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#### borough WELCOME



Good afternoon everybody and welcome to Priory Lane for this Blue Square Bet Premier League game. We extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town FC and also to today's match officials.

The 'Hatters' have a long and distinguished history and must still rue the fact that relegation to the Football Conference was concerned more with activities off the field, than Town's form on the pitch.

Now in their second season at this level, there is no denying that a magnificent fan base, with gates regularly topping 6,000, leave Richard Money's team amongst the firm favourites for a return to the Football League.

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Meanwhile, Borough continue to show a spirit that augurs well for the coming months. With injuries and illness decimating the squad, five points were taken from the last three fixtures. A fine win over York City was followed by points picked up on successive 360 mile plus trips to Newport County (in midweek), with the South Wales journey followed by a visit to Bath City last Saturday.

Garry and Nick were forced to select from an ever depleting group of players, but on each occasion, the team showed its determination to overcome all difficulties and pick up five valuable points.

After today's attractive Blue Square Bet Premier game with Luton, attention turns to the FA Challenge Cup with Borough due to meet Ryman Premier League Club Harrow Borough here at Priory Lane next Saturday. Every club dreams of a good Cup run, with the financial rewards that follow. We have reached the 1st Round Proper on three occasions, but there are high hopes of this record being enhanced in the coming months.



Jamie Taylor puts Borough ahead in the first half against York City (02.10)

#### the thoughts of KEN McEWAN



Forget the loneliness of the long-distance runner, my sympathies, more often than not, are with the loneliness of the long-distance soccer manager.

Now soccer bosses have one of those unique jobs in which we are all an expert - or at least we think we are. The selection of the team, its formation, the timing of a substitution, we all know better that the men paid to make the decisions.

Many will notice that Borough manager Garry Wilson and his assistant Nick Greenwood have switched dug-outs this season. Was this to get a better view of the play? - or were they fed up to the teeth with some of the comments being made behind them in the stand when the side was struggling on the field?

At half-time a few weeks ago it was goalless and I overheard a supporter lamenting, "How the hell do they expect to score playing 4-4-2?" Yet Borough have scored more goals than any other team this season using this formation.

A fortnight ago, it was the turn of York City's caretaker boss Andy Porter, standing in front of the former Borough dug-out, to put up with a string of insults from a so-called fan. He has now left the club. Yet nobody gives the club more dedicated service than the manager and his assistant. Players miss matches and training sessions for various reasons; managers are virtually always thereand when they are not they are probably on a search to improve their squad.

Of course, the boss gets his plaudits when the team is riding high, but he is also usually the first to go when things go wrong.

A couple of seasons ago at Princes Park Oval, Brian Dennis was guiding his team to the Sussex County League first division title.

Last summer, his assistant left and took eight top United players to Seaford, leaving Dennis to rebuild without funds.

Predictably United are bottom of the table and equally predictably Dennis, last Saturday, got the sack.

Now this is another area in which Eastbourne Borough seem to be different from just about every other club.

In 30 years of covering Langney Sports/Borough I believe I am right in saying that chairman Len Smith and his committee have never sacked a manager.

The opportunities have been there, but they have always stood behind the man in the hot seat and trusted in his ability.

Last season, Borough went through a torrid time, eventually avoiding relegation by the skin of their teeth - a late penalty in the last game against Oxford given by a kind-hearted referee's assistant to be precise.

Many times, the heads of Wilson and Nick Greenwood were sought, albeit mainly by anonymous life members of the unofficial website's moaner's corner.

But Smith stood firm, recognising the heights to which Wilson and Greenwood had taken the club and believing in their ability to get them out of trouble.

That belief is now being repaid. We may only be into the first third of the season but some of the results Borough have achieved to date have been nothing short of phenomenal, bearing in mind they are a part-time club being made to make ludicrous midweek journeys against full-time opponents.

During the dark days of last season it would have been easy for Smith to have bade Wilson and Greenwood a fond farewell with thanks for their past services.

But sacking the manager is not always the answer, whether it is in the Premiership, the Conference or the County League.

There are also such factors as belief, support and time.

When it comes to managing managers, many clubs, up and down the country, would do well to take a leaf out of Len Smith's book.

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#### THE FA CUP



The draw for the final qualifying round of the 2010/11 FA Cup tournament was made last Monday with Eastbourne Borough matched with HARROW BOROUGH of the Ryman Premier.

After the grave disappointment of last season's exit at the hands of Tooting and Mitcham (also of the Ryman Premier) nothing will be taken for granted, but there can be little doubting that the Borough players will be determined to reached the competition proper this time round.

Harrow Borough progressed to the final qualifying round with a 2-1 win at home to Hampton & Richmond Borough, last Saturday.

In the previous round (2nd Qual.) Harrow beat Redbridge by the same score after a 4-2 victory at Great Wakering Rovers (1st Qual.) two weeks earlier.

The two clubs met in the 3rd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup in October 1998. when Langney Sports (now Eastbourne Borough) were still in the Sussex County League, whilst Harrow were the 'giants'! Sports put on a terrific display completing a 4-1 'giant-killing' with goals from Matt Allen, Wayne Farrier, Andrew Ducille and an amazing 60 yard slalom effort from Jez

Creed. Sadly, Langney lost 7-0 in the next round at Worcester City.

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Forest Green Rovers v Maidenhead Utd

Poole Town v Hayes & Yeading United Fbbsfleet United v Boreham Wood

(To be played on Saturday 23rd October 2010)



#### the VISITORS



#### **LUTON TOWN**

After 89 years in the Football League, last season was Luton Town's first at Conference level following relegation when they just failed to make up an incredible 30 points penalty imposed for going into administration for a second time and financial irregularities.

It proved to be a rollercoaster season. An indifferent start saw Mick Harford leave Kenilworth Road and be replaced by another former Town player, Richard Money.

Results and performances improved and a nine match winning streak through March and April propelled the Town into title contention. In the end Money's men had to settle for a play-off place. They were paired with fifth-placed York City and a goal a minute from time gave York a 1-0 first leg lead. A similar score-line in the return leg consigned the Hatters to a second season of non-League football.

Luton Town FC was formed in April, 1885 with the merger of two local clubs. With a strong committee behind them, the club began to attract stronger opposition, better players and more spectators.

A decision to pay three players was taken in 1890 with the remainder being included the following year. But friendly matches were not enough to keep finances straight so an invitation to become a founder member of the Southern League in 1894 was grabbed with both hands.

Their initial bid for election to the Football League failed and a season had to be spent in the United League before they were accepted into Football League Division Two in 1897. But the cost of travel gradually became a burden and after three years of struggle the club rejoined a then much stronger, Southern League.

After hostilities ceased in 1914, the Southern League, en bloc, was asked to form a new Division Three of the Football League and Town enjoyed 17 seasons at this level. In the mid-1930s the board made a concerted bid to achieve a higher status and players were brought in.

In 1936 they finished runners-up to Coventry in the days when only one side was promoted. The next season promotion was secured.

Over Easter 1939, good results put the team in the promotion positions but a draw and two defeats from the final three games meant they missed out. No one will ever know how far this squad could have progressed as in September 1939, with Town sitting proudly at the top of the table, war broke out.

After a seven-year break, it was back to mid-table mediocrity until, in 1954/55 a Division One spot came when Town clinching the runners-up place on goal average.

In 1958/59 Town fought their way past Leeds, Leicester, Ipswich and Blackpool before seeing off Norwich in a semi-final of the FA Cup. The final itself was a massive disappointment with Town not performing on the day, leaving ten man Nottingham Forest to win comfortably 2-1.

The Hatters' fortunes then went into steady decline and they sank to Division Three at the end of 1962/63; then to the football basement of Division Four in 1965 amidst apathy and crowds of less than 3,000.

Gradually things improved with manager Allan Brown's enthusiasm and astute playing of the transfer market. They went to the top of the table in February 1968, never looked back and walked away with the title.

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They seemed capable of walking through Division Two back to a top flight they had left in 1960 but the March 1970 announcement of the collapse of directors Reggie Burr and Tony Hunt's Vehicle and General business reverberated around the corridors at Kenilworth Road and made the club sellers rather than buyers.

New manager David Pleat led a return to Division One in 1981 but he found the call of Tottenham too great and he departed amid much acrimony. They sank back down in 1992 and in '95/96 the loss of talismanic goalscorer, Dwight Marshall, with a broken ankle and relegation was the inevitable consequence.

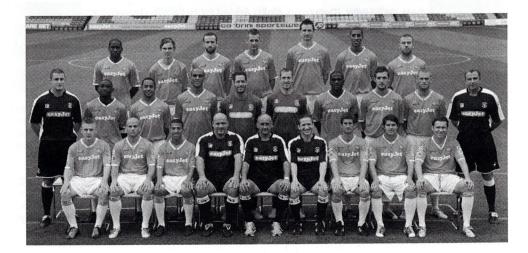
On April 12, 2005, the club celebrated gaining a place in the Championship after 10 years in the bottom two divisions but the team was always under scrutiny from rival managers and the club received substantial bids for their top performers. A £3m bid from West Bromwich Albion for centre-back Curtis Davies was too good to turn down.

Season 2006-2007 was largely dominated by the Hatters' off-field problems, beginning with manager Mike Newell blowing the whistle on underhand transfer activity he knew of within the game. The Hatters then equalled their all time record of eight consecutive defeats and relegation was confirmed.

Eight players were signed in the summer of 2007 in preparation for a tilt at promotion. But form began to tail off and the club were deducted 10 points for falling into administration in November. Town lost their final six matches and were relegated to League 2.

New owners – a consortium headed by Hatters fan and TV presenter Nick Owen – were set to take full control of the club in the summer but the Hatters began their League 2 campaign with 15 points deducted for failure to agree to a Company Voluntary Agreement. The Football League, because the club had been in administration for the third time in nine years, deducted a further five points.

The club were still being investigated for alleged past financial irregularities and had a further 10 points docked by the FA which meant the club had to start the season with an incredible 30 point penalty, a burden that proved too much to shoulder and ended in relegation out of the Football League.



#### the VISITORS



RICHARD MONEY (Manager) Lowestoft-born Richard became the Hatters' 24th post-war permanent manager when he succeed Mick Harford. Dubbed "Dicky Dosh" by Walsall fans after he guided the Saddlers to the League 2 title in 2006/07, Richard played 49 times during his season-long stay at Kenilworth Road in 1982/83. He made his final appearance in a Luton shirt at Old Trafford as the Town went down 3-0 to Manchester United, just days before a famous victory at Maine Road which kept the Town in the top-flight. Richard cut his managerial teeth at Scunthorpe United, who he also served as a player, before continuing his education overseas with two clubs in Sweden. After a brief stint in Australia, he enjoyed a successful spell at Walsall before joining Newcastle United, as Academy Director, prior to returning to Bedfordshire.

MARK TYLER (Goalkeeper) Signed two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 following his release by Peterborough United. He k made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded with testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. When first team opportunities became hard to come by in 2008/09 he was loaned out to League 2 Bury. A former England Youth international.

KEVIN PILKINGTON (Goalkeeper) Vastly experienced, joined Hatters in May after his release from Notts County. Began career with Manchester United playing six times in Premier League under Sir Alex Ferguson. In six years at Old Trafford had loan spells at Rochdale, Rotherham and Celtic before two-year stay at Port Vale. After 23 League appearances for the Valiants he move to Aberystwyth Town and then Wigan Athletic. Found stability when joined Mansfield in 2000 and featured 167 times in League action over five years. In 2005 signed for Notts County and five year stay saw 141 appearances at Meadow Lane. However, Notts began flashing the cash at start of 2009/10 with goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel one of many high-profile arrivals. Frozen out of the County team, he joined the Hatters on-loan in November and when Magpies released him in summer of 2010. Money snapped up the veteran permanently.

ZDENEK KROCA (Defender) (right) Impressed in assured display in pre-season fixtures to earn a one-year contract. Made 169 league appearances in 10 years with hometown club Tescoma Zlín in his native Czech Republic. Last season imposing 6ft 5in defender scored four times in 27 league appearances with Letná Stadium outfit as they finished in second place in the Czech Second Division.

GEORGE PILKINGTON (Defender) (left) Highly experienced, joined club on free transfer in August 2008. Began career as an Everton trainee; joined Port Vale in June 2003 after loan spell at Exeter City. Started 223 League games for Valiants but injury frustrated first season at Kenilworth Road yet managed to pick-up Johnstone's Paint Trophy winners' medal.

DAN GLEESON (Defender) (right) Signed for Hatters in summer from home town club Cambridge United. Product of U's academy, made debut at 18 and became a regular, making 61 League appearances before Notts County snapped up his signature in 2006. Lasted a season at Meadow Lane, featuring 17 times, before back at the Abbey, firstly on-loan before signing permanently in 2007. Won seven England C caps.

ED ASAFU-ADJAYE (Defender) Has made significant progress through club's youth set-up. After loan spell with Walton & Hersham, made breakthrough into first team under former boss Mike Newell, when club stretched through injury and suspension. First team opportunities limited so went on-loan to Salisbury City where earned rave reviews and when Mick Harford arrived as manager at Kenilworth Road one of first things he did was recall him. Made full debut in March 2008 and has gone from strength to strength.

SHANE BLACKETT (Defender) Luton-born, was Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009. Began career with Dunstable Town before switch to Arlesey Town in 2003 and United Counties form alerted attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed him in May 2004. Made 83 appearances and helped Daggers win Conference title and promotion to Football League in 2006/07. Peterborough signed him and made 38 appearances.









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FREDDIE MURRAY (Defender) Joined Hatters on six-month loan deal from Blue Square Premier side Grays Athletic in August 2009 and deal was made permanent last January. Irishman began career as trainee with Blackburn Rovers and had spells with Northampton Town, Stevenage Borough and Cambridge United.

TAYLOR NATHANIEL (Defender) Signed professional contract in June after impressing in club's Under-18s. Made first senior appearance when coming off bench in 3-0 victory over Grays Athletic in FA Cup in October 2009.

ALEX LACEY (Defender) Up-and-coming second year scholar who impressed Richard Money in the 2010 pre-season to earn a squad number. Yet to make first team appearance.

ADAM MURRAY (Midfielder) Joined Hatters in summer from Oxford United. Started as trainee with Derby County, turning professional in August 1998. Gradually established himself in Derby first team and played regularly in Championship side but by start of 2003/04 season was out of favour and joined Kidderminster Harriers on loan. Left Derby in November 2003, joining Notts County and then rejoined Kidderminster and was regular until end of season. In June 2004 joined Mansfield Town, then moved to Carlisle United in March 2005 and played in play-off team that won promotion back to Football League. At start of 2006/07 moved to Torquay for £10,000, then in January 2007 joined Macclesfield for £17,500. Joined Oxford half way through 2007/08 and went on to make 87 appearances but last season cut short by a back injury. Hatters moved in when found out he had negotiated his release.

PAVEL BESTA (Midfielder) Former Czech Under-21 international signed after impressing in preseason friendly. Began career with hometown side Banik Ostrava and helped them win Czech league title in 2004 which led to appearances in Champions League qualifying rounds and made UEFA Cup appearance against Middlesbrough. Joined Hatters, alongside fellow countryman Zdenek Kroca, in August after campaign in Slovakia with Ruzomberok.

JAKE HOWELLS (Midfielder) Came through ranks at Kenilworth Road and made full first team debut at Bradford City in October 2008. After 36 appearances rewarded with professional contract in May 2009. Made huge strides with impressive performances in 2009/10.

GODFREY POKU (Midfielder) Signed from Blue Square South St Albans City last January as Hatters beat off competition from several Football League clubs.

Impressed in Hatters' reserves last season.

JJ O'DONNELL (Midfielder) Joined Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku last January. Featured for reserve team last season.

CLAUDE GNAKPA (Midfielder) (left) Frenchman signed on free transfer in August 2008 having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz of

Liechtenstein. Moved to Swindon Town for brief spell, then joined Peterborough in July 2007 and was regular in League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games.

KEITH KEANE (Midfielder) (right) Made debut as 16-year-old in November 2003 and had extended run in the side. Product of youth system who appeared for Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level. Joined Hatters at age of nine and made rapid progression through club's centre of excellence and youth teams. Out of contract at end of 2009/10, delighted everyone at Kenilworth Road by penning two-year deal.



#### the VISITORS



ADAM NEWTON (Midfielder) Ascot-born, was Harford's second summer signing of 2009 following release from Brentford. Started career at West Ham United, coming through their Academy but only made three substitute appearances before signing for Peterborough United in May 2002. Former England U-21 international made 249 appearances in six years at the Posh. At end of 2007/08 was snapped by Brentford and helped Bees to the League 2 title. A St Kitts and Nevis international, has spent time on-loan at Portsmouth, Notts County and Leyton Orient.



ANDY DRURY (Midfielder) (left) Signed for Hatters in the summer from Conference champions Stevenage. Started career at Sittingbourne before signing for Gravesend and Northfleet (now Ebbsfleet United) in 2003. Lewes secured his signature in 2006 and he helped them lift Conference South title in 2007/08. Joined Stevenage in summer of 2008 and scored in last season's FA Trophy Final against Barrow.

ADAM WATKINS (Midfielder) Signed professional forms in June. Self-confessed Hatters fan, made first team bow in 1-0 defeat at Southampton in FA Cup third round in January 2010.

KEVIN GALLEN (Forward) Shepherds Bush native, established himself as something of legend at QPR notching up over 400 appearances and hitting 97 goals in two spells spanning nearly 14 years. Joined Huddersfield 2000 and after 30 starts moved to join Barnsley the following summer but call of West London saw him return to QPR within a few months. Then scored nine goals in 16 league starts for MK Dons before joining Luton on loan move made permanent in January 2009 and had prolific season in non-League football, finishing with 21 goals. Joined Hatters initially on month's loan from Kidderminster before agreeing two-and-a-half year contract to move permanently in January 2010 transfer window. Enjoyed dream start to international career when netted winner on debut for England C in 2-1 win over Poland in November. Began as trainee at Wolves and tried luck in United States before returning to England and, following success with clutch of non-League sides, was snapped by Wycombe Wanderers. Released at end of 2006/07 and then Harriers beat off competition to capture his signature. His Kidderminster form alerted attentions of number of Football League clubs but was suitably impressed by the Hatters' vision.

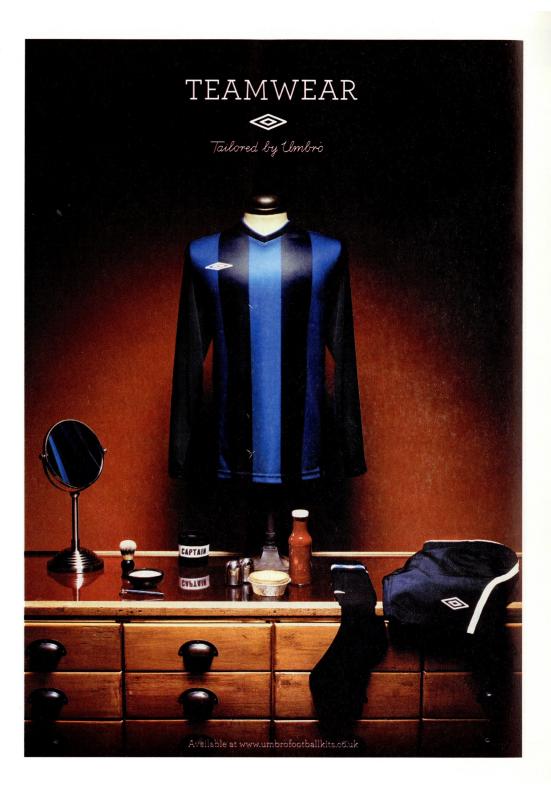
DANNY CROW (Forward) (right) Joined Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 following expiry of contract at Abbey Stadium. Started as trainee with Norwich City and made senior bow in Premier League in December 2004. Loan spell at Northampton followed towards end of 2004/05 season before released by Norwich and signed by Peterborough in summer of 2005, notching 17 goals in debut season. Following short loan spell at Notts County, was released by Posh and snapped up by Cambridge in September 2008. Strike rate of 22 goals in 43 league starts won him many admirers.



**DAN WALKER (Forward)** Signed one-year deal in July 2010 after impressing in pre-season in games. Previously with Bedford Town and also played for Stony Stratford Town and Leighton Town.

TAIWO ATIENO (Forward) Kenyan international originally signed in March 2010 until the end of the 2009/10 after returning to UK after spell playing in Puerto Rico and America. Released at end of campaign but after deal in South Africa fell through was re-signed on September 3 until end of season. Starting career as scholar at Walsall, failed to make breakthrough and send out on loan to gain first team experience to a number of Football League sides. Snapped up by Tamworth and scored 12 goals in first season before signing for the Puerto Rico Islanders in 2007.





# PREMIER DIVISION RESULTS & FIXTURES 2010-2011

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#### EASTBOURNE BOROUGH STATISTICS 2010-2011 - FIXTURES, RESULTS, SCORERS & APPEARANCES



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NEWPORT COUNTY

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Rushden & Diamonds

CAMBRIDGE UNITED

FA Trophy-2nd Rnd Prop

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CRAWLEY TOWN

AFC Wimbledon

Crawley Town

Kettering Town

Wrexham

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#### **NEXT GAMES AT PRIORY LANE**

Sunday 17th October Kick off 11 am Sussex Youth League WESTFIELD

Saturday 23rd October Kick off 3.00 pm FA Cup - 4th Round Qualifying HARROW BOROUGH

Sunday 24th October Kick off 11 am Sussex Youth League Cup PEACEHAVEN

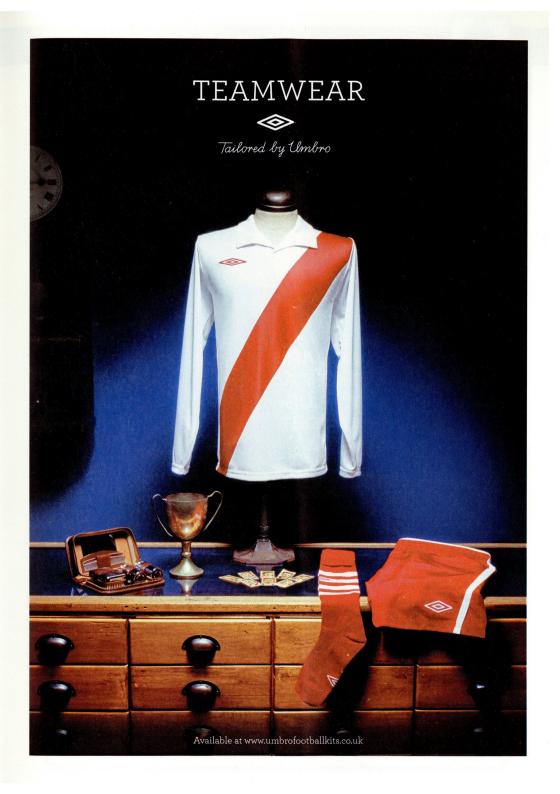
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| Luton Town          | 14 | 4 | 2 | 1   | 12  | 5  | 3 | 1 | 3   | 10   | 9  | 7  | 3 | 4     | 22   | 14 | 8   | 24  |
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| Sunday 10th Octobe<br>Fleetwood Town                                     |  | 2                     | Kidderminister Harr   | 3                | Grimsby Town   | 2       |
| Cambridge United<br>Eastbourne Borough<br>Grimsby Town<br>Kettering Town | v Gateshead<br>v Barrow<br>v Luton Town<br>v Southport<br>v Kidderminster Ha<br>v Rushden & D'mo |                       | Altrincham<br>Crawley Town<br>Forest Green Rov.<br>Hayes & Yeading<br>Mansfield Town<br>York City | V V V V V        | Fleetwood Town<br>Newport County<br>Histon<br>Wrexham<br>Darlington<br>Bath City |         |
| Tuesday 19th Octob<br>Luton Town   | v Forest Green Rov   | vers                  |   |                  |  |         |
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F A Cup 4th Round Qualifying (Draw on Club Newsdesk page)





#### squad RECORDS



#### **BOROUGH APPEARANCES & GOALS**

Season 2010/11

Borough Career

|                    | Season 2    | -010/11 | Dorougi     | Carcer |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------|
|                    | Appearances | Goals   | Appearances | Goals  |
| Andy ATKIN         | 6           | 1       | 211         | 59     |
| Ben AUSTIN         | 12          | 1       | 418         | 19     |
| Darren BAKER       | 9           | 0       | 871         | 22     |
| Rikki BANKS        | 14          | 0       | 14          | 0      |
| Steve BRINKHURST   | 14          | 0       | 14          | 0      |
| Dan BROWN          | 11          | 0       | 74          | 1      |
| Steve COOK         | 6           | 0       | 6           | 0      |
| Matt CRABB         | 14          | 3       | 436         | 54     |
| Nathan CRABB       | 6           | 0       | 121         | 27     |
| Gary ELPHICK       | 9           | 3       | 58          | 5      |
| Neil JENKINS       | 10          | 0       | 183         | 5      |
| Simon JOHNSON      | 12          | 1       | 51          | 3      |
| Danny KNOWLES      | 0           | 0       | 38          | 0      |
| Matt LANGSTON      | 11          | 2       | 11          | 2      |
| Yado MAMBO         | 5           | 0       | 5           | 0      |
| Liam O'BRIEN       | 1           | 0       | 1           | 0      |
| Richard PACQUETTE  | 10          | 6       | 10          | 6      |
| Ollie ROWE         | 0           | 0       | 4           | 0      |
| Matt SMART         | 12          | 0       | 390         | 36     |
| Ethan STREVETT     | 5           | 0       | 5           | 0      |
| Jamie TAYLOR       | 15          | 5       | 66          | 22     |
| Ross TRELEAVEN     | 9           | 3       | 15          | 3      |
| Simon WEATHERSTONE | 15          | 5       | 53          | 12     |
| Kane WILLS         | 1           | 0       | 1           | 0      |

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| 1  | Bromley                | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 9  | 9  | 24  |
| 2  | Braintree Town         | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 4  | 13 | 23  |
| 3  | Chelmsford City        | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 22  |
| 4  | Dover Athletic         | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 11 | 9  | 20  |
| 5  | Ebbsfleet United       | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 4  | 16  |
| 6  | Hampton & Richmond B.  | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 3  | 16  |
|    | Welling United         | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 12 | 6  | 15  |
| 8  | Bishop's Stortford     | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 18 | -4 | 15  |
| 9  | Eastleigh              | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 3  | 14  |
| 10 | Farnborough            | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 16 | -1 | 14  |
| 11 | Havant & Waterlooville | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 1  | 13  |
| 12 | Woking                 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 7  | 11 | -4 | 13  |
| 13 | Maidenhead United      | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 17 | -6 | 13  |
| 14 | Weston-super-Mare      | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 13 | -3 | 12  |
| 15 | Basingstoke Town       | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 7  | 10 | -3 | 12  |
| 16 | Staines Town           | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 11 | -1 | 11  |
| 17 | Dartford               | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 15 | 0  | 10  |
| 18 | St Albans City         | 10 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 9  | 13 | -4 | 9   |
| 19 | Thurrock               | 10 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 13 | 20 | -7 | 6   |
| 20 | Boreham Wood           | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 20 | -8 | 6   |
| 21 | Dorchester Town        | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9  | 17 | -8 | 6   |
| 22 | Lewes                  | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 6  | 15 | -9 | 4   |

Welling deducted 5 points for breach of competition rules

#### BLUE SQUARE BET NORTH as at 15.10.10

|                         | Р  | W | D | L   | F  | Α  | GD  | Pts |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|-----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 Alfreton Town         | 10 | 9 | 0 | 1   | 26 | 7  | 19  | 27  |
| 2 Boston United         | 11 | 8 | 2 | - 1 | 27 | 5  | 22  | 26  |
| 3 AFC Telford United    | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0   | 21 | 4  | 17  | 22  |
| 4 Workington            | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2   | 16 | 13 | 3   | 22  |
| 5 Guiseley              | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1   | 20 | 10 | 10  | 21  |
| 6 Nuneaton Town         | 9  | 5 | 2 | 2   | 15 | 13 | 2   | 17  |
| 7 Droylsden             | 9  | 4 | 4 | 1   | 18 | 12 | 6   | 16  |
| 8 Solihull Moors        | 9  | 5 | 0 | 4   | 11 | 8  | 3   | 15  |
| 9 Corby Town            | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3   | 12 | 12 | 0   | 15  |
| 10 Worcester City       | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4   | 16 | 18 | -2  | 12  |
| 11 Stalybridge Celtic   | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6   | 15 | 19 | -4  | 12  |
| 12 Gloucester City      | 9  | 3 | 1 | 5   | 12 | 12 | 0   | 10  |
| 13 Blyth Spartans       | 11 | 2 | 4 | 5   | 14 | 17 | -3  | 10  |
| 14 Eastwood Town        | 9  | 3 | 0 | 6   | 16 | 19 | -3  | 9   |
| 15 Harrogate Town       | 10 | 2 | 3 | 5   | 15 | 22 | -7  | 9   |
| 16 Hinckley United      | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6   | 17 | 20 | -3  | 8   |
| 17 Stafford Rangers     | 9  | 2 | 2 | 5   | 8  | 16 | -8  | 8   |
| 18 Vauxhall Motors      | 9  | 1 | 4 | 4   | 12 | 14 | -2  | 7   |
| 19 Gainsborough Trinity | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7   | 10 | 24 | -14 | 7   |
| 20 Redditch United      | 9  | 2 | 1 | 6   | 11 | 30 | -19 | 7   |
| 21 Hyde FC              | 10 | 2 | 0 | 8   | 10 | 27 | -17 | 6   |

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|   | FA Cup 3rd Round Qu                          | alif   | yi | ng  |
|   | FC Halifax Town<br>Harrogate Town            | 4      |    |     |
|   | Guiseley<br>Whitley Bay                      | 3<br>0 |    |     |
|   | Workington<br>Shildon                        | 1      |    |     |
|   | North Ferriby United<br>Vauxhall Motors      | 2      | 1  | (þ  |
|   | Warrington Town<br>Stalybridge Celtic        | 1      |    |     |
|   | Ashington<br>Droylsden                       | 1      |    |     |
|   | Solihull Moors<br>Barwell                    | 1<br>1 | 1  |     |
|   | Buxton<br>AFC Telford United                 | 1      | 2  | (p  |
|   | Redditch United<br>Hinckley United           | 1      |    |     |
|   | Corby Town<br>Worcester City                 | 2      |    |     |
|   | Matlock Town<br>Eastwood Town                | 0<br>3 |    |     |
|   | Nuneaton Town<br>Coleshill Town              | 6      |    |     |
|   | Chelmsford City<br>Bromley                   | 2      | 3  |     |
|   | Brentwood Town<br>Woking                     | 1      | 0  |     |
|   | Harrow Borough<br>Hampton & Richmond Borough | 2      |    |     |
|   | St Albans City<br>Kingstonian                | 0      | 2  |     |
|   | Lewes<br>Thurrock                            | 2      |    |     |
|   | Needham Market<br>Ebbsfleet United           | 0      |    |     |
|   | Boreham Wood<br>Enfield Town                 | 3      |    |     |
|   | Carshalton Athletic<br>Braintree Town        | 4      |    |     |
|   | Dover Athletic<br>Cambridge City             | 3      |    |     |
|   | Bury Town<br>Staines Town                    | 2      | 0  |     |
|   | Canvey Island<br>Dartford                    | 2      | 3  | (p) |
|   | Salisbury City<br>Weston Super Mare          | 1      |    |     |
|   | Didcot Town<br>Basingstoke Town              | 0      |    |     |
|   | Havant & Waterlooville<br>Dorchester Town    | 4      |    |     |
|   | Farnborough<br>Hamble ASSC                   | 2      |    |     |
|   | Clevedon Town<br>Eastleigh                   | 0      |    |     |
|   | Cinderford Town<br>Maidenhead United         | 0      |    |     |
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#### Fixtures & Results

| Sat | 21 | Aug | Leatherhead              | Suburban League Premier | W 4-2     |
|-----|----|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Wed | 25 |     | TONBRIDGE ANGELS         | Suburban League Premier | Abandoned |
| Sat | 28 |     | Beaconsfield SYCOB       | Suburban League Premier | L 2-3     |
| Sat | 4  | Sep | Hampton & Richmond Boro  | Suburban League Premier | L 0-4     |
| Sat | 11 |     | Uckfield Town            | Sussex Intermediate Cup | W 3-2     |
| Wed | 15 |     | THREE BRIDGES            | Suburban League Premier | W 10-0    |
| Sat | 18 |     | Woking                   | Suburban League Premier | L 1-3     |
| Wed | 22 |     | Sutton United            | Suburban League Premier | D 0-0     |
| Sat | 25 |     | HEMEL HEMPSTEAD          | Suburban League Premier | L 1-2     |
| Sat | 2  | Oct | Carshalton Athletic      | Suburban League Premier | L 1-3     |
| Sat | 9  |     | PORTSLADE                | Sussex Intermediate Cup | W 4-1     |
| Sat | 16 |     | Tooting & Mitcham United | Suburban League Premier | 3.00 pm   |
| Tue | 19 |     | Three Bridges            | Suburban League Premier | 7.45 pm   |
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#### Fixtures & Results

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|---------|-------|-------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| St      | un    | 5     | Sep         | LITTLE COMMON            | Sussex Youth League     | W 6-0  |
| Tu      | ıe    | 7     |             | Tunbridge Wells          | FA Youth Cup            | L 0-1  |
| Sı      | ın    | 12    |             | WORTHING MINORS ATHLETIC | Sussex Youth Cup        | W 16-1 |
| St      | ın    | 19    |             | Seaford Town             | Sussex Youth League     | W 6-2  |
| St      | ın    | 26    |             | SIDLEY                   | Sussex Youth League     | W 6-0  |
| St      | ın    | 3     | Oct         | Eastbourne United        | Sussex Youth League     | W 4-2  |
| Τι      | ıe    | 5     |             | BEXHILL UNITED           | Sussex Youth League     | W 4-1  |
| St      | ın    | 10    |             | Lewes                    | Sussex Youth Cup        | L 2-6  |
| St      | ın    | 17    |             | WESTFIELD                | Sussex Youth League     | 11 am  |
| St      | ın    | 24    |             | PEACEHAVEN               | Sussex Youth League Cup | 11 am  |
| Sı      | ın    | 31    |             | Crowborough              | Sussex Youth League     | 11 am  |
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Daniel will be 8 on Monday and goes to Willingdon Primary School. He is a Premier member of the Junior Reds and also plays for Borough Under 8s. His favourite Borough player is Simon Johnson. We hope you enjoy your afternoon and have a happy birthday on Monday Daniel.

#### blake's heaven with BLAKE HALL



#### MANAGING TO SUCCEED?

When Roy Hodgson was handed the Liverpool job, it was a pivotal moment in Premier League history. Hodgson is a rarity - an English manager at a helm of a top (despite their recent lapse) English club. Hodgson is, without doubt, a canny coach and a very experienced manager. He also plays football that is not perceived as being "boring". Whilst this is a fair assessment, I believe Hodgson is held in higher regard than other English coaches of similar ability because of one thing; he has spent most of his career abroad. I cannot see Hodgson lasting at Liverpool, however. No doubt, he will go and a foreign manager will be installed in his place. With that will go Hodgson's reputation, and he will go from hero to zero in a split second.

Take Arsene Wenger, for example. In many respects, his teams play entertaining football but they can also be extremely frustrating. Often, Arsenal seem to pass for the sake of it when a punt forward may be a more effective method. Is the game not about scoring more goals than the opposition? Arsenal is an extremely well run club and, in many ways, are an example to football chairmen everywhere. One does wonder, however, whether a home-grown manager would have been allowed to remain in charge for so long (although one could also argue that an English manager, who had achieved what Wenger has, may have left his post to have a crack at the national job). Wenger is perceived to be a "professor" of football, everything that an English manager isn't.

Sam Allardyce and Tony Pulis are both seen as the "archetypal" British manager: dour, uncompromising and forthright. I think this is to their disadvantage, as they both clearly aren't always given the credit their achievements have deserved. Allardyce comes across as quite a stubborn character, but his record with lower clubs is excellent. His spell at Newcastle was unsuccessful but, in fairness, that was an extremely difficult task and he was never given a chance to succeed at a club with notoriously fickle supporters that, at that time, demanded Alan Shearer as manager. Allardyce only got his chance in the Premier League by getting Bolton promoted. Bolton now seem like a permanent fixture in the top-flight and this is down to Allardyce's ground work, qualifying the Lancashire club to a European place in his last season there. For all his rugged exterior, Allardyce is an extremely intelligent man; a real thinker of the game, willing to embrace new techniques. He was one of the pioneers of the Pro-Zone analysis system which is so common place now in the thinking of the modern manager. He has previously been linked to the England job, but is constantly overlooked when it comes to the real top clubs in this country. The Blackburn manager earned himself a real reputation at Blackpool and Notts County prior to his spell at Bolton, but one still suspects he would never have been given the chance in the top flight unless promotion was achieved.

The last sentence could be levelled at many English managers, although perhaps one manager that has earned his crack at the top level is the current Blackpool manager, lan Holloway. Forget the front and bluff - Holloway is an excellent operator. He did well at Bristol Rovers and QPR, where he was put on gardening leave after asking permission to speak with Leicester. The Bristolian then moved west again and seemed at home at Plymouth, providing Argyle fans with some of their best memories since the 1970s. The play-offs seemed a distinct possibility with a low-profile, yet decent team. Disappointingly for the Green Army, Holloway left to join Leicester - the only low point of his managerial career to date - and later joined Blackpool. Taking the unfancied Tangerines to the Premier League is without doubt Holloway's biggest achievement to date. When Blackpool get relegated - which, believe me, they eventually will - one imagines that Holloway will probably part company with the club, as is the norm these days.

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One also imagines Holloway will not get a subsequent job with a Premier League side. Holloway plays football as the purists like to see it. There is no doubt that, defensively, Blackpool will be up against it this season, but they will score goals. This has been a distinction of Holloway's time not only at Bloomfield Road, but at his previous clubs too. What Holloway does have, is a good tactical brain and an excellent staff – scout Gary Penrice is rarely mentioned but has discovered many players from the lower leagues and far-flung countries.

Holloway provides a front for a successful managerial unit, a bit like another boss who has enjoyed success at QPR and Plymouth – Neil Warnock. There is a definite trend here – British managers that have achieved wherever they have been, yet have been sadly overlooked when it comes to top jobs and have only been able to manage in the Premier League by getting clubs promoted. If an English manager had taken Swansea to 7<sup>th</sup> place in the Championship, do you think he would have been given the Wigan job like Roberto Martinez has? No, I don't think so, either.

It seems that top-flight chairmen are only willing to hire English managers when they are desperate. Gareth Southgate will be a great manager and will have learned a lot when at Middlesbrough, but when your team is struggling, when your fan base is relatively low and when your chairman gives you a much lower budget than your predecessor, relegation will be inevitable. Southgate was doing well in the Championship with a very young side but was relieved of his duties. In contrast, Gordon Strachan arrives, spends millions and the team appears to have gone backwards. Southgate has yet to re-emerge as a manager, to the detriment of football, in my opinion.

Steve MacLaren is another ex-Boro manager whose reputation has suffered. He took Boro to a UEFA Cup Final – what an achievement - and got the England job on the back of that. I would say it was probably too early for him in his career but MacLaren failed and was subject to personal abuse from the media, like many others before him. You could argue that Capello qualified England to the World Cup, but the dismal showing in South Africa was not good. Whilst MacLaren was hounded out, Capello kept his job. MacLaren bounced back by restoring his reputation in winning the Dutch League with FC Twente and is now in Germany with Wolfsburg. One wonders if the soiled MacLaren will ever be given the opportunity to manage in England again. A top quality coach, would MacLaren want a job back home again? For MacLaren, ditto Glenn Hoddle ditto Graham Taylor, ditto Howard Wilkinson, ditto Ron Atkinson. All managers that could still offer something to our game, yet are always overlooked and never mentioned when a managerial vacancy arises. Is our game so good that we can afford to pass over such valuable experience?

In conclusion, it seems that managers in England are all vilified by the media at some point. Once a reputation is gained within the football world, it is nigh on impossible to change this perception. Even the more popular managers of recent times, like Terry Venables and Harry Redknapp, have suffered it. If you can't be faulted on your job then your personal life will be brought into question. Surely Cardiff's Dave Jones would be an established top-flight manager now had it not been for the unfounded, sick allegations into his private life. Foreign managers generally begin with a clean slate, whereas English managers will always have some sort of baggage, be it from their playing days or previous management experiences.

Just remember that true managerial legends like Bill Shankly, Brian Clough and Sir Alex Ferguson all started the careers at lower level before working their way up. If current trends continue, we may never see their like again. This will only be to the detriment of the game and the fans.

How sad that would be.

#### borough ACTION



#### NEWPORT COUNTY 3 EASTBOURNE BOROUGH 3

There is no lack of excitement when the Eastbourne Borough side is in action! Once again, Borough supporters were subjected to a range of emotions as the Priory Lane side snatched a late goal to secure a valuable point at Newport Stadium. With Matt Smart, Gary Elphick, Richard Pacquette, Andy Atkin and Ross Treleaven all ruled out of the line-up, it was evident from the start that the visitors had a battle on their hands against the high-flying 'Exiles'. Unbeaten at home for over eighteen months. Newport raced into the lead when Robbie Matthews fired them ahead in the third minute. Borough responded within minutes when County skipper Gary Warren was shown a red card for bringing down Jamie Taylor, and the reliable Simon Weatherstone fired home from the spot. There was little evidence that Newport were a man short as they ripped Borough apart for the remainder of the half. Jamie Collins restored County's lead on 18 minutes when he volleyed home from a right flank corner. Rikki Banks denied County with two fine saves, while Craig Reid hit an upright. Borough switched to two up front after the break, with Nathan Crabb playing alongside Taylor and within two minutes of the restart Matt Crabb converted Taylor's cross to the far post, to level the scores. The visitors were now playing with more adventure and spirit and looking good for a point, but a determined home team upped the pressure and stormed back into the lead with less than ten minutes remaining. Banks appeared to be impeded as he collected a cross and substitute Scott Rogers lashed the loose ball into the net. Banks was in action again moments later with another superb save, tipping a fierce Sam Foley goal-bound effort over the bar. Borough refused to be beaten and were rewarded in the final minutes when Matt Langston arrived in the County area to steer a low shot inside the post. From a first half when Newport threatened to go on a goal spree, to a second period in which Borough bounced back to snatch a point, this was an entertaining and nail-biting encounter. Manager Garry Wilson praised his injury hit side, "We showed great spirit to fight back after being outplayed in the first 45 minutes, but after changing formation we emerged to take a hard earned point."

Report by Mike Spooner



#### Matt Langston's first two goals for the Club were late equalisers at Newport and Bath.

#### BATH CITY 1 EASTBOURNE BOROUGH 1

The last 3 weeks have seen Borough travel the length and breadth of the country in search of BSBP points, the rhythm of the coaches wheels now a feature likely to be heard twice a week. This fixture marked the end of this punishing schedule, the squad was stretched to the limit and the hosts having rested key team members from a mid-week senior cup fixture. However the spirit within the Borough squad has never been higher and Gary Elphick made a welcome return to the squad, and made an impact before the final whistle. Boro began well and the 1st chances of the encounter fell to the 'all red's. On 20 minutes Matt Crabb struck a rising shot direct at Ryan Robinson but the hosts were ahead after 27 minutes when Kaid Mohamed, without doubt the Romans most influential player, finished with an acrobatic effort, Lee Phillips pulled a save out of Rikki Banks before Borough seriously tested Robinson again, a great Jamie Taylor header arcing towards the top corner, the Romans stopper making a great finger-tip save. Against Newport County on the previous Tuesday evening Borough grabbed an equaliser early in the 2nd 45. The officials and an error of judgement denied The Sports the same in this fixture. With Roman arms pulling him back, a clear penalty, Nathan Crabb stabbed the ball goalward, Simon Weatherstone offside turned the ball home the offside spotted, the penalty claim rejected. After weathering the storm the hosts took control once again, dominating possession but no clear cut New Chances created for an extension of the lead. With Ethan Strevett, Yado Mambo, and Gary Elphick introduced, the latter as a target man, the game swung Borough's way. Despite a head injury Elphick began to cause concern in the heart of the City defence and just rewards, not only for the game but for the efforts across the recent past, were received. Matt Crabb delivered a great corner from the right and Matt Langston again earned a point with a strong header through the crowd for 1-1. Banks flicked an effort over but the point was safe and the club now face a week of rest and recuperation.

Report by Lee Peskett

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#### **FACUP**

Next week sees Borough enter the FA Cup and as always we hope for an exciting run!

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with ecstasy at times of progress and contemplation of a visit to Beachy Head when eliminated.

When the 4th Qualifying Round draw was made earlier this week there was a quiet satisfaction. Borough were drawn at home to Harrow Borough but have no fear, memories of Ryman Premier opponents are still deeply etched on the minds of the 'faithful'.

But let's put the thought of last year's humiliation to one side, as it is imperative that we make progress in the competition this time round.

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Saturday 23rd October 2010 3pm

#### commercial SCENE



Welcome back to Priory Lane and let's hope that the Borough team can build on the unbeaten run of recent weeks.

With an injury hit squad, players have produced battling displays, especially when recent games have involved significantly long journeys, after mornings at work. Oh, for the opportunity and investment for Borough to go full-time and challenge rivals on a level footing.

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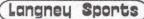
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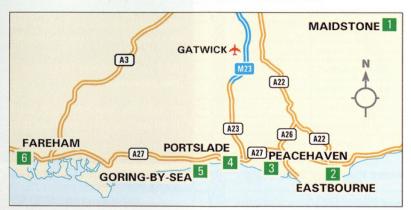
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PAUL GASCOIGNE'S return to football has been met by trepidation by some – and eye-rolling by others.

The troubled England legend is back, bringing with him the cameras' flashbulbs and taking a national media circus to Garforth Town.

The Evo-Stik North club will hardly be complaining, of course. Although most certainly not a publicity stunt they claim, after conveniently letting slip to the News of the World their plans over a week before the ink on Gazza's contract was dry.

This is the same club remember that used owner Simon Clifford's contacts book to bring ageing Brazilian Socrates back to life, and coax fallen ex-football star Lee Sharpe out of retirement.

Gascoigne's return to the dugout sent our mind racing back to two classic Gazza moments witnessed here at the Non-League Paper. We all know what happened during his time at Kettering. Or what didn't happen in his 39-days in charge. Like turning up to matches sober.

The second was just a few months ago, the night of the Raoul Moat stand-off in the north east. Like many around the county, we flicked on Sky News to follow what was going on as the police closed in on the gunman.

Things were getting a bit boring and attention soon turned back to putting the finishing touches on the paper on that famous Friday night.

But then came those magical words from the TV reporter that will go down in live television history.

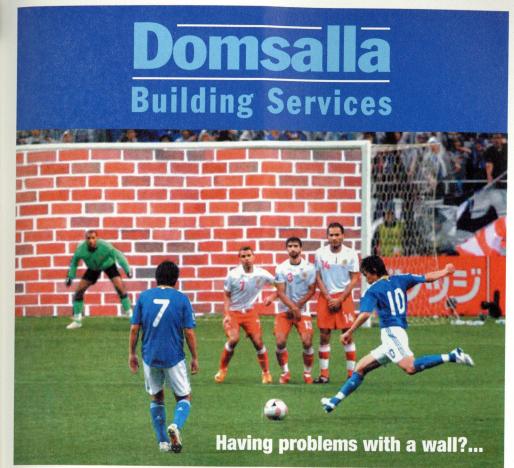
"I am just hearing word," begun Sky News' shocked correspondent, "that former footballer Paul Gascoigne has arrived on the scene with what seems to be a bucket of fried chicken and a fishing rod – he is demanding to see what he is describing as 'his mate Moaty' and he wants to take over as negotiator."

OK, his foolish front line actions could have put lives at risk but if there's a bigger character in football we'd love to book an interview!

Will it work for Gazza at Garforth with such a demanding and driven individual as Clifford calling the shots, nobody knows.

But what we are all aware of is football's power to bring out the best in people – even tortured souls with demons to fight.

We're all for welcoming Gascoigne back to the fold. It may be just what's needed to get his remarkable life back on track.



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