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Hello, today we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town for this eagerly awaited FA Cup fourth Qualifying Round tie. I think it is fair to say that of the sixty four teams in the hat for today's matches, sixty three of them would have been hoping to 'avoid' Luton. Of course we still have vivid memories of Tuesday September 24th, when our visitors beat us 4-0 here at Kingfield, so in order to make further progress, we will need to be at our very best this afternoon. Please get behind the lads today, your vocal encouragement will be greatly appreciated.

# PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS



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Thank you for coming along to Kingfield for this afternoon's FA Cup tie. I'd like to give a warm welcome again to John Still and his management team and to all the players, officials and fans from Luton Town. We hope they enjoy their brief stay with us today.

My last programme notes were for our home game against FC Halifax Town, when we repeated the 0-0 scoreline we'd experienced only a few days previously against Barnet. While it was pleasing to keep a clean sheet for the third successive match, it was once again frustrating that we failed to make the most of the fact that we largely controlled the game and had the better chances, though not as many as against Barnet. We worked hard but lacked that necessary bit of quality with the final ball.

Before travelling to Wrexham we had a decent result against Lingfield in the Surrey Senior Cup, which provided a good opportunity, amongst other matters, to give some game time to some youth team players.

The result against Wrexham last Saturday was very disappointing. We went there intent on keeping our undefeated run going. We started reasonably well, with their keeper making a good save from Jack Parkinson, but some slack defending handed Wrexham the lead after some twenty minutes. I've made no secret of the fact that I was extremely unhappy about the lack of response from the players in the period leading

up to half-time, when I made my views known in no uncertain terms. We went on to dominate the second half, hitting the bar and creating a good half a dozen presentable chances but without finding the net. Wrexham's second goal came right at the end of the match when we were going flat out for the equaliser.

I was pleased with the response from the players after half-time but you've got to give your all for the whole ninety-plus minutes in this league, where the dividing line between success and failure is very thin. It shouldn't take a half-time 'rocket' from Steve and me to start the fight back. Going behind should hurt and spark an immediate response.

We're all aware that we didn't do ourselves justice in the home league game against today's visitors, although, to be fair, their display that evening was the best we've encountered this season. But today's game is an entirely different occasion and, as we all know, the Cup can spring many a surprise. We've got every incentive to turn the tables on Luton and I will be expecting every one of my side to do their utmost to achieve that.

Many thanks for your great support in what has been a testing season so far for fans as well as for the management team and the players.

Enjoy the match and have a safe journey home.

Garry



# TODAY'S VISITORS LUTON TOWN

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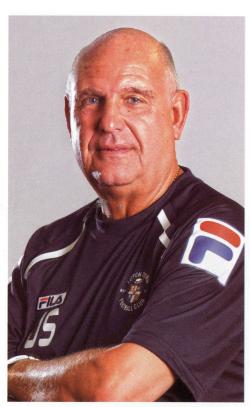
GROUND: Kenilworth Road

NICKNAME: The Hatters
CHAIRMAN: Nick Owen

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# MANAGER - JOHN STILL

John Still became the manager at Kenilworth Road after the departure of previous boss Paul Buckle. John's playing career was cut short by injury, playing for Leyton Orient, before having spells with Bishops Stortford and Dagenham. As a manager, Still has represented many clubs, including Barnet and Peterborough, but it was his second spell at Dagenham that would be his most impressive. During a nine year spell in Essex, he led the club from non-league into the football league.



# A BRIEF HISTORY

The birth of Luton Town Football Club came about in April 11th 1885. Early games for the newly formed club consisted of friendlies, apart from annual excursions into the English Cup as it was then named.

Town were invited to become a founder member of the Southern League in 1894 was grabbed with both hands, and finishing runners-up to Millwall in each of the first two seasons of the Southern League persuaded the ambitious club to make a bid for election to the Football League, which was accepted in 1897, joining Division Two.

Luton re-joined a much stronger Southern League three years later due to travel costs of the football league, and this is where they stay for several years, before being asked to form a new Division Three of the Football League, returning as a stronger and a great deal wiser club, with ambitions of reaching the top.

It was the 1954/55 when Luton Town eventually reached the top division of English football, pipping Rotherham United on goal difference, and a series of mid-table finishes in Division One were to follow. But it was the FA Cup that really got the Hatters on the footballing map, as they defeated Norwich City in the FA Cup semi-final to book an appointment at Wembley against Nottingham Forest. However, the dream wasn't fulfilled, as Forest ran out 2-1 winners.

Fortunes declined shortly after, and an aging squad finished bottom of Division One in the 1959/60 season, and by 1962, Town were back in the bottom division.

Luton eventually worked there was back to the top flight, over the course of many seasons, and in April 1988, the club won their first major trophy, with a last minute strike from Brian Stein giving the Hatters a 3-2 win over Arsenal to lift the Littlewoods League Cup. The club reached the final again a year later, this time losing 3-1 to previous Wembley opponents, Nottingham Forest.

Disappointment followed, when in 1992, Town suffered relegation to the second tier, and by 2008 the club had found itself in League 2. After an investigation by the Football Association for previous financial irregularities the club had to start the season with an incredible 30 point penalty. Despite winning the Johnstone's Paint Trophy with a 3-2 victory over Scunthorpe United in April, the club couldn't bridge the deficit of league points, and a goalless draw versus Chesterfield on Easter Monday meant that after 89 years in the Football League, Luton Town were relegated into non-league.

The Hatters have suffered three seasons of play-off heart-break since their relegation, but will be hoping to claim the top spot as their own this time around.







# **RESULTS: CARDS V LUTON TOWN**

 Season
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 Away

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 3-1
 1-3

 2013-14
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 0-4

# LEAGUE FORM - LAST 6 MATCHES:

24 Sep Woking 0 Luton Town 4 28 Sep Hereford United 0 Luton Town 0

05 Oct Luton Town 4 FC Halifax Town 3 08 Oct Aldershot Town 3 Luton Town 3

12 Oct Luton Town 4 Hyde 1
19 Oct Tamworth 3 Luton Town 4

# **PLAYERS TO WATCH**

# MARK TYLER -GOALKEEPER

Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a one-year contract extension in May. On the verge of 700 senior appearances, 36-year-old Tyler was one of the Hatters' first signings in their first season in the Conference in 2009, and the stopper has

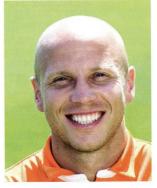


since gone on to make 184 appearances between the sticks, keeping 72 clean sheets.

# JAKE HOWELLS -MIDFIELDER

Amazingly, at 22, Howells is the Hatters' longest serving player having made his debut as a 17-year-old on the final





## LUKE GUTTRIDGE – MIDFIELDER

Influential and experienced central midfielder with over 400 senior appearances to his name who signed for the Hatters in August on a two-year contract. He has twice won promotion whilst with Southend, and also helped

Northampton reach the League 2 play-off final last season.

# ALEX LAWLESS - MIDFIELDER

The influential and creative midfielder penned a new two-year contract in May, turning down contracts at two clubs in League 1. The 27-year-old has made 124 appearances for the Hatters since signing from York City in November 2010 and has scored 12 goals.



# ANDRE GREY - FORWARD

Lightening quick forward who finished last season as the Hatters' leading goalscorer with 20 goals. The young striker made an instant impact when signing from Hinckley in March 2012 and has been capped by England C.



# SQUAD PLAYERS

# ELLIOT JUSTHAM -GOALKEEPER

Promising young goalkeeper signed from East Thurrock on a two-year deal in May. The commanding 6ft 3in stopper kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches for the Rocks last season, and the 22-year-old has previously enjoyed trials at West Ham and Reading.

# DANNY FITZSIMONS – DEFENDER

Former Millwall and QPR defender who followed team-mate Jim Stevenson to Kenilworth Road from Histon on a two-year contract this summer. He swept the board at the Stutes' end-of-season awards and has over 100 games' experience despite only being 21 years old. Capable of playing at left-back or in central defence.

# STEVE MCNULTY - DEFENDER

The experienced centre-half signed a new deal with the Hatters this summer after a string of accomplished performances for the club during 2012/13. The Liverpoolborn defender led Fleetwood Town to Conference title in 2011/12, lifting the title as the Cod Army captain.

# ANTHONY CHARLES – DEFENDER

Experienced central defender who helped Barnet and Aldershot to the Conference title in 2005 and 2008 respectively. A calm, composed, left-footed defender, Charles left Aldershot for Northampton in January 2012 and went onto appear 18 times in League 2 for the Cobblers. He ended last season with Plymouth.

### SCOTT GRIFFITHS – DEFENDER

Left-back who penned a one-year contract at the end of last season. Another former Dagenham man, the experienced 27-year-old joined the Hatters in March following his release from former club Peterborough. He won the Conference under Still in 2007 and lifted the League 2 title with Chesterfield in 2011.

# RONNIE HENRY – DEFENDER

Club captain and right-back in his second season with the club. The defender joined the Hatters last summer from Stevenage, who he helped win promotion from the Conference to League 1.

# ALEX LACEY - DEFENDER

Highly-rated centre-half who has enjoyed a fine pre-season in which he was handed the captain's armband by John Still. Made his Town debut as a 17-year-old in the FA Trophy and spent last season on loan with Eastleigh.

# BRETT LONGDEN -DEFENDER

First year professional Brett is a right-back by trade and made his mark in pre-season with a fine 30-yard goal against Thurrock. He's another player who has tasted first team experience in the FA Trophy.

# JEROME JIBODU – DEFENDER

Like Longden, Jerome signed his first professional contract this summer. A composed left-back, he made his Hatters debut in the FA Trophy against Skelmersdale last season.

# ANDY PARRY – DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

The central defender signed from Southport on a two-year contract this summer. Also able to play in central midfield, Parry has two season's worth of Conference football under his belt but began his career as a youngster at Blackburn.

# JONATHAN SMITH -MIDFIELDER

Central midfielder who joined the Hatters from Swindon last season having helped the Robins lift the League 2 title in 2011/12 under Paolo Di Canio. Also capable of playing at right-back.

# JJ O'DONNELL -MIDFIELDER

Left-sided midfielder who joined the Town in 2010 from St Albans and made his debut as a substitute in an FA Cup tie against Corby later that year. After successful loan spells at Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond, he penned a three-year contract last summer.

# DAVE MARTIN – MIDFIELDER

Left-winger who signed for the Hatters in January this year and went onto score three times in 16 league appearances for the club. He was rewarded for his fine performances with a new two-year deal this summer.

# SOLOMON TAIWO – MIDFIELDER

Central midfielder who agreed a new one-year contract at the end of the season having appeared nine times for the Hatters having been signed by John Still in March. Starred for a host of non-league clubs before being snapped by Still at Dagenham in 2007 where he became a driving force in the Daggers midfield. His impressive performances led to him signing for then-Championship Cardiff in 2009 for \$250.000.

# SHAUN WHALLEY – MIDFIELDER

Attack-minded midfielder or winger who followed Andy Parry to Kenilworth Road on a two-year deal from Southport. The 25-year-old was in inspired form for the Sandgrounders throughout 2012/13, scoring 10 goals and creating many more, and ended the campaign with a string of end-of-season awards.

# MATT ROBINSON – MIDFIELDER

Teenage midfielder in his second season at Kenilworth Road having signed last summer from Leicester City. He impressed John Still towards the end of the previous campaign and was rewarded with a new two-year contract this summer.

### JIM STEVENSON – MIDFIELDER

Box-to-box midfielder signed in May on a two-year deal from Histon. The youngster scored 11 goals for the Stutes in 2012/13 and ended the campaign as the top goalscorer. The 21-year-old made his full debut as a 17-year-old at Kenilworth Road for Histon in a game the Hatters won 5-1.

### JON SHAW - FORWARD

Centre-forward in his second season at Kenilworth Road having signed last summer from Gateshead. Scored 45 league goals in 80 appearances for the Tynesiders and hit double figures for the Town last term, including a hat-trick in the 6-1 win over Barrow in January.

### ALEX WALL - FORWARD

Raw, powerful centre-forward with pace to boot, who became John Still's first signing at Kenilworth Road having joined from Maidenhead last season. He scored his first goals for the Hatters when both hitting both goals in a 2-0 win over Ebbsfleet in April.

# MARK CULLEN -FORWARD

Young striker signed on a two-year deal following his release from Premier League-bound Hull City. A clever, poacher of a forward, Cullen impressed the manager with two fine performances against the Hatters whilst on loan at Stockport. Given his debut for Hull in the Premier League, he scored on his full debut for the Tigers whilst in the top flight.

# JAKE WOOLLEY -FORWARD

Teenage forward who signed professional forms last summer having impressed the coaching staff with his performances and attitude. Also made his debut as a 17-year-old in the Trophy, but has also tasted action in the Conference.

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MENTION Inverness Caledonian Thistle and chances are that whoever it is you are talking to will recount the infamous headline of 13 years ago, when John Barnes got the 'Turnip' treatment.

'SUPER CALEY GO BALLISTIC, CELTIC ARE ATROCIOUS' blasted The Sun after Barnes' Bhoys lost 3-1 at home in a Scottish League Cup tie to their at that point parttime, first division opponents.

The former England winger would soon lose his job, but now one of his old national team colleagues, Terry Butcher, is making more positive headlines north of the border for building an Inverness side capable of challenging the Parkhead giants at the top of the Scottish Premiership.

Formed only in 1994, Inverness have risen through the Scottish structure and last term, their third since winning promotion to the top-flight, saw them miss out on a Europa League place by one spot.

The house that Butcher has built has sturdy foundations from the English Non-League pyramid, with eight of his current squad having been tempted to the Highlands by Steve Marsella, the 46-year-old goalkeeper coach who does 60,000 miles a year in his joint role as chief scout.

Although he let a cross slip through his hands like a bar of soap to gift Partick Thistle a late winner in the live TV game last Sunday, on-loan Luton goalkeeper Dean Brill has been in brilliant form so far this season for Caley, according to Marsella.

Former Mangotsfield United, TeamBath and Newport County centre-half Gary Warren is their "leader", while ex-Hednesford and Macclesfield man Ross Draper drives them on from midfield.

In the final third, Caley draw on the creativity of former Welling United, Ebbsfleet and Maidstone youngster Ben Greenhalgh, who has also spent time at Inter Milan after starring in the Sky One reality show, Football's Next Star, while still in Welling's youth team.

Marley Watkins, the winger signed from Hereford in the summer, is likely to figure more after impressing from the bench last week, while another close season acquisition – James Vincent – has impressed greatly in an attacking midfield role since arriving from Kidderminster.

Unfortunately for the ex-England C international, injury looks set to sideline him until Christmas, but Danny Williams (ex-Kendal and Chester), Carl Tremarco and Danny Devine (both ex-Wrexham) keep up the Conference contingent's numbers at the Tulloch

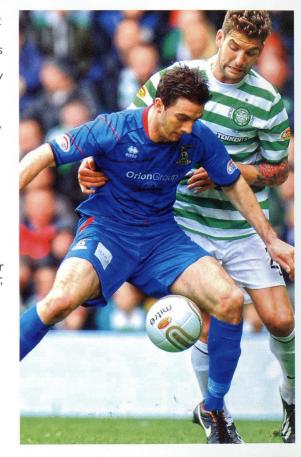
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SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2013 - SKRILL PREMIER - KINGFIELD

WOKING
FC HALIFAX TOWN

# Cards have to settle for a point

Woking played out their second successive goalless draw at home in the space of four days when honours finished even against mid-table FC Halifax Town.

In a match remarkably similar to the previous Tuesday's encounter with Barnet, the home side was left frustrated at the end of a match which saw them play plenty of attractive football but without being able to apply the killer touch and convert good attacking play into goals. On a positive note, the result stretched the team's unbeaten run to four and saw another clean sheet.

The Cards took to the field with the same side which started against Barnet and, as in that game, immediately started on the front foot pushing back their opponents with some bright and positive play, much of which came down the right where Kevin Betsy was giving his full-back an uncomfortable time. Half-chances came to both John Goddard and Scott Rendell but without causing the Halifax 'keeper any real bother. The only threat from the visitors, who were largely content to play on the counter, was from set pieces but the home defence held steady in the face of these occasional threats. Woking continued to do the bulk of the attacking as the half drew to a close but without showing the incisiveness necessary to unlock the Halifax defence.

The Cards started the second half slowly and were unable to reproduce the attacking momentum which had characterised much of their first half play. Their best opportunity fell to Joe McNerney in the fifty-eighth minute when the ball fell to him a few yards out following a John Nutter free-kick. His shot, however, was parried by Matt Glennon in the Halifax goal and Gavin Williams, following up, could only hit the rebound into the side-netting.

With the match heading for a draw, there was time for a scare amongst the home fans. John Wilson's free

kick for the visitors hit the post and the hard-working Lee Gregory looked certain to score when he evaded a hesitant Sam Beasant but he then lost his footing when it seemed as though he was poised to score.

So, another point for the Cards as they look to climb away from the lower reaches of the table. Although Garry Hill was clearly a little frustrated after the match not to have picked up two wins from the week's two home fixtures, he felt that, as on Tuesday, his side had had the better chances and had been unfortunate not to have claimed more than two points from the two games. There were plenty of encouraging signs, nevertheless, to believe that the team can achieve a positive result in their next league match when they make the long trip to Wrexham.

For a more detailed report, video highlights and interviews please visit www.wokingfc.co.uk

### Woking

- 18 Sam Beasant
- 2 Adam Newton
- 3 John Nutter
- 4 Mark Ricketts
- 5 Joe McNerney
- 8 Jack Parkinson
- 9 Gavin Williams (Giuseppe Sole 77)
- 11 Kevin Betsy
- 20 Josh Payne
- 21 Scott Rendell
- 22 John Goddard (Anthony McNamee

### **Unused Subs:**

- 15 Mike Cestor
- 16 George Frith
- GK Aaron Howe

### Cautions:

Josh Payne 70 Joe McNerney 87

# Man of the Match:

Joe McNerney

# FC Halifax Town

- 1 Matt Glennon
- 2 Ryan Toulson
- 3 Scott McManus
- 5 Matty Pearson
- 7 Adam Smith (John McReady 81)
- 10 Danny Gardner (Josh Wilson 82)
- 11 Lee Gregory
- 15 Marc Roberts
- 18 Paul Marshall (Kevin Holsgrove 65)
- 20 Lois Maynard
- 22 Simon Ainge

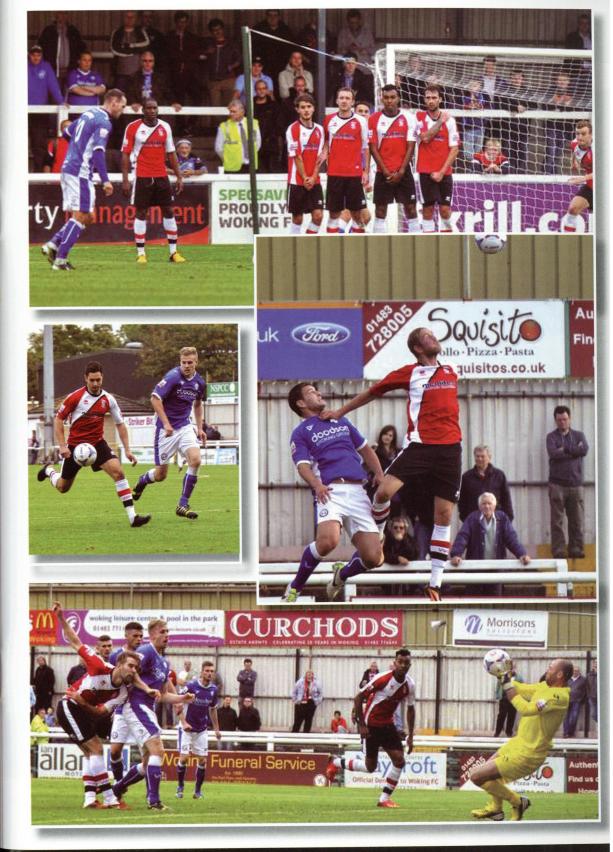
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GK Phil Senior

### Caution:

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MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2013 - SURREY SENIOR CUP 1ST ROUND - KINGFIELD

# **WOKING**

SOLE 7, 84, BECKLES 21, BRICE 27, BETSY 42

# LINGFIELD

HILL 51. SATO 85

# Cards ease into next round of SSC

Woking enjoyed a good workout against their opponents from Sussex County League Division One in the first round of the Surrey Senior Cup, a competition they won two years ago but were ignominiously dumped out of last year on penalties by Godalming Town at the quarter final stage.

Fielding a side with a good blend of youth and Skrill Premier experience, the result was never in doubt as the Cards raced into a 3-0 lead within half an hour before taking their foot of the pedal in the second half. To their credit, Lingfield did not give up and although they never threatened an upset, they fully deserved the two goals they notched in the second half.

It did not take long for the home team to seize the initiative. In the seventh minute, a good break started by Kevin Betsy in his own half was finished off by Giuseppe Sole with a neat left foot volley into the corner of the net from just inside the area. The Woking striker almost grabbed a second shortly afterwards when his rasping volley thudded against the woodwork. Three further goals before the break, however, effectively ended the game as a contest. Firstly, Reece Beckles was on hand to finish off a good move with a shot which found the net via the left-hand post. A few minutes later, defender Adam Brice confidently headed home a corner from the right before Betsy added a fourth with an excellent finish from just inside the box.

Unsurprisingly, the Cards relaxed a little in the second half and the deficit was reduced after fifty-one minutes when Jake Hill pounced at the near post from a right-wing corner. The visitors then had their fair share of the play before Sole, who had clearly enjoyed himself throughout the game, glided effortlessly

through a tiring visitors' defence and cooly side-footed past the advancing 'keeper into the far corner of the net, very much a la Thierry Henry. A minute later,

Lingfield scored a consolation goal with a fine effort, Hidekazu Sato expertly heading home an excellent right wing cross from eight yards out. It was a goal worthy of a team playing in a much higher standard of football and brought to an end an entertaining evening's football.

The Cards will be at home in the next round to Walton Casuals, who are currently top of Ryman League Division One South, on a date yet to be announced.

For a more detailed report, video highlights and interviews please visit www.wokingfc.co.uk

### Woking

- 1 Aaron Howe
- 2 Niall Wright
- 3 Mitchell Gutteridge
- 4 George Frith (Reece Placid 67)
- 5 Adam Brice
- 6 William Salmon
- 7 Kevin Betsy (Bradley Breach 77)
- 8 John Goddard (Greg Haydon 77)
- 9 Reece Beckles
- 10 Giuseppe Sole
- 11 Anthony McNamee

# **Unused Subs:**

Liam Allen Edward Young

# Lingfield

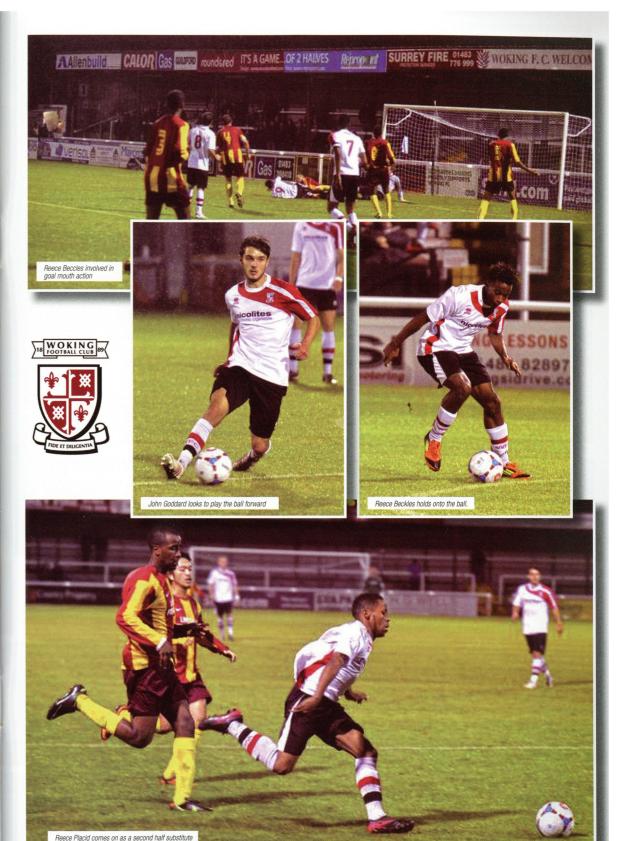
- l Dan Burnett
  - 2 Jake Hill
  - 3 Marco Mwanza
  - 4 Freddie Fleming (David Dean 56)
  - 5 Jay Kalama
  - 6 Gareth Graham
    Daryl Coleman
  - 8 Harry Sintim
    (Dominic Lugard 45)
  - 9 Craig Pitterson
  - 10 Lawrence (Joel Amos 69)
  - 11 Hidekazu Sato

### **Unused Subs:**

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### Caution:

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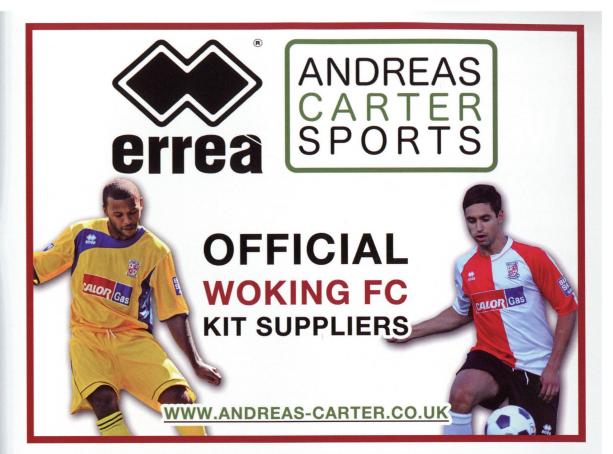
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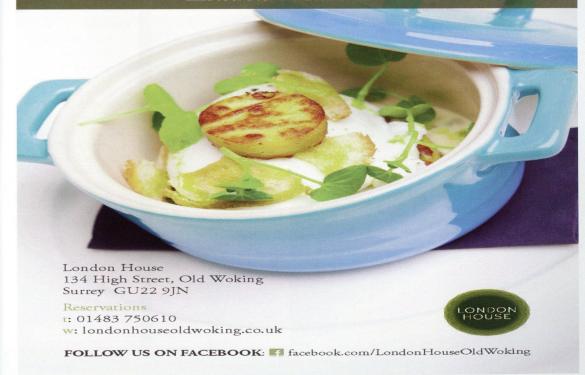








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# **WREXHAM**

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# **WOKING**

# Goal drought continues

Manager Garry Hill cut a frustrated figure when interviewed at the end of a match which saw the Cards fail to score for a third successive league game. It also brought to an end a mini revival which had seen the team draw three and win one of their previous four league fixtures. A poor first half from the visitors, when they went behind to veteran Dean Keates' twenty-first minute strike, was followed by a vastly improved performance after the break when they had the lion's share of the play. As has happened on a number of occasions this season, however, some excellent approach work, leading to a number of chances, could not be converted into goals and the team was left to reflect upon a game in which they could easily have come away with at least a point.

Woking started brightly enough in an evenly contested opening twenty minutes. Disaster then struck in an all too familiar scenario. The defence was unable to deal with a corner played short and Keates' strike through a crowded penalty area beat the unsighted Sam Beasant.

For the rest of the half it was mostly the home team in the ascendency as their opponents struggled to find any fluency or put together any meaningful attacking passages of play. The half-time whistle could not come quickly enough to enable the team to reach the dressing room and regroup and receive some well-chosen words of wisdom from Garry and Steve. Whatever was said must have had a positive effect. The Cards emerged early for the second period and from the outset performed in a much more determined and purposeful manner. They took the game to the home team who had to be contend with the occasional counter-attack as the visitors pressed forward for an equaliser. This almost came in the fifty-fifth minute when Mike Cestor's header from a John Nutter cross came agonisingly back off the crossbar. Woking continued to pile forward

but were unable to find that little bit of magic to get themselves back on level terms. With time running out, a last throw of the dice saw Anthony McNamee and Giuseppe Sole replace Nutter and John Goddard but the breakthrough just would not come. The Cards' fate was then sealed in the ninetieth minute when midfielder Joe Clarke kept his cool to slot home Wrexham's second goal.

This defeat keeps the Cards rooted in the bottom four of the league. The team is clearly suffering from "second season syndrome" in a division where there are no easy games. There is no doubt that the side is as good as most in the league up to their opponents' eighteen yard line yet cannot find that killer instinct in front of goal, despite the loan signing of the influential Scott Rendell. As Garry commented wistfully after the game, we had created any number of good chances in the match yet had been unable to convert any of them. It is too early to panic at this stage of the season, however, and Garry and Steve are experienced enough to know that there is plenty of time to turn things around.

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# Woking

- 18 Sam Beasant
- 2 Adam Newton
- 3 John Nutter (Anthony McNamee 72)
- 4 Mark Ricketts
- 5 Joe McNerney
- 8 Jack Parkinson
- 9 Gavin Williams
- 11 Kevin Betsv
- 15 Mike Cestor
- 21 Scott Rendell
- 22 John Goddard (Giuseppe Sole 72)

### **Unused Subs:**

- 17 Niall Wright
- 24 Will Salmon
- GK Aaron Howe

# Cautions:

Mark Ricketts 43 Mike Cestor 87

### Man of the Match:

Mike Cestor

### Wrexham

- 13 Andy Coughlin
- 3 Neil Ashton
- 6 Joe Clarke
- 8 Jay Harris
- 9 Andy Bishop
- 10 Brett Ormerod (Robert Ogleby 46)
- 12 Dean Keates
- 14 Steve Tomassen
- 17 Leon Clowes
- 26 Joe Anyinsah (Theo Bailey-Jones 77)
- 29 Mark Carrington

### Unused Subs:

- 20 Anthony Stevens
- 21 Rob Evans
- GK Joslain Mayebi

# Caution:

Robert Ogleby 63 Andy Bishop 81



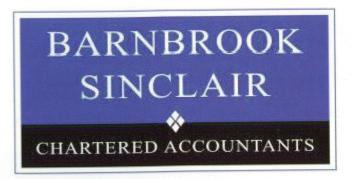


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# ON THE SPOT... WITH SAM BEASANT



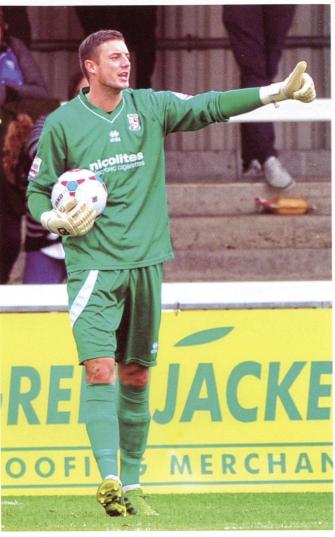
Sam Beasant has had to be patient while he waited for an opportunity for an extended run in the number one shirt but he's made the most of his chance now it's come along. Ian Nicholson interviewed Sam last week to find out more about his football career and outlook on life.

# I PROMISE, SAM, TO ASK ONLY A QUESTION OR TWO ABOUT YOUR DAD [FORMER ENGLAND AND WIMBLEDON KEEPER, DAVE] BUT THERE MUST BE SOME GREAT MEMORIES FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD?

Yes I can't deny that it was great to be around top football from really young. I was born the day before Wimbledon beat Luton in the FA Cup Semi-Final and of course they then beat Liverpool at Wembley [when Dons captain Dave's heroics and a penalty save, the first in an FA Cup Final, were decisive] – however, my memories of it are a bit sketchy!!

Dad went to Newcastle and Chelsea but most of my clear memories were of his time with Southampton, Nottingham Forest and Portsmouth. My brother, sister and I would go with my Mum to all the games we could. We got to training and celebrity cricket matches and there were always players like Ian Wright and Matt Le Tissier around. I was there when Saints beat Man United 6-3 (because their shirts were grey!) However, I was also there when United beat Nottingham Forest 8 – 1. It was rarely

[As a point of footballing trivia, Dave Beasant was the oldest registered footballer in England in 2004 – the last registered player with a 1950's birthdate. Remarkably though, 9 years later, he put on his gloves again, at 54, to play for North Greenford United.]



# RIGHT, ENOUGH ABOUT YOUR DAD - HOW DID YOU GET TO BE A KEEPER?

When I started playing as a kid I was a striker and did OK but one game they needed a volunteer to be the goalkeeper and I gave it a go. I remember right from the off it felt natural, I made some wicked saves and thought 'I'll do this'. I joined the Chelsea Academy until I was 14 and then went to Wycombe for a couple of years. That didn't work out well and I was a bit disheartened and just gave up for a bit – playing local league football.

# AND THEN YOU SPENT TWO YEARS IN CYPRUS?

Yes, I signed and played for Olympiakos Nicosia and the first year was brilliant – I had a great apartment and played quite a bit. However, in the second year we got a Uruguayan manager and I couldn't understand a word he was saying – I had to get translation after the sessions. I didn't get much opportunity after that and ended up coming home.

# BUT YOU MANAGED TO GET ANOTHER MOVE TO THE SUN?

That's right, I joined the Glenn Hoddle Academy in Jerez, Spain. There were about 30 of us training and then playing against some good Spanish teams and touring clubs like Wolfsburg. As a young keeper, it gave me regular training and games and I made some good friends. Daniel Spence (who had a loan spell with Woking a few years ago) was there and quite a lot of us are now in the League, Conference or Scottish Football. It was a good opportunity.

# IN TERMS OF YOUR OWN KEEPING, IS THERE ANYONE YOU MODEL YOURSELF ON?

I think you learn bits from lots of goalkeepers but when Dad was at Fulham I remember being really struck by Edwin van der Sar. He was so professional and gave 100%, diving at full stretch, in every training session. I try to emulate that and realise I have to work really hard to make the most of my ability.

# SOME KEEPERS SEEM TO COME WAY OFF THEIR LINE NOW - IS THAT THE STYLE?

There are different opinions and certainly I can stay too close to the line sometimes. However, if you come out you do narrow the angle but also reduce your reaction time. If you come a yard too far you can miss shots you should be saving. It's all about learning.

# WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MAIN AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT ARE?

Well, my strengths include kicking and I'm tall – which is an obvious help for any keeper!! I'm finding that the more I play the more my confidence is growing and I am also getting more vocal to keep the defence on their toes. I do talk to myself during games to keep my focus and confidence up.

# SO WHERE DID YOU GO AFTER THE ACADEMY?

The Hoddle Academy relocated to Bisham Abbey just as it was being phased out and I managed to get a move to Maidenhead, which was a good time. Last year I joined Woking but spent a spell on loan at Billericay.

# AND THAT WAS A BIT OF A WAKE-UP CALL?

You could say that, yes. After Woking, which has great facilities, I went over to Billericay to train and

it always seemed to be dark, cold and raining! The players were friendly enough but the training ground was always ankle deep in mud. Being Conference South as well there wasn't the same matchday atmosphere. When the gaffer approached me about coming back to Woking for pre-season and challenging for the number one spot I jumped at it.

# AND YOU'VE BEEN ENJOYING IT?

Yes, it helped that I had the full preseason with the squad, which didn't happen last year – it's helped me feel part of things. I get on well with Aaron and we spur each other on – I think he is improving all the time as a keeper. Andy Little coaches us regularly and he's been around the block a bit. The gaffer and Thommo are also really great – you can talk about anything with them, not just football.

# WERE YOU NERVOUS GETTING A START AGAINST HYDE?

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't. The gaffer only told me at the hotel on the morning of the game, which helped. Once the game kicked off I relaxed and my confidence grew. It helped that we won and I kept a clean sheet. Steve rang me the next day to say I had done well, which was encouraging.

# YOU MUST BE PLEASED WITH HOW IT'S GOING?

Yes, I am and I think I am settling in more and learning all the time. I don't think I could have done much about the goals I've conceded and my aim is to keep as many clean sheets as possible. If we can also get the scoring going at the other end we will start to get the results we want. It's a good squad and there's a really good spirit there.

# WHAT'S LIFE LIKE OFF THE PITCH?

Well, I've worked in a bar in Rickmansworth for a while and enjoy that – it's flexible enough to fit in with training and matches. Other than that it's the usual football stuff – listening to music, FIFA and video games, trips to the cinema and a quiet drink now and again.

# THAT DOESN'T SOUND VERY 'CRAZY GANG'!

No it doesn't, does it. The story I heard was that the Wimbledon team were so nervous the night before the Cup Final that they all decided to go down to the publ It was a different time, I suppose, and it didn't do them any harm.

# FINALLY, MENTIONING MUSIC - WHAT'S IT LIKE IN THE CHANGING ROOM NOW?

Well, Betsy's always got his reggae going but Gez seems to have been adopted as the resident DJ. It's all OK as long as we keep Mark Ricketts away from playing his music.

# OH, FOR A CUP RUN!

# By Brian Caffarey



It really is about time the Cards had a decent Cup run! It's all very well reminiscing about Tim Buzaglo and the Hawthorns - on which, see Lewis Hulatt elsewhere in this programme - but Woking fans haven't had much to shout about on the Cup front for a long time. I missed the glorious 1990-1 Cup run, starting to watch the Cards a couple of years later, but at least I've experienced some great Cup moments: thrilling wins over Cambridge United, Barnet and Millwall spring to mind immediately, as does our valiant replay defeat to Coventry City, then of the Premiership. No Cards fan who was present will ever forget the drama and sheer joy of Thommo's last-gasp equaliser at Highfield Road. And, of course, Cards fans in the 90s enjoyed three hugely enjoyable trips to Wembley in FA Trophy finals.

But Woking fans of more recent vintage must sometimes wonder why the Club has ever been associated with Cup glory. Apart from a very creditable performance against Brighton and Hove Albion in the 2010-11 season, it's been a pretty dismal record in this millennium, to be honest, as the accompanying table demonstrates. We've struggled to beat the likes of Lymington, Potters Bar Town and Hythe Town. We've been knocked out at home by Staines Town, Dover Athletic and Ebbsfleet United and, away, by Ebbsfleet again, Maidenhead and Northwich Victoria. And on the rare occasions that we've made it to the First Round Proper and drawn a League club, we've tended to exit with a whimper - witness our home defeat against Kidderminster Harriers and disappointing performances at Carlisle United and, to a lesser extent, at Notts County, Tranmere Rovers and Swindon

Of course, we've been given a very tough tie today but wouldn't it be great if Garry Hill's side could defy the odds and embark on a Cup run which would be a talking point for years to come!



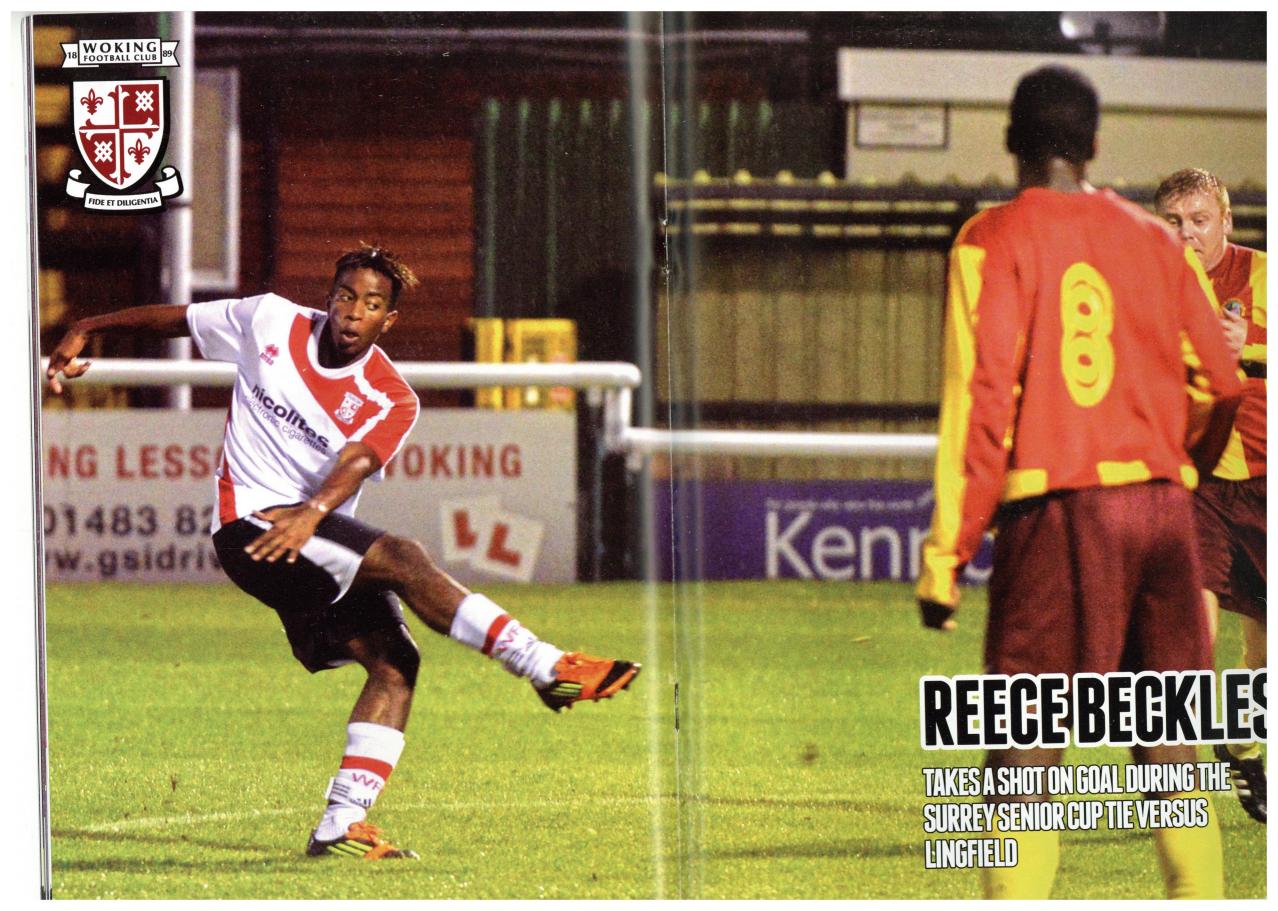


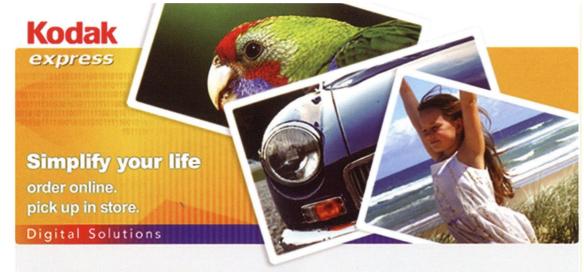






YEAR	ROUND	RESULT	WOKING SCORERS
2000-01	Q4	Woking 1 Hereford United 0	Pitman
	R1	Carlisle United 5 Woking 1	West
2001-02	Q4	Woking 0 Newport County 0	
	Q4R	Newport County 3 Woking 1	Moore
2002-03	Q4	Dover Athletic 1 Woking 1	Simpemba
	Q4R	Woking 1 Dover Athletic 2	Abbey
2003-04	Q4	East Thurrock Utd 1 Woking 1	Haule
	Q4R	Woking 2 East Thurrock Utd 0	Ferguson 2
	Rl	Woking 3 Histon 1	Selley 2, Sharpling
	R2	Woking 0 Kidderminster H 3	
2004-05	Q4	Lymington and New M 1 Woking 1	Murray
	Q4R	Woking 4 Lymington and New M 2	Richards, Selley, Tiesse, Murray
	Rl	Notts County 2 Woking 0	
2005-06	Q4	Woking 3 Thurrock 0	Oliver, Jackson, Ferguson
	R1	Southport 1 Woking 1	Evans
	RIR	Woking 1 Southport 0	McAllister
	R2	Woking 0 Northwich Victoria 0	
	R2R	Northwich Victoria 2 Woking 1	Ferguson
2006-07	Q4	Woking 3 Potters Bar Town 2	Sole, Smith 2
	Rl	Tranmere Rovers 4 Woking 2	Jackson, McAllister
2007-08	Q4	Woking O Staines Town 1	
2008-09	Q.4	Woking 2 Ebbsfleet United 2	Domoraud, Marum
	Q4R	Ebbsfleet United 1 Woking 0	
2009-10	Q.2	Hythe Town 2 Woking 2	Anane, Sole
	Q2R	Woking 5 Hythe Town 1	Sole 2, Sogbanmu 2, Sloma,
	Q3	Woking 2 Maidstone United 0	Domoraud, Medley
	Q4	Hendon 0 Woking 5	Arter 3, Sole 2
	R1	Swindon Town 1 Woking 0	
2010-11	Q.2	Bishop's Cleeve 1 Woking 2	Faulconbridge 2
	Q3	Brentwood 1 Woking 1	McNerney
	Q3R	Woking 1 Brentwood 0	Sogbanmu
	Q4	Woking 3 Eastleigh 2	Maledon, Faulconbridge, Hammond
	Rl	Brighton and HA 0 Woking 0	
	RIR	Woking 2 Brighton and HA 2 (0-3 pen)	Sogbanmu, O.G.
2011-12	Q2	Wells City 0 Woking 7	Cowan-Hall, King 2, Gray, Sole, Hammond, O.G.
	Q3	Maidenhead United 4 Woking 1	King
2012-13	Q4	Woking 0 Ebbsfleet United 1	





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# THE WAY WE WERE THE SAD 60°S

By Richard Mason

When Woking lifted the Amateur Cup in 1958, we hoped that it was the beginning of a long golden age for the Club but in fact it was the end of a short one. The 60s were a decade of few highlights and many disappointments.

The statistics are startling. In 1958-59 Woking took 30 points from 30 games, scoring and conceding 66 goals. From then until 1970-71, when they won 18 games and lost 14 with a goal ratio of 57-50, they always lost more games than they won and conceded more goals than they scored, and never finished in the top half of the Isthmian League.



From 1959-60 to 1969-70, of 386 league games 105 were won, 82 drawn and 199 lost. Woking scored 564 goals and conceded 849. Goal difference was never less than minus six. The highest league positions were 10th out of 16 in 1961-62 and 11th out of 20 in 1966-67. (The League expanded from 16 to 20 clubs in 1963-64.) Of these 11 seasons only 1965-66 and 1966-67 could be described as satisfactory. It was scant consolation that other famous clubs such as Bromley, Clapton, Corinthian Casuals, Dulwich Hamlet and Ilford probably fared even worse as new boys on the block Enfield, Hendon, Sutton United and Wealdstone took over.

The record in the Amateur Cup was embarrassing. After surrendering the cup in a 6-3 defeat at Redhill in the 1st round in 1959, Woking never got beyond the third round (in 1962) and suffered first round defeats at Ford United (1960), Stowmarket (1966) and Southall (1968), who also defeated them in the second round in 1967. I saw all of them!

# **START OF THE DECLINE**

The decline started when Geoff Hamm left for Wimbledon during the 1958 close season. He was not as famous as Charlie Mortimore, but he was the team's playmaker and they never really found another one like him. Without him Woking were not the same team. He was the first but not the last player to depart for a 'big' club during these years, and we thought that we knew why. Woking did not pay 'boot money' while other clubs reputedly did. Wimbledon were generally considered the worst offenders, and we hated them, but not just for that. They played a mean, win-at-all-costs brand of football that was at odds with the ethos of the Isthmian League. They were an 'amateur' version of Don Revie's Leeds United, and we were glad to see the back of them when they left for the Southern League in 1964.



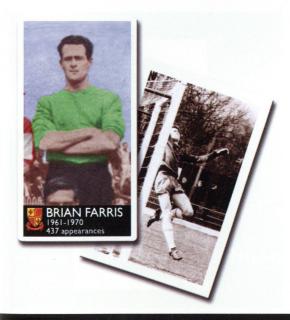
It did not help Woking because in 1964-65 they finished bottom with 18 points from 38 games and 113 goals conceded. By the end of the season they were unwatchable, beaten usually before they stepped onto the pitch. The hopes raised when the match with



Chelsea that marked the switching on of the floodlights was followed by a 3-0 win over Hitchin proved an illusion. Charlie Mortimore made his last appearance in a Woking shirt, a 2-1 Surrey Invitation Cup defeat at home to Leatherhead on his 37th birthday and the seventh anniversary of the Wembley triumph. He deserved a better farewell. He and Jim Collingwood stayed longest at Woking after 1958.

# A FALSE DAWN

1964-65 was followed by two much better seasons as a promising side began to develop. It contained some really talented players, none more so than speedy winger John McBryde and the best playmaker since Geoff Hamm in Graham Cooper. McBryde, though inconsistent and frail enough to be easy meat for some tough defenders, could be devastating on his day, and when that happened he was a joy to watch as he sprinted through opposition defences. These two were backed up by the occasionally brilliant Brian Farris in goal, stylish defender Stuart McPhee, the marauding Brian Finn in midfield, mercurial winger Shaun Woods, tigerish inside forward Eammon O'Riordan and the prolific goalscoring of the underrated and often unfairly criticised Ernie Tindall. The two Brians, Finn and Farris, were fixtures at Woking for most of the



60s. Not far behind were Tindall and Woods, though each had a short spell away, at Wokingham and Kingstonian respectively.

By the end of the 1966-67 season the team almost picked itself and it seemed that a new era was dawning. But then Cooper 'did a Hamm' and departed for Walton & Hersham, and the loss of its most creative player again proved fatal to the team. With McBryde and O'Riordan also leaving, 1967-68 saw an abrupt return to the bad old days.

And yet, ironically, two pieces of silverware were won. In September Tooting were beaten 2-1 at Stompond Lane in the delayed 1966-67 Surrey Invitation Cup Final, with McBryde giving a scintillating display. He scored both goals, the second a real beauty. Sadly, it was his Woking swansong. In May Leatherhead were defeated 3-2 at Richmond Road in the final of the Surrey Senior Shield thanks to a hat-trick by Sammy Malcolmson, a Scot in the Royal Navy. But nothing could conceal the fact that this had been a very poor season. It also saw Charlie Mortimore, now coach, leave in acrimonious circumstances. He was replaced by Bill Mitchell, under whom, it has to be said, results improved considerably.

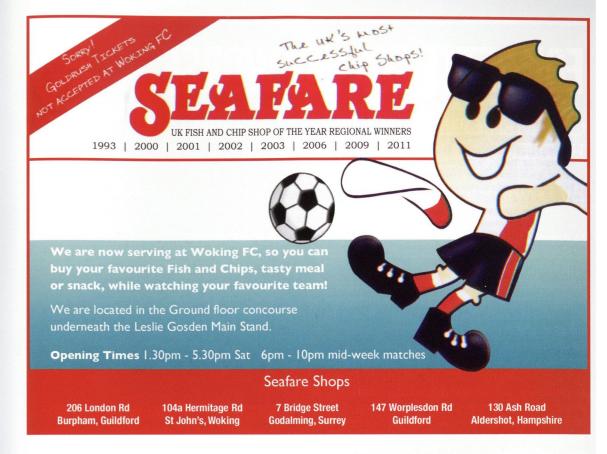
It would be wrong to describe the 60s as one disaster after another. Apart from those already mentioned there were other highlights. A 4-2 win at Wycombe, a 2-0 win against Enfield, a 3-2 win at Sutton, a 6-2 win at Tooting and the famous 5-1 hammering of champions Hendon in 1965. But there were also humiliating defeats, none more so than a 5-1 loss to then Hampshire League Basingstoke in the FA Cup in 1967

Overall, the 60s were a decade of mediocrity marked by a dramatic decline in attendances, though poor football may not have been the only reason for this. It was a decade in which the Club seemed content to mark time in a league in which those who stuck to their amateur principles were inevitably co times ndemned to be also-rans. And it was the only decade in which I saw Woking play whenever I could (which was not always) every season. It was hard going at, perhaps best summed by a week in October 1967 when I saw the Cards lose 5-0 to Enfield, Sutton and Hendon. You needed gallows humour, of which there was plenty, to survive that and come back for more!

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# FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



# CUP MEMORIES FROM THE CARDINAL HATTER

# By Lewis Hulatt

Naturally, I thought the place to start an article on memorable cup games featuring Luton and/or Woking would start with the televised FA Cup third round tie of January 2006 when Luton were beating Liverpool 3-1. As the third went in, I berated Luton's tactics – at 2-1 down, Liverpool could keep the game as it was and hope to recover the goal, but at 3-1 Benitez had to do something radical. In the hunt for red superiority, out of the deep they brought on a sub whose name was Sinama-Pongolle and it became a disaster-movie for the Hatters, who lost 5-3. A loss, but what an exciting match!

I mentioned this article on cup memories to my mother and she said that if I was going to mention memorable cup games for Luton then obviously I would need to mention the abandoned game between Luton and Man City. It rang no bells, but apparently in 1961 Denis Law scored an incredible six goals in an FA Cup match against Luton, but like Liam Cockerill's goal for Woking, unfortunately for him, the match was abandoned with twenty minutes to go, so his tally didn't count. To make matters worse for Law (not Cockerill), Luton won the replay 3–1. Like Luton's 1959 FA Cup Final appearance the event was before my lifetime, but memories go back a long way in cup football.

My first cup football memory would be the event of the World Cup in 1966 when I really just remember the excitement and the reorganisation of the furniture to allow so many people to arom into the front room to see the match. I recall the joy of that summer win, if not the match itself. A few years later, I do remember that my Luton goal-scoring hero Malcolm MacDonald was to play in the FA Cup Final in 1974 – Liverpool v Newcastle. Liverpool were a great side at the time and SuperMac boasting he would demolish the Scousers was a bit wide of the mark, as coincidentally so was he. With Liverpool thumping SuperMac's Newcastle 3-0, I learned that no player is infallible.

# **EARLY MEMORIES**

One Luton cup game I do remember was Norwich City v Luton at Carrow Road in January 1976 – as was typical for a club playing above their financial position, Luton lost (0-2) but at least we were competing.

Luton had the next final appearance in 1988, but by then I had moved to Surrey and watched the Littlewoods League Cup final v Arsenal as I ironed my work shirts. I had seen Brian Stein play his first home game for Luton years earlier so, adding the odd goal in five to take the silverware, it was a team I still felt connected to.

# WALKING IN A WOKING WONDERLAND

In the office, we used to have the Woking News and Mail, which we read to see which of our clients got the worst write-ups in the court reports. In flicking through that august periodical, I started to notice that the local football club was getting positive coverage and I was hardly ever called upon to defend football hooligans in the local Magistrates' Court. Just as well with Cards' Chairman Phil Ledger also chairing the bench! It was clear that Woking FC was something the town was proud of, so Wolsey Walk Shopping Centre and the ruins of Tudor-era Woking Palace were not the only places of interest.



Then came Italia 90 – another cup competition. Bobby Robson took England to the semi-finals of the World Cup – after a period when the international side had



been much ridiculed. In the aftermath of that cup excitement, some friends persuaded me to go to a Woking v Spurs friendly. Neil Smith was on the Spurs' team-sheet, unlike Paul Gascoigne, and Woking won 1-0. No tears.

I started coming to Kingfield regularly and was there throughout the FA Cup run of 1990-91. I persuaded my then-fiancée, Rachel, to come to see us play Bath City or Kidderminster Harriers (I forget which) and the home highlight was Merthyr – another very tough Conference side in the division above us. On a snowy afternoon when the air was chillier than a mention of Gary Glitter at a kids' party, the mercurial Mark Biggins had one of the games of his career. Biggo unlocked the Merthyr defence as if they were San Marino on a bad day. Job done and the draw gave us West Brom away.

A lot has been written about that afternoon at the Hawthorns, but the excitement of my team being one goal behind at half-time rather than the four or five a lot of us expected was great in itself. For us to go on and win through Tim Buzaglo's determination and eve for goal, was the icing, some cream, a coulis and an espuma topped-off with a bit of sugar-work. In the words of Tom Kerridge, "Proper lush!" finishing. Tim became a reluctant hero and Woking FC were really on the map. The Baggies' manager Brian Talbot apparently cried all the way to the bank when he left them following our victory and his sacking. Even the West Midland police clapped our coaches of exceptionally well-behaved fans away from the ground. My first Woking scarf got a lot of nervous twisting that afternoon.

Everton – a 0-1 reverse played at Goodison – and then there were mixed cup fortunes. Defeat for Millwall thanks to Clive Walker. A last-gasp defeat at Marlow thanks in part to nightmares suffered by Walker and the likeable but sometimes unreliable Gwynne Berry. A draw at Coventry followed by a replay decided by 'trash talk'. A combination of referee Mike Riley and sheer bad luck did for us – what with a Coventry player going for the Frank Bruno award for obvious punching yet Riley not deeming it acceptable to send a Premiership player from the field of play. Woking scoring two of three goals normally is enough, but not when one is an O.G.

For some seasons, Woking managed to stay in the FA Cup until playing higher division teams – it would

usually take the likes of a Coventry or a Swindon to end our runs. Another good performance that resulted in defeat was Notts County – on the day of the Woking Beer Festival (as usual) we played in the Cup and put in a good performance on Trentside. Alas, a rash defensive challenge dropped us down to 10 men and County stopped our progress, but we went home without losing our near-London pride despite a 0-2 score-line.

# **WOKING'S TROPHY CABINET**



When
Woking got
to their first
Trophy final
at Wembley
1994 – we
got tickets
in the Royal
Circle – after
all, Woking
playing at
Wembley
was a 'once
in a lifetime'
experience'...

Of course, Woking

subsequently had a tad of FA Trophy success at Wembley – played 3, won 3. The Amateur Cup v Ilford was a similar competition so that may count as 4 from 4 at Wembley, yet in 2006 we put out a poorly-motivated side against Grays Athletic when the final was played at The Boleyn Ground/Upton Park. Fortunately, that wasn't at Wembley, so we don't count that one.

As I mentioned in my piece for the league game just over a month ago, Woking played Luton in the LDV competition in 2002 and won on an October evening. There was no phone call from my dad remarking on a Woking loss that night! At 79, he doesn't go to the games any more and Plymouth would be easier to get to, but he is usually having a little gloat when Luton do better than Woking. I should never have taken him to watch Stevenage v Woking in the title-decider at Broadhall Way – he had far too many friends in the home contingent. Hopefully, Woking will put on a performance like New Year's Day 2013 and exorcise memories of the recent drubbing.

Come on, lads! Bragging rights to Surrey, please!



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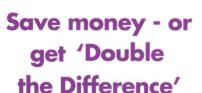
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# **LOUNGELINES**



# This afternoon the Lounge team extend a hearty welcome to match sponsors Nigel Beesley and Neil Sherlock.

It was some twenty years ago that Neil first went with Nigel, the cousin of his soon to be wife, Kate, to see Woking draw an FA Cup first round proper match against Weston-Super-Mare at Kingfield. They were in a crowd of over 2,700 to witness a 2-2 draw.

Neil has been supporting Woking since 1970, always bolstered by the family enthusiasm of his father, Roger, and his uncle Leslie, and

Neil and Kate's young daughters Rose and Grace are being encouraged today, and every day, to keep the Woking FC tradition going. When asked for their most memorable moments to date. both Neil and Nigel are in agreement, "The three FA Trophy wins at Wembley Stadium, the FA Cup third round proper victory at WBA, and the narrow 1-0 defeat at Everton in the FA Cup fourth round proper, in front of 35,000 fans.' These were indeed memorable moments, who can forget those 10,000 Woking fans travelling up the motorway in a convoy of 125 coaches.

Both Neil and Nigel have recently turned 50, and will be celebrating with their families today. They are fully confident that a new and famous FA Cup run is about to begin. Come on you Cards.

Also joining us in the Lounge today, will be a small contingent of Luton supporters, one of whom used to play at Kingfield, we look forward to their company, and also some good hearted banter.

We were delighted to host our former manager Glenn Cockerill and his guests at our last home match against FC Halifax Town, they had a most enjoyable time with us, and we look forward to seeing them again soon. Special thanks also to Adrian Turner. Adrian brought a group of ten into the Lounge, and had a great afternoon. The Man of the Match award was presented to Joe McNerney by Skip Halifax and Adrian Turner. Congratulations Joe, on receiving this award 3 times in the last four matches.

From time to time I like to sing the praises of my very special Lounge Team, Lauren Horncastle, David Bird, Denise Watts, and David Horncastle, they do a fantastic job, and without them, I could not offer the first class hospitality and match experience that our sponsors and Platinum members have come to expect.

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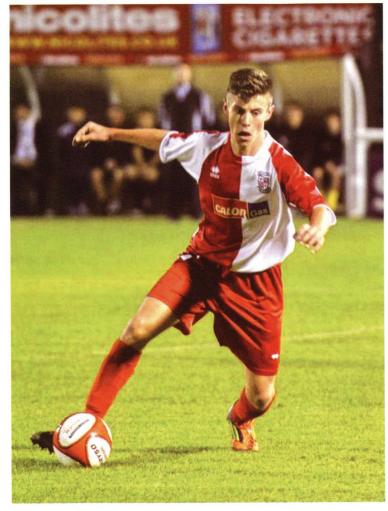
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# YOUTH CUP SUCCESS

# WOKING YOUTH 1 PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE O FA YOUTH CUP 2ND QUALIFYING ROUND 9TH OCTOBER 2013



The visitors deserved a great deal of credit for coming to Kingfield and taking the game straight to their opponents. In the first ten minutes, they forced four corners and could have taken the lead. With Peacehaven taking the initiative, Woking were unable to get into their stride. However, having weathered the early storm, Placid used his pace to get into the box on fifteen minutes and as the ball ran loose he placed a firm shot into the corner to give Woking the lead against the run of play. The home

side then had their best spell of the match and had a shot cleared off the line. A great pass form Anderson found Placid clear but he was unable to get the ball under control.

# Half-time: Woking Youth 1 Peacehaven & Telscombe 0

The second half continued in much the same way with Woking unable to dominate as they had in earlier rounds. The visitors had a good spell with Harris pulling off a fine save in the Woking goal and the follow-up shot was forced away for a corner. They also had a twenty-five yard free kick which cleared the bar. From one of a number of corners the ball was headed against the underside of the bar and came out again.

The best chance of the half for Woking came with a Placid run but his attempted pass in front of goal was blocked.

Woking will be at home to Cray Wanderers in the next round during w/c 21st October (exact date tbc).

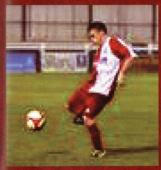
Woking: Harris, Gibson, Welch-Turner, Bradley, Young, Bedford, Placid, Breach, Anderson(Smith 65) Gill, Smith-Joseph(Henry 27)

Cautions; Gibson, Henry.

# WOKING 4 SOUTH PARK 1 FA YOUTH CUP (1ST QUALIFYING ROUND) 25TH SEPTEMBER 2013

With steady rain and a slick surface, this was excellent entertainment for the small crowd. The result was in doubt until ten minutes from the end. Woking gradually took control of the first half with their passing game and good closing down of their





opponents. With a total of ten corners in the first half they were fully deserving of their interval lead. South Park defended stoutly and kept Woking at bay until the thirty-sixth minute. Reece Placid then picked up a loose ball and ran into the penalty

area. He pushed the ball past the goalkeeper and Jake Gill was on hand to convert for the opening goal. Just before the break the ball was worked well down the left and well finished by Placid at the near post to extend the lead.

# Half-time: Woking 2 South Park 0

Woking continued to have most of the play in the second half, but the visitors pushed up much more allowing their opponents less space. The passes that did get through did not cause any problems to the South Park defence. A slip by Dan Bedford gave the visitors a rare chance but he recovered well to cut out the danger. Calvin Moses then just failed to lob the keeper from the edge of the box. However, following this South Park made a quick break up the pitch and



pulled a goal back. They then proceeded to enjoy a good ten minute spell but were unable to snatch a second. In the last ten minutes Woking scored twice to make the tie safe. First, Addison Bray ran on to score with confidence. In the last minute, Myles Newry did likewise to complete the victory.

Woking will be at home to Peacehaven & Telscombe in the next round.

It would be good to see more people coming down for these games and to support possible Woking stars of the future.

Woking; Steven Elstow, Warren Green, George Burns, (Calvin Moses 45), Jake Gill, Ed Young, Dan Bedford, Reece Placid, Addison Bray, Carlos Anderson, (Myles Newry 60), Charlie Carter, (Jay Bradley75), Mason Turner.

Yellow Cards: George Burns, Ed Young



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In front of a modest crowd of 357, the Staines Town fans were treated to a treat of fabulous goals, with Skrill South player of the month, Louie Theophanous scoring a screamer from 25 yards out.



Hampton & Richmond also cruised through to the fourth qualifying round with a thumping 5-1 defeat over Arlesey Town. Striker Charlie Moone was on top form scoring a hat-trick in his man of the match performance.



Sutton United will also feature in the next round of the FA Cup with a 1-0 away win against Lewes. Leatherhead, who have a history of good cup runs, will not feature in the next round after a 5-1 defeat to Biggleswade.



Other results around the FA Cup third round qualifying included a win for previous Skrill Premier outfit Ebbsfleet against Eastbourne Borough,





Boreham Wood and Oxford City will also be playing for a chance to play in the first round proper.



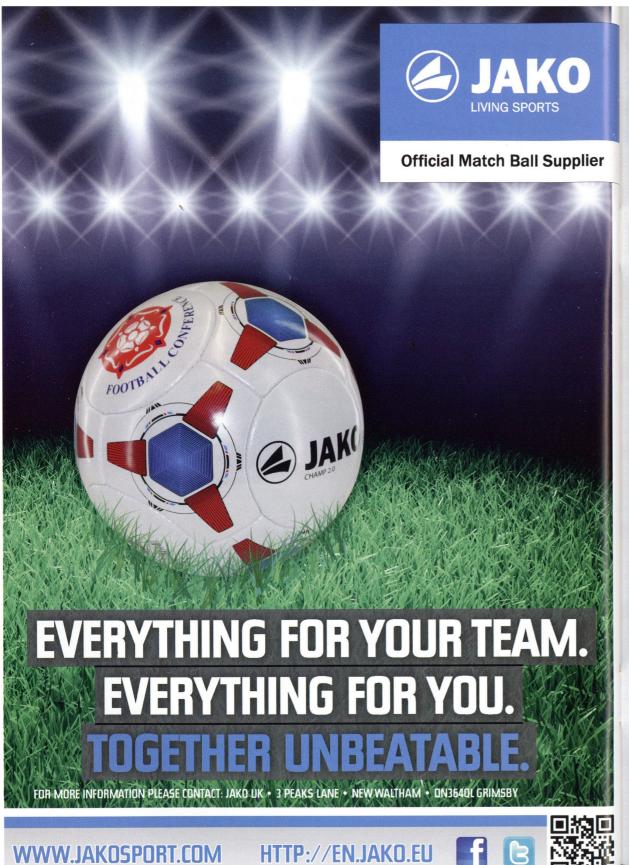
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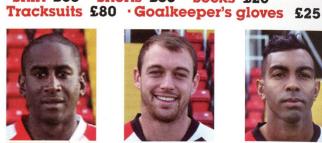














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# WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WITH WOKING IN 2013/14

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# SKRILL PREMIER STATS 2013/2014



# 2013/2014 TABLE

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Kidderminster Harriers	16	10	2	4	28	17	32
Luton Town	16	8	6	2	30	16	30
Braintree Town	16	8	4	4	24	15	28
Grimsby Town	16	8	3	5	23	16	27
Salisbury City	16	8	3	5	20	17	27
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Barnet	16	6	7	3	25	18	25
Welling United	16	7	4	5	26	22	25
Gateshead	16	8	1	7	25	21	25
FC Halifax Town	16	7	4	5	28	25	25
Alfreton Town	16	8	1	7	26	27	25
Lincoln City	16	6	4	6	17	16	22
Wrexham	16	5	4	7	21	23	19
Macclesfield Town	16	5	4	7	19	21	19
Forest Green Rovers	16	5	3	8	29	29	18
Southport	16	5	3	8	16	22	18
Dartford	16	5	3	8	18	27	18
Hereford United	16	4	5	7	15	18	17
Tamworth	16	4	4	8	16	25	16
Woking	16	3	5	8	16	25	14
Chester	16	3	4	9	11	24	13
Aldershot Town	16	6	4	6	20	18	12
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Aldershot Town 10 points deducted

SKRILL PREMIER LI	EAG	UE RESULTS 19-1	10-1	3
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BRAINTREE TOWN	3	CHESTER	0	1132
CAMBRIDGE UNITED	2	SALISBURY CITY	0	3622
DARTFORD	4	HYDE	3	1083
FC HALIFAX TOWN	3	WELLING UNITED	0	1345
GRIMSBY TOWN	3	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	1	3150
HEREFORD UNITED	0	BARNET	1	1632
KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS	4	LINCOLN CITY	1	2103
NUNEATON TOWN	1	GATESHEAD	4	946
TAMWORTH	3	LUTON TOWN	4	2066
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9 COLWYN BAY V CORBY TOWN

10 TAMWORTH V SOLIHULL MOORS

11 NUNEATON TOWN V FC HALIFAX TOWN

12 NORTH FERRIBY UNITED V

ALFRETON TOWN

13 BRACKLEY TOWN V BARROW

14 CHESTER V GATESHEAD

15 HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN V SUTTON UNITED

16 AFC HORNCHURCH V HEREFORD UNITED

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20 DOVER ATHLETIC V OXFORD CITY

21 BOREHAM WOOD V HEYBRIDGE SWIFTS

22 BATH CITY V SALISBURY CITY

23 GLOUCESTER CITY V

HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH

24 WEYMOUTH V BRAINTREE TOWN

25 FOREST GREEN ROVERS V BISHOP'S STORTFORD

26 NEEDHAM MARKET V CAMBRIDGE UNITED

27 BIGGESWADE TOWN V CANVEY ISLAND

28 SHORTWOOD UNITED V ALDERSHOT TOWN

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