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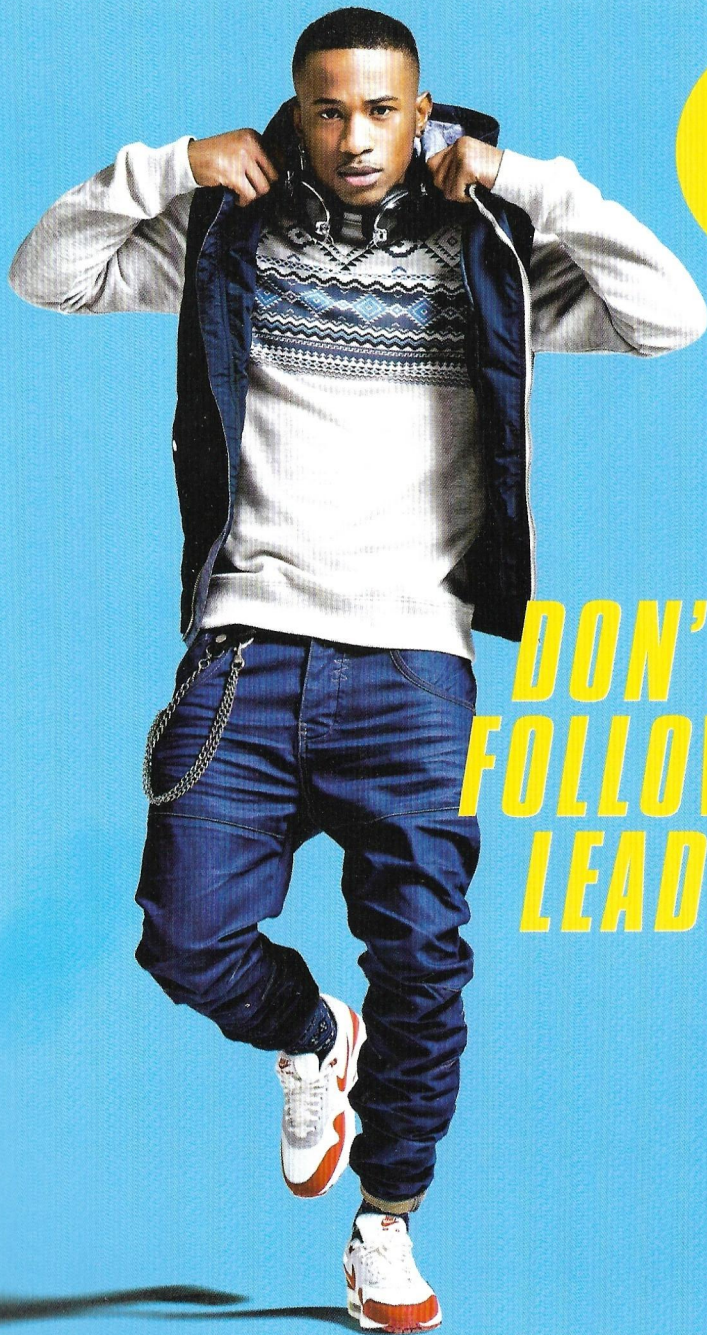
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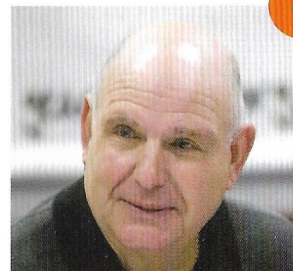
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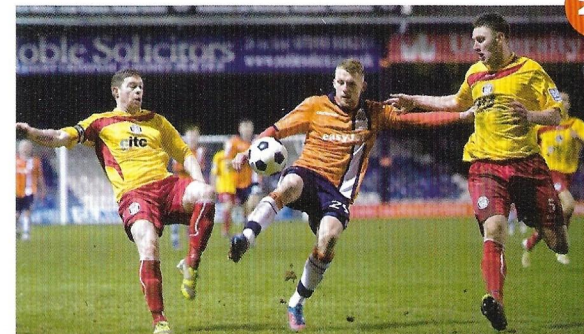


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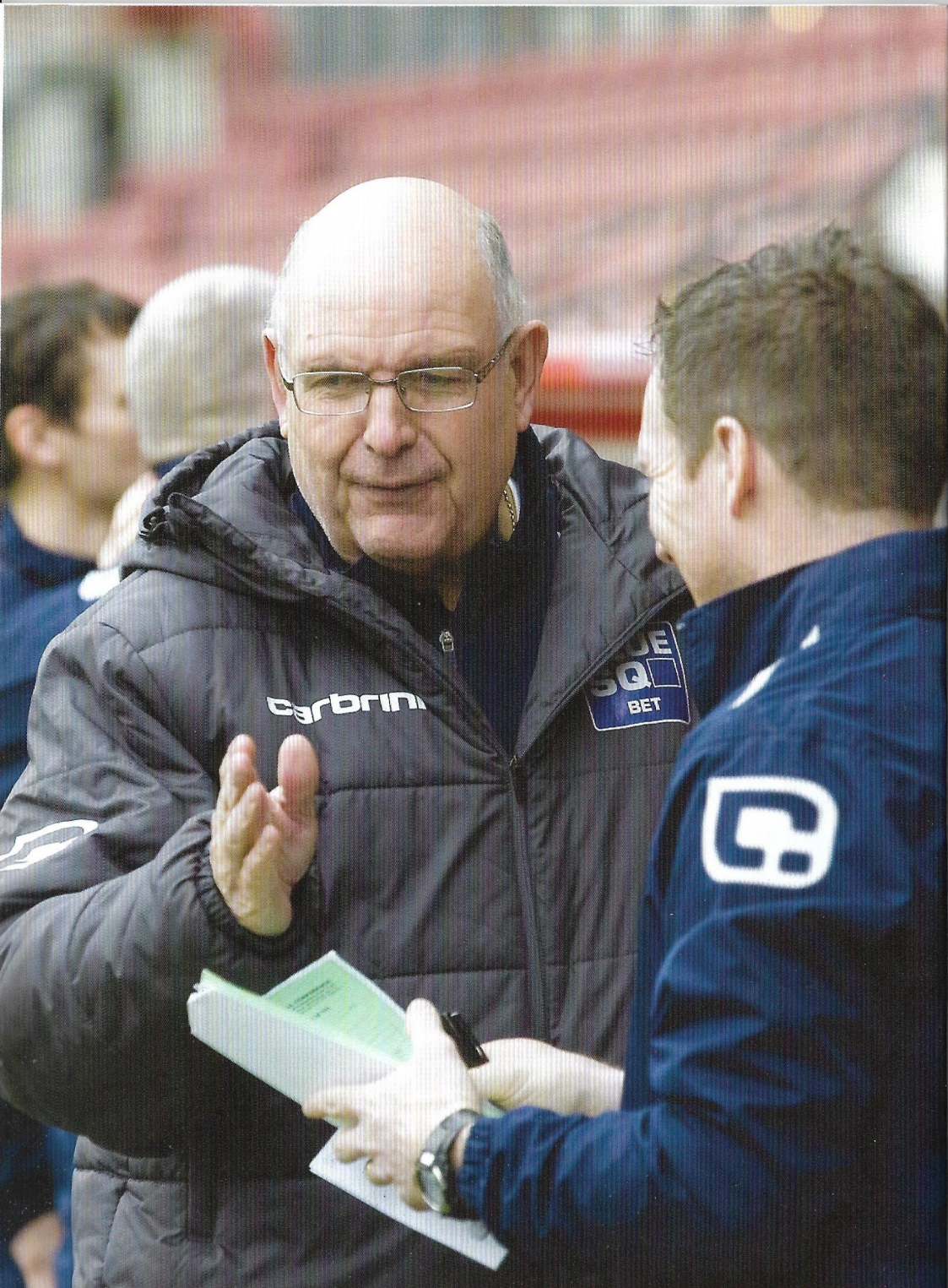
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JOHN STILL

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the first of three successive home matches.

Tonight, we welcome Stockport County, their manager Darije Kalezic and his players and staff, as well as the directors and supporters of a club who also share a proud history.

We begin this series of home fixtures following Saturday's game at promotion-chasing Wrexham where I felt the team put in a strong performance to earn a point in a goalless draw.

I had to make five changes to the team for a variety of reasons, including illness and injury and my need to witness and assess one or two players for the first time in the starting XI.

Improvement

It was an even game and one in which I thought we could have even snatched a goal. We changed our strategy to match how Wrexham played and I thought the players followed the plan very well. It wasn't a complete performance, and at this stage I don't expect it to be, but the signs are there that there is an improvement. It was the third away game of my tenure and naturally it was pleasing to keep a third clean sheet.

As I've said many times already, we're taking small steps and to not concede a goal in three consecutive away games is good at any level.

The one thing we did lack on Saturday was potency in front of goal but that is something we will keep working on.

Again, it is important to take one thing at a time and I must commend the players at this point because they have done well to take on board what I want and expect from them already. Our busy schedule of matches has meant training has been limited as we play Saturday, Tuesday a lot, but I have been pleased with the amount of improvement I have seen so far.

Our last home game here proved to be very disappointing. We didn't play anything like we did

in the second half against Hereford in the match before that, when I thought our play was first class. Against Hyde we played in fits and starts and never got going. I said when I first took charge that there would be disappointments and this is one of them. It's important, however, to learn from these set-backs. Hard work, discipline and knowledge are vital in these situations.

New ideas

It's important for me that the players keep working and keep listening. New ideas and methods are slowly being introduced.

Stockport will no doubt make it tough for us tonight. After all, it's a tough league. Our visitors are one of over a dozen clubs who have played in the Football League in recent times.

Tonight your support is paramount. Your backing has been tremendous since I arrived at the club and it will play a significant part in what we are trying to achieve here. It is a project. Any success is not solely down to the players, or solely down to the manager, or the board, or the supporters. Any success at a club is built on everyone sticking together and pulling in the right direction.

This is football

We're back at home this evening so get behind us. There will be highs and there will be lows. This is football – that's what happens. We are not going to have things our own way every week but, if we pull together, from what I've seen so far in these first few weeks in charge, I promise we can achieve something special. Hard work and positivity can go a long way.

The match tonight is the first of three straight home games with nine points up for grabs in the space of a week, so get behind us and enjoy the game.

FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR DAVID WILKINSON



Good evening to you all and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to all the officials, players and supporters from Stockport County.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board to welcome John Still and Terry Harris to our Club and to wish them all the success and enjoyment they wish themselves.

The game at Stockport was our last win and John's first game in charge. Saturday's performance against Wrexham was very encouraging. Let's look forward to a positive future and progress on the field in our last 10 games of the season.

In my last notes I told you about the procedure we were using to find and recruit our new manager. The final stage of the selection process was for a committee of the Board to meet and interview the short-listed candidates.

We agreed unanimously that John was the man for us.

Early thoughts

We had a Board meeting last Tuesday, which John attended, where he gave us his early thoughts along with his ideas and plans for the future.

At the same meeting we had a presentation from our youth department, which, aside from giving John a chance to start acquainting himself with its personnel and workings, cheered us all when their successes and the quality of players coming through was reported on.

John is keen on bringing young players along, which is important to us, because supporting youth is an expensive exercise for which we get no grant funding as long as we are out of the Football League.

The meeting also covered other positive developments, off the field, about which more will be seen in the coming weeks.

After what was a really positive exciting day came the massive disappointment of the Hyde game, which brought us back down to earth with a bang and demonstrated just how much work there is to do.

We believe that John and his team will turn it round. What excites us about John is his vision. He has been approached by many clubs in higher divisions, but they haven't been right for him. He was looking for a challenge.

Sleeping giant

He sees us as a sort of sleeping giant with the potential to play at a much higher level. He said that if all we wanted was someone to get the club back into the Football League he wasn't interested. He needed to know that we could match his ambition to get up to the Championship or higher.

For John, 'Project Luton' is to build a team to take us back up the leagues. He could have gone to a Championship club, but he would prefer the journey of taking us there.

Many of us have been there before with Luton. Is there anything better than the momentum of promotion after promotion? We know we can do it because we have done it before. We just need to believe.

Difficult time

John has joined at a difficult time. We are in our lowest ever league position and morale recently has been particularly low. As he has said on many occasions, it won't be an instant fix, but with all our help it can be done.

We are all passionate fans and I would fight for everyone's right to express their opinions publicly. For me, though, if someone is struggling at work he needs encouragement and support because without it he is likely to continue to flounder.

Certainly he can draw some strength from the support of colleagues, but how much better if it comes from 5,000 outsiders. I know how difficult and frustrating it can be to watch players underperforming, but I believe we have a responsibility to try and help.

We, the Board and investors, are all long-term fans. When we lose it hurts. When we are criticised or attacked it hurts. We have to shake hands with the opposition when we lose and say "well played" when what we really want to do is find a dark corner to hide in.

Determined

Unlike many previous owners our only vested interest is in the Football Club and we are more determined than ever to get it right and I know that together we can.

We all make mistakes in life. In fact the only people who don't make them are those who do nothing. As I have said before it is far easier to be a critic than an author.

Let's all work together to write the story about the future of Luton Town Football Club. We can do it.

For all the old codgers like me out there, you know who you are, those of you, who actually saw the 1966 World Cup, please excuse my use of another brilliant quote from Winston Churchill. "Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

Onwards and upwards.

Enjoy the game.

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RONNIE HENRY

We have 10 games left this season and 30 points left to play as we welcome Stockport County to Kenilworth Road this evening.

Since the new manager has arrived we have had mixed results, winning once, losing once and drawing twice. We knew that given our lack of form and confidence at the time of John's appointment that suddenly everything wouldn't transform overnight.

It takes time and patience for a new manager's ideas to take hold. There is no point cramming in what he wants from us into a short space of time. That could lead to mixed messages and confusion on the pitch. Slowly but surely new ideas are being implemented into training which great. It is a shame in some way that our fixture congestion has led to so many games because it has meant there has been less time on the training field to work on new strategy.

Working hard

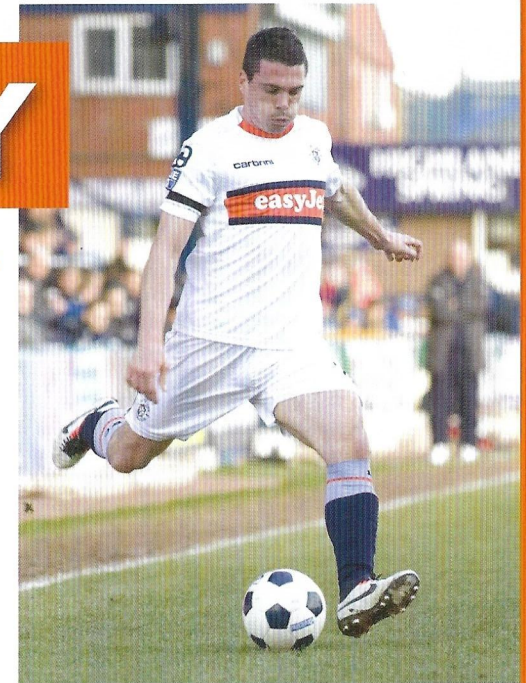
We are still a million miles away from where John wants us to be and as a squad we are working hard to ensure that gap closes. At this stage of a new manager's tenure players are playing for their futures. I'm few there will be changes in the summer but the lads here at the moment need to prove that they want to play for Luton Town and John Still.

In the past few games we have shown him the best and worst of us. The Hyde game was a disaster and a real low point and you had every right to be angry with us after that defeat. We totally understood your frustrations – even more so when we watched the game back on the DVD the following day. We should have scored a couple of goals and, if those chances we created had gone in, it would have been a different story.

Displeasure

However, when the scoreline is tight, there's always a chance that the opposition can punish you and so it proved. It was a real low and wasn't easy to deal with. You expressed your displeasure and rightly so because we shouldn't be losing at home to Hyde.

All I ask is though for you to stick by us and I must thank the 160 supporters who made the long trip to a wet Wrexham on Saturday.



I missed the game due to illness but the lads were well worth a point and kept a clean sheet. All season I've banged on in my notes of the importance of clean sheets so it is was hugely satisfying for everyone involved to keep one and hold a team going all out for the title.

Deserved

It was a good, deserved point but we knew that if we're to make the Play-Offs we would need to get all three but we will be aiming to make these next three home games count.

Looking at the league table it does seem a tough ask if we're to make the top five but whilst it is still possible we will continue to aim for it. We you need belief, positivity and hard work.

The final 10 matches this season of huge importance – even if we don't make the Play-Offs. Seven of these games are here at Kenilworth Road which could make a massive difference and with your support who knows what we can achieve.

Your support has been incredible all season – please get behind us tonight and for the nine games that follow up until the end of the season.



AROUND TOWN

THE LATEST NEWS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

TYLER WINS DIAMOND PRIZE

Goalkeeper Mark Tyler has won the Diamond Season Ticket Holder Player of the Month award for January.

The 34-year-old's highlight of the month was a fine display in the 1-0 victory over his hometown team Norwich City in the FA Cup fourth round – one of three clean sheets kept by the stopper in January.



Mark received his award from diamond season ticket holder Chris Harper after our 1-1 draw with Hereford United.

Voting is open for the February award, so if you're a diamond season ticket holder you can now vote for your best performer last month. Voting closes tonight.

The player with the most votes wins, obviously. But those supporters who have voted for that particular player go into a draw, and one lucky supporter will get the chance to present the trophy to the winner after a home game, in the Eric Morecambe Suite.

To cast your vote simply email diamond@lutontown.co.uk. For further information on diamond season tickets please contact the ticket office.

HOME TICKET OFFERS

Last week we announced a number of ticket offers available to supporters for remaining home games of the season in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

The Town face Tamworth and Ebbsfleet this month, before taking on Kidderminster, Lincoln, Grimsby and Newport in April.

The offers:

- Free admission for supporters under 17
- Two three-for-two offers
- Half price guest tickets for season ticket holders

FREE ADMISSION FOR SUPPORTERS UNDER 17

Supporters aged under 17 have the chance to watch the final seven home matches of the season absolutely free.

Any fan that falls into this age bracket will be entitled to free entry at any of the Town's remaining games in the Blue Square Bet Premier at Kenilworth Road this season when they are accompanied by an adult, senior or golden senior.

Tickets for this offer must be obtained from the ticket office in person or over the phone (the offer is not available at cash turnstiles), and a maximum of two free tickets for under-17s will be admitted per paying supporter.

Season ticket holders can also obtain up to two free tickets for under-17s. Again, these must be acquired at the ticket office.

THREE-FOR-TWO

Any supporter can purchase three tickets for the price of two for Lincoln, Grimsby and Newport matches

Tickets for two of the games would need to be purchased, and a third ticket would be given for the same price category for the third game.

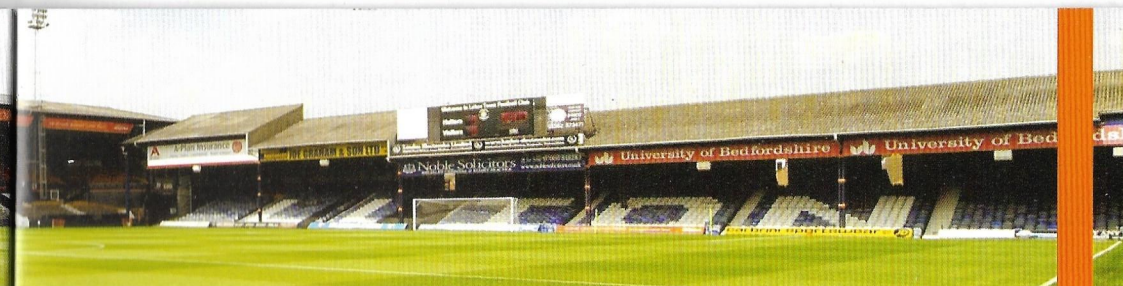
HALF-PRICE FOR SEASON TICKET HOLDER GUESTS

For all remaining games, season tickets holders can bring a guest for half of the normal matchday price.

This would need to be at the same price category, or less.

Tickets would need to be purchased from the ticket office in person or via phone.

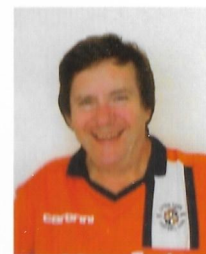
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EVENING CHAIRMEN...

The chairman of the Hatters meets...the chairman of the Hatters! Town chairman Nick Owen poses with his Stockport opposite number, Lord Snape, prior to an interview on BBC Midlands Today earlier in the season.

PAUL BRADLEY 1959-2013



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of diamond season ticket holder Paul Bradley.

Aged 53, 'Bradders' was an ardent and well-recognised Luton Town follower of the last 45 years. Paul followed Luton to all corners of the country as he completed visits to all

92 Football league grounds, and latterly added many non-league grounds to his list.

Having seen significant highs, with many Wembley visits in the 1980s, Paul continued to support the Hatters home and away through illness over the last five years. Even after Christmas, when he was no longer able to go to games, he still supported the club by visiting the club shop to build a significant collection of trading card sets and photographs.

Paul will be sadly missed by family, friends and fellow fans on the terraces, but will not be forgotten as Luton begin their climb up the football ladder once again.

THE SPIRIT OF 88

The Hatters will be marking the 25th anniversary of the Littlewoods Cup triumph over Arsenal by holding a very special end-of-season kit sponsors' dinner in April.

Members of Town's famous cup winning side from 1988 will be in attendance, as will all of the current Hatters squad from this season.

The event kicks off at 7pm and will be held at the Auction House, in Luton, on Monday 29th April and will be compered by Kevin Piper.

For £65, guests will be treated to a three-course meal and an evening filled with entertainment, as well as the opportunity to bid for rare 1988 memorabilia in the auction and scoop great prizes in the raffle.

Tickets are available now from the Hatters' commercial team by calling 01582 411622 or by emailing commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

The winner of our Golden Gamble from our draw against Hyde Michael Marcel who picked up £430. His ticket number was 29830.

One lucky supporter is missing out on a cool £650 prize following our draw from our Hereford match on 9th March.

Ticket 29444 is the number you need to look for and, if it's you, then please contact the commercial department on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk to claim your prize.

LATE START FOR SOUTHPORT TRIP

The Hatters' final game of the season – away to Southport on 20th April – will kick-off at 5.15pm.

Every Blue Square Bet Premier fixture will begin at this time with one of the matches screened live on Premier Sports TV.

Remember, that channel will broadcast two of the Town's upcoming home matches this season, against Grimsby on Friday 12th April and versus Newport on Tuesday 16th April.

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Adults (22-64) £18, Young Adults (17-21) and Seniors (65-75) £13, Golden Seniors (over 75s) £10, Youths (10-16) £8, Juniors (under 10s) £5.



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BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER
SATURDAY 30TH MARCH 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM



This match is all-ticket for Town supporters. We have an allocation of 1,400 seats and 200 terrace places. Tickets are on sale to diamond and season ticket holders until tonight. Diamond season ticket holders are entitled to three tickets per person and season ticket holders two per person. Tickets will go on general sale on 20th March.
Prices: Seating - £18 adults, £12 over-60s and students with ID, £8 under-16s, free for under fives. Terracing - £15 adults, £10 over-60s and students with ID, £5 under-16s.



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COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

Welcome to all of our sponsors and corporate guests to Kenilworth Road for the first of three successive home matches in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

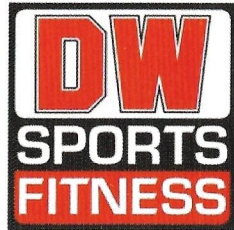
Late last week it was with great pleasure to release details of our end-of-season kit sponsors dinner that will also tie in the 25th anniversary of our Littlewoods Cup triumph in 1988.

Members of the squad that helped the Hatters to victory over Arsenal on that sunny day at Wembley will be joined by our current squad and management team.

It promises to be a great night's entertainment and tickets are already going quickly. The event will take place at the Auction House on Monday 29th April and tickets cost £65. If you're interested, please get in touch with us directly at the club.

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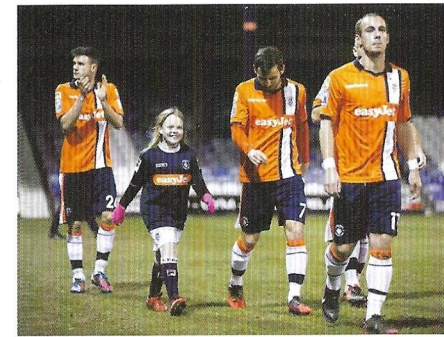
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TONIGHT'S MASCOT

This evening's lucky mascot is five-year-old Mason Whelan from Houghton Regis, who is attending his first ever football match tonight!



Mason attends Thomas Whitehead Lower School and he doesn't have a particular favourite Hatters player – he just likes them all. We hope you have a wonderful evening with us, Mason.



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WELCOME

STOCKPORT COUNTY



The Hatters welcome their northern counterparts this evening as we begin a hat-trick of home fixtures at Kenilworth Road.

The clash with the Hatters from the north will be just the second meeting on Kenilworth Road turf between the two sides since 2005. Prior to that, the fixture had been a fairly regular one with both sides competing against each other in the lower rungs of the Football League.

As the teams now find themselves firmly in the Blue Square Bet Premier picture, Hatters fans, of both varieties, will be hoping for the bragging rights when the referee has blown his whistle for the final time tonight.

It has been a similar story for both sets of supporters as they look to re-ignite their form for the run-in. Stockport have endured a tough time in the league recently and their campaign, much like Luton's, will be the start of a project under new leadership. 43-year-old Darije Kalezic took control of the County reins back in January after Jim Gannon's dismissal and his first venture into British management is one that looks challenging.

County currently find themselves battling it out at the wrong end of the table and, with just three home league games remaining, their away form could prove pivotal in their fight against the drop.

Just four of their 11 wins this season have come away from Edgeley Park and that form will need to be amended by Kalezic with a matter of severe urgency if they are to cling onto their Blue Square Bet Premier status.

Both sides have met once this season already coming in the very recent past when John Still took to the dugout for his first game in charge of the Town three weeks ago. A solitary Jake Howells strike sealed the three points for Still's men in a closely contested fixture which also saw Richard O'Donnell save Stuart Fleetwood's penalty.

It was the same scoreline the last time the two sides matched up at Kenilworth Road last January when Aaron O'Connor converted from the penalty spot to prevent Stockport leaving with a share of the spoils.

Despite a disappointing season for County, they head into the game full of optimism after picking up four points from their previous two away games and knowing the hosts are winless in their last five home fixtures.

A very exciting match is in store for both sets of supporters this evening and goals look sure to be on the menu. In those 10 meetings, the net has bulged an impressive 34 times with the Town again holding the advantage, notching up an average of just over two goals per game.

THE HATTERS

AN AT-A-GLANCE LOOK AT THE STOCKPORT COUNTY SQUAD

DARIJE KALEZIC

Swiss-born boss appointed County manager in January. Spent the majority of his career in Bosnia but moved into management with De Graafschap in Holland.

RICHARD O'DONNELL

Keeper on loan from League 2 Chesterfield. Began his career rising through the youth ranks at Sheffield Wednesday.

IAN ORMSON

Young stopper who earned the keepers' jersey for the back-end of last season after an impressive performance against the Hatters aged just 17.

ANDY HALLS

20-year-old full-back made his professional debut in 2009 after progressing through the County academy. Has gone on to notch over 100 games for the club.

SEAN NEWTON

Penned a deal with County after impressing during a loan stint from AFC Telford. Has two England C caps to his name.

JAMES TUNNICLIFFE

24-year-old signed in 2012 for his second spell at County. Originally a product of Stockport's academy, he departed in 2009 for Brighton and Hove Albion.

DANNY WHITEHEAD

Signed for the club aged just 14 before making his debut in September 2011. Now a fully fledged first-teamer, Whitehead has been commended for his goalscoring ability.

ALEX KENYON

Summer signing after impressing for Lancaster City. Left-sided midfielder who started his career at Everton.

SAM SHERIDAN

Bolton Wanderers academy product joined County in 2011. Former Ireland Under-19 international picked up the Goal of the Season award for County last season.

JON NOLAN

Another former Everton youngster, who penned a deal with County in 2011. Former Watford trialist.

MATTY MAINWARING

Joined for a first stint in 2008 after impressing during a trial spell from Preston. Briefly joined Hull City before returning to Edgeley Park in the summer.

MARK CULLEN

Striker on loan from Championship Hull City. The 20-year-old spent the majority of last season at League 1 Bury where he turned out 14 times.

ADNAN CIRAK

22-year-old signed in February from Swedish side Eskilstuna City after impressing during the FIFPRO winter tournament in Norway, where he netted all of Sweden's tournament goals.

JORDAN FAGBOLA

Versatile central defender, who can also play in central midfield, played for Rochdale as a youngster. The 20-year-old signed for County in 2012.

JON MACKEN

Highly experienced striker who has Premier League appearances to his name with Manchester City. Former Republic of Ireland international started with City rivals United and signed for County in January.

SIMON HACKNEY

Signed in February after being released by Hereford. The 29-year-old made over 100 appearances for Carlisle between 2005 and 2009.

GREG MCDERMOTT

21-year-old McDermott signed in February. The former Newcastle United trainee failed to make an appearance at St. James' Park.

PAUL MARSHALL

Another February acquisition, who joined County after leaving Halifax Town. The 23-year-old formerly played for Walsall and Port Vale at Football League level.

KIERAN CHARNOCK

On loan at from Fleetwood Town until the end of the season. The 28-year-old made 14 appearances for Macclesfield Town during a loan spell earlier this season. Has 11 England C caps to his name.

DANNY SCHOFIELD

Recently penned a loan deal with County from Rotherham United. Experienced midfielder who has also played for Huddersfield, Yeovil, Millwall and Accrington Stanley.

LEWIS KING

Former Sunderland goalkeeper who initially joined County last campaign on loan, keeping a clean sheet on his Hatters debut. He penned a permanent deal in the summer upon his release from the Black Cats.

KYLE BROWNHILL

17-year-old defender held in high regard at Edgeley Park. The talented youngster is rumoured to have host of Premier League and Championship clubs keeping tabs on his progress.



Established: 1890
Nickname(s): The Hatters, County
Stadium: Edgeley Park
Capacity: 10,841 (Avg. attendance '12/13 - 3,348)
Manager: Darije Kalezic (2 months)
Final league position '11/12: 16th BSP

DID YOU KNOW?

Stockport have been losing at half-time in 13 games this season and have gone on to lose 12 of them.

Stockport County is a club experiencing extremely perilous times. Relegation to the Blue Square Bet North is a very real possibility, but even more threatening is the club's financial health with fans in the north-west fearing for the club's future existence.

On the pitch, Stockport have never looked liked challenging for promotion back to the Football League since their relegation in the 2010/11 season.

In fact, the club have had three managers in less than two full seasons and have gone backwards even further since Didi Hamman's poor start to last season where his side only won three games in 19.

County will be buoyed by Hyde's upset at Kenilworth Road last Tuesday, but a bad result here could mark the beginning of the end in the Blue Square Bet Premier for new manager Darije Kalezic's side who still have to face Newport, Macclesfield, Grimsby, Dartford and Kidderminster in a frightening run of fixtures to end the season.

A closer look at Stockport's season so far

Kalezic's side are currently down in 18th position just three points above Nuneaton who are in the relegation zone but have two games in hand over County. Stockport have played 38, won 11, drawn nine and lost 18 whilst scoring 50 goals and conceding 64.

County have been in woeful form recently losing five of their last seven games and only winning once in their last eight outings.

The feeling of despair around the club has no doubt been induced by the fact the team have lost four consecutive games at home. Away from Edgeley Park, Stockport have won just four matches all season.

Interestingly, County are second-bottom of the points gained table having picked up just one win and two draws from winning positions, so if the Town score first it is unlikely we'll see any great fight-back.

Stockport are also rock-bottom of the points gained table having dropped 25 points from winning positions (five defeats, five draws).



Probable line-up (4-1-4-1)

How will they play? Who are their danger men?

Manager Darije Kalezic has brought in a bundle of loan signings in recent weeks, and against Braintree on Saturday his side featured four debutants. Therefore it has been tough for the side to settle on any particular style of play and show much cohesion. County fans have been scathing of the team's performance at home to Braintree on Saturday citing the 4-1-4-1 formation used as one of the main problems as well as the apparent lack of understanding each player has within his role.

Stockport, whilst former Manchester City youth right-back Javan Vidal and set-piece specialist Sean Newton, who has scored six goals this season, will fill the full-back positions. Lee Bullock, who has recently been brought in from York, will use his combative qualities to protect the back four and sit behind central midfielders Paul Marshall and Everton academy product Jon Nolan. 19-year-old Danny Whitehead, who is naturally a striker, will operate on the right-hand side of midfield, whilst Rotherham loanee Danny Schofield should start on the left as the highly-rated Simon Hackney is not yet fully fit. Mark Cullen, who is yet another loanee, will start up front on his own. The 5ft 9in tall striker, who is owned by Hull, has scored three goals in nine games since joining County.

NAMES & GAMES

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS LOOKS AT STOCKPORT COUNTY'S LEADING LIGHTS

CLASSIC CAMPAIGN - 1996/97

Stockport won promotion and were Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists in 1996/97. Brett Angell returned from Sunderland, while other newcomers included Paul Jones from Wolves and Andy Mutch from Swindon. After failing to win any of their first six games, Stockport soared into the promotion frame with just two defeats in 20 matches. Dave Jones' side beat Chesterfield 4-2, Sheffield United 7-3, Blackburn 1-0, West Ham 2-1 and Southampton 2-1, before losing 2-1 to Middlesbrough in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals. Deadline signings Kevin Cooper and Ken Charley helped clinch promotion with a 1-0 win at Chesterfield.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

DAVE JONES

Dave Jones managed Stockport to promotion and the Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals in 1996/97. A former defender with Everton, Coventry and Preston, he was assistant-boss at Southport, Mossley and Morecambe, before becoming Stockport's youth coach in July 1990. He worked his way up the ranks to manager in May 1995 and remained in charge at Edgeley Park until leaving in June 1997 to manage Southampton. Given a year's leave of absence in January 2000 to concentrate on his defence in a court case, he became manager of Wolves in January 2001 and plotted promotion in 2002/03. He then managed Cardiff City for six years and now finds himself at Sheffield Wednesday.

FAB FOUR

JACK CONNOR

Centre-forward Jack Connor holds Stockport County's goalscoring record. He had spells with Albion Rovers and Ipswich Town prior to joining Carlisle United in December 1946, then moved via Ards to Rochdale in December 1948. Joining Bradford City in April 1951, he moved to Stockport in October 1951 and was top scorer in five successive seasons. He netted 132 goals in 206 league games while at Edgeley Park, joining Crewe Alexandra in September 1956, then playing for Runcorn. Later a steward at Reddish Conservative Club, he was Pools Promoter at Stockport and Rochdale and died locally in December 1998.

KEVIN FRANCIS

Giant striker Kevin Francis was top scorer as Stockport County reached the Second Division Play-Offs in two consecutive seasons. He impressed with Mile Oak Rovers before moving to Derby County in February 1989 and joined Stockport in February 1991. Helping clinch promotion that season, he also appeared in two Autoglass Trophy finals and netted 88 goals in 152 league games prior to joining Birmingham City for £800,000 in January 1995.

He featured in their Second Division title and Auto Windscreens Shield double triumph, then played for Oxford United, Stockport again, Exeter City, Hull City and Hednesford Town.

PAUL JONES

Welsh international goalkeeper Paul Jones was ever-present in Stockport County's 1996/97 promotion success.

A former Shrewsbury Town junior, he moved via Bridgnorth to Kidderminster Harriers in August 1986 and was ever-present as they reached the Welsh Cup final in 1989 and were FA Trophy finalists in 1991.

He joined Wolves in July 1991 and moved to Stockport in July 1998, also starring as they reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1996/97. Playing 46 league games while at Edgeley Park before following Dave Jones to Southampton in July 1997, he later appeared for Liverpool, Wolves again, and QPR.

CHRIS MARSDEN

Fiery midfielder Chris Marsden was an important figure as Stockport County won promotion and were League Cup semi-finalists in 1996/97.

Signing professional for Sheffield United in January 1987, he moved to Huddersfield Town in July 1988 and had loan spells at Wolves and Notts County prior to joining Stockport in January 1996.

He scored three times in 65 league games while at Edgeley Park, before joining Birmingham City in October 1997, then reunited with Dave Jones at Southampton in February 1999 and captained Saints in the 2003 FA Cup final.

After a spell with Puscan Icons, he joined Sheffield Wednesday.

THOUGHTS FROM THE OAK ROAD

TALK OF THE TOWN GETS THE INSIDE WORD FROM THE VISITORS' CAMP

WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES?

Gareth Evans and Greg Hall.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB?

Over 25 years

Gareth (left) and Greg write for the Stockport programme, on behalf of the County Heaven online fans' forum (www.countyheaven.maxforum.org), as 'Macc' and 'Sandy' respectively, County fans based in Macclesfield and Sandbach.

HOW WOULD YOU ASSESS YOUR SEASON SO FAR?

MACC: It started brightly – with some sunny intervals – but has been stormy for the most part since. We currently find ourselves stuck in an all-time low, and will need to go like the wind to get out of it!

SANDY: I think 'disappointing' best sums it up for me without swearing! I don't think any County fan, hand on heart, expected us to be pushing for promotion this season, but a top-half finish and a season without relegation fears would have been a welcome change.

IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT, LIKE LUTON, STOCKPORT HAVE HAD MORE DOWNS THAN UPS IN RECENT YEARS. IT GETS A BIT WEARING DOESN'T IT?

MACC: Without a doubt. Four relegations in the last 11 seasons have left us feeling world-weary, to say the least. I'm all for rollercoasters over merry-go-rounds, so far as life in general is concerned, but I'd sure welcome a few consecutive years of steady progress in my world of football.

SANDY: Yes, it's all pretty exhausting being a Hatter isn't it? I wouldn't change my club for the world, and at least it doesn't get boring, but I would gladly take an uneventful end to the season right now. Taking survival to the last few games, again, doesn't bear thinking about.

AFTER TWO SEASONS DOWN HERE, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER?

MACC: A testing league to negotiate, with very little to choose between most teams in it – a good number of

whom would thrive comfortably in League 2. It's also got no respect for the reputations of ex-League clubs – sadly.

SANDY: Most County fans were well aware how tough a league it was going to be to get out of, so there were no delusions of grandeur in that respect, but we hope to leave the BSP eventually, via the other end to the one we're now facing.

THERE AREN'T TOO MANY FOREIGN MANAGERS IN THE LOWER LEAGUES BUT YOU'VE GOT ONE IN DARIJE KALEZI, WHO PREVIOUSLY LED DE GRAAFSCHAP TO THE DUTCH SECOND DIVISION TITLE AND INTO THE EREDIVISIE. IS HE THE MAN TO KEEP YOU UP?

MACC: His continental pedigree is good, and he likes to play a passing game. And, hopefully, there will also be that necessary grit in our remaining performances to help grind out the right results.

SANDY: I think it's fair to say Darije has been on a steep learning curve since joining us and I just hope we'll see a sufficiently prompt turnaround in our recent fortunes to keep us up.

WHO'S YOUR PLAYER TO WATCH?

MACC: Sean Newton, our left-back. He likes to go forward and, when he gets the opportunity, is mesmerising in a dead-ball situation.

SANDY: I also think Alex Kenyon and Jon Nolan in midfield can, on their day, be real assets.

WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES FROM PLAYING LUTON IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE?

MACC: A particularly happy memory was that of the carnival atmosphere here on the final day of the 1996/97 season, by which time County were already guaranteed promotion and Luton had a place in the Play-Offs. Both sets of Hatters' fans marked the occasion by sporting a dazzling array of headgear!

WHAT'S THE BEST STOCKPORT MATCH YOU'VE WITNESSED?

MACC: Claiming a top-flight scalp with a 2-1 FA Cup win over QPR in 1994. Big Kevin Francis and Andy Preece, with a volley worthy of the Premier League, scored our goals, and the game enjoyed top billing on Match of the Day. Heady times!



Gareth Evans and Greg Hall

SANDY: I'd say that the Play-Off win over Rochdale at Wembley in 2008 would also be up there for me.

WHAT'S YOUR CLUB'S FAVOURITE SONG?

MACC: 'Arthur Brownlow', a lengthy eulogy to a late County fan who resembled the Crossroads character of the same name - and was equally, if not more, curmudgeonly. Usually to be heard towards the end of away games, when County are either winning comfortably (rare) or beyond hope of a point.

SANDY: 'The Scarf My Father Wore' is bound to get an airing a few times today, as is 'Here's to the Man from Uruguay' which is our tribute to former manager and County legend Danny Bergara who sadly passed away in 20

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE ASPECT OF MODERN FOOTBALL, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

MACC: Creating success for clubs by throwing senseless amounts of money at them.

SANDY: Yes, most of the things I'd change would be in the top flight – Premier League greed, the astronomical wages, players' falling over like they've been shot. I'd also like to rectify the vast difference in the standard of refereeing between the top and the bottom of the football pyramid. Of course, if today's ref is reading this I don't mean him! If I can only pick one aspect, I'll say Burnley. Can we get rid of them, please?

IT'S HATTERS v HATTERS TODAY – BUT DO YOUR FANS ACTUALLY REFER TO YOURSELVES BY THAT NICKNAME? YOU'RE COUNTY REALLY, AREN'T YOU?

MACC: In day-to-day conversation, perhaps, although a great many of us do cherish the more historical nickname, based on Stockport's hat-making, and like to trot it out on a regular basis. Just witness our County Heaven monickers.

SANDY: I think we were here first, weren't we?! It's just a geographical thing really. If you asked most Northerners who the Hatters were they'd most likely say us, and similarly down South they'd say Luton.

WHAT'S THE SCORE GOING TO BE TODAY?

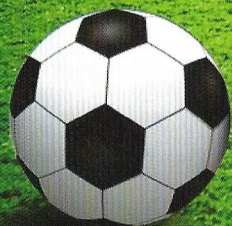
MACC: I would certainly like to think that County might improve on a lamentably shot-less performance at Edgeley Park earlier this month - which, hopefully, shouldn't be impossible. 1-1, fingers crossed!

SANDY: I'd like to think that, as the second biggest Hatters in the country, and a team unlikely to make the Play-Offs now, you might do us a favour for old times' sake? I'll say 1-0 to the Hatters!

MACC: Whatever the outcome, any Luton fans wishing to join in the post-match debate and banter on County Heaven will, of course, be made most welcome. No excessive gloating if things happen to go the way of your Hatters, mind.



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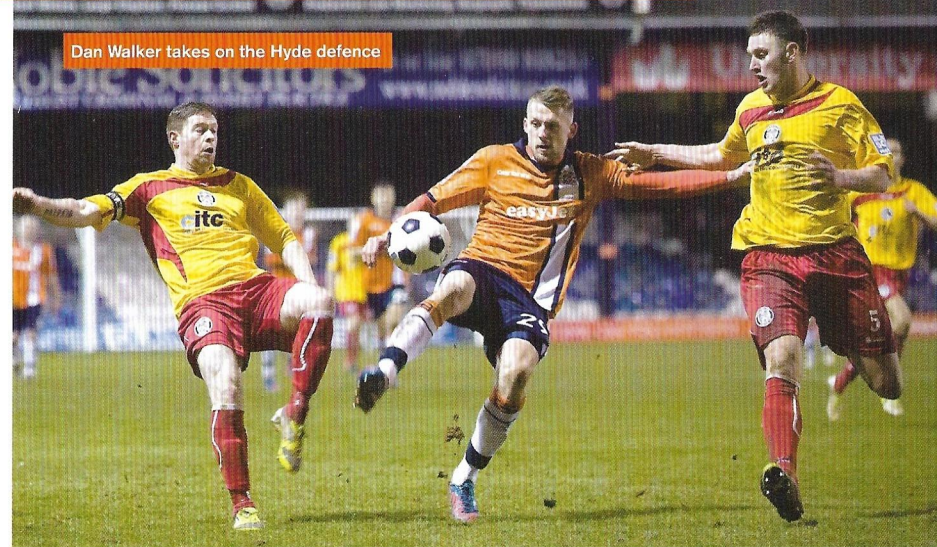


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TOWN 1-2 HYDE



Dan Walker takes on the Hyde defence

NO HYDING PLACE

Town boss John Still admitted his side were way below their best as they slumped to a disappointing home defeat to Hyde.

The visitors had lost six straight matches coming into the game but goals from Louis Almond and Jamie Milligan were enough for the Tigers to take three points home – despite Jake Howells' equaliser in between for the Hatters.

"I thought we were poor – we've not played well today," said Still afterwards. "Were there any positives? No. Poor defending led to both goals.

"We've responded well to the first goal and gone in at half-time 1-1. I thought we'd done okay in the first half and at half-time I thought we'd push on like we did in the second half against Hereford on Saturday but we didn't.

"In the second half we lacked spark of any creativity, our game became long and we lacked that movement we showed against Hereford. Up until today we'd had three games and been okay – only okay – but today we were poor. I never felt as though we could get back in it, but that's part and parcel of where we are the minute.

"As a manager you look for two things: a good performance; and those players who can't do the job – in defeat you learn – I'm learning every day. Luton have been out of the Football League for four years and

nobody's found the winning formula yet. I've been here two weeks and I'm going to try and find that formula."

The Town fell behind in the 19th-minute when Matthew Blinkhorn's flick found Almond who caressed a first-time finish from 20 yards into the top corner giving Tyler no chance.

Hurt by that set-back, the Hatters upped the ante in search of an equaliser. Andre Gray fashioned a chance from nothing, seizing the ball after hesitant Hyde defending before blasting a shot just high and wide of the target.

Alex Wall, given his first start in attack with Gray, came even closer when flicking a shot with the outside of his boot inches wide of the target but the Town finally levelled on eight minutes before half-time when Gray's fine reverse pass found Howells, who drilled a shot home for his second goal in four matches.

After a first half full of chances, the second was a different story as both sides struggled to create any clear-cut opportunities. And it was the Hatters who paid the price on 70 minutes when Greg Taylor fouled Blinkhorn in the box and Milligan sent Tyler the wrong way from the resultant penalty.

The Town rallied in search of a late leveller but it failed to materialise and Still was left to ponder on his first defeat in charge.



TOWN 1

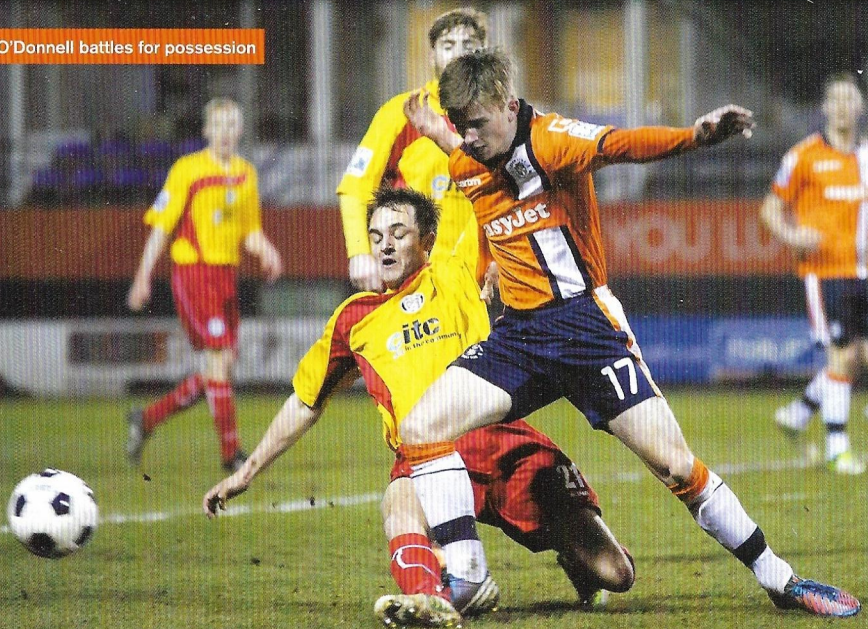
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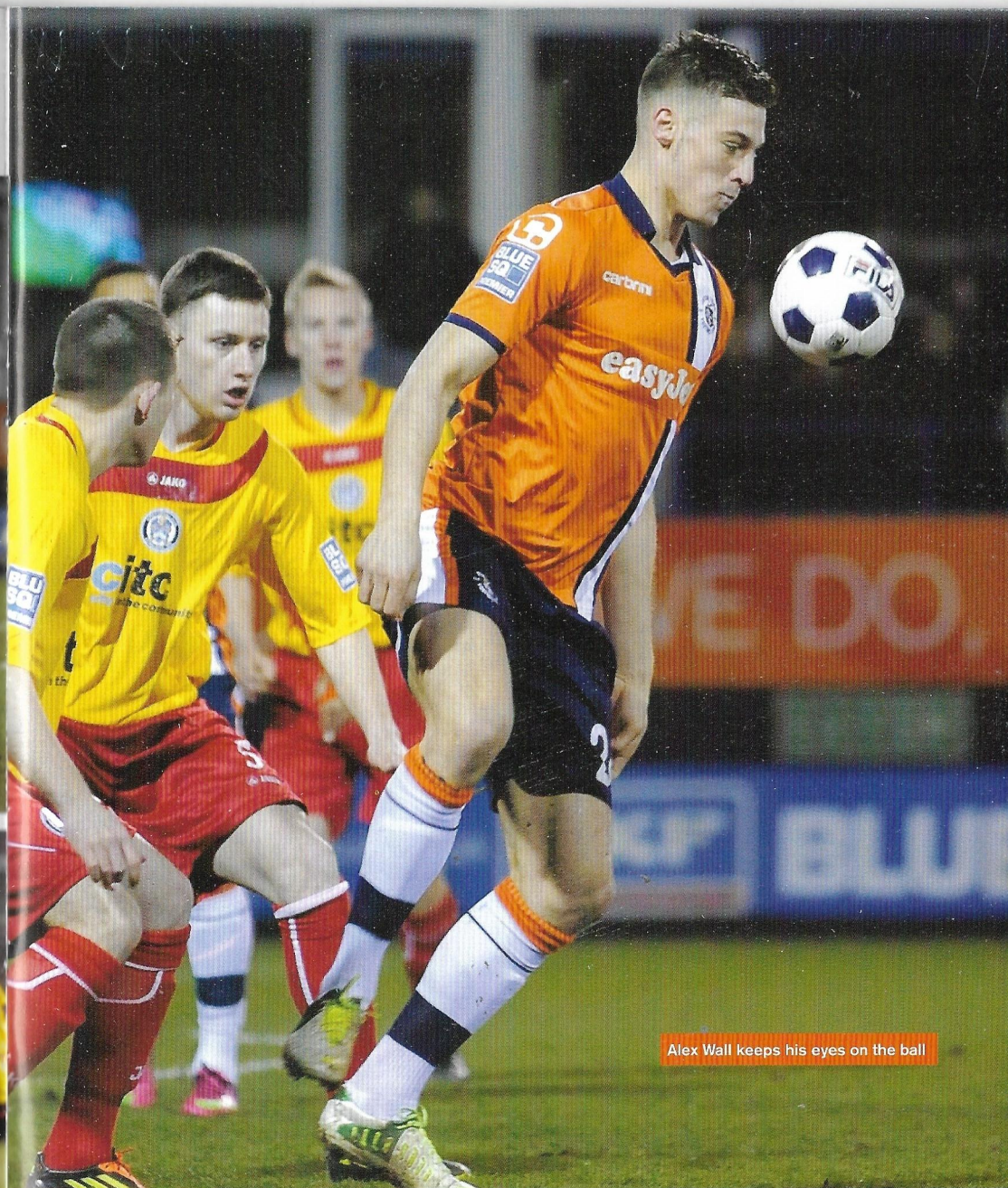
HYDE 2

Almond 19, Milligan 70 (pen)

JJ O'Donnell battles for possession



Jake Howells fires the Town level



Alex Wall keeps his eyes on the ball

POSSESSION	SHOTS OFF TARGET
51% 49%	6 3
CORNERS	FOULS
4 2	14 13
OFFSIDES	YELLOW CARDS
3 4	0 0
SHOTS ON TARGET	RED CARDS
4 5	0 0

TOWN: Tyler, Henry, Taylor (sub Rowe-Turner 73), McNulty, Goodman, Howells, Lawless (sub Walker 35), Smith, O'Donnell, Wall, Gray (sub Martin 60). **Subs not used:** Brill, Robinson.

HYDE: Carnell, Brizzell, Griffin, Ashworth, Dennis, Brown, Tomsett, Milligan (sub Segdwick 90), Almond, Blinkhorn, Hogan (sub McCartan 85). **Subs not used:** Williams, Moses, Spencer.

ATTENDANCE: 4,847 (19 Hyde)



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WREXHAM 0-0 TOWN

PLEASING POINT IN NORTH WALES

The Town bounced back from the defeat against Hyde to pick up a well-earned point at title-chasing Wrexham.

It was the Hatters that started the brighter and twice came close to taking the lead inside the first eight minutes. Firstly, Alex Wall used to his pace to speed past home skipper Chris Westwood and cross for Scott Rendell in the six-yard box, but Martin Riley was on hand to clear the danger. From the resultant left-wing corner from Dave Martin, Steve McNulty's header was cleared off the line by Johnny Hunt.

Up until that point, Mark Tyler had barely had a touch but that changed on 17 minutes when the Hatters goalkeeper did well to keep out Danny Wright's drive from the edge of the area.

Buoyed by that effort, the Red Dragons upped the ante. Veteran striker Dele Adebola beat McNulty for pace down the left to race into the penalty area and only a fine stop by Tyler's foot prevented the net from bulging. From the corner that followed, Jonathan Smith cleared Adebola's header off the line.

Wrexham, knowing a win would take them back to the top of the table, began to turn the screw, and McNulty did well to block a goal-bound shot from Brett Ormerod before the same player drew a fine stop from Tyler having been found well by Adebola's intelligent lay-off on 35 minutes.

Two minutes later, the Town were indebted to another goal-line clearance to stop the hosts taking the lead when Lathaniel Rowe-Turner got in the way of Riley's towering header following a corner.

As half-time approached, Wall again got the better of Westwood to race into the box but couldn't pick out Rendell, before Wall's cross-field pass found Martin but he was only able to send a cross-cum-shot into the hands of Chris Maxwell in the home goal.

It wasn't until 11 minutes after the restart that there was a chance of note. The Hatters needed a brave block from Jake Goodman to stop Kevin Thornton's effort from the edge of the area. Moments later, Wall broke down the right to tee-up a chance for Martin but his low shot was blocked Stephen Wright.

John Still made a double substitution on 63 minutes, sending on Solomon Taiwo, for his debut, and Dan Walker, for Rendell and Wall.

With the home support getting frustrated, the Town continued to hold firm as the rain poured down. A burst forward from Joe Clarke paved an opening for

Adebola on 66 minutes but his low shot from 10 yards was comfortable for Tyler to save.

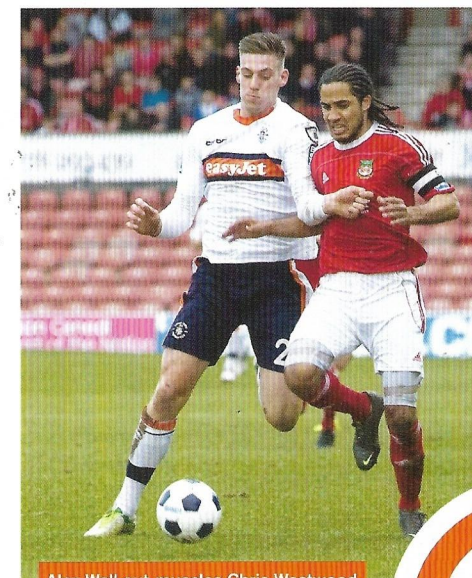
The Hatters were doing well containing the host's threat and Walker almost carved out a chance on the counter but a last-ditch interception prevented his cross from reaching Howells and Taiwo in the six-yard box.

Wrexham player/boss Andy Morrell introduced home crowd favourite Adrian Cieslewicz with 11 minutes left and within a minute of his introduction he engineered a chance that eventually led to Stephen Wright heading high and wide.

Howells then warmed the gloves of Maxwell a minute later as the Town pushed for a winner, before Tyler tipped over an Adebola header, which he nodded into the ground, with five minutes left.

It was hearts in mouths time for the Town in the 90th minute when defender Riley swept an effort beyond Tyler but to the relief of the visitors an offside flag appeared and it stayed 0-0. After four added minutes were shown, Walker had a glorious chance to win it for the Town, battling his way into the box before hitting a left-foot shot that Maxwell saved with his legs.

Wrexham threw everything forward in the final minute but the Hatters held on to secure a fine point and clean sheet on the road.



Alex Wall out-muscles Chris Westwood

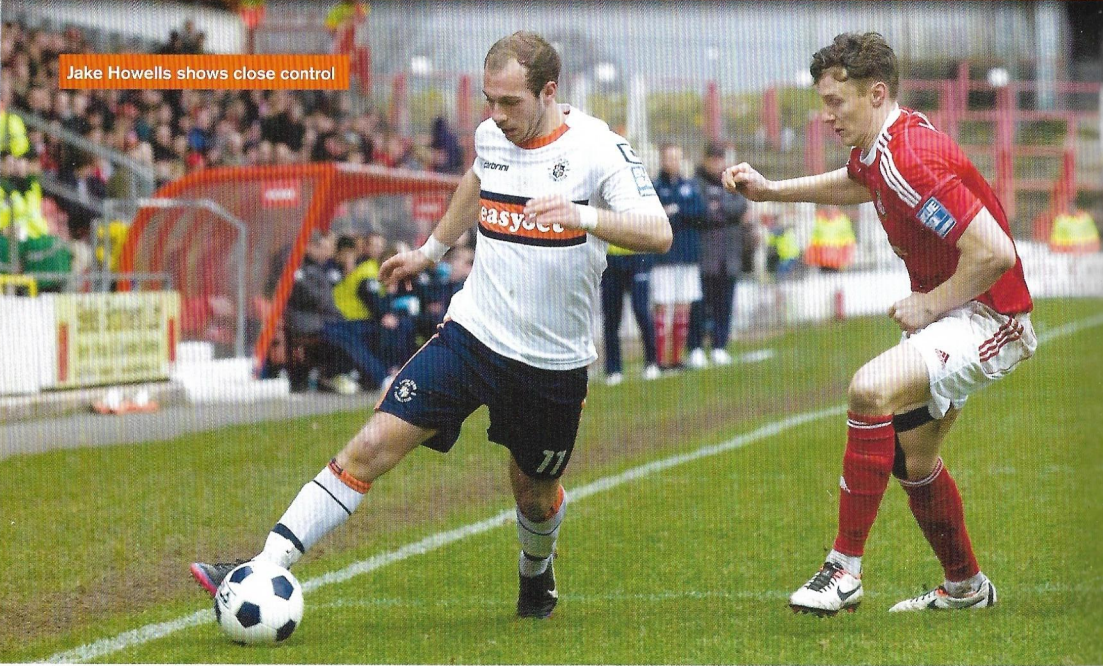


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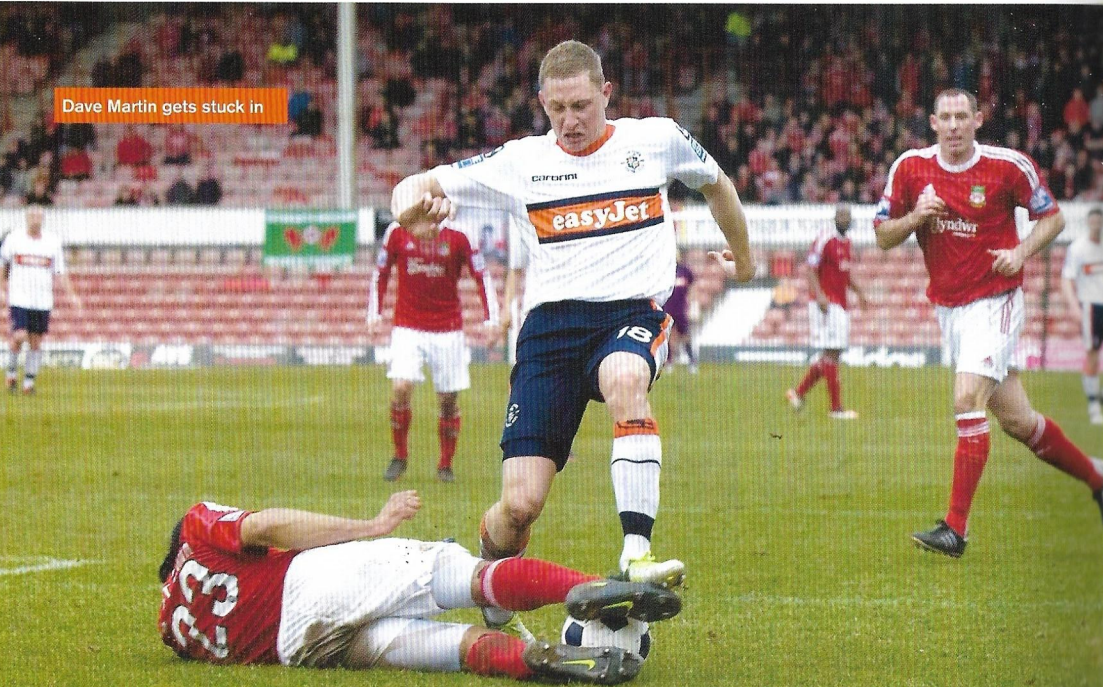


TOWN 0

Jake Howells shows close control



Dave Martin gets stuck in



Martin heads goalwards under pressure from Stephen Wright

POSSESSION



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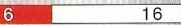
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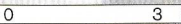
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FOULS



YELLOW CARDS



RED CARDS



WREXHAM:

- Maxwell
- S. Wright
- Riley
- Westwood
- Harris
- Clarke
- (sub Cieslewicz 79)
- Hunt
- Thornton
- D. Wright
- Ormerod
- (sub Little 73)
- Adebola

Subs not used:

- Walker
- Morrell
- Ogleby

TOWN:

- Tyler
- Ainge
- Rowe-Turner
- McNulty
- Goodman
- Martin
- Howells
- Mendy
- Smith
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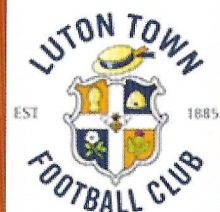
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MARCH 19

THE RECORD

The Town have a really mixed record on this day when you look back in the history books; winning six, drawing six and losing seven of the 19 games on 19th March. Today, the Hatters will be looking for their first victory on this day since a Ron Futcher goal gave them a 1-0 win at Hereford in 1977. All in all, the Town have scored 30 goals and conceded 29.

LAST TIME OUT

It was extra-time heartbreak in the semi-finals of the FA Trophy for the Town the last time they played on this day, two years ago against Mansfield Town. Trailing 1-0 from the first leg, a Lloyd Owusu goal levelled the aggregate scores in the second leg at Kenilworth Road but red cards followed for Alex Lawless and Claude Gnakpa, reducing the Town to nine men for the whole of the extra-time that followed. However, just when it looked as though the Hatters would get a crack at a penalty shoot-out, Mansfield were awarded a penalty. Louis Briscoe's penalty was saved by Kevin Pilkington but the Stags' winger tucked home from the rebound to send them to Wembley.

TOP-FLIGHT FAILURE

All four of the Town's fixtures in the top flight on this day in history have been defeats. In their defence, all four have been away from home, and two of those were against Arsenal and Manchester United. The first game, in 1960, was a 3-2 defeat at Newcastle United and it wasn't until 23 years later that the Hatters would grace the top division on this day again. On that day the Town were on the receiving end of a 4-1 defeat to Arsenal at Highbury in 1983. We'll quickly gloss over the 3-0 defeat at Vicarage Road against Watford in 1985, and a year later the Town went down 2-0 at the hands of Manchester United at Old Trafford.

IT ALL STARTED SO WELL

The Hatters won three and drawn three of their first five matches on this day. A 2-0 win over Burnley in 1898 kicked things off before draws against Plymouth, in 1921, and Watford, in 1927. A 2-0 victory over Northampton at Kenilworth Road followed in 1928, before a 4-1 thumping of QPR four years later.

SWINGING SIXTIES

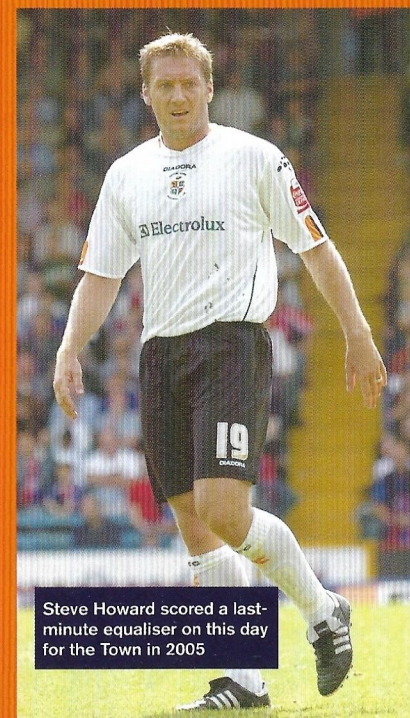
The Hatters twice won at Kenilworth Road in the 1960s, beating Rochdale and Bristol Rovers by a three-goal margin. The Town were in Division Four (now League 2) in 1966 when the Dale were the visitors, and a hat-trick from John O'Rourke and one from Gordon Riddick secured a 4-1 win. Three years later, and a division higher, Bristol Rovers were seen off 3-0 in front of 14,506. Laurie Sheffield, Keith Allen and Brian Lewis were on target for the Town, who would end the season in third place – missing out on promotion by three points.

THEY ALL ADD UP

In 2005, the Town were flying at the top of League 1 under Mike Newell and a stoppage-time equaliser from Steve Howard secured a point in a 2-2 draw at Boundary Park against Oldham. Paul Underwood had hooked the Hatters ahead in the sixth minute before the Latics took the lead. But a trademark Howard header from a Peter Holmes cross was enough to earn a point. A month later the title was won.

TOP GATE

The largest attendance to witness a Town fixture on this day came back in 1949 when they went down 2-1 to Tottenham Hotspur in front of 41,839 at White Hart Lane. Bobby Brennan scored the Hatters' goal.



Steve Howard scored a last-minute equaliser on this day for the Town in 2005

CENTRE SPOT



Simon Ainge goes for goal during the Town's 0-0 draw with Wrexham on Saturday

PICTURE

THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

TBREAD

BREWMASTER



Brian Lewis heads home during the 4-1 home win over Stockport in April 1969. This goal, one of a hat-trick, made it 22 League goals for the diminutive striker that season. Watching on is Ian Buxton, making his penultimate appearance for the Hatters.



TOWN TREASURES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES DEEP INTO HIS VAST COLLECTION OF HATTERS MEMORABILIA

Pennants now seem to be a thing of the past and pictured this evening is a display of items from the archives.



THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

**CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE**

Yesterday marked the 54th anniversary of the Hatters winning their way to Wembley for the FA Cup final for the first time in their history.

Pictured is Billy Bingham being chaired off by happy Town fans after scoring the only goal in the semi-final replay against Norwich at Birmingham on 18th March 1959.



MEMORABLE MATCHES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH RECALLS A CLASSIC MATCH BETWEEN THE HATTERS AND COUNTY

STOCKPORT COUNTY 2 LUTON TOWN 3
OCTOBER 5th 2002

After the Town won promotion from the football basement in 2002, any new season optimism soon evaporated with four successive defeats. Peterborough and Barnsley both won at Kenilworth Road, while on our travels we suffered a heavy battering at Blackpool as well as a, by now, customary defeat at Plymouth.

The Luton players refused to panic, however, and fought out a 0-0 draw at promotion favourites Cardiff before allowing the supporters to breathe a sigh of relief following a 3-0 home thumping of Chesterfield. The season was now up and running.

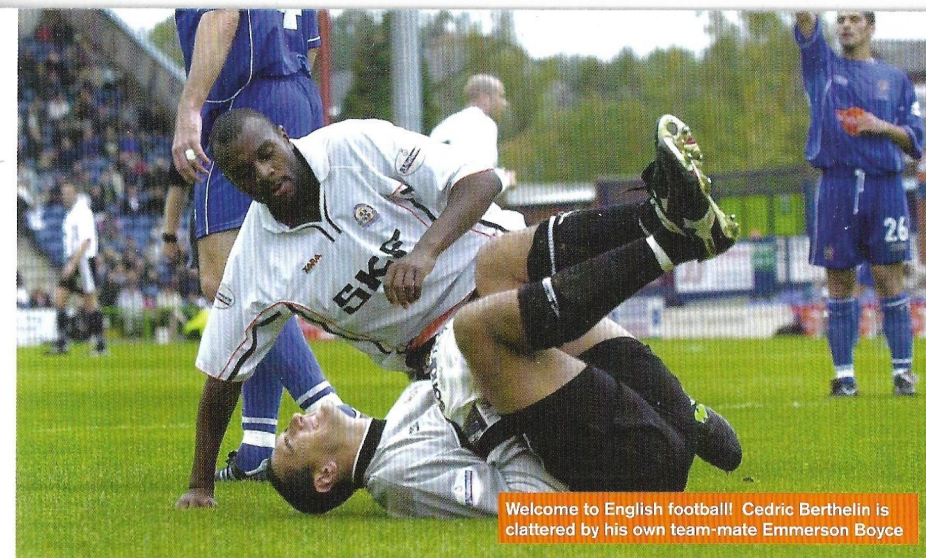
By the time of the visit to Stockport in early October we had pushed up to 15th in the table after our disastrous start but would be missing the injured Kevin Nicholls and Russell Perrett, with Alan Neilson and Ian Hillier deputising, and would also be giving a debut to

goalkeeper Cedric Berthelin, signed from Lens on a short-term contract during the week.

The Town took the game to their opponents right from the start and it was no real surprise when Matthew Spring opened the scoring after 14 minutes. A deep cross from Emmerson Boyce was headed back across goal by Andrew Fotiadis to Spring, who side-footed home from eight yards.

What was a surprise, though, was Stockport going in 2-1 ahead at the interval. Firstly, Hillier lost possession to County's Ali Gibb, and his accurate cross was headed home by Luke Beckett. Then, just before the break, Berthelin spilled Aaron Lescott's low drive leaving Jon Daly to tap in the loose ball.

No doubt acting manager Mick Harford, standing in for Joe Kinnear who had to stay at home to deal with a family illness, had words to say at half-time but he was probably just as shocked as the Luton supporters present as there was no way that Stockport deserved to be in front.



Welcome to English football! Cedric Berthelin is clattered by his own team-mate Emmerson Boyce

The fans had to wait until the 71st minute for the equaliser but before that they had laid siege on the Stockport goal with Steve Robinson, Chris Coyne, Spring and Fotiadis all going close.

It was the latter that netted the all-important leveller when he took a Paul Hughes pass in his stride before hitting home an unstoppable shot from 10 yards.

The winner came only three minutes later when Stockport player/manager Carlton Palmer, in attempting to pass back to his goalkeeper, was robbed of possession by Spring whose shot from 15 yards was helped into the roof of the net by defender Jim Goodwin.

Stockport desperately sought an equaliser but it was the Town who came closest to increasing their lead with Coyne and substitute Dean Crowe seeing efforts

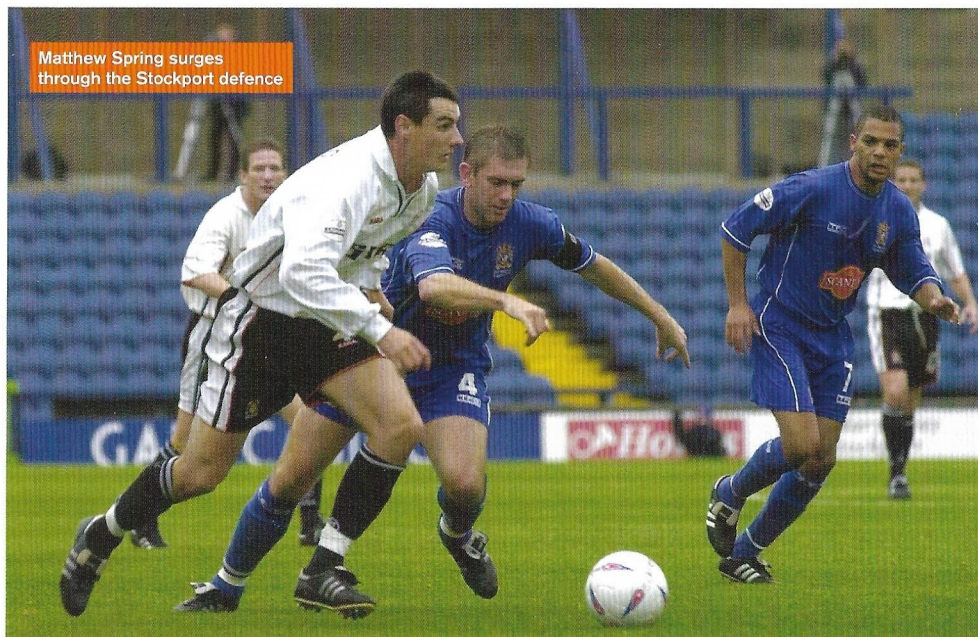
well saved. "I think we played our best football of the season," said Harford afterwards. "It was a fantastic second half and the only thing Cedric had to do was to make one punch."

One point that Harford omitted to make was that this was our first ever league win at Edgeley Park. Since this victory the Town have since won three of the next four visits.

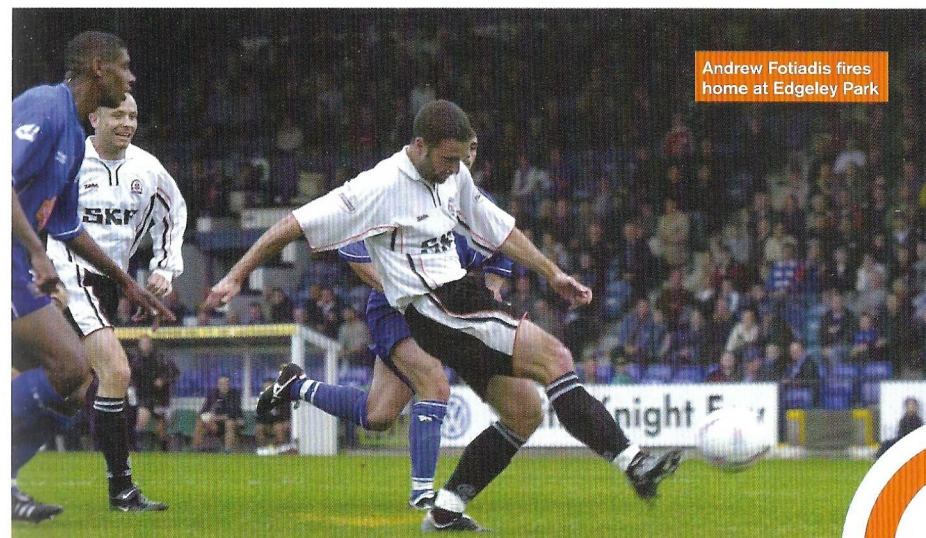
Hatters: Berthelin, Boyce, Hillier, Coyne, Davis, Robinson, Spring, Neilson, Hughes, Howard, Fotiadis (Crowe).

Stockport: Jones, Goodwin, Palmer, Challinor, Gibb, Briggs, Lescott, Hardiker (Ellison), Tonkin, Beckett, Daly.

Matthew Spring surges through the Stockport defence



Andrew Fotiadis fires home at Edgeley Park



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HONEST

HENRY

DEFENDER ON HYDE DEFEAT

The Hatters' promotion quest was handed a hammer blow by relegation threatened Hyde last Tuesday.

The Town succumbed to a 2-1 defeat against the Tigers and captain Ronnie Henry spoke to Talk of the Town after full-time on a disappointing evening.

"We've had some bad times this year and that tops it off for me," said the disheartened skipper. "It wasn't a great performance, we were better in the first half than we were at the weekend against Hereford, but the second half was nowhere near it. We have to get back to training and working on how the gaffer wants us to play, and move on.

"It's a couple of mistakes again, like the penalty. The players know and they will hold their hands up for it, we had some chances in the first half but it wasn't to be and we weren't good enough tonight.

"We have to move on. We can't put our heads down too much because we've had a lot of lows this season, more than highs to be honest with you, it hasn't been nice and that out there tonight was not good at all. The players know that and we have to be honest with each other and work on it at the training ground."

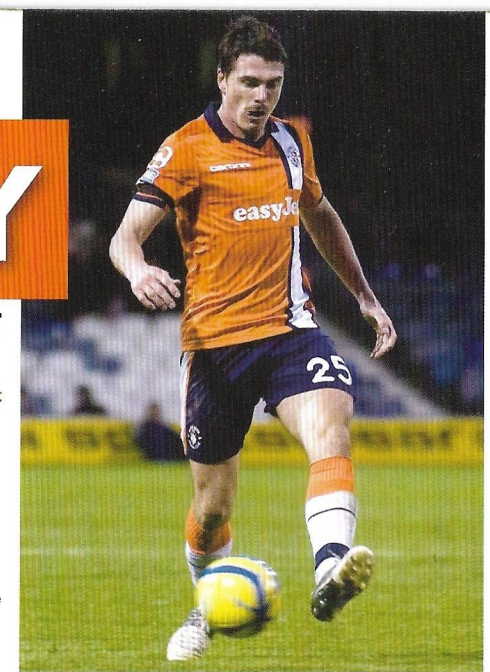
John Still's first two games at Kenilworth Road have ended without victory – something the skipper is not pondering on for too long as they continue to work under the new regime.

"The gaffer hasn't been in long so for him to get his ways in to us in a short space of time hasn't been easy," said Henry, who was appointed club captain by former manager Paul Buckle in the summer.

"The lads are trying to do what he wants but it isn't coming off at the moment so there is a long way to go and we've got a few more games this season to see how it goes."

It is perhaps unfamiliar territory for Henry, who won the Conference crown with Stevenage back in 2010, a position he did not envisage would be the case upon penning a deal at Kenilworth Road in the summer.

"In my first interview here I stood here and thought we would win the league," said Henry. "I thought we had a great chance of doing it but we've let ourselves down with too many mistakes from individuals and we haven't been strong enough at the end of the day.



"There is no getting away from it, the fans can boo all they want, they pay their money to come here. I know it's not good enough and I apologise to them, but I'm trying my best with some of the players and we know as a team we need to get better."

Despite the Town's current position, Henry insists he and his fellow players will battle to the death to ensure their promotion push is still alive.

"I don't think we should ever give up until it's out of our hands because you never know what's going to happen in this league," he said.

"We could go on to win every game until the end of the season, you never know, we can't give up, I'm definitely not giving up so we will move on."

As captain, many see Henry's role inside the dressing room of pivotal importance both on and off the field to help hoist the Hatters plans back on track.

The passionate defender spoke of his continued intentions to lift the gloom and pick the players up before changes are enforced within the squad.

"I've tried through the season and I've tried many different ways with them but sometimes it didn't work," the former Stevenage leader said. "The players are who they are, some of them have been here a little while and are in their ways so I don't know whether they are going to get out of it or not. The manager is going to have to pick the ones he wants. It's his decision at the end of the day and we have to move on.

"I'm finding it hard to find the positives but players need to learn from what they have done tonight and need to react to it and come back better."

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SIMON

AINGE

DEFENDER PROVES HIS WORTH

Like all the Town players, Simon Ainge has had to play the waiting game for his chance to show new manager John Still what he can do in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

On Saturday illness ruled captain Ronnie Henry out of the trip to Wrexham and, without any recognised right-back, Ainge stepped in to fill the void and put in a fine performance to help the Hatters to a goalless draw at the Racecourse.

It was the 25-year-old's first league start since the New Year's Day defeat at Woking, and the defender hopes his display can keep him in the manager's thoughts for the rest of this season.

"It's great to get back out there for my first game under the new manager," Ainge told Hatters Player in the wake of the point at the promotion chasers.

"I was told just before the game that I was playing. I knew Ronnie wasn't well so I thought I might have a chance.

"I was given the nod at right-back and I'm glad that I've been given the chance. To keep a clean sheet too is great, and it was really enjoyable."

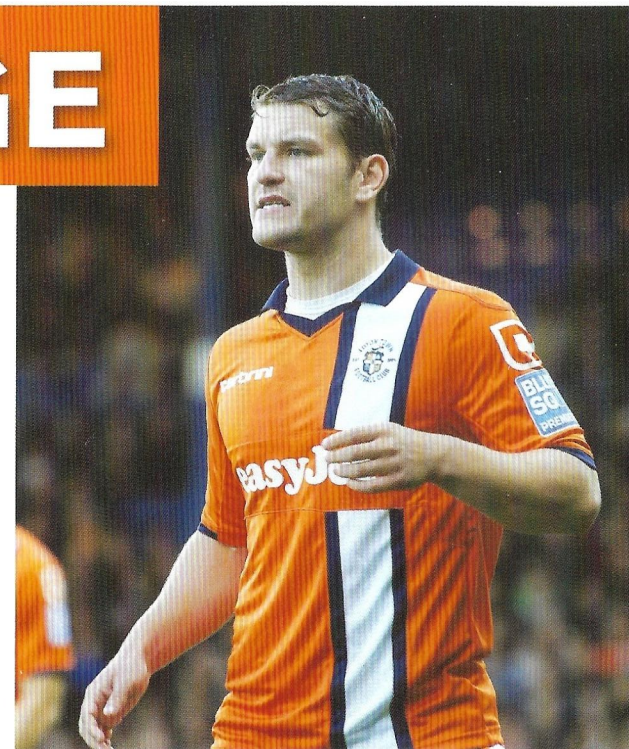
The former Guiseley man was signed in September and Saturday's appearance was just his 19th of the season.

"It's frustrating not playing, I'm desperate to play – just like any player," said Ainge. "I just kept my head down, kept working hard in training and thankfully this opportunity has come along and I think I took it.

"You obviously want to play in every game so to train all week and then sit in the stands is horrible. Hopefully this game has shown people what I can do."

Ainge slotted in comfortably at right-back, a position he explained he has played in before.

"I've played there quite a few times so it wasn't a problem," he said. "It was a tough game to come in but everyone's done well. It was a good, solid performance.



"I've filled in at right-back but the whole back four and goalkeeper have done well and hopefully we can continue that."

It was the Town's third successive clean sheet away from Kenilworth Road under Still and Ainge believes Saturday's result can be the springboard for a sequence of positive results between now and the end of the season.

"You could tell Wrexham were playing high with confidence so to get a point and a clean sheet is great for us," said the Bradford-born defender.

"To bounce back from the disappointment of the Hyde game was very important. We need to keep working hard. We don't want to perform like we did against Hyde and we must kick on from here.

"Manager's have different ideas and I think we have been more organised. He keeps saying things will take time and once it all clicks it into place we will really push on.

"For me personally I've had to wait for my chance. We had a little chat and I asked him when I might get it. Now I've been given that opportunity I want to make the most of it."

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A SEASON'S STORY

PART TEN BY DAVID CAIN

HOW THE WINNING IS DONE

A good friend once gave to me a very important piece of advice and it is this: "If you don't know where you are going, every path will take you there."

These are wise words to remember. At this stage of the season you can start to feel deflated.

However, much like a seed planted in spring; sometimes you have to wait until the summer to see it flower.

Those words of advice also mean that I have to make a choice; sitting down and refusing to budge is simply not an option.

I have to keep on going to the end of the road.

The season may be starting to drift to an inevitable conclusion. However, there remains enough intrigue to follow this plot through to the end.

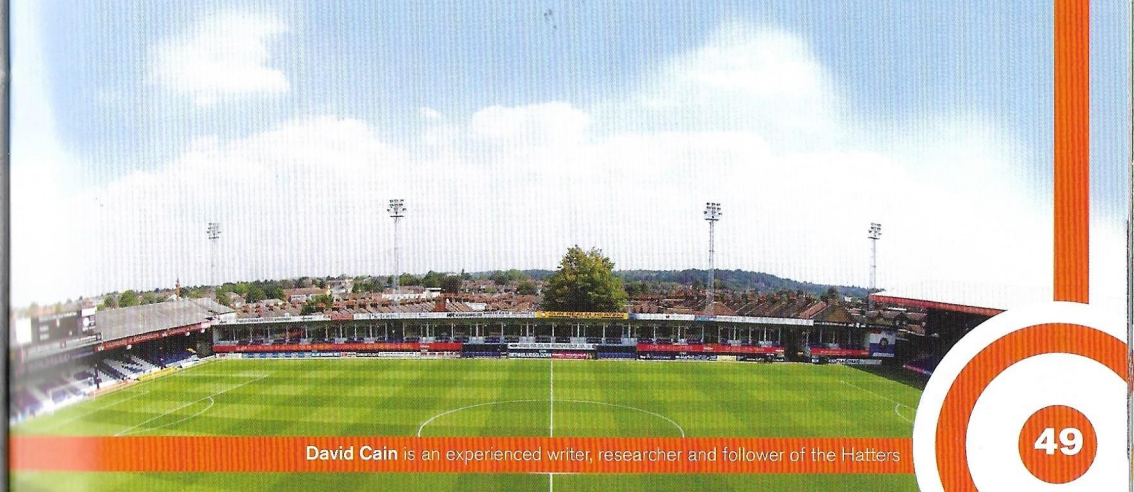
After all, this is not a repeat on television, this is live theatre. No one knows what will happen next. The kick I get from watching Luton lives in the 90 minutes before me, not the last game, nor the next.

It may feel as though we have been at our lowest point in history; and yet the only way forward is to keep on taking another step.

To take each game as it comes, and walk on to the sound of the wise words of another fighter. Good old Rocky Balboa...

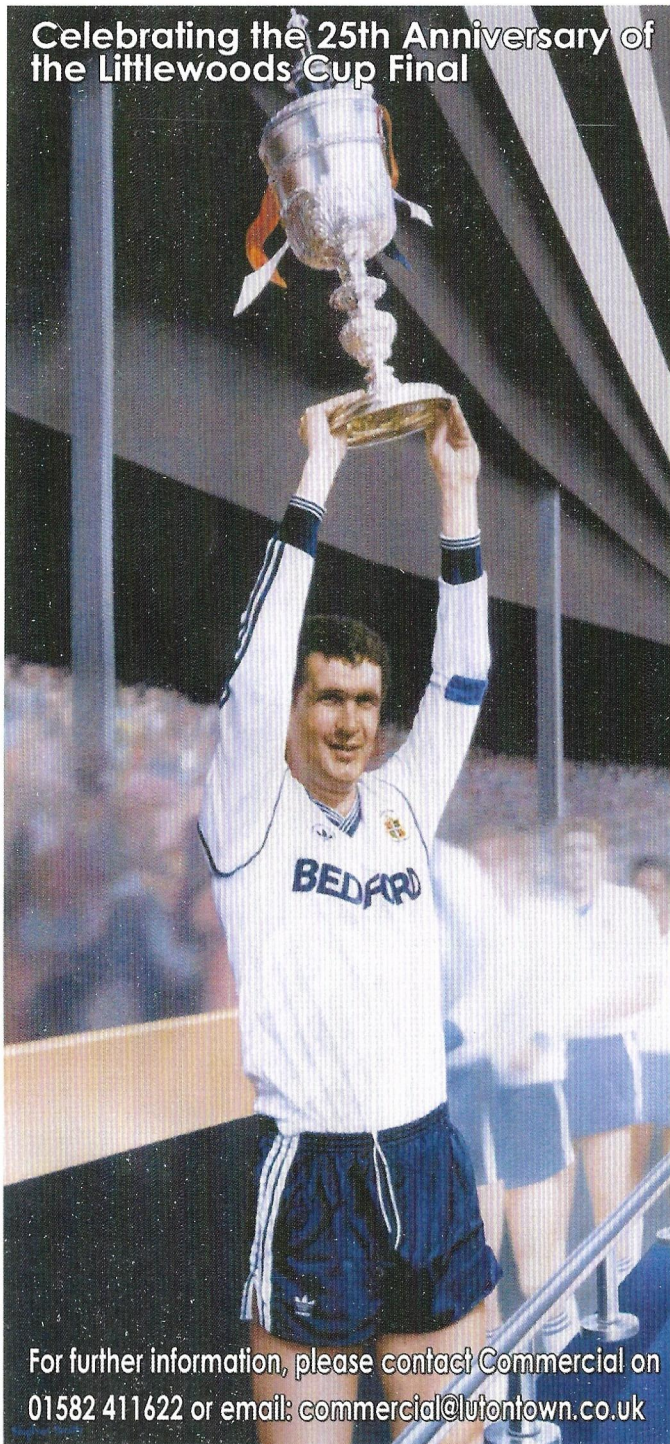
"The world is not all sunshine and rainbows. It's about how hard you can get hit, and keep moving forward. How much you can take, and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done."

It is time to start climbing off the canvas. Here's hoping the winning starts today, against Stockport.



David Cain is an experienced writer, researcher and follower of the Hatters

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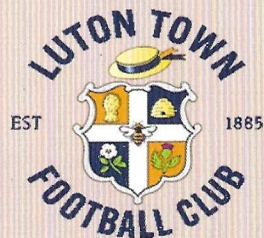
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FROM THE PRESS BOX

WITH BBC 3 COUNTIES RADIO'S BILL COLE

Many fans I have spoken to believe the Hyde game last Tuesday was a low watermark in Luton Town's modern history.

The debacle of a performance in the last home match pushed the Hatters towards their worst position in the football pyramid for almost a century. To be precise, their lowest since the 1919/20 season.

That year the club experienced a woeful time in the first season of organised competitive competition after the First World War, and played with the very real threat of relegation from the Southern League Division One.

But they took something of a gamble and joined the newly formed Third Division of the Football League for 1920/21, consolidating through the 1920s and flourishing in the 1930s.

The rest, as they say, is recent history. Ups and downs, great accomplishments, less than glorious failures, and devastating points deductions.

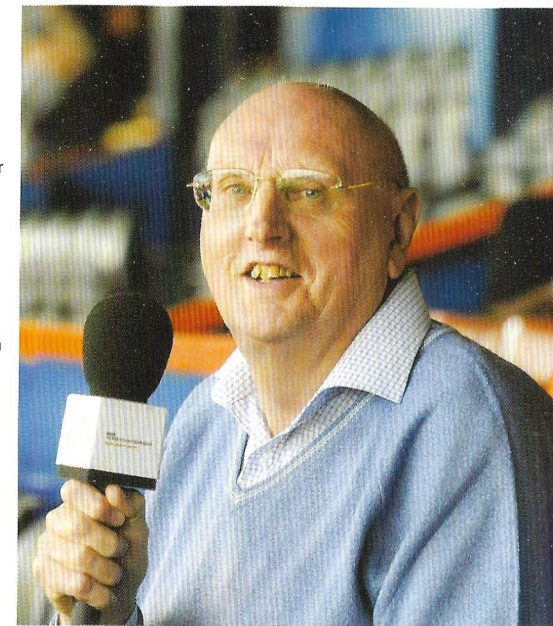
Assailed

When the final whistle blew last Tuesday, the press box was assailed by fans demonstrating their anger at the worst Town performance they had ever seen. I was collared as I left the ground some considerable time later by distraught people I know to be amongst the most avid supporters of any club anywhere, angrily expressing the same opinion.

I felt obliged to tell them of a couple of Fourth Division seasons in the 60s when we had to make our own entertainment on the Kenilworth Road terraces. Then, there were some real duds turning out in white shirts. The difference is that now, good players at this level are here, but underperforming.

Many supporters I have spoken to realise this and are at a loss to understand why the overall product - as witnessed last Tuesday - is so appalling.

Perhaps some dodgy team selections by Paul Buckle have affected the confidence of previously really good performers.

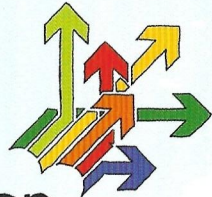


The change of manager has also had some affect here but new man John Still has a valid excuse. With games twice a week until the end of the season, he needs to assess players in actual matches to make his mind up as to their worth.

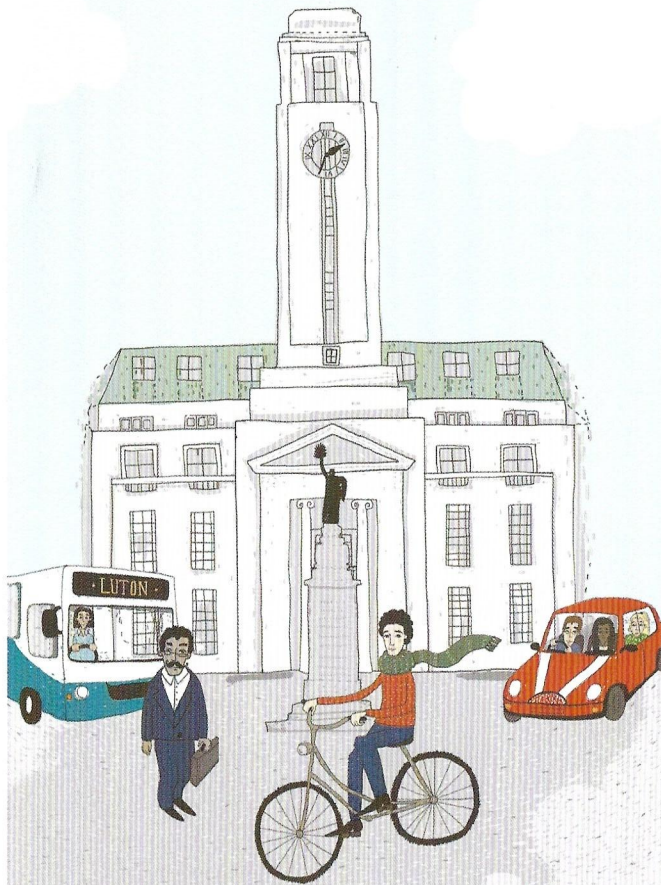
But the Hatters have more coaches than Seemarks right now who know the players. Didn't they tell John that JJ O'Donnell for example, has been bullied before when asked to play in central midfield instead of wide where he can impress? Is John listening to honest opinions from staff in these early stages of his stewardship?

Certainly at Wrexham we saw a different Luton Town against the current top rated home performers in the league. Perhaps we need the better teams to come at us more, giving us room to play our football.

These three consecutive home games against sides rated significantly lower than Wrexham will give us the chance to judge.



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ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

BY STEVEN CONEY

This year's Blue Square Bet Premier title race is the most exciting we at the Non-League Paper can ever remember - but where exactly will it be won and lost?

With just five weeks of the season remaining, I think we can safely pick out the remaining runners and riders. Purely looking at each team's remaining fixtures, you may still fancy Grimsby despite them not being at their sharpest right now. The Mariners have been consistent throughout the season and have no games left against teams in the title picture until the very last day - unlike all the others.

Relegation threatened teams Gateshead, Barrow, Nuneaton and Stockport are included in their remaining games and with the Barrow match being the only one of those four at Blundell Park, the FA Trophy finalists will have to be on their guard. Could their final game of the season against Newport end up being a title decider? That brings me on to Justin Edinburgh's men - and it's fixtures backlog for County of the highest order after last Monday's trip to Gateshead fell foul of the rather odd weather.

Seven of the Exiles' 12 games left are away from home and they will have to travel well to claim the title. Their trips to Luton and then Grimsby at the end of the season could be deciding factors.

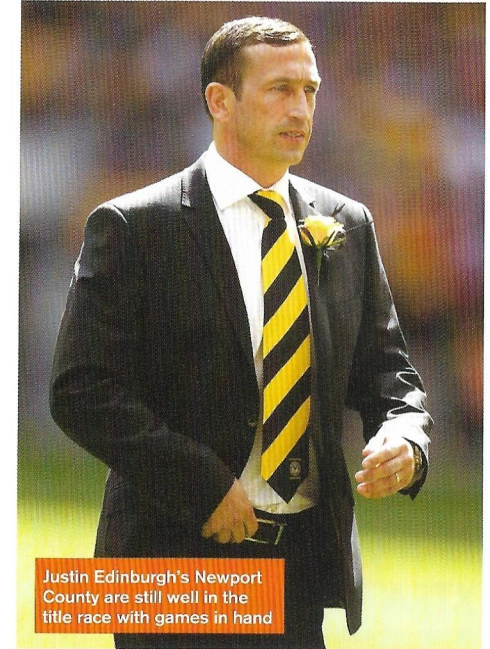
Fellow Welsh side Wrexham continue to grind out results and have an FA Trophy final match up with Grimsby to look forward to next weekend. The BSB Premier title will surely be the one they want, though, and the Red Dragons face a tough end to their campaign.

Andy Morrell's men still have to face Mansfield twice with their game at Field Mill on the final day having the potential to be a winner-takes-all affair.

The final two sides involved in the conversation are arguably the ones with the most momentum going into the final weeks. Before their crunch clash at Wrexham on the final day, Mansfield have what some people would describe as a favourable run-in.

The three games that could make or break them are successive trips to Barrow, Braintree and Hereford. Nine points from those games could give the Stags the edge.

And last but certainly not least we have Kidderminster - the side who hadn't won a game after 10 fixtures had been played this season.



Justin Edinburgh's Newport County are still well in the title race with games in hand

Fast forward six months and they have a chance of returning to the Football League. With home games against Tamworth, Woking, Braintree, Lincoln and Stockport left, they look in very good shape.

It's not just the BSB Premier that is providing an entertaining race this year either, with Salisbury City and Welling United doing battle in the BSB South and Dover now sneaking into the picture.

Chester have all but won the BSB North but there was a huge game on Saturday in the Evo-Stik NPL Premier when leaders North Ferriby travelled to second-placed Hednesford.

Leamington are still leading the Evo-Stik Southern Premier but have a group of challengers waiting to take advantage of their recent poor form and in the Ryman Premier Whitehawk are trying to fend off the advances of Wealdstone and Concord Rangers.

So there you have it, it seems wherever you go in Non-League you're set for an entertaining finish to a rollercoaster of a season!

YOUTH FIXTURES

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AUGUST

Sat 11	Leyton Orient	A	L 0-2	
Sat 18	Dagenham & Redbridge	H	L 2-3	Jibodu (pen), Smith
Sat 25	Stevenage	A	W 3-2	McKenzie-Lowe, (og), Amu

SEPTEMBER

Sat 01	Peterborough United	A	W 2-0	McKenzie-Lowe, own goal
Wed 18	AFC Kempston Rovers	A	W4-0	McKenzie-Lowe 2, Amu 2
Sat 22	Milton Keynes Dons	A	D 2-2	Amu, Smith (pen)
Sat 29	Northampton Town	H	D 1-1	Davis

OCTOBER

Wed 03	Pboro Northern Star	H	W 6-0	Banton 3, Amu, McKenzie-Lowe, Trotman
Sat 06	Stevenage	A	L 2-3	Smith 2 (1 pen)
Sat 13	Northampton Town	H	D 0-0	
Wed 17	Barton Rovers	H	W 3-1	Amu 2, Smith
Sat 20	Watford	H	L 0-3	
Sat 27	Peterborough United	H	L 2-6	McKenzie-Lowe, Banton
Tue 30	Stevenage	H	L 0-3	

NOVEMBER

Sat 03	Milton Keynes Dons	H	L 2-4	Banton, Amu
Sat 17	Watford	A	W 2-1	Banton, McKenzie-Lowe
Sat 24				In Service Training

DECEMBER

Tue 04	Peterborough United	H	W 2-0	Amu, Nwagala
Sat 08	Northampton Town	A	W 3-0	Jibodu, Banton, Amu

JANUARY

Sat 12	Milton Keynes Dons	H	L 2-3	Magaraushe, Pittfield
Sat 26	Leyton Orient	H	D 2-2	Banton, Smith

FEBRUARY

Sat 09	Stevenage	H	W 2-0	Amu, McKenzie-Lowe
Tue 19	Dagenham & Redbridge	A	W 2-0	Smith (pen), Banton
Sat 23	Aldershot Town	A	D 1-1	Banton

MARCH

Sat 02	AFC Wimbledon	H	W 4-3	Banton, McKenzie-Lowe, Smith (pen), Longden
Sat 09	AFC Wimbledon	A	P-P	
Sat 16	Southend United	H	P-P	
Sat 23	Portsmouth	A	11.00am	

APRIL

Sat 06	Gillingham	H	11.00am	
Sat 13	Crawley Town	A	11.00am	

EXTRA TIME by Elliott Quince



This was one way to alleviate the end of season fixture congestion

YOUTH UPDATE

The Town's Under-18s Youth Alliance fixture with Southend United fell foul of the wet weather at the weekend.

Paul Driver's youngsters have been in fine form in recent months – losing just twice since early November.

Their run of six wins from the last nine games has propelled the young Hatters into title contention with Leyton Orient and local rivals Watford marginally ahead in the current league standings.

The Town still have five matches left to play in their quest for the South East Division championship with home games with Southend and Gillingham and away trips to AFC Wimbledon, Portsmouth and bottom-of-the-table Crawley.

Watford and Orient still have to play each other at the Horner's London Colney training ground on 26th March.

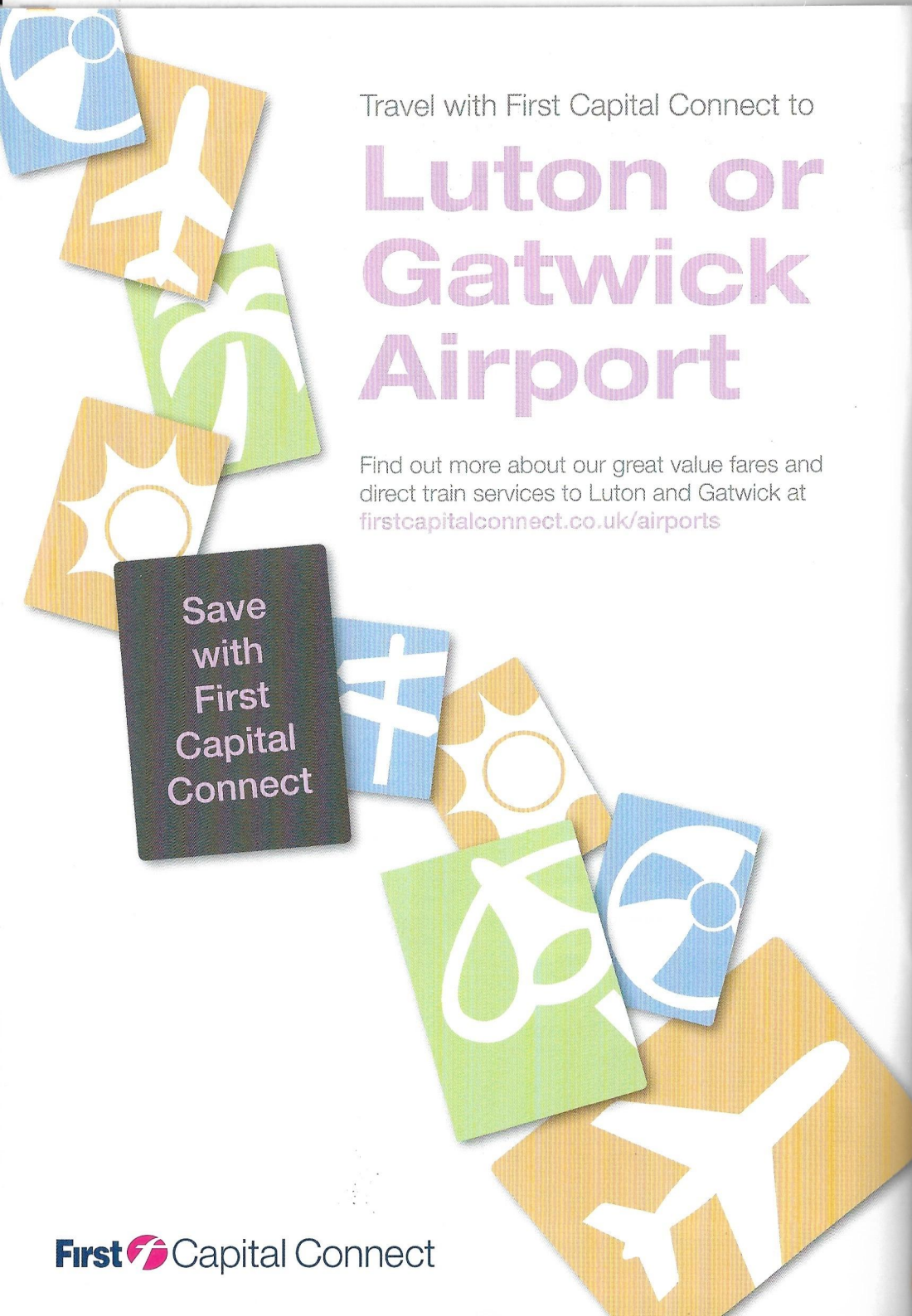
YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST TABLE

Team	P	W	GD	PTS
1 Leyton Orient	16	9	14	30
2 Watford	17	8	13	28
3 Luton Town	16	8	7	28
4 Dagenham & Redbridge	16	7	0	25
5 Aldershot Town	14	7	3	23
6 Southend United	14	6	2	22
7 Gillingham	15	6	1	22
8 Milton Keynes Dons	13	7	-4	22
9 Portsmouth	13	5	7	19
10 AFC Wimbledon	14	3	-1	16
11 AFC Bournemouth	11	4	-2	16
12 Stevenage	14	4	-8	15
13 Peterborough United	14	4	-12	14
14 Northampton Town	15	3	-9	10
15 Crawley Town	14	2	-11	9

2012/13 YOUTH TEAM

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	JOSH CARPENTER HOME: Harborough Town Football Club AWAY: Available GLOVES: Available		JORDAN DAVIS HOME: Lucy Francome AWAY: Available
	JERRY NASH HOME: Moira Spain AWAY: Available		ZAK STEPHENS HOME: Available AWAY: Available
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UPDATE

THE LATEST FROM THE UNDER 15S AND 16S DEVELOPMENT PHASE WITH JOE DEENEY

There have been many positives this season in the Under-15/16 phase at Luton Town.

The Under-16s have had an excellent season in terms of both development and results.

At the Club the key emphasis is always on developing players, and at under-9 to under-14 level this always takes priority over results. While the development of players at under-15 and 16 level remains key, results become more important.

In theory our under-16 players could only be 12 to 18 months away from being in our first team where results are the most important things.

We have entered our Under-16 team into the Southern Counties Youth Floodlit League for under-18s which we have done to physically test and prepare our players for the rigours of youth and senior football.

We are currently joint top with Borehamwood who are full-time and we play them in the title deciders on Wednesday 20th March at Hitchin Town (7.30pm kick off) and at Borehamwood five days later on Monday 25th March.

We are also in the quarter-finals of the cup competition and are optimistic of silverware in both competitions if we continue to show the form of all season.

Real talent

In the under-15-16 phase we as a group of coaching staff believe that there is some real talent emerging at the club.

In all the years I have worked as a coach at the club this current crop of players rates up there with the best under-16 group I have seen.

We have had several 16s push into Paul Driver's Under-18 squad that have a really good chance of winning the league, and it is pleasing to see them develop in that environment.

The key thing for the Under-16 scholarship intake for next season is how well they adapt to the rigours and demands of full-time football. I have certainly learned a lot about the group of players this season, and as a group their attitude, work ethic and desire to want to play for the club has been exemplary.

The Under-15s have continued to make steady progress that has seen several under-15 players move up into the Under-16s side.

Head start

Next season we will be putting them in the same environment in terms of competitive games. The players who have stepped up to under-16 football have done remarkably well and this will give them another year's head start in preparation for next season.

The development groups at the club have been massively important for me this season.

Kevin Thoburn has done a great job recruiting the best talent in the area and running of the development groups.

We have three tiers at the club, the Academy, the Pre-Academy and the Centre of Excellence. Our Pre-Academy 15s and 16s group have shown excellent development this season.

We have seen eight signed this season full-time into the Academy and all have made an Academy appearance at some point during the season.

A lot of these players will hopefully continue to thrive in our full-time education programmes for the next two years and those that are outstanding will hopefully resurface at 18 in our first team.

Positives

We go on tour next week for an international tournament in Holland and are expecting success with a very talented group of individuals.

It has been a season full of positives which I have personally been delighted with in my age group phase. The support of the club in continuing to run our youth development programme has been fantastic and has allowed us to continue to run an excellent academy system.

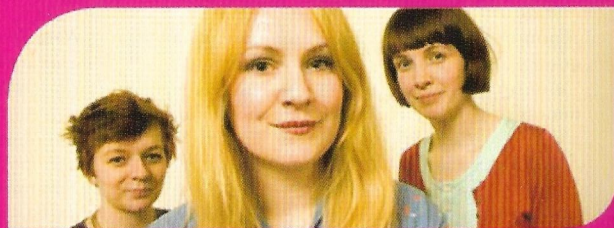
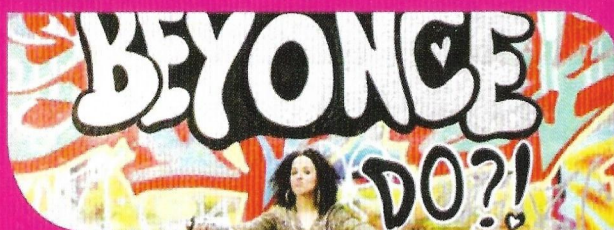
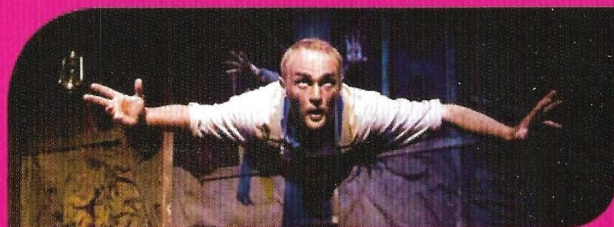
With both the Under-16s and Under-18s in the hunt for silverware this season it would be great if we could have more support to games from Luton fans to watch the next batch of young players emerging at the club to help us with the final push.

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LATHANIEL

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DEFENDER ACKNOWLEDGES IMPROVEMENT

It's fair to say Lathanial Rowe-Turner's first season at Kenilworth Road has been full of highs and lows.

The summer signing from Torquay United has played at left-back and centre-half and has been involved in the Town's FA Cup triumphs over Wolves and Norwich.

However, having been left out of the side that drew with Hereford and lost to Hyde last Tuesday, the 23-year-old returned to the starting line-up that earned a point and kept a clean sheet at Wrexham on Saturday.

"It's been a year with a lot of ups and downs," said the former Leicester City trainee. "I've not played in some games but played in others and, like any footballer, you want to be playing every week.

"Perhaps missing a few games has aided me in the long run so I was delighted to be able to play against Wrexham."

The defender, who cleared a goal-bound header off the line at the weekend, slotted in at left-back at the Racecourse having played 16 of his 38 appearances at centre-half.

"In my head I want to play left-back but, for whatever reason, I think I've played better in central defence this season," admitted Rowe-Turner.

"My preference would be left-back but I'm just happy to play. I cleared one off the line but we work on that in training. I am just doing my job. I've been told to stand there and all I did was put myself in the right place at the right time.

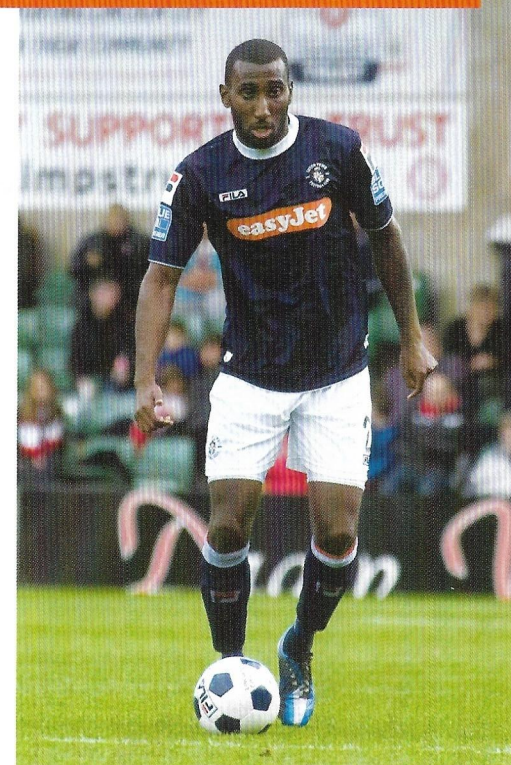
"It was hard in the final 15 minutes as the rain began to make the pitch heavy but we dug in and came away with a good point and a clean sheet."

All players are playing for their futures following the arrival of new manager John Still and Rowe-Turner believes he is no different.

"A lot of the players know that they need to impress the manager ahead of next season," he said. "I think all of us needed a kick up the backside.

"I think it's worked too because we've come to Wrexham and got a point. I think we'd take this result even if we were up there challenging for the title."

So what's new under the new boss?



"Everyone knows what their job is now," explained Rowe-Turner. "Training has become more regimented and I think we're working a lot harder now.

"The manager has said it's all about building the foundations and the first thing we need to become is hard to beat, and that was evident on Saturday.

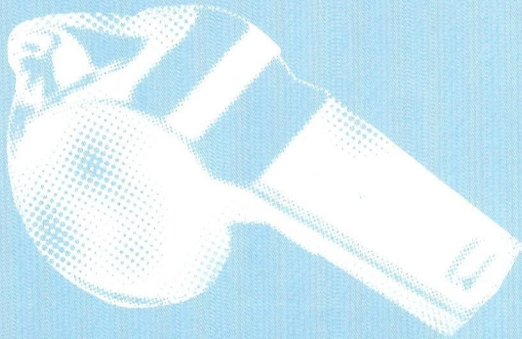
"As players we are aware of the pressures of playing for Luton Town. Nobody wants to lose.

"We've got to take the pressure off of ourselves and the manager has told us that there is no pressure on us. If the pressure is off you can enjoy your football – and once that happens you'll see the best of us.

"We know what we want to do and we do try to do that. Sometimes it doesn't always work but we always work hard on the training ground to do better and slowly I think we're seeing that."

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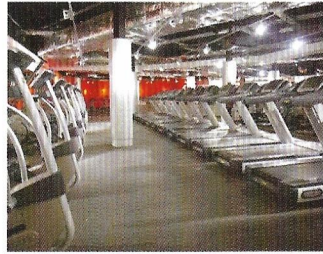
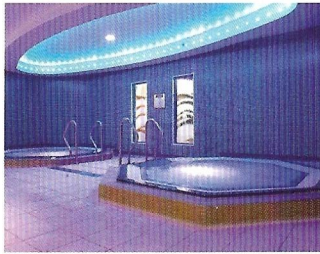
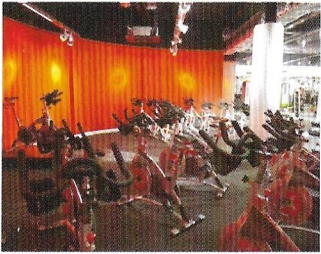
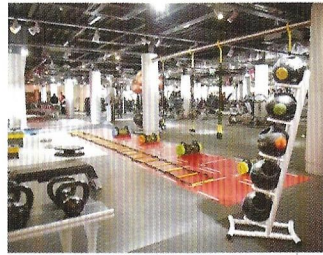
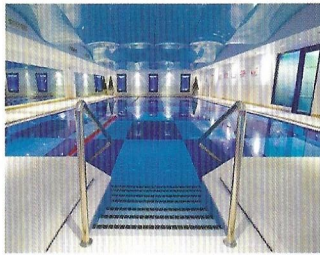


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JOE FLEMONS ROUNDS-UP THE LATEST IN THE BSBP

Mansfield made the most of a Friday night fixture as they leapfrogged Wrexham to top the pile as the season winds to a close.

The Stags took the lead against Forest Green Rovers half-an-hour into the contest as Eddie Oshodi deflected into his own net. Lee Stevenson then doubled Mansfield's advantage soon into the second half to secure all three points despite a late consolation strike from Rovers' James Norwood.

Kidderminster lie in prime position to take the mantle from Mansfield if they stumble after a 4-1 win over Tamworth. Adam Cunnington gave the visitors a shock early lead but that was to be the only high point for the Lambs who were convincingly rolled over by Keith Briggs and Danny Pilkington who gave Harriers the lead at the break. A second half brace from Cambridge United loanee Michael Gash placed Steve Burr's men three points off the summit with just eight games to play.

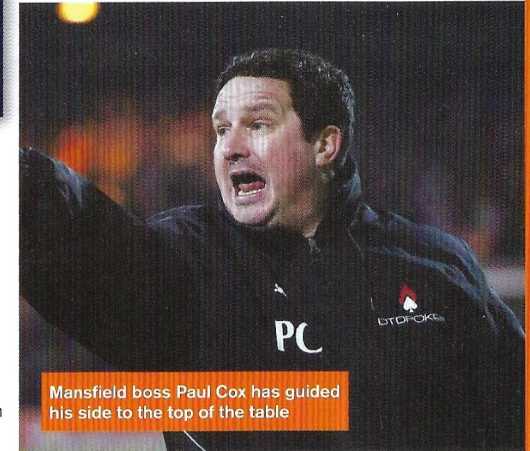
Newport County's game with Macclesfield fell victim to the weather, whilst Grimsby Town slumped to a 1-0 home defeat against in form Cambridge United as their titles dream teeters on the edge. The Mariners sit two points behind Newport but 10 points off of top spot.

At the opposite end of the table it is very much an open contest with the bottom eight teams separated by just 11 points.

AFC Telford remain at the foot of the Blue Square ladder as they were comfortably beaten 5-2 by Woking. A Bradley Bubbs hat-trick confirmed the points for the Cards as they clawed their way into 10th place.

Ebbsfleet aided their survival chances with an impressive 4-1 win over Southport. An electric start saw Fleet net four times in the opening half-an-hour to all but seal the victory with Liam Bellamy's sixth-minute strike the pick of the bunch. Fleet remain five points from safety but are now just two points behind Barrow in 22nd with a game in hand over Barrow.

The Bluebirds' slipped to defeat at Hereford but Adam Boyes put the visitors in the lead at Edgar Street. A Joshua O'Keefe penalty and Brian Smikle injury time winner succumbed Barrow to their 18th defeat of the campaign.



Mansfield boss Paul Cox has guided his side to the top of the table

Nuneaton remain in the final relegation place despite a 1-0 win over fellow scrappers Lincoln City on a damp playing surface at Liberty Way. Wesley York sealed the three points for Boro in injury time sparking jubilation from the home fans as they took a big step towards safety.

Hyde continued their resurrection as they won their second game on the spin. Scott Hogan, Matthew Blinkhorn and Louis Almond all struck for Hyde in their victory over Dartford to ease their relegation fears and move them three points clear of safety and up into 17th spot.

TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

BRAINTREE v WOKING

CAMBRIDGE v EBBSFLEET

DARTFORD v BARROW

GATESHEAD v HEREFORD

MACCLESFIELD v AFC TELFORD

NEWPORT v KIDDERMINSTER

NUNEATON v GRIMSBY

TAMWORTH v SOUTHPORT

WREXHAM v MANSFIELD

THURSDAY'S GAMES

BRAINTREE v NUNEATON

GATESHEAD v NEWPORT

UP NEXT

TAMWORTH



You won't have long to wait for your next fix of football here at Kenilworth Road, as Tamworth visit in the Blue Square Bet Premier on Saturday.



TAMWORTH

Who? Tamworth FC, nicknamed the Lambs, fittingly they play their games at The Lamb Ground. Formed back in 1933 when local side Tamworth Castle FC folded, paving the way for a new breed of football club.

Travel Lambs There's just a short 160-mile round trip for the Tamworth fans who will flock to Kenilworth Road to see the final Saturday game of the season in Bedfordshire.

Tamworth Tales This will be the fourth visit to Kenilworth Road for the Lambs and they will be hoping that the record books don't repeat their previous Bedfordshire chapter. Last season saw the Hatters run out comfortable 3-0 winners with Stuart Fleetwood and Janos Kovacs netting for the hosts.

Feisty fixture The seven meetings between the two have always produced exciting fixtures. Last time out, the Hatters triumphed 2-1 at the Lamb back in September, and there has been 21 goals scored between the two sides with the Hatters netting two thirds of those. In addition to goals, the clash has proved to be a well-contested match up with 20 yellow cards and two dismissals, ensuring the game is ferociously contested.

Local lad Leighton Buzzard-born Adam Cunnington leads the goalscoring charts with 17 strikes to his name already this campaign. Formerly of Barton Rovers, Leighton Town, Hitchin Town and Aylesbury United, Cunnington also spent time under manager John Still at Dagenham and Redbridge last season.

Sheepish defence The Lambs have conceded more than 50 times already this campaign with nearly 30 of those coming away from home.

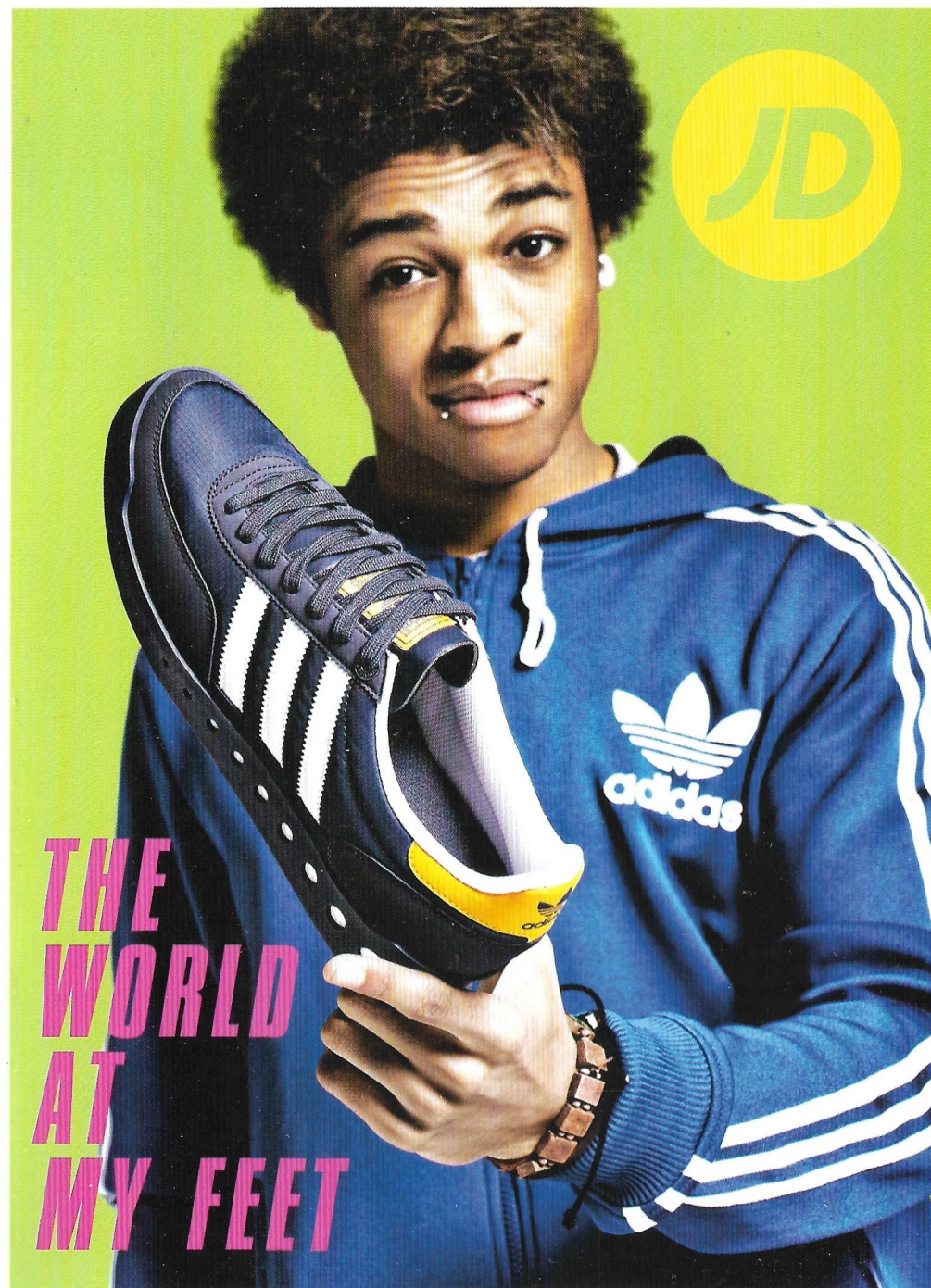
Loanee link Hatters full-back Greg Taylor spent the tail end of last year on loan with the Lambs and made 10 appearances in the Blue Square Bet Premier. Upon his return from a successful loan spell, Taylor surged back into the first-team picture.

Mutual friend In addition to Taylor, there is another member of the Hatters' dressing room that has familiar memories of the Staffordshire side. Alan Neilson signed for the Lambs after leaving the Town's playing staff in 2005 and went on to make 20 appearances, scoring once.

Four thoughts If the Hatters come out on top it will be the fourth successive victory at Kenilworth Road against their Staffordshire counterparts. The Hatters have a 100 per cent record against the Lambs on Bedfordshire soil, scoring seven times and conceding just once.

Family affair Caretaker boss Dale Belford has his footballing family well and truly united. Whilst his sons Tyrell and Cameron are goalkeepers at Liverpool and Bury respectively, his cousin Kyle Perry is one of his trusted Lambs players. His father is also currently the club's kitman.

Away the Lambs Tamworth's visit to Kenilworth Road will spark a travel-heavy run to the end of season for Tuesday's opponents, with five out of their remaining eight games away from The Lamb. They do, however, have the luxury of completing the season in front of home support on the April 20th against Woking.



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Greg Taylor	3
Garry Richards	4
Steve McNulty	5
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
Dave Martin	18
James Dance	19
Scott Neilson	20
Wayne Thomas	22
Matt Robinson	23
Jonathan Smith	24
Ronnie Henry	25
Alex Wall	26
Andre Gray	27
Jake Woolley	28
Dan Walker	29
Jake Goodman	30
Solomon Taiwo	31
Dean Brill	33

STOCKPORT COUNTY

1	Ian Ormson
2	Andy Halls
3	Sean Newton
6	James Tunnicliffe
7	Danny Whitehead
8	Alex Kenyon
9	Danny Hattersley
13	Richard O'Donnell
14	Sam Sheridan
16	Kyle Brownhill
17	Mark Cullen
18	Jon Nolan
19	Adnan Cirak
20	Jordan Fagbola
21	Lewis King
22	Matt Mainwaring
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30	Danny Schofield

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HERE NEXT

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