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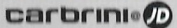
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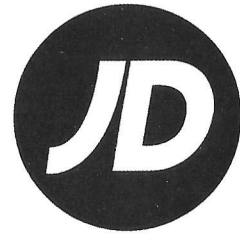
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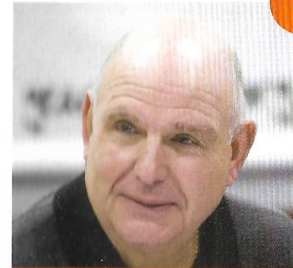
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JOHN STILL

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the fourth time in eight days for this our final home match of the season.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to Ebbsfleet United and their manager Liam Daish, his staff and players plus the directors, official and supporters of the Kent club tonight.

Liam is a good friend of mine and I am sure he is feeling disappointed with the season Ebbsfleet have had. But, knowing him as well as I do, I know he has worked as hard as he can this season. If anyone can get a club to bounce back it is Liam, he is that sort of character.

Whirlwind

It's strange that I am already signing off for the season as I've only really been here five minutes. It's been a bit of a whirlwind and I am still learning a lot of people's names around the club. It seems as though I've only just arrived and now the season is over.

Over the course of the last couple of months I have spent my time assessing the players that are currently here. I have been casting my eye over them in training and in matches which has been a vital exercise for me in evaluating each and every players' level of ability and, most importantly, attitude.

I have already spoken of the importance of a good attitude of a player. At the end of the day I want players who want to play with pride for themselves, for me and for this football club. Whether a player performs well is immaterial – even the bad things can be positive. I know that sounds a bit odd, but you can learn a lot about a player, especially when things aren't going according to plan.

The players' performances have given me an idea of where I need to go and what I need to do between now and next season, and I must thank everyone in the squad – and the staff – for their efforts during this period. I would also like to mention two young players, Brett Longden and Jerome Jibodu, who

have both been offered professional contracts after flourishing for our successful Under-18s this season. Both Brett and Jerome have made significant strides in their development and I am confident they will have a bright future with us.

The summer will see a number of changes, but that's nothing new in football. There will be some comings and goings and that's only natural, but I feel changes must happen for us to push on next season.

The performances in the last three matches have been excellent, showing a hugely improved level of consistency, especially the last two games against sides which could be playing League football next season. The response from the players has been magnificent and I hope we can continue to improve next season.

I must also thank you, the supporters, who have shown tremendous patience, loyalty and vocal encouragement since I have been at the club.

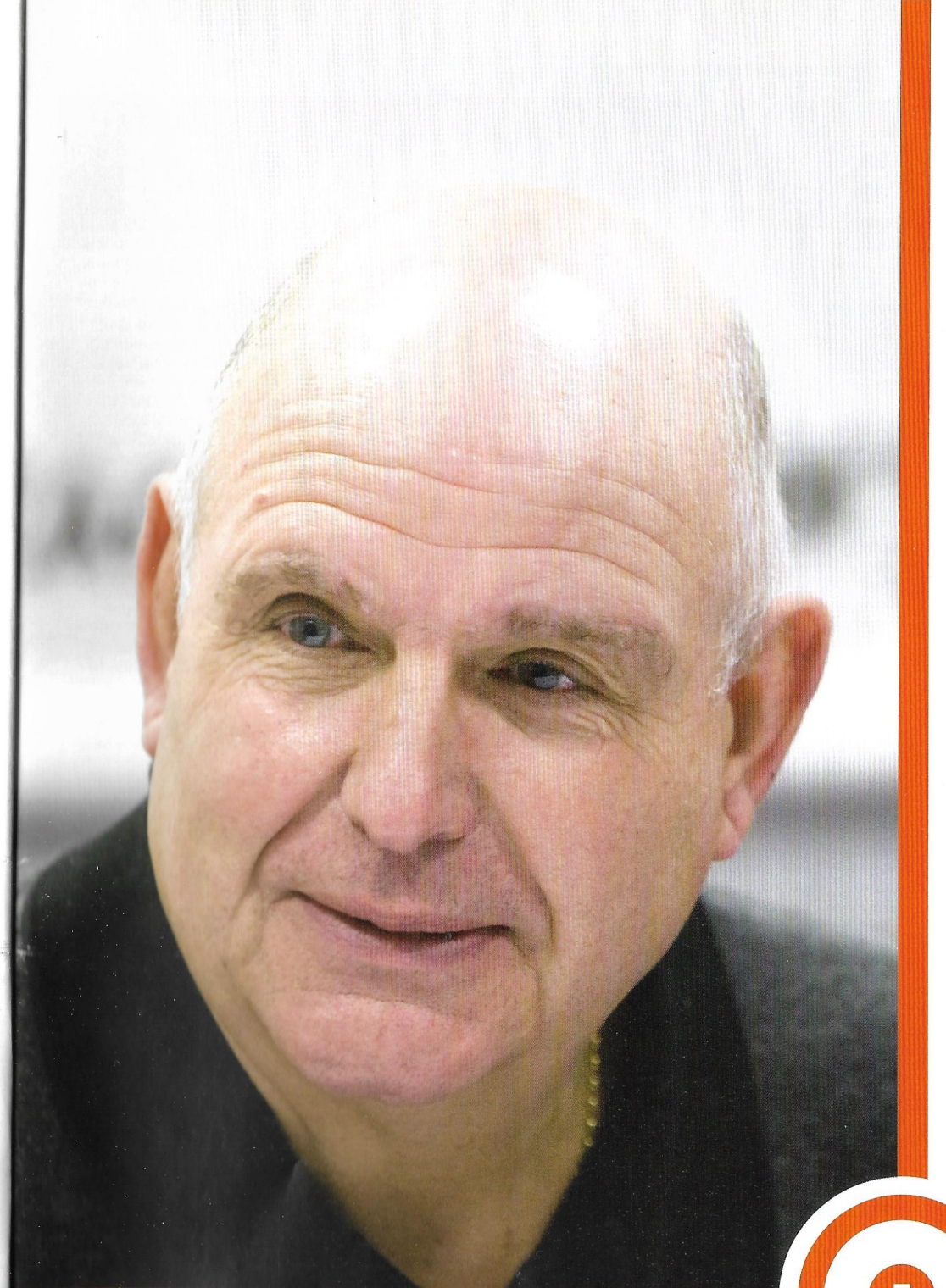
Proud

Tomorrow morning we travel to Southport for our final game of the campaign and it goes without saying that I hope we end the season on a positive note. I want us to whet your appetite for next season with performances that can make you proud to be a Luton Town supporter once again.

There are too many people to thank since I set foot in Kenilworth Road but it has been an incredibly refreshing couple of months. The journey has only just begun and I'd love it if you were there every step of the way.

Enjoy the summer, remember to buy those season tickets and I look forward to seeing you all again at the start of next season.

Best wishes.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR GARY SWEET



Good evening to you all and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the final home match of what has proved to be an exasperating season for both clubs featuring this evening.

Tonight, for the third time of asking, we welcome warmly the supporters, players and officials of Ebbsfleet United who we are sad to see fail in their attempt to

secure another year in the Conference Premier.

I know Liam Daish and his squad will have done everything in their power to have avoided enduring such a challenging season, but I'm sure they would still like to go out with a bang and will be doing everything they can to achieve that against us tonight.

For us, one could argue that our delivery against expectations this season has been even more of a disappointment than those of tonight's opponents. We entered the season full of hope that the promising squad Paul Buckle put together over the summer would form a team capable of delivering us promotion back into the Football League.

Without dwelling on specific incidents during the season, the board and I have been devastated by the way it has played out. 'The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray', is the saying; no matter how much organisation, planning and preparation is done, it is always possible for uncontrollable events to occur to make things go wrong – as they most certainly did.

We have taken great care to create a culture at Luton Town that instils a strong team ethic and whereby each employee - player, manager, coach or director - takes individual responsibility for errors made to protect members of their own team. It was deeply unsatisfactory to see this culture devalued at times during our league campaign and witness evidence of how individual behaviour, despite how temporary or uncharacteristic, can damage morale and derail progress for everyone involved.

The board and I accept it is ultimately our liability when things don't go to plan, and it is something we ask our senior managers to share with us. I'm satisfied that this culture is now fully restored and that everyone honoured with the responsibility for bringing success to the Club is also happy to be accountable.

Of course, we can't forget our brilliant FA Cup run, the highlight of which was our away win at Carrow Road against Norwich City, which reminded us all that the spirit of Luton

Town Football Club is well and truly alive and kicking.

And despite the unacceptable league campaign, we fully intend to remain focused and become even more determined to the most important challenge we face – to win this league and begin our climb back up the football pyramid.

However, including our cup success, I would say the most significantly positive event for many a season at Kenilworth Road has been securing the commitment of John Still and Terry Harris as our long-term manager and assistant. Joining from Dagenham & Redbridge, where he earned the title of the longest serving manager in the Football League, John's vast experience will bring the much-needed stability to our Club.

We have all shared an evolutionary experience over the last five years. Everyone I speak to understands that correcting the errors of the past was paramount. The business has gradually recovered to a position we find ourselves in today, where the only real area of stability to find its feet is that all-important department – senior football.

Now, with the Club recognised to be in safe hands, we now believe we have found the solution for our football team to be in safe hands too.

Clearly, we are witnessing another period of transition in which John is implementing his own philosophies, protocols and motivation into the team – which is resulting in some clear and heartening signs of productivity.

John gave his commitment to Luton Town over other clubs who had approached him because he genuinely felt that the foundation we have built was his best opportunity to achieve success and to enjoy the thrills of the ride.

There certainly won't be much time for us to rest in the close-season as we embark upon what we hope to be an exhilarating ride.

Players will come and go between now and August. For those that leave, we thank them for their service. And for those who arrive, let's support them in climbing the table, entertaining us and lifting our spirits. I can assure you that the efforts put into their recruitment will have left no stone unturned.

Plans are almost in place for an entertaining pre-season too. Home and away friendlies against competitive sides at all levels are being firmed up as I write, including pre-agreed fixtures against Dagenham & Redbridge and Maidenhead United.

Other than football, Kenilworth Road will be an eventful environment too.

The process of renewing and ordering of season tickets has begun. Progress so far has been incredibly promising, with feedback suggesting that the offer of a free accompanied child and improved interest free payment terms seems to have encouraged many; which prompts me to remind everyone of

the advantages to renew within the Early Bird period – before 6th May!

Meanwhile, matters and negotiations with the council regarding Kenilworth Road will be progressing further, as will the serious business of planning for our eventual relocation – a project which is continuously being worked on and is a topic firmly on the agenda of the new joint working group of members of Luton Borough Council and the Football Club. A few events will be announced to make sure you are kept informed.

We'll be planning to hold a family open day at the stadium during in pre-season to allow our Junior Hatters and young supporters to watch a training session and meet our new (and existing) players.

At Trust in Luton's Evening with John Still we received encouraging signs from the audience for the Club to hold an open evening with the members of staff running our youth academy, which would give us the opportunity to communicate the changes in the way youth football is being run in England under the Premier League's new structure.

We'll also be launching a new first and second kit, to be supplied by Fila. Dates and details of these events will be announced in due course.

Finally, further discussions with Trust in Luton will be ongoing on a number of topics to create new and improved opportunities for supporters to feel more involved at the Club and to enjoy the full match-day event more.

The board of the Trust continues to go from strength to strength of late and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for their unwavering support. Please get involved with TIL by becoming a member and having your say, if you haven't already done so!

We fully understand that times have been challenging for each and every supporter, and our gratitude and admiration towards your continued loyalty and faith (and vocal support) cannot be put into words.

As well as TIL, we'd also like to thank our supporters groups for their efforts this season and all the ways you have supported us; to SoLYD, Luton Town Supporters Club, Loyal Luton Supporters Club, Bobbers Travel, our executive members including box holders, Vice Presidents, Kenilworth Suite, Millennium and Century Club members - and not forgetting our fantastic supporters' club friends from Scandinavia and Italy.

Your support is always recognised and never taken for granted. I firmly believe that there isn't an assembly of fans anywhere in the world who have remained so loyal to their club and none that deserve the great success that, I believe, we will bring you over the next few seasons.

Enjoy the game today, enjoy your holidays and see you all in August when we can look forward to witnessing a fresh football team, faring to go!

Gary

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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

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

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RONNIE HENRY

In my opening programme notes of the season I spoke about my belief in this club winning promotion, so to write these last notes of the campaign is hugely disappointing knowing that it won't be the case.

It has been a very frustrating season and one that started reasonably well. We were around the top five for the first four months before we began to fall away at the turn of the year.

Bizarrely, that loss of league form coincided with our excellent results in the FA Cup against Wolves and then Norwich. The win at Carrow Road has been the sole high point of the season which, although it created headlines, means nothing now, as we go into these final two matches of the season with little but pride to play for.

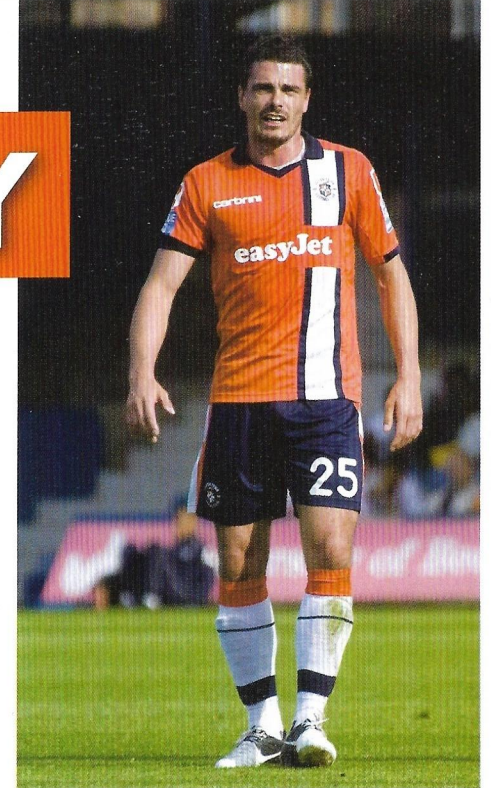
The victories against Wolves and Norwich certainly showed that we were capable of playing well. No team that beats a Premier League side in their own backyard should be written off. But, the truth of the matter is, we were, and we haven't been good enough. Consistency in performances has not been up to scratch and we have suffered as a result.

The chopping and changing of the side – before John Still came to the club – had been an issue to. John is making changes now to see which players can do a job for him next season, but previously we were lacking a lot of consistency in team selection and I believe that had a big impact on our results.

As anyone knows, a successful team is a settled team, and those teams at the top of this league have been able to do precisely that. As a player I want to be part of a team in which all 11 players know their jobs and know how to play with one another. That on-the-field understanding is key.

We know that next season consistency in performance must improve dramatically. When we return for pre-season training in the summer we really do have to knuckle down and make amends for this season as it simply hasn't been good enough.

We have let a lot of people down too. From the chairman and all the directors and investors who pump money into the club, and to you, the supporters. It's been a huge disappointment and, as someone who knew about the expectations we had at the start of the season, I can only apologise.



Your backing has been tremendous all season. A huge thanks to all of you that have shown up rain or shine, home and away, from Barrow to Brintree to Grimsby to Gateshead.

Loyalty

It's almost unbelievable that we're still drawing crowds of 5,000 in our recent home games with absolutely nothing to play for. There are few clubs in this country that can boast that kind of loyalty, and that makes it even more frustrating given our performances during this campaign.

The summer will no doubt bring a few changes as the manager looks to bring in the players he feels are capable of making us challengers for promotion next season. It promises to be an interesting and exciting time for everyone.

We have two matches to go and it would be great to end the season as high as we possibly can. Six points from the next two games will go a long way to achieving that.

Once again thank you for your support this season and please remember to get behind the lads like you have done all year.

Have a great summer.

AROUND TOWN

THE LATEST NEWS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

THANK YOU

As this is the final issue of Talk of the Town this season the editor would like to go on record and thank those who have contributed during the course of the campaign.

Special thanks must go to our local, Luton-based printers Barham Press, our designer Heather Ellis, photographer Gareth Owen and proof readers Uptonaway Media.

Our contributors, as ever, have been first class. Roger Wash's historical pieces continue to provoke reminiscent conversation whilst Matt Aquino and Tom Skinner have helped improve our visitors section.

The editor would also like to thank Joe Flemons for his continued hard work on the programme and wish him well in his studies at university next year.

If you have any feedback - good or bad - or would like to contribute in next season's issues please email andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk.

SUMMER TIME

So the curtain comes down on the Town's campaign at Kenilworth Road tonight but we'll back next season don't forget. The Football Conference fixture list is due to be out in the first week of July with the season due to kick-off on Saturday 10th August.

These fixtures, together with our pre-season friendly programme, will all be published on the official website and via social media, so remember to pay these mediums a visit over the course of the close season for all the up-to-date news at Kenilworth Road.

WELCOME CHRIS

The Club would like to give a warm welcome to television and radio presenter Chris Tarrant who is making his first visit to Kenilworth Road tonight.

As part of a BBC radio production, that will air both on BBC 5 Live and BBC Radio 2 tonight, Chris will be learning the ropes on how to commentate on a football match alongside BBC Sport commentator Rob Nothman.

Chris' first football commentary experience will also be filmed, so keep an eye on the BBC website to see how he does.

REST IN PEACE

Back in January we reported the death of ardent Town support Nigel Doyle at the age of 57.

Since then, the club were heartened to receive a cheque for £200 towards Supporters of Youth Development on behalf of Nigel's family and friends.

A massive heartfelt thank you to those who donated in the wake of Nigel's passing.

COMPETITION WINNERS

A big thank you to those young supporters who braved the cold weather to attend our fun day prior to our Bank Holiday Monday match with Kidderminster.

The ticket office are endeavouring to contact the winners, however, you can also ring 01582 416976 to arrange collection of your prizes.

Any junior diamond season ticket holders who have not received their pitchside photographs from their tour should also contact the ticket office for collection.

WINNERS:

Programme competition winner – Candice-Ocean Lawlor, who wins a club shop voucher.

Sweets in jar competition winner – Sarah Beard, who won sweets and a Happy Harry t-shirt.

Guess the scorer/scorer winner – Jack Cause and Tom Davidson, who both won a club shop voucher or a Happy Harry t-shirt.

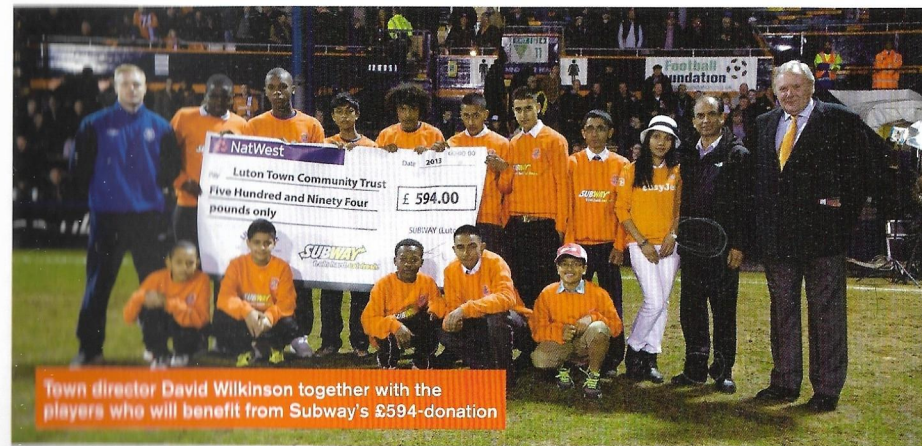
Keppy-uppy over-10s winner – Jay Champkins, who won a club voucher after scoring 57.

Keppy-uppy under 10s winner – Harrison Gray, who won a club shop voucher or a Happy Harry t-shirt after scoring 13.

A TEAM OF SUBS!

The club were delighted to receive a cheque for £594 from Subway Stores on Tuesday night which will go towards coaching 11 school children in our Talent Identification Programme (TIPS).

It is the second time this season the local Subway stores in the Luton area have raised funds towards the TIPS programme. A big thanks to those who have supported this initiative. For more information on TIPS and the Hatters' academy visit www.ltyd.co.uk.



Town director David Wilkinson together with the players who will benefit from Subway's £594-donation

WATCH THE FUTURE

Town supporters will get the opportunity to watch the stars of the future when the Hatters Under-16s take on their Tottenham Hotspur counterparts at Kenilworth Road next week.

The ground will be open for when the Hatters youngsters welcome the Premier League side on Tuesday 30th April (kick-off 7pm). Entry is just £2.50 for adults and it is free for children, so why not come along and watch the latest crop of youngsters?

The Hatters Under-16s have already impressed this season against Premier League sides Liverpool, Fulham, Southampton and Norwich this season.

CLIMBING KILI

The Town's IT project manager Jitesh Gami will be attempting to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for Vasculitis UK. Vasculitis is a disease that inflames blood vessels and is a charity close to Jitesh's heart. To sponsor Jitesh in his quest to reach the roof of Africa on the continent's highest mountain, visit www.jitesting.com/MKil/Vasculitis. Alternatively you can send a free text to 70070 with the amount you would like to donate and the code LTFC50.

JUST THE TICKET

Season tickets for the 2013/14 campaign are now on sale and further information and prices can be found on pages 12 and 13.

Meanwhile, it is pay on the day for our final day of the season trip to Southport for Hatters fans. Further travel information can be found on page 66.

SOUTHPORT v LUTON TOWN

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2013

KICK-OFF 5.15PM

Please note the change in kick-off time for this match.

This match is pay on the day at Haig Avenue with seating and terracing available to Town supporters.

Prices:

Seating: £15 adults, £11 over-65s, £5 12-18-year-olds, free for accompanied under 11s.

Terracing: £13.50 adults, £10 over-65s, £5 12-18-year-olds, free for accompanied under 11s.

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

Adult	£18
Young Adult	£13
Senior	£13
Golden Senior	£10
Youth	£8
Junior	£5

UNCOVERED SEATING

Adult	£15
Young Adult	£13
Senior	£13
Golden Senior	£10
Youth	£8
Junior	£5

5 MATCH VOUCHER

Adult	£81
Young Adult	£58.50
Senior	£58.50
Golden Senior	£45
Youth	£36
Junior	£22.50

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

2013/2014 SEASON TICKET APPLICATION FORM

To apply for the Instalment Plan scheme for season 2013/2014, please complete and return this form to the Ticket Office.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name (incl title):	Client Reference (if known):
Address and Postcode:	Daytime telephone:
	Evening telephone:
	Mobile telephone:
Email:	Date of birth: (compulsary)

SEASON TICKET DETAILS

Season ticket details	Stand:	Block:	Row:	Seat:
Season ticket type (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Free accompanied under-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Unacc.or additional under-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (17-21)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult (22-64)	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65-74)	<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Senior (over 75)	
Type of Season Ticket (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	<input type="checkbox"/> Diamond		

PAYMENT DETAILS

Season ticket total price:	
Payment Method (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit or debit card <input type="checkbox"/> Cash or Cheque <input type="checkbox"/> Four-month Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> Eight-month Early Bird <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Monthly Instalment Plan (All Categories)
8 Month Plan Only (Prime Time / Any Time only)	
First Month Payment of (see payment chart):	Subsequent Monthly Instalments of:

Four or eight-month plan - The first payment is made at the time of application, three or seven subsequent payments to be made starting from 1st June. **Eight Month Plan (Prime Time / Any Time prices only)** - First payment is made at the time of application. The second payment will commence on the 1st July 2013 and the 1st of each month thereafter up to and including 1st February 2014 (or for 7 consecutive months where applied for after 1st July).

The information you provide on this form will be used to process the booking and ensure your enrolment to the 'instalment plan' scheme. By completing and returning this form you agree to the terms and conditions enclosed and have read and understood the privacy policy overleaf.

Applicants signature: Date:

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If you wish your season ticket to be sent to you please enclose a stamped addressed envelope (90p) otherwise your season ticket will be held at the ticket office for collection.

COMMERCIAL BREAK

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

Well here we are, our final home game of a long and mixed season at Kenilworth Road.

It only seems like yesterday I was welcoming our new sponsors, guests and advertisers to a brand new season back in August.

Since then we've had some real highs and lows but, from a commercial point of view, we have had a very successful campaign and we hope to cap it all off a week on Monday when we host our end-of-season dinner that will celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Littlewoods Cup final victory over Arsenal.

Only a few tickets are left so if you're interested please get in touch.

Over the course of the summer we will be releasing all the details of next season's sponsorship and corporate hospitality prices on our website and via email and post to our existing customers, but if you're already interested and want to discuss you or your company's wishes then drop us a line on the number below.

As this campaign draws to a close I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of those supporters and companies who have taken out sponsorship packages or experienced our corporate and matchday hospitality.

Next season will no doubt be another interesting one at Kenilworth Road so why not come along and enjoy the experience in comfort, whether it be in an executive box, or in our hospitality seats in the Main Stand.

And don't forget, shirt sponsorship for any new players that arrive over the course of the summer!

Have a great summer and enjoy tonight's game.

MATCH SPONSOR

MEGAN EMERY AND FAMILY

A family are tonight's match ball sponsors. Six members of them are travelling up from Kent supporting Ebbsfleet, whilst four have a much shorter journey to support the Hatters.



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Although they may be divided for the duration of the game, one of the party will be celebrating a belated birthday - happy birthday Miranda! - so there will still be plenty of celebrations all round no matter what the score is.



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WELCOME

EBBSFLEET UNITED



This evening we welcome Ebbsfleet United to Kenilworth Road for the final home fixture of the Blue Square Bet Premier campaign.

The clash, postponed twice due to weather issues, will mark the third visit to Bedfordshire for Fleet, who will be hoping to win for the second time in three visits here.

Last season the Hatters ran out 3-0 winners in April prior to Fleet's triumph in the 2009/10 season by three goals to two in the first league meeting between the two clubs.

Overall the Hatters have won three of the five previous meetings but tonight's will be the last in league competition for at least a season following Ebbsfleet's relegation to the Blue Square Bet South which was confirmed last week.

Fleet will be looking to inflict revenge on the Hatters after their 3-1 triumph at Stonebridge Road back in August. That day Stuart Fleetwood netted 10 minutes in to give the Town the advantage before Scott Rendell doubled the lead. Fleetwood then fired home a third after Jon Shaw's cut-back to confirm all three points before a late consolation from former Hatters trialist Nathan Elder.

Fleet head into the game already aware of their fate for next season after their relegation was rubber-stamped last weekend after a shock 3-1 home defeat to basement club AFC Telford.

Goals have been frequent in this fixture in past seasons with the highest scoreline favouring a ruthless Town side smash six past Fleet which still stands as the Hatters highest away league win in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

However, the form book will count for nothing come 7.45pm, however, and Ebbsfleet boast a squad littered with notable names including Moses Ashikodi.

The former Rangers, West Ham United and Watford forward has Premier League appearances to his name and his formidable partnership with target man Nathan Elder will ensure a tough day at the office for the Town.

Preston Edwards also may be a name that rings a bell with Town fans after he was part of the successful Town side that lifted the South West Challenge Cup in Devon in 2009 whilst he was on trial for Mick Harford's triumphant Hatters.

Elder also has a Town goal to his name whilst on trial in Bedfordshire after his powerful header against Tony Adams' Gabala at the beginning of last season.

Liam Daish's side may have had their fate already sealed and will host Blue Square South fixtures at Stonebridge Road next season, but the possibility of notching three points against the Hatters will be one they are keen to claim this evening, regardless of the formalities.

THE FLEET

AN AT-A-GLANCE LOOK AT THE EBBSFLEET SQUAD

LIAM DAISH

A former Republic of Ireland international who took control of the Fleet in 2005. Daish won the FA Trophy as Fleet boss in 2008, three years before winning promotion to the top tier of non-league football.

PRESTON EDWARDS

Former Hatters trialist, Edwards is an athletic shot stopper who has represented England at Under-19 level. The 6ft keeper began his career with Millwall before signing for Fleet in 2010 after a season with Grays Athletic.

LUCAS MENZ

German-born Canadian goalkeeper who was signed as a back-up for Edwards in the summer. The 22-year-old played for Vancouver Whitecaps Under-23s prior to signing for Fleet.

RYAN BLAKE

Exciting young Northern Irish full-back who signed in the summer from Brentford. Made his Football League debut at 18 and has been capped twice for Northern Ireland Under-21s.

JOE HOWE

The 24-year-old is a graduate of the Milton Keynes Dons academy. The Kent-born defender made his debut for Fleet on loan in 2007 before moving onto Welling United, Fisher Athletic and Croydon Athletic and then permanently joining in 2010.

PAUL LORRAINE

Club captain who signed for the Fleet in 2010. The former AFC Wimbledon skipper was named supporters player of the season in 2011 after leading the club to promotion via the play-offs.

CRAIG STONE

Central midfielder who made his debut aged just 16 for Gillingham after developing through their youth ranks. Joined Fleet for his first spell in 2008 before re-joining in 2011 after a brief spell at Maidstone United.

PHIL WALSH

Summer acquisition for Daish, Walsh is a versatile defender who can also lead the line up top. He is a well-travelled 28-year-old who boasts Newport County, Cheltenham Town, Barnet and Dagenham & Redbridge amongst his former clubs list.

LANRE AZEEZ

Fleet youth product who has extravagant ball skills, electric pace and dangerous footballing intelligence. Made his first-team bow in 2011 and is now a pivotal part of the first-team picture.

NEIL BARRETT

Began his career in the Chelsea academy where he represented England at schoolboy level. Moved on to Portsmouth before heading to Scotland for spells with Dundee and Livingston. Signed for Fleet for the second time in 2011 and is also the club's commercial manager.

LIAM BELLAMY

Formerly of the Charlton Athletic youth academy, the 20-year-old signed for Fleet in the summer after impressing whilst on loan. Signed from Brentford where he signed a development contract at the beginning of last season.

ASHLEY CAREW

Gillingham youth product made 43 appearances for Barnet in the Football League scoring twice. Another player in his second stint at Fleet - after making over 40 appearances in his first spell he returned in summer after a season elsewhere.

RAM MARWA

Norwegian-born midfielder general who adds experience and culture to the side. Represented his national team at youth level prior to making the switch to England where he trialled at Leyton Orient and played for Dagenham & Redbridge before signing for Fleet in 2010.

TOM PHIPP

Signed for Fleet in the summer of 2010 after progressing through the Arsenal youth system. A lot of interest surrounds the 20-year-old after bursting onto the scene in 2010/11.

MOSES ASHIKODI

Hugely talented frontman who has had opportunities at Rangers, West Ham United, Watford and Millwall.

NATHAN ELDER

Another former Hatters trialist who signed for Fleet in the summer. Has Football League appearances to his name whilst at Brighton & Hove Albion, Brentford and Shrewsbury Town. Scored whilst on trial for the Hatters against Azerbaijan outfit FC Gabala.

LIAM ENVER-MARUM

Product of the Reading Football Academy, the 24-year-old has won many admirers at this level including former Crawley boss Steve Evans who brought the Irish-born attacker to the Broadfield Stadium. After moving on to Forest Green Rovers, Daish recruited him to Fleet in the summer of 2011.



Established: 1946 (as Gravesend & Northfleet)
Nickname(s): The Fleet
Stadium: Stonebridge Road
Capacity: 5,011 (Avg. attendance '12/13 - 895)
Manager: Liam Daish (eight years, two months)
Final league position '11/12: 14th BSP



Ebbsfleet United have already been relegated and will start the 2013/14 campaign in the Blue Square Bet South, but will tonight be playing free from the pressures of their long and arduous relegation battle.

Manager Liam Daish is already the longest serving manager in the club's history having been in charge for eight years, and actually has a stand named after him at Stonebridge Road. However, he has failed to guide his side to safety.

A closer look at Ebbsfleet's season so far

Daish's side are currently 23rd in the Blue Square Bet Premier having played 43, won eight, drawn 14 and lost 21, leaving them with 38 points.

Although they have been suffering all season, Fleet fans have sure seen their fair share of goals as their team have conceded 84 (the most in the division) and scored 54, thus meaning a total of 138 goals have been scored in their games (3.20 goals per game).

Away from home, the Kent club have only managed three wins and have the poorest defensive record in the division conceding 48.

Recently, they have lost four of their last six games on the road.

The statistics suggest it will be the Hatters who score first today as Ebbsfleet have conceded first in 28 of their 43 BSBP games (65%).

You can expect the Hatters to be leading going into the half-time break as well given that Ebbsfleet have only been winning at half time seven times in the entire league season. However, don't get too comfortable: Daish's men have come back to gain points from losing positions

more than any other team in the BSBP except Newport, earning a total of 20 points from four wins and eight draws.

The Hatters will be especially keen to score goals tonight knowing that Ebbsfleet have only managed to keep four clean sheets all season.



How will they play? Who are their danger men?

Ebbsfleet have largely been forced to adopt an adventurous and attacking approach given their defence has not been strong enough to earn them points. Daish's side will commit a lot of men to each attack, but may leave themselves more open than a lot of sides who come to Kenilworth Road often do. Highly-rated 23-year-old England C goalkeeper

Preston Edwards will likely start between the sticks for the Fleet. Arsenal academy product Tom Phipp, who is naturally an attack-minded central-midfielder, will play at right-back, whilst Joe Howe will operate on the left side of the defence.

Club captain Paul Lorraine will start at centre-back alongside 6ft 3in Phil Walsh who can also operate as an emergency centre-forward.

Neil Barrett, who is both a central-midfielder and the club's commercial manager, will anchor the midfield along with dogged box-to-box man Liam Bellamy.

In attack, the physically imposing Ashley Carew will play in the No.10 role, with Stefan Payne and Matthew Godden, who has scored five goals in 10 appearances whilst on loan from Scunthorpe, playing either side of him.

Nathan Elder will lead the line for the Fleet and is the club's top goalscorer with 15 goals to his name in the league.

THOUGHTS FROM THE OAK ROAD

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

WHAT'S YOUR NAME? Kathryn Twitchett

AGE? 18

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SUPPORTING YOUR CLUB?

As a local girl, I've known of Ebbsfleet United (formerly Gravesend & Northfleet) all my life but it wasn't until I was around 13 that I began to go and see them play. Since then I've been supporting them and now rarely miss a game.

HOW'S YOUR SEASON GONE?

The season has been disappointing - we have been played well as a team but not getting the results against teams we should gain points against.

THERE TEND TO BE GOALS WHEN THESE SIDES MEET - WHAT ARE YOUR MEMORIES FROM OUR PAST ENCOUNTERS?

My favourite memory from our encounters with Luton Town came from the game played on 30th January 2010 when Moses Ashikodi scored what turned out to be the winning goal for Ebbsfleet in a 3-2 win. This was Moses' first away game for the Fleet and he certainly made a good impression on me.

WHO'S YOUR PLAYER TO WATCH?

LANRE AZEEZ, a young player who is now beginning to make his mark in the first team having come up through Ebbsfleet's youth ranks.

FOR LUTON FANS WHO MIGHT BE UNAWARE, EXPLAIN THE UNIQUE OWNERSHIP SET UP AT EBBSFLEET?

Ebbsfleet United is 75 per cent owned by My Football Club, an internet based organisation that has many members from across the globe that each gives an annual fee to contribute towards ownership of the club. The members are involved in making some big decisions for the club such as budget and transfer deals.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR MANAGER?

Liam Daish, our longest serving manager, has achieved so much for the club considering financial constraints and having to build a new team almost every season he has been here. I hope that Liam continues to believe in Ebbsfleet United.



WHAT'S YOUR ALL-TIME FAVOURITE GAME INVOLVING EBBSFLEET?

It has to be the thriller that was our play-off final in 2011 against Farnborough. The score was Farnborough 2-4 Ebbsfleet, the atmosphere was electric, we had good support and our team showed that they were deserved winners. Ebbsfleet were always on top in this game until around five minutes to go, when Farnborough picked up the pace and came back at us with two goals leaving it 3-2 at the start of injury time. During injury time Ebbsfleet were keen to get another goal to put the cherry on top of the cake and soon did this to make the final score 4-2. This will be a day I will never forget, terrific play and goals from Ebbsfleet, fantastic fans and most importantly a place back in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

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

Shirt pulling and shoving in the penalty area on corners and free kicks. The sooner that referees give penalties and free kicks for these incidents the sooner it will stop and the game will become better for it.

WHAT'S THE SCORE GOING TO BE TODAY?

There certainly will be goals today. A repeat of 30th January 2010 would be an exceptional result for the Fleet but I would be happy with a draw.

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CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS SELECTS FIVE POST-WAR CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS OF THE FLEET

1957/58

Bob Thomas and Eric Day scored 67 goals between them as Gravesend & Northfleet won the Southern League title in 1957/58. Lionel Smith's side kicked off with a 5-2 win at home to Yeovil and bounced back from a 3-1 defeat at Chelmsford to win seven successive Southern League and Cup games, then overcame a lean spell to hammer Guildford 6-0 and draw 5-5 with Kettering. Jimmy Logie, Eric Day, Bob Thomas, Jimmy Scarth and Jimmy Robertson formed a lethal attack as Gravesend netted 109 goals, winning the Southern League title with 59 points. They lost 4-1 to Cheltenham in the Southern League Cup final.

1970/71

Gravesend & Northfleet won promotion back to the Southern League Premier Division in 1970/71. Alf Ackerman built an experienced team and after failing to win any of their opening five matches, Gravesend completed an early double over Ramsgate and triumphed 5-1 at home to Salisbury. Brian Coates grabbed a hat-trick in Gravesend's 5-0 win over Canterbury in January and Brian Keats emulated the feat in a 3-1 victory at Tonbridge. They lost just one of their final 20 Southern League games, trouncing Barry 6-0 and clinching promotion in third place with a 4-0 win at home to Tonbridge. Brian Hughes was ever-present.

1993/94

Ace marksman Steve Portway scored 37 goals as Gravesend & Northfleet won the Southern League Southern Division title in 1993/94. Garry Aldous' side kicked off with a 2-0 victory at Buckingham and bounced back from a 2-1 defeat at home to Baldock to remain unbeaten in their next 25 Southern League games, with Steve Portway netting hat-tricks against Poole, Bury Town, Burnham, Salisbury, Dunstable and Braintree. They also reached the FA Cup first round proper, losing 2-1 at Leyton Orient. Matt Gubbins and Lee Turner were ever-present as Gravesend scored 87 goals, winning the championship with 92 points.

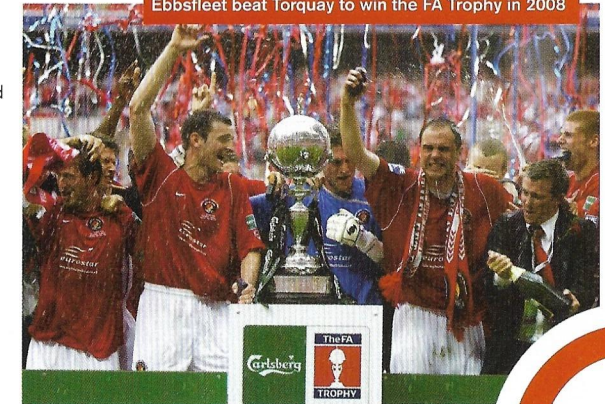
2001/02

Gravesend & Northfleet won the Isthmian League Premier Division title with a club record 99 points in 2001/02. They had a season-long battle with Canvey Island and a 2-0 victory at their rivals in January was watched by 2,111, while a crowd of 4,098 saw Canvey's 1-0 win at Stonebridge Road two months later. Other notable wins included 2-1 home and away to Aldershot Town, 6-1 at home to Croydon and 5-1 at Enfield. The Fleet scored 133 goals as they finished four points clear of Canvey Island. They also reached the FA Trophy fifth round and the FA Cup first round proper, losing 2-1 at Huddersfield Town.

2007/08

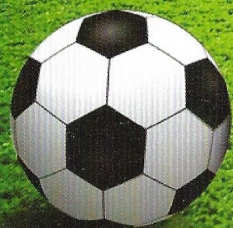
The newly re-named Ebbsfleet United won the FA Trophy in 2007/08. Liam Daish's team defeated Carshalton Athletic 4-1, Dorchester Town 2-0, Weymouth 1-0, Burton Albion 1-0 and Aldershot Town 4-2 en route to the FA Trophy final. Chris McPhee missed a penalty but his goal on the stroke of half-time gave the Fleet a 1-0 victory over Torquay United at Wembley Stadium: Lance Cronin, Peter Hawkins, Sacha Opinel, Michael Bostwick, James Smith, Paul McCarthy, Chris McPhee, Neil Barrett, Luke Moore, John Akinde, Stacy Long (Gary MacDonald). Ebbsfleet finished mid-table in the Blue Square Premier.

Ebbsfleet beat Torquay to win the FA Trophy in 2008





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TOWN 2-2 NEWPORT

GRAY DOUBLE NOT ENOUGH

Two fine strikes from Andre Gray were not enough for the Town as they had to settle for a point against promotion-chasing Newport County.

The Hatters' leading marksman scored once in each half but County's half-time substitute Christian Jolley also hit a brace as the visitors twice came from behind to earn a draw.

In front of the live Premier Sports TV cameras, it was the visitors that threatened first. Former Town winger Robbie Willmott's right-wing cross found Conor Washington and his volley from just outside the penalty area drifted a yard wide of the target.

Another ex-Hatter, Aaron O'Connor, scuffed an effort wide on the 10-minute mark but two minutes after that chance, it was the Town that took the lead. Newport half-cleared their lines from a corner allowing Dave Martin to ping a right-wing cross into the path of an unmarked Gray, and the forward swept home a first-time shot beyond Lenny Pidgeley for his 17th goal of the season.

Hurt by going behind, Newport should have levelled on 20 minutes when Washington raced through and rounded Dean Brill but the striker saw his weak attempt to poke home into an empty net cleared off the line by Lathaniel Rowe-Turner.

Gray spurned a great chance to double his and the Town's tally 12 minutes before the break when he seized on a loose back-pass from O'Connor to bear down on goal with Pidgeley to beat, but the ball took a bobble and his shot ended up in the Oak Road end.

As the Town continued to press, two minutes later Jon Shaw came close to scoring a goal of the season contender when his 35-yard effort hit the top of the crossbar with Pidgeley beaten.

However, County came close to levelling on the stroke of half-time when Washington barged Rowe-Turner off the ball

but the visiting striker couldn't beat Brill with a shot from 10 yards.

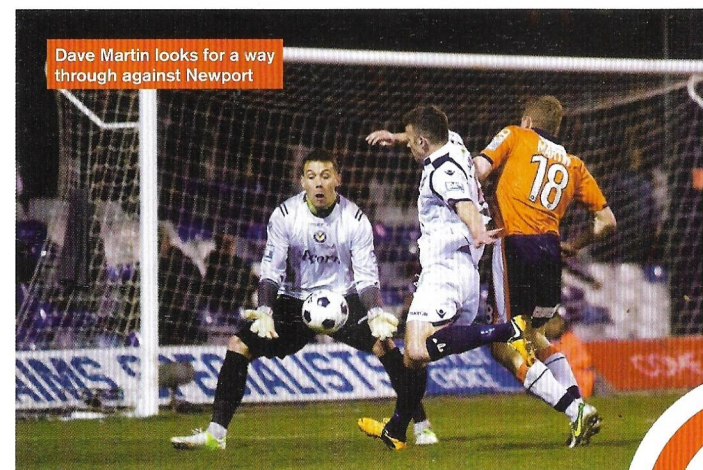
Jolley replaced O'Connor for the visitors at half-time and the Exiles began the second half with gusto. After Jolley had headed a decent opportunity wide, he struck an equaliser on 52 minutes. Brill and Rowe-Turner got in a pickle in the penalty area and Jolley was able to shoot into the bottom corner.

With their tails up, County forced Brill into a fine save, keeping out Lee Minshull's daisycutter from the edge of the area on 63 minutes, but the Town almost went ahead themselves when a shot from Gray was deflected narrowly over the crossbar.

The Hatters' reaction to being pegged back had been excellent and, after electric play from Gray almost carved out a chance for Solomon Taiwo, the Town goalscorer got his second goal of the night with 12 minutes left when he lashed home an unstoppable shot from just inside the box following Alex Wall's cross.

Minutes later substitute Wall came close to scoring his first goal for the Town when Pidgeley turned his scorching low drive from distance around the post but, with six minutes left, County equalised for a second time when Jolley was on hand to nod past Brill from six yards.

The Hatters tried in vain to find a winner in the closing stages and they came close to pinching all three points in injury time when Matt Robinson's shot from the edge of the penalty area flashed just wide.



Dave Martin looks for a way through against Newport



TOWN 2

Gray 12, 78



NEWPORT 2

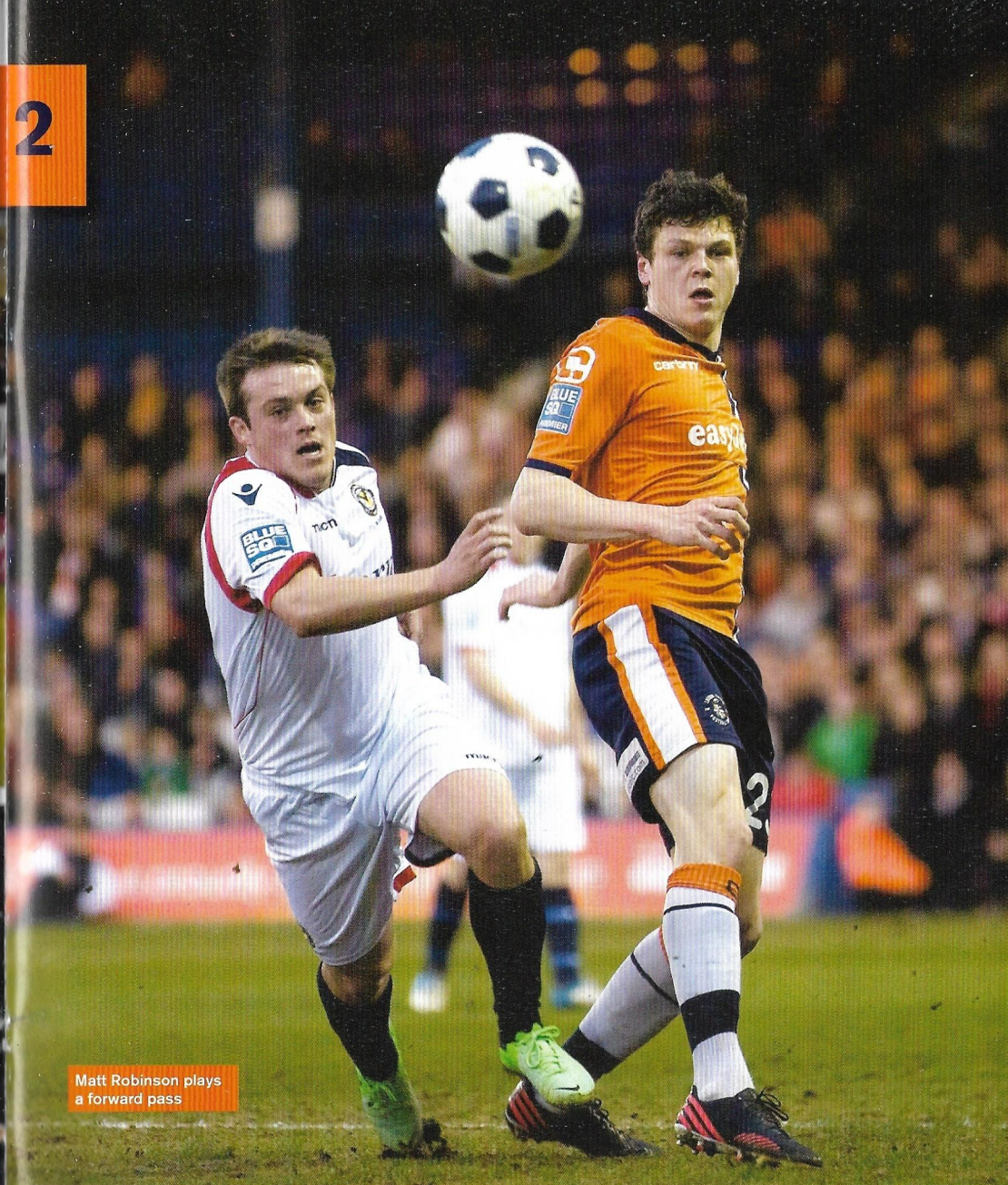
Jolley 52, 84



Solomon Taiwo goes for goal



Andre Gray watches his shot hit the back of the net



Matt Robinson plays a forward pass

POSSESSION

45% 55%

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6 6

SHOTS ON TARGET

6 8

SHOTS OFF TARGET

5 6

FOULS

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TOWN: Brill, Smith, Griffiths, McNulty, Rowe-Turner, Lawless (sub Howells 65), Martin, Robinson, Taiwo, Shaw (sub Wall 66), Gray. **Subs not used:** Tyler, Goodman, Walker.

NEWPORT: Pidgeley, Hughes, James, Anthony, Pipe, Minshull, Sandell, Willmott, Donnelly (sub Flynn 69), O'Connor (sub Jolley 46), Washington (sub Crow 72). **Subs not used:** Julian, Evans.

ATTENDANCE: 5,125 (103 Newport)



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TOWN 2-2 NEWPORT

BOSS HAPPY WITH IMPROVEMENT

Manager John Still was further encouraged by his side's performance after watching the Town draw 2-2 with Newport County at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night.

The Hatters twice led thanks to two goals from Andre Gray but Newport, already secured of a Play-Off spot, hit back twice through substitute Christian Jolley to earn a share of the spoils in front of the Premier Sports TV cameras.

While disappointed with the goals conceded, the boss is happy with the strides his team have made over the past month which has seen the Hatters taken on three sides in the top five.

Positive

"I thought we played well first half and not so well in the second," Still told Hatters Player. "We need to work on our teamwork but the signs were very positive.

"We need to work on playing better without the ball, because with it at the moment we're doing okay.

"It was a good start with Andre's goal but I thought our first half performance warranted more than goal if I'm being honest.

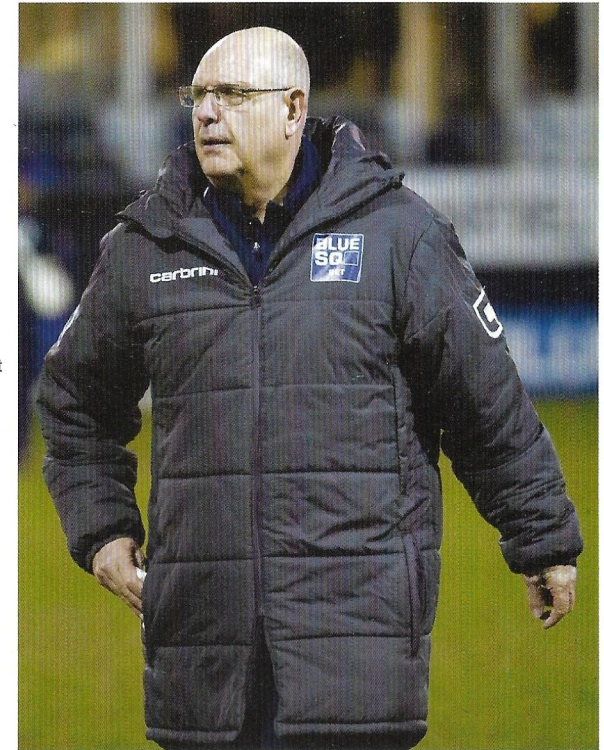
"Newport came out strong in the second half and probably had the greater share of the ball but we always looked dangerous on the counter attack.

"I thought we did okay defensively but I'm disappointed with the goals we conceded. They weren't poor goals because of a lack of team-work but poor goals because of individual errors.

"I'd always have an efficient player who doesn't make mistakes over a better player who can make glaring errors.

"However I've got to look at the bigger picture and the bigger picture is I think we're on our way.

"We've been playing some good teams recently who have been together a long time whose team-work is better than ours and, I'll tell you what, there's not a lot in it.



"We're beginning to play the football I like to play: quick, attacking, getting at the oppositions' defence, and we're spreading the goals around now too. Two for Andre, two the other week for Dave Martin, one for Alex Lawless last Friday.

"It can get better and it will and there's plenty of improvement in us.

"I'm seeing good signs, but it will take time...and when we get it'll be great.

"Yes it's disappointing to see us concede the goals we did but at the moment it's just as important for me to see the negatives as it is the positives. I need to see who can deal with pressure, who can deal with us going ahead, who can deal with us when we're behind. Who can I rely on?

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"Everything is a positive in a strange way."

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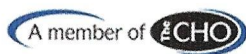
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TOWN 2-2 NEWPORT

GRAY AT THE DOUBLE

The sign of a good striker is when he's never happy with his goal return.

The Town's leading marksmen Andre Gray took his tally to 18 for the season with two goals in the 2-2 draw with Newport County on Tuesday night.

His first-half strike was a fine first-time finish when left unmarked in the penalty area while his second was even better – a fierce drive that flew into the top corner after Alex Wall's cross was half-cleared.

And while the 21-year-old was happy with the two goals he admitted he should have had a hat-trick.

"I thought my performance was okay but I'm always striving for better and I know I should have done better with the chance to score a second just before half-time," said the former Hinckley frontman.

"That was just unfortunate, the ball took a bobble as I went to hit it but I can't complain about that. It just wasn't to be."

Ruthless

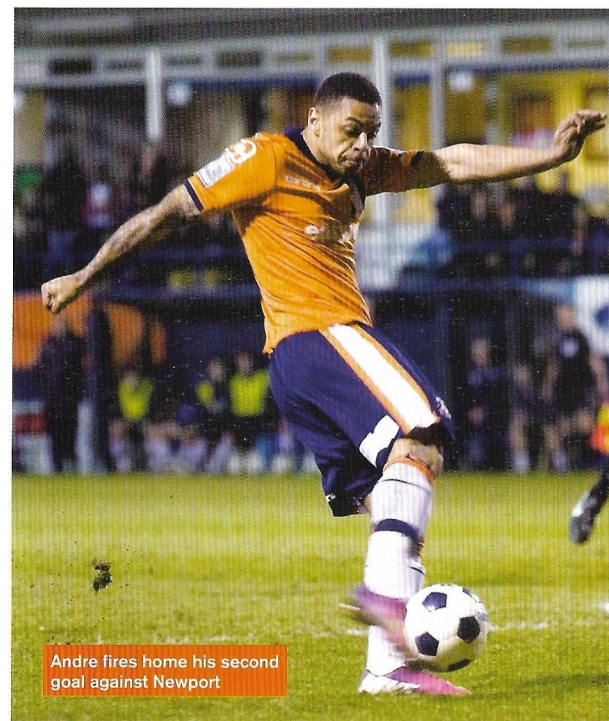
It was clear that the striker was frustrated by the missed opportunity and Gray is hoping he can become more ruthless in front of goal in his quest to improve his overall game.

"I'm not happy with my goal return," admitted Gray. "I've missed a lot of chances this season. I missed a penalty against Forest Green and haven't put away chances like the one I should have against Newport."

"I need to be doing better and I need to be more clinical. It's something I'm working on as I know I'm known for being a bit rash with my finishing."

"I need to improve my all-round game as a striker. Scoring headers and tap ins and my finishing in general. I need to be scoring nine times out of 10 when I get a chance. Every striker misses chances – but I want to improve my shots to goals ratio."

However, the Wolverhampton-born man's two goals against Newport were certainly impressive.



Andre fires home his second goal against Newport

"I couldn't believe the amount of space I had for the first one," he said. "I was unmarked through the whole process of the corner and in fairness I didn't expect the ball to come all the way across."

"It was an easy chance and it was the kind of goal strikers need to score in that position."

"For the second, Jake's told me to hit it and I know usually if I make a good enough contact with the ball it has a good chance, and luckily it was on target."

With 18 for the season and now comfortably the Hatters' leading goalscorer, Gray is just two away from reaching 20 goals for the campaign.

"It would be nice to hit that target but I'm not putting myself under any unwanted pressure to do so," he said.

"My target is to always score in every game. I was happy to score twice against Newport but frustrated it wasn't a hat-trick."

"20's a nice little target to aim for and I hope I can reach it in the final two games."

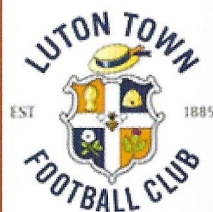


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TOWN 2-2 NEWPORT

MIXED NIGHT FOR JAKE

It was a bitter-sweet return to action for midfielder Jake Howells as his first appearance after three games out with injury ended in a draw against Newport County.

The Hatters youth product turns 22 today and marked his 233rd game in Town colours on Tuesday night against the Exiles with a brief cameo as a 66th-minute substitute.

And the Wales under-21 international admitted it was disappointing that the Hatters could not build on Andre Gray's second half strike as Play-Off bound County earned a point.

"I've got mixed emotions about the result," Howells told Hatters Player. "I came on and we scored but minutes later we conceded.

Proud

"I'm proud to be back in the squad after injury, though because it's always frustrating to be out of the team. The groin problem I had has cleared up now and I'm glad to be included again."

Howells' second half arrival on Tuesday night saw him replace Alex Lawless in a role just behind the strikers.

"I didn't know much about it," said Howells. "The manager has put me there in training before and he must have thought I could do a job there.

"The manager told me to go on and play where Alex had been playing. He asked me to get forward and support the strikers, and that's what I tried to do. As ever it's a learning curve for me as I'm still young."

After telling Gray to go for goal in the lead up to the striker's second against Newport, Howells was disappointed that the Town were pegged back so soon.

"I told Andre to shoot and I did my best to get out of the way! he said. "But the goal we conceded so soon afterwards was the story of our season. That's been a reason why we've not done so well.

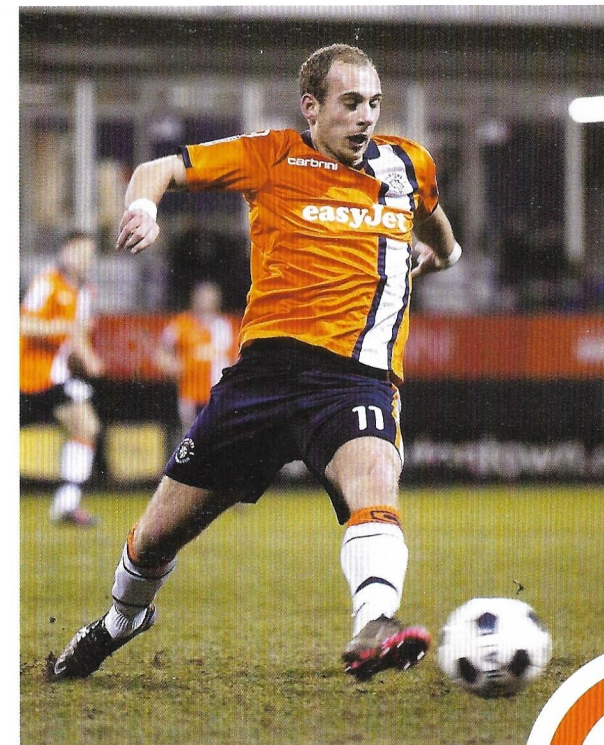
"It's been a real up and down season. We've had some highs, like the wins over Norwich and Wolves, but the ultimate disappointment is not getting in the Play-Offs."

Regroup

With only two games to go Howells is now focusing on next season's promotion challenge.

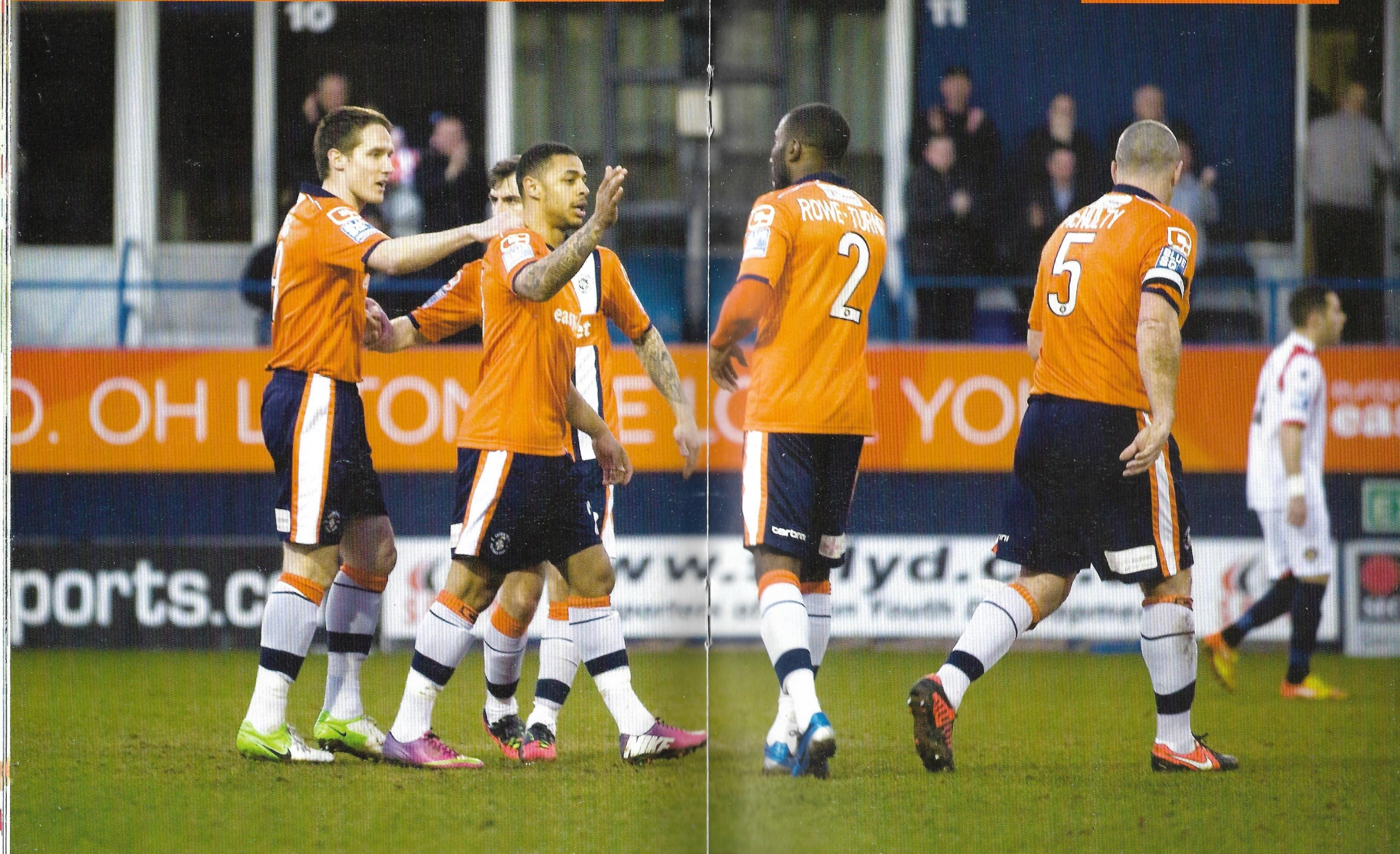
"With the new manager at the helm it is a new era for the club," he said. "It has been a frustrating season but we'll regroup in the summer, knuckle down and push on. You have to deal with manager changes because if you don't you could be out of the door. It's a case of dealing with it.

"I'm gutted that we haven't made the Play-Offs this year but it'll be a case of getting my head down and working hard in pre-season ready for the next campaign."



CENTRE SPOT

The Town players congratulate Andre Gray on his opening goal against Newport on Tuesday night



PICTURE THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



A unusual shot of Kenilworth Road in August 1949 where a sun-soaked crowd of 17,003 witnessed a 2-2 draw against West Ham.

Syd Owen and Jack Taylor scored the Town goals. The Town finished the Division Two season in 17th place, whilst the Hammers finished in 19th.

TOWN TREASURES

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

NICOLÈ SI È AFFIANCATO A BEAN E CORRADI TRA I MIGLIORI DELLA FORMAZIONE AZZURRABILE



Scritto da ANDRÈ ROVERI

Il calcio è un gioco di squadra. Per questo, la formazione azzurrabile di Torino, che ha vinto il campionato di Serie A nel 1955, è stata una delle più forti del mondo. In quella squadra, Nicolò Carosio ha trovato il suo posto tra i migliori giocatori. Affiancato da Bean e Corradi, ha contribuito in modo decisivo alla vittoria del titolo. La sua presenza in campo era sinonimo di classe e di esperienza, qualità che gli permisero di adattarsi perfettamente al ruolo di attaccante. Le sue prestazioni furono fondamentali per la squadra, che si dimostrò invincibile in quel periodo.



La forza di Nicolò Carosio è stata determinante per la vittoria della squadra azzurrabile. Il suo contributo è stato fondamentale per la conquista del campionato di Serie A nel 1955. La sua presenza in campo era sinonimo di classe e di esperienza, qualità che gli permisero di adattarsi perfettamente al ruolo di attaccante. Le sue prestazioni furono fondamentali per la squadra, che si dimostrò invincibile in quel periodo.

LAVORIAMO INSIEME PER LA NAZIONALE ERANO UBRIACCHI DI SPAGHETTI

I GIOCATORI DEL LUTON TOWN CHE DOVEVANO SERIAMENTE IMPAGNARE GLI AZZURRI HAVANO LASCIATO OGNI ENERGIA ALLE TAVOLE IMBANDITE DALLA FEDERAZIONE



La notizia è che i giocatori del Luton Town, che dovevano seriamente impegnare gli azzurri, hanno lasciato ogni energia alle tavole imbandite dalla federazione. Erano ubriachi di spaghetti. La notizia è stata diffusa da un giornale, che ha raccontato come i giocatori, invece di concentrarsi sulla partita, si sono dedicati a mangiare e a divertirsi. Questo comportamento ha causato una sconfitta per la squadra, che non ha potuto sfruttare le sue qualità tecniche a causa della mancanza di concentrazione.

IL CAMPIONE '55



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ANCORA QUALCHE INCOGNITA



Il ragazzo in depressione

Il ragazzo in depressione è un tema che ha afflitto molti giocatori di calcio. La depressione è una malattia che può colpire chiunque, anche i più forti atleti. I sintomi sono spesso simili a quelli di un infortunio, ma in realtà si tratta di un problema di salute mentale. È importante riconoscere i segni e cercare aiuto tempestivo. La depressione può essere trattata con successo, ma richiede tempo e supporto. I giocatori di calcio sono spesso sotto pressione e possono avere difficoltà a chiedere aiuto. È importante che i club e i medici siano consapevoli di questo problema e offrano il supporto necessario.

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LA NAZIONALE PER BELFAST?


Troppo "molle" il Luton speriamo nel Charlton



Il Renzo De Vecchi

La nazionale per Belfast? Troppo "molle" il Luton speriamo nel Charlton. Il Renzo De Vecchi, allenatore della nazionale, ha criticato il comportamento dei giocatori del Luton Town, che ha descritto come "molle". Ha espresso la speranza che la squadra di Charlton Athletic possa essere una migliore alternativa per la nazionale.

LA NAZIONALE VERSO BELFAST



La nazionale verso Belfast. I giocatori della nazionale si preparano per la partita contro l'Irlanda del Nord. La partita è attesa con grande interesse, e si prevede una gara molto combattuta.

MISTER DUNCAN K.O.

GLI ALTRI GOL



Mister Duncan K.O. Il mister Duncan ha vinto la coppa del campionato. Gli altri gol: una compilation di gol realizzati durante la stagione.

THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



When war was declared, decisions were taken to camouflage obvious markers from the air with the Main Stand at Kenilworth Road coming in for suitable treatment.

MEMORABLE MATCHES

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

HULL CITY 0-4 LUTON TOWN

6TH APRIL 2002

When the Hatters travelled to Hull they were attempting to smash all existing club records by going for their 12th straight win in what was already a record-breaking season.

The Town, who had already clinched a promotion spot a week before following a 3-1 win at Swansea, were neck and neck with Plymouth at the top, looking to take over pole position from their West Country rivals.

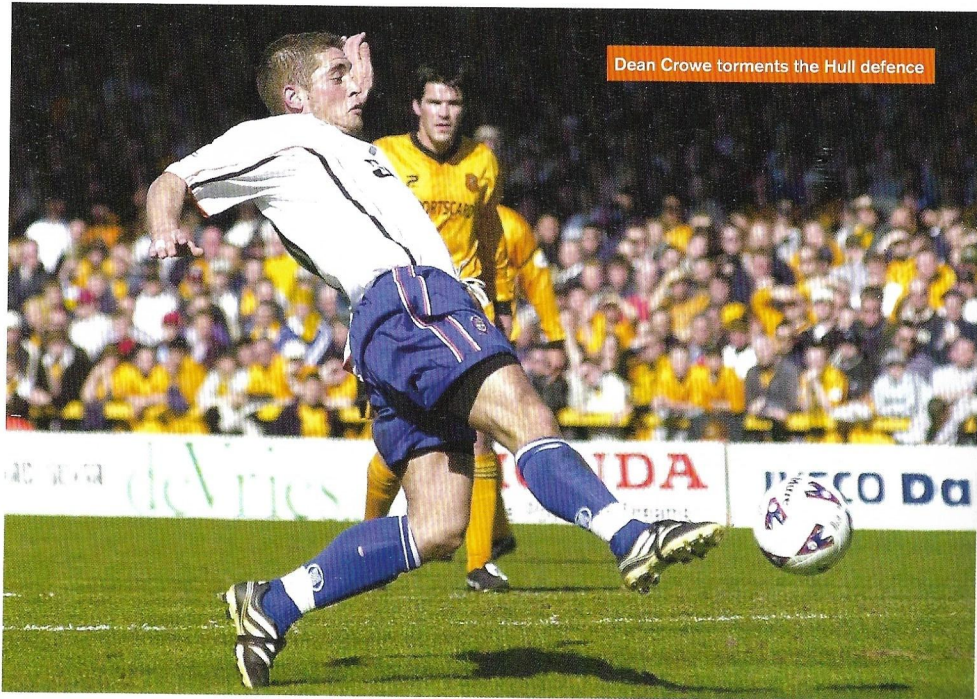
Hull's season had petered out into major disappointment. The bookies' favourites for promotion had looked a decent side when they won at Kenilworth Road in November but since then they had drifted into mid-table obscurity leading to the inevitable sacking of manager Brian Little.

Little's successor, Jan Molby, was in charge of Hull for the first time for the visit of the Town and an interested crowd of 9,379, including 1,674 from Luton, turned up at Boothferry Park to see whether the Tigers could put a hold on the Hatters' headlong assault for top spot.

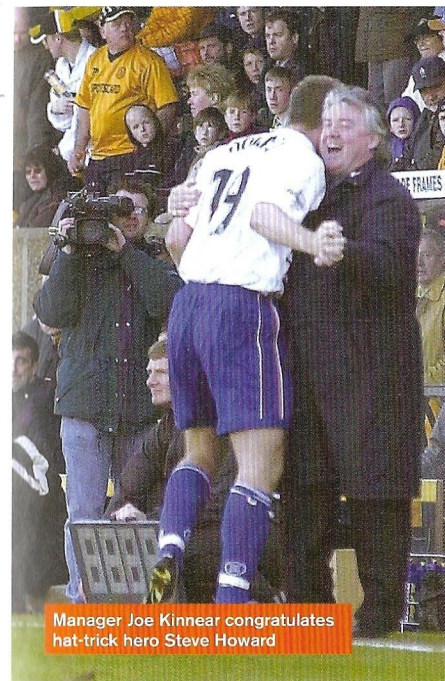
The Hatters went ahead on 23 minutes when Matthew Taylor's perfect cross into the six-yard box found the head of Howard who made no mistake from close range.

Jean Louis Valois then went close before Dean Crowe doubled the Town's lead before the interval after taking advantage of a poor Jason van Blerk clearance and stabbing the ball home.

Howard bagged his second goal on 79 minutes after feeding Taylor down the left and then charging into the penalty box to meet the talented 20-year-old's precise



Dean Crowe torments the Hull defence



Manager Joe Kinnear congratulates hat-trick hero Steve Howard



Happy Hatters at Boothferry Park

cross with a close-range side-footed finish. Watching Newcastle manager Bobby Robson was no doubt impressed by Taylor's contribution in both of Howard's first two goals.

It was captain Kevin Nicholls, though, who turned provider for Howard's hat-trick effort a minute from time. The big forward collected a clever through pass into the penalty box before coolly rounding Paul Musselwhite and finding the net.

The players and supporters were ecstatic as the final whistle sounded but none more so than Steve Howard who marched off with the match ball having cemented his place at the top of the Division Three scoring charts.

As the Luton supporters made their way home, they received the news that Plymouth had only drawn at home to Southend and their heroes were now in top spot.

Unfortunately the Pilgrims soon regained the status quo by winning their game in hand over the Town, but the trip back from sunny Hull that spring afternoon will live long in the minds of the lucky Luton supporters present.

Luton: Emberson, Boyce, Perrett, Coyne, Taylor, Holmes (Hughes), Nicholls, Spring, Valois (Johnson), Howard, Crowe (Forbes).

Hull: Musselwhite, Edwards, Greaves, Williams (Whitmore), Alexander, Petty, Mohan, Van Blerk, Sneekes, Lightbourne (Norris), Bradshaw (Holt).



Steve Howard shows off the match ball after his hat-trick at Hull in 2002

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ON THIS DAY

APRIL 18

THE RECORD

The Town hold a pretty even record on this day in history, winning six and losing six of the 21 games played on this day. Nine have ended in draws with the Hatters scoring 30 and conceding 28. That works out an average of 2.7 goals scored per game. The Hatters' first Football League game on 18th April came in 1924 when they were held to a goalless draw with Bristol Rovers at Kenilworth Road.

LAST TIME OUT

It's been four years since the Hatters last played on this day when they had to settle for a point in a 1-1 draw with Barnet at Underhill in League 2 in 2009. The Town were behind at the break after Adam Birchall's goal but Rossi Jarvis equalised four minutes after the restart. Dean Brill saved a Paul Furlong penalty but the Hatters ended the game with 10 men following Kevin Nicholls' dismissal for a second bookable offence with 11 minutes left.

LAST VICTORY

You have to go back even further for the last time the Town tasted victory on this day. Back in 1987 the Hatters were in the top flight, and goals from strikers Mike Newell and Brian Stein secured a 2-0 win over eventual FA Cup winners that season Coventry City, before a crowd of 9,380 at Kenilworth Road. The Town would end the season in their highest position in their history in seventh place.

UNITED HELD

The Hatters were desperate for the points in their quest for survival in the old Division One (now Premier League) in 1992 and a Mick Harford goal earned a point in a 1-1 draw against then top-of-the-table Manchester United at Kenilworth Road. Before a season's best crowd of 13,410 Lee Sharpe put the Red Devils in front before Harford levelled, smashing home the rebound after his initial header from a David Preece cross had rattled the crossbar. United would

end the campaign as runners-up behind Leeds, but the Town – despite a fine home record, including just four defeats – would be relegated.

OH SO NEAR

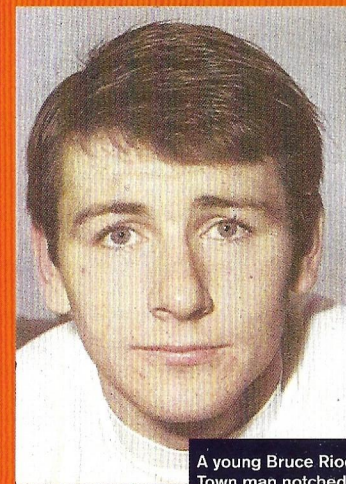
Despite an unbeaten home record, the Hatters were pipped to promotion from the old Division Three (now League One) in 1968/69 by Swindon and local rivals Watford. The promotion dream was kept alive with three matches left with a gutsy 2-0 win at Tranmere on this day in 1969 thanks two second half goals from John Moore and Bruce Rioch. Although the Town won their final two matches, against Stockport and Watford, Alec Stock's side missed out on promotion by three points.

THUMPED BY THE CHAMPIONS

The Hatters must have had one eye on their first FA Cup final appearance as First Division (now Premier League) champions elect Wolves beat the Town 5-0 in front of 40,981 at Molineux. If you think the Town's current fixture congestion is bad, then spare a thought for the players at this time point in time in 1959. With an FA Cup final to prepare for the Town played 10 league games in April with matches on 4th, 6th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 18th, 20th, 22nd and 25th. The Hatters would only win two of those games before losing in the cup final to Nottingham Forest on 2nd May.

VICTORY ROUND-UP

The other four of the six wins for the Town came on this day in 1981, 1936, 1933 and 1927. In 1927 the Hatters beat Brighton and Hove Albion 4-0 at Kenilworth Road in Division Three (South) with Syd Reid scoring a hat-trick. Six years later the Town beat Queens Park Rangers 3-1 in front of just 2,402 at Kenilworth Road and in 1936 the Town won 2-0 at Newport County. The Town's other victory on this day came thanks to a David Moss penalty in a 1-0 win over Bristol Rovers in 1981 at Kenilworth Road.



A young Bruce Rioch: The talented Town man notched on this day in 1969

LOOK BACK

JOE FLEMONS REFLECTS ON THE HATTERS' 2012/13 CAMPAIGN

AUGUST

P5 W3 D1 L1

The season started with optimism and ambitions of a fulfilled promotion campaign. Gateshead were the first to be welcomed into a new look Hatters as four debutantes made their Kenilworth Road bow against the Heed. Jon Shaw joined the action from the bench and netted against his former side in the 2-2 draw. Kidderminster and Hyde were brushed aside as Stuart Fleetwood got up and running for the season with a brace against the Harriers. AFC Telford then inflicted the first defeat of the season in a fiery encounter which saw them snatch a 1-0 win. Ebbsfleet were then dispatched by 3-1 to finalise a confident start for the Hatters.

SEPTEMBER

P7 W4 D1 L2

The Town sealed a hat-trick of wins after a decent start to August with goal gluts against Macclesfield Town and Cambridge United. A set-back followed these fixtures, however, as the Town were seen off 3-0 at Alfreton. A goalless draw with Wrexham proceeded the defeat before the Hatters were well beaten in front of the live television cameras at Grimsby, losing 4-1. The brief rot was put to bed immediately with Tamworth and Southport feeling the fury of the Hatters front-men as Scott Rendell and Fleetwood slammed home to resurrect a turbulent month.

OCTOBER

P5 W4 D0 L1

Lincoln City followed suit as another away win was racked up by Paul Buckle's men, this time Shaw on target for the Hatters as they marched into the Play-Off places. A frustrating Tuesday evening then cost the Hatters three points as a clinical Braintree side snatched maximum points in a 3-2 win. Nuneaton Town headed to Bedfordshire five days later and attempted to do the same. The points seemed destined to be shared before a sensational Alex Lawless strike broke Boro's resistance. Cambridge United were then convincingly beaten to secure a first round spot in the FA Cup before a 2-1 win at fellow promotion hopefuls Forest Green Rovers wrapped up a ruthless month which saw the Hatters lie second in the table.

NOVEMBER

P6 W1 D3 L2

A 1-1 draw in the FA Cup first round with Nuneaton meant another frustrating outing for the home support and after back-to-back defeats to Hereford and Dartford the Town found themselves lurking outside of the top five. An FA Cup first round replay victory against Nuneaton booked a second round spot and put the Town faithful back into full voice as they travelled to Mansfield Town on a bright Sunday afternoon.

Andre Gray's brace put the Hatters ahead before Matt Green's late strike meant the points were shared. A disruptive weather period meant the Hatters first trip to Dorchester in the FA Trophy was cancelled but, after returning three days, a draw would see them face off for a third time in a period of seven days.

DECEMBER

P6 W5 D0 L1

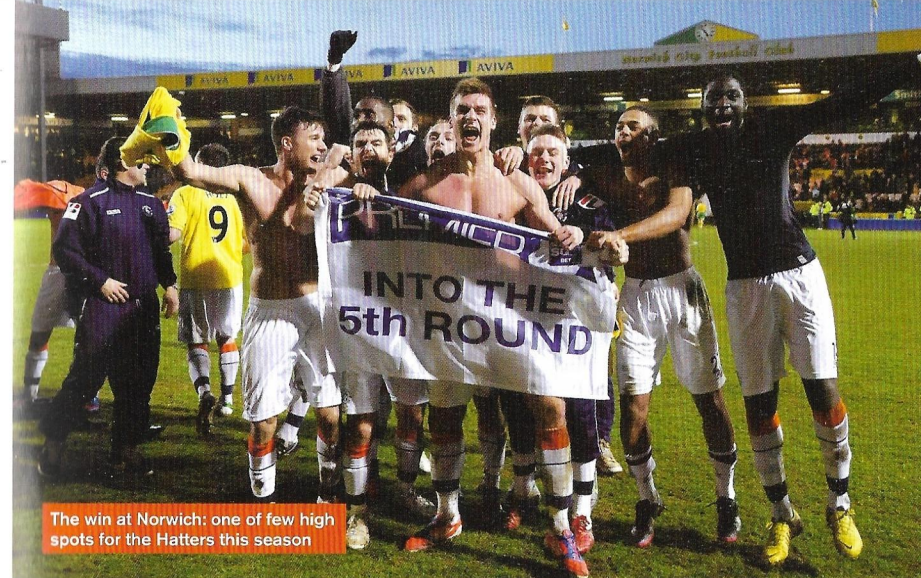
The first day of advent saw the Town open up the door for Dorchester Town in their FA Cup second round clash with the promise of one of England's elite in the next round. Gray continued his impressive form, giving the Hatters the lead shortly before the half hour mark.

Lawless then struck to put the game beyond the Magpies with time ticking down. A third successive meeting between the side ensued in the Trophy replay three days later with changes the key highlight.

Shaw skippered the Town and when JJ O'Donnell smashed home a spectacular volley the home side never looked back. Dan Walker added his mark to the game burying twice to seal a comfortable 3-1 victory.

Alfreton Town then headed to Bedfordshire looking to do the league double over Buckle's men but a breathtaking quick-fire treble again saw the Hatters finish on top.

A promotion clash in Wales was next on the agenda for the Town but again the TV cameras proved to be a bad omen as they were on the receiving end of a 5-2 defeat. It didn't take the Town long to recover, though, as they squeezed past Matlock Town in the FA Trophy before a comfortable 3-1 Boxing Day win over Woking.



The win at Norwich: one of few high spots for the Hatters this season

JANUARY

P7 W4 D1 L2

New Year's Day had the Hatters travelling to Woking and after their 3-1 Boxing Day triumph against the Cards, expectations were high for Buckle's men. Billy Knott had other ideas, however, as his brace meant a losing start to 2013 for the Hatters just days before a cup clash with Championship giants Wolverhampton Wanderers. One way to cure a league hangover is to endure cup credibility and when Alex Lawless crashed home a volley in front of a raucous Kenilworth Road crowd the Town fans' belief was reinstated. None more so than 72 hours later when Jon Shaw netted his first Hatters hat-trick in the 6-1 demolition of Barrow. Skelmersdale were next on the Hatters hit list in the Trophy and as the games continued to come thick and fast a goalless draw away at AFC Telford ensured a four-game unbeaten run was taken in to the lucrative FA Cup tie away at Carrow Road against Premier League Norwich. History was made that afternoon and for the 4,000 in attendance cheering the Hatters on, the slow motion recollection of Rendell's deft finish had headlines written across the globe to put the Hatters' name back in the big time.

FEBRUARY

P7 W0 D2 L5

A nightmare month followed the cup jubilation as Barrow inflicted revenge at Holker Street with a 1-0 win to cast doubt against the Hatters' Play-Off ambitions. A home draw against Forest Green followed before another single goal defeat away at Dartford had the wounded Hatters needing to prepare for an FA Cup fifth round tie with Millwall. It proved a step too far for the Hatters who bowed out courageously against

the Lions 3-0 in front of the ESPN viewers. The shock departure of Buckle followed just hours before the away trip to Macclesfield which ended 1-1 against a Silkmen side who played a large spell of the game with 10 men and an outfield player between the sticks.

MARCH

P8 W2 D5 L2

Back-to-back defeats at the tail end of February were put to bed in newly-installed manager John Still's first game in charge with a hard fought 1-0 win away at Stockport County. Successive draws with Nuneaton and Hereford followed as Still looked to understand his new players before a 2-1 home defeat against Hyde. Improvement was needed, and following deserving points against Wrexham, Tamworth and Cambridge as well as a second win in a month over Stockport, Still's project was progressing slowly but surely.

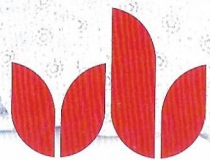
APRIL

P5 W1 D2 L2

With little but pride to play for in the final month with their Play-Off hopes diminishing, the Hatters began April comprehensively beaten 5-1 by Gateshead in Carlisle after an Easter Monday defeat to promotion chasing Kidderminster. Lincoln City headed to Kenilworth Road with the Hatters prepped for four back-to-back home games and, after a scintillating 3-0 win over the Imps, confidence began to flood back into the Town dressing room again. Well earned points against Grimsby and Newport were matched by proud performances, and faith that Still's men will be fully prepared to go on the hunt once more for the elusive promotion winning campaign next season.

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THE FINAL PART BY DAVID CAIN

The story of our season is now written. Was it a tale of love, a horror, or a whodunnit?

Our FA Cup run was certainly full of romance. The memory of those wins over Wolves and Norwich will live long into the night. However, there can be no denying the disappointments too.

In the end, we were left dangling in a footballing limbo. One moment the villain was the hero. The next, he swapped sides and he was the villain again. There was no happy ending to our story.

It's the hope that kills us. If we did not care so much we would not suffer so badly either. I started this season so full of hope. In August anything was possible. Then, early season triumphs inspired me on further. The victories pushing my beliefs into certainties.

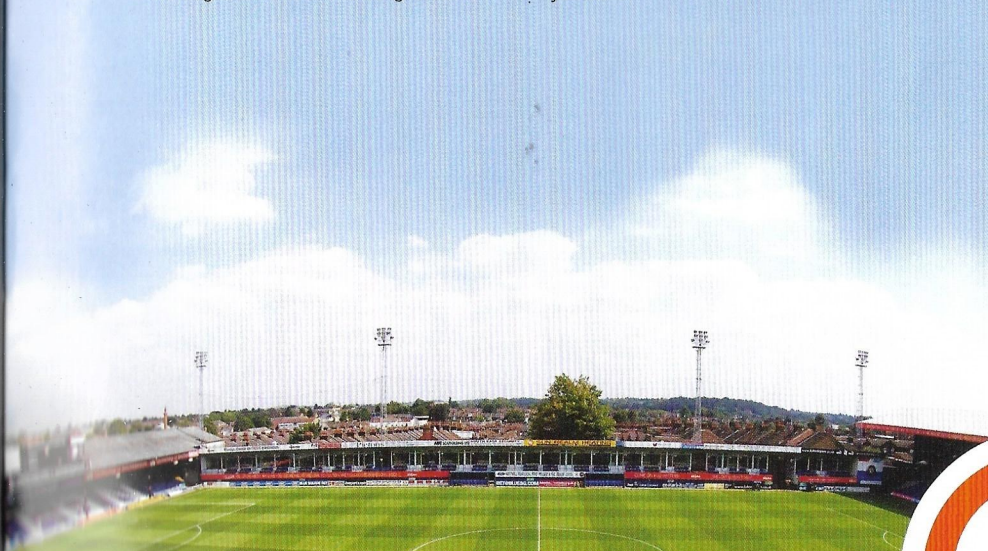
Until of course, the bubble burst. The science of the league table could not be ignored. It

disproved my misplaced belief, which, like our league form, went missing somewhere along the A11. We are going to be in the Blue Square Bet Premier for another year.

Despite this fact, my hope somehow keeps on going. It is the same hope that every supporter has held in their hands since the Hatters' very first match. One hundred and twenty-eight years later, we all are the keepers of that flame.

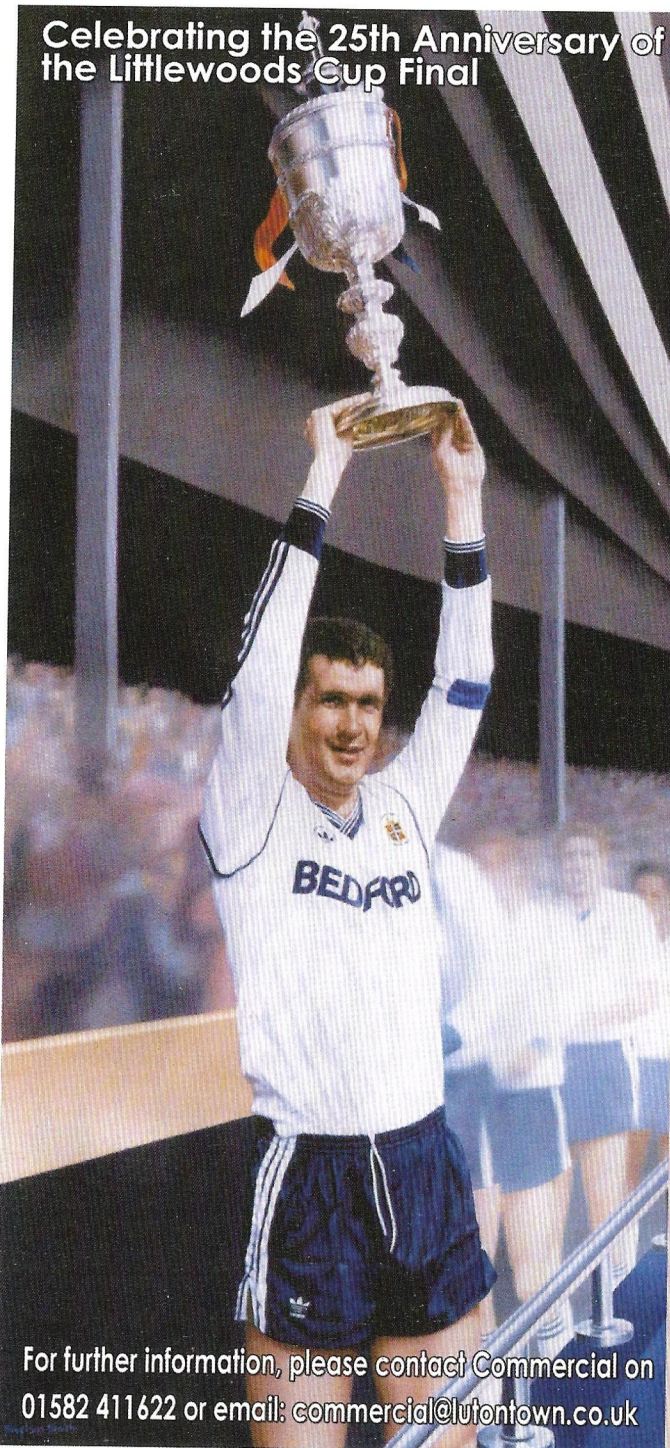
It is a fragile hope. So delicate that sometimes this season it has nearly been blown out. Nevertheless, enough of an ember remains to keep us warm until August when we will start the new season with this one long forgotten. Our hopes restored and our dreams ready to catch alight once more.

For a full stop is not the end. It is the start of a new sentence. A new chapter in Luton's history is awaiting to be written in August. See you there!



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

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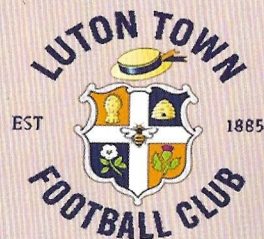
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FROM THE PRESS BOX

THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS END-OF-SEASON AWARDS

Well it was a season that once again threatened to produce so much back in August that has ended with barely a whimper as unfortunately the Town face yet another season in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

There isn't even the drama of the Play-Offs to look forward to again this time, but despite that, end of campaign means, only one thing: awards time.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Only one winner for me, Alex Lawless. The turnaround in his fortunes at the club is quite amazing, and it's fair to say he wasn't a fans' favourite last campaign and could quite easily have left last summer. However, the Welshman was determined to prove himself at Kenilworth Road and finally did so after playing in a more advanced position at last.

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE SEASON

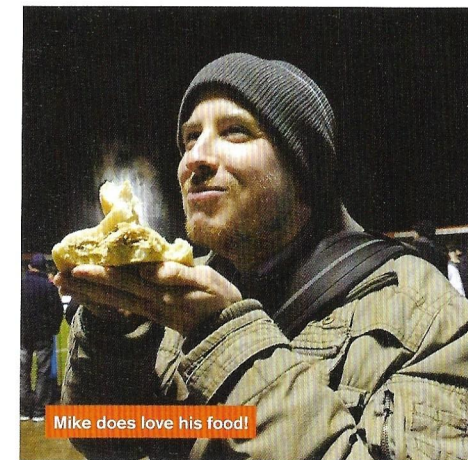
Again, just the one stand out candidate, Andre Gray. It's easy to forget he's still only 21, but he has bagged 11 goals this year and on his day, his pace and power is frightening. Hopefully Luton can ward off any interest over the summer as a fully focused Gray could prove a real match-winner next season.

GOAL OF THE SEASON

Not a whole host of contenders this year, Stuart Fleetwood's crackerjack at Forest Green Rovers, and Gray's volley, after a fine sweeping move at home to Alfreton spring to mind. But for me it has to be Lawless' magnificent effort against Nuneaton though, when with time running out, he burst forward and simply hammered into the top corner.

BEST FOOD

Always one of the most important factors in any away trip. However, I was not at Kidderminster back in August which drastically cuts down my options. A mention to the chips at the Nuneaton though, while the pies and mushy peas Matlock in the FA Trophy was impressive, as were the free pies for the press at Blackport deserve special mention. On this occasion though, the trip to Norwich wins the day, with a choice of pie or jacket potato available, with service too. Although the food wasn't necessarily quite Premier League standard, it was definitely worth going back for seconds.



Mike does love his food!

MOMENT OF THE SEASON

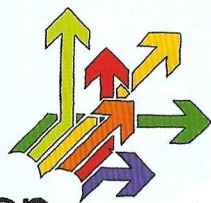
Without doubt, Scott Rendell's strike against Norwich City as he stunned the Carrow Road faithful with the only goal of the game in the FA Cup tie. The competition served up another as the packed out Kenilworth Road for games against Wolves and Millwall gave Town's supporters the chance to hark back to yesteryear. The roar that greeted Lawless' match-winning volley against Wolves will live in the memory too, and hopefully it won't be too long until those kinds of games become the norm once more. On another note, Adam Watkins' late goal against Skelmersdale could be included, as there wasn't a single person who fancied a midweek trip there!

WORST TRIP

Dorchester in the Trophy. All the way there only to find out it was called off. Never fun. Almost missing the start of the league clash at Grimsby due to gridlocked traffic was another.

And there you have it. Another year done and dusted, here's hoping there's more to celebrate when the end of 2013/14 campaign comes around!

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THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

BY CHIEF REPORTER STUART HAMMONDS

It was May 2005 and Andy Ford, the former Gravesend & Northfleet manager, gave me a number for his Stonebridge Road old boy Jimmy Bullard.

"Give him a bell, I bet he'd love to do a piece," said Ford, as I explained how I wanted to write a spread for The NLP on not only the former Non-League player, but also the ex-Non-League club, Wigan Athletic, who had just won promotion to the Premier League.

When the Latics reached the FA Cup final last weekend, I thought back to that chat with Bullard. And Ford was right.

It's not often you get given a number for a Premier League player so easily. It's also not often they answer. Bullard, who learnt his trade with both the Fleet and Dartford, picked up straight away.

"Elo mate," he said, as if he'd known me for years. "Listen, I'm just loading my suitcase and golf clubs into the car because the chairman's taking us to the Caribbean, and I'm going to get a few rounds in of both kinds – know what I mean? Give me five minutes and I'll bell you back."

And he did. For about 45 minutes we chatted as he drove to the airport, about his Non-League upbringing, going to West Ham, then Peterborough and then, finally, what might lie in store in the big league.

Bullard didn't do badly, despite the disappointing end to his career with knee injuries and contract disputes at Hull City and Ipswich Town. Wigan, on the other hand, have done fantastically.

It's 35 years since they were elected into the Football League as replacements for Southport, despite finishing runners-up in the Northern Premier League to Boston United, whose York Street ground wasn't up to scratch.

The DW Stadium built by the chairman Bullard was talking about, Dave Whelan, is a far cry from the Springfield Park ground that earned Wigan their

status, but there is still a touch of Non-League about the place.

Take the fact that only 20,000 took the opportunity to buy one of 31,000 tickets made available for last week's semi-final against Millwall, whose minority of idiotic followers took much of their glory away.

Forgetting the travel problems caused by a 5.15pm kick-off in north London for a side from the north-west, we have to remember that although Wigan have grown over those four decades, they average only 19,000 in the Premier League, and that Wembley take-up represents a quarter of a traditionally rugby league centric town's population.



Yes, they struggle to survive each year in the top-flight. But if I had a pound for every 'It's Wigan Time' I've heard in recent weeks, as Roberto Martinez's side get their act together in the league, I'd be able to help Whelan reclaim some of the millions he's invested.

Now is Wigan Time, all right. They're in an FA Cup final at Wembley, 40 years after they lost to Scarborough there in the FA Trophy.

And while they might not yet have received the romantic write-ups of Wimbledon's Crazy Gang in 1988, every Non-League supporter should be on their side when they face Manchester City on May 11. Because one day, it could be you and your team.

YOUTH FIXTURES

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

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

Wed 03	P'boro Northern Star	H	W 6-0	Banton 3, Amu, McKenzie-Lowe, Trotman
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, Mwagala
Sat 08	Northampton Town	A	W 3-0	Jibodu, Banton, Amu

JANUARY

Sat 12	Milton Keynes Dons	H	L 2-3	Magarushe, 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	L 0-2	

APRIL

Sat 06	Gillingham	H	D 2-2	Amu, Banton
Wed 17	Southend United	H	W 3-0	Banton, Amu, Trotman
Sat 20	Portsmouth	A	11.00am	
Tue 23	Crawley Town	A	11.00am	

YOUTH UPDATE

The Town's Under-18s kept their Youth Alliance title chances alive with a fine 3-0 win over Southend United on Wednesday morning.

The victory leaves the young Hatters five points adrift of league leaders Leyton Orient - who take on Watford at the weekend - with Paul Driver's side still to play two more games this season, at Portsmouth at the weekend and Crawley next Tuesday.

Against the Shrimpers the Town went ahead on the half-hour mark when Zane Banton finished well with a left-foot shot from 15 yards. In wet and windy conditions the Hatters doubled their lead when Arel Amu blasted home from inside the penalty area four minutes before half-time.

The Town were well on top, and their dominance was rewarded on the hour mark when Luke Trotman took a lovely pass from Charlie Smith to volley home from 15 yards to make it 3-0.

Leeroy Magarushe hit the crossbar in injury time as the Hatters came close to adding a fourth but the three points delighted boss Driver.

He told Talk of the Town: "Given the difficult conditions it was an excellent all round performance against a Southend side who are always tough to play.

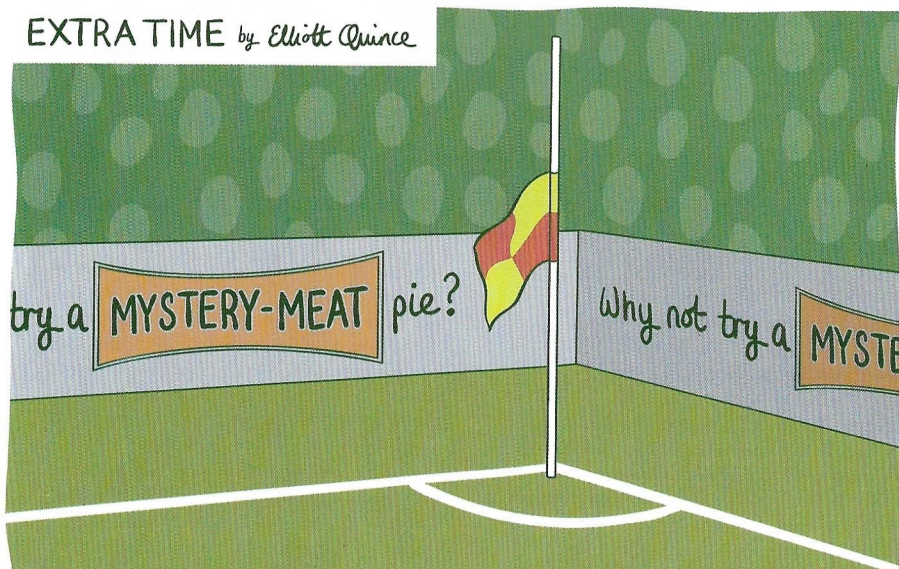
"The most pleasing aspect of our game was our decision making and it is always good to keep a clean sheet. Our defending has been a particular highlight of our season and it's a testament to the lads at the back that we have the best defensive record in the league, which, for such a young back-line, is fantastic and something we can really build on next season.

"The win keeps up our chances of winning the title but we're relying on a favour from Watford and we have to win both of remaining two matches.

"Our game against Portsmouth at the weekend is likely to be the match that decides who finishes in second and third place but at the start of the season I would have bitten your hand off for a top three finish."

TOWN: Barnes, Jibodu, Hawkes, Rees, Chabata, Jules (sub Stephens), Trotman, Smith, Amu (sub Tayali), Banton, Magarushe. **Subs not used:** Carpenter, Kirkpatrick, Amadi.



EXTRA TIME by Elliott Quince



The corner flags were flying at half-mast to mark the end of a disappointing season

2012/13 YOUTH TEAM

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UPDATE

WITH HEAD OF YOUTH WAYNE TURNER

WE HAVE A DREAM!

Tonight maybe the first team's last home game but there is still one more important game left at Kenilworth Road this season.

On Tuesday 30th April Luton Town Under-16s will play Tottenham Hotspur Under-16s. What a lovely ring that has to it.

The game, which I encourage you all to come and watch, has been arranged with the help of Dean Rastrick, an former employee here at Luton Town, whose hard work and determination has led him to fronting the youth development programme at White Hart Lane.

The boys on show at Kenilworth Road next week will be the ones that we have signed for next season who join the Under-18s group – a team that are currently sitting second in the Youth Alliance table with two games left to play against Portsmouth and Crawley.

The Under-18 group next season will be made up of eight or nine first years, plus these boys from the Under-16s which will give us a very exciting group which we are looking forward to watching play. As ever, they will be judged on their progress in the FA Youth Cup, as all clubs are, as well as the important league campaign, which the current team have been so successful in this season.

We have a dream that in three years time our first team could be made up of a number of players from next year's Under-18s group. It sounds ridiculous, but I seem to remember one club in the north west of England which went on to do just that, and they are the world's most famous football club. It was said at the time that such a group of talented young players coming through at once only happens once in a lifetime...but they are proof that it can happen, however rare. If our boys believe it and push each other, together with the staff's support, who knows what can be achieved.

The current Under-16 group, as well as playing their regular Saturday programme, compete in a midweek Under-18s league, and they take on Boreham Wood in a Play-Off on Wednesday 22nd. This will mean the squad will have to deal with the power and strength of older players one week before taking on the silky skills of Spurs in the next.

This group of players have been managed terrifically well by Joe Deeney, who alongside my other coaching staff of Matt Stannard, Lee Cowley, Jordan McCann and Scott Smith, have done an outstanding job alongside Paul Driver, our Under-18s coach, to get their respective age groups playing as well as they have done every weekend. Furthermore the full-time staff and our success this season would be nothing without the tireless work of our part-time staff, including physiotherapists, analysts and sports scientists.

If we took each age group from Under-9s to Under-15s and put them in a league table, each would be in the top three of each age category, based on number of games won.

Achievement

That is a fantastic achievement for this football club given the competition we have to face from a number of clubs in our region, including Southend, Northampton, MK Dons and Peterborough.

This stems from our recruitment policy and our pyramid structure consisting of centre of excellence, pre-academy and academy that is run brilliantly by Kevin Thoburn, which is the envy of all the clubs in our regional vicinity.

I would like to finish my programmes notes this season by thanking each and every parent of our players in our centre of excellence, pre-academy and academy. They have been fantastic in their desire and flexibility to get their boys to training and to matches, especially the 'odds', our Under-9s, 11s and 13s, who seem to play more away games than they do at home. I apologise for that and can assure you it is something we will look to change next season.

To all you Luton supporters, obviously it's disappointing that the first team haven't made the Play-Offs this year, but the future is most certainly bright, and we'd love for you to see for yourselves when we play Tottenham a week on Tuesday.

Good luck to John Still and the first team staff.

A new era is under way at the club and I'd like to wish everyone connected to the club all the best for the summer before pre-seasons starts in July.

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LUTON LADIES

With the senior ladies squads season coming to its conclusion with both the first and reserve teams finishing mid-table we are delighted to report that two of the Town's youth squads remain in pursuit of the treble of League, League Cup and County Cup.

The Under-18s need just a single point from their final two games of the season to become League champions thanks to last weekend's 7-1 defeat of Sacred Heart.

Tamera Bayne, Steph Hettle and Kerry Keyte all netted twice with Shona Leo rounding off the scoring.

They now face Toddington Rovers in the League Cup final on 12th May and Leighton United in the County Cup final in pursuit of their treble on 28th April.

The Under-14 squad are in a unique position of having to overcome AFC Kempston in all three competitions.

Goals

A 3-0 win over EBE Lions with goals from Phoebe Brown, Lucy Higgs and Lilley Coleman moved Town level at the top. A further display of attacking football four days later brought a 9-3 win over Flitwick to put Luton on top of the table.

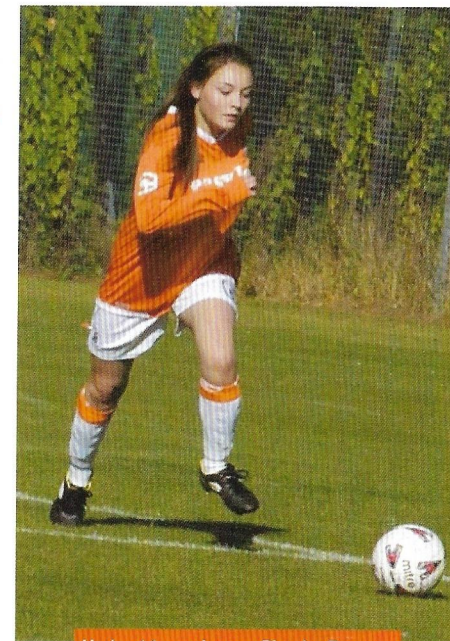
Brown fired a hat-trick with Chloe Fitzsimmons and Higgs also scoring twice. Lilley Coleman and Aimee Esser completed the scoring. Two more wins will set up a last day finale where Luton would need to win by two goals to grab the title.

Win

Following their League title win last season the Under-13s moved to a more competitive league where they were placed into the top division.

The squad have performed well throughout the season, and look set for a top half finish following their latest 2-0 victory over Garston. Natalie Case and Rebecca Ferris were the scorers.

On 28th April a female football day will be held at Creasey Park in Dunstable beginning with the



Under-14s goalscorer Phoebe Brown

Under-18 final, followed by the Under-14 and finally a 3pm kick-off in the main stadium where the Town take on Bedford determined to regain the trophy and extend their record number of wins in this competition.

Players

The Club is currently looking for players in all age groups and in particular the senior section for season 2013/14.

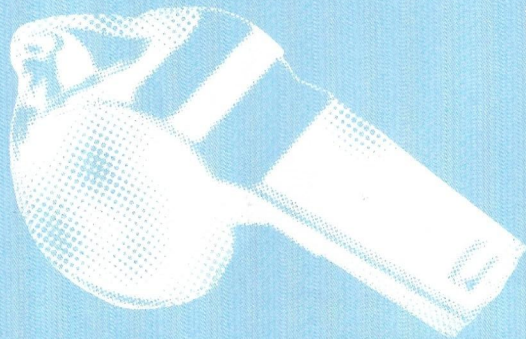
Players are sought in all positions and all that is required that you are over 16 have a desire to play for Luton Town and are keen to play football at the highest possible standard.

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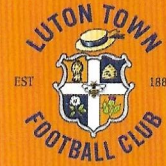
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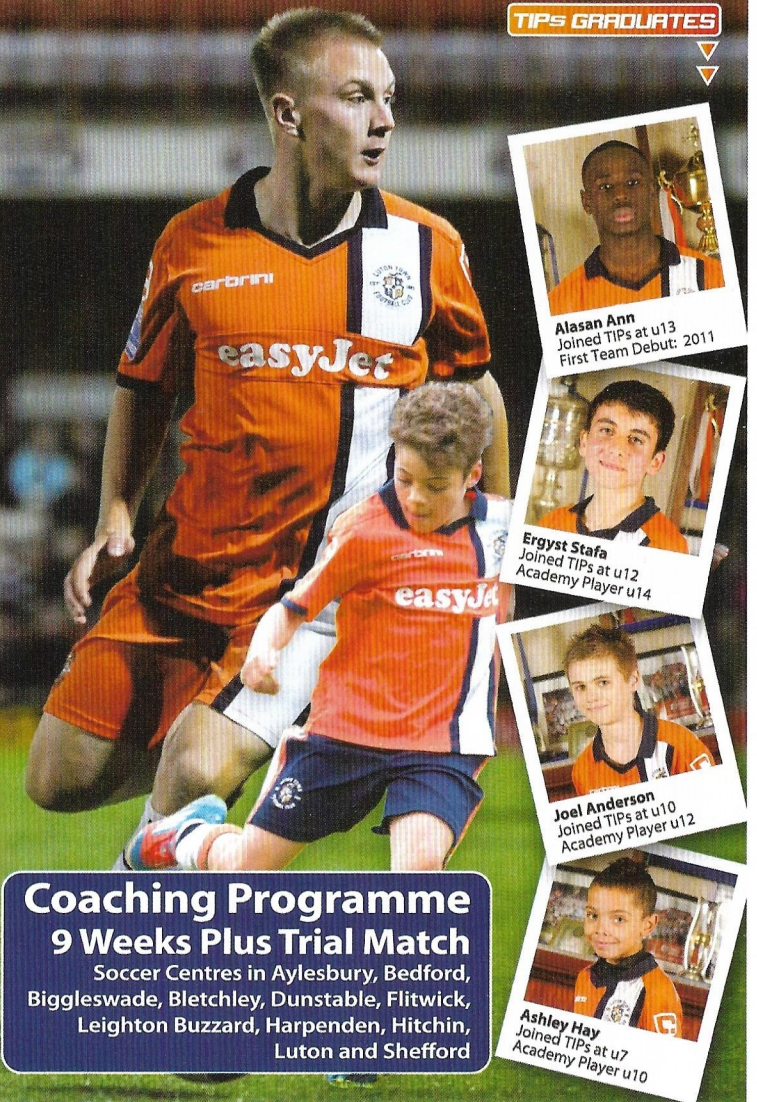
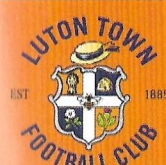
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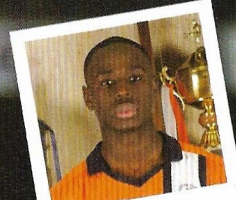
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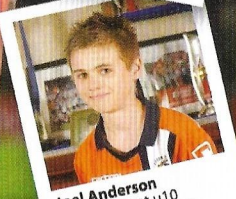
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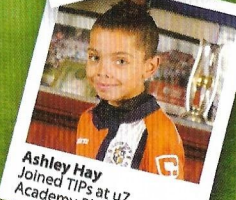
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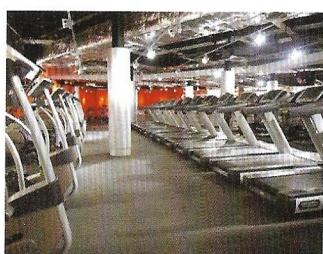
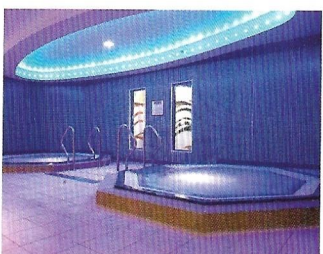
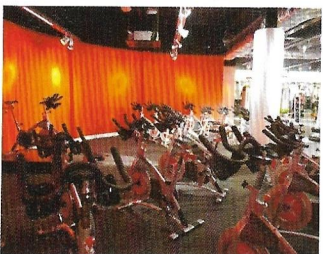
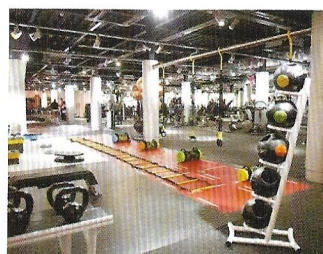
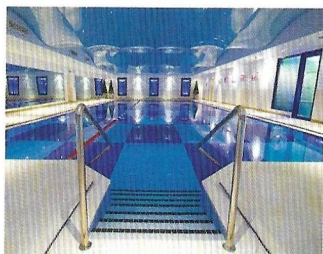


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JOE FLEMONS ROUNDS UP THE LATEST IN THE BSBP

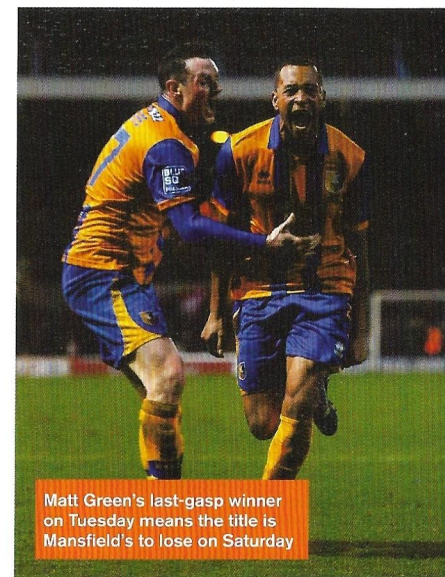
The formalities are still to be decided but after another action packed round of midweek fixtures in the Blue Square Premier a number of teams are now aware of their final fate – knowing what they have to do to either go up or stay up.

The race for the title will be heading to the final day of the season after a last-gasp comeback from Mansfield Town. With Kidderminster not scheduled to play, the Stags had the chance to top the table outright with a win as they finally recouped their game in hand on Steve Burr's men against Hereford on Tuesday.

But it was the Bulls who had a dream start when Ryan Bowman netted inside 10 minutes with cheers being heard as far afield as Aggborough before Matt Green nabbed home his 23rd of the season. Tenacity wins you titles, and Paul Cox must have been rubbing his hands with glee as his Stags go-to-guy Green who popped up, yet again, with a last-gasp stoppage time winner to take a giant step towards the Blue Square Bet Premier crown.

Mansfield host Wrexham on the final day of the season knowing a win will seal the title regardless of Harriers' outcome as they host relegation threatened Stockport County. Both Wrexham and Stockport will prove steely opposition in the title race however with the Dragons needing a win to secure fifth spot and County needing three points to claw their way away from the drop. Ian Bogie's men are currently the occupants of that dreaded final relegation place but with four sides still mathematically teetering on the edge, three points have never been so important.

Gateshead are another side in danger of facing the drop after their 1-1 draw with County on Tuesday evening. Both sides went at it hammer and tongs with Gateshead's Josh Gillies crashing home the opener briefly before the hour mark. The kitchen sink was the last thing remaining in Stockport as they hurled everything they had at the Heed knowing their Blue Square Premier status relied on their efforts. Their continued pressure was finally rewarded with a stoppage time leveller from Adnan Cirak kept a slither of survival alive.



Matt Green's last-gasp winner on Tuesday means the title is Mansfield's to lose on Saturday

Tamworth are also clawing their way against the grain with a 1-1 draw with tonight's visitors Ebbsfleet.

Meanwhile, Lincoln City are currently the highest-placed side still facing the drop and they host in form Hyde at Sincil Bank on Saturday evening as the Blue Square Bet Premier drama goes down to the last day.

The pressure now surrounds the six clubs uncertain of their fate at both the top and bottom of the division and will ensure the 5.15 kick offs on Saturday evening are approached with meticulous and methodical awareness but above all unencumbered entertainment.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES

AFC TELFORD v HEREFORD

ALFRETON v FOREST GREEN

BARROW v BRAINTREE

DARTFORD v NUNEATON

GATESHEAD v EBBSFLEET

GRIMSBY v NEWPORT

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TAMWORTH v WOKING

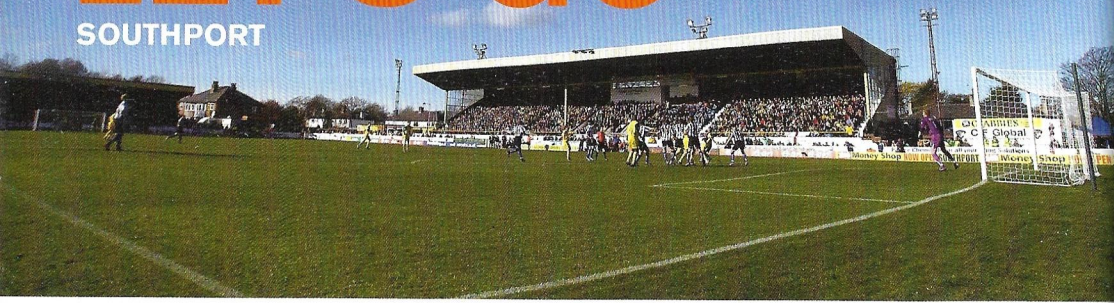
FIXTURES AND RESULTS

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI											
August																			
Sat 11	15:00	H	Gateshead	D 2-2	6,743	76	11	Tyler	Taylor**	Rowe-Turner	Henry	Kovacs	Kasim*	Howells	O'Donnell	Rendell	Gray***		
Tue 14	19:45	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,275	542	4	Tyler	Henry	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	Rendell	Shaw		
Sat 25	15:00	H	AFC Telford United	L 0-1	5,970	111	9	Tyler	Lawless	Howells	Rowe-Turner	Henry	Kasim*	Watkins**	O'Donnell	Rendell	Shaw		
Mon 27	15:00	A	Ebbsfleet United	W 3-1	2,018	1,246	5	Tyler	Lawless	Taylor	Rowe-Turner	Beckwith	Howells	O'Donnell**	Gray*	Shaw			
September																			
Sat 1	15:00	H	Macclesfield Town	W 4-1	5,803	111	3	Tyler	Beckwith	Kovacs***	Rowe-Turner*	Lawless	Taylor	O'Donnell	Howells	Rendell	Gray		
Tue 4	19:45	H	Cambridge United	W 3-2	6,742	622	2	Tyler	Rowe-Turner	Beckwith	Kovacs*1	Lawless	O'Donnell	Howells	Rendell	Gray	1**		
Sat 8	15:00	A	Alfreton Town	L 0-3	1,392	768	5	Tyler	Henry	Taylor*	Beckwith	Kovacs**	Lawless	O'Donnell	Howells	Watkins***	J. Robinson		
Sat 15	15:00	H	Wrexham	D 0-0	6,675	319	5	Tyler	Henry	Howells*	Beckwith	Kovacs	Lawless	O'Donnell	Rendell	Fleetwood**	Gray***		
Fri 21	19:45	A	Grimsby Town	L 1-4	4,074	125	6	Tyler	Henry**	Howells	Beckwith	Kovacs*	Lawless	O'Donnell	Rendell	Fleetwood***	Gray		
Tue 25	19:45	A	Tamworth	W 2-1	1,137	390	5	Tyler	Henry*	Rowe-Turner**	Beckwith	Essam	Lawless	O'Donnell	Howells	Gray	Rendell		
Sat 29	15:00	H	Southport	W 3-1	5,696	77	4	Tyler	Henry	Howells	Essam	Ainge	Lawless	O'Donnell	Kasim*	Rendell	2***	Gray	
October																			
Sat 6	15:00	A	Lincoln City	W 2-1	2,970	864	4	Tyler	Henry	Howells	Essam	Ainge	Lawless	O'Donnell	Rendell*	J. Robinson**	Gray***		
Tue 9	19:45	H	Braintree Town	L 2-3	5,523	55	4	Tyler	Henry	Howells	Essam**	Ainge	Lawless	O'Donnell	J. Robinson*	Gray	Shaw		
Sat 13	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town	W 2-0	6,148	284	3	Tyler	Henry	Rowe-Turner	Essam*	Ainge	Lawless	2	O'Donnell	Rendell	Gray**		
Sat 20	13:00	A	Cambridge United (FAC4D)	W 2-0	2,321	601	-	Tyler	Henry	Howells	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Lawless*	O'Donnell	Mendy	Gray	1***	Shaw	
Sat 27	15:00	A	Forest Green Rovers	W 2-1	2,212	1,002	2	Brill	Henry	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Ainge	Howells	Mendy	Rendell	1	Gray	Shaw	
November																			
Sat 3	15:00	H	Nuneaton Town (FAC1)	D 1-1	3,089	355	-	Brill	Henry	Howells	Kovacs	Rowe-Turner*	O'Donnell	Mendy	Rendell	1	Gray	Walker	
Tue 6	19:45	A	Hatfield United	L 0-1	2,108	372	3	Brill	Henry	Rowe-Turner***	Kovacs**	Ainge	Smith	Mendy	Howells	Gray*	Rendell		
Sat 10	15:00	H	Dartford	L 0-2	6,567	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		
Sat 17	15:00	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	2,619	522	6	Tyler	Henry	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Ainge	Mendy	Smith	Lawless	Howells	Rendell		
Tue 27	19:45	A	Dorchester Town (FAT1)	D 2-2	688	163	-	Tyler	Henry	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Ainge	O'Donnell	Smith	Lawless**	Howells	Rendell		
December																			
Sat 1	15:00	H	Dorchester Town (FAC2)	W 2-1	3,287	458	-	Tyler	Henry	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*	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	Howells	Lawless	Rendell**	
Tue 11	19:45	A	Newport County	L 2-5	2,247	177	5	Tyler	Henry	Rowe-Turner	Ainge	Beckwith	O'Donnell**	Mendy*	Walker*	Howells	Lawless	Rendell	
Sat 15	15:00	A	Matlock Town (FAT2)	W 2-1	823	116	-	Brill	Henry	Howells	Ainge	1	Kovacs	O'Donnell**	Mendy	Lawless	Rendell	Gray*	
Wed 26	15:00	H	Woking	W 3-1	6,744	235	4	Tyler	Henry	Howells	Ainge	Kovacs	1	Lawless	Mendy	Rendell	1	Fleetwood*	Gray**
January																			
Tue 1	13:00	A	Woking	L 1-3	2,961	939	5	Tyler	Henry	Howells***	Ainge	Kovacs	Lawless	Mendy*	Neilson	Rendell	Gray	1	
Sat 5	15:00	H	Wolves (FAC3)	W 1-0	9,638	1,500	-	Tyler	Henry	Taylor	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Lawless	1	Mendy*	Smith	O'Donnell*	Shaw	
Tue 8	19:45	H	Barrow	W 6-1	5,165	31	5	Tyler	Henry	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	1	Lawless	Mendy	Smith*	Neilson	1	Shaw	3**
Sat 12	15:00	H	Skemmerdale United (FAT3)	W 2-0	2,479	220	-	Brill	Lawless	Jibodu***	Ainge	Rowe-Turner	Robinson	Mendy	Howells	Dance*	Walker*	Shaw	
Tue 15	19:45	A	AFC Telford United	D 0-0	1,606	162	6	Tyler	Henry	Taylor	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Lawless	Mendy	Smith	Neilson*	Shaw	Rendell	
Sat 26	15:00	A	Norwich City (FAC4)	W 1-0	26,521	4,900	-	Tyler	Henry	Taylor	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Lawless	Mendy*	Smith	Howells	Shaw**	Rendell	
Tue 29	19:45	A	Grimsby Town (FATQF)	L 0-3	2,791	75	-	Brill	Henry	Howells	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs	Lawless	Mendy*	Smith	O'Donnell***	Fleetwood		
February																			
Sat 2	15:00	A	Barrow	L 0-1	1,188	188	7	Tyler	Henry	Taylor***	Rowe-Turner	McNulty	Lawless	Mendy*	Smith	Martin	Shaw**		
Sat 9	15:00	H	Forest Green Rovers	D 1-1	6,374	110	7	Tyler	Henry	Howells	Kovacs	McNulty	Lawless	Smith	Neilson*	Martin**	Shaw		
Tue 12	19:45	A	Dartford	L 0-1	1,802	475	7	Tyler	Henry	Howells	Kovacs	McNulty	Mendy***	Smith	Neilson	Martin**	Shaw*		
Sat 16	12:45	H	Millwall (FAC5)	L 0-3	9,768	1,530	-	Tyler	Taylor	Kovacs	Henry	Howells	Lawless	Mendy**	Smith	O'Donnell*	Rendell		
Tue 19	19:45	A	Macclesfield Town	D 1-1	1,984	278	8	Tyler	Henry	Taylor***	Rowe-Turner	McNulty	Howells	Lawless	Smith**	Shaw	Rendell*		
Sat 23	15:00	H	Cambridge United	L 2-3	5,968	410	8	Tyler	Henry	Rowe-Turner	Thomas	McNulty	Smith	Lawless	Martin*	Neilson*	Rendell		
Tue 26	19:45	A	Braintree Town	L 0-2	1,003	351	10	Tyler	Henry	Rowe-Turner*	Thomas	McNulty	Mendy***	Smith	Lawless	Rendell**	Fleetwood		
March																			
Sat 2	15:00	A	Stockport County	W 1-0	4,074	372	8	Tyler	Henry	Rowe-Turner	Kovacs*	McNulty	Howells	1	Smith	Mendy	Lawless	Fleetwood	
Tue 5	19:45	A	Nuneaton Town	D 0-0	1,173	507	7	Tyler	Henry	Rowe-Turner	Goodman	McNulty	Howells	Smith	Mendy*	Lawless	Fleetwood		
Sat 9	15:00	H	Hareford 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	Taiwo	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
April																			
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	W 3-0	5,393	173	9	Brill	Henry	Griffiths	Ainge	McNulty	Martin	2	Smith	Robinson	Lawless*	Shaw**	
Fri 12	19:45	H	Grimsby Town	D 1-1	5,662	290	8	Brill	Smith	Griffiths	Rowe-Turner	McNulty	Martin	2	Taiwo	Robinson	Lawless	1	Shaw*
Tue 16	19:45	H	Newport County	D 2-2	5,125	103	11	Brill	Smith	Griffiths	Rowe-Turner	McNulty	Martin	Taiwo	Robinson	Lawless*	Shaw**		
Thu 18	19:45	H	Ebbsfleet United																
Sat 20	17:15	A	Southport																

SUBS														
Fleetwood 1	Brill	Beckwith	Lawless**	Watkins***	Shaw 1									
Fleetwood* 2	Brill	Beckwith	Walker	O'Donnell	Gray*	Robinson**								
Fleetwood*** 1	Brill	Beckwith	Howells*	Gray**	Robinson***									
Fleetwood	Brill	Beckwith	Taylor*	Gray*	Woolley*									
Fleetwood 2	Brill	Lacey	Watkins**	Kasim	Woolley*									
Fleetwood 1	Brill	Essam***	Watkins*	Woolley**	Walker									
Fleetwood**	Brill	Essam*	Watkins	Woolley**	Kasim									
Gray	Brill	Essam**	Kasim*	Fleetwood***	Rowe-Turner									
Shaw	Rowe-Turner*	Essam	Kasim***	J. Robinson	Walker**									
Shaw	Rowe-Turner	Essam*	Kasim**	J. Robinson***	Walker									
Shaw***	Fleetwood***	1	Kasim**	J. Robinson*	Kovacs									
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**									

LET'S GO

SOUTHPORT



The curtain comes down on another season as the Hatters' 2012/13 campaign draws to a close with a trip to Haig Avenue to take on Southport in the Blue Square Bet Premier.

SOUTHPORT



So, Southport? Yep, nicknamed the Sandgrounders. Don't forget they are another former Football League side in the Blue Square Bet Premier, and it looks pretty certain we'll be playing them again next term too.

Oh really? Yes, Sandgrounders manager Liam Watson has again worked wonders on a limited budget and should be safe from relegation going into their final game against the Town on Saturday. It's Stockport that have it all to do to get themselves out of the relegation zone. They are five points behind Southport with two games in hand but Tamworth, Gateshead and Lincoln are also in the mix in the battle to avoid the drop.

Hardly home comforts Watson's side have conceded more goals at home than any other side in the Blue Square Bet Premier, having shipped 41 goals at Haig Avenue. Southport have lost exactly half of their 22 home matches, only winning seven times. You have to go back to 5th March for the last time they won on home soil – a 2-1 win over Cambridge – and since then they've lost their last four matches, against Alfreton, Newport, Kidderminster and Forest Green.

On the road It'll be a 372-mile round-trip for the Town from the Maple Road car park to Haig Avenue, so Google maps tell us. It's a simple enough journey. Take the M1 and M6 north. Leave the M6 at junction 26. Take the M58, leaving at junction 3 and then take the A570 into Southport. Punch in the postcode PR8 6JZ to get you right there.

Bobbing along As ever the Bobbers Travel Club are running a coach to Haig Avenue (also called, for sponsorship reasons the Merseyrail Community Stadium –

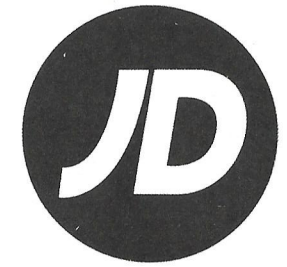
catchy). They leave the Maple Road car park at 11 am and the fare is £26 for adults and £23 for concessions.

Head-to-head The Town will be attempting to win at Southport for the first time since a Tuesday night in September 1969. That evening goals from Malcolm Macdonald, Graham French and Chris Nicholl gave the Hatters a 3-0 win. The Town haven't won on their last two visits since, losing 2-1 in 2011 and drawing 3-3 in a topsy-turvy encounter last season which saw the Hatters 2-0 down and 3-2 up.

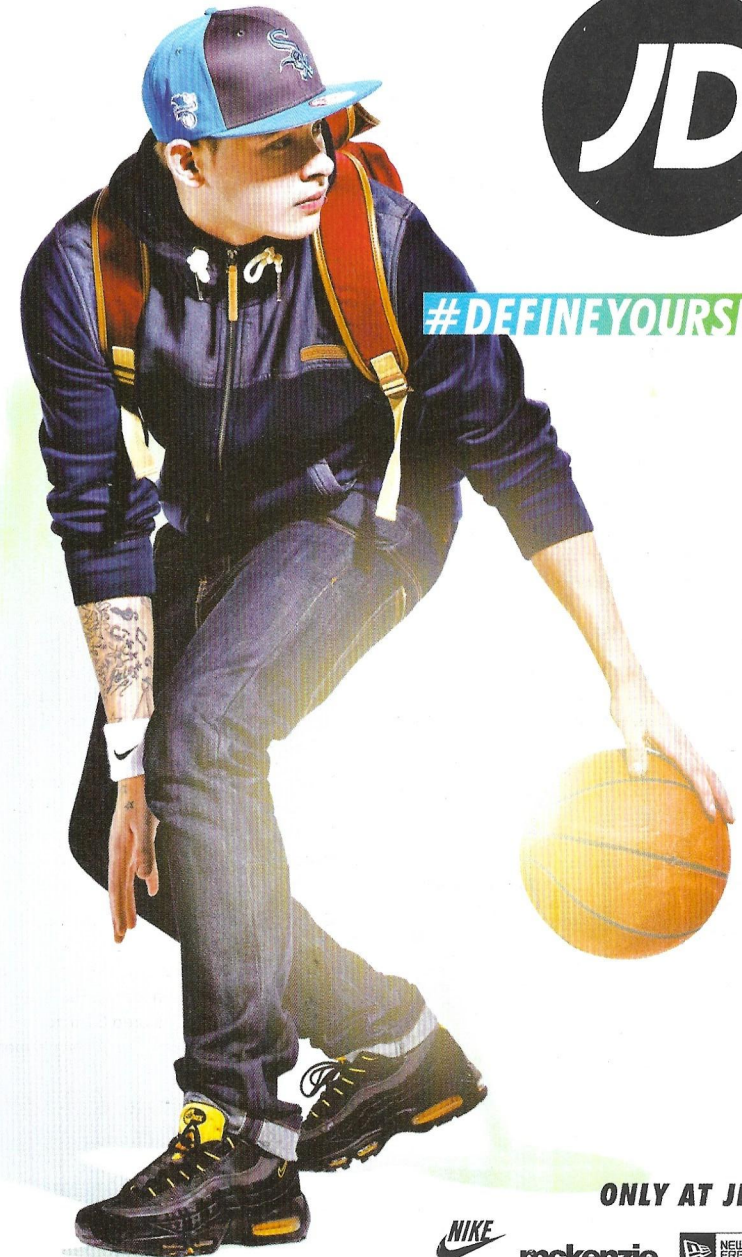
It's been a while Both sides meet for the first time since late September when the Hatters ran out comfortable 3-1 winners at Kenilworth Road. Two goals from Scott Rendell and one from Stuart Fleetwood was enough to see off the Sandgrounders.

Good God-frey! The Sandgrounders have one former Town man in their ranks in the shape of Godfrey Poku. Having left Kenilworth Road in the summer the combative central midfielder is on loan at Haig Avenue from Mansfield, and has featured 31 times in the Blue Square Bet Premier this season for Watson's men. He's been booked 10 times.

Last but not least The Town have a miserable record in recent years in their final (regular, not counting Play-Offs) game of the season. Last season's 2-0 win at Fleetwood was their first in nine attempts at winning their last match of a campaign. Over the last 20 years the Hatters have only won four of their last games of the season, and three of those have come away from Kenilworth Road. Those have come at Fleetwood (2-0 in 2011), Shrewsbury (2-0 in 2002) and Millwall (1-0 in 1999). The sole home win came thanks to late winner from Rory Allen (remember him – best loan signing ever?) against Carlisle in 1998.



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TONIGHT'S TEAMS



LUTON TOWN

Mark Tyler	1
Lathaniel Rowe-Turner	2
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
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



EBBSFLEET UNITED

1	Preston Edwards
2	Craig Stone
3	Ryan Blake
5	Phil Walsh
6	Paul Lorraine
7	Liam Enver-Marum
8	Ram Marwa
9	Nathan Elder
10	Moses Ashikodi
11	Tom Phipp
12	Lucas Menz
14	Joe Howe
15	Neil Barrett
16	Liam Bellamy
17	Gareth Gwillim
18	Lanre Azeez
19	Adam Williams
20	Matt Godden
21	Jack Saville
22	Stefan Payne
23	Ashley Carew
25	Dammy Shitta

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: P. Rees
ASSISTANT: C. Francis
ASSISTANT: L. Wood
FOURTH OFFICIAL: A. Serrano

AWAY NEXT

SOUTHPORT

BLUE SQUARE BET PREMIER

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2013

KICK-OFF 5.15PM

