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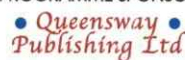
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Mac McDonald

Histon Football Club Safety Officer

FROM THE BOARDROOM

Whilst relegation is obviously disappointing I must admit there have been some really encouraging things happening around the club lately which have really lifted us all as we face the challenges of the future.

The off the pitch activity at the Forest Green Rovers game, reflected in the Glass World Gallery in this programme, was so positive and enthusiastic with lots of local youngsters made to feel really special. Young George Allen, a mascot alongside Marcus, was a great ambassador for Histon when he turned out as an England mascot at Wembley, walking out with Joe Hart. And what a great gesture from Postie Graham who returned his 50/50 winnings of £150 to the Club as part of our fund-raising efforts.

We have also recently welcomed new Academy Director Howard Wilmott. His column in this programme and today's Academy Focus organised with the help of Peter Reeve shows the impact Howard is already having and how we intend to move the Academy forward as an integral and very important element of this football club.

Last Sunday's Sponsored Walk was planned as a Fund raiser but it was much more than that it raised the morale of everyone present and was a very successful first event of its type for many reasons. The driving force of Val and Anna ensured the afternoon happened and there was fantastic support from David, Brian and James and the players, James and the catering team, John Hall's family, and what a marvellous contribution from Rick's Group 'Paul Neon and the Saints'. The preparation, attention to detail, and sheer quality of their act was marvellous to behold. Around 4pm the sun was shining on the event, face-painted friends and supporters were walking around the pitch, and Billy and Graham's 'Teenager in Love' duet was echoing around the Glass World. I thought what a wonderful atmosphere and super Stutes spirit was all around.

Another nice touch was from fans unable to be present like Histodec and NewFan on the Message Board. They both pledged £100 if a challenge to Antonio to run 4 laps under 10 minutes and the players to carry me once round the pitch was successful. They both were thankfully

achieved, and in great spirit, as was the impromptu Tug of War when the Supporters narrowly beat the Players and Coaches. So all in all a great afternoon at the Glass World even before we learn how much money we raised and I am sure we will feature a similar event towards the end of next season.

Today we will be carrying out our Player of the Year Presentations on the pitch before the game, we have a full Pre-Match Carvery, and there is a Focus on the Academy. We are also pleased that today we can acknowledge the tremendous support we have received this season from our good friend, superb supporter and shirt sponsor Andy Hill.

So let's end the season with a smile, and have an enjoyable afternoon as we wish Luton all the best in the Play Offs. On behalf of all the Board I thank David and the players, all our staff, helpers and volunteers and friends and supporters of the club for all their commitment and support in such a difficult and challenging season on and off the pitch. We are very grateful indeed

**Angelo Dama
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DAVID LIVERMORE

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For the final Manager's Column of the season, Adam Pagett caught up with David Livermore after the AFC Wimbledon match. Despite being understandably down he gave an honest and open interview giving his feelings on the current season, the situation regarding summer transfers as well as explaining his vision for the future of the club.

Having almost completed your first season in management, on a personal level, can you sum up how you felt it has gone?

It's been tough, I've learned a lot as a young manager, I've almost had to teach myself, there is no one here to learn from. It's been a massive learning curve for myself, for the players, at times we've played some good football, at times not so good football but on a whole I think as a team we've improved, I think we've grown as the season's gone on.

Do you now therefore, feel suitably prepared for another crack at it next season?

Definitely, it's no secret I'm happy to stay here. The board want me to stay so it's a matter of just getting the contract sorted. There are a lot of things going on off the pitch that we're trying to do to improve the football club. Restructuring, trying to make it a more professional club day in day out and yes in all honesty with the budget we've got it's almost got to be the case where the first team is an extension of the scholarship system. I see us having a young team again next season, it's been very young this season and it might be even younger next season. So if we stick together and we all learn together I think we'll be fine.

Putting the league position aside, what positives can you take from this season?

From a club point of view to start the season with a debt of almost one million and for it to be down as low as

eighty/eighty five thousand as it is at present, I think it is pretty remarkable and I think it's a fantastic achievement for this football club. The positives are there with the messages we're sending out. That this football club will give youngsters a chance, that it will try and get as many scholars as we can into the first team and we've been able to do that on numerous occasions this season. Some lads have probably come into the team too early, we've had scholars playing recently and I have to say that none of them have let us down.

You mentioned briefly about your situation for next year, is there anything you can add, anything concrete to announce at this stage?

Nothing concrete to announce, the conversation goes like this - the board say 'do I want to stay' I say 'I do want to stay', they say 'let's get it sorted' then I say 'great, let's get it sorted' that's the con-



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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the game.

The final home game of a long, hard season both on and off the pitch is now upon us and despite all that has happened to this club recently, it's still great to be able to entertain a club with the history and support of Luton Town.

Straight after today's game our Under 16's will take on

Luton's Under 16's in what I'm sure will be an entertaining match and a chance to see many of the players that will become first year scholars next season. Please stay and support these lads if you can this afternoon as they are looking forward to entertaining you and playing in front of a big crowd.

Last weekend we held a fundraising day that was headlined by the Sponsored Walk. It was a terrific afternoon with a number of events taking place involving many supporters as well as players, staff and management. There are photos elsewhere in the programme today and our thanks go to all those involved and who pledged their financial support. Particular thanks must go to Val for the hard work of getting it organised and making the day go so well.

I would like to take the chance to offer my own personal thanks to a number of people for the help and guidance they have given me this season. As you know, I joined the club last summer and I think it fair to say that it has not been an easy ride to get to this point. I would not have survived this long without the support of Angelo, Mac, Anna, Russell, Joy, Graham and Val. Their commitment, work ethic and enthusiasm for this club is frankly astonishing. I must also thank Graham Whiting for his help with the Reserves as that has been at times a thankless task this season, and also my thanks to Keith Nichols for his help and support. The volunteer stewards and match day helpers have been terrific too so thank you to all of you and apologies if I have missed any of you out. Without the support of everyone involved there would be no Club that's for sure and I hope that we can bring you and our supporters a much improved Histon FC experience next season and for many more seasons to come.

Enjoy the game.

Howard Wilkins

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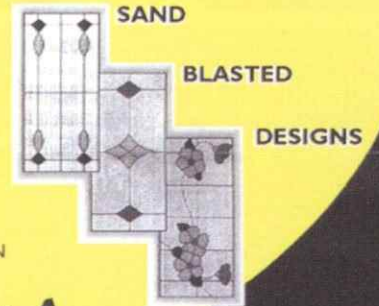
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LUTON TOWN

Manager

Originally brought to the club as Chief Scout at the time Richard Money was appointed manager in October 2009, Gary BRABIN was reassigned in the new role as assistant manager in the summer of 2010. Following the departure of Richard Money in March 2011, Brabin took control of the Hatters until the end of the 2010/11 season. After playing over 275 times in League football as a tough-tackling midfielder, Brabin moved into management firstly with Southport - guiding them to the Conference North Play-offs - before moving south to manage Cambridge United in 2008. In his first - and eventually only - season at the Abbey Stadium he guided the U's to the Blue Square Premier Play-off final after finishing runners-up to champions Burton Albion, but lost to Torquay United at Wembley. Despite that set-back Brabin was awarded the BSP Manager of the Year award before behind the scenes differences at the Abbey led to him leaving the club in July 2009 before arriving at Kenilworth Road.

Playing Staff

Goalkeepers

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

Kevin PILKINGTON is a vastly experienced goalkeeper who joined the Hatters in May 2010 after his release from Notts County. Pilkington began his career with Manchester United playing six times in the Premier League under Sir Alex Ferguson. During his six years at Old Trafford Pilkington enjoyed loan spells at Rochdale, Rotherham and Celtic before a two-year stay at Port Vale. After 23 league appearances for the Valiants, he was on the move once more, with Aberystwyth Town and Wigan Athletic his next two ports of call. However, he found stability at his next club, Mansfield, joining the Stags in 2000 and went onto feature 167 times in league action over the next five years. In 2005 the Hitchin-born stopper made the short hop down the M1 to sign for Notts County and another five year stay resulted in him making 141 appearances at Meadow Lane. However, Notts began flashing the cash at the start of the 2009/10 campaign with goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel one of many

high-profile arrivals. Frozen out of the County team, and with Mark Tyler injured, Pilkington joined the Hatters on-loan in November and went onto make 11 appearances between the sticks whilst at Kenilworth Road before injury curtailed his stay. But when the Magpies released him in the summer of 2010, Money was quick to snap up the veteran permanently.

Defenders

Luke GRAHAM is a versatile defender signed on-loan from Kettering in January 2011. Started his career with Northampton before moving to Rockingham Road following a successful loan spell. Spent a short time at Mansfield before signing for York City - for whom he helped to last season's Blue Square Bet Premier Promotion Final. Rejoined Kettering in the summer before moving to Kenilworth Road.

Zdenek KROCA is a centre-half who impressed in assured display alongside George Pilkington in two pre-season fixtures in 2010 to earn a one-year contract. Kroca made 169 league appearances belt in 10 years with hometown club Tescoma Zlín in his native Czech Republic. Last season the imposing 6ft 5in defender was in fine, commanding form, scoring four times in 27 league appearances with the Letná Stadium outfit as they finished in second place in the Czech second division - a position - like the Town last season - that was not enough to earn promotion.

George PILKINGTON is a highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having begun his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highly-regarded defender has been named Player of the Year twice. Injury frustrated the centre-half in his first season at Kenilworth Road in 2008/09 but he still managed to pick-up a Johnstone's Paint Trophy winners' medal. His impeccable form on the pitch led to him winning a string of end-of-season awards and underlined his loyalty to the Hatters by signing a new contract at the end of the campaign.

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

outside the Football League, Gleeson's performances have seen him rewarded with seven England C caps.

Luton-born Shane BLACKETT became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road. Equally adept at centre-back or at left-back, Shane began his career with Dunstable Town before a switch to Arlesey Town in 2003. His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed the 6ft 3in defender in May 2004. He made 83 appearances during his time at Victoria Road and helped the Daggers win the Conference title and earn promotion to the Football League in 2006/07. His reputation as a pacey defender alerted the attention of Peterborough who snapped him up with Dagenham team-mate Craig Mackail-Smith in January 2007. He went on to make 38 appearances during his time at London Road.

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

Up-and-coming second year scholar Alex LACEY impressed Richard Money in the 2010 pre-season to earn a squad number. The centre-back made his first team debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy first round tie against Welling, earning the man-of-the-match award for an excellent performance.

Midfielders

Harlow-born winger Robbie WILLMOTT penned an 18-month contract with the Hatters in January 2011 after hitting 10 goals for Cambridge United. Capable of playing on either wing or behind the front two, Willmott came through the ranks at the Abbey Stadium and wowed the home faithful with his pace, dribbling, close control and eye for goal. His performances for the U's youth team saw him break into the senior squad, making his debut as a 17-year-old in September 2007. After signing his first professional contract two months later, the midfielder was mainly used as an impact substitute during 2007/08 but continued to impress: eight goals in his first season as a pro followed in 2008/09 while his level of performance and his assist tally soared last season as the U's finished in mid-table. But the youngster's talents during this campaign

have really come to fore. Weighing in with 10 goals and eight assists from just 29 starts for Martin Ling's side, Willmott's turn of foot and delivery from set-pieces has also become a highly sought-after commodity.

Experienced central midfielder Paul CARDEN signed on-loan from Cambridge United in February 2011 until the end of the season.

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

Tenacious defensive midfielder Godfrey POKU signed together with JJ O'Donnell from Blue Square South outfit St Albans City in January 2010 on an 18-month contract. A tough-tackling and no-nonsense midfielder, the Town beat off competition from several Football League clubs for his signature. He featured and impressed in the Hatters' reserves in 2009/10 and was an unused substitute in the Blue Square Premier but made his debut as a substitute in the 1-0 win at Barrow in October 2010.

Tricky winger JJ O'DONNELL joined the Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku in January 2010. Also capable of playing in attack the youngster featured for the Hatters' reserve and youth teams during 2009/10. He made his first team debut as a substitute in the 4-2 FA Cup first round replay win over Corby Town.

A defender capable of playing centre back or full back, Claude GNAKPA joined on a free transfer in August 2008. Having plied his trade across Europe with Montpellier HSC, Racing de Santander, Deportivo Alaves and FC Vaduz of Liechtenstein, Claude moved to Swindon Town for a brief spell. He was then off again in July 2007 to Peterborough United and was a regular in the League 2 promotion winning side, starting 25 league games. A favourite with the Kenilworth Road crowd the Frenchman scored the Hatters' winning goal in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final against Scunthorpe United in April 2009. He continued in fine style down the right-hand side of midfield in 2009/10 finishing with nine goals including a remarkable second-half hat-trick in a 6-1 win at Ebbsfleet in March

2010.

Having made his debut as a 16-year-old in November 2003, Keith KEANE went on to enjoy an extended run in the side from February onwards whilst Kevin Foley was out injured. Such was the contribution he made that the return of Foley didn't signal the end of his involvement at first-team level and he finished the season with 14 appearances under his belt, all this whilst still in the first year of his scholarship. Another product of the youth system who regularly appeared for the Republic of Ireland at schoolboy level. He joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and youth teams, demonstrating enough potential to convince Mike Newell to give him his first taste of senior action. Keith has featured most prominently on the right of midfield, bursting forward to great effect to provide many goals for himself and his team-mates. Over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt. Capable of playing right the way across the back four or in midfield the only positions he's not featured for the Town (yet) are in goal and up-front.

Ascot-born Adam NEWTON became Mick Harford's second summer signing of 2009 after agreeing a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford. Predominantly used as a right winger, the pacey wide man is equally as comfortable at right-back. Adam started his career at West Ham United, coming through the Hammers' respected Academy only made three substitute appearances during his time at Upton Park before signing for Peterborough United in May 2002. The former England Under 21 international went onto make a name for himself with the Posh making 249 appearances in six years at London Road going onto win promotion at the end of the 2007/08 campaign. After leaving Peterborough at the end of the 2007/08 season, Adam was snapped by Andy Scott and Brentford where he helped the Bees to the League 2 title. A St Kitts and Nevis international, he has spent time on-loan at Portsmouth, Notts County and Leyton Orient.

Young midfielder, capable of playing in attack, Adam WATKINS signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010. A self-confessed Hatters fan, he made his first team bow in a 1-0 defeat at Southampton in the FA Cup third round in January 2010.

Winger Charlie HENRY signed from Blue Square Bet Premier rivals Newport County in November 2010, signing initially on-loan

until January when the England C international will complete a permanent switch. Henry is no stranger to Kenilworth Road as he came through the youth ranks at the Club but was told he was too small to continue his scholarship and left when he was 15. Now 24, Henry came back to Bedfordshire with a bang back in August when hitting a superb goal in front of the Hatters faithful when Newport were the visitors earlier in the campaign. That strike was one of two the Stevenage-born flyer has hit this term as the Exiles have adjusted to life in non-league's top flight with ease following their emphatic Championship winning season in the Blue Square South. Pivotal in that success, Henry netted nine times as Dean Holdsworth's side plundered over 93 goals last season to romp to the title. From South Wales via after spells with a host of non-league sides since leaving Kenilworth Road he's back when it all began and ready to help the Town back into the Football League.

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder Alex LAWLESS signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a permanent deal goes through in January 2011. Alex agreed a contract which keeps him at Kenilworth Road at least until the end of the 2011/12 season. A star of the Minstermen's campaign last season which saw them lose in the Promotion Final to Oxford United, Lawless featured prominently in all four of the meetings with the Hatters last term at the heart of midfield. He only joined York at the start of last season, impressing then boss Martin Foyle enough to prise the 25-year-old away from Forest Green Rovers where performances in a variety of positions - in defence and across midfield - had also caught the eye of Football League scouts. It's not just the 150 games experience in the Conference that Lawless has with Forest Green and York that he has on his CV. A former Cardiff City scholar he took-up non-league football in Wales before he was snapped up to earn his first professional contract with Premier League Fulham in 2003. Without featuring for the Cottagers it was off to South West to Torquay United for the young Lawless but after just a year and 16 appearances at Plainmoor he was on the move again, to Forest Green in 2006 and in his three seasons he helped the Gloucestershire consolidate in the Conference. Arriving at Bootham Crescent in the summer of 2009, local media announced him merely as a "utility player" but that was far from the case, and alongside Neil Barrett he forged a formidable partnership in the centre of City's midfield, changing the Yorkshire club's relegation worries from one season to making them just one game away from promotion the

next. The Minstermen's slow start to this season saw Foyle lose his job but even despite their inauspicious beginnings to 2010/11, Lawless had been on-song for City, scoring three times in 16 appearances already this term.

Forwards

Prolific striker Matthew BARNES-HOMER joined the Hatters initially on a month's loan from Kidderminster Harriers before agreeing a two-and-a-half year contract to move permanently when the transfer window re-opened on 1st January 2010. The powerful forward followed up his 21 goals in all competitions during 2008/09 with nine goals in 20 league appearances last term. Barnes-Homer also enjoyed a dream start to his international career when he netted the winner on his debut for England C in their 2-1 win over Poland in November. An energetic talent, the front man began his career as a trainee at Wolves before going on to lead something of a nomadic life prior to finding his feet at Kidderminster. After leaving Molineux he tried his luck in the United States before returning to England and, following success with a clutch of non-league sides, he was snapped by Wycombe Wanderers. He struggled to make an impression at Adam Park but, after being released at the end of the 2006/07 season, Harriers Manager Mark Yates beat off competition from a host of sides to capture his signature. His form in front of goal at Kidderminster had alerted the attentions of a number of Football League teams but Barnes-Homer was suitably impressed by the Hatters' vision and became Richard Money's first signing for the club.

A nippy poacher of a striker, Danny CROW joined the Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 following the expiry of his contract at the Abbey Stadium. The front man started his career as a trainee with Norwich City and made his senior bow in the Premier League for the Canaries in December 2004. A loan spell at Northampton followed towards the end of the 2004/05 season before he was released by Norwich and signed for Peterborough in the summer of 2005, notching 17 goals in his debut season at London Road. Following a short loan spell at Notts County, Crow was released by Posh and was snapped up by Cambridge in September 2008. The energetic forward's strike-rate of 22 goals in 43 league starts won him many admirers and his 19 goals during 2009/10 saw him scoop the U's online Player of the Year award.

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

Hatters. Previously with Bedford Town, Walker has also played for Stony Stratford Town and Leighton Town. He made his first team debut for the Hatters as substitute in a 3-0 win over AFC Wimbledon in September 2010 before scoring his first senior goal against Forest Green a month later.

Striker or wide man Amari MORGAN-SMITH arrived at Kenilworth Road as a free agent following a two-year spell at Ilkeston Town. He put pen to paper on a two-year deal after two years with the Blue Square Bet North side in which he scored 34 goals in 77 starts. The fast and skilful frontman's impressive form for the Robins earned him a call-up to the England C squad at the end of last season, earning his first cap against the Republic of Ireland in May. Wolverhampton-born Morgan-Smith started his career as a trainee with Wolves. He then signed for Crewe and then Stockport where he made one Football League appearance before moving to Ilkeston. Before the 2009/10 season began the striker impressed in a trial for Championship side Derby County and has since gone on to score three goals in seven appearances for Ilkeston. Earlier this season his former boss Kevin Wilson hailed the striker, who scored 23 goals last season, as the "hottest property in non-league football". With huge interest in the forward, Town boss Richard Money was delighted to beat off competition from a number of Championship and League One sides for Morgan-Smith's signature. And, hours after completing the paperwork, Morgan-Smith was thrust into action for his debut against Mansfield and scored in the 2-0 victory.

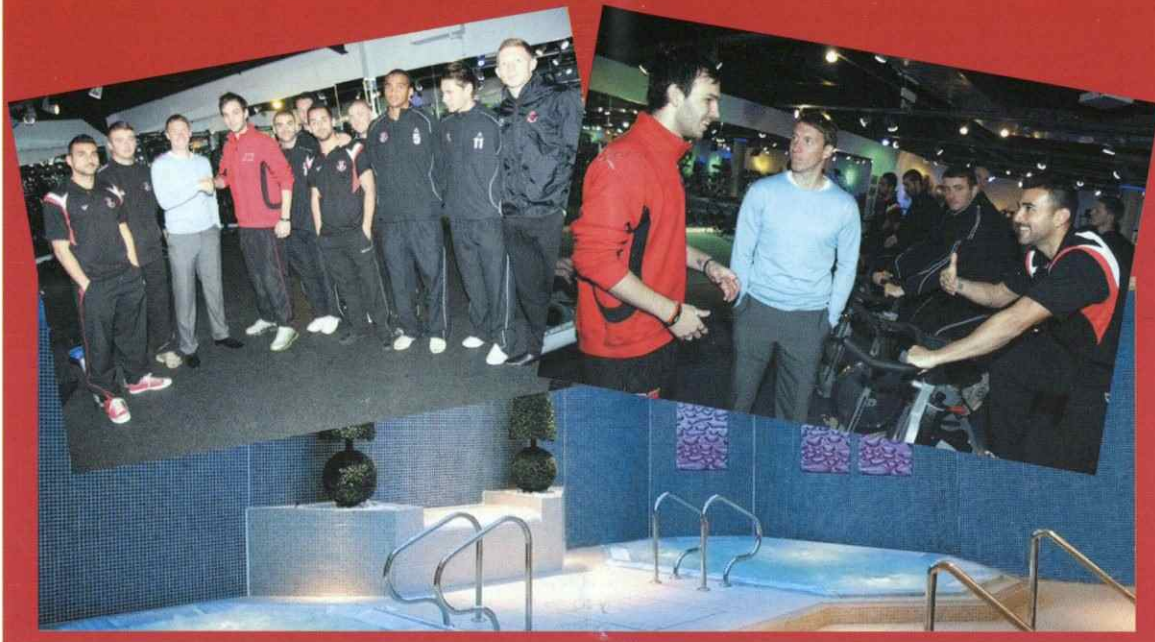
England C international striker Jason WALKER signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from Barrow before a permanent deal goes through in January 2011. Barrow-born Walker signed a deal to keep him at Kenilworth Road until the end of the 2011/12 season after the Town beat off a number of clubs to secure his signature. The frontman hit 11 goals in just 18 appearances for the Bluebirds at the start of the 2010/11 campaign before making the switch south. The striker began his career in Scotland with Dundee, coming through the ranks at Dens Park but, after four seasons without featuring, the youngster was snapped by Greenock Morton in 2004. Three years with the Ton followed before he was on the move again, crossing the border to sign for Morecambe. But it was with his home town club that the forward began to make his name, firing 50 goals in two-and-a-half seasons at Holker Street, helping them to promotion and Blue Square North Play-Off glory in 2008 in his first season with Darren Sheridan and David

Bayliss' side. The goals and eye-catching displays continued to flow for Walker and co. in the Conference culminating last season when they lifted the FA Trophy at Wembley after beating Stevenage in the final with Walker scoring a stunning and ultimately trophy-winning goal in extra-time. His all-round game and ability to strike from distance gives the Hatters further firepower and variety in attack to boost and compliment the fine set of strikers already in the Kenilworth Road dressing room.

Experienced and prolific striker Lloyd OWUSU joined the Hatters in January and scored on his debut in the 5-0 win over York City. The Ghanaian international arrived at Kenilworth Road after a spell in Australia with Adelaide United and signed a deal with the Town until the end of the season. The front-man enjoyed a prolific career in England prior to his move Down Under having netted 144 times in 350 starts for a number of Football League clubs. It was his goalscoring exploits with then Conference side Slough Town that alerted League clubs of his talents with Brentford stumping up £25,000 for his services in 1998. It proved to be money well spent as the striker went onto hit 64 goals in 148 starts for the Bees, firing 25 goals in his debut season as the Griffin Park outfit lifted the Third Division title in 1998/99. The goals continued to flow for the forward and a move to the Championship followed when Sheffield Wednesday snapped him up after his contract expired with Brentford in the summer of 2004. After scoring nine times for the Owls, despite being restricted to appearances from the substitutes' bench, a loan move to Reading followed as he fell out of favour at Hillsborough before the switch to the Royals was made permanent. However, after scoring six goals in the Championship at the Madjeski Stadium during 2004/0, he was back at Griffin Park in the summer of 2005. The goals kept coming in West London for the striker but after missing most of the 2006/07 season through injury he left Brentford once more and signed for Yeovil Town in July 2007. After nine goals for the Glovers in his first season at Huish Park, the Slough-born hit-man was again on the move, going onto strike 15 goals for three clubs during 2008/09: one for Yeovil and seven at both Cheltenham and Brighton in Leagues One and Two respectively. The strong, pacey striker accepted a move to Adelaide in June 2009 and arrived back in the UK in December and after a trialing at a number of League clubs on his return he agreed terms with the Town to add further competition for places in attack.

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ACADEMY UPDATE

The Histon Academy was formed in 2006 and during the following years quickly developed a fine reputation both in England and Europe for developing talented players. The Academy's success is a great credit to Histon FC with numerous boys moving onto Scholarships at Premiership, Championship and Football League Clubs where some are now on professional contracts.

However it is NOT the main function of the Histon Academy to provide players for these Clubs. The primary aim is to develop young Players who can graduate into the Histon First Team where they will be even more in the shop window thus having the opportunity as established players to further progress up the tiers of Football.

The strength of the system has even seen staff move onto the highest tier of the English game with Adam Clements recently moving to Blackpool to head up the Premier League Club's Centre of Excellence.

So where is Histon's Academy now? Five years on from its formation and at a time when Histon Football Club is itself moving into a new chapter in its history, the Academy is also moving into a new phase with new leadership, new challenges on a new journey.

With such great success achieved in the previous five years it is important to understand what factors have created so many talented football players and in essence it is important to continue to develop the outstanding youngsters who go on to become excellent players. Football, when we break it down, is not about large amounts of money being spent on the best facilities and equipment. The quality of any youth programme is the relationship between the Club, the Coaches and, most importantly of all, the Players.

In a small Club like ours at Histon, the Academy is an integral part of the Club and has a major role to play. The pathway to the First Team is not some far off dream only a few can strive for. The First Team Manager is not someone only ever seen on TV. The integration and learning about becoming a First Team Player at

Histon is tangible from the moment a boy joins the Academy or one of its Development Centres at eight years of age.

The modern game has changed dramatically in the last ten years. Coaches within Academies have to work to become excellent students of the game themselves thus enabling them to be able to assist players to reach the highest possible levels. They have to constantly reinforce the need for players to focus on honing their skills through relentless practice during all their years of being an Academy Player. The modern player is a 90% Player - a player who can complete 90% of his passes, a player who can run further and quicker for longer. Players need to be athletes of the highest calibre in the modern game and, if the Histon Academy is to continue to produce players for English Football's Elite Clubs and our own First Team, then we must all respond positively to all the many challenges the modern game presents us with.

So how can Histon continue to be this breeding ground for young Professionals?

When a boy joins the Histon Academy he embarks on a journey aiming to become a young Professional Player. This journey needs to be a fact-finding mission towards developing the many skills that are required to become a top Football Player. The richer the experiences the journey provides the more knowledgeable the player becomes. With this in mind the Histon Academy must provide diversity. A challenging Training and Match programme is essential. Developing expertise in any field requires a dedication to practice and provision of a supportive structure for players to work on at home is also essential for those wishing to push forward with their football ambitions.

The most important part of the Histon Academy in the past has been the Tours. Next Season will see Histon's Academy once again touring in Europe. A Football Tour is not designed to be a holiday for Players nor for Coaches but gives them all opportunities to stretch their knowl-

edge both in a football sense and, more importantly, on a personal level where the knowledge gained can be a fantastic foundation for developing confidence both on and off the pitch.

Next season will see the formation of greater structures to support the Academy. More Development Centres will be set up to help younger players start to learn about ball mastery. This will be a key feature of the Histon Academy Programme. This part of the Academy structure will also be of help to some of the Club's Scholars. Even if they do not reach the level required to play for the First Team, they may have aspirations to stay in the game by pursuing a career in coaching. Where better for them to start than as a future coach with Histon Academy?

The current season for the Academy will finish at the end of May. This month will be the start of this new journey. In the middle part of the month an Under 12's Squad will travel to Italy to play in Fiorentina's International Youth Tournament thus following in the footsteps of other Histon Academy Squads before them. This will provide a great experience for the Histon players as the list of past winners reads like a list of former Winners of the European Champions League.

The journey towards becoming a Professional Player is a long one. Whether a player reaches this end goal or falls short at some point, we hope that he will always look upon the Histon Academy as somewhere which was welcoming, somewhere in which he was treated as an important part of the Club and somewhere which provided him with many happy, memorable and valuable experiences he can take with him into his future life.

Howard Willmott
Director
Histon Football Club Academy

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IN REVIEW

Histon's season was summed up in a nutshell, after they conceded three goals in three minutes against high flying AFC Wimbledon having kept in touch with the promotion chasers for over an hour.

Luke Moore scored two in a minute for the Dons with Danny Kedwell getting his second and their fourth two minutes later having already opened the scoring in the first half.

The first goal came after 13 minutes from a wonderful piece of skill in the Stutes penalty area. It was Kedwell who reacted first to get on the end of midfielder Lee Minshull's flick on, the Striker controlled the ball well before flicking it over the defenders head and smashing a volley in to the top corner; past the helpless Wes Foderingham. The goal really got the travelling supporters in the mood and left the home fans fearing the worst.

David Livermore brought himself on in the second half to add a bit of grit and determination to the midfield. However it was his mistake which let in Kaid Mohamed, the striker saw his original effort blocked before the ball eventually fell to Luke Moore who fired a low drive which flew past the Stutes keeper from 12 yards.

Straight from kick off and Histon had given the ball away cheaply, it was Mohamed again causing problems as he got down the right hand side and crossed low for Moore, the forward didn't need a second invitation to shoot as he caught the ball first time and looped it over Foderingham to make it 3-0 on 63 minutes.

By this time the away team were brimming with confidence and had the Stutes on the ropes. The fourth goal was added after 67 minutes when Kedwell bulldozed his way through the Histon defence from the right hand side and fired it in from close range.

The Stutes had started the match

nervously as they looked to halt a run of 10 straight defeats. They had to deal with a lot of early pressure in and around their penalty area with Kedwell, Mohamed and Minshull combining well for the visitors.

It was the home team though who had the first opening of the match after 9 minutes. Daniel Sparkes raced down the right touchline and sent a ball into the box which was deflected into the path of Jim Stevenson; the midfielder hit it first time but volleyed just wide from 18 yards.

The visitors nearly opened the scoring shortly before the first goal when Ricky Wellard's ball was inadvertently flicked into the path of Minshull from Lanre Oyebanjo's header, but Foderingham and Mills combined well to halt the danger.

There were further half chances created by the away side with Brett Johnson and Steven Gregory going close on 28 and 29 minutes. A minute later and it was another chance for the home side this time as Elliot Cox dribbled the ball down the right and delivered a wonderful cross into the area, the headed clearance fell straight to Antonio Murray but the Stutes captain saw his fierce volley go just wide.

Shortly after the restart and it was the visitors who had a glorious chance to make it 2-0. It came from a long throw into the box, none of the Histon defenders attacked the ball as it eventually fell for Wellard who despite being unmarked and only six yards out, blasted over the bar.

Even though the away side were 4-0 up just after the hour they weren't ready to take their foot of the gas and it was the pace and trickery of substitute Christian Jolley who was testing the Histon defence late on. He received the ball inside the box on the right hand side before bamboozling the defence with some Ronaldo

style step-overs, got to the by-line, cut back and struck the post with his left foot on 83 minutes. With three minutes to go the home side were still under the cosh and Foderingham had to be at his best to keep out a Mohamed shot from just outside the penalty area.

There were still a couple of moments for Histon to flirt with the idea of a consolation goal. Sparkes it was who played a lovely one-two with Omar Riza on the left hand side before delivering a delicious cross into the box but it was just too high for Murray. Oyebanjo had a crack from 30 yards in stoppage time but saw his effort go high and wide.

Once again the Stutes kept pace with a very strong side for long periods before capitulating in the second half. They will be desperate though to get the monkey – or more to the point giant ape – off their back to stop the rot and reach at least 28 points before the end of the season.

Final Score: Histon 0 AFC Wimbledon 4

Histon: Wes Foderingham, Erkan Okay (Harri Hawkins), Lanre Oyebanjo, Ed Asafu-Adjaye, Zak Mills, Lee Smith, Elliot Cox (David Livermore), Jim Stephenson (Jay Dowie), Daniel Sparkes, Antonio Murray (C), Omar Riza. Subs not used: George Lawton, Dee Okojie

Booked: Lee Smith

AFC Wimbledon: Seb Brown, Samuel Hatton, Gareth Gwillim, Steven Gregory, Ismail Yakubu, Brett Johnson, Lee Minshull (James Mulley), Ricky Wellard (Rashid Yussuff), Danny Kedwell, Kaid Mohamed, Luke Moore (Christian Jolley). Subs not used: Jamie Stuart, Jack Turner

Goals: Danny Kedwell 13, 67, Luke Moore 63, 64

Attendance: 750

Referee: Joe Clark (Walsall)

2010/11 FIXTURES

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES 10/11

PLAYERS	LGE	FAC	FAT	TOTAL
Edward ADJEI	2+8	0+1	0	2+9
Jack AINSLEY	2	0	1	3
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	5	0	0	5
Zac ATTWOOD	15+10	0	1	16+10
Ben CLARKE	2+2	0	0	2+2
Remy CLERIMA	40	1	1	42
Elliott COX	2+1	0	0	2+1
Charlie DAY	1+2	0	0	1+2
Sekou DIARRA	0+1	0	0	0+1
Jay DOWIE	3+3	0	0	3+3
Scott EVERDELL	0	0	0	0
Danny FITZSIMONS	6	0	0	6
Wes FODERINGHAM	6	0	0	6
Harri HAWKINS	1+1	0	0	1+1
Oluwafemi ILESANMI	15+1	1	0	16+1
George LAWTON	1+2	0	0	1+2
David LIVERMORE	11+3	0	0	11+3
Romone McCRAE	17+1	1	0+1	18+2
Danny MILLS	13+5	0+1	0	13+6
Zak MILLS	35+1	1	0	36+1
Antonio MURRAY	32+1	1	1	34+1
Erkan OKAY	36+2	1	1	38+2
Dee OKOJIE	0+6	0	0	0+6
Laure OYEBANJO	35	1	1	37
Jordan PAVETT	2+1	0	0	2+1
Omer RIZA	31+1	0	0	31+1
Lamine SAGNA	0+1	0	0	0+1
Jack SESSIONS	0+1	0	0	0+1
Lee SMITH	30+6	1	1	32+6
Daniel SPARKES	25+5	1	1	27+5
Jim STEVENSON	18+9	0	0	18+9
Callum STEWART	8+2	0	1	9+2
Lewis TAAFFE	11+13	0	0	11+13
Joe WELCH	36	1	1	38
Lee WOOTTON	30+1	1	1	33+1
Max YORK	0+2	0	0	0+2

FIRST TEAM GOALS 10/11

PLAYERS	LGE	FAC	FAT	TOTAL
Omer RIZA	10	0	0	10
Antonio MURRAY	9	0	0	9
Remy CLERIMA	5	0	0	5
Zac ATTWOOD	3	0	1	4
Daniel SPARKES	2	0	1	3
Romone McCRAE	2	0	0	2
Laure OYEBANJO	2	0	0	2
Jim STEVENSON	2	0	0	2
Danny MILLS	1	0	0	1
Erkan OKAY	1	0	0	1
Lee WOOTTON	1	0	0	1

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DATE	H/A	OPPONENTS	KO/RES	ATT	PTS	P05	STARTING LINE-UP	SUBS USED	SUBS NOT USED
AUGUST									
SATURDAY, 14	H	BARROW	W3-1	533	3	2	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Ilesanmi Z. Mills Wootton Okay McCrae ¹ Sparkes [*] Attwood ² D. Mills	Adjei [*]	Stewart, Sagna, Stevenson, Lawton
Tuesday, 17	A	AFC Wimbledon	L0-2	3,126	3	13	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Ilesanmi Z. Mills Stewart ^{**} Okay McCrae Adjei [*] Attwood D. Mills	Sagna [*] ***, Stevenson ^{**} , Pavett ^{***}	Diarra, Lawton
Saturday, 21	A	Newport County	D2-2	1,927	4	10	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima ^{**} Stewart Z. Mills Wootton Okay ¹ McCrae ¹ Pavett [*] Attwood D. Mills	Adjei [*] , Diarra ^{**}	Murray, Stevenson, Lawton
TUESDAY, 24	H	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	D1-1	421	5	11	Welch Oyebanjo ¹ Clerima Stewart ^{***} Z. Mills Wootton Okay McCrae ¹ Pavett ^{**} Attwood [*] D. Mills	Taafe [*] , Murray ^{**} , Ilesanmi ^{***}	Adjei, Lawton
SATURDAY, 28	H	KETTERING TOWN	L0-3	681	5	21	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Ilesanmi Z. Mills Wootton Okay ^{**} McCrae Murray ^{***} Riza [*] D. Mills	Adjei [*] , Stevenson ^{**} , Taafe ^{***}	Stewart, Lawton
Monday, 30	A	Grimsby Town	L1-2	2,925	5	22	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Ilesanmi Stewart [*] Wootton ¹ Okay ^{**} McCrae Murray Riza D. Mills ^{***}	Z. Mills [*] , Taafe ^{**} , Adjei ^{***}	Stevenson, Lawton
SEPTEMBER									
Saturday, 04	A	Hayes & Yeading United	W2-1	359	8	17	Welch Z. Mills Clerima Ilesanmi Stewart [*] Wootton Okay McCrae Murray ¹ Riza ^{1P} D. Mills ^{**}	Attwood [*] , Taafe ^{**}	Adjei, Stevenson, Lawton
SATURDAY, 11	H	CRAWLEY TOWN	L0-2	497	8	20	Welch Z. Mills Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes Wootton Okay McCrae Attwood Riza D. Mills	Smith [*] , Clarke ^{**}	Adjei, Sagna, Lawton
SATURDAY, 18	H	TAMWORTH	L1-2	653	8	20	Welch Z. Mills Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes Wootton Okay McCrae Attwood [*] Riza ¹ D. Mills ^{**}	Clarke [*] , Smith ^{**}	Adjei, Taafe, Lawton
Tuesday, 21	A	Rushden & Diamonds	L0-2	926	8	21	Welch Z. Mills Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes Clarke ^{***} Okay McCrae Attwood ^{**} Riza D. Mills [*]	Smith [*] , Adjei ^{**} , Stevenson ^{***}	Taafe, Lawton
Saturday, 25	A	Wrexham	L0-4	2,376	8	23	Welch Fitzsimons Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes Clarke Okay McCrae [*] Smith Riza ^{**} D. Mills	Stevenson [*] , Adjei ^{**}	Livermore, Lawton
TUESDAY, 28	H	GATESHEAD	L1-3	285	8	23	Welch Fitzsimons Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes Wootton Okay McCrae [*] Smith Riza ^{1P} D. Mills	Adjei [*]	Livermore, Stevenson, Clarke, Lawton
OCTOBER									
Saturday, 02	A	Fleetwood Town	D1-1	1,458	9	23	Welch Fitzsimons Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes Wootton Okay McCrae [*] Smith Oyebanjo Murray ¹	D. Mills [*]	Adjei, Stevenson, Clarke, Lawton
TUESDAY, 05	H	SOUTHPORT	W2-1	368	12	22	Welch Fitzsimons Clerima ¹ Ilesanmi Sparkes Wootton Okay McCrae Smith Oyebanjo Murray ^{1*}	D. Mills [*]	Adjei, Stevenson, Clarke, Lawton
SATURDAY, 09	H	ALTRINCHAM	W3-0	655	15	21	Welch Fitzsimons Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes Wootton Okay McCrae Smith Oyebanjo ^{1P} Murray ¹	Riza [*] ***, Attwood ^{**} , D. Mills ^{1***}	Clarke, Lawton
Saturday, 16	A	Forest Green Rovers	W1-0	741	18	17	Welch Fitzsimons Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes ¹ Wootton Okay McCrae Smith Oyebanjo Murray		Adjei, D. Mills, Attwood, Z. Mills, Lawton
Saturday, 23	A	Havant & Waterville (FACOR4)	L0-2	905			Welch Z. Mills Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes Wootton Okay McCrae [*] Smith ^{**} Oyebanjo Murray	Adjei [*] , D. Mills ^{**}	Stevenson, Attwood, Lawton
SATURDAY, 30	H	WREXHAM	D1-1	914	19	17	Welch Z. Mills ^{**} Clerima Ilesanmi Sparkes Wootton Okay Adjei [*] Smith Oyebanjo Murray ¹	D. Mills [*] , Attwood ^{**}	Stevenson, McCrae, Lawton
NOVEMBER									
SATURDAY, 13	H	KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	L0-1	571	19	19	Welch Z. Mills Clerima Livermore [*] Sparkes Wootton Okay D. Mills ^{**} Smith ^{***} Oyebanjo Murray	Stewart [*] , Attwood ^{**} , Adjei ^{***}	McCrae, Lawton
Saturday, 20	A	Luton Town	L1-5	5,963	19	21	Welch ^{***} Z. Mills Clerima Ainsley Sparkes Wootton Okay Stewart Smith [*] Stevenson ^{**} Murray ¹	McCrae [*] , Taafe ^{**} , Lawton ^{***}	D. Mills, Attwood
THURSDAY, 25	H	BATH CITY	L1-2	470	19	21	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Ainsley Sparkes ¹ Wootton McCrae Stewart Smith Stevenson [*] Murray	D. Mills [*]	Attwood, Z. Mills, Taafe, Lawton
DECEMBER									
SATURDAY, 11	H	BATH CITY (FAT R1)	L2-3	263			Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Ainsley Sparkes ¹ Wootton Okay Stewart Smith Attwood ^{1*} Murray	McCrae [*]	D. Mills, Z. Mills, Stevenson, Lawton
JANUARY									
Saturday, 01	A	Cambridge United	D0-0	3,225	20	21	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Sparkes ^{**} Wootton Okay Livermore Smith Riza [*] Murray	Attwood [*] , Stevenson ^{**}	Taafe, Dowie, Lawton
MONDAY, 03	H	GRIMSBY TOWN	L1-6	1,122	20	22	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Stevenson ^{**} Wootton Attwood Livermore [*] Smith Riza ¹ Murray	Taafe [*] , York ^{**}	Everdell, Dowie, Lawton
Tuesday, 11	A	Darlington	L1-3	1,489	20	24	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Okay Wootton Attwood [*] Livermore Smith ^{***} Riza Murray ¹	Sparkes ^{**} ***, Stevenson ^{**} , Taafe ^{***}	Dowie, Lawton
SATURDAY, 15	H	YORK CITY	L1-2	578	20	24	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Okay Wootton Attwood ^{**} Stevenson ¹ Smith [*] Riza Murray	Taafe [*] , Okojie ^{**}	Stewart, York, Lawton
Saturday, 22	A	Mansfield Town	L0-1	1,880	15*	24	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Okay Wootton Attwood [*] Stevenson Smith Riza Okay Murray	Sparkes [*]	Livermore, Taafe, Okojie, Lawton
Tuesday, 25	A	Barrow	D1-1	883	16	24	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima ¹ Z. Mills Okay Wootton Livermore Sparkes Smith Riza [*] Murray ^{**}	Taafe [*] , Stevenson ^{**}	York, Okojie, Lawton
SATURDAY, 29	H	NEWPORT COUNTY	D0-0	452	17	24	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Okay Wootton Stevenson Sparkes [*] Smith Riza ^{**} Murray	Attwood [*] , Taafe ^{**}	York, Stewart, Lawton
FEBRUARY									
TUESDAY, 01	H	FLEETWOOD TOWN	W1-0	255	20	24	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Okay Wootton Stevenson Sparkes [*] Smith Riza ^{**1} Murray	Attwood [*] , Taafe ^{**}	York, Stewart, Lawton
Saturday, 05	A	Tamworth	W1-0	885	23	23	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Okay Wootton Stevenson Sparkes [*] Smith Riza ^{**1P} Murray	Attwood [*] , Livermore ^{**}	Taafe, Okojie, Lawton
SATURDAY, 12	H	HAYES & YEADING UNITED	L0-1	463	23	23	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Okay Wootton Stevenson ^{***} Sparkes [*] Smith ^{**} Riza Murray	Taafe [*] , Attwood ^{**} , Okojie ^{***}	Livermore, Lawton
Tuesday, 15	A	Altrincham	W3-0	621	26	22	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima ¹ Z. Mills Livermore Wootton ^{***} Stevenson Taafe ^{**} Attwood ¹ Riza ¹ Murray	Okay [*] , Smith ^{**} , York ^{***}	Sparkes, Lawton
Saturday, 19	A	Eastbourne Borough	D2-2	783	27	23	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima ¹ Z. Mills Livermore Wootton ^{**} Stevenson [*] Taafe Attwood Riza ¹ Murray	Okay [*] , Smith ^{**}	Sparkes, Stewart, Lawton
TUESDAY, 22	H	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	L0-2	1,903	27	23	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Livermore Okay Stevenson [*] Taafe Attwood ^{**} Riza Murray	Smith [*] , Sparkes ^{**}	Wootton, Stewart, Lawton
MARCH									
Tuesday, 01	A	Southport	L1-3	652	27	23	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Livermore Okay [*] Smith Taafe [*] Attwood Riza ^{1P} Murray	Wootton [*] , Sparkes ^{**}	Stevenson, Stewart, Lawton
Saturday, 05	A	Crawley Town	L0-5	3,031	27	24	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Livermore Okay ^{**} Smith Taafe [*] Wootton Riza ^{***} Murray	Lawton [*] , Stevenson ^{**} , Sparkes ^{***}	Stewart, Okojie
Tuesday, 15	A	Kettering Town	L3-4	782	27	24	Lawton Oyebanjo Clerima ¹ Z. Mills Stewart Okay Smith Taafe [*] Sparkes Riza ¹ Murray ¹	Stevenson [*]	Dowie, Sessions, York, Okojie
TUESDAY, 22	H	MANSFIELD TOWN	L2-3	380	27	24	Welch Oyebanjo Clerima Z. Mills Stevenson ^{**1} Okay Smith Taafe ^{***} Sparkes [*] Riza Murray ¹	Stewart [*] , Livermore ^{**} , Dowie ^{***}	Lawton, Sessions
Saturday, 26	A	York City	L0-1	2,364	27	24	Foderingham Asafu-Adjaye Clerima Z. Mills Stevenson Livermore Smith Cox [*] Sparkes Riza Murray ^{**}	Taafe [*] , Attwood ^{**}	Lawton, Dowie, Stewart
APRIL									
SATURDAY, 02	H	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	L0-3	426	27	24	Foderingham Asafu-Adjaye Clerima Z. Mills Stevenson Oyebanjo Smith Taafe [*] Dowie ^{**} Riza Attwood [*]	Okojie [*] , Day ^{**}	Lawton, Livermore, Stewart
TUESDAY, 05	H	RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS	L0-2	363	27	24	Foderingham Asafu-Adjaye Clerima Z. Mills Stevenson Oyebanjo Smith Taafe ^{***} Dowie ^{**} Riza Day [*]	Sparkes [*] , Okojie ^{**} , Sessions ^{***}	Lawton, Stewart
Saturday, 09	A	Gateshead	L0-2	567	27	24	Foderingham Asafu-Adjaye Okay Z. Mills Stevenson ^{**} Oyebanjo Smith Taafe [*] Wootton ^{**} Riza Murray	Day [*] , Dowie ^{**} , Okojie ^{***}	Lawton, Stewart
TUESDAY, 12	H	DARLINGTON	L0-1	277	27	24	Foderingham Hawkins Okay Z. Mills Stevenson Oyebanjo Smith Taafe [*] Dowie ^{**} Riza Murray	Cox [*] , Okojie ^{**}	Lawton, Stewart, Wootton
SATURDAY, 16	H	AFC WIMBLEDON	L0-4	750	27	24	Foderingham Asafu-Adjaye Okay [*] Z. Mills Stevenson ^{***} Oyebanjo Smith Cox ^{**} Sparkes Riza Murray	Livermore [*] , Hawkins ^{**} , Dowie ^{***}	Lawton, Okojie
Saturday, 23	A	Bath City	15:00						
MONDAY, 25	H	LUTON TOWN	15:00						
Saturday, 30	A	Kidderminster Harriers	17:15						

* 5 points deducted on January 21st

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Histon v Luton Town

2009/10 season was the first time these sides have met. The first meeting should have taken place on the 26th December, but the snow leading up to the game caused the game to be called off. The return fixture was due to take on the 3rd January, however with the Hatters involved in the FA Cup against Southampton, the game was called off. The first meeting of the two sides came on the 27th January at Bridge Road, the first half finish goal less, but just 7 minutes after the break saw Hatters defender, Jonas Kovacs, make a scoring debut from a corner, on 72 minutes, Asa Hall wrapped the game up with a low shot, in front of a crowd of 1543. The return meeting was due to take place on Tuesday 23rd February, but the game was called off due to a waterlogged pitch. The return fixture finally took place on the 13th April, first half goals from Howells and Craddock gave the Hatters a 2-0 lead, the lead was doubled early on the second half, when Craddock added his second on the evening before Howells added his second inside the hour mark, the Stutes, pulled two goals back, when Daniel Sparkes scored on 69 minutes, before Nat Knight-Percival added a second on 74 minutes, but the comeback was to be shortlived when Craddock sealed a hat trick from a spot kick, on 84 minutes Gallen made it 6-2, on 87 minutes Glen Southam scored for Histon to make it 6-3, in



front of a crowd of just over 7000.

2010/11 season saw the sides meet at Luton on the 20th November, where a crowd of 5963 watched on as the home side went ahead on 7 minutes when Claude Gnakpa scored. The lead was doubled on 19 minutes went Jack Howells added the second, on 39 minutes the home side added a third when Jason Walker scored, there was still time for a further goal before half time as Histon, Antonio Murray scored in the 43rd minute, second half goals from Andy Drury on 69 minutes and Taiwo Atieno on 78 minutes saw the game finish in a 5-1 win.

Club Connections

Striker Chris Dillion (below) left school and headed to Luton on a scholarship, defender Jamie Kearns started



at Luton Town as a schoolboy, before joining Ipswich Town for a short spell, then joined Cambridge United as an apprentice, where he spent 3 years, 1991/92 season saw spells at St Albans City, Baldock Town and Stevenage Borough, before joining Histon during the Summer of 1992.

25th April

1996/97 season saw the side at home to Swaffham in the Eastern Counties League, the game ended in a 1-1. 1997/98 season saw the side travel to Tiptree United in the Eastern Counties League, the Stutes went down to a 6-1 defeat.

2000/01 season saw the Stutes move into the Southern League, or as it was known, Dr Martens League, Eastern Division, today saw a crowd of 178 watch on as Stamford visited Bridge Road, the game ended in a draw as the game ended 2-2 with Shaun Harrington and Jamie Barker scoring for Histon, with Ndekwe and Keeble scoring for Stamford. 2008/09 season saw Histon travel to Crawley for the last day of the season, a crowd of 901 watched on in bright sunshine as Histon went into the break leading 3-0, with goals from Jack Midson on 11 and 39 minutes and Jamie Barker on 35 minutes, but on 52 minutes saw the game swing back towards the home side, when a foul by goalkeeper Danny Naisbitt saw him receive a red card, with Jamie Cook scoring from the resulting penalty kick, further goals from Michael Malcolm on 66 minutes and Joh Shaw on 82 minutes saw the game finish in a 3-3 draw.

Steve Wells

WAITING IN THE WINGS

RIDGEONS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

DATE	OPPONENTS	KO/RES
AUGUST		
Saturday, 07	A Dereham Town	L1-6
Tuesday, 10	A Ely City	L2-4
Saturday, 14	A Debenham LC	L0-7
Wednesday, 18	H Mildenhall Town	W1-0
Saturday, 21	H Woodbridge Town	W2-1
Wednesday, 25	A CRC	D1-1
Saturday, 28	A Wivenhoe Town	L1-2
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday, 01	H Newmarket Town	D0-0
Saturday, 04	H Wroxham	W2-1
Saturday, 11	A Norwich United	L0-5
Wednesday, 15	H CRC	L0-4
Saturday, 18	A Kirkley & Pakefield	L0-8
Wednesday, 22	H Haverhill Rovers	D2-2
OCTOBER		
Saturday, 02	H Dereham Town	L0-5
Saturday, 16	H Wivenhoe Town	L0-3
Wednesday, 20	H Wisbech Town	D2-2
Saturday, 23	H Brantham Athletic	L0-5
Wednesday, 27	H Cornard United (RLC 1)	W4-0
Saturday, 30	A FC Clacton	L0-8
NOVEMBER		
Saturday, 06	H Walsham-le-Willows	D2-2
Saturday, 13	A Newmarket Town	L1-2
Tuesday, 16	A Hadleigh United	D2-2
Saturday, 20	H Ely City	L2-6
DECEMBER		
Saturday, 11	A Great Yarmouth Town	W2-1
Tuesday, 14	A Stowmarket Town (RLC2)	L1-3
JANUARY		
Saturday, 08	A Walsham-le-Willows	L2-3
Saturday, 22	H Great Yarmouth Town	D2-2
Saturday, 29	A Felixstowe & Walton Utd	L2-4
FEBRUARY		
Wednesday, 02	A Stanway Rovers	L0-2
Saturday, 05	H Leiston	L0-4
Saturday, 12	A Wroxham	L1-4
Saturday, 26	A Brantham Athletic	L4-6
MARCH		
Tuesday, 01	A Wisbech Town	L0-5
Saturday, 05	H Norwich United	L1-2
Saturday, 12	A Haverhill Rovers	D1-1
Saturday, 19	A Woodbridge Town	W3-1
Wednesday, 23	H Stanway Rovers	W4-3
Saturday, 26	H Debenham LC	D1-1
APRIL		
Saturday, 02	A Leiston	L0-4
Saturday, 09	H FC Clacton	L2-6
Wednesday, 13	H Kirkley & Pakefield	W3-2
Saturday, 16	A Mildenhall Town	L0-2
Saturday, 23	H Hadleigh United	15:00
Saturday, 30	H Felixstowe & Walton Utd.	15:00
CAMBS INVITATION CUP		
12/10/10 (R1)	A Soham Town Rangers	D1-1 (W3-1 pens)
11/01/11 (R2)	A Haverhill Rovers	L3-5

Home fixtures played at the Glass World Stadium

F.C.Y.A. SOUTH PREMIER DIVISION

DATE	OPPONENTS	RES
SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday, 15	A Crawley Town	L0-2
Wednesday, 29	A Ebbsfleet United	W3-1
OCTOBER		
Monday, 04	H Havant & Waterlooville	L0-4
Wednesday, 13	H Dartford Whites	D2-2
Wednesday, 20	H Basingstoke Town	W3-0
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday, 03	A Woking (League Cup)	L1-2
Wednesday, 10	A Oxford United	W4-2
Wednesday, 17	H Rushden & Diamonds	W5-1
DECEMBER		
Wednesday, 15	A Bromley Blues	L0-3
JANUARY		
Wednesday, 05	H Cambridge United	W2-1
Wednesday, 19	H Crawley Town	L0-1
Wednesday, 26	A AFC Wimbledon	D3-3
FEBRUARY		
Wednesday, 02	H Ebbsfleet United	L4-5
Wednesday, 09	A Havant & Waterlooville	L0-4
Monday, 14	A Cambridge United	L0-2
MARCH		
Wednesday, 02	H Oxford United	W1-0
Monday, 07	A Dartford Whites	W2-1
Wednesday, 09	A Rushden & Diamonds	W1-0
Monday, 14	H AFC Wimbledon	L1-5
Wednesday, 23	A Weston-super-Mare	D2-2
Wednesday, 30	H Bromley Blues	L1-4
APRIL		
Wednesday, 06	H Weston-super-Mare	D3-3
Wednesday, 20	A Basingstoke Town	14:00
FA YOUTH CUP		
09/09/10 (PR)	H Hadleigh United	W5-1
23/09/10 (QR1)	H Norwich United	W2-0
07/10/10 (QR2)	H Leiston	W3-0
21/10/10 (QR3)	H Yaxley	W2-1
02/11/10 (R1)	H Notts County	L0-3
MUNNS CUP		
07/02/11	H Girton	W3-2
17/03/11	A Soham Town Rangers	W3-1
06/04/11	A* Wisbech Town	W5-0
	*at Cambridge City	



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Munns Cup Final
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A good game and one in which our Under 18's ran out comfortable winners. Wisbech's hard work and desire lead to a competitive and even first half and 0-0 at the break was a fair reflection of play. Once the deadlock was broken early in the second half it became somewhat one sided though and goals from Izzy Smith, Tommy Wright (2), Jake Twinn and Jack Sessions saw us comfortably through.

It was impossible to pick a man of the match as the whole team were outstanding on the night. Some excellent football was played throughout showing why some of the team had been given recent opportunities to impress at First Team level.

The management and players would like to send a big thank you to the many regular supporters who came to cheer them on and hopefully they were all left with the feeling that the future looks promising for our young players.

TODAY'S OTHER FIXTURE

Histon Under 16s v Luton Town Under 16s
Kick off immediately after the game today

Histon FC Squad: Adam Guitart, Jack Hayden, Ashley White, Ryan Baxter, Jack Uttridge, Harry O'Malley, Ben Williams, Casper Coombes, Hayden Bream, Curtis Fulcher, Casey Logan, Salim Relizani, Luke Skirrow, Ricky Ripa, Matty Waters, Matthew Meacher

Luton Town Squad: Ben McFarlane Barnes, Jerome Jibodu, Leeroy Maguraushe, Ian Rees, Michael Richens, Tinashe Chabata, Jordan Davis, Tarum Dawkins, Jemale McKenzie-Lowe, Charlie Smith, Chisom Amadi, Bradley Johnson, Josh Terry

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Assistants: Josh Few & Chris Darling



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Third Left: Richard was the Happy Cash Winner

Second Right: Ad was PB Soccer School Man of the Match

Third Centre: Omer was the Castle School choice

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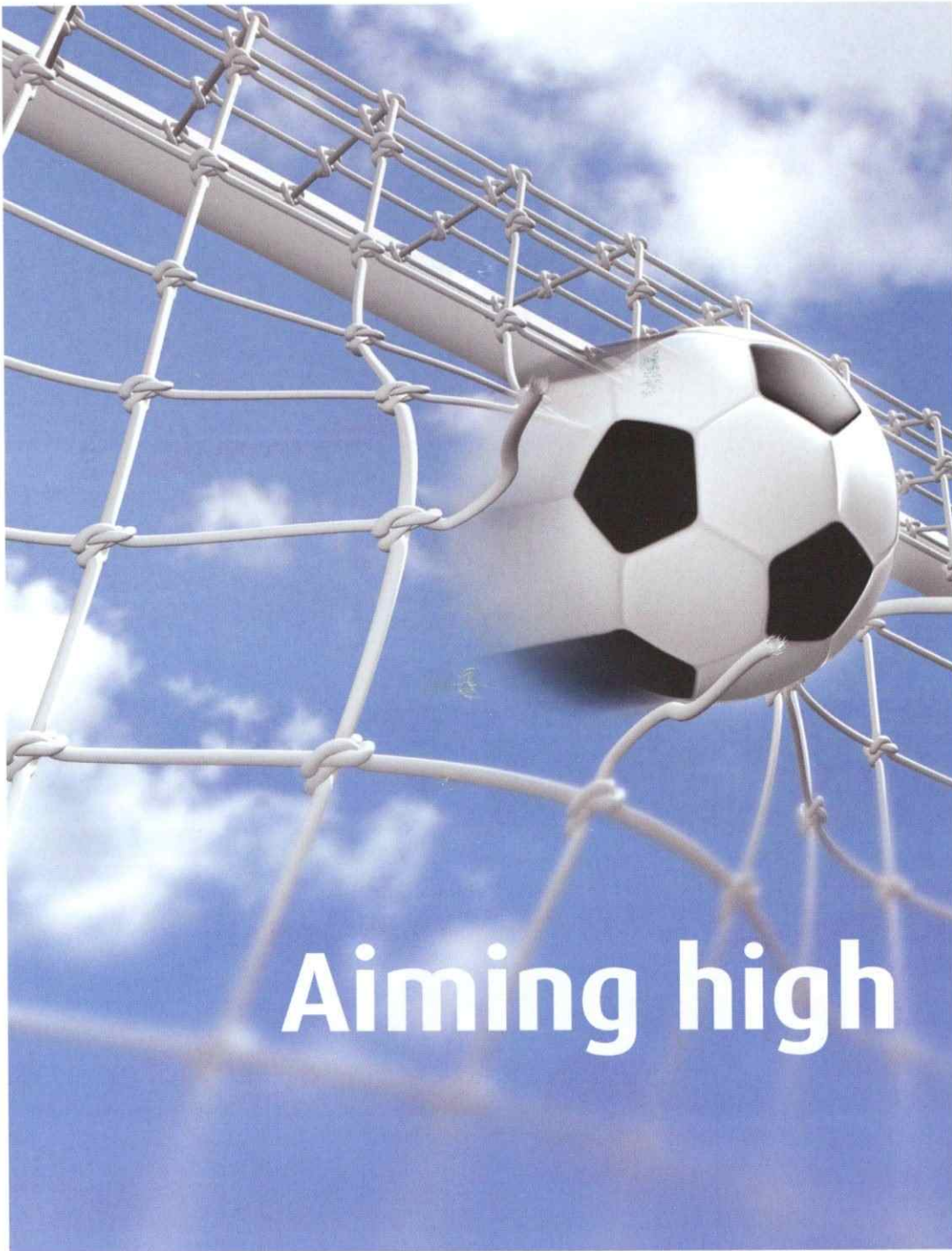
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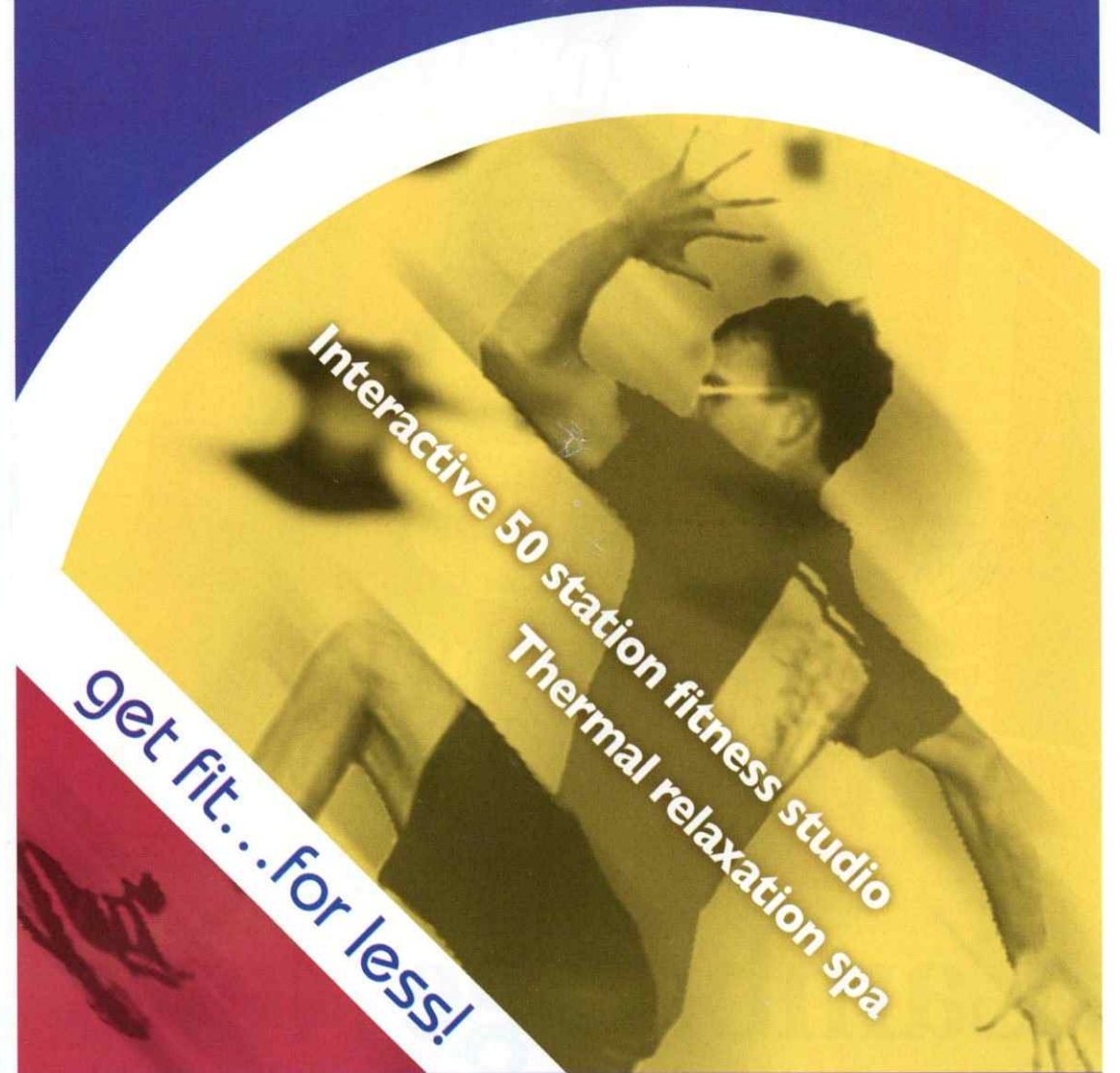


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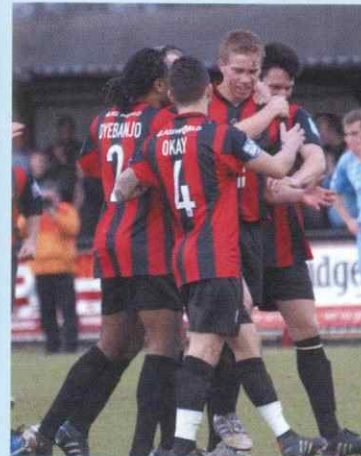
SEASON REVIEW 2010-11 (PART TWO)

HISTON 1 YORK CITY 2 (Saturday 15th January 2011)

The disappointing start to 2011 continued with defeat in a game that could have been oh so different. Jim Stevenson's first Stutes goal had given us a 1-0 lead that we held until 15 minutes from time. The introduction of the battering ram that is Michael Rankine had put us on the back foot and the increasing pressure finally told as Constantine equalised and Till snatched the game away from us with a couple of minutes to go. Another case of "what if" but the reality was a third defeat on the bounce.

MANSFIELD TOWN 1 HISTON 0 (Saturday 22nd January 2011)

Talk about conceding late goals! Yet again we were beaten at the death as Paul Connor scored two minutes into injury time to give the Stags all three points. This wasn't the first time we had let a game go late on and unfortunately it wasn't to be the last either.



BARROW 1 HISTON 1 (Tuesday 25th January 2011)

Remy Clerima's 2nd minute goal got us off to a flyer on our longest away trip of the season (on a Tuesday night in January. Again!). Joe Welch saved a penalty before Paul Rutherford equalised for the hosts on 75 minutes. Gaffer David Livermore saw red for the second time in as many games

five minutes before the end but we saw out the game to register a point.

HISTON 0 NEWPORT COUNTY 0 (Saturday 29th January 2011)

A game in which we struggled to make an impact and it took another penalty save from Welch to earn us a point when he guessed right to deny Craig Reid's spot kick after Zak Mills' fouled Kerry Morgan in the box.

HISTON 1 FLEETWOOD TOWN 0 (Tuesday 1st February 2011)

February was looking like make or break time as we faced a run of seven games in four weeks and realistic hopes of harvesting many points. It all started so well with a hard fought victory over high flying Fleetwood sealed by Omer Riza's great strike early in the first half. We had to work hard to close the game out but were deserved winners on the night.

TAMWORTH 0 HISTON 1 (Saturday 5th February 2011)

Just like buses, you wait ages for one and then two come along at once. After weathering the early onslaught from the hosts it was Omer's penalty on 38 minutes that sent us into the break with a narrow lead. Chances came (particularly for Zac Attwood) to extend the lead in the second half but we were fairly comfortable and ended the day unbeaten in four and growing in confidence.

HISTON 0 HAYES & YEADING 1 (Saturday 12th February 2011)

If ever there was a game that was there for the taking then this was it but instead of building on the recent run of results and performances, we got a flat nothing of a performance and deservedly got nothing from a crucial game. There was very little from this game to look back on with any happiness and we never really threatened to respond after Peter Holmes put Hayes ahead on 40 minutes. The run had come to an end but the big games kept on coming.

ALTRINCHAM 0 HISTON 3 (Tuesday 15th February 2011)

The bad memories from the previous Saturday were quickly forgotten as we brushed aside Alty in convincing fash-

ion. After a cagey first half, Zac Attwood put us ahead two minutes after the break and we never looked back. Omer made it two on 72 minutes and Remy added a third late on to seal a comfortable and convincing victory. All to play for then with another six pointer to follow.

EASTBOURNE BOROUGH 2 HISTON 2 (Saturday 19th February 2011)

We started this one well and controlled the first half with some nice football and Omer's 39th minute opener was overdue and deserved. Truth be told the striker should have doubled the lead a few minutes later but couldn't convert what looked an easier chance than the one he had taken moments before. Confidence was still high though as we went into the break with the lead. To their credit Borough came out fighting in the second half and equalised straight away but within a couple of minutes Remy restored our lead, heading in off a defender from a corner. If we thought that we had stopped the home side's comeback though we were wrong as Gary Elphick equalised on the hour and in all honesty we were on the back foot for the rest of the game and in the end were happy to take a point away from the game.

HISTON 0 CAMBRIDGE UNITED 2 (Tuesday 22nd February 2011)

The big local derby was much anticipated after being postponed from the original Boxing Day date. With our rivals lurching towards trouble at the wrong end of the table the game had an extra edge and victory would have seen us push on and away from the relegation zone. It wasn't to be however and goals from ex-Stute Danny Wright and Adam Marriott either side of the break gave United a lead they never looked like surrendering, especially after Omer's late penalty was saved by Simon Brown.

SOUTHPORT 3 HISTON 1 (Tuesday 1st March 2011)

An even game turned when Zac Attwood saw red on 40 minutes for a foul on Karl Ledsham. Two early second half goals from Shaun Whally and

Ledsham put the hosts in control before Tony Gray put us out of misery with ten minutes left. Omer's injury time penalty was little consolation.

CRAWLEY TOWN 5 HISTON 0 (Saturday 5th March 2011)

A daunting trip to champions elect Crawley was made even more difficult after Joe Welch was sent off 20 minutes in and the prolific Matt Tubbs scored from the resulting penalty. We were under the cosh from then on and Lee Wootton's red card late on for pushing Brodie in the face was not only harsh but factually inaccurate. A tough day best forgotten.

KETTERING TOWN 4 HISTON 3 (Tuesday 15th March 2011)

Talk about snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. Omer's early opener was quickly cancelled out by Danny Mills before Remy and Antonio put us in a commanding position. Had Lee Smith's powerful volley found the back of the net on the stroke of half time then surely we would have been home and hosed? With twelve minutes remaining Neil McCoy pulled one back for Town but moments later Omer's goal bound effort would surely have secured the win had it not been cleared off the line. Disappointingly for us Callum Wilson tapped in the equaliser with five minutes to go before that man Danny Mills won the game with an injury time drive that he clearly enjoyed. Somehow we had managed to come away with nothing from a game that we should have won comfortably.

HISTON 2 MANSFIELD TOWN 3 (Tuesday 22nd March 2011)

Talk about snatching defeat from the jaws of victory (have I said that before somewhere?). Erkan's red card for handball on the line was not the start we were looking for but Welch pulled off yet another penalty save, giving us the platform to build another two goal lead before the break with goals from Omer and another thunderbolt for Jim Stevenson putting us in control. Louis Briscoe pulled one back within a minute or two of the restart and things started to look shaky. The Stags' striker equalised on 69

minutes and in all honesty it wasn't a surprise when he rounded off his own terrific second half display with the winner ten minutes from time. Another tough result to take and another two goal lead blown.

YORK CITY 1 HISTON 0 (Saturday 26th March 2011)

Having had the transfer embargo lifted a couple of days before and just in time for the close of the window, we welcomed three new loan signings into the team. Ed Asafu-Adjaye, Wes Foderingham and Elliott Cox joined us from Luton Town, Crystal Palace and QPR respectively and all three were in the starting line up. Joe Welch had left us for League football with Stevenage a couple of days before so it was a new look side that took the field. The home side bossed the game to be fair and Jamie Reid's goal just after the break was enough to win it although both Omer and Zac had good chances near the end to snatch a point.



HISTON 0 FOREST GREEN ROVERS 3 (Saturday 2nd April 2011)

Comprehensively beaten by fellow strugglers and it was a miserable afternoon. We were unable to cope with the directness and physicality of the visitors and despite the promising performances from scholars Jay Dowie and Charlie Day we were again well beaten on the day.

HISTON 0 RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS

2 (Tuesday 5th April 2011)

Rushden came here in a little turmoil with their players having threatened strike action over unpaid wages, but on the night they ran out winners courtesy of a (very soft) penalty and a late Shane Huke header. This was our eighth successive defeat and if the writing had been on the wall for a while then it was now being written in very large letters indeed.

GATESHEAD 2 HISTON 0 (Saturday 9th April 2011)

The day the inevitable finally came as relegation was confirmed. Josh Gillies opened the scoring in the second minute and it was hard work from then on. John Shaw finished the game off in the 73rd minute and we made it nine defeats in a row and five without scoring.

HISTON 0 DARLINGTON 1 (Tuesday 12th April 2011)

A subdued atmosphere and a small crowd saw us slip to another defeat, this time going down to a late goal yet again. This one came from the head of John Campbell in the 81st minute as we buckled to some aerial pressure from a succession of corners.

HISTON 0 AFC WIMBLEDON 4 (Saturday 16th April 2011)

Comprehensively beaten by a side manager David Livermore believes to be the best footballing team in the division. Their superior quality shone through from start to finish and Danny Kedwell's terrific turn and finish gave the Dons a half time lead. Three goals in four second half minutes put the game well beyond doubt as Kedwell grabbed his second and Luke Moore bagged the other two. At least the sun was shining anyway.

At the time of writing we still have the trip to Bath to come but it has been a long, hard season. We have however seen plenty of promise from our young scholars breaking through into the first team and we can but hope that the experience gained has been valuable as their development continues under the watchful eye of David and Brian and the coaching team. Roll on next season, North or South!

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DAVID LIVERMORE

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versation we've had so far, so that's all positive. There are a lot of changes going on off the pitch, so if they do want me to be here next season I don't think they'll allow me to make those changes. It's just a case of sitting down and getting it sorted, getting the contract drawn up and signed.

It is yet to be decided which league you will compete in next season, either the Conference North or Conference South; do you have a preference at all?

Obviously the south in terms of the travelling point of view and therefore financial point of view, being in the south will be highly beneficial. It would be a lot more than trying to do it in the north division which again would be more expensive for the club and also you have those long journeys. We don't have the luxury of being able to go the night before or to go up early, stop somewhere and have a bite to eat. We have to get on the bus, travel to the game, get off the bus and play, so if we can have a lot more shorter journeys than long ones it will be beneficial over the course of the season.

If you do end up in the Conference South next season there is a good chance that you could be joined by Cambridge City, do you relish the chance of playing more local derbies like you have this season against United?

Yes of course, the games against United have been fantastic this season, it's two-fold, it's good for the players to experience these derbies: they're great games and also from a financial perspective it brings a decent amount of money from those weekends. Yes I think it's important, it would be great if we're in the same division as City. But at the same time it could be City who forces us into the Conference North.

You mentioned that you have looked into a few possible new signings, will there be money to spend in the summer or will you be looking for bargains and loan sign-

ings for next season?

Yes, look there is certainly no transfer budget, there is no money there to go and buy anyone. We're going to have to be clever, going to have to try and talk to a few contacts and see what we can do, we've had one or two lads train with us recently who look promising. We've got a good bunch of scholars coming through that you've seen obviously play a bit in recent weeks. So they'll be needed to make the numbers up, were going to sort the 20-22 man squad; which I'm happy to deal with. We've got to be careful because we've got to bring them on slowly; if you throw them in there too soon it could be detrimental to their development, so we're trying to get the timing right. We felt we've done that with Jim Stevenson and Lewis Taaffe as well as Jay Dowie recently. But we have to guard against trying to push too early and too soon, the timing has to be right but we haven't really had the luxury to do that in recent weeks.

Given the age of some of the players and how well they have played at times this season against seasoned professionals, do you feel that you can hold onto these players and fend off any interest from elsewhere?

Yes of course, talking about Zak Mills, Lewis Taaffe and Jim Stevenson, they have a contract for the next two years anyway so they certainly won't be going anywhere. Barring that, we have an option on a few players, so the ones with options; it would be my decision whether we keep them or not. It wouldn't be fair or right for me to say who I want here next season and who I don't because until my future is clarified I don't think it's fair on the lads to make those sort of decisions.

You are up against one of your old teams in the shape of Luton Town for the final home game of the season; do you think you can finish the season on a high against quality

opposition?

We'll certainly try, we've not tried to lose eleven games we've tried to win every single one of them, and we've tried to win today (against AFC Wimbledon). Again you have to be realistic, the gulf between budgets and what type of player or what players you bring to the club is hugely different. Luton are second for a reason, we're bottom for a reason, so we've got to improve. As I've said already I think the first team next season will have to be an extension of the scholarship system, so I'm expecting to have another team probably even younger next season.

Finally, the fans have continued to turn up week in, week out which is admirable considering the recent run of results, is there a message you would like to give them at all?

Just obviously thank you, it's like you say, I think it could have been easier for fans to turn their back on this football club at the moment. I'm sure they're not happy with the way things have turned out because it was only a couple of seasons back that they were in the playoffs and beating Leeds United. I understand the frustration but all I asked of them is to be realistic and look at the facts and look at the fact that we are a young team and we are trying to improve. We are a football club that the most important thing is not to allow ourselves ever to get back into the situation where we have a million pounds of debt and the actual existence of the football club's at threat. So that's something that obviously myself and the board never want to allow to happen again. So with that in mind we have to be realistic, we don't have a big budget. We'll try to win football matches, sometimes we'll lose, sometimes we'll win and I just ask that they stay with us and hopefully one day maybe a season or two down the line once we have developed some good players, we might be able to challenge again.



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FROM THE BAR

This afternoon we welcome to the Glass World Stadium the supporters of Luton Town FC and I hope for a good turn out as we wave goodbye to the Blue Square Premier and set our sights on getting our club back on an even keel again as the gods decide which division we will be in next season. We have enjoyed a brilliant ride over the past few years and the only blot on the landscape has been the financial damage inflicted on the club by the unsustainable dream of a few individuals. In my opinion it would have been a better option to simply build for survival at this level rather than try to get into League Two but we all bought the hype and now we are paying the price.

On a positive note however things are improving off the pitch and despite a lack of funds we do have the potential within the young players for a sustainable future at a good level. It will take time and patience and a lot of graft but we have the personnel to achieve this and with an excellent volunteer base to push us forward I am hopeful that within a couple of seasons or so we will see the fan base begin to climb again. It will be good to see the team winning matches again and entertaining the crowd. Hopefully we can get back to our roots and produce another generation of Jamie Barker's, Kendo's and Cambridge's.

We may only be a small village club but I continue to receive requests from around the country and indeed from all over the world for information about "plucky" Histon FC, the latest being from the Australian branch of the Wimbledon supporters association. It gives me a lot of pleasure to spread the word and the feedback is always good to receive. Turning over sides like Swindon and Leeds United



have put us firmly on the football map and whilst our current fortunes may have taken a downturn we are now well known as a club that tries to promote itself as a family friendly outfit that is a breeding ground for good young players trying to make a name for themselves within the game. Long may it continue. We should all be very proud with what we have achieved in recent years. It was not all down to one or two individuals but a club effort. Nothing could have been won without our hardcore local support and despite recent results you cannot take away from this club its proud heritage earned over the last 107 years!

Once the dust has settled from this season the club must try and attach itself more to the local community in the way it has done in the past. I think it is true to say that the bad publicity that was generated via the local press and media over the past

couple of years did immense damage to our fan base at the worst possible time and I would hope that the propensity of shooting ourselves in the foot can end. There is no doubt that the soap opera that was Histon FC for a short while did damage our support and it has been good to see one or two old faces returning to the fold in the past few weeks. Its way past time to put a smile back on faces.

Congratulations and well done to all those that took part in or sponsored the fund raising effort on the 17th. Let us take that effort into today's game and try to finish the season on a positive note. I look forward to next season with much optimism and I am sure that we will come out of this relegation a much slimmer and fitter club.

ONE TEAM, ONE PASSION,

Jasper

TODAY'S MATCH

Match Officials

Referee: S.J. Long. Assistants: N. Cooper and D. Appleby. Fourth Official: A. Marshall

HISTON F.C.

- 1 Joe WELCH□
- 2 Lanre OYEBANJO□
- 3 Callum STEWART□
- 4 Erkan OKAY□
- 5 Remy CLERIMA□
- 6 Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE□
- 7 Omer RIZA□
- 8 Lee WOOTTON□
- 9 Antonio MURRAY□
- 10□
- 11 Daniel SPARKES□
- 12 Charlie DAY□
- 13 Elliott COX□
- 14 Zac ATTWOOD□
- 15□
- 16 George LAWTON□
- 17 Zak MILLS□
- 18 Jim STEVENSON□
- 19 Lewis TAAFFE□
- 20 Jay DOWIE□
- 21 Jack SESSIONS□
- 22 Lee SMITH□
- 23 Harri HAWKINS□
- 24□
- 25 David LIVERMORE□
- 26 Max YORK□
- 27 Scott EVERDELL□
- 28 Dee OKOJIE□
- 29□
- 30 Wes FODERINGHAM□
- 31□
- 32□
- 33□

LUTON TOWN

- 1 Mark TYLER□
- 2 Dan GLEESON□
- 3 Freddie MURRAY□
- 4 Keith KEANE□
- 5 Luke GRAHAM□
- 6 George PILKINGTON□
- 7 Adam NEWTON□
- 8 Amari MORGAN-SMITH□
- 9 Matthew BARNES-HOMER□
- 10□
- 11 Robbie WILLMOTT□
- 12 Shane BLACKETT□
- 13 Zdenek KROCA□
- 14 Alex LAWLESS□
- 15 Jake HOWELLS□
- 16 Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE□
- 17 Paul CARDEN□
- 18 Claude GNAKPA□
- 19 Danny CROW□
- 20□
- 21 Charlie HENRY□
- 22□
- 23 Jason WALKER□
- 24 Alex LACEY□
- 25 Godfrey POKU□
- 26 JJ O'DONNELL□
- 27□
- 28 Adam WATKINS□
- 29 Dan WALKER□
- 30 Kevin PILKINGTON□
- 31□
- 32□
- 34 Lloyd OWUSU□

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1 Crawley Town	43	17	2	2	52	18	12	9	1	35	11	58 98
2 AFC Wimbledon	43	15	3	3	42	13	10	5	7	37	32	34 83
3 Luton Town	43	13	6	2	53	16	8	8	6	24	20	41 77
4 Wrexham	43	12	7	3	32	22	8	7	6	28	24	14 74
5 Fleetwood Town	43	11	8	3	34	19	9	4	8	31	21	25 72
6 York City	43	14	5	3	31	13	5	7	9	22	34	6 69
7 Kidderminster Harriers (-5)	43	12	5	4	36	24	7	11	4	33	31	14 68
8 Darlington	43	11	6	4	33	13	5	10	7	23	27	16 64
9 Newport County	43	11	7	4	44	28	5	8	8	24	29	11 63
10 Grimsby Town	43	7	12	3	37	27	7	5	9	32	32	10 59
11 Rushden & Diamonds	43	9	6	7	35	26	6	8	7	28	29	8 59
12 Mansfield Town	43	8	6	8	37	35	8	4	9	32	34	0 58
13 Gateshead	43	8	9	4	27	20	6	6	10	35	37	5 57
14 Bath City	43	8	10	3	34	26	6	5	11	26	39	-5 57
15 Kettering Town	44	6	8	7	28	30	7	5	11	31	43	-14 52
16 Hayes & Yeading United	44	10	2	11	34	38	5	4	12	23	40	-21 51
17 Barrow	43	8	6	7	29	20	3	8	11	21	44	-14 47
18 Cambridge United	43	6	7	8	31	27	4	9	9	21	33	-8 46
19 Tamworth	43	5	8	8	32	39	6	5	11	26	38	-19 46
20 Forest Green Rovers	43	7	9	6	28	25	3	6	12	23	43	-17 45
21 Southport	43	9	5	8	38	32	1	7	13	15	41	-20 42
22 Altrincham	43	6	8	7	25	31	4	3	15	17	49	-38 41
23 Eastbourne Borough	43	5	5	12	34	46	3	4	14	22	52	-42 33
24 Histon (-5)	43	4	3	15	18	41	4	5	12	20	41	-44 27

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- Eastbourne Borough v Bath City
- Fleetwood Town v Barrow
- Forest Green Rovers v AFC Wimbledon
- Grimsby Town v Altrincham
- Histon v Luton Town
- Mansfield Town v Gateshead
- Newport County v Crawley Town
- Rushden & Diamonds v Kidderminster Harriers
- Southport v Darlington
- Wrexham v Tamworth
- York City v Cambridge United

NEXT AT THE GLASSWORLD

Histon Under 16s v Luton Town Under 16s
Kick off immediately after the game today. See page 25 for squad lists.