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SQUADS





MATCH OFFICIALS



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A. Harvey



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S. M. Hutchinson

FIXTURES

Saturday, 28 August 2010

Darlington v Gateshead Eastbourne Boro v AFC Wimbledon Forest Green v Bath City Haves & Yeading v Crawley Town Histon v Kettering Mansfield v Cambridge Utd Newport County v Kidderminster Rushden & D'mnds v Grimsby Southport v Fleetwood Town Tamworth v Luton Wrexham v Barrow York v Altrincham

Monday, 30 August 2010

Barrow v Darlington

AFC Wimbledon v Newport County Altrincham v Mansfield Bath City v Wrexham Cambridge Utd v Eastbourne Boro Crawley Town v Forest Green Fleetwood Town v York Grimsby v Histon Kettering v Rushden & D'mnds Kidderminster v Tamworth Luton v Hayes & Yeading

TAMWORTH

Manager: Gary Mills
Colours: All Red

Squad (from)

4 Stefan OAKES

11 Danny THOMAS

1 Ross ATKINS	
2 Richard TAIT	
3 Tom MARSHALL	

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Michael WYLDE	
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6 Aaron MITCHELL	
7 Jay SMITH	
8 Neil MACKENZIE	

9 Kyle PERRY	
10 Alex RODMAN	

12 Seb	LAKE-GASKIN	

13 Shaun MARKIE	
14 Jake SHERIDAN	

15 Des LYTTLE	
16 Aaron FARRELL	

17 Daniel BRADLEY	

18 Gary MILLS	
19 Scott BARROW	

LUTON TOWN

Manager: Richard Money Colours: White & Blue

quad (from)	pla suf goog
Mark TYLER	
Dan GLEESON	
Freddie MURRAY	
Keith KEANE	
Alan WHITE	
George PILKINGTON	
Adam NEWTON	
Kevin NICHOLLS	
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	
0 Tom CRADDOCK	
1 Andy DRURY	
2 Shane BLACKETT	
3 Zdenek KROCA	
4 Adam MURRAY	
5 Jake HOWELLS	
6 Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	
7 Pavel BESTA	
8 Claude GNAKPA	
9 Danny CROW	
OKevin GALLEN	
4 Alex LACEY	
5 Godfrey POKU	
6 JJ O'DONNELL	
7 Taylor NATHANIEL	
8 Adam WATKINS	
9 Dan WALKER	
0 Kevin PILKINGTON	

NEXT MATCH AT THE LAMB:

Saturday, 11 September 2010 - Grimsby Town - kick off 3pm

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CLUB NEWS

New Merchandise on sale now

Pictured right is yours truly (that'd be me - DC) in a

new TFC emblazoned Admiral sweatshirt. It is just one of the new lines of clothing merchandise

available in the

clubshop which is open before and after every home game.

Sweatshirts, polo shirts and all the usual branded items you would expect are available at very reasonable prices including a new range of TFC mugs at £6 each and new pin badges at just £3. There are also many items on offer so why not pop along after the final whistle. Or why not visit the clubshop website www.lambshop.co.uk.

Thanks to the painters

We didn't have enough room last time to say a big thank you to the small band of handymen (pictured with TFC Director Martin Newbold) who devoted many hours during the close and pre-



season to ensuring The Lamb looks as good as it does. Each of the 'TFC painters' - Connor Brooks, Dave Hales, Nick McWright, Callum Village and

David Wraxton received a season ticket for their stirling efforts.

Work is on-going in other areas around The Lamb so if you encounter building work or something that looks like it's in progress please take care. bear with us and rest assured that we are doing our best to get it finished

Birmingham Senior Cup-tie

We have been drawn at home to face Birmingham City in the BSC in a match that will take

place here at The Lamb on Tuesday September 14 kick off 7.45pm. It is

likely that the admission prices will reflect those for our C rated games but we will confirm this in due course. Keep an eye on our website for more info in the next week

Academy action:

On Sunday afternoon the Academy side will be playing at The Lamb for the first time this season against the Birmingham County FA Youth side. Kick off is scheduled for 1pm (check website for confirmation on Saturday) and the clubhouse will be open during the afternoon so why not pop along and see some potential stars of the future in action.

Help Required!

Ever wanted to help out your club on a matchday? We need a few extra programme sellers and turnstile operators so if you can spare 90 minutes PRIOR to the game kicking off, please get in touch with Rod Hadley or Ray Jay for further information.

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Southern League Midland Division Winners 1996/97 FA Vase Winners 1988/89

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Birmingham Senior Cup Winners 1960/61, 1965/66,

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Harry Godfrey Trophy Winners 1993/94, 1996/97

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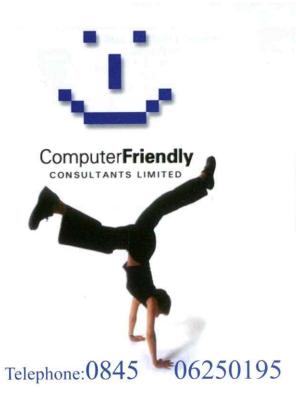
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SIDELINES

WITH GARY MILLS

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to The Lamb for this afternoons fixture.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish the players, officials and supporters of The Hatters a pleasant stay and a safe journey home at the end of the game.

No one can doubt that the games are coming thick and fast as they always do in August and September, and before you know it we'll have played a quarter of our league games which will show us how things are going and also go some way to showing us what we have to do for the remainder of the season.

However, we have a number of matches to play until we reach that point and if we can continue in the way we have been playing over the opening four fixtures then I will continue to be a happy manager.

The final results may have a little disappointing on paper, but I take great heart in the fact of knowing that had we had a little more luck, call it what you will, we could quite easily have been sat here today with three wins from the opening four games. After a good 40 or so minutes at Wimbledon we truly didn't deserve anything from the game, but we bounced back from defeat against a very good, organised side that will undoubtedly be there or thereabouts come the end of the season to come back from a goal down on Tuesday night. Had we taken our first half

chances we would have been in the driving seat, but had to work hard to get back into the game. I sensed that we would get something as we had been threatening for long periods and Daniel Bradley did well to get on the end of Kyle Perry's flick on and finished well for his first goal of the season. So, I am happy at the moment with the overall picture, and look forward to today's game knowing that my players are going about their jobs in the way we've spoken about in training and although we are still getting to know each other the way my squad conducts speaks for itself. Today, we face a side that

epitomises what we have worked so hard to achieve in recent seasons. A glance at the fixture list brings us up against big non league and ex-League clubs almost every week and it is for this reason that we must celebrate our achievements when they come. This is a fantastic league to be in and we respect it but do not fear it and so as long as we perform to the best of our abilities. I believe that we are always capable of picking up points. I know the players want to prove that this is the case.

At Tamworth Football Club we need to be realistic about our aims for the season. Sitting in top spot was superb after the first game, but we have to be looking forward all the time and although it seems a



long way away at the moment, 2011-12 is really just around the corner. For Tamworth FC to continue to pit their wits against the likes of Luton and Mansfield and Grimbsy next season both on and off the field we all have to work hard this season, but I hope that we can all do this with a smile on our faces and enjoy the moment as well as look forward to the future. Enjoy the game.

GARY

Gary will be running the Robin Hood marathon on September 12 as part of a year long fundraising effort supporting the Alzheimer's charity. If you would like to donate to the cause then please contact Supporters Club chairman Dave Brown who will be happy to take your details and pass on any donations.



COMMERCIAL MATTERS

WITH NICK LUNN



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to The Lamb for today's Blue Square Premier League game against Luton Town.

TODAYS

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We are delighted to welcome San Giovanni here today as our match sponsor and we'd like to thank Jonty for sponsoring today's game.

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The most flavorsome dishes produced by the best chefs, served by the most efficient staff in the most stylish surroundings do not make a restaurant complete. You are the final ingredient needed to create the ambience so why not join them and enjoy!

MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY

Why not join us for a meal before the game? We have a great special offer on at present

The Matchday Hospitality Package includes:

Car Parking Superb 3-course meal in The Sponsors Lounge Matchday Programme Half-time refreshments All for £30 per person!!!

VIP CLUB

One of the great success stories of the club is their excellent links with



the business community which generates a huge and vitally important sponsorship and advertising income.

Tamworth FC's VIP club has over 40 local businesses as members and brings together Tamworth supporters from the local business community. As well as organising exclusive social events throughout the season, the VIP Club includes a sponsorship package and access to hospitality facilities. A great chance to raise your company's profile and enjoy yourself.

- . Two Main Stand Season Tickets
- 8' x 3' Advertising Board Site Rental
- Admission to the Sponsors' Lounge on Match days
- Season-long acknowledgment in Match day Programme
- Excellent Network Opportunities
- Use of the Sponsors' Lounge year round for business meetings (via prior arrangement).

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VIP Club members also enjoy a special membership rate at the Snowdome

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Additional benefits include...

- · No joining or administration fees
- Two free one hour induction to create a personal exercise programme.
- Free health check.
- Free Fitbox personal induction. (Free pair of Fitbox gloves upon completion).

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- Free reviews of your personal exercise programme.
- 10% discount off hair & beauty treatments.
- · Free car parking.

PLAYERS KIT SPONSORSHIPS

Players Kit Sponsorship are still available at £115 + VAT per player for the season you will receive the following:

- Your name / company name, including contact details, alongside the player of your choice in all home League and Cup Matchday Programmes throughout the 2010/11 season.
- Your name / company name, including contact details listed on the official lambs website alongside the player of your choice throughout the 2010/11 season.
- The playing shirt at the end of 2010/11 season, as worn by the player.

Contact Nick Lunn on 07795 841106 or email nick@thelambs.co.uk to become a Players Kit Sponsor.

50/50 MATCHDAY DRAW

Once again this season, the draw will be made at half time and the winnings can be collected at full time from the Clubhouse. We are on the lookout for more sellers for the season ahead. If you are interested, please call 07795 841106

GIVE US A REFERRAL

Any supporter that can pass me a referral of a company or individual that may be interested in being a match sponsor, take a mascot package etc please contact me on nick@thelambs.co.uk and in return we will give you Matchday Hospitality for four in the sponsors lounge once the referral turns into business.

Thanks again for your continued support.

LAST TIME AT THE LAMB

v Cambridge United – Tuesday 24 August Blue Square Bet Premier

MAN OF THE MATCH

Alex Rodman received the accolade from Tuesday night's

sponsors – The Snowdome and he is pictured here receiving his award. As you will read below, the Supporters Club are choosing a man of the match at away games and medals will also now be presented to our



home MOM as well and rest assured that Masha, Wyldey, Taity and Rodders will all get one in retrospect!

AWAY MOM ALSO ANNOUNCED



A first for this new season is that a man of the match award is being made to the most impressive TFC player at away games thanks to a link up between the Supporters Club and Solus Coaches – the local travel firm who provide travel for both the first

team and supporters to away games.

The passengers on the supporters coach have been and will be voting for their MOM in the way back from each away trip and SC Chairman Dave Brown will present the chosen player with a medal.



Today, we'd ilke to say well done to the SC / Solus MOMs v Newport; Michael Wylde and v AFC Wimbledon; Richard Tait picked up the honour against Wimbledon last Saturday.



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DES LYTTLE HOME KIT Wed Fah AWAY KIT Wed Fab



AARON FARRELL Coversure Insurance Services AWAY KIT



DANIEL BRADLEY HOME KIT Montana Davies-Shuck AWAY KIT Savana & Kyle



SCOTT BARROW Paul Robinson AWAY KIT: Sarah Robinson





DARRON GEE HOME KIT **Drive Assist**

DARRON DAVIS

HOME KIT

AWAY KIT



CHRIS LEARY The White Lion, Aldergate AWAY KIT Hillside Medical Newark



As you can see a lot of the squad already have the backing of fans and businesses alike, but if you would like to sponsor any of the remaining players please contact Nick Lunn

TAMWORTH IN THE COMMUNITY

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to The Lamb for today's game v Luton Town.

BE A BALL BOY/GIRL

The ball boy/girl experience is for young people between the ages of 8 and 14 to be ball boys/girls at home games for Tamworth Football Club. The experience is for up to 12 children to be ball boys/girls. This is a fantastic opportunity for all children whether it is a football team, scout group, birthday party, or school party.

The day entails

- . Free Admission for up to 12 ball boys/girls
- Free Admission for up to 12 parents
- · Free Admission for the Team Manager or organiser
- · 1 Free Programme for each ball boy/girl
- · Names and write up of your team/group in the match programme (you may include a photo).
- · Option to submit comments about your day, which will be published in the next home game match programme.
- · Half Time penalty shoot out with a Tamworth Academy Goalkeeper.
- · 1 Football signed by all the players of Tamworth Football Club

This fantastic package is at an excellent cost of only £115.00 payable on the day.

For more details or to make a booking please contact Montana or Kyle Davies-Shuck

on 01827 897034 or Montana@cfcuk.co.uk

We'd like to make a special mention of Emma who looked after Abbie when she was mascot for the Eastbourne game, as a birthday treat. Emma had already been up for 9 hours when she arrived at the Lamb

just after mid- day having done an early shift at work to ensure that she could be at the game. She enjoyed showing Abbie and her family around The Lamb and introducing them to many of the people around the ground. Abbie said that she enjoyed the experience very much and we look forward to seeing her at The Lamb again with her granddad.

A short tour of The Lamb is part of the mascot experience. However don't forget that tours of The Lamb are also available at other times totally free of charge. Many schools take advantage of this as part of their curriculum, but we would like to extend this opportunity to any groups in the community, scouts, guides etc or even part of a birthday treat. It's a great opportunity to see behind the scenes and get to find out what makes The Lamb tick.

For more information, please get in touch with Teresa and Brian on 01827 284096.

This season, Kyle and Montanna Davies-Shuck are the people behind the scenes on the mascot experience and if you want to know more, they will happily talk to you about it, or have leaflets with details and on which can be taken away. Last Monday night they attended the Tamworth Junior Football League meeting here in the clubhouse to invite clubs to take part in this

You will be able to find them in the sponsors lounge on match days if you have a group who may be interested in taking part. This was very successful last season and we would like to thank Kyle and Montanna for taking it over this season.

TAMWORTH IN BLOOM

Tamworth in the Community continues to work towards giving the club a higher profile within the town. To support the Borough council in

their 'Tamworth in Bloom' campaign a planter was sponsored in the name of the Football Club and it's on view in the castle grounds. Have you spotted the TFC sponsored 'flower bed' (planter)? Jot down its exact location along with your name on a postcard and send it to The Club or it hand in at the reception as there is a prize up for grabs!

SOCCER SCHOOLS

We were pleased so many of you enjoyed the soccer schools run by the club during the Summer holidays. Look out for the next soccer school run by the club which we hope will be in the October half term break.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

Tammy the lamb would like to wish a belated many happy returns to Louis Downing (5th August) and our mascot on the opening day of the season Abbie Swindell (15th August) and how could we have forgotten to wish players Jake Sheridan and Shaun Markie happy birthday in July. We hope they had a good day on the 8th and 29th respectively.

OUIZ YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER

If you have a question you would like to ask any of the new players let us know and we will do our best to get you an answer. Hand your question in, with your

name and address and age and also labelled Tamworth in the Community, at reception.







STATTO'S

CORNER



Pos.	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Luton Town	4	3	1	0	9	3	6	10
2	AFC Wimbledon	4	3	0	1	6	1	5	9
3	Eastbourne Borough	4	2	1	1	12	8	4	7
4	Forest Green Rovers	4	2	1	1	9	7	2	7
5	Fleetwood Town	4	2	1	1	6	4	2	7
6	Mansfield Town	4	2	1	1	7	6	1	7
7	Crawley Town	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
8	Southport	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
9	Grimsby Town	4	2	1	1	3	2	1	7
10	Hayes & Yeading Utd	4	2	0	2	7	11	-4	6
11	Histon	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
12	Gateshead FC	4	1	2	1	4	4	0	5
13	Darlington	4	1	2	1	3	3	0	5
14	TAMWORTH	4	1	2	1	6	7	-1	5
15	Bath City	4	1	1	2	6	7	-1	4
16	Kidderminster Harriers	4	1	1	2	8	10	-2	4
17	Barrow FC	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
18	Rushden & Diamonds	4	1	1	2	3	5	-2	4
19	Wrexham	4	1	1	2	6	9	-3	4
20	Newport County	4	0	3	1	4	5	-1	3
21	Cambridge United	4	0	3	1	3	4	-1	3
22	York City	4	0	3	1	3	4	-1	3
23	Kettering Town	4	0	3	1	2	4	-2	3
24	Altrincham	4	0	1	3	3	6	-3	1

	League				Cuj)			TFC Career			
Name	p	+	n	g	p	+	n	g	p	+	n	g
own goals									0			149
ATKINS, Ross	4		0	0	0		0	0	4		0	0
BARROW, Scott	3		0	0	0		0	0	3		0	0
BRADLEY, Daniel	4		0	1	0		0	0	4		0	1
FARRELL, Aaron	2	+	2	0	0		0	0	2	+	2	0
LAKE-GASKIN, Seb	1		0	0	0		0	0	33	+	16	0
LYTTLE, Des	0	+	4	0	0		0	0	120	+	27	3
MACKENZIE, Neil	4		0	0	0		0	0	40	+	6	1
MARKIE, Shaun	0		0	0	0		0	0	1		0	0
MARSHALL, Tom	4		0	1	0		0	0	4		0	1
MILLS, Gary	0		0	0	0		0	0	58	+	17	3
MITCHELL, Aaron	2	+	2	0	0		0	0	10	+	4	1
OAKES, Stefan	4		0	0	0		0	0	4		0	0
PERRY, Kyle	4		0	1	0		0	0	4		0	1
RODMAN, Alex	4		0	1	0		0	0	46	+	2	13
SHERIDAN, Jake	3	+	1	0	0		0	0	128	+	27	14
SMITH, Jay	4		0	0	0		0	0	20	+	2	0
TAIT, Richard	4		0	0	0		0	0	57	+	4	5
THOMAS, Danny	4		0	1	0		0	0	4		0	1
WYLDE, Michael	4		0	1	0		0	0	94	+	2	9

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

Saturday, 28 August 2010 (all 15:00)
Darlington v Gateshead
Eastbourne Boro v AFC Wimbledon
Forest Green v Bath City
Hayes & Yeading v Crawley Town
Histon v Kettering
Mansfield v Cambridge Utd
Newport County v Kidderminster
Rushden & D'mnds v Grimsby
Southport v Fleetwood Town
Tamworth v Luton

York v Altrincham

Monday, 30 August 2010
(15:00 unless stated)

Wrexham v Barrow

AFC Wimbledon v Newport County
Altrincham v Mansfield
Bath City v Wrexham
Cambridge Utd v Eastbourne Boro
Crawley Town v Forest Green
Fleetwood Town v York
Grimsby v Histon
Kettering v Rushden & D'mnds
Kidderminster v Tamworth
Luton v Hayes & Yeading
Barrow v Darlington (19:45)

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER LEADING MARKSMEN

Barnes-Homer	Luton	5
Wright	Hayes & Yeading	5
Pacquette	Eastbourne Boro	4
Vieira	leetwood Town	4
Connor	Mansfield	3
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INTRODUCING OUR VISITORS

LUTON TOWN

PROFILES

GOALKEEPERS Mark Tyler

Kevin Pilkington

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United. Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. After falling down the pecking order at Posh he found first team opportunities hard to come by and in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury where he made 11

appearances for the Shakers. A former England Youth international, Tyler was handed the number one shirt by the Hatters boss who admitted he'd failed in an attempt to sign the stopper the previous summer.

Vastly experienced goalkeeper who joined the

Hatters in May 2010 after his release from

with Manchester United playing six times in

the Premier League under Sir Alex Ferguson.

During his six years at Old Trafford Pilkington

enjoyed loan spells at Rochdale, Rotherham

and Celtic before a two-year stay at Port

Vale. After 23 league appearances for the

Valiants, he was on the move once more.

with Aberystwyth Town and Wigan Athletic

stability at his next club, Mansfield, joining

times in league action over the next five

years. In 2005 the Hitchin-born stopper

Notts County and another five year stay

Meadow Lane. However, Notts began

campaign with goalkeeper Kasper

his next two ports of call. However, he found

the Stags in 2000 and went onto feature 167

made the short hop down the M1 to sign for

resulted in him making 141 appearances at

flashing the cash at the start of the 2009/10

Schmeichel one of many high-profile arrivals.

Hatters on-loan in November and went onto

Frozen out of the County team, and with

Mark Tyler injured, Pilkington joined the

make 11 appearance between the sticks

whilst at Kenilworth Road before injury

curtailed his stay. But when the Magpies

Notts County. Pilkington began his career

10 years with hometown club Tescoma Zlin in his native Czech Republic.

Last season the imposing 6ft 5in defender was in fine, commanding form, scoring four times in 27 league appearances with the Letná Stadium outfit as they finished in second place in the

released him in the summer of 2010, Money

permanently, giving the Town the choice of

Centre-half who impressed in assured

display alongside George Pilkington in two

pre-season fixtures in 2010 to earn a one-

year contract. Kro a made 169

league appearances belt in

was quick to snap up the veteran

two excellent goalkeepers.

DEFENDERS

Zdenek Kroca

in second place in the Czech second division - a position - like the Town last season - that was not enough to earn promotion.

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. Injury frustrated the centre-half in his first season at Kenilworth Road in 2008/09 but he still managed to pick-up a Johnstone's Paint Trophy winners' medal. Pilkington hit the headlines for his goalscoring exploits in the Town's first season in the Conference, twice scoring braces in early season victories over Mansfield and Crawley.

His impeccable form on the pitch led to him winning a string of end-of-season awards and underlined his loyalty to the Hatters by signing a new contract at the end of the campaign.

Dan Gleeson

Tall and athletic defender, primarily a rightback, Gleeson signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from his home town club Cambridge United. A product of the U's academy, Gleeson made his debut at 18 and soon became a regular at the Abbey Stadium making 61 league appearances before Notts County snapped up his signature in 2006. Gleeson only lasted a season at Meadow Lane, featuring 17 times before he was back at the Abbey, firstly on-loan before resigning permanently in 2007. Recognised as one of the best right-backs outside the Football League, Gleeson's performances have seen him rewarded with seven England C caps.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up. After a loan spell with non-league side Walton & Hersham, he made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell, when the Club was stretched to the limits through injury and suspension.

Although the youngster was an unused sub for three matches, Youth Coach Marvin Johnson gave Ed a glowing reference to incoming boss Kevin Blackwell, who gave him a one-year contract. However with first team opportunities limited, Ed went on-loan to Salisbury City where he earned rave reviews and when Mick Harford arrived as Manager at Kenilworth Road one of the first things he did was recall the young defender.

Making his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra he has gone from strength to strength and was part of the Town team that won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

Shane Blackett

Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road. Equally adept at centre-back or at left-back, Shane began his career with Dunstable Town before a switch to Arlesey Town in 2003. His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed the 6ft 3in defender in May 2004. He made 83 appearances during his time at Victoria Road and helped the Daggers win the Conference title and earn promotion to the Football League in 2006/07.

His reputation as a pacey defender alerted the attention of Peterborough who snapped him up with Dagenham team-mate Craig





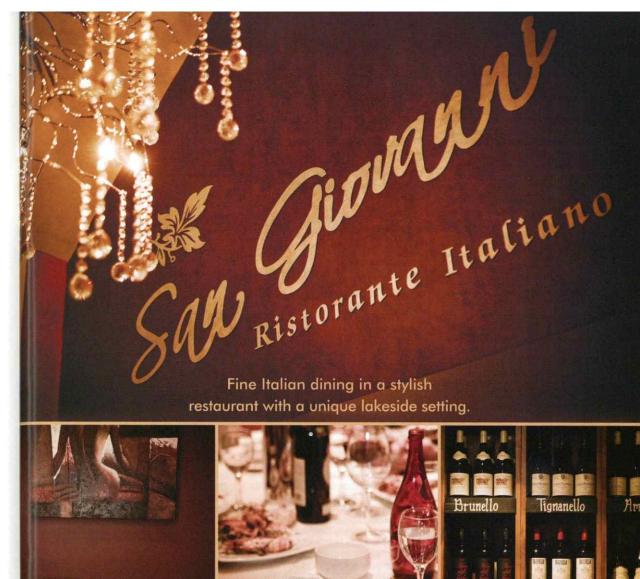
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Mackail-Smith in January 2007. He went on to make 38 appearances during his time at London Road.

Freddie Murray

Left-footed versatile defender who joined the Hatters on a six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Gravs Athletic in August 2009 and the deal was made permanent in January 2010. Murray only signed for the Essex club in August before making his debut for the Town in the 4-1 victory over Mansfield Town just hours after putting pen to paper. Previously with Northampton Town, Stevenage Borough and Cambridge United the Irishman began his career as a trainee with Blackburn Rovers.

Alan White

Vastly experienced centre half who resigned for the Hatters in the summer of 2009, nine years after leaving Kenilworth Road. Darlington-born Alan started his career with Middlesbrough making his debut in a 3-3

with Liverpool in 1996. However, with first team opportunities limited at the Riverside, Alan jumped at the chance to sign for the Hatters in September 1997 for £40,000. After 98 appearances in Luton colours, Alan left Kenilworth Road in 2000, joining Colchester United on a free transfer. Four vears at Laver Road came and went before he enjoyed spells at Leyton Orient, Notts County and Boston United. He signed for home-town team Darlington at the start of the 2007/08 season and went onto make 85 appearances before joining the Hatters for the second time in the summer of 2009. White made 22 appearances in 2009/10 before re-joining Darlington on-loan for the remainder of the campaign.

Taylor Nathaniel

Versatile young defender who signed a professional contract with the Hatters in June 2010 after impressing in the club's Under-18s.Capable of playing on either flank in defence or midfield, Nathaniel made his first senior appearance for the Town when coming off the bench in a 3-0 victory over Gravs Athletic, in the FA Cup in October 2009, making an instant impact when setting up the third goal.

Alex Lacey

Up-and-coming second year scholar who impressed Richard Money in the 2010 preseason to earn a squad number. The centreback has yet to make a first team appearance but was an unused substitute at the Hatters' FA Cup third round tie with Southampton in January 2010.

MIDFIELDERS

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. Besta began his career with his hometown side Banik Ostrava, and in a seven year period, helped them win the Czech league title in 2004 which led to appearances in the Champions League qualifying rounds and made a UEFA Cup appearance against Middlesbrough. He joined the Hatters alongside fellow countryman Zdenek Kroca in August 2010 after a campaign in Slovakia with Ruzomberok.

Jake Howells

The young winger, who can also play at leftback, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first team debut as a second half substitute in May 2008. He made his full debut in the Hatters colours away at Bradford City in October 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 he was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract in May. In his first season as a pro, Howells made huge strides with impressive performances on the left-side of midfield, ending the 2009/10 campaign with six goals, including his first senior goal in the incredible 4-3 win over Cambridge in September.

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. A tough-tackling and no-nonsense midfielder, the Town beat off competition from several Football League clubs for his signature. He featured and impressed in the Hatters' reserves in 2009/10 and was an unused substitutes in the Blue Square Premier but, prior to the start of the 2010/11 campaign had yet to make his senior debut.

JJ O'Donnell

Tricky winger who joined the Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku in January 2010. Also capable of playing in attack the youngster featured for the Hatters' reserve and youth teams during 2009/10.

Claude Gnakpa

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

side, starting 25 league games.

A favourite with the Kenilworth Road crowd the Frenchman scored the Hatters' winning goal in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Scunthorpe United in April 2009. He continued in fine style down the righthand side of midfield in 2009/10 finishing with nine goals including a remarkable second-half hat-trick in a 6-1 win at Ebbsfleet in March 2010.

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. Such was the contribution he made that the return of Foley didn't signal the end of his involvement at first-team level and he finished the season with 14 appearances under his belt, all this whilst still in the first year of his scholarship. Another product of the youth system who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level. He joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams, demonstrating enough potential to convince Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action. Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his teammates. Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt. Capable of playing right the way across the back four or in midfield the only positions he's not featured for the Town (yet) are in goal and up-front. Out of contract at the end of the 2009/10 campaign the winner of the Hatters' Goal of the Season award delighted everyone at Kenilworth Road by penning a two-year deal to keep him at the club until 2012.

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. Predominantly used as a right winger, the pacey wide man is equally as comfortable at right-back. Adam started his career at West Ham United, coming through the Hammers' respected Academy only made three substitute appearances during his time at Upton Park before signing for Peterborough United in May 2002. The former England Under 21 international went onto make a name for himself with the Posh making 249 appearances in six years at London Road going onto win promotion at the end of the 2007/08 campaign. After leaving Peterborough at the end of the 2007/08

LUTON TOWN (profiles continued)

season, Adam was snapped by Andy Scott and Brentford where he helped the Bees to the League 2 title. A St Kitts and Nevis international, he has spent time on-loan at Portsmouth, Notts County and Levton Orient.

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. Nicholls began his career at Charlton Athletic, before moving to Wigan Athletic in 1999, where he made 28 appearances in two years. He moved to Luton in 2001, and in the next six seasons went on to appear 175 times, scoring 30 goals. Following Luton's successful first-season in The Championship and the spirited FA-Cup performances. Nicholls was a player very much in demand. He moved to Leeds United for £700,000 in July 2006 and was made club captain by then boss Dennis Wise. However, his very public fall-out with Wise saw him fall down the pecking order at Elland Road, and the following summer he moved to Preston North End for a fee of £750,000. His time at Preston began encouragingly, however a change in the management team saw his first-team opportunities limited. Kevin was delighted to re-sign for Luton, signing a three-year deal in August 2008 and being named as Club Captain.

Andy Drury

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. He started his career at Sittingbourne as a voungster before making the short hop to sign for Gravesend and Northfleet (now Ebbsfleet United) in 2003. Three successful years at Stonebridge Road followed before Lewes secured his signature in 2006 helping the Rooks lift the Conference South title in 2007/08. His performances at the Dripping Pan alerted the attentions of several clubs and Boro boss Graham Westley was quickest to move in the summer of 2008 to take him to Hertfordshire. The driving force behind Stevenage's Play-Off campaign in 2008/09 that also saw the club win the FA Trophy, Drury scored six times but was the creator of many more. It was a similarly successful season for the midfielder in 2009/10 earning rave reviews at Broadhall Way with his creative and industrious performances. dangerous set pieces and eye goal that cumulated in a super strike in the FA Trophy final against Barrow that Boro went onto

A highly-rated box-to-box player who is

Adam Watkins

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

A self-confessed Hatters fan, he made his first team bow in a 1-0 defeat at Southampton in the FA Cup third round in January 2010. He spent the tail end of the 2009/10 campaign on-loan at Arlesey Town.

FORWARDS

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 Wheater, Matthew Bates, Adam Johnson and Jason Kennedy. He joined the Hatters on-loan from the Riverside in October 2008 and scored twice on his debut in a 2-2 draw with Grimsby Town. Two further goals followed in the games against Bury and Chesterfield and once his loan expired Mick Harford moved quickly to snap up the striker on a permanent basis.

An £80,000 bid was accepted by Middlesbrough and Tom signed a two-andhalf year contract in January 2009. In his first season in non-league football Tom dazzled in front of goal hitting 24 goals in the Blue Square Premier, taking his total to 36 goals in Luton colours. He hit his first senior hat-trick in a 6-3 win over Histon.

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 ioining Luton on loan. After a successful loan spell Gallen joined permanently in January 2009. The striker enjoyed a prolific season in non-league football with his football knowhow often too good for opposition defences. He struck-up a partnership with Tom Craddock and finished the campaign with 21 goals in all competitions. Remarkably, given the length and success of his time in the game, it therefore came as a surprise when he revealed that his hat-trick in the 6-0 win over Gravs Athletic in April 2010, was the first of his career.

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. The powerful forward followed up his 21 goals in all competitions during 2008/09 with nine goals in 20 league appearances last term. Barnes-Homer also enjoyed a dream start to his international career when he netted the winner on his debut for England C in their 2-1 win over Poland in November. An energetic talent, the front man began his career as a trainee at Wolves before going on to lead something of a nomadic life prior to finding his feet at Kidderminster. After leaving Molineux he tried his luck in the United States before returning to England and, following success with a clutch of nonleague sides, he was snapped by Wycombe Wanderers. He struggled to make an impression at Adam Park but, after being released at the end of the 2006/07 season. Harriers Manager Mark Yates beat off competition from a host of sides to capture his signature. His form in front of goal at Kidderminster had alerted the attentions of a number of Football League teams but Barnes-Homer was suitably impressed by the Hatters' vision and became Richard Money's first signing for the club.

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. The front man started his career as a trainee with Norwich City and made his senior bow in the Premier League for the Canaries in December 2004.A loan spell at Northampton followed towards the end of the 2004/05 season before he was released by Norwich and signed for Peterborough in the summer of 2005. notching 17 goals in his debut season at London Road. Following a short loan spell at Notts County, Crow was released by Posh and was snapped up by Cambridge in September 2008. The energetic forward's strike-rate of 22 goals in 43 league starts won him many admirers and his 19 goals during 2009/10 saw him scoop the U's online Player of the Year award.

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. Previously with Bedford Town, Walker has also played for Stony Stratford Town and Leighton Town.



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NEWS FROM THE BLUE SOUARE

PREMIER



Steven Watt's thumping header secured



victory for Grimsby Town and ended Darlington's unbeaten league start. The first half was dire with both teams continually

surrendering possession

and failing to produce a shot on goal, but the game came to life after the break. Watt headed in the winner from Robert Eagle's corner on 48 minutes and Eagle also went close with a 25-yard curler. The Quakers responded and Gary Smith shot over and saw a fine bouncing effort saved by keeper Kenny Arthur. But the pulsating second half seemed unlikely after the two sides that dropped out of the Football League last season served up a dismal offering before the interval. But after Watt's ferocious header, both sides started to make half-chances at regular intervals. Darlington substitute Michael Smith sent a good headed opportunity narrowly wide as the home side pressed during a thrilling finale. But chances were also being created at the other end. The lively Lewis Gobern skipped to the byeline and his cross found Alan Connell, whose header was brilliantly saved by Sam Russell. Liam Hatch could have earned a point in injury time but he failed to connect with a teasing cross while Connell was also denied by Russell with seconds left.



Rene Howe grabbed his first goal for Rushden & Diamonds to end AFC Wimbledon's winning start to the season in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Howe's impressive second-half strike from 20 yards was enough to secure Diamonds' first win of the season. Minutes before, Sammy Moore went close the Dons but his shot from inside the area was saved by Dale Roberts. Diamonds are unbeaten at home after drawing 1-1

with Fleetwood in their opening game of the season

Newport County earned their first point in the Blue Square Bet Premier, inspired by keeper Glyn Thompson's heroics at Luton. County's Charlie Henry opened the scoring

with a low shot against the run of play in the 26th minute, Zdenek Kroca levelled from a corner five minutes later. Matthew Barnes-Homer saw a penalty



saved by Thompson (pictured) after Danny Crow was tripped and Town midfielder Keith Keane was sent off late on for a bad tackle.

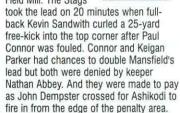
Jon Else's late strike saw Forest Green Rovers earn a thrilling win over Hayes & Yeading despite Ben Wright's treble. Rovers led when former Chasetown star



Reece Styche (pictured) fired home but Wright's penalty - after a Curtis McDonald handball levelled the score. A Lee Harrison fumble saw Lee Smith's cross put

the visitors 2-1 up only for Wright to level from close-range. McDonald's fierce shot put Rovers ahead again and although another six-vard Wright effort tied the scores for a final time. Else struck on 90

Moses Ashikodi (pictured) scored three minutes from time to earn Kettering a draw against Mansfield at Field Mill. The Stags



York City are still waiting for their first win of the season after being held by a resolute Barrow side. Michael Gash (pictured) drew a fine early save from visiting keeper Alan Martin and Neil Barrett



wasted a close-range headed chance as the hosts dominated. Richard Brodie also spurned a glorious opportunity when his point-blank strike was

tipped round the post by Martin. But Barrow nearly stole the points when Mark Boyd's stunning 30-yard strike was superbly saved by Michael Ingham.

Crawley held on to beat Bath with their goals scored and assisted by four summer signings. The Red Devils took the

lead when Matt Tubbs (pictured) swept the ball home after a good ball from Steve Masterton. Craig McAllister sealed the win from the spot after Sekani Simpson



fouled Sergio Torres and Tubbs hit the post. Danny Webb headed home Marc Canham's ball for Bath against the run of play, although City never really looked like snatching an unlikely point.

Two goals from Nick Wright (pictured) saw Kidderminster fight back for a draw.



Harriers could not clear a long throw-in as David Brown's looped header put Wrexham ahead, then a rasping 25-yard Dean Keates volley doubled the lead. Brown

nearly made it three with a long-range shot, but on the stroke of half-time Keith Briggs' long ball set up Wright who finished with composure.

Briggs was again provider after the break. Wright neatly slotting his cross from the left into the bottom corner. The visitors pushed on in search of a winner, but Wrexham held firm and managed to restrict them to very few clear opportunities. Both sides are tied near the foot of the table on four points, not having recorded a win since their opening games of the season. The angry Racecourse crowd chanted their disapproval at the end, voicing displeasure at Wrexham manager Dean Saunders.

Fleetwood Town saw off Gateshead to

record their first away victory in the Blue Square Bet Premier. The hosts could have led but Cod Army keeper Danny Hurst denied



Phil Turnbull with his feet. Fleetwood grew in confidence and Wayne Curtis hit the post before Magno Vieira (pictured)

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opened the scoring after a neat throughball from Curtis. And the visitors doubled their lead when Jamie McGuire volleved home from 25 yards a minute before the

Lanre Ovebanjo's (pictured) late goal rescued a draw for

Histon in David Livermore's first game as manager. Eastbourne began stronger and Jamie Taylor headed over from six yards



before Ross Treleavan fired them ahead after latching onto Matt Smart's pass. Richard Pacquette could have wrapped up the points but his header was saved. The Stutes sensed a point was there for the taking and Erkan Okay saw his shot saved by Rikki Banks before Oyebanjo fired home a 25-yard free-kick.

Tony Gray's late goal secured newly promoted Southport their first home win in



the Blue Square Bet Premier. Kevin Lee had a decent chance to put the hosts ahead in the first half but he was unable to get his header from six yards on target. Gray

secured the points for Southport in a closely fought match with eight minutes remaining, firing a low drive into the net from 12 yards. Altrincham are bottom of the table having collected only one point so far.

Other News

Rushden & Diamonds have brought in left-winger or forward Nathan Koranteng from Peterborough United on a month's

loan. The 18-year-old started his career at Peterborough's youth team, signing a prodeal in the 2009/10 season after impressing for the

reserves. He has had loan spells at Spalding United, Boston United and the Lambs during the last season and has played three first-team games for the Posh.

Kettering Town have signed veteran



forward Martin Smith on non-contract terms. Sunderland born Smith started his career on Wearside and he went on to score twenty-eight

times in 107 starts for his home-town club in a seven-year spell, moving to Sheffield United, before joining Huddersfield Town. Smith went on to score thirty goals in seventy-five starts, including seventeen during the 2002/03 season as the Terriers were relegated. He signed for Northampton Town in July 2003 and continued to find the net fairly regularly for the Cobblers during their promotion from League Two during the 2005/06 season. At the end of that season, after manager Colin Calderwood's departure for Nottingham Forest, Smith moved back to the northeast by joining Darlington. However, in March 2008, the former England under-21 international's contract with Darlington was cancelled and he signed for Blue Square North side Blyth Spartans, but he hasn't played for some time.

Eastbourne Borough are offering free entry to one of two selected matches to those with vouchers

from the recent Airbourne air show. It has teamed up with Eastbourne Borough Council's tourism team, which printed

the vouchers in the 2010 Airbourne Souvenir Programme. They were intended to be used against the first home game of the season, but are now also valid for the league matches with Darlington on Saturday September 4 and Altrincham on Saturday, September 18th. The match against Darlington, relegated from the Football League just last season, is in particular expected to attract a big crowd. with September 4th being declared 'Non-League Day', a campaign to persuade fans of professional football clubs to instead go along to watch and support their local side.

Kidderminster Harriers have agreed a deal to sign Wrexham striker Marc Williams (pictured) on a three-month loan deal. The Welsh under-21 international has spent his entire career at the



Racecourse Ground and really started to make an impact two seasons ago as the club's prolific marksman, netting seventeen goals in

twenty-nine appearances before a metatarsal injury cruelly wrecked his season whilst in full flow. Williams,

brother of recent Aggborough arrival Mike, made a return to action last season with nineteen outings in Wrexham red, though missed out again on the majority of the second half of the campaign with the foot still not completely healed. But that issue is now well behind him and he's looked back to his best with the Dragons during pre-season, finishing as the club's top scorer in friendly matches. Boss Dean Saunders' preference of an Andy Morrell and Andy Mangan front partnership at the Racecourse looks set to be to Harriers' advantage, with Marc allowed out on loan to Aggborough where he'll link up once more with full-back Mike.

The '12th Stag', a fund which adds money to manager David Holdsworth's playing budget, has dug deep once again by contributing to the wages of forward

Luke Medley (pictured). Medley has put pen-topaper on a six-month deal with Mansfield Town, Around £1,200 has been put towards the frontman's wages

from the group who had previously helped bring striker Paul Connor to the club. The 21-year-old, who began his professional career with Bradford City and later joined Barnet said: "It's great that the supporters have done this. I thank them a great deal and I hope I can repay them with goals for the club." Paul Nyland of the '12th Stag' said: "It's great that the '12th Stag' can help fund another transfer for David Holdsworth. When asked if we can help support the transfer of Luke Medley we jumped at the chance knowing that the pace and strength of



Luke could be massive boost to a current

strong squad.





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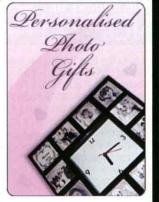
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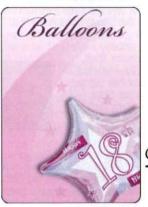




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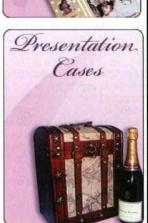




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NORTH & SOUTH



News from the Blue Square Bet South AFC Telford United, Alfreton Town and Workington are still at the top of the Blue Square Bet North pile after Tuesday night's fixtures saw all three make it four wins out of four games played to date.

AFC Telford made it four from four with a 2-0 victory over Gloucester City at the New Bucks Head. Midfielder Phil Trainer (pictured)

opened the scoring in the 34th minute and popped up again 20 minutes later to make sure of the result in front of a crowd of 1.906.

Alfreton came from behind to beat a resilient Gainsborough Trinity side at the Impact Arena. After a first half full of aerial combat. Trinity took the lead on 47 minutes when Leon Mettam was allowed a free header at the back post. As the Alfreton turned the screw former Red Mark Hume headed firmly past his own keeper to level the scores on 53 minutes. Paul Clayton produced another top quality strike on 73 minutes with a ten yard angled volley into the roof of the net but the points were only ensured by two top drawer saves from home keeper Paddy Gamble. Harrogate Town rued two defensive lapses which cost them a share points in a 2-1 defeat at Borough Park against Workington. Jonny Wright gave the Reds an 18th minute lead after Harrogate had started brightly. Graeme Armstrong equalised almost instantly with a well-taken goal from inside the area. But it was Gari Rowntree's free kick close to half time which proved decisive. Boston United tasted defeat for the first time this season with a 2-1 reverse at the hands of fellow newcomers Nuneaton Town. Lee Moore fired the Boro ahead after 12 minute and Guy Hadland doubled their tally with a 63rd minute effort. Miles Hunter pulled one back for the Pilgrims 5 minutes from

time, but it was a case of too little, too late as Boro held on to claim the points. Guiseley, shared a goalless draw with Blyth Spartans, while Stafford Rangers won 2-0 against Ilkeston Town at the New Manor Ground. In a high-tempo game at Damson Park, Solihull Moors eventually came out 2-0 winners against Eastwood Town, Vauxhall Motors picked up their first win of the new campaign with 3-1 win against Stalybridge Celtic at

Worcester City made it three wins from their opening four matches after edaina out Hinckley United by the odd goal in five. City's second 3-2 win in 48 hours had a lot to do with a great start. given to them by Mark Danks and Matt Birley. who notched the opening goals in the 4th and 9th minute respectively. Hinckley hit back within a minute though as Gavin Strachan curled a lovely effort beyond Tim Sandercombe from the edge of the box. That great start was wiped out in first half stoppage time when Jack Roberts headed the Knitters back on terms. The majority in the 746 crowd went home happy as Simon Richman grabbed what proved to the winner for City with 10 minutes remaining.



Blue Square Bet North games.

Bromley made it four wins from four games in the Blue Square Bet South after Tuesday' win over Havant & Waterlooville at Hayes Lane. A goal on the hour-mark from Warren McBean was enough to give them victory against a battling Hawks side. Braintree Town maintained their unbeaten status with a 3-2 win against newly-promoted Boreham Wood at Cressing Road. Late drama at Park View Road saw two Chelmsford City leads against Welling United disintegrate before Glenn

Pennyfather's eyes as goals from Sam Higgins and a Dave Rainford penalty

weren't enough to keep up the Clarets' excellent opening to the campaign, City's disappointed Head Coach relaying: "We iust can't concede



goals like that." Luis Cumbers (pictured) completed a personal brace in second half injury-time to seal the points for the unbeaten Kent outfit, who showed character to fight back from two deficits. Dover Athletic moved up to fifth position in the table after a 2-0 win against Kent neighours Ebbsfleet United at Stonebridge Road. Adam Birchall gave the visiting Whites a 43rd minute lead and Nicky Nicolau wrapped up the points when he scored the second for Martin Haves' side in the 81st minute. Newly-promoted Farnborough beat Weston-super-Mare 2-0 at Woodspring Stadium with Kezie Ibe giving Boro the lead 5 minutes into the second half. And with 15 minutes to go, Bradley Bubb made sure for Steve King's men with a second. Woking saw off the challenge of Lewes 2-1 at Kingfield. Dave Gilroy once more proved to be the Cards hero. netting a brace in the 2nd and 31st minutes, with the Rooks replying on 57 minutes through Jordan Lang. A late goal from Lee Roache gave Thurrock a point after a hard-fought game with Hampton & Richmond Borough at Ship Lane. Newcomers Dartford picked up their first win of the new campaign with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Bishop's Stortford at Princes Park. There were two on Monday night and both produced home wins for Basingstoke Town and Eastleigh. At the Camrose, Basingstoke gained their first three-point haul thanks to a 33rd minute David Pratt effort. flicking in at the near post. The outcome was probably a little harsh on visiting Dorchester Town.

who have now lost all four of their opening matches. At the Sparshatts Stadium, Eastleigh gained their second win of the season to date



comfortably 3-0 against Maidenhead United. Brett Williams (pictured) scored a quickfire brace in the 20th and 22nd minutes to give the Spitfires a nice cushion. And on 58 minutes the result was virtually sealed when Richard Gillespie added the third.

OUR MAN

IN CAIRO by Adam Pate

THE CHANGING AND CHALLENGING TV TIMES



What a wonderful start to the season we had! I was a very proud and slightly drunk Tamworth fan that Sunday night a fortnight ago, telling all and sundry about our great opening victory, which had left us top of the league (it still feels good writing about it). Coupling that with the strong showing midweek, it bode well for another positive start to a season. Disappointment obviously came with Saturday's result at Wimbledon but they are no doubt a team to put your money on this campaign if you are that way inclined.

Here in Egypt last Saturday, we had uproar in my local bar down in Cairo. Just to give you a bit of background information - there is a large English community in the Maadi district of Cairo, where the local expat bar has had regular coverage of all Premier League games, favourably the 3pm kick-offs, since my arrival in the city just over a year ago. For the past year, the main English language television network in the middle-east

(Showtime) has had the rights to broadcast the games, which has resulted in many people buying the network. Cheekily, it was quietly sold during the summer to the much smaller Abu Dhabi Sports Network, who has promptly developed a Pay-Per-View channel to broadcast matches on. Anyway, the local bar had not been informed so as we settled down on Saturday afternoon, the regular channel was showing GOLF! Let's just leave it with; we were not very happy!

Football mishaps with respect to television appear to becoming the norm here in Egypt as we witnessed during the World Cup. I am not sure if you heard about this story over in England but it certainly created a few laughs amongst the ex-pats here. The opening match of the World Cup was subject to a sabotage attack by the local Egyptian network (NileSat), who repeatedly blacked out the screens during the first half. An investigation from Jazeera Sports (who held the rights) found that their

transmitter in Egypt had been tampered with and amazingly, NileSat all of a sudden and without a hint of sarcasm from my part, were showing all of the games live and exclusive on free television. Within a few days, it was tragic to see that the free games had disappeared.

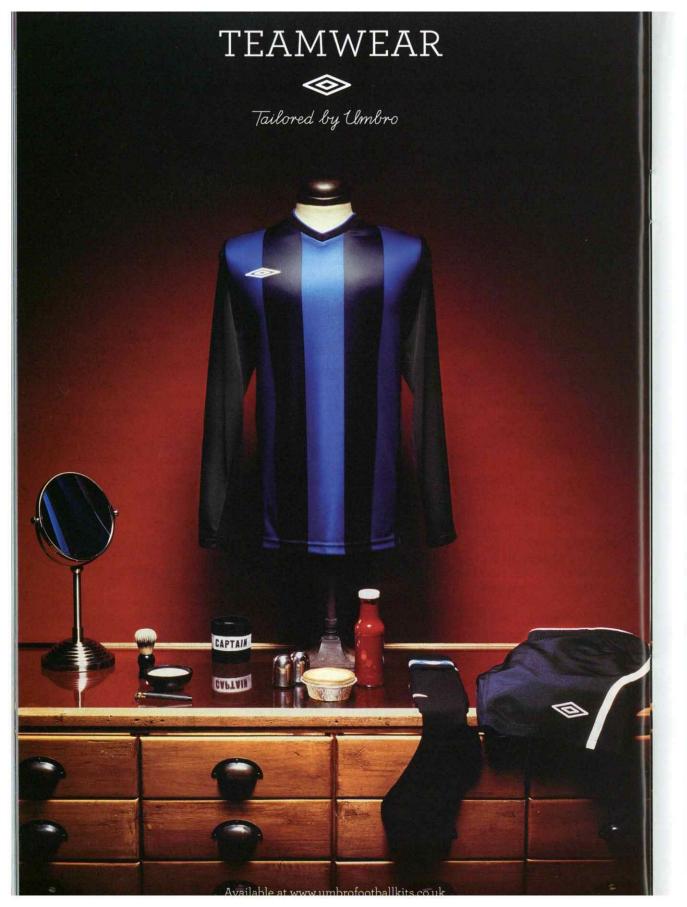
With the statement from our league this week, it becomes ever more apparent of the vital role of television in sustaining football at its present level. There has been a lot of discussion about the new deal arranged by the Conference for the broadcasting of games for the next few years. The undoubted question is that will this deal actually provide anything for the league? Although I haven't lived in England for a few years now. I have never heard of this channel and have only noticed any news of the deal on our website and forum. Will this ensure that thousands sign up to the deal? Can you see the deal providing a huge windfall for the club over during the next few years? All credit to them for seeking a new deal but I believe that there were better deals on the

Anyway, due to technology issues and publishing deadlines, which prevent me sending this article after today's game I am unable to comment on the events of this week. Nevertheless. I hope to be celebrating in around an hours time some more points towards survival in this professional environment where long term fans only dreamt of for many vears. Talk of television deals aside, it is still incredible and testament to extremely hard-working individuals that we find ourselves in a league with a television deal to discuss.

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THE BALL IS PIXELATED

Stuart Fuller, from the blog The Ball is Round meets a true legend of the (virtual) game.

Towards the end of last season we stumbled across a game in the Championship Manager Cup, a trophy for the Ryman's League teams. Eidos had kindly sponsored the

trophy, which on a good day would see 150 people paying to watch a cup tie that neither team really wanted to play in. The cup final, played in March was won by Ryman's League One

ryman's League one side Leatherhead who beat Wealdstone from the league above on penalties. But you may have missed some significance in the whole Championship Manager story. Let me take you back to the beginning. Are you sitting comfortably? Then I shall begin.

Once upon a time there was a young man called Kevin Toms. Some of you (probably those over the age of 35) will have known his product very well indeed. To others the name will mean nothing, but I bet if you a) Own a PC, PSP, Playstation, X-Box or Wii, b) love

football and c) Do not have a demanding wife/partner you will have heard of Championship Manager. It's got be the most fun you can have on your own with a PC without an internet connection and Championship Manager gives us all an opportunity to be Sir Alex

Ferguson, Jose Mourinho or Gianfranco Zola (unfortunately the "alleged" nocturnal activities of a certain manager cannot be re-created in the current versions of the game), starting with the lowest of the lows and rising to the top. My record was taking Grays Athletic to the Champions League final in my 27th year on the game.

So who is this Kevin, and what relevance does it have to the game? Well, Kevin Toms developed the first ever football manager simulation game for the ZX Spectrum back in the very early 1980's. In the game everyone the opportunity to manager a team, and watch the game unfold in pure two dimensional, unadulterated by advertising, green graphics. Want to see what kept us in our bedrooms for so long at the time without a staple through their naval? Well you can still play a version of the game by clicking the link on my blog! (You know that it's the first thing you will do when you get in togicity!)

And we' are very lucky to have tracked Kevin down. In the cyber world it actually wasn't that hard. A simple Uncle Google search for "Kevin Toms + Football Manager" returned as the top item a blog by the man himself. So we fired up our old ZX Spectrum with its rubber keys and posed some questions to one of the pioneers of the computer age.

- SF: Was Football Manager the best fun a teenage boy could have on their own in the bedroom in the early 80's?
- KT: The best pure fun perhaps! I think maybe it did what it was supposed to do, created a world in people's imagination that they could take part in.
- SF: There was really nothing else like it at the time. Flight Simulator was the only real strategy game at the time so what inspired you to write the game in the first place?
- KT. I loved creating all sorts of games as a kid, and for some reason always wanted to crack creating a football management game. It was not easy.
- SF: When did you first realise that you had a hit on your hands?
- KT: Quite quickly, the first orders came in quickly, but probably when the big chain stores started stocking thousands was the real point that I knew.
- SF: When I was in Game earlier this week I counted six different football manager style games available for the PC. Do you look at the current crop of games such as Championship Manager and think "I started this craze?
- KT: Uuuh yes, it seems to be so.
- SF: Do you play any of the Championship Manager games yourself?
- KT: No, I am too busy writing a game to play much.
- SF: What are you up to nowadays? Are you still involved in the computer industry and programming, sorry, software development?
- KT: Most of the time I do two main things. I am a Software Architect helping big companies with business systems, and I am writing a Football Manager game of my own for the iPhone.
- SF: At the time the place to get your software was in the high street chains such as Woolworths and WH Smiths. How did you go about marketing your product initially?
- KT: By placing quarter page ads in computer games magazines. By writing a good description of the game. By using real letters of players in the advertising, and by attending computer games shows.
- SF: The Spectrum was the biggest selling home electronics item of the early 1980's and was the brain child of inventor Sir Clive Sinclair. Did you ever meet Sir Clive? Did he thank you for increasing the sales of the Spectrum almost single handedly?
- KT: Yes I did but at an event that was nothing to do with computers. I shook his hand and spoke to him, I doubt he had any idea who I was.
- SF: Nowadays piracy is a massive issue for software houses as the internet is essentially an unpoliced ghetto. How much of a concern was this back in the 1980's

- especially when the dual tape deck was brought out enabling "tape to tape" copying of software?
- KT: It was depressing at times. The Amiga version had sales pirated out of existence. At the point I first started at the beginning of 1982, piracy was unknown.
- SF: You must be a football fan to have gone into so much detail. So what team do you follow?
- KT: I follow a number of teams from places I have live. Originally Torquay United and I still watch their progress.
- SF: After playing the game for a year or so I felt that I could manage anyone. In fact when Ron Greenwood announced he was stepping down as England manager in 1982 I wrote to Jim'll Fix It and asked if he could fix it for me to be the next national team manager quoting my Football Manager experience. Did you watch football in a different way after the game came out?
- KT: Yes, and ever since. I have a more analytical view, and when I have coached or managed teams it has helped.
- SF: It is an in joke at some clubs how players today play games such as EA and PES as themselves. How did it feel that real life footballers used to play the game to manage themselves?
- KT: An honour.

Unfortunately, no soon as we had started our dial up line dropped out and our connection was lost.

Find out more at http://blog.kevintoms.com where you really can play the original version of the classic game!

In case you were wondering.... The influence of Football Manager was profound. Miles Jacobson, studio director at Sports Interactive, remembers it fondly. When Sports Interactive split with publishers Eidos in late 2003, Eidos kept the Championship Manager brand and Sports Interactive kept the all-important database. But the Sports Interactive team, led by Jacobson and Championship Manager's creators, the Collyer brothers, needed a new name.

"The original Football Manager was certainly a big influence on the three of us," says Jacobson. "So when it did come to needing a new name our lawyer suggested Football Manager. I thought it was never going to be available but we asked the people who held the rights and two weeks later we had a deal."

Jacobson says: "Our Football Manager is not Kevin Toms's Football Manager, in the same way that the Spiderman films are not the same as the Spiderman cartoons that I grew up watching. It's a re-imagining of what it should be but without people like Kevin it's unlikely that the management genre would be anywhere near where it is."

LAMBS TURKISH DELIGHT

by Ian price

At the end of July, my wife Jenny and I arrived for two weeks holiday in the Lighthouse at Yediburunlar in S.W. Turkey. It is a small 7-room hotel in a remote village. The idyllic location, fantastic food, drink, scenery and the hospitality provided by hotel staff and villagers alike ensured it was a memorable and brilliant holiday. The fact of the matter is though that it wouldn't be a holiday for those who like a huge selection of bars and clubs. Other than the hotel itself, a full list of drinking establishments within walking distance would read; Jela's Shop. The list wouldn ot alter if you widened criteria to cover those within a twenty minute taxi ride.

Like some other Tamworth fans, I do like

the occasional recreational beer (and where possible a chat about football) whilst relaxing, so we made five separate visits to the seating area at the side of Jelal's shop during the fortnight, and armed with my Turkish phrase book, the subject of football came up on a number of occasions. I know very few Turkish words but those.

combined with the universal language of football and laughter led us to discussing the relative prospects of our sides (Galatasaray and TFC). At the end of our two weeks, we wanted to show our appreciation of the superb welcome we had received. In a place where collecting fresh water requires locals to make a tractor/lorry ride some 45 minutes

in each direction, the shop and facilities were immaculately clean and Jelal and his family

and customers very friendly. Monetary tips were attempted but led to a deluge of "free produce" coming our way which really defeated the point, so I presented Jelal with my 09/10 TFC shirt. This was passed on to his son who was delighted and raced inside to change into it before posing for the accompanying photo. I explained that a Champions League clash between our clubs is unlikely in the short term but I think we've stolen a march on some of our more illustrious rivals as I didn't see a Blues. Villa or even a Man United shirt in Yediburunlar.

> Tesekkur Ederim (thank you in Turkish)

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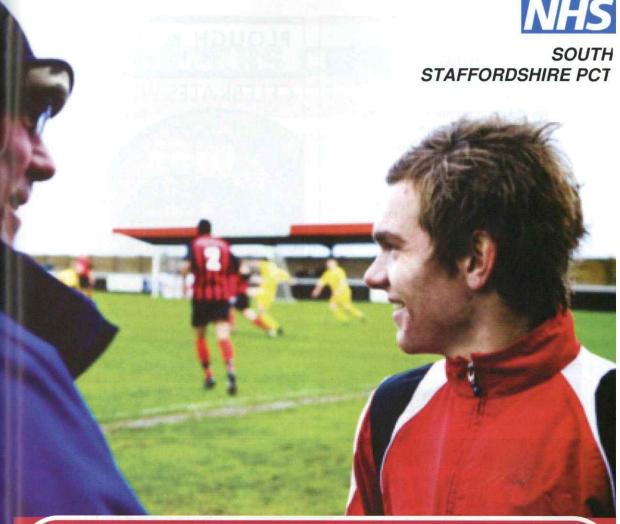
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Good afternoon one and all and welcome back The Lamb after our good point against Cambridge on Tuesday night. I thought we could well have had all three and hopefully we can go one better this

afternoon. I trust that those who have made the trip from Luton enjoy your stay with us but as always please leave the 3 points at the gates at full time.

Today we will be making our first 'Away Man of the Match' presentations as you may have read on Nick's Commercial pages as we are now picking a Man of the Match on away coaches and we continue to do this over the season - both Michael Wylde and Richard Tait will get a medal from the supporters club today and the San Giovanni sponsored MOM's chosen by the match sponsors at home games will get one too.

Talking of away travel if you would like to make the trip to Kidderminster and / or Mansfield Town with us this coming week please see the Away with The Lambs page at the end of the programme for more details.

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Don't forget that as a supporters club we will be putting on events over the season and I hope as many of you well attended them so we can raise money to help TFC. All our forthcoming events will be advertised in the Tamworth Herald, on the clubs website and on the supporters club official Facebook and Twitter pages as well as in the programme and also on the Fans Forum so please look out for them.

Enjoy the game, have a safe journey home and see you al Aggborough if you can make it.

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That said, if you pop along to our table in the clubhouse prior to kick off today then you will definitely be in with a chance!

We are always on the look out for new agents so if you would like to sell Scorecast tickets and earn yourself 10% commission on everything you sell, please see any SC team member for more info.

Match ticket winner:

The lucky member for today's game was Linda Hancock (no. 54). Listen out at half time to see if your membership number is pulled out of the hat for a terrace ticket to our big game v Grimsby a fortnight today.

Events:

Tamworth Carnival is taking place on Sunday 29 August – that's tomorrow! – and anyone who would like to be a part of the day on the SC float can do but please contact Dave Brown today for more info.

The TFCSC Heritage Group are taking part in the Tamworth Open Day on Sunday 12 September. They will be manning a display in the Town Hall, a building worth visiting in itself, and would love to see you and your memorabilia or memories of all things TFC.

Support The Gaffer

As you may be aware, Lambs boss Gary Mills and his wife are running the Half Marathon in Nottingham to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society on Sunday 12 September and we are well on the way to raising a four figure sum for the charity. If everyone who comes through the turnstiles today donates just £1 we'll easily reach that figure so please see Dave Brown who has sponsor forms, on Gary's behalf.

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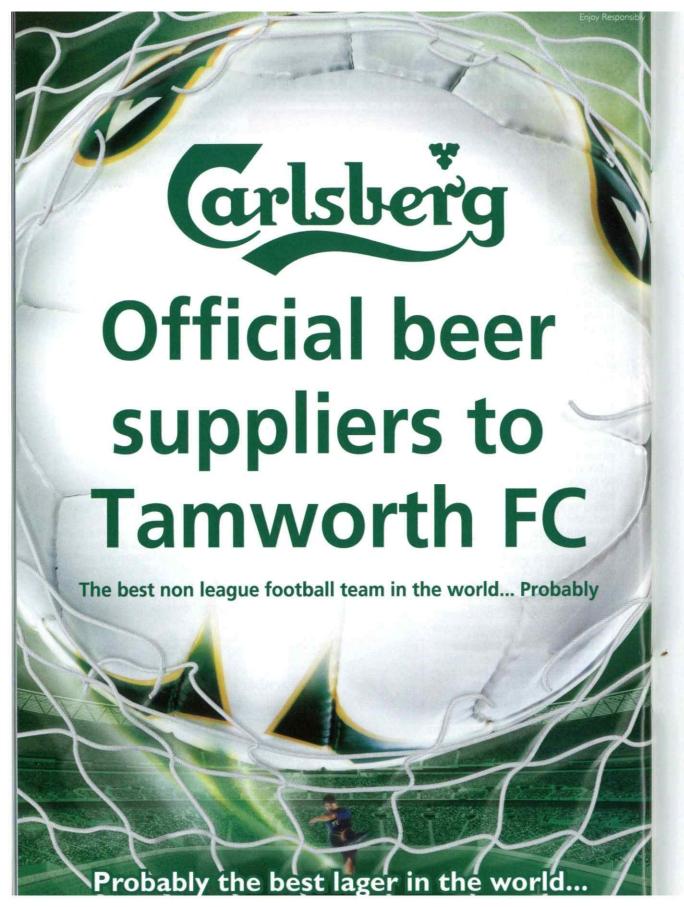




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A VIEW FROM THE SHED

by Martin Warrilow

With the season now four games old, it feels like it's time for a very early look at Tamworth 2009-10.

I've seen three of the four games so far, venturing on to away territory for an outstanding Real Ale Crew day in Cardiff prior to the Newport County game (we cruised up the River Taff in the afternoon and passed Sophia Gardens and the Millennium Stadium before ending the day at Spytty Park - something amiss there, then....), so I think I've a pretty good grip on our early progress.

And I have to say we've done well. Our opening-day defeat of Eastbourne Borough looked to have been achieved against a poor side but they've scored ten goals in three games since then, so we must have done something right.

My enjoyment of the Newport game was somewhat marred by a broken denture (no, it had nothing to do with the beer and at least it didn't fall out on to the athletics track around the pitch - I hate athletics tracks around football pitches) but I have to say we deserved at least the point. We were well on top before giving away a poor penalty shortly after half-time but battled well thereafter and didn't really look like conceding a second goal. Certainly, the mood on the bus as we returned home, finally having

negotiated the diversion away from the late-night closure of the M4, was that we would have settled for a point.

Only those travelling to one of the two beer festivals near AFC Wimbledon's ground last Saturday seriously expected to get anything out of the day and while I gather that plenty of them did, the result was not unexpected.

Gary Mills' post-match comment that 'Up until Wimbledon got their opening goal [against the run of play after 38 minutes], we more than matched them but we were second-best in the second half' is one that I suspect we might see him repeating quite a bit against the title-chasing sides.

It almost felt like that against Cambridge United on Tuesday. Thanks to some wayward (some might use a stronger word) refereeing in the first half, we were unable to get a breakthrough and having gone behind, it looked an uphill struggle.

But a tremendous flick-on from Kyle Perry, who is clearly going to be a key part of the puzzle, set up the equaliser and, once again, we secured a point.

Already, some things are becoming obvious to those of us in the Shed. Our defence seems just as solid as last season with Tom Marshall, in particular, looking as if he's been playing there for years.

Just as last year, we could be improved by a bit more midfield muscle. Too often, we're being brushed off tackles and the opposition are quickly turning defence into attack; against good sides, that's how you give cheap goals away.

In front of goal and in attacking midfield situations, we might still be a work in progress. Perry clearly offers something that lyesden Christie didn't but, then again, trying to push that particular member of the legendary Coventry boxing family off the ball was always near-impossible.

It would be great to see Alex Rodman stay healthy. A Shed favourite when at his fit and focused best, he could do an awful lot to make this a more enjoyable season for Lambs fans.

Today, of course, we welcome Luton Town and their many fans. Nine from three is a goals per game average that even my cat could work out, so we're going to have to work flat out as we go into what looks a fearsome run of fixtures over the next three weeks.

But rest assured, the Shed will be cheering the lads on this afternoon - however many Hatters are in attendance.



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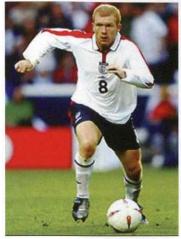
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INSIDE WRITE

BY JACK WOODFIELD



Two weeks ago, I wrote about how the future of English football lies with the youth of a new generation that will eventually take over from the current guard of World Cup flops. However it is an Englishman older than any of the England outfield players at South Africa that is currently grabbing all the plaudits, and that is Manchester United's 35-year-old midfielder, Paul Scholes.

Placing Scholes and a superlative in the same sentence is as common as putting butter on bread, but after his superb start to the season which includes a man-of-the-match performance against Newcastle and a scoring midfield master class against Fulham, he continually proves to be arguably the best midfielder in Premier League history.

Before his international retirement in 2004, Scholes scored 14 goals for England in 66 matches, and this week, when asked about the United talisman, French legend Zinedine Zidane hailed him as; "Untouchable, as close to the complete footballer as you can get." Therefore I must admit to feeling a little begrudged that while the diminutive genius is still playing to a level few players will achieve, in South Africa he was nowhere to be seen, having ignored the

opportunity to represent his country on the grandest stage of them all.

Scholes' consistency, technique, commitment and work rate may set him in a league of his own in central midfield, but the fact remains that he was sat at home during England's summer battering by Germany, even after Fabio Capello's right hand man, Franco Baldini offered him the chance to return to the international side.

Without delving too far into the club versus country war, it appears that English patriotism has never been lower amongst Premier League footballers, with Paul Robinson, Emile Heskey, Wes Brown and Jamie Carragher joining Scholes on the retirement shelf after South Africa, but Scholes still clearly has the attributes and talent to contribute to the England set up, and I'm sure many fans would love to see him start in the forthcoming Euro 2012 qualifiers.

Fabio Capello was at Craven Cottage on Saturday, observing the pocket sized genius, and while Scholes may have quit the international stage to spend more time with his family, I am sure his family would love to see him play again for England,

and it would not take more than an impassioned plea from Capello to make it happen.

While Scholes has managed to maintain the club form that has won him three Premier League titles and the Champions League since his retirement, Zidane himself is a shining example that returning from the domestic fold can result in success, making himself available for selection for France in 2005 after previously retiring to captain his country in the 2006 World Cup final.

At the age of 48, Lambs boss Gary Mills, while playing considerably less than in his younger years, is still registered as Tamworth player-manager and is definitely not scared of a run out or two should the need arise. Sir Stanley Matthews became England's oldest ever player at 42, to demonstrate that with dedication and commitment, age is not necessarily the end of a player's career, domestically or internationally.

Many professional footballers will say that by retiring from international duty, their club careers are prolonged, and while that argument is backed up by the likes of Ryan Giggs and Alan Shearer, surely the opportunity to play for your country is the biggest honour in football, and even if Scholes missed a few friendlies to retain his fitness, his involvement in the Euro 2012 qualifiers could dramatically improve a disheartened England squad and give the nation's youngsters a true role model to aspire to.





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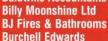


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Last time we met at Aggborough

Dec 01, 2009

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Our line up:

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Last time we met at Field Mill

March 13, 2010

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lyseden Christie found a way to the edge of the area in the 34th minute and struck the base of the post with a low drive which took a touch off Marriott on the way through and from the corner the ball fell to Michael Briscoe, but he cleared the bar with his shot from 18 yards.

And as Mansfield pushed forward in the next move Nix missed a sitter as the ball bounced across the face of the goalmouth, then a minute later Bradley Pritchard took an air shot, Jerome Murdock missed his chance and when Alex Rodman did strike for the open net The Stag's own Gary Mills denied him the best chance of the game with a last ditch clearance off the line.

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