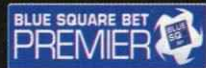




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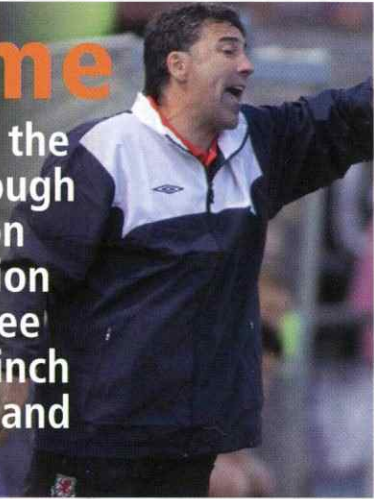


Dean Saunders



A warm welcome

to everyone as we finally get down to the serious stuff of trying to progress through the play-offs. We'll have a big crowd on hand this evening, as well as a television audience, and we can at least guarantee you all that this team will fight every inch of the way over the next 180 minutes and hopefully further.



The bookies have installed Luton as favourites for a place back in The Football League and with good reason, as they are massive club which deserves to be much higher up the ladder.

Having said that, if they are to earn their place in the City of Manchester Stadium then they will have to do it the hard way, as we have shown during our two league matches with the Hatters, that we are more than capable of matching them every step of the way.

It was a rather strange situation that both teams found themselves in last Saturday, as we had to play out our last league game of the season, knowing that it was only a dress rehearsal for the play-off semi finals starting tonight.

This put both Gary Brabin and myself in something of a quandary as we prepared for these two important fixtures. As the outcome would have no real effect on the league table, although there was still plenty of personal pride at stake.

Injuries and suspensions were an obvious concern and for the second game running we picked up a pair of problems with both Lee Fowler and Marc Williams being carried from the pitch.

Lee's was an obvious nasty one and the hospital x-rays just confirmed the physio's thoughts, with the midfielder suffering a dislocated elbow, which will rule him out for several months. Then Marc suffered ankle ligament issues,

which will probably mean him missing the play-offs as well.

The actual match may have only had pride at stake, but it was also a big test for a number of our players and I have to say I thought they did brilliantly.

We had four lads involved who were just 17 years-old, up against players who have scored 20 goals in the season. Steve Tomassen came on early alongside Marvin Andrews and showed the promise he has displayed all year.

We got off to a good start with Louis Moss scoring, he has notched 21 goals for the youth team and has also performed well in the reserves, so deserved his chance.

It just shows that we have got some good young players coming through and that experience will have been invaluable to them. The only problem is that I was absolutely devastated that Lee and Marc have been so seriously injured - just what we didn't want to happen had happened.

Having had such a good record with injuries all season, to have problems with Mathias Pogba, Andy Morrell, Mark Creighton, Jay Harris and now this right at the death, is not good.

I had been debating not to bring any of them and just go with the youth team, but we obviously didn't want to get battered and some of the others needed a game. With Lee running the game, I thought we were brilliant for the first half an hour, just playing keep ball.

We were blowing a bit at the end, as some of them were struggling a little fitness wise on a hot day, as they hadn't had a game for a little bit. Training is one thing, but it's still not the same as actual matches every week. Once I got back on the bus home and got over the penalty decision, I could reflect on what has been a great season.

We know Luton are a good club with good players, bringing on the likes of Jason Walker to score the penalty, while someone like Robbie Willmott has joined them recently, so we know it will be tough.

It's going to be a good tie over both legs, the pitch was nice there and ours is getting better, while our groundsman has been working hard on it all week.

I'm quite clear in my mind about what we are going to do, but we will keep the players focused, as we want to play our own game. As we have such a decent away record, I wasn't bothered about being at home first.

The prize for the victors is big in so many ways, the obvious financial rewards are vital to all clubs, but to supporters it's reaching the place where they want to see the team again.

I'm sure they will be plenty of twists and turns before we know the final outcome.

Enjoy the game.

Welcome //Croeso

Good evening and welcome back to the Racecourse ground for this evenings clash with Luton Town. I would like to welcome everyone who has made the trip up to North Wales for tonight's game and I hope you have an enjoyable evening in our company.

Well here we go then, the first of two fixtures that will ultimately decide whether this season will see us having a shot at a return to the Football League. Playoff fixtures for supporters are either brilliant or soul destroying, there is no in-between!

Come the end of the second leg at Luton on Tuesday evening we will either have one more huge game to look forward to or we will be looking at facing a fourth season at this level of football.

Let us not forget though how well the team have played to get into the playoffs this season. Just a month ago it looked like being a very tight run thing with the sides just below us seemingly ready to gatecrash the top five. This never really happened though and a return to form for ourselves saw us comfortably claim a place in the top five following our 4-2 victory over Tamworth.

That game saw us end our home campaign on a high as we completed on the whole a pretty resounding victory against a side that still had plenty to play for. Hopefully we can continue our regular occurrence of scoring at home this evening as we look to take an advantage to Kenilworth Road.

This will obviously be the second time in just over a week that we will have made the trip down South after we finished the regular season with a 1-1 draw against Town. Our side on the day saw wholesale changes take place and everyone who came into the team certainly put their case forward to be involved once again this evening.

It was great to see young Louis Moss grab his first ever goal for the club and hopefully he will be another youngster that will make an impact on the first team after progressing through the ranks at the club.

Continue to get behind the team this evening as you really are going to be the 12th man over the course of these two fixtures and let us hope that we still have one big game left of this season come 10pm at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday evening.

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from the Skipper

Good evening everyone and welcome back to the Racecourse ground for this playoff semi-final first leg fixtures against Luton Town.

Well here we go once again, after only a short break from action following the end of the regular campaign last Saturday we stand on the edge of something which could be so big for this football club.

It's been a long hard season for us over the past nine or so months. The main aim at the start of the campaign was to get the club promoted back to the Football League. Now we haven't quite been able to finish in that first spot where we wanted to but we will settle for the playoffs as anything can happen in these next few fixtures.

A lot of it now comes down to you the supporters as you really are going to have to be our 12th man over the next few games. The support which you have given us over the course of the season has been fantastic and we now just need one last push from you to help spur us on when we need you most.

Hopefully between both you and us the players we will achieve the aim of getting through the semi-finals and into the final and then hopefully we can make that final step of getting back into the league, but there is a lot of football to be played between now and then.

In theory all the hard work starts now for us. What we have achieved throughout the season gets put to one side as we have got two cup finals now which will hopefully lead onto a third if we can reach the final at the City of Manchester Stadium.

I came to this club only last summer but as soon as I spoke to the gaffer and he told me what his ambitions were for this season I knew this was the right place for me. Now obviously we have done half the job in getting ourselves in with a chance of promotion but we have to go and finish that now against a strong Luton side, who of course will be aiming for the same target like ourselves.

Continue to get behind the team this evening like you have done all season and I look forward to hearing you all in good voice when we make the trip to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday evening.

Thanks,
Dean



the final countdown

Jamie Weedon

The success that Sir Alex Ferguson has achieved during his extraordinary 25 year reign as manager of Manchester United has ensured that his name has rightly entered the footballing dictionary, but it would appear that one phrase he coined back in 2003 could be a part of English vocabulary for even longer.

Seldom does a weekend pass at this time of year without managers and journalists alike describing the tense climax to the football season as 'squeaky bum time', and, as we enter its final month, this time has arrived once again for clubs in the Football League.

For the past nine months, players have been fighting tooth and nail to put themselves into a position from which a final push will determine whether the season has been one of success or failure.

It is the moment where all of those last-minute equalisers, controversial penalty awards and scrappy one-nilts from over the course of the season can be quantified, and could turn out to be the difference between the play-offs and mid-table obscurity, relegation and euphoric survival.

Across the country, supporters are praying to the footballing gods that their beloved team possesses the required temperament and ability to cross that line.

For some, of course, the season can't end soon enough – a chance to regroup over the summer, make that standout signing and start afresh next season. For others however, the time is now.

Much has been made of the Premier League's unpredictability, which has made for an enthralling title race and an even more absorbing battle at the wrong end of the table. Similarly, although Crawley Town have excelled to such an astonishing extent in the Blue Square Bet Premier, while the fight for survival went down to the final day as five teams

fought to preserve their Conference status.

And a quick glance at each of the Football League tables highlights just how competitive each division is and reaffirms precisely why football is the nation's favourite sport.

In the Championship, led by the eccentric Neil Warnock and the enigma that is Adel Taarabt, Queens Park Rangers have now confirmed their return to the Premier League after a 15-year absence by playing an eye-catching brand of football.

Below them, eight teams are vying for the other two promotion places, including Cardiff City and Swansea City, who hope to become the first Welsh clubs ever to appear in the Premier League, and Norwich City, who have exceeded all expectations following their promotion from League One last term.

Hoping to follow in their footsteps, Brighton have lost just six games on their way to being crowned the division's champions under Gus Poyet, the likeable Uruguayan who will lead the Seagulls into their new home in August after 12 seasons at the Withdean Stadium.

The race for second is between Southampton and Huddersfield Town, who have lost just three games out of the last 48 between them, whilst League One minnows in the financial sense, AFC Bournemouth and Leyton Orient, will battle it out for the final play-off place after truly remarkable campaigns.

And with one game also remaining in League Two, Chesterfield's deadly strike duo of Craig Davies and the evergreen

Jack Lester have propelled the Spireites back into the third tier, with 39 goals between them.

Ryan Lowe grabbed the headlines for Bury after his goals in nine successive games earlier in the season helped to secure second spot, with six clubs in contention for the final automatic spot and the four play-off positions. These include Accrington Stanley, who have lost just once in their last 18 games under John Coleman, and Stevenage Borough, who last season won the Conference.

And at the bottom, before the start of last weekend, eight teams were still looking over their shoulders at the resurgent Barnet, who had hoped to escape the clutches of relegation against all the odds after earning 11 points from their last six games.

Over the next few days, some dreams will be realised and others will be shattered as the thrills and spills of the Football League season to date come to a head.

Nails will be bitten, tears will be shed and grown men will shriek with joy, all because of this beautiful game we cherish and loathe in equal measures.

This will no doubt be what all Wrexham supporters will be feeling like over the course of the next two fixtures and hopefully the final if we get that far.

As we are reminded every single week, the beauty of football is that no-one can predict the ending. The only thing that's certain is that, whatever happens in these remaining fixtures, we start all over again in August.

around the RACECOURSE

A LOOK AT THE LATEST CLUB NEWS

PLAY-OFF DATES

The Blue Square Premier semi-finals begin with tonight's game, followed by Fleetwood Town v AFC Wimbledon tomorrow evening.

The return legs be at Luton next Tuesday (10 May) and at Wimbledon on Wednesday (11 May).

You will also find full details on the official website.

The BSBP Play-Off Final is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 21 May at the City of Manchester Stadium.

LUTON TOWN TICKETS

Match tickets for the return leg at Kenilworth Road have previously been on sale to season ticket holders and now will be available on general sale.

We will be seated in the Oak Road Stand and a total of 1,500 places have been reserved.

The following prices will apply:

- £18.00 – Adults
- £13.00 – Seniors (over 65)
- £13.00 – Young Persons (17-21)
- £10.00 – Golden Seniors (over 75)
- £8.00 – Youths (10-16)
- £5.00 – Juniors (under 10)

Wheelchair disabled tickets are available in front of the Main Stand and need to be purchased directly from the Luton Town ticket office by calling 01582 416976. These are charged at the concession rate of £13.00 and the carer's ticket is complimentary.

AWAY TRAVEL

Coaches heading to Luton for the second leg will depart the Racecourse at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 10 May and places will cost £17.00.

Seats can be purchased at the same time as you buy your match ticket or online in the usual manner.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

It is that time of the year again, when we have been asking fans to contribute their votes for the Wrexham Supporters Association – Player of the Season.

Voting has now closed and an announcement is not far away.

As usual all the various Supporters groups will be looking to hold a presentation lunch in the not too distant future, so please watch out for details of what is always a very enjoyable afternoon.

NEW GOLD BOND WEEKLY DRAW

To celebrate the launch of our new Gold Bond Weekly Draw and the 90th Anniversary of the club joining the Football League for the first time, we are offering the first 90 people to join using our brand new online site a signed Team Picture.

These will no doubt become collector's items in the future, so grab your piece of Red Dragons memorabilia and help the club at the same time.

With 7 entries per £1 to win any of the 315 prizes every week ranging from £5 to a guaranteed weekly jackpot of £2,000, why not join today and help support the club – just like manager Dean Saunders and the lads?

Please note that the signed team picture will not be dispatched until after we have received a minimum of 11 payments per membership. Members paying £2 per week will receive 2 signed pictures.

This offer is exclusive to new members joining via the online site.

50/50 RESULTS

At half-time during our match with Tamworth at the Racecourse, the following winning 50/50 tickets were drawn:

- 6876 - 1st Prize - 50/50 - £340
- 6930 - 2nd Prize - Odeon Family Tickets
- 6988 - 3rd Prize - Nando's Meal Voucher
- 6910 - 4th Prize - Total Fitness Membership

If you have a winning number, then please call Kev Hughes (07985 613893) to claim your prize.

Watch out for the 50/50 Sellers as you enter the ground.

The 50/50 team would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported their efforts throughout the season and helped continue to raise money for the club.

CLUB/SCHOOL VISITS TO THE RACECOURSE

Golftyn CP, Ysgol Derwen, Kinnerton and Flintshire U11 Representative squad. Have all recently attended home games. The most recent seen pictured here



were Borras Park Albion U6s attended the home game v Hayes and Yeading United. The team had a tour of the ground, met the manager and players, and then formed a guard of honour for the teams to run out to. Any club or school interested in attending any game at the Racecourse should contact the Community team on the number below.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

This is a core programme for the club's Community Scheme. It encourages children of Primary School age to participate in football activities within the school, run by qualified coaches. Each child who participates receives a ticket for a home game and a prize.

The schools that we visited during January and February were: Minera CP, Bryn Tabor, Victoria, Overton, Wats Dyke, Sychdyn, Parc Y Llan, Leeswood, Shotton, Terrig, Rhos Street, Bothryn, Bodfari, Fron Goch and Bro Brotrewern.

FUTSAL

Further dates have been arranged due to the success of the Futsal sessions.

Futsal is a FIFA governed and international form of 5 a-side, which is generally played in doors and played with a slightly heavier ball.

The aim of the sessions is to introduce young players to Football through a smaller version of the game. The sessions will include ball manipulation and small sided games and will improve technique, skills and co-ordination.

Sessions are open to players regardless of ability and experience, venues include Hawarden Sports Centre on Thursday 5pm – 6pm, Glyndwr Sports Centre – Wrexham Friday 5pm – 6pm, Denbigh Leisure Centre Friday 4.30pm-6.15pm and Mold Sports Centre Saturday 9am-11am. Sessions run throughout the year in-line with the School term time. A 10 week course will take place starting the week commencing 2 May. Costs are £3.50 per session or £25 for full 10 week course.

Should you wish to contact the Racecourse Community Team you can do so via the following methods. Telephone 01978 296397, E-mail: Soccerschools@wrexhamfc.tv, Website: www.wrexhamafc.tv/page/FITIndex

In Town Tonight.....

Luton Town

After disappointment in the playoffs last time around Luton went into the 2010/11 campaign aiming to go one better and achieve a place back in the Football League by claiming the league title.



Town began their season with a 2-1 win against Altrincham and they were able to follow this up with victories over Kettering Town and Fleetwood Town before their 100% record was ended with a 1-1 home draw against newly-promoted Newport County. On 27 August, it was confirmed that midfielder Kevin Nicholls had left the club by "respectful, mutual consent", after volunteering to be released from his contract.

Tamworth inflicted Luton's first defeat of the season on August 28 with a 3-1 victory at The Lamb Ground, and two days later Luton drew 1-1 at home with Hayes & Yeading United. This result left the club in fourth place in the table at the end of the month.

They were to suffer another blow at the end of the month as striker Tom Craddock signed for League Two side Oxford United for an undisclosed fee.

Grimsby Town inflicted Luton's second defeat of the season early in September but it was followed up with a vital victory against Cambridge United.

On 17 September, Luton beat league leaders AFC Wimbledon 3-0 while four days later, Luton came from behind to secure a 2-2 draw with recently relegated Darlington. Just days later they faced another trip to North East England to face Gateshead, in a game they lost 1-0.

The club signed 21-year old striker Amari Morgan-Smith on a free transfer on 28 September. Morgan-Smith was out of contract having previously been released from Ilkeston Town when the club went out of business earlier in September. He scored on his Luton debut the same day as they won 2-0 against Mansfield Town.

Luton won their first away game since mid-August a day later with a 1-0 victory over Barrow however a 2-1 home loss to league

leaders Crawley Town on 5 October left them some eight points behind them.

An 11-day break without a game ended with a 4-2 victory at Eastbourne Borough while days later, Luton recorded their biggest win of the season so far with a 6-1 home victory over Forest Green Rovers.

Luton's goalscoring continued on 23 October with a 4-0 victory in the FA Cup 4th qualifying round against Conference South side St Albans City.

Town celebrated their 125th anniversary on 30 October with a 3-1 victory over struggling Bath City to end the month strongly.

The start of November saw Luton draw 1-1 with Conference North side Corby Town in the FA Cup First Round.

York City and former Wales under-21 international midfielder Alex Lawless joined Luton on 8 November.

A 1-0 loss to ourselves on 11 November was swiftly followed up two days later with a 1-0 win over Altrincham. This game saw Lawless score his first goal for the club.

More business soon followed as Barrow striker Jason Walker signed for Luton on 17 November on a similar deal to Lawless - a loan deal until January 2011, in which the transfer would then become permanent.

17 November also saw Luton play their FA Cup replay against Corby Town - the game ended in a 4-2 victory to the Hatters. This win set up a Second Round tie away to League One side Charlton Athletic.

Luton's run of four games in ten days ended in a 5-1 win at home to struggling Histon on 20 November. Jason Walker scored a debut goal as the club moved to one point behind league leaders Crawley Town in the table.

The penultimate weekend of the month saw Luton draw 2-2 with Charlton Athletic in

the FA Cup in order to earn a replay. Luton would eventually fall to a 3-1 home defeat to Charlton on 9 December, putting them out of the FA Cup.

An FA Trophy First Round tie against Welling United on 12 December finished in a 0-0 draw, with a youthful Luton side having to travel to Park View Road on 14 December for a replay. Luton won the replay 2-1.

Controversy soon followed as a midday kick-off against York City on 18 December was abandoned after 55 minutes with the score at 0-0 due to heavy snow.

The traditional footballing Christmas period was also hit by the weather; Luton's Boxing Day game at Rushden & Diamonds and home game on 28 December against Tamworth were both postponed due to frozen pitches.

Luton started 2011 with a 3-0 home win over Rushden & Diamonds on New Year's Day. Three days later, just one goal would be good enough against Hayes & Yeading United.

Luton drew 0-0 with Bath City on 8 January, and followed this result up with another goalless draw away to league leaders AFC Wimbledon four days later. These two results saw the club move into second place in the league.

The Hatters progressed into the third round of the FA Trophy with a 4-0 victory over Uxbridge soon after.

On 18 January, Luton signed out-of-contract 34-year old Ghanaian striker Lloyd Owusu on a deal running until May 2011. The frontman scored on his debut on the same day as Luton secured a comprehensive 5-0 win over York City.

On 22 January, Luton drew 2-2 at home with Gateshead. Gateshead took a 2-0 lead early in the first half before an excellent fight back from the home side.

Three days later, Luton got back to winning ways as they emerged 1-0 victors in a close game with Grimsby. This meant the club ended January in third place in the league having gone through the month unbeaten.

Luton were able to add 20 year-old Cambridge United winger Robbie Willmott to their squad for £50,000 fee on an 18-month contract at the end of the month.

On transfer deadline day midfielder Andy Drury was bought by Championship side Ipswich Town for £150,000. Half an hour before the transfer window shut, Luton confirmed the loan signing of defender Luke Graham from Kettering Town until the end of the season.

Four goals in the last twenty minutes from Claude Gnakpa, Alex Lawless and two from Owusu secured a 4-0 home victory over Darlington on 1 February.

Graham scored the winning goal on his full debut, in a 1-0 victory over Gloucester City on 4 February, that put Luton into the quarter-final of the FA Trophy.

Luton were defeated for the first time in 11 league games as Fleetwood Town beat them 3-1 at Kenilworth Road on 12 February, to dent their title hopes.

Six days later Cambridge United midfielder Paul Carden signed for Luton on loan until the end of the season. The same day, Carden

made his debut in a 1-1 draw with Newport County.

Luton were able to continue their good F.A. Trophy form as they beat Guiseley 1-0 on 26 February to earn a semi-final berth.

On 1 March a goal from Owusu gave Luton a 1-0 away win against Forest Green Rovers. Four days later, Luton drew 1-1 at home to in-form Kidderminster Harriers. This was then followed up three days later with a 2-0 victory over Tamworth as Town looked to get their title surge back on track.

On 13 March, Luton lost the first leg of the FA Trophy semi-final 1-0 at Mansfield Town and just two days later, they drew 0-0 away to Cambridge United in the league.

A week after the first leg The Hatters were knocked out of the FA Trophy after a 1-1 draw at home to Mansfield, to deny them a place at Wembley once again.

With the league now their priority, Luton secured a 1-0 away win over Rushden & Diamonds on 22 March, Robbie Willmott scoring the only goal.

Luton lost 2-1 to relegation-threatened Southport on 26 March, producing a result and performance that caused Richard Money to apologise to the fans.

The result saw Luton slip to 15 points behind leaders Crawley Town, which ultimately led

to Money being replaced as manager by his assistant Gary Brabin on 28 March. Brabin's first game in charge ended in a 0-0 home draw against Barrow.

As Luton entered the final month of the campaign they drew 3-3 with Kidderminster Harriers on 2 April in an attacking display of football, before being followed by a second consecutive draw against Kettering Town three days later.

Luton claimed their first win under Brabin's management with a 6-0 home victory over Southport, but the same day also saw Crawley Town claim the league title meaning it would be another playoff campaign for Town.

Crawley then hosted Luton three days later, resulting in a 1-1 draw. Another draw followed on 16 April, with Luton gaining a point from a 0-0 stalemate at Mansfield Town.

Luton lost their first game under Brabin's tenure on 19 April, 1-0 away to York City. The penultimate weekend of the season saw a dominant 3-0 win over already-relegated Eastbourne Borough before a 4-0 victory over Histon saw them all but secure third place ahead of our trip their last weekend.

Meet the players of Luton Town

GOALKEEPERS



MARK TYLER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 to become Mick Harford's fifth signing of the summer following his release from Peterborough United.

Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road but 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.



KEVIN PILKINGTON

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. During his six years at Old Trafford Pilkington enjoyed loan spells at Rochdale, Rotherham and Celtic before a two-year stay at Port Vale. He was soon on the move again to Aberystwyth Town and Wigan. 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.

DEFENDERS



ZDENEK KROCA

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 Zlin in his native Czech Republic.

Last season the imposing 6ft 5in defender was in fine, commanding form, scoring four times in 27 league appearances with the Letná Stadium outfit as they finished in second place in the Czech second division - a position - like the Town last season.



GEORGE PILKINGTON

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.

DAN GLEESON



Tall and athletic defender, primarily a right-back, 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.

ED ASAFU-ADJAYE

Capable of playing in any position across defence, Asafu-Adjaye has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up.

After a loan spell with non-league side Walton & Hershaw, he made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell.

Making his full debut in March 2008 at Kenilworth Road against Crewe Alexandra he has gone from strength to strength.

SHANE BLACKETT

Luton-born Shane became Mick Harford's sixth summer signing of 2009 after penning a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road. Equally adept at centre-back or at left-back, Shane began his career with Dunstable Town before a switch to Arlesey Town in 2003.

His form with the United Counties side alerted the attentions of Dagenham & Redbridge who signed the 6ft 3in defender in May 2004. His reputation as a pacey defender alerted the attention of Peterborough who snapped him up.

FREDDIE MURRAY



Left-footed versatile defender who 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.

LUKE GRAHAM

Versatile defender signed on-loan from Kettering Town in January 2011. Graham started his career with Northampton before moving to Rockingham Road following a successful loan spell.

He spent a short time at Mansfield before signing for York City – for whom he helped to last season's Blue Square Bet Premier Playoff Final before joining Kettering in the summer.

CLAUDE GNAKPA



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.

MIDFIELDERS

JAKE HOWELLS

The young winger, who can also play at left-back, came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 season 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.

GODFREY POKU

Tenacious defensive midfielder who signed 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.

ROBBIE WILLMOTT



Winger who penned an 18-month contract with the Hatters in January 2011 after hitting ten goals for Cambridge United.

Willmott came through the ranks at the Abbey Stadium and after some

eye catching performances in the youth team he broke into the first team aged 17 in September 2007.

The 20-year-old really came to the fore this season though with a number of excellent performances which ultimately led to his switch to Luton for whom he has scored six goals in 14 games.

ALEX LAWLESS

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from York City before a permanent deal went through in January 2011.

He was as star for the Minstermen last season after signing from Forest Green Rovers for whom he had played for over 100 times in both defence and midfield.

Before his three seasons with Rovers, Alex had spent time with Fulham, Cardiff City and Torquay United before moving to the New Lawn in 2006.

JJ O'DONNELL



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

2009/10.

KEITH KEANE



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.

ADAM NEWTON



Ascot-born Adam became Mick Harford's second summer signing of 2009 after agreeing a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road following his release from Brentford.

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.

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.

CHARLIE HENRY

Winger Henry signed for Luton from BSBP rivals Newport County on loan in November 2010 before joining permanently in January 2011.

Henry is no stranger to Kenilworth Road as he came through the youth ranks at the club before leaving when he was 15.

After spending time with a string of non-league sides Charlie was eventually snapped up by Newport County in 2009, helping the Exiles to promotion to this level last season.

ADAM WATKINS

Young midfielder, capable of playing in attack, who signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010. A self-confessed Hatters fan, he made his first team bow in a 1-0 defeat at Southampton in the FA Cup third round in January 2010. He spent the tail end of the 2009/10 campaign on-loan at Arlesey Town.

FORWARDS

MATTHEW BARNES-HOMER

Prolific striker who joined the Hatters initially on a month's loan from Kidderminster Harriers before agreeing a two-and-a-half year contract to move permanently when the transfer window re-opened on 1st January 2010.

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 Adams 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.

JASON WALKER

England C international striker signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from Barrow before a permanent deal went through in January 2011.

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 before being snapped by Greenock Morton in 2004. After three years with the Ton he crossed the border to sign for Morecambe.

It was with his home town side Barrow where he made the biggest impact though firing the club to Blue Square North Playoff glory in 2008 and FA Trophy glory in 2010.

DANNY CROW



A nippy poacher of a striker, Crow joined the Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 following the expiry of his contract at the Abbey Stadium.

The front man started his career

as a trainee with Norwich City. 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.

DAN WALKER

Quick young forward capable of playing down the flanks who signed a one-year deal in July 2010 after impressing in pre-season in games for and against the Hatters. Previously with Bedford Town, Walker has also played for Stony Stratford Town and Leighton Town.

LLOYD OWUSU

Experienced and prolific striker who joined the Hatters in January and scored on his debut in the 5-0 victory over York City.

The Ghanaian international arrived at Kenilworth Road after a spell in Australia with Adelaide United and signed a deal with 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.

Starting out at Slough Town he was snapped by Brentford where he spent four seasons scoring over 60 goals before moving onto Sheffield Wednesday, Reading, Yeovil Town and Brighton where he left in 2009 for Australia.

AMARI MORGAN-SMITH



Striker or wide man who arrived at Kenilworth Road as a free agent following a two-year spell at Ilkeston Town.

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.



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Luton Town



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten post-war Luton Town 'Classic Campaigns'.

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

1954/55

Gordon Turner scored 32 goals as Luton Town won promotion to the top-flight for the first time in 1954/55. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to Nottingham Forest and soared up the Second Division table with six straight wins. Gordon Turner grabbed a hat-trick as Luton trounced Blackburn 7-3 and they triumphed 5-1 at Nottingham Forest. Dally Duncan's side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past Hull City, Rotherham, Liverpool and Port Vale. Tom Aherne and Shay Dunne were ever-present as Luton pipped Rotherham to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at Doncaster.

1958/59

Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958/59. The Hatters were unbeaten in their opening ten First Division games, trouncing Manchester City 5-1 and scoring four goals past West Ham and Preston. They recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and Burnley 6-2, then top scorer Allan Brown netted four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Nottingham Forest but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. Luton defeated Leeds 5-1, Leicester 4-1, Ipswich 5-2, Blackpool 1-0 and Norwich 1-0 in the FA Cup before Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

1967/68

Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton Town won the Fourth Division title in 1967/68. New captain Terry Branston made his debut as the Hatters kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. Luton lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the League Cup first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins. Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker also starred as they remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

1969/70

Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as Luton Town won promotion in 1969/70. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with Alec Stock signing Malcolm Macdonald,

John Ryan and John Collins. Luton were early leaders after remaining unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting Chris Nicholl from Halifax and Matt Tees from Charlton. Malcolm Macdonald grabbed hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield

1973/74

Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973/74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.

1981/82

David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981/82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Grealish was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby. Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

1987/88

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win in the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry

3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the Littlewoods Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.

1988/89

Luton Town were Littlewoods Cup finalists for the second consecutive season in 1988/89. Departures were Brian Stein, Mark Stein and Andy Dibble, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Luton's first home win was 1-0 against Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Luton defeated Burnley 2-1, Leeds 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the Littlewoods Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

2001/02

Steve Howard scored 24 times as Luton Town won promotion in 2001/02. Joe Kinnear's side were early leaders after winning their opening two matches and newcomer Carl Griffiths netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Torquay. The Hatters briefly regained pole position after beating Darlington 5-2 in October, signing Chris Coyne from Dundee, Jean-Louis Valois from Lille, Dean Crowe from Stoke, Ahmet Brkovic from Orient and Dave Bayliss from Rochdale. A run of 12 successive wins, slamming five goals past Halifax and Mansfield, took Luton back to the top with two games remaining but they finished runners-up to Plymouth.

2004/05

Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004/05. The Hatters stormed to the top of the table, winning 10 of their first 12 games before three successive defeats. They beat Bradford City 4-0 and Wrexham 5-1, then Steve Howard netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 win at MK Dons. The 1-0 victory over Port Vale in December heralded a 14 match unbeaten run and Luton bounced back from a 3-1 defeat in the return fixture to hammer Bristol City 5-0. Briefly displaced as leaders by Hull, they triumphed 4-1 at Torquay and secured promotion with four games remaining. Luton won the title with a record 98 points.

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History Corner with Bryan Still

For today's History Corner we feature a number of programmes from the Welsh Cup from over the years. We will take a look at how they have changed from the 1950's to the 1970's.

Welsh Cup home programmes are generally hard to find for a number of reasons. Firstly they were normally issued in single sheet format, they were generally attended by low crowds and thirdly there were quite a few afternoon kickoffs during midweek.

One of these games was Wrexham v Stroubridge from 13th March 1974, a Welsh Cup semi final match which kicked off at 3.30pm on a Wednesday afternoon! This meant a low crowd was expected and not many programmes being issued, in fact some 2,600 people then attended the game to see Stourbridge win 2-1.

Going back to January 1955 Wrexham played Bangor City in the Cup with a low crowd of only 500 turning up to watch Wrexham win 2-0. A single sheet programme was again issued.

While the Llandudno Welsh Cup match in 1960 and the Holyhead game in 1962 showed that we could play against Welsh League coast teams in the competition proper.

You will be able to see from the two scans on this page how the programmes differed between the 1950's and 1970's.



The Conference Playoffs

Playoff fixtures at this level of football are a relatively new thing having only first being brought in during the 2003/02 campaign, after a number of years lobbying to get the extra promotion place into the Football League.

We felt it would only be right to take a look back at the previous playoff finals starting with that momentous one in 2003.

**10TH MAY 2003
DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE - 2
DONCASTER ROVERS - 3
AET**

The 2003 Football Conference Playoff Final was held at the Britannia Stadium, and was the inaugural final of the Conference playoffs. After much of the early play Doncaster eventually took a deserved lead when Tim Ryan's cross was headed into the net by Paul Green.

Ten minutes into the second half Doncaster were two goals in front thanks to David Morley's header. Dagenham battled on and got a goal back through Mark Stein. They then amazingly leveled the scores when Tarkan Mustafa scored.

Extra time was needed and it was Doncaster who got the vital golden goal. Barnes broke away on the left and crossed for Francis Tierney, who side footed home to send his team back into the Football League.

**16TH MAY 2004
ALDERSHOT TOWN - 1
SHREWSBURY TOWN - 1
SHREWSBURY WIN 3-0 ON PENALTIES**

The 2003-04 Final was once again held at the Britannia Stadium. A crowd of 19,216 attended the game with just over 10,000 travelling from Shropshire.

Aldershot took the lead in the 36th minute when Aaron McLean powered the ball into the net. However Shrewsbury were level just minutes later, with Duane Darby smashing in an almost identical goal.

With the scores level at 1-1, silver goal extra time was required. Ultimately the match needed a penalty shoot-out to be settled. After Luke Rodgers had missed Shrewsbury's first kick, goalkeeper Scott Howie was the hero, saving all three of Aldershot's penalties while teammates Jamie Tolley, Jake Sedgemore and finally Trevor Challis scoring theirs.

**14TH MAY 2005
STEVENAGE BOROUGH - 0
CARLISLE UNITED - 1**

For the third season in succession the final was held at the Britannia Stadium. It was to be Carlisle who would take the lead in the 23rd minute after Tom Cowan's cross was headed into the bottom corner by Peter Murphy.

The second half saw Stevenage try everything to get an equaliser. But Borough could not

break Carlisle down and it was the Cumbrians who were victorious and gained promotion back to the Football League.

**20TH MAY 2006
HALIFAX TOWN - 2
HEREFORD UNITED - 3
AET**

The 2005-06 final was held at the Walkers Stadium, Leicester for the first time. It was to be Halifax who would take the lead when Lewis Killeen curled a shot into the top corner from outside the area.

Hereford equalised seven minutes later when Adam Stansfield's cross found Andy Williams at the back post, who scored with a diving header.

It was not until after Halifax brought on John Grant that the deadlock was broken again. Killeen went on a surging run into the Hereford area before crossing to Grant who flicked the ball into the net.

Hereford responded by bringing on Guy Ipoua who equally made an impact on the game as Simon Travis' cross was powerfully headed in by the frontman. Neither team had a clear cut chance in the remaining ten minutes and the match went to extra time.

Minutes into extra time, Halifax had a goal disallowed for offside and the tempo of the match slowed down as players tired. Then in the 109th minute of the match the ball ran loose to Ryan Green who deftly clipped the ball into the far corner of the goal, a goal which would ultimately prove enough for Hereford to win promotion.

**20TH MAY 2007
EXETER CITY - 1
MORECAMBE - 2**

The 2006-07 Conference National Playoff Final was contested between Morecambe and Exeter City. It was held at Wembley Stadium. The attendance of 40,043 was the largest for a Conference National final at that time, 30,000 of whom were supporting Exeter. City made a great start to the game as well when Lee Phillips netted after just eight minutes to put his side in front.

The Shrimpers were able to respond just before halftime though as midfielder Garry Thompson equalised in the 42nd minute.

With just eight minutes remaining Morecambe made the crucial breakthrough as Danny Carlton netted to send his side into the Football League.

**18TH MAY 2008
CAMBRIDGE UNITED - 0
EXETER CITY - 1**

Once again the final took place at Wembley Stadium this time being contested between Cambridge United and Exeter City, with Exeter winning 1-0 and securing their return to the Football League after five years' absence.

Their vital goal came in just the 22nd minute when Rob Edwards slotted home. It was a sweet victory for City who had narrowly missed out at the same stage in the 2007 final.

This was the third successive Conference play-off final for the late Adam Stansfield, and the second one in which he featured for the winning side.

**17TH MAY 2009
CAMBRIDGE UNITED - 0
TORQUAY UNITED - 2**

The 2009 Conference National play-off Final, known as the 2009 Blue Square Premier play-off Final for sponsorship purposes, was the seventh Conference National play-off Final and the third to be played at Wembley.

Torquay won the match 2-0 to secure promotion to Football League Two, thus returning to The Football League after a two-year absence.

For the second season in succession Cambridge missed out at the final hurdle after also losing the 2008 final.

The vital goals for Torquay arrived in the 35th minute from Chris Hargreaves and with 15 minutes remaining Tim Sills.

**16TH MAY 2010
OXFORD UNITED - 3
YORK CITY - 1**

The 2010 was the eighth Conference National play-off Final and the fourth on the trot to be played at Wembley.

The 2010 Final set a new Conference National play-off Final attendance record of 42,669 with ticket sales suggesting Oxford United brought over 33,000 of these.

Oxford made the perfect start to the game as Matt Green slotted home in the 15th minute to give his side the lead. Just five minutes later and it was 2-0 when James Constable netted. Just before halftime York got themselves back in it when Oxford keeper Ryan Clarke put the ball into his own net.

United were eventually able to wrap up a place back in the league when substitute Alfie Potter netted in injury time to wrap up a 3-1 victory.

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Boston United at home when we stayed up, it was a great day and a memorable one too.

FAVOURITE WREXHAM PLAYER OF ALL TIME?
Carlos Edwards, such an exciting player, was always going to move on to bigger things.

FAVOURITE CURRENT WREXHAM PLAYER?
Curtis Obeng, very quick player and a good crosser of the ball

FAVOURITE WREXHAM GOAL?
Michael Proctor's goal at Chester when we won 2-0

FUNNIEST MOMENT AS A WREXHAM FAN?
Too many to remember

FIRST WREXHAM GAME?
Wrexham vs Bury

FAVOURITE STAND IN THE RACECOURSE?
Yale Stand Paddock

DO YOU OWN ANY WREXHAM MEMORABILIA?
Don't have any really!

FAVOURITE WREXHAM SHIRT?
This season's home shirt

NAME:
Catherine Hughes

MOST MEMORABLE WREXHAM FC MATCH?
Wrexham v Boston United

FAVOURITE WREXHAM PLAYER OF ALL TIME?
Juan Ugarte

FAVOURITE CURRENT WREXHAM PLAYER?
Andy Mangan

FAVOURITE WREXHAM GOAL?
Ryan Valentine against Boston

FUNNIEST MOMENT AS A WREXHAM FAN?
Too many!

FIRST WREXHAM GAME?
Don't know the actual game but my dad started taking me around about the age of five or six

FAVOURITE STAND IN THE RACECOURSE?
Yale Stand (Paddock) but the Kop will always be my favourite

DO YOU OWN ANY WREXHAM MEMORABILIA?
Marc Williams boots

FAVOURITE WREXHAM SHIRT?
The shirt we wore for the season we won the LDV Trophy.

Terrace Talk

Well, this is it. Forty-six games later we find ourselves in the Blue Square Bet Premier play-off semi-finals.

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who helped get us here be it the players, manager or those who paid off that looming tax bill.

For many of you it was money you didn't need to donate but wanted to in order to save us and allow us this game tonight. I hope it was the last time you have to use your own money to save this club.

But finally it seems over the next two games we can fully concentrate on football. Shocking I know.

What we must remember is forget everything. I realise the oxymoron present in that statement so let me explain.

Everything we've done up to this point must be forgotten from big victories, heavy losses and even last Saturday's game against Luton.

They got us where we are tonight but mean nothing now that we are here. Blackpool will testify that any team can win the play-offs. From this point it's all about who performs best over two legs and not the season.

At present our injury list is getting as long as the Royal Wedding coverage with striking options particularly thin.

Still even our reserve side has proven a good standard and with Mark Creighton, Jay Harris and Andy Morrell potentially due back it should be a great contest.

This is thinking way too far in to the future but my friend actually studies in Manchester and his birthday is on the play-off final date. Needless to say I would love just to make it to Eastlands.

The Racecourse has seen so many historic nights in the past. I'm about to order my ticket so may this game and the second leg be another grand occasion.

Thanks, Lewis

Wrexham and the playoffs

This evening we enter a relatively new end of season competition for ourselves with this being just the second time that we have found ourselves competing in this torturous knockout format known as the Playoffs.

These kind of fixtures are always tense and never nice to watch as the whole season comes down to potentially just two 90 minute fixtures for both sides on display this evening. But on the flip side if you are victorious in them then it is possibly one of the best ways to achieve promotion with the joy and relief that anyone from second to fifth spot can have.

Obviously these two fixtures against Luton won't see either side being promoted as their will still be one more fixture left, but it will go a big way in helping to achieve the aim of league football once again.

When it comes to the history of football then the playoffs are a relatively new addition having being brought into the Football League in 1987 in order to provide the intention of providing added incentive to teams outside the automatic places.

The playoffs at this level of football were brought in even later though as it wasn't until the 2002/03 campaign that it was finally decided that a second team should be allowed promotion into the Football League through the playoffs, with Doncaster Rovers creating history by becoming that first such team.

As mentioned earlier though this season's playoff campaign is just our second ever venture into the lottery fixtures.

Our one and only other time came just a couple of seasons after the playoffs had been brought in when after a strong end to the season we were able to finish seventh in the Fourth Division during the 1988/89 campaign.

This saw us set up a tie with fourth placed Scunthorpe United. We headed into the fixture as slight underdogs with United having just missed out on automatic promotion to Division Four finishing just one point of third placed Crewe Alexandra, following a last day defeat to fellow playoff hopefuls Leyton Orient.

Despite the underdog tag this didn't affect Wrexham as on a late Sunday in May we picked up a 3-1 victory against United to head to Scunthorpe in with an excellent chance of reaching the final. In the end we would comfortable progress into the final as three days later we picked up a 2-0 victory on the road to see us triumph 5-1 overall in order to earn a Playoff Final berth.

Unlike nowadays the final was actually played over two legs with both sides having the chance to play on their own turf for one last time. As we had finished seventh we played at home first, with fellow finalists Leyton Orient having finished in sixth



place. The game would see both sides cancel each other out as we headed to London on the end of a 0-0 scoreline.

The second game (taking place in early June believe it or not!) would see Orient just about squeeze past Dixie McNeil's men 2-1 in order to earn promotion into the Third Division and leaving ourselves contemplating another season in the Fourth Division.

As can quite happen following playoff disappointment Wrexham started the next season with just three wins from 13 league games, which eventually led to McNeil resigning before his inevitable sacking.

This just shows how cruel the playoffs can be for all involved with all form and final league placing going out of the window as on the day it's all about who holds their nerve the most.

Hopefully this season we will be able to go one better than the class of 1988/89 and achieve promotion, this time back to the Football League a place which all four contenders of these Conference playoffs crave so much.

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Goals by Dixie McNeil, Steve Fox and Ian Edwards gave Wrexham a 3-1 Second Division victory over Luton Town in front of 9,145 at the Racecourse Ground on 15th December 1979. The Hatters won 2-0 in the return fixture four months later. Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS traces what happened to Wrexham's team:



DAI DAVIES: Welsh international goalkeeper who was ever-present for Wrexham in 1980-81 and made 144 League appearances prior to joining Swansea City in July 1981. He later played for Tranmere Rovers, Bangor City and Wrexham again, since running a natural healing centre in Llangollen and working in local media.

TERRY DARRACOTT: Experienced right-back who helped Wrexham reach the FA Cup fifth round in 1979-80 and netted four goals in 22 Second Division games until a knee injury curtailed his career in May 1980. He has since held coaching posts at Everton, Grimsby Town, Everton again, Manchester City and Blackburn Rovers.

ALAN DWYER: Reliable left-back who missed just one match in Wrexham's 1977-78 Third Division title and Welsh Cup 'double' triumph. He scored twice in 180 League games before joining Stockport County in October 1981, then played for Bangor City, Oswestry, Runcorn and Chirk, becoming lorry driver in the Wrexham area.



GARETH DAVIES: Welsh international central defender who was a key figure in Wrexham's 1969-70 and 1977-78 promotion triumphs as well as three Welsh Cup final successes. He scored nine times in 489 League games before leaving in May 1983, since involved in local hotel management, notably the Trefor Park Hotel.

JOEY JONES: Welsh international defender who reunited with John Neal at Chelsea in October 1982, helping them win the Second Division title in 1983-84. He moved via Huddersfield Town back to Wrexham in August 1987 and netted 19 goals in 375 League games overall, since coaching the youth team, reserves and first-team.

STEVE FOX: Midfielder who played for Wrexham in two Welsh Cup finals, netting ten goals in 142 League outings while at the Racecourse Ground before moving to Port Vale in October 1982. He joined Chester in July 1984, then played for Rhyl, Llangollen and Tamworth, since working as a gardener in his native Tamworth.

MICK VINTER: Versatile striker who scored 25 times in 101 League games for Wrexham prior to joining Oxford

United in August 1982, then played for Mansfield Town, Newport County, Gainsborough Trinity, Boston United, Matlock, Oakham United, Hucknall and Sutton Town. He has since worked in life assurance.

FRANK CARRODUS: Experienced midfielder who scored six goals in 97 Second Division outings before moving to Birmingham City in August 1982. Later with Bury, Witton Albion, Runcorn, Altrincham and Macclesfield Town, he now lives in Altrincham and runs his own company organising corporate hospitality.

IAN EDWARDS: Welsh international striker who netted 20 goals in 76 League games for Wrexham prior to joining Crystal Palace in July 1982 where a recurring knee injury ended his League career. He was later player-manager of Mold Alexandra and Porthmadog, then concentrated on running his hotel and restaurant in Criccieth.

DIXIE McNEIL: Striker who was Wrexham's leading marksman in 1979-80 and scored 54 goals in 167 League games before rejoining Hereford United in October 1982. He returned to Wrexham as manager, then coached at Coventry City and managed Flint Town United, since working locally as a salesman for a book company.



LES CARTWRIGHT: Welsh international midfielder who netted six goals in 115 League games for Wrexham prior to joining Cambridge United in March 1982. Later playing for Worcester City, Coventry Sporting and Nuneaton Borough, he ran a sub post office in Wolves and has since coached as Leicester City's Academy.



view from inside the camp

We now enter a stage of the season which will be remembered for all time or will want to be quickly forgotten, such is the nature of these playoff fixtures. One player who has plenty of experience of these end season fixtures is our striker Gareth Taylor who has been involved in a number of these high profile games during his 19-year career.

In the build-up to these two semi-final fixtures against Luton Town Scott Smith managed to catch up with Taylor and he started by asking him what these kind of games are like for players, "To be honest I can't really remember too much about the semi-finals, only little bits and bobs. The finals are obviously bigger games.

"I've been lucky enough to play in four Wembley finals, three at the old stadium and one at the new, and I've won two and lost two. It's a fantastic place to win but it's also the worst place in the world to lose. Any final is like that, even though this time it's at Eastlands.

"Looking at it I've been promoted a couple of times, gone up as runners up and through the playoffs and I think the playoffs is the best way to do it – no doubt about that. It is hard work though, you have got four teams going for one prize and we obviously want to make sure we give it all and it's us that will be celebrating."

The last month of the regular season pretty much went to plan as we ended the campaign on a five game unbeaten run, something which we questioned the former Sheffield United and Manchester City man on as we got ready for the playoffs, "Yeah it gives us confidence. You can probably look at it one of two ways really. You always think that the team going into the playoffs with a bit of form are the ones to look out for but then there are other instances where teams have gone into them without any form, scraped in and gone on and won as well.

There is an argument for and against really but we have to take with us the fact that we are unbeaten in five and we go into it with some good form."

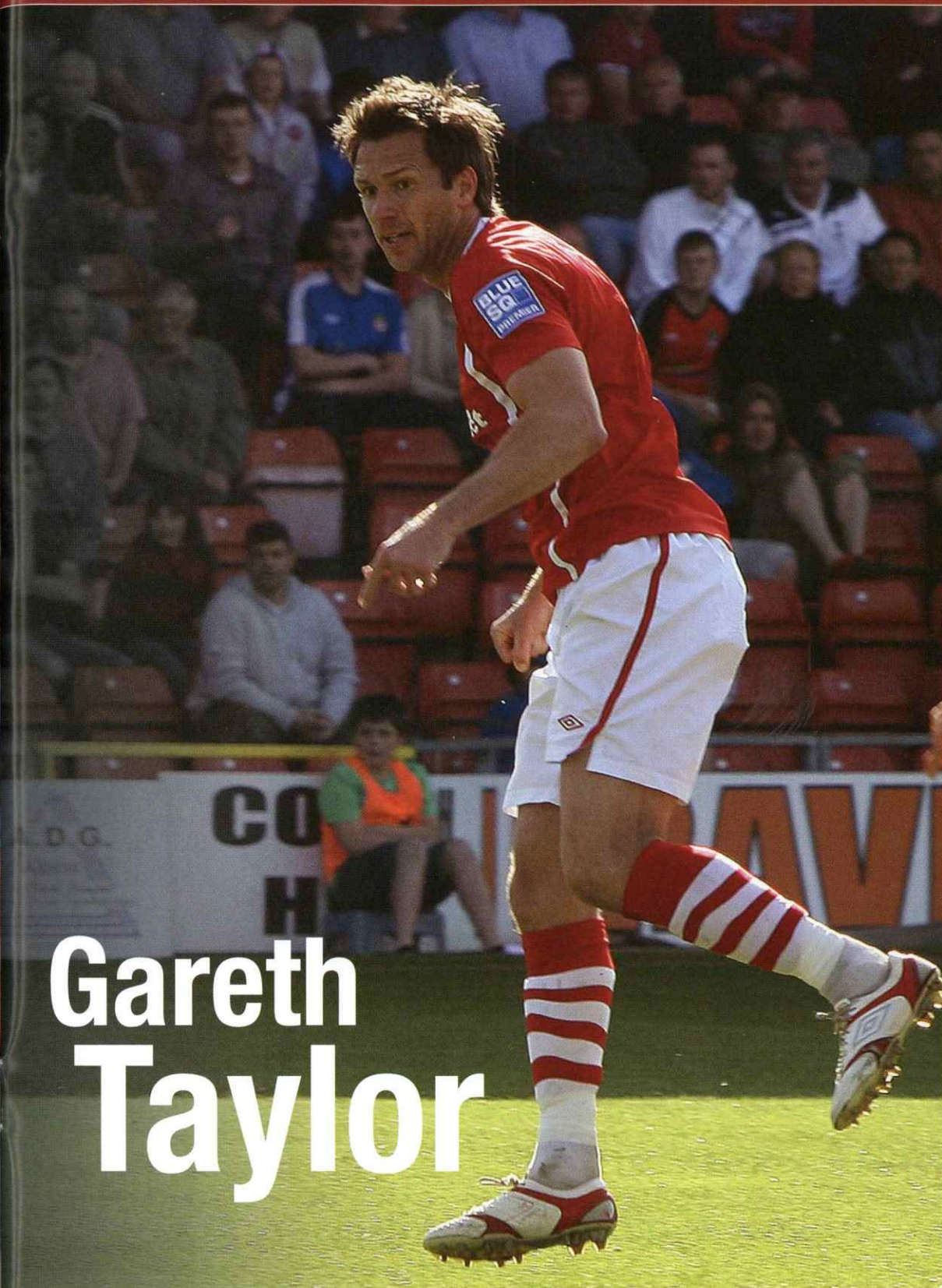
During these games Taylor has been able to hit a good run of form himself, something which has pleased him, "Dean always says break your game down to see if you are doing your job – have you scored, have you set-up a goal, have you got crosses in, have you made any last gasp tackles if you are a defender and that sort of thing.

"I look at it I've set up two goals in consecutive games and scored in the last game, so yeah it's pleasing. I'm just happy to be back amongst it if I'm honest. It's weird really, when you are out of the team you feel miles out of it and it's just amazing how quickly it can turn you know."

We head into this evenings game on the back of an encouraging 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road last Saturday. Taylor and a number of others were given the afternoon off as we had already secured our playoff place and he was pleased with how the result turned out on the day, "You know the lads that went down their did a fantastic job. A lot of the lads didn't do their chances any harm of being involved again in these two games. It's no secret that we are a bit light at the minute in terms of numbers so there is an opportunity for people to claim a spot in the team and on the bench. All we need now is for them to step up once again like they did last Saturday."

Whatever happens between now and the end of this playoff campaign it is a season that we can look back upon as quite a successful one on the field. We finished by asking Taylor to give us his views on how he felt the season had gone, "No matter what happens you have got to look at it and say we have had a good season, there's no doubt about that. Dean got together a good squad after identifying during the summer what we needed. I think he went out there and got some good players in. He brought in some youngsters and also lads with plenty of experience to help the younger boys along.

"Overall though you would have to say it's been a success. I don't think we started particularly great, but we hung on in there and then we went on a great run of form. You would probably look at it and say that a few of the games we gave away points. You would like to think that we would have made more of a fist of it against Crawley, particularly the two games against them which didn't go our way when they should have done. Then who knows what could have been achieved. But overall you have got to look at it and say no matter what happens in the next few weeks we have done well, but we want to finish it off – no doubt about that!"



Gareth Taylor



How the Wrexham players saw the season

With this being our last home fixture of the season we felt it would be good to get the reactions of the squad to how they feel that the campaign has progressed so far with just a handful of games now remaining.

It is only right that we start with our captain Dean Keates with this being what he had to say, "Obviously the aim at the start of the season was to get promoted; now we missed out on that top spot so we have had to settle for the playoffs. Hopefully we can achieve the aim of getting through the semi-final and then into final in the hope of getting back into the Football League.

"There have been quite a few highlights but we have only done half a job so far in getting into these playoffs and it won't mean anything if we don't go on and progress as we want. All the hard work starts now as we have got two cup finals now which will hopefully lead onto a third."

Our push for the playoffs has been inspired by a blistering second half of the season for striker Andy Mangan as he notched 11 goals to secure fourth place. We asked the frontman for his thoughts on the campaign and also the upcoming playoff fixtures, "Everything has gone great at the moment. We are where we wanted to be in the playoffs, all the lads are made up with that and we have got these next three games to look forward to hopefully get up into the Football League. All of the lads are looking forward to these next three games and we have just got to go into them like we have done every other game this season.

"Highlights would be the seven game unbeaten run. There were obviously a couple of really good performances elsewhere as well. I think you can look back through the season and pick out good performances from us. Cambridge United at home the first game of the season, that was a good game. Crawley away first half, but obviously not the second! We did really well at home throughout much of the campaign though with the 4-0 victory over Histon standing out. There have been a lot of highs but obviously over the course of

the season you can also have your lows but they generally balance themselves out."

One person who has been an ever present in the side after breaking back into the team in the middle of September is our young goalkeeper Chris Maxwell. We asked him for his thoughts on the past nine months, "I think it's been a very productive season. I think we have done very well to get where we have gotten. As everyone has seen it's a tough league to get out of as there are a lot of good teams in it. You just have to look at Darlington and Grimsby who came down last year and they thought they would get promoted straight away but they have struggled.

"You look at some of the other stronger teams like Rushden & Diamonds and Mansfield who have only finished in mid-table this year as well, so I think we can count ourselves pretty pleased overall with our performance.

"It's football at the end of the day with these fixtures which we have got left anything can happen in any game. I really feel that if we play to the best of our abilities then we can beat anybody. So these games are going to be exciting for everyone and brilliant ones to watch."

Promotion come the middle of May would no doubt be the major highlight of the season for every player but we asked Neil Ashton to give us what has been his highlight of the campaign, "It's difficult really with the amount of games that we have played, but if you were looking at a team point of view then I think the victory at Wimbledon would be the one. It was a big plus for everyone around the club as it came after the 7-2 defeat at home to Gateshead.

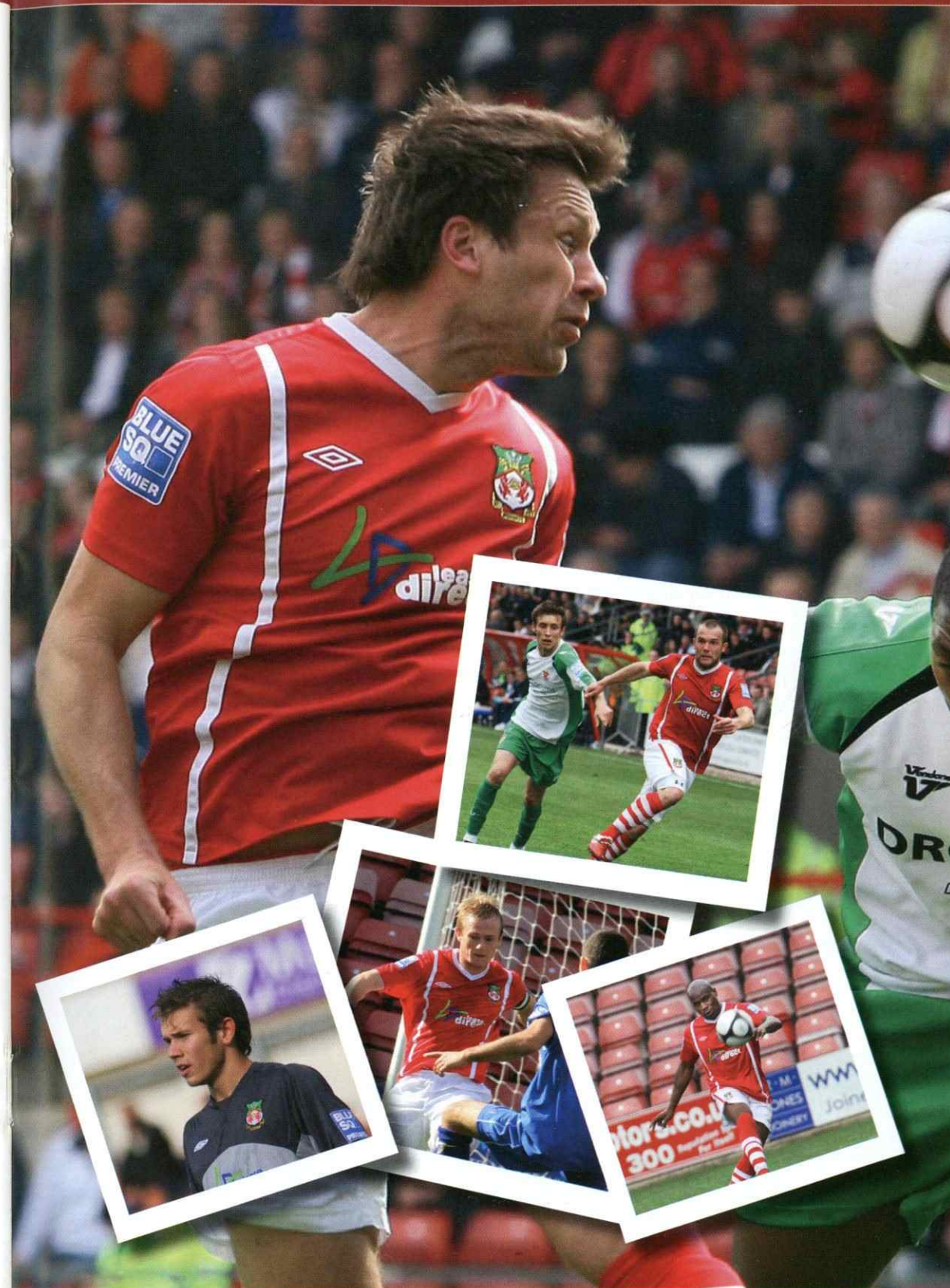
"To go away to top of the league, as they were at the time, and to beat them in their own backyard 1-0 was probably a defining moment for us that opened our

eyes to the possibilities that we had got in the squad to really think to ourselves that we are good enough. I think that was probably the defining moment of the season for us."

Experienced defender Frank Sinclair gave out a warning though that despite getting this far we still have some more hurdles to cross yet before we reach the finishing line, "The manager would have taken a playoff position at the beginning of the season, so it's been a fairly good season overall. But at the end of the day we haven't achieved anything yet and now we are in the playoffs if we don't go all the way then it's going to be a hard pill to swallow. There is still a lot for us to play for and as I say we haven't achieved anything yet, so let's see what happens in these coming weeks."

Whatever happens between now and the end of this playoff campaign it is a season that we can look back upon as quite a successful one on the field. Something which striker Gareth Taylor agreed with, "No matter what happens you have got to look at it and say we have had a good season, there's no doubt about that. I don't think we started particularly great, but we hung on in there and then we went on a great run of form.

"You would probably look at it and say that a few of the games we gave away points and you would like to think that we would have made more of a fist of it against Crawley when it came to chasing them down for the league title. Particularly the two games against them which didn't go our way when they should have done, then who knows what could have been achieved. But overall you have got to look at it and say no matter what happens in the next few weeks we have done well, but we want to finish it off – no doubt about that."



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VICIOUS CIRCLE

Blake Hall

One of the greatest changes in the game during the last few years has been the interpretation from referees and commentators alike as to what actually constitutes a foul.

The rules of the game haven't changed at all in relation to the physical nature of the sport. Sure, there have been one or two relevant changes, most notably the outlawing of the tackle from behind, but nothing which constitutes the current fad for commentators' ire. The media in general have changed the whole culture of football, to its detriment in my opinion, yet the media are happy to condemn the result of their own hypocritical ranting.

I'm talking about football becoming a non-contact sport. Back in the day – and in reminiscing, I'm talking football as early as the 90s, not the days of baggy shorts – a tackle would be made and that would be that. No sports news channels showing 20 different angles every hour of the day and, more importantly, not as much pressure of the referee.

Any punditry nowadays will be analysing whether or not the defender "made contact" with the striker. Of course there will be some contact involved – that is the nature of the game. Based on the pundit's theory, every tackle will result in a foul. The pundit will generally be added with "he [the striker] will be entitled to go down". The only time a player should be 'entitled' to go down is when he physically cannot stay on his feet.

Players travelling at speed can also trip. Just because there is no or minimal contact does not mean a player has dived. Yet the pundits – especially on Sky and Match of the Day – insist that "if the defender hasn't touched him, then the player must be booked for simulation". The laws of the game clearly state it isn't quite as black and white as that, but try telling that to the baying media who will then vilify the referee for getting it wrong (strangely, not the perpetrator of the alleged offence, who is surely the only person that would be accountable, had the offence have substance). The reverse is also true, of course; if a player is not fouled but falls over, that is not necessarily a dive and he should not be booked per se either.

The next thing the MOTD pundits always dish out is the old chestnut: "He's not that type of player". It doesn't matter. Since when have

the rules of the game been dictated by a player's perceived reputation?? Punditry and media comments are one thing if they are kept separate from the playing field, but they are not. The problem is that the pressure that the media put on players and referees alike is so incessant that this must have some influence. And the culture of football has changed so much that we, as fans, believe the uneducated musings of these so-called "experts": ex-players and, worse, the journalists who are under pressure to create controversy from sensationalist editors. So here's where my vicious circle starts (and ultimately ends): Referees have become influenced by whether or not the player has gone down. In a competitive environment, this then encourages players to dive.

In constantly being penalised against (often wrongly), costing his team valuable points, the defender in question is psychologically in two minds whether or not to tackle, making him hesitant. The defender, therefore, looks like he is poor at his job. As the pressure to win at all costs increases, so does the pressure on the managers who, somewhat understandably, will play on this to retain employment (how many times have you heard a chairman use the phrase "the fans got the manager sacked"). The players will ultimately follow their manager's orders and this leads to a "win at all costs" attitude and to diving becoming rife. The highly-pressurised officials are fooled by cheating and then protect themselves by making "safe" decisions which are often wrong.

So where we are at the moment is a vicious circle controlled by the media. The media condemn diving – and any form of cheating – with an almost obsessive passion, yet are as culpable as anyone for creating the monster in the first place. I'll explain.

The pressure to win is caused in no small part by the media's 24-hour blanket coverage and sensationalist reporting from some quarters. Referees' decisions are scrutinised. Managers are pressurised and often become ill by the media constantly speculating about their jobs. The players are in many ways not as exposed

to the viciousness of the media, although there are exceptions, as David Beckham will no doubt agree! We believe all this stuff because it becomes indoctrinated, like some sporting propaganda.

I won't just blame the media in all of this though. Notice the lack of involvement from the footballing authorities. In fact, their hands-off approach has exacerbated the problem in two ways: firstly, by not nipping this in the bud in the first place and secondly, by putting referees under tremendous pressure. No-one works an optimum level whilst under pressure and the embarrassment caused by making a high-profile error is bound to affect a referee's performance.

What is a manager's reaction when one of his players makes one error in a game? The answer is probably very little, if any. Yet, the FA's reaction to a referee making one mistake in a game is suspension, embarrassment and a stigma attached wherever he officiates. Stuart Attwell and Rob Shoebriidge may well be excellent referees, but if they referee for another 30 years, they will only be remembered for the goals "that weren't" in the Reading - Watford and Bristol City - Crystal Palace games (respectively). The then-Eagles' manager Neil Warnock's reaction, however, will ensure the Palace goal remains the most (in)famous of the two!

It could be argued that this change the culture of football has stemmed from an innocent misunderstanding. Don't be fooled. The media have proven in the past to have agendas, they have previously ensured a change of ownership at Tottenham when Irving Scholar was ousted. Over the years managers have been subjected to vicious media campaigns. One suspects they do emerge stronger because of it though.

The game is run by money, something of which the media has an awful lot, and the moral of this story is: Don't believe what you read or hear. The next time you pick up your copy of The Daily Tabloid or turn on the TV, don't get caught up in the vicious circle.

You never know how your down-to-earth beliefs may change!

Welsh Premier League Round-up

Garside brings title joy to Bangor



Craig Garside's second half goal clinched Bangor City's first Welsh Premier title since 1995 as they beat The New Saints 1-0 at Farrar Road.

Needing only a draw to retain the crown themselves, the visitors were eventually undone by City's weapon of choice all season, a Peter Hoy long throw, which was headed on by Dave Morley for ex-Everton youth Garside to toe-poke home at the near post in the 68th-minute.

Chances had been at a premium as both sides struggled on a bone-hard surface, with Chris Jones going closest for the hosts with a first-half shot that was well tipped-away by Saints' keeper Paul Harrison.

Craig Jones had a chance at the other end before the break, but his half-struck effort failed to trouble Paul Smith in the City goal.

Chris Jones fired a well-struck shot straight at Harrison on the hour but, with former City defender Phil Baker forced-off through injury, the Blues took advantage immediately with Garside's goal.

Smith just held on to a Chris Sharp effort from outside the box, while sub Matthew Berkeley hit the side netting after a good run.

Morley's looping header came close to doubling Bangor's lead but was headed off the line by Jones and, with the Saints' last chance, Scott Ruscoe fired over the bar from 20-yards to leave the City faithful to celebrate.

Now Neville Powell's men hope to claim the double and their fourth successive Welsh Cup win when Bangor face Llanelli at Parc y Scarlets on Sunday, 8 May.

Championship Conference League Table (Up to and including Saturday 30 April 2011)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Bangor City	32	22	4	6	80	44	70
The New Saints	32	20	8	4	87	34	68
Neath	32	16	10	6	62	41	58
Llanelli	32	15	8	9	58	41	53
Aberystwyth Town	32	11	9	12	42	54	42
Airbus UK Broughton	32	11	8	13	53	52	41

Play Off Conference League Table (Up to and including Saturday 30 April 2011)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Prestatyn Town	32	10	10	12	44	46	40
Port Talbot Town	32	8	12	12	37	48	36
Newtown	32	8	11	13	40	55	35
Carmarthen Town	32	10	5	17	39	64	35
Bala Town	32	10	3	19	41	57	33
Haverfordwest County	32	5	4	23	30	77	19

Welsh sides granted licence

Welsh Premier clubs Neath and Llanelli have had their Football Association of Wales and Uefa licences granted after winning their independent appeals.

Uefa Cup qualifiers Neath are now clear to play in Europe after finishing third while Llanelli can join them if they beat Bangor in the Welsh Cup final.

But Newtown and Bala have been spared the threat of Welsh Premier relegation.

As Cymru Alliance champions Connah's Quay have been denied promotion as their licence appeal was rejected.

Leaders Connah's Quay has their initial application rejected and now their subsequent appeal to the independent club licensing appeals body has been turned down.

So only bottom club Haverfordwest will go down from Wales'

top-flight after Bala had their domestic licence awarded on appeal.

Welsh League high-fliers Afan Lido also had their domestic licence granted.

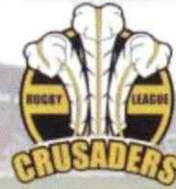
"All candidates for Uefa places through the league or the Welsh Cup or the play-offs have obtained the required UEFA Licence for 2011/12," said a Welsh FA statement.

"All current Welsh Premier League clubs have achieved the domestic licence for 2011/12."

The FAW had initially awarded domestic and Uefa licenses to Aberystwyth Town, Airbus UK Broughton, Bangor City, Carmarthen Town, Haverfordwest County, Newtown, Port Talbot Town, Prestatyn Town, The New Saints and Llandudno of the Cymru Alliance.



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Wrexham Supporters' 8-a-side Tournament

By Dan Jennings

Bank Holiday Monday, 25th April, saw the 13th annual Wrexham Supporters' 8-a-side tournament at Colliers Park. Wrexham's excellent training facilities made for a fantastic morning of football as nine teams from across the district came head to head to battle it out for the 2011 trophy.

The tournament is one of the most popular fundraising events of the year and has now raised over £5,000 for the Wrexham F.C. Centre of Excellence. As ever, the weather was absolutely scorching, and organiser Pete Jones pointed out: "Anyone who wants to book a weekend away should do it when the 8-a-side tournament has been scheduled".

Buckley finally won after a penalty shoot-out to claim their second title against a very good Mold side. In a competitive tournament it was a credit to the event

neither Pete Jones, nor former North-West Counties League referee Dave Evans, had to send anyone to the sin bin this year. Every team deserves credit for the way they conducted themselves. With the backing of Stan's Superstore, St. Martins, who have sponsored the tournament since 1999; I believe that the 2012 tournament will be of equal success. I imagine that the Former Players will return to try and reclaim their crown while Mold will return still searching for their first tournament success. How they would love to take

it off their neighbours and arch rivals Buckley! Manchester Reds will, I'm sure, be back looking for a point or at least a goal next time around. They showed great character throughout but must have known it was going to be an uphill struggle when Jamie Davies even made hard work of getting out the car on arrival, falling face first to the floor much to the amusement of onlookers. Roll on 2012.....

Group A

Group A got off to a slow start as the

Rhos Reds and Red Passion fought out a 0-0 draw. Defending champions, the Wrexham Former Players Association, were looking for their third successive crown and their line-up included Martyn Chalk and Lee Jones. They went down 1-0 in a closely contested game against Mold Red's, Ian Matthias with the decisive strike.

Mold followed that win up with a quality display of passing football against the Rhos Reds. They were made to work hard to break the deadlock and when

Kris Farren found the corner of the net they thought they'd done enough for a second victory. Rhos had other plans and a counter-attack led to Jamie Richards playing a neat one-two with Harri Lovett and slotting home a well earned equaliser for a 1-1 draw.

The Former Players were again made to battle for everything against Red Passion. Another goalless draw looked on the cards until James Simmons popped up to secure a 1-0 win.

Rhos, the tournaments' draw specialists for a number of years now, surprised their opposition, spectators and even themselves with a 1-0 win against the

Former Players. Jamie Richards took the plaudits scoring his second of the morning, with his proud Dad watching on from the sidelines, but praise went to Harri Lovett for a lovely back-heeled assist. 11-year old Harri was the star of the show and one to keep an eye on in the future.

Rhos' win meant Mold needed victory in their last match to top the group and they made light work of seeing off Red Passion 3-1. Craig Williams, Mike Allsopp and Ian Matthias made up Mold's nap hand while Andy Lovett got the consolation for Red Passion.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1. Mold & District Reds	3	2	1	0	5	2	7	+3
2. Rhos & District Reds	3	1	2	0	2	1	5	+1
3. Former Players Association	3	1	0	2	1	2	3	-1
4. Red Passion	3	0	1	2	1	4	1	-3



Group B

Buckley Reds got

off to a winning start, 1-0 against a well drilled Kings Mills side. Possession was shared as well as chances at both ends and it took a good finish from Adam Connah to separate the sides.

The W.S.T. completely dominated their opening encounter against The 12th Man but had to settle for a 0-0 draw due to some stubborn defending. W.S.T. also drew 0-0 against Buckley Reds, both sides pushing for a winner but having to settle for a point a piece.

Kings Mills picked up their first three points with a 2-0 win against Manchester Reds thanks to goals from Richie Daniels and Lee Tudor.

The Manchester Reds slipped to a second successive 2-0 defeat at the hands of The 12th Man who had marksmen Liam Partyn and Fraser Roberts to thank for their three points. The 12th Man were brought crashing back down to Earth in their next game against a rampant Buckley side. Matt Lamb bagged a brace while Adam

Connah was again on target in a routine 3-0 win for Buckley.

In a battle for second place it was the W.S.T. who came out on top, 1-0 winners against Kings Mills. Mike Gilpin struck a terrific winner after his brother Kevin was guilty of missing an earlier sitter. The W.S.T. made completely sure of second spot as Tom Williams scored both goals in a 2-0 success against the Manchester Reds.

Kings Mills maintained third spot in the table as they cruised past The 12th Man 3-0. Adam Williams was unlucky to score an own goal, despite Richie Daniels' best attempts to claim it, while 12th Man's Jamie Harper was keen for me to point out 'keeper Chris Roberts was caught flapping for the other two goals which were scored by Lee Tudor and Romail Robin.

Buckley finished in pole position after eventually seeing off a stubborn Manchester Reds 1-0. With seconds counting down Manchester Reds looked set to claim a point but Danny Moore spoiled the party.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	GD
1. Buckley & District Reds	4	3	1	0	5	0	10	+5
2. Wrexham Supporters Trust	4	2	2	0	3	0	8	+3
3. Kings Mills Reds	4	2	0	2	5	2	6	+3
4. The 12th Man	4	1	1	2	2	6	4	-4

PLAY-OFFS & FINAL

In the 7th & 8th place play-off Red Passion and The 12th Man played out a 0-0 draw. Steve Lloyd was the hero for Red Passion, saving two penalties in a 3-2 shoot-out victory, with Alan Williams slotting home the decisive spot kick.

The Former Players finished on a high as Andy Edwards grabbed the only goal of the game against Kings Mills to secure a 5th place finish. King Mills had a good share of possession but found Nick 'The Cat' Hencher agile as ever in the Former Players' goal.

The W.S.T. finished a respectable 3rd after seeing off the Rhos Reds. With

a backline whose combined age was 138 it was safe to say Rhos were tiring by this point. Mike Gilpin caught them napping with a precision cross that Tom Williams headed in for the deciding goal.

The final between Mold and Buckley finished 0-0 with both defences on top, and two goalkeepers in fine form. In the penalty shoot-out Mold still failed to beat goalkeeper Joe Makaruk while Buckley's Danny Moore and Adam Connah made no mistake from the spot.



Top Scorers

- 3 Tom Williams
Wrexham Supporters' Trust
- 2 Adam Connah
Buckley & District Reds
Matt Lamb
Buckley & District Reds
Ian Matthias
Mold & District Reds
Jamie Richards
Rhos & District Reds
Lee Tudor
Kings Mills Reds

ROLL OF HONOUR

- 1999 Ynys Mon Reds
- 2000 Vale of Clwyd Reds
- 2001 Red Passion
- 2002 Holywell & District Reds
- 2003 Shropshire Reds
- 2004 Holywell & District Reds
- 2005 Holywell & District Reds
- 2006 Buckley & District Reds
- 2007 Rhos & District Reds
- 2008 Rhos & District Reds
- 2009 Wrexham Former Players Association
- 2010 Wrexham Former Players Association
- 2011 Buckley & District Reds



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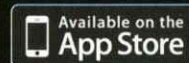
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WREXHAM WINNERS:

A new state-of-the-art learning centre at the Racecourse Ground that will benefit communities throughout the region has been officially unveiled.

The new 'Wrexham Winners' classroom will offer pupils and schools a wealth of education opportunities during both school and non-school hours.

The classroom, which has been funded by the Welsh Assembly Government's Basic Skills Learning Through Sport project, Wrexham County Borough Council and the Racecourse Ground's Community Foundation, and provides students with a unique learning environment.

The classroom includes 15 student work stations in it, each one complete with a laptop. It also includes an electronic whiteboard. There is also a chill-out room, complete with kitchen facilities for students to relax.

A centre manager, who will help with the delivery of the education programmes and evaluate the projects, will be responsible for the day to day running of the classroom.

Young people interested in sport will also have the opportunity to gain experience in coaching via the clubs Education Foundation.

A group of young people spent two days a week at the Racecourse Ground, taking part in a number of activities to help boost their confidence and gain valuable work experience.

The project saw the group helping prepare and serve food to Crusaders players, take part in fitness activities, administration work at the club shop and also take part in a media project, where the young people had to research and interview former Wrexham FC player Lee Jones.

Two learners on the project have secured jobs, while the rest are currently on work experience in the council departments.

John Davies, Chief Officer for learning and Achievement at Wrexham Council said:

"We are committed to providing our students with the best learning environments possible and the 'Wrexham Winners' classroom at the Racecourse is a brilliant example of what can be achieved through partnership working.

"The pupils that have attended so far have been impressed with the modern facilities they are now learning in and are already benefiting from using them.

"Getting people back into education and employment is one of Wrexham Council's priorities and we believe this facility will help to re-engage those people who have become disillusioned with education."

"The classroom will help develop learning, skills and experiences and ensure that every young person at who attends can achieve their potential."

SOCCER SCHOOLS

Dates for the February Half Term Holidays have now been finalised. The courses are proving to be very popular, so please book to avoid disappointment.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Around 150 pupils attended the event from Bwlchgwyn CP, Hafod y Wern Community Primary School, Brynteg Primary School and Ysgol Bodhyfryd County Primary School.

Pupils took part in anti racism activities delivered by Education Co-ordinator Simon Richards and Education worker Christian Roberts.

The young people had a stadium tour during their lunch break and heard stories from a club representative about the history of the club.

The main event saw Wrexham AFC first team players Marvin Andrews, Mark Creighton, Adrian Cieslewicz and Joslain Mayebi take part in a question and Answer session who also signed Wrexham AFC SRTRC posters for all the young people.



FUTSAL:

Is a FIFA governed and international form of 5 a-side which is generally played in doors. Played with a slightly heavier ball.

The aim of the sessions are to introduce young players to Football through a smaller version of the game. The sessions will include ball manipulation and small sided games and will improve technique, skills and co-ordination.

Sessions are open to players regardless of ability and experience, venues include Hawarden Sports Centre on Thursday 5pm - 6pm, Glyndwr Sports Centre - Wrexham Friday 5pm - 6pm, Denbigh Leisure Centre Friday 5pm-6pm and Mold Sports Centre Saturday 9am-11am. Sessions run throughout the winter in-line with the School term time.

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Is the junior supporters club for both Wrexham FC and Crusader RFL. Members are entitled to benefits for both teams and membership is absolutely free.

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Why not hold your child's birthday party at the Racecourse. The package includes organised football, signed ball and tour. There is also a matchday package available.

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Last time at the Racecourse

By Dan Jennings

MONDAY 25TH APRIL 2011

Wrexham 4
Tamworth 2

Wrexham confirmed a play-off place with a game to spare after a straight forward victory against relegation threatened Tamworth. The score line slightly flattered the visitors as the Reds turned in an impressive attacking display in front of a large Bank Holiday Monday crowd.

Dean Saunders made one change to the starting line-up with Mathias Pogba coming in for Andy Morrell who limped off in the 1-0 win at Gateshead. Tamworth were far from full strength after seeing goalkeeper Liam Mitchell and defenders Michael Wylde and Richard Tait all sent off in their six-pointer against Southport two days earlier.

Reserve goalkeeper Louis Connor was to have a busy afternoon between the sticks for Tamworth which was apparent from the tenth minute. Curtis Obeng's teasing cross evaded Pogba and Andy Mangan leaving Connor rooted to the spot as the ball inadvertently found the far corner. The early goal seemed to lift pressure off the players and remove tension from the stands as Wrexham got a tight stranglehold on proceedings. Despite controlling the game there was only one other notable effort in the first half.

Nat Knight-Percival, who replaced Pogba due to injury, had only been on the pitch for five minutes when he forced Connor into a good save from close range. Captain Dean Keates followed up and bundled the ball in at the Eric Roberts end but celebrations were cut short as the assistant referee indicated the use of an arm, much to Keates' annoyance.

With a 1-0 interval lead Saunders could have shut up shop and settled for a job well done. Instead, the Reds emerged for the second period with a pure attacking emphasis and it paid off within seven minutes of the restart. Knight-Percival saw another effort blocked in the 48th minute but it was third time lucky four minutes later. A good move involving Gareth Taylor and Jay Harris seemed to catch Connor out and as he parried an initial effort Knight-Percival was in the right place at the right time to make it 2-0. Tamworth dragged themselves back

into the game on 57 minutes as Wrexham defenders were still arguing whether the Lambs should have been awarded a corner in the first place. Kyle Perry appeared to have run the ball into touch but the visitors stayed switched on and Ben Wilkinson whipped the corner straight onto the head of Daniel Bradley to hand them a lifeline.

Five minutes later the game was reduced to ten-a-side. Aaron Mitchell slid in dangerously on Harris and as the Tamworth defender was shown a straight red card Harris limped off the field of play. Fans will be hoping this was a precautionary measure with the play-offs now in sight. The Reds continued to push forward and Mangan restored their two goal advantage. Having a quiet game by his standards he proved you can never take your eyes off him, cutting inside from the left past two challenges and releasing a clinical strike into the bottom corner.

The game was over as a contest in the 78th minute when as Taylor scored his first goal since January 3rd. It was worth the wait as he took the ball on his chest 25 yards from goal, spun and hit an unstoppable half-volley past Connor. Taylor seems to have hit form at precisely the right time having impressed with a goal and two assists in his last three outings.

It was Tamworth who had the last word as Perry scored with eight minutes remaining. After shrugging off Chris Blackburn he powered through and slipped an accomplished finish past Chris Maxwell. Maxwell was clearly upset with the defending; having done so little all game and still having to retrieve the ball from his net on two occasions.

A sour note to come from the game were the injuries sustained by Pogba, Harris, Frank Sinclair and Mark Creighton. Saunders will remain

confident as all his squad are now used to the 4-3-3 system and players like Knight-Percival, Lee Fowler and Marvin Andrews are capable of coming in and producing the goods. The win left Wrexham in fourth place in the Blue Square Bet Premier table as they prepared to face pre-season promotion favourites Luton Town three times in the space of ten days. With league standings confirmed the league meeting means nothing to either team but both will be looking ahead to the two legged play-off encounter with half an eye on the City of Manchester Stadium final.

WREXHAM

Maxwell; Obeng, Creighton (Fowler 60), Sinclair (Andrews 55), Ashton; Blackburn, Harris, Keates; Pogba (Knight-Percival 26), Taylor, Mangan

SUBS NOT USED
Tolley, Mayebi.

TAMWORTH

Connor (Belford 90); Courtney (Macenzie 58), A. Mitchell, Marshall, Barrow; Sheridan, Wilkinson, D. Bradley, Thomas (Farrell 58); Perry, J Bradley

SUBS NOT USED
Christie, Lake-Gaskin.

ATTENDANCE
4,330 (117)

The Dragon's man of the match: Gareth Taylor



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CLUB	HIGHEST ATT	LOWEST ATT	AVERAGE ATT	GOALSCORERS	BEST WIN	HEAVIEST DEFEAT
AFC Wimbledon	4278	3114	3434	Kedwell 23, Jolley 12, Wellard 1, Moore 12, Wellard 1, Mulley 5, Hudson 1, Broughton 2, Minshull 2, Hatton 5, Yakubu 2, Franks 2, Jackson 2, Yussuf 6, Nwokedi 1, Johnson 4, Mohamed 1, Stuart 1	5-0	1-4
Altrincham	1982	558	1040	Reeves 15, Denham 4, Johnson 4, Densmore 2, Young 1, Joseph 4, Lawton 1, Beesley 2	4-2	0-7
Barrow	1718	874	1214	Hewson 1, Williams 1, Twiss 4, Clea 4, Milne 1, Wedgbury 1, Baynes 2	5-0	0-5
Bath City	2301	532	1070	Walker 11, Boyd 1, (og) 3, Pearson 2, Rutherford 7, Cook 1, Baker 5, Curtis 1, Ferrell 2, Forrest 2, Wiles 2, Owen 2, Chadwick 3, Goodfellow 1, Spender 1, Almond 6, Smith 2	4-0	1-5
Cambridge United	3225	1635	2514	Jones 3, Connolly 2, Edwards 2, Harris 1, Jombarti 2, Murray 7, Watson 1, (og) 1, Watkins 3, Phillips 15, Webb 2, Hogg 2, Mackie 2, Mohamed 13, Russell 2, Canham 4, Clough 2	5-0	1-5
Crawley Town	4054	1252	2535	Russell 6, Saah 3, Wright 10, Coulson 4, Clare 1, Gray 7, Willmott 10, Patrick 2, Marriott 3, Berry 1, og 1, Hughes 2, Bentley 1, Sinclair 1, Jennings 1	7-0	1-2
Darlington	2966	1407	1886	Tubbs 37, Masterton 1, McAllister 12, Torres 4, Dance 1, Wassmer 2, Howell 1, McFadzean 3, Brodie 11, Smith 4, Neilson 5, Bulman 1, Cook 2, Mills 3, Simpson 3, Hunt 1, Gibson 1, Dempster 1	6-1	0-4
Eastbourne Borough	2518	551	1105	Hatch 11, Terry 2, Clark 1, Wright 4, og 4, Campbell 4, Miller 3, Moore 1, Senior 4, Chandler 2, Brown 2, McReady 1, Powell 1, Bridge-Wilkinson 9, Hone 1, Smith 6, Verma 4, Arnisson 1	5-0	0-6
Fleetwood Town	2831	1011	1752	Pacquette 10, Elphick 5, Weatherstone 5, Russell 1, Purcell 2, og 1, Brinkhurst 1, Baker 1, Crabb 5, Taylor 15, Treleaven 3, Atkin 1, Austin 1, Johnson 2, Langston 2, Cook 1, Rooney 1, Walker 2, Smart 3, Vieira 22, Curtis 3, McGuire 6, Seddon 10, Donnelly 4, og 1, Mullan 1, Harvey 1	6-0	0-4
Forest Green Rovers	1824	642	950	Craney 3, Pond 2, Wright 1, McNulty 1, Beeley 2, Barry 2, Rogan 1, Marsh-Evans 1, Brown 2, Clancy 3, Parker 2, Styche 15, Caines 3, Jones 2, Klukowski 7, Forbes 2, Matthews 1, Somner 1	4-0	1-6
Gateshead	1231	463	753	McDonald 4, Else 1, Herring 1, Norwood 2, Watson 1, Quinn 1, og 1, Dyer 5, Guinan 5, Davies 1, Brittain 9, Turnbull 2, Mulligan 7, Curtis 1, Winn 2, Offiong 1, Gillies	7-2	1-7
Grimsby Town	5037	2017	3070	Nelthorpe 4, Gate 3, Shaw 17, Kay 1, Ferrell 3, Liddle 1, Fisher 9, og 2, Clark 2, Peacock 3, Connell 25, Watt 2, Hudson 5, Kempson 1, Ademeno 2, Sinclair 3, Duffy 2, Cummins 1, Bore 4, Eagle 9, Wright 1, Coulson 8, Atkinson 4, Anson 1, Leary 1	7-2	1-4
Hayes & Yeading United	801	190	386	Wright 6, Hand 2, Pritchard 14, Buchanan 12, Brown 3, Masterton 1, og 1, Rents 1, Patulea 3, Malcolm 2, Enver-Marum 1, Holmes 3, Deen 1, Hyde 2, Ferrell 1, Cadmore 2, Louis 1, Yidom 1	4-0	0-5
Histon	1903	255	616	McCrae 2, Attwood 3, Okay 1, Oyebanjo 2, Murray 9, Riza 12, Clerima 5, Mills 1, Sparkes 3, Wootton 1, Stevenson 2	3-0	1-6
Kettering Town	2906	782	1371	Christie 6, Ashikodi 1, Marna 19, Makofa 2, St Amie 1, Cunningham 1, Challinor 1, Mills 6, Kelly 2, Dance 4, Dempster 1, Solkhon 7, Green 1, Furlong 4, Flanagan 1, Wilson 1, McKoy 3, O'Neill 2, (og) 1	3-0	0-5
Kidderminster Harriers	3028	937	1631	Shaw 5, Gittings 4, Briscoe 1, Wright 8, Williams 4, Briggs 6, Byrne 5, McPhee 18, Blair 11, Morris 5, Matt 3, Canham 2	4-0	0-3
Luton Town	7283	5528	6242	Barnes-Homer 16, Kroca 5, Gnaka 13, Owusu 6, Willmott 6, Murray 1, Lawless 3, Craddock 2, Drury 6, Pilkington 4, Howells 3, Crow 7, Morgan-Smith 5, Walker (D) 1, Atieno 3, Connor 11, Medley 6, Mills 1, Duffy 5, Mitchley 2, Murray 6, Foster 1, Naylor 1, Higginson 2	6-0	1-3
Mansfield Town	2699	1253	2123	Reid 18, Rose 6, Matthews 5, Henry 2, Knights 7, Morgan 1, Miller 1, Baker 1, Griffin 2, Warren 6, Collins 10, Foley 5, Rogers 1, Wright 1, Bignot 1, og 2, Todd 5, Odubade 1, Hatswell 1, Hughes 1	5-0	0-4
Newport County	3462	1027	2090	Corcoran 2, Porter 4, Howe 6, Charles 7, Huke 2, Shariff 4, Miller 3, og 1, Oshodi 1, O'Connor 14, Johnson 3, Sills 1, Power 3, Stuart 1, Smith 3, Prosser 1, Gash 6, Ferrell 1, Day 1, Cowan-Hall 1	4-0	0-6
Rushden & Diamonds	2459	759	1255	McNeil 5, McGinn 5, Gray 4, Davis 2, Whalley 8, Moogan 1, Turner 1, Blakeman 2, Daly 6, Barratt 3, Simm 1, Marsh-Evans 3, Powell 1, Ledsham 4, Kissock 3, Power 1, Lee 5, Lever 1	4-1	0-4
Southport	1866	652	1158	Perry 17, Marshall 3, Bradley 7, Rodman 9, Mackenzie 1, Tait 1, Sheridan 1, Wylde 4, Thomas 6, Wilkinson 2, Barrow 3, Smith 3, Lake-Gaskin 1, Yussuf 2, og 2	4-0	2-7
Tamworth	1694	609	1090	Smith 3, Morrell 10, Andrews 2, Brown 1, owler 1, Obeng 1, Moss 1, Keates 6, og 1, Taylor 6, Harris 4, Tolley 4, Knight-Perival 4, Mangan 15, Cieslewicz 2, Pogba 4, Blackburn 1	4-0	0-5
Wrexham	4630	2221	3061	Rankine 12, Gash 1, Till 4, Brodie 1, Carruthers 1, og 1, Young 1, Meredith 1, Parslow 1, Constantine 8, Lawless 3, Fyfield 1, Chambers 2, Racchi 1, Barrett 2, McDermott 1, Smith 4, Reed 9, Mackin 1,	4-0	0-5
York City	3176	1978	2485			

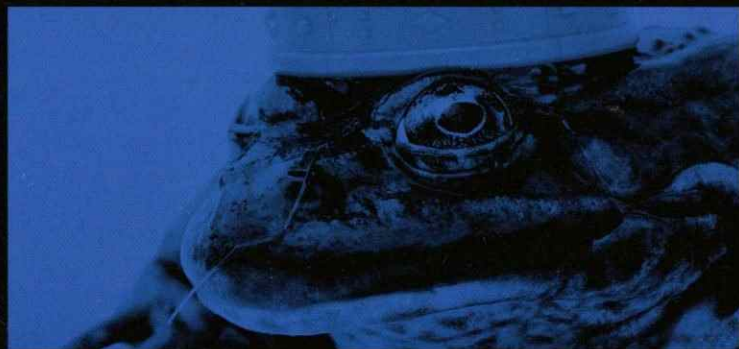
The Story of the 2010/11 Season

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	ATT	SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Saturday, 14 August	Cambridge United	HOME	4040	1-0	SHEARER	WALKER	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	KEATES	HARRIS	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	BROWN*	MANGAN	MORRELL**1	TAYLOR	SMITH	TOLLEY*	GALL**					MAXWELL
Tuesday, 17 August	Forest Green Rovers	AWAY	1216	0-3	SHEARER	WALKER	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	KEATES	HARRIS**	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	BROWN*	MANGAN	MORRELL	ANDREWS	TAYLOR	TOLLEY**	GALL					MAXWELL
Saturday, 21 August	Eastbourne Borough	AWAY	1055	3-4	SHEARER	ANDREWS	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR*	ASHTON	SMITH 2	KEATES	HARRIS**	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL***	MANGAN	MORRELL	TAYLOR**	BROWN***	TOLLEY	GALL					WALKER**
Tuesday, 24 August	Kidderminster Harriers	HOME	2477	2-2	SHEARER	WALKER	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	ASHTON	BROWN**	KEATES	HARRIS	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	MANGAN*	MORRELL	TAYLOR**	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY					GALL*
Saturday, 28 August	Barrow	HOME	2525	1-1	SHEARER	WALKER	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	ASHTON	BROWN**	KEATES	HARRIS	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	MANGAN*	MORRELL	TAYLOR**	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY					GALL*
Monday, 30 August	Bath City	AWAY	1262	2-0	SHEARER	OBENG	ANDREWS**	BLACKBURN	ASHTON	HARRIS	KEATES	SMITH 1	GALL*	MORRELL 1	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	CIESLEWICZ	TAYLOR***	BROWN	TOLLEY**					WALKER
Sunday, 5 September	Newport County	AWAY	3206	1-1	SHEARER	OBENG	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS	KEATES	SMITH	GALL	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	MORRELL 1*	TAYLOR	BROWN	MANGAN*	TOLLEY					WALKER
Saturday, 11 September	York City	HOME	2446	1-1	SHEARER	OBENG	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	HUNT	HARRIS 1	KEATES	SMITH**	GALL*	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL***	MORRELL 1	TAYLOR***	BROWN	MANGAN	TOLLEY					WALKER
Saturday, 18 September	Kettering Town	AWAY	1533	1-1	SHEARER	SINCLAIR	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	ASHTON	HARRIS**	KEATES 1	TOLLEY***	TAYLOR***	MANGAN	MORRELL	OBENG***	BROWN	SMITH**	GALL					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*
Tuesday, 21 September	Southport	HOME	2221	2-1	MAXWELL	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS 1	KEATES	TOLLEY	TAYLOR 1	MANGAN*	MORRELL	OBENG	BROWN	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ*					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL
Saturday, 25 September	Histon	HOME	2376	4-0	MAXWELL	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ANDREWS	ASHTON	HARRIS	KEATES 1***	TOLLEY 1*	TAYLOR 1	MANGAN	MORRELL	OBENG	BROWN***	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ*					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL 1**
Tuesday, 28 September	Grimsby Town	AWAY	2532	1-2	MAXWELL	BLACKBURN	SINCLAIR	ANDREWS	ASHTON***	ARRIS*	KEATES	TOLLEY	TAYLOR	MANGAN	MORRELL**	OBENG***	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ**						KNIGHT-PERCIVAL 1*
Saturday, 2 October	Darlington	AWAY	1690	1-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	BLACKBURN	KEATES	TOLLEY	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL 1	TAYLOR	MANGAN*	BROWN	SMITH	HUNT*	CIESLEWICZ*					GALL
Tuesday, 5 October	Fleetwood Town	HOME	2689	0-0	MAXWELL	OBENG**	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	BLACKBURN	KEATES	TOLLEY	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	MANGAN	TAYLOR*	HARRIS*	BROWN	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ					POGBA**
Saturday, 9 October	AFC Wimbledon	HOME	3277	1-2	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	BLACKBURN*	KEATES	HARRIS**	MANGAN 1	TAYLOR*	MORRELL	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY**	POGBA*					Shearer
Saturday, 16 October	Hayes & Yeading United	AWAY	417	3-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	BLACKBURN	KEATES	HARRIS 1	TAYLOR 1	MANGAN**	MORRELL*	BROWN	TOLLEY	CIESLEWICZ 1						knight-percival** POGBA
Saturday, 23 October	Southport (FAC)	HOME	2052	1-2	MAXWELL	OBENG*	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	BLACKBURN	KEATES	HARRIS	MANGAN	TAYLOR***	MORRELL**	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ**	TOLLY 1*	HUNT					POGBA*** knight-percival* Shearer
Saturday, 30 October	Histon	AWAY	914	1-1	MAXWELL	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS	KEATES	TOLLEY***	MANGAN*	TAYLOR 1	MORRELL**	BROWN***	SMITH	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL**	WALKER					POGBA*
Thursday, 11 November	Luton Town	HOME	2733	1-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS	BLACKBURN	ASHTON	KEATES	HARRIS	TOLLEY	MANGAN 1*	TAYLOR	MORRELL**	BROWN	SMITH	CIESLEWICZ	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*					POGBA**
Sunday, 14 November	York City	AWAY	2604	1-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS	CREIGHTON	BLACKBURN	HARRIS	KEATES	TOLLEY 1*	MANGAN**	TAYLOR	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	BROWN	MORRELL**	CIESLEWICZ*	HUNT					POGBA
Saturday, 20 November	Darlington	HOME	2619	2-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS	CREIGHTON	BLACKBURN	KEATES	TOLLEY 1***	HARRIS	MORRELL**	TAYLOR	MANGAN 2	BROWN	SINCLAIR	CIESLEWICZ***	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*					POGBA*
Saturday, 27 November	Mansfield Town	HOME	2505	1-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	ANDREWS 1	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	KEATES	TOLLEY**	BLACKBURN	MANGAN	TAYLOR*	MORRELL	BROWN	WILLIAMS	CIESLEWICZ	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL**					POGBA*
Saturday, 11 December	K'minster Harriers FAT1	HOME	1122	2-0	MAXWELL	OBENG***	ANDREWS*	CREIGHTON	ASHTON**	BLACKBURN	BROWN 1	HARRIS 1	CIESLEWICZ	POGBA	WILLIAMS	MORRELL	SINCLAIR*	HUNT**	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL***					SHEARER
Saturday, 1 January	Altrincham	AWAY	1982	0-0	MAXWELL	BLACKBURN	ANDREWS***	CREIGHTON	ASHTON	HARRIS	BROWN	KEATES	MORRELL*	CIESLEWICZ	TAYLOR**	WILLIAMS*	SINCLAIR***	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	POGBA**					MAYEBI
Monday, 3 January	Bath City	HOME	2602	2-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	KEATES	BLACKBURN	HARRIS	CIESLEWICZ**	TAYLOR 1	MORRELL*	BROWN	WILLIAMS	TOLLEY	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*					POGBA 1**
Saturday, 8 January	Grimsby Town	HOME	3013	2-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS 1	BLACKBURN	KEATES	MANGAN**	POGBA*	MORRELL***	BROWN	WILLIAMS*	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL* POGBA 1**
Saturday, 15 January	Salisbury City FAT 2	AWAY	1032	0-1	MAXWELL	HUNT	OBENG	EDWARDS	FOWLER	BROWN	TOLLEY	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	POGBA	WILLIAMS	CIESLEWICZ	ASHTON	MANGAN	MOSS	PENK					MAYEBI
Tuesday, 18 January	Southport	AWAY	1464	1-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS	BLACKBURN	KEATES	MANGAN*	POGBA	MORRELL 1	BROWN	WILLIAMS	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*
Saturday, 22 January	Cambridge United	AWAY	2469	3-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS	BLACKBURN 1	KEATES	MORRELL*	POGBA 1	MANGAN 1	ANDREWS	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*
Saturday, 29 January	Mansfield Town	AWAY	3266	3-2	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	BLACKBURN	KEATES	HARRIS 1	MORRELL 1	POGBA 1*	MANGAN**	ANDREWS**	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*
Tuesday, 1 February	Altrincham	HOME	3300	2-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS	BLACKBURN	KEATES	MANGAN***	POGBA 1*	MORRELL 1*	ANDREWS***	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ 1	TOLLEY					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL**
Saturday, 5 February	Barrow	AWAY	1318	1-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	SINCLAIR**	CREIGHTON	ASHTON*	HARRIS	BLACKBURN	KEATES	MANGAN 1***	POGBA	MORRELL	ANDREWS*	BROWN	CIESLEWICZ**	TOLLEY***					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL
Saturday, 12 February	Crawley Town	AWAY	3331	2-3	MAXWELL	OBENG**	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS	BLACKBURN*	KEATES	MANGAN 2	MORRELL***	POGBA	ANDREWS**	TAYLOR***	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*
Tuesday, 15 February	Crawley Town	HOME	4630	0-0	MAXWELL	MCMILLAN	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	TOLLEY***	BLACKBURN	KEATES	MANGAN	POGBA*	MORRELL**	ANDREWS	TAYLOR*	CIESLEWICZ**						KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*** MAYEBI
Saturday, 19 February	Gateshead	HOME	3078	2-7	MAXWELL	MCMILLAN	CREIGHTON	ANDREWS	ASHTON	HARRIS	BLACKBURN**	KEATES	MANGAN	POGBA*	MORRELL 1	TAYLOR***	SINCLAIR**	CIESLEWICZ	TOLLEY 1					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL
Tuesday, 22 February	AFC Wimbledon	AWAY	3486	1-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS	BLACKBURN	FOWLER	POGBA 1**	TAYLOR*	MANGAN***	ANDREWS***	CIESLEWICZ**	TOLLEY	MCMILLAN					KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*
Saturday, 26 February	Kidderminster Harriers	AWAY	3028	0-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	BLACKBURN***	FOWLER**	HARRIS	MORRELL	TAYLOR	MANGAN*	ANDREWS	MCMILLAN	TOLLEY	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL***					POGBA*
Saturday, 5 March	Forest Green Rovers	HOME	3386	2-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS	BLACKBURN	FOWLER	MANGAN 1	POGBA**	MORRELL 1*	ANDREWS	TAYLOR**	CIESLEWICZ*	TOLLEY					MCMILLAN
Tuesday, 8 March	Eastbourne Borough	HOME	2410	2-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	HARRIS	TOLLEY 1	FOWLER 1	MANGAN	POGBA***	MORRELL**	ANDREWS**	TAYLOR	CIESLEWICZ**						KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*
Saturday, 12 March	Rushden & Diamonds	HOME	3187	1-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	MCMILLAN	TOLLEY	FOWLER	MANGAN 1	POGBA	MORRELL	ANDREWS	TAYLOR	CIESLEWICZ						KNIGHT-PERCIVAL*
Saturday, 19 March	Fleetwood Town	AWAY	2207	0-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	KEATES	BLACKBURN***	FOWLER	MANGAN	POGBA*	MORRELL**	ANDREWS	TAYLOR***	WILLIAMS*	CIESLEWICZ**					MCMILLAN
Sunday, 27 March	Newport County	HOME	3685	1-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	KEATES	BLACKBURN	HARRIS	MANGAN***	POGBA*	MORRELL**	ANDREWS**	TAYLOR	MCMILLAN**	CIESLEWICZ*					FOWLER
Tuesday, 29 March	Tamworth	AWAY	1082	1-1	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	KEATES 1	BLACKBURN**	HARRIS	MANGAN	POGBA*	MORRELL	ANDREWS	TAYLOR*	MCMILLAN**	CIESLEWICZ*					FOWLER
Saturday, 2 April	Hayes & Yeading Utd	HOME	3207	0-2	MAXWELL	OBENG*	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	KEATES	BLACKBURN	HARRIS	MANGAN	POGBA***	MORRELL**	ANDREWS	TAYLOR***	CIESLEWICZ**						MCMILLAN FOWLER*
Saturday, 9 April	Rushden & Diamonds	AWAY	1181	2-2	MAXWELL	OBENG***	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	KEATES	BLACKBURN	HARRIS	MANGAN 2	POGBA*	MORRELL**	ANDREWS***	TAYLOR	CIESLEWICZ						KNIGHT-PERCIVAL* FOWLER**
Saturday, 16 April	Kettering Town	HOME	3662	2-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	CREIGHTON	SINCLAIR	ASHTON	KEATES 1	BLACKBURN	HARRIS	MANGAN 1	TAYLOR	MORRELL	ANDREWS	WILLIAMS	CIESLEWICZ						KNIGHT-PERCIVAL FOWLER
Saturday, 23 April	Gateshead	AWAY	743	1-0	MAXWELL	OBENG	SINCLAIR	CREIGHTON	ASHTON	KEATES 1	BLACKBURN	HARRIS**	TAYLOR	MANGAN	MORRELL*	ANDREWS	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL	POGBA*						FOWLER** MAYEBI
Monday, 25 April	Tamworth	HOME	4330	4-2	MAXWELL	OBENG 1	SINCLAIR	CREIGHTON	ASHTON	KEATES	BLACKBURN	HARRIS	POGBA	TAYLOR 1	MANGAN 1	ANDREWS**	TOLLEY	KNIGHT-PERCIVAL 1	FOWLER***					MAYEBI
Saturday, 30 April	Luton Town	AWAY	6443	1-1	MAYEBI	WALKER	ANDREWS	HUNT	MCMILLAN	FOWLER*	BROWN	TOLLEY	WILLIAMS*	CIESLEWICZ	MOSS 1**	TOMASSEN*	OWEN	COLBECK	SALATHIEL***					STEVENS**
Thursday, 5 May	LUTON TOWN (BSBP, P/Q, SF 1L)	HOME																						
Tuesday, 10 May	Luton Town (BSBP, P/Q, SF 2L)	AWAY																						

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On our travels

Well as anticipated a couple of weeks ago we will be making a quick return to Kenilworth Road the home of Luton Town having visited this part of the country just six days ago for our last regular league fixture of the season.

In just four days time we will be making the trip down the M1 for a much bigger fixture this time around though, with a place in the Playoff Final up for grabs come the end of the game.

Obviously this evening's game could well go a long way to deciding the winners from this two legged playoff tie, but both teams will know that whatever happens this evening the game is still only at halftime and it will be all to play for in four days time.

Kenilworth Road hasn't always been a happy hunting ground for ourselves but hopefully it will be on this coming Tuesday as we look to take one step further forward in order to gaining a place back in the Football League.



LUTON TOWN
TUESDAY 10TH MAY
KICKOFF: 7.45PM
GROUND NAME:
KENILWORTH ROAD
CAPACITY: 10,226

ADDRESS: 1 MAPLE ROAD,
LUTON, BEDS, LU4 8AW
TELEPHONE NO: 01582
411622

TICKETS: 01582 416976

HOME KIT COLOURS: ORANGE & WHITE

OFFICIAL WEB SITE: WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK



Opposite the Kenilworth Stand is the Oak Road End, which bears an electronic scoreboard on its roof.

The Oak Road End was once a home section but is now away fans only.

The entrance to the Oak Road Stand must be one of the most unusual in the country. After going down a rather small alleyway at the side of the stadium (or down the cordoned off Oak Road), the impression is of queuing to go into someone's house and then through their back garden and into the stand!

Just over 1,800 supporters can be accommodated in this stand and even a small number of fans can really make some noise. The Luton fans who like to sing tend congregating in the Main Stand immediately to the right of the away end, which can make for a good atmosphere.

How to Get There by Car

From the North - Exit the M1 at Junction 11, and join the A505 towards Luton. Follow the A505 for approximately 1.5 miles and Kenilworth Road is on your right as you leave the one-way system along Dunstable Road.

Please note that there is a resident's only parking scheme in operation near to the ground, so you will have to travel a little further away to find street parking.

Nearest Train Station

The ground is located about half a mile away from Luton railway station, which lies on the Midland Main Line.

Admission Prices

Adults: £18
Over 65's/Under 22's: £13
Over 75's: £10
Under 16's: £8
Under 10's: £5

What's The Ground Like?

The all-seater stadium is situated in Bury Park, one mile west of the centre of Luton. It is named after the road which runs along one end of it. Kenilworth Road hosted football in the Southern League until 1920, and in the Football League until 2009, when Luton were relegated to the Conference National.

The ground is made up of five stands - opposite the eponymous Kenilworth Stand is the Oak Road End, and to the left is the Main Stand, which is flanked to its right by the David Preece Stand.

Opposite them stand a row of executive boxes. The Main Stand covers about two thirds of the length of the pitch, though the attached enclosure is longer, covering the whole distance.

Opposite the Main and Preece Stands are 25 executive boxes. To the right of the Main Stand is the Kenilworth Stand, which was once an open terrace but is now a roofed all-seater stand.

Team Sheet

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referee - S J Martin

Assistant: J Clark Assistant: J Brooks

4th Official - J Simpson



WREXHAM

Manager

Dean Saunders

Colours - Red & White

	Gls	Y	R
2 Curtis Obeng			
3 Neil Ashton			
4 Marvin Andrews			
5 Chris Blackburn			
6 Jay Harris			
7 Gareth Taylor			
8 David Brown			
9 Andy Mangan			
10 Marc Williams			
11 Andy Morrell			
12 Dean Keates			
15 Frank Sinclair			
16 Johnny Hunt			
17 Adrian Cieslewicz			
18 Jamie Tolley			
19 Jordan McMillan			
20 Nat Knight-Percival			
21 Chris Maxwell			
22 Declan Walker			
23 Mark Creighton			
24 Mathias Pogba			
25 Joslain Mayebi			
27 Lee Fowler			
31 Obi Anoruo			
32 Steve Tomassen			
33 Louis Moss			

LUTON TOWN

Manager

Gary Brabin

Colours - White & Black

	Gls	Y	R
1 Mark Tyler			
2 Dan Gleeson			
3 Fred Murray			
4 Keith Keane			
5 Luke Graham			
6 George Pilkington			
7 Adam Newton			
8 Amari Morgan-Smith			
9 Matthew Barnes-Homer			
11 Robbie Willmott			
12 Shane Blackett			
13 Zdenek Kroca			
14 Alex Lawless			
15 Jake Howells			
16 Ed Asafu-Adjaye			
17 Paul Carden			
18 Claude Gnapka			
19 Danny Crow			
21 Charlie Henry			
23 Jason Walker			
24 Alex Lacey			
25 Godfrey Poku			
26 JJ O'Donnell			
28 Adam Watkins			
29 Dan Walker			
30 Kevin Pilkington			
31 Lewis Kidd			
32 Jordan Patrick			
34 Lloyd Owusu			

Half Time Wrexham



Half Time Luton Town



Full Time Wrexham



Full Time Luton Town

