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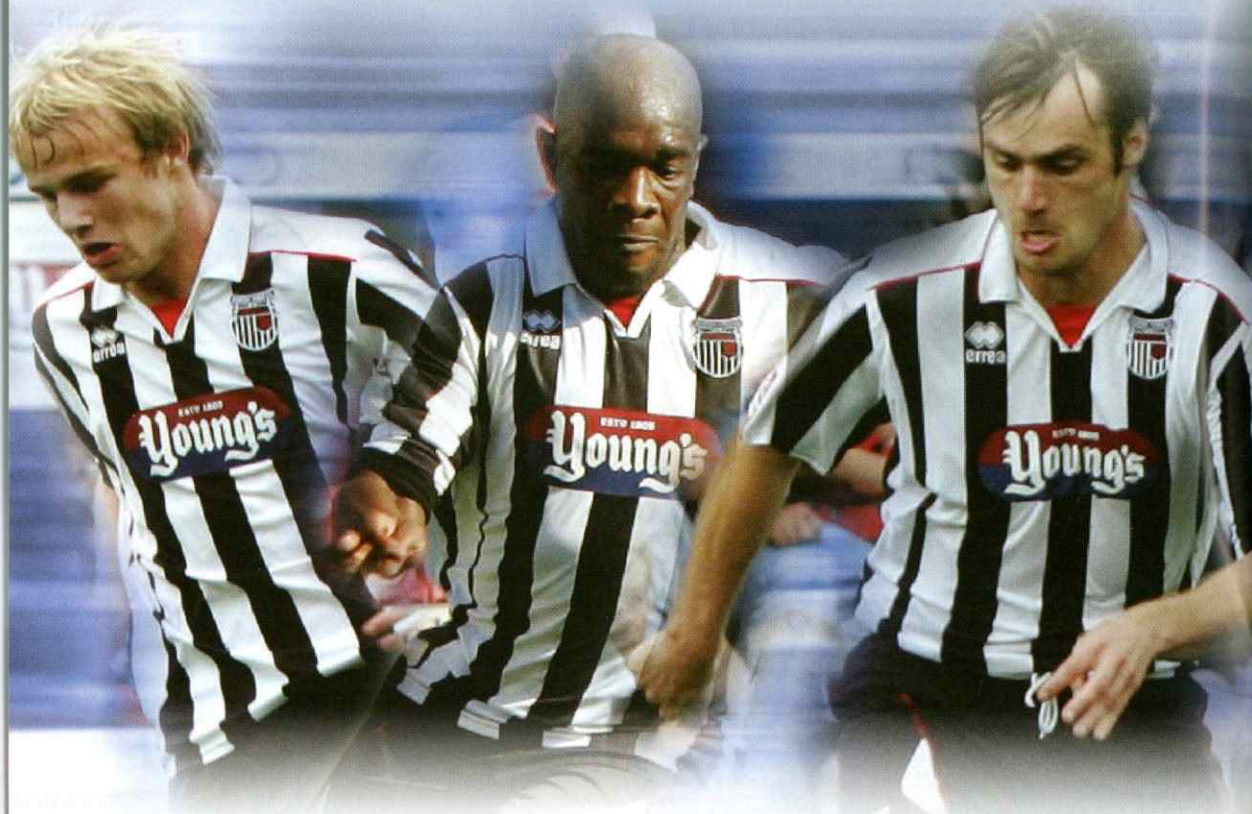


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From the Boardroom

with Mike Parker

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Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to today's televised clash with Luton Town here at Blundell Park.

Before I begin I would like to wish a warm welcome to everyone who has travelled up from Luton for today's game and I hope that you all have a safe journey down the M1 after the match.

Everyone connected with Grimsby Town Football Club is delighted to have had this fixture with the Hatters selected for live TV coverage in the inaugural Premier Sports TV broadcast of Blue Square Bet Premier football.

Loan signings have become a huge talking point in football over the past few years as more and more clubs are forced to rely on them due to a number of different circumstances, including the Bosman ruling, the transfer window and the overall growing chasm in wealth between those teams at the top of the ladder and the rest of us.

The microscope has not fallen on a loan signing as much as Craig Bellamy's recent switch to hometown club Cardiff City from Manchester City though. The move appears to have been in the pipeline for some months but

once the news became public, then the speculation began to run rampant.

It's common knowledge that Cardiff have had financial problems in the recent past and it was right that those uncertainties came into question when signing a player, albeit on loan, whose wages are close to six figures per week.

The Football League were quick to voice their opinion on the matter but their reluctance to publicly reveal the assurances they had received from Cardiff speaks volumes about the gaping holes in the league's policy on cracking down on clubs with substantial debts to outside creditors.

The revelation that Cardiff still owed Motherwell transfer fees for a switch that took place 12 months ago should have sent alarm bells ringing. It appears that the Scottish side would not have received their money had they not gone public about the matter and had Cardiff not received a substantial increase in revenue from areas such as shirt sales in the aftermath of Bellamy's signing.



The facts are that only Manchester City and Cardiff know the full details of the loan deal and who is making what sort of contribution to the player's substantial wages. However this move has, more than any other, exposed a massive loophole in the loan system as it stands.

With the introduction of a 25-squad limit and the previous stockpiling of players done by the top teams then we are going to find situations where players are to be loaned out but not to a Premier League rival, meaning they have to move down the ladder. Essentially these clubs are benefiting from the obscene wealth of clubs in the upper echelons.

And Cardiff have every right to take advantage of this and benefit from having a player of supreme talent, whilst maximising their income from other revenue streams. It just remains to be seen whether their Championship rivals will raise concerns and provoke another change in the loan system, akin to the one that prevented long-term loan players playing against their parent club some years ago.

Enjoy the game everyone and please get behind the boys!

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with Neil Woods

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Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to this televised fixture with Luton Town here at Blundell Park.

I would like to begin by wishing a warm welcome to everyone who has travelled up from Luton here for this tea-time kick-off and I hope you all have a safe journey home after the game.

Richard has put together a squad brimming with talent down there and it will be a tough test for us today against one of the bookies' favourites for promotion at the end of the season.

The Bank Holiday fixtures provided two contrasting results for us. Our performance at Rushden was unacceptable to say the least. We never got out of first gear and allowed the home side to play at their pace and outmuscle at almost every opportunity. We were certainly fortunate to go into the break with just a one-goal deficit.

We had serious words at the break and that appeared to work because we started the second period well and were knocking the ball around the pitch like we can. Mark Hudson took his goal superbly after a fine cross from Lee Peacock and we were hopeful that that would be the catalyst for a better second half performance.

Unfortunately what came after that was some kamikaze stuff, which we never want to see again. Yes, the Kenny's injury was a massive blow and with no sub 'keeper we were forced to keep him on the field, but that does not excuse the manner of the three

second-half goals we conceded, all of which were avoidable.

I expressed my disappointment with the players and told them that I expected some sort of reaction on Monday and, although it wasn't our best performance, we got it because they really dug in for the win over a resolute Histon side.

Obviously the major talking point going into the game was the goalkeeping situation. We had been aware enough of Nick Colgan's absence to register Stevie before the Rushden game and he came in and did superbly for us and thoroughly deserved his Man-of-the-Match Award.

We started well enough, without really threatening the visitors' goal, but then another defensive mix-up has put us behind – this is something we have to eradicate from our game. Again the reaction was good though and we won a penalty before half-time, which Alan has confidently stuck away.

Unfortunately we received another injury blow with Charles pulling his hamstring on the stroke of half-time. It is the same way that Paris Cowan-Hall did his hamstring last term and it is a big blow to the lad who was in tears in the dressing room at the break – he just wants to get out there and play football.

That makes nine first-team players on the sidelines for us and although we

don't use that as an excuse, there are very few teams in the country that could cope with that injury list. Thankfully we stuck to our guns and created more chances in the second half, although we left it late to snatch the three points thanks to a fantastic finish from Alan.

We were then indebted to Stevie for a couple of fine stops in the closing stages. We've brought Richard O'Donnell in from Sheffield Wednesday on loan because we cannot expect Steve to perform like that week-in-week-out with the limitations caused by his shoulder injury – it would not be fair on the lad or the club.

Richard comes here well recommended and he performed well in the pre-season friendly with the Owls back in July and I'm sure you'll all give him a warm welcome.

Before I go I would like to welcome our Match Sponsors who are **STAGECOACH** and our Matchball Sponsors who are **GRIMSBY TOWN AWAY TRAVEL SUPPORTERS CLUB** – thanks for your continued support and enjoy the game.

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I would like to begin by wishing a warm welcome to our Match Sponsors **STAGECOACH** and our Matchball Sponsors **GRIMSBY TOWN AWAY TRAVEL SUPPORTERS CLUB** – thanks for your continued support and I hope you all enjoy the game.

Our defeat at Rushden last Saturday is one game we will want to forget in a hurry. We just did not get going at Nene Park and allowed the home side to run the game for large periods.

It looked like we had got our noses back in the game after half-time when Huddy levelled but we have not defended well as a team and allowed them to score three more goals.

We can't use Kenny's injury as an excuse because we never offered him any protection. Worst of all we let down another fantastic travelling support of over 500, a third of the crowd on the afternoon.

It was imperative that we bounced back against Histon and I thought that we dug out a result well considering we are short on bodies and coming off the back of a 4-1 reverse. It wasn't our most fluid performance but sometimes you have to take the three points and move on to the next game.

Alan's took both his goals superbly. He's a confident lad from the penalty spot and his second shows why he's scored goals at a higher level.

Of course it would be remiss of me not to mention Steve Croudson. He's come in for us in our hour of need and he was heroic. He's a Grimsby lad through and through and you could see how much the result meant to him at the final whistle.

The manager has brought Richard O'Donnell in from my old club Sheffield Wednesday and I'm sure you'll give him a warm hand this afternoon.

Today we welcome Luton to Blundell Park and this promises to be a tough test for us. They have plenty of quality in all areas and can always call on players in reserve to step in and do a job – they probably have one of the best squads in the division.

We're buoyed after our first home win on Monday though and there should be a cracking atmosphere for this game so we will look to get on the front foot early.

Enjoy the game everyone and please keep backing the lads.

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Luton Town Fact File:

Nickname: The Hatters
Founded: 1885
Ground: Kenilworth Road
Capacity: 10,226
Record Attendance: 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup 6th Round Replay, 04.03.59
Position 2009/10: 2nd
Chairman: Nick Owen
Manager: Richard Money
Most Points In A Season: 98 (League One, 2004/05)
Record Win: 15-0 v Gt. Yarmouth Town (FA Cup 1st Round, 21.11.14)
Record Defeat: 9-0 v Small Heath (Second Division, 12.11.1898)
Most Wins In A Row: 12 - 19.02.02-06.04.02
Most Games Unbeaten: 19 - 20.01.68-24.04.68/08.04.69-07.10.69
Youngest Player: Jordan Patrick, 16 years 7 days (21.10.08)
Oldest Player: Trevor Peake, 40 years 222 days (20.09.97)
Most Appearances: Bob Morton (562, 1948-64)
Most Goals In Total: Gordon Turner (276, 1949-64)
Most Goals In A Season: Joe Payne (58, 1936/37)
Most Goals In A Match: 10 Joe Payne (v Bristol Rovers, 13.04.36)
Most Capped Player: Mal Donaghy (Northern Ireland (58 caps))
Record Transfer Fee Paid: Lars Elstrup (£850,000 to BK Odense, 21.08.89)
Record Transfer Fee Received: Curtis Davies (£3-million from West Brom, 31.08.05)

Luton Town

Richard Money's Luton Town side travel north for this televised fixture against the Mariners as the favourites to win promotion to the Football League and it's easy to see why.

The Hatters' boss has added to his squad of last season, even accounting for this week's departure of star striker Tom Craddock, and they will look to go one better than their second-place finish of 2009/10.

Town staged a late charge in vain to catch eventual Conference Champions Stevenage. The manner in which they went about that though, certainly made their Blue Square rivals sit up and take note. The Hatters swept past teams with ruthless abandon and were only pipped in the Play Offs by a battling York City side.

And after adding to his already talented squad, the former Walsall manager can be confident that his charges will be in the mix again come the end of the season. The Hatters certainly started the season in fine fettle and quickly ascended to the Blue Square summit after a 100% start from their opening three games.

They haven't had it all their own way



since and manager Money confronted some sections of the Luton support after last Saturday's 3-1 reverse at Tamworth following criticism of new Czech signing Pavel Besta:

"I will always be fiercely protective of my players, no matter who I'm the manager of," the former Liverpool man told BBC Three Counties Radio,

"Pavel was distraught he had given the second goal away, but the comments when I took him off were unacceptable as far as I'm concerned.

"I don't have favourites and I don't believe supporters should have favourites."

In hindsight, the Luton boss admitted his reaction was ill-advised but was heartened by the support he received from the club's Board and the fans that turned out for a home draw with Hayes & Yeading on Bank Holiday Monday, he said:

"I was a bit concerned overnight in terms of what the reaction might be." But I think the supporters have said it all.

"There's always a right way and a wrong way to do things and that was obviously not the right way to voice my feelings.

"I was really pleased with the level of support the team received today and the level of support I received."

No doubt the Hatters will travel to the East Coast today looking to get back to winning ways against another of the fancied

teams in the bookmakers' stakes, especially in front of a nationwide audience on Premier Sports TV.

FORM GUIDE

17-Aug	A	Kettering	W3-1
21-Aug	A	Fleetwood	W3-0
24-Aug	H	Newport	D1-1
28-Aug	A	Tamworth	L1-3
30-Aug	H	Hayes & Yeading	D1-1

The Hatters made an ominous start to the 2010/11 season and it looked for the opening rounds of games that it would be a case of playing catch-up for their Blue Square Bet Premier rivals.

A hard-fought draw with Welsh outfit Newport pegged them back and this was followed by a surprising 3-1 defeat at Tamworth last Saturday. Then, last Monday, minnows Hayes & Yeading proved their victory at Blundell Park was no fluke with a point at Kenilworth Road - many observers stating that United were unlucky not to come away with a maximum three-point haul.

With so many attacking options at their disposal, it was obvious that the Hatters were going to be amongst the goals this season. Their early season frontrunner in the scoring stakes is Matthew Barnes-Homer and he plundered a hat-trick in a comprehensive 3-1 win at Kettering before netting another in a 3-0 win at Fleetwood, which catapulted Money's side to the top of the Blue Square Bet Premier.

That trip to the top of the pile didn't last long though and the Hatters were forced to come from behind to snatch a point from their home tussle with Newport before things took a drastic turn for the worse in the Midlands.

A horrendous defensive display at the

Lamb Ground saw Money's men soundly beaten by a Tamworth side who are so far unbeaten on their home patch. Monday's draw with Hayes makes it three games without a win for Luton, although on the flip side of that, one defeat from their opening six games means they are still very much in touch with early season pacesetters Mansfield Town.

PLAYERS' LOUNGE ARRIVALS

Zdenek Kroca	FC Tescoma Zlin
Pavel Besta	MFK Ruzomberok
Adam Murray	Oxford Utd
Dan Gleeson	Cambridge Utd
Danny Crow	Cambridge Utd
Dan Walker	Bedford
Kevin Pilkington	Notts County
Andy Drury	Stevenage

DEPARTURES

Lewis Emanuel	Released
Janos Kovacs	Hereford Utd
Asa Hall	Oxford Utd
Ryan Charles	Rushden
Rossi Jarvis	Barnet
Steve Basham	Brackley
Taiwo Atieno	Released
Tom Craddock	Oxford Utd

After missing out on promotion last term, the Hatters moved quickly in the transfer market over the summer period and manager Richard Money had wrapped up three major coups before the World Cup had kicked off in South Africa!

Veteran goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington joined from Notts County and adds experience to the squad, as well as intense competition with another seasoned pro in Mark Tyler for the number one slot.

Money made a double swoop on Blue Square Bet Premier rivals Cambridge,



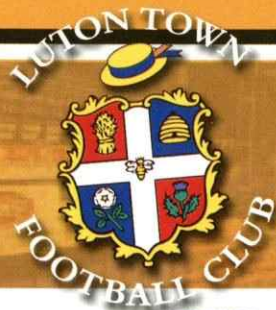
bringing striker Danny Crow and defender Dan Gleeson to Kenilworth Road. Gleeson has quickly settled into the Hatters' back four, whilst Crow will be expected to shoulder some of the goalscoring burden after the departure of Tom Craddock and rediscover the form that made him a hit at Peterborough.

In an effort to push the Hatters over that promotion finish line this season, boss Money grabbed two players who had success for their respective clubs last season. Midfielders Adam Murray and Andy Drury were celebrating for Oxford and Stevenage respectively and they will be hoping to repeat that come May.

Money used pre-season to complete his transfer dealings for the summer after Czech pair Zdenek Kroca and Pavel Besta, as well as Bedford winger Dan Walker all impressed on trial. Kroca and Besta have played at the highest level in their homeland and bring undoubted quality to the Hatters' ranks.

The imposing Kroca will fill the void left by Hungarian Janos Kovacs who moved onto Hereford, where he has been installed as captain. Exciting youngster Asa Hall moved the opposite way to Murray and joined Oxford and he was followed on transfer deadline day by start striker Tom Craddock - Money will be hoping that some of the funds from that transfer are made available to him over the course of the season.

Winger Ryan Charles terrorised the Mariners at Nene Park for new club Rushden last Saturday, whilst utility man Rossi Jarvis will be looking to get his career back on track at League Two Barnet.



Luton Town



Luton Town

(4-4-2):

GK: K Pilkington

RB: Gleeson

CB: G Pilkington

CB: Kroca

LB: F Murray

RW: A Murray

CM: Gnapka

CM: Besta

LW: Drury

CF: Barnes-Homer

CF: Crow

Teamtalk

KEVIN PILKINGTON

Vastly experienced goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington completed a permanent move to Kenilworth Road, having previously spent time on loan with the Hatters last season. A product of the famed Manchester United Academy, Kevin was part of the famous 1992 FA Youth Cup winning side at Old Trafford. He spent six years as a Red Devil, gaining experience on loan at Rochdale, Rotherham and Celtic. Best known for successful spells with Mansfield and Notts County – amassing over 300 league appearances between the two clubs, the 36-year-old will battle it out with another seasoned campaigner, Mark Tyler, for the number one slot at Kenilworth Road this season.

DAN GLEESON

Tall and rangy right back Dan Gleeson joined the Hatters from hometown club Cambridge in the summer. The 25-year-old came through the ranks at the Abbey Stadium and has enjoyed two spells with the Us, having joined Notts County for the 2006/07 season. He made 168 league appearances for Cambridge and has won seven England C caps. Dan uses his height to great effect and can be a threat from set pieces.

FRED MURRAY

Irish left back Fred Murray completed a permanent move to the Hatters in January 2010, having enjoyed a 17-game spell at Kenilworth Road on loan from Grays early last season. A

tenacious tackler with good distribution, Fred came through the ranks at Premier League Blackburn Rovers and has enjoyed spells with Cambridge, Northampton, Stafford, Stevenage and Exeter. The 28-year-old has quickly established himself as Richard Money's first choice on the left-hand side of the defence.

GEORGE PILKINGTON

Popular defender George Pilkington was snapped up by the Hatters on a free transfer from Port Vale in 2008 and he has proven to be tremendous value for money, being an ever-present in the side last term. The 28-year-old came through the ranks at Everton but is best remembered for a five-year stint at Vale Park, where he racked up well over 200 league

appearances. The reigning Player of the Year at Kenilworth Road, George helped the Hatters win the 2009 Johnstone's Paint Trophy. A cultured defender who is calm under pressure, Pilkington has also added goals to his game and he is one of the Blue Square Bet Premier's top defenders.

ZDENEK KROCA

Giant centre half Zdenek Kroca completed a move to Luton from Czech outfit Tescoma Ziln after impressing on trial at Kenilworth Road in the summer. An imposing physical presence at the back, Zdenek spent ten years with his hometown club in Ziln and was a first-team regular, playing nearly 200 league games. Zdenek uses his towering height to unsettle the opposition and he has already popped up with some goals from set pieces this term.

ADAM MURRAY

Well-travelled midfielder Adam Murray joined Luton in the summer from promoted Oxford and he will be looking to continue his fine form with the Us at Kenilworth Road this season. A former Derby trainee, Adam has Premier League experience from his time at Pride Park and later enjoyed successful spells with Mansfield, Carlisle, Torquay and Macclesfield. An excellent passer of the ball, the 28-year-old offers excellent distribution to the attackers and has been known to score vital goals himself.

CLAUDE GNAPKA

Versatile Frenchman Claude Gnapka has become a cult hero at Kenilworth Road, after firing the

winner in the 2009 Johnstone's Paint Trophy success over Scunthorpe. The 27-year-old is comfortable anywhere on the right or in the centre and uses his physical prowess to power his way past players. The 27-year-old has great experience from spells with Racing Santander, Alaves, FC Vaduz and Peterborough and he is a goalscoring threat from midfield.

PAVEL BESTA

Czech Under-21 International Pavel Besta joined the Hatters in the summer after impressing on trial. The highly-rated 27-year-old brings tremendous experience to Richard Money's side, having spent seven years with Banik Ostrava, where he starred in the UEFA Cup and won the Czech Cup. He later joined Viktoria Zizkov and MFK Ruzomberok and has settled quickly in the Hatters' side with his tough tackling and excellent passing skills.

ANDY DRURY

Versatile midfielder Andy Drury joined the Hatters in the summer from promoted Stevenage and he will be looking to continue the form that has made him one of non-league's brightest prospects in the last few seasons. A former Sittingbourne trainee, the 26-year-old then joined Gravesend and Northfleet before helping Lewes to the Conference South Title in 2007/08. He enjoyed similar success at Broadhall Way, winning the FA Trophy in 2009 and the Conference Title last term. Drury has great energy and can slot in anywhere across the midfield, he is also renowned for spectacular goals from distance.

MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER

Former Wolves trainee Matthew Barnes-Homer joined the Hatters in January 2010 and he has enjoyed a tremendous start to the new Blue Square Bet Premier season. The 24-year-old came through the ranks at Molineux but made his name in the US with Rochester, Syracuse and Virginia Beach before returning to these shores in 2004 for spells with Aldershot, Hednesford, Bromsgrove and Tivisdale and then settling at Willenhall in 2006. His form for the Midlands outfit, 14 goals in 33 outings, prompted a move to Wycombe but it was a three-year spell at Kidderminster that saw the pacy striker catch the eye. A record of 35 goals in 100 league outings at Aggborough had the scouts flocking to see the player but it was the Hatters who won the race for his signature.

DANNY CROW

Exciting frontman Danny Crow joined the Hatters from Cambridge in the summer and will be looking to continue his goalscoring form at Kenilworth Road. A pacy frontman with a good eye for goal, Danny enjoyed a prolific spell with Peterborough after coming through the ranks at Norwich. The 24-year-old scored the winner for Posh in their January 2006 victory at Blundell Park, ending the season with 17 goals to his name. Last season's Player of the Year at the Abbey Stadium, Danny will be looking to fill the void left by Tom Craddock as the Hatters aim for promotion this term.





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THE GAFFER - RICHARD MONEY

The man affectionately known as Dickie Dosh will be hoping to land the jackpot with Luton Town and lead them back to the Football League.

A defender in his playing days, Money enjoyed a season-long spell at Kenilworth Road in the early-80s during a career that took in Lowestoft, Fulham, Liverpool, Derby, Portsmouth and two spells with Scunthorpe United.

It was with the Iron that the 54-year-old began his managerial career in 1993 before joining the backroom staff at Aston Villa and Coventry City. In 2003 he moved to Sweden with AIK and then Vasteras SK before joining the Newcastle United Jets in the inaugural season of the A-League in Australia.

In England, Richard's main success was with Walsall, who he led to the League Two Title in 2007. Later joining the Newcastle United backroom staff, Money moved to Kenilworth Road in October 2009 and led the side to the Conference Play-Offs in his first season with the club.



GOALKEEPERS Mark Tyler

Vastly experienced goalkeeper Mark Tyler was one of the Conference's top stoppers last season after arriving from Peterborough. A hugely popular player at London Road, Mark amassed nearly 500 appearances for the Posh in a 15-year spell at the club. A commanding presence between the sticks, the 33-year-old offers tremendous back-up to Kevin Pilkington.

DEFENDERS Shane Blackett

A versatile defensive performer, 29-year-old Shane Blackett will be looking to put injury woes behind him this term. Signed from Peterborough last season, Blackett made his name in the Conference with Dagenham. A tall and rangy player his experience adds good depth to the Hatters' squad.

Jake Howells

Pacy left back Jake Howells loves to get up and down the flank and his support of the attack offers an extra dimension to the Hatters' forward play. A product of the club's youth

system, the 19-year-old is one to watch for the future.

Ed Asafu-Adjaye

Cultured centre half Ed Asafu-Adjaye is another graduate of the Luton Youth Academy and he has played 46 times for the club in three seasons. The 21-year-old is an excellent distributor of the ball and has gained experience on loan at Walton & Hersham and Salisbury.

Midfielders Keith Kane

Irish Under-21 International Keith Keane was the subject of a failed bid from big-spending Crawley in the summer. The all-action 23-year-old made his debut for the Hatters aged just 16 in 2003 and has been a mainstay in the side ever since.

Adam Newton

Pacy wideman Adam Newton was a member of the West Ham FA Youth Cup winning squad of 2009 and is best remembered for a successful six-year spell with Peterborough. The 29-year-old is noted for his blistering speed and spectacular goals. Adam is a former England Under-21

International and has won full honours for St Kitts & Nevis.

Dan Walker

Exciting winger Dan Walker joined the Hatters from Bedford Town in August after initially impressing on trial at Kenilworth Road. The 20-year-old loves to cut in from the flank and shoot from distance.

Strikers Kevin Gallen

Veteran striker Kevin Gallen is a knowledgeable presence in the Hatters' squad. The 34-year-old enjoyed two prolific spells at QPR over 13 years and won England Under-21 honours in his time at Loftus Road. He also lists Huddersfield, Barnsley, Plymouth and MK Dons amongst his former clubs.

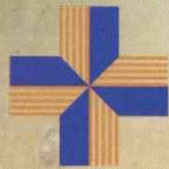
Jordan Patrick

Highly-rated young striker Jordan Patrick became the youngest player in the Hatters' history when he made his debut just a week after his 16th birthday in October 2008, ironically at Blundell Park. The 17-year-old has excellent vision and a good turn of pace.

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Matt Tees

One-time Luton forward (and GTFC cult hero) Matt Tees opened Grimsby's 1971/72 Fourth Division title campaign with a hat-trick versus Scunthorpe United (4-1), the unfortunate Iron keeper being Geoff **BARNARD**.

Wales International Darren Barnard's four FL goals for Grimsby included one in the crazy March 2004 draw against Second Division Chesterfield (4-4) - also on target at Saltergate was Scots teammate, Iain **ANDERSON**.

Teenage keeper Tom Anderson's only senior appearance for the Mariners occurred in April 1939, Town drawing 1-1 at home to First Division Bolton **WANDERERS**.

In January 1955 almost 26,000 Blundell Park fans saw League Champions Wolverhampton Wanderers fight back from 0-2 down to defeat F.A. Cup rivals Grimsby 5-2, inspired by England captain, Billy **WRIGHT**.

In March 1966 popular Mariners keeper Charlie Wright signed for Charlton Athletic in a £10,000 transfer, followed one year later from Blundell Park to The Valley by his brother-in-law... **MATT TEES!**



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connections



In a brand new series for the 2010/11 season, **THE MARINER** looks at players who have turned out for both today's team is in our **CONNECTIONS** series.

One of today's Grimsby Town squad will be in a race for fitness to face their former employees Luton Town. Midfielder **MICHAEL LEARY** has missed the last few games with illness and spent five years with the Hatters after coming through the ranks at Kenilworth Road.

The versatile **ADRIAN FORBES** enjoyed a successful time with the Hatters, winning the Division Three Title in 2002, having joined Luton from Norwich for £65,000, he later moved to Blundell Park in January 2009.

There are several long-serving players who have turned out for both of today's two teams. Northern Ireland International **KINGSLEY BLACK** has the unusual distinction of winning at Wembley with both sides, having tasted success in the League Cup for Luton in 1988 and then ten years later with the Mariners in the Auto Windscreens Shield.

Defender **PAUL FUTCHER** spent four years with the Hatters in the mid-70s

after being plucked from Chester, before being sold in a big-money move to Manchester City. Futch arrived at Blundell Park in 1990, having been languishing in Halifax's reserve side. The veteran enjoyed a swansong with the Mariners and was selected for Football League duty, amongst other honours.

Another popular centre half at Blundell Park was current Football In The Community Officer **GRAHAM RODGER** who moved directly from Kenilworth Road in 1992. A towering presence at the back for the Mariners, Grez scored plenty of goals and captained the side before injury ended his career in 1998. He later went onto be assistant manager and then spent a spell in charge of the club in 2006.

A real fan favourite at Blundell Park was striker **MATT TEES** who enjoyed two prolific spells with the club. Leaving the East

Coast in the mid-60s for Charlton, Matt returned 'home' in 1971 after a successful two-year spell with the Hatters. Matt is still a revered figure amongst Mariners fans and often takes in games at Blundell Park.

Loan star **CALVIN ANDREW** joined Russell Slade's side from Luton in August 2005 and scored his solitary goal for the club in a win at Barnet. Other loanees to have played for both clubs include **MORTEN HYLDGAARD**, **STEVE KABBA** and **JUDE STIRLING**.

Striker **TONY THORPE** enjoyed four successful spells with the Hatters and scored a hatful of goals for the club. Arriving at Blundell Park in September 2006, the veteran frontman saw his spell with the Mariners halted by injury and illness.

With a defensive crisis at Blundell Park, former Hatters' boss **LENNIE**

LAWRENCE signed **ALAN NELSON** from Fulham on a short-term deal in October 2001. The Welsh International later moved to Kenilworth Road where he is a member of the Hatters' backroom staff.

Other players to have turned out for both of today's clubs include **PAUL HOLSGROVE**, **LEE NOGAN**, **MICK CULLEN**, **TONY KNIGHTS**, **MARC NORTH**, **MICK SAXBY**

and **HORACE WALLBANKS**.

It would be difficult to forget the dynamic managerial duo of **MIKE NEWELL** and **BRIAN STEIN** who are largely responsible for these two teams meeting in the Conference for today's fixture.





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From Susan Twigg, Derbyshire: Fairwell Mr Clarke

Avid Grimsby Fan and Headmaster Tim Clarke was presented with Grimsby Town merchandise as his leaving gifts on the day he left Newton Primary School in Derbyshire. He was presented with the GTFC mug and cufflinks at his special leaving assembly in July.

He is a long-time supporter of your football club he had his black and white football shirt on when it was the school's sports day. He was in goal all afternoon, letting the whole of the school's children, take it in turn to shoot and he was in goal. He worked very hard.

The school was not such a happy place when he came to cover as head teacher due to the previous headteacher and he changed all of that, turning it around to be a very happy place to be. Tim was always smiling, greeting the children in the school playground in a morning, whatever the weather and the same as they left school. We will all miss Tim and was pleased to be able to present him with some special gifts.



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Name: Paul Braithwaite
Age: 8
School: Old Clew
Hobbies: Football and Snooker
Favourite Player: All of them
Predicted Score: Mariners 2 Hatters 1



Name: Owen Sanderson
Age: 7
School: Signhills
Hobbies: Football
Favourite Player: Lee Peacock
Predicted Score: Mariners 2 Hatters 1



Name: William Robert Kolberg
Age: 8
School: Stallingborough
Hobbies: Playing for Healing Hotspurs
Favourite Player: All of them
Predicted Score: Mariners 1 Hatters 0

For any further information on any articles featured on today's desktop please contact Lucie Ramsden on (01472) 608006 or email lucie@gtfc.co.uk

Congratulations to Mick Stones on reaching 60!

Mick has been a Life long GTFC supporter, originally as a local Grimsby Lad, but mainly from Down Under.

Ever supportive and vocal Mick is always updating his friends and colleagues of the weekends exploits with unwavering enthusiasm.

Favourite Mariners Moments: - Watching Grimsby Town vs Norwich in 1971 (under the new management of Lawrie McMenemy) with his wife Jen who was heavily pregnant with their first son Richard. Proud Mick had Jen flanked and protected by a host of supporters all looking after her and team. He also recalls with fondness walking out on Blundell Park playing in the Mariners Cup and also having a personal tour with his other son Stephen of Blundell Park by Alan Buckley.

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manager, asked if we could drive the boys to Selby for a friendly match against Selby Town there was no problem.

Andy Mundell and Matt Murphy with guidance from our leader Oliver Cowling do a great job in educating the boys.

We wish the boys a very successful season.

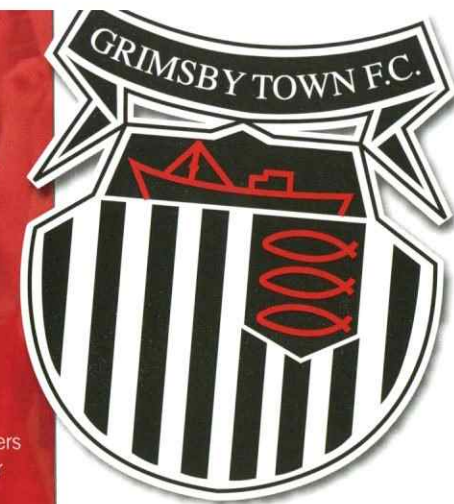


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This has been one of the busiest summers in the schemes history and one of the most successful and rewarding activities has been the fantastic Extended Schools Provision.

This involved activities at SEVEN sites over North East Lincolnshire each week of the holidays culminating in a ground tour of Blundell Park and a tournament at Cheapside on the last day of the holidays. A big 'thank you' to GTFC in allowing us to utilise the stadium and the training ground to deliver the final day.

Over the 5 weeks over 200 young people attended an activity each week, a truly phenomenal attendance rate.

Pictures below show some of the young people enjoying the last day, and include some of the coordinators, Janet Cowan, Lynn Shaw, Angeline Sanderson and Alex Hollandby.

A massive thank you goes out to the unsung efforts of all the Extended Schools Coordinators whose tireless work pulls the whole holiday programme together.

On the final day it was really refreshing to see so many parents/carers attend at Cheapside, we had to open up the overflow car park, to support all the young people and assist and support us in running the tournament.

So a massive thank you to all who attended and made the day work so well.

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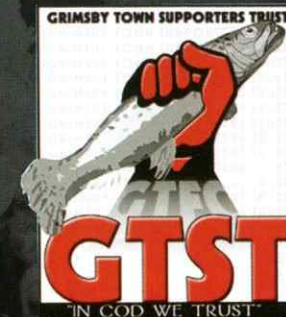
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I hope the Luton fans get a better reception here than I did at Kenilworth Road in 1981.

My attempts to look inconspicuous in a crowded Town end failed when stood behind a Grimsby fan in a Santa outfit...in February! I think the walk back to the station is the worst I've ever had in 30 years. We won 2-0 though. Those were the days though. Both clubs were in with a good shout of promotion to the top flight in a very tight division.

In 2003, I saw Brentford play at Luton and the announcer was giving details of travel to Grimsby on the Tuesday night "if you can stand the smell of fish". I thought this a bit rich given that Luton is hardly the most salubrious of towns. I relayed this to the ticket office when going up and would like to think it played its part in Town winning 3-2. I was getting a lift over from Donny for this and he turned up late, his wife having used the car longer than anticipated. Given the snow, he'd gone a bit cold on the idea of going but I wasn't having any of that and we got to BP 15 minutes late and just in time to see Luton score. However, in the last minute, with a Town free kick and with the scores level, I sang "3-2, we're gonna win 3-2", which drew looks of pity and advice regarding my mental health. Geddin! It felt like justice. All I'd say to those who want to have a cheap joke at our town is have a look at your own first.

Off the soapbox and getting back to today, Luton had got three wins under their belt, including a 3-0 score at much-fancied Fleetwood when this was written. However, a defeat at Tamworth

and a draw at home to Hayes and Yeading shows they aren't invincible. They missed out on automatic promotion to Stevenage having drawn a fair percentage of games early season, which left just too much ground to make up. If Town are to have realistic promotion ambitions, there isn't that much room for error. The BSBP is less forgiving to slow starters than the Football League. Luton also scored goals for fun only towards the end of the last campaign.

Luton may feel they paid for the sins of other clubs as well as their own but the matter is now closed and I was pleased they beat Scunny in the JPT although only through a dislike of their temporary loftier league position. Luton may be bitter at Town staying up at their expense, but they may now feel some justice has been served and both sets of fans share a common (dis)interest in a previous employee.

This game will be televised and thankfully won't be creating the disruption that followed when Setanta provided coverage with Thursday and Sunday evening kick-offs. Setanta's collapse also leaves a bad taste like the failure of ITV's contract which it could be argued has had terrible repercussions for clubs such as Grimsby. Whilst the money will be welcome, we should also be grateful it won't be distorting budgets as televised football did nearly a decade ago.

A 3-2 defeat at Luton in 1996 is notorious for the subsequent off the

pitch "discussion" but I prefer to remember a last minute 2-1 win at Kenilworth Road in 1994, after we'd sung "Johnny Cockerill's Black and White Army!" non-stop in the second half. A 4-1 win in 1992/3 with a Paul Groves hat trick provided another good day out. I won't mention our 7-1 pasting of them in the FA Cup if they don't mention our 6-0 defeat in 1981 against a very good team (safe journey back to the station though). That was when the Town support did a passable "Singing in the Rain" through a downpour.

I suppose my abiding memory of Luton is David Pleat dancing a jig at Maine Road after their win their condemned Man City to relegation.

Whilst our own decline has been calamitous, I can't help sparing a thought (just one!) for Luton and Oxford fans whose teams were in the top flight in the 80s (with Luton staying until the early 90s) and with both winning the League Cup. Despite their histories of playing in the lower leagues, I doubt they could have imagined such a downfall. If anyone had said how things were going to pan out after our double Wembley triumph, even a pessimist would have laughed at the notion. However, Oxford have shown it can be possible to fight back and whilst Luton are outright favourites this year, let's hope we have something to say about that.

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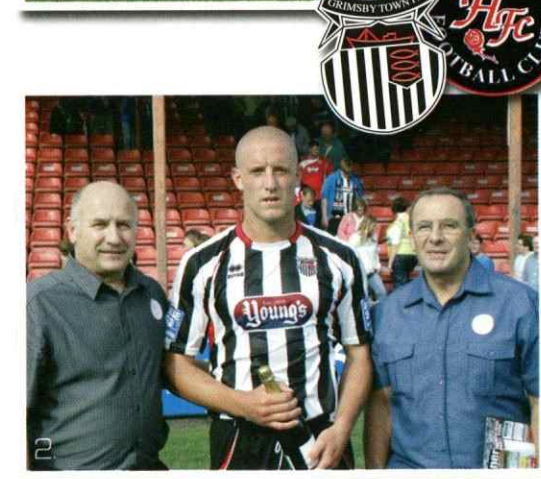
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Date of Birth: 15.04.92
Position: Striker

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Position: Striker

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Position: Defender

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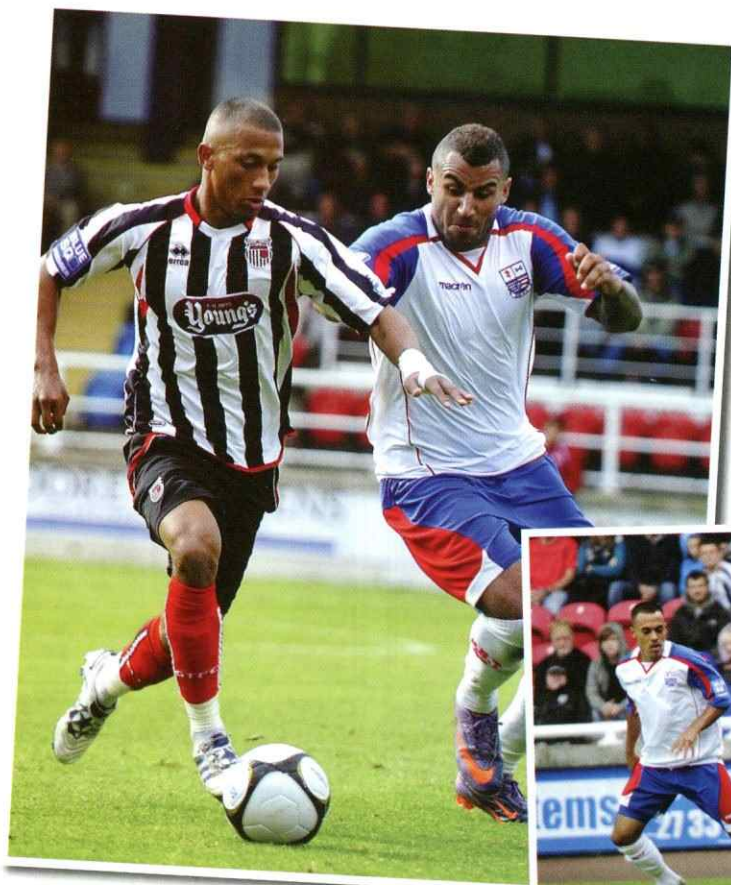
MILLER 41, CHARLES 59, HOWE 60, PORTER 66

GRIMSBY TOWN

HUDSON 47

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Match Photos:
The Grimsby Telegraph

Time Line:

41 mins: GOAL 1-0 TO THE HOSTS. Justin Miller opens the scoring for Diamonds after a sustained period of pressure. A corner from the right by Green finds the unmarked defender on the penalty spot and he nods home.

47 mins: GOAL EQUALISER FOR THE MARINERS. Mark Hudson levels for Town with their first attack of the second half. Lee Peacock crosses the ball from the right and Hudson is on hand to side foot home from eight yards.

58 mins: INJURY. A massive blow for Town as goalkeeper Kenny Arthur complains of a thigh strain but has to continue as the Mariners have no stopper in reserve.

59 mins: GOAL 2-1 TO THE HOME SIDE. Diamonds take full advantage of calamity in the Town defence as Ryan Charles advances to slot past the stricken Arthur.

60 mins: GOAL 3-1 TO DIAMONDS. The Mariners are all at sixes and sevens and Rene Howe is given the freedom of Nene Park to stroll through the visiting defence and fire home the third.

66 mins: GOAL 4-1 TO THE HOSTS. A nightmare seven minutes for Town is complete as Max Porter adds a fourth. The Mariners are chasing shadows as Howe crosses from the left for Green, who nods back for Porter to finish.

81 mins: Hudson fires in a 40-yard screamer that whistles just the far side of Dale Roberts' right-hand upright.



MATCH STATS

DATE: Saturday 28th Aug 2010

COMPETITION:

Blue Square Bet Premier

VENUE: Nene Park

ATT: 1,575

Match Facts:

RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS:

Roberts; Miller, Osano, Stuart, Robinson, Power, Porter, Green (J A Day 88), Johnson (Spence 62), Howe, Charles (Koranteng 79).

Subs not used: J. O. Day, Keehan

MARINERS:

Arthur; Samuels, Kempson, Watt, Wood; Goben (Corner 75), Hudson, Cummins, Eagle (Ademeno 64); Connell, Peacock.

Subs not used: Garner, Fuller, Thanoj



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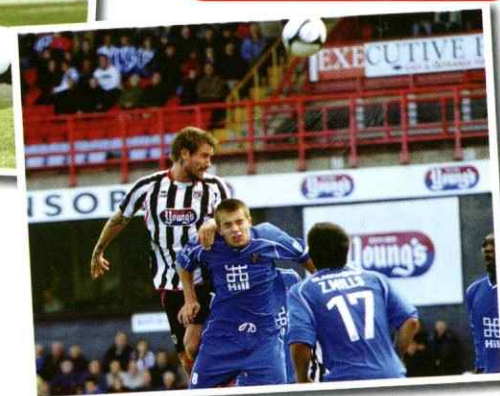
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and Michael White



MATCH STATS

DATE: Monday 30th Aug 2010

COMPETITION:

Blue Square Bet Premier

VENUE: Blundell Park

ATT: 2,925

Match Facts:

MARINERS:

Croudson; Samuels, Wood, Kempson, Watt; Goben (Corner 67), Hudson, Cummins, Connell; Peacock, Ademeno (Eagle 42).

Subs not used: Garner, Stockdale, Peet

HISTON:

Welch; Oyebanjo, Ilesanmi, Clerima, Stewart (Z Mills 42); Okay (Taffe 49), Murray, McCrae, Wootton; Riza, D Mills (Adjei 89).

Subs not used: Stevenson, Lawton.

Time Line:

17 mins: Connell goes close. The Town frontman picks up a lay-off from strike partner Lee Peacock and fizzes a 25-yard drive just past the angle of bar and post.

23 mins: GOAL 1-0 TO THE VISITORS. Completely against the run of play, Histon take the lead. The Mariners get themselves in a tangle at the back and this allows Omer Riza to cross for Lee Wootton to bundle home from close range.

30 mins: Great save from Steve Croudson. The stand-in stopper keeps his side in the game with a fine save with his feet after Riza gets the wrong side of the Mariners' defence.

39 mins: GOAL EQUALISER FOR TOWN. Lewis Goben is felled in the area and Connell steps up to smash home the resulting penalty kick.

42 mins: INJURY. There's more injury woe for the Mariners as Charles Ademeno limps off after pulling his hamstring.

56 mins: Connell is denied when his smart header from a Robert Eagle cross is held under the bar by visiting 'keeper Joe Welch.

84 mins: GOAL CONNELL GETS HIS SECOND. The Mariners take a deserved lead when Connell fires home on the volley after neat build-up play by Peacock.

87 mins: Connell comes close to his hat-trick after latching onto another Eagle cross but this time his effort rises just over the bar.

89 mins: Unbelievable defending from Dwayne Samuels and a goal-line stop from Croudson keep the Mariners in front.

90 mins: Croudson is at it again with a marvellous tip-over from a long-range Wootton effort.

The Middle Man

Lewis Govern

Making Up For Lost Time

Fact File

Name: Lewis Govern
Position: Midfielder
DOB: 28.01.85 | Birmingham
Height: 5'10" | **Weight:** 11st 7lbs
Career: Wolves, Hartlepool (L), Blackpool (L), Bury (L), Colchester (L), MK Dons
GTFC Apps: 3 | **Goals:** 0



New Grimsby Town winger Lewis Govern is aiming to use these coming weeks to make up for the time he has lost on the sidelines already this season.

The 25-year-old signing from MK Dons was one of Neil Woods' prized captures in the summer and comes with a series of glittering reports from his former employees. It has been a stop-start pre-season for the former Wolves trainee though and he only got 45 minutes' worth of football under his belt in the Mariners' series of friendly outings.

Govern admits it has been a frustrating start to his Grimsby career: "It was disappointing to say the least. I just wanted to get here and make a fresh start but I picked up a slight strain in pre-season training and it was felt that it was best to leave me out of the opening friendlies as a precaution.

"I pushed myself though because I was desperate to make an impression but when I made my two appearances in pre-season I felt something go again and it was back to square one – it really kept setting me back and I ended up with barely 45 minutes football under my belt."

Lewis is not the only Mariner to suffer from injury woes this term and with his team-mates falling down around him he was thrust into the deep end for the recent victory at Darlington and he made an instant impression:

"It was great to finally get out on the field and start playing," he admitted, "just to get the ball at my feet and be able to do the things that I want to do.

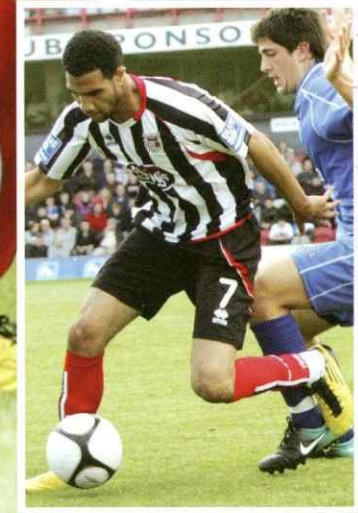
"It was a good win for us but that's only a glimpse of what I believe I am capable of. Ideally I wouldn't have played the full 90 minutes but needs must and we got the result we wanted, even though I was feeling a little leggy towards the end.

"A few of the lads were joking that they had to carry me back to the coach after the game!"

The hectic start to the 2010/11 Blue Square Bet Premier season has certainly tested Govern's abilities but he has come through a period of three games in six days relatively unscathed and he hopes that will stand him in good stead for coming games: "I've started all those games and so far I have been alright. I did start to feel it a bit towards the end of today's (Histon) game but hopefully with a day's rest I can get a good week's training under my belts and then step up another gear for the visit of Luton."

Like many around Blundell Park, Lewis was relieved to see the side

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The Middle Man

come away with three points against a resolute Histon side, he said:

"It wasn't our best performance but sometimes you just have to take the three points and move on.

"There are games where we will play better than that and not come away with anything.

"The most important thing is that we rebounded from Saturday's loss at Rushden and thankfully we've done that.

He continued: "We don't like to make excuses but you have to remember that we have a lot of players out at the minute and that has not helped us - we would like to have a settled side but that is not the case at the moment.

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The Mariners responded well and crucially got level before the break thanks to an Alan Connell penalty. Gobern was the player fouled in the build-up and he feels that the referee had no choice but to point to the spot, he said: "I drifted inside and spotted a gap between the two defenders but as I have gone for it, one of their lads has come in from the side and another in the back and I had nowhere else to go but down.

"It had to be a penalty really and it's great to have someone like Alan (Connell) in the side because he is very confident in these situations and he practices them after training all the time."

Town pressed on in the second period but left it late for a winner, coming in the 85th-minute through Connell. Lewis took time out to praise his team-mate's match-winning display: "Alan's got lots of quality," he declared, "you can see from the goals he's scored that he is an intelligent player. He's fantastic to play with because he looks for the ball that a lot

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of other players wouldn't think of."

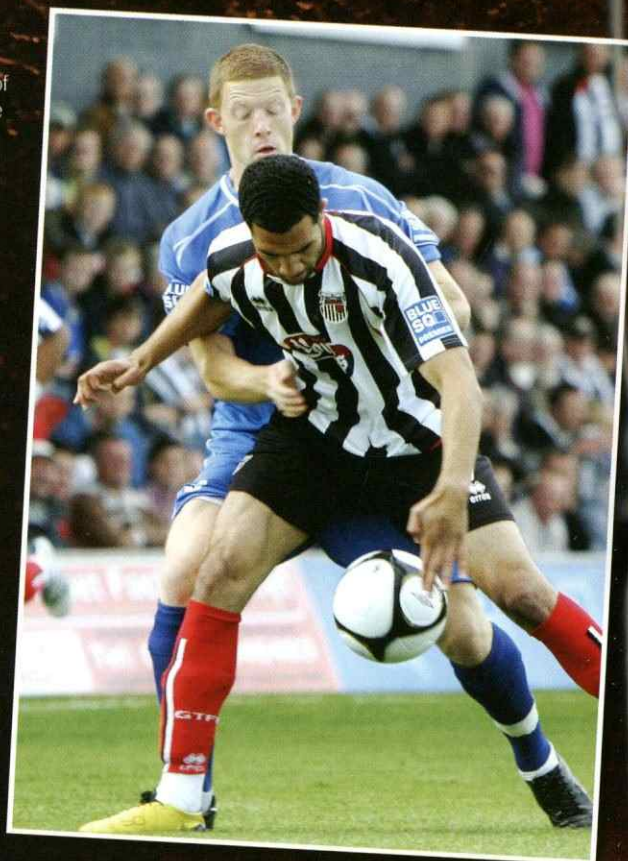
Most observers will be more familiar with Lewis from his days playing for Wolves and MK Dons in the plush surroundings of Molineux and stadium:mk but he admits he had no problem dropping into non-league with the Mariners: "For me it was all about football and what direction the club were heading in," stated the Mariners' winger, "I came here and had a look around and was impressed with the manager's vision for where he wants the club to go and the squad that he was putting together.

"I had offers from a couple of Football League clubs but that wasn't a concern for me because I think I have come to a club who are desperately looking to move forward."

The Mariners will certainly be put to the test against a strong Luton side here today at Blundell Park but Lewis is expecting an exciting game from Richard Money's much-fancied side:

"I think Luton will be a different proposition than the two teams we have last played here (Histon and Hayes & Yeading)," he said, "I think that they will be a bit more open and look to play more football and that will suit us.

"There's no doubt that both sides have plenty of quality so it should make for an entertaining game. It's also in front of the TV cameras so that always adds a little bit extra to a game."



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Mariners visit Irthlingborough

Away Days



The day dawned with bright sunshine and optimism after the midweek trip to Darlo. It ended with both heavy rain and a defeat. The intrepid Gary and Glynn met me at Thorne before a fatboy's breakfast in The Treadle café and a hopefully uneventful run down the A1. This became the M1 after missing the turn off!

Irthlingborough is a bit like the Twilight Zone and we wondered if we had entered this when we realised we hadn't spent half the morning in M1 roadworks. Not a single pub did food and this quaint looking village looked as though the local chippy was the centre of culinary excellence. We did pop down to the ground and had a look in the well appointed club shop and got our programme.

We thought we'd try our luck in nearby Higham Ferrers and repaired to the Green Dragon, which we found after accosting the same couple twice for directions. No food here unless you fancied the barbecue. It looked as though they were having a fun day complete with bouncy castle and a mini beer festival. The latter raised my hackles as I can't see the fuss in caramel overtures and nutty aftertastes and all that tosh. Get it down your neck. I suppose the bouncy castle would be a good landing though for the unsteady of foot after too many...

We did clock a Grimsby fish van, just to show we get everywhere as we decided to leave this posh village, where they probably hang folk of my political leanings.

Having eventually satisfied our appetites except for Glynn who seems to be a regular victim of anti-social kitchen staff, it was time to go down to Rushden's tidy stadium. Here, you get

a sense of Town having stood still whilst smaller clubs have pushed forwards. The Strikers bar heaved with Town fans and Glynn finally got his pie in the Kimberley Suite where we should probably have gone instead of touring up market, but ultimately dull villages.

We bumped into Hilton, a Town fan living in Reading, who had punished his son by bringing him. I've known him since the 1980s when we'd join up with other friends at London games. Hilton has already inducted his daughters into a lifetime of misery as Town fans although he actually has no connection with Grimsby at all but decided to follow us after picking us at random from the old Division Two table with his mate Julian (who still comes as well!). We had a good chat about previous drinking atrocities at the Market Porter pub near London Bridge prior to South London games. That's what keeps us going, the thought of a return to former glories!

The front row was chosen in this frame of optimism, offering as it did far better scope for a goal celebration and getting yourself on the telly or in the paper. Unfortunately, we were treated to Town coming under continual pressure from the home team, with dangerous balls coming in from all angles. It wasn't a surprise to see Town concede from poor marking and the miracle was we didn't go further behind before half time. To add insult to injury, the bright sky had become suddenly overcast and the front rows were soon feeling the rain. If I have one niggle about Nene Park, it is that most of the away end was cordoned off and it would have been nice for the stewards to open up a bit more of the stand to allow everyone to get somewhere drier.

We were just taking our seats for the second half when Hudson converted from a good cross right in front of us. It was a shame that Giles, one of the London Mariners, and his young son George missed this as we blocked their view! Not only was George watching a Town game, presumably for breaking a window or walking under a ladder, but he misses one of the few positives for us in this game.

Great, we thought, a get out of jail free card successfully played.

Unfortunately, an injury to Kenny Arthur and the Town team going AWOL meant that parity didn't last long. Arthur was beaten twice in quick succession which was the cue for the previously impressive Town fans to fall silent (myself included) and a fair number to exit the ground. You had to laugh at the previously unnoticed home support singing "we can see you sneaking out" given that there was nothing sneaky about it when this became an exodus on the fourth goal for Rushden. I'm just pleased that the home team then relented as we were well beaten and it could have been worse.

I did like the bit in the programme where a fan described how he turned his back on West Ham for non league Lewes and gave 10 reasons for preferring this standard of football. One was that the fans are realists. I think we are after the euphoria of Tuesday.

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ROCK N' GOAL YEARS

1982

Two goals by Kevin Drinkell plus Joe Waters' penalty gave Grimsby Town a 3-2 Second Division win over Carlisle United at Brunton Park on 4th September 1982: Nigel Batch, Dave Moore, Dean Crombie, Joe Waters, Neil Cooper, Kevin Moore, Tony Ford (Mick Speight), Kevin Kilmore, Kevin Drinkell, Phil Bonnyman, Trevor Whymark.



Steve King and Noel Ashford scored two goals apiece as Enfield hammered Telford United 6-2 at Southbury Road Colin Garwood grabbed a hat-trick as Boston United gained a thrilling 6-3 victory at home to Yeovil Town Mark Ward netted a hat-trick in Northwich Victoria's 4-1 win over Kettering Town at Rockingham Road. Goals by Sammy Lee and Phil Neal gave Liverpool a 2-0 victory at home to West Brom Kevin Moran, Frank Stapleton and Steve Coppell netted to give Manchester United a

3-0 victory over Birmingham City at Old Trafford Kevin Keegan scored the only goal of the match on his debut for Newcastle United at home to QPR.



NO 1 SINGLE: Eye Of The Tiger - Survivor



1987

Goals by Steve Saunders, Ian Walsh and Don O'Riordan gave Grimsby Town a 3-1 Third Division win over Preston in front of 5,522 at Deepdale on 5th September 1987: Steve Sherwood, Ian Toale, Paul Agnew, Phil Turner, Trevor Slack, Dave Burgess, Steve Saunders, Ian Walsh, Tommy Watson, Don O'Riordan, Scott McGarvey.



Weymouth defeated Lincoln City 3-0 in the first competitive match in front of 3,500 at their new £2 million Wessex Stadium Goals by Tony Pamphlett, Mick Doherty and Tony Lynch gave Maidstone United a 3-0 win at home to Bath City Dave Sansom scored twice as Barry Fry's Barnet trounced Welling United 5-2 at Underhill.



Alan Smith scored Arsenal's first League hat-trick for nearly four years in a 6-0 hammering of Portsmouth at Highbury Brian McClair, Gordon Strachan and Norman Whiteside scored in Manchester United's 3-1 win over Chelsea at Old Trafford Steve Nicol netted twice as Liverpool defeated Coventry City 4-1 at Highfield Road.

NO 1 SINGLE: Never Gonna Give You Up - Rick Astley

1992

Clive Mendonca's penalty gave Grimsby Town a 1-1 First Division draw with Oxford United watched by 4,546 at Blundell Park on 5th September 1992: Rhys Wilmot, John McDermott (Tony Rees), Kevin Jobling, Peter Handyside, Paul Agnew, Jim Dobbin, Tommy Watson, Tony Ford, Paul Groves, Clive Mendonca, Neil Woods.



Goals by Keith Scott and Simon Stapleton gave Martin O'Neill's Wycombe Wanderers a 2-0 victory at Farnborough Town Mark Shail, Paul Wilson and Paul Nevin scored to give Yeovil Town a 3-0 victory at Welling United Martin Boyle scored to give Bath City a 1-1 draw with Merthyr Tydfil at Penydarren Park.

David Burrows, Dean Saunders and Ray Houghton scored to give Liverpool a 3-1 win over Everton at Anfield Arsenal ended Manchester City's unbeaten record as goals by Alan Smith and Anders Limpar secured a 2-1 win at Highbury Lee Chapman's first-half strike gave Leeds United a 1-1 draw at leaders Manchester United.

NO 1 SINGLE: Rhythm Is A Dancer - Snap!



1997



Strikes by David Reeves and Lee Ashcroft gave Preston a 2-0 Second Division win at home to the following Grimsby Town team on 2nd September 1997: Aidan Davison, John McDermott (Tommy Widdrington), Kevin Jobling, Peter Handyside, Mark Lever, Nicky Southall, Kevin Donovan, Dave Gilbert (Kingsley Black), Steve Livingstone, Jack Lester (Neil Woods), Paul Groves.

Two goals by Joe O'Connor plus another from Paul Carty gave Hednesford Town a 3-1 victory at Dover Athletic



Brendan Burke grabbed a hat-trick as Stalybridge Celtic triumphed 6-1 at home to Leek Town Strikes by Michael Mison, Jamie Ndah and Darren Collins gave Rushden & Diamonds a 3-2 victory at home to Gateshead. Chris Sutton and Kevin Gallacher scored to give leaders Blackburn Rovers a 2-1 win at Crystal Palace Goals by Andy Cole, Roy Keane and Karel Poborsky gave Manchester United a 3-0 victory over Coventry City at Old Trafford Aston Villa gained their first points after five matches with a 1-0 win at home to Leeds United.

NO 1 SINGLE: Men In Black - Will Smith



2002

Steve Claridge scored twice to give Millwall a 2-0 First Division victory over the following Grimsby Town team watched by 6,677 at The Den: Danny Coyne, John McDermott, Tony Gallimore, Paul Groves, Steve Chettle (Terry Cooke), Stacy Coldicott, Stuart Campbell, Alan Pouton (Phil Jevons), Simon Ford, Steve Kabba, Darren Barnard (Paul Robinson).



Goals by Mark Arber, Junior Ago and Mark Gower gave Barnet a 3-0 win over Burton Albion at Eton Park Mark Beesley scored twice as Chester City triumphed 2-0 at Forest Green Rovers Gregg Blundell's hat-trick plus goals by Mark Devlin and David McNiven gave Northwich Victoria a 5-0 victory over Halifax Town at The Shay. Two goals by Sylvain Wiltord plus others from Ashley Cole, Lauren and Jeremie Aladiere gave Arsenal a 5-2 win at home to West Brom Tore Andre Flo scored to give Sunderland a 1-1 draw with Manchester United at the Stadium of Light Simon Davies' goal gave Tottenham Hotspur a 1-0 win over Charlton Athletic at The Valley.

NO 1 SINGLE: Crossroads - Blazin' Squad



2007

Goals by Dave Hibbert and Michael Symes gave Shrewsbury Town a 2-1 League Two win at home to the following Grimsby Town team on 1st September 2007: Phil Barnes, Nick Fenton, Tom Newey, James Hunt, Ryan Bennett, Justin Whittle, Paul Bolland (Dave Mulligan) (Gary Jones), Isiah Rankin (Danny North), Ciaran Toner, Danny Boshell. Exeter City went top as two goals by Dean Moxey plus another from Lee Elam secured a 2-2 victory at Droylsden Chris Hargreaves and Chris Robertson scored as Torquay United drew 2-2 with Forest Green Rovers at The Lawn Goals by Leo Fortune-West and Scott Rendell gave Cambridge United a 2-2 draw at Weymouth.



Cesc Fabregas' late goal gave Arsenal a 1-0 victory over unbeaten leaders Manchester City at Emirates Stadium Manchester United gained their first win of the season as Nani's strike defeated Tottenham Hotspur 1-0 at Old Trafford Goals by Momo Sissoko and Andriy Voronin gave Liverpool a 2-0 victory at Sunderland.

NO 1 SINGLE: Kanye West - Stronger



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Mariners Memorabilia

A new series of 'Mariners Memorabilia' kicks-off with one of the most important items for any football fan.

What a Carry On!

The cover of today's item conjures up images of Hattie Jacques, Sid James and Barbara Windsor, as the Mariners did their bit for a worthy charitable cause.

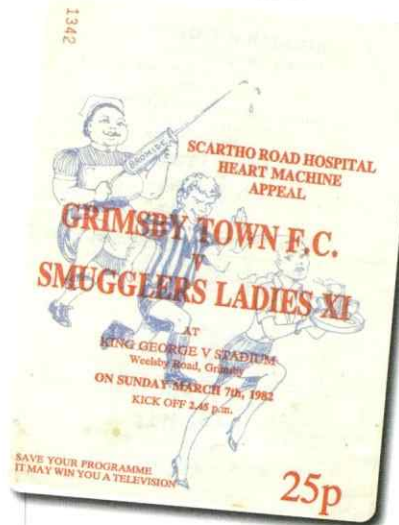
Charity games have been part of the soccer calendar since the sport's early days, with the annual Community Shield each August the best known. Blundell Park too, has staged many such occasions, while prior to our featured March 1982 fixture, Town in recent years had met a Top Ten XI (1979) and the Grimsby Football League (1980) for deserving causes.

Held at King George V Stadium, Grimsby met a Ladies XI from the Smugglers' Inn just 24 hours after a 0-0 home draw with Luton Town. That the Mariners would risk a near-full strength side during a relegation battle in Division Two – keeper Nigel Batch was also to take part in a penalty

competition – is something unlikely to be considered now.

Consisting of eight pages for 25p, the programme is among the more difficult of recent times to obtain, and is probably missing from a good number of Town collections. Charity issues tend to be heavy on advertising and this is no exception with three pages devoted to sponsors, although there are some familiar names associated with the club – for example, Peter Furneaux (Fleetway Electrical), Dave Boylen (Freetime Sports), and Don Beardsley Estate Agents.

The centre pages show the teams, supported by amusing pen pictures. Clive Wigginton we are informed, is 'excused all training sessions that fall on pension day', while Trevor Whymark has a back injury, 'caused by picking up Batch's wage packet'. The Ladies come in for similar comment.



Continuing the 'Carry On' theme, Ann Rose is considered a 'good mover in any position', while Chris Stones 'never minds extra time' (!)

Officiated by fish merchant Guy Allen (who died earlier this year), the match surprisingly received little press coverage either before or after – another reason perhaps, for the programme's scarcity. It was however, reported that over £500 was raised, and added to their previous fund-raising efforts, the Ladies could now buy a new heart machine for Scartho Hospital.

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DATE: Tuesday 24th August 2004 | **COMPETITION:** Carling Cup 1st Round
VENUE: Blundell Park | **ATT:** 3,005

When one conjures up the image of a cup upset in their mind, unfashionable Wigan Athletic are not the first team that spring to mind.

Indeed, any previous meetings with the Mariners were normally in the bottom two divisions when the men from the East Coast made one of their infrequent forays to the lower reaches of league football.

This Carling Cup tie in August 2004 was a different proposition though. The two teams were now in role reverse and the Latics had missed the Mariners on their way up through the leagues as Town plummeted to a place in League Two.

Backed by the investment of Dave Whelan, the Lancastrians had become a force to be reckoned with and had just missed out on the Division One Play Offs, having only just been promoted from Division Two. They arrived at Blundell Park as Championship leaders.

Manager Paul Jewell, himself an ex-Mariner, was able to boast a side brimming with quality and experience. Goalkeeper Gary Walsh



had top flight experience from a career with Manchester United, Middlesbrough and Bradford.

Brazilian defender Emerson Thome had been transferred for fees topping £7-million in an English career that had taken in Sheffield Wednesday, Chelsea, Sunderland and Bolton.

Leighton Baines lined up at left back, the future England International having come through the ranks at Athletic. Highly-rated midfielder Jimmy Bullard was named in the centre of the park, alongside Irish International Alan Mahon.



Up front there was an embarrassment of riches for the Lancastrians. More internationals in the shape of Neil Roberts and Lee McCulloch, alongside new six-figure signing David Graham.

Russell Slade's Mariners' side were a work in progress with all eyes on the front trio of Michael Reddy, Ashley Sestanovich and Andy Parkinson. Former Middlesbrough defender Dean Gordon lined up at left centre half, whilst veteran John McDermott played his 650th game for the club.

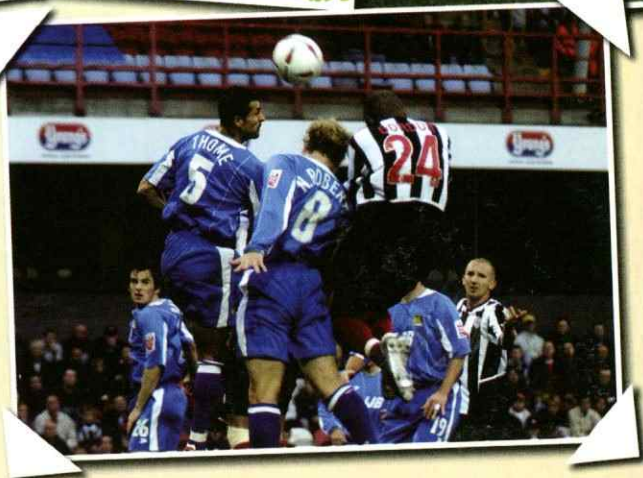
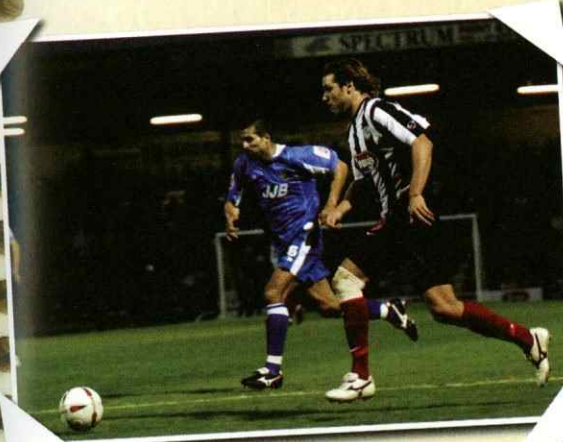
An indifferent start to the season meant there were only just over 3,000 at Blundell Park but they missed a treat as Slade's side turned in a fantastic performance.

The Mariners were on top early and Reddy tested Walsh with a rasping right-foot drive after outpacing Ian Breckin – the Wigan stopper acrobatically tipping the ball over the bar.

The former Red Devil would have no chance on 16 minutes though as Town took the lead in fine fashion. Sestanovich was the architect with a clever through ball to the perfectly-timed run of Parkinson. The diminutive winger advanced and smashed a 25-yard effort beyond Walsh and into the top corner to the acclaim of the Mariners' faithful.

Town's higher level opposition had no answer to the movement and link-up play between Slade's front three and it was almost two midway through the half – Parkinson and Reddy linking up to lay the ball back to Sestanovich, who shot narrowly over from 20 yards.

The visitors' only chance of the half came towards the end of the first period. Baines floated in a clever free kick from the left but Roberts could only direct his header wide of the target.



Reddy's pace in the final third was causing untold problems and the big Irishman sped away again at the start of the second half. His cross was met by the head of the onrushing Jason Crowe and he was unlucky to see his effort go just wide of the upright.

As the game passed the hour the Mariners' fans were almost treated to a genuine Goal of the Season contender. Reddy and Parkinson saw their link-up play break down and the loose ball ran back towards the Town half. Cue Gordon, who stepped and unleashed a thunderbolt of a drive from fully 40 yards, which arrowed towards the top corner, only to be palmed away at full stretch by Walsh.

The expected onslaught from the visitors never materialised and Town stopper Anthony Williams went largely untroubled, although he did have to get down smartly to save Graham's low drive in the last five minutes.

GRIMSBY: Williams; Ramsden, Whittle, Gordon; McDermott, Fleming, Pinault, Crowe; Reddy, Parkinson, Sestanovich (Marcelle).

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By Lee Jones, Sports Writer, Grimsby Telegraph

Special Agents?



For this week's rant, I mean opinion piece, I am going to turn my bitterness towards perhaps the least popular of all the shady figures associated with football – agents.

Earlier this month, the Football League published its annual figures on how much clubs paid out to agents last season.

It revealed that a staggering £12.7 million was given to agents for a total of almost 400 'transactions'. That

figure was up £3.9 million from the previous year and looks set to continue rising.

The Mariners played their part – paying agents £17,775 last season for four new signings and six loan deals, as they desperately tried to cling onto their place in the Football League. In fact, Town were the third biggest spenders in League Two with regards outlays to football representatives.

But as Town chairman John Fenty explained in the Telegraph only last week, football agents have become "a necessary evil."

"No club likes to pay agents' fees but that's the game we are in," he commented.

"If you are not prepared to pay agents then they will not recommend your club to their players – it's as simple as that."

Now, is it just me or does anyone else struggle to understand what football agents actually do for their money nowadays?

My initial perception was that agents were there to get the best possible deal for their clients – in

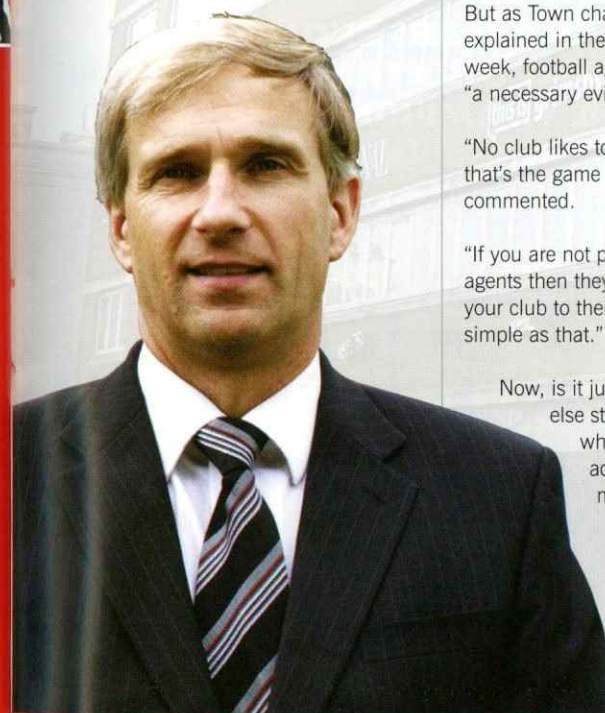
terms of wages, length of contract, etc, etc.

But in light of Mr Fenty's comments, it appears that it has got to the point where agents now have the power to decide which clubs their players will even bother talking to. And which will be dismissed out of hand because they refuse to pay an additional 'fee' to go straight into an agent's pocket.

I find it hard to see how this benefits the player himself, and effectively writing off thousands of pounds for agents' fees certainly doesn't do the clubs any favours either. While Town's outlay is relatively small in comparison to many Championship and League One clubs – Middlesbrough spent almost £1.5 million last season – it is still money that could be better spent elsewhere within the club, on improving facilities or even lowering ticket prices for the poor old fans.

That is as opposed to millions of pounds going out of the sport completely – something no footie fan wants to see.

My solution - let's get back to the days of players negotiating their own contracts, where two weeks in Majorca or a new Ford Granda would persuade a player to sign for a club, not a pile of cash going straight into an agent's bank account.



MIGHTY'S ALTERNATIVE LOOK



MATCH THE NAME UNDERNEATH TO ONE OF THE POOL ON THE RIGHT

- 1 SWINDON TOWN
- 2 KEIREN POLLARD
- 3 CRAIG BELLAMY
- 4 MARLON KING
- 5 NINIAN PARK
- 6 GAY MEADOW
- 7 ELIO DE ANGELIS
- 8 BRADLEY WIGGINS
- 9 BEN KAY
- 10 GLANFORD PARK

- 1 SCUNTHORPE UNITED
- 2 COVENTRY CITY
- 3 GILLINGHAM
- 4 LOTUS
- 5 TEAM GARMIN TRANSITION
- 6 LEICESTER TIGERS
- 7 SOMERSET
- 8 SHREWSBURY TOWN
- 9 CARDIFF CITY
- 10 DANNY WILSON

WORDSEARCH

Find the 7 non Swedish clubs and 3 nations that Sven has managed



WHO AM I!

1. I was born in Liverpool in 1955
2. I combined playing for Tranmere with studying for an economics degree
3. A wideman, Man Utd signed me in 1975 and I played there until injury curtailed my career
4. In this time, I started 42 times for England
5. Appointed Palace boss aged just 28, I had 4 different spells there between 1984 and 2000
6. I was Man City boss for 33 days in 1996
7. Spells at Brighton and Brentford followed with varying degrees of success
8. Moving to Reading in 2003, promotion to the Premier League followed in 2005-6
9. I resigned from Reading in 2009 after failing to get them back into the Premier League
10. I resigned as Bristol City boss after just 2 games in charge in August 2010

HOW MANY CLUBS FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE WON THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE /EUROPEAN CUP (SINCE 1955)

HOW OLD IS.....

1. Spain
2. Italy
3. England

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE

4. Won the Champions League/European Cup
5. Been losing finalists in the Champions League/European Cup
6. Won the UEFA Cup

WHAT WAS THEIR AVERAGE LEAGUE GATE FOR 2009-10

7. Wolves
8. Cardiff City
9. Huddersfield Town

HOW MANY ENGLAND GOALS DID THEY SCORE

10. Alan Shearer
11. Paul Scholes
12. John Barnes

WHAT WAS THE SCORE IN THE: 1. 2-2 3. 4-4 4. 4-6 5. 4-6 6. 1-7 28365 8.
 UNDERNEATH ANSWERS FROM THIS POOL 1 SWINDON TOWN
 DANNY WILSON (current manager), 2 KEIREN POLLARD SOMERSET (played for them), 3 CRAIG BELLAMY COVENTRY CITY (used to play for them), 4 MARLON KING GILLINGHAM (used to play for them), 5 NINIAN PARK CARDIFF CITY (former ground), 6 GAY MEADOW SHREWSBURY TOWN
 7 ELIO DE ANGELIS LOTUS (former ground), 8 BRADLEY WIGGINS TEAM GARMIN TRANSITIONS (former cycling team), 9 BEN KAY LEICESTER TIGERS (left club in 2010), 10 GLANFORD PARK SCUNTHORPE UNITED (current ground) WHO AM I? is Steve Coppell.



Mariners Mastermind



Name: Steven Watt
Position: Defender
DOB: 01.05.85 | Aberdeen
Height: 6' 3" | **Weight:** 13st 12lb
Career: Chelsea, Barnsley (L), Swansea, Inverness (L), Ross County, Grimsby
GTFC Apps: 6 | **Goals:** 1

Welcome to our 2010/11 Grimsby Town Players' Quiz. This season our stars step into the hotseat to play Mariners' Mastermind. Our First Round sees the players tackle ten general knowledge questions and at the end of the round the eight top-scoring players will advance to the knockout stages.

Question	Answer	
1. According to the New York Times World Almanac, what was the estimated population of the world in 1 AD? Plus or minus 25 million?	Plus 25 million	✓
2. Which male first name stems from the Greek word meaning 'crown'?	Steven	✓
3. Which popular article of clothing originated in the French city Nimes?	Denim Jeans	✓
4. Who was the only goalkeeper to win the title European Footballer of the Year?	Lev Yashin	✓
5. Which country joined the G6 in 1976, thus making it the G7?	China	✗
6. In which three Hollywood blockbusters from 1998 was New York City laid to waste?	Godzilla, World Trade Center, Day After Tomorrow	✗
7. What did Oscar Wilde describe as "The unspeakable in pursuit of the uneatable"?	Fox Hunting	✓
8. Who co-owned Sex, the 'punk emporium' in the 1970s, with entrepreneur Malcolm McLaren?	Vivienne Westwood	✓
9. The film Rocky took place in which city?	Philadelphia	✓
10. Which fearless woman was born in Wimbledon on Feb 14th 1968?	Lara Croft	✓

Total: 8/10

1. Plus 25 million (200 million) 2. Steven 3. Denim Jeans 4. Lev Yashin 5. Canada 6. Armageddon Deep Impact & Godzilla 7. Fox Hunting 8. Vivienne Westwood 9. Philadelphia 10. Lara Croft.



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DREAM DEBUTS

STEVE CROUDSON

GRIMSBY TOWN WOLVES

Division One | 04.05.99

Grimsby Town goalkeeping coach certainly makes his appearances in the black and white memorable. The 29-year-old hit the headlines this past week when he donned the gloves after a near nine-year absence from Blundell Park to answer the Mariners' emergency call for a goalkeeper after injuries to Kenny Arthur and Nick Colgan.

One could be forgiven for feeling déjà vu as the Grimsby-born 'keeper earned the Man-of-the-Match Award against Histon, just as he had done eleven years earlier when he wowed the Blundell Park faithful with a breathtaking display against promotion-chasing Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Ironically, it was the absence of two goalkeepers that paved the way for Croudson's debut, aged just 18. Aidan Davison was out of favour and his deputy, Andy Love, had picked up a knock, meaning that manager Alan Buckley had to turn to his teenage stopper for the visit of the mighty Midlands' outfit.

It wasn't so much 'thrown to the lions' as 'thrown to the wolves' for Croudson

who faced a strike force that featured Norwegian star Havarud Flo, who had turned out for his country in the World Cup just 11 months previously, and youngster Robbie Keane, who ten years later would command transfer fees totalling £70-million.



Name: Steve Croudson
Position: Goalkeeper
DOB: 24.11.80 | Grimsby
Height: 6'
Weight: 13st 12lbs
Career: Grimsby Town (2), Scunthorpe (L), Boston, Stevenage, Halifax, Kettering, Bangor, Rhyl, Cammell Laird
GTFC Apps: 9 | 0

Colin Lee's side were still in with a serious shout of the Division One Play Offs and a long-awaited promotion to the Premier League, so goals were on the agenda as they travelled to the East Coast for a match with a Mariners' side whose slim Play Off hopes had faded some weeks previously – there was no doubt that Croudson was in for a baptism of fire.

Over 7,000 fans were crammed into Blundell Park for the game and the visitors set their stall out to attack early. Kevin Muscat advanced over halfway and threaded a ball through to Flo who pulled the trigger instantly but was met by a full stretch smother from Croudson.

The Norwegian striker was again ruing his luck on 15 minutes. This time he was played through by Neil

Emblen who but saw Croudson get a vital fingertip to the ball, which rolled onto the inside of the post and back into the grateful arms of the Town stopper.

It took Town until the stroke of half time to muster an opening and then winger Kevin Donovan shot straight at Wolves' stopper Mike Stowell when well-placed in the area.

In the second half the visitors continued to pile forward but in Croudson they found a goalkeeper who refused to be beaten. Keane tricked and teased his way inside the Town defence but then saw the young Town goalkeeper turn away his stinging drive with the a flying save.

As the game approached the last quarter the visitors thought they had found the key that would unlock the Mariners' defence. Muscat got to the by-line and whipped in a cross that was met by the head of Emblen. The ball flew goalwards and the vast majority of the 2,000 visiting supporters in the Osmond rose to acclaim the goal but they were denied by a stunning one-handed tip-away from Croudson, reminiscent of Gordon Banks in the 1970 World Cup Finals against Brazil.

Lee had earlier played his trump card in the shape of talismanic ex-England man Steve Bull, who took up a forward position alongside Keane and Flo and later substitute Steve Corica.

Bull was only afforded one chance in his cameo appearance and it came in the 83rd-minute. Typically outmuscling his marker, the striker fired in a left foot drive, which Croudson again flung himself full-length out to tip around the post.

The final whistle was greeted with a standing ovation for the Mariners' stand-in stopper as he collected his well-deserved Man of the Match champagne. For the visitors from the West Midlands there was nothing but dejection as they resigned themselves to another season in the second tier.

TOWN: Croudson; Butterfield, Gallimore, Handyside, Groves; Donovan, Burnett, Coldicott, Black; Clare, Lester. **Subs not used:** Bloomer, Buckley, Chapman



Old Boys Club

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In a new series for the 2010/11 season, *THE MARINER* looks back at some of the stars who have pulled on the black and white stripes over the seasons and what they are up to at their current clubs.



Former Grimsby Town loan striker **BEN WRIGHT** has joined the Crawley revolution after completing a £65,000 switch to the Sussex outfit. Wright had previously been at Crawley's Blue Square Bet Premier rivals Hayes & Yeading United

on loan, scoring five goals in the process.

Goalkeeper **PHIL BARNES** was unable to keep a clean sheet as his Gainsborough Trinity side were held 1-1 by Workington Town at Northolme. Youngster **JAMIE STEEL** helped Brigg Town to a 6-2 FA Cup win over Rainworth Miners Welfare at the Hawthorns.



There was no such fortune for last season's winger **JAMMAL SHAHIN** as Selby Town were beaten 4-0 on their own patch by rivals Ossett Albion.

After being linked with a move to

Bridgnorth Town, it now looks like former Mariners' striker **ADAM PROUDLOCK** is set to move into the Blue Square Bet Premier with Kidderminster Harriers.

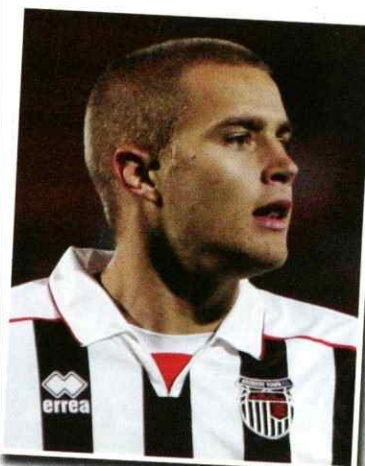


Former Town midfielder **DANNY BOSHELL** joined Blue Square North outfit Guiseley prior to the Bank Holiday weekend.

TERRELL FORBES was part of the Leyton Orient side that picked up a tremendous 2-0 win at Brighton in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in midweek - Orient are managed by ex-Town boss **RUSSELL SLADE**.



Striker **MARTIN GRITTON** came off the bench and helped his Torquay side dispose of League One newcomers Bournemouth on penalties. Another ex-Mariner making a substitute appearance in the tournament was **PAUL BOLLAND** who played the last 20 minutes for

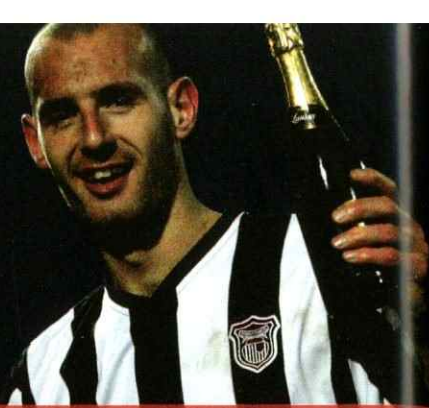


Former Mariners' striker **DARYL CLARE** made his full Cambridge debut and helped the U's to a 2-0 win over Altrincham at the Abbey Stadium.

Macclesfield in their win over Morecambe.

Defender **DANNY BUTTERFIELD** was substituted in Southampton's 3-0 defeat to Swindon, whilst ex-Town loanee **ARNAUD MENDY** joined Tranmere on loan from Derby and played the second half of their JPT defeat to Accrington.

Another former loan man, **OLIVER LANCASHIRE**, was also substituted as his Walsall side slumped to a 2-1 home defeat by League Two Chesterfield.



Evolution: Robbie Stockdale

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MIDDLESBROUGH 1997-2004

Robbie came through the ranks at the Riverside but was originally regarded as a striker before being converted to a right back by former England defender Viv Anderson, who reckoned that the Redcar-born star's debut was 'the best debut he had ever seen'. Robbie never looked back once converted to the defensive position and he racked up 75 Premier League appearances and won five Scottish caps in the process, whilst also starring on loan at Sheffield Wednesday and West Ham.



ROTHERHAM UNITED 2004-2005

After a successful loan spell at Millmoor, Robbie completed a permanent switch to South Yorkshire. He soon became a regular in Ronnie Moore's side and was regarded as one of the Championship's top defenders but the club were inundated with interest for the Scottish International and they struggled to keep the player in their ranks.



HULL CITY 2005-2006

It was big spending Hull that came calling and Robbie joined the Tigers in time to help the club win promotion to League One. He was surprisingly left out of

Factfile

Name: Robbie Stockdale
Position: Defender
DOB: 30.11.79 | Redcar
Height: 5'11" | **Weight:** 11st 3lbs
Career: Middlesbrough, Sheffield Wednesday (L), West Ham (L), Rotherham (L), Rotherham, Hull, Darlington (L), Tranmere, Grimsby Town
GTFC Apps: 32 | **Goals:** 1

action at the KC Stadium in 2005/06 though and his only football came on loan back in his native North East with Darlington.

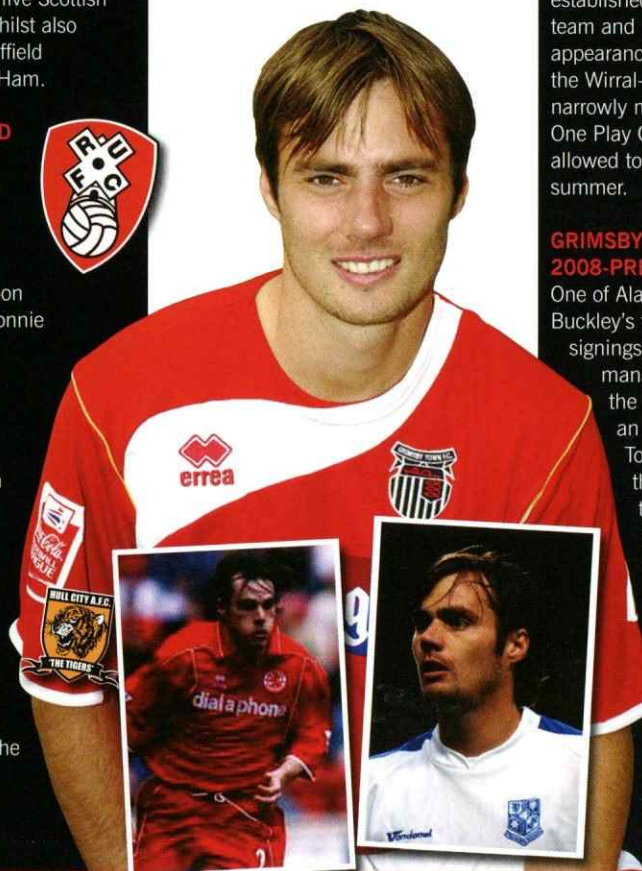
TRANMERE ROVERS 2006-2008

It was former Rotherham boss Ronnie Moore that made a double swoop on the KC for Stockdale and winger Kevin Ellison in a move worth £100,000. Stockdale soon established himself in the Rovers' first team and racked up 80 league appearances in his two seasons with the Wirral-based club as they narrowly missed out on the League One Play Offs. He was surprisingly allowed to leave Prenton Park in the summer.



GRIMSBY TOWN 2008-PRESENT

One of Alan Buckley's final signings as manager of the Mariners, Robbie played an integral part in the side as Town escaped relegation to the Football Conference on the final day of the 2008/09 season. Last campaign was an injury-hit one for the right back and he missed all but the first few weeks of the season. Named as the Mariners' Head of Youth during the summer, Robbie was handed a squad number for the Bank Holiday Monday win over Histon.



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The Ground

The ground is an 11,800 capacity all-seater International Stadium and is located in the east of Gateshead near the River Tyne. The stadium was first built in 1955 and houses the town's two major sporting clubs; Gateshead Football Club and Gateshead Thunder Rugby League Club. Until 2010 the only covered accommodation was in the Tyne & Wear main stand but a roof was constructed on the adjacent East Stand during the summer of 2010. Behind both goals remain open and are usually unused on matchdays. The stadium, which has a bowl-like effect, has a playing surface surrounded by an international standard athletics track.



Food and Pub Guide

The closest pub is the Schooner, on the banks of the River Tyne. You could go to Newcastle City Centre and get the Metro to the ground if you don't want to stay around the ground itself.



Inside the Ground

Tyne & Wear Main Stand, on the North side is normally where the away fans will be situated. However, for clubs bringing over 200 fans, then they will be allocated the East Stand opposite the Main Stand.

There are televisions showing SKY TV plus catering in the Main Stand is good. It offers a selection of pies, pasties and sausage rolls, plus hot dogs and a range of hot and cold drinks at reasonable prices. Alcohol is also available.



Directions by Car

From the South (Quickest route): At the end of the A1(M) Junction 65, take the A194(M) towards South Shields. At the end of the A194(M) take the A184 towards Gateshead. The stadium is situated three miles further along this road on the right hand side.

From the South (Taking in the Angel of the North):

Leave the A1 at the A167 turn off and take the A167 towards Gateshead South. You will pass the Angel of the North on your left hand side. On reaching the large roundabout at the junction with the A184, turn right onto the A184 itself. The stadium is further down the A184 on the left hand side.



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There is a free car park located at the stadium.



Directions from the Train Station

The stadium has its own Metro stop called Gateshead Stadium, which is a five minute walk away. This stop is around a ten minute journey away from Newcastle Central railway station, which is also the nearest mainline station.



Around the Grounds



with Sam Kinnaird

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AFC Wimbledon - Full back Sam Hutton was singled out for praise by Dons manager Terry Brown after their dramatic 3-2 weekend win at Eastbourne. "He's improving week after week and today was one of his best performances for us, said Brown.

Altrincham - have set up a new project which will see the club employ 40 full time sporting apprentices as part of the Football Education Programme.

Barrow - Injured frontman Nick Chadwick is being sent to the renowned treatment clinic at Lilleshall in order to find out the cause of the troublesome knee injury which has kept him out of action for two months.

Bath City - City were left to rue missed chances after Wrexham took all three points in the Bank Holiday meeting at Twerton Park, the defeat extended their winless run to four matches.

Cambridge United - Us manager Martin Ling reckons his side have finally kick started their season after their 2-0 win over Eastbourne on Monday earned them their first three points of the campaign.

Crawley Town - Crawley maintained their good start to the campaign with a comfortable 3-0 win at Hayes on Monday, Craig McAllister bagged a brace and Sergio Torres added a late third.

Darlington - Darlington boss Mark Cooper has called for his side to create a quicker tempo to win over the home fans. The stadium's that vast an area that it's not going to come from 2,000 people, so we have to create that tempo ourselves, he said.

Eastbourne Borough - Borough boss Nick Greenwood admitted he was gutted by their 3-2 loss at home to AFC

Wimbledon on Saturday, Eastbourne had clawed their way back level after finding themselves 2-0 down only for Danny Kedwell to grab the winner.

Fleetwood - Town kept up their promotion push with a 2-1 win over York on Monday; Magno Vieira's late goal secured all three points in a pulsating encounter.

Forest Green - New investor Dale Vince is confident his cash input into the club will be a great boost for Rovers. "I think there's a great possibility here - super ground, great club and great fans, he said. They just need a bit of help and that's what I'm here to do."

Gateshead - Gateshead boss Ian Bogie believes summer signing Ben Clark will prove a sound addition to the squad in the coming weeks. Said Bogie: "Last season we were too open at times. But with the experience and quality of Clark at the back, we should be a lot stronger."

Hayes & Yeading - Hayes have snapped up Crawley frontman Michael Malcolm on a short term loan deal, Malcolm was once a target for Bundesliga giants Werder Bremen during his time at Stockport County.

Histon - Histon boss David Livermore was left disappointed by Alan Connell's late winner for the Mariners on Monday. "I thought we were well worth a point if not three," he said.

Kettering - Town have signed former Sunderland and Northampton striker Martin Smith on a short term deal, the 35-year-old hasn't played since a spell with Blyth Spartans in 2008.

Kidderminster Harriers - Harriers assistant manager Gary Whild praised the efforts of his players after earning a deserved 1-1 draw at Tamworth on Monday, Jack Byrne

scored an 89th minute equaliser to earn the away side a point.

Luton - Hatters midfielder and club captain Kevin Nicholls has left the club, the 31 year old has played 244 games for Luton and wanted to leave in order to fully focus on recovering from a serious knee injury.

Mansfield - Keigan Parker netted a brace as The Stags earned a fine 4-0 win at Altrincham on Monday, Paul Connor and Adam Smith also scored in the rout.

Newport County - County striker Craig Reid's double earned Newport a fine 2-2 draw at AFC Wimbledon, his late penalty was his fifth goal of the season and meant his side are now unbeaten in five matches.

Rushden & Diamonds - Ashley Westwood's first half own goal settled the Northamptonshire derby against Kettering on Monday and saw Rushden move up to sixth in the table after three successive wins.

Southport - Port boss Liam Watson earned praise from managerial mentor John Beck after a solid start to the campaign which has seen them move up to seventh in the table with a game in hand.

Tamworth - Tamworth have secured the signing of former Chester City midfielder Ben Wilkinson following a successful trial, Wilkinson started his career with Hull City.

Wrexham - Wrexham are giving a trial to French striker Mathias Pogba, brother of Manchester United's young midfielder Paul.

York - City striker Michael Rankine is confident the club can win promotion to the Football League this season. "Everyone's confident of us getting promoted this time, he said.

Chronicles of Lowther

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Cleethorpes Chronicle editor Nigel Lowther's column, published in every other home game programme. This week he reflects on memories of Kenilworth Road.

Luton holds some happy memories.

The sort that recall playing the Hatters in the old Division One at Kenilworth Road and winning.

There was also a moment I thought I had made it as a soccer writer.

There I was, looking out for a cup-of-tea at half time, and was instead offered a tray of sandwiches.

I think it was the first ground it had happened.

Officials at Kenilworth Road knew which side their bread was buttered on, as it were, and the media was treated like loyalty.

I had become accustomed to buying my own tea (or Bovril) from stands at various Fourth and Third Division grounds and making do with the odd pasty.

In 1991, two successive promotions had seen us elevated to the old Division Two, later to be renamed One with the formation of the Premier league.

Luton had fallen the other way and I guess it had been par for the course to offer journalists a bite to eat, even in those pre-Sky days.

I smile too because, of course, it was the odd sandwich and chicken leg at Kenilworth Road that made the headlines for all the wrong reasons when Messrs Bonetti and Laws had their disagreement a few years later.

The game I most remember at Kenilworth Road was one of the best away performances I have seen from a Town side.

It was November 1992 and 6,928 fans saw the Mariners thump the home side 4-1. It was pass-and-move at its best. Tony Rees chipped in with one while Paul Groves helped himself to a hat-trick.

I must repeat the team to start that day: Beasant, McDermott, Croft, Futcher, Lever, Dobbin, Watson, Gilbert, Groves, Mendonca, Rees.

The away game before Mr Dobbin had struck his last-minute wonder strike to defeat Kevin Keegan's mighty Newcastle United, so they were not short in confidence.

But the Kenilworth Road triumph was a complete performance. Buckley's men were dominant in every area of the pitch and deserved to run out big winners.

What a wonderful player Groves was: all action, box-to-box, terrific footballing brain, great distributor of the ball, a leader, somebody who got beyond his strikers and knew where the goal was.

Just the sort of player we could do with now. Unfortunately, they are a rare

breed and even more difficult to sign.

I always look for him on Match of the Day, sitting to the right of Avram Grant as first team coach at West Ham United.

As well as being a very good footballer, Groves is also an all round good bloke who, as we know, has had his ups and downs in management.

He is determined to continue learning his trade and has built a reputation at the highest level of English football.

But he and Grant, paired together at Portsmouth, are already under considerable pressure: three games and no points.

The fixture list was not kind and it was never going to be easy to turn West Ham around as there had been signs of troubled waters ahead last season, on and off the pitch.

I just hope they do so before the fans – and the board – hit the panic button. Logic says they have to be given their chance. But when did logic form part of footballing vocabulary?



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The Reserves with Dave Moore

The Reserves

Impressive form so far

Grimsby Town's second string may be looking for their first victory of the season after their opening two games but Assistant Manager Dave Moore is more than pleased with his side's progress.

Town drew 2-2 with Hull City in their opening fixture before slipping 1-0 to Lincoln City but Moore feels that the positives far outweigh the negatives in the two fixtures:

"We were unlucky not to get the three points from the Hull game," he recalled, "it was an entertaining game and extremely enjoyable for the people watching."

"It was interesting for us because it was our youngsters against their youngsters and I thought that we matched them very well over the 90 minutes."

"The game with Lincoln was a bit different because we used the match to try out a bit of a different system with the three centre halves and the two wing backs but, if I'm being honest, it didn't suit us."

"There was only really Dwayne (Samuels (right)) who looked like he could cope with the way that system sets up and from our point of view there were a few too many square pegs in round holes as far as positions go on the evening."

With the Mariners suffering from several long-term injury absentees,

the reserves are going to be on the youthful side for coming games and Moore believes that the value of a second-string side has already been proven this term:

"If you look at the problems we have had with injuries in the first team then it is fortunate that we've had these games early on because some of the lads have had to be drafted into the squad on matchdays."

"You look at young Tom Corner who has come in and done superbly and then Andi Thanoj (right) has travelled down to Rushden with the first team and that goes to show what we are all about – progression. Our aim isn't results, although it would be nice to win every game, but it is to progress players through to the first team – that is how a football club should work."

The reserves return to action this coming Tuesday night at Blundell Park when they entertain Leeds United, it is a game that Moore is relishing, he said:

"It doesn't matter what side Leeds send down, whether it be a mixture of first team players or a squad of youngsters, they will have quality in their ranks and it will be another tough test for our side."



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Wed 25th	Lincoln City	0-1
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Wed 22nd	Gateshead	19:00
OCTOBER		
Tue 12th	Middlesbrough	14:00
Wed 27th	Hartlepool United	14:00
NOVEMBER		
Tue 16th	Scunthorpe Utd	19:00
DECEMBER		
Wed 15th	Gateshead	14:00
JANUARY		
Tue 11th	Middlesbrough	14:00
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Wed 9th	Hartlepool United	19:00
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Sat 21	Scunthorpe Utd	YAL 2-0
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SEPTEMBER		
Sat 4	Darlington	YAL 11:00
Mon 6	Deeping Rangers	FAVC 19:00
Sat 11	Hull City	YAL 11:00
Wed 15	Walsall	MCUP
Sat 18	Notts County	YAL 11:00
Sat 25	Burton Albion	YAL 11:00
OCTOBER		
Sat 2	Wrexham	YACUP -
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Sat 26	Burton Albion	YAL 13:00
MARCH		
Sat 5	Chesterfield	YAL 11:00
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Sat 19	York City	YAL 11:00
Sat 26	Scunthorpe Utd	YAL 11:00
APRIL		
Sat 2	Hartlepool Utd	YAL 12:00
Sat 9	Darlington	YAL 11:00
Sat 30	Hull City	YAL 19:00

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Grimsby Town's Youth side slipped to their first defeat of the 2010/11 season after a 2-1 reverse at Hartlepool United on Saturday 28th August.

Robbie Stockdale's side trailed 2-0 at the interval but were unfortunate not to come away from Chester-le-Street with a point after a much improved second half performance.

Town came up against a physically imposing 'Pools side and were behind on seven minutes when a long free kick from Jordan Richards was headed home by Nathan Buddle.

The second goal arrived on the stroke of half time when Callam Hassan fired home at the second attempt after a long throw from the right.

With the wind to their backs in the second period, the Mariners began to play more of the game at their tempo and pulled a goal back through Sam Mulready. Town were given a golden opportunity to level matters but Ryan O'Loughlin missed a spot kick late on.

Despite the scoreline, Head of Youth Robbie Stockdale remained upbeat about his side's performance:

"For me the only disappointing aspect was that we lost our way a little before half time and this allowed them to get the second goal.

"We were up against a team of six-footers who played a lot of long ball and for set pieces, there was no real pattern to their game and that is not what you expect from youth team football.

He continued: "We got ourselves back into the game after the break and Sam

(Mulready) took his goal superbly. He latched onto a through ball and lifted his effort over their 'keeper.

"We are just unfortunate that Kieran missed the penalty but these things happen in football and he will bounce back from that. He's not the first player to miss a penalty and he won't be the last.

"Overall I am happy with how my players have coped against a much stronger, more physical side."

One player the young Mariners had to do without in the North East was midfielder Andi Thanaj who joined up with the first team at Rushden, Stockdale feels that his inclusion is the right incentive for the other young players at the club:

"We were delighted for Andi to travel with the first team and it shows that the manager will call on young players when the opportunity arises. I hope that the other lads took note because if they apply themselves correctly then they have every chance of that being them over the course of the season."

Next up for Town's youth side is a trip to South Lincolnshire to tackle Deeping Rangers in the FA Youth Cup Preliminary Round, it is a trip Stockdale is relishing:

"It will be an excellent experience for the lads and one I hope they are looking forward to.

"We are not expecting an easy game and we will have them (Deeping) watched; we will treat them professionally."

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The School of Excellence with Adam Smith



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out at our Football in the Community courses to the School of Excellence and that becomes even more prevalent now."

With names like Rodger, Croft, Stockdale and Cummins in their ranks, the School of Excellence can certainly boast some top names and Graham believes that is an encouraging sign for parents and youngsters:

Rodger takes his place alongside former team-mate Gary Croft and current senior pro Micky Cummins on the coaching staff this season and revealed that the offer came after Head of Youth Robbie Stockdale took the reins at Blundell Park:

"For parents it is always a good sign that your child is going to get coaching off someone who has played at the highest level – that's just a natural reaction.

"I was approached by Robbie Stockdale and Adam Smith in the summer," said Rodger, "we had a chat and they asked if I would like to be involved with coaching at the School of Excellence and after I gave it some thought I decided that it was time to get back into coaching."

"However, we have plenty of coaches in our ranks who have never played at the highest level and they are top, top coaches. We just want to give the youngsters the opportunity and try and develop as many potential players as possible."

Rodger, who made players like Peter Bore, Danny North and Nick Hegarty regular members of the Mariners' first team squad knows full well how important of a role the School of Excellence can play at the football club, he said:

Today sees Graham's last two professional clubs in action and he is looking forward to the game:

"At Grimsby we will always be looking to bring players through the ranks and the School of Excellence is that step up from enjoying football on a social level to being given dedicated professional coaching.

"It will be nice to see one of my old clubs in action," he stated, "but really when you look at this fixture you think it should be a lot higher up the ladder.

"I have always made a point of recommending any players who stand

"Luton had a good season last term and you can see why they are favourites for promotion.

"Personally I enjoyed my time at Kenilworth Road – it was just the plastic pitch that was never my favourite!"

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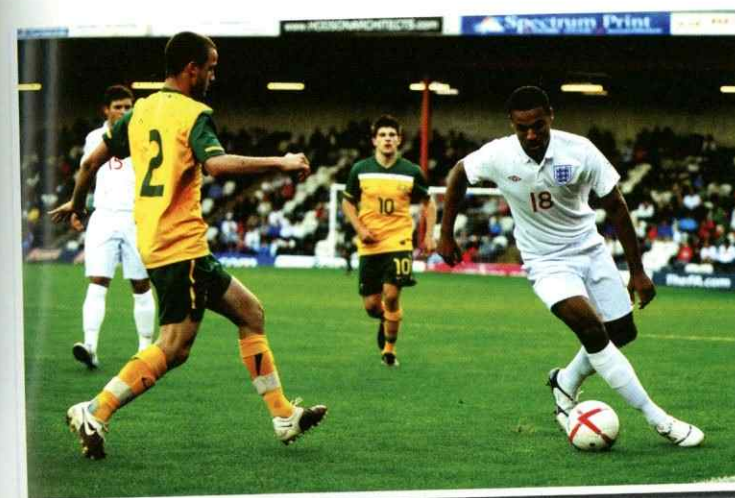
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MATCH STATS

DATE: Friday 27th August 2010

COMPETITION:

FA Invitational Tournament

VENUE: Blundell Park

ATT: 2,040

Match Facts:

ENGLAND:

Garrett,
 Regan (Plummer 56),
 Cousins (Clayton 46),
 Magri,
 Chalobah (Powell 46),
 Hendrie,
 Caskey (Cotton 56),
 Walters,
 Morgan (Hope 64),
 Fanimo (Sterling 46),
 Henshall.

Subs not used:

Pickford.



AUSTRALIA:

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 Monaco,
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 Morton (Gallifuoco 80),
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 Espindola (Degenek 46),
 Boahene (Melling 56),
 Proia,
 Patterson,
 Tombides (Makarounas 46).

Subs not used:

Chapple, Remington, Izzo.

Match Photos:

The Grimsby Telegraph

Key Moments:

9 mins: Manchester United youngster Luke Hendrie glances his header narrowly over the crossbar.

34 mins: GOAL 1-0 TO ENGLAND Matthias Fanimo cuts in from the right and unleashes a fizzing 20-yard drive that goes in off the post.

36 mins: GOAL 2-0 TO ENGLAND The Australian defence fails to deal with a free kick and the ball falls to Courtney Meppen Walters on the left-hand side and he manages to get his shot through the crowd of players and into the back of the net.

46 mins: OFF THE BAR Alex Henshall's delicate free kick flicks off the bar and to safety.

47 mins: GOAL 3-0 TO ENGLAND Substitute Raheem Sterling breezes through the Australian defence on a 35-yard run before picking his spot from 15 yards.

66 mins: OFF THE BAR The woodwork again comes to Australia's rescue as Sam Magri powers in a header that thunders off the crossbar.

80 mins: GOAL 4-0 TO ENGLAND A deserved goal for Nick Powell as his inch-perfect free-kick nestles into the bottom corner from 20 yards.

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Redknapp brings in World Cup Star on Deadline Day

Quite why the Transfer Deadline is enforced is anyone's guess. It seems that every year there's one team that pushes the boundaries even further and makes a mockery of the entire system.



After Arsenal's elongated signing of Andriy Arshavin some 18 months ago, attention turned across North London to Tottenham as they captured Dutch midfielder Rafael van der Vaart from Real Madrid for a bargain £8-million.

What makes the transfer stand out even more is that earlier in the day, on Sky Sports News' blanket coverage of the day, Spurs boss Harry Redknapp was on air proclaiming that there would be no signings coming into White Hart Lane mere seconds before

he brought Croatian International stopper Stipe Pletikosa to the club on loan.

Redknapp's rebuttal on the van der Vaart deal is that 'it was too good an opportunity to turn down', even though Real Madrid rubbished his claims that an £18-million deal for the player to join Bayern Munich had fallen through earlier in the day.

Then of course there was every excuse in the book as to why the transfer 'may' have gone through late. Computer backlogs, dodgy machinery, you name it, it was wheeled out. You have to wonder whether the Premier League actually has the guts to one day turn around and null and void one of these last-minute transfers, which come flying through well after the deadline has passed.

Wenger struggles with Goalkeeping position

Arsene Wenger has a long history of some sparkling transfer coups but if there is one area the dapper Frenchman is seemingly blind to then it is goalkeeper.

It doesn't need spelling out to any Gunners' fans that Manuel Almunia will not win them a much-desired League Championship. What's even more frustrating is that Wenger has had countless opportunities to bring in top-level goalkeepers in the past few seasons and has seemingly spurned them.

Shay Given went for a relative snip to Manchester City in January 2009 without so much as a whimper from the Emirates. One of the protracted transfer stories of the season has been Mark Schwarzer's proposed move from Fulham to the Gunners but the fact is that Arsenal could have had the player on a free transfer when he left Middlesbrough.

England International Joe Hart is another whose name has been touted around as the next Arsenal stopper but now he looks firmly entrenched in the Manchester City number one slot. Again, Wenger could have had one of England's hottest prospects for a bargain £600,000 only four years ago but only Stuart Pearce had the foresight to take the player from League Two.



The Last Word

Darran Kempson

Nickname: Kempo

Position: Defender

Previous Clubs: Preston North End, Accrington, Morecambe, Crewe, Bury, Shrewsbury, Wrexham, Forest Green Rovers, Grimsby Town

DOB: 06/12/1984

Birthplace: Blackpool

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Breaking my foot when I was at PNE

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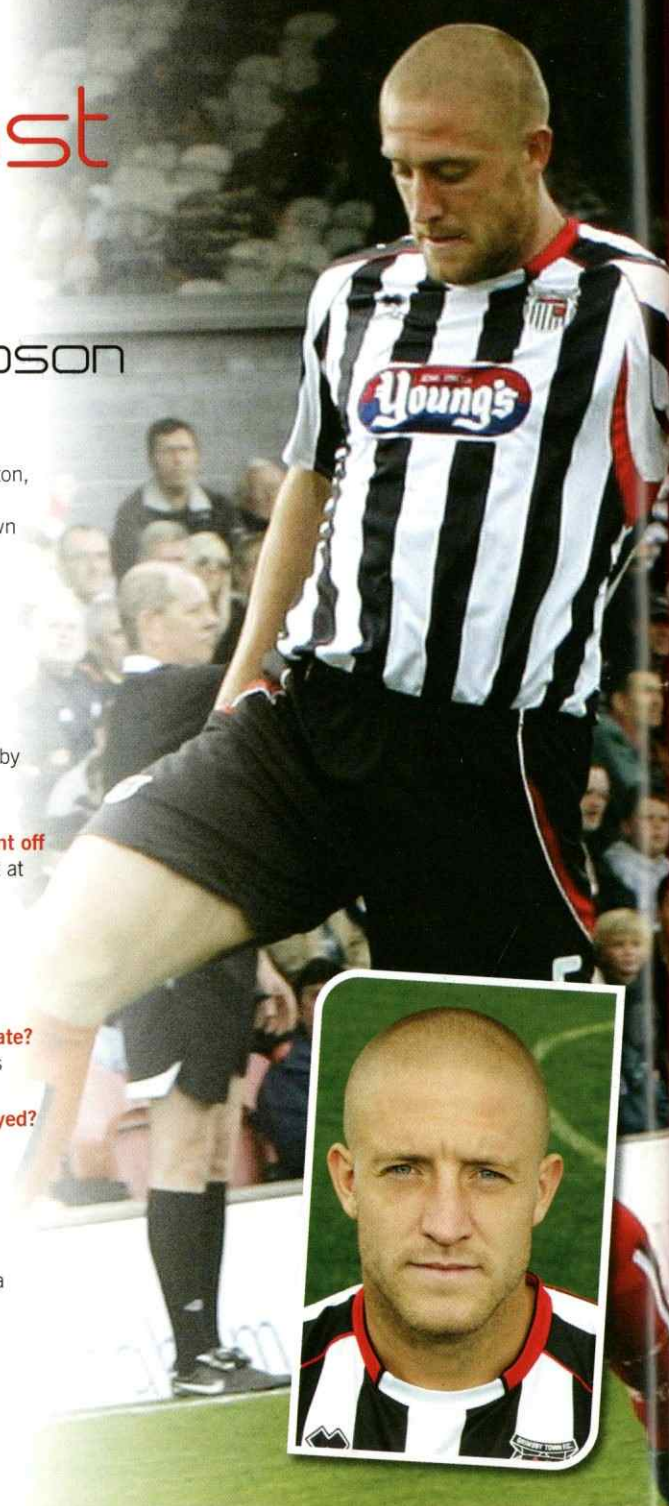
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