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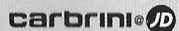
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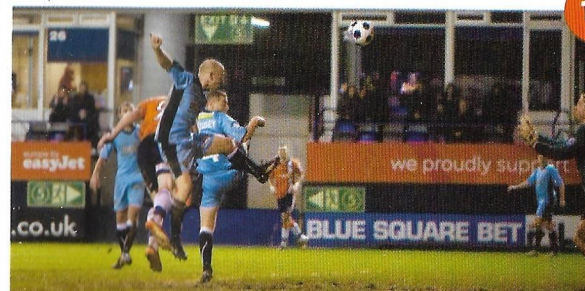
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PAUL

BUCKLE

Good afternoon and welcome back once more to Kenilworth Road for the third time in a busy and exciting seven days.

What a week it's been. After the jubilation of the Wolves win and subsequent fourth round draw that paired us with Norwich, we got down to the business that matters most on Tuesday and did it in style with a 6-1 victory over Barrow.

In the lead up to Tuesday night I spoke about the importance of the Barrow match and how vital it was to continue from where we left off against Wolves. To win scoring six goals was certainly an indication that we did that and I cannot speak highly enough of the players' effort.

Tremendous effort

I knew there was going to be a lot of tired legs after their exhaustive performance against Wolves so to come out play the way we did and score six goals against Barrow is a tremendous effort. Some of the goals we scored were fabulous and a joy to watch but naturally there was one disappointment where we conceded a goal from a set piece.

I was asked after the game whether conceding a goal like that mattered despite the scoreline at the time being 5-0. The answer was a categorical 'of course it matters'. We are striving to achieve great things and it is no good cutting corners or getting sloppy. When that kind of mentality sets in you're on course for problems. The players all know that they need to be on their game. They know what is expected of them and know that there place in the team is never guaranteed.

Tuesday's victory was key too because it was a game in hand and when you are behind in the amount of matches played it's important not to drop points when you have the opportunity.

We face a testing few months with the games that lie ahead, with Tuesday night matches commonplace. With fixtures coming thick and fast we have a chance to strike up a real sequence but not only that really keep up momentum.

There is no doubt that there will be plenty of twists and turns yet in the race for promotion. There will be highs and lows but we must remember to stick together. Your support has been nothing short of remarkable and a big thanks to those who turned up on Tuesday. I am pleased your vocal encouragement was rewarded and I hope you went home happy.

We need that support to continue throughout the rest of the season. You have seen the positive effect it has. Against Wolves the noise was unbelievable and I truly believe that Wolves did not expect that. I have said it time and time again that your support can play a big part in our season. When you are at your most vocal this football club is real force.

Progress

This afternoon we have our league focus put to one side as we look to progress to the quarter-finals of the FA Trophy.

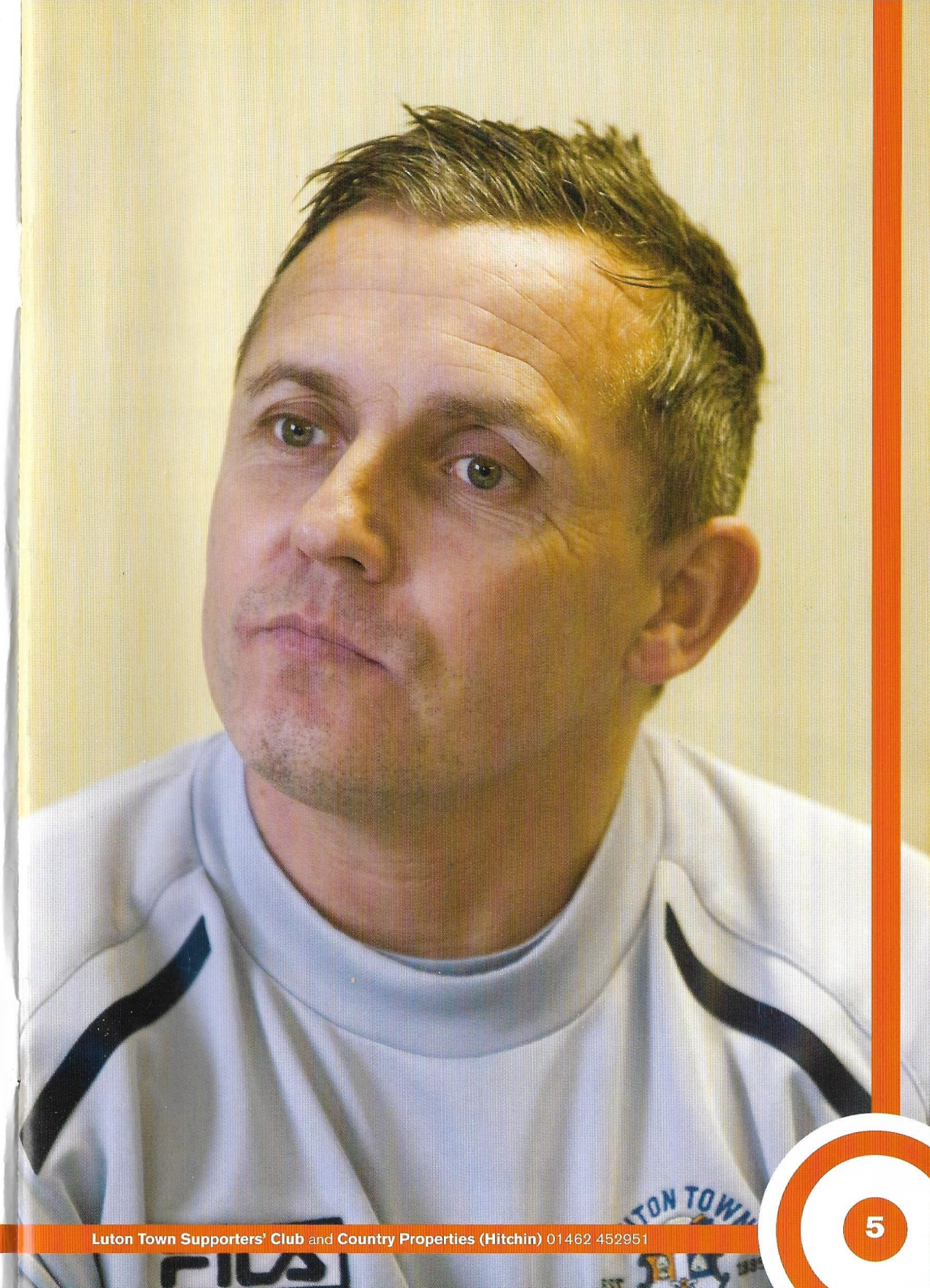
As we are in the competition we are in it to win it. Otherwise, what would be the point? I do not like clubs devaluing any competition and it is one we have taken seriously ever since the first round. It's at this stage where it becomes a little more interesting the more you progress through the rounds and victory today would put us in the last eight.

As ever we're sure to have a tough game, however, I will be looking for the players selected to show the usual attitude and professionalism as if it were a league game or FA Cup tie.

Given both teams' form it promises to be an exciting cup game but hopefully we can continue our fine form here at Kenilworth Road to ensure yet another passage through to the next round of a cup competition.

Enjoy the game and get behind us as you always do. Thanks for your support.

Paul



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RONNIE

HENRY

This afternoon we go into another game full of confidence after a fantastic result and performance on Tuesday.

We have now won our last six matches here at Kenilworth Road and the last two in particular have given us even more confidence that we can produce the goods in front of our own supporters.

At the start of the season we were struggling to get results at home and were better away, but we have now made Kenilworth Road a real fortress and that's something we intend to build on this afternoon and keep going for the remainder of the season.

Today we host a team unbeaten in their league this season and who will no doubt want to put on a good show. We know that if we apply ourselves and concentrate then we are good enough to beat anyone, as Wolves found out last weekend.

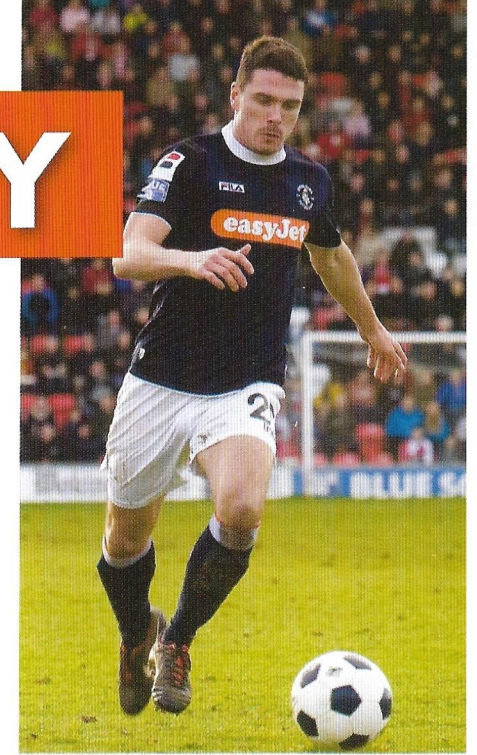
The FA Trophy is a great competition and I have been lucky enough to win it in the past. Playing in any cup competition is a great occasion and everyone here wants to do well and go as far as we can in the Trophy.

Skelmersdale are sure to want to give their supporters something to cheer about but we do not want to feel like Wolves felt after last Saturday's game. It showed upsets do happen and we'll make sure that doesn't happen to us today.

Progression and success

There is no point taking cup competitions like the Trophy lightly. Progression and success can earn the club money whilst also giving confidence to the players, and that's why we want to continue that this afternoon.

We're on a great run at the moment and it's important to keep the momentum going. The Wolves result and Barrow performance were brilliant. Naturally we were disappointed to concede against Barrow. To have worked so hard in training and kept a clean sheet against Wolves, it was sloppy of us to concede, especially as it was from a set piece again. I have continually said in my notes the need to cut those mistakes out but we just need to be more ruthless and not tolerate it. The manager wasn't happy and it's something we desperately need to stop.



It was great to see Jon Shaw score his first hat-trick on Tuesday. He thoroughly deserved his matchball for all the hard work he puts in.

The matches are coming thick and fast at the minute and it's vital we make the most of this run of games as we catch up on our games in hand. There is no point talking about games in, unless you go out and win them and that was one of the pleasing things about the Barrow result.

We had a strong bench for the Barrow game too and the quality in our squad is really going to show over the next few weeks when the weather gets colder and the amount of games kick in. To have the likes of Stuart Fleetwood, Scott Rendell and Jake Howells on the bench on Tuesday really does lift everyone.

The support in the last two games has been great and I must thank you all for your backing in both matches. Against Wolves it was unbelievable. Your support is like having another man on the field at times and, especially against Wolves, when we were defending or without the ball you were really getting behind us, which was superb.

It really is appreciated but please keep it up. Enjoy the game.

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AROUND TOWN

THE LATEST NEWS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

NORWICH TICKET NEWS

Following the confirmation that our FA Cup fourth round tie at Norwich City will take place on Saturday 26th January we have released the following ticketing arrangements for this match.

NORWICH CITY v LUTON TOWN

FA CUP FOURTH ROUND

SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

This match is all-ticket for Luton Town supporters. We have been given an allocation of 4,000 tickets for this match. Seating prices: £10 adults (including seniors), £1 under-16s.

Tickets are now on sale.

Tickets will be available in person, or by contacting the ticket office on 01582 416976 or by emailing ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk with a contact number for a call back.

These tickets will be held for collection or sent in the post. Tickets will not be available online, unless they go on general sale.

SALES PLAN:

- Diamond and executive season ticket holders can purchase two tickets for this match.
- Season ticket holders can purchase one ticket.
- Season ticket holders with a Skelmersdale ticket/ticket stub can purchase one additional ticket to their quota, as outlined above.

AVAILABILITY:

Tickets will remain on sale to all season ticket holders until the close of business on Monday 14th January. The ticket office will be open between 12.30-4.30pm on Sunday 13th.

From Tuesday 15th January, tickets will be on sale to those supporters who have two from three ticket/stubs from the matches with Barrow, Skelmersdale or Lincoln games.

These tickets will be sold at one per person and remain on sale until close of business on Friday 18th January.

Tickets will then be available on general sale from Saturday 19th January and remain on sale until 1pm Friday 25th.

All tickets are subject to availability.

SOLYD DONATION:

The club has received feedback from supporters indicating that they believe the club is losing money with Norwich's pricing policy.

If any supporter feels that the pricing structure is to the detriment of Luton Town, the club have set-up a process where supporters can pay an additional £5 voluntary donation with each booking.

Any proceeds received would be passed to SOLYD. Please advise the ticket office when making your purchase if you wish to make this donation.

NB: Refunds may not be issued on Lincoln tickets used to purchase Norwich tickets.

IF IT'S A DRAW TODAY



If the game finishes a draw this afternoon both clubs will try again this coming Tuesday, 15th January (kick-off 7.45pm).

Should this happen then our scheduled league fixture with AFC Telford will require rearranging.

Admission on the night at Skelmersdale would be at the turnstiles, priced at £8 for adults, £4 for over-65s and £1 for under-16s.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

The Golden Gamble at our last home match against Barrow has not been claimed. The winning ticket – number 20845 – is the one you need to look for, and with good reason as it is worth £480 to the winner.

Our draw for the Wolves match saw a bumper £1,005 payout and was claimed by a Wolves supporter!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 70th birthday to ardent Hatters fan Carole Pattern who is here celebrating with her family and friends. Happy birthday Carole!

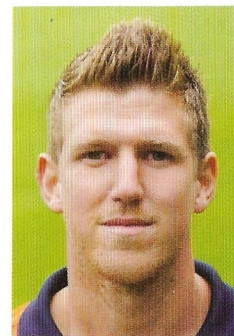
BECKWITH LEAVES

The Hatters confirmed the mutual de-registration of defender Dean Beckwith's contract with the club on Tuesday.

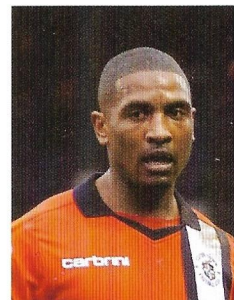
The Southwark-born centre-back will leave Kenilworth Road by mutual contest after 18 months

Luton Town Football Club prides itself on the passion, commitment and loyalty of our supporters. You support the Club in fantastic numbers both home and away and we will always be grateful for that fantastic support. The Club is working hard to introduce a new generation of supporters to watching matches here at Kenilworth Road by encouraging local schools and football clubs to bring groups to our home matches.

For this long-term scheme to be successful we then rely on these young fans asking their parents to bring them back to another match and to do that we need to ensure that Kenilworth Road is a safe and enjoyable environment for them to come to. Therefore the Club seeks the support of our existing fans in



BOUCAUD JOINS COUNTY



with the Hatters. In total Beckwith, 29, made 21 appearances in Luton colours, scoring two goals – including one this season in the 3-1 victory over Cambridge United in September.

Dean leaves the club with the best wishes from everyone at Kenilworth Road.

Midfielder Andre Boucaud has completed his permanent transfer to Notts County for an undisclosed fee.

The 28-year-old joins the Magpies following a successful loan spell at Meadow Lane where he made 23 appearances and scored one goal.

His last appearance in Luton colours came in a goalless draw at Alfreton back in April last season. In total Boucaud made seven appearances for the Hatters.

doing just that, and one way you can really make a difference and to help us create the next generation of Luton Town fans is to please mind your language.

Foul and abusive language is unacceptable – as is discriminatory language or actions of any kind. To help us eradicate such language and behaviour from our stadium, please report any instances directly to a steward or member of staff.

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AFC TELFORD UNITED v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Admission will be pay on the night for Town supporters. Terracing and seating is available. Prices: £14 adults, £11 concessions, £6 14-18 year-olds, £2 Under 14s. £1 transfer for seating area. Please note that there are a limited number of seats available on a first come first serve basis only. Town supporters will need to access via cash turnstiles I and J.



NUNEATON TOWN v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

This game is pay on the day at Nuneaton. Terracing only. Prices: £14 adults, £10 over-65s, £5 12-15-year-olds, £2 5-11-year-olds, free for under-fives.



LUTON TOWN v LINCOLN CITY

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



NORWICH CITY v LUTON TOWN

FA CUP FOURTH ROUND

Turn to page 8 for further ticket details.



LUTON TOWN v HYDE

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



Buy tickets online at www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown or call 01582 416976

WELCOME SKELMERSDALE UNITED

Today the Hatters have another another cup encounter as Skelmersdale United visit Bedfordshire for the very first time.

The club, founded in 1882, play their football in the Northern Premier League Division One and have so far this season had a really special campaign.

There has been much talk about the Skem in the FA Trophy this term as the side from Lancashire head to Kenilworth Road boasting an unprecedented record in the league.

Unbeaten

There may not be too many comparisons made between the club who play their home games at the West Lancashire College Stadium, which can capacitate for up to 2,500 people, and Arsene Wenger's invincibles but Skelmersdale hold an unbeaten record in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier.

After 17 games played, Tommy Lawson's men have notched 15 wins, drawing the other two.

As a result the Skem are causing quite a stir in the north west.

After a seventh-place finish last season, Lawson's squad have upped their game immensely and now find themselves four points off the summit with an astounding six games in hand.

Add this league run to a cup journey that recently saw Guiseley added to their ever growing list of scalps which secured a third round trip to Kenilworth Road.

Many of you will be reading this wondering if a former international footballer is currently playing up front for the Skem or that an oil-rich tycoon has invested heavily but that is certainly not the case.

South African-born midfielder Paul Byrne is one of the experienced heads behind the Skem's promotion push. The 30-year-old penned a deal with the Lancashire outfit in

2010 after an indifferent career that saw him make 10 appearances for League 2 Port Vale at the turn of the millennium.

Familiar name

Another familiar name highlighted on your squad list will be Sam Ashton, who does boast an FA Cup third round appearance for a Premier League side.

The 26-year-old goalkeeper began his career with Bolton Wanderers where he made an astonishing debut as a late substitute for Mexican hitman Jared Borghetti, as Sam Allardyce launched the 6ft 3in stopper as a make-shift forward.

More competent in preventing goals, opposed to scoring them, his time at boyhood club Bolton came to an end in 2006 before he moved onto FC Manchester for a five-year stint.



THE SKEM

AN AT-A-GLANCE VIEW OF THE SKELMERSDALE SQUAD

TOMMY LAWSON

The boss. Took over for a second spell in June 2006. Has won promotion with Prescott Cables and has also managed at Droylsden, Clitheroe, Congleton, Stantondale and Warrington Town.

SAM ASHTON

Goalkeeper who shot to prominence when playing for FC United, saving a penalty against Brighton in the FA Cup. Began his career as a trainee with Bolton.

MARCUS BURGESS

Highly-rated teenage goalkeeper who has impressed in the Skem youth team this term.

LEWIS FIELD

Marauding right-back who was once on the books of Wigan before moving to Burscough. Arrived at Skelmersdale in 2011.

LOUIS CORRIGAN

Liverpool-born left-back signed from Warrington Town on Christmas Eve 2011. Made his name with Colwyn Bay and was once a trainee with Tranmere.

MARTIN CROWDER

Former Everton scholar who is capable of playing in defence or midfield. Left Goodison for Burscough and now in his second spell with the club.

TONY RENDELL

Former Prescott Cables centre-half who has gone onto establish himself as a leader at the heart of the Skelmersdale back-line.

ROB MCINTOSH

Another former Burscough and Prescott Cables man, the towering centre-back stands at 6ft 3in.

MIKE BURKE

Former Wigan trainee who is best seen at left-back.

TOM HARDWICK

A 2011/12 arrival from Warrington who has gone onto become a linchpin in defence for Skem.

MIKE SIMPSON

Local boy signed from Bury in 2011. Midfielder who can also operate in defence.

AARON TURNER

Popular midfielder now in his second spell with the club having rejoined from Southport following a serious injury.

DALE WRIGHT

Combative central midfielder who signed this summer who has previously been with Prescott and Warrington.

CHARLIE STOKER

16-year-old striker who was previously on schoolboy forms with Port Vale.

KENNY STRICKLAND

Former Chelsea and Manchester United youth who operates in central midfield.

ADAM MORNING

Winger who signed in October 2012 following a spell in Australia. Burnley-born man has also featured for Northwich, Mossley, Witton and Halifax.

PAUL WOOLCOTT

Tricky winger, popular with the Skem faithful who counts Stockport and Marine as his former clubs.

JOSH HINE

Early January signing from Clitheroe. Striker has also played for Southport, Burscough and Vauxhall Motors and has played first class cricket in Australia.

ANTONY HICKEY

Hard-working frontman who signed from Warrington in February 2012.

WARREN BELLEW

Prolific goalscorer who signed for Skem in the close season from Runcorn Town.

MARK JACKSON

Experienced centre-forward previously on Preston's books. Has also played for Southport, Lancaster, Clitheroe and Kendal.

MATTY HUGHES

Popular young striker who made an instant impact with five goals in his first two games. Former Everton and Wigan scholar.

GARY BURNETT

Striker who signed on the eve of the season from Atherton Collieries.

MARK HOUGHTON

Former Southport, Chorley and Burscough forward now in his second spell with Skem.

MIKE PHENIX

Highly-rated forward who capped his debut in November 2012 with a goal following his arrival from Droylsden.



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TOWN 6-1 BARROW



Scott Neilson watches this effort saved against the Bluebirds

SIX OF THE BEST

After a weekend to remember having beaten Wolves, Town boss Paul Buckle was thrilled with his side's 6-1 demolition of Barrow in their return to action in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Jon Shaw's hat-trick was accompanied by goals from Scott Neilson – on his home debut – Janos Kovacs and Andre Gray as the Hatters racked up their sixth win at Kenilworth Road on the bounce.

Neilson had the Town ahead after just 80 seconds before Kovacs' header doubled the lead. Shaw got his first before half-time, before adding two more prior to Gray's sublime finish, which made it six, to the delight of the boss.

"Tonight was all about continuing where we left off from Saturday," Buckle told Hatters Player afterwards. "It was never going to be easy. I was worried about complacency or taking our foot of the gas but we didn't.

"From minute one we really forced the issue and got on the front foot. An early goal kicked us on and we never looked back – we made sure we didn't give them a lifeline."

Shaw's hat-trick stole the headlines but all of the Town's goals were expertly taken on a night of clinical finishing in front of goal. "We scored some great goals, I almost can't remember some of them they happened

so quickly!" joked Buckle. "There was some great approach play with some terrific balls in the box.

"I'm delighted for Jon, it's brilliant that he's got the matchball. All of our strikers are doing well at the half-way stage of the season and it puts us in a strong position at the moment.

"It was a great performance but of course there was one disappointment because we conceded one. We've got to be tighter and we've got to be better in those situations. I've said it all season and enough times.

You can't let your man go at set pieces. It's not rocket science. The player knows he's failed to do it and he's got to be better next time."

Whilst the three points moves the Town back into fifth spot, Buckle's next focus is an FA Trophy third round tie at home to Skelmersdale this afternoon.

"Our league campaign does get broken up now," he said. "But we've got to stay in this kind of mood. Saturday kicked me, the staff and the players on and I'm sure the supporters want to see a Luton team who mean business and we've done that in the last two games.

"The key is against Skelmersdale that those players I pick need to prove me right and if they don't I won't be happy."



TOWN

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BARROW

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Neilson 2, Kovacs 27, Shaw 29, 59, 64, Gray 72

Boyes 68

Celebrations after Janos Kovacs' header made it 2-0



Finally! Andre Gray celebrates his first and the Town's sixth goal



The moment Jon Shaw scored his hat-trick



POSSESSION		SHOTS OFF TARGET	
59%	41%	5	2
CORNERS		FOULS	
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OFFSIDES		YELLOW CARDS	
4	2	1	1
SHOTS ON TARGET		RED CARDS	
12	3	0	0

TOWN: Tyler, Henry, Taylor, Kovacs, Rowe-Turner, Lawless, Mendy, Smith (sub Howells 67), Neilson, Gray (sub Rendell 73), Shaw (sub Fleetwood 75). **Subs not used:** Brill, Ainge.

BARROW: Hurst, Flynn, Hessey, Skelton, M. Pearson, Rutherford, Rowe, Harvey, McConville, Boyes, Hunter (sub Owen 70). **Sub not used:** S. Pearson.

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JON SHAW

TALK OF THE TREBLE!

Hat-trick hero Jon Shaw spoke to Talk of the Town after his goal scoring exploits helped bury Barrow in front of the home fans as he notched up his first treble in Town colours.

Speaking after the full-time whistle, a beaming Shaw spoke about his perfect evening.

But despite his jubilation, the forward respectfully spoke of his mixed emotions after notching his first treble in Hatters colours against a former employer in Barrow, a club he appeared for in 2009.

"It's a shame its come against one of my former clubs," said the Sheffield-born target man. "I do feel a bit for Dave Bayliss and Barrow because it's a great club. On the other hand, I've come here to score goals and its nice to see that they're going in and tonight to get three is fantastic."

Delighted

Shaw's arrival in the summer was met with sky-high hopes for the prolific hitman who notched up back-to-back hat-tricks whilst with Gateshead, but Shaw was delighted to finally mark off the treble feat from his Hatters to-do list.

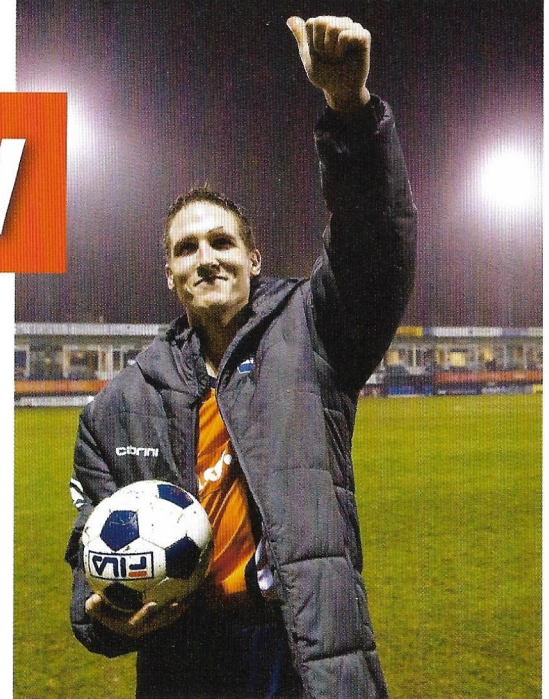
"The goals were always going to come with the way we play," he said. "I'm just happy that the lads were throwing great balls in the box. Andre Gray and Greg Taylor were absolutely torturing them and I live for those sort of balls into the box so it's great."

Shaw assisted home debutant Scott Neilson for the opener inside two minutes but Shaw was unsure whether an assist was meant.

"I wouldn't say it was an assist I was trying to score to be completely honest with you!" joked Shaw. "I'm happy to claim an assist off it so I'm happy I've played a part in that one."

"It was great to see Scott Neilson coming in off the line to grab a goal, that's what were about now, getting goals from everywhere and hopefully now we can kick on."

The man of the moment then talked through his treble. "It was a fantastic ball in from Andre for the first



one. You literally just have to get some sort of contact on it to see it go in and obviously I was happy to do that. If you put yourself in an area and someone puts a ball in like that it's inviting. There has been a couple of times this season where I've either got in there a bit late or the ball's been just too far in front but to get on it and get a goal, especially in front of the home fans, which I don't think I've managed since the opening day, it's been a good day.

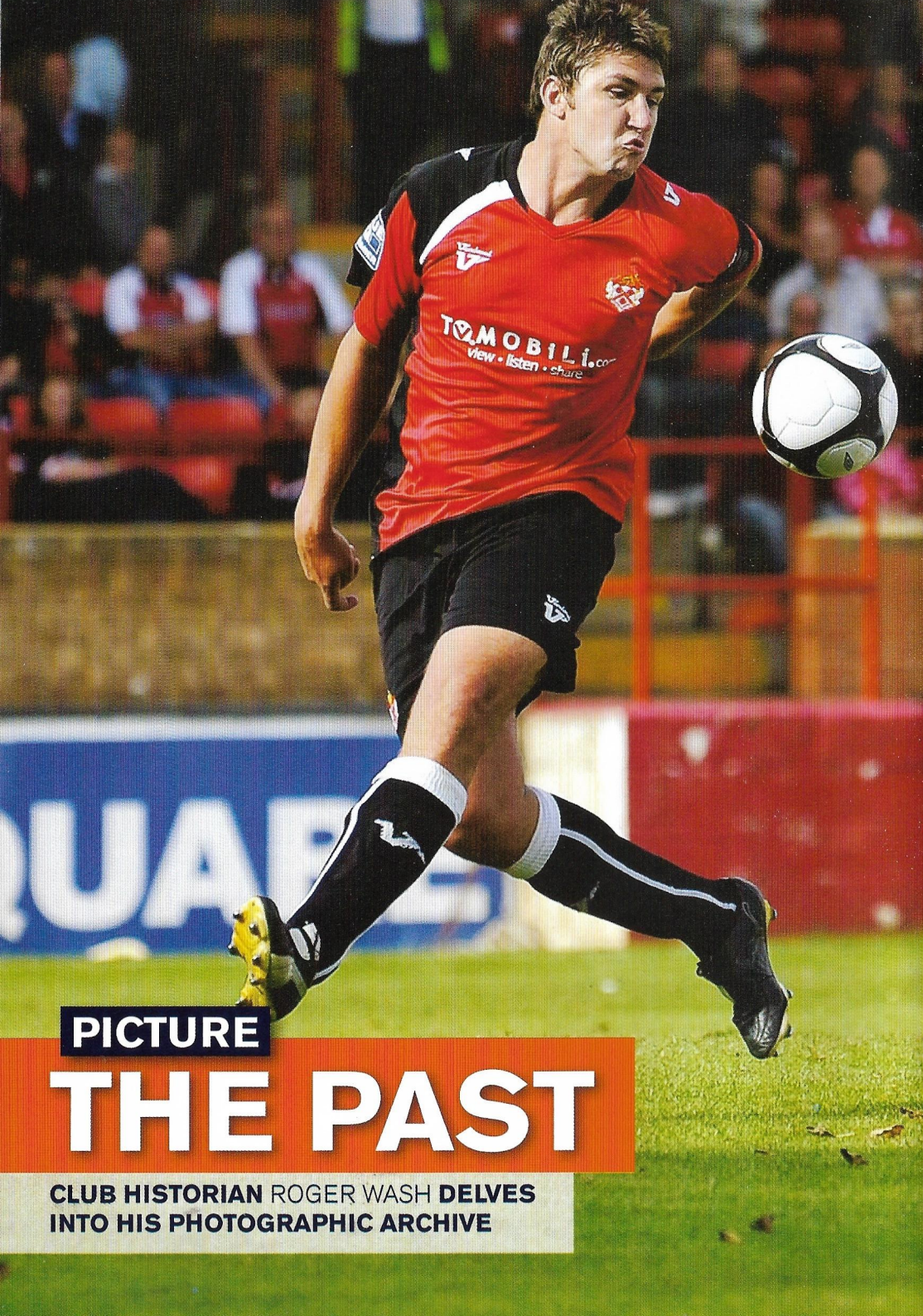
"I think the third came off my head, then my shoulder, but I was just happy to see it go in."

The Hatters forward captained his side in the last round of the FA Trophy during the win over Dorchester and the 29-year-old spoke of how he and his teammates are prepared for the task ahead.

"We've had a little talk, we've got to kick on, we've shown how good we can be as a team and how hard we have worked, so it would be a shame to come this far working as hard as we have to let it slip away," said Shaw. "Following the disappointment on New Year's Day at Woking I think we have shown what we're about."

At full-time it was no surprise that Shaw soaked up the applause and headed straight to the man in the middle to pick up his prize for his hat-trick and said he hoped it was "the first of many".

"I went straight to the referee, said 'thanks very much for the ball' and the lads are in there now signing it for me."



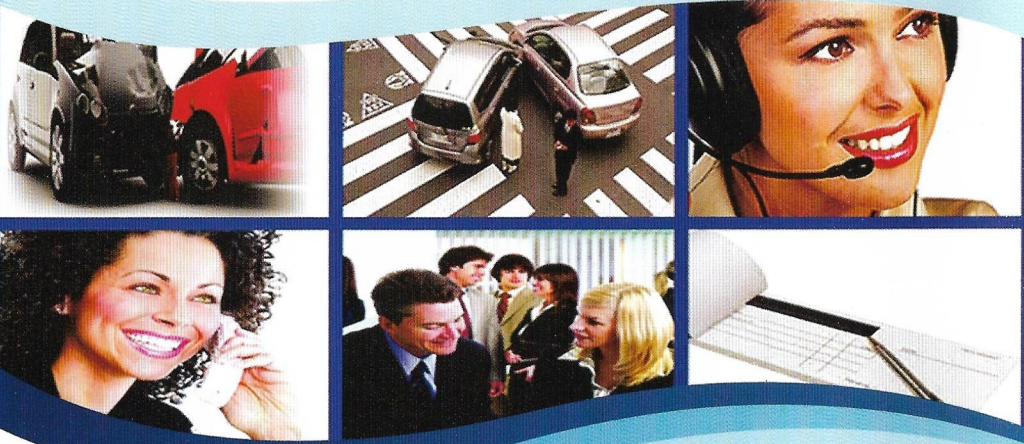
Playing four games for the Hatters during the 2009/10 season was striker George Donnelly, who started his career at Skelmersdale United. Pictured alongside George, in a 0-0 draw at Kettering in August 2009, is ex-Hatter Ian Roper.

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THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

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COMMERCIAL MASCOTS

We have the pleasure of welcoming two brothers as mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Sam and Ben Gooderham from Solihull in the West Midlands are the lucky two who will get to lead the teams out on the pitch before kick-off and meet all the players in the dressing room.



Ben is seven and his favourite player is striker Andre Gray, whilst Sam is four and his favourite player is Jake Howells. Both attend matches here at Kenilworth Road with their mum and dad.

We hope you both have a fantastic day with us.

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THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

BY NEWS EDITOR SAM ELLIOTT

ONLY IN NON-LEAGUE

There's a little phrase we like to use here at NLP Towers: "only in non-league".

As soon as those words are uttered, I pretty much know we've got our page three in the can for another week!

It often feels like the good people that inhabit the grass-roots game like to make our story-finders' lives a lot easier by doing something barking mad.

So, as a tribute to those helpful souls that help make our paper what it is, here's a selection of off-the-wall managerial funnies or unfortunates that have found their way on our pages over the last few years.

THE ONE THAT WOULDN'T GO AWAY

We've all known a manager who'll tell anyone that'll listen how angry he is to be dismissed. Meet the man that refused to accept his sacking!

Barry Town are a club in crisis. Boss Gavin Chesterfield was on a hiding to nothing but when he was told he had to leave last month by unpopular chairman Stuart Lovering, he simply said no – taking training as if nothing had happened, and telling the chairman he would be in the dugout the following Saturday, regardless of what he thought.

The pair sat down on the Friday night and he was, err, reinstated.

Now why didn't Di Matteo/AVB/Carlo Ancelotti/Avram Grant/The Special One think of that!

SACKED...FOR BEING TOO SUCCESSFUL

As Steve King and his Macclesfield side enjoy the limelight after beating Cardiff in the FA Cup, you wouldn't feel the need for any sympathy towards him.

But not so long ago he was out of work for doing too well. King had taken tiny Lewes from Ryman South into the Conference Premier in six glory-filled seasons.

Apparently they'd come too far too soon, and the decision was made to cut right back – his contract was not renewed and all-but one of the club's title-winning players were told to leave.

"I would still have a job if we hadn't gone up," King said at the time. "I have essentially been sacked for being too successful!"

IT'S ALL GETTING BITTER AT BANBURY

This one takes some explaining. Banbury manager Ady Fuller, 41, reportedly resigned in September. He later retracted that, according to owner Jed McCoy – as he wanted a settlement.

The Southern League last week sided with the manager on appeal, forcing Banbury to honour his and his assistant Paul Lamb's £150-per week agreement. Only problem is that the pair, for some reason, signed players' contracts in the summer.

So Mr McCoy is treating them as such – with the unfit duo told to report for training and on matchdays. "I expect them to be fit for first team selection very soon," he said.

I KNEW THE GAME WAS UP – AT HALF-TIME

Sometimes you just get the feeling your time at a club is coming to an end. But a text message from a friend at half-time of an important league match is perhaps not the best way to find out.

Jon Newby's Colwyn Bay weren't having the best of seasons in the Blue Square Bet North, but it all came to a head last week.

Newby said: "It was handled very poorly. I actually found out I was going to be sacked at half-time during the Vauxhall game after receiving a text from somebody who had heard about the new manager phoning around for players. There was somebody else doing my job while I was still in it! There's no excuse for that."

BUT AT LEAST HE WASN'T OFFICIALLY GIVEN THE BULLET DURING A GAME!

Few stories will ever beat the tale of Mark Poulton – fired during a game his board of directors forgot was happening!

Sussex County League Chichester City were in action again Redhill in the Sussex Cup when manager Poulton heard his phoning ringing in his pocket.

When a director's name came up, he knew he had to take the call. It was one he wished he'd left to go to voicemail. "It's the most unprofessional and shambolic organisation I've ever been involved with," he fumed.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 12

THE RECORD

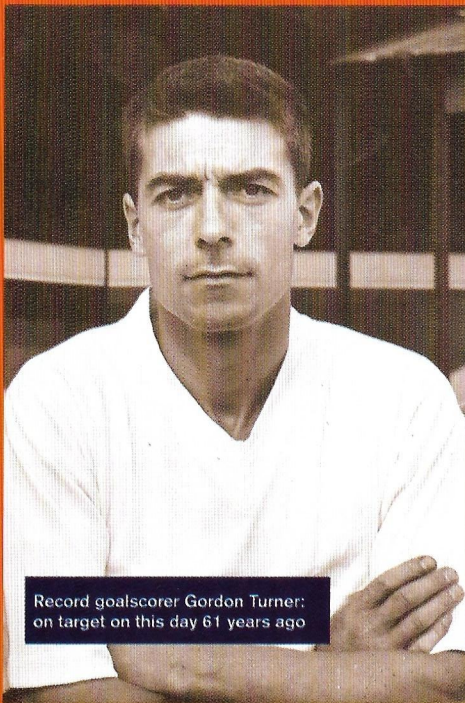
Whisper it quietly but the Town have a pretty dismal record on 12th January down the years. Of the 15 matches played, the Hatters have won just twice, losing six and drawing seven. Only 16 goals have been scored and 21 conceded. The Hatters have drawn a blank in front of goal six times.

61 YEARS IN WAITING

If the Town are successful this afternoon it will be their first victory since a 1952 win over Charlton Athletic in the third round of the FA Cup. A solitary goal from record marksman Gordon Turner was enough to beat the Addicks in front of 25,554 at Kenilworth Road.

FIVE ALIVE

The Hatters' only other win on this day came in 1938 when Scarborough were seen off 5-1 in an FA Cup third round replay at Kenilworth Road.



Record goalscorer Gordon Turner: on target on this day 61 years ago

THE LAST TIME

You don't have to go that far back in the record books to see the last time the Hatters took to the field on 12th January. In 2011, the Town had to settle for a point in a goalless draw with promotion rivals AFC Wimbledon in the Blue Square Bet Premier at Kingsmeadow. It was a game the Hatters dominated but couldn't force a way through. Andy Drury hit the crossbar in the second half and the Wombles snatched a point.

SEVEN-GOAL DISAPPOINTMENT

It was top-flight football for the Town on this day in 1991 but despite three goals they were defeated by a Southampton side including teenage centre-half Steve Davis. Goals from Lars Elstrup and Julian James had the Hatters 2-1 up but a Matt Le Tissier brace inspired the Saints to victory despite a late John Dreyer penalty.

LATE DRAMA

Two goals in the last three minutes denied the Hatters what would have been a vital three points in their quest to avoid relegation from the Championship on this day in 2007 at West Brom. A Jason Koumas goal had the hosts ahead at the Hawthorns before goals from Keith Keane and Warren Feeney put the Town ahead. Kevin Phillips equalised on 88 minutes, though, before scoring a winner deep into injury time to leave the Hatters point-less. Keane's strike would later go on and earn the goal of the season award.

TAKE A POINT

The Hatters were right in the mix for promotion in 2001 under Joe Kinnear on this day. That year, the Town had Steve Howard to thank for rescuing a point at promotion rivals Cheltenham Town as he scored 16 minutes from time. The Robins had the lead through a stunning goal from veteran frontman Tony Taylor before Howard struck to earn a point.

NIL-NIL

As well as the goalless draw with AFC Wimbledon, the Town have been involved in four other 0-0 draws on this day – the most common result featuring the Hatters on 12th January. FA Cup 0-0s against Gainsborough (in 1907) and Crystal Palace (1929) were followed by two goalless games in the old second division (now Championship) in 1974 and 1980 against Portsmouth and Leicester respectively.

LEAGUE LOOK

JOE FLEMONS ROUNDS-UP THE LATEST IN THE BSBP

As the Hatters trounced basement club Barrow, Wrexham took advantage of Grimsby's weather issues to take the Blue Square reins from the Mariners.

Neil Ashton put the Dragons in front with little under 20 minutes played at North Street after Nicky Law's combative Reds contained the visitors in a cagey opening.

Ben Tomlinson slammed home for the hosts mid-way through the half as both sides headed into interval level. Referee Michael Bull then took centre stage as he dismissed Wrexham's Danny Wright early in the second half for a second bookable offence. He then gave Alfreton boss Law and his assistant Billy Barr their marching orders for two separate disagreements with the man in the middle.

The Welsh promotion hopefuls did not despair at being a man light and countered Alfreton's defensive frailties to secure all three points as the clock ticked down. Joe Clarke was Wrexham's match-winner as his magnificent solo effort lifted Wrexham to the top of the table, after Grimsby's proposed match with Gateshead was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The Hatters' fellow third round giant killers Macclesfield Town ensured their FA Cup jubilation continued into their league form as they cruised to a 3-0 win away at Braintree.

Former Hatter Amari Morgan-Smith gave the Silkmen the lead mid-way through the first period before a brace from Waide Fairhurst secured a comfortable three points for Steve King's cup heroes.

Elsewhere, Southport hosted Lincoln City. The home side were handed the initiative early on as Simon Grand slammed home twice inside 25 minutes

TODAY'S FIXTURES

BRAINTREE v AFC TELFORD

HEREFORD v ALFRETON

LINCOLN v NEWPORT

MANSFIELD v KIDDERMINSTER

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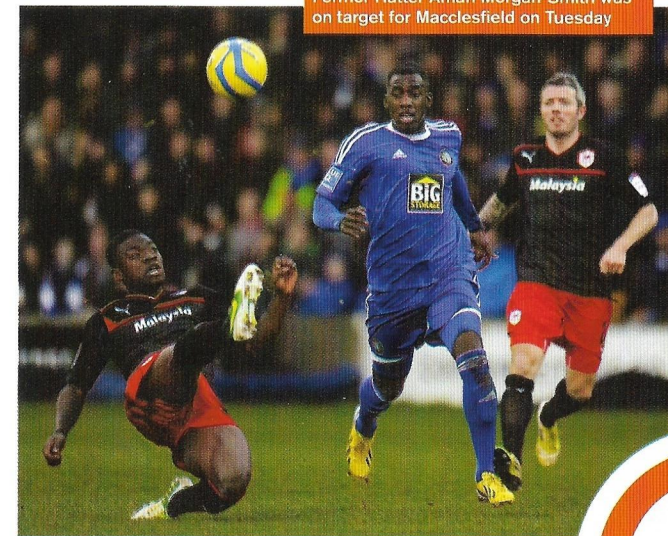
WOKING v EBBSFLEET

before Andy Owens put Southport into a commanding 3-0 lead. Lincoln City were not out of it however, as Jamie Taylor reduced the deficit to install hope to the travelling support. Karl Ledsham then re-instated Port's three-goal advantage before Vadaine Oliver notched another consolation for Lincoln late on.

AFC Telford were the only side in the bottom four to secure a point in the midweek fixtures as a last-gasp equaliser from Gerard Kinsella snatched maximum points away from early leaders Hereford.

Marley Watkins gave the hosts the lead with two minutes on the clock at Edgar Street after he turned home Stefan Stam's cross from inside the area. The point saved by the Lilywhites means they remain in the bottom four but now lie just a solitary point from safety as Stockport and Braintree lurk dangerously close to the drop zone as we enter the latter half of the campaign.

Former Hatter Amari Morgan-Smith was on target for Macclesfield on Tuesday



FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
August								
Sat 11	15:00	H	Gateshead	D 2-2	6,743	76	11	Tyler Taylor** Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Kasim* Howells O'Donnell Rendell Gray***
Tue 14	19:45	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,275	642	4	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim Lawless O'Donnell Rendell Shaw**
Fri 17	19:30	A	Hyde	W 2-1	1,141	477	3	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim** O'Donnell 1 Rendell Shaw
Sat 25	15:00	H	AFC Telford United	L 0-1	5,970	111	9	Tyler Lawless Howells Rowe-Turner Henry Kasim* Watkins** O'Donnell Rendell Shaw
Mon 27	15:00	A	Ebbsfleet United	W 3-1	2,018	1,246	5	Tyler Lawless Taylor Rowe-Turner Beckwith Howells O'Donnell** Rendell 1 Gray*
September								
Sat 1	15:00	H	Macclesfield Town	W 4-1	5,803	111	3	Tyler Beckwith Kovacs*** Rowe-Turner* Lawless Taylor O'Donnell Howells 1 Rendell 1 Gray 1**
Tue 4	19:45	H	Cambridge United	W 2-3	6,742	622	2	Tyler Rowe-Turner Taylor Beckwith 1 Kovacs* 1 Lawless O'Donnell Howells Rendell Gray 1
Sat 8	15:00	A	Alfreton Town	L 0-3	1,392	768	5	Tyler Henry Taylor* Beckwith Kovacs** Lawless O'Donnell Howells Watkins*** J. Robinson
Sat 15	15:00	H	Wrexham	D 0-0	6,675	319	5	Tyler Henry Howells* Beckwith Kovacs Lawless O'Donnell Rendell 1 Fleetwood*** Gray***
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsey Town	L 1-4	4,074	125	6	Tyler Henry** Howells Beckwith Kovacs* Lawless O'Donnell Rendell 1 Fleetwood*** Gray***
Tue 25	19:45	A	Tamworth	W 2-1	1,137	390	5	Tyler Henry** Rowe-Turner** Beckwith Essam Lawless O'Donnell Howells Gray Rendell
Sat 29	15:00	H	Southport	W 3-1	5,696	77	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam Ainge Lawless O'Donnell Kasim* Rendell 2*** Gray
October								
Sat 6	15:00	A	Lincoln City	W 2-1	2,970	864	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam Ainge Lawless O'Donnell Rendell* J. Robinson** Gray***
Tue 9	19:45	H	Braintree Town	L 2-3	5,523	55	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam** Ainge 1 Lawless O'Donnell J. Robinson* Gray Shaw
Sat 13	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town	W 2-0	6,148	264	3	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Essam* Ainge Lawless 2 O'Donnell Rendell Gray** Shaw
Sat 20	13:00	A	Cambridge United (FAC4D)	W 2-0	2,321	601	-	Tyler Henry Howells Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless* O'Donnell Mendy Gray 1*** Shaw 1
Sat 27	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers	W 2-1	2,112	1,002	2	Brill Henry Howells Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge Howells Mendy Rendell 1 Gray Shaw
November								
Sat 3	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town (FAC1)	D 1-1	3,089	355	-	Brill Henry Howells Rowe-Turner*** Kovacs** Ainge Smith Mendy Howells Gray* Rendell
Tue 6	19:45	A	Hereford United	L 0-1	2,108	372	3	Brill Henry Rowe-Turner** Howells Henry Ainge Smith Mendy O'Donnell Gray Rendell
Sat 10	15:00	H	Dartford	L 0-2	6,567	494	6	Brill Lawless Howells Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Howells Mendy Lawless O'Donnell** Walker* Rendell 2
Tue 13	19:45	A	Nuneaton Town (FAC1R)	W 2-0	1,566	471	-	Tyler Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Howells Mendy Lawless O'Donnell*** Walker* Rendell 2
Sat 17	15:00	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	2,619	522	6	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge Mendy Smith Lawless Howells Rendell
Tue 27	19:45	A	Dorchester Town (FAT1)	D 2-2	868	163	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge O'Donnell Smith Lawless** Howells Rendell
December								
Sat 1	15:00	H	Dorchester Town (FAC2)	W 2-1	3,287	458	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Beckwith* Lawless 1 Howells Smith O'Donnell*** Rendell
Tue 4	19:45	H	Dorchester Town (FATR)	W 3-1	897	16	-	Brill Lawless Lacey* Ainge Rowe-Turner O'Donnell 1*** Watkins Robinson Dance** Walker 2
Sat 8	15:00	H	Alfreton Town	W 3-0	5,648	58	5	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Ainge Kovacs O'Donnell 1*** Smith 1 Howells Lawless Rendell**
Tue 11	19:45	A	Newport County	L 2-5	2,247	177	5	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Ainge Beckwith O'Donnell** Mendy* Howells Lawless Rendell
Sat 15	15:00	A	Matlock Town (FAT2)	W 2-1	823	136	-	Brill Henry Howells Ainge 1 Kovacs O'Donnell** Mendy Lawless Rendell Gray*
Wed 26	15:00	H	Woking	W 3-1	6,744	235	4	Tyler Henry Howells Ainge Kovacs 1 Lawless Mendy Rendell 1 Fleetwood* Gray**
January								
Tue 1	13:00	A	Woking	L 1-3	2,961	999	5	Tyler Henry Howells*** Ainge Kovacs Lawless Mendy* Neilson Rendell Gray 1
Sat 5	15:00	H	Volves (FAC3)	W 1-0	9,638	1,500	-	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless 1 Mendy Smith O'Donnell** Shaw
Tue 8	19:45	H	Barrow	W 6-1	5,165	31	5	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs 1 Lawless Mendy Smith* Neilson 1 Shaw 3**
Sat 12	15:00	H	Skelmersdale United (FAT3)	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Tue 15	19:45	A	AFC Telford United	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 19	15:00	A	Nuneaton Town	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Tue 22	19:45	H	Lincoln City	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 26	15:00	A	Norwich City (FAC4)	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Tue 29	19:45	H	Hyde	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
February								
Sat 2	15:00	A	Barrow	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 9	15:00	H	Forest Green Rovers	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Tue 12	19:45	A	Dartford	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Fri 15	19:45	H	Newport County	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Tue 19	19:45	A	Macclesfield Town	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 23	15:00	H	Mansfield Town	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Tue 26	19:45	A	Braintree Town	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
March								
Sat 2	15:00	A	Stockport County	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 9	15:00	H	Hereford United	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 16	15:00	A	Wrexham	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Tue 19	19:45	H	Stockport County	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 23	15:00	H	Tamworth	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 30	15:00	A	Cambridge United	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
April								
Mon 1	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 6	15:00	A	Gateshead	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 13	15:00	H	Grimsey Town	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
Sat 20	15:00	A	Southport	W 2-0	-	-	-	-
TBA		H	Ebbsfleet United	W 2-0	-	-	-	-

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Fleetwood 1	Brill Beckwith Lawless** Watkins*** Shaw 1
Fleetwood 2	Brill Beckwith Walker Gray* Robinson**
Fleetwood*** 1	Brill Beckwith Howells* Gray** Robinson***
Fleetwood	Brill Beckwith Taylor* Gray** Woolley
Fleetwood 2	Brill Lasey Watkins** Kasim Woolley*
Fleetwood 1	Brill Essam*** Watkins* Woolley** Walker
Fleetwood**	Brill Lawless* Howells* Woolley** Kasim
Gray	Brill Essam** Kasim* Fleetwood*** Rowe-Turner
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Fleetwood 1**	Brill Rowe-Turner* Shaw** Robinson** Walker
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Gray 1***	Brill Howells* Fleetwood*** Rendell** Woolley Ainge

LEAGUE TABLE 2012/13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Wrexham	27	14	8	5	53	28	25	50
2 Grimsby Town	26	13	9	4	43	19	24	48
3 Newport County AFC	25	14	4	7	53	39	14	46
4 Forest Green Rovers	25	13	5	7	43	26	17	44
5 Luton Town	24	13	3	8	47	37	10	42
6 Kidderminster Harriers	26	11	8	7	37	23	14	41
7 Cambridge United	26	10	8	8	49	41	8	38
8 Dartford	27	11	5	11	44	41	3	38
9 Macclesfield Town	25	10	6	9	40	40	0	36
10 Mansfield Town	22	10	5	7	37	33	4	35
11 Hereford United	24	9	7	8	34	35	-1	34
12 Southport	26	9	7	10	43	49	-6	34
13 Hyde FC	26	9	5	12	41	39	2	32
14 Lincoln City	26	8	8	10	40	44	-4	32
15 Woking	25	10	2	13	42	53	-11	32
16 Alfreton Town	25	8	8	9	32	43	-11	32
17 Gateshead	25	7	10	8	30	32	-2	31
18 Tamworth	27	9	4	14	32	40	-8	31
19 Braintree Town	25	8	5	12	30	43	-13	29
20 Stockport County	25	7	7	11	34	42	-8	28
21 AFC Telford United	26	5	12	9	36	41	-5	27
22 Ebbsfleet United	25	5	9	11	36	51	-15	24
23 Nuneaton	25	5	9	11	29	44	-15	24
24 Barrow	25	5	8	12	27	49	-22	23

PLAYER STATS 2012/13

	LEAGUE		THIS SEASON CUP		TOTAL		DISCIP	CAREER TOTAL							
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS									
Simon AINGE	12	0	1	3	0	1	15	0	0						
Dean BECKWITH	8	0	1	1	(1)	0	9	(1)	1	3	0	2	1	2	2
Dean BRILL	3	0	0	3	0	0	6	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	103	0
James DANCE	0	0	0	1	(2)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	0	0	31	4
Connor ESSAM	5	(4)	0	0	0	0	5	(4)	0	2	0	0	0	9	0
Stuart FLEETWOOD	16	(7)	10	2	(5)	1	18	(12)	11	2	1	77	27	0	
Andre GRAY	21	(3)	8	7	0	2	28	(3)	10	4	0	43	17	0	
Ronnie HENRY	21	0	0	7	0	0	28	(0)	0	3	1	28	0	0	
Jake HOWELLS	21	(2)	1	6	(1)	0	28	(2)	1	2	0	213	16	0	
Yaser KASIM	5	(6)	1	0	0	0	5	(6)	1	2	0	11	1	0	
Janos KOVACS	15	(1)	3	7	0	0	22	(1)	3	5	0	84	8	0	
Alex LACEY	0	0	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	0	9	0	
Alex LAWLESS	21	(2)	2	7	0	1	28	(2)	3	4	0	106	10	0	
Arnaud MENDY	8	(0)	5	5	(1)	0	13	(1)	0	3	0	14	0	0	
Scott NEILSON	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	(0)	1	1	0	2	1	0	
JJ O'DONNELL	18	(3)	2	8	0	1	26	(3)	3	1	0	38	3	0	
Scott RENDELL	21	(1)	7	5	(1)	3	26	(2)	10	1	0	28	10	0	
Jake ROBINSON	3	(4)	0	0	(2)	0	3	(6)	0	0	0	9	0	0	
Matt ROBINSON	0	(3)	0	1	(2)	0	1	(5)	0	1	0	6	0	0	
Lathaniel ROWE-TURNER	15	(4)	0	7	(1)	0	22	(5)	0	1	0	27	0	0	
Jon SHAW	13	(5)	7	4	0	2	17	(5)	9	1	0	22	9	0	
Jonathan SMITH	5	(1)	1	3	0	0	8	(1)	0	2	0	9	0	0	
Greg TAYLOR	8	(1)	0	1	0	0	9	(1)	0	1	0	33	0	0	
Mark TYLER	21	0	0	5	0	0	26	(0)	0	1	0	164	0	0	
Dan WALKER	0	(6)	1	3	0	2	3	(5)	3	0	0	28	4	0	
Adam WATKINS	2	(3)	0	1	(1)	0	3	(4)	0	0	0	56	8	0	
Jake WOOLLEY	0	(9)	0	0	(2)	0	0	(5)	0	0	0	10	0	0	



It's 7v1 as Jon Shaw attempts to scramble the ball home against Barrow on Tuesday

LET'S GO

TELFORD & NUNEATON



The Town are on the road twice in the next week with Blue Square Bet Premier trips to AFC Telford and Nuneaton Town. First up, the rearranged game at Telford on Tuesday before the Hatters head to Nuneaton Town for the second time this season a week today.

AFC TELFORD



Where? The New Bucks Head, Watling Street, Wellington, Telford. Punching in TF1 2TU into your sat-nav will get you safely to the ground.

How to get there. It's a case of heading north on the M1 and then take the M6. Leave the M6 at Junction 10 and take the M54 towards Telford. Leave the M54 at Junction 6 and turn right at the roundabout above the slip road (SP A5223 Telford West/Whitchurch/Hospital). Go past Tesco on your left and then over two roundabouts. At the third roundabout turn left. The entrance to the club car park is a short way down this road on your right.

What to expect. The Bucks moved to the New Bucks Head from the old Bucks Head. Makes sense if your nickname's the Bucks I guess. However, the stadium, completed in 2003, is a smart 6,300-capacity ground that has an attractive seating stand running on one side of the pitch and two covered terraces at either end – one of which will be used to house Hatters fans.

We've been here before, right? Absolutely. Last season the Town triumphed 2-0 thanks to a brace from Amari Morgan-Smith on a Tuesday night in mid-September. That game was due to take place on the opening game of the season but was postponed under police advise. Of course we were due to play this fixture on 22nd December but the rain put pay to that so it's another Tuesday trip.

How they doing? As if you'd need (or want) reminding, the Bucks beat the Town earlier in the season 1-0 at Kenilworth Road but going into today's game with Braintree they find themselves in the bottom four after Tuesday's 1-1 draw at Hereford. As we went to press the Bucks hadn't won in the Blue Square Bet Premier since 9th October. That's 13 games without victory.



NUNEATON TOWN

Where? To give it its full title, the Triton Showers Community Arena. Or, for purists, Liberty Way. Located on an industrial estate in Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Typing in CV11 6RR into your sat-nav will get you there.

We've been here before, right? *insert short-term memory data chip*. Yes, remember, back in November? We won 2-0 thanks to a Scott Rendell double in an FA Cup first round replay.

How do I get there then? With ease. The trip to Liberty Way is just 70.7 miles from the Maple Road car park which, should – should – take about an hour and 20 minutes, if the traffic is kind. Take the M1 north, M6, leaving the M6 at junction 3 towards Bedworth/Coventry(North)/Nuneaton. The ground is located in the suburb of Attleborough.

Take it easy. Don't fancy driving? The Bobbers are, as usual, heading to Nuneaton. They leave the Maple Road car park at 12 noon. The fare is £17 for adults and £15 for concessions. Phone 01234 856542 to book your place.

We've met before? Of course! As well as that cup fixture, the Boro have proved a tough nut to crack in the two games played at Kenilworth Road. In the league meeting, two late goals from Alex Lawless won the Town all three points while seven days later Scott Rendell's equaliser six minutes from time set-up the replay.

How they doing? Like Telford, Boro have been struggling and also find themselves in the drop zone going into today's game with Forest Green, in which we want them to do us a favour. That said, despite their position in the bottom four, the Boro have won their last three home games in league competition - beating Tamworth, Dartford and Stockport.

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TODAY'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

Mark Tyler	1
Lathaniel Rowe-Turner	2
Greg Taylor	3
Gary Richards	4
Janos Kovacs	6
Alex Lawless	7
Danny Spiller	8
Jon Shaw	9
Scott Rendell	10
Jake Howells	11
Simon Ainge	12
Stuart Fleetwood	13
Arnaud Mendy	14
Adam Watkins	15
Alex Lacey	16
JJ O'Donnell	17
James Dance	19
Scott Neilson	20
Matt Robinson	23
Jonathan Smith	24
Ronnie Henry	25
Andre Gray	27
Jake Woolley	28
Dan Walker	29
Dean Brill	33



SKELMERSDALE UNITED

1 Sam Ashton
2 Lewis Field
3 Louis Corrigan
4 Tom Hardwick
5 Rob McIntosh
6 Kenny Strickland
7 Antony Hickey
8 Paul Woolcott
9 Mark Jackson
10 Gary Burnett
11 Warren Bellew
12 Josh Hine
14 Adam Morning
15 Mike Phenix
16 Matty Hughes
17 Aaron Turner
18 Dale Wright
19 Jamil Saleh
20 Marcus Burgess
21 Tony Rendell
22 Mark Houghton
23 Mike Simpson
24 Charlie Stoker
25 Mike Burke
26 Martin Crowder

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: C. Breakspear
ASSISTANT: I. Parsons
ASSISTANT: O. Jackson
FOURTH OFFICIAL: L. Marshallsay

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