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The Gaffer

Good afternoon and welcome to Bootham **Crescent for this FA Trophy Semi-Final** against Luton Town. I hope you have a safe journey home after the match.



Ok, here we go. Wembley around the corner and a fantastic opportunity for our football club not only to get to Wembley, but to win what I feel is a fantastic competition. Everybody will have their opinion as always on what they feel about the FA Trophy, but we are going into a period where we are now talking about weeks rather than months until the end of the season, with an opportunity of reaching the famous stadium twice.

We have all worked hard this season, not just me, Darron and the players, but everybody connected with our football club, to be in this position. Today's game against Luton is a test of our belief, of our hunger and of our spirit as a football club and a test of our capabilities of achieving our goals this season.

Our last two league games gave us an examination of our patience against two sides that came for nothing but a draw. We got the two goals against

Haves & Yeading United but because of some, I must say, good defending and, at times, heroic goalkeeping by Tamworth, we were unable to find the back of the net on Tuesday evening. So, four points out of six for me is a good return in the real world. For those who aren't realistic, we didn't manage to get the six. What's been pleasing over the last three games is our ability to keep a clean sheet and, as proven in two of the last three fixtures. you only need one goal to win the game if you manage that allimportant clean sheet. Our aim is to do just that today and get our noses in front to travel down south for the 2nd Lea next Saturday.

I'm hoping we've got a big crowd here today but, regardless of the attendance, please be vocal, get behind your players, and help us to a fantastic day out in May.

The Gaffer



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Patron of York City FC The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York Chairman

Business Development Director Welcome everyone to today's Stadium Development Director Semi-Final FA Trophy 1st Leg Ian McAndrew game with Luton Town FC with **Communications &** the big prize ahead of the Final to **Community Director** be played at Wembley. A special Sophie Hicks welcome to the directors. **Financial Management Consultant** management, players and Peter Rookes supporters of Luton Town and we **Club Secretary** look forward to a competitive and Lisa Charlton eniovable afternoon and wish our **Operations & Safety Manager** quests a safe journey home after the game. **Commercial Sales Executive** We are now approaching the crucial

Emma Courtney Manager

Chris Tock

Jason McGill

Rob McGill

Garv Mills **Assistant Manager Darron Gee** Youth Coach Steve Torpey **Goalkeeping Coach** Paul Musselwhite **Physio** Jeff Miller **Hon Medical Officer** Dr John Moronev Media Centre Manager / **Programme Editor** Phil Howden York City in the Community **Development Manager** Paula Stainton **Community Development Officer** Danial Parker Head Groundsman Wayne Simpson **Club Historian / Statistician David Batters Action Photos** Lewis Outing www.mainlyfax.co.uk Additional photos -Tommy Outing & Mark Comer **Programme Artwork & Print** Mark Comer, The Max Design &

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Boardroom notes



playing part of the season and,

including the completed Haves &

with a total of eight games in the

important Trophy matches but the

closely contended run-in to the play-

there with realistic chances of getting

final Football League promotion place

to join whoever are the Champions. In

parallel with this. York and Luton meet

should have a good idea of the kind of

certainly the time of the season when

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The presentation of the plans for the

Community Stadium in the York De

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Grey Rooms last Saturday, open to all

success. It provided a real opportunity

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three times in the space of three

weeks so by that time both clubs

football played by the other! It is

every way we can.

month of March. Not only the

Yeading United and Tamworth fixtures.



project and the general favourable response was extremely positive. The Board are very grateful to the supporters who made a big presence in the City centre on that day, for all their time and efforts, and also for distribution of the leaflets both in the City and at Bootham Crescent at the

Haves & Yeading United game. We are

all encouraged by the overwhelming

Stadium for the People of York" and

now look forward to the successful

outcome of all our efforts of the past

Supporters will be aware that it is the

Conference Board intention to intro-

duce increased financial regulations

effect on the level of playing budgets.

for season 2012/13 with potential

Consequently from a Commercial

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income, so that we can invest as

strongly as we can to the plaving

Department position we are already

looking at every way we can increase

including sponsorship and hospitality

budget as a priority requirement. This

restricted facilities available to us, and

all the support you can give us in this

respect will be invaluable. One big

potential area of opportunity is our

intention to launch a new modern

Phil Howden and Tommy Outing.

day at the Southport game on 24th

March. Details for publication are

online Club Lottery Scheme which is

being developed by Emma Courtney.

working together, with intended launch

being prepared and this really can be a

is a hard task given the limited and

support and enthusiasm for "A

10 years.



big project to help the team by increased Supporter membership of the Lottery on a regular basis. We hope that you will give every consideration to the new Lottery when all the information is distributed.

There are details in the programme of the York City FC Youth Team dinner at the Park Inn Hotel, York, on 15th March. There will be a York City FC table, including all the Board, Gary Mills, Darron Gee and Steve Torpey. for what will be an entertaining and eniovable evening. Despite financial stringencies, the Football Club are doing everything possible to continue to support the Youth programme for development of young talent for the future, and the annual dinner contributes importantly to this funding. Could I ask supporters to join the Youth Team at the dinner in the largest numbers you can manage to help our vound players to a future career in Football.

Thank you for your support today and eniov the game.

Rob McGill

Did you know?

On this date in 1984 City marched on at the top of the Fourth with a 3-1 victory at Torquay United. On the scoresheet were Gary Ford. Keith Walwyn and John Byrne.



Racism is not tolerated at York City Football Club and racist behaviour of any form at our ground will lead to arrest, with perpetrators receiving a life ban from the club. We want to create a family club, free of racism and with your help we can achieve our goal.

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Play off chasing Gateshead have boosted their defensive options by signing Paul Dummett from Newcastle United on a month's loan.

The 21-year-old, who made his debut in Tuesdays home match against Hayes& Yeading, is a Welsh U21 international and has captained the Newcastle reserve side on a number of occasions. Commenting on the loan acquisition from his former side, manager lan Bogie said:

"He is highly rated at Newcastle United and both reserves and youth coaches. Peter Beardslev and Willie Donachie, speak highly of the lad."

Stockport Extend Rowe Loan

Struggling Stockport County have received a welcome boost with the confirmation that Danny Rowe has extended his loan from league leaders Fleetwood Town.

The striker will stay on at Edgeley Park for a third and final month after a successful two-month stint with the Hatters.

Rowe netted from the penalty spot last weekend to secure three vital points against troubled Darlington. He has now scored six goals in his last seven appearances for Stockport and will stay at the club until the start of April.

Ugwu Stays at Fleet

Ebbsfleet United's have confirmed that on-loan striker Gozie Ugwu has extended his stay at Stonebridge Road.

The 18 year old, who is on loan from Championship side Reading, has

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been a revelation with the Fleet - scoring two goals in as many appearances and Fleet boss Liam Daish has now secured his services until the end of the month. He told the clubs website:

"I have been pleased with Gozie. He is a good lad and has given us something different to what we have up front. It was disappointing that his first two possible games with the club were postponed but since then he has performed well."

Jackson Learns Harsh Lesson

Barrow striker Joe Jackson says he has learnt a big lesson after spending a longer-thanexpected spell on the sidelines following his first red card.

The 19-year-old was sent off in the defeat at Braintree Town six weeks ago but February's cold snap resulted in a raft of fixture postponements led to a lengthy spell in the stands. The on-loan Burnley sharpshooter is back available and was - along with fellow striker Adam Boyes, who has also completed a three-match ban - in the Bluebirds squad to take on fellow play-off chasers Kidderminster Harriers at Aggborough last weekend after which he told the clubs website:

"The last few weeks have seemed like forever. I've not been allowed to play in any competitive games but have continued to train hard with both Barrow and Burnley. I came to Barrow to get experience and I have learnt a big lesson quite early. It was the first time in my career that I have been sent off and I want to put it behind me and move on."

Blue Square Bet Premier Table

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23	Kettering Town**	35	7	7	21	34	77	-43	25
24	Bath City	36	4	9	23	32	70	-38	21

* deducted 10 points for entering administration ** deducted 3 points for breaching league rules

Westwood Determined To Survive Drop

Kettering Town caretaker-manager Ashley Westwood is determined to lead the club to safety after dropping further in the standings over recent games.

The Poppies were hit with a threepoint deduction after failing to pay their football creditors, and then slumped to a 1-0 defeat against highflying Wrexham last Saturday. The result left Westwood's side second from bottom with 25 points, four points below safety, and after the game he told the Northampton Chronicle & Echo:

"The games can't come quick enough for us now. As far as I am concerned. I am here until the end of the season. If that changes, it changes but I am giving it everything I can. This is a big month for us and we want to get in amongst it and get ourselves some wins.' by James Wright

Minstermen Media Centre

Hello everyone and welcome to Bootham Crescent for what should be a mouth-watering game in the Semi-Final of the FA Trophy against Luton Town. Games between the two sides are always entertaining and there's no reason why today should be any different. And, with a place at Wembley at stake, there is an added incentive for both sets of players to give it their all to achieve a day in the near future which will be one tosavour in their careers – the FA Trophy Final.



This is our third Semi-Final appearance in this competition which, considering we had never even competed in the Trophy before eight seasons ago, is a very good record. We've seen the ups and the downs of this stage in previous meetings against Torquay United and AFC Telford United. The match against Torquay was daylight robbery quite honestly. Forced to play the 1st Leg away on a Friday night then denied by a dodgy refereeing decision in the 2nd Leg here at the Crescent was a real sickener. But against Telford, with a team who nearly got relegated, we bossed them both at home and away having expected a much tougher test than it turned out in reality.

Today's game is impossible to predict. While City fans will point to a good recent record at home to The Hatters, including a 3-0 pasting earlier this season that could have been double figures, Luton fans will rightly point out that they are above us in the league table and the league

table never lies. Generally people say that the cup is different but I would disagree when the game is over two legs. Quite simply, whoever is the better team will go through to the Final as you are not "lucky" twice. I would also say that whoever goes through from this tie will be the overwhelming favourites to go on and win at Wembley.



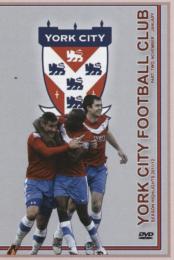
Daniel Parslow collected his Man of the Match champagne from match and club sponsors Pryer Solicitors last Tuesday night following the BSB Premier clash against Tamworth.

If the league season finished tomorrow then we'd also be meeting today's visitors in the Play-Off Semi-Finals, so it may not be the last time Luton visit us this season. And, of course, we have to go there on a Friday night for a big big league encounter at Kenilworth Road at the end of this month. So it's possible we could face each other five times before the end of this current season! However, let's not count our chickens

because, as we saw with the Tamworth game on Tuesday night, things don't always go your way. So, good luck to the players today. We're all behind you and know that you have the ability to write yourself into another page of York City history by sending us to the Final and on to win the FA Trophy for the first time. Wembley awaits! Enjoy the game.

> Phil Howden York City Media Centre

York City Season Highlights DVD - Part Two



The second part of this season's York City Season Highlights on DVD has now been released and is on sale today.

Featured is action from the months of November, December and January, which includes footage of the home wins against Lincoln City, Kettering Town and Ebbsfleet United, the festive double-header against Mansfield Town and extras on the disc include action from the FA Youth Cup and North Riding Senior Cup.

The 95 minute production is priced at £10 and all profits go directly to York City Football Club. You can buy your copy in the York City Club Shop, thank you for your support. If you have suffered due to Clinical Negligence or been involved in an Accident, Pryers Solicitors LLP is here to help you.

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Welcome to Luton Town



A warm welcome this afternoon to LUTON TOWN on this their second visit to Bootham Crescent this season.

The clubs have only met once before in cup football and that was in 1978/79 in the 3rd round of the FA Cup at Bootham Crescent. At the time City were in the Fourth Division with the Hatters in the Second (Championship) and goals from Gordon Staniforth and Kevin Randall earned a 2-0 win watched by 6,730. City were drawn away to First Division champions and European Cup winners elect Nottingham Forest in the next round.

GOALKEEPERS 1 / Mark Tyler

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road in June 2009 following his release from Peterborough United. Mark made 483 appearances in 15 years at London Road and was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. A former England Youth international.

31 / Lewis Kidd

Young goalkeeper who signed professional forms in the summer of 2011.

DEFENDERS

6 / George Pilkington

Highly experienced defender who joined the club on a free transfer in August 2008. Having began his career as an Everton trainee, Pilkington joined Port Vale in June 2003, after a loan spell at Exeter City. Having started 223 league games for the Valiants, the highlyregarded defender has been named Player of the Year twice. Injury

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Kevin Randall (centre) heads City's second goal in the FA Cup win on 9th January 1979.

frustrated the centre-half in his first season at Kenilworth Road in 2008/09 but he still managed to pick-up a Johnstone's Paint Trophy winners' medal. Pilkington hit the headlines for his goalscoring exploits in the Town's first season in the Conference.

2 / Dan Gleeson

Tall and athletic defender, primarily a right-back, Gleeson signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2010 from his home town club Cambridge United. A product of the U's academy, Gleeson made his debut at 18 and soon became a regular at the Abbey Stadium making 61 league appearances before Notts County snapped up his signature in

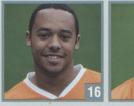
2006. Gleeson only lasted a season at Meadow Lane, featuring 17 times before he was back at the Abbey, firstly on-loan before resigning permanently in 2007. Recognised as one of the best right-backs outside the Football League, Gleeson's performances have seen him rewarded with seven England C caps.

3 / Greg Taylor

Left-back signed from Darlington in November 2011 who made his Town debut in the 1-1 draw at Cambridge United. Started his career as a junior with Northampton before he signed for Kettering Town.



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16 / Ed Asafu-Adjave

Capable of playing in any position across defence. Asafu-Adjave has made significant progress through the Club's youth set-up. After a loan spell with non-league side Walton & Hersham, he made the breakthrough into the first team under former boss Mike Newell, he has gone from strength to strength and was part of the Town team that won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

12 / Shane Blackett

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

24 / Alex Lacey

Up-and-coming centre-half who made his first team debut as a 17vear-old in the FA Trophy first round tie against Welling.

5 / Dean Beckwith

Centre-back Beckwith became the Hatters' second signing of the summer of 2011 following his release from League 2 side Northampton Town, The commanding 6'3" defender has experienced promotion from the Blue Square Bet Premier before having been part of the Hereford United side that won the Play-Off final against Halifax Town in 2008

18 / Curtis Osano

Lightening quick attacking defender who signed a six-month contract at Kenilworth Road following his departure from Rushden & Diamonds in July 2011

34 / Janos Kovacs

Hungarian defender who signed onloan for his second spell at the club in September 2011. Formerly with Chesterfield and Lincoln, he first signed in January 2010 before signing for Hereford United in the summer of that year. Signed a 18month contract in January 2012. Had a spell on loan with City in 2006/07.

MIDFIELDERS 11 / Robbie Willmott

Harlow-born winger who penned an 18-month contract with the Hatters in January 2011 after hitting 10 goals for Cambridge United. Capable of playing on either wing or behind the front two, Willmott came through the ranks at the Abbey Stadium.

15 / Jake Howells

The young winger, who can also play at left-back or in central midfield came through the ranks at Kenilworth Road and made his first

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team debut in May 2008. After making 36 appearances for the Hatters in the 2008/09 the England C international was rewarded for his efforts with a professional contract.

25 / Godfrey Poku

Tenacious defensive midfielder who signed together with from Blue Square South outfit St Albans City in January 2010. A tough-tackling and no-nonsense midfielder, the Town beat off competition from several Football League clubs for his signature.

26 / JJ O'Donnell

Tricky winger who joined the Town with St Albans team-mate Godfrey Poku in January 2010. Also capable of playing at left back the youngster featured for the Hatters' reserve and vouth teams during 2009/10

4 / Keith Keane

. He joined the Hatters at the age of nine having been scouted in local football, and made a rapid progression through the club's centre of excellence and vouth teams. He made his senior debut in 2003 as a 16-year-old and over the course of his career at Kenilworth Road Keane has proved to be one of the, if not the most, versatile players to pull on a Luton shirt. Capable of plaving right the way across the back four or in midfield the only positions he's not featured for the Town (yet) are in goal and up-front. Out of contract at the end of the 2009/10 campaign the winner of the Hatters' Goal of the Season award delighted everyone at Kenilworth Road by penning a two-year deal to keep him at the club until 2012.



28 / Adam Watkins

Young midfielder, capable of playing in attack, who signed professional forms at Kenilworth Road in June 2010. A self-confessed Hatters fan, he made his first team bow in a 1-0 defeat at Southampton in the FA Cup third round in January 2010. He broke into the first team squad during 2010/11 campaign scoring twice on his full debut in the 4-0 FA Trophy win over Uxbridge. Watkins then scored his first league goal on his first league start in the 3-1 win over Braintree in August 2011.

21 / Charlie Henry

Winger Henry signed from Blue Square Bet Premier rivals Newport County in November 2010, Henry is no stranger to Kenilworth Road as he came through the youth ranks at the Club but was told he was too small to continue his scholarship and left when he was 15.

7 / Alex Lawless

Former Wales Under-21 midfielder who signed in November 2010 initially on-loan from City before a permanent deal went through in January 2011. He made 63 appearances and scored four goals for City. A star of the Minstermen's campaign in 2009/10 which saw City lose in the Promotion Final to Oxford United. He joined City in the summer of 2009 impressing then boss Martin Foyle enough to prise the 25-yearold away from Forest Green Rovers where performances in a variety of positions – in defence and across midfield - had also caught the eye of Football League scouts. It's not just the 150 games experience in the Conference that Lawless has with Forest Green and York that he has on his CV. A former Cardiff City scholar



he took-up non-league football in Wales before he was snapped up to earn his first professional contract with Premier League Fulham in 2003. Without featuring for the Cottagers it was off to South West to Torquay United for the young Lawless but after just a year and 16 appearances at Plainmoor he was on the move again, to Forest Green in 2006 and in his three seasons he helped the Gloucestershire consolidate in the Conference.

19 / James Dance

Energetic, tricky winger who joined the Hatters from Crawley Town in July 2011. Able to play on either flank or as a central striker. Dance began his career as a trainee at Birmingham City but, after being released, he made his name in nonleague circles in the West Midlands before catching the eye of Kettering Town in 2009. After a string of fine performances on the wing for the Poppies - including a man-of-thematch performance against the Town in August 2009 - he signed for Crawley in January 2011. However, after picking up a Blue Square Bet Premier winners' medal last term. Dance found himself out of the Red Devils' starting XI and, after the Hatters' bid was accepted by the League 2 club, the Coleshill-born man was quick to agree a two-year deal.

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17 / Andre Boucaud

Midfielder who signed for the Town in the January 2012 transfer window from City. Boucaud began his career in the QPR academy. Before moving to Bootham Crescent in November 2010, Andre played for Reading. Peterborough United, Aldershot Town and Kettering Town. He made 45 appearances for City. His international career began in 2004 when, as a 19-year-old, he made his debut for Trinidad & Tobago in a 2-0 win over Irag at West Bromwich Albion - one of six caps he's gained for the Soca Warriors. More recently he was capped up for the Trinidad squad in September 2011 for their World Cup 2014 qualifiers against Bermuda and Barbados.

20 / John Paul Kissock

Creative attacking midfielder John Paul signed a two-year contract for an undisclosed fee joining from Southport in August 2011. The former England Under-16 and Under-18 international began his career as a trainee at Premier League Everton. He was a regular in the Toffees' youth and reserve teams where he surpassed Wayne Rooney's record as the youngest ever player to feature for their second-string. In January 2008, he signed on loan for then Scottish Premier League Gretna, earning rave reviews before he returned to

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Goodison Park. With first team opportunities limited – despite being named as an unused substitute nine times in the Premier League - he was released at the end of the 2008/09 campaign before he signed Hamilton Academical, A short spell with Accies followed and, after attempting to find a new club, he dropped down to Cheshire county league level in a bid to resurrect his career. His performances for firstly Newton, and then Formby, alerted the attention of Southport manager Liam Watson who signed the Liverpudlian in December 2010.

FORWARDS 9 / Craig McAllister

The frontman who signed on loan for the rest of the 2011/12 season from Newport County. The powerful 6'1" striker signed for Newport in the summer just months after helping Crawley Town win the Blue Square Bet Premier title last season where he scored 12 goals in 27 starts for Steve Evans' side. One of those goals proved particularly crucial when he fired a stoppage time winner against the Town for the Red Devils in a 2-1 victory at Kenilworth Road in October 2010. Although born in Glasgow, McAllister was raised on the South Coast of England and began his career with Eastleigh.

10 / Danny Crow

A nippy poacher of a striker. Crow ioined the Hatters from Cambridge United in May 2010 following the expiry of his contract at the Abbey Stadium. The front man started his career as a trainee with Norwich City and made his senior bow in the Premier League for the Canaries in December 2004. A loan spell at Northampton followed towards the

end of the 2004/05 season before he was released by Norwich and signed for Peterborough in the summer of 2005, notching 17 goals in his debut season at London Road. Following a short loan spell at Notts County. Crow was released by Posh and was snapped up by Cambridge in September 2008

29 / Dan Walker

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

8 / Amari Morgan-Smith

Striker or wide man who arrived at Kenilworth Road as a free agent following a two-year spell at llkeston Town. He put pen to paper on a twoyear deal after two years with the Blue Square Bet North side in which he scored 34 goals in 77 starts. The fast and skilful frontman's impressive form for the Robins earned him a call-up to the England C squad at the end of last season, earning his first cap against the Republic of Ireland in May. Wolverhampton-born Morgan-Smith started his career as a trainee with Wolves. He then signed for Crewe and then Stockport where he made one Football League appearance before moving to Ilkeston.

14 / Aaron O'Connor

Striker, who picked up a plethora of end-of-season awards at Nene Park. arrived at Kenilworth Road after signing a two-year contact following the expiry of his deal with Rushden & Diamonds. He scored 27 times in

two seasons at Nene Park after arriving from Mansfield Town and went onto be a huge favourite at the Northamptonshire club. Aaron started his career on YTS forms with Derby County before moving to Ilkeston Town. He then had spells at Scunthorpe United and Nuneaton Borough before returning to Ilkeston. He then joined Gresley Rovers where between 2004 and 2007 he scored 80 goals in 127 games. Aaron went from Grays to Mansfield in 2008 where he scored eight times in 39 games at Field Mill prior to his switch to Rushden in the summer of 2009. Known for his strength and turn of pace the Nottingham-born front man can also play wide.

13 / Stuart Fleetwood

Prolific striker who signed for an undisclosed fee from Hereford United on deadline day in August 2011. The Gloucester-born frontman, who scored 28 goals the last time he played at Conference level whilst with Forest Green Rovers, signed a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road. He began his career as a trainee at Cardiff City, making the grade to feature eight times for the Bluebirds between 2003 and 2006. In January 2006. Fleetwood signed for Hereford for the first time scoring eight times before he signed for Forest Green in June 2007. And it was his spell with Rovers that saw people sit up and take notice after plundering 32 league and cup goals in a season that saw the Gloucestershire side earn their highest league placing. The Wales Under-21 international turned down a new contract at FGR to sign for then Championship Charlton in June 2008 but was loaned out Cheltenham, Exeter and Brighton.

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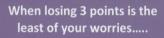
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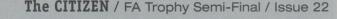
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Adlington after winning the 400m freestyle at the British Championships in a world-class time, and confirming her place at the 2012 Olympics. It's as good a verbal picture of what it means to achieve athletic success as I've heard anywhere, it really highlights the emotions involved

Meanwhile, a day earlier at Bootham Crescent, defender Lanre Oyebanjo was offering his take to BBC Radio York on a situation that could escalate into similar emotions. "Even though we're in March we've still got a lot of games to go, the season's far from over." Yes, these are exciting times, and if Lanre was excited about scoring his first goal for the club, that could be nothing to what might be in store for him, and twenty-odd others, come May.



This is what sport is all about: The tearful joy of success at the highest level, or the anticipation of it occurring sometime in the foreseeable future. Of course, it might NOT occur, but that's what makes it all so special when it does

I know it might all end in (the wrong sort of) tears, and disappointment; But I'm starting, already, to have dreams about who might score the winning goal or penalty at Wembley (in either final!) and what they might have to say about it afterwards. I can do that, and fans can do that too, although the players may have to be more focused and not count their chickens too soon. Back in 1993 my Sports Editor Alastair Yeomans, after Dean Kiely saved THAT penalty, observed: "Perhaps... (emotional pause), perhaps it's going to come out right after all." It did. It might again, and it might not, but if it does it will be a great, very hard-earned achievement. and that is why emotions will run so high if the club's primary goal can be accomplished. Just ask Rebecca Adlinaton.

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These events are always entertaining and informative - arrive early to get the best seats! The bar will be open from 7:00pm.

We'll be running our infamous navvy's breakfast raffle, with wine and match tickets also up for grabs.

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Guy will be our quest in late summer or early autumn, when supporters will be able to hear his behind-the-scenes account of Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine.

OUIZ NIGHT -THURSDAY 5th APRIL

Our April Quiz Night will be held in Pitchside Bar on Thursday 5th April, starting at 8.30pm, and the guizmaster will be Mark Woodhouse

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Quiz entry is £1 per person for teams of up to five people.

There'll also be a chance to win a navvy's breakfast, York City match tickets, and a bottle of wine in the raffle

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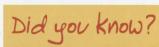
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First of all I would like to thank HM Member Dave Husband for helping me distribute leaflets in support of the new Community Stadium last week.

It was a successful morning for everyone involved, and the plans on show at the De Grey rooms looked impressive.

As this is the last Home game before the Council meeting on 22nd March. I hope everyone has had chance to write or e-mail their support for the plans.

We are running the Minibus to Grimsby on Tuesday, and also to the 2nd leg at Luton next Saturday, so let us hope that the boys can take a comfortable lead down to Kenilworth Road.

Please book for either game on the number below, and refer to our website www.harrogateminstermen.com for departure times and fares.

Finally, we wish a speedy recovery to HM Member Mark Reed, who you may have noticed hobbling around on crutches. Mark injured himself preparing for a charity run in aid of Parkinson's Disease. Mark aims to be fit for the run that takes place in May. If anyone wishes to sponsor him, please contact myself.

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world cup & met up with the great man Josh for coffee. It was a fascinating session hearing about all his various activities (publishing, Radio NZ, past City efforts, football management, etc). In the picture we are holding a Cambridge FC (the NZ version) football programme for a relegation play off match from the previous weekend plus a book on New Zealand which he

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A very skilful right sided midfield player Barry made an immediate impact upon moving to Bootham Crescent from Nottingham Forest in September 1973, initially on Ioan, for a then club record fee of £12,000.

Born in Shirebrook, Derbyshire he turned professional for Rotherham United in 1962 before moving to Nottingham Forest four years later for £45,000. In his first season at the City Ground Forest finished runners up to Manchester United in the First Division and they also reached the semi-final of the FA Cup losing to Tottenham Hotspur. He went on to top over 200 league appearances for the club before joining City.

With his class and skill he developed an outstanding partnership in midfield with lan Holmes which was a key factor as City swept to promotion and his experience stood the club in good stead as the club held their own in the second tier the following season. Barry had the distinction of scoring City's first goal in the Second Division in a 1-1 home draw against Aston Villa on the opening day of the 1974/75 campaign. He made a total of 98 senior appearances for the club with 11 goals before moving to Darlington in the summer of 1976 and spent three seasons at Feethams before returning to Bootham Crescent in 1979 as youth team coach. Youngsters who developed

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under him at the time included John Byrne, Steve Senior and Mick Astbury who all went on to establish themselves at senior level. Upon the departure of Charlie Wright early in 1980 Barry took over the managerial reins and guided the club away from the re-election zone. The following year City struggled* and finished bottom of the Fourth Division but in the summer of 1981 Barry made the notable signing of striker Keith Walwyn who was to have a big impact in the years ahead. Sadly, however, midway through the 1980/81 campaign Barry was relieved of his managerial duties and after resuming his youth team post finally left the club in July 1982.

Since then Barry, who celebrates his 67th birthday next week, has had no direct involvement in football although retaining a keen interest in the game. He worked in insurance and then as a

decorater before moving toTorquay where he had a quest house. Barry later returned to York and for a number of years has helped run the St. Mary's Hotel in Bootham. A keen golfer he plays regularly and is a member at Easingwold.

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CITY CORNER by Jamie Crane

CAPTAINCY

Being asked to captain your club is one of the greatest honours a player can receive from their manager. When Chris Smith arrived last year, he was instantly handed the role due to his obvious leadership skills, but such a quality is not the only thing manager's look for when deciding their skipper.

In England's friendly against Holland. Scott Parker was given the armband by temporary manager Stuart Pearce, who when asked to explain his appointment said that "the other players respect him and I think he's a very unselfish man". For a captain to be successful they simply must have the respect Pearce talks about, so that they are listened to and followed. Respect is gained both on and off the pitch, and Parker was installed because he has both, due to his commitment when playing and his image as a positive role model when not. However, for all these traits, he lacks the same sort of communicational skills that other members of the squad possess, so it

raises the question as to what is more important in a captain – being a leader on the pitch or a role model off it?

The captain's role is not restricted to players who play in certain positions, but for them to be most effective. being able to see the whole pitch and communicate to all teammates easily, those who play in the centre of defence or midfield are surely most suited. However, the only City captain to ever lead us to a major trophy was goalkeeper Roger Jones who skippered the fourth division championship side of 1983. which shows that not only central outfield players can have success in the role.

Occasionally a manager will appoint their best player as captain, on the grounds that their performances will demand respect. Players who score those all-important



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winners, who make those goalstopping blocks or play those defense splitting assists, inspire those around them, and make them raise their

games. On the other hand, giving these sorts of players the armband increases the amount of pressure on them massively, and not everyone can cope with it.

Often the key to dealing with the increased expectation is to try and block out feedback, and put the team's success before any personal credit. James Crook once said that "The man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd", meaning that a true leader will be completely focussed on his team, and be willing to ignore any potential plaudits in order to steer them towards excellence.

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Rotherham United v York City Youth

On the back of a comprehensive 4-nil win seven days earlier. York travelled down the A1 to face Rotherham United for the second time this season, after securing a win against them earlier in the season.





converted a penalty after Tom Allan was fouled in the box when challenging for a corner. The match finished 4-2 in what was a poor performance and result for York and one from which a good response is needed next week when they face Hartlepool.





However, it proved to be a very bad day for York as they came away with nothing after a very lacklustre performance. A sluggish start saw Botherham take the lead in the first five minutes, after the striker was not picked up in the area. The goal should have acted as a wakeup call for York, but it did not turn out this way as Rotherham doubled their lead mid way through the first half. However despite being two nil down and not playing particularly well. York had a number of great goal scoring chances, in the first 45 minutes, and could easily have been on level terms as half time approached.

York came out with more purpose in the second half, and were working hard to get back into the match. However they were dealt with a killer blow in a similar fashion to the first half, as Rotherham made it three within the first five minutes. The ball was played out to the United right winger, and with a touch and shot, the ball was in the back of the net. It now looked like

left. A good pass from Reece Kelly to Tom Platt, saw the midfielder take a touch and finish the ball into the bottom corner from inside the penalty area. With renewed hope, York pushed forward looking for a second to give themselves a chance of an equaliser late on. It was as a result of York pushing men forward that Rotherham were able to put the game beyond doubt when on the break they converted to make it four with York left exposed at the back. York keeper Tom Guildford then made a good save down low to prevent further damage. There was just time for York to get a consolation, as Danny Middleton

TEAM: Guildford Hudson, Newbould, Foster-Vigors, Allan, Coates (sub Kelly), Platt, D Middleton, Binns, Dhesi (sub Weir), Owen (sub Moncur) Subs not used: White, B Middleton by Tom Platt

Rotherham United 4 York City Youth 2

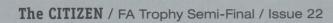
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43 years ago today 18 year old central defender Chris Topping scored his first goal for the club in a 2-1 home win over Workington in Division Four. Ted MacDougall was the other marksman watched by 3,395.

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Away days



The big games come thick and fast...

We return to Blundell Park on Tuesday evening looking to complete a league and cup treble over Grimsby Town.

Since our 2-1 victory at Bootham Crescent in October – remembered for Jason Walker's now YouTube famed acrobatic, overhead bicycle-kicked goal – the Mariners have gone on an impressive run, winning ten and drawing five of their following 17 league games, remaining unbeaten in their last 15. That run was ended on Tuesday evening however following Jamie Vardy's late winner for Fleetwood.

Town's current home league record is: W 10, D 3, L 4; 44 goals scored and 21 conceded. Like us, their biggest home win of the season is 7-0, which they recorded over Stockport, whilst Wrexham (1-3) have inflicted their heaviest home loss to date. In addition to the high-flying Welsh side, Grimsby have also suffered home defeats to title favourites Fleetwood (0-2) and play-off rivals Luton (0-1), as well as Darlington (1-2).

Having had to make several enforced changes to their team for our recent FA Trophy clash, the Mariners are expected to welcome back lan Miller, Kiernan Hughes-Mason and Louie Soares (all cup-tied) plus Anthony Elding (suspension). Scott Garner has now recovered from injury, but he may have to be content with a place on the bench, with York-born (and City fan) Shaun Pearson keen to retain his place in defence. Gary Silk and Craig Disley, together with ex Scarborough junior, Michael Coulson, young Hull Ioanee, Conor Townsend, and keeper, James McKeown, are all expected to play.

Star man for the Mariners is Liam Hearn, who arrived in the summer from Alfreton, where he netted 32 times last term during their BSB North title-winning season. Despite not scoring in any of his first ten games for Grimsby, Hearn has subsequently scored 27 goals, including four hat-tricks

The first thing to remember for visiting fans is that Blundell Park is not actually located in Grimsby, but the neighbouring town of Cleethorpes. Away supporters will be accommodated in the Osmond Stand, a covered seated stand at one end of the ground. For those wanting a pre-match drink, try the Blundell Park Hotel, which is located just across the main road from the ground. Alternatively, Scotties Bar can be found inside the turnstiles, under the Osmond Stand.

Looking to set a new club record 11 away league games unbeaten, Gary Mills' men will be wearing their red/white strip for this match.

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Next Saturday of course we head to Luton to conclude our FA Carlsberg Trophy Semi-final tie.

The Hatters, FA Trophy semi-finalists themselves last year, are again sustaining a strong promotion challenge and currently lie 3rd in the BSBP table; their home league record reads: W 12, D 3, L 3; F 38, A 10.

A 5-0 victory over Kettering on Boxing Day represents their biggest home win of the season, whilst Cambridge (0-1), Wrexham (0-1) and Fleetwood (1-2) have all beaten them on home soil. Kenilworth Road however is currently something of a fortress for Gary Brabin's side; no visiting team has managed to score a single goal against them since the 3rd December – a remarkable run of ten consecutive 'shut outs' in league and cup football.

In the FA Carlsberg Trophy, like us, Luton required a replay to beat BSB North opposition in round one (Hinckley 0-0 / replay 3-0), before knocking out Swindon

Supermarine (2-0), Kidderminster (2-1) and Gateshead (2-0) to reach the last four stage.

At the end of what is a massive week for the club, the Minstermen will be wearing their red/blue strip for this match.

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Parking: Street parking.

Recommended route & pre-match meal: Leave York via A19 (Selby) and at Osgodby TL onto A63 through Howden then follow signs to join M62 (SP Leeds). At J35 join M18 then at J5 join M180. Follow M180 then A180 to Pyewipe r/bt and take third exit onto A180 to continue into Cleethorpes and then TL into Neville St and TL into Harrington Street for Blundell Park. And to eat first: on A180 at Pyewipe r/bt take second exit onto Appian Way for The Haven (DN31 2UT), then return to Pvewipe r/bt and take first exit onto A180 to continue into Cleethorpes and then TL into Neville St and TL into Harrington Street for Blundell Park.

Approximate mileage: 80.

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Blundell Park is 1.1 miles from Cleethorpes Railway Station. Suggested services:

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Saturday, 17th March 2012 LUTON TOWN (LU4 8AW) FA Trophy Semi Final, 2nd Leg

Admission: ALL SEATED – Oak Road Stand – Adults £15, ages 65-75 & 17-21 £11, 75+ & 10-16 £7, under 10s £4. NEITHER LEG IS ALL-TICKET – however, both clubs encourage you to buy your tickets in advance in order to avoid queues on the day of the game.

Recommended route, pre-match meal & parking: Travel south via M1 and leave at J11. At r/bt take first exit onto A505 and ½ mile after first r/bt find the Leicester Arms (LU4 8QW) on your right. On leaving go back onto Dunstable Road (A505) and follow one-way system turning left, right and right then take second left onto Ash Road. Continue to end of Ash Road, TL and you will see the FC in front of you. Continue past the FC, bear right, crossing over the dual carriageway, to where there is plenty of street parking.

Approximate mileage: 180.

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Luton	dep	*17:48
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Did you know?

Five years ago today Manny Panther and Craig Farrell scored in a 2-0 win at Aldershot and **City were 3rd in the Conference**.

50/50 Draw City v Tamworth

Chris Smith, who was suspended for the game against his former team, drew the winning 50/50 tickets at half time.

An impressive cash prize of **£360** was pocketed by **Steve Dunn** from Haxby, who bought ticket **024554** from John in the car park.

James Wright from Poppleton won the the one hour pitch hire at **PlayFootball**, Clifton Moor, with ticket number **024101** from Dave in the car park.

Finally, ticket number **023577**, which was also sold by John, was the winner of the £10 **Stonegate Yard Bar & Brasserie** voucher for **Matt Howarth** from Harrogate. The Stonegate Yard Bar & Brasserie voucher, which was unclaimed at the Hayes & Yeading United game, was collected by **Duncan Curry** at the Tamworth game.

In the absence of the 50/50 'apprentice', my seven year old son Curtis, the task of collecting the stubs from the sellers and preparing them for the draw was taken on by Matty and Tom. The boys, who both play football for Fulford Under 12s, did a fantastic job.

Today's winning tickets will be drawn by Phil Allan, the father of youth team player Tom Allan. Phil is currently involved with the organisation of the youth team's annual Sporting Dinner, which takes place at the Park Inn Hotel on Thursday night. It's not too late to book your place at this fundraiser.

Good luck!

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Inset photo above: Frank Ormston with the winner of the 50/50 draw at the Hayes & Yeading United game - Ian Holt (right).

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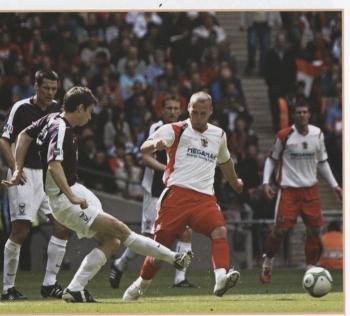
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Me And The Game

Today we embark on a tough test against Luton Town to achieve what many consider to be the ultimate prize in the English game – a trip to Wembley Stadium, the home of football. To get the lowdown on what it's like to appear in a Wembley Final, *The Citizen* spoke to defensive stalwart DAVID McGURK, who appeared for the club in both our previous visits to the national stadium.



David, how did you find the experience of playing at Wemblev?

The first time was like, get there and see the place. It didn't feel like a game more like a spectacle. But the second time we went there in the Play-Offs you knew you were in a game then. Everything was about the result, it wasn't about just getting there. The second time wasn't so much looking round the surroundings, it was just getting on the pitch and playing.

Was the off-the-field experience as good as you had expected?

Yes, the sheer size of it you just can't believe. Underneath, the tunnel, everything was just to the extreme. I've been to the old Wembley and the new one, and this one's a completely different world, a different level.

The new Wembley seems to be a place supporters either love or loathe, have you been there as a spectator? What did you think of it?

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I've been about four or five times to watch Middlesbrough to the old one, not the new one. Again, if you lose you do loathe the place. But I went to the Champions League Final at the new Wembley as a neutral and it was fantastic to watch. We got the full hospitality at Wembley Arena before it and the whole thing was brilliant.

How do you feel about the possibility of playing at Wembley again?

I'm desperate just to win there before I finish my career. It's alright saying you've played there but it would be a different experience actually winning there. People like Jason Walker have won there and he said how much he enjoyed winning, but when you lose you just want to get out of there. Winning at Wembley is something I want to experience.

Has there been much talk at the Training Ground about the end of the season, and the possibility of two visits to London?

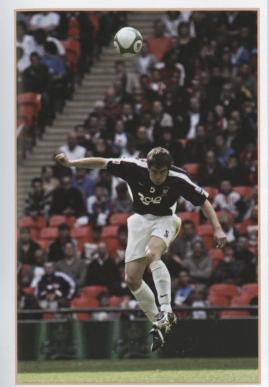
Nothing yet, no. We're focused towards the Play-Offs. We know the Trophy Final's there but we're just concentrating on getting in the Play-Offs at the minute. Obviously we've got a tough tie against Luton, probably the tie that we didn't want and they didn't want, but we're confident of winning it.

Luton are a good side and will be a tough opponent, how do you assess our chances of beating them in this Trophy Semi-Final?

Like I said, we're confident of winning. We beat them here and we beat them well. I think they've improved since then but, while it's a tie we both didn't want, it's a good opportunity for us to get to the Final for us and hopefully win it.

Finally, you've been with the club for nearly a decade, what would it mean to you personally to be part of a winning York City team at Wembley?

That's what I want because I don't want to leave this football club, whenever it will be, having never achieved promotion. I think you'll only be remembered as a good player if we do get promoted. I've played so many years in the Conference I want to eventually play in the League with this club.



Did you know?

On this day in 1979 City **won 3-2 at Scunthorpe United** in the Fourth Division thanks to goals from Kevin Randall (2) and Andy Clements.

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YORK CITY SUPPORTERS' TRUST

It's been a busy time for the Supporters Trust with the AGM, a press release and the monthly board meeting all within a few days. The board would like to pay thanks to Simon Mallet who has had to stand down as chairman at the AGM due to changing work commitments and we would like to announce the election of long serving board member lan Hey as the new chairman.

As was announced at the AGM, we are pushing ahead with our aim of reclaiming the two seats on the club board as set out in the 2006 agreement, we are also pursuing all round closer ties and better communication with the club board. We believe this is not only necessary to uphold the commitment both the Trust and the club made, but it is also vital at the crucial time for the club with the new Community Stadium being in the front of all our minds and we feel the fans should have a voice and fair representation for the 25% stake they hold in the club. To this end the Trust has had lengthy communications with the club board over the last week and we hope to have positive news regarding the matter soon.

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The YDF has been making steady progress this season which, when taking into consideration the recent formation of the Youth Team Fund, is extremely encouraging. Donations to the fund take many forms and include Player Subscriptions, Profits from the Tea Bar in the Family Room and at the training ground, Sponsorship, Donations and a variety of other "Supporter based" fund raising initiatives. Parents of the boys who attend the Centre have also organised a "Fund raising committee" and together they hold regular Sunday morning "Match Day" raffles and are always looking at other money making initiatives.

Attended by over 100 boy's teams from the centre play matches on a Sunday morning usually with three teams playing away and three teams playing at home. Home matches are played at the clubs Wigginton Road training ground, kick off at 11.00am, and spectators are most welcome. During the "lighter evenings" the training ground is also the place where the boys are coached by one of a dozen or more qualified coaches and during the winter they move indoors and use the Bootham Crescent gym and also the "All weather" facilities at the University. The University charges are one example of the type of cost which is paid by the Youth Development Fund. Other costs include Coaching expenses. Referees Fees, Laundry, Insurance, Physio, Medical Bags, travel expenses and new Kit and Equipment. The total cost, of these often forgot about overheads, is approximately £23,000 per year.

Obviously the main objective of the COE is to provide the Football Club, each year, with players of the required standard who will become "Youth Trainees". This is only made possible with continued support from Supporters, Parents and Sponsors. If you wish to make a donation to the Fund, or organise a fundraising event for it, or would like to sponsor a team or player then please get in touch. Alternatively Transport and Astroturf hire etc can be costly over the course of a season but you may have some contacts that will save us money. Either way please do not hesitate to contact me on 01904 430990 during office hours or by email to kilbvgraham@btconnect.com by Graham Kilby

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Hat trick hero Albert Thompson was foiled this time by Darlington goalkeeper Ken Parkinson on 13th March 1937.

75 Years Ago

On 13th March 1937 Darlington were the visitors to Bootham Crescent and watched by 3,805 City won 3-0 with Albert Thompson scoring a second half hat trick. It was the Welsh centre forward's first treble for the club and he had netted 20 goals in 22 games for City. Making his debut that day was inside forward John Whitelaw (below) who had previously been with Cowdenbeath. The line up was: Wharton, Fox, Legge, Duckworth, Wass, Hathway, Scott, Whitelaw, Thompson, Comrie, Spooner.

City were 14th in Division Three North with their record reading: P 31, W 10, D 9, L 12, F 52, A 53, Pts 29.





50 Years Ago

Promotion hopes took a knock following a 1-0 defeat at Oldham Athletic and a 2-2 draw at Bootham Crescent against Southport. This match was played on 17th March 1962 and was watched by 6,692. City dominated most of the game and forced 14 corners but lacked sharpness in front of goal and the visitors were quick on the counter attack and twice came from behind to gain a point. City took the lead after 25 minutes when Jimmy Weir raced onto a crossed pass and placed a low shot beyond the Southport 'keeper Bert Harris. The



Chester beat New Brighton at home 4-1 to stay top while Darlington's defeat at York dropped them to the bottom.

Arsenal won 4-3 at Leeds to take over the leadership of the First Division while Manchester United lost 3-0 at Charlton Athletic to remain bottom. Second Division leaders Blackpool beat Bradford City 4-2 at Bloomfield Road with second placed Leicester City beating Burnley 7-3 at home. Notts County leapfrogged Brighton to top the Southern Section. visitors' speedy attack brought them an equaliser after an hour's play when Reg Blore raced onto a through pass to beat Tommy Forgan. Alan Woods and Weir both went close before Peter Wragg restored City's lead in the 83rd minute when he scored with a fine header following a corner. Southport were not to be denied, however, and in stoppage time John Fielding headed home after a quickly taken short corner. City's team, which included half back Alex Hamilton who had moved to Bootham Crescent Marco Gabbiadini celebrates his goal against Brentford on14th March 1987 as 'keeper Gary Phillips shows his anger. On ground Steve Perryman

from the stricken Accrington Stanley club, was: Forgan, Bingley, Heron, Woods, Jackson, Hamilton, Gould, Wragg, Stainsby, Wilkinson, Weir.

City slipped to 9th in the Fourth Division with the following record: P 34, W 14, D 9, L 11, F 63, A 44, Pts 37.

In a top of the table clash Millwall beat Colchester United 2-0 at the Den.

In the First Burnley stayed top following a 2-2 home draw against Tottenham Hotspur. In the Second the top two clubs Liverpool and Leyton Orient drew 2-2 at Brisbane Road and Portsmouth continued to lead the way in the Third.

25 Years Ago

On 14th March 1987 City eased their relegation worries when they beat Brentford 2-1 at Bootham Crescent watched by 2,426. They completely outplayed the Londoners in the first half and the wonder was that they only led 2-0 at the interval. City opened the scoring in the 15th minute when Keith Walwyn netted following good work by Alan Pearce and Marco Gabbiadini and just before the break increased their lead when the latter scored with an angled shot. In between these goals they missed a catalogue of chances and in the second half were nearly made to pay as the visitors, under the player managership of former Spurs star Steve Perryman, put City under a lot of pressure. They reduced their arrears in the 55th minute through Robbie Cooke and came close to equalising near the end when Gary Stevens hit the post. City held on to win, however, to collect three precious points.

The team lined up as follows: Leaning, McKenzie, Pearce, Pickering, Whitehead, Haslegrave, Ford, Gabbiadini, Walwyn, Mills, Canham. City moved up to 19th in the Third Division with the following record: P 32, W 9, D 9, L 14, F 37, A 57, Pts 36. Bournemouth under manger Harry Redknapp topped the table.

In the 6th round of the FA Cup that weekend the results were: Arsenal 1 Watford 3, Sheffield Wednesday 1 Coventry City 3 with former City player Keith Houchen scoring twice, Wimbledon 0 Tottenham Hotspur 2 and Wigan Athletic 0 Leeds United 2.

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City CITIZENS

If you're enjoying some hospitality at today's game then you will sampling some excellent food lovingly prepared by our Club Hospitality Caterer, JASON BAILEY. *The Citizen* caught up with Jason hard at work in his kitchen to ask him a few questions about his role at the club.



Name: Jason Bailey Job: Club Hospitality Caterer

Jason, how long have you been supplying the catering for hospitality at York City?

This is my third season. I started doing the catering at the club after a chance meeting with the Commercial Manager at the time. He popped into my cafe one day for a spot of breakfast, enjoyed it, and asked me if I did outside catering. I said "Yes, definitely" and it went from there really. I came down to the stadium the next day to have a look around and I was impressed with how everything was and it all went from there.

When you do the matchday catering, what specifically is it you provide?

I do catering for all the hospitality boxes, the Vice-Presidents and the Boardroom. The Boardroom like hot meals with a nice dessert, perhaps some homemade cakes or something hot. The VPs like sandwiches, soups and sometimes special meals. In the other boxes I provide a cold buffet.

How long have you been in the food trade?

I've been in the food trade now for about 6 years. I spent 14 years as a salesman and had an epiphany, so they say, and fancied a career change. So I took a year out of work and trained as a chef.

Have you always had a passion for food?

Yes, always. My mum is a cook and my nan is a cook so it's always been passed down and it's something that I've always enjoyed doing. Even when I was a salesman it was something that I enjoyed doing.

Do the fans ever give you any feedback about your catering?

I've never had any negative comments from the hospitality, let's put it that way. They've always said it's very good. Hopefully, if we're here next year, we'd look at advancing it further. The new Commercial Executive, Emma, has some fresh ideas to hopefully get more people into the hospitality boxes, so that's the aim for next season.

Are you a York City fan? Do you follow the fortunes of the team?

Yes. There are two teams I always look for on a Saturday when the results come up. York City and - you're not going to like this – Manchester United! My son Rhys is a big United fan and we've got family over that side of the hills so he's been brainwashed. But he's with York City Under 11s and York City Schoolboys as well. I remember when City won the league in 1983-84 I went to every single home game that season. We sat in exactly the same seats until the final game against Bury. At the final game we went to sit in the Main Stand seats we'd had all season and it was full and I had to go and stand up and couldn't see a thing! As a kid I was devastated! Talking about the club now, I think we've got the right Manager in place and the right players in place. I think the club is run very well from working inside. I think the Board do a great job and they don't always get the praise they deserve for keeping this club going. I think if the players perform to the best of their ability, and they listen to Gary and Darron, they will go the right way.

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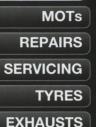
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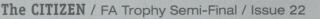
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Obviously we have been drawn against a Luton Town side

who are in very good form, and we know they have a lot of good players. Psychologically, for me, I am pleased that we are at home first and away second as I think that gives us a small advantage.

We know, as players, that the reward is there -a fantastic trip to Wembley. Not many people, even players at Premier League or Championship level, can say they've played at Wembley. But, I think we have to understand and focus and not get caught up in the hype. This will be a completely different game to the one we played against Luton here back in September and we know that Luton will want to beat us, partly because of the passion that still exists after we beat them in the Play-Offs a couple of seasons ago. All in all, it's a perfect game for the fans and for the media but we need to make sure that there is no extra pressure, especially on those lads who haven't been in this position before.

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Going down to Luton there should be a big crowd, although I know that Luton fans have so far stayed away from the competition, but I think because it's York lots of people will want to come along to the game and I fancy us over the two leas.

At the minute we know we are not playing as well as we did previously this season but, even though we're not playing well, we're not worried because we are still creating chances. In the last 20 minutes on Tuesday night against Tamworth we created 10 chances and it's when we stop creating those chances that we will start to worry. Against Gateshead we had our chances and got punished and if we don't take our chances today against Luton we'll get punished with the quality they've got.

We will need your support over the two legs and please stay positive and get behind us.

Chris Smith

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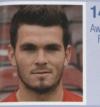
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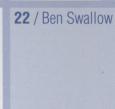


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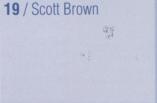


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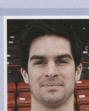
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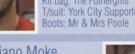


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24 / Michael Ingham Home shirt: Harris Management Away shirt: O'Neils. York Mini kit: Chris, Emma, James & William Thomson

Over the next month Chris Doig's experience could prove invaluable for the Minstermen as the race for the play-offs nears its conclusion. Despite a lack of games since the season started, the Scottish born defender has proved to be yet another shrewd purchase by Gary Mills.

"I had a couple of chances early on in the season to move to clubs in this league but I always wanted to hold out for a club in the Football League. You always aim to play as high up as possible and that's what I did, but when the call came from the gaffer I had no hesitation at all in moving here. I wanted to play football and I wanted and needed to play games. At present I'm about seven months behind everyone and my season is just starting now so the more games I play, the more my fitness and oame will improve."

It's the first time the player has played outside of the Football League but he is already enjoying life at Bootham Crescent.

"I've not had a chance to see the City yet because when I first arrived the bad weather limited what I could do. However, I've only heard good things about the place. The club itself is great and everyone behind the scenes is fantastic. The lads are great and they've all made me feel welcome straight away. The training is to a high standard and it's a great set-up here. If the team are to get promoted I'm sure the team could more than hold their own both on and off the pitch in the Football League."

Ben Gibson also followed Doig to York after signing on loan from Middlesbrough days after the centre back penned a deal with the club.

"Gibbo is a good lad and he is coming from a good footballing background at Middlesbrough. I know people who work alongside Tony Mowbray and they are all really impressed by him. He'll learn a lot when he's here and it will be a great experience for him as he will be playing football what counts every week. He's certainly started well here and hopefully he can carry on."

Following his exit from Northampton, Chris spent time in Australia with Central Coast Mariners. "It's about two and a half years since I went out there to play and I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Australia. I was very impressed with the set-up, the level of football, the professionalism and the coaching and I worked under Graham Arnold who is one of the best coaches I have played under. I'm really glad I did it, I knew it was going to be difficult going out there and then returning because if you are there for a long period you go out of sight, but it proved to be the right decision. I learnt a lot when I was out there and I wouldn't change it for anything."

The standard of the league has certainly improved over the years with Harry Kewell now going back to Australia with Melbourne Victory.

"I'd say the standard is about the same as the top part of League 1. There are a lot of internationals out there and some have played in the World Cup but they have a salary cap out there so they have to balance things out. It's certainly not given the credit it is due over here and it is mocked but that's from people who haven't been out there and don't know what it is about."

If the chance ever came up once again to go back to Australia it is one the 31year-old would take.

"Knowing what I know now, then probably I would go back. Originally I intended to go out there for two years and the return because I do have a lot of connections back here. Being a single lad my plan was always to come back from Australia and settle down but having experienced it I probably would jump at the chance to return there."

In recent weeks City have had to adopt a new style in order to win games.

"It's hard to comment about the team from earlier in the season having just signed for the club. But, by all accounts I've heard they've been fantastic and played some great football at times. Teams are never going to let you play that way forever though as they will soon cotton on to your game. That doesn't mean you have to stop playing that way though. We know teams will come and make things ugly for us and stifle us in midfield, but we have to find a way around that."

Following today's fixture Gary Mills' side face two tricky games against Luton and Fleetwood.

"At this stage in the season every game is massive in every league. March and April are always a crucial time in the footballing calendar and a lot can be decided in these two months. Every game is massive and you want to get as many points on the board as possible. The games against Luton and Fleetwood are massive game but you wouldn't single them out because all games are crucial from here until the end of the season."

After starting off at Nottingham Forest the defender was handed his debut at Old Trafford.

"There probably isn't a better place to make your debut than Old Trafford. I was 17 at the time and I was given my chance at the start of the second half. I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the pitch and you could say it has been downhill ever since!"

It has been a strange season at the City Ground with Forest struggling at the wrong end of the division despite much hope going into the campaign.

"Forest are a fantastic club, who in their history have been known to punch well above their weight. I know a lot of people still at the club and I hear things, so, no I'm not surprised they're in their current position. I am worried for them but they've been handed a bit of a lifeline with Portsmouth going into administration. They got a massive win

over Coventry recently and hopefully they'll have enough to survive but it will be a struggle."

During his time at Forest, City's number 23 heard lots of stories about the club's success in Europe in which City's own Gary Mills played a part in.

"I knew all about the club's exploits in the European Cup before I arrived and I know the gaffer played his part. What I learnt at Forest was that it was an unbelievable achievement not to do it once, but twice, and that will certainly never happen again. You hear lots of stories when you are at the club and the gaffer will certainly have more than I can tell you. They're struggling at the moment but hopefully they can steady themselves and hopefully get back to the Premiership within the next few years."

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- 2 Lanre Oyebanjo
- 3 James Meredith
- 4 Chris Smith
- 5 David McGurk
- 6 Daniel Parslow
- 7 Jamie Reed
- 8 Scott Kerr
- 9 Jason Walker
- 10 Ashley Chambers
- 12 Danny Pilkington
- 14 Michael Potts
- 15 Erik Tønne
- 16 Jamal Fyfield
- 17 Matty Blair
- 18 Adriano Moke
- 19 Scott Brown
- 20 Jon Challinor
- 21 Matthew Blinkhorn
- 22 Ben Swallow
- 23 Chris Doig
- 24 Michael Ingham
- 26 Patrick McLaughlin
- 27 Ben Gibson
- 28 Moses Ashikodi



Luton Town

- 1 Mark Tyler
- 2 Dan Gleeson
- 3 Greg Taylor
- 4 Keith Keane
- 5 Dean Beckwith
- 6 George Pilkington
- 7 Alex Lawless
- 8 Amari Morgan-Smith
- 9 Craig McAllister
- 10 Danny Crow
- 11 Robbie Willmott
- 12 Shane Blackett
- 13 Stuart Fleetwood
- 14 Aaron O'Connor
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