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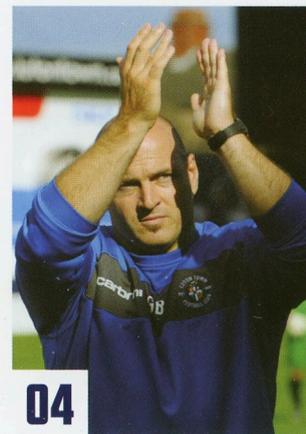
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BRABS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's FA Cup with Budweiser fourth qualifying round tie with Hendon.

I'd look to give a warm welcome to Gary McCann, his staff, players plus the directors and supporters of our visitors this afternoon.

The FA Cup is the greatest knockout competition in the world and each season I am excited about the prospect of going on a good run in it. Not only does a run breed confidence on the field but it has its financial rewards off of it.

Gary and his team will have prepared his side to cause an upset and we are well aware of the threat they will pose. The magic of the FA Cup will give the Hendon players that extra incentive of causing an upset, as will the prospect of earning a place in the first round proper.

You only have to look at the clubs in Leagues 1 and 2 to see the kind of tie either Hendon or ourselves could draw and you see why the Cup is so important. Two Sheffield clubs, Huddersfield, Charlton and Preston are just some of the clubs that lie in wait.

But as I've touched on, Hendon will not make it easy for us. We've had them watched and we know their strengths and weaknesses. I need to make sure our players are focused and patient this afternoon.

We see it a lot in cup ties where higher league opposition struggle against teams below them in the pyramid. Our objective is to get through and get the job done and get our name in the hat for the first round draw. Hendon will make it tough for us, will want to frustrate us and silence the crowd.

They are capable of playing good football – as their league record shows. They have only lost once in the league and have only conceded six goals in 10 games.

However, as I have said ever since I took over at the end of last season, we're only concentrating on ourselves and following last Friday's win

at Grimsby we go into today's game full of confidence.

Grimsby is not an easy place to go and Luton have not had the best of records there. The television cameras were there and after our defeat to Wrexham there was a lot of pressure on us to get a result.

To say I was delighted to leave Blundell Park with all three points was an understatement. The players were fantastic last Friday and I believe this is the kind of result that can be the springboard for us to grind out wins when we need them.

We have been in games when we can play the attractive, free-flowing football we love to play that sees us score four or five goals but we have been missing that determined edge that all good teams need to go and win games away from home 1-0.

I held my hands up after the Wrexham defeat because I thought I could have been more positive in our approach. Wrexham only came for a goalless draw but pinched a victory on the break. For that I can only apologise.

It's not nice being on the receiving end of a home defeat and that's twice we've lost at home by the same 1-0 scoreline which is hugely frustrating. But lessons have been learned and we move on.

Finally I must say thank you for your support in the last two games. Against Wrexham over 7,000 of you really got behind the team while at Grimsby a huge amount of credit goes to each and everyone of the 186 of you that made the long journey on a Friday night.

Get behind us again this afternoon.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH NICK OWEN



Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road this afternoon for this fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup with Budweiser.

A special welcome to the directors, players and fans from Hendon, a club which inspires particular memories for older Luton fans because we signed Peter Anderson and Iain Dowie from them back in the 70s and 80s.

I thought Peter was a spectacularly skilful player for us at times, immediately after the Malcolm Macdonald era. He played as a goalscoring midfielder alongside such great favourites as Don Givens, Viv Busby, John Aston, Barry Butlin, John Faulkner, Jimmy Ryan and even the magical, mercurial and nowadays somewhat mysterious Graham French. He played a major part in our promotion to the top flight in 1973/74. He then saved the club from possible oblivion when he joined Royal Antwerp for £55,000 and averted the threat of liquidation.

He was worth far more than that, but beggars, as we were then, couldn't be choosers. Just to make it more painful, he was sensational in his final game, when he scored two in our 5-1 thrashing away at Charlton.

Iain, of course, was a completely different kind of player. A battering ram centre forward with absolutely no fear of putting his famously handsome face into the thick of the action. I'll never forget meeting his brother Bob for the first time at Kenilworth Road. He said, "Hi, I'm Bob Dowie, Iain's brother. I'm the good looking one!"

Goodness, Iain was a battler. He was also probably one of the few rocket scientists who'll ever play for Luton Town! Yes, he had a degree in engineering and worked at British Aerospace before going full-time into football. He was a vital part of the team that escaped relegation from the top flight in 1990 with three consecutive victories at the end of the season. He hit vital goals against Arsenal and Crystal Palace, as well as playing in that legendary last day victory at Derby County. Vivid memories.

The last time I saw him in person, incidentally, was when he was assistant manager to Alan Shearer at Newcastle a couple of years ago. I had a drink with them the night before they played their final match of the season. I was staggered at the size of their backroom staff...there seemed to be more of them than our entire playing squad at Luton.

The point about Iain and Peter is that they had loads of character. Guts, in other words. And that's what I thought we showed last weekend at Grimsby. Our 1-0 victory came at the end of a strange fortnight when we'd won superbly at Kidderminster, somehow lost a two goal lead in the last quarter of an hour at Ebbsfleet, demolished Gateshead and then lost to a horrible late goal at home to Wrexham. The inevitable criticism must have been an added test for the players' resolve and how they responded.

We came out flying at Blundell Park and dominated for most of the match, with some excellent performances. And bear in mind we were without

key players such as Keith Keane, Alex Lawless and Amari Morgan-Smith.

Grimsby's joint manager Rob Scott referred to a lack of character in their dressing room. It made me realise how much character there was in OUR dressing room and how well they'd got their act together for what was a tough old away game. And as for the winning goal...beautifully set up by Jamie Hand and Stuart Fleetwood, followed by a killer header from Tommy Wright... somewhat Dowie-esque, I think! Welcome to Luton Town, Tommy.

So, we have a bit of a breather today from the league with an FA Cup match against Hendon. I know the Cup seems to have been devalued in recent years, but that is something I fail to understand. Most of the teams in the Premier League, apart from the top four or five, have no chance of a trophy, apart from the FA Cup and the Carling Cup. I know Premier League survival is vital, but surely the cups deserve more respect than they seem to be getting these days, particularly in the early stages?

Personally, I love the cup competitions and relish the chance of a big draw later on. And, of course, as Luton fans, we know the joys and excitement of a day at Wembley, don't we?

Enjoy the game, bye for now.



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PILKS

Friday's 1-0 victory at Grimsby was an excellent result and a huge confidence boost following the disappointment of the defeat to Wrexham.

There was a lot of pressure on us to get a result at Blundell Park so we were delighted – and relieved – to leave with all three points. It's not an easy place to go – they had won their last two home games 5-2 so we knew it was going to be tough.

A clean sheet was another welcome relief. We have been disappointed with our defensive record at times this season and we know that clean sheets are vital if we're going to be successful this season.

Grimsby are no mugs and they've improved after a difficult start to the season and they will get better as the campaign progresses so to leave with three points given the circumstances was perfect.

The defeat to Wrexham was a major disappointment. For the second time this season we have been beaten at home by one of our promotion rivals by a 1-0 scoreline.

As the game progressed you got the feeling that it was going to be either a mistake or a piece of brilliance that would break the deadlock and unfortunately it was the former.

From a personal point of view I was absolutely gutted after the final whistle. It's been great to be back in the side after sitting in the stands for the first two months of the season but the feeling is always the same after a defeat – dejection.

We needed a reaction on Friday and that's we got – it was massive boost. We know we need to improve our consistency and the atmosphere in the dressing room was great – a far cry from the Tuesday night's disappointment.

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

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

Wins over St Albans and Corby rewarded us with a place in the hat for the second round where we were unlucky not to beat Charlton, who were flying in League 1 at the time.

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

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It is a testament to the way we played and our desire to succeed against sides in the league above us that we were so lucky not to beat Charlton at Kenilworth Road. We were so disappointed that we didn't earn a third round tie at Tottenham – what a day that might have been!

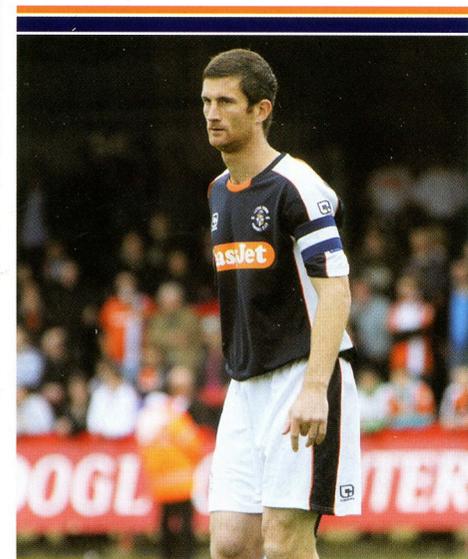
Hendon may be two leagues below us but come the first whistle this afternoon it will be 11 versus 11. As a player there is nothing worse than losing to a team ranked below you in the pyramid and believe me we will do all we can to make sure that doesn't happen.

Their record so far this season is good – they've only lost once and not conceded many so we will need to be on our game to avoid a banana skin.

Your support will be crucial today – Hendon will be bringing 300 or so fans and will be making a real noise in support of their team – so please get behind us this afternoon.

A big thank you to the supporters who made the long trip to Grimsby on Friday your backing really was appreciated.

Get behind us today.



WELCOME HENDON

HISTORY

Hendon are now into their second season under the ownership of its supporters, following their takeover of the club in the summer of 2010. This is the 49th consecutive season that the club has played in the top division of the Isthmian League.

The first season of supporter ownership saw the club reach the FA Cup first round for the 20th time in its history, although the adventure ended with defeat Chelmsford City. The club also reached the final of the London Senior Cup, losing to Wingate & Finchley, and the semi-final of the Middlesex Senior Cup, losing at Staines Town. A 5th place finish in the league was the result of a disappointing second half of the season in terms of league form following a promising start.

The club has an illustrious and proud history, and the club was formed in 1908, beginning its existence as Christchurch Hampstead. In the very first season, the club finished as Champions of the Finchley & District League Third Division. There was regular success in the early years, but not before the first of four name changes.

Ahead of the 1909/10 season, the club renamed itself as Hampstead Town, and immediately won the Second Division title, and the First Division title followed a year later. Further successes followed as the club entered sides in both the London and Middlesex Leagues, and on the back of this, the club was elected into the Athenian League in 1914, reaching the top end of the amateur game just six years into the club's existence.

Just two games were played in the 1914/15 season due to the outbreak of war, but in their eventual debut season in 1919/20, the club finished a highly creditable fourth. The club finished runners-up in 1929, 1933, 1948, 1949 and 1952, before eventually winning the title in 1953. Further titles followed in 1956 and 1961.

The second renaming of the club came in 1926, when the suffix Town was dropped and the club was simply called Hampstead, followed by a change of name to Golders Green in 1933. The final name change came in 1946 when the club became known as Hendon.

There was a previous club called Hendon that reached the quarter finals of the FA Cup in 1883,

and in 1932 the old Hendon club met Hampstead in two friendlies, the second of which was to raise funds for the old Hendon club, which sadly ceased to exist a few years later.

In 1963, the club were accepted into the Isthmian League and this is where the club has stayed ever since, always playing in the top division. Success continued as they finished runners-up in their first season, followed by the first of two Championships a year later. A further title followed in 1973, with 1966 and 1974 seeing the club finish second. Indeed, in their first 11 seasons in the Isthmian League, Hendon never finished lower than sixth. Since the club has had both good and bad seasons in the league, and in 2006 the club was reprieved from relegation due to Canvey Island taking a voluntary relegation of three levels from Conference National.

During the amateur era, the club reached the final of the FA Amateur Cup no less than 5 times, winning the final in 1960, 1965 and 1972.

FA Cup success has been enjoyed by the club throughout its history. As well as the 20 appearances in the first round, there have been 6 appearances in the second round (most recently in 1999/00 at Blackpool) and one appearance in the third round in January 1974 which saw the Greens draw 1-1 at Newcastle United before losing the replay 4-0 at Vicarage Road.

The club has also seen plenty of success in county cups, winning the Middlesex Senior Cup no less than 15 times out of 27 final appearances, as well as winning the Middlesex Charity Cup 14 times. The London Senior Cup has been won on three occasions, with a further 11 appearances as losing finalists.

The club moved into its famous Claremont Road ground in 1926, with the first game being an FA Cup tie against Berkhamsted Town that took place on 18th September with Hendon winning 4-3. The final game was played 82 years later, almost to the day, on 20th September 2008 when local rivals Wealdstone were the visitors, and the Stones ran out 4-1 winners. Since then the club has entered into a groundshare agreement with Wembley Football Club, playing home games at their Vale Farm ground.

IN OPPOSITION

MANAGER

GARY McCANN

Now in his seventh full season as manager, having taken over in February 2005, Gary is one of the club's longest serving managers. Originally joined the club in March 1997 as Frank Murphy's first signing and went on to make 196 appearances between the sticks. Was a popular figure with the supporters during his time as a player, and his popularity has continued in his managerial role.

GOALKEEPERS

SEAN THOMAS

Stopper who rejoined the club from Wealdstone in the 2011 close season. Began his career at QPR, during which time he spent a period on loan with the Greens. Upon his release from QPR, he joined Wealdstone, for whom he made over 100 appearances.

BERKLEY LAURENCIN

Signed from Hillingdon Borough in the summer of 2008. Made his debut in August 2008 at Sutton United. Spent much of the 2008/09 season on loan at Wembley gaining valuable experience.

DEFENDERS

JAMES PARKER

Tenacious, reliable defender who joined in January 2005 from Bishop's Stortford. Equally at home as a full back or centre back. Unfortunately work commitments mean that his appearances this season may well be limited. Has made over 260 appearances.

MICHAEL PEACOCK

Talented defender who began his career at North Greenford United, before moving on to AFC Wimbledon where he made just one first team appearance. Following a loan spell at Ashford Town (Middlesex) he signed for Northwood in 2009 where he won the player of the year award. Joined the Greens during the summer 2010.

CASEY MACLAREN

Defender or midfielder who signed in the summer of 2007. Previously with AFC Wimbledon. Approaching the 150 appearance milestone.

KEVIN MACLAREN

Younger brother of Casey, Kevin joined Hendon from Walton Casuals prior to the start of the 2008/09 season. His exceptional performances

earned him the Young Player of the Season award in 2008/09.

MIDFIELDERS

JAMIE BUSBY

Signed from Hillingdon Borough in March 2006. Earned him the Supporters' Player of the Year Award in 2009 and 2011 and scored his 50th goal for the club at Thamesmead Town in March 2011.

CARL McCLUSKEY

Midfielder who joined the club during pre-season having impressed in the first couple of friendlies. Joined from Bedfont Town and has also appeared for Edgware Town.

JAMES ARCHER

Midfielder who is a summer signing having been with Chichester City last season. Began his career in the academy at St Albans City, during which time he made 11 appearances for the first team.

SCOTT COUSINS

Skilful midfielder with a wealth of experience who rejoined Hendon in October 2009 from Carshalton Athletic. Scott originally came to the club more than seven years ago, when he signed at the beginning of the 2003/04 season from Chelsea, where he had made 27 reserve team appearances.

STRIKERS

GREG NGOYI

Talented forward in his second spell at the club, signing from Wealdstone in March 2011 where he had a record of 43 goals in 90 appearances. Began his career in the Hendon youth set-up before signing for Edgware Town and then Wealdstone.

ELLIOTT CHARLES

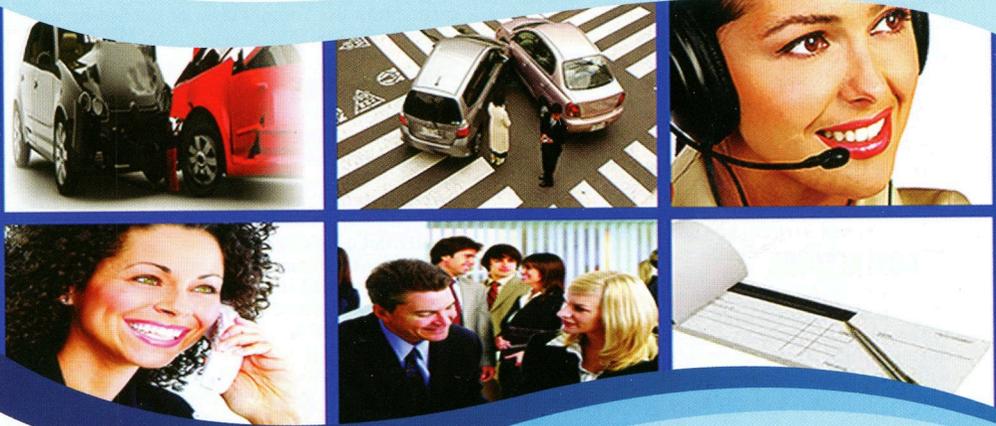
Grenadian international who joined in September 2011 from Concord Rangers. Began his career at Barnet and has also had spells at Kettering and Dover. Made his full international debut in September 2011 against Belize.

ISIAH RANKIN

Experienced striker who began his career at Arsenal and was with Ashford Town (Middlesex) last season before joining the Greens this summer. Had a long career in the Football League including spells at Colchester, Bradford, Birmingham, Bolton, Barnsley, Grimsby, Brentford and Macclesfield.



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AROUND TOWN

WRIGHT MOVE

Town boss Gary Brabin signed striker Tommy Wright on a three-month deal prior to our home match with Wrexham on 18th October.

The 27-year-old, who came on a substitute in the 1-0 defeat, scored the Hatters' winning goal at Grimsby last Friday on his full debut (pictured celebrating, below).

Wright's career began as a youngster with Leicester City, earning call-ups to the England Under-19s and Under-20s sides.

He scored twice in League action for the Foxes but made his name as a goalscorer while on-loan at Brentford and Blackpool between 2003 and 2005, scoring eight goals in 13 appearances for the Seaside.

He signed for Barnsley in 2006 before joining Darlington a year later where he scored 17 goals in 54 games for the Quakers in League 2.

That form saw Scottish Premier League side Aberdeen pay £75,000 for his services in August 2008 but after two years at Pittodrie he moved south of the border signing for Grimsby.



Last season saw the Kirby Muxtoe-born forward sign for Darlington for a second time where he scored four goals in 22 games, helping the Quakers lift the FA Trophy.

The powerful centre forward adds further competition for places in attack and Brabin has high hopes for the frontman who he

believes can add a different dimension to the Town's attack.

He told Talk of the Town: "Tommy's a physical, goalscoring forward, the kind of player that we've been looking for.

"He's come here with a hunger and desire to score goals and with the quality of players around him here he'll certainly get the best chance to achieve what I know he's capable of."



JJ'S LOAN MOVE

Young left-footer JJ O'Donnell was joined Blue Square Bet South side Hampton & Richmond Borough on loan until December.

The 20-year-old made his debut in the Beavers' 1-0 defeat at Boreham Wood a fortnight ago.

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Join Supporters of Luton Youth Development on 28th October in the Eric Morecambe Lounge for their second race night for a fun evening of horse racing with the chance to win cash prizes. Eight races will be shown during the evening giving everyone the chance to back a winner. Tote tickets to bet on the races will be priced at just £1.

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COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Good afternoon and welcome to today's FA Cup with Budweiser tie with Hendon.

Our next match here is one of our biggest games of the season when we entertain Fleetwood Town at Kenilworth Road. Be quick because corporate tickets are selling fast!

The department has been busy in recent weeks, only last week we had our second Business Breakfast Club meeting of the season.

For those of you who don't know about the club, the meetings are held on a monthly basis in the newly refurbished Eric Morecambe Lounge. They have a wide variety of benefits and are a great way to enhance and promote business to other local establishments.

At every meeting there is the opportunity for one local company to hold a session to promote themselves and the benefits they can offer to the other members.

Membership to the Business Breakfast Club is available at £250 plus VAT for 12 months. Included in the membership package:

- An invite to a monthly breakfast meeting held at Luton Town Football Club
- The opportunity to generate new business
- Only one member per business sector
- Encourage other members to learn about business
- Network with other likeminded businesses and their guests
- The opportunity for business referrals
- Support local business

If you'd like to join or find out more or would like to join the club get in touch on the numbers below.

It's certainly going to be a busy few weeks ahead as we continue to prepare for our annual Christmas Dinner that is taking place on Thursday 1st December 2011 at the Luton Hoo Hotel.

The black tie event will be host to David Moss, hero of the Town's 1982 Championship winning side, scoring 94 goals from the wing during an illustrious and successful career at Kenilworth Road.

As well as members of management and coaching staff, a number of David's old teammates will also be joining in the celebrations on the evening.

Welcome drinks will be served from 7.30pm followed by a four-course meal served in the exquisite Romanov suite accompanied by a string quartet. An after dinner dance and bar will then be available downstairs in the Faberge Suite until 1.30am.

The dress code for the evening is black tie. Tickets for the evening are £99 and tables of 10 are available. Numbers for the evening are limited, so if you would to join us for what promises to be a fantastic evening, please contact the commercial department on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk at your earliest convenience.

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ON THIS DAY

SIMON PITTS LOOKS BACK ON GAMES PLAYED AT HOME ON THIS DAY

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The number of games previously played on this date which including two FA Cup ties. The Hatters have won three, drawn four and lost three, scoring 21 goals and conceding 15. Only seven of these games were played at Kenilworth Road, with the first three being played at previous grounds.

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The opening home game on this date saw Luton score four goals in a FA Cup second qualifying round tie against Old Etonians in 1892. Albert Sanders, with his only goal for the club, Freddie Allen and Frank Whitby were the Luton scorers, with an opponent also netting an own goal in a 4-2 victory.

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Both sides scored two goals in the second home game, when local rivals Watford were the visitors in 1898 for a FA Cup third qualifying round tie. John Dow and Arthur "Jimmy" Durrant netted for the Town, who won the replay 1-0 courtesy of a goal from Hugh Galbraith.

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The number of goals shared between the sides in 1904 as the Hatters beat Portsmouth 4-3 in a Southern League fixture. Fred White, Bob Hawkes and Davie Ross, with two, were the Luton scorers.

3

Tommy Tait netted three, and to date is the only Luton player to have netted a hat-trick on this date. A brace from Arthur Mills and further goals from Arthur Nelson, Davie Hutchison and Charles Fraser ensured a comfortable 8-1 against Cardiff City in 1932.

1

The number of goals scored and points won by each side as Luton hosted Blackburn Rovers in a Second Division match at Kenilworth Road in 1938. Charlie Clark scored for the Hatters in front of the highest recorded attendance for a home match on this date, 16,819.

28

The number of years between matches, as it wasn't until 1966 that Luton next had a home game on 29th October. Bradford Park Avenue were the visitors for a Fourth Division fixture that ended in a 2-2 draw. Frank Conboy and Ray Whittaker were on target for the Hatters.

3

It was a third round League Cup tie that saw Luton lose their first of three matches in four home games on this date, as Cup holders Norwich City won 2-0 in 1985.

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The only goalless game of the 10 fixtures was also the only top flight home fixture, when Queens Park Rangers were the visitors in 1988.

14

In their 14th League match of the 1994/95 season Luton lost their fifth match, as visitors Barnsley won 1-0. Barnsley player-manager Danny Wilson was instrumental in the victory over his former club.

16

The number of years since the last home fixture on this date, and it was another 1-0 defeat, this time against Charlton Athletic. This means Luton haven't scored in their last four home fixtures on this date!

PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Peter Anderson heads a spectacular goal at Millwall during the 2-2 draw in September 1971



Having enjoyed over two years at Hendon, netting 70 first team goals in the process, Peter Anderson decided to forego his amateur status, and his career as a Chartered Accountant, to accept professional terms with the Hatters.

The signing, in February 1971, was not greeted with a huge fanfare but Anderson made his debut in a 1-0 home win over Watford in the same month and was virtually ever present for the remainder of that campaign which saw the Town narrowly miss out on promotion to the top flight.

Although only scoring once during his debut season,

Anderson bagged 10 in the following campaign including a brace in this featured game at the Den.

Never an out-and-out striker, he made his name at Kenilworth Road as a tenacious and competitive midfielder with a knack for arriving late in the box to net valuable goals.

After helping the Town to promotion to Division One (now the Premier League) in 1974, Anderson was subject to a bid of £150,000 from Aston Villa which was turned down, a decision that the directors were later to regret as he was sold for a knockdown £55,000 a year later.

As Christmas 1975 approached the Town, now back in Division Two, were in dire financial straits and only the sale of Anderson to Antwerp saved the club from liquidation.

Anderson eventually returned to these shores and starred for Sheffield United as well as enjoying spells in the USA.

A surprise choice as player-manager at Millwall, Anderson lasted two years at the Den before finally hanging up his boots. He is now C.E.O. of the Bayshore Technologies Group in Tampa Bay, Florida.

As part of the Peter Anderson transfer to Luton, the Town agreed to play a friendly game at Hendon.

The ideal opportunity came in October 1971 when the Hatters had the honour of taking part in a game to mark the switching on of new floodlights at Clarendon Road.

A highly competitive game finished 1-1 in front of a crowd of 924 which included Anderson who had picked up an injury the week before!



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LOOK BACK



TOWN 0 - 1 WREXHAM HATTERS SLAYED BY DRAGONS



The Town sunk to their second home defeat of the season against the league leaders.

With 17 minutes left on the clock Andy Morrell's side stole all three points when Mathias Pogba finished from eight-yards to break the deadlock.

The Hatters had their chances: James Dance went close with shots in either half but try as they might the Town could not find a way through.

The Town started brightly and Dance came close to breaking the deadlock on five minutes when he turned well away from his man to drive a low right-foot shot goalwards from 20-yards towards the bottom corner that was saved by Joslain Mayebi in the visitors' goal.

However, back came the visitors on 13 minutes when the Town were caught down their left when Mark Creighton's pass found Curtis Obeng inside the penalty area but with his team-mates screaming for a square pass the right-back's shot was awry.

The game developing into a scrappy affair but the Hatters were shading possession and Brabin's men had half a sight of goal on 24 minutes when Stuart Fleetwood drove a shot wide of the post from 22 yards.

If any Town player was taking the game to the visitors it was Keith Keane whose 28th-minute run epitomised his display - a battling run through two Wrexham challenges resulted in the number four driving a shot at goal that was blocked.

The Hatters were getting on top as half-time approached but it was Wrexham that came close to forcing the opening goal on 38 minutes when Adrian Cieslewicz broke down the right but dragged his low effort wide from just inside the penalty area.

All of a sudden the game sprung to life in the second half. Dance drew a save from Mayebi after turning in the box when meeting a Fleetwood pass on 49 minutes.



Tommy Wright wins a header

The Hatters wasted a good opportunity on the break on 51 minutes when Dance and Aaron O'Connor surged forward, before Wrexham almost broke the deadlock 30 seconds later when Mark Tyler produced a great save to prevent Pogba's shot on the turn from finding the bottom corner.

Back came the Town on 54 minutes when Robbie Willmott teed up Keane to arrow a shot goalwards from 25-yards that Mayebi could only parry before pouncing on the loose ball and the Hatters had a great chance to go ahead on 59 minutes when Kovacs headed over a Jake Howells corner when unmarked in the six yard box.

Wrexham filed back after that let off and it wasn't until the 68th minute that Mayebi was tested when he stopped Howells' angled shot.

However the Town were made to pay on 73 minutes when the Dragons took the lead. A long ball over the top of the defence caught at George Pilkington and Pogba strode through to confidently tuck the ball past the advancing Tyler.

It should have been curtains for the Hatters in the final minute. Jamie Tolley fought his way between Kovas and Pilkington to fire at goal but saw his effort well-saved by Tyler before Pogba ballooned the rebound way over the crossbar.



TOWN

0



WREXHAM

1

Pogba 73

Jake Howells battles with Jamie Tolley



TOWN: Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott, Keane, Dance, Howells, Fleetwood (sub Wright 66), O'Connor (sub Kissock 78). Subs not used: Hand, Watkins, K. Pilkington.

WREXHAM: Mayebi, Obeng, Creighton, Knight-Percival, Ashton, Harris, Tolley, Keates, Ciezlewicz, Pogba, Speight (sub Morrell 87). Subs not used: Wright, Hunt, Clarke, Maxwell.

ATTENDANCE: 7,270

POSSESSION	
52%	48%
SHOTS ON TARGET	
4	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET	
4	5
CORNERS	
4	3
FOULS	
12	9

John Paul Kissock holds off his man despite holding his boot



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LOVE IS...



As we went to press for this afternoon's programme the future of defender Janos Kovacs was still unclear.

The Hungarian centre-half played his last game of his loan spell in last Friday's 1-0 win at Grimsby but hopes he can return to Kenilworth Road for what would be a third spell at the club he loves.

"All I can do is say I love this football club. I've really enjoyed my time over here. I've played nine games in a month which was huge. I really like it and all I can do is hope for the best," the 26-year-old said.

"Hereford is a bit of a different story. They have a new director of football and he might say he wants me back, but he might not, I don't know. We'll see where we are next week."

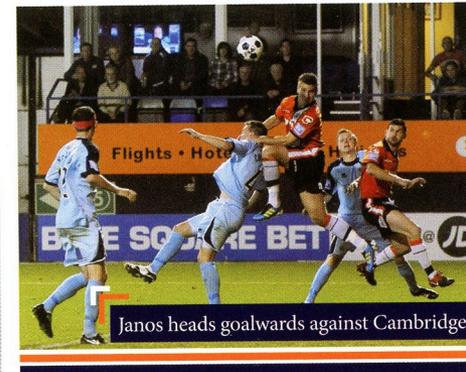
The former Lincoln man believes his form in his second spell with the Town has been better than his first two seasons ago.

"During my first time here my performances weren't as good as I wanted them to be," he admits. "That season finished in a very disappointing way, losing in the Play-Offs to York. It was frustrating not to win promotion after we went 14 games unbeaten.

"Everything finished the opposite to how it started from my point of view. I got a goal in my first game and then after that we just missed out on promotion.

"After that I realised I wanted to get back into the League. I had a chance with Hereford and I made a decision to go there.

"In the end it was a disappointing season, after a good start. I learned a lot of things



Janos heads goalwards against Cambridge

though, especially mentally. I'm a much stronger person and in football I think that is very important.

"That's gone now, it's in the past. I would be happy to stay here and hopefully it will happen.

"I want to stay. I love this football club but sometimes it is not that simple. We will see but I am keen to stay and I think that is important for the club, for me and for the future."

Town boss Gary Brabin who brought Kovacs back to Kenilworth Road wants to keep the big defender.

After last Friday's victory the manager said: "He's done really well and we'd like to keep Janos. It is far too soon for me to comment any further on that as we have tried to focus solely on the games. It is something that we've spoken about.

"He's loved every minute of being here and hopefully we can agree something with Hereford where he can be part of our push from now on."





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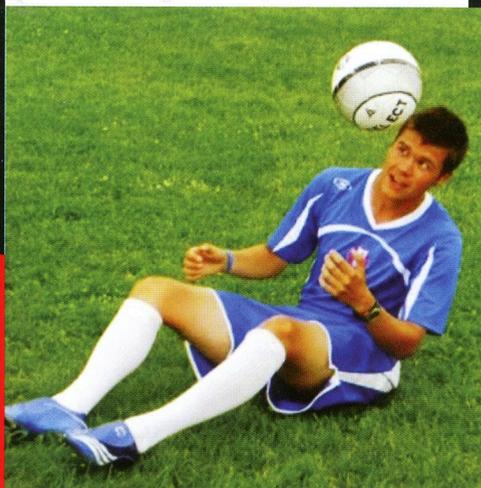
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Profile:

Michael Sup
Football studies student

Currently in his first year, Michael has landed a position with Luton Town as head coach for under-12's.



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SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM

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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2011, KICK-OFF 3PM

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FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS
August									
Tue 16	19:45	H	Forest Green Rovers	1-1	6,061	60	16	K. Pilkington, Asafu-Adjaye, Beckwith 1, Antwi, Osano, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor, Dance, Barnes-Horner*	Willmott*, Watkins, Morgan-Smith, Crow, Kidd
Sat 20	15:00	H	Southport	5-1	5,681	64	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1***, Lawless, Willmott 1, Dge*, O'Connor**	M-Smith 1**, Crow 1*, A-Adjaye**, Barnes-Horner, K. Pilkington
Tue 23	19:45	A	Mansfield Town	1-1	2,592	437	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor**, Crow	Gleeson*, Walker**, Poku, Barnes-Horner, K. Pilkington
Sat 27	15:00	H	Braintree Town	3-1	5,703	110	6	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance***, Lawless*, Keane, Willmott, Crow, M-Smith 2	Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kissock***, A-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Tue 30	19:45	A	Hayes & Yeading United	2-2	1,015	727	8	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells*, Dance**, Lawless, Keane, Willmott, Crow 1***, M-Sh 1	Watkins**, A-Adjaye*, O'Connor***, Kissock, K. Pilkington
September									
Fri 2	19:45	A	Stockport County TV	1-1	3,389	321	6	Tyler, Osano, Keane, Antwi, A-Adjaye, Lawless 1, Kissock*, Watkins, Willmott, M-Smith, Crow	Dance*, Fleetwood**, O'Connor, Carden, K. Pilkington
Sat 10	15:00	H	Darlington	2-0	5,952	151	6	Tyler, Keane, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Hand, Willmott, Morgan-Smith*, Crow 1**, Fleetwood 1	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington
Tue 13	19:45	A	AFC Telford United	2-0	2,640	502	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Keane, Willmott***, Morgan-Smith 2, Crow**	Dance*, Kissock, Watkins***, O'Connor**, K. Pilkington
Sat 17	15:00	H	Lincoln City	1-0	6,316	206	2	Tyler, Dance, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith***, Lawless, Hand, Willmott**, Fleetwood 1, Crow*	Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kissock***, Samuel, K. Pilkington
Tue 20	19:45	A	Bath City	1-1	1,158	442	1	Tyler, Dance*, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith 1, Lawless, Hand, Kissock**, Fleetwood, Crow***	O'Connor*, Samuel***, Willmott**, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Sat 24	15:00	A	York City	0-3	3,570	606	6	Tyler, Keane, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Dance, Lawless**, Hand, Kissock*, Willmott, Fleetwood*	Crow***, Watkins**, O'Connor*, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Tue 27	19:45	H	Cambridge United	0-1	6,274	522	9	Tyler, Dance, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Hand***, Keane, Willmott**, Fleetwood, Crow*	O'Connor*, Kissock**, Watkins***, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
October									
Sat 1	15:00	H	Barrow	5-1	5,613	115	6	Tyler, Osano, Keane, Kovacs, Howells, Hand, Dance 1, Watkins 1**, Willmott 2, O'Connor*, Morgan-Smith 1	Crow*, Kissock**, Antwi, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Sat 8	15:00	A	Kidderminster Harriers	2-1	3,332	931	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance**, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor*, Morgan-Smith	Fleetwood*, Crow**, Antwi, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbsfleet United	2-2	1,651	722	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance 1, Carden, Willmott, O'Connor*, Morgan-Smith 1**	Fleetwood*, Watkins**, Antwi, Kissock, K. Pilkington
Sat 15	15:00	H	Gateshead	5-1	6,285	104	3	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott**, Howells 2, Keane, Dance, Morgan-Smith*, Fleetwood*	O'Connor 1***, Hand 2***, Watkins, Kissock**, K. Pilkington
Tue 18	19:45	H	Wrexham	0-1	7,270	239	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott, Keane, Dance, Howells, Fleetwood*, O'Connor*	Subs: Wright*, Kissock**, Hand, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town TV	1-0	3,239	186	4	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott**, Watkins, Hand, Dance*, Fleetwood*, Wright 1	Subs: Crow***, O'Connor*, Kissock**, Beckwith, K. Pilkington
Sat 29	15:00	H	Hendon (FAC 4Q)						
November									
Sat 5	15:00	H	Fleetwood Town						
Sat 19	15:00	A	Cambridge United						
Sat 26	15:00	A	Newport County						
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Telford United						
December									
Sat 3	15:00	H	Stockport County						
Tue 6	19:45	A	Lincoln City						
Sat 17	15:00	A	Tamworth						
Mon 26	15:00	H	Kettering Town						
January									
Sun 1	15:00	A	Kettering Town						
Sat 7	15:00	H	Newport County						
Sat 21	15:00	A	Southport						
Tue 24	19:45	H	Mansfield Town						
Sat 28	15:00	H	Alfreton Town						
February									
Sat 4	15:00	A	Barrow						
Sat 11	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers						
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth						
Sat 25	15:00	A	Darlington						
March									
Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City						
Tue 6	19:45	A	Wrexham						
Sat 10	15:00	H	Ebbsfleet United						
Sat 17	15:00	A	Gateshead						
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimsby Town						
Sat 31	15:00	H	York City						
April									
Sat 7	15:00	A	Braintree Town						
Mon 9	15:00	H	Hayes & Yeading United						
Sat 14	15:00	A	Alfreton Town						
Sat 21	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers						
Sat 28	15:00	A	Fleetwood Town						



Robbie Willmott bursts forward against Wrexham

LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Wrexham	18	12	3	3	33	14	19	39
2 Fleetwood Town	18	11	4	3	37	24	13	37
3 York City	18	10	4	4	39	21	18	34
4 LUTON TOWN	18	9	6	3	34	18	16	33
5 Cambridge United	18	9	6	3	27	16	11	33
6 Gateshead	18	10	3	5	31	28	3	33
7 Southport	18	9	5	4	29	27	2	32
8 Mansfield Town	17	8	6	3	29	21	8	30
9 Braintree Town	18	9	2	7	37	29	8	29
10 Tamworth	17	8	5	4	23	17	6	29
11 Barrow	18	9	2	7	32	30	2	29
12 Kidderminster Harriers	18	8	4	6	32	29	3	28
13 Forest Green Rovers	18	5	8	5	22	18	4	23
14 Darlington	18	6	4	8	18	25	-7	22
15 Grimsby Town	18	6	2	10	24	30	-6	20
16 Ebbsfleet United	18	4	7	7	25	26	-1	19
17 Kettering Town	18	5	4	9	21	32	-11	19
18 Stockport County	18	3	9	6	21	26	-5	18
19 AFC Telford United	18	4	6	8	21	27	-6	18
20 Hayes & Yeading	18	4	4	10	24	35	-11	16
21 Lincoln City	18	4	4	10	16	27	-11	16
22 Newport County	18	3	6	9	21	29	-8	15
23 Alfreton Town	18	2	4	12	17	43	-26	10
24 Bath City	18	1	4	13	14	35	-21	7

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

	THIS SEASON LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISCIP		CAREER TOTAL	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS
WILLANTWI	12	0	2	0	0	0	12	0	2	0
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	4	(2)	0	(0)	0	0	4	(2)	0	0
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dean BECKWITH	8	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	1	1
Shane BLACKETT	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Paul CARDEN	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Danny CROW	9	(4)	3	0	0	0	9	(4)	3	1
James DANCE	15	(3)	2	0	0	0	15	(3)	2	1
Stuart FLEETWOOD	9	(3)	2	0	0	0	9	(3)	2	0
Dan GLEESON	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0
Jamie HAND	9	(1)	0	0	0	0	9	(1)	0	0
Jake HOWELLS	15	0	1	0	0	0	15	0	1	0
Kaith KEANE	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0
John-Paul KISSOCK	3	(6)	0	0	0	0	3	(6)	0	0
Janos KOVACS	9	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	1	0
Alex LAWLESS	10	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	1	0
Alex MORGAN-SMITH	13	(1)	8	0	0	0	13	(1)	8	0
Fredie MURRAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron O'CONNOR	7	(8)	0	0	0	0	7	(8)	0	0
Carlisle OSANO	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
George PILKINGTON	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Kevin PILKINGTON	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Godfrey POKU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collin SAMUEL	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0
Mark TYLER	17	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0
Dan WALKER	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0
Adam WATKINS	5	(7)	2	0	0	0	5	(7)	2	0
Robbie WILLMOTT	15	(2)	6	0	0	0	15	(2)	6	0
Tommy WRIGHT	1	(1)	0	0	0	0	1	(1)	0	0

NLP VIEW

WITH SAM ELLIOTT

Judging by the reaction this week, many have last Saturday down as a watershed moment for football.

It came about when referee Chris Wicks was allegedly punched to the floor in an unprovoked attack by Redditch United's Josh McKenzie, 51 minute into a Southern Premier League match at Chesham United after a penalty was awarded against him.

A sorry day for the sport that seems hell bent on distancing itself further from what once made it great. Is this the moment football finally went too far?

The Football Association's next move is critical – let McKenzie back onto a football pitch again and possibly wave goodbye to a number of referees, and lose any authority their Respect campaign holds.

Implement a life ban and send out the clearest of messages that things need to change before it's too late. It's make your mind up time at Wembley Stadium.

Of course, there are two sides to every story. Instead of going to ground, the striker went on the defensive. Or as I like to call it, damage limitation.

A quick call to Sky Sports News on Sunday morning and within a few hours bingo, there he was. A good bit of editing later, and the player accused of flooring an official was putting his side of things across to the nation.

"I know I shouldn't have done it," he began, "but the whole thing has been wrongly reported."

Of course, it's the media's fault. How silly of me! And wait dear reader, there's still more.

"For a start I didn't actually punch the referee – but I did push him in the face with the palm of my hand and he fell to the ground."

Well, that's OK then.

The shot then pans to the obviously wronged forward flicking through a lower-brow Sunday paper where he has made the headlines before it cuts to ashamed Redditch chairman Chris Swan saying: "He punched the referee. He'll never play for the club again."

The question is now should he ever be allowed to play football again.

If there is some defence for McKenzie, at least he had the bottle to apologise publicly and quickly. But will that spare the 28-year-old? The FA will soon decide.

A panel will confirm his footballing future, and what a chance they have to make a stand for the good of the game.

So how about this for an idea? Put the decision – if he wants it – in the hands of referee Wicks. Bullies have no place in society, we are all told. They have less of a place on the football pitch.

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Dan Gleeson	2	■
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Keith Keane	4	■
Dean Beckwith	5	■
George Pilkington	6	■
Alex Lawless	7	■
Amari Morgan-Smith	8	■
Danny Crow	10	■
Robbie Willmott	11	■
Shane Blackett	12	■
Stuart Fleetwood	13	■
Aaron O'Connor	14	■
Jake Howells	15	■
Ed Asafu-Adjaye	16	■
Will Antwi	17	■
Curtis Osano	18	■
James Dance	19	■
John Paul Kissock	20	■
Charlie Henry	21	■
Collin Samuel	23	■
Jamie Hand	27	■
Adam Watkins	28	■
Kevin Pilkington	30	■
Tommy Wright	39	■



HENDON

■	1	Sean Thomas
■	2	James Parker
■	3	Scott Cousins
■	4	Michael Peacock
■	5	James Archer
■	6	Casey Maclaren
■	7	Jamie Busby
■	8	Carl McCluskey
■	9	Grey Ngoyi
■	10	Kevin Maclaren
■	11	Elliott Charles
■	12	Iasaih Rankin
■	13	Craig Carby
■	14	Belal Aite-Ouakrim
■	15	Elliott Godfrey
■	16	Berkley Laurenchin
■	17	Bradley Fraser
■	18	James Burgess

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	T. Robinson
Assistant:	A. Degnarain
Assistant:	S. Purkiss
Fourth official:	D. Flanagan

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