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BRABS

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road to you all for this important FA Trophy quarter-final tie against Gateshead.

A big welcome to Ian Bogie and his players, management and staff plus the directors and supporters of the Heed to Bedfordshire.

We know we face a very tough test in our quest to reach the semi-finals of this competition for the second season running. Ian has worked wonders at the International Stadium and they are enjoying their best campaign back in non-league's top flight.

On Wednesday I saw them beat York 2-1 in front of the live television cameras in what was a fantastic result and performance and further substantiates how tough a challenge we face this afternoon.

Confidence no doubt will be high in the visitors' camp after such a good result and we need to guard against their qualities as we look to bounce back following the massive disappointment in the wake of Tuesday's 1-0 defeat at Barrow.

I had said before the game how important it was to go to Barrow with the right attitude. You always know that after a long trip we are going to be faced with tough conditions; the weather, the pitch, Barrow's direct and physical approach. Therefore, having failed to get to grips with those influences – especially in the second half – to say I was frustrated was an understatement.

Our first half performance was okay and I thought we should have been out of sight by half-time having created and missed some very good opportunities to take the lead.

In the second half our passing rhythm and tempo were poor, and not up to our high standards. And that showed: not until the final few minutes did their goalkeeper have a save to make.

To concede a goal and go on to lose the game when it looked as though the match was going to drift to a goalless draw was a huge disappointment. Not many teams have returned from Holker Street with all three points – including Fleetwood and Wrexham – but after last Saturday's win over Tamworth I thought we would go there and at least extend our unbeaten run but it wasn't to be.

We now have to go on another long unbeaten run if we're to chase down the top two in the Blue Square Bet Premier. Victories for those two on Tuesday were another blow. It's a big challenge but something that neither I nor the players are giving up on between now and the end of April.

Due to the cold weather a few weeks ago and our involvement in the FA Cup and FA Trophy this season it means that rearranged games will be coming thick and fast in the final two months of the campaign.

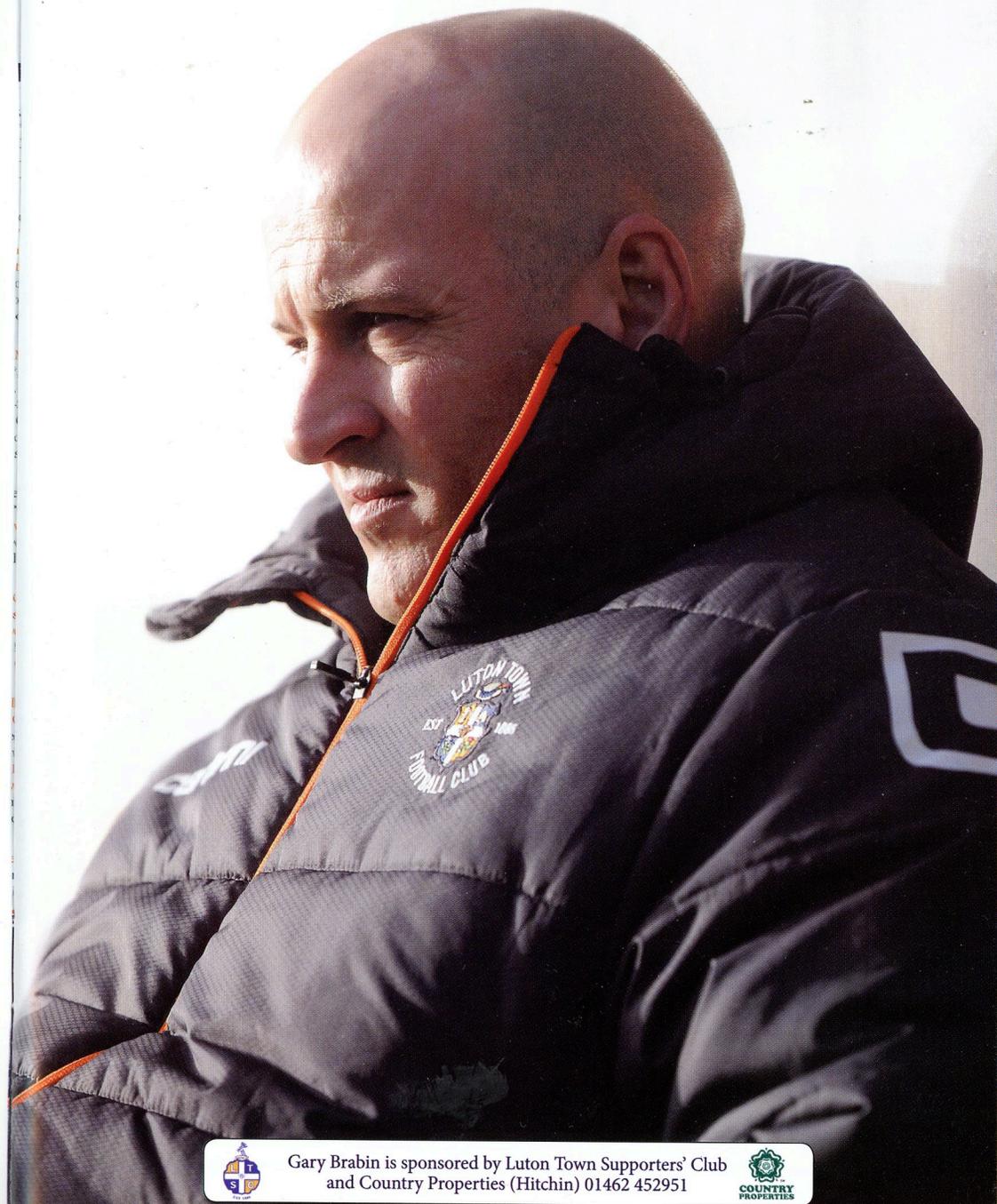
Today we take a break from league competition and set our sights on a place in the last four of the Trophy. We have given the competition the utmost respect and now face a Gateshead side who also reached the semi-finals last season before going on to lose to eventual winners Darlington.

I have fond memories of the competition as a player and, with a trip to Wembley for the finalists, the FA Trophy gives a lot of non-league clubs the chance to play at our magnificent national stadium.

Any trip to Wembley is special and should be cherished so we will be going all out to make sure we are in Monday's draw for the semi-final.

I hope you all share my enthusiasm for the competition and get behind the lads in our quest to progress this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.



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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR DAVID WILKINSON



Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all the officials, players and supporters from Gateshead.

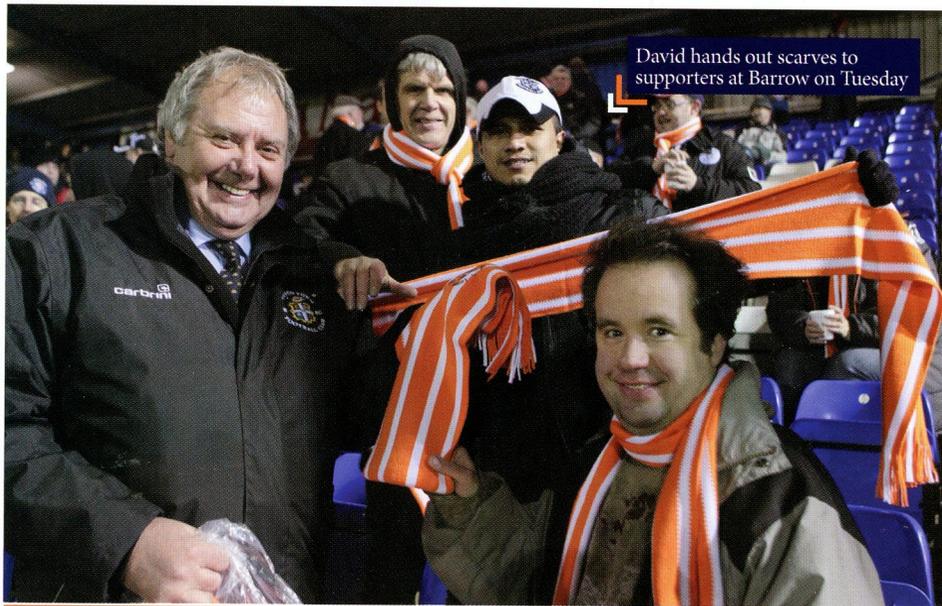
As we are recovering from a 540-mile round trip to Barrow on Tuesday night we are appreciative of all those who travel long distances to follow their team, and Gateshead have a similar journey to us. Well done to all those who have made the trip and we hope you enjoy your afternoon with us.

Now that we are two wins away from a Wembley final in the FA Trophy this game takes on a greater significance and, of course, our fine early season

victory over Gateshead means nothing in the overall scheme of things. We want to win every game we play in the league and cups, at every level, and it is still possible that we can make two Wembley appearances this year.

Last Tuesday night saw the end of our 13-game unbeaten run and it was our first loss in the Blue Square Bet Premier since early November last year in which time we have gained 24 points from 11 games.

It was very disappointing at Barrow, but conditions were appalling and not conducive to playing football. Not unlike Wrexham last year and Southport earlier this season.



David hands out scarves to supporters at Barrow on Tuesday

The Barrow team, under the management of David Bayliss, a former favourite here, have the second best home record in the League and have learned how to handle the windy conditions at Holker Street better than most of their competitors. We must learn to cope better with this kind of adversity, however, and we know that Gary Brabin was not happy with some aspects of our performance and will be seeking improvement.

It was particularly disappointing for us that the 120 or so fans that made the difficult trip had to go home empty handed, but they need to know how much we all value their support. I am having some trouble staying awake to write this before the deadline having not got home until 2.30am, but we all know that there are many who have much more difficult trips than us.

We are proud of our fans. All of us in the directors' box used to be one of the crowd. All of us still wish we were one of the crowd and some of us still are.

We are determined that we can fulfil our dreams this year, but we will need every ounce of help we can get to pass the post to promotion to the Football League. We can do it, but we need support.

On a happier note I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Gary Sweet and Christina on their recent marriage and wish them and their family every happiness for the future. One surprise advantage of the recent snow was that it made for a real white wedding.

Enjoy the game

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PILKS

For the second season running we find ourselves in the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy and just one win away from a two-legged chance to get to Wembley.

This afternoon we tackle a Gateshead side who will be high on confidence following their fantastic victory over York on Wednesday night. Not many teams have gone to Bootham Crescent this season and taken the points so we know we'll be in for a tough game today.

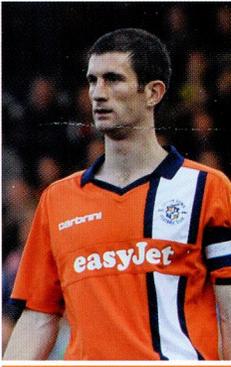
The FA Trophy obviously plays second fiddle to the league in terms of importance but it's always nice to take part in a knock-out cup tie with the winners taking a step closer to Wembley.

I will never forget last season's dramatic tie here against Mansfield when we were so unlucky not to take them to a penalty shootout after he had been reduced to nine men at the end of 90 minutes. I know this competition isn't at the top of everyone's priorities but everyone involved in that game against Mansfield was incredibly frustrated that we didn't make it to Wembley.

So far we have beaten Swindon Supermarine, Hinckley United and Kidderminster Harriers en route to this stage of the competition and in each game we have progressively faced tougher opponents. We know what to expect from Gateshead and I'm sure they will be keen to avenge the 5-1 defeat we gave them earlier in the season.

Today also gives us a chance to bounce back following Tuesday's result at Barrow which was massively disappointing. It was a long and frustrating coach journey home as we reflected on a poor result and poor performance.

Having won our last two matches at Barrow we were confident of continuing that record but we couldn't take our chances in a first half that we dominated. In the second we struggled to get going in the face of some difficult conditions.



The goal was a huge disappointment to concede and despite pushing for an equaliser it never came and we were left contemplating our first defeat in 13 league matches.

It's now up to us to go on another unbeaten run. We know we are capable of doing it once more and we also know how tough it's going to be to reel in Fleetwood and Wrexham. We've still got to play both away from home so it's by no means over.

All the lads share the disappointment of a defeat and we're a strong bunch. It's all about the reaction after a loss and having seen the faces of frustration etched on the faces of the supporters who made the long trek to Barrow, we know we have to repay your loyalty with, at the very least, a victory this afternoon.

After this afternoon we have a week off before we welcome Bath City to Kenilworth Road which will give a number of players currently injured to return to fitness. Indeed a number of players will be unavailable today as they will be cup-tied. It means we have a squad of players all itching to stake a claim in the manager's team for the business end of the season.

This week we said goodbye to my name sake, Kevin, who has joined Notts County in a coaching capacity. He'll be sorely missed both on and off the pitch and all the lads wish him well.

Finally thank you to those who made the journey to Barrow. Your loyalty knows no bounds.

Enjoy the game and get behind us once more.

George Pilkington's shirts are sponsored by WHOSH and the Bobbers Travel Club

AROUND TOWN

TROPHY LINE-UP



This afternoon the Hatters and Gateshead go head-to-head with a place in the semi-finals of the FA Trophy at stake. The Town have seen off Swindon Supermarine, Hinckley United and Kidderminster Harriers to get to this stage whilst the Heed have beaten Kettering, Braintree and Alfreton.

In the three other ties, Ryman Premier League side Wealdstone travel to Cambridge United, Northern Premier League side Northwich Victoria entertain Newport County whilst York City meet Grimsby Town at Bootham Crescent.

Should the Town and Tynesiders draw this afternoon then the replay will take place this coming Tuesday. Turn to page 43 for tickets details for the potential replay.

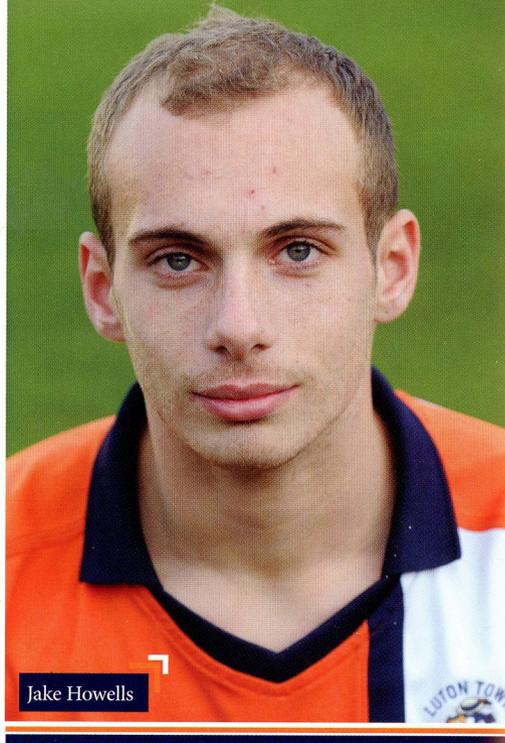
ANOTHER WELSH CALL FOR JAKE

Midfielder Jake Howells, has been included in the 18-man Welsh Under-21 squad to face Andorra in a UEFA Under-21 Championships Qualifying. The tie will take place at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground on Wednesday 29th February.

The Town man has already gained three caps for the Young Dragons' side.

DEFEAT FOR YOUNGSTERS

The Hatters' Under-18s went down 3-1 against Stevenage on Tuesday afternoon in the Youth Alliance.



Paul Driver's side were ahead at half-time thanks to a Jerome Jibidu penalty but Boro equalised on 69 minutes before taking the lead five minutes from time with a penalty of their own.

A third goal a minute before the final whistle ensured the League 1 side took the points.

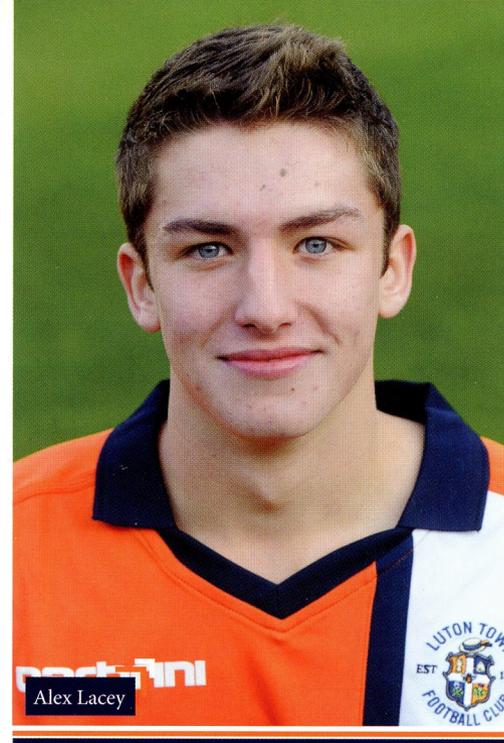
Boss Driver told Talk of the Town: "As the game went on Stevenage adapted to the conditions and the derby-like competitiveness of the match better and, in the end, they deserved the victory.

"I was disappointed that we couldn't hold onto the lead as we had kept their chances to a minimum and were beginning to look like we would take the points."



NEW DATE FOR DARLO

The Town will now travel to The Darlington Arena on Tuesday 13th March with a 7.45pm kick-off.



The fixture with the Quakers, originally scheduled for this afternoon, has been re-arranged following the Hatters' involvement in the FA Trophy. This also now means our away reserve match with Colchester will have to find another new date.

LACEY LOANED OUT

Young Hatters' defender Alex Lacey has joined Blue Square Bet Conference South outfit Eastbourne Borough on a month's loan until 18th March.

Alex has already spent similar spells at Cambridge City and Thurrock earlier this season and has made three FA Trophy appearances for Town this term.

GREETINGS FROM IRELAND

Welcome this afternoon to Brian James who is visiting Kenilworth Road with his 12 and 10-year-old grandsons - who are both taking in their first Luton match today.

Brian lives in Ireland and is back in the area following the sad news of the death of his father. Brian often



watched the Hatters and played for the schoolboy side in the early 1980s. We hope you have a great time with us this afternoon.

TAMWORTH GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our golden gamble last Saturday against Tamworth went home with a delightful £595.

Mr Nelson, of Luton, collected the prize after his ticket, number 27858, was plucked out of the barrel at half-time.

Look out for sellers in and around the ground this afternoon. Tickets cost just £1.

Meanwhile, two Town fans are missing out on a nice payday with two of our Golden Gamble prizes still left unclaimed.

£485 from our August draw against Braintree Town is the first. The number you're looking for is 03195.

The second draw took place at half-time during our game with Wrexham in October and a stupendous £585 is the prize if you hold ticket number 10128.

If you hold claim to either of these tickets then please contact the commercial department at the club on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk to claim your prize.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

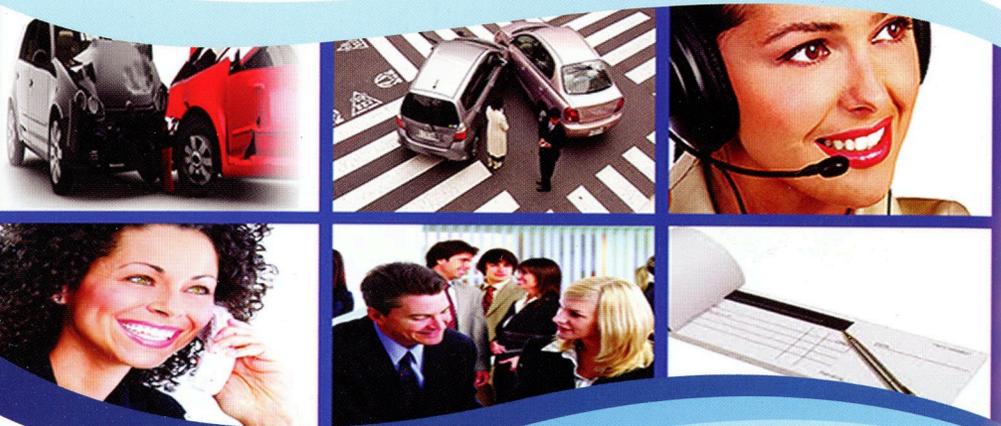
Happy 70th birthday to Town fan Roy Bacon who is here this afternoon celebrating with his friends and family.

Love and best wishes from Vicky, Paul, Clare, Charlie, James, Alison, Tom, Lorna, Daniel, Matt, Amelia, Daisy, Rob, Steve and Alec.

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GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

POPULAR GOALKEEPER KEVIN PILKINGTON LEAVES KENILWORTH ROAD

Goalkeeper Kevin Pilkington left Kenilworth Road to take up a full-time goalkeeping coach role at League One side Notts County earlier last week.

The 37-year-old former Manchester United stopper joins the Magpies having played 33 times over three seasons for the Town in which he kept 14 clean sheets.

The hugely experienced goalkeeper originally joined the Hatters on loan from Notts in November 2009, making his debut in a 2-0 win at Grays Athletic. He went on to play 11 times during 2009/10 before he was signed permanently in May 2010. He then made seven appearances last season - four of which came in the Town's run to the semi-finals of the FA Trophy.

Pilkington penned a one-year contract last summer before going on to feature 15 times between the sticks for the Hatters this season prior to agreeing to a move back to Meadow Lane where he had previously made 149 appearances as a player.

Town manager Gary Brabin said: "It's a great opportunity for Kevin and we wish him well. We're obviously sad to see him leave because he's been such an important member of the squad for the past few seasons - not only in terms of his performances on the pitch but his experience, know-how and character around the place. Kevin has always been keen on taking up coaching full-time and he feels that this offer - at a club close to his heart - is ideal for him.

"On behalf of all the coaching staff and playing squad we'd like to wish Kevin good luck in his new role at Notts County."

Pilkington joins a new backroom staff at Meadow Lane following the appointment of Keith Curle as the Magpies' new boss.

"It's been a whirlwind last 24 hours," Pilkington said. "I'm gutted to be leaving Luton and I'm gutted as I'm giving up playing, too. However, I know I'm not getting any younger, and this is a great opportunity

for me to further my career. It's the next step for me and hopefully the first step on the ladder in this new chapter of my career.

"The years really have flown by and I've got a lot of great memories but it's time to move on now. I'm a coach, it's my future."

The Hitchin-born stopper had featured 15 times for the Town this term and had only been on the losing side once - in the FA Cup defeat to Cheltenham in December.

And the former Manchester United keeper reflected on the good times he enjoyed whilst at Kenilworth Road. "I've got some great memories of my time at Luton," he said. "I'm grateful that I've had the opportunity and I'd like to thank those who brought me here. I'm sad to be leaving, it's a great club with some super people and the lads have been brilliant. It's all gone so quick, from my debut at a wet and windy Grays to the last one against Mansfield, it's been great.

"It's been a good season and I think my record speaks for itself - we haven't lost a league game when I've played - but one thing for sure is I'm really going to miss playing."

The stopper - who forms part of a backroom staff brought in by new County boss Keith Curle - who Pilkington had played with at Mansfield - then heaped praise on the Town goalkeepers he leaving behind, including coach Dmitri Kharine.

"Dimi is simply a legend," Pilkington said. "I've learned so much from him and I've got no doubt that I'll be ringing him to pick his brains at some point!"

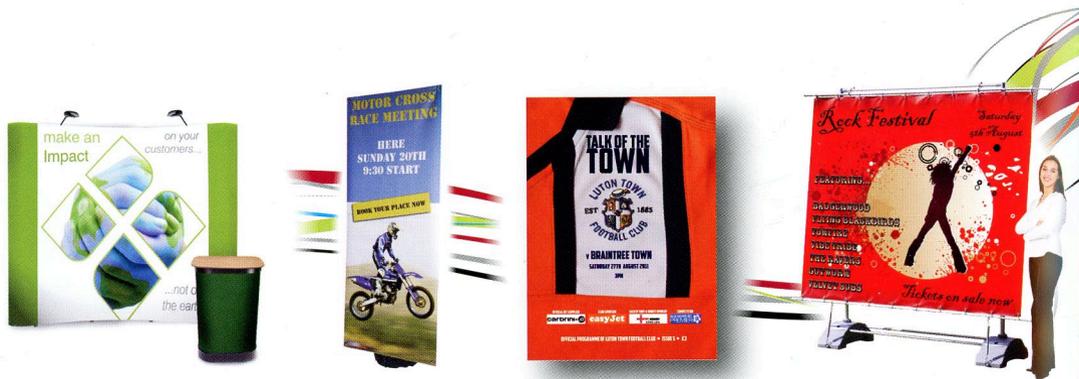
"Mark Tyler is a fantastic goalkeeper and it's been great training and working with him every day - but he'll have to get used to coming to training on his own from now on! And I'm sure that young Lewis Kidd will have a bright future too - with Mark and Dimi supporting him he's certainly getting the best possible advice and coaching."

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WELCOME GATESHEAD



The original Gateshead AFC was formed in 1930 when neighbours South Shields, members of the Football League's old Third Division North, moved to Gateshead's Redheugh Park.

The club had applied for re-election only once before but were nevertheless unceremoniously cast aside in favour of the more geographically acceptable Peterborough United in 1960.

In 1968 Gateshead became founder members of the Northern Premier League but their stay in the new competition lasted only two years. Finishing as runners-up the Tynesiders then spent a season in the Midland League until in 1973, seven leagues and 43 years after its inception, Gateshead AFC ceased to exist.

A new club called Gateshead Town played the following season in the local Northern Combination League but, astonishingly, history was soon to repeat itself. Renamed Gateshead United, the club soon became a force in the Northern Premier League while accounting for Football League clubs Grimsby Town and Crewe Alexandra in the FA Cup.

However, in 1977, after only three years of operation, came the shock announcement that United were to disband - the third body blow to hit Gateshead supporters in less than 20 years. Replacing Gateshead United in the Northern Premier League for the 1977/78 season and after two years in the Conference, the Tynesiders returned to the Northern Premier League and lifted the title for the second time in 1986.

Their second spell in the Conference lasted just one season, though they were quick to bounce back, and reclaimed their place at the top table of non-league football in 1990. It was Gateshead's most successful period as a non-league club but in 1998 the club was relegated back to the Northern Premier League after eight consecutive seasons of Conference football.

Relegation to the Northern Premier League first division followed but, after one season, Gateshead

were back in the NPL top tier following the introduction of a geographically split first division.

Gateshead finished third in the UniBond Premier division, NPL, in 2007/08, hitting 93 league goals before beating Buxton 2-0 in the Play-Off final.

In the 2008/09 season the Tynesiders claimed runners-up spot in the Blue Square North and a second promotion was clinched after beating Southport in the two-legged semi-final and then AFC Telford United 1-0 in the Play-Off final. The first campaign back in the Conference Premier, however, proved to be a difficult one with top flight status only retained on the final day of last season on goal difference.

Last season the Tynesiders improved, finished a more than respectable 14th place, taking four points off the Town in the process.

MEET THE MANAGER

Ian Bogie

Ian had a tremendous start to his managerial career when he guided Gateshead to back-to-back promotions from the UniBond Premier Division to the Blue Square Premier.

He joined Gateshead in the summer of 2006 as assistant manager and took over as caretaker boss before he was given the manager's job on a permanent basis for the start of the 2007/08 season.

Promotion through the Play-Offs was achieved in his first season, followed by a second promotion via the Play-Offs to the Blue Square Premier.

Now in his fourth season at the helm he became Gateshead's first full-time manager for half a century when he penned a two-year deal in the summer.

As a player Bogie was a talented midfielder who made over 450 appearances taking in spells at Newcastle United, Preston North End, Millwall, Leyton Orient, Port Vale and Kidderminster Harriers.



IN TOWN

GOALKEEPERS

Paul Farman

Made the number one shirt his own during the 2009/10 campaign playing 41 games. Farman joined Gateshead during the summer of 2009 from local rivals Blyth Spartans where he had made 17 appearances for the Blue Square North club the previous season. The talented glove man previously played three games for Newcastle United Under-18s in 2007.

Tim Deasy

A 26-year-old stopper who joined Gateshead from Barrow before the start of the 2010/11 season. Deasy starred in Barrow's FA Cup third round tie against Sunderland in January 2010 but was on the bench for the Bluebirds' FA Trophy final win over Stevenage at Wembley four months later. He made 51 appearances for Barrow having previously played a handful of games for Macclesfield Town and Stockport County and played 48 games for Gateshead last season.

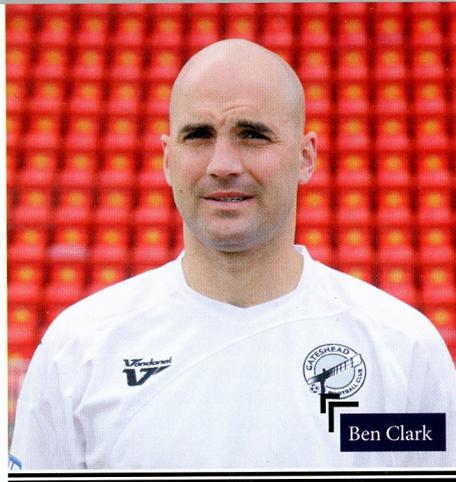
DEFENDERS

Eddie Odhiambo

A summer signing from Newport County, Odhiambo's career started as a trainee at Southampton. He then moved to Oxford United in 2006 and played 79 games during two seasons at the Kassam Stadium. Odhiambo then joined Stevenage where he made 40 appearances in a two-year stay, including the 2009/10 Conference Premier championship campaign. A versatile player Odhiambo played at Wembley in the FA Trophy final while at Broadhall Way before joining Newport and then Gateshead.

Sam Rents

Signed for Gateshead in 2011 from Conference Premier champions Crawley Town where he had spent the last three years. He was the Red Devils' regular left-back until he suffered a fractured cheekbone and he made 87 appearances for the West Sussex club. A defender who can also play in midfield Rents was originally with home town club Brighton & Hove Albion where he made 35 appearances.



Ben Clark

Chris Carruthers

Experienced left-sided player Carruthers joined Gateshead in 2011. Capped by England at Under-20 level he played 201 games for Bristol Rovers and local club Northampton. He won the 2007 League 2 Play-Off final with Bristol Rovers in front of a 60,000 Wembley crowd. Carruthers later joined Oxford and had loan spells at Crawley Town and York before he joined the Minstermen on a permanent basis.

Ben Clark

Former England Youth international Clark was a major signing for Gateshead in 2010 from Hartlepool United where he made 181 appearances in six years. Originally with Sunderland, the central defender played 14 games for the Black Cats before he joined Hartlepool in 2004. Club captain.

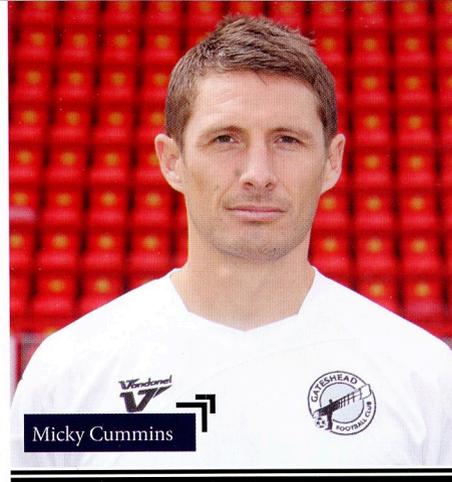
James Curtis

The longest serving player at the club, Curtis joined Gateshead in 2003 from Northern League side Washington. The towering central defender is a firm fans' favourite and impressive performances have brought several awards including Player of the Year on three occasions. The Wearsider has racked up over 380 appearances during eight years at the club.

MIDFIELDERS

Kris Gate

Joining in 2007 from home town club Newcastle United, Gate played a major role in two promotion campaigns and subsequent two Conference campaigns. The former captain of Newcastle reserves went on to make the substitutes' bench in the Premier League having made senior appearances in friendlies against Rangers and Malaga. Gate has captained Gateshead for three years and is now vice-captain.



Micky Cummins

Phil Turnbull

Turnbull joined Gateshead for a second spell in 2008 on loan from York City and the deal was made permanent in March that year. He had previously made five appearances on loan for Gateshead during the 2005/06 season from Hartlepool United. After leaving Victoria Park the playmaker moved on to York where injury hampered his progress. A skilful central midfielder player, he has been a regular in the Gateshead engine room for the past three seasons.

Micky Cummins

Former Republic of Ireland Under-21 midfielder, Cummins signed for Gateshead from Grimsby Town. He racked up 287 games for Port Vale during a six-year stay having began his career at Middlesbrough. After leaving Port Vale, where he played in the 2001 LDV Vans final win over Brentford at the Millennium Stadium, Cummins had two year spells at both Darlington and Rotherham United before he linked up with Grimsby and then Gateshead.

Jamie Chandler

Signed in the January transfer window from Darlington for a four figure fee. Chandler, who scored on his Gateshead debut against Braintree Town, was capped by England at various youth levels. He joined Darlington at the start of the 2010/11 campaign after a spell on loan from Sunderland the previous season. He played over 70 games for the Quakers and was named man of the match in the 2011 FA Trophy final win over Mansfield Town at Wembley.

Martin Brittain

Ruled out for the majority of his first season at Gateshead after suffering a double leg break in 2009, Brittain scored nine goals in 47 games last



season. Signed from Kidderminster he made one full appearance for Newcastle United and six off the bench before he spent a short period at Ipswich Town. A loan spell at Yeovil Town was followed by brief stays at Carlisle United and Walsall, before moving into non-league football with Kidderminster, and subsequently Gateshead.

STRIKERS:

Jon Shaw

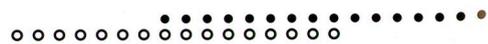
An experienced striker who linked up with Gateshead in 2010 and was top scorer last season with 21 goals. Previously with Mansfield Town his career began at hometown club Sheffield Wednesday where he made 21 appearances. Moving into non-league football, Shaw played over a century of games for Burton Albion. The England C international then scored 20 goals in 37 games for Halifax Town during 2007/08 which secured a £50,000 move to Rochdale. Shaw had loan spells at Barrow and Gateshead before joining Mansfield and then Gateshead permanently.

Yemi Odubade

A summer signing from Stevenage, pacey front runner Odubade ended last season on loan at Newport County. Starting out at local club Eastbourne Town as a teenager, he scored an impressive 64 goals in 85 games. A short spell at Yeovil Town was followed by two productive seasons at Eastbourne Borough. At Oxford United he scored 31 goals in 143 games and was top scorer at Stevenage when the club won promotion to the Football League in 2010. He featured in the FA Trophy final at Wembley that year and last season played 20 league and cup games for Stevenage before joining Newport on loan.

Liam Hatch

Experienced front man who joined Gateshead from Darlington during the January transfer window for a four figure fee. His career began in non-league football with Ramsgate, Herne Bay, and Gravesend & Northfleet. Hatch joined Barnet for £23,000 in 2003 and after 158 games and 28 goals for the Bees joined Peterborough United for £150,000. Two loan spells at Darlington were followed by a loan spell at Luton Town. He then joined Darlington on a permanent basis and in total scored 21 goals in 90 games for the Quakers before joining Gateshead in mid-season.



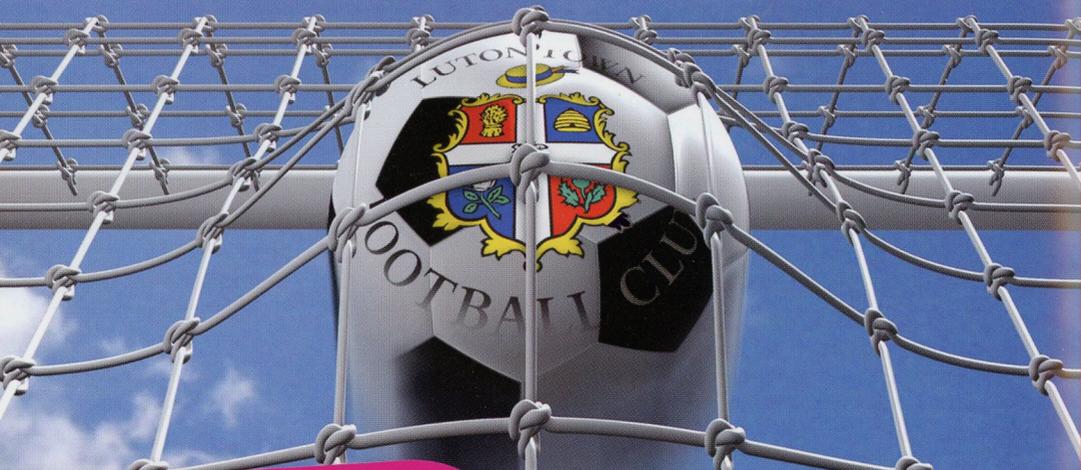


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CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

1952/53

Gateshead made national headlines by reaching the FA Cup sixth round in 1952/53 and were the North-East's last representatives in the competition. Bill Tulip's side beat Crewe Alexandra 2-0, Bradford Park Avenue 2-1, Liverpool 1-0, Hull City 2-1 and Plymouth Argyle 1-0 in the FA Cup before losing 1-0 to Bolton Wanderers in front of 17,692 at Redheugh Park. Notable players included the Callender brothers, Tom and Jack, Bobby Cairns, Johnny Ingham, Ken Smith, Ian Winters and goalkeeper Bobby Gray. Gateshead hammered Crewe, Darlington, and Accrington as they finished in ninth position in the Third Division (North).

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Bill Tulip

Bill Tulip was honorary secretary-manager of Gateshead for 23 years. A wealthy businessman, he became a director in 1930 and became secretary-manager in May 1933. He left trainer Bob Keen in charge of the team but carried out many of the administrative duties. Just before the war he signed Hughie Gallacher and Gateshead were Third Division (North) runners-up in 1949/50, also twice reaching the FA Cup fourth round and the sixth round in 1952/53. In 1956 at age 77 he stepped down as Gateshead's manager, remaining as chairman and president until his death in September 1961.

FAB FOUR

Billy Askew

One-time Gateshead midfielder Billy Askew featured in two promotion campaigns with Hull City. He turned professional with Middlesbrough in 1977 and appeared in the top-flight before joining Hull City in 1982. He moved to Newcastle United for £150,000 in 1990 and joined Gateshead in 1992. He netted three goals in 44 Conference games prior to joining Whitley Bay in 1994, then played for Spennymoor United and Workington. Following a spell in the licensed trade, he has scouted for several clubs including Darlington and lives in Pittington, Co Durham.

Shaun Elliott

Former England B international central defender Shaun Elliott played for Gateshead during the 1992/93 campaign. Signing professional for Sunderland in 1975, he featured prominently as they won promotion in 1979/80 and were Milk Cup finalists in 1985. He joined Norwich City for £140,000 in 1986 and moved to Blackpool in 1988. Featuring in their 1989/90 FA Cup run, he was reunited with Ian Atkins at Colchester United in 1990. He joined Gateshead in 1992 and made 32 Conference appearances, then played for Bishop Auckland and Whitley Bay. Now living and working back in Norwich.

Gerry Forrest

Right-back Gerry Forrest gained considerable top-flight experience before playing for Gateshead. Initially with Billingham Town and South Bank, he joined Rotherham United in 1977 and starred in their 1980/81 Third Division title triumph. He moved to Southampton for £100,000 in 1985, replacing Mick Mills in their defence and featuring prominently as they were League Cup semi-finalists in 1986/87. Returning to Rotherham in 1990, he moved to Gateshead in 1991 and scored once in 33 Conference games. He later played for Billingham again, Norton & Stockton Ancients, Peterlee, Newtown and Brandon United.

Terry Hibbitt

Experienced midfielder Terry Hibbitt starred in Gateshead's 1982/83 Northern Premier League title triumph. Signing professional for Leeds United in 1964, he helped them win the Fairs Cup in 1968 and League Championship in 1968/69, moving to Newcastle United in 1971. He was an FA Cup finalist in 1974 and joined Birmingham City for £100,000 in 1975. Returning to Newcastle in exchange for Stewart Barrowclough in 1978, he joined Gateshead in 1981 and had a spell as player-coach before becoming their manager in 1986. He later ran a pub in Ponteland but tragically died in August 1994.



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MEMORY LANE

- **NAME:** Martin Cawley
- **AGE:** 44
- **LOCATION:** Meppershall
- **WHERE DO YOU WATCH THE GAME:** Kenilworth lower, Block D. But I will always consider myself an Oak Road ender!
- **FIRST GAME:** Sunderland at home 1979/80. We won 2-0. David Moss scored a fantastic goal, and I was hooked.
- **FIRST MEMORY:** My elder brothers are all Luton fans. I remember having breakfast on the morning of the above game and suddenly declaring I wanted to be a Luton fan. My mum made my brother Pat take me – he wasn't happy about it as I think having youngest brother in tow cramped his style!
- **BEST GOAL SEEN:** Raddy's at Maine Road 1983. Stein's winner at Wembley 1988 and Kingsley Black's winner at Derby 1990 also stand out for obvious reasons!
- **BEST MATCH WITNESSED:** West Ham at home 1980/81. Undefeated since losing to Luton in the first game of that season, West Ham came to town top of Division 2 on their way to the Championship. We raced into a two-goal lead through Brian Stein, but goals either side of half time saw the Hammers come back to 2-2. Cue total end-to-end stuff in the second half before David Moss slid in a last minute goal to make it 3-2 and take the roof off Kenilworth Road.
- **WORST MATCH WITNESSED:** Coventry away 1991/92. Lost 5-0. Abject. Only time I have ever left a game before the end.
- **BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE SEEN BY A PLAYER:** Jake Findlay versus Watford in the first game at home 1980/81. We won 1-0, but big Jake single-handedly kept our friends out that night with a truly world-class display. His performance prompted David Pleat's public plea to Jock Stein to pick Jake for Scotland. Sadly he never did.
- **FAVOURITE HATTERS KIT:** I love the current retro kit.
- **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME PLAYER:** Brian Stein. Such a cultured player. His goals just oozed class.
- **FAVOURITE ALL-TIME MANAGER:** David Pleat. Totally committed to cultured, attacking football and a superb tactician. A genius – end of.
- **ALL-TIME TOWN XI:** Jake Findlay, Kirk Stephens, Tim Breacker, Brian Horton, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Ricky Hill, David Preece, Brian Stein, Mick Harford, David Moss.
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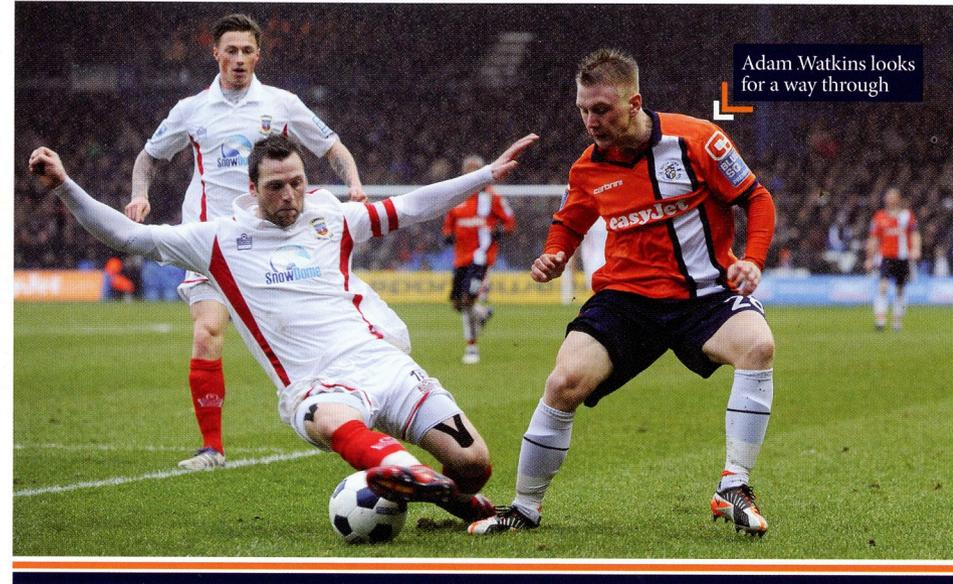
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LOOK BACK



**TOWN 3-0 TAMWORTH
HARD WORK PAYS OFF**



Adam Watkins looks for a way through

Town boss Gary Brabin hailed his side's work ethic as they eased past Tamworth to extend their unbeaten run in the league to 13 games.

Goals from Stuart Fleetwood, Janos Kovacs and an own goal from the Lambs' Francino Francis gave the Hatters the points to the delight of the manager.

"We've worked hard in training and we've put it into practise today," Brabin told Hatters Player afterwards. It hasn't been easy having not played a lot recently due to the cold weather which has meant it's been tough preparing for training but I thought we started really well. We worked hard - ever so hard - and it bore fruit.

"We knew it wasn't going to be an easy game. Tamworth had won at Cambridge, drawn at Fleetwood and put

on a great performance at Everton in the FA Cup so we knew it was going to be very tough but we came through it with another three points. We started the first 20-25 minutes in particularly really well, scored early on and that gave us a platform to build on.

"When Curtis Osano went off with a knock we had to shift Alex Lawless to right-back which meant we had our two whippersnappers in Adam Watkins and JP Kissock in centre mid which we were a little bit concerned about but they were fantastic - they grafted as hard as everyone else: it was an excellent team performance.

"We're getting there, we're hitting form at a time when it matters. We know others have to slip up but we can only concentrate on ourselves and we'll take it from there."





TOWN

Fleetwood 15, Kovacs 63, Francis (og) 79

3



TAMWORTH

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TOWN: Tyler, Osano (sub Watkins 15), Taylor, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Kissock (sub McAllister 65), Lawless, Boucaud, Howells, Fleetwood, O'Connor (sub Willmott 90). Subs not used: Crow, K. Pilkington.

TAMWORTH: Hedge, Tait, Francis, Green, Barrow, Isaac, McDonald (sub Thomas 74), McKoy, Reece (sub St Aimie 60), Marna (sub Christie 77), Patterson. Subs not used: Gudger, Courtney.

ATTENDANCE: 5,833

POSSESSION

60% 40%

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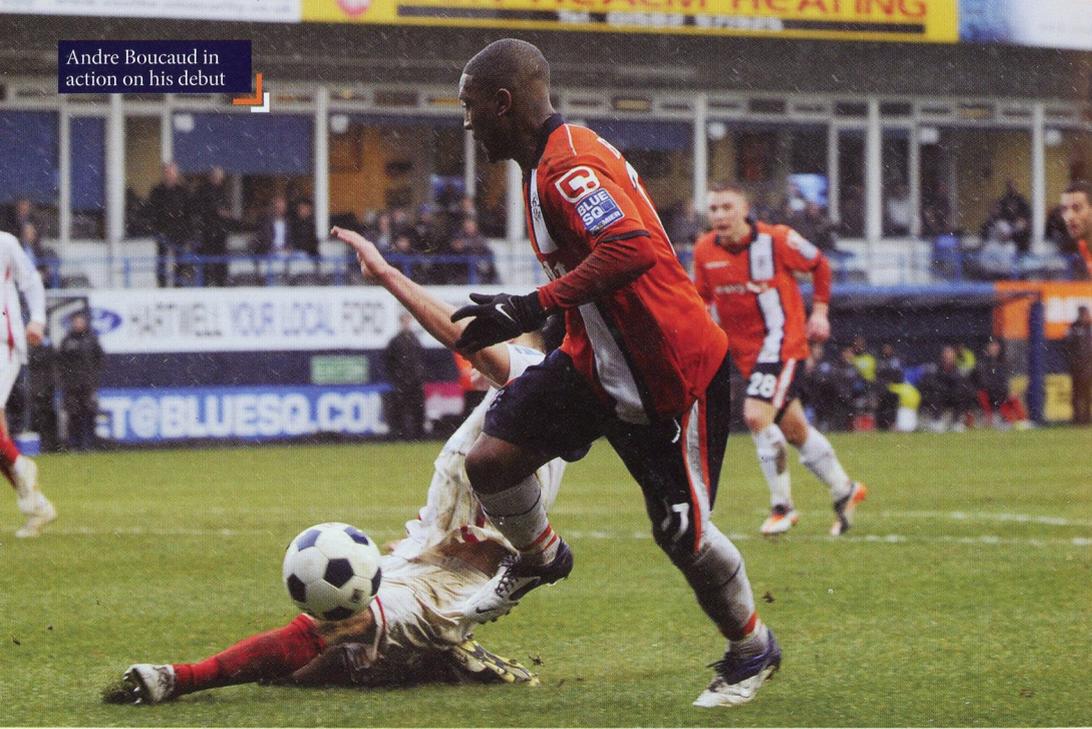
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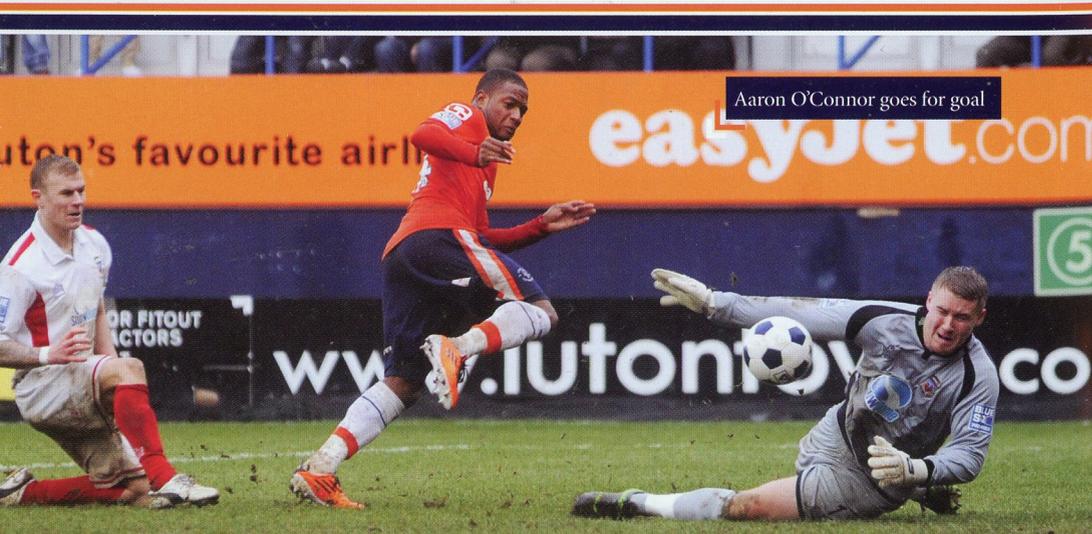
Andre Boucaud in action on his debut



Stuart Fleetwood puts the Town 1-0 up



Aaron O'Connor goes for goal



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The number of matches previously played on this date at Kenilworth Road. Luton have won five, drawn once and lost once. The Hatters have scored 16 goals and conceded seven.

1

The first match here came in 1911 when Norwich City were the visitors in a Southern League fixture. Luton won 3-1 courtesy of goals from John Smith, Herbert Moody and Harold Stansfield.

3

The number of goals also scored against Brentford in 1922 when the visitors failed to score in a Division Three (South) match. Luton netted through Harry Higginbotham and Ernie Simms, with Brentford scoring an own goal.

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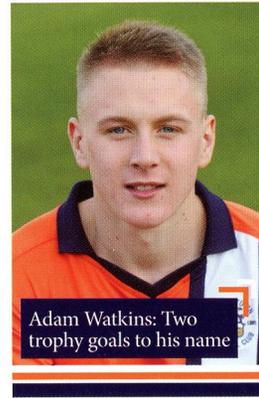
The number of points obtained in 1928 as Exeter City were beaten 2-1, also in Division Three (South). Andy Rennie and Alf Nunn scored the goals to give the Town victory and maximum points.

4

The number of goals scored by Hugh Billington when Swansea Town were the opponents for a Division Two match in 1939. The Hatters won 6-3 with Charlie Clark and George Stephenson also on the scoresheet.

1

The number of games in the top flight on this day at Kenilworth Road, and unfortunately it was also the only defeat. Huddersfield Town won 2-1 in 1956 with Gordon Turner scoring for Luton in front of the highest crowd for these fixtures, 15,431.



Adam Watkins: Two trophy goals to his name

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The only game without a goal came in 1967 when Southport were the visitors in Division Four.

9

The number of years since the last match was played here on this date when Plymouth Argyle were beaten 1-0 courtesy of a goal from Tony Thorpe. This game saw a debut in goal for Lars Hirschfeld, who had joined on loan from Tottenham Hotspur.

12

The number of FA Trophy matches that the Hatters have previously played. Luton have won seven, drawn three and lost twice. The Hatters have scored 17 goals and conceded seven.

4

The biggest win in this competition is by four goals, and that came last year when Uxbridge were beaten 4-0 at Kenilworth Road in the second round. Taiwo Atieno scored twice, as did Adam Watkins, including one from the penalty spot.

3

The number of rounds this season that Stuart Fleetwood has scored in. Fleetwood netted the opening goal in the first round 2-0 win against Swindon Supermarine, and the third goal in the second round replay against Hinckley in the 3-0 win. Having already had a penalty saved, Fleetwood then netted the winning goal in the third round tie at Kidderminster that the Town won 2-1 with Jake Howells having opened the scoring.



PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Dave Preece wheels in celebration after scoring against Middlesbrough in 1994



By the middle of October 1994, the Town were suffering a crisis of confidence at Kenilworth Road.

Although the Hatters had racked up three victories and two draws from the opening six games on our travels that season, we had yet to win at home.

The visit of high flying Middlesbrough was not looked on as the game that would end this sad sequence of results given that they were second in the Division One (now Championship) table and

had only lost once away from Ayresome Park. In front of a crowd of 8,412 the Town were quicker out of the blocks and soon had the supporters scratching their heads in disbelief with the quality of the quick passing football completely at odds to what had gone in before that campaign.

Boro had certainly not come for a point, which was in the Town's favour, and left big gaps in their defence which were exploited by the clever David Preece who was able to dictate play from the off. It came as a mild surprise that the Hatters had to wait until the 21st

minute before opening the scoring but after that the floodgates opened.

Firstly, Boro forward, and future Hatter, Paul Wilkinson headed a Ceri Hughes cross into his own net before the speedy Dwight Marshall shot home from John Hartson's lay-off and then Preece smacked home a volley to give the Town a 3-0 interval lead.

Middlesbrough player-manager Bryan Robson, unable to turn out because of a calf strain, no doubt read the Riot Act at half-time but his words had no

effect as Marshall netted his second just before the hour before 19-year-old Hartson scored from a scorching angled drive a few minutes later.

Although Boro scored a late consolation, Robson admitted afterwards: "Luton out ran us, out fought us and out passed us. We have no excuses, we just didn't perform."

Luton boss David Pleat purred: "Middlesbrough came at us which gave us the chance to counter attack and the goals went in."

THE CAMERA

NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Luton players Mike Keen, Chris Nicholl, Alan Starling, Terry Branston and John Moore look at the teamsheet before the opening day of the 1970/71 season



Apart from Chris Nicholl, all the pictured players featured in the Town's first game back in Division Two (now the Championship) since 1963.

On paper, an opening day clash at Bolton was not seen as the most difficult task to face the Hatters, given the confidence flowing through the team after two promotions in three seasons, but 90 minutes later all was doom and gloom.

The 4-2 victory by the Trotters probably flattered them a bit, but it was quickly evident that the loyalty shown by manager Alec Stock to the promotion winning side was misplaced, with the result that neither young goalkeeper Alan Starling or courageous defender Terry Branston played for the Town again.

We did not look back after this defeat and narrowly missed out on promotion again, while Bolton ended the season in last place!



NLP VIEW WITH SAM ELLIOTT

There used to be a fear factor for those clubs whose life was ebbing away. Once it's gone it's gone for good, no looking back – and no second coming.

That was before the Phoenix club came into fashion. Instead of damning indictments, usually the first question asked when a club goes to the wall is which league will they return in at the start of next season.

Nobody can blame supporters for thinking selfishly. After having your heart ripped out, you won't find many begrudging them a little optimism.

Why should they concern themselves with Bob's Builders, who their spendthrift chairman hasn't paid for stadium repair work undertaken when he knew the proverbial was about to hit the fan?

Certainly for the traditionalists there's a level of discomfort that those in financial peril can 'go again' a couple of rungs down the ladder debt free by re-arranging a few letters in their name.

Two clubs that went out of business are battling for a place in Non-League's top flight via the Blue Square Bet North. FC Halifax, in second, and Nuneaton had put their fans through the ringer in years gone by but both are certainly back with a bang, even if it's likely they'll have to settle for the play-offs. In fact they meet today after going head-to-head on Tuesday night.

The key to a successful Phoenix club seems to be retaining the stadium. That's certainly the case with Chester FC, whose former guide Chester City caused the Conference untold havoc back in 2010.

And there-in lies the problem for some. The Northern Premier League leaders, if they maintain their form, will be playing

at Step 2 next year. Another great season under their impressive manager Neil Young next term and they could feasibly be back to where they came from within three short years.

What an achievement that would be for the supporters, but for those businesses owed thousands – not to mention the taxman – it must still be rather raw.

It's not just the clubs with big support enjoying a great season. The new Farsley, formed from the ashes of Farsley Celtic in 2010, boast a play-off place in Evo-Stik North.

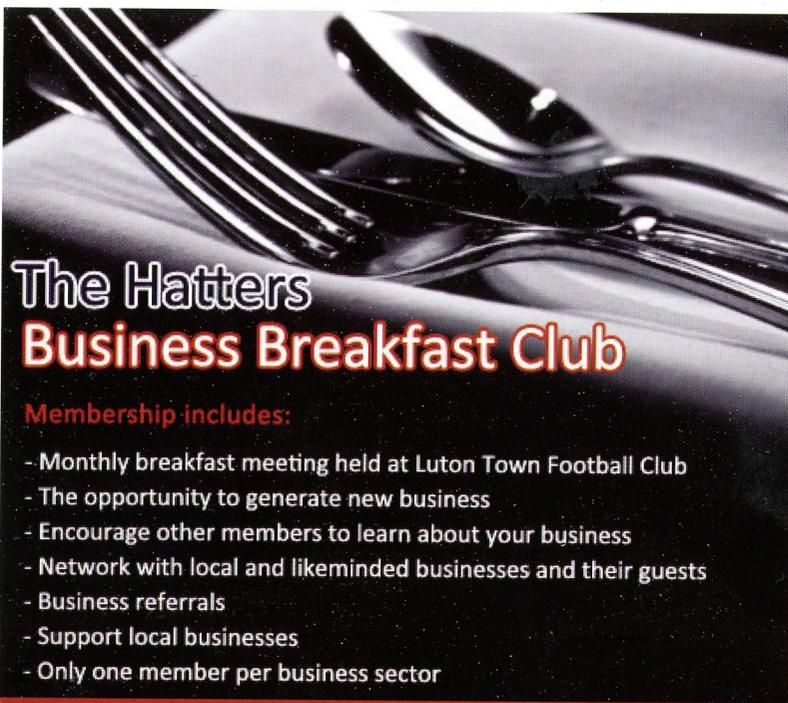
The same can be said of Ilkeston, formerly Town who folded as a Blue Square North club early last season. Under Kevin Wilson, who stayed in charge of the club's academy team last year to get them prepared for this term, the Robins are thriving. In with a chance of the Evo-Stik South title, they are watched by crowds of over 500 most weeks.

What about AFC Hornchurch, second in the Ryman Premier. They are looking to return to the Conference South – the league they were enjoying when the bottom fell out of their promotion plan after backers Carthium were declared bankruptcy with debts of over £7m some seven years ago.

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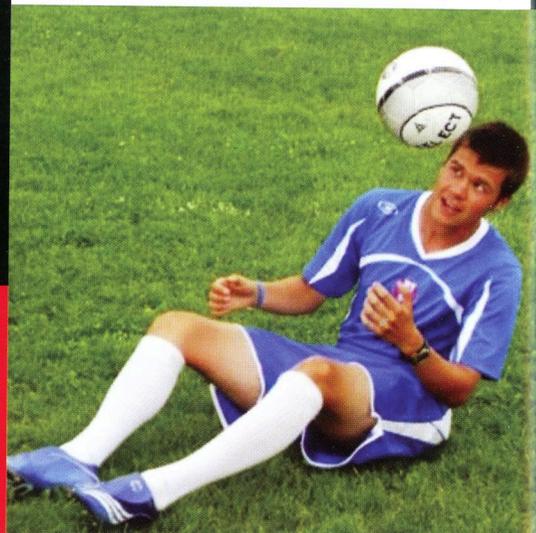
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Profile:

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.

LOOK BACK



BARROW 1-0 TOWN UNBEATEN RUN ENDED



A hugely disappointed Gary Brabin believed his side didn't do enough to warrant a result as they went down 1-0 at Barrow at Holker Street.

Alex-Ray Harvey's second half goal condemned the Town to their first league defeat in 13 games to leave them further behind in the race for automatic promotion.

And the Hatters chief was left frustrated by his team's defeat having missed a number of first half chances.

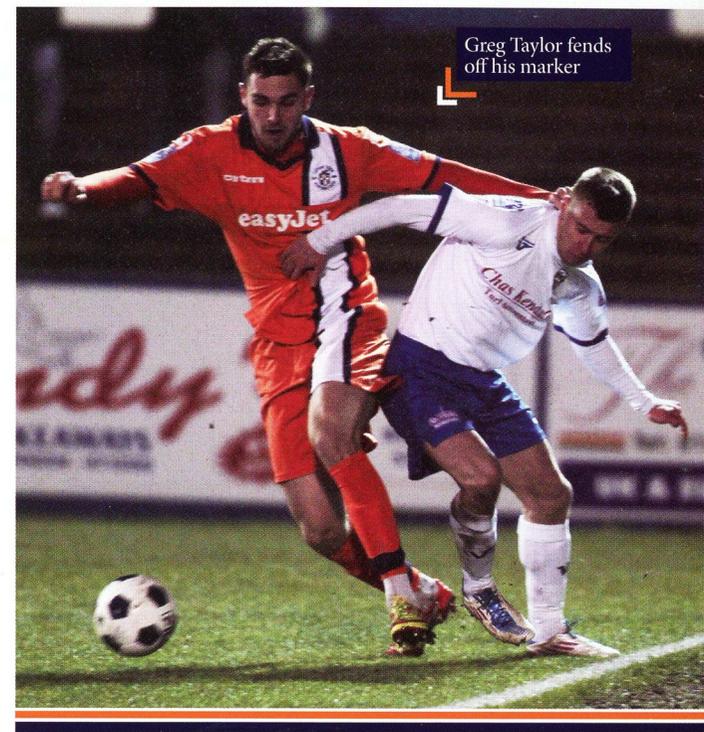
"I'm very, very disappointed," Brabin said afterwards. "The least we should have left with should have been a 0-0. To not win the game and go home defeated is very disappointing.

"I can't put into words how I feel. Angry is probably the word. I glanced across at the supporters who made the long trip up and I feel sorry for them to have seen that performance.

"We knew it would be a tough game. They play very direct but we've got to be big enough to cope with their threat.

"The conditions didn't help and in the second half they put us under pressure but we haven't done enough to take the game to them.

"When they won the toss we knew we'd have the wind in the first half and that it would be against us in the



Greg Taylor fends off his marker

second so we had to make the most of that advantage in the first 45 but we couldn't.

"We didn't play to the standard we expect. Barrow got on top in the second half and that fired them up.

"It now makes it harder for us to win the league but we've got to keep going and we got to learn from tonight because it certainly wasn't good enough.

"We've got to be better than that if we've got aspirations of getting promoted."





BARROW

Harvey 73

1



TOWN

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BARROW: Pearson, Smith, Skelton, Bolland, Hone, Mackreth, Baker, Owen, Harvey, Cook, Turner (sub Rutherford 67). Subs not used: Cairns, Nicholas, Ferrell, Moyo.

TOWN: Tyler, Keane, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Boucaud (sub Watkins 63), O'Connor, Howells, Fleetwood, McAllister (sub Kissock 79). Subs not used: Kidd, Crow, Blackett.

ATTENDANCE: 925

POSSESSION

54% 46%

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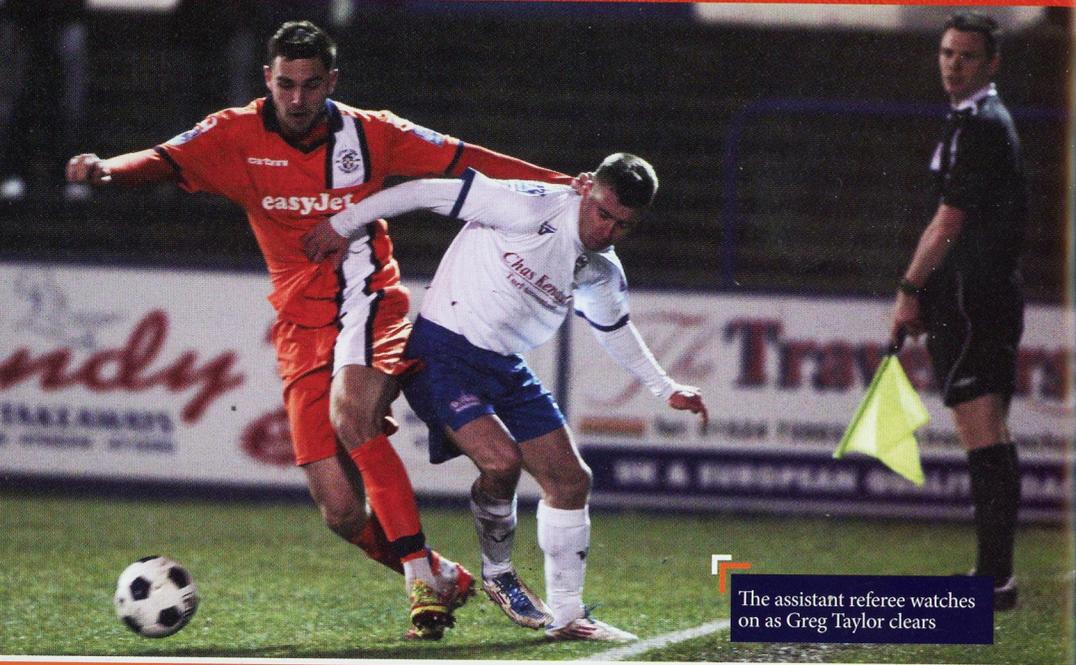
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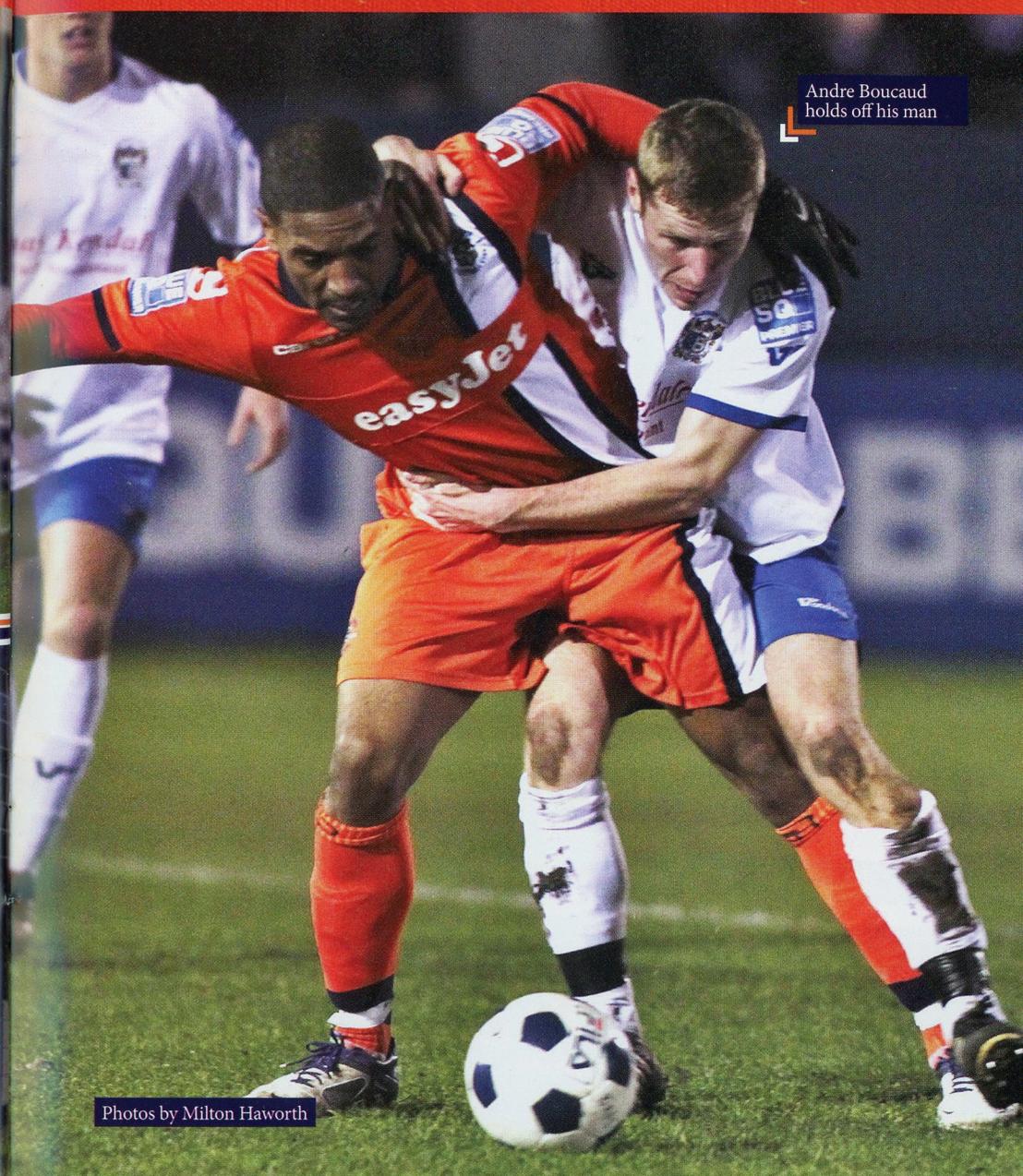
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The assistant referee watches on as Greg Taylor clears



Craig McAllister goes close



Andre Boucaud holds off his man

Photos by Milton Haworth

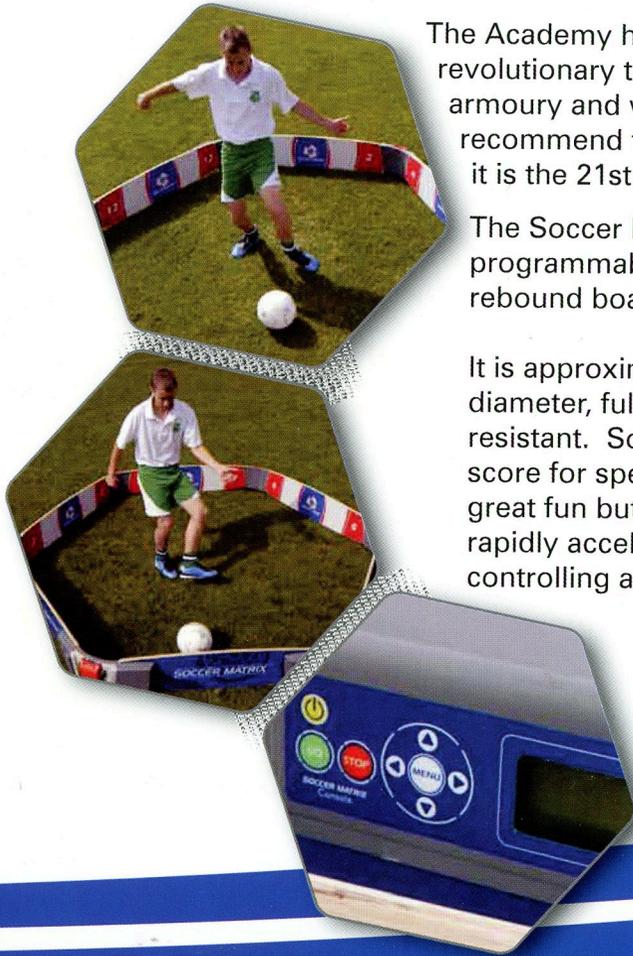
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DUO'S DELIGHT



Janos Kovacs and Andre Boucaud had different reasons for enjoying the 3-0 win over Tamworth

Defender Kovacs isn't claiming Town's third goal against Tamworth but he told Hatters Player he dedicated the goal he did score to his mum.

The Hungarian celebrated his 63rd-minute goal in the 3-0 win over the Lambs in emotional fashion before revealing the extent of his mother's illness after his man-of-the-match performance.

"That goal was for my mum," the 26-year-old said. "She's been ill for the past year and a half and she's having a final, big operation on Wednesday - so that was for her. She's had a hard time over that time so that goal meant a lot to me."

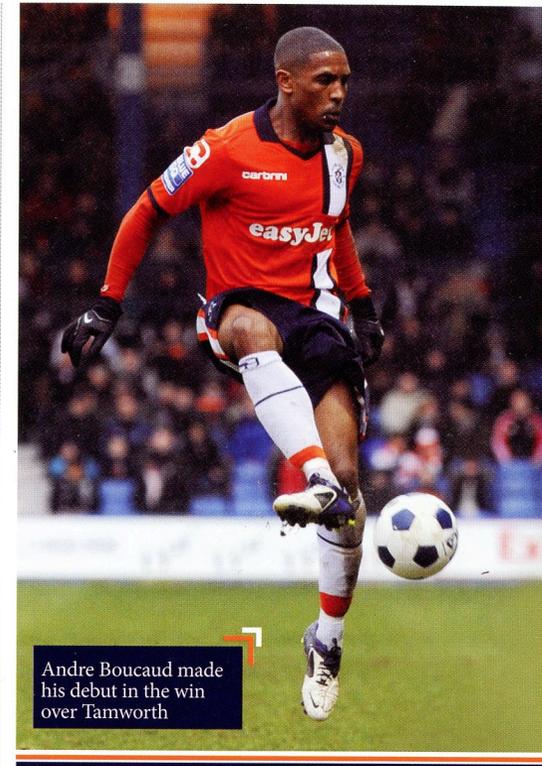
The goal capped what Kovacs described as a "perfect afternoon" for him and his team-mates and the centre-half was delighted to notch his third goal of the season, and help keep another clean sheet.

"I thought we played really well and played some really good football, especially on a heavy pitch," he said. "We scored three goals and kept a clean sheet so it really was a perfect afternoon."

"I was happy to score, too, the lads had been giving me a bit of stick recently as I'd been missing a few headers recently so I was delighted to get a goal."

"The third - [laughs] - never touched me. I was just waiting for the ball to drop to me but their player just touched it over the line. I don't know why I ran off celebrating like I did though! I was just happy to see it go in."

Meanwhile midfielder Andre Boucaud was pleased with his performance on his belated debut in Town colours due to recent cold snap. "It was good to finally get out there and get the win. I'm pleased with my performance," he said afterwards.



Andre Boucaud made his debut in the win over Tamworth

"We've had to change our training, we've had a few days in the gym, and a few days on the Astro turf as we couldn't play on the grass due to the snow. It has been frustrating, but I can't do anything about the weather."

"I was happy with how I played but was disappointed not to score and that is what I'm working on in training."

"Goals haven't happened a lot throughout my career, but hopefully they can here."





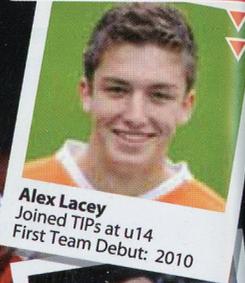
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Youth Development 2011-12

Football Development for 6 to 16 year olds



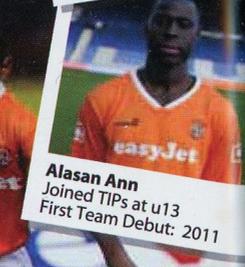
TIPS GRADUATES



Alex Lacey
Joined TIPS at u14
First Team Debut: 2010



Newman Carney
Joined TIPS at u12
First Team Debut: 2010



Alasan Ann
Joined TIPS at u13
First Team Debut: 2011

Soccer Centres in Ampthill, Bedford, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Flitwick, Leighton Buzzard, Harpenden, Hitchin, Luton and Shefford

TIPS - Talent Identification Programme

Coaching programme plus trial matches

SOCCER CENTRE > PERFORMANCE SQUADS > CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE > ACADEMY

TIPS TIMETABLE

Term 1
June 6th - July 22nd 2011*

Term 2
Sept 12th - Nov 18th 2011

Term 3
Nov 21st 2011 - Feb 10th 2012

Term 4
Feb 20th - May 4th 2012

Term 5
May 7th - July 20 2012

Top five pro clubs in 2010/11 to have produced English players currently playing in Premier League:

Club	No of Players	Current League
Manchester United	22	Premier League
West Ham United	16	Premier League
Manchester City	11	Premier League
Everton	9	Premier League
Luton Town	8	Blue Square

TRIAL MATCH DATES

Term 1 Saturday 9th July **Term 2** Saturday 5 November
Term 3 Saturday 28 January **Term 4** Saturday 21 April
Term 5 Saturday 7 July

LIST OF VENUES

Ampthill

Alameda Sports Hall, Woburn St
Ampthill, Bedford MK45 2HX
Wednesdays - 17:30 - 18:30

Bedford

Bedford Modern School
Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NT
Tuesdays - Yrs 2-5 18:00-19:00
Yrs 6-11 19:00-20:00

Biggleswade

Biggleswade Town FC
The Carlsberg Stadium, Langford Rd
Biggleswade, Beds SG18 9JT
Tuesdays - 18:00 - 19:00

Dunstable

Creasey Park Stadium, Creasey Park Drive,
Dunstable LU6 1BB
Fridays - 17:30 - 18:30

Flitwick/Ampthill

Redbourne Upper School
Flitwick Road, Beds MK45 2NU
Mondays - 18:00 - 19:00

Harpenden

Sir John Lawes School
Manland Way, Harpenden AL5 4QP
Fridays - 18:00 - 19:00

Hitchin

Hitchin Boys School
Grammar School Walk, Hitchin SG5 1JB
Wednesday's - 18:00 - 19:00

Leighton Buzzard

Vandyke Upper School
Vandyke Road, Leighton Buzzard LU7 3DY
Fridays - 18:00 - 19:00

Luton

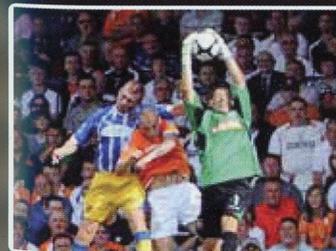
Playfootball.net, Stopsley High
St Thomas's Rd, Luton LU2 7UX
Mondays - Yrs 2-6 17:00 - 18:00
Yrs 7-11 18:00 - 19:00

Sundon Park

Lealands High School LU3 3AL
Thursdays Yrs 2-6 17:00 - 18:00

Shefford

Robert Bloomfield Middle School
Bloomfield Drive, Shefford, Beds SG17 5BU
Wednesdays - 17:00 - 18:00



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FOLLOW THE HATTERS AT KENILWORTH ROAD



LUTON TOWN v BATH CITY

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER



SATURDAY 3RD MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



LUTON TOWN v EBBSFLEET UNITED

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER



SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



LUTON TOWN v GRIMSBY TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER



SATURDAY 24TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.

ALL AREAS

Juniors (Under 10)	£5
Youth (Age 10-16)	£8
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£13
Adult (Age 22-64)	£18
Senior (Age 65-75)	£13
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

UNCOVERED SEATING - MAIN ENCLOSURE BLOCKS A&B

Juniors (Under 10)	£5
Youth (Age 10-16)	£8
Young Adult (Age 17-21)	£13
Adult (Age 22-64)	£15
Senior (Age 65-75)	£13
Golden Senior (Over 75)	£10

BUY TICKETS...

IN PERSON: Ticket office, Kenilworth Road. **PHONE:** 01582 416976 **ONLINE:** www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown

SAFETY NOTICE

In the event of an emergency in the stadium, Luton Town Football Club and the emergency services have agreed on an evacuation procedure which is designed to ensure the safe and controlled evacuation of the crowd, and to ensure their safe dispersal from the area, to allow the emergency services to carry out their tasks. In the event of an evacuation from all or part of the stadium, you will receive instructions over the public address system on how you should leave the stadium. In an evacuation of the main stand you will be instructed to use the pitch. Stewards will direct you to your nearest exit. It may be that your normal exit route will not be available. On leaving the stadium you will find some roads closed to pedestrians to enable swift and unobstructed access for the emergency services. Please leave the area of the ground as quickly as possible by the route directed. Your co-operation will be most appreciated.

ON THE ROAD

SUPPORT THE TOWN ON OUR TRAVELS



IF IT'S A DRAW TODAY...



GATESHEAD v LUTON TOWN

FA TROPHY QUARTER-FINAL REPLAY



TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2012, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Admission would be pay on the night for Town supporters.

Seat prices: £14 adults, £9 concessions (16-18-year-olds and over-65s), £2 under-16s.



WREXHAM v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER



WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 7.30PM

We have yet to receive ticket information for this match.

Information will be included in forthcoming programmes, online and in the local press.



DARLINGTON v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER



TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2012, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

We have yet to receive ticket information for this match.

Information will be included in forthcoming programmes, online and in the local press.

GETTING TO...GATESHEAD - INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

Should this match go ahead, contact the Bobbers Travel on 01234 856542 or Town on Tour 07960 567465 for prices and departure times.

Car: A1 north, and at the end of the A1(M) Junction 65, take the A194(M) towards South Shields. At the end of the A194(M) take the A184 towards Gateshead. The stadium is situated three miles further along this road on the right hand side.

For the sat-nav: NE10 0EF.

By train: The stadium has its own Metro stop called Gateshead Stadium, which is a five minute walk away. This stop is around a 10-minute journey away from Newcastle Central railway station, which is also the nearest mainline station.

GETTING TO...WREXHAM - THE RACECOURSE

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £20 adults, £17 concessions. Departure: 2.30pm.

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £21 adults, £19 concessions. Departure: tbc.

Car: M1 north, M6, taking the M54 from the M6 (Junction 10A Northbound). Follow the M54 to the end of the motorway and join the A5 towards Shrewsbury. Continue on the A5 past Shrewsbury and Oswestry and then join the A483 towards Wrexham. Stay on the A483 as you reach Wrexham (this is the Wrexham by-pass). Leave the A483 with at the junction of the A541 Mold road. The ground is 300 yards from this junction (on the A541) towards Wrexham town centre.

For the sat-nav: LL11 2AH

By train: Wrexham General train station is located next to the ground.

FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
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-Homer*
Sat 20	15:00	H	Southport	5-1	5,681	64	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1***, Lawless, Willmott 1, Dance, O'Connor**
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 1, O'Connor**, Crow
Sat 27	15:00	H	Braintree Town	3-1	5,703	110	6	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance***, Lawless*, Keane, Willmott, Crow**, Smith 2
Tue 30	19:45	A	Hayes & Yeading United	2-2	1,015	727	8	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance***, Lawless, Keane, Willmott, Crow 1***, Smith 1
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, Gray**
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
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*, Fleetwood**
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*
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**
Sat 24	15:00	A	York City	0-3	3,570	606	6	Tyler, Keane, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Dance, Lawless**, Hand, Kissock*, Willmott, Fleetwood***
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
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
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
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbfleet United	2-2	1,651	722	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance 1, Carden, Willmott, O'Connor*, Morgan-Smith 1**
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
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**
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
Sat 29	15:00	H	Hendon (FAC 4Q)	5-1	2,329	193	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Dance 1*, Hand**, O'Connor 2 (Ipsn), Kissock, Fleetwood 1, Wright 1**
November								
Sat 5	15:00	H	Fleetwood Town	1-2	6,361	83	7	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Howells, Willmott*, Keane, Lawless**, O'Connor*, Fleetwood, Morgan-Smith
Sat 12	15:00	H	Northampton Town (FAC1)	1-0	4,799	913	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Howells, Hand, Lawless, Keane*, Kissock**, M-Smith, O'Connor
Sat 19	15:00	A	Cambridge United	1-1	4,796	1,754	7	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Dance*, Lawless, Hand**, Howells, Fleetwood 1, O'Connor
Sat 26	15:00	A	Newport County	1-0	1,511	273	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott*, Dance, Lawless, Hand, Howells, Fleetwood**, O'Connor*
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Telford United	1-1	5,399	106	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Dance*, Keane, Lawless, Willmott 1, Crow**, Fleetwood**
December								
Sat 3	15:00	H	Cheltenham Town (FAC2)	2-4	4,516	478	-	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Keane*, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor 2, Crow
Tue 6	19:45	A	Lincoln City	1-1	2,049	327	7	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington*, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott**, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor**, Crow 1
Sat 10	15:00	H	Swindon S (FAT1)	2-0	1,298	55	-	Tyler, Gleeson*, Beckwith, Lacey, Taylor, Kissock***, Watkins, Keane, Osano, Brunt**, Fleetwood 1
Sat 17	15:00	A	Tamworth	3-1	1,467	622	5	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Keane, Watkins*, Dance***, Howells, Crow** 2
Mon 26	15:00	H	Kettering Town	5-0	7,164	205	5	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless 1, Watkins, Keane, Howells 1, O'Connor 1**, Crow**
January								
Sun 1	15:00	A	Kettering Town	5-0	3,247	2,018	3	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Taylor 1, Lawless**, Keane, Watkins 1, Howells 1, Dance**, O'Connor*
Sat 7	15:00	H	Newport County	2-0	6,108	228	3	K. Pilkington, Gleeson*, G. Pilkington***, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Keane, Watkins, Howells, O'Connor 1, Crow 1**
Tues 10	19:45	H	Stockport County	1-0	5,588	78	3	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Dance*, Watkins, Lawless, Howells, Fleetwood**, Crow
Wed 18	19:45	A	Hinckley United (FAT2)	0-0	754	tbc	-	Tyler, Osano, Lacey, Asafu-Adjaye, O'Donnell, McAdams**, Dance, Kissock, Willmott, Fleetwood, Anr*
Sat 21	15:00	A	Southport	3-3	1,665	540	3	K. Pilkington, Taylor, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins 1, Kissock*, O'Connor*, Howells, Crow 1
Mon 23	19:30	H	Hinckley United (FATR2)	3-0*	1,004	81	-	Tyler, Osano, Asafu-Adjaye, Lacey, O'Donnell, Nash, McAdams**, Willmott, Kissock, Fleetwood 1**, Morgan-Smith**
Wed 25	19:30	H	Mansfield Town TV	0-0	5,261	111	3	K. Pilkington, Gleeson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow**
Sat 28	15:00	H	Alfreton Town	1-0	5,658	89	3	Tyler, Gleeson, G. Pilkington 1, Kovacs, Taylor, Willmott**, Watkins*, Lawless, Howells, O'Connor*, McAllister
February								
Tue 7	19:45	A	Kidderminster H (FAT3)	2-1	1,186	111	-	Tyler, Osano, Blackett, Beckwith, Taylor, Lawless, Henry***, Kissock, Willmott, Howells 1, Fleetwood 1
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth	3-0*	5,833	66	3	Tyler, Osano*, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Taylor, Lawless, Kissock**, Howells, Boucaud, O'Connor**, Fleetwood 1
Tue 21	19:45	A	Barrow	0-1	925	70	3	Tyler, Keane, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Boucaud*, O'Connor, Fleetwood, McAllister**
Sat 25	15:00	H	Gateshead (FATQF)					
March								
Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City TV					
Wed 7	19:30	A	Wrexham TV					
Sat 10	15:00	H	Ebbfleet United					
Tue 13	19:45	A	Darlington					
Sat 17	15:00	A	Gateshead					
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimsby Town					
Fri 30	19:30	-H	York City TV					
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	13:00	A	Fleetwood Town					
tbc	tbc	A	Forest Green Rovers					

*Scoreline includes own goal

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
Subs								
								Willmott*, Watkins, Morgan-Smith, Crow, Kidd
								M-Smith 1**, Crow 1*, A-Adjaye**, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
								Gleeson*, Walker**, Poku, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
								Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kissock**, A-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
								Watkins**, A-Adjaye*, O'Connor**, Kissock, K. Pilkington
								Dance*, Fleetwood**, O'Connor, Carden, K. Pilkington
								Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins**, O'Connor**, K. Pilkington
								Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kissock**, Samuel, K. Pilkington
								O'Connor*, Samuel**, Willmott**, Watkins, K. Pilkington
								Crow**, Watkins**, O'Connor*, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
								O'Connor*, Kissock**, Watkins**, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
								Crow*, Kissock**, Antwi, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
								Fleetwood*, Crow**, Antwi, Watkins, K. Pilkington
								Fleetwood*, Watkins**, Antwi, Kissock, K. Pilkington
								O'Connor 1**, Hand 2**, Watkins, Kissock**, K. Pilkington
								Wright*, Kissock**, Hand, Watkins, K. Pilkington
								Crow**, O'Connor*, Kissock**, Beckwith, K. Pilkington
								Crow*, Henry**, Tavernier**, Willmott, Samuel, Carden, Tyler
								Kissock**, Watkins**, Hand, Wright*, K. Pilkington
								Tyler, Willmott**, Gleeson, Beckwith, Crow*, Blackett, Watkins**
								Tyler, Watkins**, Willmott, Kissock, Brunt*
								Tyler, Crow 1**, Willmott**, Brunt*, Keane
								Watkins**, Brunt**, O'Connor*, Tyler, Taylor
								Kissock*, Beckwith, Fleetwood, Dance, Hand, Wright, Tyler
								Hand*, Dance**, Brunt**, Fleetwood, Tyler
								Kidd, McAdams**, Smith, Wright* 1, O'Donnell**, Kidd
								Tyler, Wright**, Willmott, Fleetwood**, Kissock*, Willmott
								Tyler, Fleetwood 1**, Kissock, Willmott 1**, Wright
								Brunt*, Fleetwood 1**, Willmott**, Kissock, Tyler
								Willmott**, Fleetwood**, Dance*, Kissock, Tyler
								O'Connor 1**, Willmott, Kissock, Lacey, Tyler
								Woolley*, Nash**, Longden, Smith, Kidd
								Morgan-Smith*, Fleetwood, McAllister, Poku, Tyler
								Smith**, Longden**, Woolley*, Magauraushe, Kidd
								Fleetwood*, McAllister**, Dance, Poku, Tyler
								Fleetwood*, Poku**, O'Connor**, Kissock, K. Pilkington
								O'Donnell**, Watkins**, Woolley*, Kovacs, K. Pilkington
								Willmott**, McAllister**, Watkins*, Crow, K. Pilkington
								Kissock*, Watkins*, Blackett, Crow, Kidd

LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Fleetwood Town	33	23	7	3	76	37	39	76
2	Wrexham	32	23	5	4	60	20	40	74
3	LUTON TOWN	33	17	11	5	62	28	34	62
4	York City	33	15	12	6	65	36	29	57
5	Southport	33	16	7	10	51	55	-4	55
6	Grimsby Town	32	16	6	10	64	45	19	54
7	Kidderminster Harriers	33	15	9	9	58	45	13	54
8	Gateshead	33	15	9	9	53	48	5	54
9	Mansfield Town	32	13	13	6	52	37	15	52
10	Barrow	33	15	6	12	52	47	5	51
11	Cambridge United	31	13	10	8	40	28	12	49
12	Forest Green Rovers	33	12	12	9	46	32	14	48
13	Braintree Town	33	12	7	14	54	59	-5	43
14	Tamworth	32	11	8	13	40	50	-10	41
15	Ebbfleet United	33	10	10	13	51	57	-6	40
16	Newport County	33	8	9	16	40	48	-8	33
17	Lincoln City	33	8	17	35	49	-14	32	
18	AFC Telford United	32	7	10	15	32	47	-15	31
19	Stockport County	34	5	14	15	38	57	-19	29
20	Darlington	34	10	8	16	35	49	-14	28
21	Alfreton Town	32	7	7	18	41	68	-27	28
22	Kettering Town	33	7	7	19	33	74	-41	28
23	Hayes & Yeading	33	7	6	20	45	71	-26	27
24	Bath City	33	3	9	21	30	66	-36	18

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

Player	P	G	A	Y	Red	Off	On	Sub	Start	Min
Alsan ANN	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Will ANTWI	12	0	2	1	0	0	13	0	2	0
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	4	2	0	2	0	6	2	0	0	1
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dean BECKWITH	8	0	1	3	0	11	0	1	2	11
Shane BLACKETT	4	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	4
Andre BOUCAUD	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2
Ryan BRUNT	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0
Paul CARDEN	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11
Danny CROW	18	6	9	1	2	0	19	8	9	3
James DANCE	21	5	3	2	0	23	5	4	3	28
Stuart FLEETWOOD	16	9	6	5	0	21	9	10	4	30
Dan GLEESON	8	1	0	2	0	10	1	0	1	53
Jamie HAND	11	2	2	2	0	13	2	2	4	15
Charlie HENRY	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Jake HOWELLS	30	0	5	4	0	1	34	0	6	

LAST WORD

WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

If I had a cap on right now, I would doff it to any of the 70 Hatters fans who made the gargantuan trip to Barrow on Tuesday evening.

Luckily, my colleague was on duty at Holker Street on the night, which meant I didn't have to make the dreaded journey and then need matchsticks the following day to ensure drooping eyes remained open.

Unfortunately, I am booked in for the away clash at Gateshead in the near future, but let's not talk about that now.

Although according to many, the performance and result left plenty to be desired, it was heart-warming to see pictures of Hatters defender Ed Asafu-Adjaye handing out scarves to the fans who had travelled the length of the country to follow their beloved team.

It got me thinking about other examples when teams have done something similar to reward their faithful supporters, and with the help of my Twitter followers (@LutonNews@LTFC), I was able to come up with something of a definitive list.

The Hatters aren't the first and probably won't be the last club to hand out such fetching neckwear as Newcastle did something similar for Alan Shearer's testimonial back in the 2005/06 season.

But according to quite a few tweets, it's not just scarves that Luton are known to have distributed, with a number remembering the Championship days when Town players used to kick footballs into the crowd, while others mentioned occasions at Yeovil and Bolton when free tickets were given out for the next Hatters home match.

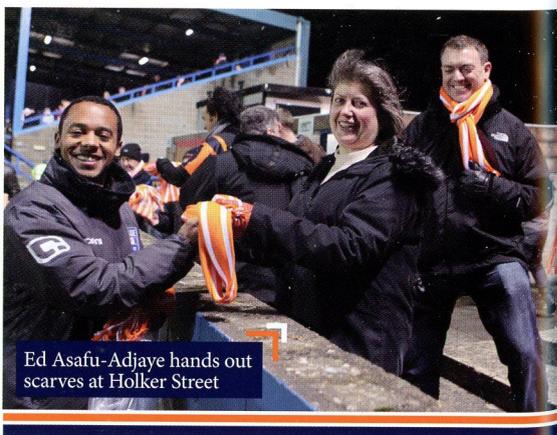
Going a bit further was the incredibly generosity from former Sunderland chairman Niall Quinn who once forked out £8,000 in taxi fares to get fans home after they were thrown off a plane for singing his praises

with a bizarre song. Arsenal left free t-shirts on 54,000 seats at the Emirates for Dennis Bergkamp's testimonial, something they had also done in the last game at Highbury.

Some teams take a slightly different approach to the norm with Bolton Wanderers giving away free beer to 1,000 fans in 2008 for their derby with Blackburn Wanderers. Whether many of those in attendance remember much about the game afterwards is a different matter though.

It can be the players themselves who get in on the act too, as the Wigan squad clubbed together to the tune of £15,000 to refund travelling fans who were in attendance at White Hart Lane in the 2009/10 season and had to witness the humiliating 9-1 capitulation to Spurs.

There's bound to be plenty more incidents, but while all supporters would prefer to receive the gift of three points at every game, it's nice to see the Hatters doing their bit for those who give up their time and hard-earned money to follow the club.



Ed Asafu-Adjaye hands out scarves at Holker Street

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Keith Keane	4	■
Dean Beckwith	5	■
George Pilkington	6	■
Alex Lawless	7	■
Amari Morgan-Smith	8	■
Craig McAllister	9	■
Danny Crow	10	■
Robbie Willmott	11	■
Shane Blackett	12	■
Stuart Fleetwood	13	■
Aaron O'Connor	14	■
Jake Howells	15	■
Andre Boucaud	17	■
Ed Asafu-Adjaye	16	■
Curtis Osano	18	■
James Dance	19	■
John Paul Kissock	20	■
Charlie Henry	21	■
Godfrey Poku	25	■
Adam Watkins	28	■
Janos Kovacs	34	■



GATESHEAD

■ 1	Tim Deasy
■ 2	Eddie Odhiambo
■ 3	Sam Rents
■ 4	Kris Gate
■ 5	James Curtis
■ 6	Ben Clark
■ 7	Martin Brittain
■ 8	Phil Turnbull
■ 9	Jon Shaw
■ 10	Yemi Odubade
■ 11	Micky Cummins
■ 12	Nathan Fisher
■ 13	Paul Farman
■ 14	Craig Baxter
■ 15	Liam Hatch
■ 16	Josh Gillies
■ 17	James Marwood
■ 18	Carl Magnay
■ 19	Chris Moore
■ 20	Chris Carruthers
■ 21	Jamie Chandler
■ 22	Rob Briggs
■ 24	Alan O'Brien

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