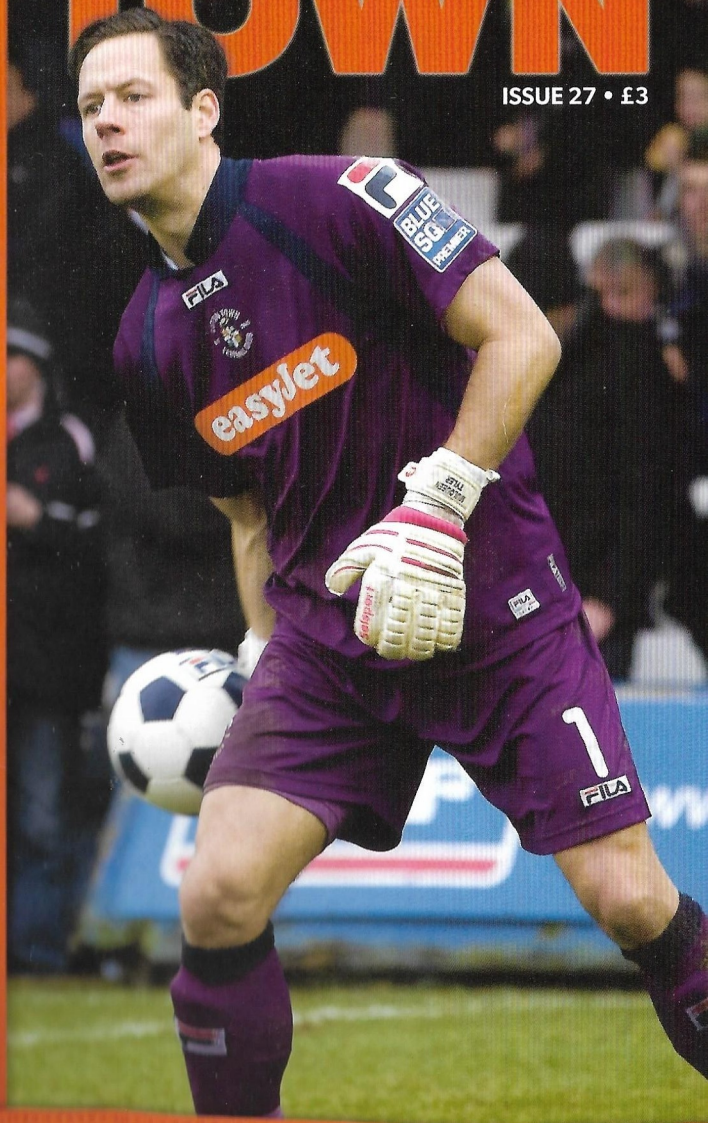


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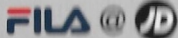
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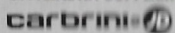
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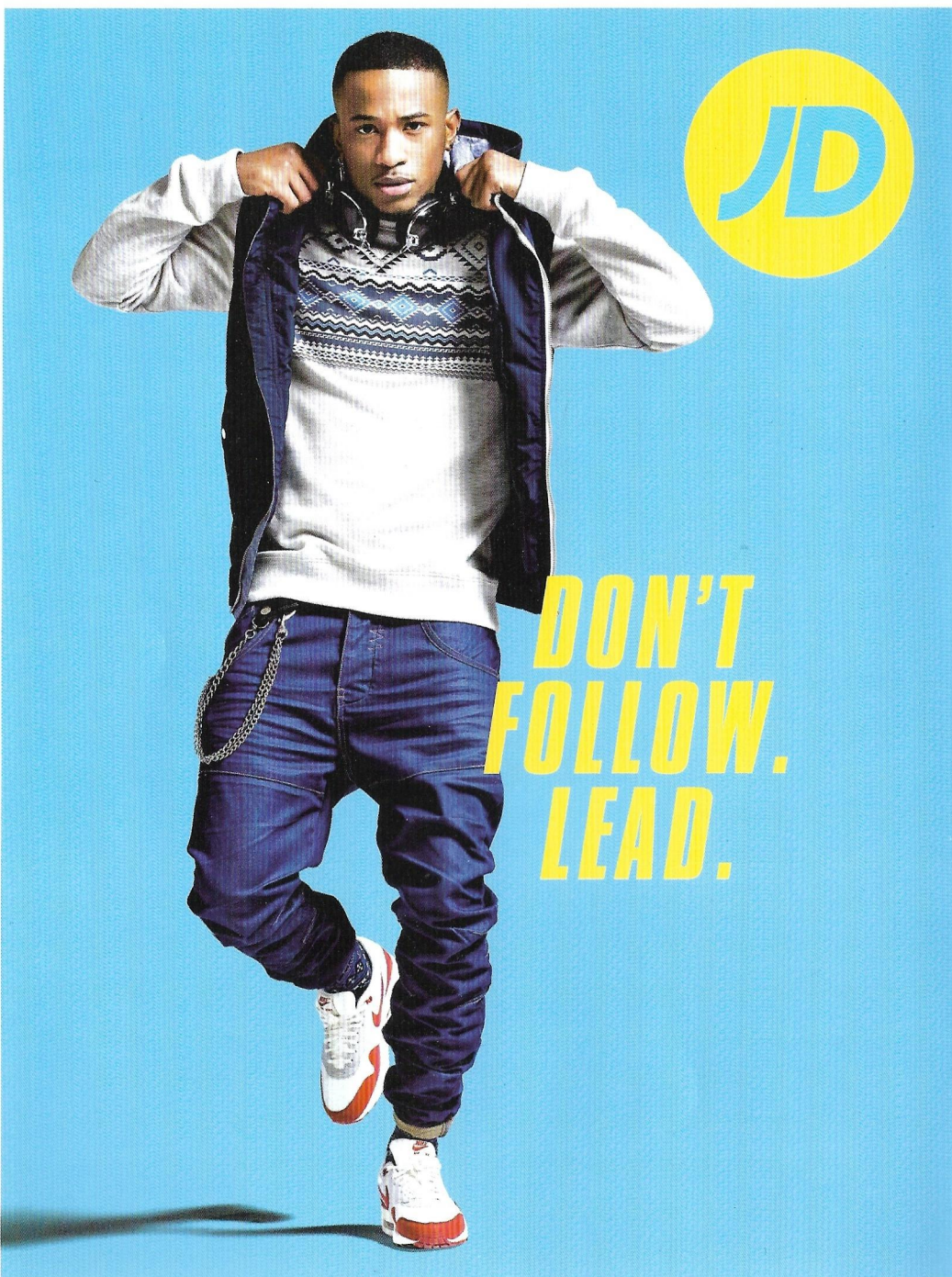


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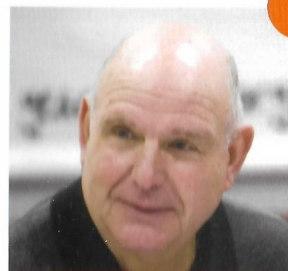
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JOHN STILL

Good afternoon, Happy Easter and welcome back once more to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be an exciting game.

I wish a warm welcome to our visitors Kidderminster Harriers, in particular their manager Steve Burr and his staff and players who have made journey south today.

Due to the holiday printing deadlines I'm writing these notes before our match at Cambridge on Saturday where I hope we obtained a positive result.

That game came following the postponement of the Ebbsfleet match last Tuesday. In our previous two matches before Cambridge we took four points against Stockport and Tamworth.

Today's encounter will be our toughest yet. Kidderminster are flying at the moment, and, as I sit here writing these notes, they are top of the table. Their form has been truly remarkable given they hadn't won in their first 10 matches.

We must be aware that today's opponents will be dangerous but I hope we can produce the level of performance that we have shown in the matches with Stockport and Tamworth.

Almost perfect

If I'm being honest I was really, really pleased with the goalless draw with Tamworth despite the end result. Yet again we were strong defensively, we moved the ball much quicker than we have done before and we created a number of opportunities. It was just a shame that we could not convert one or two. Had we done so then I think we could have been looking at an almost perfect performance. However, we didn't so it wasn't.

We must not take things for granted. Whilst I was pleased with the performance, it's results that count. The best teams in the game always back up a good performance with the result. The Tamworth display did show, however, we're not far away and one of the best things about the performance was our work-rate which I thought was absolutely first class.

We approach two exciting games over the course of the Easter weekend with Saturday's trip to Cambridge followed by this afternoon's game. Both teams are, like ourselves, former Football League clubs – which further highlights the depth of quality and competitiveness of the division.

Progress

I will be looking for us to take the recent performances into these games as it will show me how much progress we will have made. Kidderminster are battling for the championship so this is one encounter everybody should be looking forward to. If we are able to get past Easter with a little unbeaten run then that will show that we are heading in the right direction.

Over the past seven games I have tinkered with the team selection as I continue to gauge which players I feel can get us out of this league and which I feel can't. On the whole I have been delighted with the players' response. There have been a lot of good, solid performances and one or two disappointments. That's football, though and we will be making decisions on players' futures over the coming months. Players moving on is just part and parcel of football.

Going back to the Tamworth game once more I would like to thank you all for your magnificent support on a truly atrocious day. A big thank you to those of you, together with club staff, who helped clear the pitch of snow so that we could have a game in the first place.

It's support like this that I always remind the players of. It was great to see us applauded off after the game because you believed our performance warranted it. And rightly so.

So please get behind us once more this afternoon and let's try and get three points which could have a big bearing on the rest of the season.

Enjoy the game.

FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR MIKE HERRICK



These notes were originally prepared for inclusion in the programme for the Ebbsfleet game last Tuesday, but unfortunately that was called off because of a frozen pitch.

Since then we may (or may not) have had a game against

our near neighbours, Cambridge United, the result of which, because of Easter deadlines, I can only guess at the moment. (For the record I fully expect that we'll have traded in some of the goals we've been storing up recently and won by a serious margin.)

Before moving on to today's game against high-flying Kidderminster Harriers, I'd like to reflect for a moment on the events of last week.

Tuesday's second attempt to play Ebbsfleet was originally scheduled at the end of last December. I remember driving down from the north west that day in light drizzle only to be amazed to learn that the game could not go ahead because of a waterlogged pitch after both teams had warmed up and had fully expected to play. The drive home soon afterwards was made in glorious sunshine with the aid of a pair of strong sunglasses.

This contrasts quite strongly with the approach adopted by last Saturday's referee. Rather remarkably, having driven up overnight from Devon, he joined a large number of volunteers on Saturday morning in helping to clear the pitch of snow to ensure the match against Tamworth could go ahead. To Mr Adam Bromley, our groundstaff and our own volunteer supporters, we offer our grateful thanks for your efforts.

I understand this is his first season refereeing in the Blue Square Bet Premier and he should be pleased with his performance both before and during that game. He is one referee whose development and rise through the system I shall follow with interest.

He was sympathetic to the very difficult conditions and he controlled and let the game flow well. In a post-match radio interview (rare in itself) he felt "it was a good game to be part of" and that "the players did themselves proud". It may also be a rare comment for us to make but, Mr

Bromley, we think you did yourself proud as well.

As a result we were rewarded with a match full of passion and endeavour – the only disappointment being our inability to turn any of the numerous chances into goals. As far as 0-0 draws go, though, it had everything else. We all left the ground very encouraged and with a clearer vision of what we might hope for from future performances.

John Still and Terry Harris have been with us for only a short while, but with each game we can appreciate what they aim to achieve. We have always acknowledged that theirs is a long-term vision but, as a board, we could not be happier with their approach and the way they have set about their mission.

They understand our history and our culture and they are both genuinely excited about the prospect of leading our club onwards and upwards.

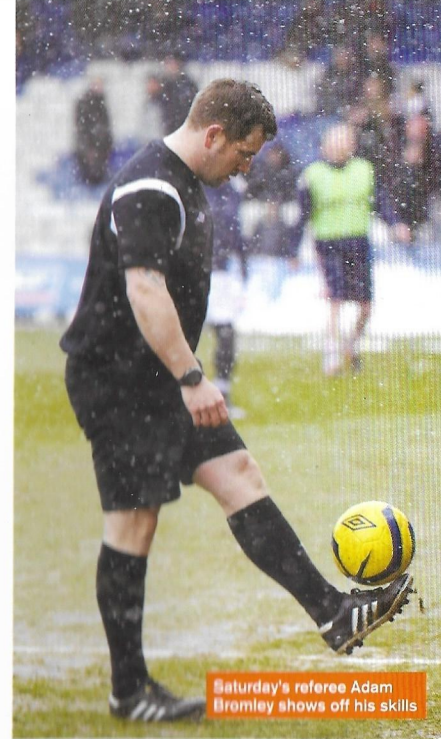
The most important decision that any board of a football club has to make is that of appointing a manager. We were disturbed to have to go through this process yet again recently as, apart from anything else, it was counter to one of our avowed aims – that of stability.

We never wished nor intended to change managers on an annual basis, and we have always examined and analysed very carefully the events surrounding the changes in this department.

We feel that in appointing John we now have the best possible chance of reversing our fortunes and starting the long climb back. Neither he, nor we, can guarantee when that first promotion will happen – but, rest assured, happen it will. And when it does, it will make the celebrations seen this year at Norwich seem almost non-existent in comparison.

After the recent defeat against Hyde, which I really hope will prove to have been the real rock bottom, I was reminded of an email the club received from an overseas supporter. At a similarly low point last season he said that, "even when we reached our lowest point I shall be proud to be able to say that I was still there supporting my club". It's true that some might drop out along the way, but for those of us in it for life, the eventual success we are determined to achieve will feel all the sweeter.

The fact that our journey under John Still will commence from such a low starting point means that it will be that



Saturday's referee Adam Bromley shows off his skills

much more sustained and more eventful along the way.

What a journey that will prove to be!

And so to today's match against Kidderminster, whose supporters, team and directors we welcome. One of the friendliest clubs in the league, we have always enjoyed visiting Aggborough with its legendary food and hospitality.

Their season has unfolded in a quite remarkable way. Losing their first five games and drawing the next five left them firmly adrift without a paddle at the bottom of the table. It is to the credit of their board that they believed in themselves and have since risen to the very top of the table with an outstanding run (20 wins in 23 games) – despite having to sell their top scorer in the process.

There is a lesson in there somewhere from which, in particular, Premier League clubs (and Blackburn Rovers in the Championship) would do well to take note.

Remember, though, that all good runs come to an end at some stage – so I'm sure we'll be in for an intriguing encounter today.

In closing, can I also welcome our latest recruit, Scott Griffiths, to Kenilworth Road. We hope your stay with us will be long, fruitful, and mutually beneficial.

Bring me sunshine.

Mike

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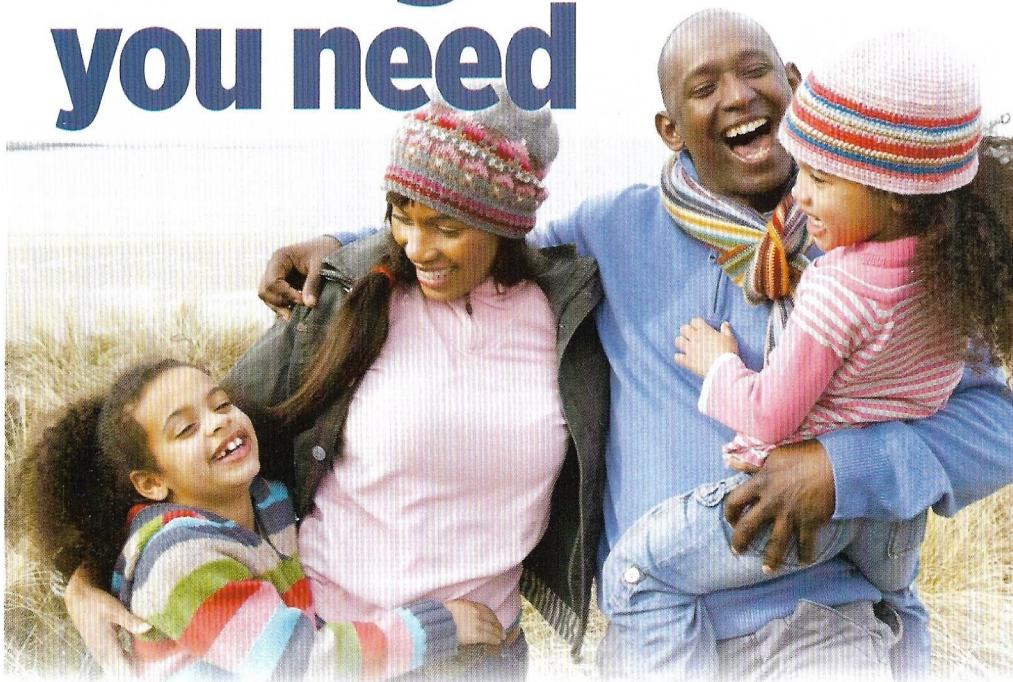
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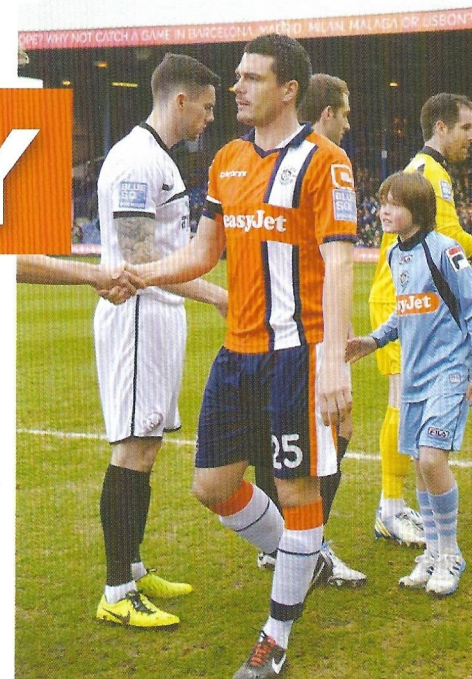
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RONNIE HENRY



Good afternoon and welcome to another home fixture here at Kenilworth Road as we entertain Kidderminster Harriers.

I've written these notes before our games with Cambridge and a day after the postponement of our Ebbsfleet game so I'd like to begin by thanking all of those who helped shift snow off of the pitch before our game with Tamworth last Saturday. It was a great show of support and determination. Even the referee helped out so a big thanks to everyone who volunteered in very cold conditions early in the morning.

It was a shame that your efforts were not rewarded with three points to celebrate following the 0-0 draw. I thought we were very, very unlucky not to win the game. We dominated for long spells and created some excellent chances but found their goalkeeper in fine form as well as coming mighty close on several other occasions. It was small, frustrating margins that denied us what would have been a deserved win.

Conditions were tough but it was certainly no excuse as it's the same for both sides. Despite the disappointment of failing to score we all agreed afterwards that some of the football we played, especially in the second half, was the best we have displayed for a long time.

It was a performance to take further encouragement from. As I have said in my notes in recent weeks, we are slowly getting to grips with what the manager is expecting of us. The only defeat we have experienced was on that forgettable night against Hyde and, that game apart, I think we have played reasonably well.

The most striking improvement has been our defensive performance and the clean sheet against Tamworth was our fifth in seven matches which is a fantastic achievement - and long may it continue. We are making fewer mistakes and keeping our concentration at the back and it is showing. Our previous defensive record was embarrassing and, as a defender who has bemoaned our lack of defensive discipline this season, I couldn't be happier.

We knew that turning our fortunes around in such a short space of time was going to be difficult but we've done well in the circumstances and picked up some very good results along the way. We've been in decent form and we will hope to continue that this evening.

Kidderminster are going to make it very tough for us today. It'll be probably be one of our sternest tests yet because they are in pursuit of the league title. They will be doing everything to secure the points they need. We will need to keep our concentration and be patient, and if we can play anywhere near like we did against Tamworth, I am confident we can pick up a win.

With lots of games left in the final month of the campaign anything can happen. A lot of teams have more matches to play than we do so I am sure there will still be plenty of twists and turns between now and 20th April.

We are confident we can continue this good form right until the very end of the season and we still have some really exciting games to look forward to, especially here with matches against Newport and Grimsby - two sides like Kidderminster that are still challenging for the title. We are striving towards a place in the top five and won't give up until it's mathematically impossible.

If we were to reach the Play-Offs it would be an amazing achievement. All we need to do is believe we can do it and with your support I'm sure we can still go very close.

Thank you for your continued support. Please get behind us once more today.

Enjoy the game.

AROUND TOWN

THE LATEST NEWS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

HOME TICKET OFFERS

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

After tonight the Town still face Kidderminster, Lincoln, Grimsby and Newport in April.

The offers:

- Free admission for supporters under 17
- 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 remaining 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.

For further information contact the ticket office on 01582 416976 or email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

We're waiting to hear from the winner of last Saturday's Golden Gamble after it was unclaimed following our match against Tamworth. A prize of £515 will go to the holder of ticket number 31581. And another 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.

If you are the holder of either ticket then please contact the commercial department on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk to claim your prize.

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.

THANK YOU

A massive thank you to the volunteers who helped clear snow off of the Kenilworth Road pitch last Saturday to enable the match with Tamworth to go ahead.

Supporters, club staff, the match referee and the Hatters' youth team all pitched in to clear snow, stairwells and the stands to ensure it was game on.

SCOTT SIGNS ON

Town boss John Still strengthened his squad with the signing of left-back Scott Griffiths on a contract until the end of the season last week. The 27-year-old knows his manager well – Still signed the defender for Dagenham & Redbridge in 2004, plucking him from Aveling.

Griffiths went on to spend a hugely successful spell at Victoria Road, amassing over 200 league appearances in

six years, during which time he was part of the Daggers side that won the Conference in 2007.

In October 2010 he signed for Championship side Peterborough, but he found first team opportunities limited and was loaned out to Chesterfield in 2010/11.

He played 29 times for the Spireites and helped the Derbyshire club win the League 2 title. Still down the pecking order at London Road, Griffiths spent last season on loan with Crawley, Chesterfield again and Rotherham. This season Griffiths spent a short spell with Plymouth Argyle, making six appearances, but was released from his contract with Peterborough once the loan spell expired.

The England C international and will wear squad number 37.

On his newest recruit Still told the official website: "Scott's ended up leading a bit of nomadic career in recent years but I hope he's found a home here.

"This is a place where he can settle and produce his best football. He should still have a lot of progress and improvement in him, and with age, should come wisdom.

"He's got the knowledge and the ability to learn, and I know he has the ambition. I know what he is capable of and I know he can repeat what he did for me at Dagenham and Luton."

DEVELOPMENT SIDE DEFEATED

New signing Scott Griffiths played 90 minutes as a strong Town development side went down 2-0 against Championship Charlton Athletic last Wednesday.

There were also starts for Dean Brill, Wayne Thomas, JJ O'Donnell and Arnaud Mendy for the Hatters in the friendly game at the Addicks' training ground. The hosts led at the break thanks to a Kevin Feely header, and secured victory with a late second-half penalty from Joe Pigott.

First team coach Alan Neilson told Talk of the Town "It was a good work-out but a frustrating result. We more than matched Charlton for the first half but conceded a sloppy goal from a corner which was very disappointing. We played at the right tempo throughout and looked dangerous on a number of occasions going forward, but Charlton got stronger inside the final 15 minutes and scored a second from the penalty spot. Charlton are doing well in their

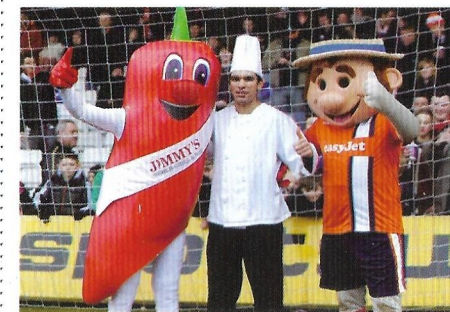
reserve league and beat us 4-0 earlier in the season, but in truth 2-0 wasn't a fair reflection of the game. I thought we deserved to score at least one goal. On the whole I couldn't fault the players and, with a number of them playing 90 minutes, there were a lot of positives to take from the game."

NEW DATE FOR EBBSFLEET

The Town's home fixture against Ebbsfleet United has been rearranged for Thursday 18th April, kick-off 7.45pm. The match was postponed for the second time last Tuesday night with the Kenilworth Road surface partly frozen and waterlogged in places.

HARRY MEETS JIMMY

Happy Harry was joined at our recent home game with Hereford United by a mascot of a different kind – in the shape of a chilli.



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FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

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Please note the change in date for this fixture. This match will be broadcast live on Premier Sports TV.



LUTON TOWN v NEWPORT COUNTY BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices. This match will be broadcast live on Premier Sports TV.



LUTON TOWN v EBBSFLEET UNITED BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



SOUTHPORT v LUTON TOWN BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2013, KICK-OFF 5.15PM

Please note the change in kick-off time of this fixture.

We are awaiting ticket information from Southport for this match.



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COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road once more as we welcome high-flying Kidderminster Harriers to Kenilworth Road.

Tickets continue to sell well for 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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We have some very special guests as our match sponsors this afternoon, a group of Norwegian Hatters fans who are here representing their Mazda and Hyundai dealership Brænden Auto, just north of Oslo.

Ole Henrik Pedersen is joined by seven guests this afternoon. He told Talk of the Town: "We are delighted to be match sponsor for today's game.

"We don't expect any of you to buy cars from us, because we are selling cars with the steering wheel on the wrong side of the vehicles! Come on you Hatters."

For more information – best brush up on your Norwegian first, though, visit http://roaauto.no/om_oss/

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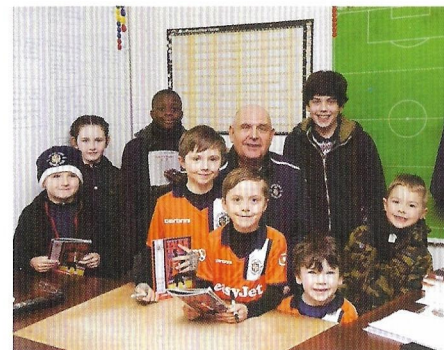
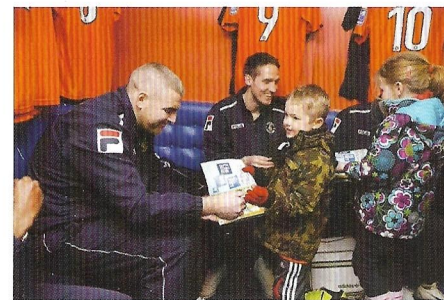
TODAY'S MASCOTS

This afternoon we have the pleasure of welcoming brother and sister Arron and Louisa Woolerson as our mascots for today's game.



Arron, 12, and Louisa, 11, are both football mad and they are mascots today in honour of their friend and next-door neighbour Graham Keech who sadly passed away in December.

They will both get to meet all the players in the dressing room before the match, including their favourite player Alex Lawless, before leading the team out onto the field prior to kick-off. We hope you both have a great day with us.



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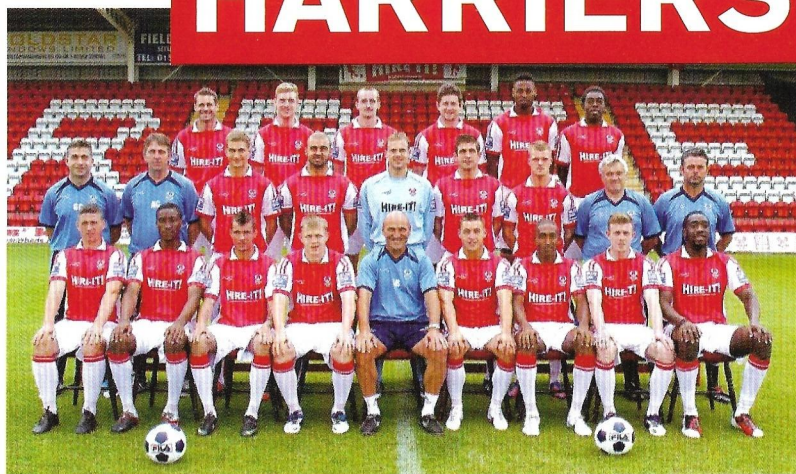
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KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS



This afternoon the Hatters welcome promotion hopefuls Kidderminster Harriers to Kenilworth Road for this Easter Monday clash.

The Hatters will be hosting their first game since the snowy wintery conditions have wreaked havoc across the league last weekend meaning both sides head into the game relatively fresh.

Prior to the programme going to print Harriers were sitting pretty at the summit of the Blue Square Bet Premier as time wound down on a tiring season. Harriers, who began the season on a torrid 10-game winless run, now are one of the favourites to clinch promotion and certainly top the table form-wise heading into the run in.

Before a 2-2 draw with Woking last Tuesday, Harriers had been on another impressive run of form with four back-to-back wins causing the league to sit up and take note of their ruthless display in front of goal.

The mid-season acquisition of Michael Gash on loan from Cambridge has enhanced Harriers' promotion push ever since, and after linking up in a deadly duo with 16-goal Anthony Malbon Kidderminster have fired their way into the forefront of the promotion push.

As mentioned above it is a world apart from a despairing opening to the season which saw Steve Burr's men holding firm as the weight at the foot of the table, but a run of 11 games without loss spanning from October through to December saw them climb back into the promotion picture.

Since the turn of the year their form has continued with 11 wins in 13 games heading into the Easter Monday show down with the Hatters.

This will, however, be the second meeting this campaign and the last time the two sides faced off it was the Hatters who came away from Aggborough victorious. Stuart Fleetwood's brace on a summery evening back in August put the Hatters on the way to three points with Harriers dropping to the foot of the table.

This will be the fifth visit to Bedfordshire in Harriers' 127-years since their formation in 1886 and it has not been an encouraging visit for the travelling support. Last year saw a humbling 1-0 win for the Hatters, the same score from the sides first meeting at Kenilworth Road back in 2002.

In four visits Harriers have only left with a point on one occasion with the Hatters showing a 75 per cent win rate at home against Burr's men.

The form book does not make good reading for Harriers fans in general, however, with their side never recording a win over the Hatters before their visit this afternoon.

In 10 meetings between the sides, Kidderminster have only managed to secure a point on two occasions and in that time have conceded 21 times.

The history book may not favour the visitors but the current form book certainly does, so an exciting prospect is prepared for all in attendance as two of the Conference heavyweights battle it out for promotional pushing rights.

THE HARRIERS

AN AT-A-GLANCE LOOK AT THE KIDDERMINSTER SQUAD

STEVE BURR

The boss. Arrived in the Harriers hotseat in January 2010 from Stalybridge Celtic. Part of the England C coaching set-up he has guided Kiddy to two successive sixth-placed finishes in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

DANIEL LEWIS

Goalkeeper in his second spell at Aggborough who has returned from a harrowing anterior cruciate ligament injury last season to become a vital member of the Harriers side.

NATHAN VAUGHAN

Experienced goalkeeper signed in August 2012. Previously with Newport and Plymouth and is good back-up for Lewis.

LEE VAUGHAN

Marauding full-back who joined Harriers from AFC Telford in 2010. An accomplished penalty taker, his defensive and attacking displays earned him a contract extension this season.

MICKEY DEMETRIOU

Young full-back who signed from Eastbourne Borough in early 2011. Has previously been on the books at the Glenn Hoddle academy.

KYLE STORER

Talented midfielder who joined Harriers from Nuneaton in 2011. Comfortable on the ball and always looking for a pass, he has also featured for Tamworth and Hinckley.

MIKE WILLIAMS

Welshman who signed from Wrexham in 2010. A hugely experienced member of the Harriers' squad who is comfortable at both left-back and at centre-half.

JACK BYRNE

Talismanic midfield man who signed for Kiddy from Redditch United. Is fast approaching 100 appearances in Harriers colours.

DANNY JACKMAN

Seasoned campaigner who signed an 18-month in January this year. The 30-year-old midfielder has vast Football League experience following spells with Gillingham, Stockport and Northampton.

JAMES VINCENT

England C international midfielder who is also blessed with experience in Leagues One and Two whilst with Stockport.

RYAN ROWE

Striker who arrived in January 2012 following a prolific spell with Stourbridge. Local lad who has a real eye for goal.

ANTHONY MALBON

Harriers' top goal getter who signed for the club in January 2012 from Newcastle Town. He scored with his first touch on his Kiddy debut.

MARVIN JOHNSON

Highly-rated young striker who Harriers signed from Romulus in January 2012.

DANNY PILKINGTON

Winger who arrived at Aggborough in the summer of 2012. Has Football League and non-league experience following spells with Stockport, Chesterfield and York.

RICKY SHAKES

Guyana international winger who signed for Harriers in June 2012. The midfielder has played at Premier League level with Bolton and has also enjoyed spells with Swindon and Ebbsfleet.

CALLUM GITTINGS

Versatile and dependable midfielder or winger who signed in 2010 from part-timers Alvechurch. Improving all the time, he signed a contract extension in 2012.

STEVE GUINAN

A veteran of over two decades, the player/coach and striker was talked out of retirement in the summer of 2012. Has made over 500 senior experiences during with spells Hereford and Cheltenham.

KEITH BRIGGS

Former Fleetwood captain who arrived at Aggborough following his release from the Highbury club. The midfielder has also played for Stockport, Mansfield and Stalybridge, the latter under Burr.

CHEYENNE DUNKLEY

The first signing of the summer of 2012, the promising young defender was plucked from Hednesford Town. A former Crewe trainee who can play anywhere across the back-line.

JOSH GOWLING

Commanding and experienced defender who signed from Lincoln in August 2012. A former West Brom trainee who has enjoyed spells at Bournemouth, Hereford and Gillingham.

MICHAEL GASH

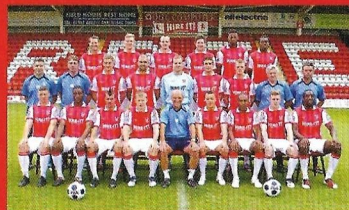
Striker who joined on loan in March 2013 from Cambridge United. A regular scorer at non-league level during spells with Ebbsfleet and York.

MARTIN DEVANEY

Experienced winger who arrived in mid-February 2013. The 32-year-old has made well over 400 Football League appearances during spells with Cheltenham and Tranmere.



Established: 1886
Nickname(s): Harriers, Reds, Kiddy
Stadium: Aggborough
Capacity: 6,250 (Avg. attendance '12/13 - 1,975)
Manager: Steve Burr (Three years, four months)
Final league position '11/12: 6th BSP



Kidderminster Harriers missed out on the Blue Square Bet Premier Play-Offs last season to the Hatters after losing their final two games of the season – one of which was here at Kenilworth Road.

However, there is certainly no danger of that happening again this time around as the Harriers are perched at the top of the table despite having a woeful start to the 2012/13 season.

A closer look at Kidderminster's season so far
(stats accurate as of 29.3.2013)

Steve Burr's side got off to a shocking start this season with no wins in their first 10 games.

In fact, Harriers lost their first five games and scored just two goals, but since the last of those five defeats (against Forest Green Rovers in August), Kiddy have lost only four times.

If you're wondering how it is possible for a team to start so badly, yet be in pole position to win the league just a few months later, consider this: Kidderminster have won 20 of their last 24 games, have one of the best defences in the division and have the best away record in the division with an average of 1.8 points per game collected.

Looking closer at Kidderminster's away record might frighten a few Hatters given that they have won 10 of their last 12 games on the road and have gathered 12 more points than Luton away from home this season.

But the impressive statistics doesn't stop there: Kiddy have the best record in the division when facing sides positioned in the top half of the league.

They have also scored first in 63.4 per cent of their games this season compared to Luton's 34.2 per cent and, when they have scored first (26 games), they have won 20.

Aside from goalscoring, Kiddy are also tight at the back having conceded just 0.7 goals per game on their travels compared to Luton's 1.4 and have kept 14 clean sheets in total this season – a figure made more impressive when you appreciate they only kept one clean sheet in their opening 11 games.



How will they play? Who are their danger men?

Steve Burr's side is one of the most finely balanced in the division. The Kidderminster midfield is one of the only midfields in the BSBP which doesn't comprise of individual specialists (e.g. a ball-winner, a box-to-box midfielder), rather, it contains what you may call complete midfielders, or 'do-it-all' types, thus meaning it can execute seamless transitions from defence to attack and vice versa.

Daniel Lewis will start in goal for the visitors and will be protected by the complimentary central pairing of commanding 6ft3in centre-half Josh Gowling and the ever-composed 21-year-old Cheyenne Dunkley. Lee Vaughan will be one to watch with his raiding runs from right-back, whilst Mickey Demetriou will operate on the opposite flank.

Kyle Storer is the team's predominant playmaker and will keep the ball moving for his side, whilst James Vincent, who had made 79 Football League appearances by the age of 21, provides the energy along with the diminutive Danny Jackman who stands at 5ft4in.

Anthony Malbon and the athletic Marvin Johnson are likely to flank former Cambridge target-man Michael Gash. Malbon will certainly be Kiddy's dangerman having scored 11 goals in his last 11 outings.

THOUGHTS FROM THE OAK ROAD

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

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Charlotte Paddock

AGE? 24

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB? Around 15 years

KIDDY LOST THE FIRST FIVE GAMES OF THE SEASON, AND DIDN'T WIN UNTIL THEIR 11TH MATCH, BUT NOW HAVE A GREAT CHANCE OF WINNING THE TITLE. TELL US ABOUT YOUR CRAZY SEASON.

Crazy doesn't really sum it up. It was a horrible start to the season, with some miserable results, but we always felt that it would change, as we weren't playing particularly terribly. That first win at Cambridge was a great night and it has got better game on game since.

WHAT GOT YOU GOING AFTER THAT POOR START? WERE CHANGES IN PERSONNEL MADE? OR DID IT JUST TAKE A WHILE FOR THE TEAM TO GEL?

I think it was a combination of players going in and coming out that led to us beginning to pick up results. I don't think the situation was helped by the pre-season we had, which probably could have been more testing. The end of the transfer window saw Josh Gowling join the club, and he helped to steady the defence, while players started to find their feet again after the summer.

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THE JOB MANAGER STEVE BURR IS DOING? WHAT ARE HIS STRENGTHS? (AND WEAKNESSES?)

Steve and assistant Gary Whild have done a great job since they came in three years ago. I think the continuity with the management team has helped, with us improving year-on-year. It shows how a team can progress if they stick by their management team. Their main strength is being able to spot gems in the lower leagues, such as Jamille Matt and Anthony Malbon.

WHO'S YOUR PLAYER TO WATCH?

It really is impossible to pin-point one player, as they have been impressive as a unit. The centre-halves have been solid since they were paired together, and Anthony Malbon and Michael Gash are forming a formidable partnership up front. Danny Lewis has had a great season back in goal and our midfield is full of strong, hard-working players like Kyle Storer and James Vincent.

LUTON HAVE RARELY MANAGED TO ACHIEVE A WINNING RUN OF GAMES SINCE THEY'VE BEEN IN THIS DIVISION. WHAT'S THE SECRET TO ACHIEVING CONSISTENCY?

For us, I believe it has been a case of sticking by the management and allowing them to build a team of players that they believe in.

WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES FROM PLAYING LUTON?

Mostly awful, we don't tend to have a good time when we visit Kenilworth Road, or indeed when Luton visit Aggborough. Hopefully we can change that today!

WHAT'S THE BEST KIDDERMINSTER MATCH YOU'VE WITNESSED SINCE YOU'VE BEEN SUPPORTING THEM?

I can't choose between two, the first being against Rushden and Diamonds in 2000, when we won to pretty much secure our promotion to the Football League. Aggborough was full and it was a great atmosphere. The second would probably be our FA Trophy semi-final versus Northwich Victoria in 2007 to reach the first competitive final at Wembley.

THE AGGBOROUGH CUISINE IS BECOMING LEGENDARY – HAVE YOU HAD ONE OF THE CLUB'S FAMOUS COTTAGE PIES? HOW GOOD ARE THEY ON A SCALE OF 1/10?

I have indeed and it scores a solid 8/10, but I only ever have one when there is someone to share it with, as there is just too much food there! The food at Aggborough is something special. I've never had the soup though - who knows what is in it!

WILL KIDDY WIN PROMOTION – AND IF SO, HOW? AND IF YOU MANAGE TO DO IT, WHERE WOULD IT RANK ALONGSIDE THE CLUB'S ALL-TIME ACHIEVEMENTS?

I really hope so, and hopefully we will go up as Champions to avoid the gamble of the Play-Offs. If we do manage it, it would probably be the top achievement, based on the terrible start that we had to this season.

WHAT'S THE SCORE GOING TO BE TODAY?

Harriers to win 2-1.

CAMPAIGNS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS SELECTS 10 POST-WAR KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

1968/69

Peter Wassall scored a club record 67 goals as Kidderminster Harriers stormed to the West Midland League title in 1968/69. Newcomers included Les Cocker, Vic Cockcroft, Terry Jewkes, Colin Smith and Brian Taylor, with Harriers losing just twice and scoring 124 goals as they won the title by a nine-point margin. Goals by brothers Brendan and Peter Wassall gave Kidderminster a 2-2 draw at Brighton in the FA Cup first round, only the second time they had taken a Football League club to a replay, which was lost 1-0 in front of 8,442 at Aggborough. Harriers also shared the West Midland League Cup with Cinderford Town.

1979/80

Kidderminster Harriers won the Southern League Cup for the first time in 1979/80. New signings included John Powell, Dave Clements, Gary Fleet, Alex Travis and Phil Nicholls. Harriers defeated Witney Town 5-3, Milton Keynes 2-0, Bridgend Town 2-0, Cambridge City 3-1 and Alvechurch 2-1 in the Southern League Cup before two goals by John Powell plus others from John Griffiths and Phil Mullen secured a 4-1 victory over Dartford in the two-legged final. John Chambers also guided Kidderminster to the FA Cup first round for the first time in 11 years but Harriers lost 2-0 to Blackburn Rovers watched by 4,030 at Aggborough.

1982/83

The Harriers won promotion to the Alliance Premier League in 1982/83. John Chambers added Graham Jones, John Horne, Ron Skinner and Barrie Vassallo. Harriers kicked off with a 2-1 win at home to Hastings United and were destined to lead the Southern League Premier Division for most of the season, at one stage by 14 points. Top scorer Phil Mullen, Graham Jones and John Powell scored 75 goals between them as Kidderminster eventually finished runners-up to AP Leamington. They also defeated Worcester City 5-2 in the Worcestershire Senior Cup final and Willenhall Town 2-1 in the Staffs Senior Cup final.

1985/86

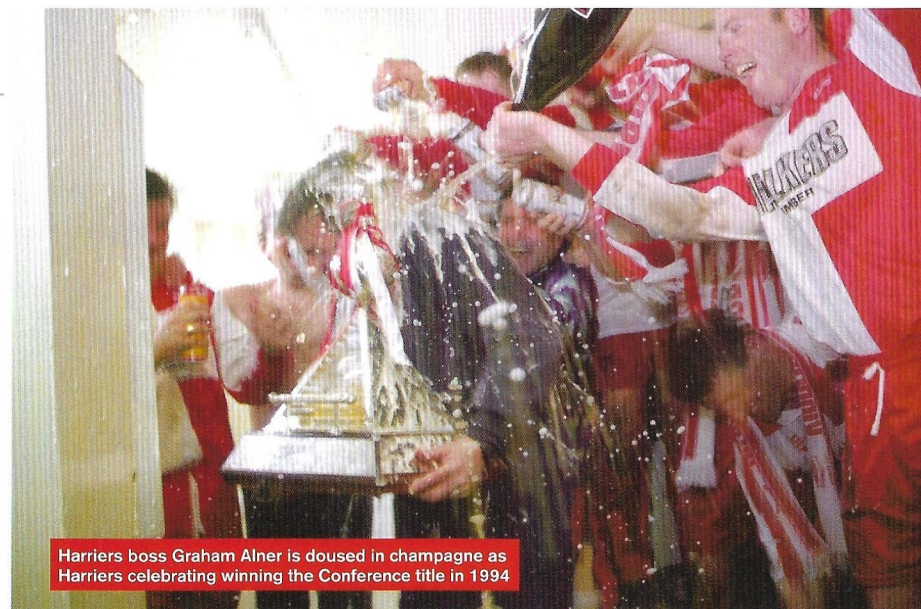
Kidderminster celebrated their 1985/86 centenary season by reaching the Welsh Cup final for the first time. Graham Allner signed Kim Casey and Mark Buckland, then added Adrian O'Dowd, Clive Boxall and Trevor Campbell. Spearheaded by Kim Casey, Paul Davies and Mick Tuohy, Kidderminster had a magnificent 18 match unbeaten run that took them to the FA Trophy quarter-finals and they finished third in the Gola League. Harriers beat Shrewsbury Town 3-1, Newport County 2-1, Swansea City 4-0 and Hereford United 5-4 to reach the Welsh Cup final. They drew 1-1 with Wrexham but lost the replay 2-1.

1986/87

Graham Allner guided Harriers to FA Trophy final glory in 1986/87. The arrival of Jim Arnold, Colin Brazier and Kevin Collins strengthened the squad and Harriers beat Mossley 1-0, Worthing 2-0, Cheltenham Town 3-2, Dagenham 3-0 and Fareham Town 2-0 en route to their first FA Trophy final. They drew 0-0 with Burton Albion at Wembley and triumphed 2-1 in the replay at The Hawthorns. Despite England Semi-Pro star Kim Casey scoring 38 goals, Harriers finished in a disappointing mid-table position in the Conference but trounced Cheltenham Town 5-1 in front of 1,750 at Aggborough on New Year's Day.

1990/91

Kidderminster Harriers were FA Trophy finalists for the second time in five seasons in 1990/91. Graham Allner's side beat Sutton United 4-2, Dover Athletic 1-0, Bath City 3-1, Emley 3-0 and Witton Albion 2-1 en route to the FA Trophy final before losing 2-1 to Martin O'Neill's double-chasing Wycombe Wanderers at Wembley. Harriers also reached the Bob Lord Trophy semi-finals before losing 6-2 on aggregate to Barrow and took that season's FA Cup giantkillers Woking to a first round second replay. Brilliant young goalkeeper Paul Jones moved to Wolves at the end of the season and was destined to win 50 Welsh caps.



Harriers boss Graham Allner is doused in champagne as Harriers celebrating winning the Conference title in 1994

1993/94

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

1994/95

Graham Allner guided Kidderminster to their third FA Trophy final in 1994/95. Harriers beat St Albans City 3-2, Kingstonian 1-0, Ilkeston Town 2-1, Altrincham 5-0 and Hyde United 2-1 in the FA Trophy and were unlucky to lose 2-1 to holders Woking after extra-time in the Wembley final: Kevin Rose, Simeon Hodson, Chris Brindley (Neil Cartwright), Chris Webb, Paul Bancroft, Richard Forsyth, Mark Yates, John Deakin, Jon Purdie, Delwyn Humphreys (Lee Hughes), Paul Davies. They also took Torquay United to an FA Cup first round replay but finished a disappointing mid-table in the Conference.

1996/97

Lee Hughes was leading scorer with 30 goals as Kidderminster Harriers so nearly achieved a Conference 'double' in 1996/97. Graham Allner's side were early pace setters and triumphed 5-0 at Dover, then bounced back from a 2-1 home defeat by Bromsgrove in front of 6,081 on Boxing Day to hammer Bath City 6-0 at Aggborough. They had an 11 match unbeaten run and managed seven straight wins, with the 2-2 draw at title rivals Stevenage in January watched by the season's biggest crowd of 6,489. Harriers were pipped to the title by Macclesfield, but beat the Silkmen in the Conference Cup final on away goals after a 1-1 draw.

1999/00

Kidderminster Harriers won the Conference title with a club record 85 points in 1999/00. They lost six of their opening eight Conference matches under new manager Jan Molby, including a 5-3 defeat at Rushden & Diamonds. Mark Druce grabbed a hat-trick in a 5-0 victory over Southport in November and Harriers soared to the top of the table with just one defeat in 23 Conference matches. Kidderminster beat title rivals Rushden & Diamonds 2-0 in the return match watched by 6,250 at Aggborough in April. They clinched the title despite losing 1-0 at Woking to secure the Football League place denied them six years earlier.



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TOWN 0-0 TAMWORTH



Simon Ainge attacks a Town corner

STALEMATE IN THE SNOW

It was a goalless stalemate at a snowy Kenilworth Road as Town's relentless pressure was rebuffed by a stubborn Tamworth.

The arctic conditions ensured a difficult afternoon for all involved and despite the Hatters dominance they were unable to find a breakthrough and clinch maximum points.

Heavy pre-match snowfall cast doubt over the match but after tireless work from the Hatters ground staff and countless volunteers it was the visitors who kicked off with former England midfielder Lee Hendrie striking an early attempt on goal but Solomon Taiwo was on hand to block the drive.

Just like he did against Stockport the previous Tuesday, winger Dave Martin was at the heart of the Town's early pressure and his wing play fashioned a chance for Jake Howells to shoot wide on 10 minutes.

With conditions difficult for both sides, Mark Tyler had to be alert on 17 minutes when he did well to keep out Marcus Kelly's long-range effort, before Steve McNulty headed straight at the Tamworth goalkeeper minutes later.

The Town were playing some good football as they continued to press in search of an opening goal. Howells, Jonathan Smith and Alex Wall all had sights of goal but, a minute before, the hosts had Tyler to thank for a fine block from close range to bat away a fierce drive from Danny Lloyd.

The snow continued to fall and began to settle as the Hatters kicked off the second half. Eight minutes after the restart, Wall missed a glorious chance to open the scoring when he sent a header agonisingly wide of the post following Jon Shaw's perfect right-wing cross.

Denied

On 56 minutes, Shaw was denied by a last-ditch block when the striker seemed certain to score, before Tamworth goalkeeper Liam Mitchell stopped substitute Andre Gray's low shot after intricate play from Howells.

It was all Town and Shaw was once more denied by the visiting goalkeeper when sending a thumping shot from 15 yards goal-wards on 68 minutes.

The pressure continued but Tamworth refused to buckle. Mitchell turned Howells' low shot around the post on 72 minutes, before Taiwo blazed over at the end of a flowing move with 15 minutes remaining.

Scott Rendell, on for Shaw, flicked a shot just over the crossbar following Martin's dangerous left-wing cross, before Gray called Mitchell into action again with 10 minutes left.

The Hatters were forcing corner after the corner but despite winning 16 of them – including several in the closing stages – they were unable to find a winner. Taiwo volleyed over in the 90th minute and then Simon Ainge headed wide with the final chance.



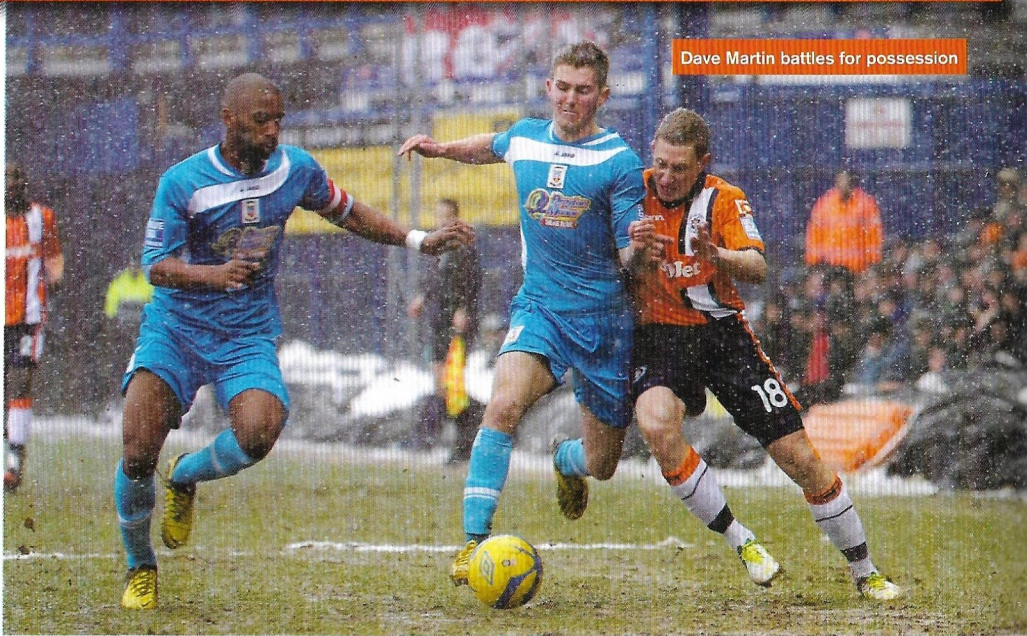
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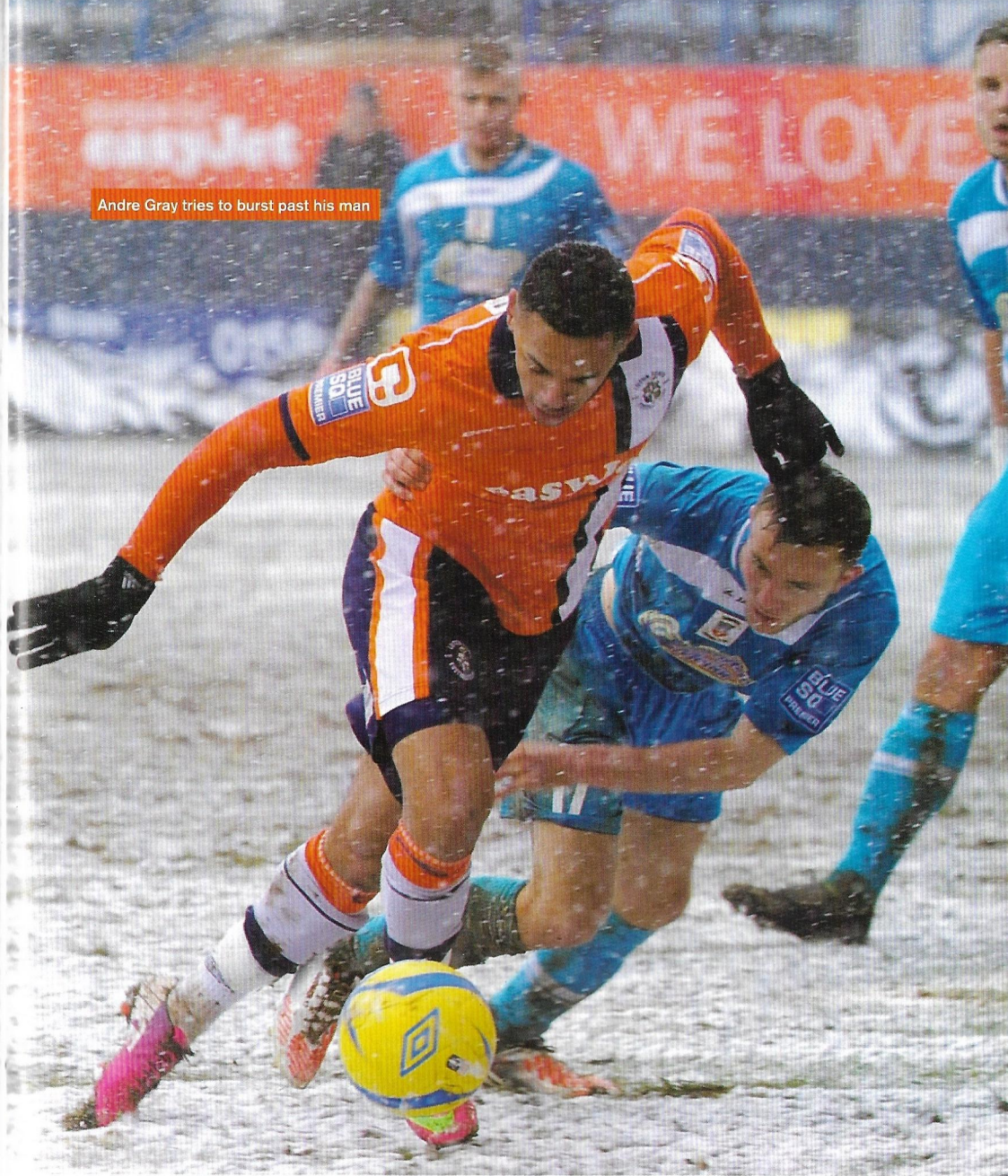
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Dave Martin battles for possession



Jonathan Smith holds off the attention of two Tamworth men



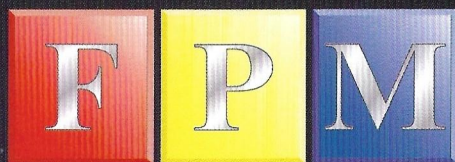
Andre Gray tries to burst past his man

POSSESSION	SHOTS OFF TARGET
58%	8
CORNERS	FOULS
16	8
OFFSIDES	YELLOW CARDS
4	1
SHOTS ON TARGET	RED CARDS
9	0

TOWN: Tyler, Ainge, Rowe-Turner, Goodman, McNulty, Martin, Smith, Taiwo, Howells, Shaw (sub Rendell 76), Wall (sub Gray 61). **Subs not used:** Brill, Henry, Robinson.

TAMWORTH: Marshall, Wylde, Marshall, Courtney, Gudger, Thorpe (sub Tait 36), Kelly, L. Hendrie, Lloyd (sub Wright 82), Cunnington (sub Perry 88), Byfield. **Subs not used:** Wren, S. Hendrie.

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TOWN 0-0 TAMWORTH

BOSS ENCOURAGED DESPITE STALEMATE

Town boss John Still rued his side's failure to turn chances into goals as they were held to a frustrating goalless draw against Tamworth.

In blizzard-like conditions, the Hatters created a number of chances but couldn't make any of them count.

Despite their failure to find the target, the Town kept another clean sheet – their fifth in seven games under the manager.

"I thought we defended fantastically, I thought we created very, very good opportunities to score, but they didn't go in," Still told Hatters Player afterwards.



"It was a combination of reasonable defending, difficult conditions and poor finishing.

"I thought we played well enough. I was really pleased at the amount of balls we got into the box. One thing I wasn't pleased about was I felt there were opportunities we should have hit the target when we didn't and there were a few reasons for that, perhaps not being clinical enough ourselves."

Keep going

The manager believes that their potency in front of goal will improve in time, however.

"This is one of the problems at the moment," he added. "We will not do much training as our work on Monday after this will just be recovery. It is testing for the players especially having to play in conditions like we were faced with today, but we will just keep going.

"We would have liked more time to work rectifying our finishing touch in front of goal but, with Ebbsfleet up next, as I have said, we do not have much time to sort that.

"I am seeing enough from the players though, to know what I am dealing with now. I have been here a month and been allowed a good look at everyone so I will certainly rotate and tinker in the areas I believe need it. We are all learning at present but I am happy with how things are at the moment.

Worked hard

"The players are definitely starting to understand how quickly we need to play and the tempo I would like from them. Again it was just our shooting that let us down and that obviously needs a bit of a touch-up but overall we worked hard so I am pleased.

"We have not won today but the fans did not boo. They clapped the players off and that is because of the effort we showed in tricky conditions."

Over 70 volunteers, including referee Adam Bromley, supporters and club staff helped clear an inch of snow off of the pitch to get the game ahead.

And Still was full of praise for those who braved the elements.

"Everyone did fantastically," he said. "It goes to show how much people care about this club."

"The pitch was just about playable. The snow wasn't the problem, the condition of the pitch would have been a problem, but it was playable and I'm glad to get it on."

MERRY GO-ROUND

BOSS TALKS BOSSES

In the wake of yet more controversial sackings, Town manager John Still spoke of his feelings on the current state of footballing affairs and why longevity and loyalty is becoming increasingly harder to come by.

"I had one job for nine years and another one for five years, so I've done very well," the manager said when prompted about the state of football management at his press conference last Thursday.

"It's the game we're in. It's just how it is. In my own opinion - and it is only an opinion - if a club contracts a manager a given amount of time you shouldn't be allowed to change.

"You don't get any time, and the terrible thing about it is if it was now, I'm not sure where Sir Alex Ferguson would be managing because he wouldn't be at Manchester United. Would his career have taken off somewhere else? I don't know, but I think it's ludicrous.

"I actually think it's ludicrous the way it's going. There is very little chance, very little opportunity, and for some of the younger managers their first chance is their only chance.

"I'm very fortunate I worked for a club that listened when I went in there and told them how it would be - that it would be a project three years in the making, minimum. They said 'okay we will go with that', and they stayed with it."

Long-term vision

Still was appointed Town boss back in February and has since spoke of his long-term vision for the football club to return to the Football League.

He had a similar project at Dagenham when he took over for his second stint in 2004 and he continued to tell of the journey they embarked on which took them from the Conference to League 1 in four seasons.

"First year we were so-so, the second year a bit better, the third year we won promotion, the fourth year it was okay, the fifth year we finished just outside the Play-Offs and the next year we got into Play-Offs and won promotion, and it takes time these days to build," he said.

"Even if you have the resources to go and get anyone you want, it's hard to get everyone right first go - it's not possible. It is a difficult job but it's what we do and like I say, I feel sorry for the younger managers.

"A year in the job, I think even two years in the job, doesn't count. It's not long enough. You need to put your stamp on it; you go into the club and inherit other managers' players. If you go into a club and get given 24 players and you don't like any of them and none of them are your players how long will it take to get your players?

"It takes a long time to get your stamp on it. People rush into knee-jerk reaction. That's the way I look at it and as I always say, short-term success is false economy. Live now, pay later.

Crazy

"Loads of people do that, I always say if you want something you've got to build it. If you build it properly then it has a chance. I understand if you're in a job for three years and there's no real change, that's different, I understand that but after a year or 18 months I think it's crazy."

Still was then asked about the recent sacking of Darije Kalezic, who lasted just under two months in charge at Stockport County.

Kalezic was dismissed from his post immediately after a 1-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road having been at the helm for just 12 games.

"It's sad because he's only been in the job this year hasn't he? What do they expect? I don't know what people expect, to get your ideas over takes ages. These are players, they're human beings. It takes ages to get your ideas over and I really do feel for these people.

"But who am I to say? They're not my clubs, but if they were and I believed in someone and I sat down with someone and they said to me, 'I think to get this how we want it will take three years, two years, five years or 10 years', and if I agree to that then give it.

Give that time and then do it but don't do it half way through - it's crazy."



Having spent 11 years in two separate spells at Dagenham, Still has built up quite a book of contacts, something he feels is essential in being a success.

"You're only as strong as your contacts to start with, you need your contacts," said the 63-year-old.

Friends

"If you look at the boards around here it's scattered with players that I know, my scouts know, people around me know. I've managed that many years, that when we went to Wrexham last week we stopped at Aston Villa to train. The manager, the assistant manager and the first team coach are great friends of mine. If we go the other way, across to QPR, they're great friends of mine, and we can go to West Ham. Contacts are invaluable to me.

"If I went to Holland [Darije Kalezic had joined Stockport from De Graafschap] I wouldn't have a clue who to ring for help, for advice, for support - I wouldn't have a clue. I'd be very much listening to people I called but I'd have no idea if they were telling me the truth. I'd have to be relying on them.

"It must be very difficult for someone managing at a high level in Europe because you will know all the English players through that European league with the Champions League and below that covers everything. If you manage Arsenal, Chelsea, Manchester United, or

even the likes of West Ham, they all take players from abroad, they all watch foreign football. So it's not that difficult but it must be very difficult to come down the leagues."

Still has said he wanted to come to a football club looking to move forward and, after spending just months shy of a decade in the dugout at Dagenham, leaving the project he had produced behind was something that was difficult to turn away from.

Success

"I found that really, really difficult to leave nine years behind me. Most managers will never get that opportunity and full credit to me and the staff that worked there for the success they bought and full credit to the club as well.

"Not every half-season was great but they believed in the vision, they believed in the project and allowed the project to develop and they have benefited from it. Some clubs will never allow themselves to benefit from that because at the first sign of trouble, the first sign of discontent and the first sign of disappointment, they make changes.

"What have Blackburn had, five managers this season? With the greatest respect, I think that is a foolish person who thinks that is the right way."



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THE RECORD

In a word, the Town's record on April Fool's Day is mixed. Of the 19 games the Town have won six, lost five and drawn eight. 28 goals have been scored and 28 have been conceded. Doing that incredibly easy maths, that's 56 goals scored in all the matches played, which works out at an average of 2.9 goals per game. There have been three goalless draws (against Spurs in 1991, Sheffield Wednesday in 1950 and Brighton in 1933). Take those three matches out of the equation when a goal is scored in a game involving the Town on this day, the average shoots up to 3.5 goals per game.

LAST TIME OUT

It's been five years since the Hatters last played on this date when two goals in the last 15 minutes saw them suffer a 2-1 defeat at Gillingham in League One. Sam Parkin looped a header home to put the Town in front on 19 minutes but the Gills stormed back in the second half. Simeon Jackson levelled matters on 75 minutes before the striker won it with a header three minutes from time. Current Hatters defender Garry Richards played 90 minutes at the heart of the Gills defence.

LAST VICTORY

The last time the Town were victorious on this day came in 2006 when a trademark Steve Howard header earned Mike Newell's side all three points against Ipswich Town in the Championship. 9,820 squeezed inside Kenilworth Road to witness Howard's winner which was the striker's fourth goal in six matches.

FIVE OF THE BEST

The Hatters were celebrating promotion on this day in 2002 and a hugely entertaining Easter Monday win over Mansfield made it 11 wins on the bounce in Division 3 (now League 2). Promotion had been secured the Saturday prior with a 3-1 victory at

Swansea and, in a carnival atmosphere before a crowd of 8,231 at Kenilworth Road, goals from Jean Louis Valois, Dean Crowe, Kevin Nicholls and Steve Howard had the Hatters 4-1 up inside 35 minutes. Mansfield threatened a brief fight-back, but a second from Howard in second half secured a 5-3 win to keep up the pressure on leaders Plymouth in the race for the title.

TOP FLIGHT RECORD

Three matches involving the Town on this day have taken place in the top flight with the record reading one win, one defeat and one draw. Goals from Mike Newell, a Mick Harford penalty and one from Ricky Hill were enough for the Hatters to beat West Bromwich Albion on this day in 1986 at Kenilworth Road. The Town were held to a goalless draw by Tottenham in 1991. John Dreyer hit the crossbar on a penalty before Marvin Johnson was sent-off. In 1986, the Hatters lost 2-1 to Aston Villa at Villa Park with Ricky Hill scoring the Town goal.

HOLY HALOM!

A super hat-trick from Vic Halom in the final 14 minutes saw the Hatters fight-back from a goal down to beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-1 at Kenilworth Road in Division 2 (now Championship) in 1972. Trailing to a first-half Brian Joicey goal, Halom netted his first on 76 minutes to equalise. His second, to put the Hatters ahead, arrived with five minutes left before he grabbed the matchball with his third two minutes later.

OWLS THAT

Sheffield Wednesday are the side the Town have played the most on April Fool's Day. The 1972 victory was the first in two attempts to beat the Owls on this day. The two sides drew 0-0 at Kenilworth Road in 1950, whilst Wednesday cruised to a 4-1 victory at Hillsborough in a Division 2 (now Championship) game in 1939.



Steve Howard celebrates his goal against Ipswich on this day in 2006

CENTRE SPOT

Alex Wall holds off his marker during Saturday's goalless draw in the snow against Tamworth



PICTURE THE PAST

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



David Pleat fires in a shot during the 5-1 home win over York (yes, we did used to beat them!) in May 1967.

This was to be Pleat's last game as a player for the Hatters but he did, of course, return to Kenilworth Road to oversee a glorious chapter in the Town's history.

TOWN TREASURES

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

In competition to the established 'Luton News Football Handbook', the printers of the Luton Town Match Card (programme), Chas Moore of High Town Road, brought out their own version in 1906.

As far as I can trace, the handbook was only published for one season as, frankly, it was not very good and, unlike the Luton News offering, carried no photos.

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UNITED LEAGUE.

Club.	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Goals
Watford	18	13	1	4	19	15	
Crystal Palace	18	13	4	1	51	21	
Leyton	18	8	6	4	33	31	
LUTON TOWN	18	7	7	4	47	27	
Clapton Orient	18	5	5	8	24	27	
Swindon Town	18	7	8	3	33	29	
Brighton & Hove	18	6	8	4	28	28	
New Brompton	18	7	9	2	26	27	
Grays United	18	4	12	2	21	64	
Southern United	18	3	13	2	21	64	

South-Eastern League.

FIRST DIVISION.

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Woolwich Arsenal	24	21	3	0	91	26	42
Tottenham Hotspur	24	19	3	2	85	19	40
Queen's Pk. Rangers	24	14	3	7	54	33	35
Leyton	24	13	7	4	56	42	30
Midstone United	24	12	10	2	51	51	26
Brighton & Hove	24	11	10	3	51	33	25
LUTON TOWN	24	11	11	2	56	54	24
Hitchin Town	24	8	12	4	53	65	20
Hastings & St. Leonards	24	8	14	2	65	80	18
Chelsea	24	8	15	1	55	60	17
Watford	24	7	14	3	29	49	17
Grays United	24	4	16	4	41	86	12
Eastbourne	24	1	19	4	36	125	6

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Tradesmen's Cup Competition.

The Tradesmen's Cup Competition is the latest development of football organization in Bedfordshire and was really initiated for the purpose of promoting football amongst the Early Closers and tradespeople in Luton for Wednesdays.

The idea, which was that of the present chairman, Mr. T. V. Donelan, soon caught on and a good band of workers speedily set to work to organize the movement. Mr. T. V. Donelan has passed and it could hardly be expected that everything would be in apple pie order, but the spirit exhibited in accepting decisions upon the rendering of the rules of the competition speaks well for the success of it. From the very start the Luton Town F.C. has been most considerate and has been brought into the daylight and used for the competition. And the objects for which the cup was started have not been forgotten. Although the expenses were heavy yet the medals were generously given by Mr. Donelan and the purposes of the competition have been encouraged by Mr. Donelan. The admirable start has encouraged the committee to still continue and several fresh clubs of tradesmen and their employees will be in evidence during the coming season.

The Balance Sheet showed that the receipts amounted to £15 11s. 7d. and that the Town Club received £24 7s. as their share according to rule for the use of the money on the occasions of the matches. At the Annual Meeting it was amended for the purpose of raising the amount to Saturday League players, so that the amount of £24 7s. No doubt during the season of 1906-7.

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Luton's New

Although to a large extent curiosity with regard to team for next season is allayed, yet there will be some of wonderment raised respecting the new importations to introduce a fresh element into a team savours slightly of doubt. With the advent of the new men eager and ambitious will be aroused, but from reports of doubt as to the vim and energy which the new men will put into their efforts. A brief review of the new players may be of interest.

A. Jones

Is a centre half back of good reputation. He was born at Tipton, 1874. Height 5ft 7in. Weight 12st 4lb. He is a most sturdy player and should help to fill a most trying position with credit. He went from Folkestone to the Gunner on Highlanders, when he was secured by the club he developed into a tricky player, using his head with cleverness and judgment. From West Bromwich he proceeded to Middlesbrough, and now comes to Luton from that club. It seems a strange that Middlesbrough should provide so many players for Luton.

Watford won the Championship of the United League.

Crystal Palace came out at the top of the Second Division of the Southern League.

J. Blackett was obliged to sign for Luton Town but was soon transferred to Leicester Fosse for a transfer fee of £75 and a friendly match at Luton.

Four Southern Referees will officiate in the Football League next Season. They are:—Messrs S. R. Carr, N. Whittaker, A. Millward and C.C. Fallowfield.

Clapton Orient and Swindon Town resigned their membership of the United League, and at the annual meeting of the League, Norwich City and Hastings and St. Leonards United were elected to membership.

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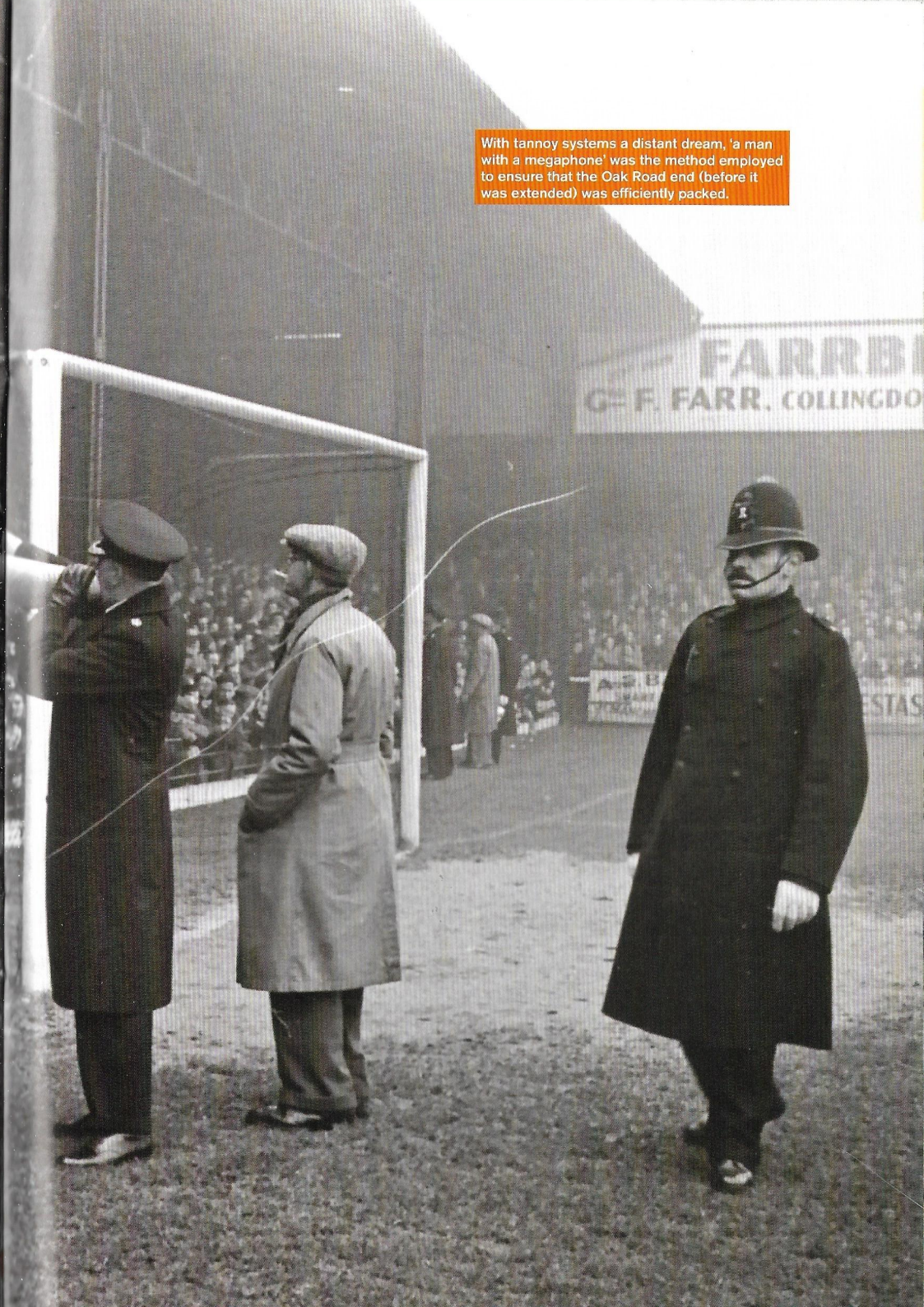
LUTON TOWN FIRST XI FIXTURES.

1906

Date	Opposition	Result
Sept. 1	Queen's Pk. Rangers	S L
" 5	Brighton & Hove	U L
" 8	Fulham	U L
" 10	Watford	S L
" 15	Southampton	U L
" 19	Watford	U L
" 22	West Ham	U L
" 24	Brighton & Hove	S L
" 29	Tottenham Hotspur	U L
Oct. 1	New Brompton	U L
" 8	Swindon	U L
" 8	Crystal Palace	S L
" 13	Norwich City	U L
" 15	Leicester Fosse	S L
" 20	Bristol Rovers	S L
" 22	Leyton	S L
" 27	Crystal Palace	U L
Nov. 1	Norwich City	U L
" 3	Brentford	U L
" 5	New Brompton	S L
" 10	Millwall	S L
" 12	Norwich City	S L
" 17	Leyton	S L
" 24	Portsmouth	S L
Dec. 1	New Brompton	S L
" 8	Plymouth	S L
" 10	Hastings & St. Leonards	U L
" 15	Brighton & Hove	S L
" 22	Reading	S L
" 25	Watford	S L
" 26	Norhampton	S L
" 29	Queen's Pk. R.	S L

THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



With tannoy systems a distant dream, 'a man with a megaphone' was the method employed to ensure that the Oak Road end (before it was extended) was efficiently packed.

MEMORABLE MATCHES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH PICKS OUT THE BEST TOWN MATCHES DOWN THE YEARS

QPR 2-2 LUTON TOWN

22ND MARCH 1980

David Pleat's first season in charge at Kenilworth Road was almost a disaster with the Town narrowly avoiding relegation from the old Division Two at the death.

Pleat had made wholesale changes to the side he inherited, intent on altering the playing style to that of his own principles, but a terrible run of injuries meant that he had to make do and mend as the campaign drew to an ultimately successful close.

The summer of 1979 was spent in adding a couple of names to the squad. Mike Saxby from Mansfield and Tony Grealish from Orient were signed as immediate first team players which meant that, sadly, some long serving squad members had to leave to balance the books, but Pleat would not deviate from his beliefs and his stated aim to take the Hatters back to the top flight.

The season opened with a two-leg exit to Gillingham of Division Three in the League Cup, a home draw with Cambridge and a 3-2 defeat at Bristol Rovers.

Supporters were quite naturally beginning to doubt Pleat's expertise, but after a narrow home win over Orient, a brilliant 3-1 televised victory at Leicester made them alter their views a little.

This was followed by a 5-0 thrashing of Swansea and suddenly the Town were top of the pile when the first league tables were published. What a manager this Pleat was turning out to be!!

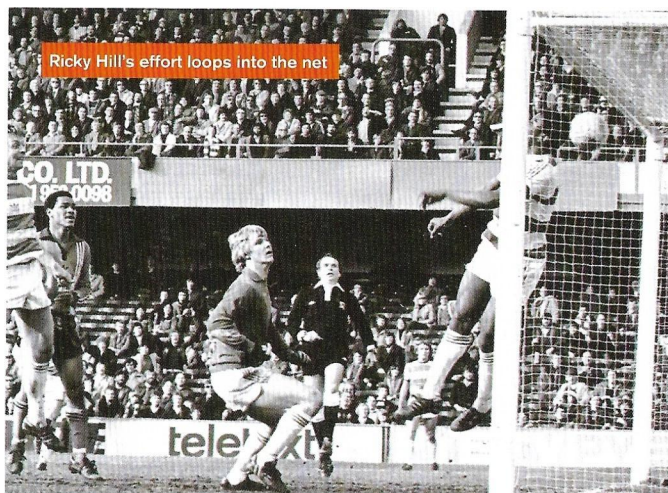
By the time of the visit of QPR to Kenilworth Road on 10th November 1979 the Hatters were still in top spot while Rangers were second. Rangers were in a rich vein of form which included a 7-0 win over Burnley at Loftus Road two weeks before and a 3-1 victory at Bristol Rovers the previous Saturday.

The top of the table clash attracted a crowd of 19,619, the largest at Kenilworth Road since September 1976 when Fulham and George Best were the visitors, as well as the London Weekend television cameras.

In a great advertisement for Division Two football, the Town turned on the style but could not convert chances into goals. Chris Woods in the Rangers goal was in constant action in the first half with athletic saves from Brian Stein and David Moss but he was rooted to the spot when full-back Kirk Stephens, on a regular foray forward, lashed a shot against a post.

The goal the Town fully deserved eventually came in the 44th minute when Paul Price's free-kick, awarded for a push by Glenn Roeder on Alan West, was headed powerfully home by Saxby.

The Town were unable to keep up the frenetic pace in the second period but still had more chances than Rangers with Steve Wicks clearing a Moss effort off the line and Bob Hattton going close on a couple of occasions. It only takes a second to score a goal, so the old cliché goes, and Clive Allen proved that, just after the hour mark, when he reacted quickly to a loose ball in the area and scored with great composure.



The press felt that the final 1-1 draw slightly flattered Rangers but Pleat was reasonably happy, feeling that it was important not to lose but frustrated by the missed opportunities. Rangers boss, Tommy Docherty, thought that the crowd had witnessed two sides that would have graced the top flight while admitting that the Hatters were the better outfit.

Despite the disappointment of the draw, the Luton supporters were at last witnessing a side that looked like it could be going places after several mediocre seasons. Form dipped after Christmas but the Town were always hovering around the top three and hit top spot again in mid-February before a run of five games without a win sent them tumbling out of the promotion places.

On the weekend before the return game with Rangers the Town had lost at home to Cardiff on a miserable night where the pitch was barely playable. Injuries to David Moss and Kirk Stephens added to a game to forget and supporters thought that, although it had been fine while it lasted, the promotion dream was over.

Rangers were in fourth spot, one place above the Town, after a run of six games without defeat but even though we thought the season had finished the BBC Match of the Day cameras were there feeling that the clash was still a 'four pointer'.

Because of the injuries caused in the Cardiff match the Town had to re-shuffle with Graham Jones coming into the side at right-back for his first game in over a year.

Naturally, Rangers looked on Jones as a weak link and attacked down that flank from the start taking the lead after only two minutes when Steve Burke left the defender stranded before firing the ball across for Paul Goddard to tap home.

After 31 minutes Rangers were two up with Goddard again the scorer after Jones was left exposed to another left-wing attack.

The interval came with Luton supporters fearing the biggest defeat of the season but surprisingly Rangers eased off after the break allowing the Town to come back more into the game.

Docherty then made a strange decision in taking off Roeder, leaving more midfield space for the Town's West and Grealish to operate in and the game was slowly turned around.

Paul Price smacked a shot against the bar and Brian Stein shot against a post before Pleat gambled by taking off Steve White and replacing him with debutant Andy Pearson, to give the attack more width.

It was now all Luton as the Rangers defence retreated, and it came as no surprise when Stein headed a picture goal on 73 minutes from a Hatton cross. The deserved leveller came eight minutes later when, after a spell of panic in the Rangers defence, Ricky Hill looped a header into the net.

Suddenly those doubting Luton supporters could see promotion on the agenda again after such a brilliant fight back, but the winner would not come leaving Pleat again satisfied with the draw.

Docherty was spitting nails!

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ALEX WALL

STRIKER FRUSTRATED WITH OWN DISPLAY

The snow played havoc with conditions on the Kenilworth Road surface last Saturday with both sides struggling to come to terms with the treacherous turf.

Despite the Hatters dominance they were unable to break the Lambs defence, something forward Alex Wall refused to blame the surface for.

"It was difficult conditions in the snow but it's the same for both teams so we won't use that as an excuse," said the February recruit.

"I thought the team played well but personally I don't think I did enough. I've got to be more clinical in front of goal but there is another clean sheet which is good. We've just got to put our chances away and then we will be away."

Wall joined from Maidenhead in the Blue Square South where he picked up the player of the month award prior to his arrival at Kenilworth Road for his clinical form in front of goal. Despite making the step up he says the difference in stature is not massive but will take time to adapt to.

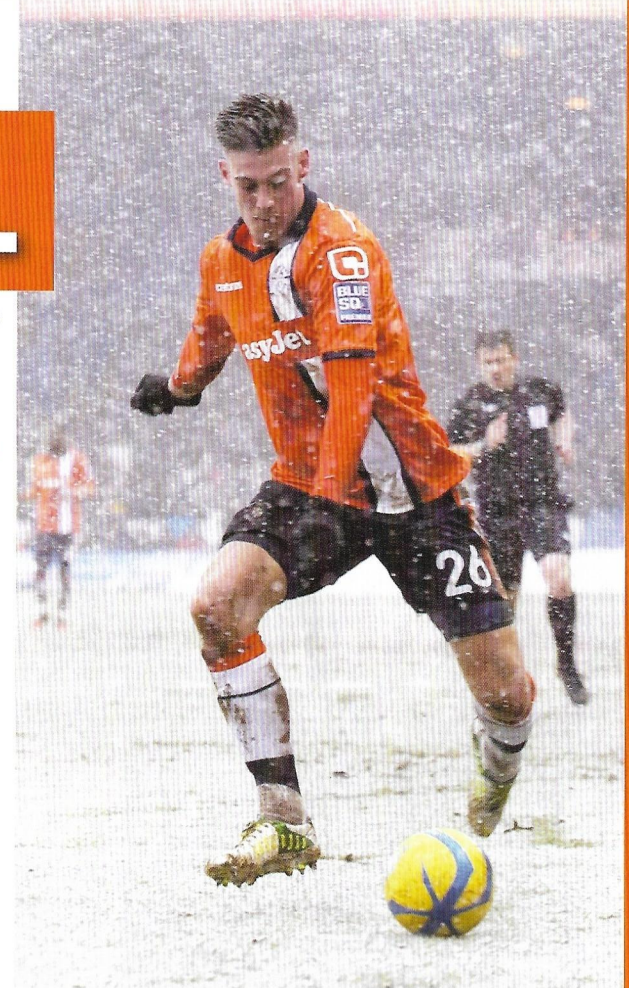
Faster

"I wouldn't say they are more difficult to put away at this level, it's a lot faster than what I'm used to and it can take a bit of time to adapt," said Wall.

"But there are no excuses though. I am a striker and if the ball is at my feet with a goal to hit I should at least hit the target and score, that's what I'm here to do and that's what I need to be doing.

"As a striker I want to be scoring in every single game and helping the team in every way I can. The easiest way to help the team is by scoring goals. I haven't scored in the first five that I've played but hopefully I'll get off the mark sooner rather than later."

The 22-year-old nearly opened his Hatters account with a close range header in the second half but it spun inches wide of the upright.



"I need to turn those chances into goals to be honest," Wall said. "Six yard box, free header, I've got to be scoring those.

"I want to be scoring goals as a striker but I think I've done alright. It's going to take a bit of time to adapt obviously coming from part-time to full-time is going to take its toll on me a bit. I think I've done okay but I'm nowhere near the level I need to be at and I've got a long way to go.

"I think I'm improving each day in training, I'm learning a lot from the boys and the gaffer and I just need to get there. To get there is going to take me a bit of time but I will."

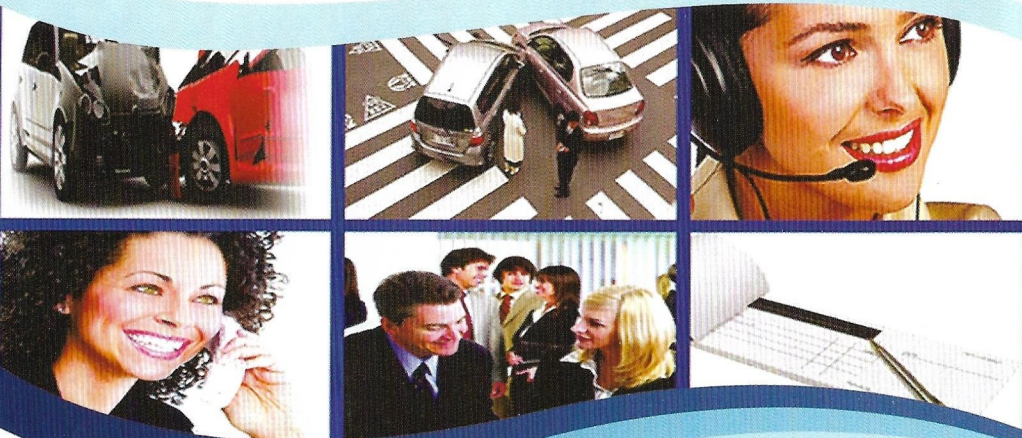
Despite failing to secure three points against Tamworth, Wall is still hopeful of mounting a last gasp charge for the Play-Offs.

"We need to pick up points where we can to get over the line and hopefully, maybe sneak into the top five."

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JAKE

GOODMAN

SHUT OUT BONUS FOR JAKE

Another clean sheet and solid performance for the Hatters' ever-growing defensive union allowed new recruit Jake Goodman to find the positives from a snowy weekend encounter against Tamworth.

"We're disappointed with the result but you have those days where you can't hit the target, you can't score but a point's good enough and we move on to the next game," said the Millwall loanee.

Unsurprisingly Goodman was quick to comment on the conditions that caused four Blue Square games to be postponed but, after tireless work from the ground staff, the Hatters were able to host the fixture.

"It was very difficult," he said. "Despite the snow it was good to get the game on because we know we've got loads of games so we didn't want it cancelled. You've got to deal with the conditions, we dealt with it well, especially at the back. We didn't take any chances and hooked it away when we needed too which is good enough."

Yet again the back four kept an unblemished record rebuffing all attempts from the Lambs attack to snatch a winner, something Goodman puts down to continued support from stand in skipper Steve McNulty.

"John Still has got us very solid at the back and it's good to get a partnership with Macca (McNulty)," continued Goodman.

"It's hard when you keep chopping and changing but now we've got a settled back four we've just got to keep it going.

"Steve helps you through the game. He keeps you switched on, keeps you concentrated because he's been there, he's done it and he keeps you concentrated which is brilliant and at the moment no one looks like scoring against us. The last three games no-one's really had a shot so for me that's the positive."

Despite the stalemate the Hatters were left to rue missed opportunities at the other end and Goodman feels the rub of the green they lacked at the weekend could return in their favour in another fixture.

"It was just one of them days," he said. "Next week we might go out and score four, five, six goals but a draw's a draw and we've got to deal with it."

The 19-year-old central defender is relishing the opportunity presented to him at Kenilworth Road and

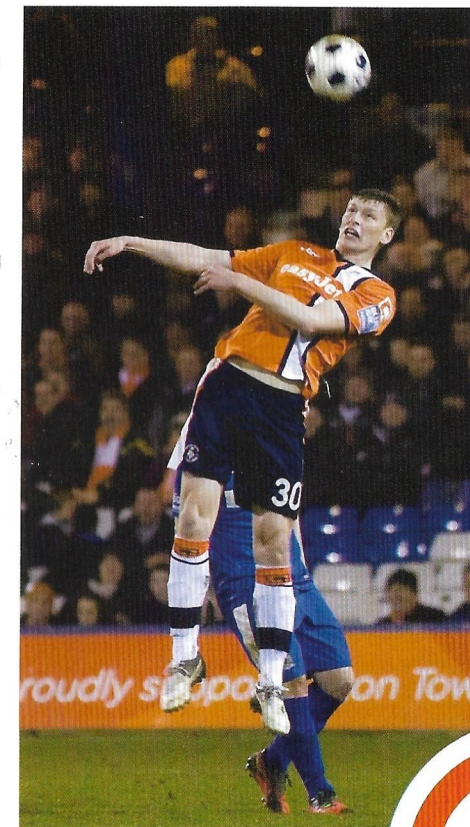
was beaming from ear to ear when asked how his time at the club has begun.

"I've enjoyed it very much," said the highly rated Lions defender.

"It's a lot different playing men's football; it's a lot better than playing development football."

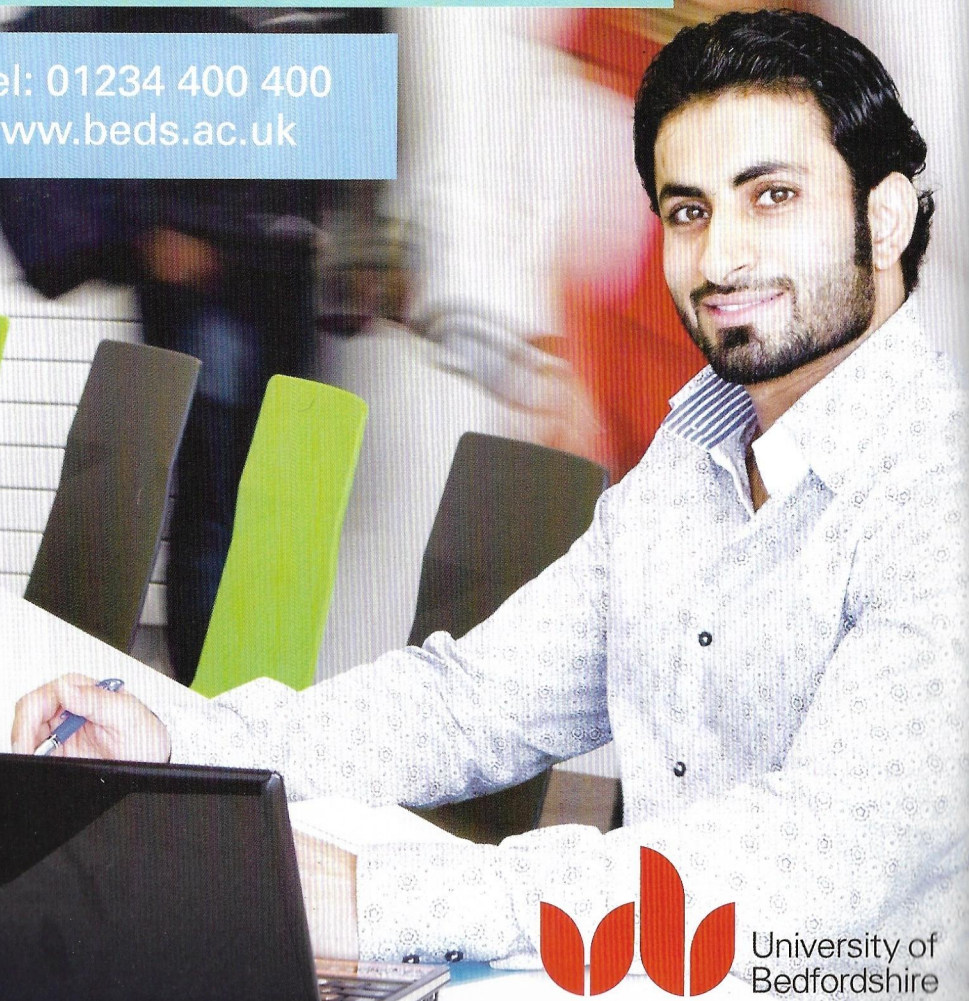
The run in reads tough for the Hatters with Tuesday and Saturday back-to-back fixtures plaguing the fixture list, but despite the congestion, Goodman remains confident there is a chance of post-season success.

"It's a long shot but we've got loads of games coming up and we can do it."



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CHANGES AFOOT AT KENILWORTH ROAD

Manager John Still has his Hatters project well under way and is continuously looking to ring the changes around the club to help aid his long-term vision.

The subtle, smaller changes are usually the ones that prove to have the most effect, and the recent introduction of table tennis at the training ground has sparked a whole manner of morale-boosting cohesion.

The change encourages teamwork between the players as well as friendly competitiveness and physical endurance, something Still is implementing from his time at Dagenham.

"Table tennis keeps them quick on their feet, I think it's really good for players," said Still.

"It's just one of many changes. We're changing lots of things here, lots and lots of things. There's going to be another change soon on the staff side which we haven't had here before. That isn't for now but it will be implemented before the end of the season.

"That's going to be another thing in the development of a player here because developing players is really important to me. Going back to Barnet, the selling of people like Marlon King, Darren Currie, Sam Stockley - we sold lots of players there.

"The record at Dagenham for developing young players was phenomenal and goes into millions of pounds. That's an important thing for me, to find the players but develop them."

The changes off the field will be important in the operating of the club and despite uncertainty into where the change is coming, Still's belief is evident already.

"That change is not going to be in the youth set up, it's going to be in the club set up. It will work for the whole club," he said.

"The development is crucial, it really is crucial, if you can make the players better, it makes the team better. If the team's better the team wins, when the team wins it gets success. Out of that success players can move on, move higher or stay with the club and move higher and progress their careers, which is really important."

Still has a proven track record for developing young prosperous footballers and turning them into fully fledged footballing professionals. This is something he is keen to emulate whilst at the football club and

speaks highly of his preference to build from within the club rather than outsource his continuous flow of players.

"Getting the players into the team ethic is vital but we need to develop players, not bring players in and let them drift. We need to develop them physically, mentally, psychologically and technically," the former Daggers boss said.

"If we can make them fitter, stronger, a little bit better technically, a little bit better tactically, a little bit better physically, a little bit better psychologically, they are all the little percentages that can make you better. If you've got 11 players and you can find a way of making them one per cent better you make your team 11 per cent better. 11 per cent better can win you the league."



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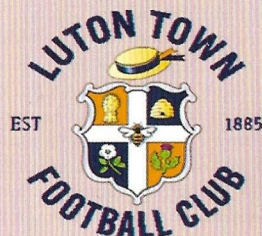
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WITH MEDIA-VU'S GRAHAM MILLER

History tends to record the propaganda of the winners. Football is no different. Whether we pay to watch or are paid to watch, we generally stick with the official version of events as the years go by.

Now that's a pity, because if we dig beneath the headlines, the stories that come to light are illuminating.

At Kenilworth Road, two games in particular will always get a mention in football's record books. Both deserve their place but there's seldom space for the whole story to be told.

With today being Easter Monday the first of them is topical. For here at the Kenny on that day in 1936, the Town destroyed Bristol Rovers 12-0. It was Joe Payne's match. Young Joe was on a hat-trick by half-time and went on to knock in 10.

Achievement

To this day, no-one in league football has bettered his performance. It was a Division Three (South) fixture and here's the thing; not one of the 14,296 who watched the game was aware of his true achievement.

They went home delighted in the victory, marvelling at Joe's afternoon, but believing he'd scored 'only' nine times.

The 1935/36 season was remarkable for goal scoring feats. Before Christmas, Ted Drake scored seven for Arsenal at Aston Villa. And, two weeks later, Robert Bell rung up nine for Tranmere in an extraordinary 13-4 defeat of Oldham Athletic.

So as amazing as Joe's goals were for Luton on that Easter Monday, the crowd celebrated a mere equalling of the record. In the 55th minute of the game, according to local reports, with four goals already under his belt, Joe's powerful header was saved on the line by the Rovers keeper. George Martin following up struck the ball into the net.

Joe scored five more after that, the last coming just four minutes from time. Accounts say every Luton player tried to give him a chance to break the record but he just couldn't do it. In the final seconds, Luton made it 12 but Martin finished off the famous rout.

It was the referee Mr TJ Botham from Walsall who changed the course of football history. He wrote in his official report that in his view Luton's sixth goal had crossed the line before Martin came storming in. In other words, it was Joe Payne's goal.

JP's place in the record books was assured. But none of the crowd knew about it until they read it in the newspapers a few days later.

The other match that will always earn Luton a place in the history books is an FA Cup tie played here in January 1961.

Manchester City were beating the Town 6-2 in a fourth round tie when conditions proved so bad the ref called the players off to see if the pitch could be improved. The great Denis Law had enjoyed the game of his life scoring all six of City's goals.

Furious

Now the story behind these headlines goes like this. After a while, the referee decided that conditions had improved. He went

to the Town dressing room to bring them back out again only to find Luton's players had dressed and were ready to go home.

So, it's said, the official had no option but to abandon the match with a furious Mr Law having his six strikes wiped out.

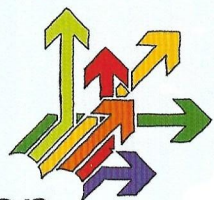
The records show that the Town won the re-arranged tie 3-1. And Law got the only City goal. But, had his earlier goals stood, Denis Law would be placed above Ian Rush in the FA Cup's top goal scorer list. Rush has 44 to his name, Law's official total stands at 41.

For the sake of fair play, perhaps we should start a campaign to 'Release the Denis Law six!'

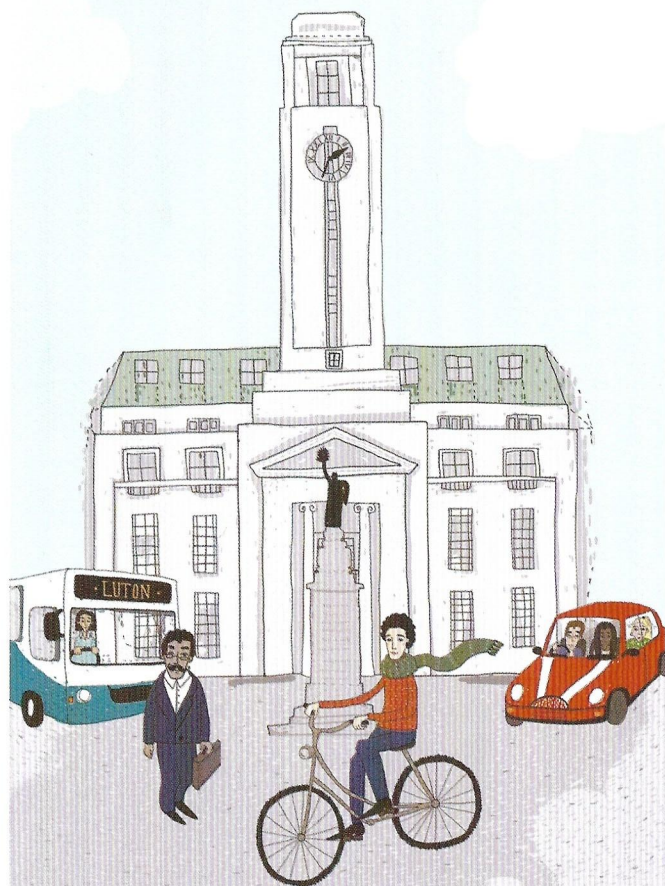
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DRAGONS LIFT THE FA TROPHY

Wrexham won the FA Trophy following a penalty shootout victory over Grimsby Town at Wembley last Sunday. The Red Dragons became the first Welsh club to lift the trophy having triumphed on penalties after a 1-1 draw against the Mariners.



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Wrexham celebrate winning the FA Trophy

It was Grimsby that took the lead with 20 minutes left when Andy Cook finished from close range but Wrexham hit back from the penalty spot on 81 minutes when Kevin Thornton converted a penalty after Dean Keates was fouled.

There were no goals in extra-time despite Wrexham's dominance but it was Andy Morrell's side that were celebrating after a comfortable shootout win that saw Grimsby miss three of their four spot-kicks.

ANOTHER VENUE FOR TYNESIDERS

A new date and venue has been secured for Gateshead's ill-fated Blue Square Bet Premier 'home' fixture against Newport County.

The match has been postponed four times at three different grounds due to the weather. The league clash will now take place at Blue Square Bet North club Boston United's stadium on Thursday.

York Street is an A grade stadium covered on all four sides that has been used for both Football League and Conference Premier games.

With the International Stadium pitch written off for the rest of the season due to acute drainage problems,

a nomadic Heed will have staged home ties at eight different grounds in the 2012/13 campaign.

Half of the games have been staged at Gateshead with Hartlepool United, Carlisle United, Middlesbrough, York City, Blyth Spartans and now Boston United coming to their aid, with the Town due to travel to Brunton Park a week on Saturday.

The eighth ground to host a Gateshead 'home' game was Barrow's Holker Street, though that was when Anth Smith's side had to give up home advantage in the third round of the FA Trophy.

EXILES CALL FOR SEASON EXTENSION

Newport County have asked the Football Conference for an extension to the Blue Square Bet Premier season.

The Exiles still have 10 matches to play this season in their bid for promotion, and have a gruelling schedule over the next month.

County's director of football Tim Harris said: "Our preferred option is for the league to move the deadline back a week and give everyone a bit of breathing space.

"They should manage it in a professional manner and look for an alternative venue for the Play-Off final.

"Whoever gets to the Play-Off final, it's highly unlikely Wembley is going to be filled so what is wrong with going to somewhere like Old Trafford or Villa Park or the Emirates Stadium?"

"They are fantastic stadiums that would grace the play-off final. But I'm talking emotionally and it's highly unlikely that's going to happen."

However, the Football Conference has already ruled out the potential of an extension to the campaign.

"An extension wouldn't be fair on the other clubs who've managed to get all their fixtures played," said Football Conference general manager Dennis Strudwick.

"Wembley Stadium is booked for the Play-Off final for Sunday 6th May, so we've got to get four semi-finals played in the interim.

"Even that leaves us with just seven days from the second leg of the semi-finals to the final to arrange a match and everything that goes with it for 40,000 people."

YOUTH FIXTURES

PUMA YOUTH ALLIANCE UNDER-18 SOUTH-EAST FIXTURES - SEASON 2012 - 2013

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 P'boro Northern Star	H	W 6-0	Banton 3, Amu, McKenzie-Lowe, Trotman Smith 2 (1 pen)
Sat 06 Stevenage	A	L 2-3	
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
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Tue 26 AFC Wimbledon A 2.00pm

Sat 23 Portsmouth A P-P

APRIL

Sat 06 Gillingham H 11.00am

Sat 13 Crawley Town A 11.00am

Tue 16 Southend United H 11.00am

YOUTH UPDATE

The Town's Under-18s Youth Alliance fixture with Portsmouth fell foul of the icy weather last 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 against 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 Hornets' London Colney training ground later this season.

YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST TABLE

Team	P	W	GD	PTS
1 Leyton Orient	17	9	14	31
2 Watford	17	8	13	28
3 Luton Town	16	8	7	28
4 Dagenham & Redbridge	17	7	0	26
5 Gillingham	16	6	1	23
6 Aldershot Town	15	7	-1	23
7 Milton Keynes Dons	14	7	-4	23
8 Southend United	14	6	2	22
9 Portsmouth	14	5	7	20
10 AFC Bournemouth	12	4	-2	17
11 Peterborough United	15	5	-8	17
12 AFC Wimbledon	15	3	-3	16
13 Stevenage	14	4	-8	15
14 Northampton Town	16	4	-7	13
15 Crawley Town	14	2	-11	9

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THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT, THE FUTURE'S ORANGE

Easter is always a critical time of the season for all clubs, with them usually dealing with relegation or promotion which is just around the corner.

For once that doesn't seem to be the case for us, but it is still a massive time for the new first team manager John Still as he continues to plan for next season.

We, as a youth department, are no different, except we are planning more for each individual rather than as a team, in as much as who stays and who goes.

This is always the worst part of my job regarding young players' futures. I will continue to discuss all the players' situations with my staff and will have final meetings in the next couple of weeks.

Sadly, but critically, we will only be looking to keep the better players now who have the potential to excel so we can continue to secure the club's future.

For me the most crucial time is between the ages of 14 and 18 years old. That is where the changes happen. The boys' physical and mental state continues to develop and that is where they make their decisions from, on and off the field. We have some excellent 14-18-year-olds which are the envy of other clubs, but we continue as a group to hold onto them as best we can, hoping to deliver them to the first team.

Two such players, Brett Longden and Jerome Jibodu have just been offered professional contracts. Both are full-backs, left and right respectively, who love to join in and by the way, relish tackle.

I believe if they keep focused they can both really be an asset to the football club. They are both local lads, and if there's one thing I know which gets you fans going, it's a home-grown boy; here we have two.

On the downside of that, we have let five young men go this week in Jordan Davis, Jerry Nash, Nick Burtenshaw, Alasan Ann and Josh Carpenter.

I'm not just saying this but all five lads have been a credit to their families. They have worked really hard but just haven't played consistently well enough at the level that's been required.

However, I do believe they have a future in football if they stay strong mentally to cope with the next couple of difficult years. Also it is a massive time for our under-16s, of which there will be 10 new intakes this summer. This will take our youth team up to a maximum of 18 players for next season.

That squad, we believe, is the best we've had at the club for many a year. The under-18s are at present lying second in their league with four games to go and are certainly capable of winning it.

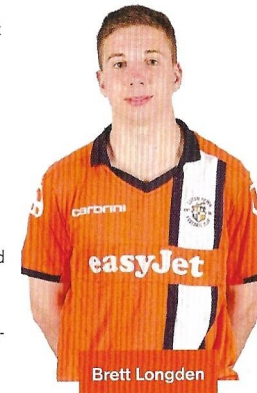
Only Brett and Jerome have been regular second years that have played in the team, which still means nine boys, along with the new intakes, can play next year. Hypothetically we could sign all of those 18 lads as professionals. Statistically we would sign four or five. How many of this new, talented group will we sign? It's up to them. If their attitude and application is right they have a great chance. Only time will tell.

Not only are our young players the lifeblood of this football club also our supporters are. One of which,

Joe Lake, will celebrate his 10th birthday here today with his dad Michael and granddad Barry.

That is three generations of supporters watching the Hatters this afternoon and long may it continue.

Good luck to all the new intakes and have a peaceful and safe Easter.



Brett Longden



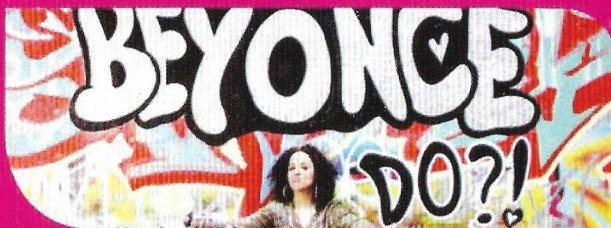
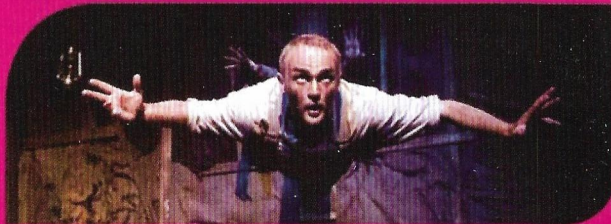
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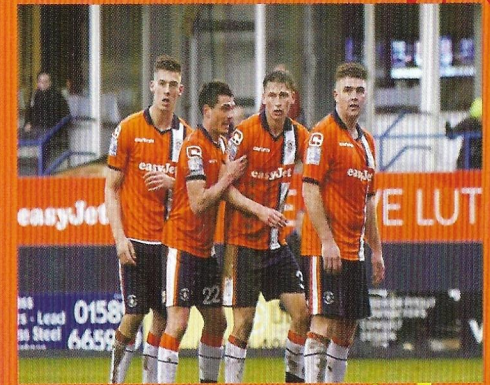
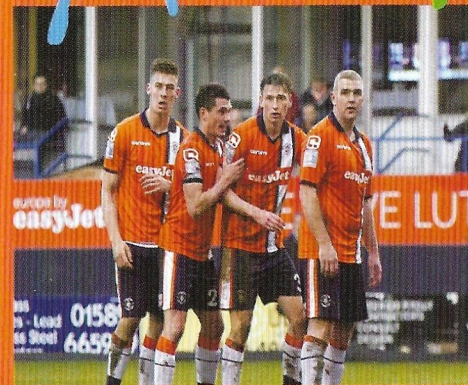
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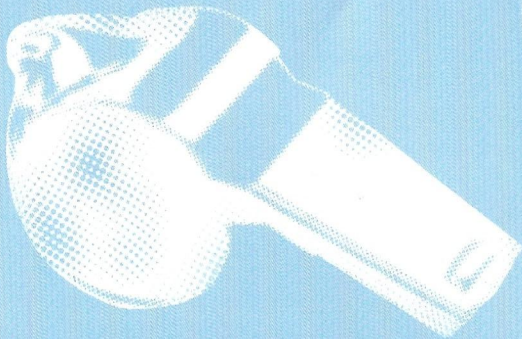
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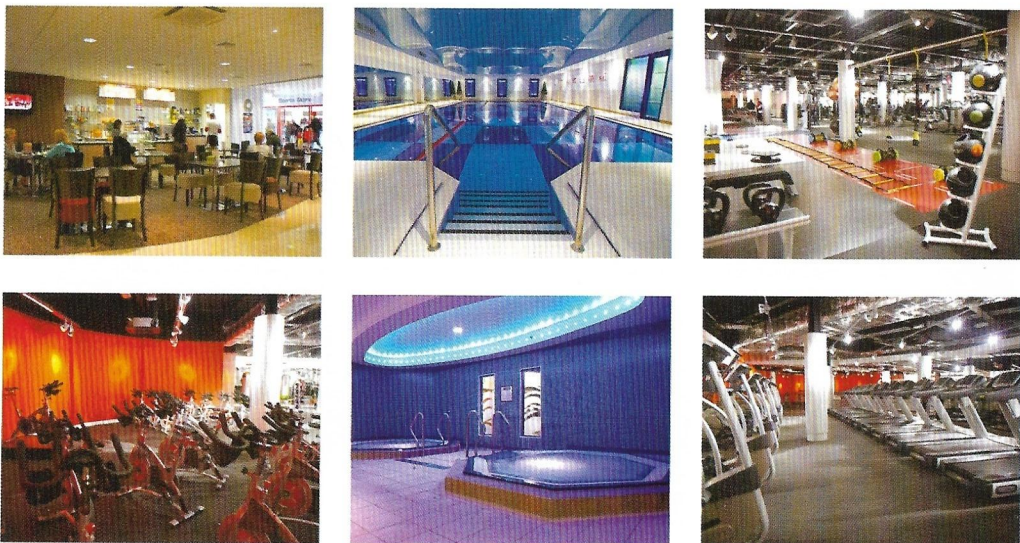
Our pre-academy squads recently visited Tottenham Hotspur's fantastic new training facility in Enfield to make final preparations for their Easter tour to Holland to take part in the Dutch Easter Open football tournament.

Once again, our boys did very well in their games against the Spurs boys, and proved they are still able to compete with the big teams from the Premier League. Hopes are now high that the various squads will enjoy some success at Easter, even in the elite sections of the tournament, which has attracted teams from as far afield as South America and Japan. Watch this space for news of any tournament successes - there are several English academy squads also in the tournament so competition promises to be extremely tough.

Our Centre of Excellence squads have also had a busy time with games last weekend against our friends from Corby Town. It's also a busy time for these squads with games against Southend United and Cambridge United coming up in the Easter school holidays as well as all 240 boys spending three days away with our academy coaching staff on a football training camp at the magnificent Stowe School in Buckingham. From Spurs Lodge in Enfield to Stowe School, our development boys are certainly experiencing world class facilities.

The boys' busy schedule doesn't finish there as we still have our Centre of Excellence tour to Belgium at the end of May to take part in the Porte des Fagnes Tournament, near Liege. So another chance for some silverware before next season begins!





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JOE FLEMONS ROUNDS UP THE LATEST IN THE BSBP

Arctic winds, snow showers and freezing temperatures ripped through the country last week playing extended havoc with the fixture list.

Tireless work from ground staff and volunteers across the league ensured that only four games fell victim to the weather with the other six enabled to kick-off as normal.

The main postponement up at Mansfield gave Kidderminster the chance to extend their advantage at the summit to four points as they travelled to Southport. Michael Gash set the form script rolling as he put Harriers in front two minutes before the interval. That script was then ripped up when Stockport loanee Danny Hattersley crashed in an equaliser on the hour mark. Anthony Malbon then stroked Harriers back in front with time ticking down before Ryan Rowe slotted home the clincher in added time.

Wrexham were in FA Trophy action so it meant Newport could capitalise and put an end to their dreadful run of form with an away banker against Stockport. Ian Bogie occupied the dugout for his County debut and it proved to be the dream start for his side when Newport's Lee Minshall headed into his own net on 60 minutes. The defeat saw the Exiles slip to 11 points off the top.

With top half of the table action limited due to cup commitments and froze pitches it was left to the relegation scrap to heat up the weekend's action, a job those sides involved in duly obliged to enforce.

Hyde's turn around in form has been nothing short of miraculous. Three weeks ago they sat firmly in the relegation zone and headed to Kenilworth Road on a bitter Tuesday evening on the back of a six-game barren run. Wind the clocks forward to this evening and they lie 17th in the table and one of the form sides in the division after racking up their third straight win on Saturday against a reeling Hereford side. Joshua O'Keefe gave the Bulls a 25th minute lead but after Alex Brown tapped in Louis Almond's cross in the second half, momentum had shifted. Hyde continued to press and on 73 minutes were rewarded for their efforts when Almond netted the winner prior to midweek visit to Cambridge this evening.



Kidderminster's Anthony Malbon scored yet again for the league leaders

AFC Telford's relegation scrap seems less like a fairytale, however, as they slumped to a Conference record 27 games without a win against Lincoln City. The Imps didn't take long to set the tone with Todd Jordan netting just 12 minutes into the contest. However, Telford then mounted their own revival in a desperate bid to avoid the uninspiring accolade when Steve Jones and Steven Leslie overturned the deficit to rejuvenate the Lilywhites. They were in front for just 20 minutes, though, as Jamie Taylor restored order before he was on hand again to turn home and relinquish Telford's survival scrap to an overwhelming 12 points.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- BARROW v HYDE
- BRAINTREE v EBBSFLEET
- DARTFORD v WOKING
- FOREST GREEN v AFC TELFORD
- HEREFORD v TAMWORTH
- LINCOLN v CAMBRIDGE
- MANSFIELD v GATESHEAD
- NUNEATON v NEWPORT
- SOUTHPORT v ALFRETON
- STOCKPORT v GRIMSBY
- WREXHAM v MACCLESFIELD

FIXTURES AND RESULTS

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	DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
August									
	Sat 11	15:00	H	Gateshead	D 2-2	6,743	76	11	Tyler Taylor** Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Kasim* Howells O'Donnell Rendell Gray***
	Tue 14	19:45	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,275	542	4	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim Lawless O'Donnell Rendell Shaw**
TV	Fri 17	19:30	A	Hyde	W 2-1	1,141	477	3	Tyler Henry Taylor** Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim* Lawless O'Donnell 1 Rendell Shaw
	Sat 25	15:00	H	AFC Telford United	L 0-1	5,970	111	9	Tyler Lawless Howells Rowe-Turner Henry Kasim* Watkins** O'Donnell Rendell Shaw
	Mon 27	15:00	A	Ebbsfleet United	W 3-1	2,018	1,245	5	Tyler Lawless Taylor Rowe-Turner Beckwith Howells O'Donnell* Rendell 1 Gray*
September									
	Sat 1	15:00	H	Macclesfield Town	W 4-1	5,803	111	3	Tyler Beckwith Kovacs*** Rowe-Turner* Lawless Taylor O'Donnell Howells 1 Rendell 1 Gray 1**
	Tue 4	19:45	H	Cambridge United	W 3-2	6,742	622	2	Tyler Rowe-Turner Taylor Beckwith 1 Kovacs*1 Lawless O'Donnell Howells Rendell Gray 1
	Sat 8	15:00	A	Alfreton Town	L 0-3	1,392	768	5	Tyler Henry Taylor** Beckwith Kovacs** Lawless O'Donnell Howells Watkins*** J. Robinson
TV	Sat 15	15:00	H	Wrexham	D 0-0	6,675	319	5	Tyler Henry Howells* Beckwith Kovacs Lawless O'Donnell Rendell Fleetwood** Gray***
	Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsbury Town	L 1-4	4,074	125	6	Tyler Henry** Howells Beckwith Kovacs* Lawless O'Donnell Rendell 1 Fleetwood*** Gray
	Tue 25	19:45	A	Tamworth	W 2-1	1,137	390	5	Tyler Henry* Rowe-Turner** Beckwith Essam Lawless O'Donnell Howells Gray Rendell
	Sat 29	15:00	H	Southport	W 3-1	5,695	77	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam Ainge Lawless O'Donnell Kasim* Rendell 2*** Gray
October									
	Sat 6	15:00	A	Lincoln City	W 2-1	2,970	864	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam Ainge Lawless O'Donnell Rendell* J. Robinson** Gray***
	Tue 9	19:45	H	Braintree Town	L 2-3	5,523	55	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam** Ainge 1 Lawless O'Donnell J. Robinson* Gray Shaw
	Sat 13	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town	W 2-0	6,148	264	3	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Essam* Ainge Lawless 2 O'Donnell Rendell Gray*** Shaw
	Sat 20	13:00	A	Cambridge United (FAC4Q)	W 2-0	2,321	601	-	Tyler Henry Howells Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless* O'Donnell Mendy Gray 1** Shaw 1
	Sat 27	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers	W 2-1	2,112	1,002	2	Brill Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge Howells Mendy Rendell 1 Gray Shaw
November									
	Sat 3	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town (FAC1)	D 1-1	3,089	355	-	Brill Henry Howells Kovacs Rowe-Turner* O'Donnell Mendy Rendell 1 Gray Walker
	Tue 6	19:45	A	Hereford United	L 0-1	2,108	372	3	Brill Henry Rowe-Turner*** Kovacs** Ainge Smith Mendy Howells Gray* Rendell
	Sat 10	15:00	H	Dartford	L 0-2	5,567	484	6	Brill Lawless Henry Ainge Smith Mendy* O'Donnell Gray Rendell
	Tue 13	19:45	A	Nuneaton Town (FAC1R)	W 2-0	1,596	471	-	Tyler Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Howells Mendy Lawless O'Donnell** Walker* Rendell 2
	Sat 17	15:00	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	2,619	522	6	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge Mendy Smith Lawless Howells Rendell
	Tue 27	19:45	A	Dorchester Town (FAT1)	D 2-2	688	163	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge O'Donnell Smith Lawless** Howells Rendell
December									
	Sat 1	15:00	H	Dorchester Town (FAC2)	W 2-1	3,287	458	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Beckwith* Lawless 1 Howells Smith O'Donnell*** Rendell
	Tue 4	19:45	H	Dorchester Town (FAT1R)	W 3-1	897	16	-	Brill Lawless Lacey* Ainge Rowe-Turner O'Donnell 1*** Watkins Robinson Dance** Walker 2
	Sat 8	15:00	H	Alfreton Town	W 3-0	5,848	58	5	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Ainge Kovacs O'Donnell 1*** Smith 1 Howells Lawless Rendell**
TV	Tue 11	19:45	A	Newport County	L 2-5	2,247	177	5	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Ainge Beckwith O'Donnell** Mendy* Howells Lawless Rendell
	Sat 15	15:00	A	Mattlock Town (FAT2)	W 2-1	823	tbc	-	Brill Henry Howells Ainge 1 Kovacs O'Donnell** Mendy Lawless Rendell Gray*
	Wed 26	15:00	H	Woking	W 3-1	6,744	235	4	Tyler Henry Howells Ainge Kovacs 1 Lawless Mendy Rendell 1 Fleetwood* Gray**
January									
	Tue 1	13:00	A	Woking	L 1-3	2,961	989	5	Tyler Henry Howells*** Ainge Kovacs Lawless Mendy* Neilson Rendell Gray 1
	Sat 5	15:00	H	Wolves (FAC3)	W 1-0	9,638	1,500	-	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless 1 Mendy Smith O'Donnell* Shaw
	Tue 8	19:45	H	Barrow	W 6-1	5,165	31	5	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs 1 Lawless Mendy Smith* Neilson 1 Shaw 3**
	Sat 12	15:00	H	Skelmersdale United (FAT3)	W 2-0	2,479	220	-	Brill Lawless Jibodu*** Ainge Rowe-Turner Robinson Mendy Howells Dance** Walker**
	Tue 15	19:45	A	AFC Telford United	D 0-0	1,806	tbc	6	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless Mendy Smith Neilson* Shaw
	Sat 26	15:00	A	Norwich City (FAC4)	W 1-0	26,521	4,800	-	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless Mendy* Smith Howells Shaw**
	Tue 29	19:45	A	Grimsbury Town (FATQF)	L 0-3	2,791	75	-	Brill Henry Howells Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless Mendy* Smith O'Donnell*** Fleetwood
February									
	Sat 2	15:00	A	Barrow	L 0-1	1,188	188	7	Tyler Henry Taylor*** Rowe-Turner McNulty Lawless Mendy* Smith Martin Shaw**
	Sat 9	15:00	H	Forest Green Rovers	D 1-1	6,374	110	7	Tyler Henry Howells Kovacs McNulty Lawless Smith Neilson* Martin** Shaw
	Tue 12	19:45	A	Dartford	L 0-1	1,802	475	7	Tyler Henry Howells McNulty Mendy*** Smith Neilson Martin** Shaw*
TV	Sat 16	12:45	H	Milwall (FAC5)	L 0-3	9,768	1,530	-	Tyler Taylor Kovacs Henry Howells Lawless Mendy** Smith O'Donnell* Rendell
	Tue 19	19:45	A	Macclesfield Town	D 1-1	1,984	278	8	Tyler Henry Taylor*** Rowe-Turner McNulty Howells Lawless Smith** Shaw Rendell*
	Sat 23	15:00	H	Mansfield Town	L 2-3	5,968	410	8	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Thomas McNulty Smith Lawless Martin** Neilson** Rendell 1
	Tue 26	19:45	A	Braintree Town	L 0-2	1,003	351	10	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner* Thomas McNulty Mendy*** Smith Lawless Rendell** Fleetwood
March									
	Sat 2	15:00	A	Stockport County	W 1-0	4,074	372	8	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs* McNulty Howells 1 Smith Mendy Lawless Fleetwood**
	Tue 5	19:45	A	Nuneaton Town	D 0-0	1,173	507	7	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner McNulty Howells Smith Neilson* Mendy* Lawless Fleetwood**
	Sat 9	15:00	H	Hereford United	D 1-1	6,001	220	8	Tyler Henry Taylor** Goodman McNulty Howells Smith Mendy*** Lawless Rendell*
	Tue 12	19:45	A	Hyde	L 2-2	4,847	19	8	Tyler Henry Taylor*** Goodman McNulty Howells 1 Smith Mendy Lawless* Wall
	Sat 16	15:00	A	Wrexham	D 0-0	3,907	160	11	Tyler Ainge Rowe-Turner Goodman McNulty Martin Smith Mendy Howells Rendell*
	Tue 19	19:45	H	Stockport County	W 1-0	5,106	83	8	Tyler Ainge Rowe-Turner Goodman McNulty 1 Martin Smith Taiwo Howells Shaw
	Sat 23	15:00	H	Tamworth	D 0-0	5,501	45	8	Tyler Ainge Rowe-Turner Goodman McNulty Martin Smith Taiwo Howells Shaw**
	Sat 30	15:00	A	Cambridge United					
April									
	Mon 1	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers					
	Sat 6	15:00	A	Gateshead*					
	Tue 9	19:45	H	Lincoln City					
TV	Fri 12	19:45	H	Grimsbury Town					
TV	Tue 16	19:45	H	Newport County					
	Thu 18	19:45	H	Ebbsfleet United					
	Sat 20	15:00	A	Southport					

SUBS									
Fleetwood 1	Brill	Beckwith	Lawless**	Watkins**	Shaw 1				
Fleetwood* 2	Brill	Beckwith	Walker	Gray*	Robinson**				
Fleetwood*** 1	Brill	Beckwith	Howells*	Gray**	Robinson***				
Fleetwood 2	Brill	Beckwith	Taylor*	Gray**	Woolley				
Fleetwood 2	Brill	Lacey	Watkins**	Kasim	Woolley*				
Fleetwood 1	Brill	Essam***	Watkins*	Woolley**	Walker				
Fleetwood**	Brill	Essam*	Watkins	Woolley**	Kasim				
Gray	Brill	Essam**	Kasim*	Fleetwood***	Rowe-Turner				
Shaw	Rowe-Turner*	Essam	Kasim***	J. Robinson	Walker**				
Shaw	Rowe-Turner	Essam*	Kasim**	J. Robinson***	Walker				
Shaw***	Fleetwood*** 1	Kasim* 1	J. Robinson*	Kovacs	Walker				
Fleetwood 1**	Brill	Rowe-Turner*	Shaw**	Robinson**	Walker				
Fleetwood	Brill	Rowe-Turner** Shaw 1*	Kasim***	Walker					
Fleetwood	Brill	Rowe-Turner	Lacey	Kasim*	Walker 1**				
Fleetwood	Brill	Kovacs** J. Robinson	M. Robinson	Walker*					
Fleetwood**	Brill	M. Robinson* J. Robinson** Beckwith**	Walker	Lacey	Woolley				
Fleetwood 1*	Essam	O'Donnell*	M. Robinson	J. Robinson	Walker				
Fleetwood**	Tyler	Lacey	Longden	Watkins**	Dance	M. Robinson	J. Robinson*		
Fleetwood	Tyler	Lawless**	O'Donnell***	J. Robinson*	Walker				
Fleetwood	Tyler	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Watkins	Walker*				
Gray**	Brill	Beckwith	Lacey	Longden	Dance**	Robinson*	Woolley**		
Gray 2*	Brill	Beckwith	O'Donnell	Robinson	Fleetwood*				
Gray*	Brill	Beckwith	Walker	Fleetwood 1*	Dance**				
Gray 1**	Brill	Lacey*	Mendy***	Watkins	Dance	Shaw	Fleetwood**		
Shaw	Fleetwood**	Gray	Mendy	Woolley**	Howells*				
Gray 1*	Brill	Mendy	Shaw**	Fleetwood*	Walker***				
Gray 1	Brill	Taylor	Dance	Shaw 1*	Fleetwood**				
Shaw 1	Lacey	Dance	Robinson	Fleetwood*	Rowe-Turner**				
Shaw 1	Brill	Robinson**	O'Donnell*	Rowe-Turner	Taylor				
Shaw**	Brill	Fleetwood**	O'Donnell	Rowe-Turner***	Smith*				
Gray**	Brill	Lacey	Robinson	Rendell**	Fleetwood*	Woolley	Walker		
Gray 1***	Brill	Howells*	Fleetwood***	Rendell**	Ainge				
Gray**	Gray*1	Watkins**1	Fleetwood**	C. Smith	Longden				
Gray**	Brill	Howells*	Fleetwood**	Rendell	Ainge				
Gray***	Brill	Watkins	O'Donnell*	Dance	Robinson	Rendell 1**	Fleetwood***		
Rendell**	Tyler	Watkins***	Gray	Ainge*	Shaw**				
Gray	Howells***	Neilson*	Fleetwood	Rendell**	O'Donnell				
Gray 1***	Taylor	Mendy*	O'Donnell**	Rendell	Fleetwood***				
Gray	Brill	Taylor**	O'Donnell**	Rendell*	Robinson				
Gray	Brill	Lacey	Longden	Robinson	Shaw**	Fleetwood*	Woolley		
Gray 1	Kovacs	Mendy**	O'Donnell*	Neilson	Fleetwood***				
Gray 1	Brill	Howells**	Ainge	Mendy	Fleetwood*				
Gray	Brill	Taylor*	Ainge***	Martin	Neilson**				
Gray***	Brill	Taylor	O'Donnell	Rendell**	Walker***				
Gray**	Brill	Taylor	O'Donnell*	Rendell**	Wall**				
Gray	Brill	Rowe-Turner	O'Donnell***	Martin 1**	Wall*				
Gray**	Brill	Rowe-Turner***	Martin**	Robinson	Walker*				
Wall**	Brill	Thomas	Taiwo	Shaw	Walker**				
Gray*	Brill	Thomas	Rendell	Robinson	Walker*				
Gray*	Brill	Henry	Robinson	Rendell**	Gray*				

LEAGUE TABLE 2012/13										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS		
1	Kidderminster Harriers	41	23	9	9	69	37	32	78	
2	Mansfield Town	38	24	5	9	75	46	29	77	
3	Wrexham	38	20	12	6	69	36	33	72	
4	Newport County AFC	37	21	6	10	74	53	21	69	
5	Grimsbury Town	38	18	11	9	56	32	24	65	
6	Forest Green Rovers	39	17	10	12	57	40	17	61	
7	Macclesfield Town	38	16	10	12	55	52	3	58	
8	Hereford United	39	15	11	13	59	57	2	56	
9	Luton Town	38	15	10	13	55	49	6	55	
10	Woking	39	16	6	17	63	69	-6	54	
11	Cambridge United	40	14	11	15	63	63	0	53	
12	Dartford	38	15	7	16	56	57	-1	52	
13	Braintree Town	36	14	7	15	50	61	-11	49	
14	Hyde FC	40	14	6	20	56	64	-8	48	
15	Tamworth	39	13	9	17	47	55	-8	48	
16	Alfreton Town	38	12	14	14	55	64	-9	48	</

LET'S GO

GATESHEAD (OR CARLISLE...)



The Town make their longest journey of the season on Saturday when they travel to Carlisle United's Brunton Park to take on Gateshead in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

GATESHEAD



Rewind a minute, Carlisle?

Yep, we weren't pulling your leg. The Hatters travel to Cumbria to face the Tynesiders instead of making the journey to the north east. Gateshead's international stadium surface has

been out of action since early November following an issue with its draining system. The horrible British winter weather hasn't helped either.

Nomads Since the decision to scrap games at the International Stadium the Tynesiders have been trekking here, there and everywhere just to play home fixtures. The match with the Hatters is the only one to take place at Carlisle, but York, Hartlepool, Blyth Spartans, Middlesbrough, Barrow and Boston have, or will have, staged Heed 'home' games before the season draws to a close.

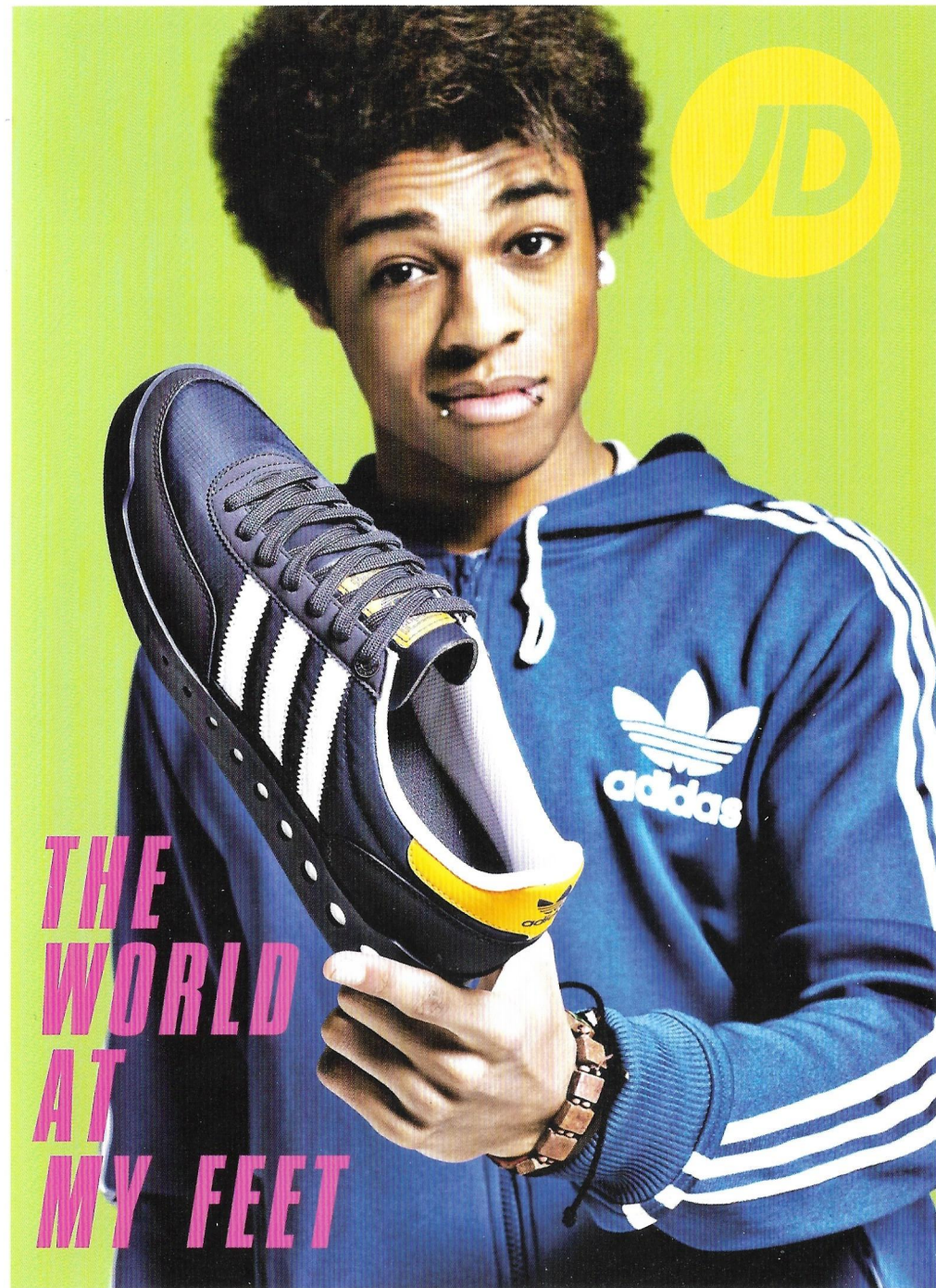
On the road Whilst Gateshead will have a 60-mile journey west, the Town will embark on a 275-mile expedition north. That's a 550-mile round trip...and we hope that doesn't put you off. Quieten your moaning and groaning, though...the extra distance only equates to 26 miles...and what's 25 miles in the car or a coach with friends, eh? Just remember to stock up on extra sweets and extra petrol.

Bob, bob bobbing along As you'd expect the Bobbers Travel Club will be running a coach to Carlisle. It's very, very, very important to note that the coach will depart half-an-hour before the previous advertised time for this game due to the change in venue. Therefore it will leave the Maple Road car park at 7.30am (and not 8am). The fare, however, remains the same: it's £30 for adults and £27 for concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book your seat.

So Brunton Park then... The Town will be making their first visit to the Cumbrian venue since a 2-1 defeat in League One in March 2008. Two first half goals had Carlisle 2-0 up before David Bell pulled one back in the second half. Overall the Hatters have played at Brunton Park 11 times, winning three, losing four and drawing four. Prior to that defeat in 2008, the Town were unbeaten in five visits. The last victory came on the opening day of the ultimately successful 2001/02 campaign when goals from debutants Paul Hughes and Carl Griffiths earned the Hatters a 2-0 win.

But it's Gateshead we're playing, right? Oh yes. The Town will be playing their fifth away fixture against the Tynesiders on Saturday. Their record so far reads two wins, one draw and one defeat in away matches with the Heed. The Town won 4-0 at Gateshead in an FA Cup second round tie in January 1921, when the Hatters' opponents were then known as South Shields. A Claude Gnakpa goal earned three points for the Hatters in the Blue Square Bet Premier in January 2010, before Gateshead won by the same scoreline in the following campaign. Both sides battled out a goalless draw in a televised game in April last season.

Knowing me, knowing you There's one man who will be keen to impress when the two sides go toe-to-toe on Saturday and that will be Town striker Jon Shaw. The 29-year-old spent a hugely successful two seasons on Tyneside, scoring 56 goals in 96 games prior to his move to Kenilworth Road in the summer. Shaw scored on his Hatters debut against his former club on the opening day of this season. Gateshead, meanwhile, have a former Town man in their ranks in the shape of striker Liam Hatch. The 30-year-old scored four goals for the Hatter during an injury-hit 2009/10 season at Kenilworth Road.



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TODAY'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

Mark Tyler	1
Lathaniel Rowe-Turner	2
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
Scott Griffiths	37

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS

1	Danny Lewis
2	Lee Vaughan
3	Mickey Demetriou
4	Kyle Storer
6	Mike Williams
7	Jack Byrne
8	James Vincent
9	Ryan Rowe
10	Anthony Malbon
11	Marvin Johnson
12	Martyn Woodward
13	Nathan Blissett
14	Danny Pilkington
16	Danny Jackman
17	Ricky Shakes
18	Callum Gittings
19	Steve Guinan
20	Michael Gash
21	Keith Briggs
22	Cheyenne Dunkley
25	Nat Narvis
26	Martin Devaney
27	Greg Pearson
23	Nathan Vaughan
30	Josh Gowling

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: K. Johnson
ASSISTANT: L. Wood
ASSISTANT: B. Durie
FOURTH OFFICIAL: C. Husband

HERE NEXT

LINCOLN CITY

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER
TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2013
KICK-OFF 7.45PM

