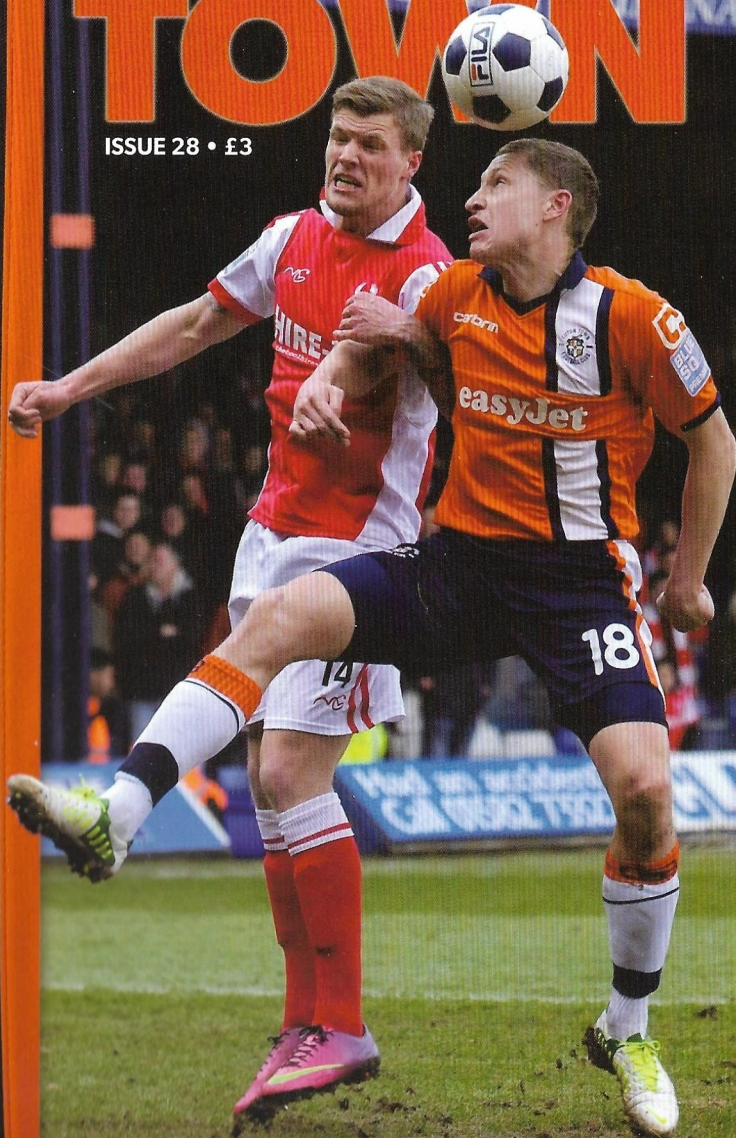


Official Matchday Programme of Luton Town Football Club



# TALK OF THE TOWN

ISSUE 28 • £3



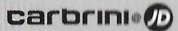
CLUB SPONSOR

**easyJet**

OFFICIAL KIT SUPPLIER



OFFICIAL KIT SUPPLIER



COMPETITION



## LUTON TOWN v LINCOLN CITY

TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2013 • 7.45PM

#DEFINEYOURSELF



ONLY AT JD



Available at your local JD Arndale & Luton Airport

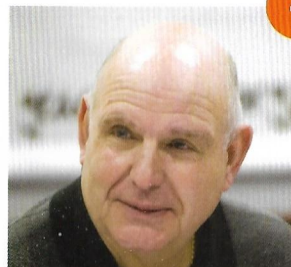
SHOP IT 24/7 ONLINE. INSTORE. MOBILE.

JDSPORTS.CO.UK



# WELCOME

4



## FROM THE BOSS

John Still's programmes notes

## 6-7 BOARDROOM TALK

Director David Blakeman looks ahead to tonight's game

## 11 JUST THE TICKET

Home and away admission prices

## 18-23 WELCOME LINCOLN

We take a look at our visitors today

25



**LOOKING BACK** Pictures, reports and reaction from our games with Kidderminster and Cambridge

## 36-43 HATTERS HISTORY

Four fantastic articles from club historian Roger Wash

## 64-65 THE SEASON SO FAR

Results, fixtures and statistics

### LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 2020 LTD

Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road,  
Luton, Bedfordshire LU4 8AW  
**SWITCHBOARD:** 01582 411622  
**TICKET OFFICE:** 01582 416976  
info@lutontown.co.uk www.lutontown.co.uk

### CLUB OFFICIALS

**CHAIRMAN:** Nick Owen  
**MANAGING DIRECTOR:** Gary Sweet  
**DIRECTORS:** Paul Ballantyne, David Blakeman, Bob Curson, David Wilkinson  
**ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS:** Stephen Browne, Mike Herrick, Mick Pattinson  
**FINANCE DIRECTOR:** Roger Bannister  
**HONORARY LIFE VICE PRESIDENT:** John Buttle  
**VICE PRESIDENTS:** Richard Banks, Cliff Bassett, Chris Green, Derek Ludlow, Jack Sapsworth, Rob Stringer, Andrew Cook  
**FIRST TEAM MANAGER:** John Still  
**ASSISTANT MANAGER:** Terry Harris  
**FIRST TEAM COACHES:** Alan Neilson, Dmitri Kharine  
**PHYSIOTHERAPIST:** Simon Parsell  
**TEAM MASSEUR & KIT MAN:** Darren Cook  
**HEAD OF YOUTH:** Wayne Turner  
**CLUB SECRETARY:** Kevan Platt  
**PRESS OFFICER:** Andrew Barringer  
**CLUB DOCTOR:** Dr Paul Dealey  
**CLUB CHAPLAIN:** Alan West

### OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

**Editor:** Andrew Barringer  
**Photography:** Gareth Owen  
**Contributors:** Andrew Barringer, Final Third Sports Media, Roger Wash, Joe Flemons, Mark Wood, Tom Skinner, Leigh Edwards and Matt Aquino.  
**Design and print:** Barham Group  
**Additional artwork:** Elliott Quince

The views in this programme are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the editor and/or Luton Town.



# JOHN STILL



**Good evening and welcome back to you all for this our first match at Kenilworth Road of four homes games between now and next Thursday.**

I would like to welcome our visitors from Lincoln who have made the trip down from Sincil Bank this evening, including their manager Gary Simpson and his staff and players, plus the directors and supporters of the Imps.

Tonight heralds the start of an important run of four successive matches on home soil which gives us a great opportunity to put some valuable points on the board in the closing stages of the campaign. I want us to pick up as many points as possible during this time, especially after what has been a very disappointing week for us.

## Disappointment

Last Monday we went down to the current league leaders Kidderminster, where I thought we were okay, before the obvious disappointment of Saturday's heavy defeat against Gateshead at Carlisle.

I was absent from Saturday's game on a scouting mission but I have watched the DVD and had a report from my assistant Terry Harris, who took control of the game. The performance was unacceptable and, regardless of the circumstances, not good enough. It doesn't matter who you are or where you are in the table, losing in the manner we did simply isn't acceptable, and for that I apologise.

This emphasises the fact that new players for this football club need to be identified. Some have already been highlighted and scouting will continue for the rest of the season, although Terry and our chief scout will undertake these. I believe it is important to see players in the flesh to understand more about how they play as well as what kind of personality and person they are – which, for me, is just as important as ability.

Turning attention back to tonight's game, we entertain a Lincoln team who still need the points to stave off any threat of relegation and visit us fresh from a defeat to Kidderminster at the weekend.

As usual I am expecting a tough game, one in which we need to show desire, effort and quality – aspects that were greatly missed on Saturday against Gateshead.

I thought in our last match here against Kidderminster our work-rate was very good but our team-work wasn't so good. I believe that team-work is the single biggest component of our game that we have to work on. That will be something that is at the very top of our agenda when we kick-off pre-season at the start of July.

On Saturday we took two youth team players to Carlisle in goalkeeper Ben Barnes and defender Brett Longden and I believe the experience, despite the result, will serve both players really well. It is valuable experience for them and I hope both will go on to great things at Luton Town.

## A point to prove

The players involved tonight will have a point to prove after Saturday's result and performance and they must go out and show me and my staff and, most importantly, you, the supporters, that they want to play and do well for this club.

Finally I must thank those 126 supporters who made the long journey to Carlisle to support the team on Saturday. Believe me we are all aware of the time and money spent on following the club around the country. For that, I thank you, whole heartedly. We appreciate your backing and it is never – never – taken for granted.

I can assure you work is already under way and it'll continue between now and the start of next season to get this club back where it belongs. Next season we will mount a proper promotion challenge and, hopefully, days like Saturday can be a distant memory.

Thank you for your support and enjoy the game tonight.

# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR  
DAVID BLAKEMAN



**Good evening and welcome to the players, directors and supporters of Lincoln City.**

Thank you, massively, for attending the match tonight, particularly given Saturday's desperately disappointing result. I had the misfortune of travelling to Carlisle and seeing us set, simultaneously, three

negative records – the lowest crowd we have ever played in front of, the worst position and we have been in the table and, arguably, (without intending to disrespect Gateshead) the worst scoreline. Nevertheless, even in the midst of such a depressing result, I thought that there was a positive. There is a certain symbolism in the fact that those three negative events all occurred in the same game. I do not think (and I suspect even the most pessimistic supporter does not think) things will now get worse. I am not, and am not employed to be, a football expert. I leave that to the footballing staff and would refer you to John Still's programme notes. But even I know enough to assure everyone that, in John, we have a manager who will ensure that things improve very much indeed. He is, of course, and as is entirely obvious, being forced to experiment with the side in this latter part of the season because of injuries, and because he has decided to embark on the transition as early as possible.

I think we already have some excellent players on our books (some of whom John has brought in, in the short time he has been here) and I know he is looking at further players who will strengthen the squad yet further.

One must also say (and I appreciate I open myself up to the accusation of "he would say that, wouldn't he?") that, whenever one attempts to secure long-term progression, there are immediate difficult moments. We realise we have a good deal of work to do, given the disappointments of this league season. Thankfully, the specific job of transition has begun, meaning, however, that the ride is, inevitably, going to be a bumpy one. It is to be borne in mind, also, that John has, himself, made it clear that he could not guarantee instant success. I think that is a vital consideration. We all must give him time. To be too impatient will only recreate similar difficulties experienced over the last few seasons.

In addition, we, as a group of investors and directors, do not want to be in a position where money is being burned from no good reason. We look very carefully at all items of expenditure and are desperately determined for the Club to succeed. After all, it is the investors money that is lost in the event that the Club does not succeed. Even the recent FA Cup run has only reduced the scale of annual gross losses. It did not result in a profit. We have to ask you, therefore, to

retain patience, even if that must seem impossibly difficult at times. Things will, I am sure, get better.

I thought that it would be worthwhile mentioning some of the tasks that we have been undertaking in the last few months.

We continue to work on matters such as the stadium and the training ground. Matters are progressing, but we do not feel it would not be the right time, at this moment, to deliver specific positive messages. That would seem merely as if we were attempting to divert attention away from the football difficulties – which we do not wish to do.

We have, however, been doing much work in respect of attempting to gain additional supporters. As will be evident to anyone attending games, our crowds are currently almost exclusively white British. Given the population of the town is heading towards a situation where 50 per cent of the population is not white British, that first fact does not make, from the point of view of the Club's long-term existence, happy reading. In any event, a more evenly mixed crowd would reflect the population of the Town better and, hopefully, add further to the mixing together of the cosmopolitan mix of peoples which is the modern Luton.

Just as importantly, you all know that we face massive competition - in terms of recruiting new fans - from the big clubs such as Manchester United, Liverpool and Chelsea. Having a young son, aged five, myself, I have been forced to engage in what amounts to a full-time propaganda campaign to ensure that he is a Luton Town fan and does not succumb to the temptation of supporting the same teams as lots of his school friends. He is not allowed, therefore, to drink from red or blue mugs (I have told him that they are "silly colours") and, of course, he is certainly not allowed to use a yellow mug!

I say the above semi-jokingly but, if one considers it, it is very difficult, in our current league position, to attract fans as easily as was once the case. A large proportion of our fan base is now heading towards middle age and above. The football has not been what those of us who have been attending Kenilworth Road for many decades are used to. We are forced, therefore, to do everything we can to ensure that we gain future and, especially, young supporters.

That task is rendered even more difficult by virtue of the fact that other local clubs are spending huge sums of money in order to attract new fans to their grounds. Some of those clubs are attempting to infiltrate Bedfordshire, so as to attract our traditional fan base.

We are very determined, and are succeeding, in combating these various challenges. We have, therefore, made a variety of new ticket offers. Free tickets have been offered to every school in Luton for one game per season, in the hope of attracting young children into matches.

We have also been attending a wide variety of events and meeting a large number of organisations. We have been into many local schools, colleges and universities. Amongst other things that we have recently done, we have been discussing, with students from Bedfordshire University, the possibility of creating a virtual Luton Town museum. This may sound like a very minor activity to undertake. Many of you may be aware, however, that Luton will soon benefit from a new world class youth facility - TOKKO. TOKKO is going to be open to all young people aged 13 or over. It will run activities such as media production, sports, art, music, street dance and cookery. It is clearly appropriate that the football club should try to capture as many of the young people attending the centre as possible. To that end, it is conceivable that we might station a virtual museum at TOKKO. We have commenced discussions with that organisation to see what we might do. They are enthusiastic as to the possibility of future involvement with us. Activity of this sort works, we think, on a drip feed basis. The greater involvement we have in and around Luton, the greater the chance we have of capturing new fans and retaining existing fans.

Similarly, and to the same end, we have run courses in conjunction with the Sixth Form College and have become involved in the Careers Academy at that institution, in an endeavour to put the name of the Club more highly on the agenda of the students at the school. We have been to lots of local schools, with precisely the same aim in mind.

I think it is very important to say that our sponsors (such as easyJet and Arriva) have been critically instrumental in enabling us to undertake a number of these tasks. We are going to be working even more closely with those organisations, going forwards. I think that the partnerships could yield very important results.

We do feel that a number of these initiatives are starting to bear fruit. It would be marvellous, of course, if they do result in a significant addition to our already incredibly impressive fan base (our database, which doesn't, inevitably, include all of our supporters - some will not have registered with us, or bought tickets for a while, numbers over 50,000 individual fans – an extraordinary number for a club in the Conference) as that would help to generate the future income necessary to enable this club to challenge at a higher level.

As an aside, but as part of the initiatives described above, we are hoping to run a photo project. That will consist of our fans being interviewed by students at the Sixth Form College. The aim is for the students to produce a brochure (which we would hope to sell in the club shop), setting out reminiscences of those supporters. If you would like to take part in the project then please contact me at the club at david.blakeman@lutontown.co.uk.

I very much hope that we can achieve, tonight, the sort of result that we need in order to show that the team will win the championship next season.

Enjoy the game.

## HONOURS

**Littlewoods Challenge Cup:**  
Winners 1988  
Runners-up 1989

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

**Johnstone's Paint Trophy:**  
Winners 2009

**Simod Cup:** Runners-up 1988

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

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

**Football League Division Three:**  
Runners-up 1969/70

**League One:** Champions 2004/05

**Football League Division Four:**  
Champions 1967/68

**Football League Division Three:**  
Runners-up 2001/02

**Blue Square Premier:**  
Runners-up 2009/10

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

**Southern League Division Two:**  
Runners-up 1913/14

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

**Southern Alliance:** Runners-up 1913/14

# The legal advice you need



## Commercial Law

- Commercial Litigation
- Commercial Property
- Corporate and Commercial
- Debt Recovery
- Employment and HR

## Personal Law

- Buying & selling your home
- Will & estate planning
- Employment issues
- Business & company law
- Divorce & family
- Personal injury & clinical negligence

Call now on  
**0845 263 7505**

[www.facebook.com/pictons](http://www.facebook.com/pictons)

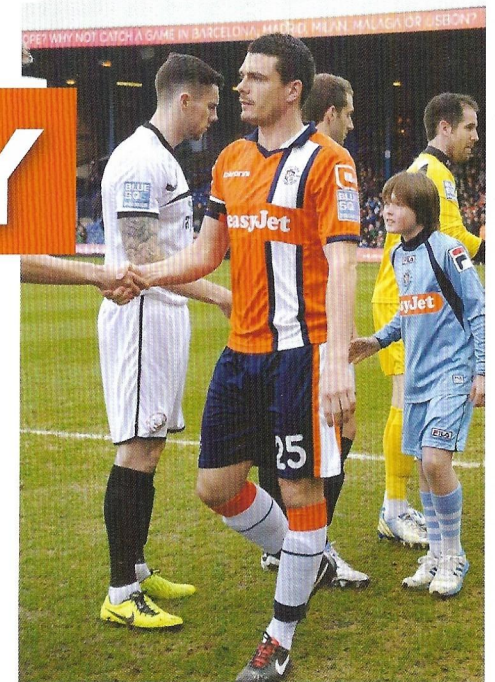
[www.twitter.com/pictons](http://www.twitter.com/pictons)

[www.pictons.co.uk](http://www.pictons.co.uk) e: [info@pictons.co.uk](mailto:info@pictons.co.uk)

28 Dunstable Road, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 1DY

  
**Pictons**  
SOLICITORS | LLP

# RONNIE HENRY



**First of all I would like to apologise to every Luton Town supporter for Saturday's 5-1 defeat at Gateshead – especially the 126 of you who made the long journey to Carlisle to witness our worst performance of the season.**

It was simply unacceptable from a team of professional footballers. I was shocked by the scores when they came through and, having watched the DVD with the manager and the lads yesterday, it was apparent just how bad we were.

In tough times like these, though, it is important you stick together. Just like you enjoy the highs together, you need to share the disappointments together too. We know we have let you down this season and Saturday's result and performance epitomised that.

I feel for those fans who had to endure Saturday's game. I certainly did not see it coming. When the new manager arrived we were playing okay but one thing we had done was sharpen up at the back and begun to keep clean sheets. I've bored you to death in my notes throughout the season about the importance of keeping clean sheets, and up until last week it had looked as though we had cracked it – keeping five in seven matches. But in the last three games we've conceded nine goals.

By all accounts we allowed Gateshead time and space to play and they made us look like a very bad side. In my heart of hearts I know that simply isn't the case. The squad is full of quality and it is heart-breaking to see us playing the way we are. Confidence plays such a big part in football but it's apparent at the moment we are playing with very little of it.

However, we must move on. It's no use dwelling on the disappointments. You have to go out there and get on with it. We are old enough and ugly enough to deal with such setbacks. We are professional footballers who should be proud to wear a Luton shirt and give 100 per cent every time we cross that white line. I can assure you nobody wants this team to be a failure. I came here, like a lot of players, to win this league for Luton Town. That won't happen this season but I am determined that we can mount a serious challenge next season and make you, the fans, proud of our achievements. Just take a look at the Norwich result. What a day that was and remember that feeling.

As a footballer, and a Luton Town player, I want that feeling each and every week and I will do my best to make it happen next season.

Kidderminster were our last opponents here at Kenilworth Road and they showed how far teamwork and organisation can get you. Were they any great shakes? No, not in my opinion, but they worked hard for one another and knew what they were doing, and that is why they are top of the league. That doesn't just happen overnight and it's important to realise that our new manager isn't going to find that magic formula straight away. That is why he is tinkering with the side – to gauge what each player is capable of doing and how they can play a part in a successful side.

Tonight is the first of four home games in quick succession as the season draws to a close so it's imperative we end the campaign on a high note. All four teams we play need the points for one reason or another. We need to restore our own and the club's pride after Saturday's result and that needs to start this evening against Lincoln.

Finally I'd like to wish Janos Kovacs, Stuart Fleetwood and Scott Neilson all the best after they left the club last week. Their efforts are much appreciated by myself and the rest of the lads.

Enjoy the game and get behind us.

# AROUND TOWN

THE LATEST NEWS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

## RONNIE WINS DIAMOND PRIZE

Town captain Ronnie Henry has won the Diamond Season Ticket Holder Player of the Month award for February - in which the 29-year-old played every minute of every game.



Ronnie received his award from Diamond Season Ticket holder Michael Malone after the Easter Monday game with Kidderminster Harriers.

Voting is open for the March award, but be quick, voting closes tonight, so if you're a diamond season ticket holder get your vote in for your best performer last month.

The player with the most votes wins, obviously. But those supporters who have voted for that particular player go into a draw, and one lucky supporter will get the chance to present the trophy to the winner after a home game in the Eric Morecambe Suite. To cast your vote simply email [diamond@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:diamond@lutontown.co.uk). For further information on diamond season tickets please contact the ticket office.

## VICTORY FOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD



A second half strike from Charlie Smith secured a 3-2 victory for a Town development side against Gillingham at Kenilworth Road last Wednesday.

The Hatters, watched by first team boss John Still, fell behind in the 23rd minute but were level just five

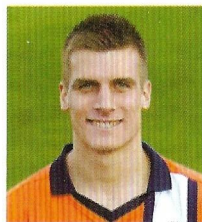
minutes when a visiting defender inadvertently sent a deflection beyond his own goalkeeper.

A minute later the Town completed the turnaround and were ahead when Dan Walker latched onto long ball to round the goalkeeper and tuck home well from a narrow angle. Gillingham ended the first half strongly and continued from where they left off in the second half. The League 2 side equalised shortly after the hour mark but, on 65 minutes, Smith's low shot from 25 yards deceived the Gills keeper to put the Hatters 3-2 up.

The visitors pushed for a late equaliser but Dean Brill pulled off two good saves to keep them at bay whilst Brett Longden also cleared a shot off of the line.

**Team:** Brill; Longden, Chabata, Lacey, Jibodu; C. Smith (sub Magarasha), Watkins, Trialist, O'Donnell; Woolley, Walker.

## FIRST TEAM SQUAD UPDATE



Stuart Fleetwood, Scott Neilson and Janos Kovacs have now left Kenilworth Road to find new clubs after they were told by manager John Still their contracts would not be renewed next season.

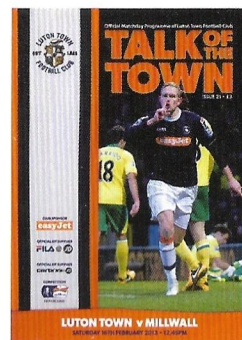
The boss has also confirmed that Alasan Ann and James Dance will not receive new deals in the summer whilst Wayne Thomas and Greg Taylor have joined Rochdale and Mansfield on loan deals respectively.

## PROGRAMME SCOOPS AWARD

Revered programme magazine, Programme Monthly, announced in its April edition that the Hatters' matchday programme was the best overall for the Blue Square Bet Premier.

Talk of the Town came top of the pile, beating second-placed Stockport County to take the prize. Gateshead won the Best Design award whilst Hereford picked up the Best Feature honour. Writing about our publication in Programme Monthly, the review said: "Talk of the Town is a cracking read from start to finish, with in-house features from management, boardroom, players and supporters being complimented by contributors from both local and national media.

"The in depth coverage of the opposition is particularly strong and the match reports bring recent games back to



life with a thoughtful balance of narrative, reactions, stats and action photographs.

"Overall Talk of the Town is that of a classy production, well suited by the smaller dimensions of its page size with content in abundance, quality contributions and superb photography.

Remember if you have any feedback, thoughts on improvements or additions or would like a dedication inside Talk of the Town email [andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk).

Furthermore, to advertise inside next season's programme email [commercial@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:commercial@lutontown.co.uk).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A happy birthday to Town supporter Edward Hedley who is 30 today. Edward is a staunch Hatters fan and he is here at Kenilworth Road this evening celebrating the big '3-0' with family and friends. We hope you enjoy your birthday with us Edward.

## CLUB SHOP SALE

The Hatters' shop Easter sale is in full swing with many items available at reduced prices.

This season's home and third choice strips as well as this year's training wear, are among the merchandise in the sale.

It applies to all items purchased in the shop, online, as well as at the new retail unit and Sports Traider.

The retail unit, situated outside Phones4u, is open every day until Sunday 7th April, and it will be selling many items at a reduced rate as part of our sale.

## JUST THE TICKET

The ticket office began selling season tickets for the 2013/14 campaign last week. Information and prices can be found on pages 12 and 13.

Meanwhile, tickets for our final three home fixtures after tonight (against Grimsby, Newport and Ebbsfleet) are also available.

Supporters can still take advantage of two ticket offers for these final three matches.

Supporters under the age of 17 can watch any of these games for free when they are accompanied by a full paying adult, senior or golden senior.

Season ticket holders can also bring a guest for half-price. For more information on these deals email the ticket office [ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk).

As we went to press we had yet to receive ticket details for our final match of the campaign away at Southport on 20th April.

Please remember that this game will kick-off at 5.15pm at Haig Avenue.

## 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.

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](mailto:commercial@lutontown.co.uk).

# SEASON TICKET PRICES

THE SEASON TICKET PRICES HAVE BEEN FROZEN  
FOR YET ANOTHER YEAR ACROSS ALL AGES AND IN ALL AREAS

## ALL AREAS

Category	Age	EARLY BIRD 1st April - 5th May			PRIME TIME 6th May - 29th June			ANYTIME 1st July Onwards		
		Price	£ per match	Diamond	Price	£ per match	Diamond	Price	£ per match	Diamond
Adult	22-64	300	13.04	450	335	14.55	485	365	15.87	515
Young Adult	17-21	200	8.70	330	230	10.00	360	260	11.30	390
Senior	65-74	200	8.70	330	230	10.00	360	260	11.30	390
Golden Senior	Over 75	130	5.65	260	155	6.74	285	170	7.39	300
Unaccompanied Youth	10-16	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100
Accompanied Under 17	Under 17	Free*	Free *	50	Free	Free*	50	Free*	Free*	50

## UNCOVERED SEATING - ENCLOSURE A & B

Category	Age	EARLY BIRD 1st April - 5th May			PRIME TIME 6th May - 29th June			ANYTIME 1st July Onwards		
		Price	£ per match	Diamond	Price	£ per match	Diamond	Price	£ per match	Diamond
Adult	22-64	270	11.74	420	300	13.04	450	325	14.13	475
Young Adult	17-21	180	7.83	310	210	9.13	340	240	10.43	370
Senior	65-74	180	7.83	310	210	9.13	340	240	10.43	370
Golden Senior	Over 75	130	5.65	260	155	6.74	285	170	7.39	300
Youth	10-16	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100	50	2.17	100
Junior	Under 10	Free*	Free *	50	Free	Free*	50	Free*	Free*	50

## MATCHDAY TICKET PRICES

ALL AREAS		UNCOVERED SEATING		5 MATCH VOUCHER	
Adult	£18	Adult	£15	Adult	£81
Young Adult	£13	Young Adult	£13	Young Adult	£58.50
Senior	£13	Senior	£13	Senior	£58.50
Golden Senior	£10	Golden Senior	£10	Golden Senior	£45
Youth	£8	Youth	£8	Youth	£36
Junior	£5	Junior	£5	Junior	£22.50

\*Under 17's free (£50 for Diamond) with a full paying season ticket holder (not under 17's, one per season ticket holder).



## EXECUTIVE BOX HOLDERS

BOX 6:  
**G.P QUORENTON**

BOX 8:  
**BILLINGTON & LAWRENCE**

BOX 7:  
**EURODRIVE**

BOX 9: M&S WATER SERVICES

BOX 10:  
**F&S PIPEWORKS**

BOX 11:  
**CES ELECTRICAL**

BOX 12:  
**EASYJET**

BOX 13:  
**BARTHAM GROUP**

BOX 14:  
**T J ALDRIDGE**

BOX 15: PICTONS SOLICITORS/  
DOT GROUP INTERNATIONAL

BOX 16:  
**PRESTIGE DESIGN**

BOX 17:  
**SHALLOWFORD UK**

BOX 18:  
**CME HEATING**

BOX 19: MARKYATE  
PRECISION MACHINING

BOX 20:  
**GILMARTINS**

BOX 24:  
**ROB & GREG HALL**

BOX 25: MIDDLE  
EAST CHEMICALS

BOX 26:  
**CONCRETE**

BOX 27:  
**SKF**

#NONSENSEINFOOTBALL

"I'M GOING TO MAKE A PREDICTION - IT COULD GO EITHER WAY."

UP TO  
**£25**  
FREE BET\*  
SIGN UP TODAY

ENOUGH SAID.  
JUST BET

1ST GOAL SCORER BETTING  
Available for every Blue Square Bet Premier fixture



Sign up at  
**bluesq.com**  
web | mobile | tablet

T&Cs apply. \*Sign up offer: New customers only. We'll match your first bet of at least £5 up to £25 in the form of a free bet token. Free bet stake not returned in winnings and expires after 30 days. Qualifying bet must be placed on a win, single or multiple bets at odds of evens or greater. Void bets do not qualify for free bet tokens. Over 18s only. Blue Square Bet encourages responsible gambling. [gambleaware.co.uk](http://gambleaware.co.uk)

# 2012/13 KIT SPONSORS

 <b>MARK TYLER</b> HOME: T J Fordham AWAY: WHOSH GLOVES: Joseph Watson	 <b>LATHANIEL ROWE-TURNER</b> HOME: Mortgages & Protection 4 U Ltd AWAY: COYH	 <b>GREG TAYLOR</b> HOME: Jack Keenan AWAY: Available	 <b>GARRY RICHARDS</b> HOME: Matthew Crossland AWAY: Available
 <b>DEAN BRILL</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available GLOVES: Available	 <b>ARNAUD MENDY</b> HOME: Loyal Luton AWAY: WHOSH	 <b>ALEX LAWLESS</b> HOME: Shallowford Consulting AWAY: Gill, Julie & Yvonne	 <b>DANNY SPILLER</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available
 <b>JON SHAW</b> HOME: Jacqui Peacock AWAY: Maddie Knight	 <b>SCOTT RENDELL</b> HOME: re-Mark-it AWAY: Richard and Zak Tilley	 <b>JAKE HOWELLS</b> HOME: Neil Ehrenzweig AWAY: Sports 262	 <b>ANDRE GRAY</b> HOME: Tom AWAY: Tom
 <b>STEVE McNULTY</b> HOME: Simon Cowford AWAY: CME Heating	 <b>ADAM WATKINS</b> HOME: The Walsh AWAY: Family from Marbella AWAY: Kelly Knight	 <b>ALEX LACEY</b> HOME: Peter and Linda Little AWAY: In Memory of Bill Lacey	 <b>JJ O'DONNELL</b> HOME: Mad Hatter AWAY: Available
 <b>JAMES DANCE</b> HOME: Tommy Lennon AWAY: WHOSH	 <b>LEWIS KIDD</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available GLOVES: Available	 <b>MATT ROBINSON</b> HOME: Doug Knight AWAY: Doug Knight	 <b>JAKE WOOLLEY</b> HOME: Total Motion Limited AWAY: Available
 <b>RONNIE HENRY</b> HOME: Conor Francome AWAY: Key Holder Lettings & Management	 <b>DAN WALKER</b> HOME: Peter & Linda Little AWAY: Available	 <b>ALASAN ANN</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available	 <b>SIMON AINGE</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available
 <b>JONATHAN SMITH</b> HOME: Holly Kemp AWAY: Available	 <b>DAVE MARTIN</b> HOME: Ronnie Coles AWAY: Available	 <b>WAYNE THOMAS</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available	 <b>ALEX WALL</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available
 <b>JAKE GOODMAN</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available	 <b>SOLOMON TAIWO</b> HOME: Dean Kemp AWAY: The Mad Hatter	 <b>SCOTT GRIFFITHS</b> HOME: CME Heating AWAY: Available	 <b>JOHN STILL</b> HOME: LTSC AWAY: Country Properties
 <b>TERRY HARRIS</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available	 <b>ALAN NEILSON</b> HOME: Gleneden Plant Sales AWAY: Ben Gray	 <b>DMITRI KHARINE</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available	

To sponsor your favourite player email [commercial@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:commercial@lutontown.co.uk)



# WELCOME LINCOLN CITY



This evening the Hatters entertain Lincoln City at Kenilworth Road after the original fixture, scheduled for January, was postponed due to snow.

The Imps head to Bedfordshire on the back of a 3-0 drubbing at the hands of table toppers Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday putting an end to an impressive run of games that saw them pick up seven points in their last three outings.

City currently lie 19th on the Blue Square Bet Premier ladder and find themselves scrapping for survival with time running out on Gary Simpson's men.

Simpson took control in February after David Holdsworth departure and since his arrival for his second stint at Sincil Bank their form has been somewhat inconsistent.

Despite having only tasted defeat five times since his arrival, four wins have helped maintain their chances of survival but missed opportunities in games against Woking, Nuneaton and Cambridge could have the Imps ruing their failings on the season's deadline day.

Their away form is something that could concern even the most die-hard Imps fan as their side have picked up just five wins in 21 trips away from Sincil Bank. Goalscoring is something that the Imps have not struggled with, however, with Jamie Taylor leading by example. The 30-year-old journeyman has netted 15 times

for Simpson's men this season and will be looking to add to his earlier strike against the Hatters in their 2-1 defeat in Lincolnshire in October.

Vadaine Olivier will also be at the forefront of the Hatters concerns after his 13 goals this campaign looks destined to continue during the run in for the Imps' survival push.

The previous meetings between the two sides are heavily in favour of the home team as the Hatters have been defeated only six times in 35 meetings between the two clubs.

Last season the points were shared, however, after the Hatters triumphed at Kenilworth Road in September before being held to a 1-1 draw away from home. The last time Lincoln City grabbed all three points at Kenilworth Road was back in April 1999 when they clinched a 1-0 win in a Division Two (now League One) clash. This was one of only two wins the Imps have managed at Kenilworth Road with the Hatters bagging 12 wins from the 17 meetings.

The record books may be against the visitors but their squad list will provide evidence they have enough quality to compete. Games come thick and fast now at the business end of the season so points are pivotal for both managers and with Simpson's men playing for more than just pride the outcome is certainly in the balance.

# THE RED IMPS

## AN AT-A-GLANCE LOOK AT THE LINCOLN SQUAD

### GARY SIMPSON

Lincoln City boss took over from David Holdsworth in February after a precarious start to the Imps season. Simpson is currently enduring his second tenure as Imps boss after initially standing firm in the dugout for 11 games as caretaker boss in 2004.

### PAUL FARMAN

Signed for the Imps in 2012 after a successful loan deal from Gateshead. The former Newcastle man penned a deal with City until the end of this season.

### TONY DIAGNE

Defender signed by Simpson on loan until the end of the season from Macclesfield Town.

### TODD JORDAN

Signed in March 2013 on non-contract terms from Shirebrook Town. A former Sheffield Wednesday trainee.

### ANDREW BOYCE

A former Doncaster Rovers youth product who has been an ever present this season since signing in the summer.

### SCOTT GARNER

23-year-old defender on loan from Cambridge United. The England C Team international began his career at Leicester City.

### ADAM SMITH

Pacey winger who spent seven years in the Football League with Chesterfield. In his second spell at Sincil Bank after four years away.

### ALAN POWER

24-year-old midfield general is in his third year at Sincil Bank after signing from Rushden & Diamonds in 2011.

### ROBERT DUFFY

6ft 2in target man signed for the Imps in the summer after a long career spanning 10 different clubs.

### JAMIE TAYLOR

Another experienced forward who signed for the Imps in 2011. Impressed during a devastating spell at Eastbourne Borough which saw interest from several sides, with Lincoln winning the battle to secure his signature.

### JAKE SHERIDAN

Nottingham-born midfielder spent two years with Notts County before swapping for Conference club Tamworth in 2007. Signed for the Imps in the summer.

### VADAINE OLIVER

Signed on a season-long deal in the summer after impressing during the Lincolnshire County Senior Cup final in July. Has netted 13 times this campaign.

### DAN GRAY

Versatile midfielder player who can also operate as a full back signed in the summer after a stop start career at Chesterfield. Loan spells at Macclesfield Town and Alfreton followed before being signed by the Imps.

### NICKY NICOLAU

Spent a decade as a youngster at Premier League Arsenal but failed to break into the first team and moved onto Southend United. After spells with Swindon Town, Barnet and Boreham Wood amongst others, he clinched a deal at Sincil Bank in 2011.

### JAKE JONES

Winger on loan at Sincil Bank from League One Wallsall. 19-year-old made his Football League debut in a 1-0 win over Brentford in August 2012.

### TOM MILLER

Signed in the summer, the former Norwich City youth product who scooped the Young Player Of The Year award in 2008 before being snapped up by Rangers on a two-year deal.

### CRAIG HOBSON

Tall target man joined the Imps on loan until the end of the season from Stockport County. The 24-year-old was formerly at Sheffield United as a youngster.

### NAT BROWN

Another Macclesfield Town loanee who joined until the end of the campaign in March. Currently in his second spell at Sincil Bank where he made over 100 appearances between 2005 and 2008.

### DAVID PREECE

Former Sunderland keeper who settled at Sincil Bank after departing Championship Barnsley in the summer. The 36-year-old stopper then spent four years in Sweden before returning to the UK in 2009.

### PAUL TURNBULL

Currently on loan from Northampton Town after making his name at Stockport County. The former County skipper made the switch to Sincil Bank on loan in 2013.

### CONNOR ROBINSON

Lincoln City scholar impressed on his debut against Hayes & Yeading in 2012 where he was named man-of-the-match and subsequently penned a full-time deal.



**Established:** 1884

**Nickname(s):** The Imps

**Stadium:** The 12th Imp Sincil Bank Stadium

**Capacity:** 10,130 (Avg. attendance '12/13 - 2,238)

**Manager:** Gary Simpson (Two years, three months)

**Final league position '11/12:** 17th BSP

### DID YOU KNOW

- Lincoln have only failed to score in four of their 27 league games this season.
- However, they have kept just three clean sheets in those 27 games.

Despite languishing down in 19th in the Blue Square Bet Premier, **Lincoln City** is a club with lofty ambitions. The Lincolnshire outfit have designs on a brand-new 10,000-seater multi-purpose stadium and, like the many other ex-Football League clubs in the division, are aspiring to gain promotion to League 2.

Unfortunately for Imps fans, though, there appears to be no correlation between the club's off-the-field ambitions and on-the-field performances

Last season, in their first season back in the Conference since 1987/88, Lincoln finished in a lowly 17th, and this term they haven't improved as much as they would have hoped.

In the 2011/12 season, Lincoln collected an average of just 1.07 points per game. This season, that figure has risen to just 1.16 points per game.

#### A closer look at Lincoln's season so far

Gary Simpson's Lincoln side are currently in 19th place with 50 points having played 43, won 13, drawn 11, and lost 19 whilst scoring 59 and conceding 68.

Prior to Christmas, the Imps were one of the most in-form teams in the league, but a poor festive period has extended into a poor 2013 so far as meant they arrive at Kenilworth Road just two points above the relegation zone. and the club now finds itself 23rd in the 6-game form table.

Only Ebbsfleet, who are bottom of the league overall, are in a poorer vein of form than Lincoln. The side's woeful form meant David Holdsworth left in February.

The Imps' away record is far from convincing, but a closer look reveals they have actually had some impressive results on the road, namely, draws with Grimsby and Mansfield, and wins over Wrexham and Dartford, so they'll be confident they can add Luton to that list.

#### How will they play? Who are their danger men?

Lincoln's list of injuries seems to be growing each week, so predicting who lines up for the Imps today is no

easy task, hence the omission of a line-ups diagram. It is likely Simpson will stick with his usual 4-4-1-1 or 4-4-2 formation, but even that is uncertain.

Paul Farman will retain the goalkeeper's jersey for this game having recently been dropped for making a string of errors. However, Farman is considered to have been one of Lincoln's best performers this season despite the errors he has made – one of which Hatters fans who travelled up to Sincil Bank stadium in October will remember.

At the back, injuries to centre-backs Scott Garner and Andrew Boyce mean it is difficult to know who will partner 22-year-old Tom Miller at the heart of the defence.

Recent signing Chris Bush, who has already played at Kenilworth Road this season for Gateshead on the opening day, will play at left-back and although the 20-year-old is built more like a centre-back he is very effective at getting forward to offer support.

His long throw will be a weapon Lincoln look to use whenever they can.

In midfield, Lincoln are missing captain Gary Mills, defensive midfielder Mamadou Fofana, and playmaker Alan Power, so it unknown who will partner the versatile Dan Gray – who could actually end up playing at centre-back.

Jake Sheridan will operate on the right-hand side of Lincoln's midfield four, whilst Colin Larkin, whose intelligence and craft will be key to the Imps splitting open the Hatters defence, is likely to start on the left.

Larkin has seven league goals this season and is primarily a striker, but has moved out wide in recent weeks.

Jamie Taylor will be Lincoln's main threat upfront. The Imps' number 10 has scored 13 goals this season (10 in the league).

His pace, positioning and precise finishing will make him Lincoln's most dangerous outlet.

18-year-old Conner Robinson may partner Taylor up top and the youngster has proved already that he is more than ready for this level scoring four goals in 14 appearances.

# THOUGHTS FROM THE OAK ROAD

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

**WHAT'S YOUR NAME?** Andy Townsend

**AGE?** 44

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SUPPORTING LINCOLN?** 39 years

**HOW'S YOUR SEASON GONE SO FAR?**

It's been very much an up and down season. Our early games saw us dominate for long periods but we didn't get the results we deserved. Injuries were also a problem and when they cleared, we went on a run, going undefeated for 10 games. Christmas was a poor period with only two points gained, and the injuries mounted up again. Since the turn of the year, we never seemed to rediscover our unbeaten form and relegation began to look a real possibility.

**DAVID HOLDSWORTH LEFT THE CLUB IN FEBRUARY, WITH GARY SIMPSON COMING IN AS MANAGER. WAS IT THE RIGHT DECISION TO CHANGE YOUR MANAGER AT SUCH AN ADVANCED STAGE OF THE SEASON?**

Holdsworth's sacking was the right decision to make. Many supporters probably questioned the timing of it, but there were no signs as to where the next point was coming from. We dominated games for the first half and then didn't turn out for the second half, making people wonder what he was saying at half-time and if he had lost the dressing room.

Gary came in at a difficult time with the transfer window a week away from closing. He has a great passion for Lincoln from his time here before with Keith Alexander and we are starting to see some of that transmit through the team with some solid performances. These have brought about some much needed wins and a renewed spirit within the club.

**IS THE COMPETITION IN THE CONFERENCE TOUGHER THAN YOU EXPECTED FOLLOWING RELEGATION IN 2011?**

Last season at this level it was difficult to compete. While some clubs had a wealthy chairman bank rolling them, Lincoln had lost the money from the Football League, which made it extra difficult adjusting to life in the Conference. This season the league is more equally matched financially. Most teams in this League now are full time, apart from a handful of clubs. However, even those teams that are still part time aren't being left behind, despite not having the financial clout. Hopefully, this will continue to be the case next season.

**WHO'S YOUR PLAYER TO WATCH?**

We have several players who will cause the opposition problems. Alan Power, Jamie Taylor, Vadaine Oliver and Mo Fofana would always be my first selections on the team sheet.

**WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES FROM FACING LUTON IN THE PAST?**

The two FA Cup matches which were televised in 1999. Especially the replay, a game which kept producing excitement.

**WHAT'S YOUR CLUB'S FAVOURITE CHANT/ SONG?** The Dambusters march.

**WHAT'S THE BEST GAME INVOLVING LINCOLN THAT YOU'VE EVER SEEN?**

Winning the Conference back in 1988; playing Everton, Tottenham and West Ham; and the Play-Off finals. However, the one that sticks in the memory is the night we played Man City at home in the League Cup in 1996. We were 1-0 down within a minute and came back to win 4-1. To top it all we went to Maine Road in the second leg and won 1-0.

**IF YOU COULD PICK ONE THING TO GET RID OF IN MODERN FOOTBALL, WHAT WOULD IT BE?**

The Premier League. With the amounts of money being pumped into the Premier League and spent by clubs on ridiculous wages, it's contributed so much to the mess the game is in today.

**HOW INTENSE IS THE LINCOLN VERSUS GRIMSBY RIVALRY?**

The rivalry isn't that intense from Lincoln's point of view - Grimsby are just another local derby. Grimsby fans travel in numbers but for various reasons Lincoln fans do not enjoy travelling to Grimsby. We used to enjoy games more against Scunthorpe and Hull.

**WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING AN IMP'S FAN?**

It's like having an extended family. I've made friends through watching Lincoln who I would happily call family.

**WILL LINCOLN BEAT THE DROP THIS SEASON?**

Yes. A few weeks ago it was looking unlikely but I feel one more win will just about be enough to see us safe.

**WHAT'S THE SCORE GOING TO BE TONIGHT?**

0-0.

# Are you paying through the nozzle?

Try our online calculator and see how much you can save with the bus.

Visit [arrivabus.co.uk/south-east](http://arrivabus.co.uk/south-east)

Great value tickets for bus travel in Luton

**Day saver**

Luton & Dunstable Zone **£4.20**

**Weekly saver**

Luton & Dunstable Zone **£17.00**

**4-Weekly saver**

Luton & Dunstable Zone **£53.10**

# CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

## FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS SELECTS FIVE POST-WAR LINCOLN CITY CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

### 1951/52

Lincoln City scored a club record 121 League goals as they won the Third Division (North) title in 1951/52. Key players Andy Graver and Fred Emery remained at Sincil Bank and there were several notable early wins, with Lincoln trouncing Darlington 7-2 and Graver netting six times in the record 11-1 win over Crewe. Doug Graham arrived from Preston to replace the injured Frank Varney but although the Imps were top for nearly five months, promotion was not assured until the penultimate game as they won 2-1 at home to Stockport. Andy Graver netted 36 goals despite missing the last six games as Lincoln gained 69 points.

### 1975/76

Lincoln City stormed to the Fourth Division title with an all-time record 74 points in 1975/76. The only summer signing was John Fleming from Oxford United and Lincoln dropped just two points from nine games to go second in the table, also beating Stoke City in the League Cup second round. The Imps bounced back from a 1-0 defeat at rivals Northampton to win 11 consecutive matches, leading the Fourth Division and reaching the FA Cup fourth round. Promotion was secured against Darlington with seven games left and Lincoln clinched the title with a 5-0 win over Doncaster, scoring 111 League goals overall.

### 1980/81

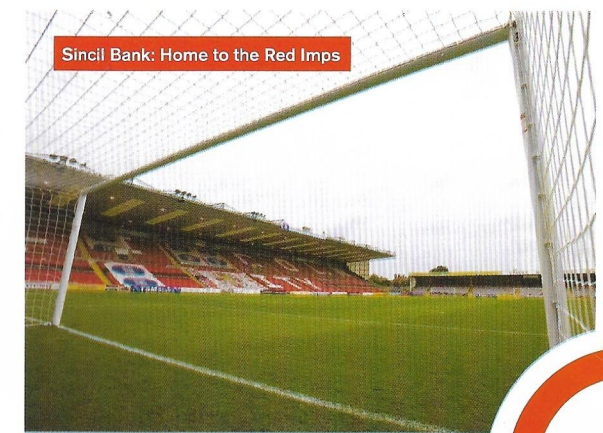
Colin Murphy guided Lincoln City to promotion in 1980/81. The Imps made a six-match unbeaten start, winning four successive games, with David Felgate replacing the injured Colin Boulton in goal. Leading marksman Gordon Hobson scored four goals in an 8-0 thrashing of Northampton and fellow striker Mick Harford joined Newcastle United for a record fee in December. Lincoln contested the title with Southend United and the defence, inspired by Trevor Peake, set a new record for the fewest goals conceded in the Fourth Division. The Imps lost only two of their last 24 games and finished runners-up with 65 points.

### 1987/88

Colin Murphy returned to manage Lincoln City to the Conference title in 1987/88. The Imps had been the first club to be relegated from the Football League the previous season and a new-look team lost only twice in 16 matches to be among the early pace-setters. Record signing Paul Smith from Port Vale helped to launch a 15 match unbeaten run that left Lincoln challenging rivals Barnet for the championship. Three consecutive away defeats dented title hopes, but Lincoln triumphed 2-1 at home to Stafford Rangers in their penultimate match and clinched a return to the Football League with a 2-0 win over Wycombe Wanderers.

### 1997/98

Lee Thorpe and Colin Alcide scored 26 goals between them as Lincoln City won promotion in 1997/98. Gareth Ainsworth grabbed a hat-trick as Lincoln drew 3-3 with Scarborough, moving to Port Vale in September. Dean Walling arrived from Carlisle and Barry Richardson returned in goal as Lincoln stormed to the top with a 16 match unbeaten run. The Imps conceded five goals against Peterborough and Notts County but bounced back into the promotion race with just two defeats in 11 games and finished third with a 2-1 victory at home to Brighton in their final match. Kevin Austin and Steve Holmes were ever-present.





# Hartwell Dunstable Proud Supporters of Luton Town



- New and used car sales
- Service & MOT Facilities
- Parts and accessories

Plus £100 off any car on production of this advert and we'll donate an extra £50 to Luton Town.

 **Hartwell**.co.uk  
Driving value since 1919

77-87 London Road, Dunstable LU6 3DT  
Tel: 0844 324 1750

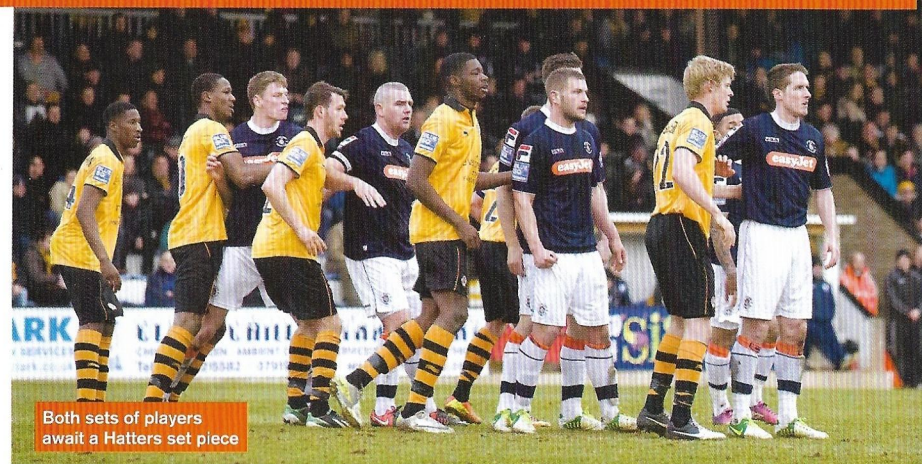


Search for Hartwell  
Dunstable  
on Facebook



Follow us  
on Twitter  
@HartwellDunstable

## CAMBRIDGE 2-2 TOWN



### SPOILS SHARED

**The Town twice came from behind to earn a point in an entertaining draw at Cambridge.**

It was the hosts that began on the front foot with Mark Tyler alert to keep out Josh Coulson's fourth-minute header.

The hosts were well on top inside the opening exchanges and Tyler needed to make another easy catch when grasping hold of left-wing corner after a surging run from Harrison Dunk on 13 minutes.

Tyler made a routine catch from an ambitious, dipping half-volley from Tom Shaw on the edge of the area a minute later as the hosts continued to press.

However the hosts' pressure paid off on 20 minutes when they took the lead. A right-wing cross from Liam Hughes was headed clear by Simon Ainge but the ball fell kindly to Shaw on the edge of the box who sent a low effort past the legs of several Town defenders that unsighted Tyler and nestled in the bottom corner.

Hurt by going behind, the Town were almost level on 24 minutes when a 22-yard piledriver was kept out spectacularly by United goalkeeper Nicholas Pope.

By now the Hatters were enjoying their best spell of the half and Pope came to the hosts' rescue four minutes later with an even better save. Andre Gray was unable to connect with the ball in the penalty area but it broke perfectly for Dave Martin whose shot seemed destined for the top corner until the goalkeeper stuck out one arm to turn the ball around the post.

The Hatters started the second half well, Jake Howells drove a shot just wide of the target five

minutes after the restart, but on 53 minutes they were level. A fine dinked pass over the top of the home defence by Gray allowed Martin to bear down on goal. Unable to get a shot out and then forced wide, Martin was able to send in a perfect right-wing cross for Jon Shaw to nod home.

Cambridge had failed to call Tyler into any worthwhile action since their goal but the Town stopper could only stand and watch as the hosts re-took the lead on 62 minutes. A right-wing free-kick was met by substitute Nathan Blissett, who headed home with his first touch.

That goal came against the run of the play but the Town were only behind for three minutes when they were awarded a penalty when Gray was bundled over by Pope inside the box. Solomon Taiwo stepped up to calmly send the home stopper the wrong way to make it two apiece.

Having been pegged back Cambridge came close to going back in front, a brave block from Steve McNulty prevented a rocket of a shot from centre-back Charlie Wassmer troubling Tyler on 68 minutes.

The Hatters almost had the lead for the first time on 70 minutes when Ainge sent a scorching low shot goalwards from 18 yards that Pope did well to get his hands to.

From the resultant corner, Goodman saw a poked effort hacked away as the Town pressed.

Both sides pushed for a winner in the closing stages with half-chances but in the end they had to settle for a share of the spoils.



# CAMBRIDGE 2 TOWN 2

Shaw 20, Blissett 61



Shaw 53, Taiwo 65 (pen)



Cambridge get to grips with Alex Wall



Mark Tyler punches clear under pressure

Jon Shaw heads the Hatters' first equaliser



<b>POSSESSION</b>	55%	44%	<b>SHOTS OFF TARGET</b>	6	3
<b>CORNERS</b>	9	4	<b>FOULS</b>	11	15
<b>OFFSIDES</b>	5	4	<b>YELLOW CARDS</b>	1	4
<b>SHOTS ON TARGET</b>	9	4	<b>RED CARDS</b>	0	0

**CAMBRIDGE:** Pope, Roberts, Coulson (sub McAuley 45), Wassmer, Haynes-Brown, Shaw, Dunk, Jarvis, Elliott, Hughes, Smith (sub Blissett 60). **Subs not used:** Ross, Berry, Pugh.

**TOWN:** Tyler, Ainge, Rowe-Turner, McNulty, Goodman, Howells, Martin (sub Wall 66), Smith, Taiwo, Shaw, Gray. **Subs not used:** Brill, Griffiths, Robinson, Rendell.

**ATTENDANCE:** 3,271 (737 Luton)



FPM Facility Services Ltd  
FPM Maintenance

- Building Maintenance
- Office Fit out and Refurbishment
- Electrical Contractors and Engineers
- Air conditioning and Plumbing
- Flooring
- Site Pathway and Parking Maintenance
- Industrial Steelwork

FPM Facility Services Ltd are an Accredited NICEIC company we are proud to provide continued service to easyJet and Luton Town Fc 2020 LTD

**easyJet.com**  
Flights • Hotels • Cars • Holidays



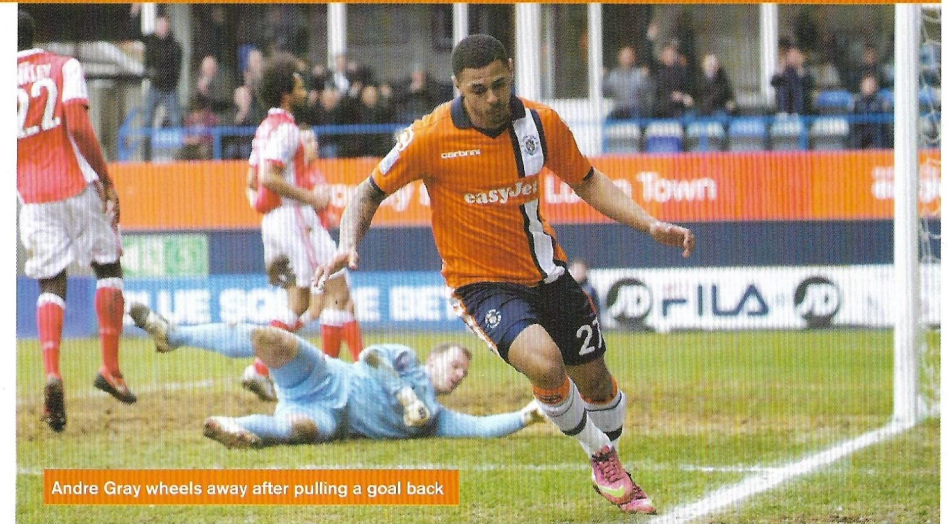
35-37 Hastings Street, Luton, Beds. LU1 5BE

Tel: 01582 484020 Fax: 01582 487614

Email: [service@f-p-m.co.uk](mailto:service@f-p-m.co.uk) Web: [www.f-p-m.co.uk](http://www.f-p-m.co.uk)



## TOWN 1-2 KIDDERMINSTER



Andre Gray wheels away after pulling a goal back

### LETHAL LEADERS EARN VICTORY

**John Still thought his side could have earned a point after the Town went down to a home defeat at the hands of league leaders Kidderminster Harriers at Kenilworth Road.**

Harriers were 2-0 up at half-time courtesy of Josh Gowling's 13th-minute opener and Anthony Malbon's close range finish 10 minutes before the break.

The Town twice hit the woodwork – Scott Rendell arched a shot onto the crossbar in the first half before a combination of Jon Shaw and a visiting defender rattled the bar in the second period.

Substitute Andre Gray's goal seven minutes before the end made it 2-1, but it was the two first half goals from the visitors that did the damage.

"It was a strange game," Still told Hatters Player afterwards. "They were a bit better than us in the first half. We had two good chances to score through Scott Rendell and they had three and scored from two of them.

"Fair play to Kidderminster. I thought they edged the first half without really dominating and we were disappointed to come in at half-time 2-0 down.

"The second half took a while to get going but we cranked up the pressure, we hit the bar again and then scored. We just need to be better in both boxes, because I was disappointed with the way we defended ours. Recently that has been an area which we've done well in.

"I thought we done okay overall. We weren't great, but we were okay. Were we good enough to win? Definitely not. Were we good enough to get something? Maybe."

Leaders Harriers have missed out on the Play-Offs by one place in the last two seasons but Burr's side booked their spot in the top five with this victory.

Manager Steve Burr has been at the helm for three years and Still believes that was evident in Harriers' confidence and organisation.

"When you look at the bigger picture they are on a fine run, Steve's able to pick a settled team whilst we are changing things; both in terms of styles of play and personnel," said Still. Steve's been building this team for three years and that's where they are today. We're at the very start of our building process.

"As for our Play-Off chances I don't think it can ever be over until it's mathematically impossible, but it is looking very difficult."

Still confirmed defender Steve McNulty was withdrawn in the first half due to ankle injury shortly after Kidderminster's second goal.

"I thought the lead up to that goal was a foul and Steve Burr said the same - but that's gone now," said Still. "We took a bit of risk playing Macca and we've had to take him off but I thought Scott Griffiths did well on his debut even though he's not fully fit himself yet."



# TOWN 1

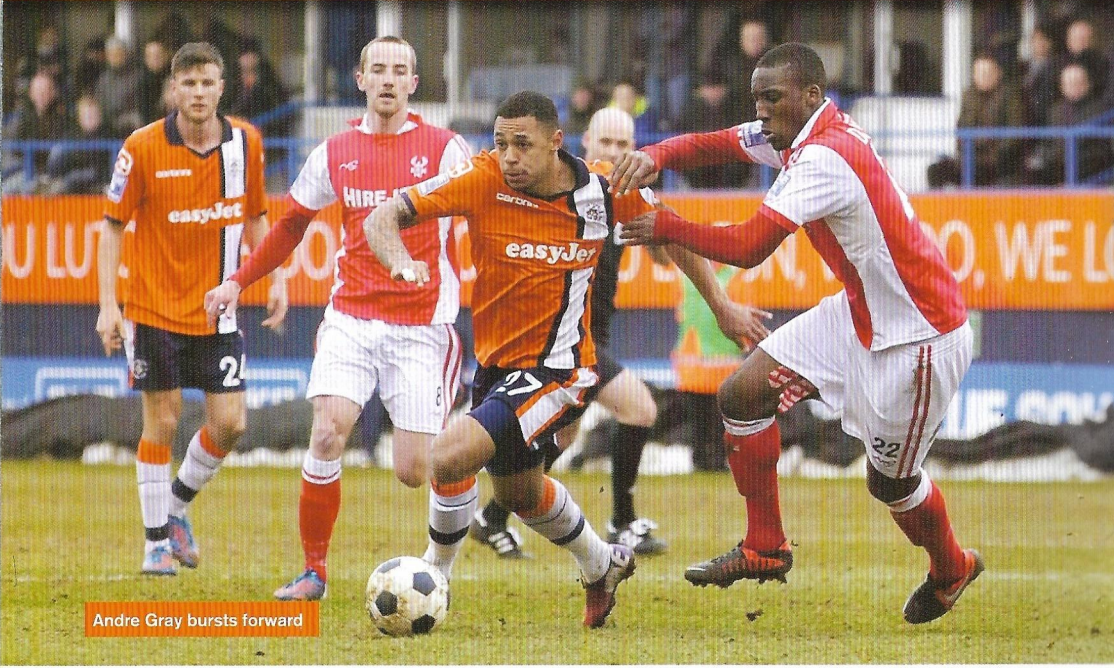
Gray 83



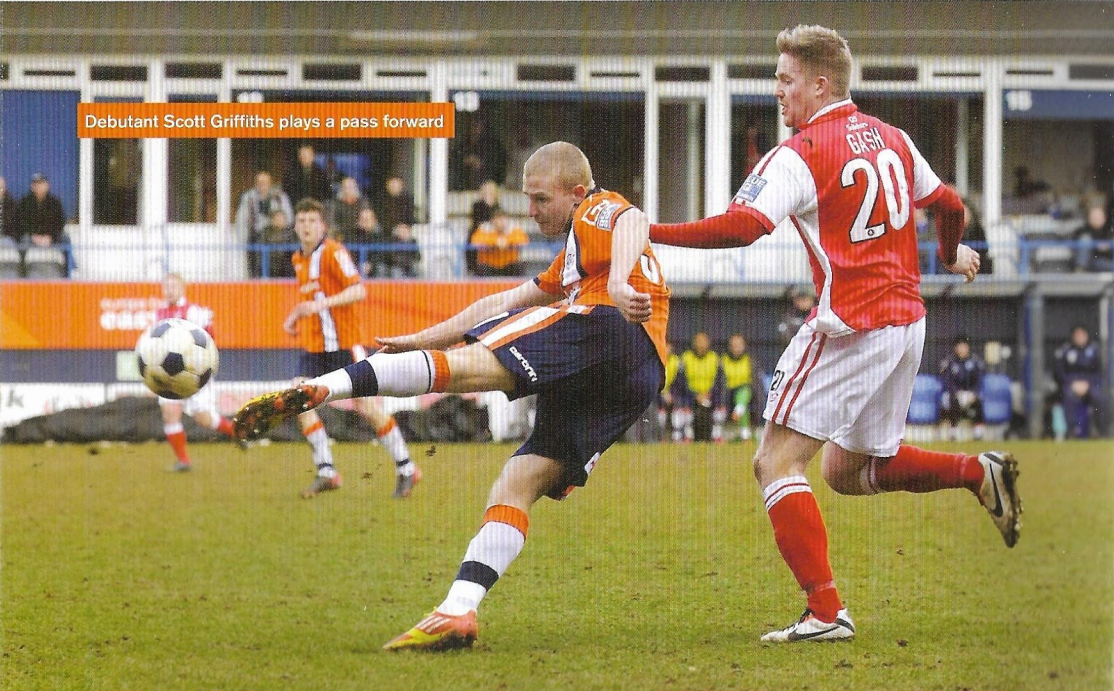
# KIDDERMINSTER 2

Gowling 13, Malbon 35

Lathaniel Rowe-Turner rises highest to head clear



Andre Gray bursts forward



Debutant Scott Griffiths plays a pass forward



### POSSESSION

49% 51%

### CORNERS

4 6

### OFFSIDES

6 5

### SHOTS ON TARGET

9 10

### SHOTS OFF TARGET

4 2

### FOULS

7 10

### YELLOW CARDS

1 1

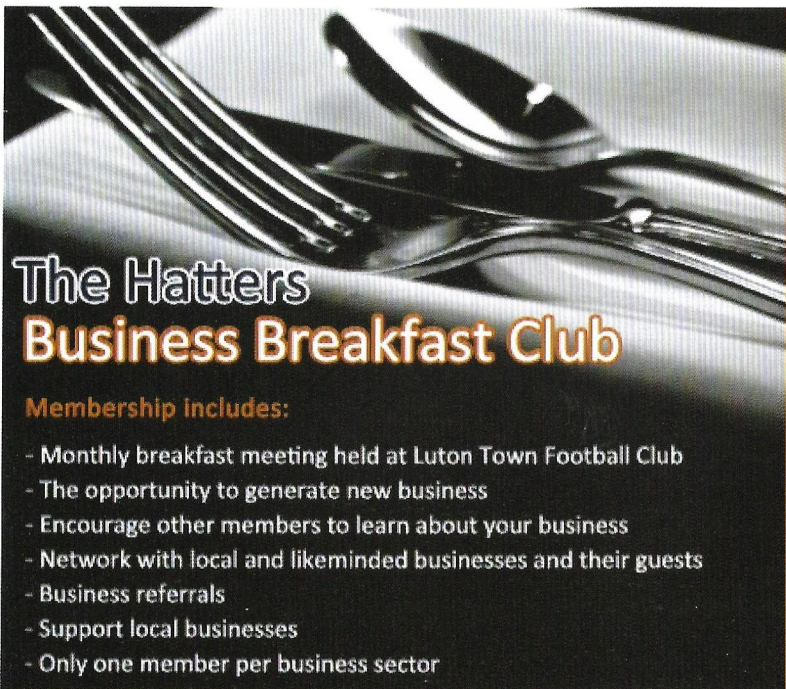
### RED CARDS

1 1

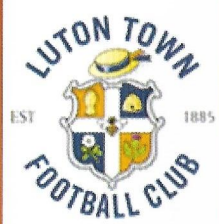
**TOWN:** Tyler, Ainge, Rowe-Turner, McNulty, (sub Griffiths 39) Goodman, Martin (sub Smith 55), Howells, Robinson, Taiwo, Shaw, Rendell (sub Gray 68). **Subs not used:** Brill, Wall.

**KIDDERMINSTER:** Lewis, L. Vaughan, Demetriou, Dunkley, Gowling, Storer, Pilkington (sub Johnson 79), Jackman, Briggs (sub Vincent 71), Malbon (sub Gittings 88), Gash. **Subs not used:** N. Vaughan, Rowe.

**ATTENDANCE:** 6,108 (408 Kidderminster)



**The Hatters**  
Business Breakfast Club



## The Hatters Business Breakfast Club

### Membership includes:

- Monthly breakfast meeting held at Luton Town Football Club
- The opportunity to generate new business
- Encourage other members to learn about your business
- Network with local and likeminded businesses and their guests
- Business referrals
- Support local businesses
- Only one member per business sector

For further information contact David Hoskins on 01582 411622 or email [david.hoskins@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:david.hoskins@lutontown.co.uk)

# Supporting the grass roots

## Football Foundation

www.footballfoundation.org.uk

Improving facilities • creating opportunities • building communities

Charity No 1079309 • Company No 3876381

# ON THIS DAY

APRIL 9

### THE RECORD

A busy day in the Hatters' history books. The Town have played 24 times on 9th April, winning nine, losing 11 and drawing four. The Hatters have scored 39 and conceded 30. That's 69 goals all told, which works out at 2.875 goals per game.

### BIG GAMES

There have been a number of high profile matches involving the Hatters on this day in history. We'll start in chronological order. In 1988 the Town went down 2-1 to Wimbledon in an FA Cup semi final at White Hart Lane. Leading through Mick Harford's powerful shot the Town were then hit by a Dons double. A John Fashanu penalty made it 1-1 before Dennis Wise hit the winner. Wimbledon would go on and beat Liverpool in the final.

It was more heartbreak for the Town a year later on 9th April when Nottingham Forest recovered from a goal down to beat the Hatters in the Littlewoods Cup final of 1989. Again it was Harford who had the Town in front but two goals from Nigel Clough and a one from Steve Webb gave Forest a 3-1 victory.

The Town, by now in what is now the Championship, reached the FA Cup semi-final again in 1994 after a terrific cup run that saw them beat Premier League Newcastle and West Ham. However, two Darren Peacock goals gave Chelsea a 2-0 win at Wembley. Current Hatters goalkeeper coach Dmitri Kharine played for the Blues that day.

### TEN-TWO

In more recent times, the Town have tasted success on this day in history, winning their last two matches in the Blue Square Bet Premier by an aggregate scoreline of 10-2. Last year the Hatters saw off Hayes & Yeading United at Kenilworth Road thanks to two Stuart Fleetwood goals and one each from Keith Keane and Andre Gray.

In 2011, the Hatters put six past Southport at Kenilworth Road with six different players finding the net. Amari Morgan-Smith, Robbie Willmott, Freddie Murray, Jason Walker, Zdenek Kroca and Claude Gnakpa scored the Town's goals, with the final four scored in the final six minutes.

### ENOCH'S ARMY

The Town were on course for promotion from League One in 2005 and a goal six minutes from time from substitute Enoch Shownumni earned Mike Newell's side a vital 1-0 win at AFC Bournemouth. The result, against a Cherries side defending a fine home record, was

made even sweeter given the fact the Hatters played three-quarters of the game with 10 men following the first-half dismissal of defender Russ Perrett.

### HATTERS v HORNETS

The Town still hold sway in the meetings with rivals Watford (32-25 in league victories) and on this day in 2006, on the last time the two sides met, an equaliser from Ahmet Brkovic prevented the Hornets from doing the double over the Town in that Championship campaign. It was the 22nd draw in all competitions between the two clubs.

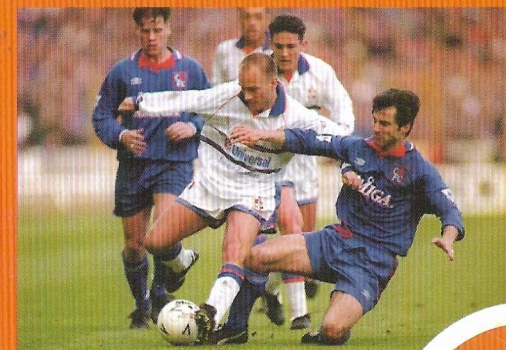
### TOP FLIGHT TOWN

Of the 24 matches played on this day four have come in the top flight of English football. What's more the Hatters have won three of these four games. Prior to their FA Cup final meeting in 1959, the Town beat Nottingham Forest 5-1 at Kenilworth Road with Allan Brown scoring four and Billy Bingham hitting the other.

Then, a year later, the Town lost 3-2 at home to Manchester United in front of 21,242 at Kenilworth Road. Billy Bingham scored both of the Hatters' goals.

It wasn't until 1975 that the Hatters were next in action on this day in the top flight when two goals from Jimmy Anderson sealed a 2-1 win over championship-chasing Everton in front of 13,437 at Kenilworth Road.

David Moss was the Town's hero on the fourth and final time the Town last played on this day in the top flight 30 years ago. The winger netted an 89th-minute winner to secure a 2-1 victory over Aston Villa at Kenilworth Road. The Hatters' season would end with the last-day escape act at Manchester City.



David Preece in action in the FA Cup semi-final defeat against Chelsea in 1994



# CENTRE SPOT

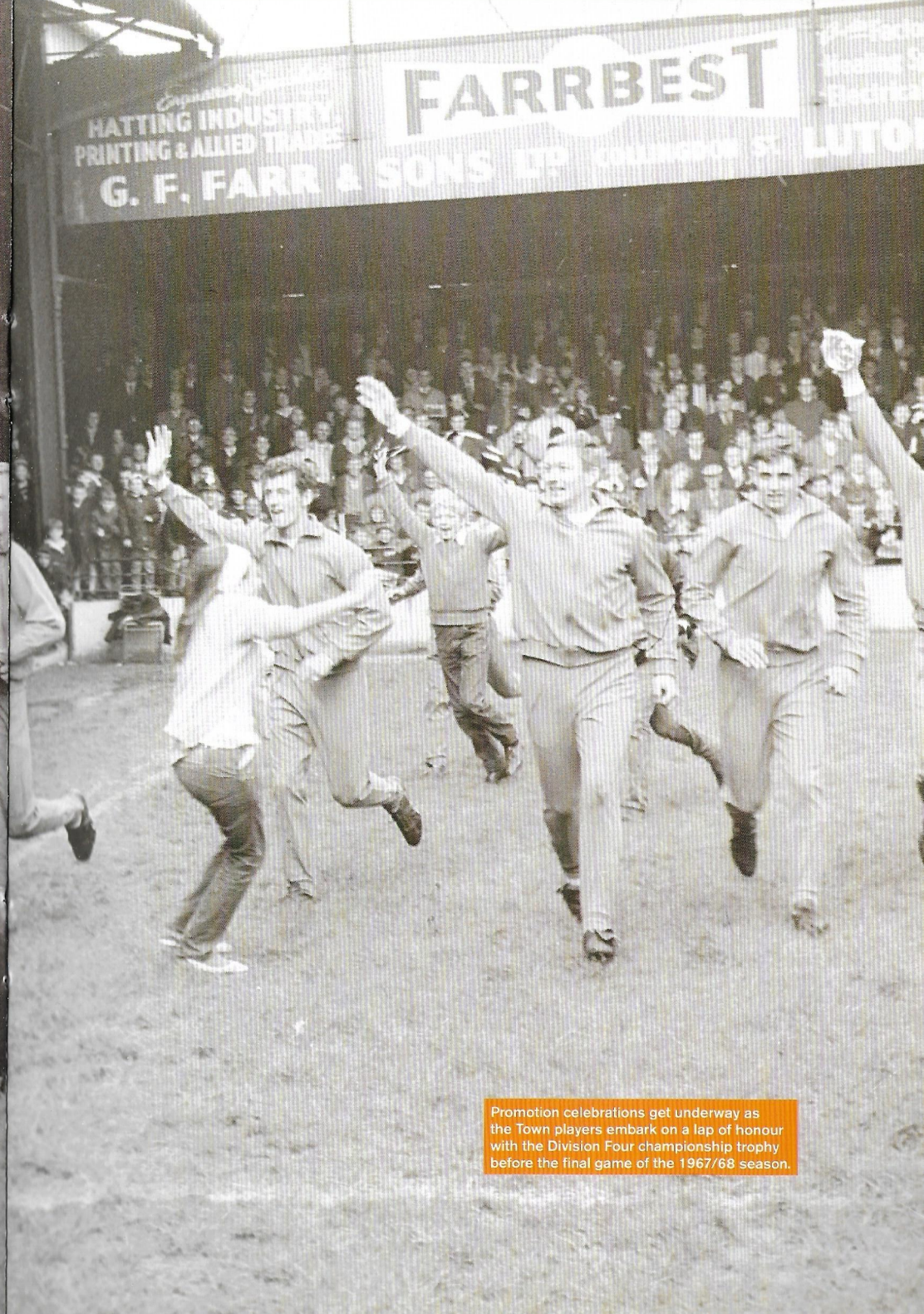
Jake Goodman battles past two Cambridge men during the 2-2 draw on Easter Saturday



PICTURE

# THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



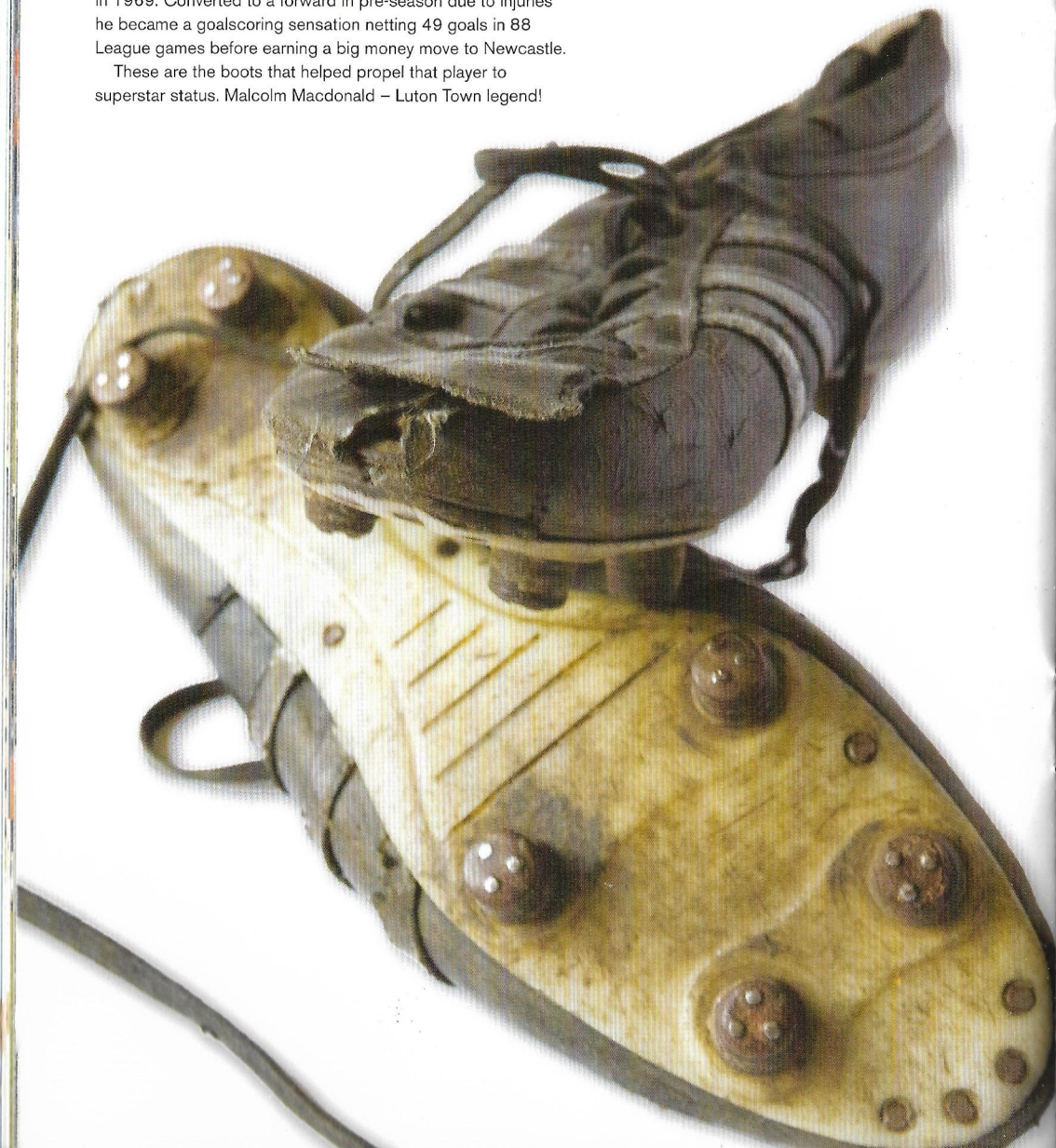
Promotion celebrations get underway as the Town players embark on a lap of honour with the Division Four championship trophy before the final game of the 1967/68 season.

# TOWN TREASURES

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

A little known full-back was signed by the Town from Fulham in 1969. Converted to a forward in pre-season due to injuries he became a goalscoring sensation netting 49 goals in 88 League games before earning a big money move to Newcastle.

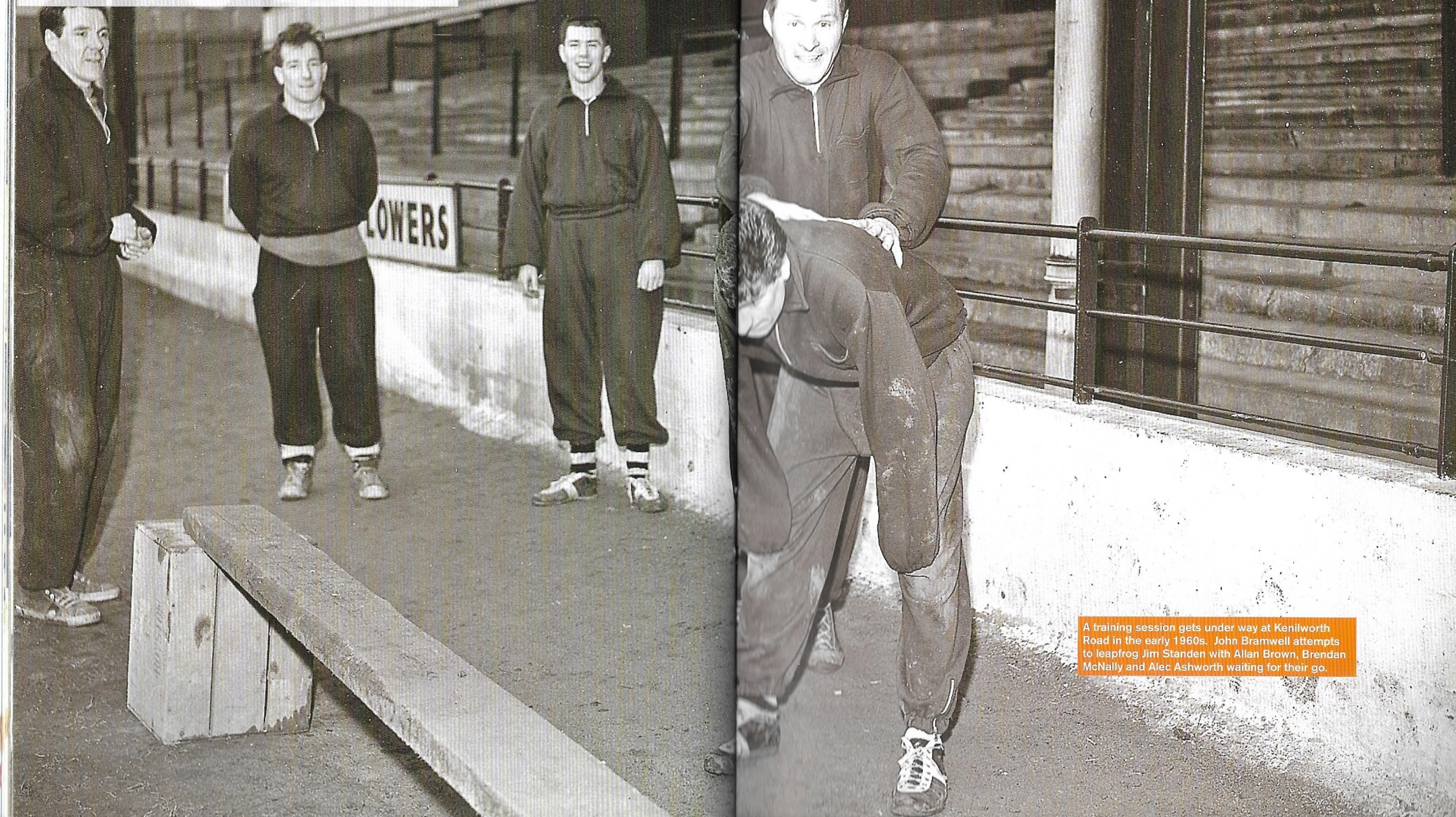
These are the boots that helped propel that player to superstar status. Malcolm Macdonald – Luton Town legend!



THE CAMERA

# NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



A training session gets under way at Kenilworth Road in the early 1960s. John Bramwell attempts to leapfrog Jim Standen with Allan Brown, Brendan McNally and Alec Ashworth waiting for their go.

# MEMORABLE MATCHES

## ROGER WASH LOOKS BACK ON THE GLORIOUS GAMES OF THE TOWN'S PAST

### LUTON TOWN 5-0 BRIGHTON

18TH SEPTEMBER 1982

The Hatters got off to a mixed start to the new campaign following their promotion to the top flight in 1982 with goals flying in at both ends of the field to keep the neutral supporter as well as the television companies in seventh heaven.

On the opening day, an entertaining 2-2 draw was played out at Tottenham before West Ham showed the Town how Division One strikers took their chances when winning 2-0 at Kenilworth Road. The players learnt quickly and a hat-trick from new boy Paul Walsh saw off Notts County in a 5-3 thriller before it was back to square one following a 4-1 hammering at Aston Villa.

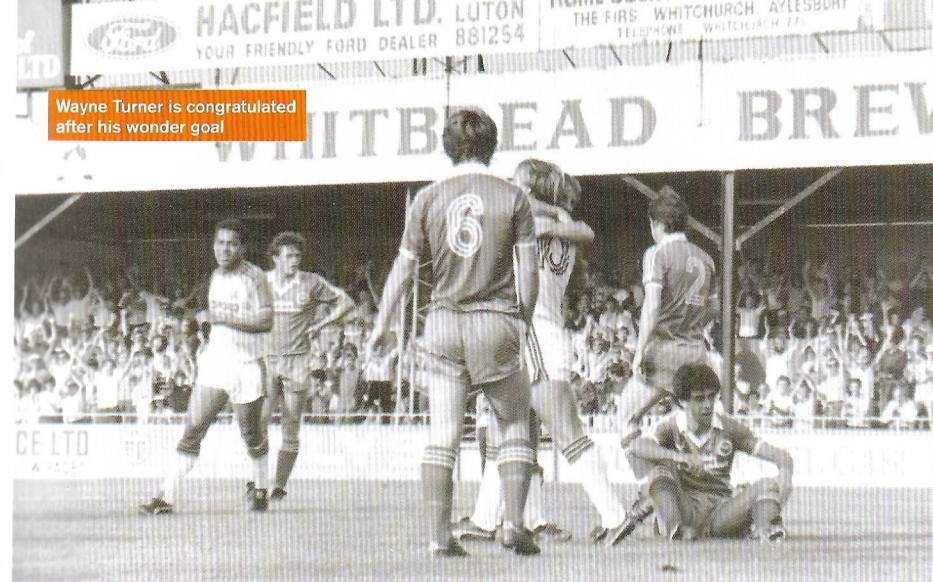
By now the Luton supporters did not know what to expect, but spurred on by the thrill of the unknown over 2,000 travelled to Anfield the following week to witness an amazing 3-3 draw with Liverpool managing to score against three different Luton goalkeepers.

Despite this wonderful performance the Town only gained a point for their efforts leaving them hovering just above the drop zone.

Perhaps a couple of gritty performances and mean 1-0 victories were needed to push the Hatters up the table starting with the visit of Brighton to Kenilworth Road on 18th September.



Brian Stein opens the scoring against the Seagulls



Wayne Turner is congratulated after his wonder goal

The Seagulls had lost nine consecutive games on the road but given the Town's up and down form it was still a difficult result to call. The Town welcomed back to Kenilworth Road ex-Hatters Don Shanks and Tony Grealish while current Luton skipper Brian Horton was looking forward to sparring with his old mates.

Brighton set out with a defensive formation, which was completely the wrong thing to do against the cavalier 4-3-3 of the Town. Once Brian Stein had opened the scoring after 20 minutes there was only going to be one winner and it was a surprise that it took until the second half for the floodgates to open. The Brighton defence was pulled all over the place

by David Moss switching wings at will while Stein and Walsh were too quick and clever for the flat-footed defenders, latching on to through balls from Ricky Hill, Wayne Turner and Horton.

Turner netted with a spectacular overhead kick, Stein crossed for Moss to head home with the winger returning the compliment shortly afterwards.

Stein's hat-trick goal and the Town's fifth came in the closing seconds after he outpaced a dispirited defence to get on the end of a clever through ball from Mal Donaghy.

David Pleat reminded his players afterwards that the rest of the season would not be so easy!



David Moss nets with a rare header

# We're making a team out of Subs!

SUBWAY® are creating a special fund to help schoolkids afford professional football training

Buy any selected Sub & a regular drink and we'll donate 10p to

## Luton Town Football Club

Choose from:

- Sweet Onion Chicken Melt™
- Chicken & Bacon Ranch Melt\*\*
- Steak<sup>†</sup> & Cheese Melt™
- Chicken Temptation®
- Chicken Pizziola

Support your local team at:

- Bridge Street
- 37 George Street
- New Bedford Road

Luton

**SUBWAY**  
eat fresh.®

SUBWAY® Stores support local football

\*\*Chicken and Turkey Rasher Ranch Melt will be served in the Halal store. †Not valid for double meat, double cheese, extra bacon, turkey rashers in the Halal store or any other extras. Exclusions may apply. Ask staff for details. †Formed Meat. †Shaved steak strips. Excludes bottled & canned drinks. Prices and participation may vary. Only available in the Anglia region. Management reserve the right to withdraw the offer at any time. All third party trademarks are the property of their respective owners. ©2013 Doctor's Associates Inc. SUBWAY® is a registered trademark of Doctor's Associates Inc.

JON

# SHAW

## STRIKER ON TARGET

Blustery conditions and an open playing field allowed both sides to throw caution to the wind at the Abbey Stadium as the Hatters were held to a 2-2 draw by Richard Money's Cambridge United on Easter Saturday.

Striker Jon Shaw nodded the Hatters back on level terms after his namesake Tom Shaw has slipped the U's in front.

"We came here to win and although they started better in the first half we got ourselves back in it," said Shaw upbeat after the point.

"We battled hard and, although I scored a goal, I was also at fault for their second goal. We were on top at the time and we had got ourselves back in it we would have probably deserved to go on and win it. However, we battled without playing too well so we can go out and hold our heads high.

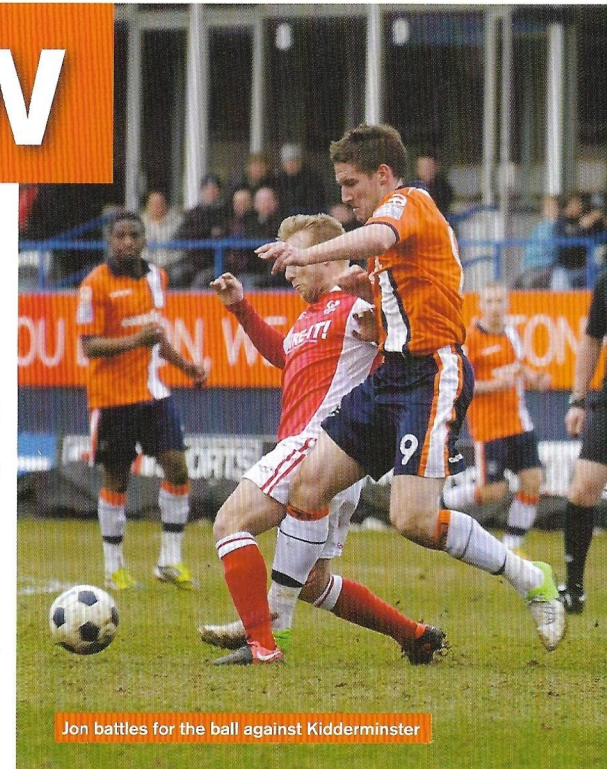
"We went in 1-0 down at half-time and we felt we were quite solid at the back regardless of the goal and we felt going forward we were giving it away a little too easily and we were getting dominated in the middle. We had a word and the lads came out, regrouped and had a good go at it and we were only a goal down so the game was still there to be won."

Shaw headed home on 53 minutes to level proceedings after latching on to a terrific delivery from Dave Martin, something Hatters fans and Shaw will be hoping to see much more of in the future.

"It was a fantastic ball in, we talk about it a lot but that's the kind of ball I love, I've been having a little bit of a dig at Dave for his balls in but it's great for him to find me and to obviously get a goal," said the 29-year-old.

"If John Still wants me here it sounds like he plays my kind of football and it helps with the quality of Dave and Jake Howells. That's what he likes to do, play with wingers. It'll be interesting and hopefully I will be a part of that."

Solomon Taiwo netted the Hatters' second from the spot after Andre Gray was hauled down by U's



Jon battles for the ball against Kidderminster

stopper Nick Pope, but despite Shaw's penalty-taking credentials he stood aside for Taiwo to dispatch.

"Under the previous manager we had decided when Scott Rendell wasn't in the team I was going to take them but I'm not one to stand on the pitch and argue," said Shaw.

"I assumed I would be taking it then out of my eye line Dave Martin sprinted down and across came Solomon and I thought, 'you know what, you two can fight it out for it'.

"It was a fantastic penalty but as a forward you want to score whenever you can and penalties do help at the end of the season."

But there was no doubt in Shaw's mind that the referee got the decision right.

"I was surprised he didn't get a booking," said Shaw about Pope's challenge.

"I don't call for players to be sent off but he's cleaned Andre out regardless of Andre's touch.

"He's come in and smashed him. It's definitely a penalty. I will eventually get my chance if people stop chasing the ball down, picking it up and holding on to it like it's a crème egg or a £10 note!"

HAD AN ACCIDENT?

why call your insurance company **01582 733222**

When you can CALL US TODAY ON...



**We will process your claim and guarantee**

- ✓ no win no fee
- ✓ 100% compensation
- ✓ protection of no claims bonus
- ✓ same day like for like replacement vehicle, if required
- ✓ to manage your claim and get you a quick settlement

**so call us today it's simple, free and easy**

**CLAIMS SPECIALISTS**  
YOUR FIRST CHOICE



A member of **2CHO**



**Claims Specialists**  
167a Dunstable Road, Luton  
Bedfordshire, LU1 1BW

**01582 733222 :t**

**01582 733223 :f**

**0800 564 2284 :free**

**www.claimsspecialists.co.uk :w**

Claims Specialists® is a trading style of The Claims Specialists (UK) Ltd who are regulated by the Ministry of Justice in respect of regulated claims management activities. Authorisation Number: CRM21604 and is recorded on the Ministry of Justice website

**MATT**

# ROBINSON

## MATT MAKES HIS MARK

**It may have not been a game to savour for many of the Hatters fans, nor perhaps the XI that filled the team sheet but for one it will be one that lives long in the memory.**

After making an impressive full league debut, capped off by an assist, Matt Robinson spoke to Talk of the Town about his afternoon of mixed emotions and a season flooded with patience and determination.

"If you take the result away it's a totally different picture you're looking at," he said when asked about his feelings on making his first competitive start in league action.

"I felt at the start I was a little bit nervous, but as the game went on I think we progressed as a performance for the whole team. It's nice to get an assist as well and I think overall I did all right."

### Surprise

The former Leicester City trainee, who joined the Hatters in the summer admitted he was surprised to be thrown in against the title-chasing Harriers.

"I was told at about quarter to two and I was a little bit surprised," said Robinson upon being given the nod in central midfield. "So far Jonathan Smith and Solomon Taiwo have been a permanent fixture within the team and for him to change it, especially against Kidderminster who are top of the league, it was a bit of a surprise but I am just grateful he gave me a chance.

"I always like to think that I don't get nervous, I always say 'save nerves for the things you're not good at' but I can't lie, I was a bit nervous before the game. When John Still told me I could see my hand twitching a little bit, but as you go through the warm up and you get a feel of the ball it kind of goes away a bit but I tried to get past it as quick as possible as soon as the game kicked off."

Robinson capped off an impressive afternoon in the heart of the Hatters midfielder by threading through the pass

for Andre Gray's late consolation.

"Andre has been doing that a lot this season, he's top scorer and with his pace he's dangerous if you can put a ball in front of him and the rest does itself," said Robinson. "If he'd have missed it wouldn't have been as nice for me but because he scored I can say I got an assist."

Robinson penned a deal in the summer from the Foxes and has been forced to wait for his first team outing. But speaking about his frustration he spoke with maturity about his position within the squad.

"As a 19-year-old with no first team experience you have got to put things into perspective," he said.

"Not many people, especially this far down where the game is a bit different in terms of having to match it physically before anything, it's hard to put a 19-year-old with no experience in the team, so I guess I just had to be patient and if now's the time, now's the time.

"Obviously to start the next game is the aim but if not then it's back to being patient and I will play my role."



**Matt plays a pass during his first start of the season against Dorchester back in December**

# Get on in the world of work

Tel: 01234 400 400  
www.beds.ac.uk



 University of Bedfordshire

SCOTT

# GRIFFITHS

## FRIENDS REUNITED

**Latest Town recruit Scott Griffiths is happy to be re-united with his former Dagenham and Redbridge boss John Still.**

The left-back joined the Hatters at the tail end of last month and was recently handed a premature debut in the defeat to Kidderminster.

Named as a substitute for the clash on Easter Monday, Griffiths was called into action early into the first half after captain Steve McNulty picked up an injury.

"The result was unfortunate," Griffiths told Hatters Player after the 2-1 defeat to the league leaders.

"Scott Rendell missed a couple of chances, one just wide of the keeper and one hit the bar, and I thought if we scored that it changes the game. Later on in the game I think if that goes in, an inch one way and we get it. I didn't think we played brilliantly but we have got a lot of work to do.

"Myself, personally I don't think I was the sharpest but it's my first proper game I have played since October, so I'm glad I lasted as long as I did. My crossing wasn't as good as it should have been and I was blowing a bit near the end there but as soon as I am proper sharp and match fit I am really looking forward to giving the team a run for their money."

Griffiths played the full 90 minutes in the midweek development game against Charlton prior to the Kidderminster clash and spoke of his surprise upon his inclusion in the squad.

"I wasn't expecting to get any sort of time until possibly the weekend or the game after that," said the 27-year-old.

"Maybe just get a bit more training in and a bit more sharpness, but I am just as happy to be thrown straight into it. I know it was an injury which is unfortunate for Macca but at the same time I will take any opportunity I can get and a proper game to play in is much better for your sharpness."

The Westminster-born full-back is also settling in well at his new club following his release from Championship side Peterborough.

"I am enjoying it," he said. "I am learning my way around the training ground and the area so

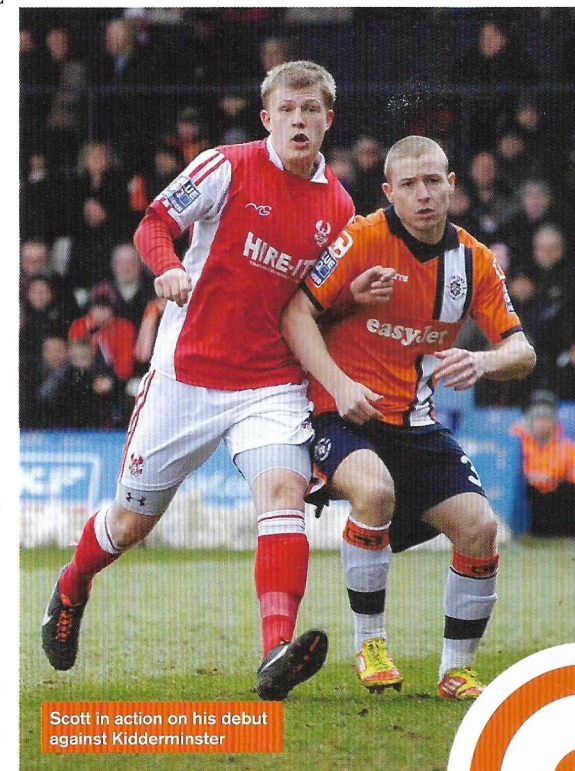
it's all good. The lads all seem friendly enough, trying their hardest to find little things to fine you for but other than that everybody is making me feel welcome."

After a stop-start career at London Road where he found himself loaned out numerous times, Griffiths is hoping to nail down a regular place in the squad.

"It would be nice to stay in one place for more than a month," he said.

"Last season and this season I've had quite a lot of loans, and for whatever reason it hasn't worked out with managers being sacked or a change of personnel with players coming back fit.

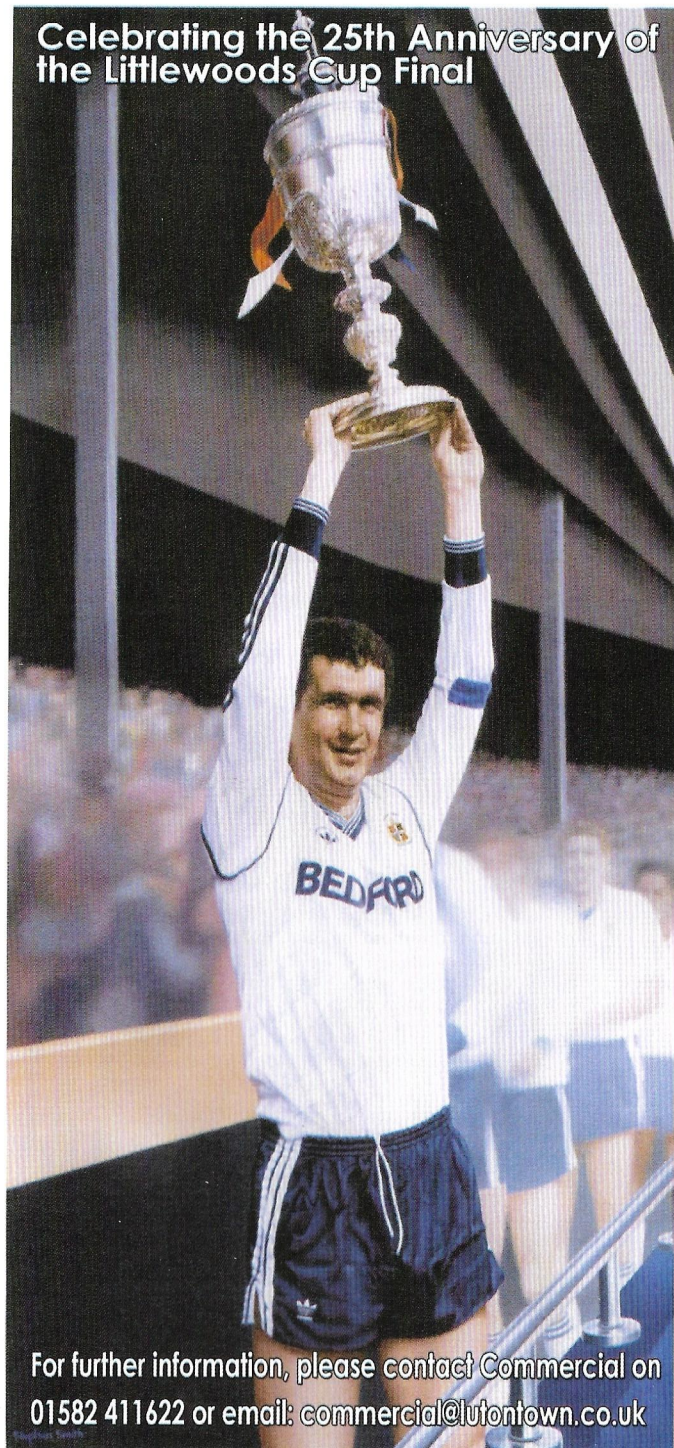
"Luton have reassured me they are looking to progress and that's what I want to be a part of. I'm looking to get back into the league as soon as possible."



Scott in action on his debut against Kidderminster



Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of  
the Littlewoods Cup Final



Luton Town  
Football Club  
End of Season & Kit  
Sponsors Dinner

Welcoming the  
Legends of 1988

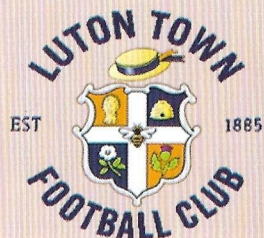
Three Course  
Dinner

Lounge Suits

Monday 29th April  
2013  
7.00pm

The Auction House,  
Crescent Road,  
Luton, LU2 0AH

Only £65 Per Person



For further information, please contact Commercial on  
01582 411622 or email: [commercial@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:commercial@lutontown.co.uk)

# FROM THE PRESS BOX

WITH LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR MARK WOOD

Having seen the Hatters claim the Littlewoods Cup at Wembley in 1988, witnessed their phenomenal 3-2 victory at Derby County on the last day of the season in 1990 to stay in the top flight, and reported on Town's 3-2 extra-time victory over Scunthorpe United to lift the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2009 - but on Saturday that all seemed a million miles away in Carlisle.

The Town's humiliating 5-1 defeat against Gateshead, the biggest in their Conference history, was also played out in front of the smallest-ever attendance to witness a competitive first team game.

## Shambolic

Luton's 126-strong travelling army of fans made up a good proportion of the 382 gate at Brunton Park, but few will have believed the shambolic performance on display as the Hatters reached the lowest ebb in their history.

This season's rudderless Play-Off challenge certainly lost it's direction several weeks ago and, like it or not, we have been planning for next season for some time.

Having surely reached rock bottom, the only way from here can only be up. Regardless of where we finish it will be our lowest position in living memory and a painful experience for everyone at the club.

## Major changes

Undoubtedly there will be major changes in the summer. And we can only hope that this humiliating result has the same galvanising effect as our 8-1 defeat at Lincoln City in December 1966.

Bruce Rioch netted for the Town as the Imps triumphed in the battle of bottom two clubs in the old Division Four, but Luton turned things around to stay up before claiming the title and promotion two seasons later.

Now is the time for us to finally start building for the future. The want for instant success has been

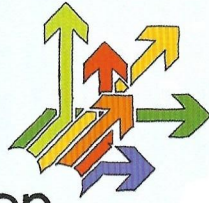


the driving force for supporters and the club alike since falling into the Conference. Every season promotion has been the burning aim, and it will remain so, although perhaps tempered by the chastising effect of this season.

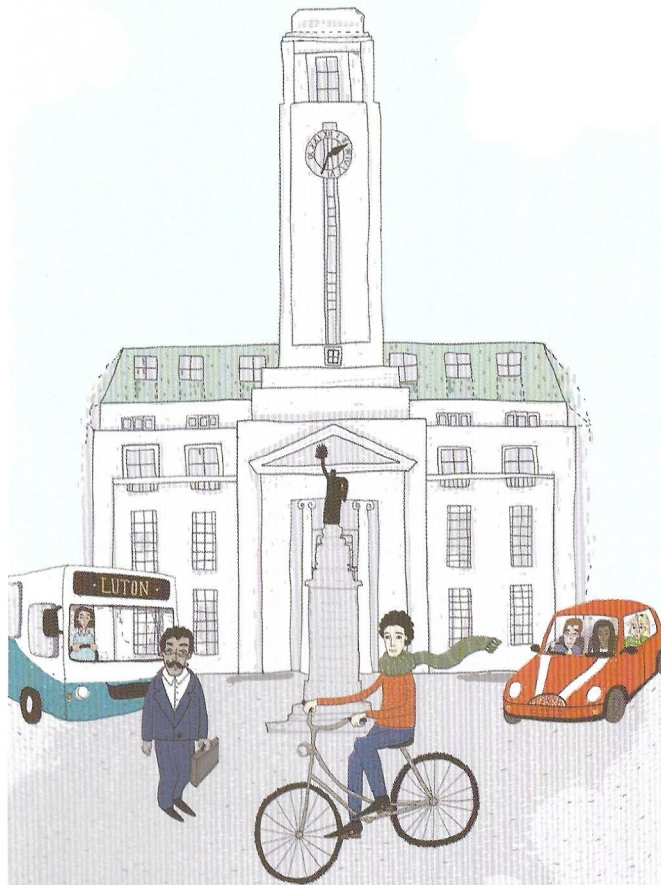
## New resolve

We will remain the stellar name in the Conference and the scalp that every team wants to take. But, perhaps with our pride wounded by this season and scarred by the memory of the Gateshead defeat, we can find a new resolve, discover a little more patience and perhaps hope for, rather than expect success.

Manager John Still's 'project' may take some time to come to fruition, but surely all we want to see at the moment is progression, growth and a glimpse of our longed-for future.



**Travel Luton**  
Joining up your journey



info@travelluton.co.uk  
0800 028 1755  
www.travelluton.co.uk

# THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

BY NEWS EDITOR SAM ELLIOTT

**Attention football clubs: our game – not to mention your supporters' sanity – desperately needs you!**

We're now in April, the final month of league football, in which we here at The NLP undoubtedly see as the worst season of weather since we've been on the shelves.

There have been so many postponements in fact, that our results team are considering invoicing for a new 'P' button for their keyboards!

The clocks have gone back but the last few weeks will see a large number of clubs trying to cram-in a double figure amount of games just to make it through to the final day.

Unhealthy, to an extent unprofessional and sadly for a few a season spoiler.

The back-log of games caused by Mother Nature's lack of mercy will contribute directly to some teams falling short of the title, a promotion position or achieving survival.

Agreed, nobody would have predicted the snow of last week, freezing temperatures when we baked in the 20s on this week 12 months ago.

But the usual response of "well what can we do about the weather?" simply doesn't wash.

There is something we can do – but only if the clubs themselves want to make that change and get their leagues going on the first Saturday in August, and play on until the first week of May.

What a head start all divisions could have if they played four Saturday league matches and three midweek games under the lights in the season's first month.

All teams seven games in before September arrives, stretching the season out will mean at least two guaranteed matches come the final week. Pressure off on winter-hit pitches.

But there's a stumbling block here – and it's not the league that are being sticklers, demanding traditional mid-to-late August kick-offs are kept.

No, in most cases it's the clubs that pick the start date. And sadly there are some that just don't want to shell out an extra few weeks' worth of wages for their players.

Now surely the extra income they will receive from a home game in the summer over a freezing Tuesday night in early February when the Champions League is on the telly will help offset any losses.

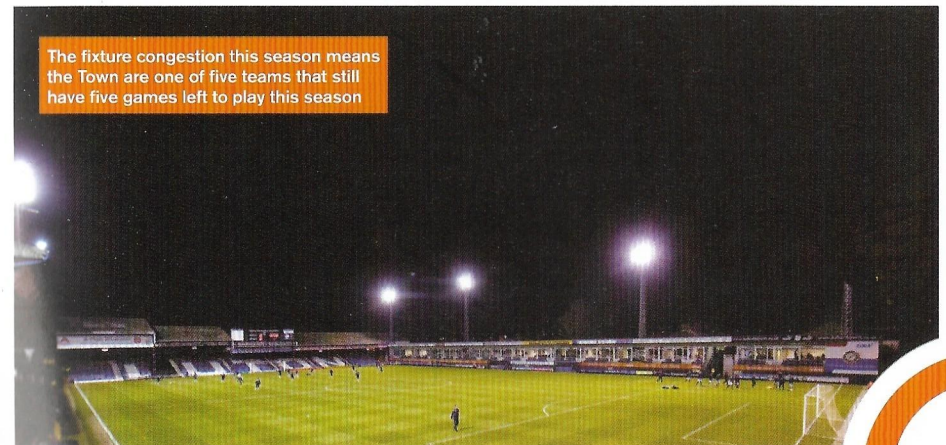
Or alternatively, play some less-costly young and hungry players for the first two weeks if money needs to be saved!

Pre-season can be fun, but it does not need to last for seven weeks.

Get the real games going on the first Saturday in August and let's play some football when the weather is good and gates will be higher.

It's now down to the clubs to start getting their voices heard.

The fixture congestion this season means the Town are one of five teams that still have five games left to play this season



# 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	W 4-0	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
Sat 06	Stevenage	A	L 2-3	Smith 2 (1 pen)
Sat 13	Northampton Town	H	D 0-0	

Wed 17	Barton Rovers	H	W 3-1	Amu 2, Smith
Sat 20	Watford	H	L 0-3	
Sat 27	Peterborough United	H	L 2-6	McKenzie-Lowe, Banton
Tue 30	Stevenage	H	L 0-3	

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

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

### JANUARY

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

### FEBRUARY

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

### MARCH

Sat 02	AFC Wimbledon	H	W 4-3	Banton, McKenzie-Lowe, Smith (pen), Longden
Tue 26	AFC Wimbledon	A	2.00pm	
Sat 23	Portsmouth	A	P-P	

### APRIL

Sat 06	Gillingham	H	D 2-2	Amu, Banton
Sat 13	Crawley Town	A	11.00am	
Tue 16	Southend United	H	11.00am	

# YOUTH UPDATE

**The Hatters Under-18s' pursuit of the Youth Alliance title took a blow as they were twice pegged back by Gillingham in an entertaining 2-2 draw at Ely Way on Saturday.**

An even first half ended that way at 1-1 with the Hatters taking the lead at the midway point when a Charlie Smith free kick was headed back across the box and bundled home by Arel Amu.

### Controversial

Gillingham levelled from a controversial long throw that ended up in the back of the Town net before the Hatters regained the lead in the second half when Zane Banton finished well from Ian Rees' cross.

However, Gillingham struck back within 10 minutes from a close range header from a corner and, despite dominating in the final stages, a much-changed side Town due to first team calls-ups and injury, couldn't find a winner.

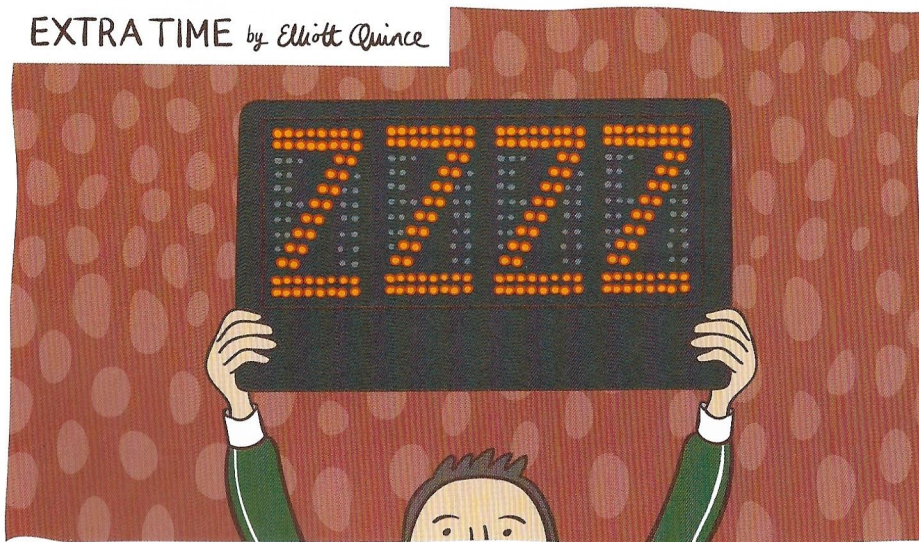
Paul Driver told Talk of the Town: "On one hand, given the changes to the team in vital areas, the late adjustments we had to make to our preparations and the general level of the performance, I am delighted with the players.

"On the other, we had the chances towards the end to get all of the points from the game and keep up maximum pressure on Orient.

"On the development side of things, Lee Hawkes and Tuki Tayali from the Under-16s had their best games for me which in encouraging going forward as is the fact that only Jerome (Jibodu) from the start line up cannot play in the league next season."

**Team:** Whybrow, Jibodu, Hawkes, Rees, Chabata, Jules, Trottmann, Smith (sub Kirkpatrick 54), Amu (sub Tayali 69), Banton, Magaraushe. Subs not used: Alliman, Ngwala.

## EXTRA TIME by Elliott Quince



The fourth official indicated that he was bored of this match and didn't want any additional minutes of play

## 2012/13 YOUTH TEAM

### KIT SPONSORS

 <b>ZANE BANTON</b> HOME: First Capital Connect AWAY: Available	 <b>TINASHE CHABATA</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available	 <b>LEEROY MAGARAUSHE</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available	 <b>BEN McFARLANE-BARNES</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available GLOVES: Available
 <b>JEMALE MCKENZIE-LOWE</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available	 <b>IAN REES</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available	 <b>CHARLIE SMITH</b> HOME: Peter Mitchell AWAY: 2MB	 <b>NICK BURTENSHAW</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available
 <b>JOSH CARPENTER</b> HOME: Harborough Town Football Club AWAY: Available GLOVES: Available	 <b>JORDAN DAVIS</b> HOME: Lucy Francome AWAY: Available	 <b>JEROME JIBODU</b> HOME: Doug Knight AWAY: Doug Knight	 <b>BRETT LONGDEN</b> HOME: Mike Tearie AWAY: Available
 <b>JERRY NASH</b> HOME: Moira Spain AWAY: Available	 <b>ZAK STEPHENS</b> HOME: Available AWAY: Available		

Travel with First Capital Connect to

# Luton or Gatwick Airport

Find out more about our great value fares and direct train services to Luton and Gatwick at [firstcapitalconnect.co.uk/airports](http://firstcapitalconnect.co.uk/airports)

Save with First Capital Connect

First Capital Connect

## ACADEMY

# UPDATE

WITH YOUTH TEAM PHYSIOTHERAPIST JONATHAN CHATFIELD

**The development of the elite player performance plan (EPPP) has brought about a significant restructure of the football club's academy and youth team set-up.**

The EPPP requires all clubs to have an academy sports science and medicine department to ensure all players health and fitness are well catered for.

Since the start of the season the club has invested an appreciated amount of money into the development of the sports science and medical department. We now have all the necessary medical supplies that are required pitchside for all matches and training sessions including defibrillators, spinal boards, stretchers, medical gases and fracture management equipment. The purchase of this equipment shows the immediate quality of care that all players receive when needed. Alongside the equipment, all necessary staff have been trained on using the defibrillators and first aid.

New for this season we also provided full time internship opportunities for three graduate sports therapists: George Goodwin, Nicholas Cole and Ryan Bradley. Not only were the therapists available during the day to help with the first team and youth team, but they also looked after the academy age groups between under-9 to under-16 at all training sessions and on matchdays. As well as the full-time therapist interns we also have developed a close relationship with Bedfordshire University and their Sports Therapy department, in particular Mark Cousins, who has provided us with 12 matchday interns so every academy match has someone pitchside whose

clinical knowledge excels just a standard first aider.

We have also had the fortune to have had our sports science intern, Jack O'Connor and part-time sports scientist, Chris White, monitor and develop the youth team on their physical attributes. This has been an essential part of the scholars' physical development, and the performances and physicality in the youth matches has shown the importance of their work.

Alongside the sports scientists we also have three match analyst interns - Alastair Inwood, Dom Williams and Sam Cole - who film and clip selected academy matches and all youth team matches to provide the players and coaching staff with DVDs for them to analyse performances and tactics.

A big thank you must go to all the personnel mentioned in this article, without you the season wouldn't have run as smoothly or as professionally.

Next season the youth sports science and medicine department will further increase the opportunity for internships and the personnel recruited. We are in the process of applications and developing more protocols and structure that will bring us into line with teams above our category rating. This development will not only benefit the players' involved but the club's profile in having an extremely efficient and professional sports science and medicine department.

Lastly I wish to congratulate Brett Longden and Jerome Jibodu, who have been offered their first professional contracts at the club.

Enjoy the last five games, have a well earned summer break and I hope to see you all back at Kenilworth Road in August when the first team begin their push for promotion.



Brett Longden, who has been offered a professional contract, is one of many Town players to receive first-class treatment at Kenilworth Road

Jonathan Chatfield is the Hatters' Youth Team Physiotherapist | Twitter @LTFC\_Academy

# MONSTER Creepy Crawlies

29 March – 3 November 2013

Discover a world of giant bugs at  
**Stockwood Discovery Centre**



**Stockwood Discovery Centre**

[www.stockwooddiscoverycentre.com](http://www.stockwooddiscoverycentre.com)

Just off Junction 10 of the M1.  
London Road, LU1 4LX.

Stockwood  
**Discovery**  
Centre

**Tourwest**

### Admission Prices

- £3.95 Adults
- £2.95 Children and concessions
- £12 Family ticket
- £15 Large family ticket

Arts Libraries & Museums

**Luton Culture**

# LUTON LADIES

The Town Ladies were once again made to pay a heavy price for not taking their chances going down 2-0 to Milton Keynes in a game which may easily have swung in either direction.

Luton started the brighter and after two shots were blocked Amy Summerfield blasted narrowly over the bar. Lauren Goodier had perhaps the best opportunity to score for the Hatters when she broke clear and volleyed the ball from 25 yards out but the goalkeeper just managed to claw the ball away for a corner.

The flag-kick flew straight across the goal but no Town player unable to make that vital contact. At the other end, the visitors twice tested Hollie Staples from distance but she held onto the ball well under pressure.

### An even affair

The second half was also an even affair with both sides stifling one another in midfield with real chances few and far between. Rachel Kosky provided the Hatters' best chance when she cut the ball back to

Jess McKay 10 yards from goal but she snapped at her shot and the goalkeeper was able to beat the ball down and collect.

As the game appeared to be heading for a goalless draw, the Town conceded a needless corner and the ball was somehow scrambled over the line with just two minutes remaining. The Town threw on an extra forward in search of the equaliser but were again caught on the break conceding a second goal deep into injury time.

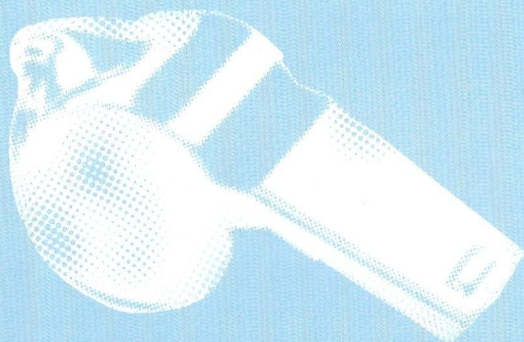
However, there was better luck for the Under-18s and Under-14s who both defeated Woburn Lions to reach their respective county cup finals. The Under-14s went to extra time and penalties before eventually winning through. Phoebe Brown bagged a hat-trick and then converted a penalty during the shoot out. Lucy Higgs and Lilley Coleman both scored theirs but Woburn twice missed the target before Amber Lewsey made the vital shoot out save. The Under-18s won their semi final 4-0 with Tamera Bayne, with two, Charlotte George and Kayleigh Nias on target.



For more information on the Ladies visit [www.lutontownbelles.com](http://www.lutontownbelles.com)

#NONSENSEINFOOTBALL

"AN INCH OR TWO EITHER SIDE OF THE POST AND THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOAL."



ENOUGH SAID. JUST BET



GET STRAIGHT TO THE BLUE SQUARE BET ON YOUR MOBILE OR TABLET

bluesq.com  
web | mobile | tablet



Over 18s only. Blue Square Bet encourages responsible gambling. [gambleaware.co.uk](http://gambleaware.co.uk)

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## PRE-ACADEMY TRIUMPH IN HOLLAND

Our pre-academy squads returned from Holland on a high last week with four teams out of nine making the age group finals with the Under-10 and Under-16 boys returning as winners.

The statistics look even more impressive with all of the boys entering the full academy section effectively playing up an age group to comply with European age qualifications which run from January and not September as in the UK.

The tournament attracted over 400 teams from all over Europe and took place over the Easter weekend and included teams such as Brøndby, Munchengladbach and Vitesse as well as English academy teams from Manchester City, Cheltenham Town and Chesterfield.

In fact it finally took Man City's full academy side to stop our Under-9's run of five straight wins to reach the final with a 5-2 victory. Scott Smith, our Under-9 academy coach, described City as "awesome opposition that would have done the same to our full academy side". However, it was a terrific achievement for the Under-9s to make the final, in which they scored over 40 goals in the process.

Our Under-15s also took some stopping, losing in the final to a last-minute goal in the final against German outfit Niedendorfer TSV from Hamburg. Lee Cowley, academy head coach, was full of praise for the boys who only conceded two goals throughout the entire tournament - and only one on the last day and that being "a gut wrenching last minute worldy that deserved to win the final". "There were lots of pluses though for boys looking to secure an academy place next season," added Cowley.



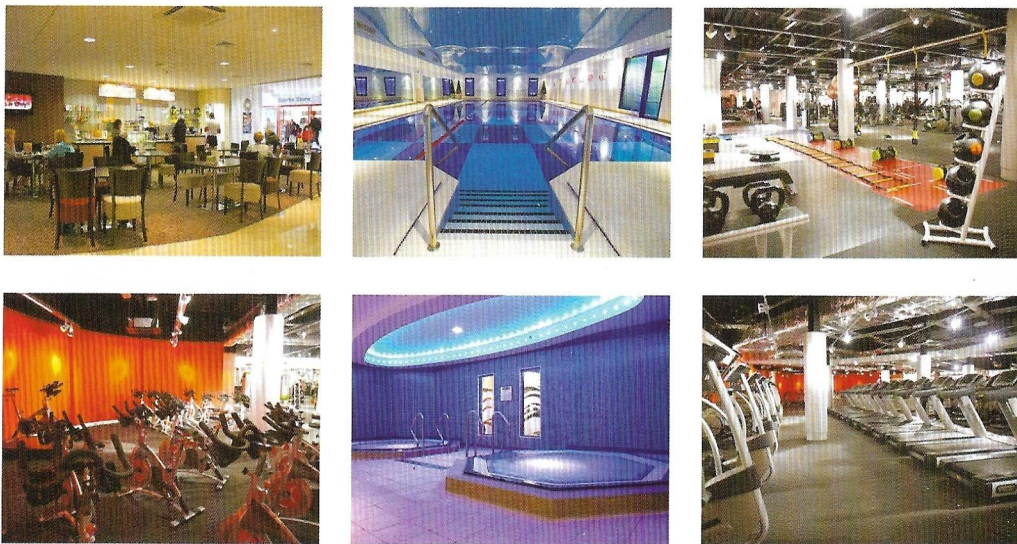
John Oxley, our Under-10 centre of excellence coach was also pleased with his Under-10 squad's achievement of five wins and a draw and only two goals conceded in the entire tournament to run out eventual winners. He said: "Every single player we took, their families, supporters and all staff, were simply amazing. They were the difference when it really mattered."

The stars of the tournament were possibly our Under-16 squad whose highlight was a last-minute winner against Brøndby Under-17's that sparked wild celebrations against Champions League opposition.

Joe Deeney, academy Under-16 coach told Talk of the Town: "It was an outstanding effort from all the players playing a year up against many full-time academies. The desire, togetherness and work ethic amongst the players was exemplary. To concede two goals and keep six clean sheets in seven games is a great testament to the team."

Its now over to our centre of excellence squads who go to Belgium next month to match their pre-academy team-mates' success.





- Huge state of the art gym with the latest functional training area
  - Superb swimming pool, relaxing steam room and spa pools
- Group Exercise Studios: Encouraging all ages and fitness levels to join in
- Extensive free weights area
- Personal programmes and advice
- High quality changing areas
- Members lounge with food and drinks served throughout the day
- Retail loyalty card offering members 10% discount in all DW stores\*\*
- Free car park\*
  - Swimming lessons available
  - 60+ locations nationwide
  - Children welcome, please see website for childrens hours
  - Massive sports store with massive savings on top brands\*

## To find your local fitness club visit us online

\*\* Available on full priced products only. Not including replica, large equipment and garden games.

\* Please note facilities may vary between clubs. Prices vary between clubs.

### LEAGUE

# LOOK

## JOE FLEMONS ROUNDS UP THE LATEST IN THE BSBP

**No surprises who tops the Blue Square Bet Premier ladder once again this week as Kidderminster continued their ruthless run in as they dispatched tonight's opponents Lincoln City 3-0 on Saturday.**

Danny Jackman netted the Harriers' opener shortly before the half-hour mark to give the table toppers a deserving half-time lead. They maintained their slender advantage until the 80th minute when Kyle Storer slotted home before Lee Vaughan made the points secure to clean up a third straight win for Steve Burr's men.

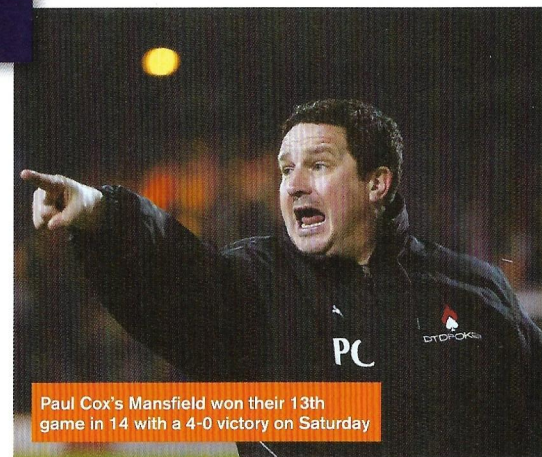
Mansfield remain the only side in touching distance and could still snatch the title away from Harriers as they slammed four past Barrow. The Stags remain just one point behind Kidderminster at the summit but have two games in hand on their title rivals. Matt Green's first half brace set the ball rolling before second half goals from John Dempster and Lee Stevenson secured the three points.

Wrexham held on to third place despite being beaten 2-0 by Woking as they continue to cement their place in the Play-Offs together with Newport and Grimsby.

Newport were also on the end of a disappointing weekend as their Friday night trip to Abbey Stadium ended goalless with Cambridge dropping to 13th. Grimsby were also pegged back by a resilient Southport side who twice led at Blundell Park. Cleveland Taylor was the Mariners' saviour as he netted deep into stoppage time to rescue a point against the Sandgrounders.

### Impressive run

The turnaround of the year may be sealed for Kidderminster but not far behind will be the miraculous recovery of Hyde who now lie 14th in the table. After a dire run of form heading to Kenilworth Road on a cold Tuesday evening last month, many had written the Tigers' survival mission off and saw them a certainty to feel the thud of the drop to the Blue Square North. However, after an impressive run of five wins in six games they hosted Braintree with high hopes of continuing their purple patch. Jamie Mulley ensured



Paul Cox's Mansfield won their 13th game in 14 with a 4-0 victory on Saturday

there was to be no fairytale ending for Hyde, though, as he netted the opener before laying on a second for Ben Wright as the Essex side snatched all three points in a 2-1 triumph hoisting them to the lofty heights of 11th.

A real relegation six-pointer was the main attraction at Ebbsfleet however as they hosted in-form Nuneaton. Fleet had a first half lead when Tom Phipp volleyed home from close range to but Andy Brown then slammed home an injury-time leveller for Nuneaton as Fleet fans headed home with the subdued realisation that time was running out with their side lying firmly adrift of the pack and 11 points from Blue Square safety.

## TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

ALFRETON v BARROW

DARTFORD v GRIMSBY

FOREST GREEN v HEREFORD

GATESHEAD v NUNEATON

HYDE v EBBSFLEET

MANSFIELD v MACCLESFIELD

NEWPORT v BRAINTREE

WREXHAM v CAMBRIDGE

# FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
<b>August</b>								
Sat 11	15:00	H	Gateshead	D 2-2	6,743	76	11	Tyler Taylor** Rowe-Turner Henry Kovacs Kasim* Howells O'Donnell Rendell Gray***
Tue 14	19:45	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,275	642	4	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim Lawless O'Donnell Rendell Shaw**
Fri 17	19:30	A	Hyde	W 2-1	1,141	477	3	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Kasim** 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	Ebbw Vale United	W 3-1	2,018	1,246	5	Tyler Lawless Taylor Rowe-Turner Beckwith Howells O'Donnell** Rendell 1 Gray*
<b>September</b>								
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 Kovacs** Lawless O'Donnell Howells Watkins*** J. Robinson
Sat 8	15:00	A	Alfreton Town	L 0-3	1,392	766	5	Tyler Henry Taylor* Beckwith Kovacs** Lawless O'Donnell Howells Watkins*** J. Robinson
Sat 15	15:00	H	Wrexham	D 0-0	6,675	319	5	Tyler Henry Howells* Beckwith Kovacs Lawless O'Donnell Rendell 1 Fleetwood** Gray**
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town	L 1-4	4,674	125	6	Tyler Henry** Howells Beckwith Kovacs** Lawless O'Donnell Rendell 1 Fleetwood** Gray
Tue 25	19:45	A	Tamworth	W 2-1	1,137	390	5	Tyler Henry* Rowe-Turner** Beckwith Essam Lawless O'Donnell Howells Gray Rendell
Sat 29	15:00	H	Southport	W 3-1	5,696	77	4	Tyler Henry Howells Essam Ainge Lawless O'Donnell Kasim* Rendell 2*** Gray
<b>October</b>								
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 (FAC40)	W 2-0	2,321	601	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Howells* 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
<b>November</b>								
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*** Howells Kovacs** Ainge Smith Mendy Howells Gray* Rendell
Sat 10	15:00	H	Dartford	L 0-2	6,557	484	6	Brill Lawless Howells 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 2
Tue 27	19:45	A	Dorchester Town (FAT1)	D 2-2	686	163	-	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Kovacs Ainge O'Donnell Smith Lawless** Howells Rendell
<b>December</b>								
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	5,648	58	5	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner Ainge Kovacs O'Donnell 1*** Smith 1 Howells Lawless Rendell 2
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 2-2	823	106	-	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**
<b>January</b>								
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 1-0	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	1,606	106	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	4,000	-	Tyler Henry Taylor Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless Mendy* Smith Howells Shaw**
Tue 29	19:45	A	Grimsby Town (FAT0F)	L 0-3	2,791	75	-	Brill Henry Howells Rowe-Turner Kovacs Lawless Mendy* Smith O'Donnell*** Fleetwood
<b>February</b>								
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	1,602	475	7	Tyler Henry Howells Kovacs McNulty Mendy*** Smith Neilson Martin** Shaw*
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 Taylor*** Rowe-Turner McNulty Howells Lawless Smith** Shaw
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
<b>March</b>								
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	587	7	Tyler Henry Rowe-Turner McNulty Howells Smith 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	H	Hyde	L 1-2	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	D 2-2	3,217	737	9	Tyler Ainge Rowe-Turner Goodman McNulty Martin* Smith Taiwo 1 Howells Shaw 1
<b>April</b>								
Mon 1	15:00	H	Kidderminster Harriers	L 1-2	6,102	408	9	Tyler Ainge Rowe-Turner Goodman McNulty* Martin** Robinson Taiwo Howells Shaw
Sat 6	15:00	A	Gateshead*	L 1-5	382	126	12	Brill Ainge Rowe-Turner Goodman McNulty Martin Smith Taiwo* Walker 1 Wall**
Tue 9	19:45	H	Lincoln City					
Tue 12	19:45	H	Grimsby Town					
Tue 16	19:45	H	Newport County					
Thu 18	19:45	H	Ebbw Vale United					
Sat 20	15:00	A	Southport					

SUBS	
Fleetwood 1	Brill Beckwith Lawless** Watkins*** Shaw 1
Fleetwood* 2	Brill Beckwith Walker O'Donnell Gray 1
Fleetwood*** 1	Brill Beckwith Howells* Gray**
Fleetwood 2	Brill Beckwith Taylor* Gray** Woolley*
Fleetwood 1	Brill Essam*** Watkins** Woolley** Walker
Fleetwood**	Brill Essam** Watkins Woolley** Walker
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**
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*
Shaw 1	Lacey 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
Rendell	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*
Gray	Brill Griffiths Robinson Rendell Wall*
Rendell***	Brill Griffiths* Smith** Wall Gray 1***
Gray	Barnes Shaw Rendell** Robinson* Griffiths

### LEAGUE TABLE 2012/13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Kidderminster Harriers	44	26	9	9	76	39	37	87
2 Mansfield Town	42	27	5	10	85	48	37	86
3 Wrexham	42	21	13	8	71	41	30	76
4 Newport County AFC	41	22	9	10	76	54	22	75
5 Grimsby Town	42	20	13	9	63	36	27	73
6 Forest Green Rovers	42	18	11	13	60	42	18	65
7 Hereford United	42	17	12	13	66	60	6	63
8 Macclesfield Town	42	16	12	14	57	57	0	60
9 Dartford	41	17	8	16	62	58	4	59
10 Woking	43	17	8	18	67	74	-7	59
11 Braintree Town	41	17	7	17	59	69	-10	58
12 Luton Town	41	15	11	15	59	58	1	56
13 Cambridge United	43	14	14	15	65	65	0	56
14 Hyde FC	43	15	7	21	60	67	-7	52
15 Alfreton Town	42	13	12	17	60	71	-11	51
16 Tamworth	42	14	9	19	51	62	-11	51
17 Southport	44	13	12	19	70	83	-13	51
18 Gateshead	42	12	14	16	54	57	-3	50
19 Lincoln City	43	13	11	19	59	68	-9	50
20 Stockport County	43	13	10	20	56	70	-14	49
21 Nuneaton	43	11	15	17	49	62	-13	48
22 Barrow	43	11	13	19	44	76	-32	46
23 Ebbw Vale United	41	8	14	19	53	80	-27	38
24 AFC Telford United	44	5	17	22	49	74	-25	32

### PLAYER STATS 2012/13

	LEAGUE		THIS SEASON CUP		TOTAL		DISCIP	CAREER TOTAL				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS						
Simon AINGE	18	(1)	1	4	(1)	22	(2)	2	3	0	24	2
Dean BECKWITH	8	0	1	(1)	0	9	(1)	1	3	0	21	2
Dean BRILL	4	0	5	0	0	9	(0)	0	0	0	106	0
James DANCE	0	0	2	(2)	0	2	(2)	0	0	0	32	4
Cannor ESSAM	5	(4)	0	0	0	5	(4)	0	2	0	9	0
Stuart FLEETWOOD	19	(1)	10	(3)	8	22	(19)	11	2	1	88	27
Jake GOODMAN	9	0	0	0	0	9	(0)	0	1	0	9	0
Andre GRAY	35	(6)	12	(9)	1	34	(6)	15	5	0	62	22
Scott GRIFFITHS	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Ronnie HENRY	32	0	10	0	0	42	(0)	4	1	42	0	
Jake HOWELS	33	(6)	3	(0)	1	43	(6)	3	3	0	232	18
Jerome JIBODU	0	0	0	1	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Yaser KASIM	5	(6)	1	0	0	5	(6)	1	2	0	11	1
Janos KOVACS	19	(1)	3	(0)	0	29	(1)	3	5	0	91	8
Alex LACEY	0	0	0	1	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	9	0
Alex LAWLESS	31	(2)	2	(1)	0	42	(2)	4	6	1	120	11
David MARTIN	10	(2)	1	0	0	10	(2)	1	0	0	12	1
Arnaud MENDY	16	(2)	0	9	(1)	25	(3)	0	8	0	28	0
Steve MCNULTY	16	0	1	0	0	16	(0)	1	3	0	16	1
Scott NEILSON	6	(2)	1	0	0	6	(2)	1	1	0	8	1
JJ O'DONNELL	19	(8)	2	(0)	1	21	(9)	3	3	0	47	3
Scott RENDELL	27	(7)	8	(2)	4	35	(9)	12	3	0	44	12
Jake ROBINSON	3	(4)	0	(2)	0	3	(6)	0	0	0	9	0
Matt ROBINSON	1	(										



# UP NEXT

GRIMSBY TOWN



Town fans won't have long to wait for their next feast of football under the Kenilworth Road floodlights when they welcome promotion-chasing Grimsby on Friday night.



## GRIMSBY TOWN

**Who?** Grimsby Town. You know, the team from Cleethorpes? Known as the Mariners, the club were formed in 1878 as Grimsby Pelham and have been playing at their Blundell Park home since 1898.

**Geography lesson** It's a long way from Cleethorpes to Luton on a Tuesday night, as the 75 die-hard Town fans will tell you following January's FA Trophy tie. It's a 186-mile trip one way and it won't be until the small hours before the Mariners tuck themselves up for the night.

**Top to bottom** The Mariners were relegated to the Blue Square Bet Premier in 2010 and became the fourth side in English football to play in the fifth tier and the top flight. The Hatters, Oxford United and Carlisle United are the three other clubs.

**Joined at the hip** There once was a time when joint-managers was an in-thing. That's not so much the case any more, but Tuesday's visitors will have two bosses shouting from the sidelines. Joint-manager Paul Hurst and Rob Scott took over at Blundell Park in 2011.

**Trophy cabinet** The Mariners were a penalty shootout success away from adding to their list of silverware when they were defeated on penalties by Wrexham in the FA Trophy final at Wembley last month. However, the club have twice won today's equivalent of the Championship (in 1901 and 1934). In 1980 they won the old Third Division (now League One) and they've twice picked up the title in Division 3 (North). To cap it all the Mariners have also won the old Division Four (now League Two) and the Football League Trophy, in 1998.

**Is that it?** Definitely not. The Mariners are also the holders of the Lincolnshire Senior Cup...a trophy the club have won

a staggering 38 times. That's just one more than tonight's visitors Lincoln. Sorry to bring that up Imps fans.

**How they doing?** Put it like this: a win over the Hatters could seal the Mariners' place in the Play-Offs. Prior to their game at Dartford tonight, Friday's visitors are eight points clear of sixth placed Forest Green so their fate could already be decided by then. Having been in contention for the title the Mariners' form nosedived in February and March but a five-match unbeaten run has helped steady the ship.

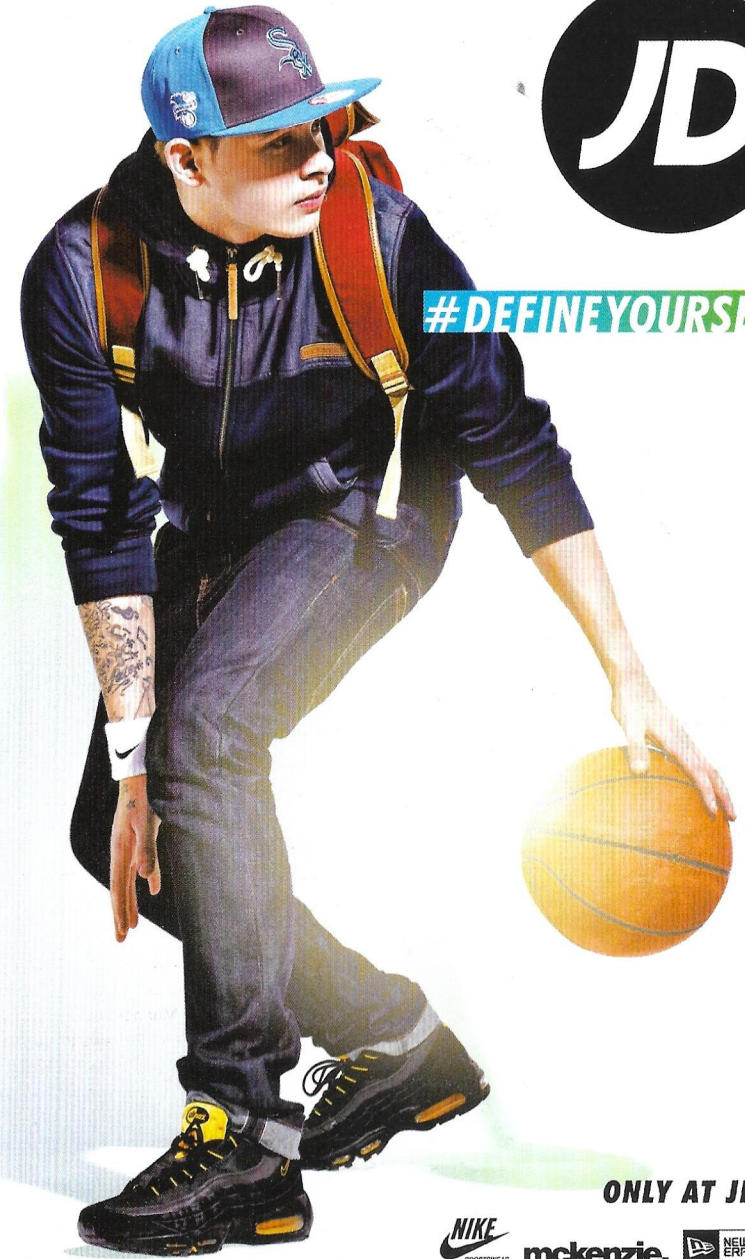
**On the road** If they manage to avoid defeat against the Darts this evening the Mariners will arrive at Kenilworth Road as the team who have lost the least amount of games away from home in the Blue Square Bet Premier. They have only lost four matches on their travels, winning eight and drawing eight of the other 16 fixtures.

**Knowing me, knowing you** The Hatters will be hoping to equal Grimsby's record of 15 league victories over the Town on Friday. The Mariners have won 15, the Town 14, whilst there have been 12 draws in league competition. Overall the Mariners have the edge 18-15 in term of victories in all competitions. The Hatters' last win over the North Lincolnshire club came in October 2011 at Blundell Park when a goal from Tommy Wright earned a 1-0 win.

**Telly addicts** Friday's game was originally scheduled to be the Hatters' final home game of the season. However, the subsequent postponements and rearrangement of the matches with Newport and Ebbsfleet have meant this won't be the case. The word "Friday" has already, and purposefully, cropped up almost a dozen times in this piece...so remember the game isn't this Saturday. Official Blue Square Bet Premier broadcasters Premier Sports TV will be screening the game live and it'll kick-off at 7.45pm.



#DEFINEYOURSELF



ONLY AT JD



mckenzie.



Available at your local JD Arndale & Luton Airport

SHOP IT 24/7 ONLINE. INSTORE. MOBILE.

JDSPORTS.CO.UK



FILA@JD

PROUD KIT SUPPLIERS TO LUTON TOWN

# TONIGHT'S TEAMS



## LUTON TOWN

Mark Tyler	1
Lathaniel Rowe-Turner	2
Greg Taylor	3
Garry Richards	4
Steve McNulty	5
Alex Lawless	7
Danny Spiller	8
Jon Shaw	9
Scott Rendell	10
Jake Howells	11
Simon Ainge	12
Arnaud Mendy	14
Adam Watkins	15
Alex Lacey	16
JJ O'Donnell	17
Dave Martin	18
James Dance	19
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

## LINCOLN CITY

1	Paul Farman
3	Tony Diagne
4	Todd Jordan
5	Andrew Boyce
6	Scott Garner
7	Adam Smith
8	Alan Power
9	Rob Duffy
10	Jamie Taylor
12	Jake Sheridan
14	Vadaine Oliver
15	Dan Gray
16	Nicky Nicolau
18	Jake Jones
20	Tom Miller
21	Nick Draper
22	Frazer Cobb
23	Craig Hobson
24	Karl Cunningham
25	Nat Brown
29	Jordan Thomas
30	Peter Gilbert
31	David Preece
32	Robert Taylor
35	Paul Turnbull
36	Gomez Dali
37	Mamadou Fofana
39	Conner Robinson

## MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: J. Hopkins  
ASSISTANT: A. Piggott  
ASSISTANT: M. Eva  
FOURTH OFFICIAL: A. Neil

## HERE NEXT

**GRIMSBY TOWN**  
BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER  
FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 2013  
KICK-OFF 7.45PM

