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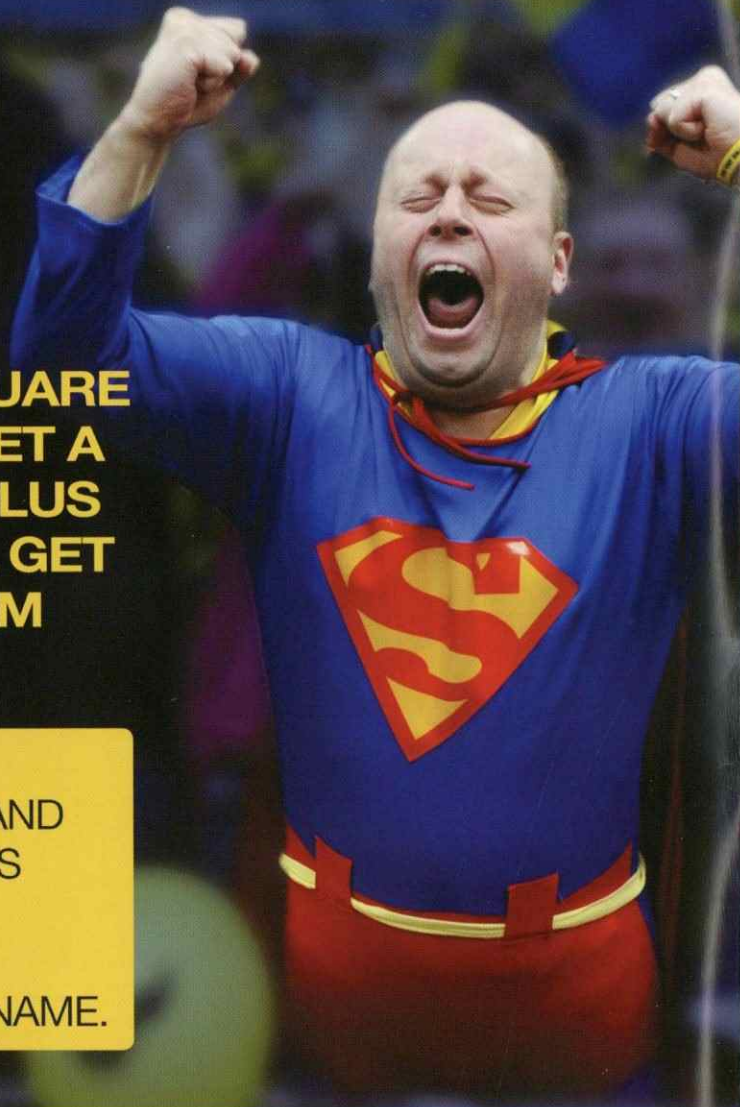


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FROM THE BOARDROOM

Tonight we are pleased to welcome all from the title favourites, Luton Town, for our first home League game of the season. We hope all Directors, officials, players and their voluminous supporters have an enjoyable short stay.

From the Boardroom, we can now take this opportunity to formally congratulate Lee Harper and Tommy Jaszczun on their appointments as the Management team and to welcome all players- old and new to the Club for what will be another challenging season.

Our match pricing and season ticket policy, implemented by Chairman Imraan Ladak, is likely to see Kettering Town providing the cheapest admission prices in the top five divisions of senior football in England. It is hoped that the local footballing public will recognise this and turn out in numbers to watch all our home games. At the time of writing it looks as if season ticket sales will be up on last year.

This pricing has only been put in place by the generosity of the Chairman- who has to cover any shortfalls.

One way our supporters can help, other than through the turnstiles, is to support the Club through other financial means, namely advertising and sponsorship. Various schemes are and will be in place for supporters to help and this can be done by contacting the Commercial Manager Dan Lee, or anyone at the Club.

The recent announcement from the Premier League that funds will be allocated to the Blue Square Bet divisions over the next three seasons is testament to the quality of football and general importance of our leagues. It is said that to gain promotion from this league is more difficult than from League Two - and just looking at the list of ex football league opponents we face this season, it serves to support this belief.



Following the Chester City debacle last season, the member clubs made it clear at a Conference meeting last February, that the league fixture compilation needed to be reviewed as there were some clubs (including ourselves) who by the end of February had not played Chester at all. However, this season's fixtures see us playing four clubs twice before the end of November and three clubs not at all until next year!

I have to record that I feel very sorry for all the people now running Salisbury City who have had to suffer a demotion from this league. I know that they fell foul of the then rules - but the current Directors at Salisbury were not largely responsible and did all that was asked of them. Their Club would have finished above us last season but for their points deduction and on the field they were a very good side. The revised League rules now cover comprehensively all Clubs' situations with HMRC and I am pleased to report that, at the last count, this Club's position remains stable.

Our Operations Director, Tony Reeves, has worked very hard over the last two seasons and our arrangement with the Police for this season, to date, sees only this game, and the games against Rushden & Diamonds and Grimsby as the only policed games- thus attracting the slightly higher admission prices. Therefore tickets for all future home league games will be on sale, in the normal way, up until kick off from the Club shop at the ground.

Finally tonight, as ever, this Club cannot function without the many volunteers who give up their time on match day, and a smaller number who devote time during the week and during the summer. To all of you, we give our thanks and hope you can be rewarded with performances on the field, of which you will be proud.

Enjoy the game.

Ken Samuel
Development Director

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HARPS ON KETTERING

Good evening everybody I would like to welcome you all back to the Elgoods Brewery Arena for a real tricky encounter against one of the favourites, Luton Town. I would also like to welcome Richard Money, Gary Brabin, and all the staff and players from Luton in what, if the games were anything to go by last season, should prove to be a stern test.

It has been a tough pre-season for us, it started off in the first week where we were unable to get into our training ground. We then had games against Northampton Town, Charlton Athletic and MK Dons, which were always going to be difficult for us, and I was disappointed with the amount of goals we conceded, considering I thought we were stronger defensively, so we had to spend the week leading up to the Gateshead game focusing on that aspect. I am also disappointed that we didn't get a win pre-season, it's upsetting for me, and Tommy, and I am sure the fans also felt that.

At Gateshead, overall it was not as straight forward as people might have thought, they are going to cause teams quite a few problems this season, there isn't really an easy game in this division. The likes of Fleetwood and Bath City who have come up, will have bigger budgets than ours along with many other teams in the

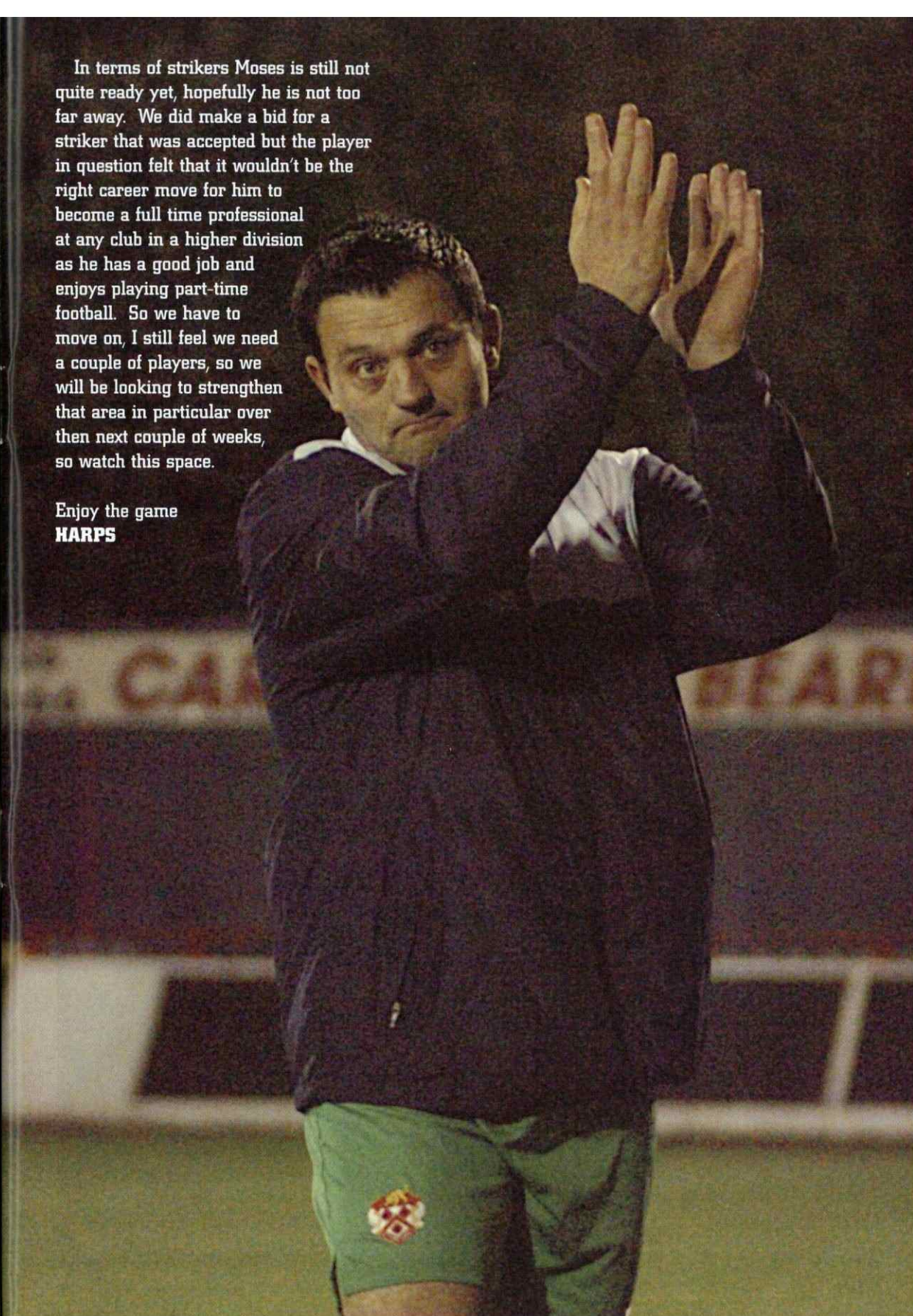
division, we may, in fact, be mid table in terms of budget, but that is not where we want to set our targets on the park. The Chairman has a brand of football he wants us to play and we are going to try and do that. That job starts tonight against Luton, they have the likes of Danny Crow, Matthew Barnes-Homer, Kevin Gallen, and Tom Craddock, they have got some real quality strikers, so we shall have to be on our metal to deal with them.

At Gateshead we lost John Dempster, his second challenge was a little bit more reckless than the first, so I have no complaints about his red card. I do not want to slate referees, but I felt we didn't get many decisions to be honest, but we just have to put those to bed and get on with the next game. Referees are an easy target, and I am more interested in how we perform than talking about referees. We will lose John, but Ian Roper is a fine replacement, and it is up to him to now keep the shirt with a positive performance.

We shall be going all out to record our first win of the season tonight, and it's not going to be easy, followed by a difficult 6 to 7 games in the next 21 days, so we need to do well tonight. Tonight's game is followed by Mark Cooper's, on Saturday he is bringing his Darlington squad to visit, and they too are going to be up there in the mix. These two games will be a tester for us, to see how we compare against the top sides, and if, after these 7 games we are there or thereabouts, I feel we won't have let you down, we need you the fans on our side, and we will do our best to give you something to cheer about.

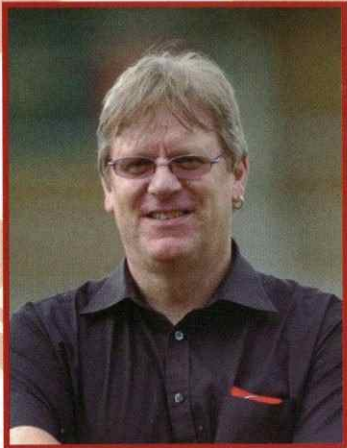
In terms of strikers Moses is still not quite ready yet, hopefully he is not too far away. We did make a bid for a striker that was accepted but the player in question felt that it wouldn't be the right career move for him to become a full time professional at any club in a higher division as he has a good job and enjoys playing part-time football. So we have to move on, I still feel we need a couple of players, so we will be looking to strengthen that area in particular over then next couple of weeks, so watch this space.

Enjoy the game
HARPS



COOKE REPORT

News Update
with
PAUL COOKE



Good evening everyone and welcome to our first home game of the season where we once play again one of the favorites to win the Blue Square Bet Premier (last season we kicked off at the Elgoods against Oxford United, who went on to win promotion through the play-offs). Tonight's visitors do not need reminding about the play-offs, as runners-up last season, finishing up 11 points behind Champions Stevenage Borough (who incidentally have dropped the 'Borough' from their name), lost out 2-0 on aggregate to York City in the semi-final. Tonight also gives the Poppies, Luke Graham, another opportunity to play against the 'Hatters' as he was a member of the York side that won 1-0 on that infamous

night at Kenilworth Road and if you read his pre-season article he gave some more insight into that game!

Manager Richard Money replaced Mick Harford in late October 2009, as Luton were languishing in the middle of the division and well out of contention, we of course drew 0-0 with the Hatters in front of our largest league attendance (3,266) of the season in August. We also faced Luton three days after our epic FA Cup clash against Leeds United in December. On this occasion we returned from Bedfordshire with three points courtesy of a stunning Ritchie Partridge goal. So the Hatters will definitely be up for this game. But Money revitalized the club only losing 9 in 36 games to get them almost back to the promised land, and as I said earlier they are one of the big favourites along with Grimsby Town to bag the title, while my outside tips would be the Manchester City of the Conference, Crawley Town and even Darlington, and we all know who is in charge there! Plus all the usual suspects will no doubt be staking their claim.

Money has strengthened his side with the signings of ex-

Oxford United captain Adam Murray, who also had spells at Macclesfield Town, Mansfield Town, Carlisle United, and Derby County to name but a few. Money brought the experienced midfielder to Kenilworth Road after loanee Simon Heslop, who as we know had such a good period with the Poppies last season, joined Oxford United upon his release from Barnsley. Also joining the Hatters for the campaign is Andy Drury from Stevenage. Others joining the squad are prolific striker Danny Crow, defender Daniel Gleeson from Cambridge United, and goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington from Notts County. Another new recruit to the squad is youngster Dan Walker, a highly sort after winger / striker who was on trial from Bedford Town during pre-season.

Altrincham face an interesting start to the campaign, rather similar to ourselves having already played Luton on the opening day, and then Darlington in midweek. Our own start to the



PAUL FURLONG

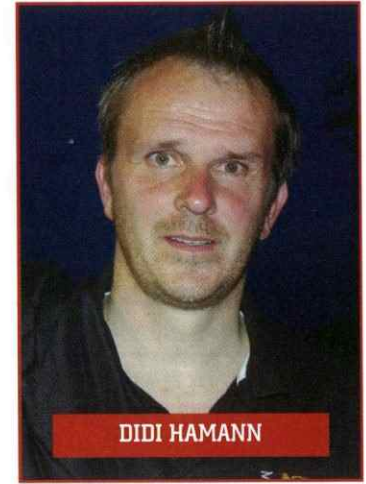
season is a tough one, having played the now full-time Gateshead away on Saturday and tonight Luton, we then face relegated Darlington and Mansfield Town away, which is always a difficult place to visit. This I would think is the strongest division it has ever been with 12 ex-league clubs all fighting to retain their Football League status so it should be another roller coaster of season, one we can all ride when we go to Fleetwood, as Blackpool is not too far away. No the jokes don't get any better!

On the opening day the Hatters beat Altrincham 2-1 in front of the leagues highest attendance of 6,665, with goals from Zdenek Kroca and Barnes-Homer. Two former Poppies had a day to remember on Saturday as Ben Wright, who played for the club on loan from Peterborough United, scored both of Hayes & Yeading's goals as they beat newcomers Bath City 2-1. While former Notts County goalkeeper, again who played on

loan for the Poppies, was relieved of the managers job at Sheffield United after the Blades 0-3 defeat by Queens Park Rangers.

Since the pre-season programme, we welcomed back midfielder Brett Solkhon, who should take his appearance tally beyond 300 and hopefully his goal record above 50, if the season pans out for him There is an interview with Brett somewhere in this programme. Also joining Harps squad as player-coach is the experienced former England semi-professional striker who once commanded a £2.5 million transfer fee to Chelsea, Paul Furlong. I remember Paul terrorizing the Poppies in the early 1990's when he was a youngster playing for Enfield. Our latest recruit is midfielder Stephen O'Leary who played in a few of the pre-season games, the former Luton Town, Tranmere Rovers, Hereford United and Bradford City playmaker made his Poppies debut against Gateshead.

During pre-season we faced a stern test with the likes of Northampton Town, Charlton Athletic and MK Dons, who featured Didi Hamann in their side, a Champions League winner with Liverpool and World Cup finalist with Germany, he



DIDI HAMANN

was the perfect gentleman when the two teams met. The former Bayern Munich, Newcastle United and Manchester City play maker still leads the holding position in midfield and will be a real asset to Karl Robinson's side. I didn't mention the World Cup when I had a chat with him, I thought better of it!

Unfortunately John Dempster became the third Poppies player since 1979 to be sent off on the opening day of the season, he follows Kofi Nyamah v Altrincham in 1995 and Paul Cox in 1999. The 0-0 draw at Gateshead was the Poppies 11th season consecutively without losing on the opening day.

Come on you REDS.
























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POPPIES TRUST



Trust Update with JOHN CECIL

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and a very warm Kettering Town Supporters Trust welcome back to the Elgood's brewery Arena for our opening home league fixture of the 2010/11 Blue Square Bet Premier campaign against our friends from Luton Town.

The Hatters are, once again, firmly entrenched as favourites for the Blue Square Premier title this season but, as they learnt to their cost a year ago, being favourites counts for nothing over the period of the season.

I'm sure, however, that everybody at the club will have taken note of how last season unfolded and will be all out to rectify the situation come the end of April 2011.

As with last season we have the chance to dent Luton's hopes at the Elgood's Brewery Arena early on and I'm sure this years tussle will be just as tight as the one last august.

Here's hoping for a great evening's entertainment for both sets of supporters and a safe journey home afterwards.

TRUST MEMBERSHIPS.

If you haven't already renewed your Trust membership please note that it expired at the end of July 2010.

Adult membership remains at £5 per adult for the eighth year running and juniors (U16s) can continue to join for free!

You should have received your renewal membership forms by now and we hope you will consider joining us once more.

You will notice on the renewal form also that now the Tinhat Social Club is run by the Trust we are

offering a joint membership of both Trust and Tinhat for £7.

You must be able to produce a Tinhat membership card to gain access to the club on match days.

If you only require a Tinhat social club membership this too can be applied for on the form at a cost of £3, however we hope you will take up our excellent offer of joint membership for the coming season.

Don't forget that Trust members are also entitled to various discounts from local businesses and these have been confirmed on the renewal forms.

Please contact us at info@poppiestrust.com or visit us at www.poppiestrust.com for further information on payment methods and discount offers.

We are also taking membership renewals of the Club200

This fund-raising scheme is the Trust's largest money-maker with £68,850 having been raised since its inception (50% of that total used as prize money) and has helped with our donations to the Club over the years.

Remember, you can pay for Club 200 membership in instalments to spread the cost out and we will be taking membership right up to and including the home game v.



Rushden & Diamonds on Monday August 30th.

The first Club200 draw for the 2010/11 season will take place at half time during this evening's fixture.

A big thank you to all that continue to support this fund raising initiative.

TINHAT SOCIAL CLUB

The Tinhat Social Club continues to thrive under the Stewardship of Paul Starks and Georgi, his most able assistant.

May and June enjoyed bumper takings at the bar with the beer festival and England's all too brief participation in the World Cup Finals.

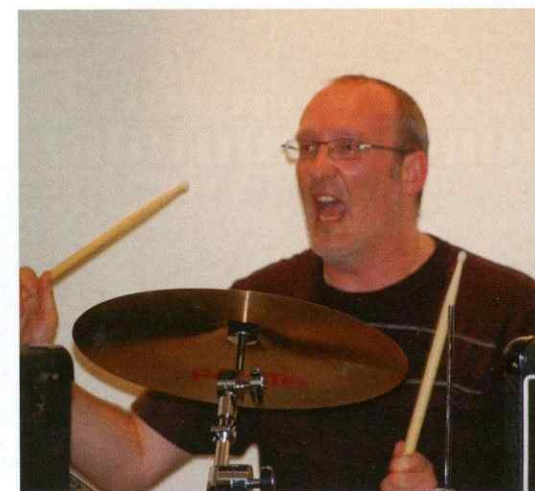
The three days of the beer festival, rounded off with the Sunday 7-a-side tournament, saw takings of over £12,000 over the bar with the four England World Cup games also seeing a healthy, optimistic, gathering in the Club.

The Trust Board are delighted to welcome Jazon Hawthorn along for the ride who will assist the Trust and the Social Club committee in organising events throughout the year.

Jazon has already been busy organising a well attended 40's night and a very successful Medium Evening with Vince Price during June and July. NEXUS played a quite brilliant set on August 7th and a darts event, mini beer festival and comedy evening are in the pipeline for September, October and November.

Please keep an eye out for further details.

In the meantime please be reminded that if you need a venue with a bar and the capacity to hold 120 people, look no further than the Tin Hat Lounge. You can give Paul a ring on 07884 228844 and he will be more than happy to accommodate you, or if you just fancy a pint then pop in and relax and have a chat to like-minded football fans!



RALPH HARTLEY PAINTING

On your way through the home turnstiles this evening you will hopefully have picked up a Kettering Town fixture card for the coming 2010/11 season.



The card has been sponsored by the Kettering Town Supporters Trust and carries a print of the Cowper Street end of the ground taken from a painting by local artist Ralph Hartley circa the late 1960's.

The painting was donated to the Trust by lifelong Poppies fan Stan Litchfield and was on display in the memorabilia exhibition held at the Manor House Museum in 2009.

The Trust are also looking into reproducing the print in A4 size and if you would be interested in obtaining a print please contact any member of the Trust board or via the usual routes at info@poppiestrust.com and we will gladly give you details of availability and price.

NEWS FROM SUPPORTERS DIRECT

Over the past few months Supporters Direct has seen a rash of new trust owned clubs with fans of Merthyr Town FC, Chester FC, Fisher FC and Stirling Albion all setting up Trust lead community based clubs. Congratulations to all from Supporters Direct and the trust movement. After some turbulent recent times (to say the least!) there is definitely some light at the end of the tunnel.

A record 20 clubs are now owned by their supporters trust across football, rugby league and ice hockey.

A sure sign that the Trust movement continues to gain momentum across sport in the UK and the Kettering Town Supporters Trust also wishes these new ventures all the success in the future.

Thank you for your continued support of the Kettering Town Supporters Trust.



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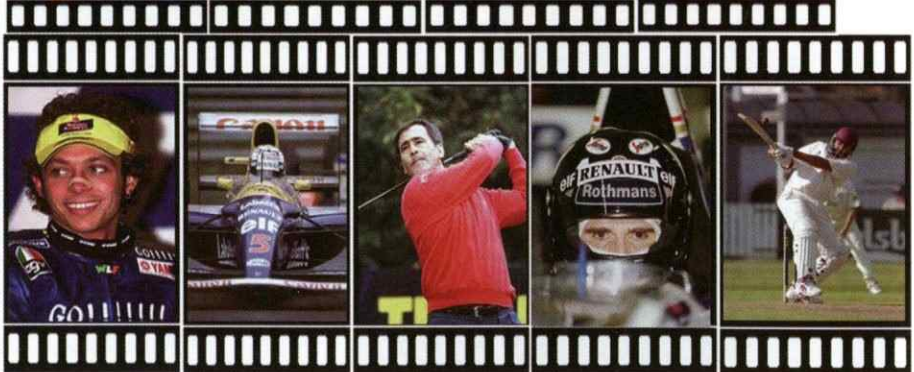
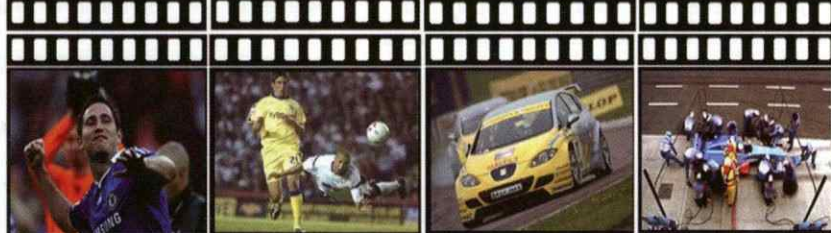
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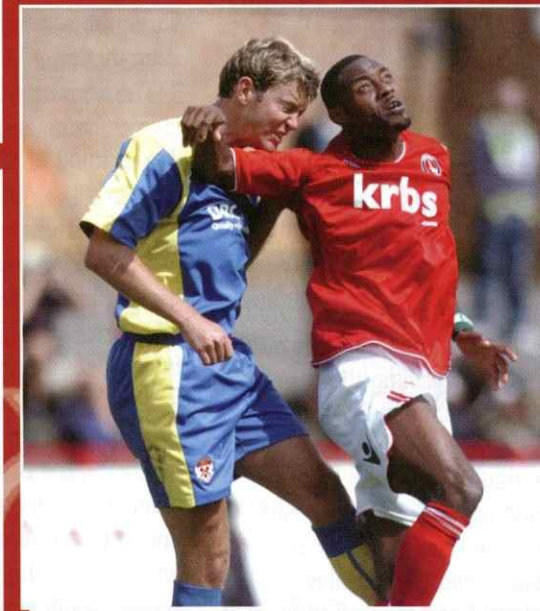
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COMMERCIALY SPEAKING

with LEE THORN

Good evening and a warm welcome to you all to the Elgoods Brewery Arena for the first home game of our new Blue Square Premier season against Luton Town FC.

All of the plans and preparations have now fallen into place and the hard work and efforts of the countless volunteers have once again brought us up to the required standards to gain the relevant safety certificates to ensure we all enjoy watching the team in a safe environment.

I am writing these notes pre the Gateshead game so the result remains unknown but, after the Chairman has once again invested in quality players I and the rest of the board are sure come the final game we will certainly be in the running. I wish them all luck and success in moving up the football pyramid this season.

The players and new coaching staff are settling in well and seem to be jelling together to form a great footballing unit. With some tough ties in-front of us we

undoubtedly face one of our toughest test's today in the form of Luton Town FC the leagues big spenders and without reservation the leagues biggest club, this seasons strongly backed title challengers will surely be a thorough examination.

The sponsors lounge for today's game is full and with this in mind id like to extend the offer to all our supporters and poppies family to sample the pre-match hospitalities on offer here at the Elgoods a special offer price of £40 per person for non season ticket holders and £35 per person for season ticket holders for this will apply for the whole of the league campaign to try and entice new and old faces back into the lounge...For the price you will receive a full service 3 course meal...Match ticket and seating in the directors area...Matchday programme...Personal briefing by the manager and the chance to meet a player/s of your choice.

Once again id like to offer you all a warm welcome from the commercial team and let us all look forward to the new season with hope and belief in the Manager and Players.

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TERRACE (CONCESSION)	£10	£115
TERRACE (UNDER 16)	£1	£23

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- We should be professional - but have fun!
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As with all of the clubs sponsors please support them as they continue to support us!

And finally the club is pleased to announce the Supporters Trust will be aiding the club to raise a significant amount of

money to refurbish the floodlighting which are in need of urgent repairs. To ensure we meet the correct criteria to obtain the standard the football league expects. Please assist them and if you can give generously and attend the many fundraisers they will be organizing over the coming months. I would like to say a huge thank to all the trust members for their continuing support, and once again a huge thank you to Paul Cooke for all his hard work in putting the programme together; his enthusiasm never ceases to amaze me.

Enjoy the game
Lee Thorn
Commercial Director



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The Seasonal High-Hopes

Well, here we are once again, each of us full of the annual optimism we have throughout the close-season months as the start of a new football season approaches. As with last year at this time (and the umpteen proceeding years), we look forward to an exciting campaign, one full of goals, championship form, victory celebrations, lengthy cup runs, a Wembley appearance perhaps, and all the thrills and spills that we build our hopes upon throughout the long, long months of May, June and July.

We've now got 9 months of our beautiful game to look forward to! For these first few months at least, we can turn out each week in this seasons' replica shirt and the current range of leisurewear, all available at credit crunch discounted prices from the club-shop...or maybe not! Then as the months become colder, we cover up the shirt and wrap up in layer after layer as we face the elements of the good old British weather. That's what it's all about though isn't it? Through thick and thin, come rain or shine, we'll be here to cheer on the boys for yet another campaign of potential highs or (dare I say it) lows.

As we commence the 20010/11 campaign, it's great to see that those clubs who were in financial difficulties at this point last year are still around to face another campaign. It was a worrying time for the fans, and all those connected with Southampton, Bournemouth and Stockport County whose futures, at this time last year were uncertain for whatever reason.

Whatever the season has in store for us, let's hope its all good stuff and we have a successful start and sustain it throughout the next 9 months.

Here's a few 'openers' to the season that may make you chuckle, hopefully, ours won't be as farcical as these were!

In a Pre-season friendly game between Chelsea and Stevenage Borough back in 1997, Celestine Babayaro was so thrilled with his goal that he celebrated by doing a fabulous backward somersault. Not so fabulous was the resulting broken leg he sustained, rendering him sidelined for the Blues for the start of the season.

More surprising is the story of Tommy Magee who, at the start of the 1919/20 season was selected to play for West Brom v Derby County. Magee was in fact a rugby league player who during the war befriended a soldier whose best friend was an official at West Brom. Magee had never played an organized game of football in his life until this day. He scored during the game and must have performed pretty well as he was signed up by West Brom and went on to make over 400 appearances for the Baggies!

More amazingly is the fact that on Christmas night in 1893, over 5,000 fans left the comfort of their festive homes to watch a friendly game between Celtic and Clyde. This was one of the very first floodlit football matches to take place as 16 Arc lights were suspended from wires across the width of the pitch!

I'd rather stick to watching the fairy lights on the tree twinkling thanks. Nowadays, of course, it's the Boxing Day game that has become the fans favorite as it often involves the shortest traveling distance or a home tie against the local rivals.

Let us welcome the 20010/11 season with open arms and embrace whatever joys it may bring us.

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APPEARANCES 2010/11

	BSP	FAC	FAT	P/OFFS	TOTAL APPS	BSP GLS	FAC GLS	FAT GLS	P/OFFS GLS	TOTAL GLS
Abbey										
Ashikodi										
Boucaud	1				1					
Christie	1				1					
Dance	1				1					
Davis	1				1					
Dempster	1				1					
Furlong	1				1					
Harper	1				1					
Graham	1				1					
Jaszczun										
Kelly										
Marna	0 (1)				0 (1)					
Noubissie	0 (1)				0 (1)					
O' Leary	1				1					
Roper	0 (1)				0 (1)					
Solkhon										
Taylor	1				1					
Westwood	1				1					
Wrack										
Own goals										
TOTALS	1	0	0		1	0	0			0

BSP FINAL TABLE 2010/11

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Tamworth	1	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
2	Histon	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
3	Mansfield	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
4	Hayes & Yeading	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
5	Kidderminster	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
6	LUTON	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
7	AFC Wimbledon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
8	Darlington	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
9	Grimsby	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
10	Wrexham	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
11	Fleetwood Town	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
12	Rushden & D'mnds	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
13	Gateshead	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
14	KETTERING	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
15	Altrincham	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
16	Bath City	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
17	York	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
18	Cambridge Utd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
19	Crawley Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
20	Newport County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
21	Southport	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0
22	Eastbourne Boro	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
23	Barrow	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
24	Forest Green	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0



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FACTS & STATS 2010/11

Date	Comp	Opponents	F-A	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	
AUGUST																							
Sat 14	BSBP	Gateshead	A	0-0	639	Harper	Graham	Davis	Westwood	Dempster	Boucaud	Taylor	Dance	O'Leary	Furlong	Christie	Marna	Noubissie	Roper	Wrack	Cooper	-	-
Tue 17	BSBP	LUTON TOWN	H																				
Sat 21	BSBP	DARLINGTON	H																				
Tue 24	BSBP	Mansfield Town	A																				
Sat 28	BSBP	Histon	A																				
Mon 30	BSBP	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	H																				
SEPTEMBER																							
Sat 4	BSBP	AFC WIMBLEDON	H																				
Sat 11	BSBP	Fleetwood Town	A																				
Sat 18	BSBP	WREXHAM	H																				
Tue 21	BSBP	Cambridge United	A																				
Sat 25	BSBP	Forest Green Rovers	A																				
Tue 28	BSBP	ALTRINCHAM	H																				
OCTOBER																							
Sat 2	BSBP	HAYES & YEADING	H																				
Tue 5	BSBP	York City	A																				
Sat 9	BSBP	Southport	A																				
Sat 16	BSBP	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	H																				
Sat 30	BSBP	Newport County	A																				
NOVEMBER																							
Tue 9	BSBP	MANSFIELD TOWN	H																				
Sat 13	BSBP	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H																				
Sat 20	BSBP	AFC Wimbledon	A																				
Sat 27	BSBP	GATESHEAD	H																				
Tue 30	BSBP	Grimsby	A																				
DECEMBER																							
Sat 4	BSBP	BATH CITY	H																				
Sat 18	BSBP	Kidderminster Harriers	A																				
Sun 26	BSBP	Tamworth	A																				
Tue 28	BSBP	HISTON	H																				
JANUARY																							
Sat 1	BSBP	TAMWORTH	H																				
Mon 3	BSBP	Rushden & Diamonds	A																				
Sat 8	BSBP	Crawley Town	A																				
Sat 22	BSBP	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	H																				
Tue 25	BSBP	FLEETWOOD TOWN	H																				
Sat 29	BSBP	Darlington	A																				
FEBRUARY																							
Sat 5	BSBP	CRAWLEY TOWN	H																				
Sat 12	BSBP	BARROW	H																				
Sat 19	BSBP	Altrincham	A																				
Sat 26	BSBP	NEWPORT COUNTY	H																				
MARCH																							
Sat 5	BSBP	Bath City	A																				
Sat 12	BSBP	GRIMSBY	H																				
Sat 19	BSBP	Luton Town	A																				
Sat 26	BSBP	Eastbourne Borough	A																				
APRIL																							
Sat 3	BSBP	YORK CITY	H																				
Sat 9	BSBP	Barrow	A																				
Sat 16	BSBP	Wrexham	A																				
Sat 23	BSBP	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	H																				
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Fleetwood Town	v	Mansfield Town
Forest Green Rovers	v	Wrexham
Grimsby Town	v	York City
Kidderminster Harriers	v	Southport
Newport County	v	Tamworth



LUTON TOWN

PROFILES

RICHARD MONEY – MANAGER



Mark Tyler

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United.

Kevin Pilkington

Vastly experienced goalkeeper who joined the Hatters in May 2010 after his release from Notts County.

Zdenek Kroca

Centre-half who impressed in assured display alongside George Pilkington in two pre-season fixtures in 2010 to earn a one-year contract.

George Pilkington

Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly-regarded defender has

been named Player of the Year twice.

Dan Gleeson

Tall and athletic defender, primarily a right-back, Gleeson signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from his home town club Cambridge United.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up.

Shane Blackett

Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road.

Freddie Murray

Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009 and the deal was made permanent in January 2010.

Alan White

Vastly experienced centre half who resigned for the Hatters in the summer of 2009, nine years after leaving Kenilworth Road.

Taylor Nathaniel

Versatile young defender who signed a professional contract with the Hatters in June 2010 after impressing in the club's Under-18s.

Alex Lacey

Up-and-coming second year scholar who impressed Richard Money in the 2010 pre-season to earn a squad number.

Pavel Besta

Assured, tenacious and a good passer of the ball, the Town snapped up the former Czech Under-21 international after impressing in the pre-season friendly against Newcastle.

Jake Howells

The young winger, who can also play at left-back, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a

second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008.

Godfrey Poku

Tenacious defensive midfielder who signed together with JJ O'Donnell from Blue Square South outfit St Albans City in January 2010 on an 18-month contract.

JJ O'Donnell

Tricky winger who joined the Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku in January 2010.

Claude Gnaka

A defender capable of playing centre back or full back, who joined on a free transfer in August 2008.

Keith Keane

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003, Keith Keane went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards whilst Kevin Foley was out injured.

Adam Newton

Ascot-born Adam became Mick Harford's second summer signing of 2009 after agreeing a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford.

Kevin Nicholls

Kevin Nicholls needs no introduction to most Hatters fans. The hard-working midfielder enjoyed six successful seasons at Kenilworth Road between 2001 and 2006, Captaining the side to the League 1 title in the 2004/05 season.

Andy Drury

A highly-rated box-to-box player who is capable of playing in any position across the midfield or in attack, Drury signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from Conference Champions Stevenage.

Adam Watkins

Young midfielder, capable of playing in attack, who signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010.

Tom Craddock

Originally a defender, Tom developed into a promising forward who did well at youth and reserve team levels with Middlesbrough. He was the eighth member of Boro's 2004 FA Youth Cup-winning side to progress to first team level, following James Morrison, Tony McMahon, Andrew Taylor, David Wheeler, Matthew Bates, Adam Johnson and Jason Kennedy.

Kevin Gallen

A Shepherds Bush native, Gallen

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

Matthew Barnes-Homer

Prolific striker who joined the Hatters initially on a month's loan from Kidderminster Harriers before agreeing a two-and-a-half year contract to move permanently when the transfer window re-opened on 1st January 2010.

Danny Crow

A nippy poacher of a striker, Crow joined the Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 following the expiry of his contract at the Abbey Stadium.

Dan Walker

Quick young forward capable of playing down the flanks who signed a one-year deal in July 2010 after impressing in pre-season in games for and against the Hatters.



LUTON TOWN

RECENT HISTORY

Kevin Blackwell signed eight players during the summer of 2007 in preparation for a tilt at promotion back to the Championship.

During the first month of the season it seemed that the Hatters stood a decent chance of doing so, after four wins from their first five league and cup fixtures including a 3-0 victory over Premier League Sunderland at Kenilworth Road.

However form began to tail off and had yet to win away from home but worse news was to follow when the club were deducted 10 points for falling to administration in November.

From being in a comfortable mid-table position the Hatters found themselves deep in a relegation battle but the first match following the points deduction the team rallied themselves to beat Southend 1-0 at Kenilworth Road.

Results began to pick-up in December and a FA Cup second round replay victory over Nottingham Forest ensured the Hatters faced another cup clash with Liverpool at Kenilworth Road.

On Boxing Day the Hatters were involved in a highly-controversial match at Bristol Rovers where incredibly they held out to record a 1-1 draw despite having to play half the match with nine men and the last 13 minutes with only eight men on the pitch following three sending offs.

And in the last match of 2007 we saw the first away win of the campaign recorded courtesy of a last-minute strike from Matthew Spring.

With the administrator in charge however, the New Year saw the beginning of player sales which would go on to affect the team's performances later in the season.

But firstly the small matter of a game against Liverpool at Kenilworth Road in the third round of the FA Cup had to be settled and after going behind to a Peter Crouch goal, a John Arne Riise own goal 13 minutes from earned the Hatters a much needed money-spinning replay at Anfield.

At this point the administrator had been working on cutting the spiralling wage bill at the club and as a result club captain Chris Coyne was sold to Colchester United and midfielder David Edwards – only signed by Blackwell in the summer – was sold to Wolves.

Colossal Polish centre-half Jaroslaw Fojut returned to Bolton after his loan spell expired and would not return as the Hatters were unable to sign anybody while still in administration, which left the squad decimated, especially in defence.

Blackwell then decided to call it quits by saying he would quit the club following the replay at Liverpool.

Before the cup replay at Anfield it was announced that the administrator had chosen Luton Town 2020 Ltd as the preferred bidders to take over the club.

The consortium was headed by famous Hatters fan and TV presenters Nick Owen and included former Hatters legends Steve Foster and Godfrey Ingram as well as other influential businessmen all of which were Town supporters.

Buoyed by this news it made for an extra-special night at Anfield where almost 6,000 Luton fans out-sung the famous Kop for long periods before, during and after the game.

The team held on until the final minute of added time in the first half before Ryan Babel struck the opening goal of the game to break the Hatters' hearts.

A Steven Gerrard hat-trick and a goal from Sami Hyypia in the second half culminated in a 5-0 defeat but despite the scoreline the Hatters performance was far from embarrassing.

That was to be manager Kevin Blackwell's last match in charge of the Town as the administrator moved quickly to install legend Mick Harford as his replacement but despite a spirited display the team lost 1-0 in his first game in charge away to Leyton Orient on 19th January.

With the team struggling to find any form and with young players low on confidence, the side failed to win again until a 3-0 home victory over Oldham Athletic on 15th March, by which time they were already 12 points from safety.

But after picking five points from the following three games to give them hope the Town went onto lose all of their final six matches and relegation to League 2 was confirmed following the 2-1 home defeat to Brighton on 12th April.

With the new owners set to take full control of the club in the summer the only problem the Hatters prepared themselves for would have been beginning their League 2 campaign with 15 points deducted for failure to agree to a CVA (Company Voluntary Agreement).

However the Football League decided that because the club had been in administration for the third time in nine years, they would punish them further by deducting a further five points.

But worse news followed. The club were still being investigated by the Football Association for the past financial irregularities that had been made public during Mike Newell's time at the club two years previously.

As a result the club had a further 10 points docked by the FA which meant the club had to start the season with an incredible 30 point penalty.

Both Bournemouth and Rotherham suffered a similar fate for recent spells in administration and were hit with 17 point deductions by the Football League.

Once the club was officially taken over a week before the season started, the club only had six professionals on the books leading up to the home game with Port Vale.

Harford though pulled off one of the biggest transfer coups in the club's history when it was announced that former club captain Kevin Nicholls was resigning for the club.

Nicholls was joined by 10 other news faces either signed on a free transfer or brought in on-loan, as the manager pieced together a team fit for the campaign ahead.

Despite a slow and inconsistent beginning to the season the Hatters ended 2008 just one point away from wiping out the 30 point deficit and were only 15 points away from safety.

The season was also brought to life by the club's run in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy which was won in superb style at Wembley with a 3-2 victory over Scunthorpe United in April.

However, the burden of the points deductions proved too much to shoulder and relegation out of the Football League was confirmed following a goalless draw against Chesterfield on Easter Monday.

It meant the club will start life in the Blue Square Premier in 2009/10 after 89 years in the Football League.

The Hatters' first season of Conference football proved to be a rollercoaster one.

An indifferent start to the campaign saw Mick Harford leave Kenilworth Road and was replaced by another former Town player, Richard Money.

Slowly the team's results and performances improved and a nine match winning streak through March and April propelled the Town into title contention.

However, leaders Stevenage – who had themselves overhauled long-time leaders Oxford – proved to be too consistent, winning the division and meant Money's men had to settle for a play-off place.

Paired with fifth-placed York City, a goal a minute from time gave York and 1-0 first leg lead and, unfortunately, a similar scoreline in the return leg at Kenilworth Road consigned the Hatters to a second season at non-league level.

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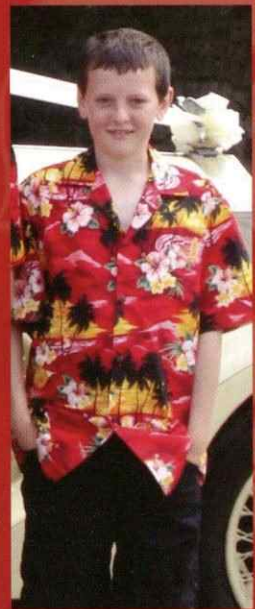
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MASCOTS' FACT FILE

Today's matchday mascot is **GEORGE HALFHIDE**. He is celebrating his 13th



birthday with us today. George's favourite teams include Manchester United and Kettering Town. The hobbies George likes best are Cricket, Basketball and Football. Join us all in wishing George a very happy birthday and an enjoyable afternoon with us this today.

AWAY TRAVEL

The Poppies Supporters Coach will be running to away games this season. The coach held its AGM in the Tinhat last Thursday. There are one or two changes to the running of the coach this season.

First of all, Martin Richards has decided to step down from doing the bookings. Martin has done a truly fantastic job over the past 7-8 seasons and the coach wouldn't have run without him, so everyone would like to thank him very much for his sterling work, well done Martin.

Brian Norton has thankfully stepped into that role so could all bookings go to him this season.

A new coach committee was formed and the set up is as follows.

Organiser - **Mel Ridley**
Bookings - **Brian Norton**
Committee - **Roly Fox, Derrick Holmes, John Cecil, Jon Bogle**

The coach are currently taking bookings for the next two away games

MANSFIELD TOWN, Tuesday August 24th, coach leaves 5.15pm
HISTON, Saturday August 28th, coach leaves 1.00pm

To book your seat on the coach please phone **Brian 01536 517733**. Please note it's the law not to smoke or drink alcohol on the coaches.



BLAKE'S HEAVEN

Adventures in football subculture with Blake Hall

BACK WHEN PANINI DIDN'T MEAN A SANDWICH!



I really enjoyed this World Cup. Poor matches were few and far between and the participation of teams like Algeria, New Zealand and Honduras took me back to the first World Cup I can remember.

I was just 6 during the Summer of 1982 and I can remember the final well – and refusing a bath so I could watch it. I remember Tardelli's goal celebration too, but what I remember most about the event was collecting the stickers in the green sticker album!

For most fans of my generation, collecting stickers is a major part of our childhood memories. Certainly, for me, sticker collecting was great fun and I have never lost the thrill of opening a packet of stickers and unveiling a "shiny" – the foil emblem of the club or national association concerned!

The Football League albums made by Panini – simply called "Football" – were just as much fun and covered the top flight clubs, as well as a mini section for those of the Second Tier and the Scottish Premier League. Nowadays, Panini do not have the licence and, sadly, the sticker albums of the other companies are too different to invoke any memories.

Panini first started distributing football stickers in the UK in 1970 with their Mexico World Cup edition.

Every four years they continued their World Cup collections, although sadly England would not participate again in the main competition again until 1982 in Spain. During these years, Panini also released several other sticker collections that were not related to football, including Prehistoric Animals, Super Auto, and Star Wars. No matter what the subject was, you could bet that Panini had done a sticker album for it – even Danger Mouse had got a look in at some point!

The first sticker album for the English and Scottish leagues was released in 1978. This album featured full colour stickers of all the players from the old English First Division and also the Scottish Premier Division. Back then, Panini printed player stats like height, weight and international caps and goals. You would also get a few short lines about the player and what club they had been transferred from. This continued for several years with each season getting better and collections getting larger and larger.

In the late 80's, Panini were so big in the UK, they even had their own sections in several First Division grounds in their respective family centres where kids could meet and swap stickers before each game on a Saturday. Respected ex-players like Bobby Charlton used to be invited to write a foreword in the front of the sticker album.

Now I'm in my 30s, it is not so easy to swap stickers; I'm too old to respond to a proffered sticker with a "Got" or a "Need"! Suffice it to say that, in 1982, I had about 8 spare stickers of New Zealand's Wynton Rufer to trade!

Football stickers are a great way of learning the names and faces of those lesser known players from the more obscure nations and collecting them probably kindled my love of the game as much as watching the World Cup Finals in Spain.

I have just added the final sticker of the current collection to my book. Hopefully, this great hobby will never fade away and, despite more distractions than I had, I would like to believe that future generations will still get the thrill I did from collecting and swapping.

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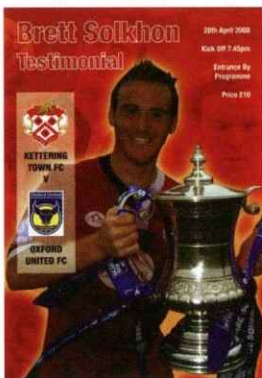
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AN INTERVIEW WITH BRETT SOLKHON

with PAUL COOKE



During the summer one of our legends returned to the club which was a real surprise to many of the faithful. Brett Solkhon has already amassed 289 appearances in six seasons since his debut against

Dagenham & Redbridge on 1st March 2003, where he scored the Poppies only goal in a 3-1 home defeat. In a distinguished career Brett has scored some classic goals no more so than against Notts County, the opening goal in the 1-1 draw at Meadow Lane which was caught superbly by photographer Mike Capps, and a towering header to equalise in the 2-1 win in the FA Cup replay at Rockingham Road. After a season away at Corby and Brackley Town, the midfielder opens another door in his Poppies career, as the club strive for that illusive place in the Football League.

PC: First of all Brett welcome back to the Elgoods Brewery Arena, something that came as a bit of a shock and a surprise to many fans, was it a surprise to you?

BS: Yes it was, after last season obviously being at Corby Town and Brackley Town, getting an injury that really interrupted my season, then not really knowing what I was going to do. I was sitting down during the summer after an operation on my knee when the opportunity came about to come back to Kettering and I didn't want to turn that down.

PC: There were many rumours on various web sites prior to your signing, it must be good to get settled down at the club where you enjoyed so much success?

BS: It was to be honest, I had a great time here leading up to my testimonial, winning the Blue Square North and the games against Lincoln City, Notts County are up there with the best of my memories.

PC: We are chatting with the Luton Town game in mind, in prospect a very difficult encounter, the Hatters are perhaps the favourites to win the title, after being so close last season?

BS: They are definitely going to be up there, they have got a big budget, they have good support, they missed out last season but will have learnt from that and improved their squad to deal with Blue Square Premier football. Quite a few of the relegated teams from League Two take time to adapt to non-league football, I think it is a surprise how good the standard is, there is not too much difference between the two divisions. Luton will be a major contender this season.

PC: Currently you are on 289 appearances and 46 goals, you should, injury permitting, break the 300 mark and 50-goal tally this season. If you do hit the 300 mark you will break into the all-time top twenty-appearance chart.

BS: I hope so on both accounts they would be great landmarks to achieve on a personal level, hopefully sooner rather than later. I will be aiming for a few goals this year, I would be 'over the moon' (nice one Brett the old ones are the best - PC) to hit the 50 mark, I am really looking forward to the season. It is obviously not about personal landmarks, the team is the most important aspect, but I'll take the records if they come.

PC: You have come in late during pre-season (I couldn't get your name on the back of the pre-season programme), how do you think Harps squad is shaping up?

BS: It is going to be a hard season in a very strong division, with the likes of Darlington, Grimsby Town coming down and with Mark Cooper at Darlington there is going to be a bit of extra spice to that game. As I said earlier Luton just missed out last season they won't want to go through that again, with the likes of Crawley Town who have had massive investment in their squad, Cambridge, Mansfield, the list just goes on. Our squad is coming together nicely and we have been working hard pre-season to peak at the right time, we are all raring to go. The lads that have come in have settled and with the likes of Moses and Paul Furlong we rather like the underdog tag we have been given.

PC: You played in Corby Town's 'cup final' at the Elgoods last season, where 630 turned up behind the Rockingham Road end, it must be quite surreal really being a Kettering legend playing in an opposing shirt and winning the game?

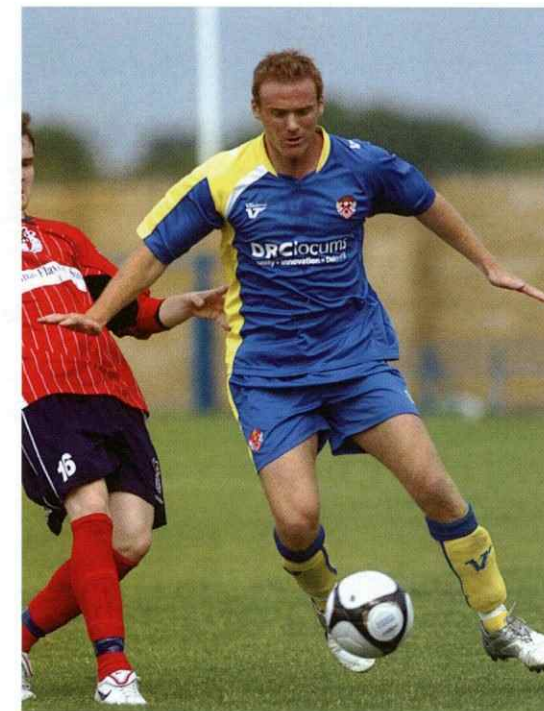
BS: It was nice for Corby's fans, I don't think Kettering took it as seriously as Corby, but it was nice coming back, something I didn't think I would do again and obviously I am delighted to be wearing the Poppies colours once again.

PC: Very diplomatic Brett!

PC: I spoke with Luke Graham earlier in the summer, there are quite a few local lads in the squad, it must make it quite a homely atmosphere in the dressing room?

BS: The last time we had the likes of Luke, Demps, Tommy and myself, we won the league, where we had a great team spirit. It is nice to see the gaffer and Tommy assembling a squad with a fair amount of local lads coupled together with experienced players, we have bonded really well. With Marcus, Ashley and Greg all local, with the likes of Sol, Iyseden who have played here before, it complements the guys that have been at the club for a few seasons. So as I said the team spirit is good.

PC: Did you feel when we won promotion back to the Conference National that you were given the opportunity you deserved?



BS: That season I had my ups and downs, I played in all the FA Cup games, I played a few league games but I was in and out and then unfortunate to get an injury, where Darren Wrack came in and did very well and Bouc's, who received the 'Player of the Year' award, so I had very stiff competition, then when I came back and thought I was doing well Mark Cooper brought in a loan signing and played him instead of me. We had a minor fall out, as I thought I was being treated unfairly at that point, so the writing was on the wall. But strange how things change, Marks' gone Lee has come in and so we go onto the next chapter.

PC: It should be an interesting game on Saturday against Coops Darlington, where he returns to play against most of the players under his tenure at the Poppies.

BS: It will be a very tasty game and I am sure the lads will want to get one over him and he will definitely be coming here to put one over his old team. I can imagine it is going to be a very spicy affair but we will only have eyes on winning that game.



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BE MY GUEST

with GRAHAM JAMES

What's in a Name?

The importance of a football club to the community in which it exists has always been a major factor in the development of the sport around the world. A glance through many of the names of those clubs that can now point to long and illustrious histories will show instantly identifiable links with a local village, town or city, a clear indication of where and to whom their roots belong.

What is less obvious is the additional name that most clubs adopted with Liverpool, Everton, Chelsea and Fulham being the obvious exceptions to the rule. In our league alone we have the normal Town, City, United and Borough, as well as the less common Harriers and County. A quick look around though throws up much more interesting and obscure names such as Trinity, Albion, Stanley and Orient.

Some clearly reflect the origins of the club. Workplaces and schools were common origins with Arsenal being the most famous example with the club being formed by the workers in the Woolwich munitions factory. Many northern teams still include colliery or miners welfare in their names and a look at the teams in the early Cup Finals shows many teams named after the army regiment or school that formed the majority of the early teams. Hamilton Academicals and the Argentinian Estudiantes still reflect the latter today, not to mention Young Boys of Bern.

With so many people wanting to form teams for the rapidly growing sport it is not surprising that many had to merge to stand any chance of success hence so many 'Uniteds' around. Many teams did not have a permanent ground and had to keep moving around. This movement led to the 'Rovers' and 'Wanderers' that we still see today.

A less obvious but not unique name is Albion. There is uncertainty about the original meaning of the word, but it was either the original name for England or the oldest known name given to the whole island of Great Britain. As it is not only West Brom, Brighton and Burton which share the name but also Stirling in Scotland, the second definition is much more likely to have been the better known one. A more likely reason for Stirling to have

adopted 'Albion' was that the founder of Stirling, a local coal merchant, used 'Albion' lorries.

Two unusual names have a religious background. Aston Villa was named after the Villa Cross Chapel cricket team in Aston who wanted something to keep them occupied in the winter, so formed a football team. The club in Gainsborough was 'christened' Trinity as it was set up by the vicar of the Holy Trinity church in the town. A more down-to earth origin is reflected in the Stanley in Accrington Stanley. This was based on the public house 'The Stanley Arms' based in Stanley Street.

The strangest reason for a name must be Tottenham's though. Again it was started by a cricket team known as the Hotspur Cricket club based at a grammar school in the Tottenham area, but the reason for Hotspur was that much of the land in that part of North London was owned by the Earl of Northumberland's family and one of their most famous ancestors was the 14th century knight Sir Henry Percy who was also known as Harry Hotspur.

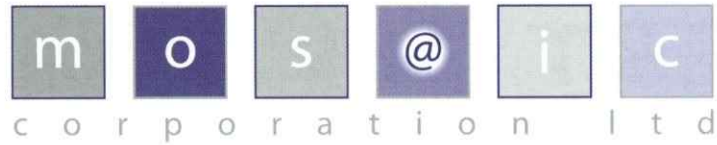
The lower leagues seem to throw some names which are probably even inexplicable to fans. The more outstanding ones include Kingsbury Tigers, Billingham Synthonia, Stone Dominoes, Shepshed Dynamoes, Nuneaton Griff, Pilkington XXX, Sporting London e Benfica, Beaconsfield SYCOB and my favourite, Thurnby Nirvana.

Scotland is also a rich vein of unusual names with many not even featuring the name of the town in which they play. Queen of the South play in Dumfries and St Johnstone in Perth. The best example of this is the strange situation where none of the biggest clubs in Edinburgh feature the city in their names. The name Hibernian originates from the Roman name for Ireland and were formed before Celtic, that's Glasgow not Stalybridge, with both names reflecting their Irish immigrant origins. Heart of Midlothian's history is very convoluted. Originally it was the name of a prison, later the name of a book by Walter Scott, then adopted as a name of a dancing club whose members bizarrely went on to form a football club.

However if you want some really strange sounding names you have to go to more exotic places than Scotland. Here are just some: Club Destroyers (Bolivia), Insurance Management Bears (Barbados), Golf Leopards (Sierra Leone), Playtime Tigers (Bahamas), Botswana Meat Commission FC (Botswana), Naughty Boys (Botswana), FL Fart (Norway), Deportivo Moron (Argentina), King Faisal Babies (Ghana), Joe Public (Trinidad & Tobago) and Home Sweepers (Botswana).

The prize for the most obscure name however must stay local. It's fortunate that Irthlingborough had an original name as Rushden and Town would have sounded silly. Mind you the name they finished up still sounds like a former female ITV morning show presenter!





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PRESS BOX

with JON DUNHAM



It seems like just yesterday that last season was coming to an end.

Now, here we are, back at the Elgood's Arena for the first home game with the new campaign already 90 minutes old.

These notes have been penned ahead of the opening-day clash at Gateshead but I am sure every Kettering fan will be hoping their side did the business in the north east.

If that did happen then the performance would, without doubt, have been a lot better than their final one in pre-season when they suffered their fifth defeat in six friendlies at Hinckley United.

They always say that pre-season counts for nothing and let's all hope that is the case because results on the pitch in the build-up were disappointing to say the least.

This season, of course, is the first full one in management for Poppies boss Lee Harper.

It was interesting to have a chat with him for our pre-season pull-out (which I hope you all enjoyed last week by the way) when he talked about being fully aware of the pressure and weight of expectation that is on him.

There is no doubt that Harper is in charge of a club that has a demanding fanbase and I certainly hope he can meet those demands and lead Kettering to another campaign in the upper reaches of the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Speaking of pressure, I would think his opposite number today – Richard Money – will know all about that particular subject.

Luton Town are the favourites for the title this season and you can understand why.

Their form under Money in the latter stages of the last campaign was quite simply outstanding.

They were pushing for the title pretty much right up until the end but were then beaten in the play-offs by York City.

They have strengthened over the summer and fully deserve their tag as favourites.

This is the first of some very tough games over a short space of time for Kettering as they face up to a difficult August.

There's little doubt that Harper and his players will have a fair idea of where they stand by the time the month is out.

But playing against Luton will hold happy memories for the Poppies boss.

It was at a rain-swept Kenilworth Road back in December when Richie Partridge's spectacular second-half goal sealed Harper's first victory as the manager of Kettering.

I am sure there will be no complaints if there is a similar outcome tonight.

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THAT'S WRIGHT

with ADRIAN WRIGHT



Hello, good evening and welcome to Middle England's 'theatre of dreams' as we commence our home league campaign. And what an opening fixture we have here at the Elgoods Arena, with us welcoming the 'Hatters' and their vast travelling support. Despite being the red hot favourites for promotion last

term it is, perhaps, much to their chagrin that they find themselves still in the Conference, assisted by the 'Poppies' taking four points off them last season. If anything the Conference looks even stronger this year and it will be interesting to see how Luton fare in relation to their former peers from the Football League.

In last season's programme for the Luton game I referred to Kennilworth Road suffering unduly at the hands of some Millwall 'supporters' a number of years ago. It is more than unfortunate that, at the time of writing, the Conference Board has still not resolved the furore concerning the appalling scenes witnessed at the end of Luton's semi final play-off with York, where a minority (yet still a substantive number) of Luton 'supporters' shamed the league in scenes never seen before at this level. Today will be an opportunity for the true 'Hatters' fans to show good humour and humility akin to their most famous former director, the comedian Eric Morecambe. And it's nice to see a club of Luton's stature grace our ground again and help attract a bumper attendance and great atmosphere. It also gives me a chance to rectify a certain faux pas from last year concerning a current Luton director and, with this in mind, I welcome Nick Owen and his colleagues back to the town.

Whilst we were playing Gateshead on the south bank of the Tyne last Saturday some 402 clubs were actually battling it out in the FA Cup. Yes, the Extra Preliminary Round was in progress containing our very own local representatives from the Kettering Borough in the guise of Desborough Town and Rothwell Corinthians. Yet what caught my eye were the number of clubs who had an association with wood, intriguingly all from the south of the country: Ash, Collier's Wood, Deal, Lordswood,

MileOak, Oakwood, Old Woodstock, Ringwood, Seven Oaks, Shortwood, Verwood and the children's bedtime story sounding Walsham Le Willows. Amongst other unlikely Wembley contenders were the delightfully named Hook Norton and Stone Dominoes although Dunkirk seemed an oddity!

Now five years ago we had opened with a sprightly 2-1 victory here against Worcester City. In front of a reasonable crowd of 962, for a Blue Square Conference North fixture, Christian Moore's deft finishing gave the 'Poppies' the points. Three days later, on the 16th August at Moor Green, another Moore strike 'gained' us a point (two dropped we lamented at the time!) before just 360 onlookers, with the majority from Kettering. We were unaware that within a few months both the ownership and chairmanship of the club would change and that by the time the season ended we would have witnessed three managerial changes as well. Interestingly, only Kevin Wilson, who took charge either side of Paul Gascoigne's colourful spell here, consistently has remained in football management, currently with Ilkeston Town.

I had intended to start an 'on this day in history' with a local slant but I couldn't pass up the opportunity to take a global perspective, having seen ex US President Bill Clinton pop up as a supporter of the US team in the World Cup Finals. On 17th August, 1998, a very uncomfortable Bill Clinton was giving evidence to the Grand Jury about his relationship with a young intern at the White House, Monica Lewinsky. Very much on the defensive and quibbling over the definition of certain words Clinton cut a forlorn figure. In his distressed state and clearly under pressure from his inquisitors we can but wonder how he responded to questions that were incisive. "Come again?" springs to mind. Yet it was nice to see this ebullient former head of state enjoying the soccer in South Africa.

In the programme for the friendlies I mentioned that a new feature would be incorporated in this column, a fan's recollection of a significant event witnessed whilst following the 'Poppies'. Steve Preedy kicks this off with a cracker. Steve has been an avid supporter since the age of 3 years and in his 45 years of spectating one of his most memorable moments was seeing a wonder strike by Billy Kellock. "I was standing on the Cowper Street terrace against Dagenham in 1979, during the second leg of the FA Trophy semi-final. Billy Kellock scored with an overhead volley to make it 1-0. The scenes were amazing afterwards". How many here today were part of that heady afternoon and the gate of 6,829?

Well I guess you know where tonight's dedication is going. Yep, to all of you who were here along with Steve to see the 'Poppies' secure their very first visit to Wembley.

Enjoy the game and roar on the lads!

YOUTH & COMMUNITY



with JUSTIN BOYD-NAVAZO and MIKE COBB-PERNAK



POPPIES IN THE COMMUNITY

2010 is going to be a very busy year for the emerging KTFC Poppies in the Community Team as the club puts together an inclusive social cohesion programme to engage our young people of all ages, their parents and carers to participate in sport and healthy living.

In July Amanda de Choisy with Poppies players Brett Solkhon and Patrick Noubissie supported a business enterprise day at Kettering Buccleuch Academy. Nearly 100 students developed ideas for branding designs for Poppies in the Community, working on a new logo and giving their view on how KTFC can engage with young people.

Amanda, Brett and Patrick selected with teaching staff a winning design produced by Gemma Cannell, Chloe Cunningham, Shannon Haslam and Rebecca Dowling pictured below their design for the logo.

Next step, a professional design company have kindly agreed to work with the young people to develop the design and prepare it for print.

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healthy eating, fitness, nutrition, and lifestyle initiatives with support from the extended schools community officers.

In October the club will be working with the Football Grass-roots development team and local agencies in a schools kick out racism campaign.

We are currently writing proposals for grant funding through the Football Development and Sport England. These funds, if successful will enable us to action our programme.

And there is so much more for our local boys and girls!

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This season we will also introduce a junior reporter and a junior photographer scheme in tandem with the Evening Telegraph!

Not only is the club making a positive difference through working in the community but we are growing our future family fan base. Perhaps we will discover a Rooney!

So, if you feel you can give any time, have a helpful skill, interested in sponsoring any of our community work please, please step up! with your support we can and will position the club in the centre of the Community.



TREATMENT ROOM

with JIMMY DAVIDSON



Finally.....The first home league game of the season is here! After all the dress rehearsals in the friendlies, the league has at last returned, and hopefully now that the season has restarted, the team can gain

some favourable results and work their way up the league table.

During the pre season period, there have been a couple of players who have received some

bumps and bruises which can be reported on. Firstly, summer signing and newly named captain Ashley Westwood, suffered a micro tear to his right quadriceps muscle group. At first we thought it was just a strain, however, after further examination, it was found to be a slight fibrous tear to the rectus femoris muscle. After extended treatment and hard work on the players part, Westy was able to return to training and then to full involvement in the remainder of the pre season programme. Marcus Kelly is another player who was struggling with his thigh during pre season, Marcus suffered a dead leg to his right thigh during the second half



of the away game at Alfreton. Marcus worked tirelessly to enable him to return to action in time for the Hinckley game. Two returning players, messrs Solkhon and Christie also suffered slight knocks during the pre season period, however, these knocks were soon eradicated and the players were able to continue their training and match play. During their time injured, all of the players showed fantastic commitment and a great attitude in doing everything they could to return to fully fitness as quickly as possible.

Another player and a player never far from conversation is Moses Ashikodi. Moses has been working his rocks off to regain full fitness and for those individuals who have at times questioned his attitude and commitment to the cause can be rest assured that the Moses Ashikodi who has returned to the club is a far more focused and determined individual. His work rate during his rehabilitation programme has been outstanding

and he never once complained at the amount of work he was asked to do. Moses has always had one goal which was his main motivation and that has been pulling the shirt on again and doing what he does best.....scoring goals!

Finally, I hope that the season brings new fortune to the club for both the players and the fans, with some good performances and a lot of luck, especially on the injury side, we can have a real go this season and achieve our long time goal of reaching the promised land of league football.

All the best
Jimmy

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