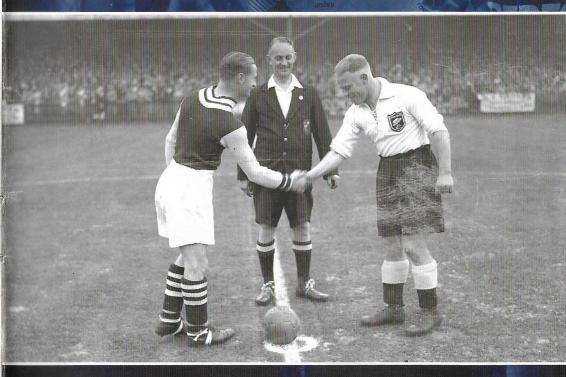
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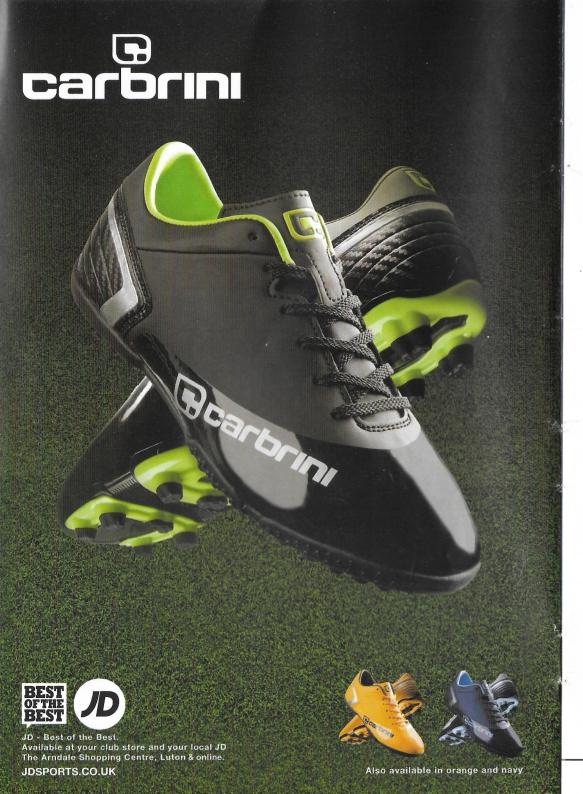






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## **MONEY**

Good afternoon and welcome back to all supporters to Kenilworth Road for today's game with St Albans City.

I also like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors from the Clarence Park. Steve Castle, his management team, the players, directors, officials and supporters who have made the trip to Bedfordshire for this FA Cup tie.

The FA Cup is such a terrific competition and today's tie gives both clubs the opportunity to progress to the first round proper where Football League clubs await.

Our neighbours from the Blue Square Bet South got past Kingstonian in a replay to get this far and they will be out to make a name for themselves by making it an uncomfortable 90 minutes for us this afternoon.

When the draw was made I knew it was a great tie for the area and interest in the game would be high considering the close proximity of the two towns.

Whoever is successful today - or if need be, in a replay this coming Tuesday, a potential tie with likes of Charlton, Southampton or Sheffield Wednesday awaits.

Last season we performed very well in this competition after starting out in the fourth qualifying round.

We enjoyed some excellent displays in five ties, all against opposition in Leagues 1 and 2.

Our performances in the competition against Rochdale and Rotherham not only showed the quality within our squad but also highlighted the fact that there isn't much to choose from

teams playing in the Football League and the Conference.

Rochdale went onto finish runners-up in League 2 and earned promotion and are currently holding their own in League 1 while Rotherham lost in the League 2 Play-Off final but now sit third, two points off the top.

Our results over those teams set us up for a trip to St Mary's to face a Southampton side who went onto win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy and miss out on the League 1 Play-Offs after suffering a points deduction.

Despite going down 1-0 I felt we more than deserved to take the Saints to a replay at Kenilworth Road but it wasn't to be and we were left to reflect on what might have been.

Today marks the start of what we hope will be another successful and, at the end of the day, profitable, run in the competition.

For so many clubs, especially in non-league football, the FA Cup not only provides supporters with excitement but also benefits the clubs financially.

Therefore, like all clubs, we will be looking to go as far as we can and with that in mind we cannot afford to take any risks.

I was asked a week ago whether I would contemplate playing a weakened team against St Albans.

My answer was a definite no. It's not in my nature to take a risk because we owe it to you, the supporters, and St Albans that we take this tie seriously. Come five o'clock we do not want to be in the headlines for the wrong reasons.

We go into today's game full of confidence on the back of five very good performances in the

Four wins from five games has brought us back into contention at the top of the table even though we'd obviously want to be higher in the table and to have taken more points.

Our last two results in particular have been very encouraging and it's good for any team to look as though they are full of goals.

To have scored 10 in our last two matches is the result of hard work, teamwork and confidence and after the disappointment of the Crawley result I have been delighted with the players' response.

Make no mistake St Albans will be up for this game, just like all the teams that visit Kenilworth Road for our league fixtures.

Their players have the chance to make a name for themselves and in the FA Cup anything can happen.

We must make sure that we're not on the wrong side of an upset but if we can continue to play the way we are I have every confidence in this group of players to get the job done professionally.

Enjoy the game.



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## FROM THE **BOARDROOM**

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's cup tie against St Albans City.

A particular welcome to our neighbours from down the road in Hertfordshire and I do hope as many supporters as possible have made the short trip here today.

Going through the record books shows our one and only previous fixture with St Albans came in the FA Cup way back in November 1894 when we won 6-1 and one interesting connection we have with our visitors is that our old striker lain Dowie used to play for the Saints as a happy diversion from the rigours of rocket science obviously many moons ago!

where we certainly deserved a draw.

Kenilworth Road has witnessed some epic battles in the Cup going back to that thrilling afternoon in March 1959 when a record crowd of 30,069 saw us beat Blackpool in a sixth round replay to reach the semi-final before going on to Wembley.

I have to admit I sometimes watch that game on my laptop with the amazingly dated Pathé News commentary! Of course, in recent years, we've had two thrillers with Liverpool here.

Now, whisper it softly, but we are on a bit of a run at the moment. We've won four out of the last five and the game we lost, at home to Crawley,

**LA** THE FA CUP IS THE FA CUP, AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED. WE HAVE GROWN UP WITH THE EXCITEMENT AND GLAMOUR IT BRINGS AND IT IS STILL REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS TOURNAMENTS IN THE WORLD 7

I know the FA Cup seems to have lost its appeal to clubs in the highest echelons of English football these days - inexplicable, in my opinion but I can assure you that this is not the case here. It is very important to us for a variety of reasons and we are intent on progressing as far as we can in the competition.

The FA Cup is the FA Cup, as far as we are concerned, we have grown up with the excitement and glamour it brings and it is still regarded as one of the most prestigious tournaments in the world.

We did superbly last year to beat League 2 high fliers Rochdale and Rotherham and we played really well, particularly in the second half, at Southampton before bowing out 1-0 on day

saw us going down cruelly in time added on after we had played so well and deserved a draw at the very least.

Newport did us a favour last weekend by halting the Crawley charge, while we came away with three excellent points from Eastbourne. It was very windy at times on the coast, but I thought we handled it excellently and played some terrific passing football.

We took nearly a thousand fans to the game and the support, as ever, was very vocal and greatly appreciated. The players love it and it makes such a difference, so many thanks, Talking about away support, Forest Green brought just 18 followers to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday.

It couldn't have been very rewarding either as we showed once again what a classy side we can be on our day.

Richard Money was delighted with our free flowing, energetic football and everyone seems to agree we could have scored many more goals, bearing in mind all the chances we created.

Amari Morgan-Phillips has made a huge impression already and isn't it good to see Danny Crow playing so well? Five goals in his last four starts will do for me.

I must mention the pitch at Kenilworth Road. It caused us a few problems last season and sometimes negated our efforts to play quick, passing football, but the new drainage system we invested in during the summer has done

Coupled with the hard work of our groundsman Richard 'Dickie' Bird and his assistant Richard Osborne, the surface is a real credit to the club and held up well after all the rain before and during the Forest Green game on Tuesday.

And, as for the match itself, a brilliant result and a sign that the team's really gelling and bursting with confidence. Long may it continue. Well done lads

Looking ahead to a week today, the Bath City game is our 125th anniversary celebration match. We'll be playing in our old pink and blue colours and a number of our former players will be here. Among them Ron Baynham and Brian Horton. plus three stars of our glorious.

Fourth Division championship year of 1968, Terry Branston, John Moore and, a great favourite of mine, the hard working Keith Allen. If you're close enough, it'll be interesting trying to spot familiar and much loved faces in the main

Back to today and here's to another exhilarating display from the Hatters!

It will be a special day of course, too, to our two former Saints players Godfrey Poku and JJ O'Donnell.

Enjoy the game, bye for now.

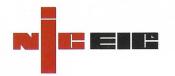


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## **CAPTAIN SPEAKING**

Tuesday night's 6-1 victory over Forest Green was a terrific performance from the team and further highlights the confidence in the camp at the minute.

It's been well documented how disappointed we were to lose to Crawley and after an enforced break we have now well and truly got that result out of our system by winning the last two, scoring 10 in the process.

It was good to get such an early goal on Tuesday and it proved to be a great platform from which to build on as the goals soon started to flow.

Although we came in at half-time 3-1 up we felt we got a bit sloppy during the first 45 minutes.

In the second period, however, we ironed out those mistakes and went onto score another three goals and go on a record a very comprehensive victory.

I don't usually pick out individuals but it was great to see Dan Walker score his first senior goal – and what a strike it was. He was no doubt frustrated at missing an earlier opportunity but he kept going and was duly rewarded.

The victory made it four wins from five games and now we feel as we're hitting the kind of form we enjoyed towards the back end of last season.

It's vital we keep the momentum going as we begin to draw closer to winter where pitches will begin to deteriorate and weather conditions get more difficult to play in.

That said, the Kenilworth Road pitch is in superb condition and playing in Tuesday's heavy rain shows that the investment made in the new drainage system is money well spent.

If the surface remains in good nick throughout the campaign that will be a huge boost. We like to play high-tempo, attacking football and when the pitch is like it is that can only help us further in our quest for success this season.

Turning our attentions to this afternoon we welcome St Albans City to Kenilworth Road for our first cup tie of the season so far.

We hope it's the first of many where, like we did last season, can go on and enjoy a successful run in what is the most famous cup competition in the world.

Wins over Grays, Rochdale and Rotherham rewarded us with a place in the hat for the third round where we were unlucky not to take Southampton, who were flying in

League 1 despite a points deduction, to a replay.

Our performances, especially in both games against Rochdale and Rotherham, highlighted the very small difference between sides in the Football League and in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

We weren't surprised that Rochdale, Rotherham and Southampton all went onto enjoy success in one way or another and it is a testament to the way we played and our desire to succeed against sides in the league above us.

St Albans may be a league below us but come the first whistle this afternoon it will be 11 versus 11. As a player there is nothing worse than losing to a team a ranked below you in the pyramid and believe me will we do all we can to make sure that doesn't happen.

Our confidence following

positive results in the past week has been sky high but we must not get too overconfident today because that may lead to our downfall.

Chances are we will have to be patient for our chances and it is important that we take our opportunities when they arrive.

It's our last home game before our 125th anniversary celebrations next Saturday against Bath and it would be great to see you all here next week for the celebrations.

Enjoy today's game and get behind the lads.



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## INTRODUCING ST ALBANS CITY

St Albans City have experienced the highlife and endured troubled times since the formation of Conference South in 2004/05.

Having battled against relegation for much of that first season, the Saints stormed to promotion a year later with victory in the Play-Off final over Histon, after finishing second to champions Weymouth.

After just one season in the Conference National St Albans were relegated back to Conference South but went down with the highest points total of any side to finish bottom of the Conference since the league added two extra

Life back in Conference South has been far from easy for the Saints with their best placing since relegation being 12th in 2008/09.

The 2009/10 season saw City slip one place to 13th. Steve Castle, City's current manager and a former player at Clarence Park, has been in charge for 178 games.

The Saints celebrated their centenary in 2008 having been formed some four years after the closure of the St Albans Football Club that represented the city under four different names between 1881-1904.

The new City club made Clarence Park, opened in 1894, its home from its formation. Prior to the First World War the Saints competed in, and won, both the Herts County League and the Spartan League. The club was elected to the Isthmian League in 1923 but were fined £25 by the Athenians due to late notice of resignation.

Success in the Isthmian League was immediate with the club winning the championship in 1924, 1927 and 1928 and the dub were the first club to win the Spartan. Athenian and Isthmian League championships.

The club achieved just two more top three finishes before being the first club to be relegated within the newly expanded Isthmian League in 1974.

A second relegation was endured 12 years later but it proved to be the spark for an uptum in the clubs fortunes. After two promotions in three vears the club was back in the Premier Division of the Isthmian League.

However, City were denied promotion to the Conference in 1993, after finishing second to Chesham United, due to a 140-year-old oak tree situated within the terrace. The tree was felled in 1998 with City joining as founder members of Conference South in 2004.

In addition to winning ten league championships St Albans City have enjoyed success in 48 cup finals. The Herts Senior Cup has been won 13 times and the Herts Charity Cup 25 times.

Possibly the most prestigious cup won was the London Senior Cup in 1971, a year after being beaten finalists, and the London Challenge Cup in 1995. City also hold a most unwanted record as the side to have made more Amateur Cup semi-final appearances, four, than any other club without ever going on to play in the final.

And in 1999 the FA Trophy was added to the list with a semi-final defeat to Forest Green Rovers. The club has also lifted silverware on foreign fields winning the Victory Cup in the Channel Islands in 1926 and 1928, and sandwiched inbetween in 1927 the Liege Cup was won in

City have reached the second round of the FA Cup on five occasions and will be aiming to reach the first round proper for the 11th time this afternoon.



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#### THE MANAGER - STEVE CASTLE

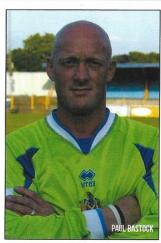
The third longest serving St Albans City manager took charge of the side for the first time in October 2003.

He resigned a year later but has steadily enhanced his reputation since returning to Clarence Park in January 2008.

Made 61 appearances for the club as a player after a successful Football League career spanning 16 years and over 600 games that began and ended with Leyton Orient and took in stops at Plymouth Argyle, Birmingham City, Gillingham, Peterborough United and Stevenage.

He has also had a spell as scout for England Under-19s.





PAUL BASTOCK -Longest serving member of the current St Albans City squad having made 234 appearances in two spells with the Saints. Names Cambridge United, Cheltenham Town, Kettering Town, Bath City, Fisher Athletic, Aylesbury United, Scarborough, Dagenham & Redbridge, Rushden & Diamonds and Malaysian side Sebeh and Boston United as his former employers.

DAVID DEENEY - A 23-year-old right-back who recently switched to midfield and scored his first goal inOctober. A Zimbabwe-born player who enjoyed a good run in the FA Trophy last season with Corby Town. Has also played for Hitchin Town and Hemel Hempstead Town but started his career with the Hatters, making one appearance.

ADAM EVERITT - Joined from Bromley in November 2008 and has proved himself to be equally effective whether at left-back or as a central defender. Started his career with Luton before having spells with Cambridge City, Eastleigh, Yeading, Haves, Hemel Hempstead and Harrow Borough.

JAMES FISHER - Signed in February 2008 from Northwood and made his 100th appearance for the club in August 2010. Was with Chelsea as a youngster before having spells with Wembley and Wealdstone. A versatile 27year-old who switches between midfield and right-back.

RYAN FRATER - Joined the Saints from county

rivals Hitchin Town in December 2007 and has since firmly established himself in the heart of the City defence and as captain of the side. Either side of two spells with Hitchin he also played for Bedford Town and Dunstable.

BEN MARTIN - A 6ft 7in central defender who rejoined the Saints on the eve of the current season after spending a year with Chelmsford City, Previously with Swindon Town, Lincoln City. Stevenage Borough Famborough Town, Staines Town, Leighton Town and Wealdstone.

MARK PETERS - Is in his second season as assistant manager and also a key member of the side. Began a lengthy Football League career on the books of Manchester City but after leaving Maine Road he played for Mansfield Town, Rushden & Diamonds, Leyton Orient and Cambridge United.

PETER SMITH - Signed in November 2009 from from Poole Town after moving to London having previously played for fellow southern sides Lymington & New Milton, Winchester City and Salisbury City. An attack-minded left-back who has recently been pushed forward into

ROSS DEDMAN - One of two teenagers who broke into the first team last season, having started in the youth team. A versatile 17-year-old who played all along the back four last season before establishing himself in his favoured midfield position.

ROB MAGWOOD - A former Watford youngster who made a tremendous impression when given a run in the first XI last season and won the Player on the Month award for April.

ADAM MARTIN - Central midfielder who joined during the summer of 2010. Ended last season with Southern League side Slough Town having previously played for Hemel Hempstead Town and Berkhamsted Town.

HASSAN SULAIMAN - Returned for a second spell in August having made 62 appearances between August 2007 and April 2009. Having started as a scholar with Arsenal he had spells with Wigan Athletic, Aldershot Town and Slough Town before joining St Albans City. A right-sided player who is on the coaching staff at Chelsea.

ROBBIE MARTIN - Creative wide midfielder who can play on either flank and is new to Clarence Park this season after joining from Braintree and has previously played for Havant & Waterlooville and Homchurch.

MOSES ODUBAJO - Left winger currently on work experience from Leyton Orient. Made his debut during City's goalless draw with Kingstonian in the FA Cup third qualifying round.

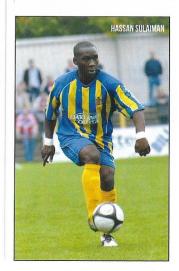
SEAN SHIELDS - Two-footed winger previously on the books of Rushden & Diamonds, the teenager has made a handful of appearances for Potters Bar Town and Cockfosters.

**INIH EFFIONG** - Young forward who is back for his second spell having spent the 2009/10 campaign with neighbours Boreham Wood. Made his Conference South debut with St Albans City in December 2008.

PELAYO GOMEZ - A recent acquisition at Clarence Park who joins the Saints on work experience from Brentford. An 18-year-old Spaniard, born in Marbella, he had a short spell in non-league football last season when he scored twice in eight games for Carshalton

GLODI KWEME - An 18-year-old striker who broke into the City reserve side towards the end of last season and signed Conference South forms in the summer.

JEAN-MICHEL SIGERE - Signed at the start of September from Margate, A French-born striker has won promotion to the Football League and played at Wembley in the FA Trophy Final with Rushden & Diamonds and Stevenage Borough respectively.







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## **HATTERS**



#### HAPPY 90TH STAN!

Long time Hatters fan, Stan Hewitt, recently celebrated his 90th birthday in style with

help from the club. He was invited to meet the players and management earlier in the month and had his photo taken with

Richard and the lads. At the Forest Green match, he was presented with the signed picture in the executive boxes by his all time favourite player and Luton legend, John

Stan is still a season ticket holder and never misses a home game. He first started watching Luton in the 1920s and as well as being at all of our Wembley appearances, he was there when Joe Payne scored his ten goals at Maine Road for the 1-0 showdown and witnessed 'that goal' by Graham French.

Stan and his family would like to thank the club for making his birthday such a special one, in particular Robert Curson and Dave Hoskins who made it all possible.

#### PINK AND BLUE AND YOU

Just incase it has escaped your attention next weekend we celebrate our 125th birthday when entertain Bath City at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters are sporting their commemorative pink and blue halved shirts for the occasion and want you to do the same.

The day will be fun-filled occasion too and ticket sales already indicated a huge crowd so why not tell a friend and get them down to enjoy the occassion?

Our celebrations will also include a parade of a number of former players who have been invited to attend this very special match in our history. Why not come and along and be a part of it?

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lifelong Hatters supporter Alison Marks got the perfect present when celebrating her 40th birthday following our 6-1 win over Forest Green Rovers on Tuesday.

Alison watched on from executive box number five on the night and belated birthday wishes come from mum, Maria, Ricky and Richard.

#### **BOOK SIGNING NEXT SATURDAY**



The latest book by Club Historian Roger Wash and statistician Simon Pitts. Luton Town Football Club - The Full Record 1885-2010, has been flying off the shelves and next Saturday at the game with Bath you can get your copy signed.

An official book signing will take place in the club shop before kickoff when the authors, plus some surprise quests, will be available to add their signatures to your copy.













## **COMMERCIAL**

Good afternoon and welcome to today' FA Cup tie with St Albans City.

Our next match here takes place a week today when we entertain Bath City 24 hours before we celebrate our 125th birthday.

As you know to celebrate our very special anniversary season the club are doing things in style and last week we announced details for the biggest ever reunion dinner in the Hatters'

Players and management from past and



present will be recalling stories from the Kenilworth Road dressing rooms at the event which will take place at the Auction House in Luton on 2nd December.

Hosted by ITV football commentator Peter Drury and sponsored by our back of shirts and shorts sponsors NICEIC, the night will be a who's who of former Town legends down the

David Pleat, Lil Fucillo, Kirk Stephens, Kingsley Black, Iain Dowie and Raddy Antic will be joined by members of the current coaching staff and first team squad while more names of former Hatters stars of the past will be confirmed in the next fortnight.

A welcome drink, canapés and two-course meal await guests who will also be able to get a glimpse of a number of the trophies that have adomed the Kenilworth Road trophy cabinet in days gone by.

Tickets are expected to go fast so book now to avoid missing out on one of the biggest and most celebrated dinner the club have held.

Tickets start at just £60 per person. To find out more or to book your place contact the commercial team at the club on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

You can also purchase your place at the dinner at our online ticketing website.

#### COMMERCIAL MASCOT HARRY SMITH

Please welcome our mascot this afternoon, Harry Smith, from Dagenham in Essex.

Harry, 10, enjoys football and cricket and comes to games with Justin, his mum and occasionally with sister Laura.

He attends Warren Junior School in Dagenham and his favourite player is Claude Gnakpa.

Harry will get to lead the team out on to pitch and get to meet Claude and the rest of the squad in the dressing room prior to kick-off.

We hope you both have a wonderful day with





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Claude Gnakpa pens his autograph in the programme before the match.



All smiles as Amy poses with goalkeeper Mark Tyler.

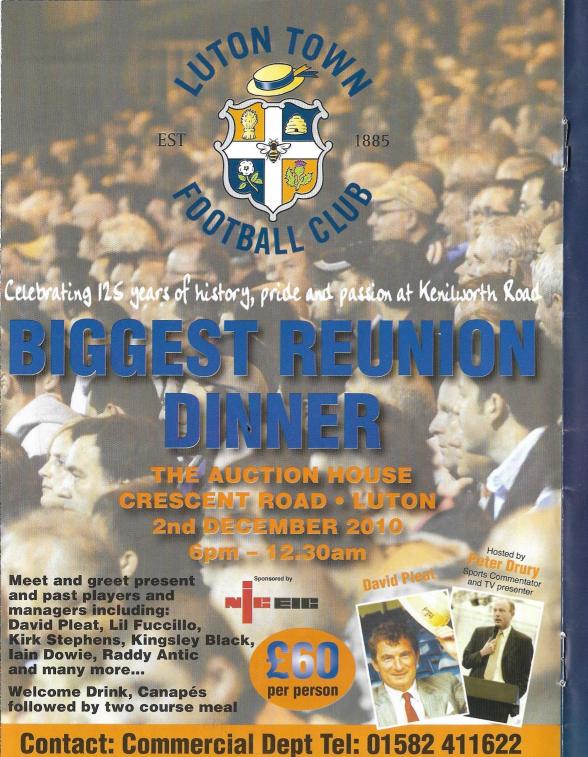


Arry meets her favourite player Andy Drury on the pitch in the warm-up.

The big moment as Arry walks out with the team moments before kickoff.







## COVER STORY

Luton skipper George Stephenson shakes hands with his Aston Villa counterpart, Charlie Phillips, before the Town's first home game back in Division Two following the Town's promotion in 1937.



The visit to Luton of sides such as Aston Villa truly brought home what promotion was all about and throughout the summer supporters had been ticking off the days since the fixture list had been published.

At the time they did not come much bigger than Villa, especially at Division Two level, and for this, the first home game of the season, supporters started arriving in the early afternoon for a 6.30pm kickoff and the gates were closed halfan-hour before the start with some 5,000 unable to gain entrance.

The ground was now reckoned to hold 34,000 with the new Kenilworth Road terrace accounting for almost half of this number and so commentators thought that the previous

attendance record had been smashed to smithereens.

When the turnstiles had stopped clicking, however, the crowd was recorded at a surprising 25,349, albeit a record, although marry record books - including that of Villa - showed it as 29,372.

The game got off to a sensational start with the Town scoring almost directly from the kickoff, Albert Dawes smashing home a poor Villa clearance.

Villa did not let this early disappointment upset them though and, looking quicker to the ball, soon fought back and levelled when Jack Maund netted at the end of a swift breakaway. Joe Payne was giving all sorts of problems to the Villa defence and put the Town back into the lead just before the interval when he held off two defenders before firing home.

In the second period Ted Hancock made it 3-1 when he fired home a loose ball from 25 yards but the Town could not shake off their Midlands opponents and when Alex Massie reduced the deficit with a similar long range effort it was all hands the pumps in the Luton defence which came under massive pressure.

The final whistle sounded with every player, apart from Fred Biddlestone the Villa goalkeeper, in the Luton penalty area.

Roger Wash

## **AGAINST THE** ODDS

LUTON TOWN 4-2 IPSWICH TOWN. WORTHINGTON CUP SECOND ROUND SECOND LEG. 22ND SEPTEMBER 1998.



Although the Town started off the 1998/99 campaign with a good win at Wycombe, they were expected to quickly come down to earth with a bang against Division One side Oxford in round one of the Worthington Cup.

And so it proved. Oxford's Matt Murphy gave the away side a 2-0 interval lead and although a half-time roasting from manager Lennie Lawrence led to the Town pulling back to 2-2, courtesy of two Graham Alexander penalties, the defence went to sleep again allowing

Simon Weatherstone to net the winner with two minutes to go.

The second leg was looked on as being a formality, especially when Phil Whelan headed home on 24 minutes to take the game to 4-2

With the game seemingly out of reach, Phil Gray pulled a goal back before half time and in a determined performance after the break the Town scored twice through Sean Evers and Paul McLaren. Allied to backs to the wall defending, the Hatters managed to hold out for an unlikely 5-4 aggregate victory.

Next up were another Division One side, Inswich, who were making a concerted effort to return to the Premier League.

In the first leg, at Portman Road, the Town were forced to play three 18-year-olds, Matt Spring, Michael McIndoe and debutant Jimmy Cox in midfield but the trio acquitted themselves well by using their speed to unsettle the Ipswich defence.

It came as a surprise therefore, when James Scowcroft volleyed Ipswich into the lead just after the interval but Stuart Douglas took advantage of an error by big Frenchman Manuel Thetis to level the scores on 60 minutes

Thetis made amends for his mistake with 10 minutes to go when the ball ricocheted around the Luton area before falling at his feet when he gratefully snapped up the chance.

In the second leg at Kenilworth Road, the Ipswich game-plan appeared to be to pull everyone back behind the ball and then use the pace of David Johnson to attack on the break.

The plan appeared to be working a treat when a quick move involving Micky Stockwell and Scowcroft allowed Johnson to apply the finishing touch on 35 minutes.

At 3-1 on aggregate the tie seemed over but Andrew Fotiadis, in for the injured Gray, robbed Thetis on the byline before heading towards goal and slipping the ball under Ipswich keeper Richard Wright.

The Town then gambled by pushing skipper and centre-half Steve Davis up front and he was instrumental in setting up the aggregate equaliser which was forced home by Douglas with a deflected shot.

With the crowd going wild the game moved into extra-time and the ploy of leaving Davis up front seemed to be producing dividends when he rose head and shoulders above everyone to direct a towering header from Alexander's flag kick into the top comer of Wright's net after 98 minutes

There were now 22 minutes to hang on and Lawrence wisely pulled Davis back into defence where he marshalled the back line to prevent Ipswich the goal which would take them through on the away goals rule.

With the game in its final minute and the Town having weathered the Ipswich storm, hero Davis turned to villain when, in attempting to clear a Jamie Clapham cross, he headed spectacularly past Kelvin Davis in the Luton

Heads did not drop though, as with only seconds remaining, the Town won a comer and with everyone piling into the box to try to connect to Spring's flag kick, Wright could not get a good connection on the ball and sent it looping up in the air.

Luton defender Marvin Johnson wasn't used to finding his name on the scoresheet during his long years with the Town but the ball fell kindly on to his head and he knocked it past everyone for the winner.

The players and crowd went mad and there was hardly time for the game to restart before the final whistle blew.

A fabulous ending to a famous night.

Luton Town: Kelvin Davis, Alexander, McGowan, Spring, Steve Davis, Johnson, McKinnon (White), Evers, Douglas, Fotiadis (Baque), Marshall (Cox),

Ipswich Town: Wright, Stockwell (Mathie), Taricco (Sonner), Tanner, Thetis, Venus, Dyer, Holland, Johnson, Scowcroft, Petta.

Roger Wash





## **LUTON TOWN 6 FOREST GREEN ROVERS 1**

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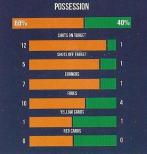
#### **MONEY TALK**

"To be honest I wasn't happy at all at half-time. We looked a bit loose in the first half but still, we managed to score the goals at the right time. We could have had a few more but we looked a bit open. However, in the second half we looked more of what I call a proper team: safer, no alarms but still threatening.

#### LINE-UPS

Luton Town: Tyler, F. Murray, Kroca, G. Pilkington, Gleeson, Howells (sub Poku 59), Morgan-Smith, Keane, Drury (sub Gnakpa 46), Crow (sub Walker 67), Barnes-Homer. Subs not used: K. Pilkington, Asafu-Adjaye.

Forest Green: Bittner, Hodgkiss, Jones, Styche (M. Fowler 69), Norwood (sub Kamara 46) Klukowski, Caines, McDonald, Flood, Mills, Enver-Marum (sub Head 85). Subs not used: Armstrong, Jones.

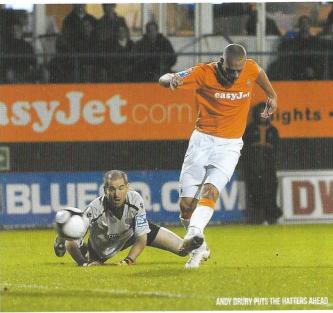


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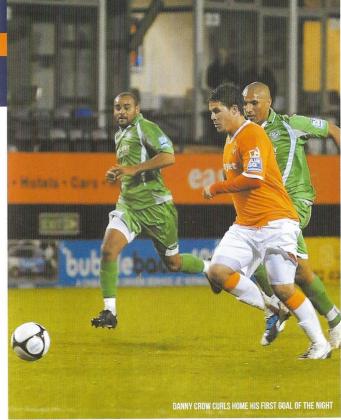
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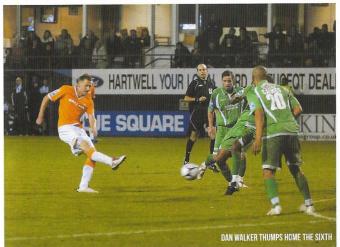
#### **KEITH KEANE**

The Hatters' number four was again the heartbeat of another fine display on a night when he was unlucky not to get on the scoresheet, hitting a screamer just wide and seeing a shot cleared off the line.









#### **MATCH REPORT**

The Town hit Forest Green for six to go third in the table and register their fourth win in five games in a confident, stylish and comprehensive performance at Kenilworth

It didn't take the Town long to take the lead. Freddie Murray's left-wing cross was heading towards an offside Danny Crow. The assistant referee raised his flag but referee Simon Long waved play on allowing an unmarked and onside Andy Drury to take his time to round James Bittner in the visitors' goal and tap home his fourth of the season.

One became two eight minutes later when Drury turned provider, swinging in a lovely low left-wing cross aimed for Amari Morgan-Smith who did the rest, ghosting ahead of his marker to side-foot home from five yards.

With the Town's tails up plenty of chances continued to fall their way and it was no surprise when Danny Crow made it 3-0 on 34 minutes when finishing with aplomb after Bittner had presented a poor goalkick straight to the striker.

But all of a sudden the Hatters got sloppy and Rovers pulled a goal back six minutes before the break when Mark Tyler attempted to dribble around Reece Styche but only succeeded in being tackled, allowing the visitors striker to stroke home into an empty net from the edge of the penalty area.

At the break Richard Money introduced Claude Gnakpa for Drury and the Frenchman took little time to make an impression on the game when, on 49 minutes, he laid on the Hatters' fourth of the night when surging into the box to square for Crow to tap home his second.

The Town were always well in command and after a lull in proceedings they got their fifth goal of the night on 81 minutes with Gnakpa again the architect; beating two men in the box and cutting the ball back for Matthew Barnes-Homer to fire his ninth goal of the season beyond Bittner.

But that wasn't the end of the scoring and Dan Walker, who had earlier missed a great chance when one-on-one with Bittner, belted home the goal of the night in the first minute of stoppage to crown a great display from the hosts and give the striker his first senior goal.

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**POST-MATCH** 

The manager thought they should have scored 12 and striker Danny Crow wanted another two but that doesn't mean they weren't all happy to have put six past Forest Green Rovers in midweek.

The scoreline was nothing more than the Town deserved and it could have been so much worse for Dave Hockaday's side had the home team found their range earlier on.

Andy Drury got Luton off to a flying start with a goal on six minutes and he was delighted to take his tally to four for the season.

"I get more freedom with the gaffer to go forward," he told Hatters Player afterwards.

"At Stevenage, I was more disciplined I felt so I'm enjoying the freedom that the gaffer

"Obviously I got four in the whole of last season so I've got four by November now so hopefully I can get well into double figures."

Another man hoping for double figures is Danny Crow who now has four goals from his last two matches, after bagging braces against Eastbourne Borough and Forest Green but he was hoping to take home the

He said: "Once again I could have had another two on top of that so it's a bit frustrating but it's great for the team to score six goals and to contribute to that as well it was very nice."

Both players were forced off in the match and with competition for places stronger than ever the duo are desperate not to lose their places.

> But both know whoever comes on is more than capable of filling the void.

"I went for a tackle and I felt my knee a bit, the outside of it," said Crow. "But it's not any ligaments, it's just a little knock so for the next couple of days just try and control it.

"I didn't want to do any long term damage. I was on for a hat-trick but the game was kind of dead and buried at 4-1, so I thought, give Dan Walker a

And a go Walker had, as he netted his first senior goal and became the 10th player to score in the league so far for the Hatters when scoring the sixth and final goal of the

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## **YOUTH UPDATE**

The Hatters' Under-18s scored twice in injury time to complete a dramatic turnaround and book an FA Youth Cup first round trip to Southend United.

Hosts Waltham Abbey were 2-1 to the good a minute into time added on before Newman Carney equalised. And with Abbey shellshocked, substitute Liam Toomey popped up in the 95th-minute to send Martin Prickett's side through to the next round.

Earlier it seemed as though the Hatters would have little trouble disposing of their Essex opponents after Cauley Woodrow's ninth minute goal from Carnev's cross had given them the lead.

While Waltham Abbey were threatening on the counter attack the Town were still in command and Woodrow missed a great chance to double the lead before the break.

Although Abbey came out all guns blazing at the start of the second half Woodrow was somehow denied a second goal after rounding the goalkeeper but saw his shot cleared off the line.

That let-off spurred on the hosts and they equalised on 56 minutes when Carney gave the ball away to the home striker who jinked past Fabio Bufano and confidently lifted the ball over the advancing Lewis Kidd.

All of a sudden it was all Abbey and nine minutes later they took the lead when a direct freekick on the edge of the box was bent into the top comer past the despairing dive of Kidd. The Town knew they were on the end of a possible upset and Prickett introduced Toomey and Colby McAdams for Woodrow and Rvan Dasilva in a bid to save the tie.

But just when it looked as though wayward finishing would cost them, the Hatters found an equaliser, when Jordan Patrick's deflected right-wing cross found its way to Carney on the left-hand edge of the penalty area and he slotted home a minute into the added time.

With time still left the Hatters sensed blood and they got the winner their pressure deserved four minutes later.

A left-wing cross was sent back across goal by McAdams to an unmarked Toomev who did the rest, heading home his fourth of the

A relieved Prickett said afterwards: "Obviously we're delighted to win and to get through.

"We created a lot of chances but were quilty of missing when we should be doing better when they fall our way.

"We must do better in front of goal to kill teams off but that said we showed our never say die attitude and on balance we deserved to get through."

Team: Kidd, James, Lacey, Bufano, Carney, Dasilva (McAdams), Mirzai, Tavemier, Patrick, Woodrow (Toomey), Ann. Subs not used: Kaddu, Blake, Cain, Jibidu.

### YOUTH ALLIANCE

#### **FIXTURES 2010/11**

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THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Peterborough United (a) Wycombe Wanderers (h)

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January 2011 Peterborough United (h) Barnet (h)

29 Stevenage (a)

5 Northampton Town (h) 12 Colchester United (a) 26 Brighton & Hove Albion (h)

Millwall (a) Leyton Orient (h) Gillingham (a)

Southend United (h) Aldershot Town (a)

30 Dagenham and Redbridge (h)

Football League Youth Alliance fixtures

FLYALC - Football League Youth Alliance League Cup.

**FAYC - FA Youth Cup** 

\* Kenilworth Road ^ Won 5-4 on penalties

#### **GAMES & GOALS**

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### LEAGUE TABLE

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4	Aldershot Town	4	3	3	9	
5	Southend U	4	2	2	7	
6	Leyton Orient	4	2	6	6	
7	Stevenage B	4	2	2	6	
8	Brighton & H	4	2	0	6	
9	Luton Town	4	2	-1	6	
10	Gillingham	4	1	-3	4	
11	Peterborough U	4	1	-3	4	
12	Colchester U	4	1	-3	3	
13	Wycombe W	4	1	-3	3	
14	Northampton T	4	1	-6	3	
15	Dagenham & R	4	1	-9	3	
16	Barnet	4	0	-9	1	

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## ST ALBANS CITY v LUTON TOWN

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All prices are for terracing unless stated.

Adults £11 (with a £2 transfer to seating), concessions £6 (with a £1 transfer to seating), juniors under 14 £3. under-5s free.



## **LUTON TOWN V BATH CITY**

**Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 30th October 2010** kickoff 3pm Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.





## **WREXHAM v LUTON TOWN**

Blue Square Bet Premier Thursday 11th November 2010 kickoff 7.45pm

Please note the change of that for this match. This game will be screened live on Premier Sports TV.

Tickets are available on the night for Luton supporters but savings can be made if bought in advance. These are only available through Wrexham and are available through their ticket office and on their online ticket website. Visit www.wrexhamafc.co.uk for details or call 01978 262129.

We have an allocation of 1,200 seats in the Yale Stand.

**Prices:** Adults £14 (in advance) £17 (on the night), concessions £10 (in advance) £12 (on the night), juniors £5 (in advance and on the night).



## **ALTRINCHAM v LUTON TOWN**

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 13th November 2010 kick-off 3pm

This game is pay on the day for Luton supporters.

We have been allocated 1,434 terrace spaces and a limited number of seats.

**Prices - Terrace**: Adult £13, over65s £8, under-16s £5, under-12s £2. **Seating**: Adult £13, all concessions £9.





### **LUTON TOWN V HISTON**

Blue Square Bet Premier Saturday 20th November 2010 kickoff 3pm

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## STATS 2010/11

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17	HISTON	16	3	1	4	11	13	2	2	4	7	14	-9	18
18	CAMBRIDGE UTD	16	4	2	2	16	6	0	3	5	3	12	1	17
19	SOUTHPORT	16	3	2	3	8	8	1	3	4	7	10	-3	17
20	HAYES & YEADING	16	3	0	5	11	15	2	2	4	6	14	-12	17
21	BATH CITY	15	2	4	1	10	9	1	3	4	8	14	-5	16
22	BARROW	16	3	2	3	12	8	0	4	4	6	14	-4	15
23	FOREST GREEN	16	1	4	3	10	11	1	1	6	8	23	-16	11
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PAVEL BESTA	3(2)	0	0(0)	0	3(2)	0	0	0	5	0
SHANE BLACKETT	7(0)	0	0(0)	0	7(0)	0	1	0	38	1
TOM CRADDOCK	1(3)	2	0(0)	0	1(3)	2	1	0	86	38
DANNY CROW	6(8)	5	0(0)	0	6(8)	5	0	0	14	5
ANDY DRURY	13(0)	4	0(0)	0	13(0)	4	1	- 1	13	4
KEVIN BALLEN	4(2)	0	0(0)	0	4(2)	0	0	0	75	21
DAN GLEESON	14(1)	0	0(0)	0	14(1)	0	0	0	15	0
CLAUDE GNAKPA	12(3)	2	0(0)	0	12(3)	2	5	0	97	14
JAKE HOWELLS	8(6)	1	0(0)	0	8(6)	1	1	0	90	7
KEITH KEANE	12(0)	0	0(0)	0	12(0)	0	1	1	205	6
ZDENEK KROCA	16(0)	3	0(0)	0	16(0)	3	3	0	16	3
ALEX LACEY	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	0
AMARI MORGAN-SMITH	3(1)	2	0(0)	0	3(1)	2	0	0	4	2
ADAM MURRAY	6(1)	0	0(0)	0	6(1)	0	2	0	7	0
FREDDIE MURRAY	14(0)	0	0(0)	0	14(0)	0	1	0	60	0
TAYLOR NATHANIEL	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	1	0
ADAM NEWTON	4(3)	0	0(0)	0	4(3)	0	1	0	51	4
JJ O'DONNELL	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	0	0
JORDAN PATRICK	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	2	0
GEORGE PILKINGTON	16(0)	3	0(0)	0	16(0)	3	0	0	91	9
KEVIN PILKINGTON	2(0)	0	0(0)	0	2(0)	0	0	0	13	0
GODFREY POKU	0(3)	0	0(0)	0	0(3)	0	0	0	3	0
MARK TYLER	14(0)	0	0(0)	0	14(0)	0	0	0	54	0
DAN WALKER	0(4)	1	0(0)	0	0(4)	1	0	0	4	1
ADAM WATKINS	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0(0)	0	0	0	1	0

## LAST

WITH LUTON NEWS DEPUTY SPORTS EDITOR MIKE SIMMONDS

They say that it's been a nightmare few weeks for Luton Town with all the travelling up and down the country, but has anyone spared a thought for us poor journalists?

Back in July when the fixture list came out, attention was immediately drawn to the sequence of matches which saw Hatters travelling to Darlington, cleverly arranged on a Tuesday night, Gateshead and then Barrow in the space of eight days.

Needless to say, lips weren't licked in anticipa-

The Darlo trip was probably the easiest of the three, barring a 20-minute warning from a Quakers official about how diversions meant it took Lincoln City over five hours to eventually return home last season. Not what you want to

Thankfully there was no such incident and four days later it was time to do it all over again.

On the way to Darlington, the road signs showed Gateshead an extra 30-odd miles in an almost taunting manner, or maybe I was just getting delusional after so many hours behind the wheel.

As it's my first season covering the Hatters, having overseen Dagenham and Redbridge's rise to League One last year, I haven't been too many grounds to rival that of the International

On a par with Rotherham's Don Valley Stadium. entering via a leisure centre is a bizarre experience, with the press box tucked up in the gods.

Pre-match entertainment was made up of a brass band showcasing their full repertoire, ever



so slightly different to the normal tub-thumping tunes prior to kick-off.

As the match was instantly forgettable, us scribes had to make do with the thrills and spills of the much maligned Scottish Leagues for entertainment, along with the old favourite, club nicknames game. Did you know there was a team called the Mikes?

I thank Town press officer Andrew Barringer for discovering that gem.

Then we bring ourselves to Barrow, which hands down, is the longest trip I have ever made in eight years of being a football reporter.

Setting out at 9am and typing the address into the Sat Nav (thank god for them) I was expecting a good four hours, so the heart sank when it came up as a touch under five.

Having said that, with two small children under the age of four already starting to shout the

house down, maybe some me time wasn't such

After another few service station trips to stock up on the Ginsters chicken slice, McCoys and coke, an athletes' pre-match meal, Matthew Barnes-Homer's strike brought a welcome three points for the hardy band of Hatters fans.

My hat goes off to anyone who makes such a journey in the support of their side and if there is anyone out there who made each trip, then I

Hopefully, you won't have to do them again!

Remember to keep in touch with the Luton News on sale every Wednesday and also our brand new website at www.lutontoday.co.uk.

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M. WARDELL

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DARLINGTON BUXTON GATESHEAD RARROW GRIMSBY VORK CITY MANSFIELD TOWN SOUTHPORT HARROW BOROUGH LEWES **CRAWLEY TOWN** RUSHDEN AND D AFC WIMBLEDON BATH CITY HISTON MAIDENHEAD UNITED

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POOLE TOWN

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**ATTENDANCE** 

**SCORERS** 

### **UP NEXT**

**RATH** CITY



SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2010 3PM



## THE TEAMS





### **LUTON TOWN**

MANAGER: RICHARD MONEY

- MARK TYLER
- 02 DAN GLEESON
- FREDDIE MURRAY 03
- 04 KEITH KEANE
- 06 GEORGE PILKINGTON
- 07 ADAM NEWTON
- 08 AMARI MORGAN-SMITH
- 09 MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER
- 10 TAIWO ATIENO
- 11 ANDY DRURY
- 12 SHANE BLACKETT
- 13 **ZDENEK KROCA**
- 14 **ADAM MURRAY**
- 15 **JAKE HOWELLS**
- 16 **ED ASAFU-ADJAYE**
- 17 **PAVEL BESTA**
- 18 **CLAUDE GNAKPA**
- 19 DANNY CROW
- 20 **KEVIN GALLEN**
- 24 **ALEX LACEY**
- 25 **GODFREY POKU**
- 26 JJ O'DONNELL
- 27 TAYLOR NATHANIEL
- 28 ADAM WATKINS
- 29 DAN WALKER
- 30 KEVIN PILKINGTON

### ST ALBANS CITY

**MANAGER: STEVE CASTLE** 

- 01 PAUL BASTOCK
- 02 **DAVID DEENEY**
- 03 PETER SMITH
- 04 **ADAM MARTIN**
- 05 **BEN MARTIN**
- 06 RYAN FRATER
- 07 HASSAN SULAIMAN
- JAMES FISHER 09

08

- JEAN-MICHEL SIGERE
- 10 **PELAYO GOMEZ**
- 11 MOSES ODURAIO
- 12 ADAM EVERITT
- 14 MARK PETERS
- 15 SEAN SHIELDS
- 16 **INIH EFFIONG**
- 17 **ROBBIE MARTIN**
- 18 **ROSS DEDMAN**
- 19 **ROB MAGWOOD**