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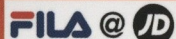
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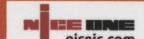
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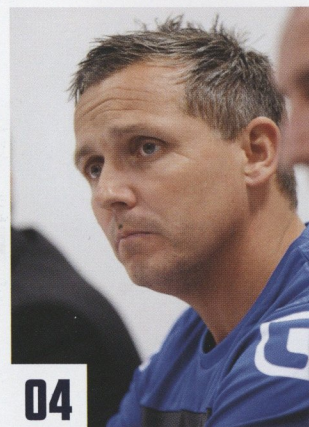
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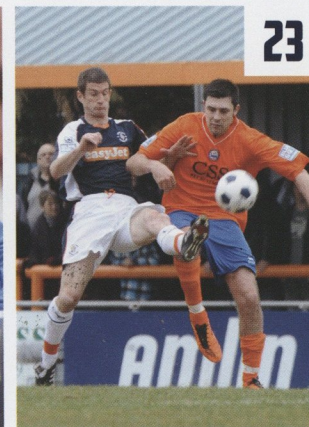


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PAUL BUCKLE

Good evening and welcome to Kenilworth Road to you all for tonight's game against Ebbsfleet United.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Liam Daish and his squad and staff and congratulate them on a good first season at this level.

These are my first programme notes since being given the privilege of managing this great football club. Yesterday marked a week in charge but it certainly doesn't seem like a week.

The welcome and support that I have received since I've been here has been nothing short of fantastic and I'd to thank the staff, players and you, the supporters in particular, in helping me settle in. The place really does feel like home already.

Your backing of the team in the last three games has been extraordinary. 6,000 at home to Hayes & Yeading and 900 at both Braintree and Alfreton shows has shown me – if I didn't know already – how much loyalty and passion you have. I hope that you have much more to smile about over the course of the next few weeks.

The Hayes & Yeading game saw us pick up a much-needed three points. It was imperative to do so given what happened at Braintree the Saturday beforehand and to put in a performance like we did in such a short space of time was thoroughly pleasing. It was a positive performance and a positive result.

I thought we showed great character and yes, on another day, it could have been more, but I was happy that the players took on board what I asked them to do.

I thought we showed our class against Hayes & Yeading and again at Alfreton where we were the width of a post away from a second victory. Although we did not win there, there were still a number of positives to draw from the point, including a first clean sheet since early March.

The players are already showing me what they are

capable of and doing what I am asking. I want us to be regimented in our approach – to do the dirty work when it needs to be done, especially when we don't have the ball, and then express ourselves confidently when we do have the ball when we're on the attack.

Tonight serves as one of our games in hand at such a crucial point of the season. They have done well this season and come into this game off the back of three points on Saturday.

Like all teams that visit Kenilworth Road, Ebbsfleet will relish coming here to play and give us a run for our money.

Myself and the players are under no illusions of how difficult this, and all of our remaining league games, will be to obtain three points from but we won't be holding back and we won't be shirking responsibility. Now is the time for us to stand up for who we are and to believe in ourselves.

As I've said I've been impressed what I've seen and if we continue to show signs of improvement I am confident that we can end the season successfully.

The emphasis needs to be on us. We have done our homework on Ebbsfleet and will respect them but we need to concentrate on what we're capable of doing and that's playing on the front foot, hurting teams and playing with vigour and verve. If we can do that then I think we can be a real force.

It's a big week for us with two games coming up at home but, and I know it's a cliché, we're taking each game as it comes. Our focus since the Alfreton game has been solely on Ebbsfleet and we won't be looking ahead to Kidderminster until after tonight.

The noise you created at Alfreton was a different class and made the hair at the back of my neck stand on end.

As always get behind the team and enjoy the game.

Paul Buckle



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN



Good evening and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this vital match against Ebbsfleet United. A warm welcome to our visitors from the Thames Estuary - their directors, players and fans.

It seems a long time ago that we played them at their place, way back in early October, in fact, when we gave away a two-goal lead late on after earlier goals by James Dance and Amari Morgan-Smith. With hindsight, that game's a microcosm of our problems this season; inability to hold onto a lead and our dreadful catalogue of injuries. James and Amari are very important members of the squad and we've had to play far too many matches without them. Meanwhile, we've drawn 14 of our 42 matches so far, that's exactly a third, and way too high a proportion for a side aiming for promotion. Wrexham, for instance, have drawn only eight and Fleetwood 10.

Having said that, we gave a battling performance at Alfreton on Saturday and really should have won it, bearing in mind we had a number of clear-cut chances.

I know we were looking for all three points, but a clean sheet and a draw was a decent contrast to the dismal displays at Braintree and Forest Green. Perhaps not so over inspiring, but it means our fate is still in our hands, with Southport, Kidderminster and York very much in our sights. A win tonight would put us above Southport and, depending on our scoreline and York's result at Cambridge, we could jump up to fifth, still with a game in hand. That would certainly set it up nicely for the visit of Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday.

A welcome addition to our party in the boardroom at Alfreton was our former striker Barry Butlin who lives in that part of the world. We were reminiscing about the goal he scored at West Bromwich Albion in April 1974 for a 1-1 draw that secured our promotion from Division Two to the top flight. I seem to remember our beloved Eric Morecambe ended up in the dressing room bath that day. Barry also scored our first goal the following season, at home to Liverpool, but he was doing so well for us, he was soon spirited away by Nottingham Forest to his East



The Town have missed Amari Morgan-Smith for long spells this season



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Littlewoods Challenge Cup:
Winners 1988
Runners-up 1989

F.A.Cup:
Runners-up 1959
Semi-finalists 1959, 1985, 1988, 1994

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Winners 2009

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Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74

Football League Division Three (South):
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Football League Division Three:
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Football League Division Four:
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Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 2001/02

Blue Square Premier:
Runners-up 2009/10

Southern League Division One:
Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

Southern League Division Two:
Runners-up 1913/14

United League: Champions 1897/98
Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01

Southern Alliance: Runners-up 1913/14

Midlands roots for £120,000.

Incidentally, we had an excellent following in Derbyshire on Saturday - again. I always find it inspiring to see so much orange around the away grounds and I know it really boosts the players as well. It's greatly appreciated. In fact, it's fantastic.

Tonight's programme notes are the first chance to welcome our new manager Paul Buckle to Kenilworth Road. He witnessed, to his horror, the Braintree game from the stands and took over officially the next day, just 24 hours before our Easter Monday match against Hayes and Yeading. He's already re-invigorated the club with his ideas and methods, and we look forward to a long and successful era that takes us back to the higher echelons of the football pyramid. Paul shares our vision and ambition - it's great to have you on board, Paul.

We received scores of letters, phone calls and emails from people interested in becoming manager of Luton Town. They included a handful of aspirants with no real experience of managing a professional football club, but they had impeccable, albeit virtual, records in the Championship Manager computer game. They even provided considerable detail of their successes with specific teams - I presumed they were tongue in cheek, but I'm not totally convinced. They were extremely earnest. I also heard from an academic with a glittering CV and a list of highly impressive qualities, with which he felt he could bring a fresh approach to football club management. Thank you to all who applied and I will reply in due course.

And so to this evening's match against Ebbsfleet. If the Hayes and Yeading game is anything to go by, it should be a cracker. The team is playing with renewed purpose and, with your backing now more than ever, we can go on and make the Play-Offs. It's been a bumpy old season so far, with terrific highs and wretched lows, but this is about now...the last handful of games, the sharp end and, as I said earlier, it is still in our hands.

Fasten your seat belts and let's do it. Enjoy it - if you can.

Bye for now.

Nick Owen

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PILKS

A lot has happened since my last programme notes. Disappointment, delight and frustration. That's probably the best words to sum it up.

Let's start with the disappointment. The Braintree game was another away game to forget. It was one of the worst performances from us since I've been at the club and on behalf of all the lads I'd like to apologise to you all for the result. Losing 3-1 to Braintree just isn't acceptable.

We could make excuses until we are blue in the face but the truth was we simply weren't good enough on the day. The dressing room was not a happy place to be.

We turned in one of our worst displays of the season in front of the new manager who was watching from the stands before he took control of his first training session on Sunday afternoon.

I have been incredibly impressed with the new gaffer and the lads have already embraced his methodology and it's been like a breath of fresh air around the place.

What he has achieved in his time as a manager has been great and from a player's perspective to know he's won promotion from this league fills us with a lot of confidence.

His first match in charge saw us beat Hayes & Yeading on Easter Monday at Kenilworth Road. We hadn't won in eight games prior to the match but we knew after the Braintree result that it was another big game and, thankfully, we didn't disappointment.

I thought we played very well and, apart from two sloppy moments at the back conceding from set pieces, the manner in which we won was very encouraging. It was vital that we won. Confidence has been low and it was the kind of performance that we know we have in ourselves.

We know on our day we are the best team in this league. We have some of the best players in the division but in football confidence and self-belief plays such a vital part. That's what the new manager has instilled already in short space of time.

On occasions this season we have just lacked that belief in games. The Hayes & Yeading game was just the start. I'm not saying from now on we're going to win every

game because of one result. But it was a step in the right direction; the start of something we all hope can lead to a successful end to this campaign.

Delight turned to frustration on Saturday after the goalless draw at Alfreton. We went into the game after a solid week's training and hopes were high of another victory. In the first half we totally dominated; hit the post, forced their goalkeeper into a good save and came close on a couple of more occasions.

Alfreton have been playing very well in recent weeks – they beat Wrexham at the Racecourse on Good Friday – and after the break they worked harder to make it difficult for us. We kept going and almost, almost snatched it with the last kick – or rather last head – of the game when Andre Boucaud's header was cleared off the line in the 93rd minute.

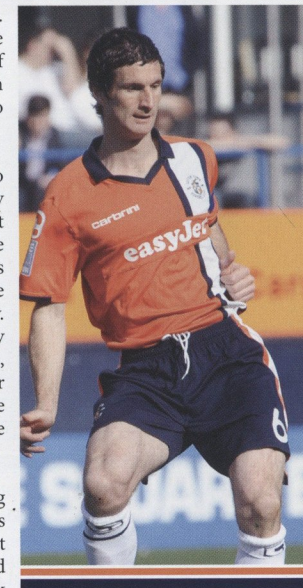
We were disappointed not to win but we felt, perhaps given our recent lack of form, maybe a few weeks ago we could have lost the game.

After the point on Saturday it means tonight's, and indeed all four of our final matches, are of huge importance.

It's still in our own hands. That's the one comfort we can take from what looks like a tricky run in but we know we can do it.

Thanks for your support in recent weeks. Especially at Braintree and Alfreton where we had over half of the crowd.

Get behind us once more tonight.



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AROUND TOWN

WELCOME PAUL!



Our Easter Monday programme against Hayes & Yeading United was one of the most out of date in history! The early print deadline for the Easter period meant we were unable to welcome new manager Paul Buckle following the unveiling of his appointment on Good Friday.

Paul watched the defeat at Braintree before taking full control of the team last Sunday and taking charge of the 4-2 win over Hayes & Yeading the following day.

You can read more from Paul on pages four, 32 and 33.

AWARD NIGHT ON SUNDAY

A reminder that tickets are still available for the Luton Town Supporters' Club end of season awards night on Sunday 22nd April.

A host of awards will be dished out to the winners at the presentation evening at the Venue Central.

Goalkeeper Mark Tyler picked up most of the silverware last season, and if you want to be there and mingle with the Hatters squad and management then tickets cost just £20 for LTSC members and £25 for non-members.

There are a number of ways to buy your ticket. You can email ltsc.members@googlemail.com, telephone 07506 320522 or pop in and visit the LTSC kiosk before our home matches with Kidderminster on Saturday.

NEW DATE FOR GATESHEAD

The Town's trip to Tyneside to tackle Gateshead will now take place on Tuesday 24th April (kick-off 7.45pm).

The game was originally postponed due to a waterlogged

pitch a two weeks ago at the International Stadium.

For ticket information for this match turn to page 63.

MARIE CURIE BUCKET COLLECTION

A big thank you to supporters for their generosity after £902.32 was raised by a bucket collection for Marie Curie in respect of the Great Daffodil Appeal at our match against York City on 30th March.

Marie Curie Nurses care for people at home making it possible for those who are seriously ill with cancer and other terminal illnesses to choose to stay in comfort of their own homes, rather than in a hospital and everyone associated with the appeal have asked us to pass on their gratitude to the Town support.

TOWN DONATE SHIRTS IN EL SALVADOR



As the pictures show, the Hatters colours have become adopted by children in the central American country of El Salvador.

Town fan Adam Bates is involved in the charity AVOCA – A Voice Of Central Americans – and having asked the club for replica shirts and training wear we were only too happy to help.

The charity helps children from country by promoting self-awareness and self-confidence through football and fitness and Adam was delighted that his expedition to help the children went down well over the Easter Period.

For more information on AVOCA visit www.avoca-charity.org.uk.

TICKETS FOR TROOPS



The Town welcomed Army cadets from of the Leagrave Detachment to our match with Grimsby Town last month at Kenilworth Road.

As the photograph illustrated they were more than happy to see the Town in action.

MARATHON MAN

Hatters fan Dave Mitchell is running the London Marathon on 22nd April and is raising money for SOLYD – Supporters of Luton Youth Development.

If you'd like to sponsor Dave, or find out more about his run, visit <http://solydmarathon.weebly.com>

JOIN OUR NEW JUNIOR HATTERS

The new and improved Junior Hatters Club is the only way for young supporters to follow Luton Town; and the club successful re-launched at our game against Hayes and Yeading on Easter Monday.

Get closer to the Hatters (especially Happy Harry) and you'll receive loads of goodies exclusive to the Junior Hatters. Once registered you will be a Junior Hatter until you reach the age of 16.

But the best thing about becoming a member is that it's completely FREE!

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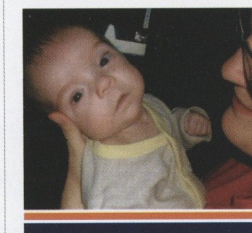
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For further information contact Junior Hatters via email at juniorthatters@lutontown.co.uk

HELLO NOAH!



A massive welcome to Kenilworth Road six-month-old Noah Holser this evening.

Noah was born with Cystic Fibrosis and he is attending his first match with his parents tonight.

All of Noah's family are season ticket holders and this evening he will be in an executive box.

Simon Stothard, a friend of the Holsers and also a Cystic Fibrosis sufferer, will be raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust by embarking on a 1,000-mile bike ride from John O'Groats to Lands End in June.

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WELCOME

**EBBSFLEET
UNITED**



Tonight we welcome Ebbsfleet United to Kenilworth Road as the Kent-based club look to derail the Hatters' promotion charge.

The team that are formerly known as Gravesend and Northfleet can count themselves safe for another season in the Blue Square Bet Premier after promotion last term.

They currently sit in 14th place in the league table and Liam Daish's men will be buoyed following their 3-2 victory against AFC Telford on Saturday at Stonebridge Road.

That victory was even more impressive by the fact that the Fleet were reduced to 10 men within 18 minutes. They went 3-0 up and eventually conceded twice but walked away with the three points.

One man that the Hatters will have to be wary of is the highly-rated Calum Willock. The striker has netted 17 times in 36 games this season and is definitely the biggest danger to a Town defence that will be looking to keep a second consecutive clean sheet. The hit man is close to a one in two goal for his career after netting 44 times in 92 starts for United.

The other man that the Hatters will be looking to

keep quiet is forward Liam Enver-Marum. He netted a double on Saturday to take his tally to 13 goals for the season.

Ebbsfleet have had a successful recent history. In 2008 they defeated Torquay United 1-0 in the FA Trophy on the club's first trip to Wembley, they followed that up in 2011 by winning the Conference South Play-Off final against Farnborough and have had a good season consolidating their place in the league.

The reverse fixture at Stonebridge Road took place back in October. It finished 2-2 but that didn't tell half the story. Amari Morgan-Smith had given the Hatters the lead a minute before half-time and the advantage was then doubled with 20 minutes to go by James Dance. Luton were cruising until Michael West scored six minutes later and he grabbed a dramatic equaliser for the Fleet in the third minute of stoppage time.

Since then a lot has changed with the Hatters especially and after four points in his opening two games, new boss Paul Buckle will know that three points against a very capable Ebbsfleet outfit is a must if the Town want to be playing at a higher level next term, while a win at Kenilworth Road would really show how far United have come in such a short space of time.



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THE VISITORS

HISTORY

Known up until 2007 as Gravesend and Northfleet, Ebbsfleet will be enjoying their eighth successive campaign in non-league's top flight having won promotion from the Ryman League in 2001/02.

The name change in May 2007 was followed by a football first in February 2008 when the club was taken over by MyFootballClub – an online community of members who bought at 75% share in the Kent club.

All members have a say in all of the club's transfer activity where they have the opportunity to vote to accept or reject any bids for the club's players.

The Stonebridge Road faithful have enjoyed several seasons of respectable finishes in the Conference and were celebrating a success in the FA Trophy in 2007/08 when they beat Torquay United 1-0 in the final at Wembley.

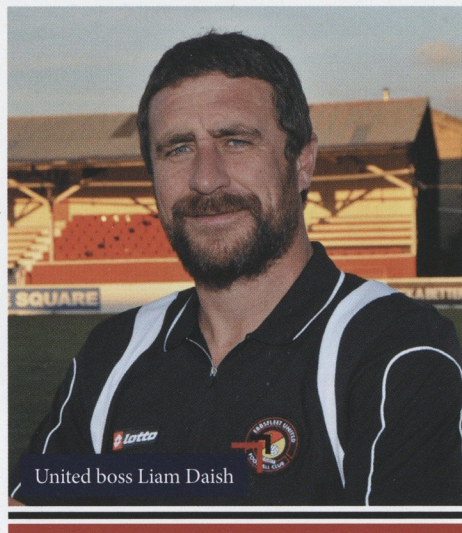
Fleet were relegated at the end of the 2009/10 campaign but bounced back to the top-flight after winning promotion via the Play-Offs from the Conference South last season, beating Farnborough in the final.

MEET THE MANAGER

Born in Portsmouth, Liam began his career at his hometown club. From there, he moved to Cambridge United, enjoying considerable success alongside Steve Claridge, Alan Kimble and Dion Dublin.

A £50,000 move to Birmingham City was followed by a £1.5 million move to Ron Atkinson's Coventry City, where he made 31 appearances. A towering defender, Liam won five caps for the Republic of Ireland between 1992 and 1996.

His playing career was brought to a premature end by a knee injury and he made the step into football



United boss Liam Daish

management with Havant and Waterlooville.

Liam led the Hawks to an FA Trophy semi-final in 2002/03, but results didn't go their way in 2003/04 and he departed in January 2004.

He subsequently joined Kent side Welling United in the Conference South as caretaker manager and made an immediate impact, taking 10 points from a possible 12.

A fans' favourite, many were surprised when he didn't get the job permanently. That however, left him free to take up the job as Fleet manager in February 2005, and took charge for the first time in a 2-2 draw away at Carlisle.

He then enjoyed FA Trophy success with Ebbsfleet after beating Torquay in the 2008 final at Wembley and again last season when he guided Fleet to Play-Off glory in the Conference South.

IN OPPOSITION

SHORT AND LONG TERM VISIONS FOR FLEET BOSS



Ebbsfleet United boss Liam Daish is hoping his team can finish the season on a high after securing their Conference status – and then set his sights on securing a successful future at Stonebridge Road.

Fleet won for the first time in four matches with a 3-2 win over AFC Telford on Saturday, a result that lifted Daish's side to 14th in Blue Square Bet Premier.

On their last visit to Kenilworth Road Ebbsfleet pulled off a 3-2 victory two seasons ago prior to relegation to the Blue Square Bet South and Daish knows that the pressure will be on the Town to win tonight.

"We still want to finish as strongly as we can and I want to do the best I can for the club, but also you have a responsibility to help other clubs as well," Daish told the Gravesend Reporter.

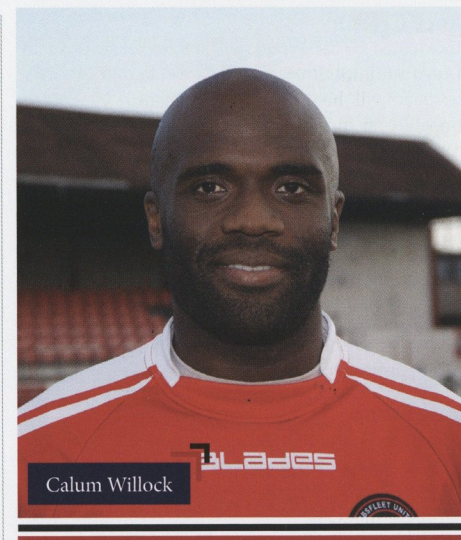
"I remember a couple of years ago I was disappointed with a couple of sides that let us down by fielding weaker teams because they were already in the Play-Offs. You have got a bit of responsibility to teams who are above you and scraping below you.

"Paul Buckle will have his own issues at Luton, but we'll go there and enjoy ourselves. The pressure will be on them."

Having secured their status in non-league's top flight, Daish is now focusing on securing the long-term stability of the Kent club at this level – and beyond.

"We have got to keep thinking ahead, keep progressing and trying to stay in there but have a bit of a plan," Daish added.

"You can't just go from one week to the next in



Calum Willock

terms of what's going to happen. It's been a bit like that this year. It's been really difficult off the pitch.

"I know what people have been up against but there is a bit of a structure in place now and it needs more help, more supporters, more people to come through the gates and more sponsorship because we are going to hit a wall again soon.

"We just need more help because we can't go through another season like we have this year regarding how tight it was.

"You need your bit of luck but can't rely on getting Manchester United here in the FA Cup or winning a trophy.

"My vision is to try and keep putting teams out that are competitive. It'll be good to hear from others as I'd like to know their visions as well."



IN TOWN

GOALKEEPER

Lance Cronin

Lance joined for his second spell at Stonebridge Road on an emergency loan from Bristol Rovers in mid-February to cover for a Preston Edwards suspension. A graduate of the youth system at Crystal Palace, Lance was unable to break into the first team at Selhurst Park. He enjoyed brief loan spells with Wycombe Wanderers, Oldham Athletic and Shrewsbury Town before joining Fleet for his first spell in the summer of 2006. He went on to appear in 176 league games for the club, winning the FA Trophy in the process, as well as making seven appearances for the England 'C' team. He signed for Gillingham in the summer of 2010 and made seven league appearances for the Gills last season.

DEFENDERS

Craig Stone

A Gravesend-born defender or midfielder, Craig began his career aged 10 at Gillingham and made his Football League debut at just 16. Midway through the year, however, he was released at the end of his contract at Priestfield and joined the Fleet. In the summer of 2010 he rejoined Gillingham on trial and then moved back to Stonebridge Road, another trial confirming the beginning of his second spell at the Fleet in August 2010.

John Herd

A tenacious left-back who came through Southend United's youth academy, he progressed as a teenager to the first team during the 2008/09 season, making his debut in an FA Cup match against AFC Telford. He went on to play at Stamford Bridge against Chelsea in the fifth round, setting up Southend's goal in that game from one of his trademark long throw-ins. In total, he made almost 40 appearances in three seasons with the Essex club before his release in May 2011.

Ross Smith

A firm favourite with Fleet fans, Canadian central defender Ross Smith is in his third spell at the club. He first began life in British football at Scottish club Montrose and moved south in 2004 to sign for Margate. After impressing Liam Daish in pre-season trials, he arrived at Stonebridge Road in August 2005. In the summer of 2007 he signed



Giannoulis Fakinou

for League Two side Dagenham & Redbridge, playing 23 times, before returning to North America in 2008 to play for Rochester Rhinos in the USL First Division. But in February 2009 Ross was diagnosed with a faulty heart valve leading to an enlarged aorta that required surgery and ruled him out for the rest of the Rhinos season. Ross returned to the UK and re-joined the Fleet for a second spell at Stonebridge Road in November 2009. He played seven more times before returning to the US to play for Portland Timbers. He retired from US soccer during 2010/11 but the lure of football was too much and he returned to the Fleet for a third time in January 2012.

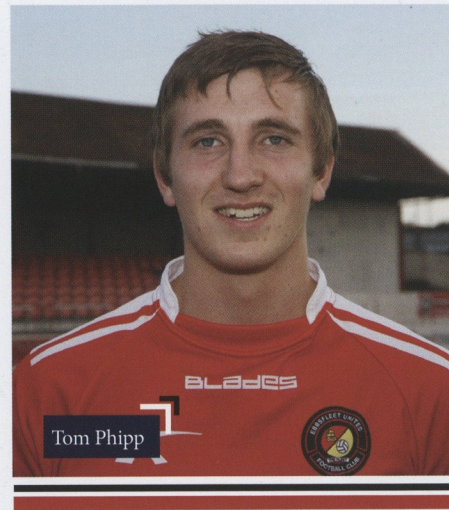
Joe Howe

Kent-born Joe made the MK Dons first-team squad after progressing from their academy in 2006. He moved to Northampton Town in 2007 but after struggling to break into the first team at Sixfields he was released and joined the Fleet in January. The following season he skipped Fisher Athletic and had a trial at Crystal Palace before moving to Croydon Athletic in February 2009, helping them win promotion. Following the problems at Croydon in autumn 2010, he signed for the Fleet once again in October 2010.

MIDFIELDERS

Michael West

A right-sided midfielder, who can also play in an advanced role supporting the forward line, Michael came through Fleet's PASE youth ranks and was rewarded with a contract in January 2009. In 2010/11, having not found the net before the Fleet's promotion season, he went on to bag an impressive 23 goals, including the club's first hat-trick in eight years - and six goals in the play-offs. Highly regarded already at the tender age of 20, everyone



Tom Phipp

at Stonebridge Road was delighted to see Michael agree terms for a further season for his second stab at Premier Division football in 2011/12.

Ram Marwa

A tough-tackling midfielder who serves as the real engine room of the side, Ram was born in Norway and represented his country at youth level. He trialed for Leyton Orient and played for Erith & Belvedere and Grays before moving to St Albans in September 2004. He moved to Hayes & Yeading early in 2007/08 and helped his new side to promotion from Blue Square South. Released in summer 2010 and snapped up by Liam Daish, Ram won his third promotion from the Blue Square South with the Fleet, becoming a mainstay in the midfield.

Tom Phipp

An exciting attacking midfield prospect, Tom graduated from local football and attracted the attentions of Arsenal where he spent five years in the youth ranks. Having joined the Fleet's PASE youth set-up, Tom signed a first-team contract in the summer of 2010. Although touted as one for the future, nobody quite expected the impact he made in Fleet's 2010/11 promotion season as he quickly established himself as first-choice in midfield, going on to play almost 50 times in his debut season and scoring 12 goals.

Liam Bellamy

Young midfielder joined on a month's loan from Brentford in March. A former Charlton youngster, Liam arrived at the Bees in 2011 and signed a two-year deal with the sides development squad. He has also spent time on loan at Cray Wanderers and Welling United, the latter of which he was an unused substitute for in the game



against the Fleet at Park View Road last season.

STRIKERS

Calum Willock

Tall, strong and pacy, the London-born striker has played at every level of the Football League. He began his career at Fulham and played a handful of games for them and QPR (on loan) before a further loan move took him to Peterborough in October 2003. His loan was made permanent for a fee, and he scored nine goals in his first season at London Road and 14 the next. After more than 70 games for Posh, a £50,000 move took him to Brentford in January 2006 where he spent a season and a half. This was followed by a short spell at Port Vale, a season at Stevenage Borough where he was a regular member of their play-off side, and then it was on to Crawley and Cambridge United during the 2009/10 season. The St Kitts & Nevis international, who has two World Cup goals to his name, was snapped up by the Fleet in July 2010. His tireless work-rate and eye for goal made him an immediate hit at Stonebridge Road and he finished the season as top scorer with 26 goals.

Liam Enver-Marum

Irish-born Liam was a Reading academy player as a youth before a move to Cambridge United in the summer of 2006. He scored three goals from seven starts and then was off to Woking in January 2007. He impressed and scored against the Fleet in an FA Cup tie in 2008 but after more than 70 games and 10 goals at Kingfield, Liam departed following relegation for Eastbourne Borough in 2009. At Boro, he scored 15 times, catching the interest of Bournemouth but a move to league football fell through and instead he signed for Crawley in 2010. Unlucky to feature behind many of Crawley's expensive strikers in 2010/11, he was loaned to Hayes and Forest Green, despite interest from Liam Daish. However, the Fleet boss finally landed his target in July 2011 after his departure from Forest Green.

Ricky Shakes

Shakes is a Guyana international who is a pacy right winger but often plays in a striking role. Ricky is the Fleet's longest-serving player, now in his fourth season. He came through Charlton's youth ranks and later featured for Bolton for whom he scored on his only appearance - an FA Cup match against Tranmere. Released by Bolton in 2005 after loans at Bristol Rovers and Bury, he signed for Swindon in 2005. He then spent a season at Brentford, making 40 appearances and scoring three goals while winning an international cap for Trinidad & Tobago before making himself available for selection for Guyana in 2011. Ricky joined the Fleet in July 2008.



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CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

1962/63

Gravesend & Northfleet made national headlines in 1962/63 when they took Sunderland to an FA Cup fourth round replay. Billy Lane's side beat Chatham, Sutton United, Erith & Belvedere and Lewes en route to the first round, fighting back from two goals down to triumph 3-2 at home to Exeter City. They then won 3-1 at home to Wycombe Wanderers before Tony Sitford's goal clinched a 1-0 victory at Carlisle. Brian Skingley's late equaliser gave Fleet a 1-1 fourth round draw with Sunderland watched by 12,023 at Stonebridge Road and the epic FA Cup run ended with a 5-2 replay defeat in front of 29,659 at Sunderland.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Lionel Smith

Ex-England international left-back Lionel Smith managed Gravesend & Northfleet's 1957/58 Southern League title triumph. Initially with Denaby United, he moved to Arsenal in August 1939 and made his First Division debut in their 8-0 victory at home to Grimsby Town in May 1948. He was an FA Cup finalist in 1952 and featured in the Gunners' 1952/53 League Championship success. Moving to Watford in June 1954, he became Gravesend's player-boss in May 1955 and remained in charge at Stonebridge Road until resigning in May 1960. He was later a publican in Stoke Newington until his death in November 1980.

FAB FOUR

Stan Aldous

Tough-tackling central defender Stan Aldous was ever-present in Gravesend & Northfleet's 1948/49 Kent Senior Cup final success. Initially with Erith & Belvedere, he moved via Bromley to Gravesend in April 1948 and netted three goals in 109 games before a contractual error led to him joining Leyton Orient in July 1950. He was ever-present in 1951/52 and skippered the O's to the Third Division (South) title in 1955/56, moving to Headington United in July 1958. After coaching at QPR, he was Gravesend's manager during the 1967/68 campaign and ran the



Royal Bingo & Social Club in Littleport. He died in Ely in October 1995.

Jimmy Bullard

Hard-working midfielder Jimmy Bullard remains Gravesend & Northfleet's record transfer. Initially with Corinthian, he joined Dartford in November 1997 and moved to Stonebridge Road in August 1998. He quickly impressed and netted five goals in 22 Ryman League games for Gravesend before sold to West Ham for £35,000 in February 1999. Moving to Peterborough United in July 2001, he starred in their 2001/02 FA Cup run and joined Wigan Athletic for £275,000 in January 2003. He starred in their meteoric rise to the Premiership, joining Fulham for £2.5m in July 2006 and Hull City for £5m in January 2009.

Roy Hodgson

Former Gravesend & Northfleet defender Roy Hodgson has enjoyed a highly successful managerial career. He helped Fleet win the Kent Floodlight Cup in 1969/70 and promotion in 1970/71, scoring once in 46 Southern League games. Moving to Maidstone United in July 1971, then Ashford Town, Berea Park and Carshalton, he managed Halmstad, becoming coach and manager at Bristol City. He has since had spells in charge of Orebro, Malmo, Neuchatel Xamax, Switzerland, Inter Milan, Blackburn Rovers, Grasshoppers Zurich, Copenhagen, Udinese, UAE, Viking Stavanger, Finland, Fulham, Liverpool and now West Brom.

Jimmy Logie

Former Scotland international inside-forward Jimmy Logie was an important figure in Gravesend & Northfleet's 1957/58 Southern League title triumph. Starting with Lochore Welfare, he joined Arsenal in June 1939 and starred as they won the League Championship in 1947/48 and 1951/52, also featuring in their 1950 FA Cup final success. He was capped against Northern Ireland in November 1952 and moved to Gravesend in February 1955, playing under his former Arsenal team-mate Lionel Smith. Scoring 47 times in 217 games until retiring in December 1959, he later ran a newspaper business and died in April 1984.



COMMERCIAL BREAK

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We're almost at the end of the season too and we'll know soon if we are involved in the Play-Offs within the next fortnight so please keep an eye out on our official website for the potential of match sponsorships, executive box packages and mascot opportunities.

We're also busy preparing for next season too which is likely to be just as popular as this season. Obviously a lot depends on what division we are in but we hope to release our price list in the next few weeks.

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LOOK BACK



BRAINTREE 3-1 TOWN DISAPPOINTING DEFEAT



The Town's winless run in the Blue Square Bet Premier was extended to six games after a poor performance at Braintree.

The hosts took a fifth-minute lead when a ball from the right was hung up high in the Town's penalty area and headed home by Adam Bailey-Dennis, out-jumping Mark Tyler.

The Hatters equalised just two minutes later when Aaron O'Connor did well in the penalty area to cause confusion amongst the Braintree defence which allowed the loose ball to roll in the direction of Andre Gray who ruthlessly finished from 10 yards.

Braintree came close twice in the space of three minutes to retake the lead when Sean Marks nodded wide on 12 minutes before his strike partner Ben Wright found the side-netting two minutes later.

It was end-to-end and entertaining stuff as both sides pressed for a second goal. On 20 minutes Braintree thought they'd got their noses in front once more when Marks' header beat Tyler but the celebrations were cut short when the referee spotted a foul in the six-yard box.

Braintree were having the better of the ball but the Hatters were looking a threat on the break although the hosts felt aggrieved on the half-hour when they thought Andre Boucaud's foul on Aswad Thomas took place in the penalty area. The officials didn't agree and from the resultant free-kick Wright's effort clipped the top of the Town wall.

Neither goalkeeper had really been fully extended but that all changed two minutes before the break when Tyler produced a fine save to tip Kenny Davi's rasping 25-yard effort onto the post.

After a whirlwind start to the first half it was almost the same at the beginning of the second when O'Connor missed a glorious chance to put the Hatters ahead seven minutes after the restart. Thomas' poor back-header presented O'Connor with the chance to run through



Andre Gray heads at goal

on goal but, with time and space on his side, he could only force Nathan McDonald into a point-blank save.

The Town almost fell behind for the second time just after the hour when Matt Paine's goal-bound free-kick, heading towards the top corner, was caught brilliantly by Tyler.

The Iron had slowly but surely crept back into the game having withstood pressure from the Town and, on 70 minutes, they took the lead for a second time with another header. Wright's deep free-kick found strike partner Marks unmarked and his deft flick beat an exposed Tyler from six yards.

The Hatters came close to finding an equaliser two minutes from time when Curtis Osano poked a shot at goal that McDonald fumbled but, before Gray could tuck home the rebound, Braintree cleared.

That was to be the Hatters' last chance and, in injury time, the hosts compounded their misery by scoring a third goal when Osano hauled down Marks in the box and Billy Gibson scored from the spot.



BRAINTREE

Bailey-Dennis 5, Marks 70, Gibson 90 (pen)



TOWN

Gray 7

3

1

BRAINTREE: McDonald, Thomas, Bailey-Dennis, Paine, Reason, Davis, Marks (sub Peters 90), Wright (sub Quinton 88), O'Connor, Gibson, Wells. Subs not used: Haxell, Pooley, Appiah-Kubi.

TOWN: Tyler, Keane, Pilkington, Lawless (sub Fleetwood 76), Blackett, O'Connor (sub McAllister 60), Howells, Boucaud (sub Poku 66), Osano, Gray, Kovacs. Subs not used: Kissock, Watkins.

ATTENDANCE: 1,703

POSSESSION

58% 42%

SHOTS ON TARGET

8 4

SHOTS OFF TARGET

8 3

CORNERS

5 3

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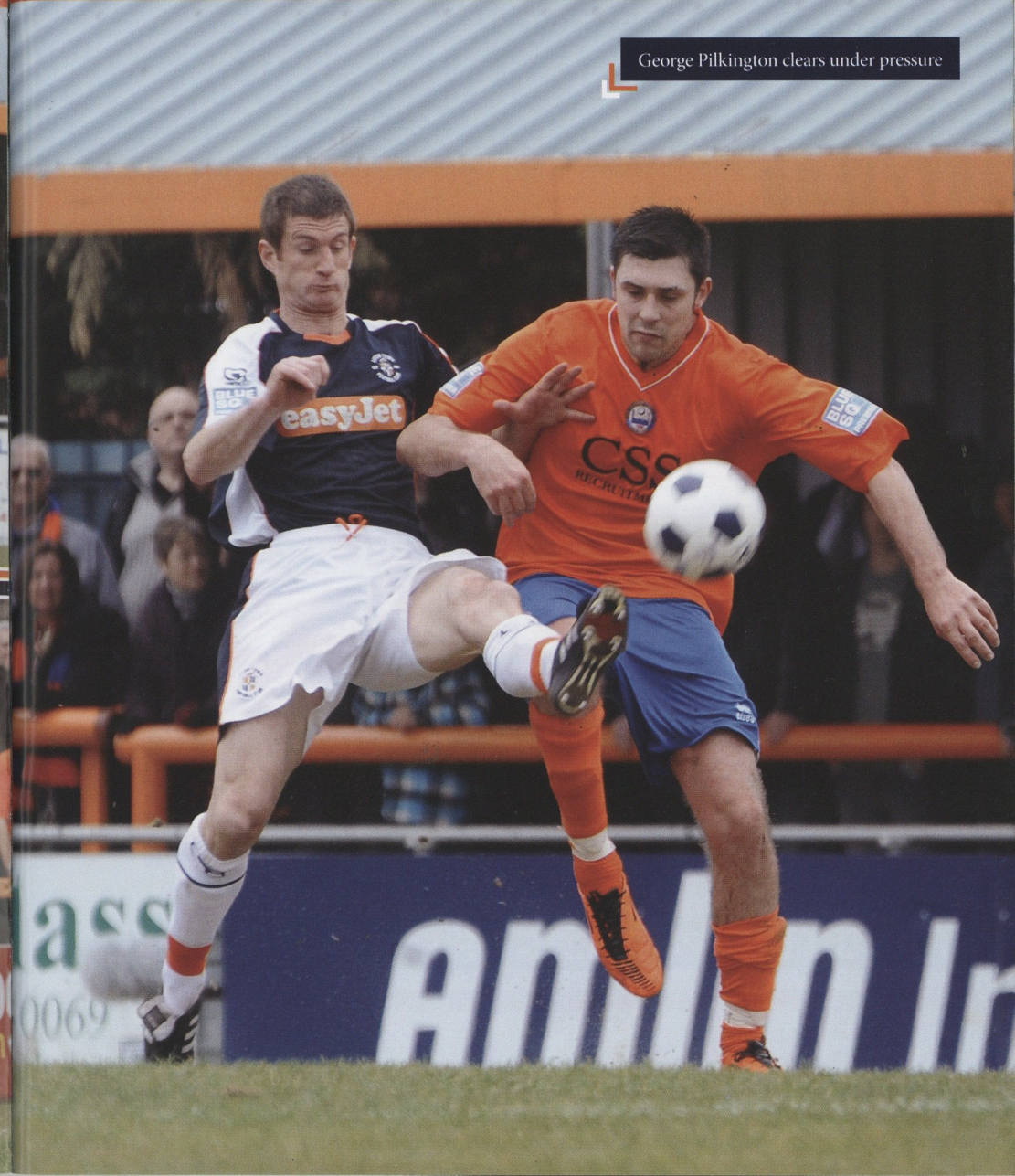
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Andre Gray goes for goal



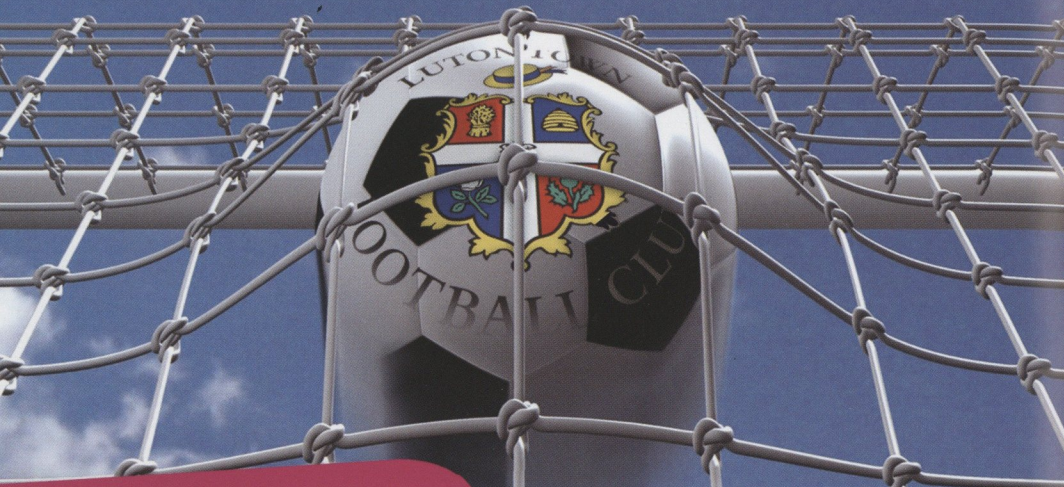
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LOOK BACK



TOWN 4-2 HAYES & YEADING PERFECT START FOR PAUL



New Town boss Paul Buckle hailed his side's performance after the 4-2 victory over Hayes & Yeading sealed their first win in nine games.

Two goals from Stuart Fleetwood and one apiece for Keith Keane and Andre Gray sealed the points and the new manager was delighted with his players' quality and determination that saw off the spirited challenge of their relegation-threatened opponents.

"It was the perfect start for us," Buckle told Hatters Player afterwards. "I say the word us, because it is us: the players, staff, supporters, chairman, everyone.

"It was a good performance, especially after the poor performance at Braintree which we spoke about before the game. I was fearful we could slip back into that today but to score four goals in the manner in which we did was fabulous.

"We were on the front foot and gave me the work ethic that I'm after.

"The lads feel good and so they should. They've worked hard today, dug in, showed passion and not bottled it when it went 1-1. The important thing now is we need to build on it and look at the positives because there were loads of them.

"It's disappointing to concede two goals from set-pieces. It's sloppy. When we conceded the first we were having a good spell but I told the players to keep going and the crowd stayed with us then and that was fantastic. And then we got our rewards before half-time and then went 3-1 up.

"They scored again but I just kept telling the players to pick themselves up and go again. What impressed me was that the players looked a lot fitter today."

Two-goal hero Fleetwood also laid on strike partner



Goalscorer Keith Keane fends off his marker

Gray's goal and had a hand in Keane's third.

And Buckle was suitably impressed by the former Hereford striker's contribution to the victory.

"They were fantastic finishes," the boss said. "Stuart's a player I tried to sign before on many occasions without joy and I told him that.

"I said 'look, I want to see what I saw in you' and he looked me in the eye and told me with confidence that he would.

"There was a belief there again today in some of the players which is what I like to see.

"We created a lot of chances, and knew we would get joy from wide areas and, given what's gone on before I'm delighted with the result and the performance."



TOWN

Fleetwood 13, 44, Keane 53, Gray 72



HAYES & YEADING

Wishart 21, Kovacs (og) 56

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TOWN: Tyler, Osano, Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Lawless, Willmott (sub Blackett 90), Keane, Poku, Fleetwood (sub McAllister 87), Gray (sub Kissock 80). Subs: Watkins, O'Connor.

HAYES & YEADING: Arnold, Argent, Hand, Cadmore, Williams, Wishart, Bentley (Warren 78), Pele, O'Brien (sub Walsh 57), Spence, Mingoia (sub Collins 74). Subs: Owusu, Warren, Collins, Beasant, Walsh.

ATTENDANCE: 6,003

POSSESSION

48% 52%

SHOTS ON TARGET

9 5

SHOTS OFF TARGET

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CORNERS

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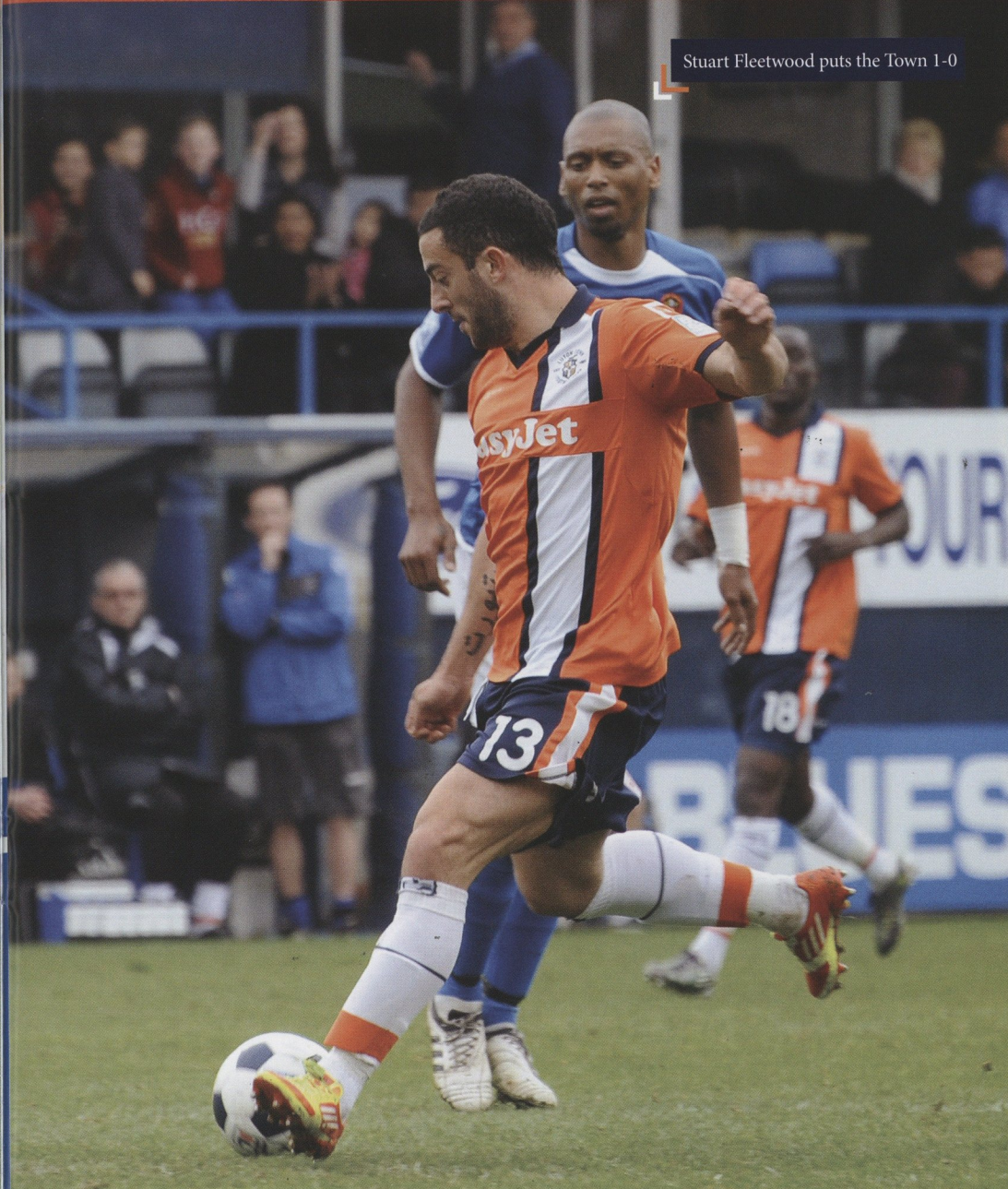
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Andre Gray makes it 4-2

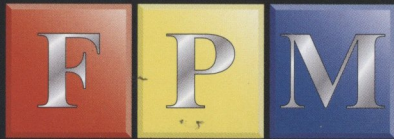


Stuart Fleetwood puts the Town 1-0



Alex Lawless under pressure from Jamie Hand





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LEAGUE LOOK

**MARK YOUNG ROUNDS-UP THE LAST WEEK
IN THE BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER**

Fleetwood Town were finally crowned champions of the Blue Square Bet Premier following two 2-2 draws over the weekend.

The story started on Friday night when Fleetwood needed a victory over relegation-threatened Lincoln City at Highbury to be crowned champions and therefore rubber stamp promotion to the Football League.

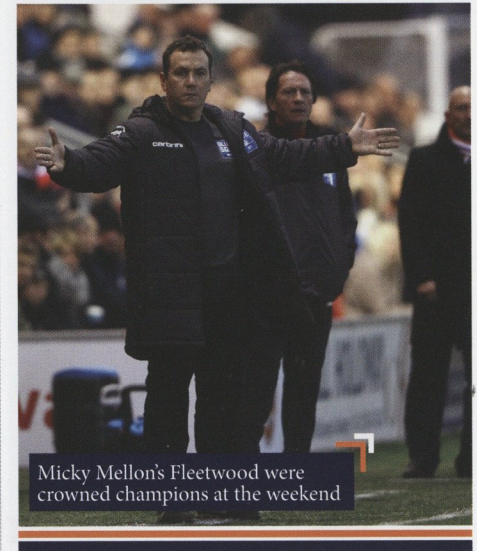
Lincoln went two goals up and seemed to have other ideas than to just be the sideshow. However, Fleetwood then scored twice through Jamie Vardy to level but a winner didn't materialise and the champagne was put on ice.

Fleetwood had a trip to Aintree on Saturday and would have been more than pleased to hear that they were crowned champions minutes after the Grand National ended. Nearest challengers Wrexham drew 2-2 with Grimsby Town and can no longer catch Micky Mellon's side. Wrexham twice went ahead but it wasn't to be and they will now be dangerous opponents in the Play-Offs.

This coming Saturday's opponents Kidderminster Harriers thumped relegated Kettering Town 6-1 at Aggborough. The scores were level at one apiece at half-time but five goals from, Nick Wright, Anthony Malbon, Ryan Rowe, Luke Jones and Mike Williams sent Harriers heading into a comfortable Play-Off place.

York City were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Newport County in what was a dress rehearsal for the FA Trophy final. York's equaliser from former Hatter Jason Walker cancelled out an early Nathaniel Jarvis goal. York sit in the final Play-Off spot.

Mansfield confirmed their place in the Play-Offs after their 2-1 away win against Hayes and Yeading United at Kingfield Stadium. Anthony Howell opened the scoring within five minutes only for it to be cancelled out before half-time. Two more goals came for the



Micky Mellon's Fleetwood were crowned champions at the weekend

away side from Ross Dyer and Matt Green which left the Stags celebrating to leave two spots in the top five up for grabs.

Gateshead are a team still in Play-Off contention and a single goal by Jon Shaw helped matters as they beat Forest Green Rovers 1-0.

The team currently one place above the Hatters, Southport, were held to a 2-2 draw at the Lamb Ground by Tamworth on Saturday after being two goals up. Iyseden Christie and Connor Gudger scored second half goals to cancel out the early Shaun Whalley and Tony Gray efforts for Southport.

This evening's visitors Ebbsfleet United earned their first win in four games as they won 3-2 at home to struggling AFC Telford United.

At the other end of the table Darlington were relegated on Saturday as they were held to a 2-2 draw by Bath City at the Northern Echo Arena.

BUCKLE UP

NEW MAN AT THE HELM



Buckle up and get ready for a new era at Luton Town Football Club

The club were delighted to announce that Paul Buckle was appointed the Hatters' new manager over the Easter weekend.

The 41-year-old signed a contract keeping him at Kenilworth Road until, at least, the summer of 2014 after impressing the Town Board in a series of interviews, coming out on top after the rigorous recruitment process set out by managing director Gary Sweet and technical director Lil Fuccillo.

In less than a week after the dismissal of Gary Brabin, over 100 applications were short-listed to eight candidates who were interviewed by Sweet and Fuccillo, with the top two challengers being also interviewed by Board members. All candidates

were assessed against the club's desired merits and, amongst other reasons, Buckle was selected due to his appropriateness for the vacancy and for his enthusiasm to manage Luton Town.

Buckle is tasked with guiding the Hatters to promotion from the Blue Square Bet Premier. Not that that will faze him. It's already on his CV. Three years ago the Town's new man lifted Torquay United out of the Conference doldrums via the Play-Offs with a Wembley win against Cambridge in 2009.

Back in League 2, and after a season of consolidation, Buckle came mightily close to guiding the Gulls to League 1 last term. Qualifying for the Play-offs they saw off Shrewsbury Town in the semi-finals but were thwarted narrowly in the final by Stevenage at Old Trafford.

Following that frustration Buckle, was given an opportunity to revive the fortunes of Bristol Rovers, relegated from League 1 last season, but he left the Memorial Stadium in January this year.

Sweet told lutontown.co.uk: "Everything has fallen into place perfectly. We believe Paul is the right man, at the right time for Luton Town.

"The amount of applications was staggering, the quality of candidates even more astounding. I'd like to go on record and thank everyone who took part in the process.

"Paul's credentials and track record speaks for themselves. There are not many managers available that have promotion from the Conference on their CV but Paul is one of them."

Like any manager in the Hatters' hotseat the word "challenge" crops up. But pressure won't daunt the Welwyn-born former midfielder. He's been in a similar situation before of guiding a club to League 2 having done so with the Gulls.

"It's a huge challenge, a massive challenge - but not just for me, for us all," Buckle told Talk of the Town.

"First and foremost I've been in this position before and I hope the players can gain some confidence from that. I know there's a lot of pressure if they don't score early and I understand the problems there have been.

"However, we really need to grasp that we're in a strong position. We need to let the players know it's a golden opportunity in their hands.

"I know that every team that play Luton have nothing to lose, and that can be a dangerous mindset. It's getting over hurdles like that; not being afraid, trying to go and score a second goal - they are two of a few things that we need to overcome.

"It's something that I've been through before. It's not going to be easy - being a local boy I know it hasn't been recently. But what I do know is the history, the heritage of this club is incredible and needs to be embraced.

"All I want to do is work hard, and get the points. I don't feel the pressure. I've managed well over 200 games in my career and I've had my share of highs and lows.

"I've signed a contract until 2014 because I didn't want to come here for just a few months, I've come here for the long term and be involved in the blueprint for the future that Gary Sweet and Lil Fuccillo outlined to me during the interview process.

"I've never been one to just snatch at something. I thought about it and the more I did the more it felt right. It was my gut feeling and I'm delighted.

"From what I've seen of the team a few times I've watched them already this season, I know they have ability and energy. I just want them to raise the bar that bit higher.

"I want to be able to wash away all their doubts but, as I've said, it's not all about me, it's not about one individual, it's about the club.

"We will do everything we can in our powers to get this club promoted."

QUOTE UNQUOTE

PB: The biggest thing in football, in life, is confidence. If you've got it, you can go forward. If you haven't, you tend to take a step back.

PB: You've got to be fit for 90 minutes and run for 95 minutes - end of story. Once you can do that that's where the technical ability starts.

PB: I can stomach a mis-placed pass. What I can't stomach is a player not working hard to get the ball back.

PB: I told the players that one team will be promoted through the play-offs. It's bad if there's no opportunity - but there is an opportunity there for us.

PB: We're in the BSBP - we've got to earn the right to win games. Sometimes you win and it won't be pretty but we need a balance between battling and playing.

PB: I told the players it's not rocket science. If the ball goes out of play I don't want players turning their backs on the ball, I want them ready to get it back.

PB: I wasn't happy with what I saw yesterday. It was a real eye-opener. In fact I didn't feel well at all about it.

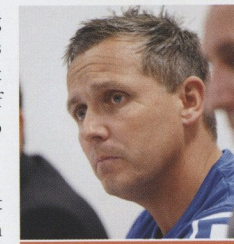
PB: The bar needs to be raised and that starts on the training field. A day off? To do what?

PB: We've got a lot of work to do if we're to achieve this season. You're only as good as your last game.

PB: You can't win anything without smiling.

PB: My job is to focus on us going to places like Baintree and Forest Green and getting results. And at home where teams come here as it's their cup final. We need to start winning games and get a snowball effect going but it's going to take a lot of work.

PB: We've got a big squad. It looks great on paper, but a lot does. It's about going out there and doing it.



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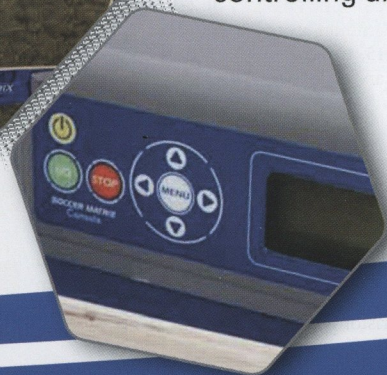
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The number of matches previously played at Kenilworth Road on this day. The Town have won seven victories, drawn four and lost four, scoring 22 goals and conceded 16.

0

Two of the first three games finished goalless. The first ever match on this date at Kenilworth Road was a United League match in 1906 against Watford. Five years later Plymouth Argyle were the visitors for a Southern League fixture.

2

In between these games Luton beat Southend 3-0 with Harold Stansfield netting two goals. Herbert Moody was the other scorer.

1

The fourth game saw the first goal conceded by Luton on this day but, although Croydon Common scored in the Southern League match in 1915, the Hatters netted twice through Frank Rollinson and Sid Hoar.

3

Harry Higginbotham scored all three of the Town goals in a 3-1 victory against Queens Park Rangers in a Division Three (South) match in 1922.

4

The most goals scored in a game on this day by the Town is four when in 1926 against Bristol City were beaten in Division Three (South). Jimmy Thompson netted a brace, with further goals from Hugh Moffatt and Billy Agnew..

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The first defeat and first time that Luton didn't win any points in a home game on this date, came in



1948. Southampton were the seventh team to visit Kenilworth Road on 17th April, and they became the first team to beat the Hatters on this day following their a 2-0 victory in the Second Division. The match was watched by a record-high attendance for this day 17,202.

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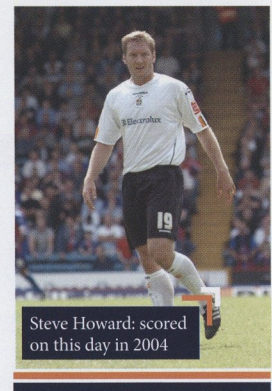
The number of goals scored by both sides in 1971 when Sheffield Wednesday held the Hatters to a draw after twice coming from behind to equalise. Peter Anderson scored his first goal for the Town early in the game, but Wednesday equalised before half-time. Don Givens restored the lead soon after the break but almost immediately the visitors hit back again to take a share of the points.

22

The number of minutes it took Brian Stein to score a second half hat-trick against Newcastle after the visitors had taken a 2-0 lead in 1982. After making it 2-1 Stein then netted two penalties in the last 10 minutes as the Hatters turned the match around to earn the victory. This 3-2 scoreline was repeated again in 2004 when Bristol City were beaten courtesy of goals from Steve Howard, Emmerson Boyce and Keith Keane. The winning goal from Keane came in injury time after City had made it 2-2 in the last minute.

2

It's two years since the Hatters last played on this date when Altrincham were the visitors. The game ended in a goalless draw, the third and most common scoreline for a match at Kenilworth Road on this date.



Steve Howard: scored on this day in 2004



PICTURE THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Gordon Turner bangs in an 88th-minute winner for the Town against Tottenham at Kenilworth Road in August 1955



The Hatters had finally won promotion to the top flight for the first time in their history at the end of 1954/55 and the town was buzzing at the thought of all the top sides due to visit Kenilworth Road over the coming campaign.

They did not come much bigger than Tottenham Hotspur at the time and when the fixture list was published and it was announced that they would be the visitors

for our first home game sales of season tickets went into overdrive.

The thought was that the ground record would be broken, given the novelty of the occasion and that Tottenham were our closest neighbours in Division One, it was slightly disappointing that only 21,143 turned up on the big day. It was reckoned that fears of a major crush kept many supporters away.

Spurs certainly tried to spoil the party when Johnny Gavin gave the away side the lead on 17 minutes, which they managed to hold on to until the interval despite the Town holding the upper hand.

The deserved equaliser came shortly after the interval when George Cummins shot low into the net following a clever pass

from Peter MacEwan.

From then on the game flowed from end to end and looked destined for a draw until, with only two minutes to go, future record Luton goalscorer Gordon Turner blasted the ball high into the net from a cross by Mike Cullen.

THE CAMERA

NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

Exhausted Luton players, together with manager Harry Haslam, realise that their hopes of staying in the old Division One (now the Premier League) hang by a thread and are now reliant on other teams



The Hatters had suffered an awful return to the top flight in 1974 and by Christmas were dead and buried.

Manager Harry Haslam then decided to 'throw in the kids' which had a galvanising effect on the team and by Easter there were genuine hopes that relegation could somehow be avoided.

Sadly, a disastrous Easter holiday, with all three

games lost, meant everything was thrown back into the melting pot but in true cavalier Luton Town style, the next three games were won and a final day home victory over Manchester City would go a long way towards making it a miraculous comeback.

A crowd of 20,768 gathered at Kenilworth Road to see Dennis Tueart give City an early lead, however the Town battled back but had only Jim Ryan's 30-yard effort to show for all their sweat,

determination, disallowed goals and near misses.

Slumped in the changing room afterwards the players quickly grasped the fact that if Tottenham gained just one point from their final game, at home to Leeds the following midweek, then it was back to Division Two for the Town.

Spurs were a very poor side at the time and a good number of Luton fans made the trip to White

Hart Lane hoping that European Cup finalists and previous season's League champions Leeds would do the Town a favour.

Conspiracy theories abound as to how and why Leeds rolled over and allowed Spurs to win 4-2 and preserve their top flight status at the expense of the Hatters but we will never know the true story!

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Profile:

Michael Sup

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

LUTON LADIES



The title-winning team

This evening we should like to focus on our youngest squad, the Under-12s. On Saturday they clinched the League title win a 4-0 win over Bedford.

Chloe Jenkins scored the first two goals, Taylor Worrell netted the third, all in a 12-minute spell in the first half. The best was left to last when Nicole O'Brien added the fourth near the end with a shot into the top corner from the edge of the penalty area. The richly deserved celebrations then began, and they went on until well into the afternoon.

The squad has been together now for three years, and this is their first success. With two games left in the season, they are unbeaten so far, and have dropped just four points all campaign.

They were dealt a serious blow just a week before the season started when goalkeeper Maddie Lewis broke her arm in a pre-season friendly which would keep her out until after Christmas. However, in Tyler Trussell they found a more than capable deputy, and she kept six clean sheets in the first eight games.

The team that would become their closest rivals this season, Someries, were beaten 2-1 in the opening game of the season. A 1-0 win over last season's League

champions Houghton Athletic in the second game gave the team some real self belief.

A new signing this season, Natalie Case, scored the only goal in that game, and gave us the first glance of a player who has become known as the fox in the box as she led the goalscoring charts.

Those first two games were just the springboard of a run of victories which was not ended until after Christmas. Someries ended that run by forcing a 0-0 draw, but from then on the girls have been unstoppable.

It is often said that success is based on a solid defence, and that must be true of this team as they have conceded just four goals in the 14 games played so far. They have not done too badly at the other end either, scoring 64 goals.

The Championship winning squad is made up of Natalie Case, Morgan Gilling, Chloe Gisborne, Chloe Jenkins, Maddie Lewis, Charlie Linney, Molly McClelland, Charlotte Motto, Nicole O'Brien, Tyler Trussell and Taylor Worrell.

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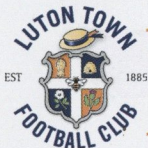
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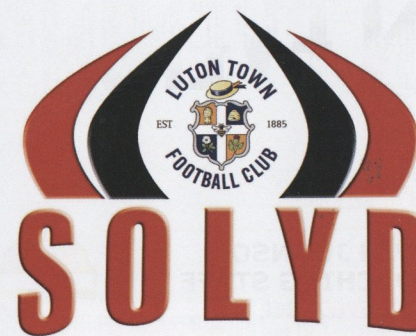
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YOUNG HATTERS

The Hatters Under-18s travelled to the capital to take on Leyton Orient in their final away game of the Football League Youth Alliance season and returned with a well deserved point from another encouraging performance.

Alasan Ann - recalled from his work experience loan at Arlesey - partnered Jake Woolley in attack for the only change from the previous week's unlucky defeat at Colchester.

The Hatters started the game well, playing at a high tempo with the ball and two creating chances for Leeroy Maguraushe who had made good forward runs but wasn't able to work the Orient goalkeeper. Jerry Nash also had an excellent chance from a Woolley throw but put his shot over the bar from eight yards.

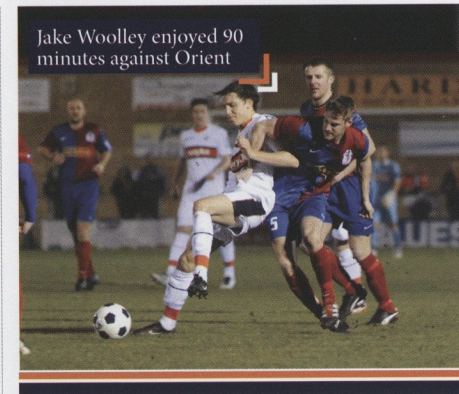
Orient looked most dangerous with long balls to their lone striker and, after a couple of scares, this was the route that led to the opening goal just before half-time as the striker lost his marker to run through and put the ball past Josh Carpenter.

The Hatters continued their good play with the ball in the second half and worked hard to stop the hosts having time to play. Zac Stephens took a knock and was replaced by James Ferguson and it was the latter who was heavily involved in the equaliser as his shot following a corner deflected in off of Zane Banton.

Ian Rees and Ollie Cole replaced Nick Burtenshaw and Maguraushe as the Hatters looked to grab the winner but, despite some good pressure and a number of corners one was not forthcoming.

Afterwards, Paul Driver told Talk of the Town: "We are definitely making good progress as a group with how we want the boys to play and I am sure this will help us as we go into next season with almost all of these boys playing next term."

Jake Woolley enjoyed 90 minutes against Orient



"We were good in stages with the ball when we did things quickly and the work rate and closing down when Orient were in possession was excellent."

Team: Carpenter, Longden, Jibodu, Burtenshaw (sub Rees 66), Stephens, Chabata, Nash, Woolley, Ann, Banton, Maguraushe (sub Cole 77). Subs not used: Barnes.

LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	GD	PTS
1 Brighton & Hove Albion	22	14	29	46
2 Brentford	23	14	11	44
3 Barnet	22	14	25	43
4 Southend United	24	12	18	42
5 Queens Park Rangers	21	12	18	41
6 Millwall	23	11	18	39
7 Gillingham	23	12	15	38
8 Leyton Orient	23	11	4	36
9 Crawley Town	22	8	0	32
10 Colchester United	22	9	5	30
11 Northampton Town	23	9	-1	29
12 LUTON TOWN	23	8	-7	29
13 Peterborough United	23	7	-7	29
14 Wycombe Wanderers	23	7	-8	27
15 Stevenage	22	4	-17	19
16 AFC Wimbledon	22	5	-40	17
17 Aldershot Town	22	4	-28	15
18 Dagenham & Redbridge	23	3	-35	14

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ACADEMY UPDATE

LUTON TOWN AND EPPP

In our last programme we explained the details behind the Elite Player Performance Plan, or EPPP, which was introduced by the Premier League in 2011.

Here at Luton Town, we are probably better prepared than any club outside the Championship to make the step into the new academy categorisation.

For several years we have been seeking to improve all areas of youth development at the club in order to meet the challenge of the big Premier League clubs spreading their bets, as well as dealing with local clubs in the Football League.

The biggest implication of EPPP rules is the effect on compensation. All of the deals that have seen young players leave the club in 2011/12 have seen us try to see us work in these frameworks.

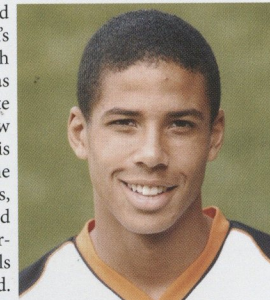
One misconception concerning the EPPP is that young professional players will be able to leave the club for next to nothing. This simply isn't true. The new compensation guidelines deal with the movement of 9-16-year-old players. Once a player enters a building as a scholar, they are protected from this programme. In addition, players receiving an early professional contract will be even given even more protection.

If we opt for category 3 status the compensation will be £3k per annum up to the age of 11 and £12.5k per annum between ages of 12-16.

This means when Dave Moli joined Liverpool as an under-15, having joined us as under-12, we would have received £12.5k for each of the four years he was at Kenilworth Road which equates to £50k. There are add bonuses for making the first team at their new club and sell-on clauses that would take this amount well beyond this initial figure. Category 2 compensation is the same for 9-11 year-olds but £25k per annum for 12-16-year-olds.

Therefore for a club outside of the top two divisions, this would actually have very little effect on the compensation received for players. The clubs that this would have the biggest effect on are those clubs existing outside of the Premier League and who have Premier League aspirations.

It should also be noted that Luton Town's previous success with youth development has always come with late recruitment. Matthew Upson and Curtis Davies both joined the club as 16-year-olds, Leon Barnett joined the club as a 13-year-old and Jake Howells joined as a 15-year-old. The only exceptions to this rule are Keith Keane and Kevin Foley who both joined at a very young age.



Curtis Davies joined the Hatters at 16

Therefore the EPPP shouldn't be something that supporters eye with suspension or doubt, it's a positive step forward in youth development in this country, especially for those clubs like ourselves who don't look to take shortcuts on and off the pitch.

It will provide our supporters with the ability to analytically appraise the productiveness and effectiveness of the youth department at the club.

Luton Town will also ensure that the key development stage of 18-21-year-olds isn't overlooked, as Under-21 football will replace reserve team football in England next season.

This will ensure that the young professionals such as JJ O'Donnell, Alex Lacey, Christian Tavernier and Lewis Kidd, along with the professionals joining this summer in Alasan Ann and Newman Carney, have a structured pathway to first team football.

In the next programme we will discuss which category we will be going for and why.

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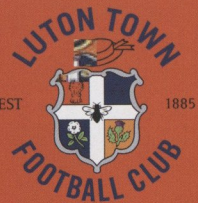
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Please ensure that the name of the child, home address, course venue & cheque guarantee card number are written on the back of the cheque.

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BOOKING PROCEDURE

Applications can be made on the form above or by telephone 01582 583618 or 07725172345, or via email at james.luton@live.co.uk.

Confirmation of booking: Postal bookings will be confirmed by email or telephone.

Refund procedure: If your child is ill or unable to attend or you phone two days prior to the course start date we offer full refunds. Children should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before start time on the days for which they are registered and must be collected promptly.

Telephone bookings: 01582 583618 or 07725172345

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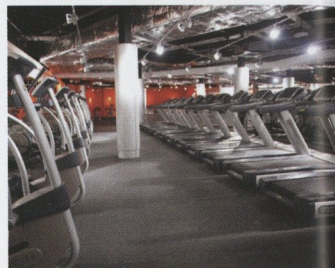
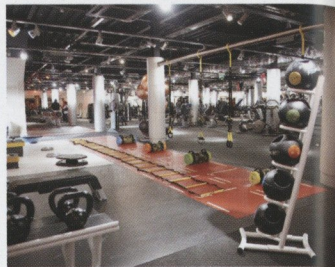
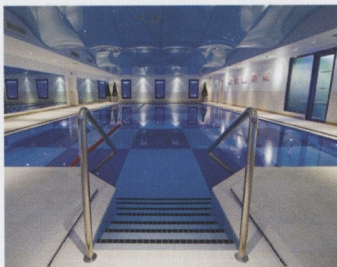
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I authorise coaching staff to administer or approve medical treatment deemed necessary. I agree that Luton Town F.C. reserves the right to remove any disruptive children from the course and the Luton Town F.C. do not accept responsibility for loss or damage whether to person or property in connection with these courses.

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SEASON TICKETS 2012/13

PRICES FROZEN FOR NEXT SEASON

The Hatters are delighted to announce that season ticket prices for the 2012/13 season have been frozen.

This season your support has been fantastic, getting behind us from the very first minute that season tickets went on sale and we hope you will do the same next season.

Once again the support received from our loyal fans over the course of this season has been magnificent, far exceeding that of any other club at our level.

This is an amazing commitment, especially in such a difficult financial climate. Therefore, to mark this, the Club has frozen its base line prices for the 2012/13 season.

This year the Earlybird prices will run until 6th May, then Primetime will run from 7th May to 30th June and Anytime will follow from 1st July onwards. Don't forget our Under 17s season ticket offer when bought with a full paying adult is only £50

As usual we are giving fans a variety of options on how to either renew or purchase a season ticket. You will again be able to purchase in person at the Ticket Office, by phone (subject to demand), by post, or online at www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown as well as being able to pay by cash, cheque, debit or credit card.

We are also pleased to announce we will be continuing the monthly instalment plans over four months (interest free) and eight months (fee bearing).

We are looking forward to having you with us for another season. Please see overleaf for prices as well as an application form.

More details can be found online in the ticket section of our official website or simply pop into the ticket office for advice or for applications forms.

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SEASON TICKETS 2012/2013

PRICES FROZEN

All Areas

Category	Age	Early Bird		Prime Time		Anytime				
		2 nd April – 6 th May		7 th May - 30 th June		1 st July Onwards				
		Price	£ per match	Price	£ per match	Price	£ per match			
Adult	22-64	300	13.04	450	335	14.55	485	365	15.87	515
Young Adult	17-21	200	8.70	330	230	10.00	360	260	11.30	390
Senior	65-74	200	8.70	330	230	10.00	360	260	11.30	390
Golden Senior	Over 75	130	5.65	260	155	6.74	285	170	7.39	300
Youth	10-16	100*	4.35	150	100*	4.35	150	110*	4.78	160
Junior	Under 10	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100

Uncovered Seating - Enclosure A & B

Category	Age	Early Bird		Prime Time		Anytime				
		2 nd April – 6 th May		7 th May - 30 th June		1 st July Onwards				
		Price	£ per match	Price	£ per match	Price	£ per match			
Adult	22-64	270	11.74	420	300	13.04	450	325	14.13	475
Young Adult	17-21	180	7.83	310	210	9.13	340	240	10.43	370
Senior	65-74	180	7.83	310	210	9.13	340	240	10.43	370
Golden Senior	Over 75	130	5.65	260	155	6.74	285	170	7.39	300
Youth	10-16	100*	4.35	150	100*	4.35	150	110*	4.78	160
Junior	Under 10	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100

*UNDER 17'S £50 (£100 FOR DIAMOND) WITH A FULL PAYING ADULT, FOR ALL AREAS



Luton Town Football Club - Season 2012/2013

Season Ticket Application Form

To apply for the Instalment Plan scheme for season 2012/2013, please complete and return this form to the Ticket Office.

Personal Details							
Full Name (incl title)				Client Reference (if known)			
Address and Postcode				Daytime tel. No			
				Evening tel. No			
				Mobile tel. No			
Email address				Date of birth (compulsory)			
Season Ticket Details							
Season ticket details	Stand		Block		Row	Seat	
Season ticket type (Please tick)	Junior (under 10)	Youth (10-16)	Young Adult (17-21)	Adult (22-64)	Senior (65-74)	Golden Senior (over 75)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Type of Season Ticket (please tick)	Regular			Diamond			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>			
Payment Details							
Season ticket total price							
Payment Method (Please tick)	Credit or Debit Card	Cash or Cheque	4 Monthly Instalment Plan (Early Bird Only)		8 Monthly Instalment Plan (Prime Time and Anytime Only)		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		
8 Month Plan Only							
First Month Payment of: (see payment chart)			Subsequent Monthly Instalments of:				
<p>Four Month Plan – The first payment is made at the time of application and three subsequent payments on 1st June, 1st July & 1st Aug 2012</p> <p>Eight Month Plan – First payment is made at the time of application. The second payment will commence on the 1st July 2012 and the 1st of each month thereafter up to and including 1st February 2013 (or for 7 consecutive months where applied for after 1st July).</p>							
<p><i>The information you provide on this form will be used to process the booking and ensure your enrolment to the 'instalment plan' scheme. By completing and returning this form you agree to the terms and conditions enclosed and have read and understood the privacy policy overleaf.</i></p>							
Applicants signature:				Date:			
<th>Card Details</th>							Card Details
Cardholders signature				Cardholders name			
Cardholder's full name and address (including postcode) if different from the above							
Credit/debit card no:							
Valid from				Expiry date			
Last 3 security digits on reverse of card				Start date/issue no (maestro)			
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LUTON TOWN v KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS



BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal match day prices.



GATESHEAD v LUTON TOWN



BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

This game is pay on the night for Town supporters.

Seating only. Prices: £14 adults, £9 over-60s and students, £2 under-16s £2.



FLEETWOOD TOWN v LUTON TOWN



BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2012, KICK-OFF 1PM

Please note the early kick-off time for this match.

This game is pay on the day for Hatters fans. An allocation of 975 terrace tickets and approximately 400 seats will be available.

Prices: Seating - £18 adults, £14 over-65s, £13 under-16s, free for under fives. Terracing - £15 adults, £10 over-65s and under-16s, free for under fives.

GETTING TO...GATESHEAD – THE INTERNATIONAL STADIUM

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £27 adults, £24 concessions. Departure: tbc.

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £30 adults, £28 concessions. Departure: tbc.

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

For the sat-nav: NE10 0EF

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

GETTING TO...FLEETWOOD TOWN – HIGHBURY STADIUM

Bobbers Travel (01234 856542): £25 adults, £22 concessions. Departure: TBC

Town on Tour (07960 567465): £30 adults, £28 concessions. Departure: TBC

Car: M1, M6. Then leave the M6 at Junction 32 and take the M55 towards Blackpool. Then leave the M55 at Junction 3 and take the A585 towards Fleetwood. On the outskirts of Fleetwood you will come to a roundabout with Blackpool and Fylde college on your left. Continue straight on towards Fleetwood but after the roundabout take the first left into Cope Road. After about a mile and as you pass Fleetwood Fire station on your left then branch left and turn left onto to Radcliffe Road (going back on yourself but in parallel with Cope Road). Then take the next right into Stanley Road and the stadium is at the bottom of this road on your left. There is no parking for away supporters at the stadium itself but there is plenty of street parking available in the area.

For the sat-nav: FY7 6TX

By train: There is no railway station in Fleetwood itself. The closest is at Poulton-le-Fylde, which is just over five miles away. However it is more likely that fans will head to Blackpool North station which is around seven miles away.

FIXTURES & RESULTS



DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS
August									
Tue 16	19:45	H	Forest Green Rovers	1-1	6,061	60	16	K. Pilkington, Asafu-Adjaye, Beckwith 1, Antwi, Osano, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor, Gleson, Walker, Antwi 1, Howells, Keane, Watkins 1***, Lawless, Willmott 1, Dance	Dance, Barnes-Homer*
Sat 20	15:00	H	Southport	5-1	5,681	64	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor**, Crow	M-Smith 1**, Crow 1*, A-Adjaye**, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Tue 23	19:45	A	Mansfield Town	1-1	2,592	43	10	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi 1, Asafu-Adjaye*, Dance, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith, O'Connor**, Crow	Gleson**, Poku, Barnes-Homer, K. Pilkington
Sat 27	15:00	H	Braintree Town	3-1	5,703	110	6	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells 1, Dance***, Lawless*, Keane, Willmott, Crow***, Smith 2	Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kissock***, A-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Tue 30	19:45	A	Hayes & Yeading United	2-2	1,015	727	8	Tyler, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells*, Dance***, Lawless, Keane, Willmott, Crow 1***, Smith 1	Watkins**, A-Adjaye*, O'Connor***, Kissock, K. Pilkington
September									
Fri 2	19:45	A	Stockport County	1-1	3,389	321	6	Tyler, Osano, Keane, Antwi, A-Adjaye, Lawless 1, Kissock*, Watkins, Willmott, M-Smith 1, Crow**	Dance*, Fleetwood**, O'Connor, Carden, K. Pilkington
Sat 10	15:00	H	Darlington	2-0	5,952	151	6	Tyler, Keane, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Hand, Willmott, Morgan-Smith*, Crow**	Dance*, Kissock**, Watkins, O'Connor, K. Pilkington
Tue 13	19:45	A	AFC Telford United	2-0	2,640	502	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Antwi, Beckwith, Howells, Lawless, Keane, Willmott***, Morgan-Smith**	Dance*, Kissock, Watkins***, O'Connor**, K. Pilkington
Sat 17	15:00	H	Lincoln City	1-0	6,316	206	2	Tyler, Dance, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith***, Lawless, Hand, Willmott**	Watkins*, O'Connor**, Kissock***, Samuel, K. Pilkington
Tue 20	19:45	A	Bath City	1-1	1,158	442	1	Tyler, Dance*, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith 1, Lawless, Hand, Kissock**, Fleetwood 1, Crow**	O'Connor*, Samuel**, Willmott**, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Sat 24	15:00	A	York City	0-3	3,570	606	6	Tyler, Keane, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Dance, Lawless**, Hand, Kissock**, Willmott, Fleetwood 1, Crow**	Crow***, Watkins**, O'Connor*, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Tue 27	19:45	H	Cambridge United	0-1	6,274	522	9	Tyler, Dance, Kovacs, Antwi, Howells, Morgan-Smith, Hand***, Keane, Willmott**, Fleetwood 1, Crow	O'Connor*, Kissock**, Watkins***, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
October									
Sat 1	15:00	H	Barrow	5-1	5,613	115	6	Tyler, Osano, Keane, Kovacs, Howells, Hand, Dance 1, Watkins 1**, Willmott 2, O'Connor**	Crow*, Kissock**, Antwi, Asafu-Adjaye, K. Pilkington
Sat 8	15:00	A	Kidderminster Harriers	2-1	3,332	931	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance**, Keane, Willmott 2, O'Connor**	Fleetwood*, Crow**, Antwi, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Tue 11	19:45	A	Ebbsfleet United	2-2	1,651	722	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Hand, Dance 1, Carden, Willmott, O'Connor**	Fleetwood*, Watkins**, Antwi, Kissock, K. Pilkington
Sat 15	15:00	H	Gateshead	5-1	6,285	104	3	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott**, Howells 2, Keane, Dance, Morgan-Smith 1, Fleetwood 1	O'Connor 1**/**, Hand 2**/, Watkins, Kissock**, K. Pilkington
Tue 18	19:45	H	Wrexham	0-1	7,270	239	5	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Blackett, Willmott, Keane, Dance, Howells, Fleetwood 1, O'Connor**	Wright**, Kissock**, Hand, Watkins, K. Pilkington
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimby Town	1-0	2,329	186	4	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott**, Watkins, Hand, Dance*, Fleetwood 1, Wright 1	Crow***, O'Connor**, Kissock**, Beckwith, K. Pilkington
Sat 29	15:00	H	Hendon (FAC 4Q)	5-1	2,329	193	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, Beckwith, Antwi, Howells, Dance 1**, Hand***, O'Connor 2 (pen), Kissock, Fleetwood 1, Wright 1**	Crow*, Henry***, Tavernier**, Willmott, Samuel, Carden, Tyler
November									
Sat 5	15:00	H	Fleetwood Town	1-2	6,361	83	7	Tyler, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Howells, Willmott*, Keane, Lawless*, O'Connor**	Kissock**, Watkins***, Hand, Wright*, K. Pilkington.
Sat 12	15:00	H	Northampton Town (FAC1)	1-0	4,799	913	-	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Howells, Hand, Lawless, Keane*, Kissock**, M-Smith*, O'Connor	Tyler, Willmott**, Gleson, Beckwith, Crow*, Blackett, Watkins***
Sat 19	15:00	A	Cambridge United	1-1	4,796	1,754	7	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Dance*, Lawless, Hand**, Howells, Fleetwood 1, O'Connor	Tyler, Watkins**, Willmott, Kissock, Brunt*
Sat 26	15:00	A	Newport County	1-0	1,511	273	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor**, Dance, Lawless, Hand, Howells, Fleetwood**, O'Connor*	Tyler, Crow 1***, Willmott**, Brunt*, Keane
Tue 29	19:45	H	AFC Telford United	1-1	5,399	106	6	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Dance*, Keane, Lawless, Willmott 1, Crow**, Fleetwood**	Watkins***, Brunt**, O'Connor*, Tyler, Taylor
December									
Sat 3	15:00	H	Cheltenham Town (FAC2)	2-4	4,516	478	-	K. Pilkington, Gleson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Keane*, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor 2, Crow	Kissock**, Beckwith, Fleetwood, Dance, Hand, Wright, Tyler
Tue 6	19:45	A	Lincoln City	1-1	2,049	327	7	K. Pilkington, Gleson, G. Pilkington*, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott**, Keane, Howells, Lawless, O'Connor**, Crow 1	Hand*, Dance**, Brunt**, Fleetwood, Tyler
Sat 10	15:00	H	Swindon S (FAT1)	2-0	1,298	55	-	Tyler, Gleson*, Beckwith, Lacey, Taylor, Kissock***, Watkins, Keane, Osano, Brunt**, Fleetwood 1	Kidd, McAdams***, Smith, Wright 1, O'Donnell**, Kidd
Sat 17	15:00	A	Tamworth	3-1	1,467	622	5	K. Pilkington, Gleson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Keane, Watkins*, Dance**	Tyler, Wright**, Willmott, Fleetwood**, Kissock**, Willmott
Mon 26	15:00	H	Kettering Town	5-0	7,164	205	5	K. Pilkington, Gleson, G. Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless 1, Watkins, Keane, Howells, O'Connor 1**, Crow**	Tyler, Fleetwood 1***, Kissock, Willmott 1**, Wright
January									
Sun 1	15:00	A	Kettering Town	5-0	3,247	2,018	3	K. Pilkington, Osano, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Taylor 1, Lawless***, Keane, Watkins 1, Howells 1, Danor**, O'Connor*	Brunt*, Fleetwood 1***, Willmott**, Kissock, Tyler
Sat 7	15:00	H	Newport County	2-0	6,108	228	3	K. Pilkington, Gleson*, G. Pilkington***, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Keane, Watkins, Howells, O'Connor 1, Crow 1**	Willmott**, Fleetwood**, Dance*, Kissock, Tyler
Tues 10	19:45	H	Stockport County	1-0	5,588	78	3	K. Pilkington, Gleson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Dance*, Watkins, Lawless, Howells, Fleetwood**, Crow	O'Connor 1**, Willmott**, Kissock, Lacey, Tyler
Wed 18	19:45	A	Hinckley United (FAT2)	0-0	754	tbc	-	Tyler, Osano, Lacey, Asafu-Adjaye, O'Donnell, McAdams*, Dance, Kissock, Willmott, Fleetwood, Ann*	Woolley**, Nash**, Longden, Smith, Kidd
Sat 21	15:00	A	Southport	3-3	1,665	540	-	K. Pilkington, Taylor, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins 1, Kissock*, O'Connor 1, Howells, Crow 1	Morgan-Smith*, Fleetwood, McAllister, Poku, Tyler
Mon 23	19:30	H	Hinckley United (FATR2)	3-0	1,004	81	-	Tyler, Osano, Asafu-Adjaye, Lacey, O'Donnell, Nash, McAdams**, Willmott, Kissock, Fleetwood 1***, Morgan-Smith 1**	Smith**, Longden***, Woolley**, Magaurashe, Kidd.
Wed 25	19:30	H	Mansfield Town	0-0	5,261	111	3	K. Pilkington, Gleson, Kovacs, G. Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins, Howells, Morgan-Smith*, O'Connor, Crow**	Fleetwood**, McAllister**, Dance, Poku, Tyler
Sat 28	15:00	H	Alfreton Town	1-0	5,658	89	3	Tyler, Gleson, G. Pilkington 1, Kovacs, Taylor, Willmott***, Watkins**, Lawless, Howells, Crow**, McAllister	Fleetwood**, Poku**, O'Connor**, Kissock, K. Pilkington
February									
Tue 7	19:45	A	Kidderminster H (FAT3)	2-1	1,186	111	-	Tyler, Osano, Blackett, Beckwith, Taylor, Lawless, Henry***, Kissock, Willmott, Howells, Fleetwood 1	O'Donnell**, Watkins**, Woolley**, Kovacs, K. Pilkington
Sat 18	15:00	H	Tamworth	3-0	5,833	66	3	Tyler, Osano*, G. Pilkington, Kovacs 1, Taylor, Lawless, Kissock**, Howells, Boucaud**, O'Connor**, Fleetwood 1	Willmott**, McAllister**, Watkins**, Crow, K. Pilkington
Tue 21	19:45	A	Barrow	0-1	925	70	3	Tyler, Keane, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Lawless, Howells, Boucaud*, O'Connor, Fleetwood, McAllister**	Kissock**, Watkins*, Blackett, Crow, Kidd
Sat 25	15:00	H	Gateshead (FATQF)	2-0	2,499	88	-	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Blackett, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Keane 1, Kissock 1*, Howells, Willmott**, Crow**	O'Connor**, Fleetwood**, Henry*, Watkins, Kidd
March									
Sat 3	15:00	H	Bath City	2-0	5,745	80	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs 1, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Keane**, Kissock*, Willmott, Figs***, Crow	Boucaud**, McAllister, Fleetwood**, O'Connor, Watkins 1
Wed 7	19:30	A	Wrexham	0-2	4,206	167	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor**, Lawless, Keane, Boucaud*, O'Connor, Howells, Crow	Kissock**, Willmott**, McAllister**, Watkins, Poku
Sat 10	15:00	A	York City (FATSF1)	0-1	3,365	457	-	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins**, Keane, Henry**, How, Crow**	Kidd, O'Donnell, Blackett*, Woolley**, Osano**
Tue 13	19:45	A	Darlington	1-1	1,382	123	3	Tyler, Asafu-Adjaye, Kovacs, Pilkington, Taylor, Lawless, Watkins**, Poku, Willmott, Crow, McAllister***	Henry**, Fleetwood 1, Woolley**, Osano, Boucaud
Sat 17	15:00	H	York City (FATSF2)	1-1	5,796	400	-	Tyler, Osano, Pilkington, Kovacs, Taylor, Keane, Lawless, Howells, Willmott 1, Crow, Fleet**	Blackett*, O'Connor, Henry, Watkins**, Woolley
Tue 20	19:45	A	Forest Green Rovers	0-3	975	297	4	Tyler, Osano, Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Lawless**, Keane, O'Connor**, Watkins**, Willt, Fleetwood	Boucaud*, Henry**, O'Connor**, Poku, Crow
Sat 24	15:00	H	Grimby Town	1-1	6,419	484	5	Tyler, Osano, Kovacs, Pilkington, Howells**, Willmott*, Lawless, Keane, Poku, Crow, G**	Blackett**, Fleetwood**, McAllister, Watkins, Boucaud
Fri 30	19:30	H	York City	1-2	5,925	196	6	Tyler, Osano, Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott, Lawless, Keane, Poku**, Crow**, G1*	Watkins***, McAllister**, Kissock, Blackett, Fleetwood*
April									
Sat 7	15:00	A	Braintree Town	1-3	1,703	882	7	Tyler, Osano, Kovacs, Pilkington, Blackett, Howells, Boucaud**, Keane, Lawless***, O'Connor*, Gray 1	Fleetwood**, Poku**, McAllister, Watkins, Kissock
Mon 9	15:00	H	Hayes & Yeading United	4-2	6,003	79	7	Tyler, Osano, Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Lawless, Willmott***, Keane 1, Poku, Fleetwood**, Gray 1	Watkins, McAllister**, Blackett**, Kissock**, O'Connor
Sat 14	15:00	A	Alfreton Town	0-0	1,654	889	7	Tyler, Osano*, Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott***, Keane, Poku**, Lawless, Fleetwood, Gray	Boucaud**, Gleson**, Blackett, McAllister, O'Connor**

*Scoreline includes own goal

LEAGUE TABLE 2011/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Fleetwood Town	44	31	10	3	102	44	58	103
2 Wrexham	43	28	8	7	79	30	49	92
3 Mansfield Town	44	23	14	7	82	48	34	83
4 Kidderminster Harriers	44	22	10	12	82	59	23	76
5 York City	43	20	14	9	78	45	33	74
6 Southport	44	20	12	12	68	62	2	72
7 LUTON TOWN	42	19	14	9	72	46	30	71
8 Gateshead	43	20	10	13	64	58	6	70
9 Grimsby Town	44	19	12	13	79	59	20	69
10 Forest Green Rovers	44	18	13	13	64	44	20	67
11 Cambridge United	43	18	13	12	53	38	15	67
12 Braintree Town	44	17	11	16	75	74	1	62
13 Barrow	44	16	8	20	58	74	-16	56
14 Ebbsfleet United	43	14	11	18	64	75	-11	53
15 Alfreton Town	44	14	9	21	60	84	-24	51
16 Tamworth	43	11	14	18	45	65	-20	47
17 Lincoln City	44	12	10	22	53	63	-10	46
18 Stockport County	44	10	15	19	54	73	-19	45
19 Newport County	42	10	13	19	51	61	-10	43
20 AFC Telford United	43	9	15	19	44	62	-18	42
21 Hayes & Yeading	44	10	8	26	56	88	-32	38
22 Darlington *	43	10	12	21	44	70	-26	32
23 Kettering Town *	44	8	8	28	38	96	-58	29
24 Bath City	44	6	10	28	38	85	-47	28

PLAYER STATS 2011/12

ALIAS	THIS SEASON		CUP		TOTAL		DISCIP		CAREER TOTAL		
	LEAGUE	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS
Alisan ANN	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	0
Will ANTWI	12	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	13	(0)	2	0	13
Ed ASAFU-ADJAYE	7	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	11	(2)	0	0	11
Matthew BARNES-HOMER	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	1	81
Dean BECKWITH	8	(0)	1	3	(0)	11	(0)	1	2	1	11
Stuart BLACKETT	5	(2)	0	2	(1)	0	7	(3)	0	1	49
Andre BOUCAUD	4	(3)	0	0	(0)	4	(3)	0	1	0	7
Ryan BRUNT	0	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(5)	0	0	6
Paul CARDEN	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	1	(0)	0	0	11	0
Danny CROW	23	(6)	9	4	(2)	27	(8)	9	3	70	17
James DANCE	21	(5)	3	2	(0)	1	23	(5)	4	3	28
Stuart FLEETWOOD	19	(14)	9	6	(1)	4	25	(15)	13	5	40
Dan GLEESON	8	(2)	0	2	(0)	10	(2)	0	1	0	54
Andre GRAY	5	(0)	4	0	(0)	5	(0)	4	2	0	5
Jamie HAND	11	(2)	2	2	(0)	13	(2)	4	1	15	2
Charlie HENRY	0	(2)	0	2	(2)	2	(4)	0	1	0	6
Jake HOWELLS	38	(0)	5	7	(0)	1	45	(0)	6	3	176
Keith KEANE	29	(0)	1	6	(0)	1	35	(0)	2	6	128
John-Paul KISSOCK	6	(14)	0	7	(1)	1	13	(15)	1	4	28
James KOVACS	33	(4)	4	0	(0)	37	(4)	0	4	1	54
Alex LACEY	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	7
Alex LAWLESS	34	(0)	2	6	(0)	40	(0)	2</			

LAST WORD

WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

With the season now drawing to a potentially thrilling close, it's time for my annual Hatters awards.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON: An award that would probably have gone with ease to the hugely impressive Amari Morgan-Smith had he stayed fit. But with Town robbed of his services, I'll opt for Janos Kovacs, who after re-signing for the club earlier in the season, has been a tower of strength in the Hatters' backline.

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE SEASON: With Jake Howells now at the ripe old age of 20, it already seems like has been around for years, so this time, Adam Watkins gets the nod.

Such a busy player, who has weighed in with important goals, he won a first call up to the England C squad and scored against Italy too. Like any youngster in his first full campaign, is bound to have ups and downs, but there is plenty more to come next season.

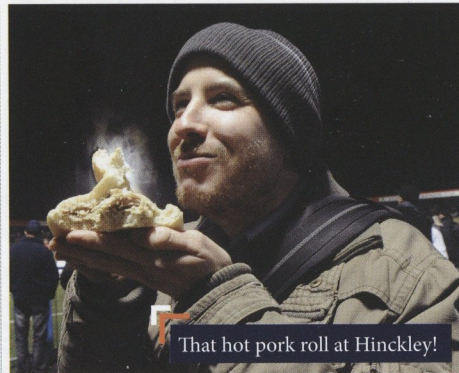
GOAL OF THE SEASON: Probably not the most popular choice, but Jamie Hand's stunning left foot volley against Gateshead takes some beating. Other contenders would have been Watkins' sublime finish at Southport, while Stuart Fleetwood's volley against Hayes & Yeading was also very impressive.-

SIGNING OF THE SEASON: With Kovacs taking the player gong, it's unfair to give him this one too. So I'm going to split it between Greg Taylor and Andre Gray.

Taylor looks like he could nail down that left-back berth for years to come, while Gray has been here five minutes and already set the record for the first player to score four goals in his first four games.

BEST FOOD: There was no chance I couldn't write a column without mentioning away day hospitality.

We have new winners this time too, with pre-season opponents Airbus UK laying on the most tremendous homemade half-time spread ever witnessed by myself



That hot pork roll at Hinckley!

and press officer Andrew Barringer, because, and I quote, that's what we do when the big clubs visit. Those cakes and sandwiches will live long in the memory.

Special mentions should go to Kidderminster yet again for their renowned cottage pies, Hinckley United and their hot pork rolls, while the fish and chips at Forest Green was also very good. Not forgetting AFC Telford with their coffee and tea service during the game too.

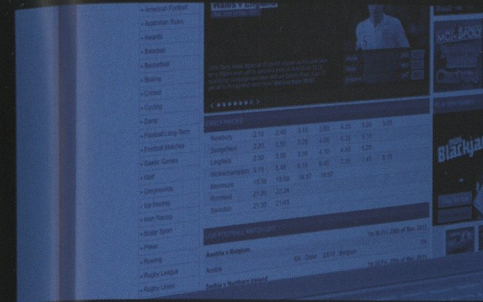
FUNNIEST GOAL: Southport's 20-yarder that befuddled Kevin Pilkington when caught in the wind at Haig Avenue. I really shouldn't have laughed.

WORST AWAY TRIP OF THE SEASON: Stockport County. Hideous. Although getting to Hinckley to be told on arriving at the car park the game was off wasn't much fun either.

WORST FOOD: The cold burger at Wrexham. Hugely unappealing. Still ate it though.

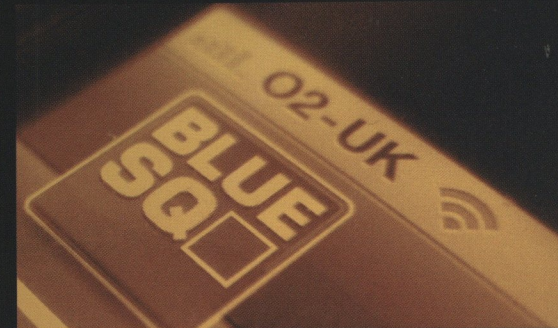
WORST SIGNING: Collin Samuel. Never has a transfer deadline day capture failed to produce on a scale such a scale as grand as this. At least I saw his 10 minutes at Bath City, along with a friendly appearance at St Neots.

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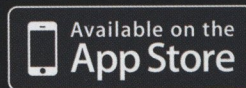
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TONIGHT'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

Mark Tyler	1	■
Dan Gleeson	2	■
Greg Taylor	3	■
Keith Keane	4	■
Dean Beckwith	5	■
George Pilkington	6	■
Alex Lawless	7	■
Amari Morgan-Smith	8	■
Craig McAllister	9	■
Danny Crow	10	■
Robbie Willmott	11	■
Shane Blackett	12	■
Stuart Fleetwood	13	■
Aaron O'Connor	14	■
Jake Howells	15	■
Ed Asafu-Adjaye	16	■
Andre Boucaud	17	■
Curtis Osano	18	■
James Dance	19	■
John Paul Kissock	20	■
Charlie Henry	21	■
Godfrey Poku	25	■
Andre Gray	27	■
Adam Watkins	28	■
Janos Kovacs	34	■

EBBSFLEET UNITED

1	■	Preston Edwards
2	■	Craig Stone
3	■	Johnny Herd
4	■	Giannoulis Fankinos
5	■	Clint Easton
6	■	Paul Lorraine
7	■	Michael West
8	■	Ram Marwa
9	■	Callum Willock
10	■	Ricky Shakes
11	■	Tom Phipp
14	■	Joe Howe
15	■	Liam Enver-Marum
16	■	Ross Smith
18	■	Lanre Azeez
19	■	Adam Williams
20	■	Alex Stavrinou
22	■	Yado Mambo
24	■	Neil Barrett
26	■	Nathaniel Pinney
30	■	Lance Cronin

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