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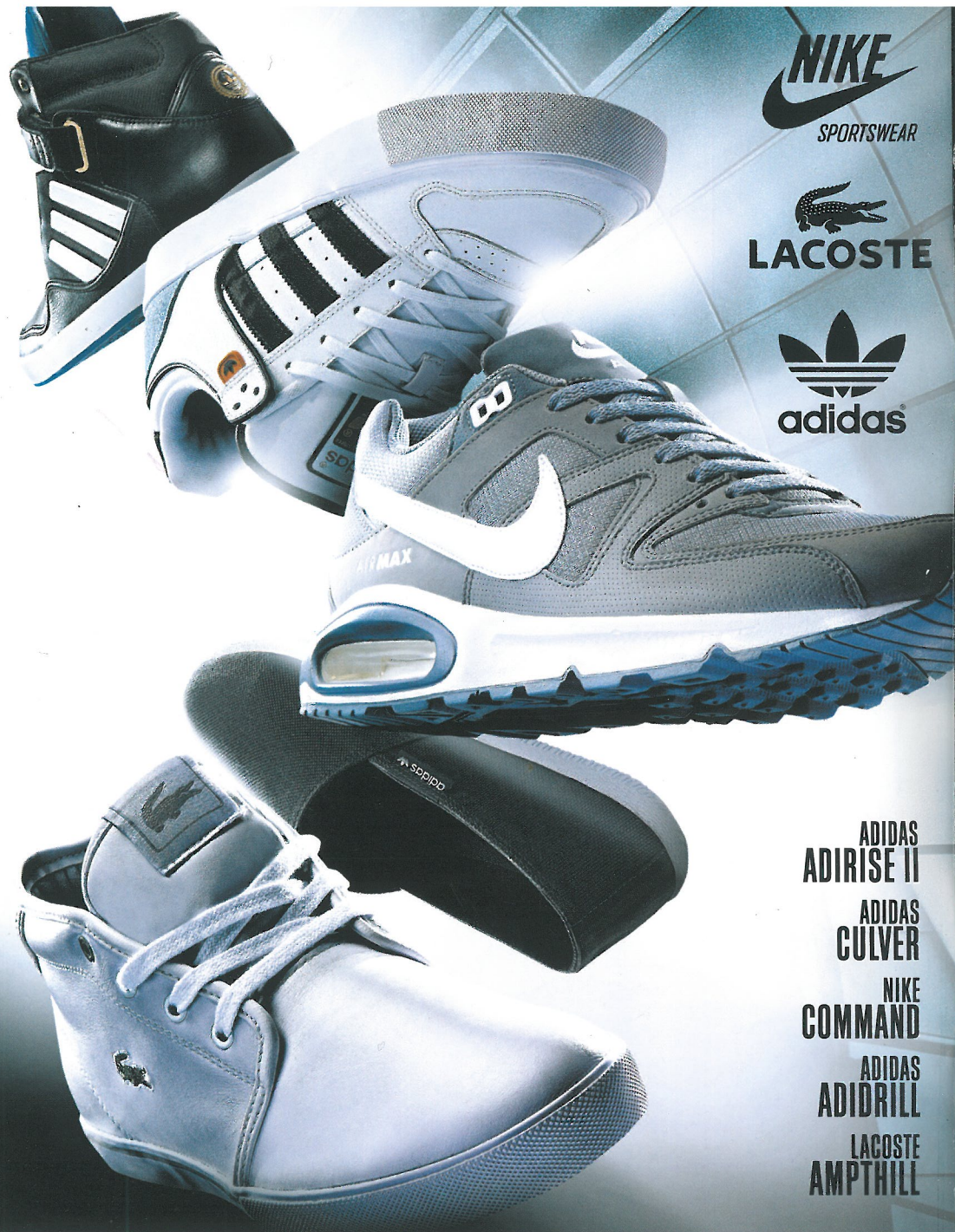


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PAUL BUCKLE

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for yet another massive match in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

I'd like to welcome Kidderminster Harriers, their manager, Steve Burr, his players and staff as well as the directors and supporters of our visitors.

Before the Ebbsfleet game on Tuesday night I always had this fixture in the back of my mind because I knew it would turn out to be a key game for both sides. Kidderminster lie two points and one place above us in the table. After today, we will just have two matches left to play whilst Kidderminster will have just one.

It is a big game for us of course, but it is also of huge significance to Kidderminster. I am sure they will not sit back for a point but will come and take the game to us. In my mind that's how football should be played.

I've seen Kidderminster play a few times this season and we've had them watched so we know what to expect this afternoon. It promises to be a tough game, one that we will need to be at our best in if we are to take a big step forward by winning three points.

However, we go into this game in good spirits. The mood we're in at the minute I believe we will give it one mighty right go.

That confidence and that belief was evident in our last home match on Tuesday when we ran out comfortable 3-0 winners over Ebbsfleet here.

I said after the game that Ebbsfleet were lucky not to have been on the end of a five or six-goal hiding given the way we performed on the night.

It was near on perfect as far as I'm concerned. This is not to say that we don't have areas we need to work on because we do. Having only spent just over a full week with the players and staff I thought it was an absolutely fantastic effort from all involved.

The only slight concern I had when I took control was that new information passed on from me to the

players and staff might be too much. There is always that feeling that new ideas might take time to be instilled into the players but from what I have seen in the past three games, in particular on Tuesday, a lot has been learned and we are improving as a result.

All credit must go to the players. The performance levels and the work-rate especially has been second-to-none. There was a big improvement in our ability to pass the ball and we were aggressive too – doing the hard part, the dirty work, as well as being able to turn on the style and play some exciting, attacking football when the time was right.

Everything came together in the Ebbsfleet match. The fitness levels also impressed me immensely and I could feel from your support from the stands that you appreciated the players' work ethic, chasing lost causes, for example.

There was a swagger in which we took our goals; all expertly taken. Another two for Stuart Fleetwood both scored at vital times and, one from Craig McAllister – perhaps the goal that put the biggest smile on our faces on the night.

Another clean sheet too – as I said, an almost complete performance and long may it continue.

I'm confident we can continue that today and your backing can help us achieve that. A big crowd of over 7,000 is expected here this afternoon. For this level of football that is staggering.

We all need to pull together: the management, staff, players and supporters. We've done that brilliantly over the past three games so let's keep it going.

Imagine the atmosphere come 5pm if we're celebrating a victory.

Get behind the team and enjoy the game.

Paul Buckle



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR GARY SWEET



Good afternoon to you all and welcome to Kenilworth Road for our final home match of the regular season against Kidderminster Harriers for what promises to be an exciting encounter against two sides desperate for a place in the Play-Offs.

As usual, I'd like to wish a warm welcome to everyone associated with Kidderminster, their directors, supporters, management and playing staff. They are on a tremendous run of form and will be backed by a large contingent from Worcestershire. It will be terrific to see the Oak Road end packed - it will make for an electric atmosphere which hopefully you and our players can feed off.

The outcome of today's match will go a long way to deciding the make-up of the teams who compete for the Play-Offs at the beginning of May. It's an incredibly exciting and nail-biting time for everyone involved at the clubs in the race to finish in the top five and we are no different.

It is games like these that deliver the ultimate reward and that provides the purpose as to why we love football so much. Emotions of excitement, anticipation, nervousness, hope and, dare I say, even despair, which makes it all worthwhile.

Clearly, we are frustrated that we have not already sealed our place in the end-of-season lottery but we are working hard to make sure we get ourselves there and I must congratulate Paul Buckle on reviving our fortunes since his appointment.

In the last three matches we have been delighted to see the hunger, determination and ability of our players return. It has been a breath of fresh air and all credit must go to Paul for working his magic in such a short space of time.

We are not getting carried away, however. As Paul has already said, there is still a lot of work to do, but the improvement already has been fantastic and it's created a buzz around the stadium and training ground which is rubbing off on everyone. It also bodes very well for our future, whichever league we end up in.

You may have read the academy notes in the last two programmes which described how youth development in England will change forever this summer. Head of Youth, Gregg Broughton, explained the Premier League's Elite Player Performance Plan (EPPP) and the implications this may have on clubs outside of the higher echelons of the game.

2020 place pride in developing our youth players as one of

the cornerstones of our vision for the Football Club and despite the enormous challenges we have faced behind the scenes to keep this on track, and thanks to SoLYD, this desire hasn't wavered.

Despite the Football League cutting our funding from £180,000 to £90,000 after relegation, and then cutting it to zero after losing the Play-Off final last summer, our investors have continued to back this key area. Their investment has reached in excess of £700,000 in this area alone since we became custodians four years ago, not including the not insignificant amount raised by SoLYD.

We spent six months fighting the Football League's ruling that our young players could leave without compensation last summer. The Premier League and the Professional Game Board ruled in our favour. Seven young players who saw their future elsewhere were allowed to leave, but on our terms to ensure that our investment was protected. Over 30 more who had received approaches from other clubs have remained at Luton Town and have made big strides forward this season.

Our next challenge is to ensure that we meet the strict criteria laid out by the Premier League to gain an academy status under the new guidelines. This will require our biggest investment yet in youth development, but it is a necessary one because there is so much talent in our younger squads.

The EPPP puts precise compensation packages on every young player at their club for their development costs which will, hopefully, allow our board to scrutinise the return on investment in youth and compare this to the number of minutes played at first team level. We can then ensure investment is targeted and spent wisely in what is essentially the research and development department of the Football Club.

After the age of 16 all players are protected from this new scheme, and, as has always been the case with Luton Town, the aim is to fast-track the best young players into the first team.

Of course, being in the Blue Square Bet Premier does limit these chances to some extent, but of the 42,000 minutes of League Football our first team has played this season over 7,500 has been played by players emerging from the youth system, which was an increase on previous years. We intend for this percentage to continue to rise year on year.

Next season, our young professionals will play vital roles in supporting the first team squad. This isn't through financial

necessity, it's because after four years of investment into their development they are ready to do so.

We currently have a group of players on the verge breaking through and joining Keith Keane, Jake Howells and Adam Watkins. JJ O'Donnell and Alex Lacey have progressed well whilst on loan in the Conference South. Lewis Kidd improves every day working under Dmitri Kharine, and is now trusted as our number two goalkeeper. We have committed to professional contracts for Newman Carney and Alasan Ann for next season and we will have five scholars next season with first team experience from the FA Trophy in Brett Longden, Jerry Nash, Jake Woolley, Charlie Smith and Leeroy Maguraushe.

Youth development is never a quick fix, but it is the only way to progress in the way we wish to under the strategy of long term stability and community inclusion. Furthermore, in Paul Buckle we genuinely have a manager who will give a young player an opportunity when he is ready and, more importantly, when it will help the team to win three points.

Meanwhile, we must work hard to ensure that our application to the EPPP scheme is professional and we are invited into the scheme at our rightful place.

As this is our last scheduled league fixture (notwithstanding my expectation for one further game to be held at Kenilworth Road) I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your backing of the team throughout what has been a difficult campaign.

Preparations for next season are already in full swing and details on season ticket prices can be found elsewhere in this programme. We have frozen our prices once more and our popular Early Bird discount remains on offer until 6th May which rightly rewards those who commit to next season's campaign promptly.

In recent weeks the support our boys have received, especially away from home has been nothing short of phenomenal. Over half of the crowd at Braintree and Alfreton consisted of our supporters. What an unbelievable feat!

I hope to see many more of you at Gateshead on Tuesday and Fleetwood next Saturday as we press on in our quest for a place in the top five and with it another crack at the Play-Offs.

Like all of us on the Board we are passionate Luton Town supporters confident in our team's ability. Over-confidence mustn't be confused with optimism and positivity...so please excuse me when I say here's to another boardroom column in one more programme this season.

COYH!

Gary



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F.A. Cup:
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Winners 2009

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Football League Division Two:
Champions 1981/82
Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74

Football League Division Three (South):
Winners 1936/37
Runners-up 1935/36

Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 1969/70

League One: Champions 2004/05

Football League Division Four:
Champions 1967/68

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

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Can you believe that this could be our final home match of the season? No, nor can I. How the season has flown. But we're not thinking like that because we're hopeful that there's one more match to come.

It's been an up and down season for us and we're determined to make sure it's extended beyond next Saturday. If we do that then we deserve to have a crack at the Play-Offs. If we don't then we won't have deserved it. At the end of the campaign after 46 games the league table does not lie.

This afternoon we face a Kidderminster team who are absolutely flying. Looking at the their form in recent weeks shows why they are in the Play-Offs at the moment. They have hit form just at the right time and will come here with huge confidence.

They've won their last five and won six and drawn one of their last seven matches. I remember coming into the dressing room a fortnight ago hearing they were 2-1 down at home to Newport only to see they won 3-2 with goals in injury time. They are a team that never gives up and we will need to be hugely aware of the threat they pose us this afternoon.

Today is the first of three massive matches in our season but we must focus on Kidderminster before thinking about Gateshead or Fleetwood next week. Fleetwood are the champions and deservedly so, they were the best team to visit Kenilworth Road this season and they have been unbelievably consistent, as their points and goals tally indicate.

But enough about other teams. We are hugely positive given our recent upturn in fortune that has seen us obtain seven points from the last nine available to us. As I said in my last notes that could have quite easily been nine points given how unlucky we were not to beat Alfreton.

In our last home game with Ebbsfleet on Tuesday night I thought we were fantastic. We came off the pitch feeling great. A clean sheet, three goals and three points is a more than adequate return. Their goalkeeper had an absolute blinder and if it wasn't for him we could have scored two or three more.

Credit to everyone involved once more, especially Stuart Fleetwood for another two goals. All of us were delighted for Craig McAllister too. He's found goals hard to come by but he's never moaned, never complained and got on with his job professionally and continued to work extremely hard. The relief was there for all to see when the ball hit the back of the net and hopefully that is the first of many in these important closing stages of the campaign.

As a defender it was great to keep a clean sheet, our second in succession. We had been leaking sloppy goals which was just not acceptable. However, we seem to be back to our best in this area and long may it continue.

I've been told that Kidderminster will be bringing a healthy following with them from Worcestershire to today's big game which should make for a crackling atmosphere.

These are the kind of games we as players love to play in. If we can't get ourselves up for a match like this then we never will. Your backing of the team has been unwavering all season, home and away and for that, on behalf of all the lads, I thank you all.

From Barrow to Bath to Telford to Tamworth your support has been unbelievable. We need you today more than ever so please raise the roof. Just keep believing.

Pilks

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AROUND TOWN



AWARDS NIGHT TOMORROW

Tickets are still available for the Luton Town Supporters' Club end of season awards night tomorrow.

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.

To buy your tickets you can email ltsc.members@googlemail.com or telephone 07506 320522.



FORMER PLAYER PASSES

Les Spencer (24th August 1936 – 4th April 2012)

Everyone at Kenilworth Road was saddened to learn of the death of former player Les Spencer at his daughter's home in Sale, Cheshire.

Les was working in a newspaper office in his native Manchester when he pestered one of the sports reporters to get him a trial at Rochdale. After a few reserve outings, Les was plunged into the Rochdale first team and finished up as top scorer in his first full season.

Spotted by Luton scout George Martin when playing at Watford, Les signed on for the Hatters in 1960 in exchange for £4,000.

After a promising start at Kenilworth Road the talented inside-forward suffered a groin injury which was misdiagnosed leading to septicaemia and 18 months in plaster from neck to ankle and an abrupt end to his playing career.

After a testimonial game, which was the least the Town could do in the circumstances, Les returned to the newspaper office in Manchester.

REST IN PEACE



The Hatters were also sad to hear of the deaths of two ardent Hatters fans.

Long-time supporter Phil Wash passed away on 13th April after a short illness.

Phil had been a regular at Kenilworth Road since 1964 and his cheery wit will be missed by all who knew him, particularly his friends in Block G in the Enclosure where he was a very accurate predictor of results and could also be relied upon to keep the corner count.

His main passion was Luton Town but he was also interested in cricket, golf and horse racing.

Brought up in Northwood Hills, Phil lived in Ruislip but had previously had homes in Dunstable and Orpington.

Our condolences go out to his wife Sheena and daughters Hayley and Natalie.

Phil is on the right in the photo above with USA-based Hatters fan Brian Surette on the left.

Geoff Harrison, a supporter for a number of years, died suddenly at his on 13th March aged 59.

Geoff was a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Road end where he sat with his son Owen.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of both.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Has this Town shirt clocked up the most miles this year? Hatters fan Mark Warne packed his replica top in his suitcase as he travelled the globe over the past four months.

The shirt is pictured with Mark in Houston, Texas in January; Perth, Australia in February and in the Dominican Republic in April.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Oliver Flynn who will turn 12 on 7th May. Today will be Oliver's first visit to Kenilworth Road and is here celebrating his birthday with his cousin Jack.

RESERVE GAME SWITCHED

The Town's final reserve match of the season has been switched away from Kenilworth Road.

The game in the Combination against Colchester United was the only outstanding fixture in the second string's campaign.

Following discussions between the two clubs, the match will now take place at the Weston Homes Community Stadium on Tuesday 1st May (kick-off 2pm).

COMMUNITY SHIELD PRESENTATION

The Hatters distributed £2,000 to two local charities after receiving the money from the FA Community Shield

distribution fund.

The Town cheques were presented to Active Luton and the St Francis' Hospice at our home match against Hayes & Yeading United.

Director David Wilkinson did the honours at half-time in the 4-2 win on Easter Monday whilst Happy Harry, Andre Gray and Amari Morgan-Smith got to meet members of the Hospice at the training ground.

IF, IF, IF...

...the Town are involved in the end-of-season Play-Offs, supporters should note the dates and kick-off times of the semi-finals and finals.

The first game in the Play-Off semi-finals will feature the fourth-placed team hosting the third-placed team on Wednesday 2nd May with a 7.30pm kick off. The second game will feature the fifth-placed team hosting the second-placed team on Thursday 3rd May again with a 7.30pm kick off.

Both second leg semi-final games will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May. The game between the clubs finishing in third and fourth place will kick-off at 2pm whilst the game between the teams finishing in second and fifth-place will kick off at 4.30pm.

All Blue Square Bet Premier Play-Off matches will be shown live on Premier Sports Television, (Channel 433) which will include the Promotion Final itself which will be held at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 20th May at 3pm.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Whatever happens between now and next Saturday (and remember our match at Fleetwood Town will kick-off at 1pm), remember to keep in touch online.

Our official website will have all the latest news, ticket information and match reports from today's game, Tuesday's trip to Gateshead and next weekend's clash with the Cod Army.

Also don't forget to check out the club's official Facebook page www.facebook.com/lutontown and Twitter feed @LTFC_Official to keep bang up-to-date with the latest at Kenilworth Road.

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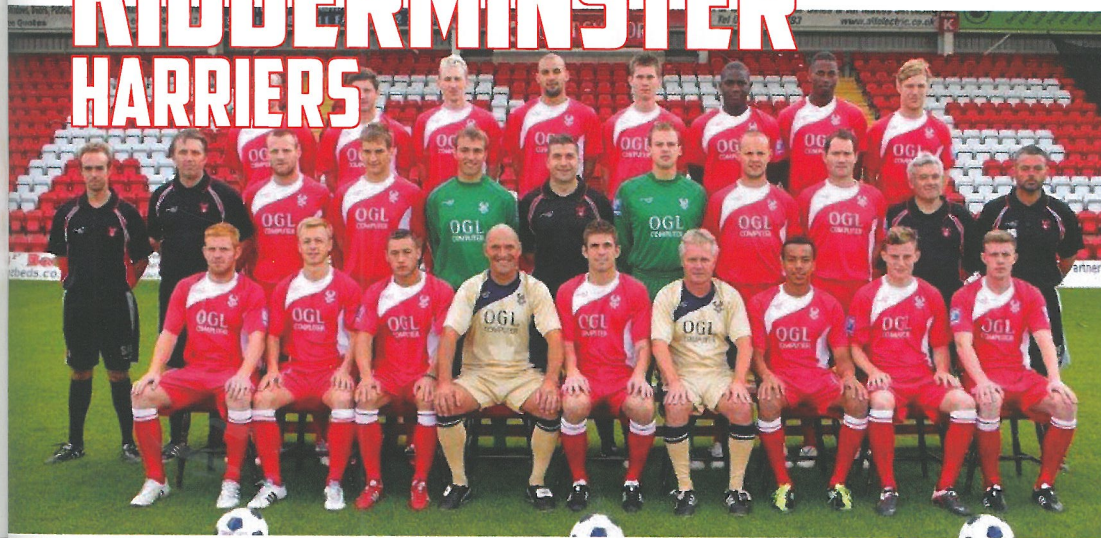
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WELCOME

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS



The words 'must' and 'win' were invented for a match such as today's encounter as fifth placed Harriers travel to Bedfordshire to take on the Town in sixth.

Just two points separate the two teams in the Blue Square Bet Premier table at present with Kidderminster knowing that a win will all but secure them a Play-Off spot.

Harriers have had recent success but they have also had recent heartbreak as well. They were Conference champions in 2000 but struggled to make a mark in the Football League.

Steve Burr's side visit Kenilworth Road with optimism and confidence but they will play a completely different Luton side to the one that they may have faced if this had been a few weeks ago.

Kiddy will have a lot of self-belief as their last fixture yielded six goals against Kettering Town at Aggborough. A Nick Wright double and goals from Ryan Rowe, Luke Jones, Anthony Malbon and Mike Williams means that there is a very happy squad making the trip down from Worcestershire today.

Today's visitors have had a resurgence of late after

losing three home games on the bounce at the beginning of March. Since these back-to-back to back defeats Harriers have won six of their last seven games, scoring 20 goals in the process and drew the other fixture 0-0.

Burr's men do not have one outstanding goal scorer in their ranks but they have many to call upon. Their top scorer is Wright, the scorer of a brace last weekend, who has 15 goals to his name.

Between Wright and the other five strikers that have notched for Kiddy this season they have scored 52 goals.

The return fixture of this contest was at Aggborough back in October where Gary Brabin's side walked away with the three points. Robbie Wilmott bagged a brace that day, one in each half. Harriers bagged a consolation goal in the final minutes through Tom Sharpe after the team missed a number of guilt edged chances to level before Willmott's second. The Town also enjoyed another 2-1 victory at Aggborough in February in the FA Trophy.

By the end of this intriguing fixture this afternoon at Kenilworth Road one of these teams will be strong favourites to finish in the Play-Off spots.



THE VISITORS

HISTORY

Kidderminster Harriers came into existence as an Athletics Club in 1877 before joining forces with a local Rugby Club in 1880 and becoming known as Kidderminster Harriers and Football Club.

The club's move to the Southern League for the 1939/40 season proved short-lived as the Second World War intervened after only three games. Immediately after the war Harriers played in the Birmingham League and Birmingham Combination before re-joining The Southern League in 1948-49.

1987 saw Kidderminster Harriers qualify for a final at Wembley Stadium for the first time. The fixture was the FA Trophy against Burton Albion. After a 0-0 draw, Kidderminster went on to win the replay 2-1 after extra time at the Hawthorns.

The 1993/94 season proved to be Kidderminster's most successful campaign. Harriers shot to national fame when they reached the FA Cup fifth round after defeating Birmingham City at St. Andrews and Preston North End at Aggborough.

A crowd of almost 8,000 packed into Aggborough to see Kidderminster edged out of the competition 1-0 by West Ham United. Kidderminster clinched the Vauxhall Conference title for the first time in their history in the same year, but were denied a place in the Football League after it was deemed they had not met the required ground improvements.

Promotion to the Football League was finally clinched with a second Conference Championship win at the end of 1999/2000 Season.

Having enjoyed five seasons of League Football, Harriers have experienced what everyone hopes will be a temporary hiatus in their story with relegation back to the Conference in 2005. Under the management of former club captain Mark Yates,

Harriers quickly re-established themselves as one of the top sides in non-league football, reaching the FA Trophy Final at the new Wembley in 2007.

Steve Burr took control in January 2010 and his reign got off to a fine start – winning Manager of the Month

for February 2010 – his first full month in charge at Aggborough. At the end of the campaign, the Worcestershire Senior Cup came back to Kidderminster for the first time in eight years. Then, last season, Harriers finished just once place outside the Play-Offs, finishing in sixth..

MEET THE MANAGER

Harriers welcomed Steve Burr to Aggborough Stadium as manager in January 2010 on a two-and-a-half-year deal. Following the departure of Mark Yates just before Christmas 2009, the Harriers' board worked tirelessly for close to a month to bring to Worcestershire their number one target – and persistence paid off when a compensation deal was agreed with Stalybridge Celtic for the services of the England C assistant boss.

As a player, Burr featured most prolifically for Macclesfield Town where is still remembered fondly by supporters for his role in their rise up the non-league pyramid and to two FA Trophy Finals.

A former Stafford, Halifax, Hednesford and Nuneaton player, he began to secure a grip on the coaching ladder with the latter and held a managerial position there before moving to Hucknall Town, where he achieved instant success with a title-winning sole season in charge.

Success of a very different kind was to follow for Burr as manager of Northwich Victoria. From enforced relegations to off-the-field struggles and, FA Cup runs and against-the-odds promotions, he experienced some tricky times with the Vics before eventually calling time on a three-year spell there to join Stalybridge.

His impact was gain immediate – he led Celtic to the Blue Square North Play-Off final in his first season, denied promotion by Barrow in 2008. The season after they again pushed hard for the top five and only narrowly missed out, a similar story unfolding last term when Harriers swooped to get him on board.

His England C role and a Manager of the Month award for his first full month in charge at Aggborough have shown Burr has all the tools necessary to make a real fist of challenging in non-league football – Harriers fans are now hoping this is his, and their year.

IN OPPOSITION

HARRIERS A HAPPY BUNCH



Spirits are high at Aggborough as Kidderminster come into this afternoon's crunch game on the back of a five-match winning run in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Last Saturday's 6-1 victory over Kettering Town was also their sixth in seven matches as Steve Burr's side broke into the top four.

Skipper Mike Williams – who Town fans will remember for scoring a last-gasp equaliser in the 3-3 draw at Aggborough last season – believes Harriers have been giving their fans continued value for money in recent weeks.

“Overall we dominated the game though it was sloppy defending to go 1-0 down,” he told Kidderminster's official website.

“For some reason we like to do things here the hard way but the fans definitely do get their money's worth when they buy a ticket for Kidderminster Harriers.

“It was the same last year and seems like it is the same this year.

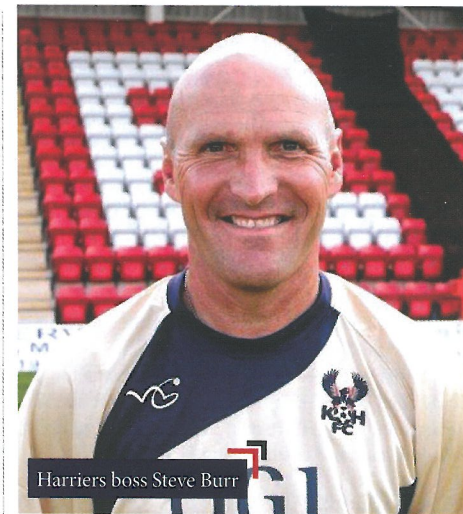
“You've seen what we can do; when it was two and three you could see the free-flowing football.

“I think that's how we should be starting games - we know we've got it within ourselves to do that.

“The momentum is with us going into the next few games - results went with us again today and we are picking up results at the right time.”

Assistant boss Gary Whild was equally pleased with the performance and the team's form at a vital stage of the campaign.

“We've worked hard over the last few weeks and



Harriers boss Steve Burr

have picked up some good results to get us into this position,” he said.

“It was nice to win today and to have other results to go our way, you always have an eye on them at the end of the season.

“It was a good day all round. We were disappointed in the first half as we never really got any momentum going and weren't playing on the front foot.

“We gave the lads a roasting at half-time and came out a lot better in the second half.

“The goals came a lot earlier and that made it a lot easier for those of us watching and it was a bit more comfortable.”



IN TOWN

GOALKEEPER

Tony Breeden

Shot-stopper who joined the club in late October 2011 as Harriers looked to boost their goalkeeping ranks. Breeden's previous clubs include Leamington, Rushall and Tamworth; he is an experienced non-league goalkeeper who will look to make the most of any opportunity at Aggborough.

DEFENDERS

Lee Vaughan

Harriers beat off competition from a number of sides to secure the signature of the defender on a two-year deal in the summer of 2010. The tenacious tough-tackler had established a fine reputation for himself during four years with AFC Telford. Comfortable at right full-back and at ease going forward.

Mike Williams

Welshman Mike's move to Aggborough in July 2010 took him away from Wrexham, the club he'd played for his entire career. Progressing through the ranks at the Racecourse Ground, the left-back went on to make more than 100 appearances for the Dragons, ironically his only two professional goals whilst there coming against Harriers. He made the adjustment to life at a new club for the first time with apparent ease, slotting in perfectly and bringing some real experience to the back-line. Scored his first goal for Harriers against the Town in the 3-3 draw last season.

Luke Jones

The former Blackburn Rovers prospect signed for Harriers for the second time in the summer of 2011 as a 24-year-old having already packed well over 125 first-team appearances into his young career. He penned a one-year deal having left fellow Blue Square Bet Premier outfit Forest Green Rovers where he had been captain, a similar role he'd held at Mansfield Town in 2009/10. Jones had joined the Stags from Harriers,



having spent one-season at Aggborough on the back of an impressive loan spell from Shrewsbury Town.

Tom Marshall

An arrival at Aggborough in the summer of 2011, Marshall began his career at Hednesford Town as a youngster and his rapid progress through the ranks saw him make a first-team debut aged just 17. He went on to quickly rack up more than 170 games for the club before being snapped up by ambitious Blue Square Bet North side Eastwood Town. An impressive season there saw him move up a level once more, with Tamworth securing his services in 2010.

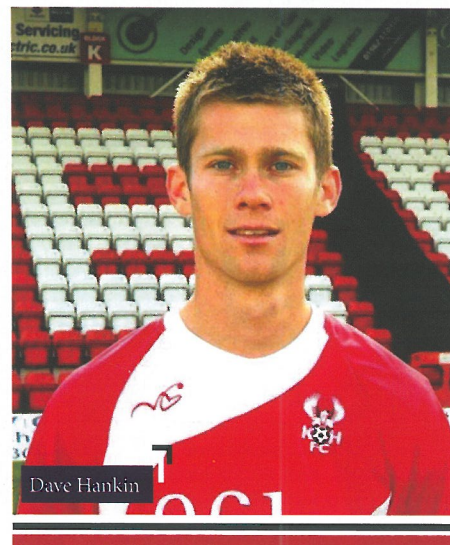
MIDFIELDERS

James Vincent

The Glossop-born brings key Football League experience to the Club having racked up more than 80 appearances at his former club Stockport. He has featured extensively in both League 1 and 2 having made his first-team debut in 2008, coming into his own the following season with a string of powerful, all-action displays. Vincent, still just 21, remained a regular part of the squad there until his release at the end of last season.

Dave Hankin

The midfielder was re-united with boss Steve Burr who had helped establish the player as a force with former club Stalybridge Celtic. Hankin began his



career as a youngster with Preston North End before picking up experience in the non-league ranks with the likes of Clitheroe and Bamber Bridge on his way to arriving at Stalybridge in 2009. After a season with Burr and Celtic, he was handed the chance to move up a level by joining Harriers, and adjusted solidly to the top-tier of non-league in a campaign that saw him feature on almost 30 occasions.

Kyle Storer

Harriers paid an undisclosed fee to bring Storer to Aggborough earlier this summer from Nuneaton Town. He was skipper and top scorer last season, netting 16 times from midfield. Formerly with Atherstone and Hinckley, the influential, combative player he also has Blue Square Bet Premier experience following a lengthy stay at Tamworth in which he once again featured 100-plus times.

Dan Bradley

Young midfielder who came through the ranks at Aston Villa trainee on the way to earning a professional contract in the Premier League. He was unable to force a breakthrough there, however, and after leaving made the step down to join Tamworth. An attack-minded player, who is likely to feature more in a forward role for Harriers, Dan has scored four goals in 19 appearances for the Lambs in 2011/12, having played in almost 50 games last season.

Callum Gittings

Birmingham-born Callum won himself a deal at Aggborough on the strength of an impressive

pre-season. A technically gifted player, he made the leap of four divisions to the Conference look borderline easy, his inventive wing-play and eye for goal establishing him as a key member of the squad. Almost 50 appearances and four goals - including one on his debut - ensured he'd done enough to earn himself a new deal for the 2011/12 season.

STRIKERS

Anthony Malbon

Striker signed from Newcastle Town for £7,000 in January 2012 who went on to have the perfect debut with an injury-time goal to seal a win at Alfreton less than 24 hours after signing. A former Port Vale youngster who has already rocketed 30 goals for Castle this term prior to his move.

Nick Wright

Former Bristol City striker who is comfortable out wide or in attack and notched eight goals in 24 starts in his debut season as a Harrier in 2010/11. He began his career as a youngster with Birmingham, getting his first tastes of first-team football whilst out on loan at the likes of Northampton and Tamworth, the latter for whom he signed in 2008. His goals were key in getting the Lambs promoted to the top level of non-league football a year later, and he continued to develop there for a further year before jumping at the chance to sign for Harriers.

Steve Guinan

Guinan is, by some distance, the most experienced member of the squad at Aggborough having joined in June 2011 on a one-year deal. He boasts almost 400 career games in both the Football League and non-league with well over 100 goals, and has remained a threat throughout. In 2010/11 he featured for both League 2 side Northampton Town and Blue Square Bet Premier outfit Forest Green Rovers.





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FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS LOOKS AT KIDDERMINSTER'S LEADING LIGHTS

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN

1993/94

Kidderminster Harriers won the Conference title and reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1993/94. They earned national headlines by beating Kettering Town 3-0, Woking 1-0, Birmingham City 2-1 and Preston 1-0 en route to the FA Cup fifth round, narrowly losing 1-0 to Premiership side West Ham in front of a capacity 8,000 crowd at Aggborough. Paul Davies and Delwyn Humphries netted 27 goals between them as Harriers won the Conference title for the first time, managing eight successive Conference wins during a 13 match run. A total of 8,376 supporters watched the two matches against local rivals Bromsgrove Rovers.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

Jan Molby

Ex-Danish international midfielder Jan Molby managed Kidderminster Harriers' 1999/00 Conference title triumph. Starting with hometown Kolding, he played for Ajax prior to joining Liverpool in August 1984, helping win the League Championship three times and FA Cup twice. He moved to Swansea City as player-boss in February 1996 and guided them to the Third Division Play-Off final in 1996/97. Appointed Kidderminster's manager in May 1999, he remained at Aggborough until leaving in April 2002 to take charge of Hull City. He then rejoined Harriers as manager between October 2003 and October 2004.

FAB FOUR

Gerry Hitchens

Widely regarded as Kidderminster Harriers' finest discovery, centre-forward Gerry Hitchens was capped seven times by England including the 1962 World Cup. Moving to Kidderminster from Highley, he signed professional in September 1953 and quickly became a goalscoring favourite in the Southern League. He joined Cardiff City in January 1955, then moved to Aston Villa for £22,500 in December 1957 and starred as they won the Second Division title in 1959/60 and League Cup in 1960/61. Subsequently playing for Italian giants Inter Milan, Torino, Atalanta and Cagliari, he suffered a fatal heart-attack in April 1983.

Barry Horne

Former Welsh international midfielder Barry Horne played for Kidderminster Harriers during the 2000/01 campaign. A latecomer to professional football, he played for Rhyl while studying at Liverpool University and joined Wrexham in June 1984. He starred in their 1986 Welsh Cup final triumph, joining Portsmouth in July 1987. Sold to Southampton for £700,000 in March 1989, then Everton in July 1992, he was an FA Cup winner in 1995. He played for Birmingham City, Huddersfield Town and Sheffield Wednesday, moving to Harriers in August 2000. Scoring once in 33 League games, he joined Walsall in March 2001, then Belper.

Lee Hughes

England semi-pro international striker Lee Hughes played for Kidderminster Harriers in the 1995 FA Trophy final. Progressing through the ranks at Aggborough, he was leading marksman in 1996/97 and netted 51 goals in 108 Conference games before moving to West Brom in May 1997. He was top scorer in successive seasons including 2000/01 when they reached the First Division Play-Offs and joined Coventry City for £5m in August 2001. Returning to West Brom for £2.5m in August 2002, he was jailed in August 2004 for causing death by dangerous driving. He has since played for Oldham and Notts County.

Paul Jones

Goalkeeper Paul Jones was capped 50 times by Wales after leaving Kidderminster Harriers. A former Shrewsbury Town junior, he played for Bridgnorth Town before moving to Aggborough in August 1986. He was ever-present as Kidderminster reached the Welsh Cup final in 1989 and were FA Trophy finalists in 1991, making 162 Conference appearances for Harriers prior to joining Wolves for £40,000 in July 1991. Moving to Stockport County in July 1996, he starred in their 1996/97 promotion success and League Cup run, then followed Dave Jones to Southampton. He later played for Liverpool, Wolves again and QPR.



COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH DAVID HOSKINS

Welcome back again to Kenilworth Road for another big home game as we welcome Kidderminster Harriers.

This is our final home game of the regular season and, therefore, it has proven to be hugely popular with executive areas packed out.

We have the pleasure of welcoming a match sponsor, matchball sponsor and six mascots this today on what promises to be an exciting afternoon of football.

Ticket sales for our end of season dinner with Paul Walsh are proving to be incredibly popular. With only a few left, make sure you don't miss out and book your place by dropping us a line.

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Their MD, Martin Williams, has been a Luton fan and season ticket holder since 1973. Both his sons, Michael,

23, and Tom, 21, support the Hatters and were season ticket holders for many years before going to University. Martin attends matches home and away, with the three John's, Sear, McGinty and McBride, and they all originate from Welwyn Garden City.

Martin recently became a granddad for the first time to Ruby Williams who pictured here proudly wearing her Luton Town baby grow.

MASCOTS

The first of our six mascots is Jacob Hewson. Jacob is seven and is from Dunstable. His favourite Town player is Adam Watkins.

Next up is nine-year-old Luke Suchocki from Northampton. Luke's favourite player is goalkeeper Mark Tyler.

Tierlea Wilson turns 10 in nine days time and her favourite Hatter is also goalkeeper Tyler.

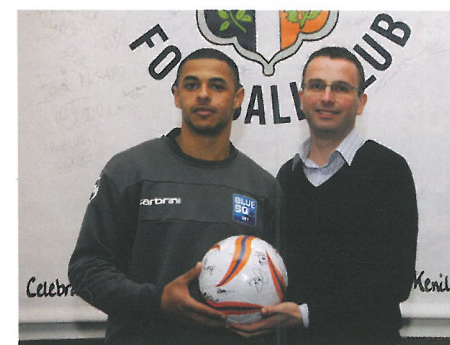
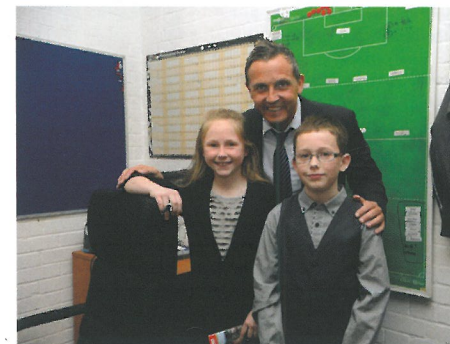
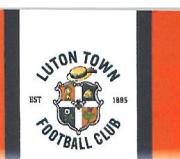
Elisha Hockman is our fourth mascot. Elisha is from Ipswich and her favourite player is striker Danny Crow.

Mascot number five is Sammy Frostick who attends matches at Kenilworth Road with his granddad who has been a Hatters fan for over 60 years. Sammy's favourite player is Robbie Willmott.

Last and by no means least we have Henry Jones from Elstow near Bedford. His favourite player is new signing Andre Gray.



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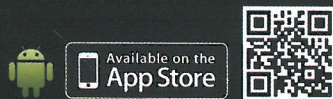
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LOOK BACK



ALFRETON 0-0 TOWN ALL BLANK AT THE IMPACT



The Hatters remained unbeaten after two games under new manager Paul Buckle but were left thinking what might have after spurning a number of good chances at Alfreton.

The Town dominated the first period and were unlucky not to be ahead at half-time in front after Andre Gray missed two good chances and hit the post with a thumping effort from 12 yards.

But it was a different story after the break as Alfreton got on top and hosts hit the post themselves through Nathan Jarman as the Reds pressed for a winner.

Buckle threw caution to the wind on the hour when making a triple substitution and, in the last minute of stoppage time, one of those substitutes, Andre Boucaud, saw a header cleared off the line meaning the Town had to settle for a point.

And the manager was delighted with his team's effort despite firing a blank in a goalless draw with Nicky Law's side.

"The work rate was fantastic, the transformation between the Braintree game and that today was a huge step forward - and is something we've got to maintain," he said afterwards.

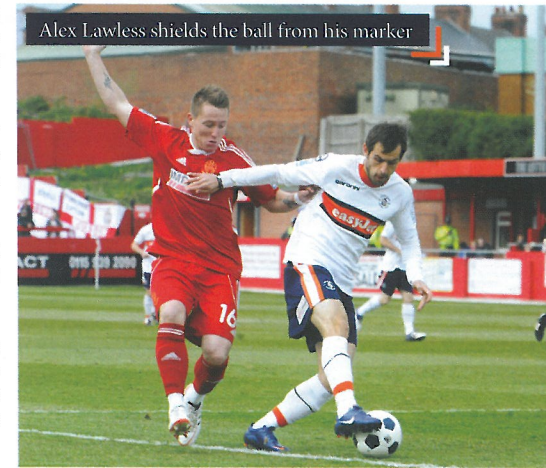
"We were just more organised. I asked Mark Tyler when was the last time we kept a clean sheet and he couldn't remember so that tells a story in itself.

"If we got those couple of goals, which I feel we thoroughly deserved in the first half, we would have marched on, but on the whole we deserved to win.

"If we keep playing like that, we'll get on top and win a lot of games like we showed against Hayes & Yeading.

"I'm delighted and I'm proud of the players. Our system worked really well in the first half and we overloaded them. It didn't come off for us today but you can't knock players for missing chances, you must keep positive and keep encouraging them because if one of them went in

Alex Lawless shields the ball from his marker



we could have won that quite comfortably."

Midfielder Boucaud believes the Town can still win promotion this season despite dropping two points.

The midfielder came close to winning the match at the death when his injury time header was cleared off the line by Marcus Law.

But the former York man knows that, with games in hand over their rivals in the race for the Play-Offs, the Hatters are well positioned to make a tilt at the top five.

He said: "If we win our two games in hand we're in the Play-Offs, it's still in our own hands like everyone knows.

"Expectation comes with football. Everyone expects us to be top of the league by 30 points but that doesn't happen.

"It's never been mathematically impossible for us not to be in the Play-Offs and we've still got the opportunity to go up."



ALFRETON

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TOWN

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ALFRETON: Stewart, Law, Franklin, Brown, Arnold (sub Clayton 63), Franks, Jarman, Deverdics (sub Streete 84), Meadows, Kempson, Cunnington (sub Wilson 63). **Subs not used:** Streete, Clayton, Wilson, Mullan, Conneely.

TOWN: Tyler, Osano (sub Gleeson 60), Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott (sub O'Connor 60), Keane, Poku (sub Boucaud 60), Lawless, Fleetwood, Gray. **Subs not used:** Blackett, McAllister.

ATTENDANCE: 1,654

POSSESSION

52% 48%

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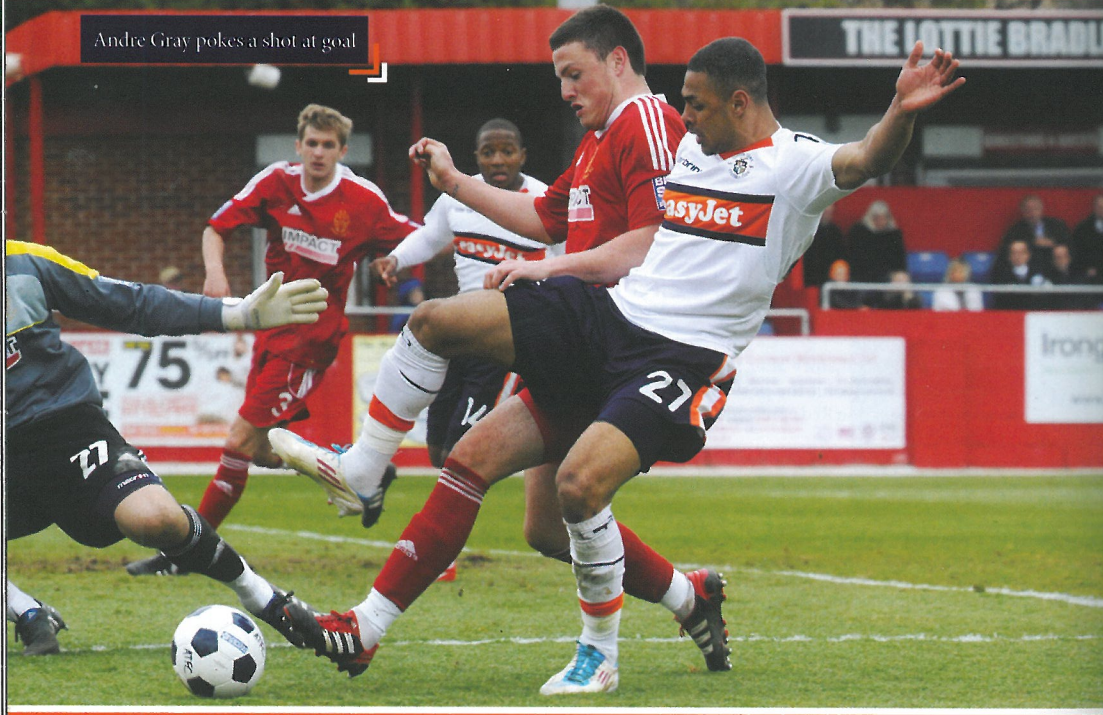
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Andre Gray pokes a shot at goal



Godfrey Poku on the charge



Mark Tyler punches clear



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LOOK BACK



TOWN 3-0 EBBSFLEET PERFECT PERFORMANCE



Town boss Paul Buckle felt his team's performance in the 3-0 win over Ebbsfleet was special.

Two goals from Stuart Fleetwood and an injury-time strike from Craig McAllister sealed a comfortable win to strengthen the Hatters' claims for a Play-Off place.

The Town found Tom McNeil in the Fleet goal almost impossible to pass in a first half completely dominated by Buckle's team.

The goalkeeper kept out several efforts from Fleetwood, Andre Gray, Robbie Willmott and Curtis Osano before he was eventually beaten four minutes into added the end of the first half when Fleetwood struck after the ball had dropped to him in the box.

It took Fleetwood just 40 seconds after the restart to double his and the Town's advantage when he rifled home well after Gray's shot had been saved by McNeil.

McAllister then sealed victory to earn the biggest cheer of the night when he capitalised on a poor touch by McNeil to slot home to the delight of Buckle.

"It was incredible tonight - I'm really proud," the boss told Hatters Player afterwards. "All the work that's gone on in the last 10 days has paid off.

"There's a real belief in the dressing room. Everyone was in there, those who weren't involved too, because we need to stick together. We know we can do something this season - it was a special performance.

"It should have been a lot more tonight, we know that. I'm trying to get an excellence from the players in training that then rubs off in games.

"We've got to be careful we don't get too carried away but there was a lot to like about tonight. We were aggressive and had bags of quality and there's plenty more to come.

Jake Howells goes between two defenders



"Ebbsfleet can count themselves lucky not have conceded six or seven night and we carried on right until the end and it was fantastic for Macca to break his duck at the end."

At one stage it looked as though it was going to be a long night for the Town until Fleetwood popped up to break the deadlock four minutes first half stoppage time.

"I was planning for us to go in at 0-0," Buckle said. "But the mood we were in it was only going to be a matter of time before we scored and Fleetwood's shown why he's such a prolific goalscorer.

"It was a big sigh of relief but after that we've kicked on, we didn't hold back and we scored three goals.

"I was pleased with every aspect of the victory and we'll go again and take confidence from this into Saturday's game."



TOWN

Fleetwood 45, 46, McAllister 90



EBBSFLEET

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TOWN: Tyler, Osano, Pilkington, Kovacs, Howells, Willmott (sub Poku 90), Keane, Watkins (sub Blackett 75), Lawless, Gray (sub McAllister 83), Fleetwood. Subs not used: Gleeson, Kissock.

EBBSFLEET: McNeil, Stone, Herd, West, Marwa (sub Azeez 14 (sub Willock 63)), Shakes, Howe, Enver-Marum, Smith, Barrett, Bellamy. Subs not used: McCarthy, Adams.

ATTENDANCE: 5,526

POSSESSION

55% 45%

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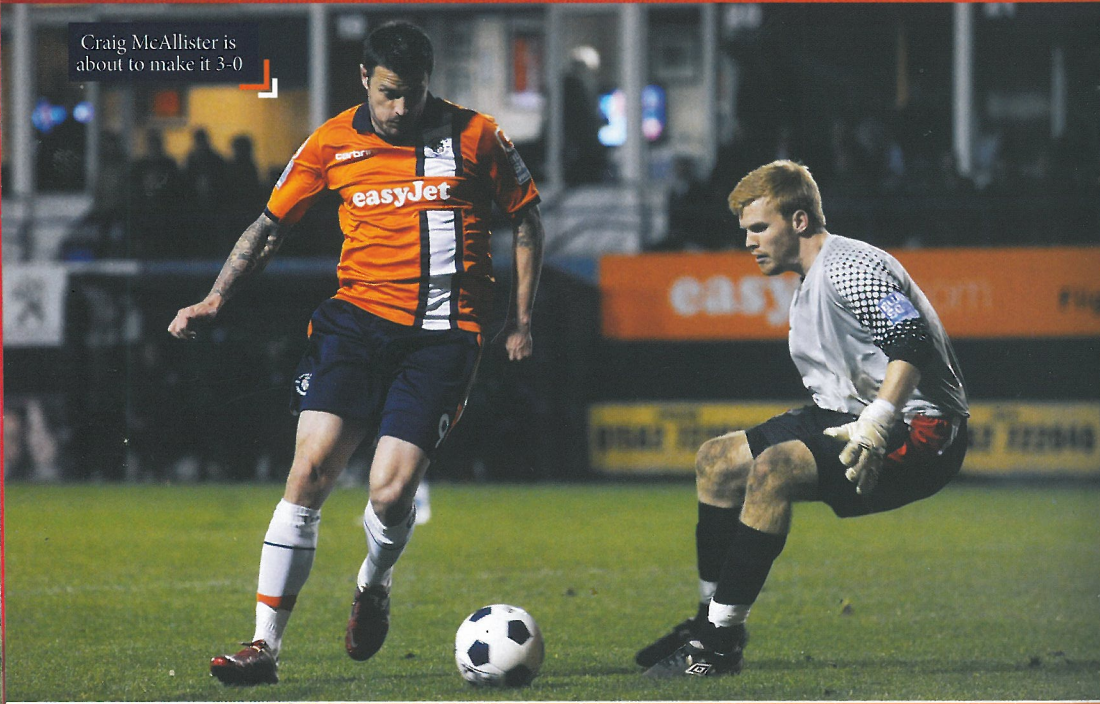
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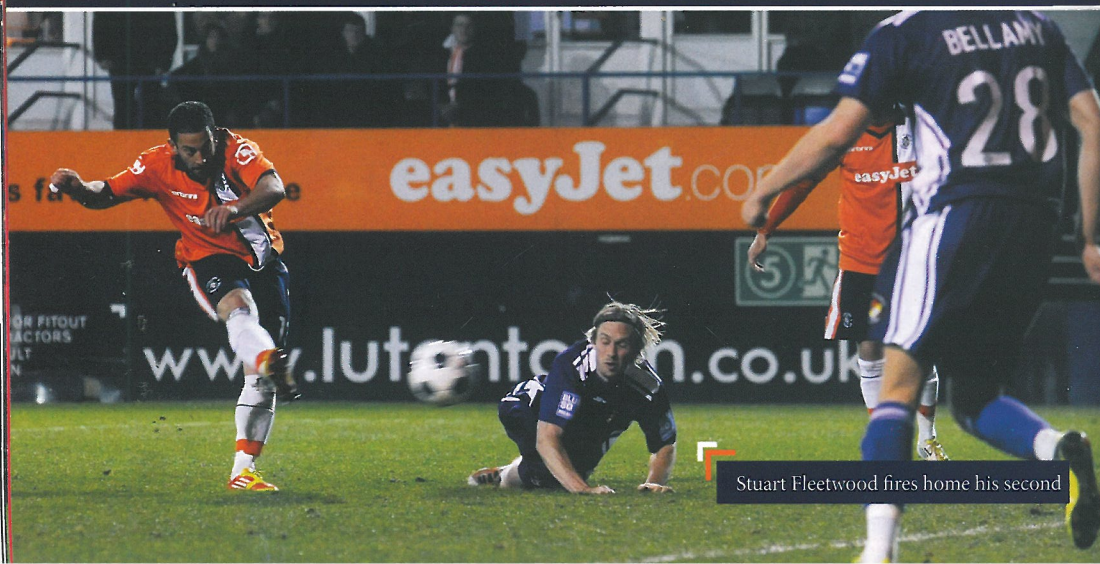
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Craig McAllister is about to make it 3-0



Celebrations after Fleetwood had made it 2-0!



Stuart Fleetwood fires home his second



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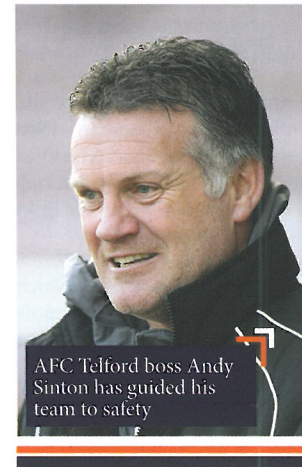
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LEAGUE LOOK

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

On a night where the Paul Buckle regime went up another gear at Kenilworth Road after a 3-0 win against Ebbsfleet United, there were also three other fixtures.



AFC Telford boss Andy Sinton has guided his team to safety

It was also a huge night for AFC Telford who notched a 1-0 victory at home against Tamworth.

They gained the victory thanks to a 77th minute Phil Trainer strike and they are now free of any relegation fears and will be looking to push on next season.

Telford play their final home game of the season today as they host Grimsby and go to Gateshead on the final day of the season next week. Tamworth visit Stockport County today and host Cambridge United next week.

The biggest game of the night in terms of Play-Off chasing teams that Paul Buckle and his side would have had one eye on would be Cambridge United hosting York City. And the Minstermen earned an impressive 1-0 away victory as they strengthen their position in the Play-Off places.

Former Hatter Jason Walker got the decisive goal for Gary Mills' side and they now sit in fourth position and would be tricky customers for whoever they come up against but with an FA Trophy final to contest they do have more on their plate than most.



York travel to Braintree this afternoon and host Forest Green next week. They will have a vested interest in today's match at Kenilworth Road.

The final game of Tuesday night was a stalemate between the already relegated Darlington, and Newport County. County are now almost guaranteed safety and will be confident of finishing the job with only a solitary point needed to rubber stamp their position in the Blue Square Bet Premier next term. They face Alfreton at home this afternoon.

THE PLAY-OFF PUSH

Wrexham and Mansfield Town have already booked their spots in the end-of-season Play-Offs but there are two spaces still up for grabs which will be taken by two of five teams vying to extend their season.



YORK

77 points. Today Braintree (a), 28/4 Forest Green (h)



KIDDERMINSTER

76 points. Today Luton (a), 28/4 Mansfield (h)



LUTON

74 points. Today Kidderminster (h), 21/4 Gateshead (a), 28/4 Fleetwood (a)



SOUTHPORT

72 Points. Today Ebbsfleet (h), 28/4 Grimsby (a)



GATESHEAD

70 points. Today Bath (a), 21/4 Luton (h), 28/4 AFC Telford (h)

TRUST IN LUTON



TRUST IN LUTON DELIVER THEIR END-OF-SEASON UPDATE

Welcome to Kenilworth Road for a crucial match which, we hope, will take us one step closer to the promotion we all desperately want to achieve.

A warm welcome also to Paul Buckle, our new manager, who has already made very clear what is required to deliver that promotion.

We are sure he will be amazed by the sheer scale and commitment of our incredible fans who have stuck by this club in the most difficult circumstances.

"The supporters are the heart of the club. And you lot are special."

Those words came from Pearcey – Ian Pearce – who was a great supporter of the Trust putting his job at BBC Three Counties at risk by addressing the inaugural meeting at Kenilworth Road which led to the creation of Trust in Luton back in 2003.

It is only because you, the fans, have continued to back this club through the good and bad times that Luton Town remains here at the heart of the community after 127 years. And it is only because of you that we have a properly constituted supporters trust.

In recent times the Trust has played a pivotal role alongside Loyal Luton and Luton Town Supporters' Club in helping protect and preserve the future of the club during a difficult period of financial and ownership concern.

The Trust's special legal status as an Industrial and Provident Society regulated by the Financial Services Authority makes it an important vehicle for supporters, particularly when it comes to potential share, pitch and stadium ownership.

Currently the Trust owns 50,000 shares in the club, which entitles us to regular updates on club finances. Separately we hold regular meetings with the directors and investors.

However, we are a completely independent entity, hold most of our meetings away from the club, and we do ask the difficult questions.

Trust in Luton is owned by its members and is a democratic, not-for-profit organisation committed to ensuring that there is a voice for Luton Town supporters in the decision making process at the club and to strengthening the links between the club and the local community.

We are members of Supporters Direct which was established nearly 12 years ago to promote sustainable sports clubs based on supporter involvement and community ownership.

Supporters Direct has campaigned vigorously for better ownership of clubs, the mandatory appointment of supporter liaison officers, and has lobbied for supporters to be given "the right to buy" football grounds as community assets.

There are now more than 170 supporters' trusts in the UK and Europe engaging with more than 270,000 fans.

Events across the country make very clear the role that supporters' trusts can play in protecting and preserving the future of clubs.

The problems at Rangers show that no club is guaranteed survival under a traditional ownership model where owners, managers, players, sponsors and advertisers are often outsiders leaving the fans as the only vested interest which is local and there for the long term.

As we write, the Portsmouth Supporters Trust is raising money from its fans for a share scheme to buy the club for the community.

The Bees Trust at Brentford has a "golden share" which can prevent the use of the ground for anything other than a sports stadium and Arsenal and Liverpool trusts have fan share schemes.

The Swans Trust – the Swansea City supporters' trust – now owns 20% of a Premier League club as the reward for its work in saving the club a decade ago.

This is our first communication with members and the wider fanbase since last month's annual meeting. Alisdair Maclean was appointed Trust chairman, and we would like to put on record our appreciation to out-going chairman, Paul Moore.

We also very much appreciate just how much hard work was put in by previous board members who have helped establish and develop the Trust. You know who you are!

The main focus at Luton Town at present is events on the pitch, rather than off it. But moving forward there will be important issues to resolve regarding stadium development and continuing to build a sustainable business model with

supporter involvement.

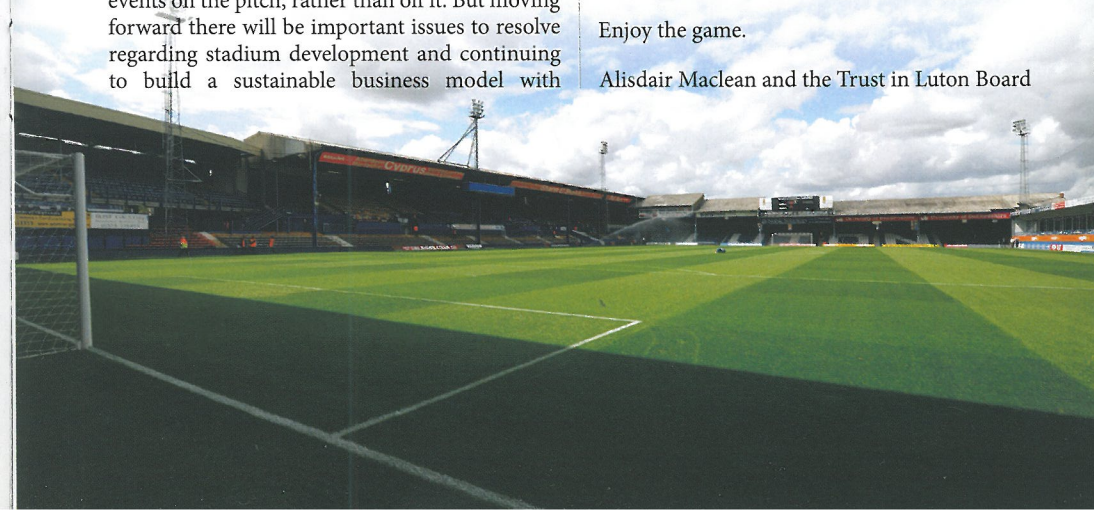
The newly appointed Trust Board is also keen to co-opt new members and is open to new ideas. We can also act as a conduit for supporters with specific questions or issues they wish to raise with the club.

We rely entirely on membership fees and donations to fund our work so it is important for us to preserve and grow our membership. It is just £10 for a full season and £5 for junior or senior members. Current members will get a renewal form in the post. Membership forms are also included in the season ticket renewal brochure or you can find further details and information at www.trustinluton.info.

Finally, we hope the winners of our annual members draw enjoy their day in an Executive Box as guests of the Trust and congratulations to whoever wins the Trust's new award for 'Outstanding Contribution to LTFC' which will be announced at tomorrow evening's presentation awards evening. One clue is that this year we decided that the award has to go to a supporter!

Enjoy the game.

Alisdair Maclean and the Trust in Luton Board



CENTRE SPOT



Godfrey Poku is first to congratulate Craig McAllister on his goal against Ebbsfleet

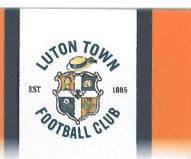
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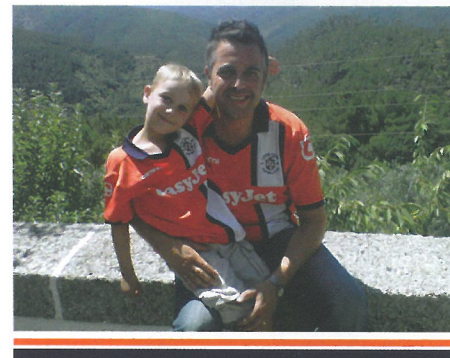
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- **WHERE DO YOU WATCH GAMES:**
Kenilworth Road or Main Stand Enclosure.
- **FIRST GAME:**
1st January 1983 at Kenilworth Road against Coventry City.
- **BEST GOAL:**
Matt Spring in our 2-1 win at the allotments back in 2002...Get in!
- **BEST MATCH:**
Littlewoods Cup Final 1988.
- **WORST MATCH:**
At home to Watford when we lost 4-0 back in 1997.
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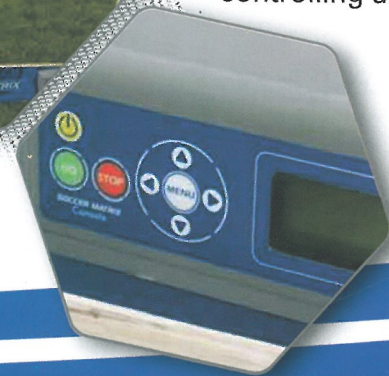


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ON THIS DAY

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

14

The number of matches previously played on this date when Luton have been the home side. The Hatters have scored 32 goals in nine victories, two draws and three defeats, their visitors have netted 16 goals between them.

1

The only game not played at our current home ground of Kenilworth Road came in 1900 when Small Heath (now known as Birmingham City) were the visitors for a Second Division match. They took the points in a 2-1 victory with Robert Burbage scoring for the Hatters.

5

The biggest margin of victory, and the most goals scored in one game by Luton is five, and they were scored against Southampton in a Southern League fixture in 1906. Pickering scored twice, with Bob Hawkes, Alfred Warner and Alexander Brown all scoring as well.

2

Syd Reid scored both goals in a 2-1 victory over Northampton Town in 1923 in a Division Three (South) fixture.

3

The Hatters were to win six consecutive home games on this date, and the third in this sequence was a 4-1 victory over Walsall. Andy Rennie scored a brace, with Jimmy Yardley and George Dennis also on the scoresheet.

5

The second time that Luton scored five goals came in 1937, although this time visitors Swindon were to score a goal. Joe Payne netted a hat-trick, with "Bert" Dawes and George Stephenson also finding the target.

1

The first game in the top flight came in 1956 when Manchester City were beaten 3-2 courtesy of a penalty from Gordon Turner, an own goal scored by centre half Dave Ewing, and a goal from John Groves.

0

The only goalless game was a Second Division match against Aston Villa in 1973. This was followed six years later, in 1979, with the only other draw on this day. It finished 1-1 with scoring both goals - Albion's Gary Williams scoring an own goal for the Town.

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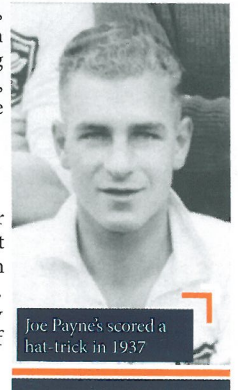
The most common scoreline on this date is 3-2 and this has happened three times, the last of these was in 1984 when Notts County were beaten in the top flight. All five goals came in the last 22 minutes of the match, with County taking the lead before Luton scored through David Moss and a Brian Horton penalty to make it 2-1. The visitors equalised with five minutes remaining, but the Hatters won it in the last minute through Frankie Bunn.

27

The number of years since Luton beat Manchester United in the top flight, courtesy of two goals from Mick Harford, including one from the penalty spot, and the other a last minute winner.

4

The Town made it four wins from four top flight games on this date when they beat Arsenal in 1990. Iain Dowie and Kingsley Black scored either side of half time to secure a 2-0 victory.



Joe Payne's scored a hat-trick in 1937

PICTURE

THE PAST

WITH CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

John Aston (11) and Peter Anderson move in to congratulate hat-trick hero Jim Husband during the 3-1 win against Orient at Kenilworth Road in March 1974



Jim Husband had been signed for £70,000 from Everton in November 1973 and, by his own admission, did not set the world alight initially. He put it down to the boredom of living in an hotel where he piled on the pounds!

Moving to proper digs and being forced on to a strict and sensible diet, Husband was about to show his true class when Orient

came to town in a vital promotion clash.

The Town were second in the old Division Two (now the Championship) while Orient were one place behind and a crowd of 17,045 were present to see Husband put on his best display since moving from Merseyside with all three goals in the 3-1 victory.

THE CAMERA

NEVER LIES

BY CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH

No apologies for including a photo taken after the Littlewoods Cup win over Arsenal, 21 years ago next week!



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Michael Sup
Football studies student

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



LUTON LADIES



Celebrations in the dressing room at Ebbsfleet

The first-team's season is almost complete following a goalless draw with runners-up Enfield Town.

The Hatters were unfortunate to not take all three points after striking the woodwork and beating the Enfield goalkeeper on several occasions, only to also narrowly miss the target.

The season began brightly and Town were in early leaders after victories over Crystal Palace and Brentwood. However, injuries and illness bit hard, and a very difficult two-month period followed with square pegs being pushed into round holes to send out a competitive team each week.

This was to be a familiar story which lasted all season with not one player playing every match and not a single occasion when an unchanged line-up could be fielded.

Despite those early setbacks the Ladies have worked really hard as a squad and have lost just a single league match since mid October plus reaching the League Cup semi-final and the County Cup final.

Manager Nikki Baker told Talk of the Town: "The

beginning of the season was very tough after we decided to rebuild the team over the summer and that was made doubly difficult by the loss of our leading goalscorer to a scholarship in Texas, and her strike partner missing all but five games of the season with a virus.

"Goalscoring has been our Achilles heel all season and this has placed a lot of pressure on our defence, because if they make an error it has often cost us points and we have lacked consistent firepower to put things right.

"Our climb up the table is testament to the players' determination and team spirit as they have worked really hard to implement game plans and put points on the board.

"Our climb to fifth place is a one place improvement on last season when we had, on paper, a much stronger squad so it is encouraging for next season when we will be aiming to challenge for promotion again."

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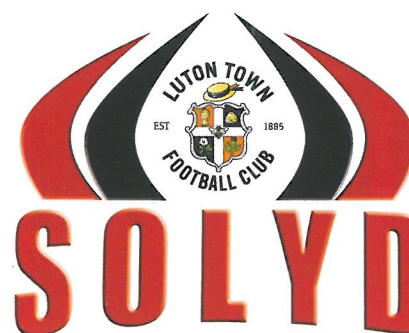
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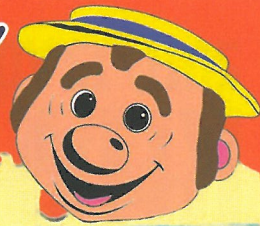


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NLP VIEW

BY STUART HAMMONDS

The Non-League Paper chose Grand National weekend to announce the runners and riders for the ninth annual National Game Awards, in association with VIPER10 Sportswear.

Suggestions have been racing in over the last few weeks and these are the teams and individuals our readers believe lead their field.

They are all looking to follow in the golden footsteps of men like Crawley Town's ace goalscorer Matt Tubbs - now playing in League 1 with Bournemouth - AFC Wimbledon goalkeeper Seb Brown and FC Halifax manager Neil Aspin.

The final fence has still to be jumped, however, with readers now set to vote for the ones they want to see in the winners' enclosure at our glitzy awards do at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge on 23rd May.

Make sure your vote counts by assessing the following six-man shortlists and getting in touch with us by the four different means below...

Mark Harrod Team of the Year: Wrexham, Fleetwood Town, Hyde, Wealdstone, Chester, Woking.

Premier Sports Goal of the Season: Jason Walker (York v Grimsby), Lubomir Guentchev (Lowestoft v Harrow), Jamie Vardy (Fleetwood v Ebbsfleet - second goal), Jamie Tolley (Wrexham v Lincoln), Andy Mangan (Fleetwood v Gateshead), Matty McGinn (Chester v Northwich).

reusch Goalkeeper of the Year: Joslain Mayebi (Wrexham), Alan Marriott (Mansfield), Jonathan North (Wealdstone), Michael Ingham (York), Sam Russell (Forest Green), John Danby (Chester).

ESPN Cup Run of the Year: Wealdstone (FA Trophy), Stourbridge, Wrexham, Redbridge, Salisbury City (all FA Cup), West Auckland (FA Vase).

NLFA Player of the Year: Jamie Vardy (Fleetwood), Nat Knight-Percival (Wrexham), Scott Kerr (York), Jon Shaw (Gateshead), Lee Fowler (Fleetwood), Matt Green (Mansfield).

Sharethematch Manager of the Year: Liam Daish (Ebbsfleet), Micky Mellon (Fleetwood), Andy Morrell (Wrexham), Liam Watson (Southport), Gary Lowe

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TOFFS Step 3 Player of the Year: Richard Jolly (Wealdstone), Neil Harvey (Marine), Ryan Rowe (Stourbridge, now Kidderminster), Steve Foster (Chorley), Drew Roberts (Bedford), Chris Clements (Hednesford).

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Jake Brown – A really brave goalkeeper, brilliant in one-versus-one situations.

Danny Bonness – Calm and collected, Danny is an excellent shot-stopper.

Jack Newland – A die-hard Luton fan, Jack's honesty and desire are fantastic qualities.

David Ajigbolamu – David is in his first season with the club and is a big powerful player, who excels at driving into midfield from centre back.

Kevin Mensah – A Luton boy, Kevin is the captain who is quick, strong and aggressive in the tackle as a right-back or centre-half.

Harry Dudmish – Tall and lean, Harry compliments our other centre-backs and is the best header of the ball in the group.

Harry Cruttenden – Although physically slight, Harry has a great left foot and is technically superb.

James Justin – Alongside Harry in midfield, JJ has a lovely touch and scorer of some great goals, including the winner at QPR.

Patrick McCafferty – A tough Irish midfielder, Pat is

extremely honest and good in possession.

Matt Reynolds – Matt is technically very good and is a really likeable player who's work-rate is always exceptional.

Stuart Jones – An old-fashioned winger, Stuart scores and creates goals and has improved enormously since Christmas.

Ronnie Houillet – Enigmatic Ronnie has great ability to beat players. The leading scorer, Ronnie has improved greatly as a young man this season.

Joshua Daniels – Joshua is a 6ft 2 inches tall and is very quick, he has learned more and more about the discipline required to play the role of a centre forward.

Reece Williams – Reece is a gifted player equally good at centre back or as a centre forward and continues to set high standards each year.

Frankie Musonda – Frankie is another midfielder with great ability and excels at long range shooting and has scored some spectacular goals.

Sam Tring – A very good technical midfielder who was signed in January and scored the winner against Chelsea a few weeks ago.

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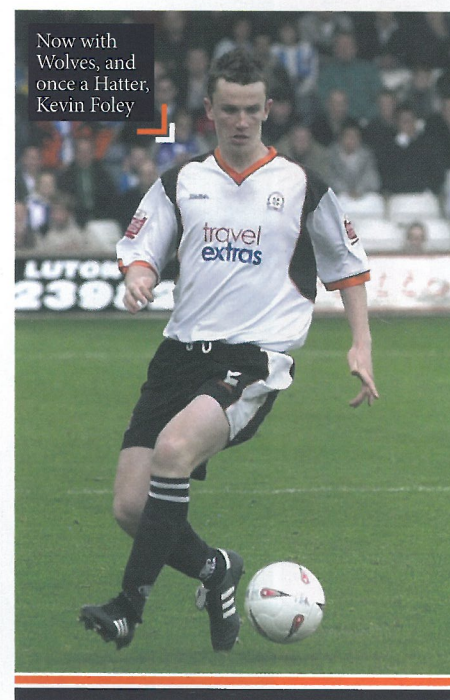
The purpose of our talent identification programme is to provide high quality coaching for up and coming young footballers whether they are ambitious players wanting to progress towards becoming a professional or a newcomer wanting to develop the basic skills.

The list of venues and term dates are all listed overleaf and each term costs £45 which includes nine practical sessions and a trial match. All players receive an end of term report on their development and for those players who the coaches feel have shown the right level of ability and attitude during the term the opportunity to progress to the Performance Centre/Centre of Excellence or Academy is offered. Players who display talent can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate.

Our successful TIPS Development programme is now in its sixth year of operation and the club's youth section prides itself on the high calibre of its coaching team. Any youngster signing up to TIPS will receive the same standard of coaching that has helped produce players such as Curtis Davies, Matthew Upson, Matthew Taylor, Kevin Foley, Leon Barnett and Jack Wilshere. No other club in our region can claim the same level of success in terms of youth development - two England youth internationals in the last two seasons in Dave Moli (now Liverpool) and Cauley Woodrow (now Fulham).

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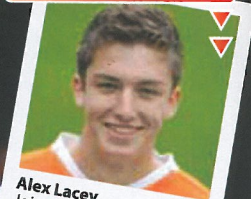
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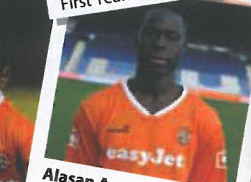
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Adult	22-64	300	13.04	450	335	14.55	485	365	15.87	515
Young Adult	17-21	200	8.70	330	230	10.00	360	260	11.30	390
Senior	65-74	200	8.70	330	230	10.00	360	260	11.30	390
Golden Senior	Over 75	130	5.65	260	155	6.74	285	170	7.39	300
Youth	10-16	100*	4.35	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 Diamond	Price	£ per match Diamond	Price	£ per match Diamond			
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
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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)
Type of Season Ticket (please tick)	Regular			Diamond		
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)		
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:		
Card Details						
Cardholders signature				Cardholders name		
Cardholder's full name and address (including postcode) if different from the above						
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This game is pay on the night for Town supporters.
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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 Copse 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 Copse 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.

LAST WORD

WITH FORMER LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR BRIAN SWAIN

The country is celebrating a momentous anniversary this spring – it marks the day Maggie Thatcher shut me up, and cost Brian Stein some of the instant adulation he deserved. The cause, you may have guessed, was the Falklands war.

Thirty years ago today we fretted about what might be done to regain the Falklands from the Argentine invaders. The idea of mounting a military counter-attack from so far away was thought by some to be so difficult as to be out of the question. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher thought otherwise.

Thursday was the 30th anniversary of the day her determination had a slight effect on Brian Stein and me.

On 17th April 1982 the Town were at home to Newcastle. David Pleat's splendid team was top of the old Division Two, with Newcastle seventh.

Local radio was in its infancy. BBC Radio Bedfordshire was yet to be set up, and Chiltern Radio hired me to report live on Town games. I thoroughly enjoyed it, but national emergencies outweigh soccer pleasures.

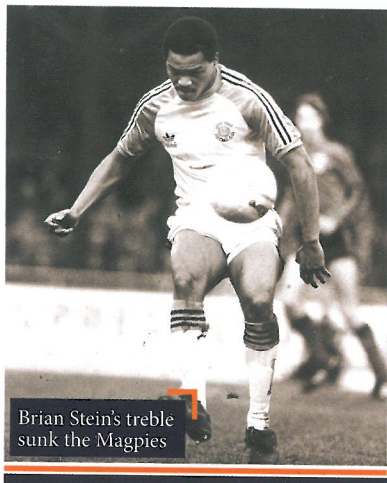
A few days before the game it was announced that parliament was to be recalled from its Easter recess to debate the Falklands crisis. Up and down the country radio stations decided to cover the House of Commons debate live. I sat in the press box hooked up to Chiltern Radio's feed from Westminster, with my Town reports much curtailed.

It turned out to be a memorable match. With a near-capacity 13,041 crammed into Kenilworth Road home fans were stunned as Newcastle, including Chris Waddle, swept into a two-goal lead in the first hour.

The Town were missing star turns David Moss and Ricky Hill through injury, but it was still a capable side: Jake Findlay, Kirk Stephens, Richard Money, Brian Horton, Clive Goodyear, Mal Donaghy, Raddy Antic, Brian Stein, Steve White, Lil Fuccillo and Wayne Turner.

More often than not matches between the Town and Newcastle turn out to be dramatic, dating way back to

1946 when the Town were three down at the interval, then won 4-3.



Brian Stein's treble sunk the Magpies

The 1982 contest may not be as dramatic as that, but still counts as one of the great recoveries. Six minutes after Newcastle's second goal Stein pulled one back, and suddenly Town confidence blossomed and Newcastle's wilted.

The Geordies were still hanging on with nine minutes to go when the Town were awarded a penalty for Stein to make it 2-2, and we relished saving a point.

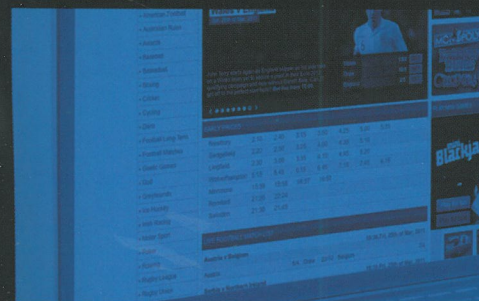
But four minutes later we had another spot kick, and Stein obliged again. Stein cheerfully took on the responsibility in the absence of usual penalty-taker Moss.

Brian is likely to be here in the press box this afternoon so it is with some trepidation that I offer the view that my memories are that the penalties were both struck less than perfectly, almost down the middle, and goalkeeper Kevin Carr very kindly dived aside to let them in.

At the end of the season the Town were champions, to kick off a magnificent decade in the First Division, now the Premier League.

Argentina were losers, Maggie Thatcher was a winner, and I was determined never again to be gagged by a woman!

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ACADEMY UPDATE

YOUTH DEPARTMENT THANKS SUPPORTERS' GROUPS

Once again we have received the fantastic support from two supporters groups this term: Supporters of Luton Youth Development (SoLYD) and Loyal Luton Supporters' Club.

Simon Gibbs, chairman of SoLYD, is at Kenilworth Road this afternoon to hand over further contributions to head of houth Gregg Broughton.

Simon prepared the following statement for today's issue of Talk of the Town: "And so we near the end of another turbulent season. However, from SoLYD's point of view it has been successful as we have seen some more of Luton's youth products slowly but surely making their way into the first-team while others move to pastures new for significant transfer fees.

"This season we have grown as a group and have held some successful fundraisers throughout the season as well as receiving all your generous donations. We have also had people running marathons, supporters' groups holding concerts and even some players stepping up to do their bit in fundraising for SoLYD - huge thanks to everyone who has contributed time and money.

"Despite all these events we still need a lot more funds to reach our ultimate goal and so we will be stepping up our ventures in the new season and we ask you all, from the parents of the youngsters in the academy, to the directors of the club and also to our faithful fans please help where you can. This does not necessarily mean in monetary terms this can also be with giving your time, coming up with ideas or providing us with useful contacts. If you feel you can give any input then please don't hesitate to contact the committee by going to www.solyd.co.uk and using the contact us page.

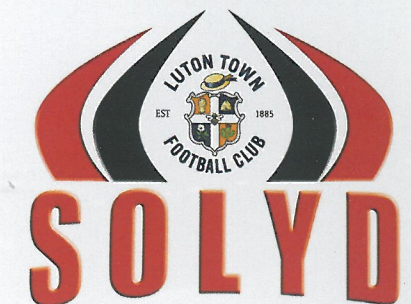
"Today we will be handing over significant funds to the youth development department at half-time and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the SoLYD committee for their time and endeavours this past season as without these people and their efforts we would not be able to make these donations."

The club would also like to thank Loyal Luton will also be presenting a cheque to the youth development department for £5,000. It is the third season in succession that the group have made this commitment to the club.

The money has been invested wisely to bridge the deficit left by the Football League's decision to withdraw funding, mostly notably towards the Continued Professional Development programme for all of our part-time and full-time.

The coaching staff have spent £13,500 of their own money - money that would normally be funded by the Football Association and the Football League. This donation allows the club to repay them a percentage of this expenditure.

Once again, a massive thank you to all the members of Loyal Luton for making this possible.



TODAY'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN 1:0 KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

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

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: D. Bond
Assistant: J. Steel
Assistant: P. Harris
Fourth official: I. Fissenden

UP NEXT

v GATESHEAD

Tuesday 24th April 2012 7.45pm
Blue Square Bet Premier

