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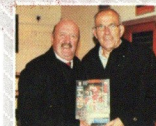
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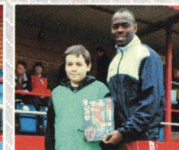
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Junior Supporter Emily Miles celebrates her Father's Birthday by meeting her hero Paul Clayton who gave her a team autographed programme.



Reds Mascot at the game v Mansfield, Stuart Maltby receives a team autographed memento of that game from his favourite player Theo Streete.

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This afternoon we extend a very warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of LUTON TOWN F.C. to the Impact Arena for a Blue Square Bet Premier Division game.

Despite a recent poor run of form in which they won only once in seven games, costing manager Gary Brabin his job, the Hatters remain well placed for a tilt at the play offs and will provide us with another stern test this afternoon.

With two games in hand of their main rivals their destiny remains in their own hands.

Despite us losing to York City last Monday the Hatters, with new manager Paul Buckle in charge for his first game, gave us reason to celebrate as they returned to winning ways with a 4-2 home win over Hayes and Yeading United which means that we cannot be caught by any of the teams in the current bottom four thus ensuring another season of football at Conference Premier Division level for us.

Congratulations are due to Nicky, Russ and all the players for the magnificent turnaround in our fortunes that has seen us reach the comfort and safety of 15th place.

We travel to South Wales for our final away game of the season next Saturday, 21st April, kick off 3 p.m against Newport County AFC.

The ATFC Supporters Association are providing transport to this games and seats will cost members £14.00 (£17.00 for non-members) with accompanied child

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Seats can be booked by either calling at the Club Shop either this afternoon or on Saturday or by contacting Mark Thorpe on 07857 558401 or Wozza on 07795 552721, or by posting on the club forum.

One coach is already full and names are being taken for a second coach so it is imperative that you book early if you wish to travel.

We return to the Impact Arena on Saturday 28th April for our final game of the season with Bath City providing the opposition. Although they are already relegated they will be wanting to go out on a high so I expect an entertaining and competitive game. Come and join us!



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## “Be happy with what we have achieved”.

Welcome to the Impact Arena for today's game versus Luton Town, I think the difficulties of this league are typified by the last few games we have played Wrexham, York and now Luton all big clubs with big squads paying big wages and that is possible by the fact that they get gates of over 5 thousand and above per game therefore having the potential to spend big as one of their gates is equal to six of ours and many other clubs in this league.

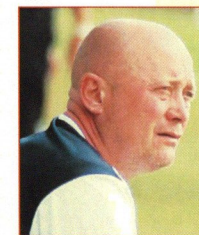
If you look at last Monday it was the game that secured our status in this league for a further season and we got a crowd of 1600 of which 700 were visiting fans you don't have to be a mathematician to work out the problem we have at our club regarding numbers. I don't know how the chairman does it but he does and all credit to him, he said we needed a thousand home support minimum average to break even so he is taking a big hit every week but such is his love of this club and belief in what he is doing and the man himself. So let's hope next season we can pick a few more spectators up along the way.

That is not a moan just me trying to make the point that if we are to be more of a force we need the income. Look at York last Monday they can leave 5 players out of the squad and still put a team of that calibre out but that costs serious money. Our opponents today will be no different to York and others. Also I believe that it shows what a great job our lads have done to be competing again next season in this division to a man they have been fantastic and showed real guts and determination, We now get to the point where I have to make decisions on players for next season whether to retain or release they have all played their part, some of the decisions I make will be popular some not so with you the fans but I have to make those decisions on how to try and make us stronger for next season with the budget available so that's what I shall do. One thing is for sure I'll make those decisions on what I believe not what I think will just please others.

Hopefully with what we have achieved as a club we will now be able to attract the few players we need to hopefully make the difference where as last year it was a real battle to attract that type with the finance available and being the unknown at this level and that's no disrespect to any of my lads but we are all looking for your 20 a season man or two if you can find them, probably the opposite to today's visitors who with the finance available and the brand name Luton do not have such trouble, but if you ask the question who is the happier with their season to date us or them I know my answer. The name and where you have been and what you were carries no credence its what you do next is what counts, how ever much you chuck at it there can be no guarantees and only be two happy camps come May and that's the champions and play off winners but so many have disappointment having chased the ultimate but failed just look at all the former big clubs that are on their knees at this level because of miss management at the top and bad decisions on player and manager recruitment, so really we as a little pit village team have to be happy with what we've achieved I suppose I know I am!!

Continue to Get behind the lads as always  
Thanks again

Nick





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Good afternoon and welcome to the Impact Arena for today's Blue Square Premier League fixture against our visitors today, Luton Town.

Defeat was not something that we planned, not something that we sought, but fair play to our visitors, on the day they were the better team and deserved their victory.

### "How different one persons opinion is to that of another".

A special welcome to the Luton Chairman, Nick Owen, who's parents actually met in Alfreton, when both stationed here in the Second World War.

Credit where credit is due, but to hear that we were 'rubbish' and 'put in the worst performance of the season' is totally crazy!

I do hope that Nick has afforded himself some time to track his parent's path while visiting Alfreton today.

Instead of celebrating our league retention I was left trying to understand the negative opinions. At the time of writing these notes, some 24 hours later, I cannot still reason with them and therefore resign myself to being blinkered to the positive.

Our visitors arrive with fresh focus, the appointment of a new manager and an aim being firmly set on gaining a play off spot.

I will consider my programme notes very carefully for the next and last home fixture of the season.

For ourselves security in the division was confirmed after the collection of three points on Friday against Wrexham and the defeat of the team currently holding the last relegation berth (Hayes & Yeading), lost, ironically at the hands of our visitors today.

I may tell a few home truths that might shock even the most negative of folk!

You could, therefore, agree that the pressure is all on our visitors as they seek to attempt to gain the points for a purpose beyond self satisfaction.

Today I would ask for your backing and ask you to get behind the team and cheer them on throughout the ninety minutes.

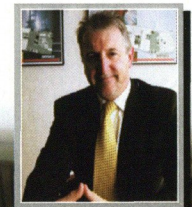
Now there is a term to conjure with 'self satisfaction'. How different the measurement of satisfaction through the eyes of each individual, how different one persons opinion is to that of another.

Be loud, be supportive and be respectful of the club's family values. Please refrain from the chanting of foul and abusive language. Offenders will be subject to club discipline.

Full respect to everyone for whatever their opinion is, but I have to tell you that I was saddened to hear negative opinions being voiced in 'volume' after our home defeat against York on Monday past.

If you do enjoy your day with us, please tell your friends. If you do not, let me know.

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REFEREE Warren Ellis is a \*\*\*\*\*. In fact he's a cheating \*\*\*\*\*. And a blind one at that.

His parents weren't married when he was born and he's carrying some excess weight. But at least he gets paid £35 – plus travelling expenses – to have abuse hurled at him from the terraces for just over 90 minutes. Quick, where can I sign up?

Of course abuse of officials is nothing new. Nor is the, ever-increasing, coverage of every decision or managers laying the loss of three points squarely at the ref's feet. The Easter weekend in the Premier League has seen officials battered pillar to post. QPR manager Mark Hughes says Premier League managers have lost faith in referees and Roberto Martinez was so furious about the offside decision that went against his Wigan side at Chelsea he branded the linesmen's performance as "disgusting".

The latest fashion – and not a new one either – is to say that big clubs get all the decisions. Yes it is funny how the teams at the top of the leagues get more penalty decisions than others – it's almost as if they are attacking more!

Amazing as it sounds, referees and their assistants will miss things and make mistakes. Sharp-witted banter is fine but the outpouring of bile can only make the job of recruiting officials even harder. It's tiresome. We've all vented our feelings at a game or sat in front of the TV, and some seem to enjoy the spotlight, but it goes overboard too often.

Add in the over-analysis of every major decision and it's any wonder anyone bothers taking up the whistle in the first place.

We all can all see a referee has made a mistake or an offside missed when we look at it frame-by-frame, from 15 different angles. Given a split second and suddenly it's not so easy. Fantastic rewards await those who can put up with the stick. Get to the top level and you can be walking out on the biggest stages in world football.

But it's the first steps on the ladder that are the hardest. At small Non-League grounds with small crowds, every single word of abuse can be heard. And every threat.

What is to stop a referee getting attacked in a dark car park after a midweek game? Not a lot. This is without going into the incident earlier this season when Redditch's Josh McKenzie hit referee Chris Wicks in the Southern Premier game at Chesham.

The hard truth is that if the current trend continues eventually there won't be enough willing to do the job.

The standard will slip and it'll be like Sunday mornings with substitutes running the line and only giving throw-ins and offsides.

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With three games to go we have mathematically assured our place in the league for next season and considering where we were two months ago this is a tremendous achievement. We don't yet know our exact finishing position, but we have attained our target of another season of Blue Square Premier football.

Everyone at the club can be justifiably proud of the hard work and commitment which has led to our continued status, and we can now move forward with optimism that we have the knowledge to survive and make progress in the league. Perhaps our minimum target for next season should be to guarantee our safety with at least ten games to go, but who knows where our expectations can lead us? Our form since the New Year suggests we could realistically aim for a play off place and certainly our opponents will now know that they can expect a tough game against us. However, all that is getting ahead of ourselves because a lot can happen in the close season which affects planning and preparation for the new term. The last two games have seen us compete with two teams which will be competing in the play offs, because I expect York to qualify. The win at Wrexham was tremendous, but I thought they looked a bit nervous and certainly they did not give the same performance as in the game at the Impact at the start of the season. On the other hand our play was much better and reflected our improved form. They perhaps underestimated us and thought they could roll us over. We dented their championship hopes and helped Fleetwood to the title. I received a text message from a friend who plays for Fleetwood congratulating us and thanking us for the favour.

Of the two teams we played over Easter, I fancy York above Wrexham based on these performances. York are a good footballing team, but sometimes they over elaborate and don't always produce. Gary Mills has done a brilliant job turning them into an attractive looking team, but whether this will be enough to actually win the play offs is debatable. We'll be able to make a better assessment after today's game against Luton. As we know they have a new manager and this always seems to be a factor in boosting performance. There are tremendous expectations at a club like Luton - they did not expect to be in this league for very long after they were relegated after a points deduction, but it's not quite worked out as they planned - this is a tough league. Look at the four clubs which could be contesting the play offs - Wrexham, Mansfield, York and Luton - all ex-football league clubs with ambitions beyond the Conference. Having seen some of the play off contenders in recent weeks, I'm going to stick to my pre season prediction which was the promoted teams will be Fleetwood and Luton, although I hope Luton will have to do it without the three points this afternoon!

Enjoy the game.

Greg

**"Our form since the New Year suggests we could realistically aim for a play off place".**



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Luton Town Football Club was formed on 11 April 1885, the product of a merger of the two leading local teams, Luton Town Wanderers and Excelsior. Initially based at Excelsior's Dallow Lane ground, the club began making payments to certain individual players in 1890. The following year, Luton became the first club in southern England to be fully professional.

The club was a founder member of the Southern Football League in the 1894–95 season and finished as runners-up in its first two seasons. It then left to help form the United League and came second in that league's inaugural season before joining The Football League for 1897–98, concurrently moving to a new ground at Dunstable Road.

The club continued to enter a team to the United League for two more seasons, and won the title in 1897–98. Poor attendance, high wages, and the high travel and accommodation costs that resulted from Luton's distance from the northern heartlands of The Football League crippled the club financially, and made it too expensive to compete in that league.

A return to the regionally organised Southern League was therefore arranged for the 1900–01 season.

Eight years after arriving at Dunstable Road, Luton moved again, settling at their current ground, Kenilworth Road, in 1905.

Captain and left winger Bob Hawkes became Luton's first international player when he was picked to play for England against Ireland on 16 February 1907. A poor 1911–12 season saw Luton relegated to the Southern League's Second Division, but the club managed to win promotion back two years later. When war broke out, the schedule was reduced to a series of friendlies, but Luton took part in The London Combination for 1915–16.

A key player of the period was Ernie Simms, a forward. Simms was wounded while serving in Italy in the First World War, but returned to score 40 goals during the following season.

The Luton side first played in the white and black colours which the club has retained for much of its history during the 1920–21 season, when they rejoined The Football League; until then, the players had worn sky blue shirts with white shorts and navy socks.

Such was the quality of Luton's team at this time that despite playing in the third tier, a fixture between Ireland and England at Windsor Park on 22 October 1921 saw three Luton players on the pitch – Louis Bookman and Allan Mathieson for Ireland, and club top goalscorer Simms for England.

However, after Luton finished fourth in the division, the squad was broken up as Simms, Bookman and Mathieson joined South Shields, Port Vale and Exeter City respectively.

Luton stayed in the Third Division South until 1936–37, when the team finished top and won promotion to the Second Division, at that time the second tier of English football.

During the promotion season, striker Joe Payne scored 55 goals in 39 games; during the previous season he had scored 10 in one match against Bristol Rovers, which remains a Football League record today.

During the early 1950s, one of Luton's greatest sides emerged under manager Dally Duncan.

The team included Gordon Turner, who went on to become Luton's all-time top goalscorer, Bob Morton, who holds the record for the most club appearances, and Syd Owen, an England international. During this period, Luton sides also featured two England international goalkeepers, Ron Baynham and Bernard Streten, as well as Irish internationals Seamus Dunne, Tom Aherne and George Cummins.

This team reached the top flight for the first time in 1955–56, after finishing the season in second place behind Birmingham City on goal average.

A few years of success followed, including an FA Cup Final appearance against Nottingham Forest in 1958–59; at the end of the season, Owen was voted FWA Footballer of the Year.

However, the club was relegated the following season, and, by 1964–65, was playing in the fourth tier.



## Luton Town FC



In yo-yo club fashion, Luton were to return. A team including Bruce Rioch, John Moore and Graham French won the Fourth Division championship in 1967–68 under the leadership of former player Allan Brown; two years later Malcolm Macdonald's goals helped them to another promotion, while comedian Eric Morecambe became a director of the club.

Luton Town won promotion back to the First Division in 1973–74, but were relegated the following season by a solitary point.

Former player David Pleat was made manager in 1978, and by 1982–83 the team was back in the top flight.

The team which Pleat had assembled was notable at the time for the number of black players it included; during an era when many English squads were almost entirely white, Luton often fielded a mostly black team. Talented players such as Ricky Hill, Brian Stein and Emeka Nwajobi made key contributions to the club's success during this period, causing it to accrue "a richer history of black stars than any in the country", in the words of journalist Gavin Willacy.

On the last day of the 1982–83 season, the club's first back in the top tier, it narrowly escaped relegation: playing

Manchester City at Maine Road, Luton needed to win to stay up, while City could escape with a draw.

A late winner by Yugoslav Raddy Anti saved the team and prompted Pleat to dance across the pitch performing a "jig of joy", an image that has become iconic. The club achieved its highest ever league position, seventh, in 1986–87, and won the League Cup a year later with a 3–2 win over Arsenal. With ten minutes left on the clock and Arsenal 2–1 ahead, a penalty save from stand-in goalkeeper Andy Dibble sparked a late Luton rally: Danny Wilson equalised, before Brian Stein scored the winner with the last kick of the match.

The club reached the League Cup Final once more in 1988–89, but lost 3–1 to Nottingham Forest.

The club was relegated from the top division at the end of the 1991–92 season, and sank to the third tier four years later. Luton stayed in the third-tier Second Division until relegation at the end of the 2000–01 season.

Under the management of Joe Kinnear, who had arrived halfway through the previous season, the team won promotion from the fourth tier at the first attempt.

"Controversial" owner John Gurney unsettled the club in 2003, terminating Kinnear's contract on his arrival in May; Gurney replaced Kinnear with Mike Newell before leaving Luton as the club entered administration.

Newell's team finished as champions of the third-tier Football League One in 2004–05. While Newell's place was taken by first Kevin Blackwell and later former player Mick Harford, the team was then relegated twice in a row, starting in 2006–07, and spent the latter part of the 2007–08 season in administration, thus incurring a ten-point deduction from that season's total.

The club then had a total of 30 points docked from its 2008–09 record by The Football Association and The Football League for various financial irregularities. These deductions proved to be too large an obstacle to overcome, but Luton came from behind in the final of the Football League Trophy to win the competition for the first time.

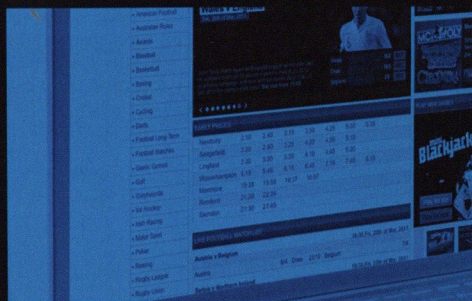
Relegation meant that 2009–10 saw Luton playing in the Conference National, a competition which the club had never before contested, and in which, as of the 2011–12 season, they remain.

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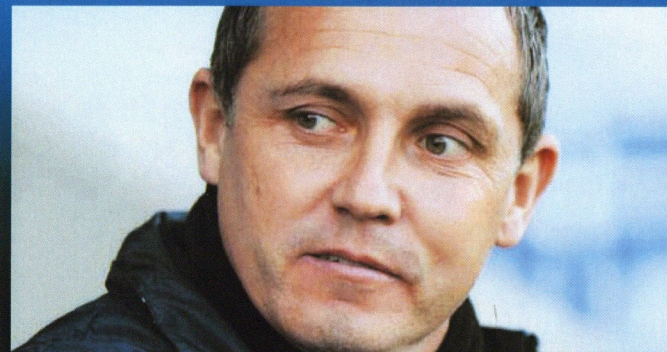
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# Focus on Paul Buckle



Paul Buckle began his career as an apprentice at Brentford, turning professional in July 1989. He played 57 league games (15 as substitute) for Brentford, scoring just once before leaving on a free transfer to be signed by Don O'Riordan, the Torquay United manager in February 1994. After nine goals in 59 league games, Buckle moved to local rivals Exeter City in October 1995, again on a free transfer. However, with Exeter suffering serious financial problems and almost going out of business, Buckle left in the 1996 close-season as with City in administration they could not afford his wages. On 18 October 1996 he returned to Wycombe Wanderers on non-contract terms, before moving to Colchester United on the 28th of November. He helped Colchester to promotion from Division Three by playing in the play-off final at Wembley against Torquay United. After seven goals in 106 league games for Colchester, Buckle returned to Exeter City on a free transfer on 2 July 1999, signing a two-year contract. He sustained a serious ankle injury in the opening game of the new season, and although he made a full recovery and regained a first team place,

Buckle was one of many players transfer-listed by Exeter manager Noel Blake in May 2000. However, he remained at St. James' Park, playing in 41 league games the following season. In March 2005, Buckle returned to Exeter City once more, this time as player-coach under manager Alex Inglethorpe and continued in this role under Inglethorpe's successor Paul Tisdale. Buckle continued to play regularly during this spell and eventually became assistant manager. A role in which he helped Exeter City to the Conference playoff final at Wembley at the end of the 2006-07 season although they lost to Morecambe. After his successful spell as assistant at Exeter City, Buckle was keen to pursue his own job as a manager and in June 2007, he was appointed manager of relegated Torquay United by new Chief Executive Colin Lee. In his first season at Plainmoor he led Torquay to a third placed finish in the Conference and thus a place in the end of season playoffs to get back into the Football League. Torquay would face Buckle's former club and local rivals Exeter City.

Despite a 2-1 win in the away leg, Exeter hit back and Torquay lost 4-1 at home (5-3 on aggregate). Buckle had also taken Torquay to the FA Trophy final, however that was also to end in disappointment as the Gulls went down 1-0 to Ebbsfleet United at Wembley. Despite a slow start to the next campaign Torquay bounced back to again qualify for the playoffs. They battled past Histon in the semi-finals (2-1 on aggregate) and set up a final against Cambridge United again at Wembley. Torquay beat Cambridge 2-0 with goals from Chris Hargreaves and Tim Sills to return to The Football League at the second attempt. In September 2009, Buckle's contract was extended until November 2011. But he decided to exit Plainmoor following the Gulls 1-0 defeat by Stevenage at Old Trafford on 28 May 2011. During his time at Torquay was linked with a move away to another of his former clubs, Colchester United but he decided to stay. On 30 May it was announced that Buckle would become the new manager of Bristol Rovers. After signing 19 players in the close season, replacing many of the players from the previous seasons relegation, the club and its fans were optimistic about their changes of securing promotion back to League one. However, after an initial win at AFC Wimbledon Buckle's team only won 6 of their first 23 games and he publicly fell out with stalwart Stuart Campbell who left in December 2011 and On 3 January 2012 Buckle was sacked by Rovers after a defeat to struggling Barnet. On 6 April 2012, 95 days after leaving Bristol Rovers, it was announced that Buckle had been appointed the new manager of Luton Town. He joined on an initial two year contract until June 2014. At the time Luton were sixth in the Conference National, one place below the playoffs, having suffered a run of one win in their previous seven games which ultimately saw the previous manager Gary Brabin sacked on 31 March 2012.





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LAW**

Manager



**Russ  
O'NEILL**

Assistant Manager



**Ross  
TURNER**

Position: Goalkeeper.  
Date of birth:  
June 17th, 1979  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
March 2010



**Dan  
LAWSON**

Position: Goalkeeper.  
Date of birth:  
February 4th, 1988  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
June 2011



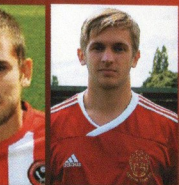
**Jon  
STEWART**

Position: Goalkeeper.  
Date of birth:  
March 13th, 1989  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
March 2nd, 2012



**Seamus  
CONNELY**

Position: Defender  
Date of birth:  
July 9th, 1988  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
March 8th, 2012



**Connor  
FRANKLIN**

Position: Defender  
Date of birth:  
Sept 1st, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
August 26th, 2010



**Theo  
STREETE**

Position: Central defender  
Date of birth:  
Nov 23rd, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
February 2011



**Nikolaus  
KUDIERSKY**

Position: Central defender  
Date of birth:  
February 15th, 1991  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
August 31st, 2011



**Matt  
WILSON**

Position:  
Central defender/utility  
Date of birth:  
March 10th, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
September, 2008



**Leigh  
FRANKS**

Position:  
Central defence.  
Date of birth:  
March 7th, 1991  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
June 2011



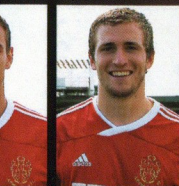
**Adie  
HAWES**

Position:  
Central defender.  
Date of birth:  
July 26th, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
July 2011



**Greg  
YOUNG**

Position: Left-sided  
central defender.  
Date of birth:  
July 26th, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
June 2011



**Josh  
LAW**

Position: Right-back.  
Date of birth:  
August 19th, 1989  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
October 2007



**Adam  
QUINN**

Position: Central  
Defender  
Date of birth:  
June 2nd, 1982  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
Nov 24th, 2011



**Nicky  
DEVERICS**

Position: Midfield  
Date of birth:  
Nov 24th, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
Feb 20th, 2012



**Jake  
MOULT**

Position:  
Central midfielder  
Date of birth:  
Feb 10th, 1989  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
January 18th, 2010



**Darran  
KEMPSON**

Position: Central Defence  
Date of birth:  
December 6th, 1984  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
Jan 26th, 2012



**Jamie  
MULLAN**

Position: Midfield.  
Date of birth:  
February 10th, 1988  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
July 2011



**Anton  
BROWN**

Position: Utility.  
Date of birth:  
July 3rd, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
July 2006



**Nathan  
ARNOLD**

Position: Left side  
midfield / striker.  
Date of birth:  
July 28th, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
June 2010



**Adam  
CUNNINGTON**

Position: Striker  
Date of birth:  
Oct 7th, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
March 8th, 2012



**Paul  
CLAYTON**

Position: Striker  
Date of birth:  
August 31st, 1984  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
December 2008



**Chris  
SENIOR**

Position: Striker  
Date of birth:  
Nov 18th, 1981  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
June 18th, 2010



**Nathan  
JARMAN**

Position: Striker  
Date of birth:  
Sept 19th, 1986  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
March 14th 2011



**Anthony  
WILSON**

Position: Striker  
Date of birth:  
August 25th, 1987  
Joined Alfreton Town:  
May 25th, 2010



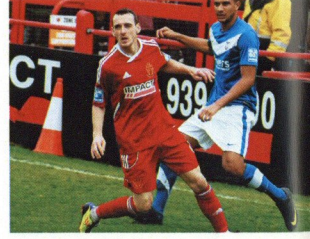


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David Prime	20	4	160	Pam Gabbitas	13	2	95
Wayne Bradley	22	3	155	Nigel Holmes	13	2	95
Trev Coles	17	4	145	Adam & Claudia McRoy	13	2	95
Gavin Atkinson	19	3	140	Michael J Pollicott	13	2	95
Brian Atkinson	15	4	135	DS Greenwood	12	2	90
Lottie Bradley	15	4	135	Mike Cooke	8	3	85
Geoff Greenwood	14	4	130	D Greenwood	14	1	85
Alan Williams	14	4	130	Adam Cooke	17	0	85
Colin Wilson	16	3	125	Dave Smith	10	2	80
Tom McRoy	12	4	120	Brandon Haslam	13	1	80
David L Prime	15	3	120	Paul Haslam	13	1	80
Stuart Marriott	18	2	120	Bill Wheatcroft	16	0	80
Alan Weightman	11	4	115	Ivor Townsend	12	1	75
Ian McRoy	17	2	115	Roger Webster	12	1	75
B Parr	19	1	110	Steve Elliott	11	1	70
Malcolm Gabbitas	12	3	105	Luke McRoy	11	1	70
Sarah Haslam	15	2	105	Lawrence Lunn	10	1	65
Paddy Buckley	14	2	100	Doug Troth	7	1	50
Shane Maltby	14	2	100	A Greenwood	9	0	45
Stuart Maltby	17	1	100				

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THE LOW DOWN ON . . .

# SEAMUS CONNEELY

Age: 23

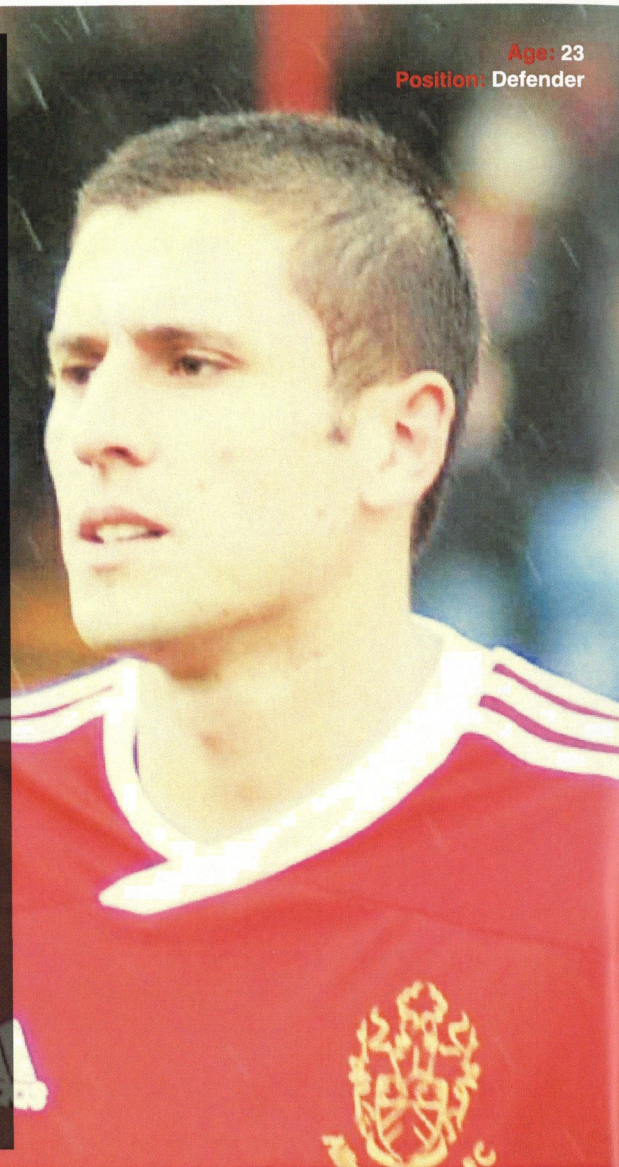
Position: Defender

TODAY we get an insight into the world of versatile defender Seamus Conneely who joined the Reds on a month's loan until April 9th from Sheffield United FC on March 8th. He has quickly made his mark with the Reds, playing a major part in the team's run to ensuring a second season at Blue Square Bet Premier Division level.

Seamus says his favourite game during his time with the Reds was the terrific 1-0 win at Wrexham on Good Friday.

Well-travelled despite his tender years, Seamus was born in London, had a spell in Ireland and now lives in Sheffield.

Adam lists his father Joe as the person who has had the biggest influence on his career. "My dad gave me loads of encouragement and he was my first manager at the age of ten. When we moved to Ireland, the nearest club was 30 miles away which meant a 60-mile round trip every time. If it hadn't been for my dad's efforts I would not be playing at the level I am now." Former Newcastle United, Tottenham Hotspur and England striker Les Ferdinand is Seamus's all-time favourite player, and it is Newcastle United whose results he looks for first.



# SEAMUS CONNEELY

## IN DEPTH:

Seamus joined Sheffield United in January 2011 and has progressed through to being made captain of the Blades reserve side. During his short spell there he has had four managers. The late Gary Speed was the manager who first took him to Bramall Lane since when he has played under caretaker manager John Carver, Micky Adams and currently Danny Wilson.

It is in Ireland where Seamus scored his best goal [by his own admission he has only actually scored two]. "I was playing in a League of Ireland game for Galway United at Derry City when I hit a 30-yard thunderbolt to get us the equaliser in a 1-1 draw in 2009."

Seamus is one of very few players who have suffered no major disappointments in the game. "I have not had any so far, I have been very lucky!"

On the subject of superstitions on match day, Seamus has just the one. "I always say a little prayer in the tunnel before we go out."

Hobbies outside the game are listed as golf, golf, and more golf! Although he also played Gaelic Football during his time in Ireland.

Long journeys to away games usually sees Seamus playing games on his iPhone, especially the Draw Me app. He also listens to his iPod.

For his pre-match meal, Seamus opts for plain chicken and pasta.



## SHORTS

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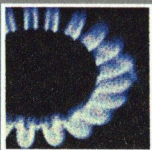
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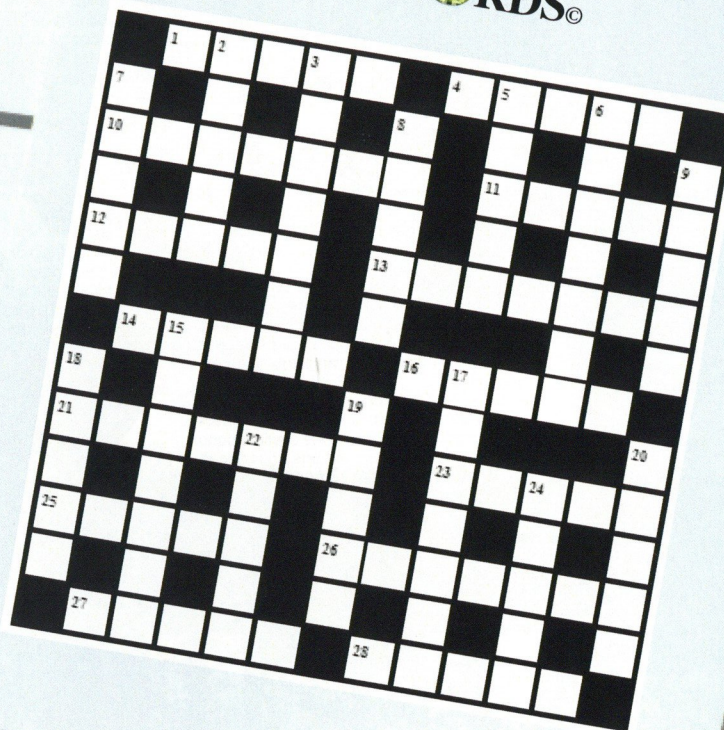
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- 10 Northampton \_\_\_\_ of the United Counties League (7)
- 11 Battered by the Aussies in the first two Tests (5)
- 12 Arsenal's Ivorian who left in the summer for Galatasaray (5)
- 13 Unlucky to be sacked at QPR? (7)
- 14 Rugby's Newport \_\_\_\_ Dragons (5)
- 16 Derby's Park (5)
- 21 Andrea \_\_\_\_, Forest's Italian centre forward who was the first Italian to play in the Premier League in 1995 (7)
- 23 Current Sky man who was rumoured to be in the running for the NI job (5)
- 25 He and Gibson were out with Rooney (5)
- 26 Beat Tamworth 2-0 in the 3rd Round (7)
- 27 PDC World Champ for the second year running (5)
- 28 Notts Co's boss (5)

### DOWN

- 2 Man City striker signed from Wolfsburg (5)
- 3 Steve \_\_\_\_, Scottish striker with spells at Scunthorpe, Wednesday, Cardiff and Plymouth (7)
- 5 German keeper of the 70s with the Kenny Everett size gloves (5)
- 6 Derek \_\_\_\_, 400m GB athlete in Olympic folklore for completing his semi assisted by his father (7)
- 7 Chelmsford is this County's main ground (5)
- 8 23 England caps for this utility defender who retired from international football in 2010 (5)
- 9 England's 1966 keeper (5)
- 15 Ireland and Lions rugby union brothers of Paul, David and Richard (7)
- 17 Everton man who has represented England from U16 upwards (7)
- 18 John \_\_\_\_, nearly 700 games for Macclesfield as well as a spell as manager (5)
- 19 13 French caps for this Blackburn defender (5)
- 20 Polish legend who was a pioneer 'foreigner' with Man City in the late 70s (5)
- 22 From Marseilles to Arsenal to Man City (5)
- 24 Centre forward who won the League with both Forest and Villa in 70s/80s (5)



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Good Afternoon and welcome to the Impact Arena.

Today we welcome promotion chasing Luton Town to Derbyshire and hope that they enjoy their brief stay with us.

The reverse of this fixture back in late January, saw the Red's succumb to a one nil defeat, the result of a contentious penalty decision, and we returned to Derbyshire frustrated and pointless; when in reality we deserved at least a share of the spoils.

Onto today's encounter, and our current splendid form would suggest that we have every chance of reversing that result at Kenilworth Road and taking the points.

Of course, that is taking nothing for granted as I am sure that the Hatters will be fully intent on taking the points home to aid their push for the promotion play offs. It is very tight at the top as a number of clubs jostle for those precious four places that will see the promotion dream continue; with the outright winner gaining the ultimate prize of league football.

Indeed, our visitor's quest for those points may have aided our own survival at this level, if they were successful in taking the points in their Easter Monday encounter with Hayes and Yeading at Kenilworth Road. Anything but defeat for the home side would see the Red's secure their position at the top table for a second season; regardless of our own Bank Holiday result against York City here at the Impact.

Clearly, it is hoped that our survival is assured before today and that this afternoon fixture gives the Red's the opportunity to play without the shackles of fear that often accompany relegation fights.

As mentioned before our form of late has been nothing short of fantastic and has seen us climb to the lofty position we now occupy and a mid table finish is very possible. There were those who did not foresee that back in September, but for the numerous of us who kept the faith, always knew that the boy's would come good and give us much to be proud of.

Proud we were at the Racecourse on Good Friday, as the Red's recorded what is arguably the greatest result in short history of Alfreton Town Football Club, a goal from Anthony Wilson just before the break steering the Red's home and sending the faithful into dreamland; as we condemned Wrexham to a crushing home defeat, a defeat that all but ended their slim title hopes.

The rendition of 'All together now' on ninety minutes, sung by the assembled throng brought tears to the eyes and a definite lump to the throat, as the implication of what they had just witnessed began to sink in. Survival at this most exulted position was all but secure.

## "The Association has numerous aims and goals for the coming months".

Not over the line yet but who would bet against us now. That was the mantra on the journey back over the border and onto Derbyshire.

As we approach the business end of the campaign, the Supporters Association continue with the business of raising funds to enable us to continue the sterling work we have done throughout the season.

With the Sponsored Walk and the AF Awards still to come there is plenty of opportunity to swell the coffers of both the Association and the club, but our efforts will not end at the conclusion of hostilities at the end of April, indeed it is intended that fundraising will continue throughout the summer months, yours truly has a number of ideas that I will be bringing to the table for discussion at Association meetings, for they too will continue during the close season.

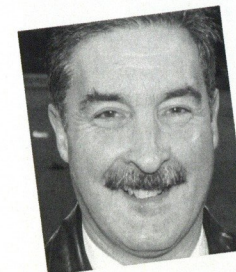
Talking of meetings, the next Supporters Association Meeting will take place on Monday 16th April in the Red's Bar at 8.00pm. The Red's Bar will as usual be open from 7.30pm. Committee members will of course meet prior to the main event in the John Harrison Suite at 7.00pm.

Please note the earlier than usual date for these meetings as it was felt by both the executive and rank and file membership that a get together before the seasons end would be beneficial to all.

The current membership figure stands at over 150 but it would be great to think that we could at least double that figure by the commencement of the new campaign. If you are not a member of the Association come along to any planned session during the summer or indeed the AGM which we will endeavour to announce as soon as possible; and get yourself signed up. Just £5 will see you become part of an ever growing band that is an integral part of Alfreton Town Football Club. Your support is vital if we are to continue our efforts in the current vein and help the club to cement it's position in this division.

The Association has numerous aims and goals for the coming months and yes, years, and I look forward to the challenges ahead. Together we can achieve so much. Join us!

Enjoy the game.  
Regards  
Ian McRoy  
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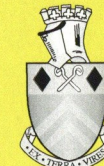






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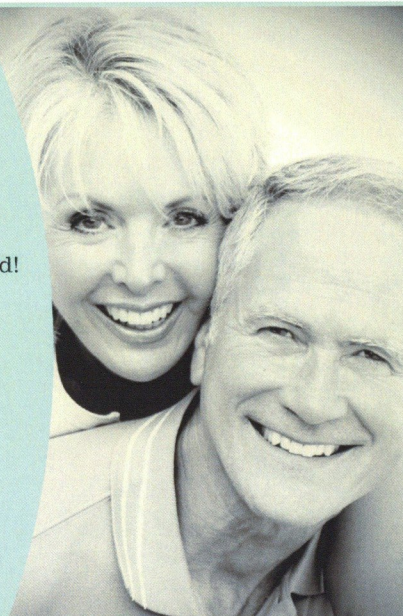
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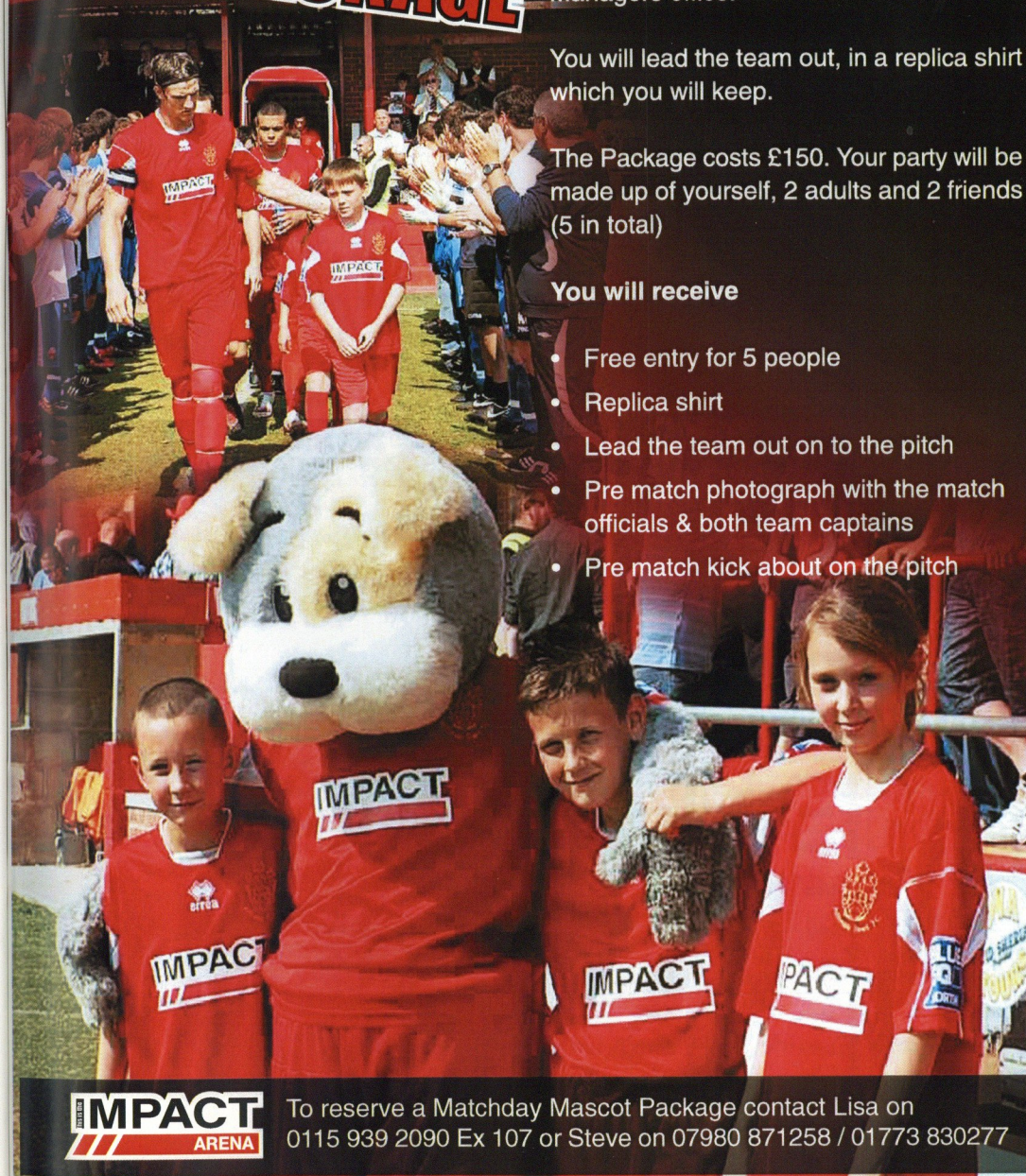
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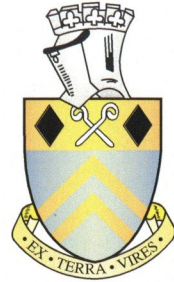
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Club and Ground Information  
Address: Newport Stadium, Stadium Way, Newport, South Wales, NP19 4PT

Telephone: 01633 662262  
Official Website: [www.newport-county.co.uk](http://www.newport-county.co.uk)  
Local Newspaper: South Wales Argus  
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Year formed: 1998  
Nickname: The Exiles  
Ground Capacity: 4,700  
Admission Prices:  
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Programme Price: £3

Season stats to date:  
Highest Home Gate: 1,675 v Grimsby Town 20/8/2011  
Lowest Home Gate: 1,011 v Fleetwood Town 17/12/2011  
Average Attendance: 1,352  
Aggregate Attendance: 24,342 (18 games)  
Biggest Home Win: 4-0 v Hayes & Yeading United 16/8/2011  
Biggest Away Win: 4-0 v Hayes & Yeading United 29/11/2011  
Heaviest Home Defeat: 8th October 2011 0-3 v Southport  
Heaviest Away Defeat: 10th September 2011 0-5 v Mansfield Town  
Highest Agg Score: 7 6th March 2012 3-4 v Braintree Town  
Last season:  
9th in Blue Square Bet Premier Division  
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### Directions

Leave the M4 at Junction 24 and take the A48 and the A455 towards Newport. Cross over five roundabouts and then take the next left turning and then left again into the large car park which is free. The stadium is signposted around the area as the Newport International Sports Village.

### Sportscrossword answers:

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## The Beautiful Game – Team-Mates?

When watching Ice Hockey, it's almost an expectation of the paying fans to witness a few of the players in a fisty-cuffs situation. It's almost seen as part of the entertainment to see the players involved in a mass brawl.

A football match however, is rarely a setting for the players to go 'toe to toe' and exchange punches. Of course, it does happen occasionally. After all, it's a very emotive game which, even in the most laid back player, conjures up feelings which sometimes result in some form of retaliation [and more often than not, a red card]. Players on opposing teams do sometimes need pulling apart after tempers flare. Unlike Ice Hockey, where the players get 5 minutes on the bench for their offence, ours often, and quite rightly, get sent off and suspended. Ice hockey teams actually have special 'meat-head' players (known as 'goons') who send out onto the ice simply to cause a bit of mayhem. Football had Vinnie Jones but those days are gone.

With our game being a 'gentlemen's game', what we don't expect to see are football players exchanging blows. If players are trying to take chunks out of each other, we would expect to see that the players in question are from either side and not both representing the same team.

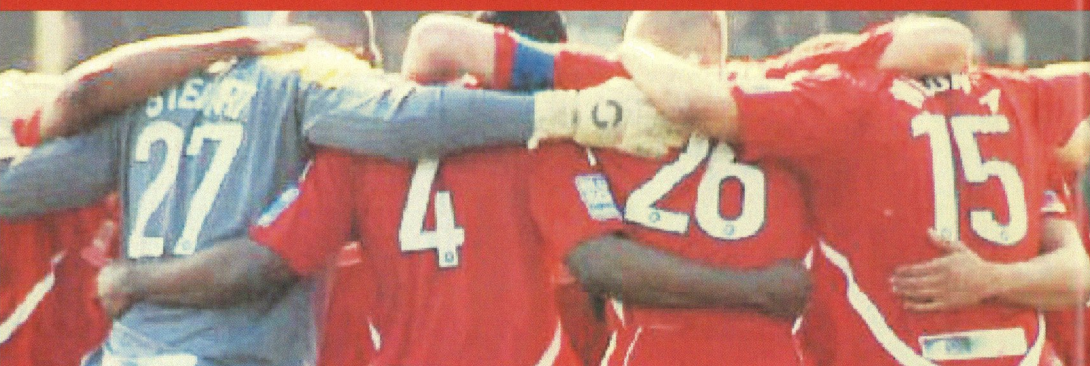
What does it say about the team-spirit when players wearing the same kit are attacking one another? It doesn't bode well for the rest of the team and the eventual outcome of the game. The changing room atmosphere must be a little strained after the match to say the least. Manchester City's recent 3-3 draw with Sunderland brought about a little team-mate friction, probably as the City players realised that they had blown their title hopes and will end the campaign with no trophy either! The bust-up in this game between the extremely volatile Mario Balotelli and team mate Yaya Toure was yet another example of the highly paid superstars of the Premiership setting a shining example to the youngsters in the stands. We don't need to see it do we? It's not the first time for Barotelli either, he's been at loggerheads with a team mate previously versus Jerome Boateng when the two were involved in a little slapping, pinching and hair-pulling session. Remember the incident at St James Park in 2005? I don't mean the home of Exeter City, I mean the other ground that used to be called St James Park at Newcastle, now

known as the 'Sports Direct Arena'. I wonder if it has a massive 'Closing Down Sale' banner on the stadium wall all-year-round just like the 'Sports Direct' shops do?

The Newcastle and Villa fans on that day got entertainment value as they paid for a football match and got a boxing match thrown into the equation too. You must remember the Bowyer v Dyer fight? It ran in conjunction with the Newcastle United v Aston Villa Premiership game back in 2005. Lee Bowyer kicked out at Kieron Dyer for not passing to him and the two of them fought like schoolboys. In addition to the £200,000 fine and 7 game ban imposed upon Bowyer, he also had his bag of marbles and his entire pile of Panini sticker swaps confiscated until hometime.

It's not always just the playing staff who want to smack each other about, what about the Fergie v Becks showdown? A 60-something year old man taking on the chiselled physique of David Beckham, that's no fair fight is it? Fergie was always going to come out on top there, you just don't mess with the fiery Scot do you? Well, you could but you'll get a size 10 Adidas Predator in your face! The only fight we want to see out there today is our entire team fighting for all 3 points for the entire 90 minutes – let's end this season in style!

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