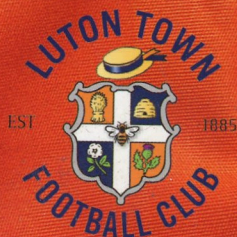


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“ Today we have the pleasure of not only welcoming Grimsby Town to Kenilworth Road but also, for the first time, to the Skrill Premier's official broadcasters, BT Sport.

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Today's fixture pits two highly-fancied former Football League teams head-to-head. No wonder the television schedulers plumped for it.

Many of you will also get to see our latest signing Paul Benson in action for the first time today. He got off to a fine start on his debut last weekend at Kidderminster, and you can read more on that victory and from Paul throughout this programme. Enjoy! #COYH ”



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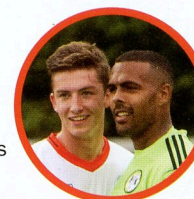
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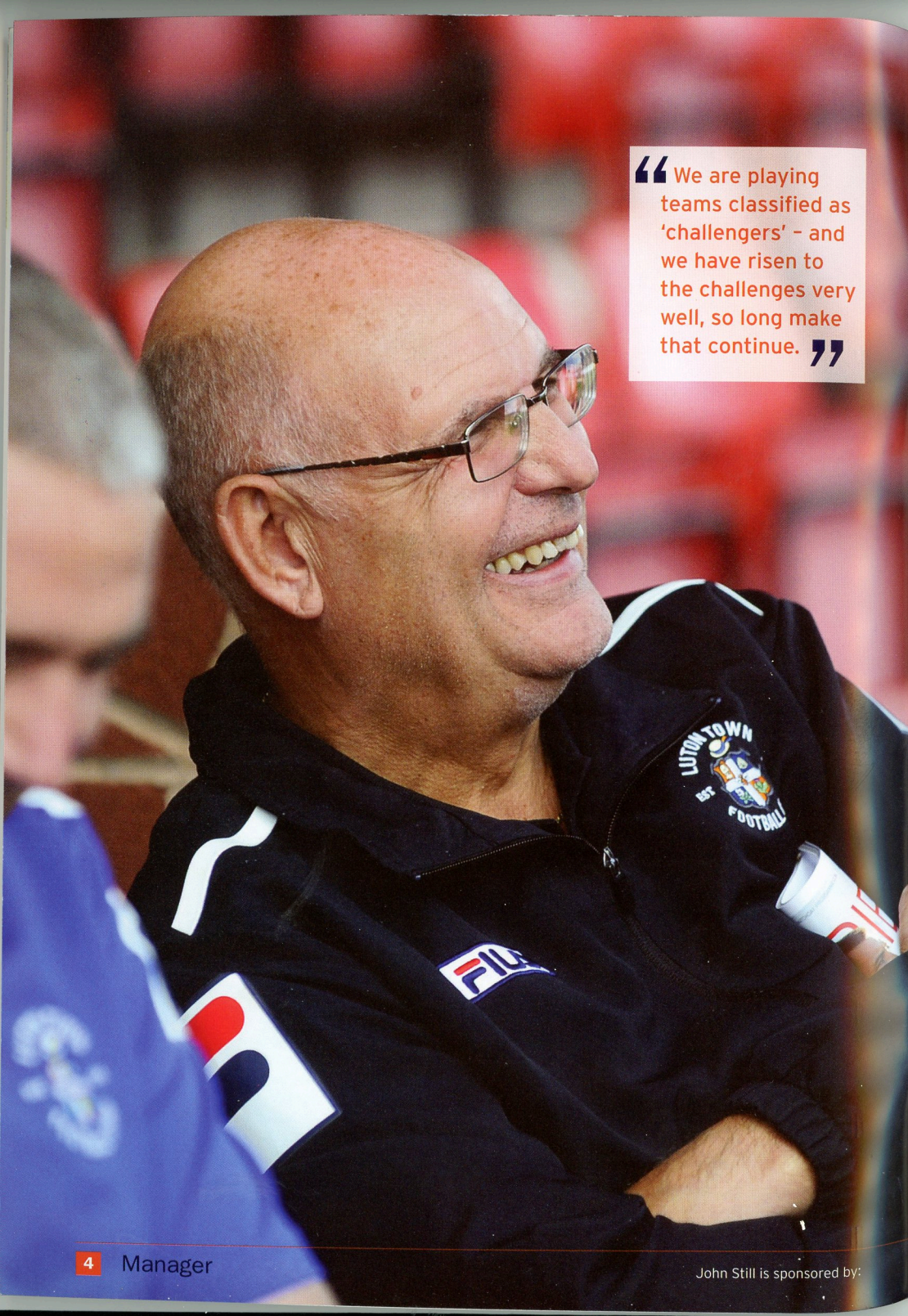
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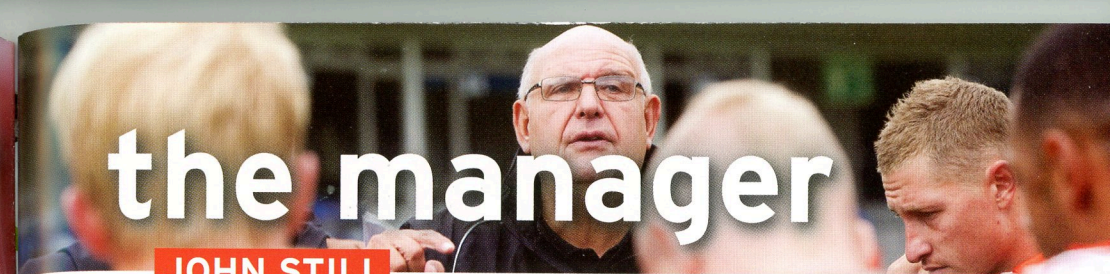
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the manager

JOHN STILL

Good evening and welcome to Kenilworth Road to you all for this Skrill Premier fixture with Grimsby Town.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Paul Hurst, the Grimsby manager, plus his staff and players plus the directors and supporters of the Mariners.

Today's game is being screened live by BT Sport which brings with it a touch more attention than normal. It's great to see BT Sport broadcasting Conference football. It brings this level to a much wider audience and gives many people the chance to see the quality that exists in this division. It's good for football and good for the Skrill Premier's profile.

Our opponents this evening had a good year last season. They reached the FA Trophy final and were narrowly beaten in the Play-Offs by a Newport County side who would go on and regain their Football League status.

Contenders

This evening we have to respect our opponents. Given Grimsby's final league position and their performances throughout their last campaign suggests they are one of the strong contenders for promotion this time around.

We find ourselves playing this match at a good time. We have come through a series of difficult fixtures having acquitted ourselves very, very well, especially last Saturday away to Kidderminster Harriers. It was a strong performance as I've seen since I have been at the club. Every player put in a solid display and it helped secure a fine 2-0 victory. It's the kind of performance that each and every player could be happy with when they walked off the pitch at the end. We scored two goals, albeit two penalties, but I still believe the result was a fair reflection of the game.

The players have responded well following a slow start. The last three games in particular have been hugely encouraging and to keep three clean sheets against three of the favourites for promotion is a massive bonus.

Today the players will have to be in the same vein of form to keep the run going. Grimsby are an excellent side but we meet them at a good time. Our last few performances have been very, very good but the most pleasing aspect for me is that I know there is a lot of improvement still left in us, both as individuals and as a team.

These are my first notes since we were able to bring striker Paul Benson to the club so I'd like to officially welcome Paul to Kenilworth Road. Obviously we know each other very well, having signed him for Dagenham & Redbridge from White Ensign. He is going to be a valuable member of the team and showed what he is capable of on his debut last weekend.

Challengers

Looking further ahead we are again on television next Friday when we make the trip to Wrexham. It is sure to be another tough encounter. Andy Morrell's side have proven to be a strong team at this level over the last couple of the seasons. But we are in that mode where we are playing teams classified as 'challengers' – and we have risen to the challenges very well, so long make that continue.

On Tuesday I witnessed our development side register another victory, beating Stevenage 3-1, which saw a number of the lads who have yet to taste first team action the chance to impress. They all did that with aplomb. Matt Robinson, Jim Stevenson, Jake Woolley and Alex Wall – who mostly notably got 75 minutes under his belt after overcoming a virus – all did well and it's great to see that we have a number of players knocking on my proverbial door with performances like this.

Turning my attention back to today, one of my biggest messages for you is 'get behind your team'. Stay with us for the whole 90 minutes because your support is – and has been in recent weeks, especially – unbelievable.

Make sure you get behind your team and let's hope for a positive result.

Enjoy the game

John Still

boardroom

WITH DIRECTOR DAVID BLAKEMAN



Welcome to today's game against Grimsby Town.

Our opponents today have made a solid start and we fully expect them to be in the shake-up for promotion come the end of the season.

We also welcome a former Luton player, Alan

Goodall, who has recently signed for this evening's visitors on a one month loan deal, to cover for injuries to various key players, as well as winger Scott Neilson who was with us for a spell last season.

The result and performance at Kidderminster last Saturday was hugely encouraging. Paul Benson made a marvellous debut and the team, as a whole, performed superbly, to my mind, to record a very important win – at the home ground of another of our promotion rivals. Wins at venues like Kidderminster are crucial if we are to achieve our ambition of securing automatic promotion this season. We will not, of course, win every such game, but Saturday's performance made it abundantly clear that this squad is capable of being in the mix come the end of the campaign.

Our away support was also vocal and hugely supportive. Many thanks to all of those supporters who

made the trip up to Kidderminster. The noise generated from our fans evidently helped lift the team – although their performance suggested that a lift was perhaps, on this occasion, not particularly necessary.

We have been undertaking lots of work off the pitch, as well as on it. Recent programme notes have discussed various aspects of what we're doing behind the scenes. I hope you have noticed that the catering option has been significantly improved. We hope to press on further in this respect.

Improvements

We are undertaking various ground improvements to improve the experience of supporters attending the stadium. Again, and notwithstanding that we are, as you know, very actively pursuing stadium moves, we remain committed to further improvements in this respect.

So far as the stadium is concerned, we are undertaking a great deal of work behind the scenes. As we hope you will appreciate, however, it is in the very nature of property transactions that one cannot reveal too much information – as that can damage one's hand in terms of negotiating with third parties. As soon as we have the information that we deem it safe to make public, you have our assurance that we will do so. We trust, however, that you will understand that the sensitivity of these matters may mean that information might not be revealed as soon as we would like it to be.

Thank you for your fantastic support at Kidderminster last weekend



Your patience is appreciated. Meanwhile, we are consulting with Trust in Luton regarding these matters and we'll ensure that supporters' opinions are taken into account as the project progresses.

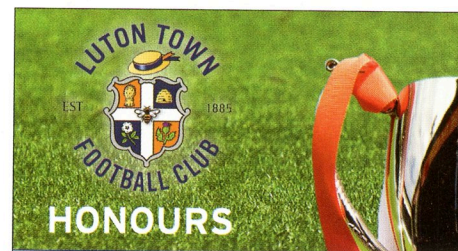
On the community front, we continue to run with a wide variety of initiatives. We are closely involved with a number of local charitable organisations. We are able to make certain meeting rooms available for such organisations, if they have projects or initiatives that would benefit from use of those rooms. Ultimately, of course, we hope that, in doing so, the attendees are more likely to become Luton fans, which would help swell our already extraordinary fan base. If you represent a local charitable or voluntary organisation, we are quite happy to hear from you with any proposals for use of the meeting rooms. Of course, those rooms have to be left available for internal functions or events – but it is the nature of a football stadium that, for much of the time, the stadium is empty.

Some of you may have noticed that TOKKO has opened in George Street. TOKKO is a new, world class, youth facility. It is aimed at 13 to 19 year olds – or up to 25, if disabled. The range of facilities at TOKKO is spectacular. We are working closely with that organisation in a variety of respects. We hope, for example, to open a virtual Luton Town museum, that we hope will encourage more young supporters to attend Kenilworth Road. We will keep you abreast of developments in this respect.

A number of supporters travelling down Hatters way have noticed that, following the busway works, the southern flank of the stadium does not look too good on the eye. We are endeavouring to deal with such matters. Works will be undertaken to remedy some of the defective brickwork. You will also notice that the old hoardings adjacent to Hatters Way are vacant. We are speaking to advertising companies in order to see whether it is possible to let the space so that we can generate more income for the club. If you are interested in advertising on the hoardings please contact me at the club.

It follows from the above that the busway will shortly open. Again, we hope this will be a useful facility, enabling more supporters to attend the ground and for existing supporters to attend the ground more easily. The busway is due to open soon so it will be interesting to see what effect it has.

Enjoy the game – and let us hope for a resounding Luton victory!
COYH!



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Runners-up 2001/02

Blue Square Premier:
Runners-up 2009/10

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RONNIE HENRY

Since my last notes were written before our trip to Forest Green, it is with pleasure to write that we have kept three successive clean sheets and picked up five points during that time.

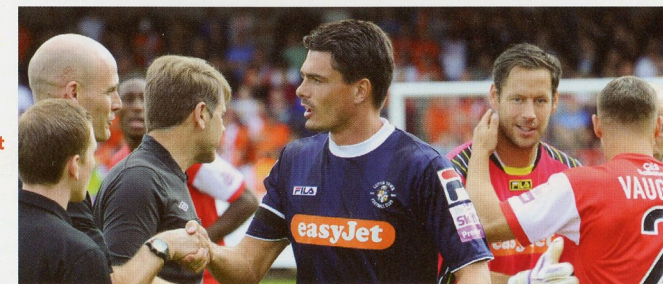
I have lost count how many times I have written in this column how important it is for us to keep clean sheets and lost count how many times I have spoken of my disappointment when we have failed to do so.

So, as you might expect, I am delighted with our miserly defensive record. We have conceded just twice in six games. Of those two goals, one was a massively deflected free-kick at Southport, the other a mis-hit scuff by Macclesfield striker Chris Holroyd. It frustrates me now thinking back to those goals, but despite them, you cannot argue with conceding just two goals. Championship winning teams are built on strong defences.

The goalless draw at Forest Green was a step in the right direction after an indifferent display at home to Macclesfield the previous week. To keep a clean sheet at the home of the title favourites was a credit to everyone on the day. Mark Tyler barely had a save to make and we could have even won it had Luke Guttridge's effort not been well-saved by their goalkeeper.

That was a good point all things considered, and we followed that up with another strong, if unspectacular, performance against a Cambridge United team who have started the season well and sit top of the league at the time of writing. Again, a clean sheet was one of the positives to take. Cambridge had the better of the first half but we shaded the second and I think a point was fair come the final whistle.

Slowly but surely we have been able to find our feet after a disappointing and frustrating start. That Southport game still annoys me thinking about it now. But thankfully we have recovered well and after two goalless draws we secured an excellent 2-0 win at Kidderminster last weekend. It was a convincing win



and I thought we got the ball down and played a lot of good football. We really did step up and we totally deserved the three points. Jake Howells scored twice from the spot but he could have scored two more from open play. It was a good day, and another clean sheet was earned.

A lot of the time it's goalkeepers and defenders who get the credit for keeping clean sheets. People seem to forget the tireless work the midfield and front men do to close down, chase, harry and hustle the opposition. Our work ethic all over the pitch has been first class and long may that continue.

The Kidderminster result sets us up nicely for today's game with Grimsby which is being screened live by BT Sport. Once again it is another tough match for us in a series of fixtures against well-fancied teams. However, on the run we're on, we're confident. Grimsby lost at home last weekend so they are going to be desperate to get back to winning ways. Therein lies a danger for us but if we continue to do what we have been doing we are all confident of getting another positive result.

The manager has done well to instil a winning mentality throughout the whole club and it was good to see the development squad win again during the week against Stevenage.

Finally, I must pay tribute to the 821 of you who made the trip to Kidderminster to cheer us on to victory. Your backing that afternoon was one of my highlights of the season so far. Please keep it up this afternoon and enjoy the game.

TRANSFER NEWS

The Hatters beat off competition from a host of Football League clubs to complete the signing of Swindon Town striker Paul Benson on loan until the end of the season last week.



The 33-year-old joins the Town on a deal with a view to a permanent transfer having scored 111 career goals with Dagenham & Redbridge, Charlton, Swindon, Portsmouth and Cheltenham.

Benson was originally unearthed by John Still whilst the striker was with Essex League side White Ensign, who he scored 107 goals in 65 games for in all competitions.

The frontman was not fazed by the jump to the Conference and whilst with the Daggers he notched 82 goals, and helped the club win the Conference title in 2006/07 campaign with 28 goals.

Goals

His form in front of goal alerted the attentions of a number of clubs and in August 2010 Benson signed for Charlton Athletic. He scored 10 goals in 28 league starts for the Addicks before signing for Paulo Di Canio's Swindon in January 2012.

He hit 12 goals for the Robins as Di Canio's side won the League Two title, but following their subsequent promotion, the striker found regular first team football hard to come by and Benson was loaned to Portsmouth and Cheltenham last season, scoring six goals in 22 starts.

Still told Talk of the Town: "I think I'm getting a more knowledgeable player and certainly a more experienced one. He likes to play down the middle; he's a centre-forward, a number nine. Yes he can drop off, but he's a centre-forward and good at his job.

"I'm delighted to be able to bring him in - it's been a long, long drawn-out process, but fortunately it's all worked out for us.

"Paul wanted to come here and only here. Not because of me but because he wants to do well. And I think he will."

History

"I said to Terry Harris 'you know what, we might have somebody here'. We brought him down to Dagenham for a reserve game and he did okay in that. We sat down with him afterwards and he made it clear he wanted to come and the rest, as they say, is history."

There was just one piece of business for the Town on transfer deadline day this week.

Defender Lathaniel Rowe-Turner joined Skriff Premier outfit Alfreton Town on loan.

The 23-year-old former Leicester and Torquay man joins Nicky Law's Reds until 2nd January.

Rowe-Turner will not be available to play against the Hatters in the fixture between the two clubs in December.

GOLDEN GAMBLE

Congratulations to Hatters fan Guy Mutton who scooped £635 - the biggest prize so far this season - in our Golden Gamble draw against Cambridge.

Guy's ticket number 04514 was plucked out of the barrel by new signing Paul Benson at half-time and Guy would later claim his ticket after seeing the number posted on Twitter. A first in the history of the Golden Gamble!

REST IN PEACE



It is with sadness to report the death of life-long Hatters fan Laurence 'Larry' Buckley who was sadly taken from us aged 41 over the summer.

Laurence was a husband, father, friend,

son and brother. Everyone at Kenilworth Road would like to send Laurence's family and friends their deepest condolences.

Kick It Out to support Non-League Day

Kick It Out, football's equality and inclusion campaign, will once again be supporting Non-League Day today as supporters across the country are encouraged to support their local team during the weekend of international fixtures.



Francis Duku, founder of Our Game, a support service for amateur and semi-professional players, and, member of Kick It Out's Professional Players Guidance Group, is thrilled that the clubs in the lower divisions are getting much deserved recognition.

"Non-League Day is an absolutely fantastic idea. This is what the club, staff and the players at those type of clubs deserve, the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes is incredible," said Francis.

"The games always have good attendances, which is great for the club, especially in terms of income and recognition as they are fighting to survive."

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Congratulations to Honorary Life Vice President John Buttle who received Trust in Luton's special achievement award at half-time during our game with Cambridge United for his outstanding contribution to the club.

John, who first came to Kenilworth Road as a supporter in 1946, has held a variety of roles at the club. He first began selling programmes in 1948, before commentating on the hospital commentary scheme for the club in 1961 and becoming the pa announcer at Kenilworth Road.

In 1992 he joined the commercial department on a full-time basis and continues to help commercial manager David Hoskins and his team, as well as press officer Andrew Barringer on home matchdays.

A true Luton Town legend and well deserved. Congratulations John.

DIAMOND VOTES NEEDED

Voting is now open for August's Diamond Player of the Month award.

If you are a Diamond Season Ticket holder you can register your vote by emailing diamond@lutontown.co.uk. Voting closes on Thursday 12th September. Everyone who voted for the winner will be entered into a draw. If a junior or youth ticket holder is drawn they will receive a mascot package for the home game against Dartford on Tuesday 17th September. Adult winners will receive two tickets for matchday hospitality. The winner will also have the opportunity to present the trophy to the winning player.

This is just one benefit of the Diamond Package, for further details or to upgrade please contact the ticket office on 01582 416976 or email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.

let's go

THE TOWN ARE BACK IN FRONT OF THE LIVE BT SPORT CAMERAS ONCE AGAIN NEXT FRIDAY WHEN THEY MAKE THE TRIP TO NORTH WALES TO TAKE ON WREXHAM



WHERE? Wrexham. The Town's solitary journey across the Welsh border of the campaign. Although, having said that it's believed that Chester FC's Deva Stadium is half in England and half in Wales. By anyway, to be

more precise, the Racecourse (or Racecourse Ground depending on individual preference). The stadium lies on the glamorously named Mold Road.

HOW TO GET THERE. Believe it or not, it's relatively straightforward despite the amount of time you spend off the motorway once you leave it. M1 and M6 north, leaving the latter at junction 10A for the M54 towards Shrewsbury. Sneaking under Shrewsbury, take the A541 north and then A483. Look out for signs for the A541 junction and exit. The ground is well sign-posted. If in doubt, type LL11 2AH into your sat-nav – preferably before you set-off.

BOBBING ALONG. As if you needed us to tell you, the Bobbers will be doing what they do best: running a coach to a Town away game. They leave the main Maple Road car park for North Wales at 2pm sharp and the fare is £23 for adults and £20 for concessions. Give them a call on 01234 856542 to book your place. They'll look after you.

DON'T BE FOOLED. Okay, so Mold Road doesn't sound the most enticing of venues to watch a football match (or consume food inside), but if you haven't made a trip to the Racecourse before you'll be pleasantly surprised. Apart from one, and now unused, end of terracing behind one of the goals, the stadium is in decent nick, as you'd expect from a former Football League venue. Town fans will be housed in a corner of the main stand which affords a decent view of the playing action as well as good acoustics for those fans who want to drum up a bit of vocal encouragement.

TEMPLE OF DOOM. A trip to Racecourse has, on the whole, been a pretty miserable experience for Town fans down the years. In fact the Hatters have only ever won on four occasions in this corner of North Wales in 22 games.

But that's not to say the Town haven't enjoyed their brief stays there in the past. A 2-1 win on St George's Day in 2005 sealed the Hatters the League One title, whilst an excellent 3-0 (3-0 at half-time) win in the Play-Offs two years back won't be forgotten easily.

The Town even had cause for celebration when losing 2-1 in the Play-Offs a year ago, as an aggregate victory took them to Wembley for the final in 2012. We then lost to York, but that's another story.

IT'LL BE ALRIGHT ON THE NIGHT. Hatters fans will have plenty of reason behind any sense of déjà vu next Friday. Since both clubs have been in the Conference the Town have made the pilgrimage to the Racecourse six times – with only one of those games kicking off at 3pm on a Saturday...and that was last season. Next week's match will be the fifth game in seven at the Racecourse between the two clubs that has been screened live on television.

FORM FACTOR. The Red Dragons headed to Nuneaton Town today looking to end a run of five games without a win. An opening day win over Welling United was followed by three defeats and two draws. Andy Morrell's side conceded 12 goals in their opening six games and currently sit in 17th place in the Skril Premier with five points.

Morrell admitted his side need to "get back to basics" following a surprise 2-0 home defeat to rivals Chester last weekend.

FAMILIAR FACE. Shaun Whalley is the sole dressing room connection between the two clubs. The winger, who joined the Town in the summer from Southport, spent one season with Wrexham in 2008/09, scoring four goals in 16 league appearances.

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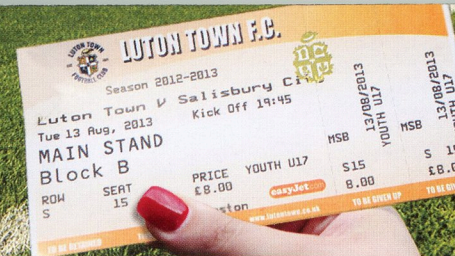
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The Skril Premier

FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Please note the date and kick-off time for this match. This game will be screened live by BT Sport. This game is pay on the night for Luton Town supporters, but a £1 discount is available on adult and family tickets if they are purchased in advance from Wrexham. Visit the Wrexham website for further details. Seating only. Prices: Adult £19 (£18 online), over-80s £5, over-60s £13, under-21s £13, under-16s £5. Family tickets are also available. Please contact Wrexham for further information on 01978 262129.



LUTON TOWN v DARTFORD

The Skril Premier

TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



LUTON TOWN v LINCOLN CITY

The Skril Premier

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at normal matchday prices.



WOKING v LUTON TOWN

The Skril Premier

TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

We are awaiting ticket information from Woking for this match. Details will be released once received.



HEREFORD UNITED v LUTON TOWN

The Skril Premier

SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2013, KICK-OFF 3PM

We are awaiting ticket information from Hereford for this match. Details will be released once received.

commercial

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

Welcome to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be another busy evening for all of us involved in the commercial team.

Just like our last match with Cambridge on Bank Holiday Monday, this game immediately caught prospective guests' attention once the fixtures were released, and it is with great pleasure we have two mascots and a match sponsor with us tonight.

We also extend a warm welcome, for the first time this season, to Skrill Premier broadcast partners BT Sport. Their coverage of this division has been excellent and we look forward to having them back here at Kenilworth Road later in the campaign.

It's another 10 days until we are back at Kenilworth Road when we host Dartford but don't forget, if you want to see that, or indeed any, fixture in style we have a fine array of hospitality to suit your needs. All you need to do is get in touch on the contact details below.

MATCH SPONSOR

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Hatters triumph over Southampton 6-2.

Little did he know at that point the trials and tribulations he would experience as a Luton Town fan over the forthcoming 25 years.

Company Director Lee Whiteley has supported the Hatters since 1989 where as a young boy his father took him for his first trip to Kenilworth Road where he saw the

Lee tells Talk of the Town: "One of my favourite moments was watching Claude Gnaka loop a through ball over the Scunthorpe goalkeeper to help win us the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2009.

"My hope for the Hatters this season would be to continue to see John Still build a team which will not only take us up automatically as champions but also lay the foundations for an advance up the Football League."

COMMERCIAL MASCOTS

Our two mascots today are brother and sister Rhys and Jessica Southey from Stevenage.

Rhys, six, and Jessica, nine, always come to games together with their mum and dad.



Jessica's favourite Hatter is striker Andre Gray whilst Rhys' favourite player is midfielder Jake Howells. Rhys and Jessica will get to warm up on the pitch before the game and get to meet all the players.



Then, in the moment they will both treasure forever, they will lead out the players onto the pitch before shaking hands with the opposition and match officials and pose for photographs.

We hope you both have a fabulous day with us.



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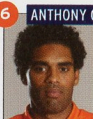
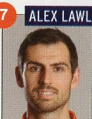
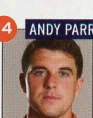
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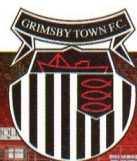


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welcome

GRIMSBY TOWN



It says a lot when a team finish fourth and reach a national cup final yet end the season with bitter disappointment.

The last campaign for this evening's visitors Grimsby Town was the best in a long time. Sadly – and don't worry, we've been there too – it would end in heartache. Up in amongst the Conference's pace-setters throughout the season, our visitors comfortably made the top five with the meanest defence in the division, conceding just 38 times in the regular 46 matches. However, the Mariners would fall at the first hurdle in the Play-Offs, losing 2-0 on aggregate to eventual winners Newport County.

Two months prior the whole of Grimsby and Cleethorpes descended on Wembley – the first time the club had played under the new arch – but a penalty shootout defeat against promotion rivals Wrexham – who themselves would lose in the Play-Off final to Newport – in the FA Trophy final meant the Mariners faced up to the first of two heart-wrenching disappointments.

Having experienced such rollercoaster emotions last term, hopes are high on Humberside that the Mariners, now in their fourth season in non-league football, can end their Football League exile.

The Blundell Park faithful have enjoyed a decent start to the new campaign. Grimsby have collected 10 points from their first six matches, winning three, drawing one and losing twice. The Mariners arrive at Kenilworth Road for this televised Skril Premier game off the back of a 2-1 home defeat to early season surprise package Nuneaton Town.

That defeat ended a mini-run of two wins from two with victories away to Hyde and at home to Alfreton. On the road, tonight's visitors have won two and lost one of their three away fixtures so far. As well as the narrow 1-0 victory at Hyde, the Mariners lost 1-0 at newly-promoted Welling United and came from behind to win 2-1 at Gateshead. Confidence behind the Mariners' chances of promotion stems from the strength in squad depth at Blundell Park, which has bags of Football League and Skril Premier experience and know-how.

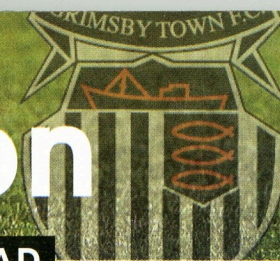
Summer arrivals in defender Chris Doig and midfielder Scott Kerr adds nous and guile to the squad, but the main cause for optimism at Blundell Park is the return to fitness of star striker Liam Hearn. The powerful frontman was restricted to just seven appearances last term having picked up an Achilles injury. In his first season with the club he hit 27 goals and now, fully fit, the former Alfreton striker has scored twice in his first five games this season. His record in Conference competition reads 30 goals in 48 starts. The Hatters defence are sure to be tested as they aim to keep a fourth successive clean sheet tonight.

Grimsby, though, will be looking to win on Bedfordshire soil for the first time since in 10 years. The Mariners beat the Hatters, then managed by Mike Newell, who would also go on and manage Grimsby, 2-1 at Kenilworth Road in August 2003.

Since then the Hatters have remained unbeaten in the last four meetings between the two clubs at Kenilworth Road. The last two games, however, have both ended 1-1.

in opposition

MEET THE GRIMSBY TOWN SQUAD



THE MANAGER

PAUL HURST. The manager took control at Blundell Park in 2011. Primarily a left-back in his playing days, Paul spent 15 years with Rotherham. He enjoyed successful spells in charge at Ilkeston and Boston before a move to Cleethorpes.

GOALKEEPERS

JONATHAN HEDGE. July arrival from Cambridge United, the England C international goalkeeper originally joined the U's from Tamworth in 2012. Previously on the books with Halifax and Rotherham as a youngster.

JAMES McKEOWN. Agile goalkeeper nearing the 100-appearance mark for the Mariners. Previously with Peterborough he came to Hurst's attention during a loan spell with Boston.

DEFENDERS

SAM HATTON. Former AFC Wimbledon full-back who helped beat the Town in the 2011 Play-Off final. The right-back, who can also operate in midfield, has been capped by England C and has also played for Stevenage.

ASWAD THOMAS. Rampaging, pacing left-back who was a 2012 arrival from Braintree. Began his career at Charlton before a one-year spell at Woking. Another England C international.

ALAN GOODALL. Former Hatters defender, who made 36 appearances for the club in 2007/08. Joined the Mariners from Fleetwood Town on transfer deadline day.

SHAUN PEARSON. Commanding central defender and vice-captain who joined the Mariners from Boston in 2011. Won a string of awards whilst with the Pilgrims before moving to Humberside.

CHRIS DOIG. Experienced Scotland-born centre-half who signing this summer having impressed on trial. Began with Queen of the South before a switch to Nottingham Forest in 1997. Also enjoyed spells with Northampton and York.

CLAYTON McDONALD. 6ft 6in centre-back who penned a one-year deal this summer following his release from Port Vale. Began his career with Manchester City.

PAUL BIGNOT. Right-back released by Blackpool this summer who began his career as a trainee with Crewe. Enjoyed successful spells with Kidderminster and Newport.

MIDFIELDERS

SCOTT KERR. Tenacious and experienced central midfielder who signed this summer following his release from York City. A former Leeds trainee, Kerr also spent six seasons with Lincoln City.

JOE COLBECK. Pacey right winger who signed from Hereford in the summer of 2012. Made his name at Bradford, where he made over 200 Football League appearances.

CRAIG DISLEY. Another experienced midfielder man, Disley signed for the Mariners in 2011 from Shrewsbury. Made the grade at Mansfield before enjoying five seasons at Bristol Rovers.

SCOTT NEILSON. Former Hatters winger who re-joined Grimsby having enjoyed a successful loan spell at Blundell Park last season. Won the Conference title with Crawley in 2011.

ANDI THANOJ. Albanian Under-21 international and a product of the Mariners' youth system, the midfielder signed a two-year professional deal in 2012.

ALEX RODMAN. Former England C international winger who signed for the Mariners this summer following his release from Aldershot. Shot to prominence with a spell at Tamworth.

PATRICK McLAUGHLIN. Another ex-York man, the Northern Ireland Under-21 international signed for the Mariners this summer. Began his career as a youngster with Newcastle.

STRIKERS

ANDY COOK. Proven goalscorer who hit 16 goals last season having joined from Barrow in the summer of 2012. The centre-forward started at Carlisle before a series of moves to the Bluebirds.

LIAM HEARN. Highly-rated striker who signed a three-year deal in 2011 joining from Alfreton. Sat the majority of last season on the sidelines with an Achilles injury.

LENELL JOHN-LEWIS. February capture from Bury, the powerful forward came through the ranks at Gigg Lane.

ROSS HANNAH. January transfer window signing from Bradford after a successful loan spell that saw him hit 10 goals. Came to prominence following a prolific spell with Matlock Town.

DAYLE SOUTHWELL. Young striker, and product of the Mariners' youth system, who was handed his first professional deal last term.

scout report

WITH MATT AQUINO

Grimsby Town begin their fourth season in the Skrill Premier among the favourites to at least achieve another Play-Off spot.

The Mariners suffered Play-Off heartache last season losing 2-0 on aggregate to Newport County, after a mounting a formidable challenge for the title for much of the season.

Managers Paul Hurst has added nine players to an already strong and experienced squad over the summer. York trio Scott Kerr, Patrick McLaughlin and Chris Doig have been the most high profile, but many have talked about Liam Hearn as being a 'new signing' after the prolific hitman missed the majority of last season with an Achilles injury.

How did they perform last season?

Grimsby finished fourth in last season's Blue Square Bet Premier and lost just nine games – the least in the division. The Mariners also had the best defence, conceding just 38 goals in 46 games.

Away from home, Grimsby lost just four of their 23 games and again had the division's tightest defence conceding just 19 all term away from Blundell Park.

How have they started their 2013/14 campaign?

Hurst's team currently reside in eighth place in the Skrill Premier with 10 points having played six, won three, drawn one and lost two. The Mariners have won two of their three away games, triumphing over Gateshead and Hyde, and only lost to Welling after conceding in the 85th minute.

Despite it being early days in the season, an early trend has developed in the visitors' campaign – they have gone behind in four of their six games which has put them under undue pressure too many times for their fans. At Blundell Park last weekend, Grimsby were booed off the pitch as they went in at the break 2-0 down against Nuneaton. They managed to pull a goal back but it was not enough to avoid defeat.

How will they play? Who are their danger men?

Grimsby set up in 4-4-2 formation for much of last season, but with some changes in the middle of the park, the Mariners have been using a 4-3-3 formation this term. 24-year-old James McKeown, who played 45 league games for Grimsby last season and was a key part of Town's watertight defence, will start in between the sticks. The versatile Paul Bignot will play on the



PROBABLE LINE-UP 4-3-3

right of the visitors' defence alongside Shaun Pearson, 32-year-old player-coach Chris Doig and new loan signing and ex-Hatter Alan Goodall.



Andi Thanaj:
One to watch

Andi Thanaj will be the one to watch in Grimsby's midfield. The Albanian under-21 international is often described as the team's quarterback, and will try to dictate the play for his side here at Kenilworth Road. Craig Disley will protect Thanaj while attacking midfielder Patrick McLaughlin, who tasted promotion with York City, will look to get forward and grab himself a goal.

In the wide areas, pacey winger Joe Colbeck should start on the right with Alex Rodman on the opposite flank. The danger-man for Grimsby will be Liam Hearn who scored 27 goals in 46 league games for the Mariners in the 2011/12 season.



club data

Established: 1878 (as Grimsby Pelham)
Nickname(s): The Mariners
Stadium: Blundell Park
Capacity: 9,546 (Average attendance 12/13 - 3,813)
Manager: Paul Hurst (2 years, 5 months)
Final league position 12/13: 4th BSBP (PO semi-final)

back to the future

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS TRACES WHAT HAPPENED TO TWO OF GRIMSBY TOWN'S GREATEST POST-WAR TEAMS

1979/80 THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

NIGEL BATCH: Goalkeeper who made 348 League appearances before joining Lincoln City in July 1987, then Darlington. He was a publican, since becoming a painter and decorator based in Holton-le-Clay.

DAVE MOORE: Right-back who joined Carlisle United in August 1983, then Blackpool, Grimsby again and Darlington. He managed Scunthorpe and has been physio at various clubs, now back at Grimsby.

KEVIN MOORE: Left-back who moved to Oldham Athletic in February 1987, then reunited with Chris Nicholl at Southampton. Later at Fulham, he became their stadium manager and died in April 2013.

JOE WATERS: Eire international midfielder who netted 65 goals in 357 League games before joining Tacoma Stars in May 1984. He has held various coaching posts in the United States, settling in Seattle.

CLIVE WIGGINTON: Central defender who had two spells with Grimsby, moving to Torquay United in July 1982, then Doncaster Rovers and Skegness. Now working for an asbestos removal company.

DEAN CROMBIE: Central defender who netted three goals in 320 League games, joining Bolton Wanderers in August 1987. Later with Lincoln City, he held various posts at Bolton, becoming an agent.

MIKE BROLLY: Winger who joined Derby County in August 1982, then Scunthorpe, Scarborough, Goole and Boston United. He became a chemistry teacher, notably at St Mary's RC School in Grimsby.

KEVIN KILMORE: Ex-England Youth striker who reunited with George Kerr at Rotherham United in August 1983, then again at Lincoln City. He has since been a licensee in Grimsby and Scunthorpe.

KEVIN DRINKELL: Striker who moved to Norwich City in June 1985, then Glasgow Rangers, Coventry City and Falkirk before managing Stirling Albion and Montrose. He now works in the media.

BOBBY MITCHELL: Midfielder who joined Carlisle United in August 1982, then George Kerr's Rotherham and Lincoln. He assisted Grimsby's community scheme and coached in the United States.

TONY FORD: England B international who had two spells at Grimsby before moving to Scunthorpe United in August 1994. Later with Mansfield Town, he assisted Steve Parkin at Rochdale and Barnsley.

1997/98 PLAY-OFF WINNERS

AIDAN DAVISON: Northern Ireland international goalkeeper who joined Sheffield United in August 1999, then Bradford City, Grimsby again and Colchester United. He now coaches Jax Destroyers.

JOHN MCDERMOTT: Long-serving right-back who was Player of the Year three times and scored 11 goals in a record 647 League games. He has coached at Grimsby Institute and Harrogate Town.

TONY GALLIMORE: Left-back who netted four goals in 273 League games, moving to Barnsley in August 2003, then Rochdale and Northwich Victoria. He runs a scaffolding business in Grimsby.

PETER HANDYSIDE: Scottish central defender who scored four times in 190 League games before joining Stoke City in July 2001, then had spells with Barnsley, Northwich Victoria and Hucknall.

MARK LEVER: Central defender who scored eight goals in 261 League games before joining Bristol City in July 2000. He later played for Mansfield Town and Ilkeston Town, settling in Nottingham.

WAYNE BURNETT: Ex-England Youth midfielder who moved to Grays Athletic in September 2002. He has since managed Fisher Athletic, Dulwich Hamlet, Grays and now Dagenham & Redbridge.

KEVIN DONOVAN: Winger who scored 24 times in 156 League games before joining Barnsley in July 2001, then played for Rochdale, York City and Alfreton. He coached at Huddersfield's Academy.

DAVE SMITH: Former England Under-21 midfielder who scored nine goals in 112 League games before moving to Swansea City in July 2002. He is now back at Grimsby as commercial/lottery manager.

LEE NOGAN: Welsh international striker who joined Darlington in July 1999, then Luton Town, York City, Harrogate Town and Whitby Town's player-manager. He now runs soccer schools in York.

JACK LESTER: Striker who netted 17 goals in 133 League games before joining Nottingham Forest in January 2000, then played for Sheffield United, Forest again and Chesterfield, retiring in April 2013.

PAUL GROVES: Midfielder who had a spell as Grimsby's player-manager before joining Scunthorpe United in February 2004. Later at York, he coached Portsmouth and managed AFC Bournemouth.



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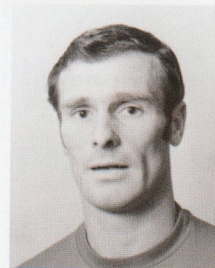


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a hatter and...

...A MARINER

MATT TEES



Grimsby arrive at Kenilworth Road with two former Hatters in their ranks in left-back Alan Goodall and winger Scott Neilson, the latter re-joining the Mariners this summer having originally impressed on a loan spell at Blundell Park last season.

Kingsley Black, Marc North, Mick Cullen, Alan Neilson and Graham Rodger are some more names familiar with both sets of supporters, but the one player who served both clubs well, especially the Mariners, is forward Matt Tees.

Tees did not look like a so-called goal machine, as he was called on the terraces. He may have been slight and not particularly tall but he was tremendously brave, very strong and phenomenal in the air.

Joining Grimsby from Airdrie in 1963, Matt soon formed a prolific partnership with another future Hatter Rodney Green, which led to the pair moving to Charlton for a joint fee of £23,000 in 1967.

Luton manager at the time Alec Stock, looking for a partner for his young striker Malcolm Macdonald, managed to prise Matt from the Addicks for £25,000 in 1969. He proved a wonderful tutor to the future England international – and weighed in with his fair share of goals as the Town won promotion from Division Three (now League One) in 1970.

Job done and promotion secured, Matt moved back to Blundell Park where he earned legendary status to finish his playing career.

LUTON TOWN APPEARANCES: 40

LUTON TOWN GOALS: 15

FIRST APPEARANCE:

v Gillingham (a) W 2-0 30/8/1969

FINAL APPEARANCE:

v Workington (h) (League Cup) W 3-0 8/9/1970

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Town and Grimsby are no strangers to each other with today's fixture the 49th between the two clubs.

It's the Mariners that hold the head-to-head advantage, winning 18 to the Hatters' 15 in all competitions.

The record in league (including non-league) competition is closer. Grimsby have won 15, the Town 14 whilst 13 have ended all square.

Since both clubs have been in the Football Conference, the Town have been unbeaten in four fixtures at Kenilworth Road, winning two of these fixtures. The Mariners' last two visits to Bedfordshire, however, have ended in 1-1 draws. Last season an Alex Lawless goal have John Still's side a point whilst the season before last Andre Gray scored a goal on his Town debut.

Goals aren't hard to find looking through the record books. Only four of the 48 matches have ended goalless, while 29 goals were scored in the first six meetings between the two clubs. The Hatters beat the Mariners 6-0 in December 1897 but the Mariners got their revenge in the following campaign with a 5-0 win in April 1899.

There have been plenty more high-scoring fixtures between the two clubs down the years. Four goals from striker Steve White helped the Town to a 6-0 win in October 1981 in the Second Division (now Championship) title-winning season.

However, Grimsby beat the Hatters 5-0 at Blundell Park in a Division One (now Championship) game in February 1995 and 11 months later the Mariners stuck seven past the Town in a FA Cup third round tie at Blundell Park.

Last season the Mariners inflicted 4-1 and 3-0 defeats on the Hatters in league and FA Trophy encounters at Blundell Park prior to the 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in April.

However, today's visitors will be aiming for their first win at Kenilworth Road since a 2-1 victory in August 2003. Goals from Iain Anderson and Michael Boulding put the Mariners in charge that afternoon and despite a late Kevin Nicholls penalty for the Hatters, the visitors held on for all three points.

from the oak road

IS CONFIDENCE HIGH AT BLUNDELL PARK? WHO SHOULD THE HATTERS KEEP AN EYE ON TONIGHT? TALK OF THE TOWN TALKS TO GRIMSBY FAN CHRIS PARKER TO GET THE INSIDE WORD ON THE MARINERS

TALK OF THE TOWN: You're one of a number of ex-league clubs desperate to get back amongst the 92 – make the case for why it should be Grimsby's turn to achieve Football League salvation this season.

CHRIS PARKER:

As fans of ex-Football League clubs, we all want to be back in the league but, as Luton have found, the fans' expectations can weigh heavy and the ability of the so-called 'smaller' clubs ensures it is a very competitive league.

Grimsby's challenge faded in the latter stages last season but, on paper at least, the squad looks stronger this time around.

If we can add more goals to a largely resolute defence then we will certainly be in the mix. Add a slice of luck and Grimsby Town will be back in the Football League.

TOTT: How has your season gone so far? From the early matches, what appear to be the Mariners' strengths and weaknesses?

CP: It's been a reasonable, if not spectacular, start. A disappointing loss at Welling has been balanced (slightly) by maximum points at both Hyde and Gateshead – two fixtures where we failed to take maximum points last season.

Our strengths so far have been the dominance and hold up play of Lenell John-Lewis, the pace of Joe Colbeck and the aerial power of Shaun Pearson.

Our weakness has been inconsistency – not just from game to game but also within games.

We haven't settled just yet into the managers' changed 4-3-3 formation. Our full backs have been a way short of their capabilities too.



Chris Parker

TOTT: Luton were soundly beaten on both visits to Blundell Park last season in the Conference and FA Trophy. Do you feel the teams will be more closely matched this season?

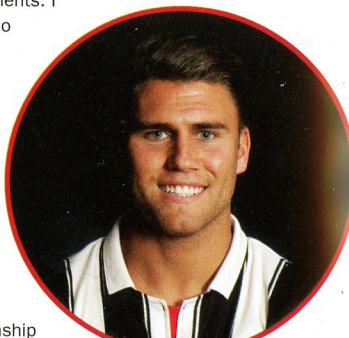
CP: The thing with football at this level is there seems to be a high turnover of players and staff on an almost yearly basis, irrespective of the previous season's performance. Coupled with this being only the seventh game of the league campaign, it's quite difficult to say how the two sides will match up in comparison to other years.

Although we comprehensively beat Luton at home on the two occasions mentioned, as yet, our trips to Kenilworth Road since dropping into the Conference have yet to yield three points. I would add that the line-ups selected by Paul Buckle certainly helped us to those two victories.

TOTT: Scott Neilson was flying at Grimsby last season, but then seemed to lose form when he came to Luton. Why do you think this was? Will he play an important role for you this season?

CP: Scott can be something of an enigma. However, there is no doubting that on occasion he has the ability to change the course of a game through his own individual talents. I think there is also a misperception about him

not being conducive to a harmonious team unit – indeed, during his loan spell with the club last season he formed an excellent relationship on the pitch with the



Scott Neilson



full-back Aswad Thomas and striker Ross Hannah, resulting in arguably theirs and the team's most fruitful period of the campaign. I don't think that was purely coincidental.

With regards to his short spell at Luton, all I know is that injury curtailed his season – something which has unfortunately hampered his chances of staking a claim for a starting spot in the early stages of this campaign. Once he returns to full fitness, I think everyone at the club is hopeful he can make a big contribution to a successful year.

TOTT: Which of your players should we be looking out for today?

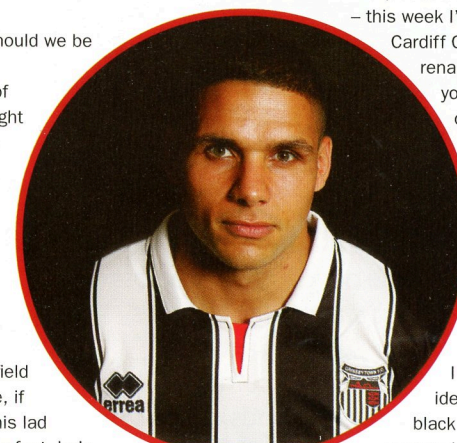
CP: I could reel off a number of players names who have had bright starts thus far – Shaun Pearson in defence, Joe Colbeck on the wing, Lenell John-Lewis as the attacking spearhead, and of course Liam Hearn, returning from a long-term injury. But in what will probably be a tightly contested affair today, I think the game will be crying out for someone from either side's midfield to step up and dictate. Therefore, if he starts, I'll say Andi Thanaj. This lad has real ability with the ball at his feet, he's among the most expansive passers in the league, and, contrary to popular belief, he's not afraid to tackle.

TOTT: What do you make of the starts of your fellow teams in this nascent Skriff Premier season? Has any team surprised you so far?

CP: It's very early days. One thing that I have learnt after three seasons in the Conference is to expect the unexpected – and already, it appears all teams will drop points to the supposed 'lesser' or part-time clubs at some stage. If I had to stick my neck out and pick a team to surprise, I'd say Nuneaton. For a squad not riding off the back of the euphoria of a promotion season, their consistency so far has been notable for what looked like a relatively tough start, on paper at least.

TOTT: Our final question is always on a hot topic – this week I'd like you to think about Cardiff City's red shirts and the renamed Hull City Tigers. Would you be happy for Grimsby to change part of their identity if it coincided with huge success on the field?

CP: Unless you are in the top five or six clubs in the Premier League I think success is only temporary. Your history, identity, and heritage are what remain and endure. I certainly wouldn't like the idea of changing from our black and white stripes, or being renamed. However, for example, how many people know that the Brazilian national team only started playing in the iconic yellow shirts after losing the 1950 World Cup final? Prior to this, they played in white. I think it's the fact that in the instances of the two clubs you mention, the changes have been effected for commercial gains, and that shouldn't sit well with any genuine football fan.



Liam Hearn

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FOREST GREEN 0-0 TOWN

The Town had to settle for a point in an encouraging display at title favourites Forest Green.

The hosts came close almost immediately when former Hatter Matthew Barnes-Homer headed wide at the back-post following James Norwood's right-wing cross.

That chance came against the run of the play, however, and as the Town continued to pass the ball well, Luke Guttridge was denied his third goal in Luton colours when his first-time left-foot shot from 12 yards was kept out superbly by the reflexes of Sam Russell in the Rovers goal.

On 10 minutes Mark Cullen ended a slick Town move by having a shot deflected over the crossbar after taking a square pass from Andre Gray and, a minute later, Cullen shot way, way over the crossbar.

Cullen was proving to be a right pest to the hosts' defence and the striker tested Russell with a low shot that the Rovers goalkeeper could only palm away. The loose ball fell to Jon Shaw sliding in, but despite having every right to challenge for the ball, the centre-forward was shown a yellow card.

The Hatters were playing some attractive football going forward and were looking solid at the back but Rovers engineered a rare chance on 25 minutes when Norwood sent a header high and wide at the back-post from a left-wing cross.

Chances were few and far between after a good start, with John Still ordering Gray and Shaun Whalley to swap flanks in an attempt to break the deadlock before the break.

Mark Tyler made his first save of the game 35 seconds after half-time when easily dealing with Marcus Kelly's low 25-yarder after the midfielder had been gifted the ball by Whalley.

The Town made their first chance 11 minutes into the second half when Jake Howells replaced Shaw, and the substitute almost made an immediate impact on 63 minutes when he slalomed into the penalty area and laid off a pass for Alex Lacey but the defender's neat finish was ruled out for offside.

Clear-cut chances were at a real premium in the final 15 minutes and in the end, John Still was happy to take a point.

"That was our best performance so far," said Still afterwards. "I thought our organisation was first class. To be the away team and for Mark to make only one save shows how much we restricted them.



Alex Lacey keeps tabs on Matthew Barnes-Homer

"I thought we were strong, solid and determined and there were a lot of good individual performances.

"All we needed was a bit more quality in the final third, but I think our game is coming together.

"The application and work-rate was good and there were passages of play in both halves where we played some good touch-pass football which delighted me. That's something we'll keep working on.

"The last time Forest Green played at home they scored eight so that put this result into context. It was a good level of performance which is drastically improved from the first three games.

"Am I happy with a point? Yes. Would I have taken a point before? Yes, but I always want us to win."

FOREST GREEN 0-0 TOWN

Luke Guttridge wins this aerial duel



Mark Cullen goes for goal



FOREST GREEN: Russell, Hodgkiss, Stokes, Bennett, Oshodi, Bangura, Barry, Kelly, Norwood (sub Koroma 90), Wright (sub Klukowski 55), Barnes-Homer (sub Vieira 66). **SUBS NOT USED:** Bulman, Asafu-Adjaye.

TOWN: Tyler; Henry, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey; Smith, Guttridge, Whalley; Cullen (sub Parry 79), Shaw (sub Howells 56), Gray. **SUBS NOT USED:** Martin, Robinson, Justham.

Shaun Whalley in full flow at Forest Green



POSSESSION	51%	49%
CORNERS	3	4
SHOTS ON TARGET	4	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET	4	4

FOULS	8	9
YELLOW CARDS	3	2
RED CARDS	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 1,858 (653 LUTON)

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TOWN 0-0 CAMBRIDGE

It's only that cutting edge in attack that John Still believes the Town need to find after they secured another point and another clean sheet in a goalless draw against Cambridge.

The Hatters were second best in a first half dominated by the U's with only a series of fine saves from Mark Tyler and poor finishing keeping Richard Money's side at bay.

Tyler saved well from right-back Richard Tait and winger Nathan Arnold in the first 45 minutes before Jake Howells came to the Hatters' rescue in the second half when he cleared a Tom Champion header off of the line.

The Hatters enjoyed more of the ball in the second period but despite efforts from Andre Gray, Luke Guttridge and Howells, Still's side had to settle for a second successive goalless draw.

Comfortable

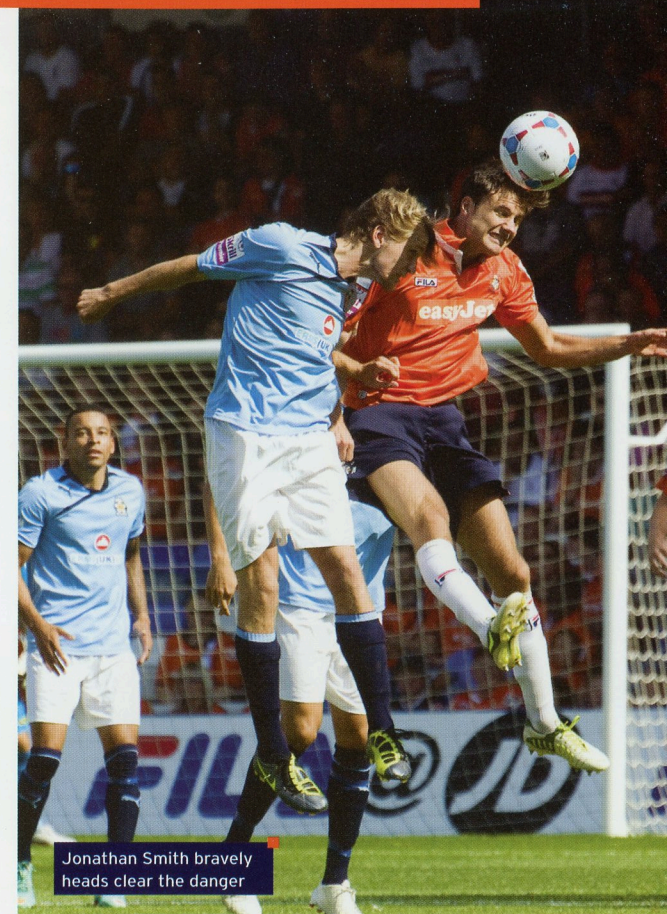
"Defensively we're comfortable now," Still told Hatters Player afterwards. "I thought our attacking play started well but it's in that final that it's not as good as I'd like.

"But it's been difficult, Jon Shaw's been brilliant for us, but he's been struggling with a hernia and his movement has been restricted. He'll have an operation now, but I'm delighted we've been able to bring in Paul Benson because he will give us a focal point in attack.

"That's the plan anyway, but we'll keep cracking away. We've picked up our performance levels once again.

"We're competing now – all we need is to find that final edge to our play. I think we've started well, and while the last two games have been good tests, I actually think the Macclesfield game was the toughest we've had yet.

"They're all tough games but what we've learned so far is that we can now take the game to the other team with pace and power and keep it solid at the back. It's just that play in the final third we've got to work on now."



Jonathan Smith bravely heads clear the danger

Man-of-the-match Tyler said: "It's still early days and all we have to do is keeping grinding out those points. It's another step in the right direction performance-wise and I think someone will be on the receiving end soon."

Howells, who came closest for the Town when flashing a right-foot shot wide from the edge of the box was also happy with a point.

"We've had two hard games in a short space of time," said the product of the Town's academy. "We went to Forest Green and kept a clean sheet and won a point and we've done the same again.

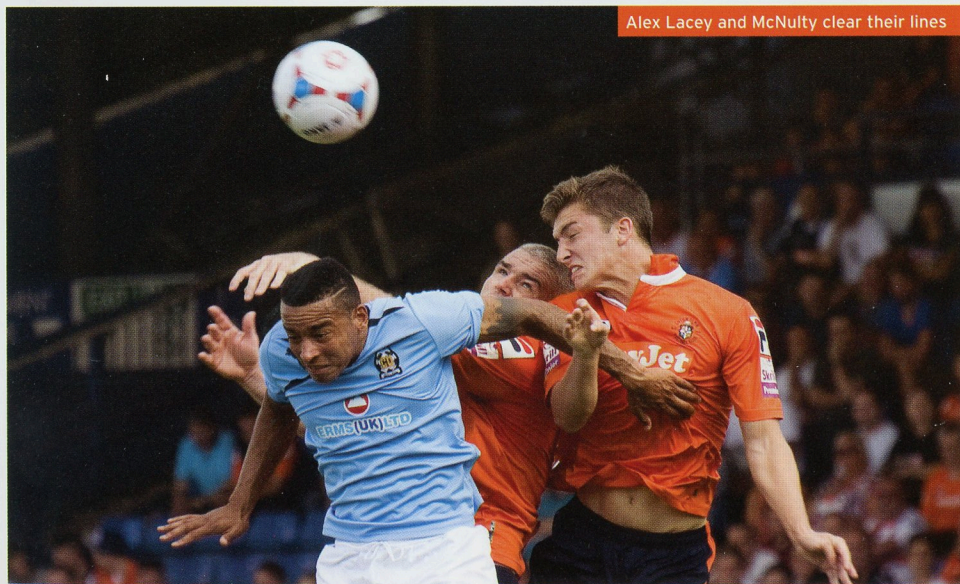
"Unfortunately we couldn't get the goal but we worked hard and I think the results will come. If we continue to keep clean sheets we will win games, there's no doubt about that."

LUTON TOWN 0-0 CAMBRIDGE

Steve McNulty brings the ball out of defence



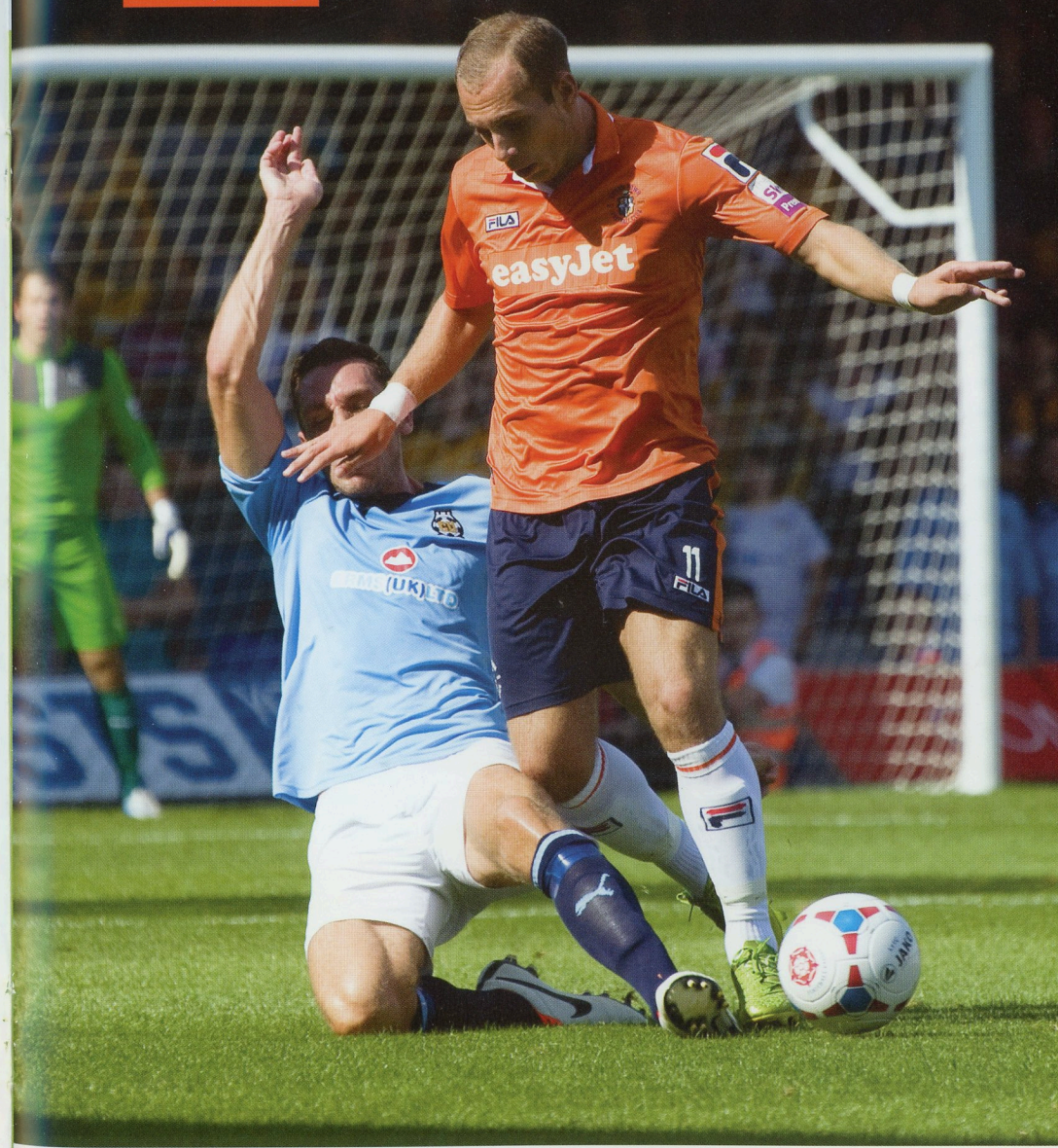
Alex Lacey and McNulty clear their lines



TOWN: Tyler; Henry, Griffiths, McNulty, Lacey; Smith, Guttridge, Whalley; Shaw (sub Martin 46), Cullen (sub Howells 31), Gray. **SUBS NOT USED:** Parry, Robinson, Justham.

CAMBRIDGE: Maxwell, Taylor, Coulson, Miller, Tait, Donaldson, Champion, Dunk (sub Austin 65), Berry, Arnold (sub Spillane 62), Cunningham (sub Sam-Yorke 46). **SUBS NOT USED:** Norris, Hughes.

Jake Howells fends off a Cambridge challenge



POSSESSION	51%	49%
CORNERS	4	5
SHOTS ON TARGET	5	10
SHOTS OFF TARGET	7	1

FOULS	11	11
YELLOW CARDS	1	1
RED CARDS	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 7,517 (963 CAMBRIDGE)

centre spot

Celebrations after Jake Howells' second penalty at Kidderminster last Saturday



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KIDDERMINSTER 0-2 TOWN



Jonathan Smith passes
clear under pressure

The Hatters made it six wins in seven games at Aggborough as two second half penalties from Jake Howells sealed the Town's first away win of the campaign.

The midfielder, making his first start since the opening day of the season, put the Town in front on 70 minutes when debutante Paul Benson was fouled in the box. And the product of the Hatters' academy doubled his and the Town's tally 10 minutes later after Andre Gray was brought down.

In truth it was no more than the Town deserved following an accomplished away performance that saw the defence keep their third successive clean sheet and make it five games unbeaten.

Whilst delighted with the result and level performance, manager John Still refused to get carried away. "We played really well. The last three games we've played really, really well," he said afterwards.

"When we drew at home in the last minute to Macclesfield, we weren't the worst team in the league. We've now played three really, really tough games, and we aren't the best team in the league. All we're doing is making steps and it's really important I work hard to get the foundation right, and when I get the foundation right we can start adding. Sometimes people come in and it takes a while to settle. We're still searching for certain things. I'm sure there'll be other setbacks, but I'm not bothered about that. All I know is I have to build or rebuild a football club that when I came here,

someone told me just seems to be going nowhere. I'll do it in my way and I'm very, very pleased.

"Not showing any disrespect to Kidderminster, but I thought we were in charge of the game. For an away team, Mark Tyler has had one save to make in the first half. I can't remember another save."

Two-goal hero Howells, meanwhile was quick to praise the effort and determination of his team-mates for yet another win against the Harriers.

"I'm over the moon to start and to score both the goals. I hope by doing that I've repaid the faith shown in me by the manager. I should have scored with a couple of chances in the first half but we kept going and won two penalties and luckily I've put them both away. We worked ever-so hard and it's that hard work which gets you rewards. That's the most important thing."

Benson, who enjoyed a fine display as the focal point of the Hatters' attack, believed the victory was deserved. I always fancied us to score in open play regardless of the penalties," the striker said. "I think we were putting enough pressure on them to score eventually but we'll take two well-taken penalties to win it. The first penalty was clear for me. I don't want to comment too much on the defender's defending – perhaps he could have passed it back to the goalkeeper better – but the keeper's come out and fouled me.

"To get a result like this against a Kidderminster side who did so well last season is hugely pleasing."

KIDDERMINSTER 0-2 TOWN

Howells 70 (pen), 80 (pen)

Jake Howells puts the Town in front from the spot



Luke Guttridge goes for goal



KIDDERMINSTER: Lewis, L. Vaughan, Demetriou, Dunkley, Gowling, Storer (sub Byrne 72), Fowler, Gittings, Gash, Johnson (sub Jackman 82), Lolley (sub Malbon 72). **SUBS NOT USED:** N. Vaughan, Blissett.

TOWN: Tyler; Henry, Griffiths (sub Martin 90), McNulty, Lacey; Parry, Smith, Guttridge; Howells, Gray, Benson (sub Wall 90). **SUBS NOT USED:** Whalley, Cullen, Justham.

Paul Benson in action on his Hatters debut



POSSESSION	46%	54%
CORNERS	4	4
SHOTS ON TARGET	4	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET	4	6

FOULS	10	14
YELLOW CARDS	2	3
RED CARDS	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 2,866 (821 LUTON)

the big interview

ON A WET SUMMER EVENING EIGHT YEARS AGO JOHN STILL UNEARTHED PAUL BENSON. LAST WEEK THE PAIR WERE TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER THE STRIKER SIGNED A SEASON-LONG LOAN AT KENILWORTH ROAD. TOTT GETS THE INSIDE WORD FROM THE HATTERS' NEWEST RECRUIT

He's reunited with the manager that gave him his most treasured memories in football - and now he wants to do it all over again with the Hatters.

New signing Paul Benson, who joined the Town on a season-long loan deal last week, was plucked from the obscurity of the Essex Olympian League by John Still and Terry Harris in 2005.

It's a moment in time both player and manager remember well. Benson admits he didn't have a particularly good game the night he was watched.



Still doesn't quite recall the level of the striker's performance. But then again the then 23-year-old had been scoring literally hundreds of goals for White Ensign at the time.

A deal was done and Benson was given his full-time chance at Dagenham & Redbridge. "It's something I'm ever grateful of," he told Hatters Player, in his first interview as a Town man.

Despite one league goal in his first season, Still refused to panic. The following campaign, 2006/07, the frontman scored 28 goals. The Daggers won the Conference title. In 2009/10 he scored 22 goals and one of them came at Wembley. Still's boys were Play-Off winners and, against all the odds, in League 1.

Triumphs

Since those delirious days with the Daggers the now 33-year-old went onto experience transfers to Charlton Athletic and Swindon Town where the goals continued. So did success: a League 2 championship winners' medal obtained only the season before last under Paolo Di Canio is still fresh in the striker's mind.

But, it's the triumphs with Dagenham & Redbridge that pulls on Benson's heart strings. As does working with Still. "The gaffer knows me better than any other manager I've ever worked under," he says. "I know what he needs, he knows what I want. We trust each other. Let's hope it works as well as it did with Dagenham."

The Hatters can thank the Robins' reluctance to give him a run in the side for his arrival in Bedfordshire. "Last season was the toughest I've had in the game," explains Benson. He actually started last season well under Di Canio, scoring three goals - but the Italian then had other ideas. Out of the team, a short loan spell at financially troubled Portsmouth came and went after two goals in seven games. That stint on the south coast was followed by another temporary move, this time to Cheltenham for the final five months of a campaign.

"It wasn't just tough physically, but mentally, too," continues Benson. "I started the season in good form at Swindon and then, for whatever reason, Paolo switched it around, brought in new players and I was in and out.

"In October I went to Portsmouth. I enjoyed it but it was tough there with the problems they had, and then I went to Cheltenham and we lost in the Play-Off semi-finals to Northampton."

Benson now hopes that one season living a nomadic, footballer existence is a thing of the past. "I don't like moving around; I've got a young family who I like to base myself around. Now I've got a great chance to settle and be settled."

He'll have that opportunity to get his feet firmly fixed on Bedfordshire soil now with the Hatters, but if his manager is expecting the same kind of player that left Victoria Road in 2010 then perhaps he should think again.

Maturity

"I think I'm a better player now than I was when I left Dagenham," says the striker who scored 74 league goals in just shy of 160 games for the Essex outfit. "I've matured a lot, I feel as athletic as I ever have done and my game has come on a bit more since I last played under John."

"He's getting a different player that left him. I've worked on different parts of my game. Aspects that I felt I needed to improve to make the step-up to the higher level I was playing at. I think I've improved at certain things and I'm a better all-round player now."

That'll be music to the ears of the manager and Town fans alike, but perhaps not to those Skrill Premier defenders who will be all too aware of his predatory instincts in front of goal. 0.38 goals per league game ratio, 114 goals in senior football - or well over 200 if you throw in those goals for White Ensign. Benson's good with numbers - it was football over a career in accountancy that the goal-getter chose when Still and Harris came calling with a contract that wet night at Dedham Sports.

While Benson acknowledges how tough the division he now finds himself in is - as well as how dramatically it has changed since he last tasted Conference action - the striker admits his decision to drop down two divisions was a difficult one to make.

However, especially with Still at the helm, he wants to be a part of something special at Kenilworth Road.

"I'm not go to lie, having the gaffer here is a massive pull. He's given me some of the best memories in the game. Funnily enough I thought about coming to Luton about two-and-a-half years ago before I went to Swindon, but at the time I thought that move was best for me. Fortunately I went onto enjoy success there. But when the chance came up to come to Luton again, and with the gaffer here, there was only one place where I wanted to go.

"Dropping down two divisions definitely crossed my mind, though. I thought to myself I could have a couple



more years in the Football League. I've still got the ability to do that but sometimes you've got to think about the longer term and what you want for the benefit of your career.

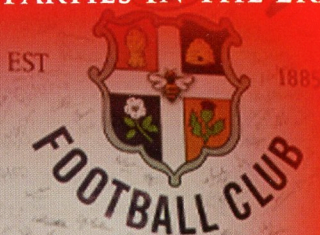
"Maybe I could play in League 1 or 2 but I knew that once John gets things going at Luton it could really take off, and I didn't want to miss out on something like that. I didn't want to be the player that looks at Luton in League 1 or 2 in a few years' time and think to myself 'I could have been there'. I wanted to think longer term, and Luton can get to League 1 in that time - but obviously it's going to take a lot of hard work before that materialises.

Delighted

"Luckily I know first-hand at what John can do. He's got the ability to do it. I've experienced the way he does things, and it's been successful. I was delighted to be a part of that at Dagenham and I'm delighted to be part of a team of his again.

"Coming back to work with John isn't about thanking him for giving me that first chance in the game. It's about looking forward to being involved, getting up and running and helping, of course, that the season ends in success."

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#askpaul

It's all well and good us asking the questions but we can't (and don't) think of them all. So Talk of the Town asked the army of followers on the club's social media channels Twitter and Facebook to submit their questions for us to put to new signing Paul Benson.

gemma o'halloran @Gemma_nathan_TW
@LTFC_Official #AskPaul Did anyone in particular inspire you to play football? If so who?

PAUL: There was no certain person that inspired me, but my dad and two brothers both played football and I have fond memories of playing them down the local park when I was young. So, if anybody inspired me, I would have to say my family.

T3MPZTRIGGER @kyle_118
@LTFC_Official What advice would you give a young player to make it into the pro game? #AskPaul

PAUL: You need to have the right attitude. It's also important that you work hard and listen to people's advice. It helps to take in what they say, work hard and practise on your game. There was a time when I was 23 playing for White Ensign when I never thought I'd be a professional footballer, and then I got the chance – so you never know what will happen. Never give up.

Peter @mcintyre_peter
@LTFC_Official How did Paulo Di Canio compare to other managers you have worked with, particularly John? #AskPaul

PAUL: First of all I must say that both Paulo and John share an incredible work ethic. Both of them will spend hours watching matches and players. Technically they are both very different. Paulo, for instance, would spend hours looking for weaknesses in the opposition. That's not to say John doesn't do that, he is a bit more laidback. Paulo was just very, very in-depth.

Andrew Malcolm @devonhatter
@LTFC_Official Would you advocate a winter break? #AskPaul

PAUL: I've thought of this before and I just think, given the weather in this country, that there wouldn't ever be a right time to do it. You could have a week or two off in December or January and the weather might be okay during that time. Then, when you start playing again, the weather might turn and you'll land up playing Saturday-

Tuesday every week. I think that supporters love to watch football over the festive period anyway and that's a big thing for everybody.

George Lobban @Lobbsy27
@LTFC_Official #AskPaul Do you prefer playing in traditional compact grounds like Kenilworth Road?
PAUL: I definitely prefer playing at tight grounds like Kenilworth Road. You can hear and feel the atmosphere, unlike at much bigger, open grounds. It is a big advantage for the home players when they have the backing of a big crowd so close to the pitch.

LEE-am @liamp_27
#AskPaul @LTFC_Official Who has been the best manager you have played under and why?
PAUL: I'm bound to get a lot of stick from the lads, but it has to be John. Obviously he signed me for the first time and I've enjoyed a lot of individual and team success with him. I feel he's always got the best out of me as a player.

SHARPPY @Jaysharpe96
@LTFC_Official What's the best goal you have ever scored? #AskPaul
PAUL: The best goal I scored was a volley for Dagenham away at Kidderminster from around the corner flag. However, my favourite goal has to be for Dagenham in the Play-Off final against Rotherham at Wembley.

The Titian Minx @Ginny_Bradwell
@LTFC_Official #askpaul What accounting exams did you sit and what did you find the hardest?
PAUL: I sat the AAT – that's the Association of Accounting Technicians – and passed the foundation and intermediate levels. I was half-way through the technician stage when John came and saved me! I might go back to it when I'm older but I'd rather not if I'm being honest!

Paul Howard @howymonk82
@LTFC_Official Who would be your dream strike partner? #AskPaul
PAUL: Lionel Messi. Purely because how good he is. He'd be able to walk the ball past the opposition and set me up for some tap ins! I think I'd learn a lot from him too.

Brian Stein heads across for Steve White (centre) to score the second of his four goals against Grimsby during the 6-0 win at Kenilworth Road in 1981.

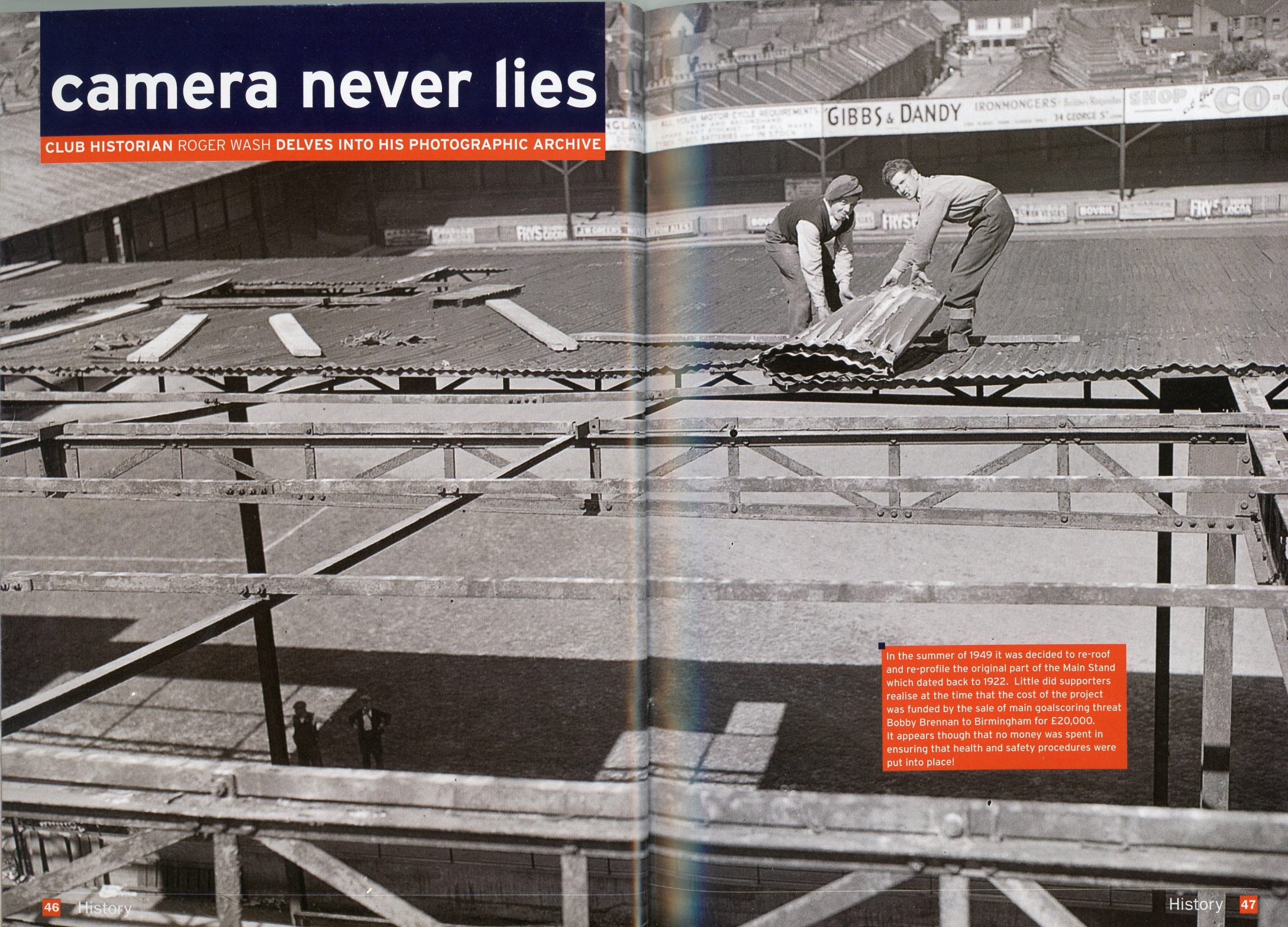
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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE



In the summer of 1949 it was decided to re-roof and re-profile the original part of the Main Stand which dated back to 1922. Little did supporters realise at the time that the cost of the project was funded by the sale of main goalscoring threat Bobby Brennan to Birmingham for £20,000. It appears though that no money was spent in ensuring that health and safety procedures were put into place!

yesterday's pages

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH LOOKS THROUGH PAST PROGRAMMES

LUTON TOWN 6-1 CARLISLE UNITED 1st SEPTEMBER 1973

It was back to the drawing board for Luton manager Harry Haslam. An opening day 4-0 thrashing at Nottingham Forest meant that all his plans for the season were shot in 90 minutes.

Due to the poor start only 7,231 bothered to turn up the following Saturday for the visit of Carlisle, a team the Town had never beaten in League football. The only change from the previous week's battering was the dropping of Peter Cruse to the bench and the promotion of new £13,000 signing from Crusaders, Tom Finney.

Treat

The stay-at-homes certainly missed a treat as Finney, who had been working as a pipe-fitter in his native Northern Ireland only a couple of months before, had the game of his life.

In a first half purple patch, the Hatters netted six goals in 23 minutes with Finney scoring two and playing a part three others. He opened the scoring after 12 minutes, heading in a John Aston free-kick which he had won, watched Peter Anderson crack in another two minutes later then added a third, taking a Don Shanks pass in his stride, on 20 minutes.

John Aston fired in an unstoppable volley from the edge of the box almost straight from the re-start, Anderson netted again from Barry Butlins pass before the big

striker added himself to the scoresheet after reacting quickest to a Finney shot that had been blocked.

The second half could never live up to the thrills of the first, but it was not for lack of trying. Several efforts fizzed wide and a couple of shots were cleared off the line but it was Carlisle who scored the only goal of the second period although the damage had of course already been done.

Carlisle manager Alan Ashman said afterwards: "I'm startled. I'm stunned. In all my career I have never before gone in six down at half-time. It's not nice. I don't want it to happen again."

Bizarrely, Carlisle joined the Hatters in promotion to the top flight at the end of the season!



Jim Ryan forces his way through the beleaguered Carlisle defence

THE PROGRAMME

In his programme notes manager Harry Haslam admitted that the previous week's defeat at Forest was not entirely the players' fault, which presumably meant he was putting some of the blame on himself. Certainly my memories of that game are that Forest appeared like world beaters, but they could not manage the pace and eventually finished in seventh place in the table.

The birth of the Luton Town Century Sporting Club was announced in the programme. For the £100 a year membership you got a colour television in your own club lounge. Joe Bugner and Acker Bilk (ask your parents) had already signed up.

For the princely sum of £1.50 a charter train was being run to Bristol City the following week, although by now the novelty of this mode of transport (started in 1969) was beginning to wear off as only 200 supporters had travelled to Nottingham Forest.

TOWN FOCUS

We begin the season on the newly Road with a focus on the newly formed Luton Town Century Sporting Club. Already this club has attracted a great deal of attention both from regular supporters and from others not previously associated with the club.

The "Club within a Club" has provided just the opportunity that Acker Bilk was looking for. Acker had been considering a season ticket to support the Hatters for some time, and when the Century Sporting Club was launched, he was one of the first to pay up. He was one of the first to pay up. He was one of the first to pay up.

The members have exclusive use of their own club lounge with licensed bar and colour television, plus their own reserved car parking space. However, as the membership increases, so the benefits are increasing. Joe Bugner and Andy Smith already have plans for various boxing functions during the season, and all Town supporters will now have a good chance of obtaining tickets for Joe's fights. Dave Roberts' out Commercial fights, Dave Roberts' out Commercial fights, Dave Roberts' out Commercial fights.

Another member, John Simpson of Travel House, hopes to arrange travel facilities for the club members to a number of sporting events around the world, in France and



Car Parking

Please note that the car park arrangements for this season have been changed.

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The entrance in Hattersbury Crescent is not a paying entrance and is now for Century Sporting Club members, visiting directors and guests.

Souvenir Shop

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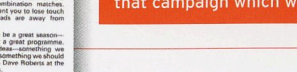
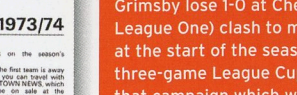
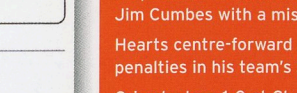
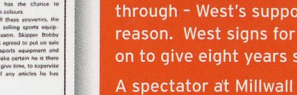
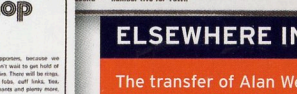
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HARRY HASLAM TOWN

Forget about that defeat at Nottingham Forest last week. The first match of the season is the one that really counts. There's a lot of it and even in an opening match, it's almost a different matter to pre-season warm-up matches. After all, we have to win this one. It's not going to be a walk-over for Saturday's debut. We were beaten last week, but it wasn't entirely the last fact.

And although we got off to a bad start last night, you, the supporters, will also be in it. We'll do all they can to play attractive, exciting football. I'm going to be in the top of the clubs, but they're not allowed to stick me out. I'm not going to stick me out. I'm not going to stick me out.

There's bound to be disappointment. There's bound to be disappointment. There's bound to be disappointment. There's bound to be disappointment.

Let's go Luton and watch the Shaw & Kilburn £1 a Goal Scoreboard. The Vauxhall People — Luton 55944

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ELSEWHERE IN FOOTBALL

The transfer of Alan West from Burnley to Sunderland falls through - West's supposed dodgy back being given as the reason. West signs for Luton the following month and goes on to give eight years solid service.

A spectator at Millwall knocks out Aston Villa goalkeeper Jim Cumbe with a missile thrown from the terraces.

Hearts centre-forward Don Ford scores a hat-trick of penalties in his team's 3-2 away win at Morton.

Grimsby lose 1-0 at Chesterfield in a Division Three (now League One) clash to make it two defeats on the bounce at the start of the season. Grimsby are to be involved in a three-game League Cup marathon with the Hatters later on that campaign which we eventually edged through.



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on this day

7th SEPTEMBER

THE RECORD

In a nutshell: not good. Of the 14 games played on this day the Hatters have won just three – that's a win percentage of just 21 per cent. The Hatters have lost six and drawn five, scoring 15 and conceding 20 in these games.

IN RECENT TIMES

Today's game is the first the Hatters have tasted on this day since a seven-goal League Cup thriller against Boston United in 2004.

The Pilgrims held a first-half lead thanks to ex-Town winger Courtney Pitt's drive but an own goal from Jason Lee had the Hatters level seven minutes after the break.

Lee then made amends, putting Boston back in front on 57 minutes before Kevin Nicholls levelled for the Town from the penalty spot on 77 minutes.

Thompson thought he'd won it for the Pilgrims at the death but Enoch Showunmi equalised in stoppage time to take the tie to extra-time.

But four minutes into the added half-hour Thompson had what proved to be the final say when he fired home to make it 4-3 which was enough to send the Pilgrims through to the second round.

BLUE IS THE COLOUR

The last time the Hatters played a home fixture on this day in history they were in the top flight. The year was 1985 when the Town were held to a 1-1 draw against Chelsea at Kenilworth Road.

Mick Harford put the Hatters ahead in the 35th minute when latching onto Brian Stein's clever back-heel but Luton-born striker Kerry Dixon levelled for the Blues two minutes after the break to salvage a point. The Town ended the campaign in the old First Division (then sponsored by Canon) in ninth place.

LAST VICTORY

You have to go back 17 years for the last time the Hatters won on 7th September. A solitary strike from David Oldfield secured the Town all three points on their first ever visit to Wycombe Wanderers in Division 2 (now League 1). The Chairboys had former England international Ray Wilkins playing in the centre of midfield.

YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

Believe it or not but there was a time when Liverpool played in English football's second tier and, in 1960, the Hatters met the Reds in a Second Division fixture at Anfield. In front of a crowd of 27,339 the Town earned a point in a 2-2 draw with goals from Gordon Turner and Billy Bingham. Liverpool ended the season in third place, just missing out on promotion, whilst the Hatters finished in 13th place.

BEATING THE CHAMPIONS

Of the Hatters' three victories on this day, one came in the top flight against the eventual league champions.

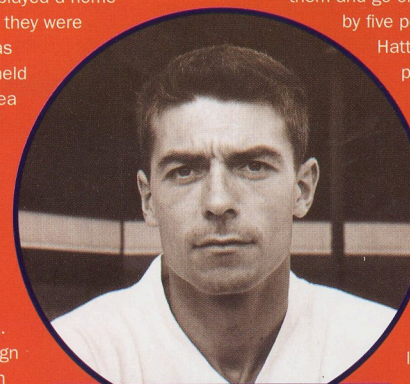
In 1957, two goals from Gordon Turner and one from Mick Cullen were enough to secure the Hatters a 3-1 win over Wolverhampton Wanderers in front of 22,030 at Kenilworth Road.

Wolves would put that setback well and truly behind them and go onto win the First Division championship by five points, losing just six times. The

Hatters would end the campaign in eighth place and would also leave Molineux in the return fixture later that season with a point from a 1-1 draw.

THE FIRST WIN

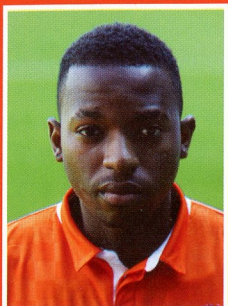
The Hatters' first win on this day came back in 1936 when goals from Joe Payne and Jack Ball secured a 2-0 home victory over Walsall in front of 11,395 at Kenilworth Road. The Town went on to lift the Division 3 (South) title come the end of the campaign with Payne scoring a club record 55 goals in 39 league games.



Record goalscorer Gordon Turner scored on this day in both 1957 and 1960

stars of the future

TOTT GETS TO KNOW MEMBERS OF THE HATTERS' UNDER-18 SQUAD



NAME:
Tinashe Chabata
DATE OF BIRTH:
23/12/1985
POSITION:
Centre-back
YEAR JOINED LUTON TOWN:
2009
FORMER CLUB:
Crawley Green

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND
Rio Ferdinand

FAVOURITE TV SHOW
My Wife and Kids

OTHER SPORTS GOOD AT
Tennis

FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT
Physical education

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOU
Team player, loud, intelligent

MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE
Zane Banton

TELL US ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FOOTBALL CAREER SO FAR

I signed for the club in 2009 from Crawley Green. My scholarship has been tough and hard work, but I've enjoyed every single minute of it.

BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP
Always be professional whenever you step onto a football pitch.

BEST FOOTBALL MOMENT
Reaching the finals in the Cordial Cup tournament

TEAM SUPPORTED AS A KID
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academy update

WITH MATT STANNARD

Without wanting to jinx it, the youth team are flying!

Three wins out of three in the league sits us nicely up the top of the South East Youth Alliance League with a game in hand over Watford (nine points) and Colchester (12 points).

In total, the Under-18s have not been beaten since mid-July! In fact, Paul Driver's side have only lost three times since the FA Youth Cup defeat at Stevenage in late October last year.

The boys have worked hard over pre-season and it has clearly put them in good stead for the season. There was no game today as the group had a weekend off, but there is an Under-17s game against Swindon on Tuesday before normal service is resumed next Saturday away at MK Dons.

While I'm thinking about it, a quick date for your diaries: The Under-18s will face Rothwell Corinthians in the FA Youth Cup on Wednesday 25th September at Kenilworth Road. The game will kick-off at 7.30pm with admission prices of £3 for adults and £1 for concessions. Needless to say, it would be great for as many of you as possible to come down and support our future stars.

At academy level, the Under-16s face Watford, Leyton Orient and MK Dons in the next few weeks with the Under-9-15 age groups coming up against Colchester, MK Dons, Northampton, Leicester and Barnet all before the end September.

At half time this evening we will be presenting the newly signed Under-9s on the pitch. Walking onto the Kenilworth pitch is a very nerve-wracking thing to do for anyone, and for them be thrown in front of 7,000 people will be terrifying for these young lads so please make them feel welcome to the Luton Town family.

We have a great bunch of lads joining us at the start of their careers, and great credit must be given to Scott Smith and Ross O'Kane for putting this squad together. It's not been easy, as Spurs, Norwich, MK Dons, QPR, Peterborough, Brentford and Chelsea (to name just a few) have all started to appear in Luton over the last year, scouting young players. We honestly feel we have a good crop moving forward having fought off these clubs for the young lads' signatures.

On the other end of the spectrum, our Under-16s are now playing in an Under-18 league with the view of giving them a head start when they join up with the youth team. The pace of the game is frightening and having been beaten by Boreham Wood in the first league game of the year, they recovered extremely well to beat Barking 4-0 on Wednesday. Joe Deeney's men have big boots to fill after our Under-16s won the Under-18 Southern Cup last year and narrowly missing out on the league title.

For the 9-15s, the games programme starts properly tomorrow away at Colchester and we are really looking forward to pushing the boys even further and having another successful season.



in the community

EASYJET FREE SCHOOLS VISIT PROJECT
SUPPORTED BY THE FOOTBALL CONFERENCE COMMUNITY TRUST

Thanks to continued support from our main club sponsor easyJet and the Conference Community Trust, our free schools visit project, which provides free curriculum time football coaching and PE lessons to all schools within Luton and Bedfordshire goes from strength to strength.

Due to continued funding this season from the Conference Community Trust Luton Town Football Club Community Trust coaches are visiting 40 schools and coaching over 2,000 school children each week.

The Conference Community Trust was launched two seasons ago for member clubs of the Skrill Premier and Skrill North and South, and involves both the Premier League and the Professional Footballers' Association committing up to £400,000 each for the next two seasons. It is designed to encourage member clubs to develop their work in their local communities. Each member club can apply for a maximum grant per season of £20,000.

The Town's football development officer James Hatch, who runs the easyJet free schools visit project



on behalf of the Club's Community Trust told Talk of the Town: "Over the last two seasons we had a great response from local schools who have asked us to come in and help with all kinds of requests from running lunch time clubs to coaching the schools' football teams.

"This season, with the continued funding, we will be able to go into far more schools each week to promote

the club to the next generation of supporters. The funding is great because we can now get all of our local schools involved with the club at no cost to them.

"We hope this project will not only help schools with providing quality PE lessons but also by getting the children involved with Luton Town and provide future supporters of the club.

"This year due to the continued funding, schools can apply for breakfast, lunch-time and after schools clubs as well as free curriculum time coaching."

For any schools looking to be involved in the project you can contact James Hatch or Kyle Durcan at the Club on 01582 583618 or via email on ltfc.freeschoolsvisitproject@hotmail.co.uk.



Luton Ladies

LADIES DEFEATED AT ENFIELD

The Hatters Ladies suffered their second successive defeat of the season as they went down 3-0 away to local rivals Enfield at the QE Stadium on Sunday.

Janine Daly made her first start of the season and there was a debut for recent signing Natalie Richardson.

The Hatters never recovered from conceding inside five minutes. Louise Bennett arrived unmarked in the Town box to side foot home from five yards after good work down the right hand side.

Luton never really threatened, but did look dangerous on the break. However, at times, all that was missing was a bit of quality in the final third.

Impressive

It was 2-0 to Enfield after 25 minutes when a half clearance fell to the impressive Louise Bennett who shaped and curled an unstoppable strike into the top corner giving Hollie Staples no chance.

The Town almost pulled one back before half-time but Rachel Kosky fired over when well-placed and debutant Richardson fired over from distance from a free-kick.

The second half proved just as frustrating for the Town. Emma Thomas ran clear and rounded Staples and her shot across goal from the tightest of angles was turned into her own goal by Jodie Whitford-Stark.

Luton enjoyed plenty of possession but their final ball was letting them down and another Richardson set-piece was all Town had to show and Janine Daly almost scored a goal of the season contender consolation with the clock winding down, connecting with a left footed volley which forced a brilliant save from the Enfield goalkeeper.

Injuries

The Hatters' appalling luck with injuries continued too, losing both central defenders Jodie Whitford-Stark and Nicki Livingstone. One bright note on an otherwise disappointing afternoon for the Hatters was the debut of teenager Christie Pearson, who has come through the academy. She played the final 20 minutes at the back and looked composed and confident.

"At the moment we are being punished for every mistake and we are really not getting any breaks go our way," first team coach Steve Greenwood bemoaned after the game.

"The girls look really sharp in training but at the moment we are unable for whatever reason to take them into games which is why we are without a win.

Work hard

"We have had injuries and players missing, but we aren't using this as an excuse. We will continue to work hard and learn and we will hopefully bounce back tomorrow away to Denham.

"As with any result I look to take any positives and build on those. Christie did very well under difficult circumstances coming on for her debut and we battle to the very end and were still creating opportunities until the final whistle."

Tomorrow the Ladies travel to newly promoted Denham United who have two former Hatters in their line-up in Eva Ramsey and Rebecca Scott.

LADIES FIXTURES 2013/14

DATE	H/A	OPPOSITION	RESULT
AUG	Sun 18	A CK Basildon	L 2-3
SEPT	Sun 1	A Enfield Town	L 0-3
	Sun 8	A Denham United	
	Sun 15	H Q.P.R.	
	Sun 22	H Ipswich Town (League Cup)	
	Tues 25	H MK Dons	
	Sun 29	A Cambridge	
OCT	Sun 6	A Arlesey Town	
	Sun 13	H Ebbsfleet United	
	Sun 20	H Ipswich Town	
	Sun 27	A Norwich City	
NOV	Sun 3	FA Cup 3QR	
	Sun 10	League Cup 2nd Round	
	Sun 17	A Q.P.R.	
	Sun 24	H Brentwood Town	
	Tues 27	A MK Dons	
DEC	Sun 1	FA Cup 1st Round	
	Sun 8	H Enfield Town	
	Sun 15	H CK Basildon	
JAN	Sun 5	A Brentwood Town	
	Sun 12	A Ebbsfleet United	
	Sun 19	H Norwich City	
	Sun 26	H Denham United	
FEB	Sun 2	A Ipswich Town	

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A FAN'S TALE

MY NAME:

David Newman

MY AGE:

50 today!

MY LOCATION:

Milton Ernest, Bedfordshire

MY TIME SUPPORTING LUTON TOWN:

This is my 41st season as a fan of the mighty Hatters during which time I have attended almost 1,100 Luton games. I have seen our great club in the top five tiers, including 11 seasons in the top flight.

MY FIRST LUTON GAME:

My dad took me to the home of football for the first time on Saturday 15th September 1973 when Luton played Portsmouth. We were 1-0 down, then 2-1 up at half-time, then 3-2 down, before squaring the game at 3-3. From that moment I should have guessed that following Luton was never going to be straight forward!

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GAME:

I went to every match of the 1989/90 season. A terrible campaign was saved by the final performance, on 5th May 1990, when Luton beat Derby 3-2 at the Baseball Ground, thanks a 30-yard free-kick from Tim Breacker and two goals from Kingsley Black. This one victory made the whole season worthwhile as Sheffield Wednesday lost 3-0 and were relegated instead.

MY FAVOURITE LUTON GOAL:

It has to be Brian Stein's winner in the Littlewoods Cup final against Arsenal in 1988. Brian Moore's commentary describes the moment: "A little chip in there by Danny Wilson. Now Grimes. Picked the outside there. STEIN! And Luton are ahead in the very last minute!"

MY FAVOURITE LUTON PLAYER:

Mick Harford. Hard as nails and goalscorer = Luton legend.



MY MOST TREASURED LUTON TOWN POSSESSION:

A DVD of ITV Sport's production of the 1988 Littlewoods Cup Final, which includes all of the pre and post-match interviews as well as some very dated looking adverts.

MY ALL-TIME LUTON TOWN XI:

These players scored 645

goals for Luton but would be vulnerable on the counter-attack!

Andy Dibble: Purely for 4:05pm on 24th April 1988, when he dived to his left to keep out Nigel Winterburn's penalty.

Paul Fletcher: Classy defender.

David Moss: Brilliant winger who weighed in with more than his fair share of goals.

Ricky Hill: He got the ball and beat them all. My earliest memory of Ricky was when he raced down the right wing somehow juggling the ball with his head!

Roy Wegerle: Ooooooh Roy Wegerle!

Jean-Louis Valois: Makes the team despite only 32 appearances in a Luton shirt. Amazing debut goal, amazing skills.

Tony Thorpe: 31 goals in 1996/97 speak for itself.

Paul Walsh: Exciting goalscorer.

Brian Stein: Luton's third all-time top scorer with an incredible 154 goals, including two which helped us lift the Cup.

Mick Harford: Luton legend.

Steve Howard: We all want a team of Stevie Howards!

WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPIEST ABOUT FOLLOWING THE HATTERS?

Life is never dull being a Luton fan. The last 13 seasons alone have included two promotions, four relegations, three Play-Offs (two finals), three administrations and a Cup Final. It's much more exciting than being an Arsenal fan stuck in the Premier League, winning nothing, and playing the same teams over and over again!

You too can share your Hatters memories. Use the headlines as a guide and email andrew.barringer@lutontown.co.uk, or submit your application by post.

My only Luton

from left midfield

BY KEVIN CROWE

A LOVE LETTER TO KENILWORTH ROAD, LUTON

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways...

We walk briskly from pubs, bladders bulging with anticipation. Streams of men in questionable coats converge with teenagers in shiny haircuts to cross the once ivy-covered bridge above Luton's Saturday traffic.

On the other side we walk in the middle of the road, the traffic bowing in submission to the match day crowd. Rounding the corner of Hazelbury Crescent past the iconic Zobra Auto Parts, we recount tales of seasons past and dig deep for the final climb through the home-cooked haze of Bury Park.

At the brow of the hill she appears like a used car dealership bolted to the shoulders of a housing estate. Portacabins, chip board and blue metal. Kenilworth Road.

I've walked the concrete concourse beneath the Main Stand with almost every member of my family. With friends, girlfriends and people I've just met drinking in the Nelson Flagship (RIP).

I've been drunker than you should be in the daylight, and more sober than anyone wading to the urinals at the back of the enclosure should ever advisedly be.

I've been a child in a fake replica shirt with the badge sewn on; an adult with things to do on a Saturday afternoon.

But once I climb the stairs that lead to the back of the stand - appearing between the wooden PA box and a disinterested steward - I take a breath and always feel exactly the same.

The main stand creaks and groans as seats are filled or flipped up to make way for soon to be bruised shins and calves.

The pitch is obscured by pillars from almost every seat in the ground. The leg room encourages standing and the proximity of the away fans can pull your eyes from the pitch.

In the daylight the years have been unkind. The wrinkles and the bags beneath her eyes squeal through the taps in the toilets and the turnstiles.

But at night she glows like a battered beacon in the Bedfordshire night, switching off all around her.

The old ground is the warm embrace of the house you grew up in.

A childhood sweetheart.

Your worst hangover.

A monument to our disappointment, and our best spent time.

THE NON-LEAGUE PAPER

ESSENTIAL READING FOR FOLLOWERS OF THE NATIONAL GAME

BY STEVEN CONEY

There's a chance this is your first time reading a Non-League programme; the first time you're watching grass-roots football.

The fourth annual Non-League Day is finally upon us and the event has become a key part of the football calendar.

As much as some would have you believe, Non-League isn't actually all played in cow fields with potholes in the goalmouths and more sand than grass.

We still play with a football - it's round and everything - still play for 90 minutes with two goals and a referee. In fact, Non-League is often much more exciting than its top level equivalent.

Ridiculous

I suppose it's quite apt that Non-League Day has fallen just a few days after the much hyped transfer of Gareth Bale to Real Madrid for a world record £85m.

That is a ridiculous sum of money, especially for one man kicking a ball about. As fans of top level clubs are treated more and more like customers rather than fans, Non-League football stands relatively firm.

Firm in its stance of being about the community; about the supporters and most importantly, about the football.

A large amount of clubs are run by volunteers, people giving up their time to make sure their local side is ticking along.

Indeed, Newport County manager Justin Edinburgh, a former Tottenham defender who led the Exiles to the Football League last season, said his time spent as a gaffer in Non-League helped him get "back into touch

with the people the game is about - the fans - after years in a bubble at the top".

There are plenty of myths surrounding Non-League football, mainly contributed to by some of the patronising national coverage it receives - especially when the world's most famous competition clicks into gear.

Decent FA Cup runs often lead to a Non-League side being covered on TV and rather than focus on the quality of the team or its journey through the rounds, commentators choose to focus on what job they do.

The stereotypical team of butchers, plumbers and policemen has grown tired. For it doesn't matter what jobs players do.

Love

When they step out on the pitch they do so because they love the game. And after the match, you can often go and chat to them in the bar.

Non-League is all about close interaction between fans, players, management and the board; all about the whole club's family pulling in the right direction. A far call from the mega rich foreign owners who see football club's as their personal playthings.

If all this still hasn't sold you, sit (or probably stand!) and relax and enjoy the game. The quality will be better than you expect and the passion on show will be refreshing.

Non-League football may not have the flashy presentation or the ridiculous hype surrounding the top level game.

But it's where the heart and soul of the game remains. And that's the biggest selling point of all.



Gareth Bale cost Real Madrid a world record £85m



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league look

THE LATEST IN THE SKRILL PREMIER

Three clubs sit in joint first place in the Skrill Premier with 14 points from their first six games of the new season.

Cambridge United sit top of the pile on goal difference from Barnet in second and Nuneaton in third. Lincoln sit in fourth on 13 points whilst Southport, conquerors of the Town on the opening day of the season, lie in fifth place with 12 points.

Last weekend Cambridge kept up their unbeaten start with a routine home victory over Tamworth with striker Adam Cunnington scoring once against his former club in the 3-0 win.

Barnet edged a five-goal thriller against Hyde at the Hive, whilst Nuneaton kept up their hugely impressive start to the campaign with a 2-1 win over this evening's visitors Grimsby at Blundell Park. Boro remain unbeaten having played Barnet, Forest Green and Kidderminster. They take on Wrexham this afternoon.

In a result to rival Nuneaton's at Grimsby, Chester earned their first points of the season with an excellent 2-0 win against Wrexham at the Racecourse thanks to goals from Paul Linwood and Lewis Turner. Last season's Conference North champions had lost their first five games.

Despite that victory the Blues remain in the bottom four, one point ahead of Hyde and six points ahead of bottom-of-the-table Aldershot, who sit on minus three points following their 10-point deduction. The Shots failed to reach the zero point mark last Saturday following a 1-0 defeat at Southport, but they host strugglers Macclesfield this afternoon at the Recreation Ground.

Forest Green remain hot on the heels of the top five with a comfortable 3-1 win at home to Alfreton, moving Dave Hockaday's side up to sixth in the table with the best goal difference, +10, in the division.

Elsewhere last weekend there were victories for Lincoln at Dartford, Hereford at home to Welling, Braintree at Macclesfield and Salisbury at home to FC Halifax.

Gateshead, who were the first club to change managers in the Skrill Premier, won 2-1 at Woking to secure their first victory of the campaign. On Tuesday the Tynesiders

appointed former York City boss Gary Mills as Anth Smith's successor. Mills' first match in charge of the Heed comes against Hereford at the International Stadium this afternoon.



Skrill Premier player of the month Luke Berry scored twice for Cambridge last weekend

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Hyde (Barnet)	5
Akinde (Alfreton)	4
Gregory (FC Halifax)	4
Moult (Nuneaton)	4
Berry (Cambridge)	3
Boden (Macclesfield)	3
Bradley (Alfreton)	3
Brown (Nunbeaton)	3

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Luton Town	6,751	Woking	1,501
Wrexham	4,450	Southport	1,379
Grimsby Town	3,534	Forest Green Rovers	1,347
Cambridge United	2,776	Dartford	1,201
Aldershot Town	2,432	Nuneaton Town	1,135
Lincoln City	2,428	Tamworth	1,123
Kidderminster Harriers	2,419	Braintree Town	1,116
Chester FC	2,333	Salisbury City	984
Barnet	1,906	Welling United	847
Hereford United	1,808	Gateshead	738
Macclesfield Town	1,523	Hyde	688
FC Halifax Town	1,517	Alfreton Town	641

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Aldershot v Macclesfield
Alfreton v Woking
Braintree v Forest Green
Chester FC v Dartford
FC Halifax v Barnet
Gateshead v Hereford
Hyde v Cambridge
Lincoln v Salisbury
Nuneaton v Wrexham
Tamworth v Southport
Welling v Kidderminster

fixtures and results

DATE TIME H/A OPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Southport	L 0-1	2,210	839	18	Tyler	Smith	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Taiwo	Guttridge	Martin	Whalley
Tue 13	7.45pm	H	Salisbury City	W 2-0	6,520	92	12	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Taiwo	Cuttridge 1	Martin	Whalley
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Macclesfield Town	D 1-1	6,216	80	13	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Taiwo	Cuttridge 1	Martin	Whalley
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers	D 0-0	1,858	653	14	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Guttridge	Whalley	Cullen
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	D 0-0	7,517	963	11	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Guttridge	Whalley	Cullen
Sat 31	3.00pm	A	Kidderminster Harriers	W 2-0	2,866	821	11	Tyler	Henry	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Smith	Parry	Guttridge	Howells 2

SEPTEMBER

TV Sat 7	5.30pm	H	Grimsby Town													
TV Fri 13	7.45pm	A	Wrexham													
Tue 17	7.45pm	H	Dartford													
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City													
Tue 24	7.45pm	A	Woking													
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Hereford United													

OCTOBER

Sat 5	3.00pm	H	FC Halifax Town													
Tue 8	7.45pm	A	Aldershot Town													
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Hyde													
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Tamworth													

NOVEMBER

Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Gateshead													
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Southport													
Tue 12	7.45pm	A	Braintree Town													
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Chester FC													
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Welling United													

DECEMBER

Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Alfreton Town													
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United													
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Gateshead													
Thur 26	3.00pm	A	Barnet													
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Kidderminster Harriers													

JANUARY

Wed 1	3.00pm	H	Barnet													
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City													
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Macclesfield Town													
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Wrexham													
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Nuneaton Town													

FEBRUARY

Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Dartford													
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Tamworth													
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Hereford United													
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Nuneaton Town													

MARCH

Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Alfreton Town													
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Salisbury City													
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Woking													
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Chester FC													
Tue 25	7.45pm	A	Grimsby Town													
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	FC Halifax Town													

APRIL

Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Aldershot Town													
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Braintree Town													
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Welling United													
Mon 21	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers													
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Hyde													



Mark Tyler takes charge in the six yard box against Cambridge

SUBS

Howells	Cullen	Charles	Parry	Gray	Robinson	Justham
Shaw	Cullen	Lacey	Howells	Gray	Robinson	Justham
Shaw	Gray	Parry	Howells	Gray	Robinson	Justham
Shaw	Gray	Parry	Howells	Gray	Robinson	Justham
Benson	Gray	Martin	Whalley	Wall	Cullen	Justham

LEAGUE TABLE 2013/14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Cambridge United	6	4	2	0	12	3	9	14
2 Barnet	6	4	2	0	12	4	8	14
3 Nuneaton Town	6	4	2	0	10	5	5	14
4 Lincoln City	6	4	1	1	7	3	4	13
5 Southport	6	4	0	2	7	6	1	12
6 Forest Green Rovers	6	3	2	1	15	5	10	11
7 Hereford United	6	3	2	1	9	6	3	11
8 Grimsby Town	6	3	1	2	8	6	2	10
9 Braintree Town	6	3	1	2	6	5	1	10
10 FC Halifax Town	6	3	1	2	10	12	-2	10
11 Luton Town	6	2	3	1	5	2	3	9
12 Kidderminster Harriers	6	3	0	3	9	9	0	9
13 Alfreton Town	6	3	0	3	10	11	-1	9
14 Welling United	6	2	2	2	9	8	1	8
15 Salisbury City	6	2	1	3	6	7	-1	7
16 Dartford	6	2	0	4	4	9	-5	6
17 Wrexham	6	1	2	3	8	12	-4	5
18 Tamworth	6	1	2	3	3	8	-5	5
19 Gateshead	6	1	1	4	8	12	-4	4
20 Woking	6	1	1	4	6	10	-4	4
21 Macclesfield Town	6	0	3	3	5	8	-3	3
22 Chester FC	6	1	0	5	4	12	-8	3
23 Hyde	6	0	2	4	7	18	-11	2
24 Aldershot Town	6	2	1	3	6	5	1	-3

PLAYER STATS 2013/14

	THIS SEASON										LTC	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISC	Y	R		CAREER TOTAL	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS					APPS	GLS
Paul Benson	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0			1	0
Anthony Charles	1 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	0	0			2	0
Mark Cullen	4 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	0	0			5	0
Andre Gray	4 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (2)	0	0	0			72	27
Scott Griffiths	6 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	1	0			12	0
Luke Guttridge	6 (0)	2	0 (0)	0	6 (0)	2	3	0			6	2
Ronnie Henry	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	0	0			47	0
Jake Howells	2 (4)	2	0 (0)	0	2 (4)	2	0	0			241	20
Alex Lacey	5 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	0	0			15	0
Alex Lawless	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0			124	12
David Martin	3 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (2)	0	0	0			21	3
Steve McNulty	6 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	2	0			26	1
JJ O'Donnell	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0			48	3
Andrew Parry	1 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	1	0			3	0
Matt Robinson	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0			14	1
Jon Shaw	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	1	0			42	10
Jonathan Smith	5 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	1	0			40	1
Solomon Taiwo	3 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	1	2	0			12	2
Mark Tyler	6 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	0	0			190	0
Alex Wall	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0			13	2
Shaun Whalley	5 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	0	0			5	0

hold the back page

WITH DIVERSE FM'S SIMON PITTS

After the optimism of pre-season and the excitement of the season starting it was particularly disappointing that the opening day saw a defeat at Southport.

That seems a long time ago now though, as two wins and three draws since then has seen improvement in both performances and results. Only one goal conceded in those five games is a great achievement, and it's good to see that the Hatters are tough to break down. Long may it continue!

Commentating for Diverse FM gives me the opportunity to visit numerous grounds around the country, and like most fans I have my favourites. One that most members of the press particularly enjoy is the trip to Kidderminster, and last Saturday was no exception as they tucked into the famous Kiddy cottage pies! Thankfully something else we usually enjoy even more was also served up at Aggborough: a good performance with a side portion of at least two goals, and of course the icing on the cake, three points.

That's enough mention of food for now as it was great to be celebrating not only winning, but also scoring two penalties. It's been three years since Matthew Barnes-Homer achieved the feat of scoring two penalties at Kettering Town – a club who could be wound up over a £58,000 debt on Monday – the same time that multi-million pound transfer deals were struck elsewhere.

Talking of transfers and it's a welcome to Paul Benson, who made his debut at Kidderminster, and also a belated welcome to Andy Parry who made his first start for the club in the same match.



The culinary delight at Kidderminster

With nine players coming into the Club since the end of last season, and another three signing permanent deals, it's perhaps no surprise that there's not been any news of further transfers in as I write this article on the evening of deadline day.

In a similar vein to the Football Club there have also been changes at Diverse FM over the summer. We're proud to have new broadcast equipment, a new signing – albeit a free transfer – so a warm welcome to Paul Carter who brings some great broadcasting experience to the team, and also a change in tactics to hopefully make The Luton Town Show even more enjoyable to be supporting for 90 minutes on match day.

All of those who volunteer their time to bring you The Luton Town Show on Diverse FM know that tonight's listening figures may be slightly affected due to the match being broadcast live on BT Sport. A big welcome to the commentary team who will be taking up my usual position on the gantry, although I get the feeling they won't be celebrating any Luton goals in quite the same style as I will be in the press-box!

The new channel started their coverage of the Skrill Premier with a home win for Cambridge against FC Halifax on the opening weekend of the season in a game that also included penalties scored and saved, two red cards and six goals. I'll just be grateful if it's another home win for their cameras' first visit to Kenilworth Road!

The Luton Town Show broadcasts live commentary of every Luton Town match on Diverse FM and is also available on Hatters Player.

Simon would like to dedicate this article to his late grandfather who passed away aged 90 this week. A life-long Hatters fan, who always tuned in to Simon's commentary on Diverse, he will be sorely missed.



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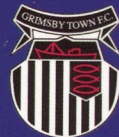


today's teams



LUTON TOWN

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Mark Tyler | 17 JJ O'Donnell |
| 3 Danny Fitzsimons | 18 Dave Martin |
| 4 Jonathan Smith | 21 Luke Guttridge |
| 5 Steve McNulty | 22 Shaun Whalley |
| 6 Anthony Charles | 23 Matt Robinson |
| 7 Alex Lawless | 25 Ronnie Henry |
| 8 Solomon Taiwo | 26 Paul Benson |
| 9 Jon Shaw | 27 Andre Gray |
| 10 Alex Wall | 28 Jim Stevenson |
| 11 Jake Howells | 30 Alex Lacey |
| 12 Scott Griffiths | 31 Jake Woolley |
| 13 Mark Cullen | 32 Brett Longden |
| 14 Andy Parry | 33 Jerome Jibodu |
| 16 Elliot Justham | |



GRIMSBY TOWN

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Jonathan Hedge | 12 Clayton McDonald |
| 2 Sam Hatton | 13 James McKeown |
| 3 Aswad Thomas | 14 Lenell John-Lewis |
| 4 Scott Kerr | 15 Paul Bignot |
| 5 Shaun Pearson | 16 Alan Goodall |
| 6 Chris Doig | 17 Ross Hannah |
| 7 Joe Colbeck | 18 Andi Thanoj |
| 8 Craig Disley | 19 Dayle Southwell |
| 9 Andy Cook | 23 Alex Rodman |
| 10 Liam Hearn | 26 Patrick McLaughlin |
| 11 Scott Neilson | |

Referee: **P. Bankes** | Assistant: **C. Taylor** | Assistant: **K. Morris** | Fourth official: **A. Coggins**

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v DARTFORD

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