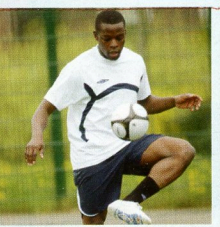
A victory over a resilient Altrincham side still wouldn't have been enough but manager Richard Money's pre-match prediction for a tight-game was spot on as the Town's run of seven successive home wins was brought to an end.

It wasn't for the want of trying as the Hatters dominated much of the 90 minutes.

Alty goalkeeper Stuart Coburn was the Town's main tormentor as he pulled off two fantastic saves to thwart the hosts.

Firstly in the first-half he kept out a stinging snap-shot from Tom Craddock before he pulled off an even better one seven minutes from the end when getting down to keep out Kevin Gallen's low drive

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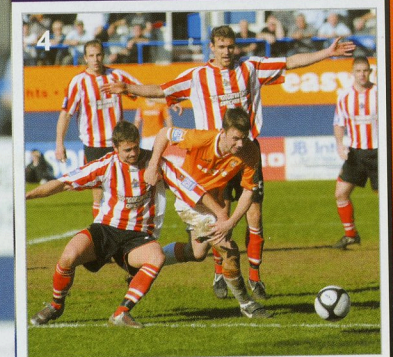
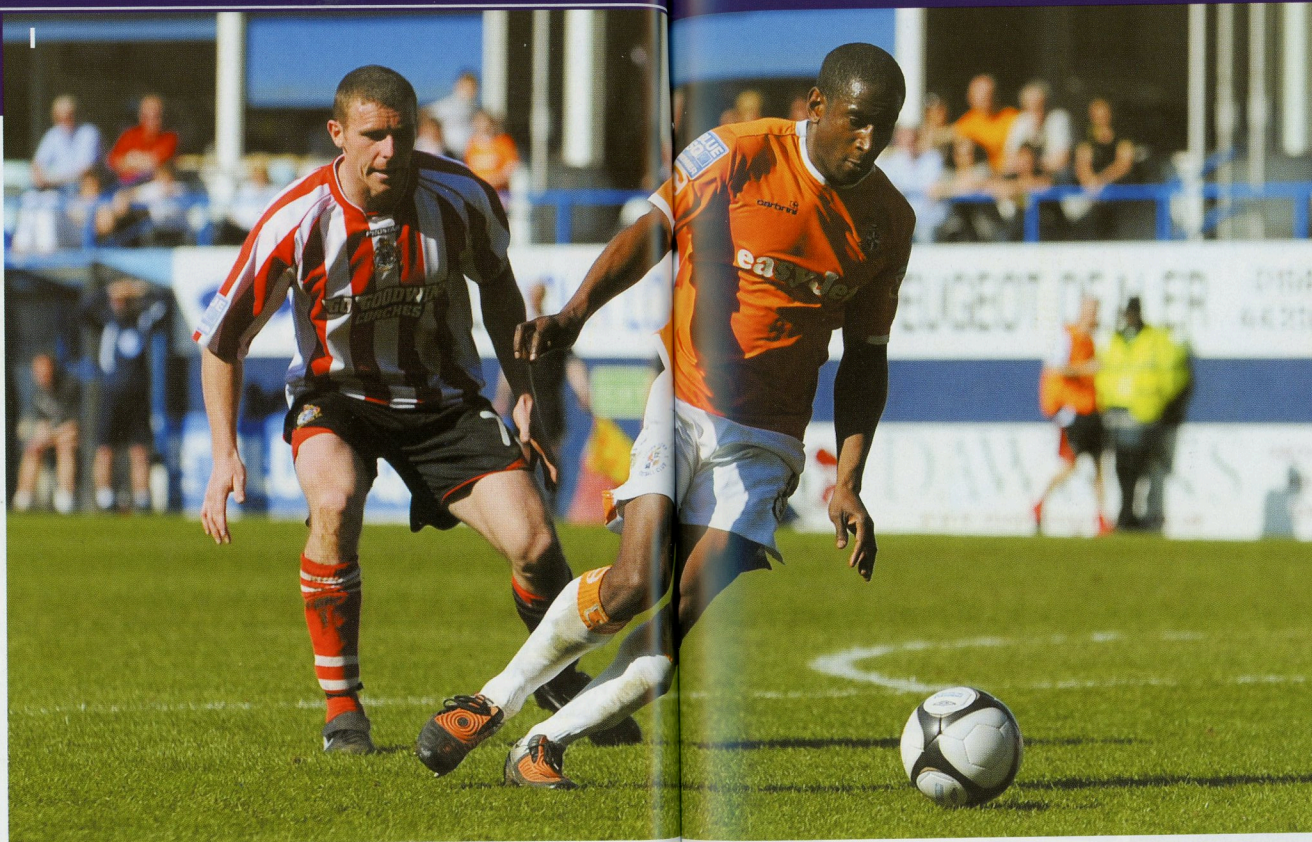
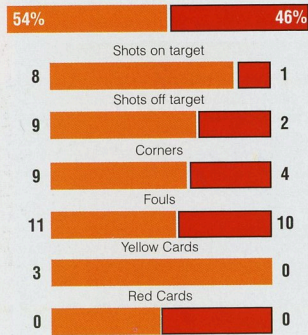
Luton Town: Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye (Barnes-Homer 63), Hall, Pilkington, Newton, Craddock, Blackett, Howells, Gallen, Murray (Hatch 64), Heslop. Subs not used: Kovacs, Jarvis, Nelthorpe.

Altrincham: Coburn, Smith, Young, Densmore, Lawton, Clee (Little 74), Williams, Danylyk, Senior (Denham 58), Doran (Carden 80), Brown. Subs not used: Saunders, Welch.

Referee: J. Adcock

Attendance: 7,374

Possession



MAN OF THE MATCH
Jake Howells

The young midfielder continues to shine for the Hatters down the left side of midfield and put in another display of attacking intent as the Town tried to break down Altrincham.

1. Adam Newton breaks into the Altrincham penalty area.
2. Visiting goalkeeper Stuart Coburn rises to catch a Hatters corner.
3. Kevin Gallen heads goalwards as the Town press.
4. Tom Craddock battles past his marker.
5. Newton puts his foot in as Simon Heslop looks on.
6. Coburn leaps to collect a long ball under pressure from Craddock.

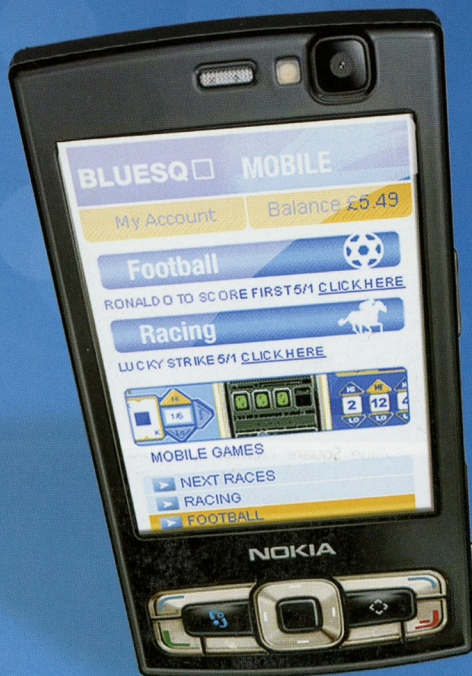
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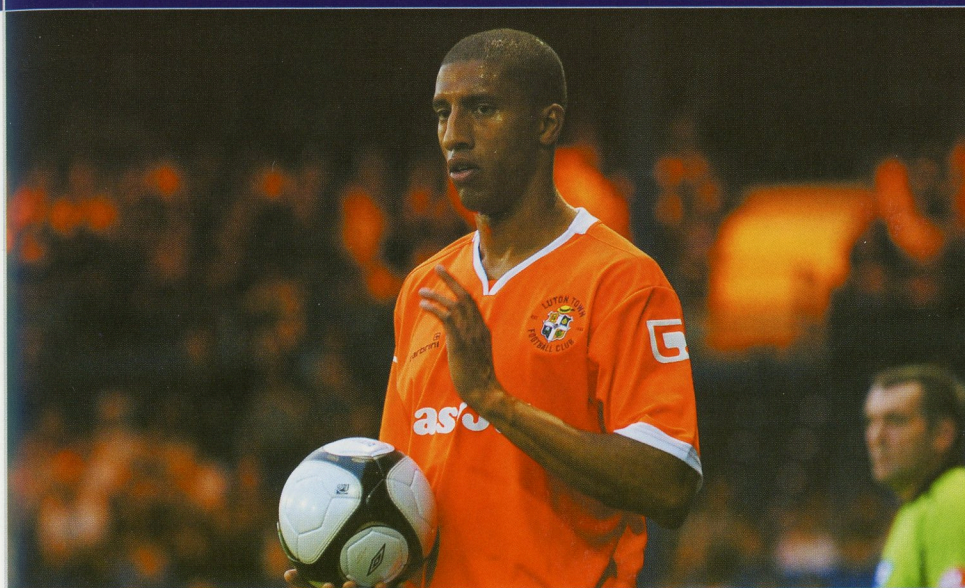


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SHANE BLACKETT

DEFENDER PRAISES STRENGTH OF SQUAD



The Hatters' Blue Square Premier title hopes were dashed by Altrincham as Luton could only manage a goalless stalemate at home in their penultimate fixture.

Despite recording a 0-0 draw with the Robins at Kenilworth Road defender Shane Blackett was keen to reflect positively on the game.

"It was one of those days where the ball wasn't dropping for us in front of goal but we were pleased that we showed a positive reaction to the three goals we conceded against Histon a few days earlier," the defender explained.

"The last seven games at home have been wins and we've scored lots of goals but today was one of those days where we couldn't find the net

which is frustrating but that's the way it goes sometimes.

"Our squad this year has been unbelievable. We really have two teams of 11 that are capable of being in the same position in the league."

Attention now turns to the Play-Offs with the former Peterborough United man looking forward to the next challenge and hopefully lining up for his home town club at Wembley.

"We're excited because we stand a good chance of winning promotion," the 27-year-old said. "If we can keep the momentum going we will do well. We are certainly the team to fear at the minute.

"I will be buzzing if I'm selected. I was stood in the stands last year when we won at Wembley so this time around would be brilliant, if we got that far, and an experience I would never forget."

Blackett also highlighted how great the Town supporters have been this season and thinks they are key to them gaining promotion back to the Football League.

"The crowd is a big bonus to us," Blackett said. "They have been getting behind us all season and it really does help us out in matches.

"We can't thank them enough for their efforts this season, they are almost like a 12th man out on the pitch for us and I'm sure will cheer us on to promotion."

John Faulkner



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Ticket Price £60

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COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Welcome to Kenilworth Road to our last and most important game of the season as ourselves and York City go head-to-head for the right to visit Wembley a week on Sunday.

As you can imagine the telephones in the commercial department have been red hot with enquires and our inboxes have been overflowing with emails.

It's arguably our biggest night and our commercial packages sold out well in advance which is always fantastic.

One of the teams today will be playing at Wembley and with that in mind we have been busy liaising with the stadium to discuss potential corporate hospitality on the day, should we progress. If that is the case we will notify you through our official website so keep your eyes peeled.

We are now taking bookings for our end-of-season dinner which will take place at the Auction House in Luton on Tuesday 18th May.

As the advert on the opposite page shows we are delighted to have secured for Hatters' hero John Faulkner as our special guest speaker. Tickets are now on sale and, with demand already high, please book now to avoid disappointment.

As ever, today we have the support of match and ball sponsors, no less than seven mascots and many, many corporate guests taking advantage of our hospitality.

I would like to thank all of those who have supported the club commercially throughout the season and look forward to welcoming you back to Kenilworth Road in August.

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We are delighted to welcome seven commercial mascots at Kenilworth Road this afternoon:

James Hannan, seven, favourite player: Tom Craddock; Matthew Coles, six, favourite player: Claude Gnakpa; Daniel Coles, nine, favourite player: Jake Howells; Dylan Bhundia, nine, favourite player: George Pilkington; Reece D'Abreu, 11, favourite player: Tom Craddock, Joshua D'Abreu, seven, favourite player: Claude Gnakpa and Michael Melly, nine, favourite player: Keith Keane.



Daniel Coles



Dyhan Bhundia



Matthew Coles



Reece and Joshua D'Abreu



James Hannan



Michael Melly

LUTONTOWN COMMUNITY TRUST

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



On Sunday 28th March Luton Town Community Trust were pleased to partner Bedfordshire Football Association and Bedford and Luton Partnership Trust (now South Essex Partnership Trust) at the second annual Anglian Cup Football Festival which took place at Play Football in Stopsley, Luton.

This was an event hosted by Early Intervention Services in the South East of England following the inaugural event, which took place at the University of East Anglia last year.

This year the festival involved 14 teams from Luton and beyond, with teams travelling from as far away as Lincoln, Ipswich and Great Yarmouth.

Many of those taking part in the festival experienced problems with their mental health which effects one in four people at some point in their life. There were over a 100 people in attendance on the day which saw Luton Ace Enterprises overcoming Chelmsford Goals in the final and Yarcostoft, of Great Yarmouth, defeating South Essex in the plate competition final.

Awards for Fair Play, Best Player and Endeavour were chosen by Luton Town Community Project Manager Kieran Fox and presented by Luton

town favourite, Keith Keane.

The Luton Town 'Onetouchables' (Bedfordshire EIS) had the loan of a Luton Town kit and also enjoyed a stadium tour as part of the build-up to the day which finished with them appearing in a quarter-final and a semi-final in both competitions.

The feedback Kieran received on the day was very positive.

In particular, the organisers praised the Football Club's involvement as it meant that the day was memorable.

For a number of the individuals taking part in the festival, meeting midfielder Keane, who stayed behind to chat and sign autographs, proved to be the highlight of the day.



GIRLS' CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

HATTERS END DIFFICULT SEASON ON A HIGH



I would like start by saying a big thank you to all staff and fund-raising committee members for their hard work and positive attitudes throughout the season which has been difficult season for me and all those involved with the Centre of Excellence.

Presentation Evening:

On Friday 7th May we are holding the annual Girls' Centre of Excellence presentation evening which is to be held at Kenilworth Road starting at 6:30pm in the Eric Morecambe Suite. Everybody is welcome - costs are £5 for adults and all children go free.

Open Trials:

Each year the Centre of Excellence programme runs to identify and train the best 3,000 female footballers across the country.

Every player that is selected can progress towards the England youth and senior teams using the Football Association's Talent Identification Scheme.

Each season we hold our residential camp to give the girls the Luton Town holistic approach to development which is designed to affect players on and off the field.

Below are the dates, times and location of both trials.

Trail times and location:

Thursday 3rd June
5:00pm - 6:00pm Under 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12s
6:00pm - 7:00pm Under 13, 14, 15 and 16s

Monday 7th June
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6:00pm - 7:00pm Under 13, 14, 15 and 16s

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Players need to bring the following: Suitable footwear, suitable Clothing (kit, shin pads) and drinks.

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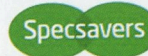
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26 NORTHAMPTON TOWN H

October
3 NORWICH CITY A
10 ARSENAL H
17 CAMBRIDGE A

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14 LEYTON ORIENT A
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28 LEYTON ORIENT H

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13 CAMBRIDGE H
20 GAME TO BE CONFIRMED A
27 COLCHESTER A

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24 READING H

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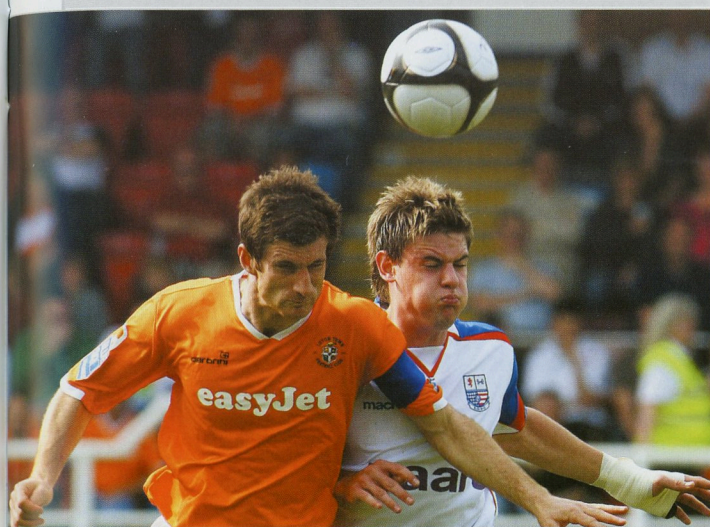
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A POINT A PIECE FOR PLAY-OFF RIVALS

RUSHDEN AND DIAMONDS 1-1 LUTON TOWN



GEORGE PILKINGTON HEADS AWAY THE DANGER UNDER PRESSURE FROM SAM SMITH

The Hatters learned of their opposition in the Play-Off semi-finals after extending their unbeaten run to 14 games with a draw at Rushden and Diamonds.

And the point, together with Oxford's defeat at Eastbourne, meant the Town secured second spot in the Blue Square Premier.

Tom Craddock's 24th goal of the season put the Hatters ahead as early as the ninth minute, finishing a lovely move with a top finish.

Richard Money's men were on top but slowly Rushden got the hang of things and levelled matters on the 20 minute mark through Mark Byrne who finished well after reacting quickest to Sam Smith's knock-down.

Craddock was the Diamonds' main tormentor and the striker should have restored the lead on 24 minutes when he dragged a shot inches wide after good play from George Pilkington.

Mark Tyler saved the Hatters on 32

minutes when he stopped Curtis Osano's shot after a surging run before Craddock hit the post on 39 minutes as the Town upped the ante before the break.

The former Middlesbrough striker came close again two minutes before the break with a tidy first-time shot that whistled just past the post.

Both sides matches each other in the second period with the Town marginally on top.

However, Rushden had the better of the chances with substitute Craig Farrell twice going close, moments after being introduced, including one free-kick from 20 yards that Tyler did brilliantly to beat away with the ball travelling at speed heading for the top corner.

The Hatters pushed for a last-gasp winner with Craddock, Matthew Barnes-Homer, Jake Howells and Asa Hall all came close but in the end it finished all square meaning Diamonds take on Oxford and the Town play York.

POST-MATCH REACTION

RICHARD MONEY:

"I thought for the first 20 minutes we were excellent and I thought it was similar in the final 20 minutes."



"In the periods in between was a bit scrappy but overall, given the conditions - it was hot out there - it was a real good game that looked at one stage that would be high scoring."

"We challenged Rushden today and we tried to spice things up a bit by playing with the diamond formation which was always in the back of our minds with the personnel we wanted to select."

"It was also in the back of our minds that we could be back playing here on Thursday so we tried something different and make it interesting for the players."

MICHAEL STONE:

"It was far from a typical end-of-season game, and full credit to both teams. If you listened during the week you were hearing the same soundbites from both camps saying they didn't want the season to fizzle out."



"It was important we approached it in the right way. There was a big crowd here and no-one wanted to enter the Play-Offs on the back of a defeat, and the fans today would have seen that - there was no way this game was being taken as a stroll in the park."

"It was a good game, a competitive match, and I think a draw was a fair result. The most important thing was coming through injury free, and that's been the case."

MATCHREVIEW

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LUTON TOWN 1



Craddock 9

SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 2010 NENE PARK

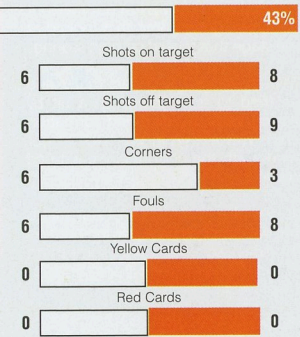
Luton Town: Tyler, Kovacs, Pilkington, Newton, Craddock (Nwokeji 88), Howells, Jarvis, Gallen (Hall 53), Murray, Barnes-Homer, Heslop (Blackett 70).
Subs not used: Gore, Asafu-Adjaye, Blackett, Nwokeji, Hall.

Rushden & Diamonds: Roberts, Osano, Porter, Stuart, Tomlin (Farrell 55), Pattison (Akurang 77), Smith, Byrne (Wolleason 66), Huke, Terry, Louis.
Subs not used: Day, McDonald.

Referee: N. Kinsey

Attendance: 4,820

Possession



MAN OF THE MATCH

Tom Craddock

The Town's top goalscorer took his tally to 24 for the season with a fine goal. On another day his sprightly performance could have easily seen him hit a hat-trick.

Tom Craddock puts the Hatters ahead at Nene Park.

Freddie Murray denies Lee Tomlin with an inch-perfect challenge.

The Town goalscorer finds himself surrounded by two Rushden men.

Asa Hall goes for goal.

Kevin Gallen is about to play Craddock in the for opening goal.

Hall battles with Curtis Osano.

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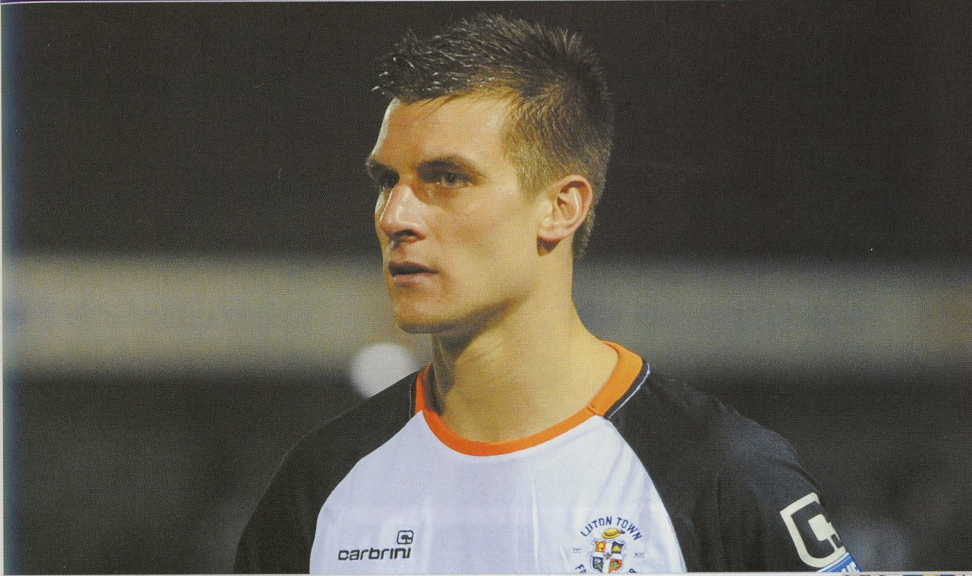


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JANOS KOVACS

CENTRE-HALF DELIGHTED WITH RETURN TO FIRST TEAM ACTION AT NENE PARK

Town defender Janos Kovacs was delighted to back in the team against Rushden & Diamonds, as the Hatters' grabbed a point in a 1-1 draw at Nene Park.

An early goal by Town top scorer, Tom Craddock set Luton on their way until Rushden equalised midway through the first half. The result extends the Hatters' unbeaten run to 17 matches which will boost confidence going into the Play-Offs.

The Hungarian has featured prominently this season since joining the club in the January transfer window but has seen first team opportunities dry up towards the end of the current campaign. However the defender

was delighted to be back on the pitch against Rushden and Diamonds, which could well turn out to be dress rehearsal for the final.

"It was very enjoyable to play in a game again. It was a very lovely sunny day, with beautiful support from our fans and it was very enjoyable," Kovacs said.

"I think it was all about showing to each other who is the best and getting ready for the Play-Offs. The gaffer had been chatting to us about the importance of finishing in the highest possible position. To be fair that is why we wanted to win the game."

"Everybody in the squad is

working for the team. The first and most important thing is the promotion and I hope I can stay in the team and you never know."

The former Lincoln City and Chesterfield defender has never featured in the Play-Offs and is not getting carried away with dreams of Wembley.

"Everyone in the Play-Offs are going to be a very good team and we have done well to finish on the top of them.

"All we can do is focus on the next game. The next game is the always most important. You need to focus on the next one."

RUSH-DIENMATCH-REACTION



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 <p>RICHARD MONEY HOME: Bernard Elwin AWAY: Hitchin Hatters</p>	 <p>GARY BRABIN HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>	 <p>GREGG BROUGHTON HOME: Available AWAY: Available</p>

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Junior (under 10)*	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100
Youth (11-16)*	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100
Young Adult (17-21)	200	8.70	330	225	9.78	355	250	10.87	380
Adult (22-65)	300	13.04	450	325	14.13	475	350	15.22	500
Senior (66-74)	200	8.70	330	225	9.78	355	250	10.87	380
Golden Senior (over 75)	130	5.65	260	150	6.52	280	165	7.17	295

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Young Adult (17-21)	180	7.83	310	205	8.91	335	230	10.00	360
Adult (22-65)	270	11.74	430	290	12.61	455	310	13.48	480
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SEASONTICKETPRICESHELD

Dear Hatter,

After a fantastic first leg up at Bootham Crescent on Thursday we go into this afternoon's Bank Holiday fixture with York City vying for a place at Wembley.

Both clubs have proud heritages and have enjoyed long-standing and successful periods of playing in the Football League. Whoever comes out on top today will be a game away from returning there again.

York, like ourselves, are looking to visit the home of Football for the second season running following our trips in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy and FA Trophy.

That sunny day in April over 40,000 Luton supporters were treated to a fantastic spectacle and rewarded with an enthralling 3-2 victory over opposition now competing well in the Championship.

Your support that day was magnificent, as it has been this season as we continue to turn our beloved Club in the right direction. I hope you will agree that we are now showing firm signs of recovery on and off the pitch which you have been a vital component in creating.

Therefore, in recognition of your unbelievable dedication

and passion you have given this club this season – our first in the Blue Square Premier – we are delighted to confirm that we intend to hold season ticket and matchday prices for next season the same as this, regardless of what league we shall be entertaining you in.

The highly successful Diamond premium package will be continued with all incremental proceeds going into SoLYD in order for us to boost our talent development resources for next season.

I can also confirm that our Early Bird and Pre-early Bird discount schemes will be implemented and with regard to payments terms, we shall also be offering the interest free credit scheme over four months for Pre-early Bird, an eight month reduced interest bearing instalment plan for all purchasers. Credit cards and debit will, of course, be accommodated.

If we are lucky enough to return to Wembley this year, I'm also pleased to be able to confirm that the cost of all Under-16 concession tickets will, again, be deducted from a child or junior season ticket as we did to great success this season.

We are also hoping that renewals and new purchases can be made on our new online ticket website, which

can be accessed via our official site www.lutontown.co.uk.

Renewal letters should be in the post week commencing 17th May with reservations being taken from that same week.

Since we took custodianship at Kenilworth Road, many adult season ticket prices have been reduced by over 30% with some examples of kids' tickets being reduced by as much as 85% after the Wembley discount.

Whilst the need to reflect our league position has been warranted, we have also swallowed an increase due to inflation in this period.

With over 4,300 season current ticket holders, an increase of over 20% on our League Two season, we can only show our appreciation for your loyalty with another freeze.

Your support is important to us as we manage to impose some longer term stability to the business and, in particular, important to the success of our team.

We truly hope we can count on your continued loyalty regardless of our fortunes over the next couple of hours and next couple of weeks.

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RELEGATION ISSUES CONFIRMED ON BSP'S FINAL DAY



There was drama at the bottom of the Blue Square Premier on the final day of the regular season with two clubs followed Grays Athletic's relegation from non-league's top tier.

The day began with Ebbsfleet United and Gateshead occupying places alongside Grays in the bottom three and ended with one of them safe.

Both sides won but, on an amazing afternoon which seemed to explode into life late in the second half, that only tells half of the story.

Histon, Forest Green and Eastbourne Borough were the other teams nervously looking over their shoulders.

Ebbsfleet, the one side with the most work to do needed a win at Tamworth and that looked extremely unlikely at one point after twice trailing at the Lamb.

However two goals in four minutes from substitute Scott Ginty sealed a remarkable 4-3 for Liam Daish's side.

That result meant they needed results to go their way and one that didn't was Eastbourne's late show of their own over Play-Off participants Oxford.

Time was running out for Gary Wilson's Sports but, with the score still goalless, Oxford conceded a penalty and with four minutes left on the clock Simon Weatherstone converted to keep the Sussex side in the BSP for another season.

Ebbsfleet still had hope, but their relegation was confirmed following news that Gateshead had also won 1-0, thanks to Daryl Clare's first half goal against out-of-form AFC Wimbledon at the International Stadium.

Goals were going in much later elsewhere, however, none more so at the Recreation Ground where a dramatic change in the script ultimately cost Forest Green their BSP status.

A draw would have been enough for Dave Hockaday's side and all looked rosy for Rovers when David Brown put them ahead from the spot on 66 minutes.

But then, Grays already down themselves, staged a remarkable recovery. Firstly Alex Osborn levelled matter 15 minutes from time before, Allsen Cissoko headed home a later corner to put Julian Dicks' side ahead.

The defeat for Forest Green meant Histon survived although the Stutes needed an injury time goal to earn a point in a 2-2 draw with Barrow at the Glassworld Stadium.



FOREST GREEN'S DAVID BROWN

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2 Luton Town	44	26	10	8	84	40	44	88
3 Oxford United	44	25	11	8	64	31	33	86
4 Rushden & Diamonds	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 United	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 Harriers	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 Borough	44	11	13	20	42	72	-30	46
20 Gateshead *	44	13	7	24	46	69	-23	45
21 Forest Green Rovers	44	12	9	23	50	76	-26	45
22 Ebbsfleet United	44	12	8	24	50	82	-32	44
23 Grays Ath *	44	5	13	26	35	91	-56	26



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The 2009/10 season has been a big year for Luton Town building strong links with local clubs. With 38 clubs now affiliated to the club, the Hatters are striving to create mutually beneficial links with local teams all the time.

Luton Town have offered clubs the opportunities to come in and learn from some of the region's top coaches, as well as have coaches come to deliver to their clubs specifically.

695 coaches and players have come to Kenilworth Road to watch matches free-of-charge, and 332 teams have been offered the benefits of the Partnership Scheme – that's over 3,600 children.

In return, Luton Town have had

players put forward from various clubs around the area to let us know of the promising young talent around our region and we have had easier access into finding out the whereabouts of tournaments, cup finals and games to allow our scouts easier opportunities to bring players in.

Technical development coach Dan Walder said: "Wayne Turner (Under-16s coach) and Martin Prickett (Under-18s and Under-12s coach) have set the ball rolling this year by delivering some outstanding coach education sessions.

"The partner clubs have also had a chance to watch all the Centre of Excellence coaches work, and I have worked hard to go out and deliver In-service

coaching sessions to clubs that have requested me to do so.

"Next season should see even stronger links develop between clubs and even more training sessions for local teams to become involved with."

Luton Town Football Club would therefore like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in the Club Partnership Scheme over the past season, and we encourage local clubs who are yet to reap the benefits of this scheme to come forward and help us create more strong links around Bedfordshire and surrounding areas.

If you would like to know more about the Partnership Scheme, please contact Dan Walder on 01582 583618.



THE BIGGER PICTURE



Front row: Freddie Murray, Craig Nelthorpe, Shane Blackett, Alan Neilson (Assistant Manager), Richard Money (Manager), Kevin Watson (First Team Coach), Kevin Nicholls, George Pilkington, Kevin Gallen.

Middle row: Martin Prickett (Under-18s Manager), Kevin Sanson (Kit Manager), Harry Bedford (Physiotherapist), Godfrey Poku, Tom Craddock, Adam Newton, Mark Nwokeji, Keith Keane, Shane Gore, Mark Tyler, JJ O'Donnell, Jake Howells, Ed Asafu-Adjaye, George Beavan, Jon DeSouza (Under-16 Coach), Gregg Broughton (Youth Development Officer), Dmitri Kharine (Goalkeeper Coach), Jonathan Chatfield (Youth Team Physio).

Back row: Lewis Emanuel, Gavin Caines, Taiwo Atieno, Janos Kovacs, Simon Helsop, Matthew Barnes-Homer, Ryan Charles, Liam Hatch, Asa Hall, Rossi Jarvis, Claude Gnakpa.

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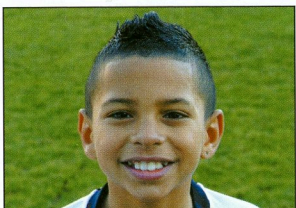
WITH YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER GREGG BROUGHTON

Today is a very special day for nine youngsters who have committed their long-term future to Luton Town.

All of the players will now be with Luton Town until the end of their Under-16 season where, if they continue to progress, they will be able to join the club full-time as scholars.

UNDER-11S

Rio and Cole Dasilva

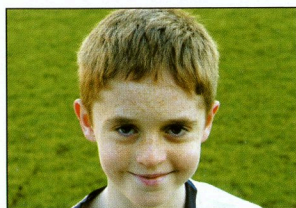


RIO DA SILVA



COLE DASILVA

Twins from Luton who attend Warden Hill School. Rio is an attacking midfielder or striker, who has good control and is very strong in attacking one versus one situations. Cole can play in defence or midfield and he strikes the ball very well with both left and right foot.



GEORGE MURRAY

George Murray
George is from Ampthill and attends

Alameda School. George can play in midfield and defence, he reads the game well and has a great range of passing.



FREDDIE HINDS

Freddie Hinds
Freddie is from Potton and attends Burgoyne School. He plays as a striker or midfielder and is strong in possession and scores goals.



JAY DASILVA

UNDER-12S

Jay Dasilva
The third Dasilva signing tonight, Jay is a creative midfielder who is excellent when dribbling and can spot a pass in very tight situations.

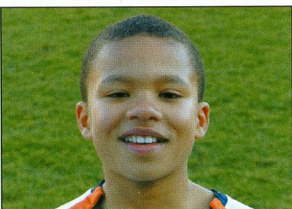


JAMES JUSTIN

James Justin
James is also from Luton and attends Putteridge High School. James can play in midfield or defence, is a tough tackling

player with a great range of passing.

Frankie Musonda

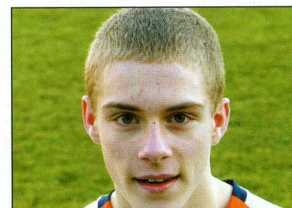


FRANKIE MUSONDA

Frankie is from Bedford and attends Newnham Middle School. Frankie is a powerful striker who can score goals from any area of the pitch.

UNDER-13S

Oliver Cole
Oliver is a strong, powerful striker from Dunstable who attends Ashcroft Middle School. He has played in the Under-14 age group throughout the season.



OLIVER COLE

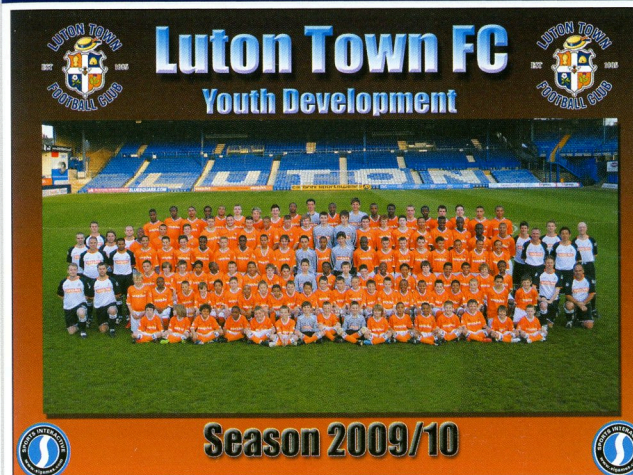
Isaac Galliford
Isaac is a talented left-footed midfielder from Luton who attends Lealands High School. Isaac passes the ball short and long with quality, and can score goals from long-range.



ISAAC GALIFORD

A BIG THANK YOU

THE HATTERS LEND LOCAL COACHES AN INSIGHT INTO HOW THE PROS DO IT



With today being the last home game of 2009/10 we wanted to use this opportunity to thank the many people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the young players at Luton Town can fulfil their potential.

Firstly the staff at the Ely Way training ground: Jon De Souza is our Under-16 Development Coach and helps manage the Centre of Excellence fixture programme. Jon is a great coach and has a real bond with the young players at the club.

Dan Walder is our Technical Development Coach and has worked tirelessly on forming key partnerships with local clubs and recruiting the best your eight-year-olds in the area.

Stuart English manages our development programme, and has been instrumental in ensuring that this vital recruitment tool is the strongest in the area.

Jonathan Chatfield and Tim Andrews are our physiotherapists and are the best in the business!

Also a special thank-you to Scott Smith, who is our Sports Scientist on a year's work placement from Bournemouth University. Scott has worked long hours for the first team and youth team, and did so well in a charity match last weekend that he was invited to train with the squad on Monday. Well done Scott your future is bright.

John Doyle and our scouts scour the area for talent and we thank them for all their Sunday mornings spent in wind, snow and rain when they are working for us.

Trish Johnson and Alison Owen manage the administration of the youth section and do a great job ensuring that we all stay on the straight and narrow.

Our part-time coaching staff Darren Pickard, Adam Balletta, Martin Bradshaw, Andy Elderton, Andy Kempton, Wayne Turner and Joe Deeney work very hard with all of our young players and parents, and we are lucky to have a group of such talented, driven coaches.

I'd also like to thank Mark Burke who manages Baldock Arena which gives us an amazing training facility for our young players. We play our matches at St. Christophers School in Letchworth where Alistair, the Head Groundsman, ensures we have fantastic playing surfaces to encourage our boys to play our brand of passing football.

We have two key sponsors, Sports Interactive sponsor youth development at Luton Town, and can we welcome Alex Bell to today's game on their behalf and thank him for their continued support. ISA Accountants sponsor our Under-18 team and we would like to thank Ian Croft for his support of the Club.

The parents of our young players are an amazing group who drive the boys all around the country, lift goals, erect pitch barriers and run snack-bars. Thank you to all of you.

SoLYD have ensured the stability of the youth department since relegation last year, and can we thank Ben, Simon, Yvonne, Gill, Kevin and Paul for the hours they dedicate as well as all of the supporters who give so generously every month. If you wish to join please visit .

I have saved the most important thanks to the investors and directors of the Football Club. Their support of youth development at Luton Town is generous and unequivocal. Every supporter can be confident in the next generation of players emerging from the programme overseen by our custodians.

YOUTH TEAM REVIEW 2009/10

UNDER-18S MANAGER MARTIN PRICKETT LOOKS BACK AT A MIXED SEASON FOR THE YOUTH TEAM

Looking back over the 2009/10 it can be summed up in one short sentence: Good performances, disappointing results.

It has been a season of growth for many players, frustration for others and each player in the Under-18 squad has had to overcome their own personal challenges and will all be better players as a result.

The pre-season campaign was very positive, I took over towards the end of July and oversaw an entertaining game with West Bromwich Albion before our season started properly.

We opened with an awful display against Peterborough and deservedly got beaten 3-1 by a more physical and competitive side. This, however, was the launch pad for the year and made me realise the hard work ahead of me trying to turn good youth team players into the type of player that the first team would want.

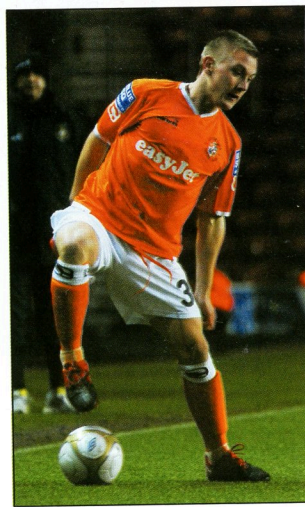
With the first team being relegated from the Football League last season it meant we had to enter the FA Youth Cup at the first preliminary round, where we hosted Northampton Spencer who we beat 6-0.

After that came Raunds Town who we dispatched 7-1 with great confidence. Sadly the run was to finish in the next round against local rivals Rushden and Diamonds. Missing several influential second year players through injury, we didn't do ourselves justice and lost 2-0 in a performance that highlighted just how far we had to go as a group.

Because we had to juggle the FA Youth Cup games around the

league cup competition, which gave me the chance to experiment with the team, look at some first year players and try players in different positions.

All this chopping and changing took its toll and we didn't make it out of the group stage of the competition, although we did have some entertaining games with Northampton and Gillingham.



The league fixtures then got into full swing and, as influential players began to return from injury, results started to improve and up to Christmas the side won five out of seven games propelling them to joint third in the table.

After the Christmas break and several days of shovelling snow off the Kenilworth Road pitch, we took a group away to Karlsruhe in Germany to go and play in the 24th Linkenheim indoor five-a-side tournament.

This was a real eye opener. The sides we were competing against included Bayer Leverkusen, Mainz, Karlsruhe, Brondy and Hoffenheim. We went into the tournament completely under-prepared having only had one hour of five-a-side practice before going and, after a 6-0 defeat against Mainz in the first game, we had to learn quickly.

As the tournament progressed we became more and more competitive and managed to pick up some points along the way. The array of international youth players on show in this tournament meant we were always a little out of our depth.

We will be better next year, although as it is a Under-19 tournament we will always be a little on the young side. Thanks to Guido Streichsbier, the Under-19 coach of Hoffenheim. I will be better prepared next year and we will be far more competitive.

The second half of the season has been one of mixed fortunes.

Our results as a team were always going to suffer as we sent our second year scholars out on-loan to local non league side to try and prepare them for the physical rigours of senior football.

This meant our Under-17s would have to step up and compete at Under-18 level. This has proved to be more of a challenge than we first thought and, although we have put in good performances, we have not had the results our approach play deserved.

To put it briefly, the side have not been good enough at the two ends of the pitch that matter: keeping goals out and scoring goals.



Our league position has suffered accordingly but this tough time has prepared the players for what it takes to win games and the dedication and hard work required to earn a professional contract.

For the second years that went out on-loan they have all affected games well and shown they can compete at senior level.

Adam Watkins and Taylor Nathaniel have been offered professional contracts, while decisions are still outstanding on Jack Wood and Ashley Deeney. I offer my condolences to those who missed out this year. Football is a game of opinions and I really hope those who didn't get contracts go away and prove us wrong, I wish them the very best of luck for their future.

Looking back it has been a tough year, I have learnt so much from this experience. Coming from an Academy background where Under-18 teams pass the ball to one another, you can be accused of over-playing at times and I expected the Youth Alliance to be similar.

It certainly is not. Teams are much more direct, press from the front and hard work and fight are essential. If we are to have a successful year next year we can only be creative and clever once we have a foot hold in the game and the boys need to be prepared for that.

Our pledge of life-long learning has started to take shape with the introduction of a work experience programme, taking the players

away to a foreign country to experience a different culture, having guest speaker from Sporting Chance, match analysis and visiting career exhibitions have all been examples of how we have taken the holistic philosophy of the programme forward and with further support we hope to add more opportunities for the players next season.

Whilst getting things wrong is never a pleasurable experience, what you learn off the back of these mistakes is vital.

As a person I am better aware of the demands of developing young players at this level and as a group we know just how hard we all have to work so each and every player in the squad get their shot at living the dream and winning that all important professional

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LATE GOAL GIVES YORK FIRST-LEG LEAD YORK CITY 1-0 LUTON TOWN



JAKE HOWELLS TAKES ON BEN PURKISS AT BOOTHAM CRESCENT

A goal a minute from time from York striker Richard Brodie punished the Hatters in the first leg of their Play-Off semi-final.

The Blue Square Premier's leading marksman latched onto a header from Shane Blackett to send a shot nestling into the bottom corner to give the Minstermen a one-goal advantage going into the second leg at Kenilworth Road on this afternoon.

It was a blow for the Hatters and hard to take considering the amount of chances they created over the 90 minutes.

In fairness both sides were guilty of spurring gilt-edged opportunities on a sodden evening at a packed Bootham Crescent.

Tom Craddock unnerved the home backline as early as the seventh minute when he guided a shot just past the post following Claude Gnaka's cross.

As the Hatters continued to press, playing some lovely football, York had goalkeeper Michael Ingham to thank when he turned Keith Keane's low shot from 22 yards around the post.

That woke York up and Brodie came close to putting them ahead five minutes later when he momentarily broke free in the penalty area but saw his shot blocked well by Blackett.

Back came the Town and on 36 minutes, Keane's right-wing corner was

flicked on by Blackett to Kevin Gallen who twice in the space of a matter of seconds saw efforts pushed away by Ingham.

Four minutes later the Town came even closer to opening the scoring when Gnaka hit the post with a shot with the outside of his boot from the edge of the area.

Mark Tyler was called into serious action for the first time on the night just four minutes into the second period when leaping to his right to keep out a David McGurk header and two minutes later he saved another header, this time from Brodie.

The Hatters responded to the Minstermen's threat and Gnaka missed a glorious chance to finally put them in front on 56 minutes when he scooped over Craddock's square pass across the six yard box.

The Town continued to play some confident possession football but Martin Foyle's side sprung into life again on 78 minutes when Chris Carruthers volleyed over at the back-post.

Somehow, given all the missed opportunities, it looked as though the game was going to end goalless but then, with the 90 minutes almost up, Brodie reacted quickest to Blackett's misplaced header to race into the box and slot past Tyler.

POST-MATCH REACTION

RICHARD MONEY:

"All you want from your players going to the Play-Offs is for them to be in form and go on and give a performance and they've certainly done that tonight, by god they've performed tonight."



"I've said to them in the dressing room if we play as well as that on Monday we'll be happy."

"Of course we're disappointed. Brodie's had one kick and scored and Shane Blackett's made one mistake and it's cost him."

"But we'll rally and, like I say, we're hoping for more of the same on Monday."

"If the game had finished 0-0 it would have been the one of best 0-0s I would have seen in my life."

"Both teams gave no quarter and slugged it out - it was a fantastic advert for the Blue Square and it would have graced League 1 in my opinion."

"We're looking forward to the second leg because it's well in the balance."

"I just want us to play as well as we have tonight."

"I'm sure the supporters here tonight will be disappointed but on reflection I think they will know that we've done everything we could to have to have won tonight but that's the way it goes sometimes."

For Martin Foyle's reaction turn to page 13.

YORK CITY 1



Brodie 89

LUTON TOWN 0



THURSDAY 29TH APRIL 2010 BOOTHAM CRESCENT

York City: Ingham, Purkiss, Meredith, McGurk, Lawless, Rankine (Gash 90), Brodie, Macklin, Carruthers, Graham, Barrett (Smith 78).

Subs not used: Parslow, Pacquette, Mimms

Luton Town: Tyler, Keane, Pilkington, Newton, Craddock, Blackett, Howells, Gnackpa (Barnes-Homer 74), Gallen, Murray, Heslop.

Subs not used: Kovacs, Hatch, Gore, Hall.

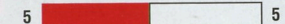
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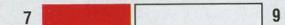
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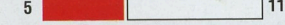
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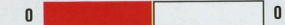
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Yellow Cards



Red Cards



MAN OF THE MATCH

Keith Keane

The Hatters' number four looked like he'd never been away after missing the last two matches through injury with an assured display in the centre of the Town midfield.

1. George Pilkington attacks a first half corner.

2. Tom Craddock saw this effort sneak just the wrong side of the post.

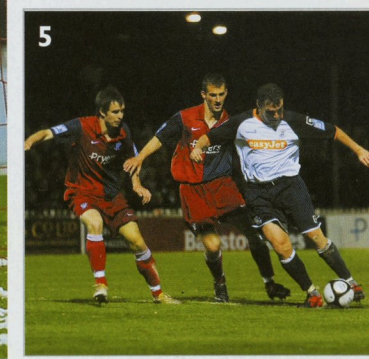
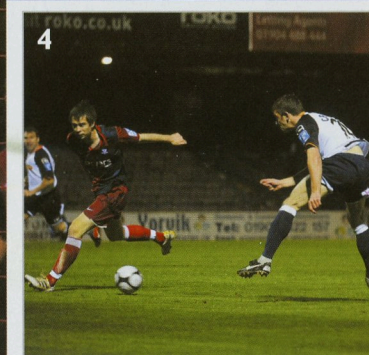
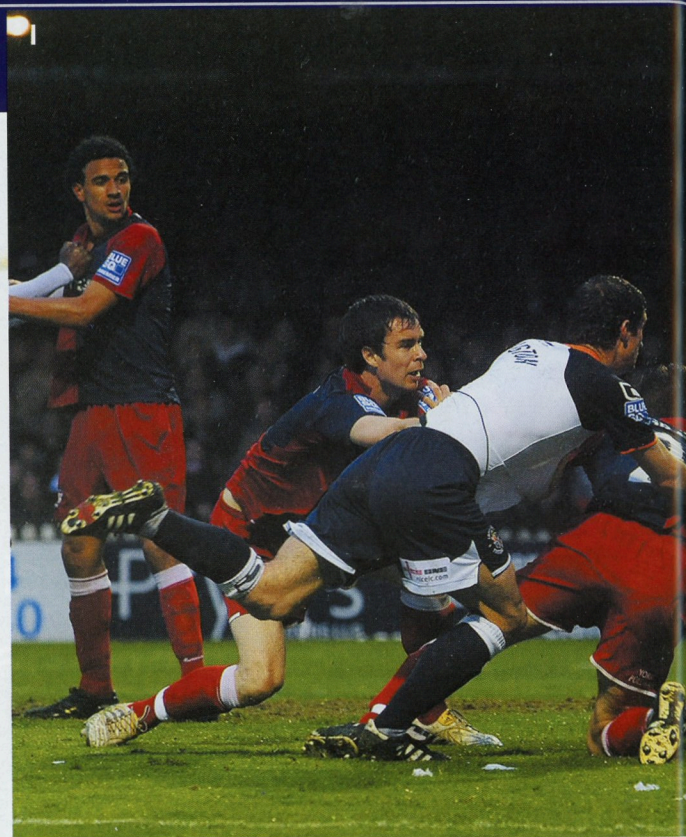
3. Kevin Gallen sees his chance saved by Michael Ingham.

4. Craddock fires a pass across goal.

5. Gallen shields the ball from two York defenders.

6. Ingham smothers the ball as Claude Gnackpa closes in.

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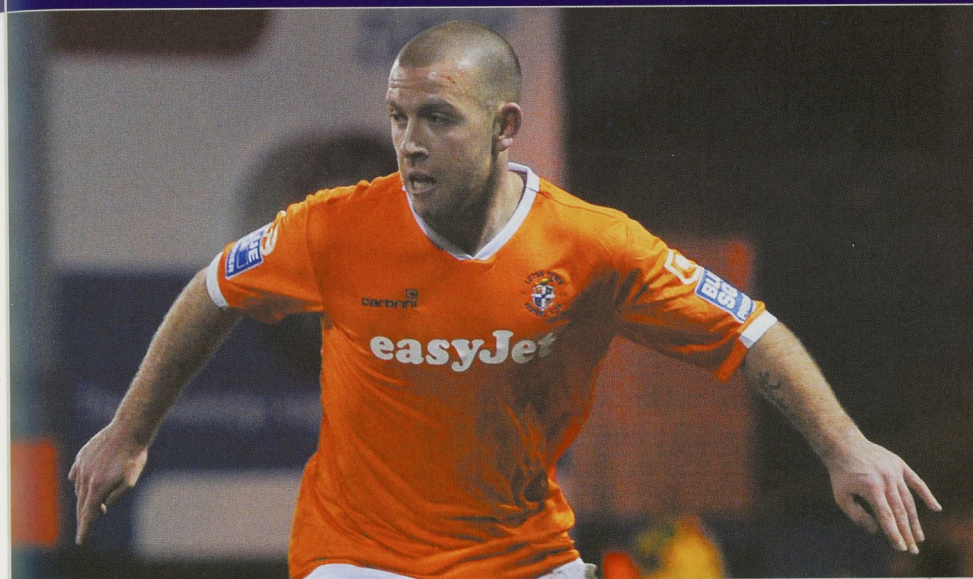
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KEITH KEANE

HATTERS MIDFIELDER REMAINS CONFIDENT DESPITE FIRST LEG LOSS



It has been a frustrating week for midfielder Keith Keane as the Town conceded a late goal in the first leg to give the Minstermen the advantage going into the second leg.

Despite the disappointing result, Keane is confident the Hatters can turn the result around at Kenilworth Road.

"Things like that happen, but we played very well," he said. "It is still only half-time in the tie and we are only one goal down. We have still got 90 minutes left to play and we still remain very confident.

"If you can come away and play like that and dominate the game, it has got to give you confidence for the home game that we can do it. I

think we are very happy with the way we played but we were just a bit unfortunate."

The Hatters pressed City hard to break the deadlock with Claude Gnakpa hitting the post and York keeper Michael Ingham making a string of impressive saves, including a powerful 30-yard effort by Keane.

"It just fell to me and I took a pop at it and I was unlucky it didn't go in. It was one of those things and one of those nights.

"It just didn't seem to go in. We were the better team all game. It was a very good game of football but these things happen and it is all about the game on Monday.

"You start getting frustrated when you are not creating the chances. The fact we kept creating chances shows that we are playing well and doing the right things and we just need the end product and hopefully that will come on Monday."

The Town number four believes home advantage could be crucial in deciding the final result and is calling on Hatters fans to generate a real atmosphere at Kenilworth Road to help spur on the lads.

"That's obviously what we want," he said. "We want them to be our twelfth man and make it a fortress, which is what we have been trying to do in recent weeks and obviously the crowd is going to play a big part in that."

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As this is the final article for the season I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my thanks to everyone one who has supported the work we do at the Hatters Study Centre this year.

Funding for our project is shared between the Department for Children, Schools and Families and Luton Borough Council.

Our other key partner is, of course, Luton Town Football Club. With out the help of our three key partners we would not be able to deliver the after school support programmes we deliver four nights a week.

We have delivered after-school study programmes, curriculum time support programmes, as well as weekend holiday courses to more than 500 local youngsters.

We have supported local schools in the delivery of reading programmes in which more than a 1,000 local youngsters have benefited. We are now working closely with Luton Town Community Trust to deliver an exciting

new programme called the Double Club, which I have mentioned before in previous articles.

We are now about to embark on an exciting new project in partnership with the Active Golf Centre at Stockwood Park where we will create a set of curriculum resources based around the theme of golf, similar to what we have already done with football.

That brings me to my final point, to promote the Trust's golf fundraiser. I hope that some of you are able to attend.

The golf day at Stockwood Park Golf Course coincides with the British Open on Friday 16th Jul y.

Registration takes place at 1.30 pm, followed by a 2pm shot gun start. The barbeque will be fired up and a buffet meal ready for all the competitors to enjoy at 7pm. Following dinner a mini auction will take place before prize giving.

The cost to enter a team of four is £130. This includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, a barbeque meal and free entry into the special prize draw.

Some of the prizes we have on offer include use of an executive box at a Luton Town home game, tickets and pre-match meal for a Luton Town home game, an evening out at top local restaurant plus a number of four ball golf packages at a variety of local golf clubs.

We will also be running a longest drive and nearest the pin competition on the day.

All proceeds from the day will go towards helping Luton Town Community Trust to deliver subsidized school based activities across Luton and Bedfordshire.

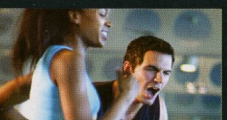
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Good afternoon to all Junior Hatters and welcome to today's hugely important Play-Off semi-final second leg tie with York City.

A big hello to all the young York fans who have made the journey down the A1. We hope you enjoy your short stay and have a safe trip home.

I'm writing these notes before our first leg trip to Bootham Crescent which took place on Thursday night and I just hope that we go into this afternoon's match in a good position.

Throughout this programme there will be plenty of talk about Wembley but believe me having spoken to Richard Money and some of the players recently, nobody is talking of another trip there again just yet.

Obviously we need to plan that we are – hence the details about the trip in the programme. I just wanted to make that clear before I get any complaints from York fans

thinking we're going to the final before a ball has even been kicked!

But wouldn't it be great to go to Wembley again? If (and that's a big 'if') we do, let's not kid ourselves: it will be nothing like last year.

Our Johnstone's Paint Trophy final win over Scunthorpe was incredible and I can't help but think: would have it really mattered if we had lost? We were the underdogs and not expected to win. It was a day out and we had nothing to lose. Unlike tonight.

I think it puts into context how important these Play-Off fixtures are. The whole season resting on these two legs. The winner tonight will have just one shot at winning promotion in the final.

Richard Money is expecting tough, exciting matches and he's absolutely

right! It's going to be very, very nerve-racking.

I remember when we lost in the Play-Offs to Crewe many years ago – let's hope we can go one stage better this time!

Going back to this season though, it has been a right rollercoaster, but what's new at Kenilworth Road?

The second half of the season has been incredibly exciting. Let's hope that excitement can continue for a few more weeks at least.

Get behind the team and whatever league we're in next season I look forward to seeing you back here in August.

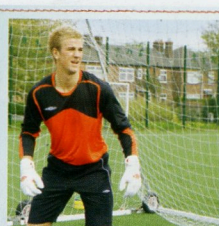
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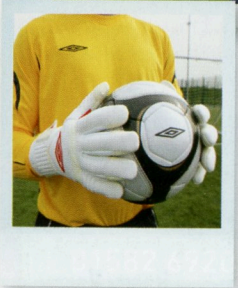
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THE LADIES' HOLLY SHERIDAN HITS THE HATTERS' EQUALISER AGAINST QPR

In what has been a very mixed season across the club, it has been good news for the Under-16s who have progressed to two more cup finals in the past fortnight.

The League Cup saw them entertain Enfield Town and Mirella Tambini gave Luton the lead early on with a composed volley into the bottom corner.

The tie seemed in the bag when Katie Davis converted a far post cross from Jess McKay but Enfield pulled a goal back with a superb free-kick and for a short period really threatened to equalise and would have done so had it not been for some fine saves from goalkeeper Hollie Staples.

The vital third goal arrived early in the second half through an Amelia Glean strike and the goal of the game clinched the tie with Katie Davis taking the deftest of touches to convert an outstanding pass from Teighlor Pengelly. Leading

scorer Holly Sheridan fired the fifth goal to in the end give Town a hard-fought 5-1 victory.

The Chairmans' Cup brought QPR to town and the usual tight encounter took place. The Hatters took an early lead through Maisie Wyatt who crashed the ball into the roof of the net at the far post.

Chances came and went but five minutes of defensive madness saw Luton concede two goals.

This shocked them from their malaise and almost immediately a flowing move brought an equaliser. Terri Petit delivered a perfect cross for Holly Sheridan to nip the ball past the keeper and wrap it up at 2-2.

That was the way it stayed through extra-time which meant the match went to penalties.

Staples saved Rangers' first shot and after Petit, Davis, Glean and Wyatt

all scored showing great composure, the Hoops missed their final spot-kick for the Town to win 4-3. Both finals will be contested by the Town and great rivals Spurs.

The Under-15s now require just a win and a draw from their last three matches to secure the Division Two title having endured a rollercoaster of a season following their recent 3-0 win over local rivals Watford placing them in pole position.

Luton Town Ladies are now recruiting from ages eight to adult so if you, or anyone you know, are interested in becoming part of our club then please contact lutontownlfc@hotmail.co.uk for further details.

Finally, all the Ladies and officials wish the lads the very best of luck in their promotion quest and hope to be at Wembley on 16th May cheering on the mighty Town.

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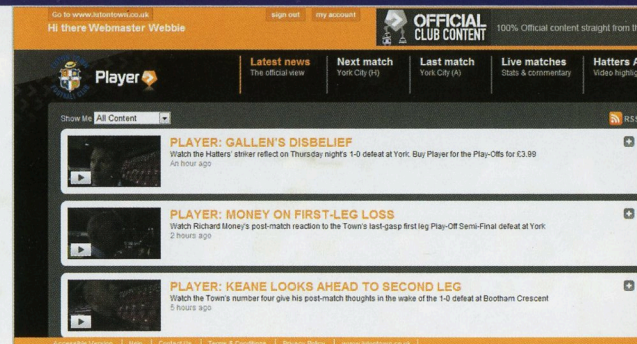
The season is almost finished...but not for the Hatters.

Richard Money's men know that if they're going to win promotion they are going to have to do it the hard way.

And that means a nerve-racking and exciting two legged semi-final, the second of which is this afternoon at Kenilworth Road.

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Hatters gear up for what promises to be a thrilling, nail-biting, gut-wrenching (call it what you will) month of Play-Off action.

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For one of the teams tonight Wembley beckons for the second season running, and if that is the Town then remember Hatters Player will have all the exclusive behind the scenes build-up.

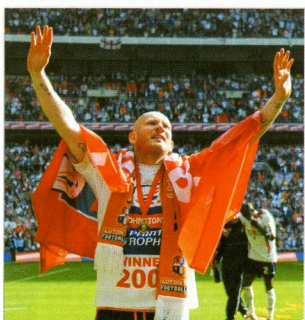
But we've got 90 minutes – possibly 120 minutes and beyond – today so let's not start counting those chickens yet.

What we can guarantee is excitement and tension today and remember, one way or another, we'll bring it you through Hatters Player.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUTONTOWN

LOOK OUT FOR AND JOIN OUR CELEBRATIONS NEXT SEASON



As everyone knows, next season will be our 125th year and we will be celebrating our Club's great history throughout next season.

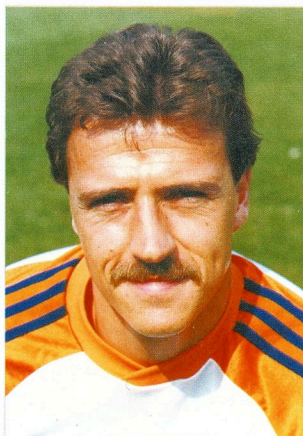
We turned the grand old age of 125 in April and next season we will be holding a range of events and offering unique opportunities to celebrate with us.

Look out for 'Dinners of the

Decades' that will be held throughout the season, past players and legends sharing their memories, special mascot packages, our new '125 Club' where you can sponsor a



disadvantaged youngster to visit Kenilworth Road for the first time, unique merchandise harking back to the earliest days of the Club, and special signed memorabilia that will only be available for a limited period. The fun does not stop there though!



We will hold a 'History fun day' which will include a display of original memorabilia from our long and glorious history, and we will be asking fans to search out their special historic items and bring them along to an 'Antiques Roadshow' where they will be valued by a UK specialist.

Next season promises to be a very special season!

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One of the teams to benefit were Shefford Saints Under-14s. This team was put together just before the beginning of the season with a group of Under-14 and Under-13 players that wouldn't have had a team to play for had it not been for the hard work and dedication of some parents who took on the roles of coach and administration.

It has been very tough for the boys with results not going in their favour and despite some heavy scorelines, they still turn up for training and matches with a smile!

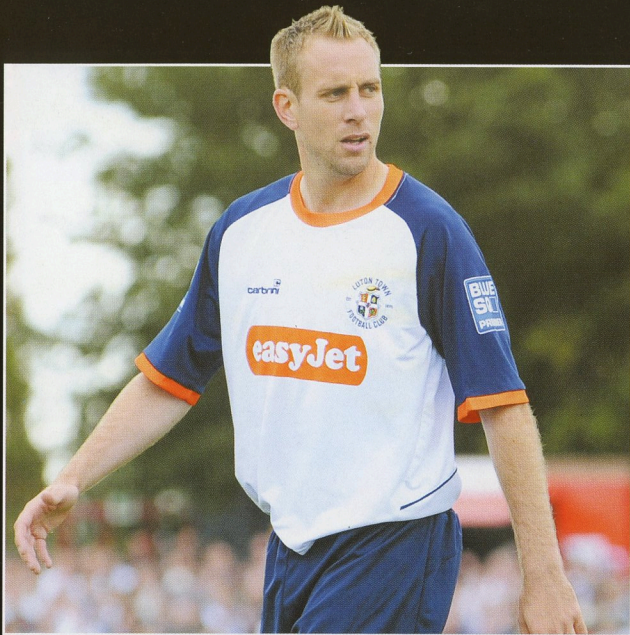
Gary Lee, one of the parents and who helped to organise the trip, said: "It is fantastic for the boys to be involved with their local team

rather than one of the Premiership big boys. There are already some new supporters amongst them."

At the end of the match against Salisbury, the boys were allowed on to the pitch to have their picture taken and you can see the smiles here:

Finally, don't forget to visit our new website at www.trustinluton.info where you can find a competition to win a full set of adult kits for your own team. We also hope to have our on-line membership system up and running soon where new, existing and lapsed members will be able to join/renew.

C'mon You Hatters!



When the line-up for the Blue Square Premier Play-Offs was finalised Talk of the Town knew exactly who to call.

Having played for three of the four clubs involved, Andy Burgess knows a thing or two about Luton, Oxford and Rushden.

And having experienced the Play-Offs in the Conference once before and featured for or against all four teams contesting them this time round, the 28-year-old self-confessed Hatters fan is the ideal man to run the rule of this season's end-of-season lottery.

Not that the Bedford-born winger sees the Play-Offs as one.

"Many people will see it that way," says the man who left Kenilworth Road for Field Mill in January. "As far as I see it the best team will come out on top.

"You've got to have enough quality to beat one side over 180 minutes in the semi-finals before a one-off game at Wembley in the Promotion Final.

"I don't think many of the teams in there would want to play Luton but these games are not your usual league fixture.

"There are added pressures, no-one will want to make a mistake and they are usually very cagey affairs but Luton will have the home crowd behind them today which will be really important because the support has been incredible."

Just like manager Richard Money, Burgess believes that the Hatters players have plenty to be confident about going into the Play-Offs.

"I think there is a confidence and quality about the Luton side," says Burgess. "They are in great form and scoring lots of goals and have experience and strength in-depth throughout the whole squad.

"They are quite rightly favourites to win the Play-Offs and won't find it easy, but I'm sure all the coaching staff will approach each game in the right way to ensure complacency doesn't creep in.

"A number of the players will have big game experience and over half of them were involved in the semi-final and Final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy last season which will stand them in good stead, that I'm sure."

So what of the Hatters' visitors this evening?

ANDY BURGESS

"York are a very, very organised and hard-working outfit," explains Burgess. "They are what I'd describe as a typical Conference side.

"Their work-rate is incredible and Martin Foyle's got them playing well and in Richard Brodie they have the league's top goalscorer.

"To have a player with a goal ratio as high as his is a very good thing to have in your weaponry. When I played against them for Mansfield every player worked their socks off and all the men knew their jobs."

Oxford's form in the second half of the season has been well documented and Burgess looks back at the time the U's last took part in the Play-Offs when he was at the Kassam Stadium in 2007.

"We were clear at the top and eventually finished second behind Dagenham and Redbridge," he recalls. "We lost to Exeter on penalties in the semi-finals and they went on and won promotion.

"They're another tough team to face and are hard-working too. James Constable has scored a lot of goals while Alfie Potter and Sam Deering are young, exiting midfielders."

And that leaves the club where Burgess started his career, Rushden and Diamonds.

"Everyone will probably want a Luton versus Oxford final but for personal reasons I'd love it to be a Luton versus Rushden.

"That would be a difficult game for me to watch given my personal feelings towards both clubs and in my opinion I think Rushden will beat Oxford.

"Lee Tomlin is obviously the one to watch. He is their creator and has been in terrific form this season. Then they have the grafters like Paul Terry and Matt Pattison in midfield while Aaron O'Connor scores goals and Lee Farrell's a real handful.

"I still know a lot of people at Rushden

and they can't praise Justin Edinburgh highly enough. They've quietly gone about their business, kept themselves to themselves and have done really well on a small budget."

Being the ardent Town supporter that he is, Burgess is confident 'his' side can end the season successfully at Wembley.

"It seems it's all clicked into place at the right time for Luton," he says. "They have got to grips with what the Blue Square Premier is all about. Okay so they've beaten teams in the lower reaches of the table convincingly but they won at Stevenage too, who were unbeaten at home for 18 months prior to that.

"The team looks to be quite settled at the minute but the strength in depth is frightening. Which teams in the league would love to have the Liam Hatch and Matthew Barnes-Homer on the bench?

"I don't think there would be any disappointment of finishing second and missing out on the title. Yes, sure if you had asked them at the start of the season they would have been, but if you had told them at Christmas they'd finish second they would have bitten your arm off."

After all that's said and done, has Burgess got a prediction?

"I think Luton will do it," he says confidently.

"It what my heart and head says."



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DESIGN & PRINT OF TODAY'S MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

MY MATTERS DREAM TEAM

JOE FLEMONS - DREAM TEAM OF THE NOUGHTIES

ABOUT JOE:

My first game was Luton Town against Bristol Rovers in February 2002 when I was eight. I went with my Dad, Chris and Uncle Phil. I can mainly remember the terrible weather that night, but I also made Uncle Phil, a long standing season ticket holder, miss the first goal! I wanted to get a drink at half-time and Steve Howard scored just as we were walking back up the stairs in the Kenny as the second-half started! I'm now a season ticket holder with Uncle Phil in Block F of the Main Stand Enclosure.

GOALKEEPER:

Dean Kiely

An awesome goalkeeper and you could see why he had played at the top level for so long. A shame we couldn't keep him any longer as I reckon it would have made a big difference the following season.

RIGHT BACK:

Kevin Foley

A great advert for the youth policy of the Club. A reliable defender and great at getting forward. Now proving his worth in the Premier League with Wolves.

LEFT BACK:

Sol Davis

Bought by Joe Kinnear cheaply but more than paid back his transfer fee.

Occasionally the red mist would descend, but his crunching tackles were often perfectly timed. In his prime, not many wingers fancied playing against him.

CENTRE BACK:

Curtis Davies

One of my all time favourite players. He broke into the team just as I started going regularly, and another player that came through the ranks. I play centre-half for Caddington Under-16s, so try to model my game on his - good in the air, good on the ball and reads the game well!

CENTRE BACK:

Michael Spillane

I called him "The Beast" - he put his head where others were scared to put their feet. Immense player who could fill a number of roles and looked natural in all of them.

RIGHT MIDFIELD:

Carlos Edwards

Tricky and quick. Great signing and worked with our front line really well. It was a shame that administration quickly led to the break-up of that team.

LEFT MIDFIELD:

Matt Taylor

Yet another one that came through the ranks. Probably has the hardest shot I've ever seen, but also had the pace to get forward and beat defenders.

Got many assists with excellent crosses from the wing.

CENTRE MIDFIELD:

Markus Heikinnen

Although mainly remembered for his central defensive performances with Curtis, I also remember his occasional stints in midfield. He could tackle, move with the ball and pick a pass as well as anyone. If he had played this role more often, I think we would have seen one of the best midfielders we ever had.

CENTRE MIDFIELD:

Keith Keane

He's still young, but has been the driving force behind most good performances over the last couple of years. Probably has the best engine of anyone in the current team and will run all day. Another hero of mine just for that corner against Oxford!

STRIKER:

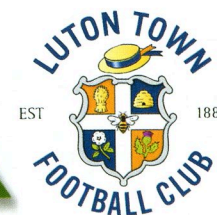
Steve Howard

Probably the best Luton Town forward I've ever seen. Wasn't particularly quick, but was incredibly strong. His scoring record speaks for itself, and he was a far better footballer than many people gave him credit for.

STRIKER:

Rowan Vine

Formed an awesome partnership with Howard. Whereas Howie was strong, Vine was quick. They worked well as a front two and played off each other excellently.





WINNERS
FTSC PLAYER OF THE YEAR: George Pilkington
PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR: George Pilkington
INTERNET PLAYER OF THE YEAR: George Pilkington
FTSC YOUNG MEMBERS POTY: George Pilkington
YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Jake Howells
GOAL OF THE SEASON: Keith Keane v Oxford
SOLYD YOUTH DEVELOPMENT POTY: Newman Carney

REACTION
George Pilkington: "It's a little bit embarrassing to be honest as so many of the lads could have easily won any of the awards."

"It's been a fantastic season so far and the run we've been on towards the end of the season as given us a terrific boost going into the Play-Offs."

"Winning Players' Player of the Year is always a nice award to receive the praise of your teammates especially during a season in which everyone has performed so well."

Jake Howells: "To win the award for the season successive season is very pleasing and I'd like to thank the all the staff and the players."

"I have really enjoyed this season and I feel that I my game has improved even more and I think that has had a desired effect on my confidence and in my performances."

"I'm scoring more goals now and want to continue that, especially in the Play-Offs."

Keith Keane: "A lot of people still think it was a bit lucky but it was a good corner. My aim was to bend it in towards the back-post for us to attack so for it drop in over the goalkeeper was something I'll never forget."

"It came at an important time in an important game and I'm pleased that it was the catalyst for us to go on a very good run of form in the final quarter of the season."

1. George Pilkington poses with his mountain of trophies after scooping four awards.

2. 15-year-old Newman Carney won the SOLYD Youth Development Player of the Year.

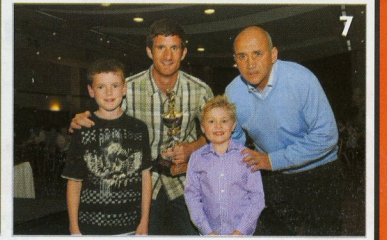
3. George was named Players' Player of the Year.

4. Jake Howells won Young Player of the Year for the second season running.

5. Chairman Nick Owen presents Keith Keane with his Goal of the Season award.

6. Event organiser Helen Gatward receives a bouquet of flowers from Kevin Barrett.

7. Pilks also won the Junior members of the supporters' Club Player of the Year.



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SOLYDUPDATE

SIMON GIBBS REFLECTS ANOTHER SUPER SEASON OF FUNDRAISING FOR THE TOWN'S FUTURE



As we near the end of the season, which we all hope will end with a win at Wembley, I would like to tell you about the success SoLYD has achieved this season.

During the close season last year, long-time Hatters fan Justin Hammond, along with Kingsley Black and the club's youth development officer Gregg Broughton, instigated the formation of an organisation to raise funds solely for the youth set-up at the Club.

They realised they would need the help of the supporters and approached the various supporters groups for assistance.

And then SoLYD was born.

Starting from scratch, the committee worked hard to start-up various streams of fundraising and, along with some major individual and commercial sponsors, we have managed to raise a total in excess of £19,000.

These funds are ring fenced for the sole use of the youth set up and the committee have full control of where the money is spent.

Massive thanks to the generosity of all you supporters that have handed over your hard-earned cash that we have been able to assist the youth teams in attending and winning some of the most prestigious tournaments in Europe as well as ensuring that two valuable employees retained their positions in the youth development centre.

On top of all those donations we must also thank monsterbeds.co.uk for the generous ongoing support we receive from them.

I would also like to go on record to thank Loyal Luton Supporters Club and their chairman Kevin Lennon for the hard work he and his committee have put in.

They have raised an outstanding amount of money and their commitment made early in the season to fund the Under-15 tour to Norway allowed funds to be spent in

other important areas.

Trust in Luton and Luton Town Supporters' Club have also made very generous donations as have hundreds of supporters in many various ways from the successful Outlaws golf days to one off donations.

The number of regular monthly donations by direct debit increases month-by-month and if you would like to join them go to our website www.solyd.co.uk where you can find the direct debit application form.

I would like to thank all those already donating by direct debit as this allows longer term budgets to be planned.

Going forward our aim is to raise enough funds to be able to support a top-class bespoke training facility for the entire youth programme.

Therefore your continued generosity is appreciated and we hope you support us in our vision for the future.

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

SIMON PITTS

THE HATTERS PLAYER AND DIVERSE FM COMMENTATOR TALKS OFF AIR.

Who would have thought that a simple corner from Keith Keane in the sixth minute of injury time would place Simon Pitts into Luton Town folklore?

The goal that followed caused pandemonium inside Kenilworth Road and, way above rest of the 9,000 crowd in the (relative) safe haven of the gantry, there was bedlam of a different sort.

And in excess of 2,500 listeners worldwide were doing cartwheels in their living rooms as they heard: "It's in! Keith Keane's scored direct from a corner! It's 2-1 to the Hatters!

"Get in my son, you beauty! This is brilliant, can you believe it? Keith Keane's scored from a corner, it's unbelievable!"

It's precisely that kind of commentary that has endeared Simon to so many Town fans this season.

Now, the cult-figure has groups in his name on Facebook, 8,000 hits of the Oxford commentary on

YouTube and was asked to become a special guest speaker at the Luton Town Supporters' Club end-of-season awards night.

It's certainly been a season to remember for the 33-year-old who took up the mantle of becoming community radio station Diverse FM's commentator of Luton matches when it was agreed that the station would cover the Hatters home and away for the official website.

Simon's passion is unquestionable and, as we discuss, it turns out that this loyalty to the Hatters saw him turn down a job with the BBC – Diverse's direct competitors for listeners this season.

"I did stints on university and hospital radio before I started commentating at the club in January 1998 for partially sighted fans at Kenilworth Road," Simon says.

"I was then offered a job at BBC Suffolk as a sports reporter to cover their non-league fixtures but I had to turn it down because I wanted

to continue to watch the Town.

"And I'm glad I did. Getting the job commentating at Kenilworth Road meant I could kill two birds with one stone. I knew I just couldn't give up following the Hatters."

His dedication to the club knows no bounds. In 12 years behind the mic in the gantry he's only ever missed two matches, including friendlies, and every week makes the 140-mile round-trip from his home in Suffolk.

It was this kind of devotion that had Diverse FM and the Club interested in his dulcet tones, as Simon takes up the story.

"It came completely out of the blue last summer," he says. "The club asked me to attend a meeting with Diverse and the next thing I knew I was signing-up to be a commentator home and away.

"At first I said I could only commit to a few away games but as it turns out I've only missed one."

Entering uncharted territory, it was the was the friendly against Swindon in July at Kenilworth Road that turned out to be the springboard for success for Simon and the station.

"The match with Swindon was only a trial run and as a result we didn't publicise the fact we were offering commentary," he says.

"However, word got round and the station ended up maxing out its online output of 30 listeners, all besieging with praise.

"Messageboard and internet forums were all buzzing which was fantastic to hear and I got a text message from Gary Sweet



afterwards informing me the feedback had been astounding."

Too right. Those 30 slots were soon increased to a few hundred before over 1,000 were able to tune in to the opening game of the season at AFC Wimbledon. And it's been increasing every week since.

His celebrations from the Oxford game even made National radio in Ireland and Simon believes it was that goal that rose his and the Diverse's profile even higher.

"I think that goal, the importance of it and my response to it really caught people's imagination because it was coming from the heart of a true Luton fan caught up in the emotion of it all," Simon says.

"As a result, all of a sudden the feedback has become immense and in all honesty I can't quite believe it.

"It meant at the end of season awards I had to thank Keith for this goal because it certainly has made a big difference."

But it's not only Keith Simon wants to thank.

"I must go on record and say a massive thanks to all the listeners and supporters for their feedback and kind words," he says. "It really does mean a lot and it makes up for those cold midweek matches in winter!

"I just enjoy the fact that people are appreciating my commentary. I feel privileged and I'd like thank

the club and Diverse for giving me such an incredible opportunity."

Simon will be in the gantry again this afternoon, calling home what all Hatters fans hope will be an aggregate victory over York.

A win of course would mean a trip to Wembley which would be a fitting end to a rollercoaster first season over the airwaves for Simon.




"Sitting in the press box covering the Hatters would be the cherry on the top and the icing on the cake," he admits.

"The dream has already come true for me and it would top an amazing first season for me."



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BACK THE TOWN WITH BET365

ARE YOU STILL HOLDING ONTO YOUR HATS?



Despite York City's dramatic late winner in the first leg of the Play-Off semi-final it is still all to play for at Kenilworth Road.

York City have had an indifferent away form this season, having lost eight times on their travels, conceding 20 goals along the way. The Hatters will be encouraged to see that City have lost their last two away games, going down 3-1 to Eastbourne Borough and suffering a 1-0 defeat to league champions Stevenage.

Luton have won 14 games at Kenilworth Road this season, scoring an impressive 54 goals. Home form will not be much of a concern as the Hatters have won seven out of the last eight matches in front of their fans, including notable romps over Hayes & Yeading, Grays Athletic and Histon.

Luton will be hoping they can

continue their home momentum to overcome York City to reach Wembley, and have the chance to win promotion back to the Football League.

Bet365 is favouring Luton's chances of getting the much needed win at 4/6 placing York as the outsiders at 7/2. A draw which will be no good for the Hatters is at 5/2.

Our top tip would be a cheeky Luton Town 3-1 victory, with Tom Craddock bagging the opener is at 35/1. Putting down £20 on that would see a nice return of £700, which would be tidy budget for an outing at Wembley.

If you fancy a punt on the time of the first goal, Luton opening the scoring from the 81st minute until full time is 20/1 which could be a great price.

Hatters fans will be concerned about York City goal machine Richard

Brodie, who has already bagged 31 goals this season, including the decisive goal in the first leg. The in-form striker is 5/1 on to score first.

Click here for all the match odds - you'll find the markets under the 'Soccer' section in the left-hand sports menu.

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Recommendation: Luton to win 3-1 (12/1).

Can you spot where the value lies?

Or even better how about sending in your tips? Football and betting is all based on opinion so if you have a particular tip that you want to share get in touch. Email andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk



DAYS PAST

PROMOTION 1970

3-2 defeat at bottom club Tranmere.

Easter brought home wins over Rotherham and Reading but the victories proved to be a false dawn once more as a last minute slip by goalkeeper Alan Starling gifted the points to Barnsley at Oakwell.

A dismal 0-0 draw at Halifax, where we looked anything but a promotion side, left us with five games to play and needing to win them all to stand a chance of going up.

It seemed an impossible task and so it was with heavy hearts that supporters travelled to Fulham where surely the final rites would be read.

In a breathless game Malcolm Macdonald scored the only goal against his old side and with all the other results going our way



TOP SCORER, WITH 25 GOALS, MALCOLM MACDONALD

promotion was suddenly and unbelievably back on again.

With four games to go Walsall and Southport were the visitors to Kenilworth Road before trips to Mansfield and Rochdale finished off the campaign.

Repeating a successful experiment of four years before, it was decided to play a home game on the evening of the FA Cup final and, after watching Leeds and Chelsea fight out a 2-2 draw at Wembley on television, 17,193 of us trooped down to Kenilworth Road to see if the final steps could be taken on the road to promotion.

Walsall had nothing to play for which made them doubly dangerous bearing in mind our



VIV BUSBY NETS AGAINST SOUTHPORT. THE GOAL VIRTUALLY CONFIRMED PROMOTION



HAPPY HATTERS AFTER CLINCHING PROMOTION IN 1970

performances against the lower lights that season, but we need not have worried as we took the game by the scruff of the neck from the start.

New boy Viv Busby opened the scoring after eight minutes when he crashed home a Macdonald cross and the game was as good as over shortly afterwards when John Collins rifled the ball home.

Macdonald got the goal his unselfish play deserved when he headed in an inch perfect Graham French cross shortly after half-time before Starling had to limp off with a knee injury.

No specialist substitute goalkeepers in those days so

Keith Allen, who had played in goal only once before during his days at Grimsby, took over between the sticks and to be honest had little to do although he twice let shots go out for goal kicks only to see the ball cannon off the post!

We managed to hold out to the end and then a solitary strike from Busby settled a tense encounter with ace-spoilers Southport which, with the news that Bristol Rovers had stumbled at home, meant that one point from the remaining two games would clinch an unlikely promotion for the Town.

Many supporters travelled to Mansfield on the evening of 20th April 1970 to witness a poor excuse for a game of

football, to put it mildly, but the 0-0 result was all important. The Hatters were back in Division Two.

The final game, at Rochdale, would probably have been called off had there been anything riding on the result due to the state of the pitch but the Town players waded through the ankle deep mud to record a 2-1 win and with it the tenth away victory of the campaign.

All then ended well with the Town taking full advantage of slip-ups by their fellow promotion chasers but putting their long suffering supporters through all the emotions during a turbulent nine months.



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It's been another season of fantastic support of the Hatters home and away

As ever your support of the Hatters this season has been nothing short of sensational.

Over 4,000 fans snapped season tickets before the campaign even began and as a result home attendance in the Blue Square Premier are up by 1,000 on last year's gates in League 2.

The home average in the BSP this season is just shy of the 7,000 mark, boosted by big gates against Oxford, AFC Wimbledon, Stevenage, Mansfield and Grays.

In total, in all matches played at Kenilworth Road – not including the now expunged game against Chester - a breathtaking 161,257 spectators have passed through the turnstiles, and we're expecting just under 10,000 more this afternoon.

Of those, 7,499 have been supporters of our opponents. That means on average, 300 away fans have taken up space in the Oak Road per match.

The most we have seen came for the visit of Oxford when 1,500 made the short journey to Luton, while the smallest contingent came from Grays who brought 21.

Away from Kenilworth Road the support continues to amaze and draws praise from staff, management and the players.

Not including the trip to Chester, or Thursday's trip to Bootham Crescent, 29,639 Hatters fans have clicked through the turnstiles around the country, working out at a magnificent average of 1,140.

The 3,017 that made the journey to Southampton's St. Mary's Stadium was the highest Town following of the season backed up by 2,000+ contingents that travelled to

Oxford, Stevenage and Rushden.

In fact, on five occasions there have been times where the Hatters' faithful have outnumbered the home support.

At Kettering, Grays, Histon, Hayes and Tamworth there was over 50% of Town fans inside the home side's ground while it trips to Forest Green, Crawley, Ebbsfleet and Rushden have come mighty close.

Everyone at the Club would like to go on record in thanking you all for your fantastic backing of the team throughout the season.

For the full run down of attendances and away followings, turn to page 64 of today's programme.

Remember Richard Money wants Kenilworth Road to become a cauldron today so raise the roof and get behind the lads.

AWAY ATTENDANCES

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HATTERSSTATS

ALL THE RESULTS & STATS FROM THE 2009/10 SEASON



AUGUST	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 8	AFC Wimbledon	BSQP	D1-1	4,488	826	12
Tue 11	H Mansfield Town	BSQP	W4-1	7,295	542	2
Sat 15	H Gateshead	BSQP	W2-1	6,829	48	1
Tue 18	A Forest Green	BSQP	W1-0	1,805	869	3
Sat 29	A Kettering Town	BSQP	Do-0	3,266	1,838	3

SEPTEMBER	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Tue 1	H Crawley Town	BSQP	W3-0	6,389	115	3
Sat 5	A Salisbury City	BSQP	D1-1	2,044	907	3
Tue 8	A Oxford United	BSQP	Lo-2	10,613	2,331	4
Sat 12	H Barrow	BSQP	W1-0	6,264	144	2
Tue 22	A Wrexham	BSQP	Lo-3	3,448	393	9
Sat 26	A Cambridge United	BSQP	W4-3	4,870	1,728	6
Tue 29	H Stevenage	BSQP	Lo-1	8,223	793	8

OCTOBER	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 3	H Tamworth	BSQP	W2-1	6,297	270	5
Sat 10	A Kidderminster	BSQP	W2-1	2,927	925	5
Sat 17	A Altrincham	BSQP	W1-0	1,762	640	5
Tue 20	H York City	BSQP	D1-1	6,387	257	5
Sat 24	H Grays Athletic	FAC4Q	W3-0	2,721	124	-
Sat 31	H Rushden & D	BSQP	Lo-2	7,101	402	5

NOVEMBER	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 7	H Rochdale	FAC1	D3-3	3,167	355	-
Wed 11	A Huddersfield	FAC1R	W2-0	1,982	129	-
Sat 14	A Grays Athletic	BSQP	W2-0	1,668	tbc	5
Sat 21	H Cambridge United	BSQP	D2-2	7,458	711	6
Sat 28	A Rotherham United	FAC2	D2-2	3,210	648	-

DECEMBER	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Wed 2	H Kettering Town	BSQP	Lo-1	6,608	237	6
Tue 8	H Rotherham United	FAC2r	W3-0	2,538	131	-
Sat 12	A Cambridge Utd	FAT1	L1-3	1,665	517	-
Mon 28	H Eastbourne B	BSQP	W4-1	6,646	92	7

JANUARY	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 2	A Southampton	FAC3	Lo-1	18,786	3,017	-
Sat 23	A Gateshead	BSQP	W1-0	1,218	569	7
Wed 27	A Histon	BSQP	W2-0	1,543	952	7
Sat 30	H Ebbsfleet	BSQP	L2-3	6,658	156	7

FEBRUARY	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 6	A Barrow	BSQP	W1-0	1,579	302	7
Tue 9	H Oxford United	BSQP	W2-1	8,860	1,500	6
Sat 13	A Eastbourne B	BSQP	W1-0	2,018	835	5
Tue 16	A York City	BSQP	Do-0	3,316	492	4
Sat 20	H AFC Wimbledon	BSQP	L1-2	7,736	1,012	4
Sat 27	A Crawley Town	BSQP	L1-2	2,119	1,012	5

MARCH	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Tues 2	A Mansfield Town	BSQP	Do-0	3,407	474	5
Sat 6	A Hayes & Yeading	BSQP	W3-2	1,881	1,134	5
Tue 9	H Forest Green	BSQP	W2-1	5,884	42	3
Sat 13	H Wrexham	BSQP	W1-0	6,538	143	3
Tue 16	H Kidderminster	BSQP	W3-1	5,908	72	3
Sat 20	A Ebbsfleet	BSQP	W6-1	1,923	901	2
Sat 27	H Hayes & Yeading	BSQP	W8-0	6,761	146	3
Tue 30	H Salisbury City	BSQP	W4-0	6,692	45	2

APRIL	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Sat 3	A Stevenage	BSQP	W1-0	7,024	2,785	2
Mon 5	H Grays Athletic	BSQP	W6-0	7,860	21	2
Sat 10	A Tamworth	BSQP	D1-1	2,246	1,308	2
Tues 13	H Histon	BSQP	W6-3	7,083	44	2
Sat 17	H Altrincham	BSQP	Do-0	7,374	97	2
Sat 24	A Rushden & D	BSQP	D1-1	4,820	2,797	2
Thu 29	A York City	BSQP P/O	Lo-1	6,204	1,240	2

MAY	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS
Mon 3	York City	BSQP P/O				
Sun 16	Potential Promotion Final (Wembley)					

Tyler	Reynolds	Blackett	Pilkington	Emanuel*	Newton**
Tyler	Reynolds	Keane	PILKINGTON 2	Murray**	Newton**
Tyler	Keane	Pilkington	Blackett	Murray	Burgess
Tyler	Murray*	White	Pilkington	Blackett	Burgess
Tyler	Keane	White	Pilkington	Newton***	Nicholls
Tyler	Gnakpa	White	PILKINGTON 2	Murray*	Newton**
Tyler	Gnakpa*	White**	Pilkington	Murray	Nicholls
Tyler	Keane	Pilkington	White	Jarvis	Nicholls
Tyler	Gnakpa*	White	Pilkington	Murray	Hall
Tyler	Gnakpa	White	Pilkington	Murray*	Newton
Tyler	Gnakpa*	White	Pilkington	Murray	Newton
Tyler	A-Adjaye*	White	Pilkington	Murray	Newton
Tyler	A-Adjaye*	White	Pilkington	Murray	Newton
Tyler	A-Adjaye*	White	Pilkington	Murray***	NEWTON 1
Tyler	A-Adjaye	White	Pilkington	Gnakpa**	NEWTON 1
Tyler	A-Adjaye	White	Pilkington	Howells	Newton*
Tyler	Reynolds	White*	BLACKETT 1	Howells	Newton*
Tyler	A-Adjaye	White***	Pilkington	Howells	Newton
Gore	Keane	White	Pilkington	NEWTON 1	Burgess
Gore	A-Adjaye	Howells	White	Jarvis	Burgess
K.Pilkington	White	Blackett	G.Pilkington	Murray	Gnakpa**
K.Pilkington	A-Adjaye	Blackett	G.Pilkington	Murray	GNAKPA 1
K.Pilkington	White	G.Pilkington	Blackett	Gnakpa*	Murray
K.Pilkington	White	G.Pilkington	Blackett*	Murray	Gnakpa
K.Pilkington	WHITE 1	G.Pilkington	Blackett	Murray	GNAKPA 1
K.Pilkington	White	G.Pilkington	Blackett	Gnakpa	Murray
K.Pilkington	Newton	Keane	G.Pilkington	Howells	Nicholls
K.Pilkington	A-Adjaye	Blackett	G.Pilkington	Howells	Newton***
K.Pilkington	Keane	G.Pilkington	Blackett*	Howells	GNAKPA 1
K.Pilkington	Gnakpa*	G.Pilkington	KOVACS 1	Murray	Newton**
K.Pilkington*	Keane	G.Pilkington	Kovacs	Murray	Newton**
Tyler	Keane	G.Pilkington	Kovacs	Murray	Gnakpa**
Tyler	KEANE 1	Kovacs	G.PILKINGTON 1	Murray	Newton
Tyler	G.Pilkington	Kovacs	Gnakpa*	Murray	Newton
Tyler	Keane	G.Pilkington	Kovacs	Murray	Newton
Tyler	Keane	G.Pilkington	Kovacs	Murray	Newton
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Tyler	Keane	G.Pilkington	Kovacs	Murray	Newton
Tyler	A-Adjaye	G.Pilkington	Blackett	Murray	Keane
Tyler	A-Adjaye	G.Pilkington	Kovacs	Murray*	Keane
Tyler	A-Adjaye	G.PILKINGTON 1	Blackett	Murray	Keane
Tyler	A-Adjaye	G.Pilkington	Blackett	Murray	Keane
Tyler	A-Adjaye*	G.Pilkington	Blackett	Murray**	Keane
Tyler	Newton	G.Pilkington	Kovacs	Murray	Keane
Tyler	Newton	G.Pilkington	Blackett	Murray	Keane

Keane	Hall	Burgess	CRADDOCK 1**	Gallen	
Burgess	Hall	Jarvis	CRADDOCK 1	Gallen*	
HALL 1	Howells**	Jarvis	CRADDOCK*	GALLEN 1	
Hall	Keane	Reynolds	CRADDOCK 1**	Gallen	
Craddock**	Burgess*	Jarvis	Gallen	Murray	
Nicholls	Keane	Jarvis	CRADDOCK 1	Gallen***	
Keane	Jarvis	Newton	Craddock***	Craddock**	
Nicholls	Hall	Newton	Gallen	Craddock**	
Keane	Jarvis	Newton	Craddock	Gallen	
Jarvis	Gallen**	Hall	Craddock	NEWTON 1	
JARVIS 1	Hall	HOWELLS 1**	GALLEN 2***	Hatch	
Nicholls	Jarvis	Howells***	Hall	Craddock	
Nicholls	Jarvis	HALL 1	Hatch**	WRIGHT 1***	
Nicholls	Hall	NEWTON 1	Craddock	Wright**	
Nicholls	HALL 1	Gnakpa	Craddock	Wright**	
Pilkington	HALL 1	Burgess***	Gallen	Charles	
Nicholls	Hall*	Jarvis**	Craddock	Gallen	
Blackett	Gnakpa	BASHAM 2	Gallen	Murray	
Burgess	Hall	Nicholls	GALLEN 2	Craddock	
Keane	Nicholls	Newton	GALLEN 1	CRADDOCK 1*	
Nicholls	Keane	Newton*	Gallen	CRADDOCK 1	
Keane	Newton	Nicholls	Gallen***	CRADDOCK 1**	
Nicholls	Keane	Newton	Craddock	Gallen**	
Keane	NEWTON 1	Nicholls**	Jarvis	Gallen***	
Keane	Newton	Nicholls	Jarvis	Gallen	
JARVIS 1	Gnakpa*	GALLEN 2	Craddock***	BARNES-H 1**	
Nicholls*	Hall	Jarvis	Craddock	Gallen**	
Jarvis	Hall	Murray	Craddock**	Barnes-H***	
Nicholls***	Keane	HALL 1	Gallen**	Craddock	
Nicholls***	Hall	CRADDOCK 1	HATCH 1	Barnes-H	
Nicholls	Hall	Craddock	HATCH 1	Newton*	
Nicholls*	Hall***	Jarvis	Craddock	Hatch**	
Nicholls	HALL 1	Jarvis	Craddock	Barnes-H**	
Nicholls**	Hall*	Jarvis	Craddock	Gallen***	
Nicholls*	Hall**	Jarvis***	CRADDOCK 1	Gallen	
Nicholls***	Harvis	Hall*	Gallen**	Craddock	
Howells***	Hall	Gnakpa**	Barnes-H*	Hatch	
GNAPKA 1	Hall	Howells**	Barnes-H	HATCH 1*	
Hall*	Gallen	Barnes-H**	CRADDOCK 2	Gnakpa	
Howells	Gallen	Heslop	CRADDOCK 1**	Gnakpa*	
Gnakpa*	Heslop	GALLEN 2	Craddock	HOWELLS 1	
GNAPKA 3	Heslop	GALLEN 1	CRADDOCK 1	Howells	
GNAPKA 2**	Heslop	GALLEN ***2	CRADDOCK 2	HOWELLS 1	
GNAPKA 1***	HESLOP 1	Gallen**	CRADDOCK 1	HOWELLS 1*	
Hatch*	BARNES-H** 1	Newton***	Kovacs	Gore	
Nelthorpe**	HATCH 1**	Barnes-H***	Newton	Hall	
Howells**	Jarvis*	Blackett	Nwokeji	Gore	
Jarvis*	Nwokeji**	Blackett	Nelthorpe	Gore	
Barnes-H*	Hall**	Blackett	Jarvis	Gore	
BARNES-H*	Blackett**	Hall	Newton	Gore	
Blackett* 1	Barnes-H**	Hatch***	Newton	Gore	
Nelthorpe***	Barnes-H	Hatch**	Newton*	Hall	
Gnakpa	Heslop	Gallen*	Craddock**	Howells***	
Gnakpa	Heslop	Hatch***	CRADDOCK 2***	Howells	
Newton*	Heslop	GALLEN 1**	CRADDOCK 3	HOWELLS 2	
Newton	Heslop	Gallen	Craddock	Howells	
Barnes-H	Heslop**	Gallen*	CRADDOCK 1***	Howells	
Gnakpa*	Heslop	Gallen	Craddock	Howells	

Howells*	Jarvis**	Basham**	Gnakpa	Gore
Basham*	Howells**	Gnakpa***	Beavan	Gore
Gnakpa**	Basham*	Beavan	Watkins	Gore
Jarvis*	Howells	Gnakpa	Basham**	Gore
Blackett*	Howells**	Basham	Donnelly**	Gore
Blackett*	Hall**	Donnelly***	Basham	Gore
Hall*	Blackett**	Basham***	Donnelly	Gore
Murray*	Donnelly**	Howells	Basham	Gore
Blackett	Hatch*	Basham	Howells	Gore
Blackett*	Charles**	Donnelly***	Reynolds	Gore
Reynolds*	Blackett**	Craddock***	Charles	Gore
Gnakpa*	Wright**	Charles***	Blackett	Gore
Gnakpa*	Craddock**	Charles***	Blackett	Howells
Charles*	CHARLES 1**	Howells***	Blackett	Gore
Charles*	Reynolds**	Burgess	Basham	Gore
Charles*	Burgess	Basham	Reynolds	Gore
Asafu-Adjaye*	Gnakpa*	Wood	Nathaniel***	Gore
Murray***	Burgess*	Gnakpa**	Charles	Gore
A-Adjaye	Craddock	Hall	Howells	Reynolds
Blackett	Gnakpa	Newton	Charles	Reynolds
Blackett	Gnakpa	Newton	Charles	Reynolds
Nicholls	Keane	Newton	Craddock	Gallen**
Keane	NEWTON 1	Nicholls**	Jarvis	Gallen***
Keane	Newton	Nicholls	Jarvis	Gallen
JARVIS 1	Gnakpa*	GALLEN 2	Craddock***	BARNES-H 1**
Nicholls*	Hall	Jarvis	Craddock	Gallen**
Jarvis	Hall	Murray	Craddock**	Barnes-H***
Nicholls***	Keane	HALL 1	Gallen**	Craddock
Nicholls***	Hall	CRADDOCK 1	HATCH 1	Barnes-H
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LOOKING AHEAD

WE TAKE A LOOK AT HOW NEXT SEASON'S CONFERENCE IS SHAPING UP



The season is over for most teams in the Conference which means many clubs are looking at who they will be matching up against next campaign. Relegation and promotion from the leagues above and below the Blue Square Premier will see six new teams competing next season.

Darlington will be descending the football ladder from League 2 and will hope for an immediate return to the Football League, which all Hatters' fans know is not as easy as it looks.

The Quakers have had a tough recent history as they entered administration in 2009 and faced a 10-point deduction but managed to fend off relegation but poor results this season have cost Darlington this time around, finishing rooted to the bottom of League 2.

With two games to go prior to the weekend when we went to print, Grimsby were favourites to join them in the Conference, although mathematically Barnet and Cheltenham Town could still be caught should results of gone the way of the Blundell Park outfit on Saturday. The 21st placed Robins' goal difference is considerably better and it would be a minor miracle to see them demoted from that position.

The Mariners have struggled



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heavily this season as they suffered a club record, 25-game winless streak over a five-month period which undoubtedly sealed their relegation. The Mariners had a mid-season revival in the vain hope to beat the drop but even a strong end to the season doesn't look like it'll save them as they face the reality of non-league football next season.

The expulsion of Chester meant that only three teams were to be relegated from the Conference this season, with the unlucky trio of Forest Green, Ebbsfleet United and Grays Athletic all failing to preserve their status and having to make room for the upcoming clubs from the Conference North and South.

Conference North league winners, Southport, had to win on the last day of the season to secure the title as they finished only one point above second place. The

Sandgrounders are one of the oldest clubs in English football and were founded in 1881. The remaining promotion place will be decided in the Play-Offs between Fleetwood Town, Alfreton Town, Workington and Droylsden.

Newport County convincingly won promotion finishing top of the Conference South with a 28-point lead over their runners-up. The Welsh club will be keen to continue their impressive league form next season in the Conference as Dover, Chelmsford, Bath City and Woking fight it out in the Play-Offs for the final promotion place.

The winners of this evening's tie will however be hoping that another victory at Wembley will mean they are more interested in planning trips to teams relegated from League 1.

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4	KEITH KEANE
5	JANOS KOVACS
6	GEORGE PILKINGTON
7	ADAM NEWTON
8	KEVIN NICHOLLS
9	LIAM HATCH
10	TOM CRADDOCK
11	TAIWO ATIENO
12	SHANE BLACKETT
13	SHANE GORE
14	ASA HALL
15	JAKE HOWELLS
16	ROSSI JARVIS
17	RYAN CHARLES
18	CLAUDE GNAKPA
19	STEVE BASHAM
20	KEVIN GALLEN
22	CRAIG NELTHORPE
23	FREDDIE MURRAY
24	GAVIN CAINES
25	GEORGE BEAVAN
27	MARK NWOKEJI
29	MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
35	SIMON HESLOP
37	GODFREY POKU

YORKCITY

2	BEN PURKISS
3	JAMES MEREDITH
5	DAVID MCGURK
6	DANIEL PARSLAW
7	ADAM SMITH
9	MICHAEL GASH
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12	ALEX LAWLESS
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14	NEIL BARRETT
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16	RICHARD BRODIE
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5 York	44	27	78
6 Kettering	44	10	66
7 Crawley Town	44	-7	66
8 Wimbledon	44	14	64
9 Mansfield	44	9	62
10 Cambridge	44	12	59
11 Wrexham	44	6	58
12 Salisbury	44	-5	58
13 Kidderminster	44	5	57
14 Altrincham	44	2	54
15 Barrow	44	-17	52
16 Tamworth	44	-10	49
17 Hayes & Y	44	-26	48
18 Histon	44	-23	46
19 Eastbourne B	44	-30	46
20 Gateshead	44	-23	45
21 Forest Green	44	-26	45
22 Ebbsfleet U	44	-32	44
23 Grays Athletic	44	-56	26

TODAY'S OTHER FIXTURE

Oxford United v Rushden & Diamonds



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