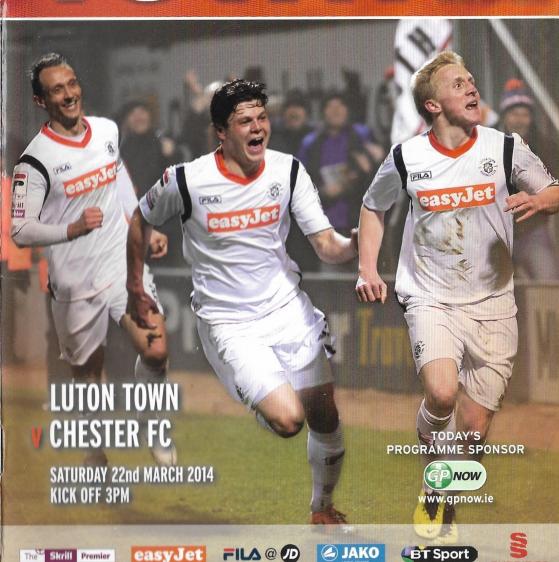
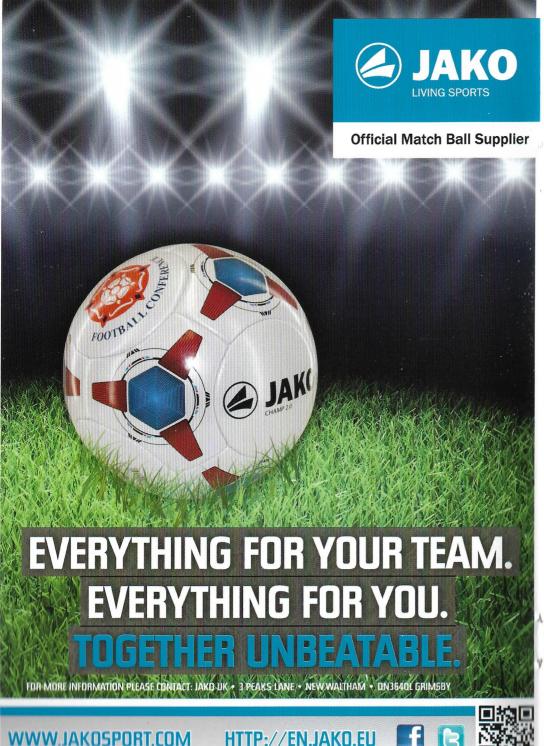
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WE MUST BOUNCE BACK

Goalkeeper Mark Tyler believes that all good things have to come to an end, as the Hatters number one watched on in the Town's first defeat in an unbeaten run which stretched to over 27 games.

The Hatters stopper has kept a respectable 10 clean sheets this season, and having seen his side fall to defeat against the Cards believes that his side will pick themselves straight back up again and get back to winning ways.

"I don't think we got started from the off, we deserved what we got and that was nothing. We didn't do our job and that's not normally like us. All good things come to an end and it's a kick up the back side for us; hopefully we can hit back on Saturday," the Town goalkeeper told Hatters Player following the defeat.

Tyler reflected on the defeat and believes that every team have their off day. Having lost 1-0 to the Cards, the Hatters goalkeeper believes that with a defeat out of the way the Town can get back to playing the way they are used to.

#### Composed

"Nothing went right for us," he said. "We either had time on the ball and played it long or had too many touches and lost possession. We're not normally like that; we are normally composed in certain areas, we didn't get going from the first minute.

During the build up to the Woking's goal that won the game. Tyler believes that Pelly Ruddock was unfortunate not to have won a free-kick for the Town, which would have seen the Hatters escape conceding the goal which lost them the

"I think it was a foul on Pelly to be honest, but you have to play to the whistle," explained Tyler. "Their player has had a shot which has deflected onto the bar and been headed in. Nine times out of 10 they would fire over or put it wide, but they have done well. It's disappointing, but we need to put this result behind us and concentrate on Saturday."

The Hatters goalkeeper has not tasted defeat for just over six months following the loss to Wrexham, and believes that a loss is hard to take at the moment.

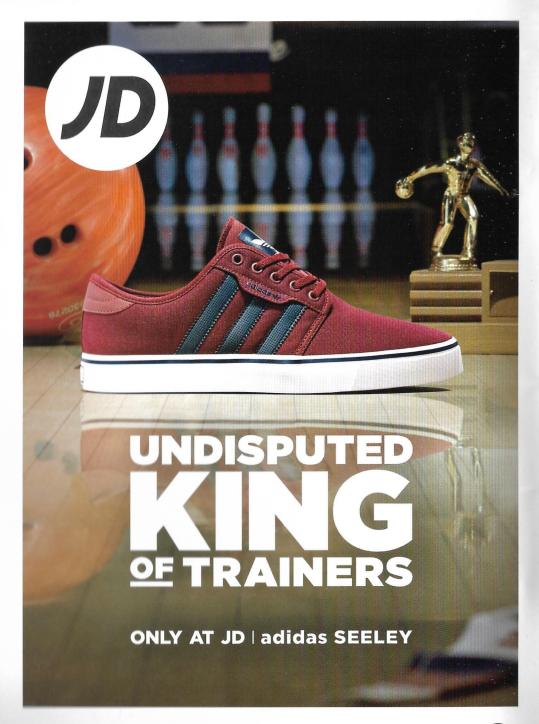
"27 games is a long time to go without defeat, but it is a wakeup call for the lads. We need to get back to winning ways and continue to push for the title," said Outstanding

> "We have been outstanding this season. Football is a funny game as we seen today; we will work hard in training and kick on in the next ten games. The crowd will be with us on Saturday and hopefully we can pick up all three points."









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### welcome

#### TO KENILWORTH ROAD

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road once again as the Hatters entertain Chester looking to bounce back following Monday's defeat to Woking.

Wasn't it a strange feeling at 9.30pm on Monday night? The first defeat in 27 league games and the first all season at Kenilworth Road was met by stunned silence. It was almost as if we'd forgot what it was like to lose.

Win, lose or draw, though, there is always reaction from those that matter, and after the defeat to the Cards, John Still, Ronnie Henry and Mark Tyler all had their say and you can read that throughout this afternoon's issue.

There's plenty more inside today's programme to keep you occupied before the game, at half-time and on the journey home; including our fascinating history pages and news from the youth academy. So enjoy the read and enjoy the game and here's the three points! #COYH



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# What the players have done has been nothing short of remarkable Manager John Still is sponsored by:

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JOHN STILL

Good afternoon and welcome back to you all again as we return to Kenilworth Road for this Skrill Premier encounter with Chester.

A big welcome to our visitors from the Deva Stadium including manager Steve Burr and his coaching staff plus the players and supporters of the Blues. They have enjoyed great success over the past few years since they reformed and, as the season reaches the business end, they – like all clubs – will be fighting for the points.

#### Proud

On Monday our 27-match unbeaten run came to an end and it's only fair that I comment on that. It was naturally disappointing to lose but I told the players how immensely proud of what they have achieved so far this season.

To go that amount of matches unbeaten is an absolutely fantastic achievement. I am not one for talking about records during the course of the season, but what the players have done has been nothing short of remarkable.

To taste defeat on Monday was frustrating but it was always going to happen at some point. But great teams are always defined by how they react to disappointment.

The response is the most important. The players have overcome a variety of hurdles this season and they can be proud of their efforts. Their performances have made me hugely proud, as did their response to Monday's defeat.

They admitted that we didn't play well the other night and now it's a case of looking forward to our final 10 games in the same manner that we have done all season.

As I say, the most important thing to come out of any game of football is the response. The players have responded magnificently to winning and have done the same when we have lost. The last time we tasted defeat, at Wrexham in September, the players went onto build a fine unbeaten sequence.

That is one phenomenal response. The players now need to do the same starting today. Monday's defeat will also act as a reminder of how important it is to do your job and be effective at it.

On Tuesday evening our development squad progressed to the final of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup with a penalty shootout win over Barton Rovers. It was a game I had the opportunity to watch and I can tell you the conditions were very, very difficult. The pitch wasn't great and the wind didn't help the game as a spectacle but the players did well to take the game to penalties. All of the team stuck to their task manfully and it was really pleasing to see us win the shootout. It doesn't matter how you win games, especially in these cup ties, so a big well done to all of those involved.

#### **Points**

Turning attention back to today we enter the final straight of the season with just 10 games and 30 points left to play for. After today we face three away games on the spin at Grimsby, Halifax and Dartford before we come back here in two weeks' time for the first of three home matches with Aldershot, Tamworth and Braintree.

Your support has been a major force this season and has been an unbelievable help to the team and their efforts on the pitch. That backing has never waned, not during or after the Woking game on Monday night when we didn't pick up the three points.

We need that support to help us get over the line. Let's take the disappointments as we should and use it as a spur.

Let's look forward to the final part of what's been a fantastic season. Get behind us and enjoy the game.

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### boardroom

#### WITH DIRECTOR DAVID WILKINSON



Good afternoon evervone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's fixture against the Blues.

A special welcome goes out to our visitors this afternoon, the players, officials and supporters from Chester

It is a pleasure to be able to pen these notes without worrying about the weather and it is nice to see the pitch recovering at last from the mistreatment it received over the winter.

I guess it had to come to an end sometime, but it is sad to write these notes after our record unbeaten run has been broken. I had better not comment on decisions made by the officials, but it is disappointing throughout the game how many bad result changing decisions are

Football has a habit of kicking you in the teeth unexpectedly and isn't it typical that as soon as the

'P word' is mentioned we lose our first home game of the season. The cameras never seems to be our friend

I am not generally superstitious, but after our defeat at Wrexham way back in September, Doug Knight and his wife Maddy. Kenilworth Suite members and long-term fans following us all over, gave me an orange tie with a blue stripe, which, thinking it couldn't do any harm, I wore to every League game. The tie was unbeaten until Monday and saw 28 games. I am now in a quandary. Do I carry on wearing it on the basis that 27-1 is a great record or do I scrap it for an official Club tie now the run has come to an end? Perhaps I should call for a vote.

What a wonderful record it was interspersed with some incredible performances and staggering goals. Although there have been some great individual goals for me it will be a couple of the team goals which will be the most

As you know, fans have been given the opportunity to vote as to whether they prefer next year's home shirt to be white or orange. I can declare that as I was hooked in the late 1950s when we could only afford one shirt and I wore a black and white scarf everywhere. I am instinctively a white shirt dark shorts man, but I like orange too.



So whichever way it goes I will be happy. In case you are interested the Board seem split just like everyone else. The result will be fascinating.

We had a Board meeting this week and loathe as we are to discuss it (tempting providence!) the effects of possible promotion were on the agenda. Planning has to start now before we know for sure whether we are going to make it. There are a number of Football League regulations with which all Clubs wishing to be admitted must comply and if they don't they cannot be promoted. There are clubs in our League who could not be promoted even if they played themselves into the Play-Offs.

Even we will have to make some improvements to certain facilities. I'm sure Gary will fill you in with more details in the near future.

So before knowing the outcome of the season we have to budget for both eventualities at the same time as preparing to start pricing and marketing season tickets.

#### Amazing

So here we are, 10 games to go; probably 10 of the most important games in our great history.

We know where we need to be. We have had an amazing season. We have our pride back. All we need to do now is everything we can to help John and his team get over the line.

I think we all accept that we are all part of the team. We know that if we are feeling the pressure it can only be multiplied for those in the front line and on the pitch. It is our job to do all we can to take the pressure off and support.

A team, like a chain, is as strong as its weakest link so, if there are any, we need to encourage them to be

"Individually we are one drop, but together we are an

Onwards and upwards. Enjoy the game. Come on you Hatters



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#### Johnstone's Paint Trophy:

Winners 2009

#### Simod Cup:

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#### Football League Division Two:

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#### Football League Division Three (South):

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#### Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 1969/70

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#### Football League Division Four:

Champions 1967/68

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Runners-up 2001/02

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Runners-up 2009/10

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the captain

**RONNIE HENRY** 

Monday's defeat against Woking was hugely disappointing because of the simple fact that we didn't play well enough.

It was such a frustrating night because despite not

playing well we had chances to win the game. To lose was a bit of a shock to the system - after all we had gone 27 matches unbeaten beforehand. It was a remarkable run, one which I will never forget. It's something as players we can all look back on with pride.

We didn't want the run to end but we know that nothing lasts forever. Our form has been unbelievable and we're keen to regain the winning thread again this afternoon.



The one thing we have to remember is reason why we got into this position in the first place. That was through confidence and hard work. We might have lost but we all remain in good spirits - and with good reason. There's nothing to be down about. We are top of the table and 11 points

clear having played the same amount of games as our nearest challengers. If you had offered us that position at the start of the season - or after the Wrexham game six months ago - we would have jumped at the chance.

You never know, the Woking defeat may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. It might be, to quote Mark Tyler, a kick up the backside.

Teams will not just roll over and let us beat them - especially clubs who are in the need of the points. Between now and the end of the season we have 10 games to go and 10 matches against teams all fighting for the three points as much as we are.

I cannot stress enough how important it is for us to put Monday behind us. This season has been truly magnificent and we must not let one defeat affect us. We've watched the game, we know where we went wrong and we've moved on.

The week that's just passed has seen us preparing for today's game and although it's one of the most used football clichés, we must take every game as it comes.

I'm not sure whether Woking will play as well as they

did on Monday again this season but all credit to them for giving it a go. All too often teams will come here and aim to frustrate us.

The most frustrating aspect of the Woking defeat was that we had chances to win it - we hit the post twice. If there's a positive to take, it was that we could have got something from the match despite not playing well.



But, as I say, we move on. Now is the time for us to charge. The finishing line is in sight and we must strive to get over the line.

We are where we are in the league for a reason. We are there on merit. Now's the time to finish the job. It won't be easy but we have the players and staff and your backing to help us achieve it.

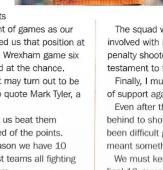
The squad we have is one of the best I've been involved with in my career and the development squad's penalty shootout win at Barton in the Beds Senior Cup is testament to that. A big well done to those involved.

Finally, I must thank you the supporters for the levels of support again.

Even after the final whistle on Monday you stayed behind to show your appreciation. I know it must have been difficult given the result but your applause really meant something to us all as players.

We must keep that positive mentality going in these final 10 games because it has proven this season that is does help us, so please keep it up!

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# Big thanks to the Bobbers!

Donations from the Bobbers Travel Club to the Hatters' medical department has surpassed £30,000 following further contributions this

The Bobbers has been taking Town fans to away matches since its inception in 1979, and has arranged at least one coach to every competitive away game that the club has played in this country.

Over the years the money donated by the Bobbers has gone towards the purchase of equipment for the Hatters, including heart monitors, an ice machine and other machines specifically requested by the club physiotherapist.

When Jonathan Smith got injured on Boxing Day, the Bobbers asked the Club if there was a particular piece of kit that could help the midfielder aid with his recovery.

The Bobbers most recent donation secured a Muscle Stimulation machine and an ice/compression unit which is currently helping both Jonathan and Danny Fitzsimons in their rehabilitation.

Town head physiotherapist Simon Parsell told Talk of the Town: "Within a medical department it is important to have as many options as possible to treat injuries. The manager will always remind us that 'You must have your best players on the pitch.'

"So thanks to the donation from the Bobbers Travel Club we have been able to acquire a Muscle Stimulation Machine (Compex) and an ice/compression unit. Both these have been extremely useful in the rehabilitation of Danny and Jonathan.

"The Compex helps us to keep the muscle stimulated whilst the player is unable to work it after surgery, which means the muscle doesn't waste away.

"This is then used again in the gym to stimulate the muscle when he is working, producing strength quicker.

"Likewise the ice/compression unit controlls swelling, controls pain and thereby enables the players to keep

Defender Fitzsimons, who signed for the Town in the summer from Histon, said: "I am about a month ahead of schedule thanks to the Compex working my muscles when in the early stages when I couldn't put any weight on my knee.

"Without it I think I would have struggled because it gave me confidence to push on. It is making my leg

Smith, who is making significant progress following his double leg fracture at Barnet, said: "The Compex and ice machine were vital for me.

"I had so much swelling to get rid of and the Compex worked my muscles when I couldn't move the leg. The consultant was so impressed with what we did, and I don't think I would be where I am without these things. I am grateful for the help given by the Bobbers Travel Club"

Professor Ribbans, who has been consulting with the Town's medical department on Fitzsimons' injury, said: "It is exactly three months since his surgery and Danny is far ahead of schedule. A big thank you to everyone at the club who has done such an excellent job with Danny."

Everyone at Luton Town would like to thank the Bobbers Travel Club for their help and the difference they have made to Danny and Smudger's respective rehabilitation programmes and, whilst hopefully not too soon, others will undoubtedly benefit in the future as well.



### LTSC presentation evening

The Luton Town Supporters' Club will be holding their presentation evening on Sunday 13th April.

Fans can join fellow supporters, players, management and directors of the club at the awards night which will be held at Luton Rugby Club from 7pm.

The Luton Town Supporters' Club Player of the Year will be one of a number of awards which be presented on the night. Included is the Goal of the Season award.

Tickets are already selling very quickly for this event and supporters are urged to book now to avoid disappointment.

Tickets cost £24 for adults and £18 for accompanied juniors under the age of 16.

This includes a hot buffet with either a curry or pasta option available.

Tickets can be purchased from the Luton Town ticket office by completing the booking form and returning to the ticket office in person or by emailing the ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.

Application forms are also available in the shop, ticket office and from the supporters' kiosk on home

### Hatters ale needs a name!

Like beer? Want to raise money for SoLYD? Like to pull a pint with John Still?

We're giving you the chance to combine all three! SoLYD will be launching a real ale next month and for every pint sold, lovely local brewers Banks & Taylor will donate 15p to SoLYD. But, before everyone can start enjoying the new B&T blonde bitter, we need a name for the beer and we'd like your help.

Send us your idea for a name for the ale and you could be the lucky winner who ends up pulling the first pint at

the launch event on 17th April with Luton Town's very own John Still. We'll be releasing details of the launch event very soon.

In the meantime send us your ideas, whether they commemorate your favourite player, pay homage to our marvellous manager or give a shout out to SoLYD. We look forward to reading them all and choosing the best one for SoLYD's new fundraising beer. Email your great ideas for the beer name to: solydbeer@gmail.com before close of play on 26th March. Cheers!

### FIRST BRICKS IN THE WALL



The first bricks in the Hatters Walk of the Fame were laid at Kenilworth Road last week.

The Wall is located outside main reception and enables supporters to purchase single or double bricks with a personalised message of their choice.

With bricks starting from £50 and available in black or gold ink, the Wall can serve as a great gift for a friend, family member or loved one.

We welcome all supporters to take part in joining the Wall and look forward to seeing many more great memories made and shared through its creation.

Please visit www.hatterswalk.co.uk for a full price list of the products and to buy a brick online.

#### WALL EXTENDS LOAN SPELL

...and talking of Walls, Hatters centre-forward Alex Wall has extended his loan spell at Dartford until 22nd April.

The young striker has been in fine form for the Darts as the Kent club aim to avoid relegation, scoring four goals in his last six matches, including a 90th-minute equaliser against Cambridge last weekend.

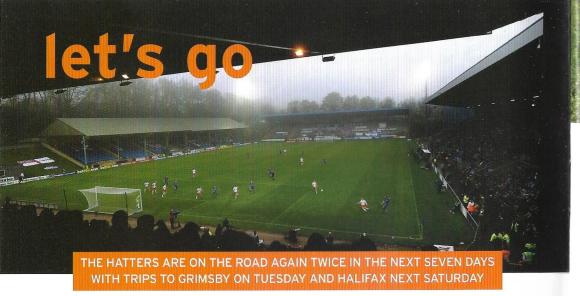
The Town have a 24-hour recall in place.

### Town reach county cup final

Two penalty saves from Elliot Justham ensured the Hatters booked their place in the final of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup final with a penalty shootout win over Barton Rovers on Tuesday.

After a goalless and uneventful 90 minutes Justham firstly saved Keshi Anderson's effort before then crucially stopping Liam McDevitt's spot-kick - Barton's sixth attempt. Defender Luke Trotman made no mistake to win it for the Hatters, who will meet Biggleswade in the final at Kenilworth Road in May.

TOWN: Justham, Trotman, Charles, Lacey, Chabata, Viana (sub Nwgala 72), Martin, Parry, Ferdinand, Cullen,



#### **GRIMSBY TOWN**



WHO? Grimsby Town, aka, the Mariners. After having jointmanagers for the past three seasons the Mariners axed one -Rob Scott - in August and now Paul Hurst is flying solo.

MAKE A SAVING. As the page

opposite will tell you, Town supporters can pay on the night at Blundell Park BUT can make a small saving by picking up the phone and calling Grimsby direct. If you do, you'll have an extra £1.50 in your pocket – that can go towards your fish n chip summer.

**HOW TO GET THERE.** First thing to remember is that the ground is not actually in Grimsby, but the neighbouring town of Cleethorpes. M1, M18, M180. At the end of the M180 continue along the A180 towards Grimsby and the ground is well-sign posted. For the sat-nav savvy, the postcode for the ground is DN35 7PY.

BLUNDELL BLUES. The Town have a terrible record at Blundell Park over the years, winning just six of their 25 visits - and just two of their last 15 (losing eight of those). The Hatters last won at Blundell Park back in October 2011 thanks to a Tommy Wright header. **RECENT FORM.** The Mariners have as many as four games in hand over the club above them in the table in their bid to make the Play-Offs. They've lost three of their last seven matches and have won just three times in their last 10 matches.

**EX-FACTOR.** There will be one former Town man likely to play on Tuesday in the shape of Scott Neilson. Having enjoyed a successful loan spell at Blundell Park last season, the Hatters nabbed him in January on a permanent move. But the spell never worked out and he signed for the Mariners in the summer.

#### FC HALIFAX TOWN



WHO? FC Halifax Town, aka the Shaymen. Remember these boys are FC Halifax Town, not just your bog standard Halifax Town. The old club folded and reformed as FC Halifax in 2008.

HOW THEY DOING? Very well.

Halifax have stormed through the divisions since reforming, and won the Conference North Play-Offs last season. At the time of writing Neil Aspin's side lie in seventh place, just one point outside the Play-Offs. FORTRESS SHAY. Halifax have just lost once at home in the Skrill Premier this season. To Woking. What is it with those Cards and winning away from home? HOW TO GET THERE. Take the M1 north before taking the M62. From the M62, take the A629 at Junction 24 and follow the signs for Halifax. The ground is on the right-hand side after about three miles. Parking at the stadium is limited (£3), however there is some street parking to be had, but only if you arrive early. Otherwise it is a case of parking in one of the town centre car parks. Or, carefully punch in HX1 2YS in your satellite navigation systems. SUPER SHAY. The Town have only ever lost once to Halifax in 13 games, winning nine of them. The Hatters have won three of their last four visits to the Shay, including their last - a 4-2 win in October 2001. The Hatters also clinched promotion at the Shay with a 1-0 win in 1968 thanks to a Bruce Rioch goal. Halifax's sole win over the Town came at the Shay in May 1966 with a 3-0 victory. EX-FACTOR. Defender Simon Ainge has been a regular at

the Shay this season after joining the club from the Town in the summer. He was on target for Halifax against the Town earlier in the season in a game the Town won 4-3 after trailing 3-1.

## tickets

HOME & AWAY WITH THE HATTERS



#### OAK OPEN!

For the foreseeable future the Oak Road stand will be available to Hatters on a permanent basis. Tickets are available from the ticket office and, subject to availability, on the day of the match on the turnstiles. If you are a season ticket holder who wishes to swap their seat for one in the Oak Road stand please contact the ticket office.

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#### **GRIMSBY TOWN v LUTON TOWN**





#### TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2014, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

This game is pay on the day for Town supporters. We have been allocated 1,250 seats. Hatters fans can make a £2 saving on adult and concessionary tickets by purchasing in advance from Grimsby by calling  $01472\ 605050$ before 1.30 on the day of the game. However, Grimsby charge a 50p telephone booking so in essence the saving is £1.50. Price: £18 adults, £12 over-65s, students with ID, 15-18-year-olds, £4 under-14s.



#### FC HALIFAX TOWN v LUTON TOWN



#### SATURDAY 29th MARCH 2014, KICK-OFF 3PM

We are awaiting full ticket details for this match, however, we can assure supporters that entry for Town supporters will be on the day at the turnstile at the Shay. Admission details will be available online at www.lutontown.co.uk



#### DARTFORD v LUTON TOWN





#### TUESDAY 1st APRIL 2014, KICK-OFF 7,45PM

Tickets for this match originally sold out, but a small selection of tickets are available from the ticket office on a first come, first served basis



#### LUTON TOWN v ALDERSHOT TOWN



The Skrill Premier

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We have the pleasure of welcoming four mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon who will get to meet their favourite players and lead the team out onto the pitch before kick-off. Make sure you give them a warm welcome!

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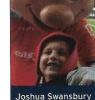
Sasha Lightfoot - Age 4 - Favourite player - all of them! Reece Nico Kenyon - Age 5 - Favourite player Andre Gray















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### It is with great pleasure that we welcome Chester FC to Kenilworth Road for the first time this season.

The Blues arrive at Kenilworth Road on the back of a home draw with Southport last Tuesday night. Two late goals from the Sandgrounders ensured that Chester were pegged back in a game which could be vital for both teams in their bid for survival.

This season is Chester's first in the Skrill Premier, having lifted the Conference North league title with an impressive 107 points, only losing three games in the process.

Today's visitors lie in 20th place in the Skrill Premier having taken 40 points from 28 games in their first season in the Skrill Premier. The Blues sit just two points above the relegation zone ahead of their nearest league rivals Aldershot.

For today's game, the Blues can take confidence from the last meeting between the two sides which saw Chester register a 1-1 draw with the Town back in November of last year. Andre Gray gave the Hatters an early lead in the 11th minute, before the Blues struck back just 10 minutes later when veteran Gareth Seddon levelled things up.

The Blues have struggled at home this season having picked up only nine points at the Deva Stadium this season.

The visitors have gained many of their points through away wins, as they have picked up a total of 21 points on their travels. The Town will need to be wary of the Blues' away form ahead of today's clash.

Chester have drawn more times than any other side in the league – a total of 13 times, and have also won the least amount of times in the Skrill Premier this season, bar Hyde, with a total of nine wins.

The Blues have struggled to find the back of the net this campaign with their top scorer Seddon sitting on a total of six league goals. They will be looking to rectify this if they want to climb the league table and move further away from the drop zone.

One thing that both sides share in common is both Luton and Chester have both featured in the Football League in previous years. Then known as Chester City, the club were relegated from League Two during the 2008/09 season and following point deductions found themselves drop into the Conference North. Having lifted the North title last term, the future for the Blues is looking bright if they can survive the drop zone this season and continue to build.

The Blues' remaining fixtures this season are by no means easy. Steve Burr's side have yet to play Cambridge and Wrexham before the season ends, in what could prove to be a very important month for the men in blue in their bid for survival.

# in opposition

#### **MEET THE CHESTER SQUAD**

#### **MANAGER**

STEVE BURR. The boss. Took over from Neil Young in January 2014 having enjoyed a hugely successful four-year term in charge at Kidderminster. Guided Harriers to the Play-Offs last term, missing out on the title by just two points. Part of the England C set-up and has previously managed Stalybridge.

#### **GOALKEEPERS**

**JON DANBY.** Experienced stopper in his second spell with the Blues, who re-joined in 2011/12. First signed for the club in 2006 but after five seasons left to join Kidderminster.

**AARON CHAPMAN.** 6ft 8in goalkeeper who signed on-loan from Chesterfield in February. The highly-rated stopper has signed a new deal with the Spireites to ward off interest from Premier League clubs.

#### **DEFENDERS**

**GEORGE HORAN.** Centre-half who captained the first-ever Chester FC side to promotion. Previously on the books at Rhyl, Connahs Quay and Droylsden.

**PAUL LINWOOD.** Experienced centre-back in his second spell at the Deva Stadium. A one-time Player of the Season, he re-signed in 2012 having played for Wrexham Grimsby and Fleetwood in between.

**MATTHEW BROWN.** Centre-half on-loan from League 2 Chesterfield. A former Tranmere and Manchester City trainee he joined the Spireites this summer.

**KEVIN McINTYRE.** Another former Chester City player back with the new club. A member of the 2004 Conference winning side who has also played for Macclesfield, Shrewsbury, Accrington and Rochdale.

MICHAEL KAY. Experienced full-back or centre-half who has been capped at England Under-17 level. Previously on the books at Tranmere.

ROSS KILLOCK. Teenage defender on-loan from Leeds who has impressed in the Blues back-line this term.

Joined Leeds as a 15-year-old and came through the Whites' academy to turn professional.

#### **MIDFIELDERS**

**JASON JARRETT.** Vastly experienced central midfielder who has over 300 Football League appearances under his belt following spells with almost a dozen clubs, including Wigan and Norwich.

**CRAIG MAHON.** Close-season capture from Vauxhall Motors who has been capped at under-18 and 19 level for the Republic of Ireland.

**DANNY HARRISON.** Midfielder who joined this summer from Tranmere. Made over 130 appearances for Rovers before moving to Rotherham where he played over 200 times.

**NATHAN TURNER.** Another Leeds United loanee who is at the Deva on a season-long loan. Joined Leeds as a seven-year-old before progressing through the ranks to become a reserve team regular.

**JAMIE MENAGH.** Young midfielder with an eye for goal who signed in October on non-contract terms. Began as a scholar at Blackpool and then Stoke before moving to Prescot Cables.

**JOHN ROONEY.** Midfielder or forward who is the younger brother of Wayne. Initially signed on loan from Bury before extending the deal until the end of the campaign.

ANDY BOND. January arrival from Colchester, who he had played 1.18 times for in the Football League. A former Crewe scholar, he has also had spells on loan at Barrow and Bristol Rovers.

**MATTY MAINWARING.** Talented young midfielder who signed on non-contract terms following his departure from Stockport.

#### **STRIKERS**

**CRAIG LINDFIELD.** Former Liverpool youngster who played in the 2006 and 2007 FA Youth Cup finals. Left Anfield in 2009 and signed for Macclesfield and then Accrington.

**GARETH SEDDON.** Experienced forward who has scored goals wherever he has played. Left the RAF in 2001 for a shot at football and has played for Kettering, Fleetwood and Rushden.

**BRENDON DANIELS.** Young forward who joined in February having previously been on loan at the club last season. A graduate of the Crewe academy.

**DANNY CARLTON.** Experienced striker who joined the club on loan this week. Shot to prominence with a prolific spell at Morecambe before spells at Carlisle and Bury.

### from the oak roac

It's 47 years since Town beat Chester in a league fixture - and with Steve Burr now at the helm at the Deva Stadium, we're sure to be in for a competitive match today. Chester fan Darren Keav reflects on his side's season so far.

TALK OF THE TOWN: Chester were highly fancied to challenge for promotion before the season began - was that overly optimistic or do you feel the team have underperformed? Has the quality of the division surprised you?

**DARREN:** My personal expectation was to avoid relegation, consolidate and build within this division. We'd had three fantastic championship winning seasons under Neil Young, who did a phenomenal job, which we are all truly grateful for. As a club, we rose too quickly, so we are trying to adjust to life in this division. The quality of the division hasn't really surprised me - there are a lot of full-time ex-Football League clubs trying to get out of it who have quality players in their ranks. Some teams would not be out of place in League 2.

TOTT: Please tell us about the impact Steve Burr has made since taking over as manager.

DARREN: Steve has brought a feel good factor into the whole of the club. As fans, we are confident that he is the man to lead us to safety this season, and hope that he will stay beyond this point and strengthen us, with

the aim of promotion in future. Steve has brought an attacking flair into the club which I'm sure will keep us in this division.

TOTT: Your recent home game against Halifax, televised on BT Sport, had a particularly dramatic end. For those Luton fans who didn't see it, tell us what happened and the range of emotions you felt amidst it

DARREN: We did well early on and they were reduced to 10 men in the first half. I think the referee was too quick to send their man off - a red card was very harsh. We took advantage and had the lead early on in the second half, and felt that against 10 men, we could hold on. Halifax had a few shots late on, then in the 94th minute they equalised. It was two points lost and as fans, we were deflated and devastated. If only we could have held on for one more minute! From the restart, we expected the whistle to be blown, it wasn't, then after a mix-up in the Halifax defence, John Menagh popped in to make it 2-1 in the 95th minute - ecstasy returned and three much-needed points were earned.





Steve Burr

**TOTT:** Which of Chester's players should Luton fans particularly look out for today?

DARREN: I would have said Matty Taylor, however, Forest Green Rovers have recalled him. I just hope we play very well, so I'll say watch out for all 11 of them!

TOTT: The last time the teams faced each other at Kenilworth Road, Chester were in their old guise of Chester City. Do you believe the club is in a much better place to progress now - both on and off the field?

DARREN: It goes without saying that the club is in a better place, it is in the hands of the people that love it most - the volunteers. the fans and the board of directors that are prepared to give their all for this club to be a huge success. Prior to 2010, we had more than 20 years of heartache under owners out for self-importance and gain, one of which was the first owner of a

professional football club to fail the FA's "Fit and Proper Person" test.

On the field, the club has hit great heights of three back to back championships, and we have met so many nice friendly clubs along the way. I know it is a cliché. but if you had asked me four years ago where I think Chester FC will be, I wouldn't have envisaged being in the Conference Premier.

TOTT: Tell us about the Chester versus Wrexham rivalry - how fierce is it? What was it like to win the derby over in Wales in late August? Do you fancy doing "the double" over them?

DARREN: Well, there is always a ridiculous number of police officers in riot uniform, taking to the streets to monitor a modest number of fans. The rivalry was

described by Ian Rush as being like Wales versus England - as Luton fans should be aware, Chester is in England.

The feeling of victory over the 'old enemy' was immense - part-time versus full-time and it was also our first victory of the season. I said to Neil Young after the game that he should be made a freeman of the city for the result! Wrexham aren't doing that well either at the moment, so doing the double over them is a realistic possibility. It would be nice to leapfrog them and stay above them.

TOTT: Do you believe Chester will stay up this season? And what is your prediction for today's game?

DARREN: Yes, I do believe that in Steve Burr, we have the right man to help us to do that. We have Southport, Tamworth and Hyde to play at home so I hope that we get maximum points against our fellow strugglers. For today, obviously I would love a Chester win, but, with Luton running away with the league, it will be a tough ask.



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#### PAUL AND RON FUTCHER

No player has represented both the Town and the current quise of Chester FC, but the two clubs share many-a-familiar face from the previous incarnations

Shaun Whalley is the most recent player to don the colours of both clubs, with the winger turning professional for the first time in his career at the Deva Stadium in 2004. Ian Hillier, David Bayliss and Canadian Geoff Aunger have also played for both clubs in the last 20 years.

The two famous twin brothers. Ron and Paul Futcher also played for both with Hatters manager Harry Haslam snapping up the siblings in June 1974.

Both 17 at the time, Paul had only played 20 times for Chester before his arrival, but he went onto become a revelation at the heart

of the Hatters defence.

Ron, meanwhile, made his Hatters debut before Paul did, coming on as a substitute against Sheffield Wednesday in November 1974. His full debut, though, is written in Luton folklore, as he scored the only goal at table-toppers Ipswich and followed that up with a hat-trick against Wolves two days

Another player who has donned the shirt of both clubs with honour is Ron Davies. He joined Chester as a £3-a-week groundstaff boy and reputedly trained in army boots to improve his already prodigious leaping skills.

The Hatters took a punt on the 20-yearold in October 1962 and he rewarded them with 21 goals in 29 appearances as a poor Town side sunk to Division Three (now League One).

In September 1963 a £35,000 bid from Norwich, against whom Ron has scored six goals the previous season. had to be accepted and his career then went from strength to strength, taking in Southampton, Portsmouth and Manchester United along the way.



### HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Town drew 1-1 at the Deva Stadium back in November and overall – excluding the expunged results – the Hatters' record is three wins, six draws and one defeat.

The Town last beat Chester 46 years ago in October 1967. On that day the Town won 3-1 at the Blues' old Sealand Road ground in October 1967 thanks to two goals from Keith Allen and one from lan Buxton.

The Hatters went onto lift the Division Four championship come the end of the season. The Town haven't won a home game against Chester since a 1-0 victory in March 1967 in Division Four. Keith Allen got the Luton goal.

The Town last hosted Chester in August 2009 in the Conference after both clubs had been relegated from the Football League the previous season. However that game, and the reverse fixture at the Deva, which both finished 0-0, were expunged from the records following Chester City's expulsion from the division. In a match of particular significance, the Town also picked up a point from a 2-2 draw at Chester in January 2009 which wiped out the 30-point deduction they began with.

Chester arrive at Kenilworth Road aiming to beat the Town for only the second time - and for the first time in league competition. Chester beat the Hatters in an FA Cup fourth round tie at Sealand Road in January 1977, which meant Chester reached the fifth round of the competition for the first time in

### back to the future

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS TRACES WHAT HAPPENED
TO FOUR OF CHESTER'S GREATEST POST-WAR TEAMS

#### 1974/75 PROMOTION WINNERS

**GREN MILLINGTON:** Welsh U-23 goalkeeper who was ever-present as Chester also reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1974/75. Later with Oswestry and Wrexham, he worked for the probation service.

**NIGEL EDWARDS:** Welsh U-23 right-back who moved to Aldershot in July 1978, rejoining Chester in August 1982 and netting 16 goals in 299 League games overall before joining Oswestry in July 1983.

**TONY LOSKA:** Ever-present left-back who joined Halifax Town in October 1976. Later with Stafford Rangers, Nantwich Town, Leek Town and Winsford, he became a mortgage broker, settling in Kidsgrove.

**TREVOR STORTON:** Central defender who joined Oswestry in March 1984, then played for Telford United. He managed Chorley, then had a window cleaning business in Bradford and died in March 2011.

**REG MATTHEWSON:** Centre-back who scored once in 87 League outings, then coached at Wrexham, Bangor City and Shrewsbury before working for a chemical fertiliser company in Ellesmere Port.

**STUART MASON:** Ex-England Youth international who netted seven goals in 137 League games, moving to Bangor City in December 1977, then Oswestry. He has since run his own sports shop in Wrexham.

**NORMAN WHITEHEAD:** Winger who joined Grimsby Town in August 1976, then played for Bangor City and Rhyl. He later worked on the Mersey Ferry before becoming a maintenance man in Wallasey.

IAN SEDDON: Midfielder who later played for Cambridge United, Rochdale, Wigan, Macclesfield, Runcorn and Stalybridge. He then managed Atherton Collieries and became a sales rep for a building firm.

**DEREK DRAPER:** Welsh U-23 international who netted 54 goals in 322 League games before working in the club's commercial department. Settling in Chester, he has since been a milkman and a postman.

**JOHN JAMES:** Striker who scored 40 times in 98 League outings before joining Tranmere Rovers in September 1975. Settling in Torquay, he later became a newsagent, then worked for Dairy Fresh Desserts.

**DAVE LENNARD:** Experienced midfielder who moved to Stockport County in July 1976, then played for AFC Bournemouth, Salisbury and Basingstoke. He became a science teacher and now lives in Portugal.

#### 1985/86 PROMOTION WINNERS

**JOHN BUTCHER:** Goalkeeper who made 84 League appearances before joining Altrincham in July 1987, then Macclesfield Town. He has become a warehouse manager, latterly for Embassy Cards in Liverpool.

**DAVID GLENN:** Ex-Wigan Athletic and Blackburn Rovers right-back who scored once in 73 League games. Later with Australian side Blacktown City, Fleetwood and Chorley, he has settled in Standish.

MARTIN LANE: Left-back who scored three goals in 274 League games overall in two spells, then played for Walsall, Shepshed Albion, Worcester and Hinckley. He works in the security business in Coventry.

RICKY GREENOUGH: Central defender who netted 16 goals in 132 League games, moving to Scarborough in July 1988, then York City, Matlock, Harrogate Town, Goole, Pickering and Harrogate Railway.

**GRAHAM ABEL:** Central defender who scored 29 times in 296 League outings, moving to Crewe Alexandra in August 1993, then Macclesfield Town, Chorley and Witton Albion. He has settled in Runcorn.

**BOBBY COY:** Central defender who scored twice in 93 League games before joining Northampton Town in August 1986, then played for Aylesbury United, Moor Green, Armitage and Boldmere St Michaels.

JOHN KELLY: Winger who moved to Swindon Town in June 1987, then played for Oldham Athletic, Walsall, Huddersfield Town, Chester again, Home Farm and Rhyl. He runs an industrial clothing business.

MILTON GRAHAM: Later with Peterborough, Spalding, Bourne, Grantham, Holbeach, Corby and Stamford. He is now a production supervisor for a power management company in Burton on the Wolds.

IAN RICHARDSON: Striker who netted ten goals in 34 League games before joining Scunthorpe United in October 1986. Later playing for Staines Town and St Albans City, he has settled in Bushey.

**PETER HOUGHTON:** Striker who scored 13 times in 85 League outings prior to joining Northwich Victoria in July 1988, then Runcorn and Warrington Town, employed by General Chemicals in Runcorn.

**GARY BENNETT:** Striker who joined Southend in November 1988, then had spells with Chester, Wrexham, Tranmere, Preston, Wrexham and Chester again, netting 64 goals in 254 League games overall.



#### 1993/94 PROMOTION WINNERS

**DAVID FELGATE:** Ex-Welsh international goalkeeper who joined Wigan Athletic in July 1995, then played for Leigh RMI, Radcliffe Borough and Bacup Borough while working for a timber merchant.

**ROGER PREECE:** Versatile right-back who moved to Telford United in July 1996, then Shrewsbury Town. He has since been coach/manager at Telford United, Newtown, Connah's Quay and Welshpool.

**JOE JAKUB:** Midfielder who had two spells at Chester before joining Colwyn Bay in July 1994, then played for Wigan Athletic. He has since been youth coach at Preston, Stockport and Southampton.

IAIN JENKINS: Northern Ireland international defender who moved to Dundee United in July 1998, then had spells at Shrewsbury Town and Chester again. He has coached at Cowdenbeath and St Mirren.

MARK CAME: Central defender who scored once in 47 League outings before moving to Exeter City in July 1994. He rejoined Winsford United, becoming their manager, and has since managed Barnton.

COLIN GREENALL: Central defender who joined Lincoln City in July 1994, then played for Wigan Athletic. He was Rochdale's head of youth and has since been Lancashire FA coach education manager.

**DAVE THOMPSON:** Winger who scored nine times in 80 League outings before rejoining Rochdale in August 1994. Later playing for Southport and Marine, he has since been a courier driver in Southport.

**CHRIS LIGHTFOOT:** Favourite who netted 32 goals in 277 League games, moving to Wigan Athletic in July 1995, then Crewe Alexandra, Morecambe, Runcorn FC Halton, Marine, Leek and Cefn Druids.

**STUART RIMMER:** Striker who scored 134 times in 360 League games in two spells at Chester before joining Southport in June 1998, then played for Marine. He has since worked as a postman in Southport.

MARK LEONARD: Striker who netted eight goals in 32 League outings before moving to Wigan Athletic in September 1994, then rejoined Rochdale where injury ended his career, settling back in St Helens.

**DAVID PUGH:** Winger who scored 23 times in 179 League games prior to joining Bury in August 1994 where a knee injury curtailed his career in May 1998. He is now a Press Association match summariser.

#### 2003/04 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

WAYNE BROWN: Long-serving goalkeeper who joined Hereford United in July 2006. He moved to Bury in July 2008, then played for Supersport United and Oxford United where now goalkeeping coach.

**DANNY COLLINS:** Full-back who moved to Sunderland in October 2004, making his Welsh international debut against Hungary four months later, since playing for Stoke City and Nottingham Forest.

**KEVIN McINTYRE:** Attacking left-back who joined Macclesfield Town in December 2004. He moved to Shrewsbury Town in January 2008, then Accrington Stanley, Rochdale and now Chester again.

PHIL BOLLAND: Reunited with Mark Wright at Peterborough in January 2006. He has since appeared for Chester again, Wrexham, Cambridge United, Barrow, Droylsden, Halifax Town and Airbus UK.

**SCOTT GUYETT:** England Semi-Pro international central defender who joined Yeovil Town in July 2004, then AFC Bournemouth and Dorchester Town. He has become Crystal Palace's fitness coach.

MICHAEL TWISS: Former Manchester United winger who moved to Morecambe in May 2004, helping them secure promotion to the Football League in 2006-07. He has since appeared for Altrincham.

**SHAUN CAREY:** Former Republic of Ireland U-21 midfielder who joined Hornchurch in May 2004, following Garry Hill to Weymouth before spells playing at Droylsden, King's Lynn and Spalding United.

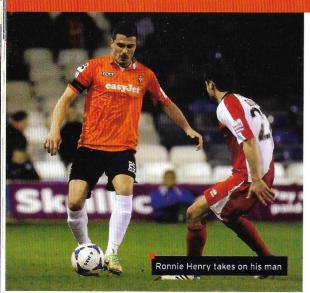
**PAUL CARDEN:** Inspirational midfielder and captain who was 'Player of the Year' in 2004-05 and moved to Peterborough United in July 2005, then Burton Albion, Cambridge United and Luton Town.

**DARYL CLARE:** Top scorer who returned to Boston United in November 2004, then Crawley, Burton Albion, Rushden & Diamonds, Mansfield, Gateshead, Cambridge United and Louth's player-manager.

**DARRYN STAMP:** Striker who joined Stevenage Borough in February 2005 and has since had spells playing for Halifax Town, Northwich Victoria, Gainsborough Trinity, Guiseley and Gainsborough again.

JAMIE HEARD: Young winger who moved to North Ferriby in August 2004, then Morecambe, Harrogate Town, North Ferriby again, Hall Road Rangers, Bridlington Town and currently Skirlaugh AFC.

### **TOWN 0-1 WOKING**



The Town's magnificent 27-match unbeaten run in the Skrill Premier came to an end as a goal three minutes from time from Giuseppe Sole gave Woking a 1-0 victory to stun Kenilworth Road.

However, it was anything but a shock win given the Hatters' below-par performance on the night in a game dominated by the visitors in front of the BT Sport

Boss John Still admitted afterwards that the Town were well off colour but, despite that, his side still came mighty close to winning all three points in a second half that saw them hit the woodwork twice in the second period, with crosses from Jake Howells and Alex Lawless both agonisingly bouncing away from goal after striking

But Woking, who had completely bossed the first half and hit the woodwork themselves following Josh Payne's rasping 25-yarder, won it thanks to the head of Sole, who nodded home after Kieron Murtagh's effort had also hit the crossbar - the fourth time in the match the woodwork had been rattled during the match.

Woking started like they meant to go on in the first half as the Town failed to test Aaron Howe in the Cards' goal and Payne's super hit from distance on nine minutes cannoned off the angle of post and bar and served as a warning shot to the Hatters.

Half-chances came and went for the visitors as the Town were sloppy in possession, a shadow of the team that had strung together such a wonderful sequence of results.

Kevin Betsy tested Mark Tyler's concentration on 24 minutes with the winger's low shot from the edge of the box flying through numerous legs in the penalty area and into the keeper's grateful arms.

Payne was at it again for the Cards just after the half-hour, this time side-footing wide from the edge of the box, before former Hatter Scott Rendell thought he had given his side the lead on 42 minutes when heading past Tyler following a rightwing free-kick - only to see the linesman's flag for offside cut short his celebrations.

The arrival of Pelly Ruddock nine minutes after half-time gave the Hatters energy and drive from central midfield and the Town came close to opening the scoring on the hour. Howells' cross from the left floated all the way over and came back off of the post with Paul Benson lurking. Former Hatter Adam Newton then headed back towards goal, but an own goal on his return to Kenilworth Road was spared by a last-ditch clearance from team-mate Joe

Andre Gray thought he should have had a penalty on 64 minutes but saw his appeals waved away by referee Kavanagh after tumbling in the box, and two minutes later the Town's top goalscorer couldn't get a shot out having been found by a wonderful clipped pass from Matt Robinson.

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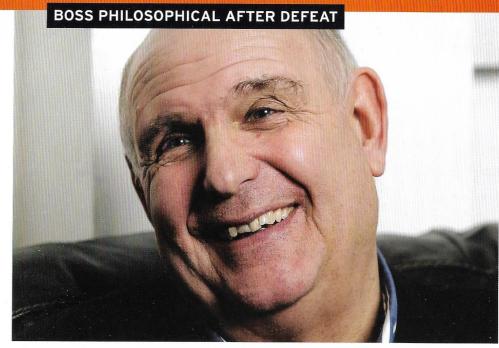
The Town were slowly but surely finding their passing game which was missing for much of the first half, and Ruddock stung the fingers of Howe on 72 minutes with a stunning fierce drive from 20 yards that hurtled goalwards.

As time began to tick down the Hatters struck the woodwork for a second time with five minutes left. Lawless' teasing cross from the left, aimed at Benson, again bounced off the inside of the post and to safety with Benson unable to turn the ball home.

And that proved to be a vital turning point as two minutes later Sole won it for Woking. Murtagh pinched the ball off of Ruddock and then saw his angled drive arch over Tyler and came back off the underside of the crossbar. Sole, who had just come on as a substitute, was on hand to nod past the goalkeeper with his first

A shocked Kenilworth Road could hardly believe it and despite four minutes of added time the Town couldn't find a late, late leveller with Benson unable to convert the final, final chance.

### TOWN 0-1 WOKING



Well it had to happen sometime and unfortunately for the Town their long unbeaten run came to an end on Monday following Woking's 1-O victory at Kenilworth Road.

Despite seeing his side fall to defeat for the first time in 27 games, manager John Still took the positives on a night in which the Hatters were also defeated for the first time at Kenilworth Road this season - ending a run of 13 successive home league wins.

#### Remarkable

"It's been a remarkable run with some remarkable games and performances," Still told Hatters Player afterwards. "But we didn't play well. We were poor first half but better in the second. Did we do enough to win the game? Probably not. Did we do enough to get something? Probably - but we didn't."

Woking substitute Giuseppe Sole nabbed the winner with just three minutes left and the manager had no complaints about the defeat.

"I thought it was a case of who scored first would win it," said Still. "The run has come to an end and we knew it would, we just didn't know when and where. But it basically came to an end because we didn't play quite well enough.

"In the first half I thought we looked a bit lethargic. In the second half we didn't, but we lacked a bit of

"I thought we did okay, but only okay, and the standards we've set here okay isn't good enough."

So the Town will aim to bounce back this afternoon against a Chester side who will need the points at the other end of the table in their guest to avoid the drop.

"The beauty of football is that there's always the next game," said Still. "Disappointment makes the weak weaker and the strong stronger.

#### **Important**

"We're in an unbelievable position and that's been down to hard work.

"It's how you deal with disappointment that's the most important.

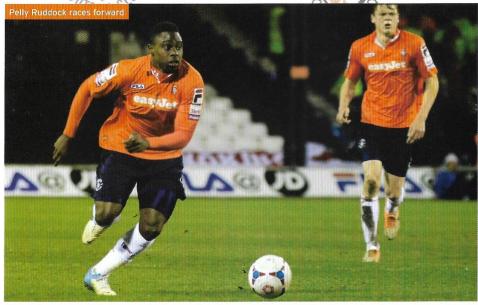
"If you look at the season as a whole it's been fantastic. Losing happens, that's football.

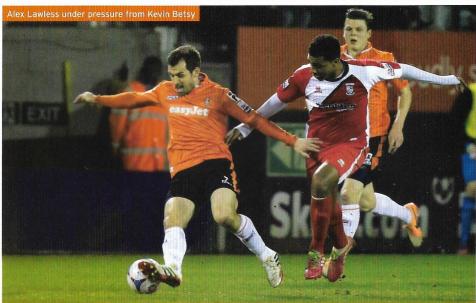
"I don't find it difficult to take because that's life.

"All I see it as is another test - it's what makes you become better. If you were great all the time you'd never

"The defeat will act as a reminder for us to keep working hard and that the job is not done."

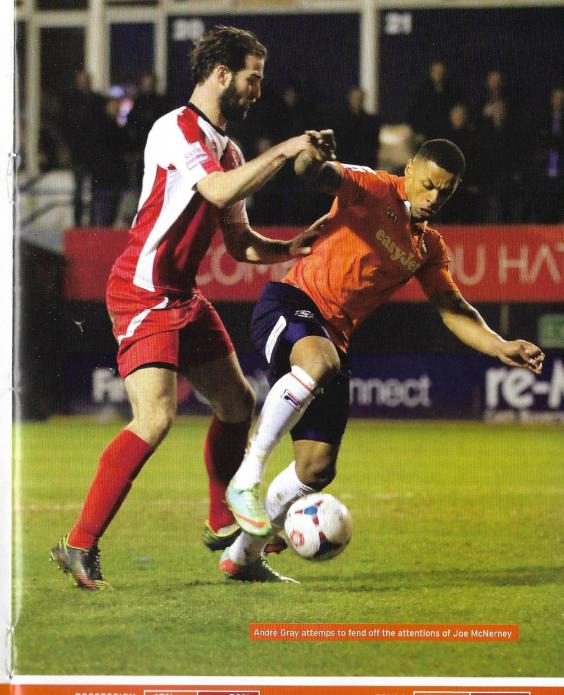
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**TOWN:** Tyler; Henry, Griffiths, McNulty, Franks, McGeehan (sub Ruddock 56), Robinson (sub Cullen 74), Lawless, Howells (sub Parry 61), Gray, Benson. SUBS NOT USED: Shaw, Justham.

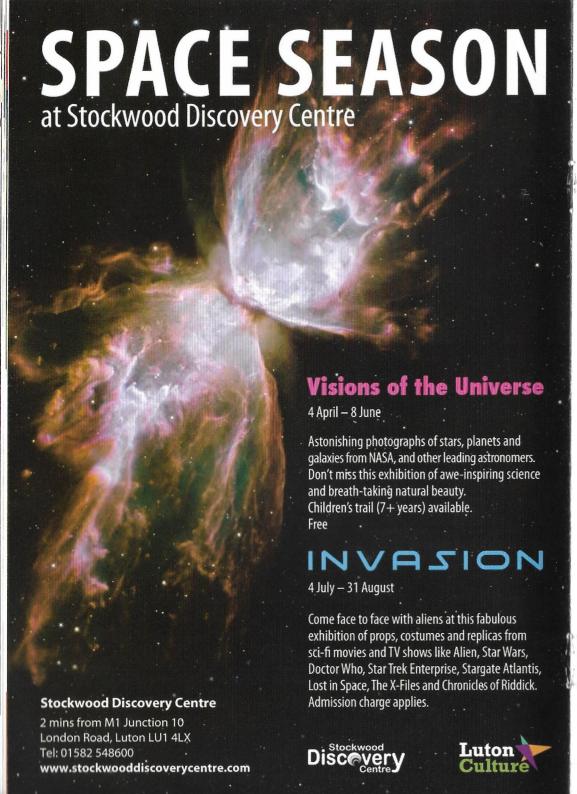
**WOKING:** Howe, Nutter, Newton, McNerney, Ricketts, Betsy, Murtagh, Goddard (sub Jones 89), Payne, Rendell, Marriott (sub Sole 85). SUBS NOT USED: Beckles, Cestor, Beasant.



POSSESSION	42%	58%
CORNERS	6	5
SHOTS ON TARGET	2	7
HOTS OFF TARGET	5	6

FOULS	12	13
YELLOW CARDS	1	1
RED CARDS	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 6,683 (97 WOKING)





The Hatters unbeaten league run of 27 games came to an end as the Cards defeated the Town 1-0 at Kenilworth Road last Monday night.

Not only was it the first defeat for Luton in a long run of games, it was the first goal the Hatters had conceded in over six hours playing time at Kenilworth Road, and none other than captain Ronnie Henry was disappointed that the unbeaten run had come to a disappointing end.

"We have been on a good run and it had to come to an end. It was disappointing that it had to end in that fashion. We didn't play very well and they did everything they could to go and win the game," the Luton Town skipper told Hatters Player.

"We need to wake up now; the defeat is hard to take. When you are on an unbeaten run of 27 games and go and lose it is very unlike us, but we need to bounce back now and get ready for the game on Saturday against Chester."

#### **Impressive**

The Hatters have one of the best defensive records in the Skrill Premier, with only 26 goals going against the Town and an impressive 83 goals being scored in the process.

John Still's men will be looking to bounce back on the defeat against the Cards and skipper Henry believes that the Town will do just that.

> "I'm sure we will bounce back, we are a good side. We will run over the game against Woking and see what went wrong. We will try and put it right on Saturday to get the right result," the Luton Town centre-half said.

> The Town struck the woodwork twice in the second half against the Cards and could of snatched a point if luck had of gone their way. It wasn't to be for the Hatters and unfortunately their unbeaten run at Kenilworth Road came to an end.

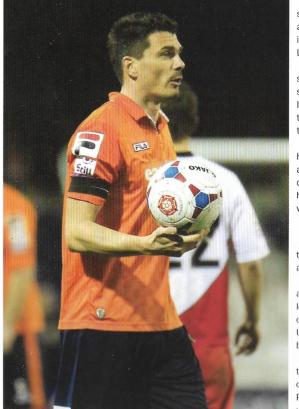
"We didn't come out of the traps in the first half but the good thing was that we came in at 0-0. In the second half we hit the post a couple of times and on another day they would have gone in. It wasn't to be today and Woking won the game.

#### **Points**

"We are at home again on Saturday; we need to try and get the fans behind us again to try and get maximum points," Henry said.

It's not all doom and gloom for the Hatters, as they remain 11 points clear at the top of the league having now played the same amount of games as their nearest rivals Cambridge United. Henry believes that the Town will bounce straight back to winning ways.

"It's not the end of the world; we are still at the top of the league. We have a great chance of winning promotion and we need to go for it. Picking up three points on Saturday will move us on nicely."







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# orange or white?

#### THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN DYNAMITE!

With thousands of votes coming in from Town fans, the great shirt debate has been in the balance all the way. It's going to be a close call, but either way we're all on to a winner, because we're Luton Town - and with our new agreement with the Trust it's your call what happens with our colours!

So how did you vote? What was behind your choice? Lots of people thought that most people whose support went back to before 1974 would go for white shirts. Memories of Terry Branston, Bruce Rioch, Malcolm Macdonald, Graham French, the one and only John Moore and all the other heroes of the great late 60's and early 70's revival - which saw the Town rise irresistibly from the depths on a tidal wave of new support.

Plus the older fans who remember the First Division days of the 50's and Cup Final glory (well, nearly...) in

But then there's another huge mass of fans who came on board when Harry Haslam beat all the odds to take the Town back to the top in 1974/75 - and we were treated to a dramatic change of colours with orange being introduced in the famous 'all-sorts' shirts that saw the likes of Paul and Ron Futcher, Barry 'Bullet' Butlin, Johnny Aston, Alan West and a noble band of warriors who fought to the last to keep us up at the top (the less said about Spurs v Leeds, the better!).

Orange ruled the day for many years, as we were treated to the astonishing style and success of David Pleat's team and unforgettable scenes like Maine Road and Raddi's magic moment.

But it's not as simple as all that, is it? What colour shirts were we wearing for that sensational day at Wembley, when Fozz went up to lift the Littlewoods Cup? White of course! And white again (with blue bits!) for the great cup run of 93/94, and the brilliant promotion team under Mike Newell. But for most fans under the age of 40 the distinctive colour of Luton Town has probably always been orange, which has set us out from the crowd and which is instantly recognised all around the world (try it - wherever you go, if you're wearing one of our orange shirts, you're almost certain to get a comment or two!).

And so the discussion goes. We've had some brilliant tweets since we launched the vote, as you can see over the following page, and at time of going to press it was neck and neck. We're as happy as Harry that so many of you care deeply about the image of our club, our colours and what they stand for. Because it is OUR club, and that's why the image rights are now in the hands of our

COYH! Whichever way the vote goes - orange or white, we're dynamite!





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### your say! your kit!

The past week has seen thousands of votes cast by Hatters fans on the colour of next season's shirt - should, of course, the Town win promotion this season. It's been a topic of heated debate in the offices at Kenilworth Road and between supporters in the stands and online with our massed ranks of Twitter followers getting involved in the conversation.

#### **#VOTEWHITE**

CK @ck1 cricket

please please #votewhite #LTFC #COYH

>> Russell smith @RussItfc

#COYH #Votewhite let's get our kit back

Snuz @hattersue

@LTFC Official Marital discord here me #VoteOrange Les #VoteWhite Will buy him a steak tonight but he ain't getting anything else!

Andy Burgess @AndyBurgess11 Absolute no brainer #LTEC #VoteWhite

Chris Lennon @christofflennon

Have cast my kit colour vote. While I have no problem with an orange home kit, it has to be #VoteWhite for me #traditionalist #COYH #ITEC

Paul Williams @cllrpaulwmk

Great that @LTFC Official have given the clubs image rights to fans. Hoping Luton return to white shirts for next season #COYH #VoteWhite

Luton Town Fans @LutonTownFans

We're backing WHITE shirts for our home kit. Smarter and classier. Orange can stay for the away kit.

Craig Smith @crwsmith @LTFC Official Definitely #VoteWhite. The defining kit colour of the club's history.

HattersTalk @HattersTalk

It's white for me, I grew up watching Luton play in white

> Steve Sims @simschat

It all went downhill when we started playing in orange at home. Luton should be white shirts at the Kenny.

#### **#VOTEORANGE**

Andrew Kingston @treblethree

However after the last couple of home shirts, which have been superb, orange really is distinctive and makes us stand out #VoteOrange

> Rachel @racquel999 #VoteOrange can't be any other colour

Elliot Georges @ElliotGeorges

#VoteOrange at the age of 22 grown up watching @LTFC Official in white, but love being more distinctive in orange pic.twitter.com/4H1piYiXgo

Steve harvey @MrSteveNiave Easy choice #VoteOrange distinctive like us. #coyh

> Joseph Bingham @Joebing9

No real decision here. #VoteOrange all the way!! @LTFC Official

>> Jonathan Squires @jonson74

Just joined Trust In Luton and voted orange for next season's home colours #COYH

>> Ian Freeman @ianbeeffreeman

As much as I love Luton in white at home. I've obviously gone for #Orange #VoteOrange #LTFC #COYH

>> Dan Blackwell @dblackwell55

@LTFC Official #VoteOrange orange is the better colour, it's loud like our fans and just looks better on us! Luton is orange!

StaffsHatter @staffshatter

@LutonTownFans last game of 73-74 promotion season. I was mascot. What kit were we wearing? #VoteOrange

Pete Impey @pgimpey

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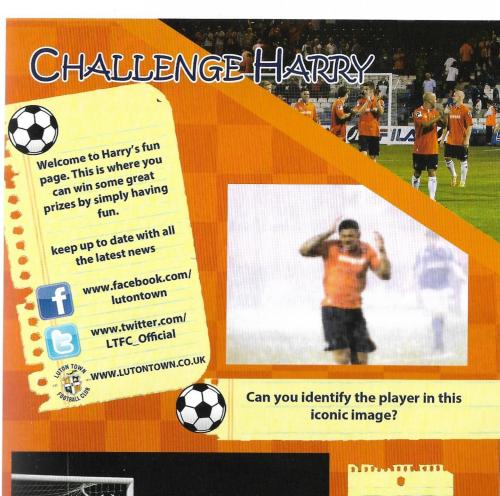
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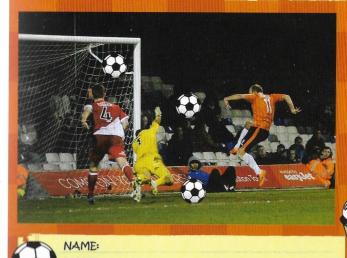
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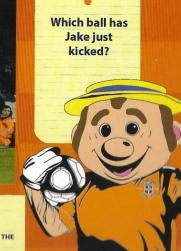




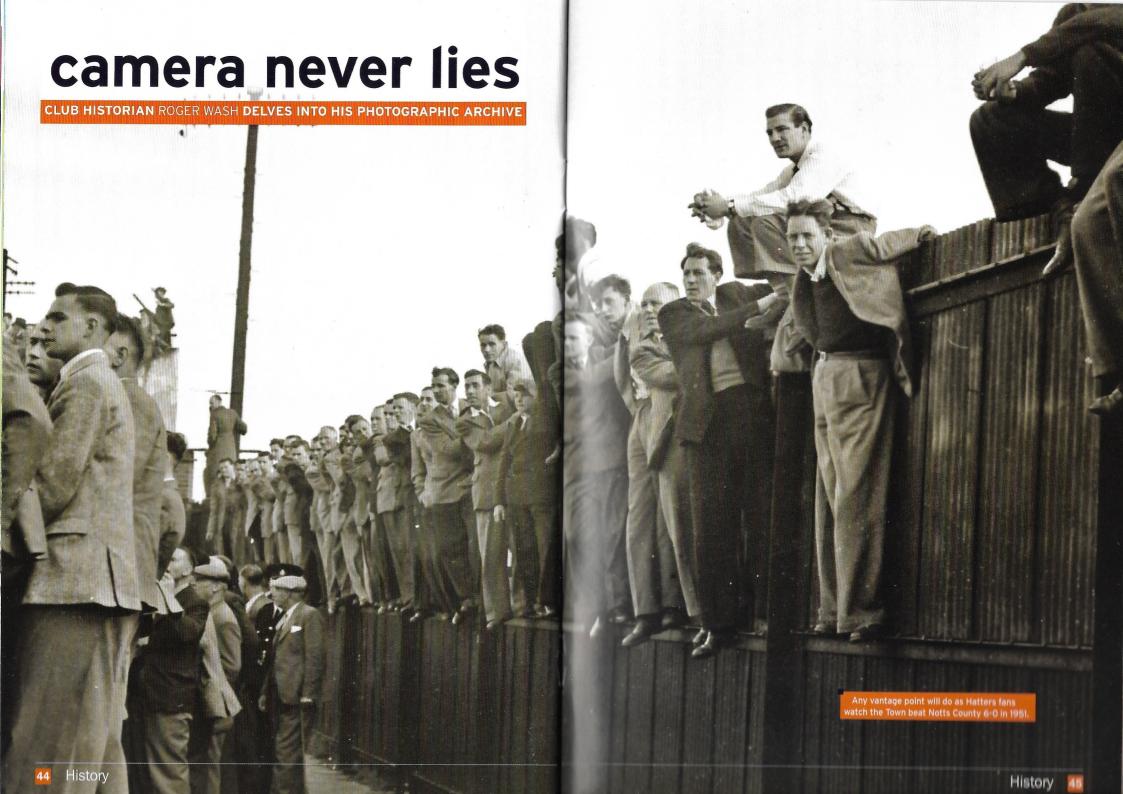
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# yesterday's pages

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH LOOKS THROUGH PAST PROGRAMMES

#### **LUTON TOWN 5-0 BARNSLEY**

#### 2nd OCTOBER 1993

After surviving a second successive relegation by the skin of their teeth at the end of 1992/93 Town supporters all gathered our breath and waited for a summer of comings and goings on the playing side as manager David Pleat made plans to make sure that seasons of struggle were a thing of the past.

Surprisingly the close season proved relatively uneventful. Phil Gray, desperate to move to the north east for family reasons got his dream transfer to Sunderland but a large chunk of the £800,000 received by the Town had to be paid to Tottenham as part of the arrangement when he moved from White Hart Lane to Kenilworth Road two years previously.

Also on his way to Sunderland was goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain in a move which today would almost be called a 'Bosman'. League regulations stated that a player, at the end of his contract, could not be offered lesser terms otherwise he would be entitled to a free transfer. Pleat was anxious to get the wage bill down, especially with many players still on Division One (now Premier League) terms, and with Chamberlain being one of these the goalkeeper accepted Sunderland's offer and left Kenilworth Road on a 'technicality'.

The opening game of the new campaign pitted the Town against their near neighbours Watford at Kenilworth Road and a crowd of 9,149 turned out on a sunny day hoping for better fare than had been served up over the past couple of years. They were treated to a 2-1 win against a 10 man side but, although a victory over the old enemy was always gratefully received, most Luton supporters were not convinced by the performance and predicted another season of struggle with the lack of a reliable goalscorer the main cause for concern.

A 1-0 defeat at Portsmouth was followed by reversals at home to Nottingham Forest and newly promoted Bolton before experienced campaigner Alan Harper was drafted in on a free from Everton. He was left shell shocked on his debut though as the Town went down 4-1 at Tranmere although it must be said that the game was a lot closer than the scoreline suggests.

Draws at both Middlesbrough and Birmingham did little to appease the fans and there was talk of a major boycott for the next game, at home to Barnsley, as the Hatters slipped to bottom place in the league.



Only 6,201 turned up for Barnsley's visit, the lowest league attendance at Kenilworth Road since 1979, and with Kerry Dixon still missing through injury the Town were parading the youngest forward line in their history which naturally needed all the terrace support it could gather.

The game got off to an amazing start when, after three minutes, full-back Julian James intercepted a pass and broke over the halfway line before being clattered by Barnsley skipper and centre-half, Gerry Taggart. After a long break, while both players were attended to, the referee sent Taggart off and immediately Luton supporters thoughts went back to the opening day of the season when the Town found it so difficult to overcome a depleted side.

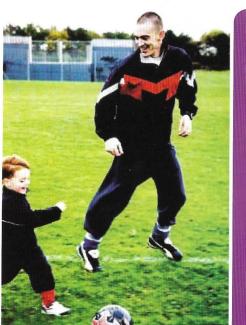
This time, though, the Hatters were not about to surrender the initiative and aided by a superb performance from Ceri Hughes tore into the Barnsley rearguard.

Still smarting from a last minute miss at Birmingham the previous week, Hughes put on his best display for three years and set up Hartson for the opener after 28 minutes although the big striker still had two players to beat before putting the ball in the net.

Another brilliant long ball from Hughes ended up with Oakes scoring the important second goal just before the interval and when James burst through to smack in the third on the hour the game was as good as over.

No supporter could remember the last time the Town had made a numerical superiority count and when substitute Scott Houghton and then Oakes again netted late goals to make the final score 5-0 thoughts of a further boycott rapidly disappeared.







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# on this day

#### 22nd MARCH

#### THE RECORD

The Hatters hold a decent record on this day down the years with just three defeats from the 14 matches played since the first one, against Cardiff back in 1913. The Town lost 3-0 against the Bluebirds, meaning the Hatters have lost just two of their last 13 matches played on 22nd March. The Town have actually scored less (13) than they have conceded (18).

The heaviest defeat on this day for the Hatters probably has something to do with it. The Town were played off the park by a talented Crewe Alexandra side at Kenilworth Road on 22nd March 2003. Future England international Dean Ashton was the star of the show, helping Alex to a 4-0 win with two goals. The BBC online report said: "Teenage striker Dean Ashton destroyed Luton as Crewe gave the Hatters a footballing lesson". They weren't wrong.

#### THE LAST TIME

Enough of bigging up the oppositions results against the Town. The Hatters were victorious the last time they played on this day three years ago when winning 1-0 on a Tuesday night at Rushden & Diamonds. Almost 1,500 Town supporters travelled to Nene Park and saw their side take the lead in the 11th minute from Robbie Willmott. Mark Tyler and Jake Howells were in the Hatters

the time, Richard Money hailed the performance as "herculean"

#### TOP FLIGHT TOWN

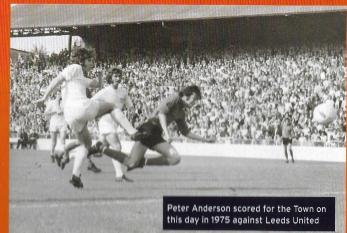
The Hatters have played three times in the top division on 22nd March and have yet to be beaten winning twice and drawing once. The Town drew 0-0 at home to Tottenham Hotspur on this day in 1958, a game watched by 22,384 inside Kenilworth Road. The result came nine years after the Town had lost 2-1 at White Hart Lane in the second division. 36,160 witnessed that defeat.

In 1975 the Hatters registered their first top flight victory on 22nd March with a 2-1 victory over Leeds United at Kenilworth Road. 23,048 watched goals from John Aston and Peter Anderson give the Town the points but unfortunately, come the end of that season, it wasn't enough as the Hatters were relegated back to the second division.

The Town, though, were back among the big boys in 1982 and their last game in the top flight on this day came in 1986 when Everton were the visitors to Kenilworth Road. 11,039 watched the Hatters beat the Toffees 2-1 courtesy of goals from defender Steve Foster and striker Mike Newell. Everton would lose out on the league championship by two points to Merseyside rivals Liverpool. The league win for the Town gained a slither of revenge for the Toffees' FA Cup semi-final win 10 days before.

#### **VICTORY IS OURS**

The Hatters two other wins on this day in history came in 1920 and in 1952. The first came against Queens Park Rangers in the Southern League at Kenilworth Road, with the Town triumphing 2-1 before a crowd of 4,000. 32 years later the Town beat Southampton 2-1 at Kenilworth Road in front of 15,551. Bernard Moore and Bert Mitchell scored the goals for the Hatters.



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## news extra

FOOTBALL CONFERENCE TRUST

At last Monday's game we were pleased to welcome Brian Lee, Chairman of the Football Conference and of its associate charity, the Football Conference Trust, and Lord Faulkner of Worcester, to Kenilworth Road to present a cheque for £40,000 to the club's community department.

The funds were received by Town director and Trustee Bob Curson to mark the Trust's grant over the last two years to support the Luton Town Community Trust's schools football programme. The Trust is a charity set up in April 2012 with the objective of encouraging and supporting community projects managed by clubs who are members of the Football Conference. This is done through grant aid and advice.

Projects clubs have been involved in so far include working with young people at risk of offending, supporting health initiatives, cheerleading, music, dance and other arts activities, encouraging volunteering, work with young people not in employment, education or training (NEETs), helping different disability groups to play sport, creating educational initiatives for adults and children, work with isolated community groups, green projects, healthy eating and lifestyle and working in partnership with schools to deliver football coaching and other initiatives.

Clubs in the Conference Premier can receive up to a maximum of £20,000 and those in the North and South 1.15,000 each year. So far, the Trust has awarded grants totalling £2.15m to 68 clubs for over 170 projects



costing £5.3m. Community programmes enable clubs to work with local people and provide activities that might not otherwise be available.

This support is made possible by the generous contributions of the Trust's funding partners: the Premier League and the Professional Football Association. In October 2010 both bodies committed an initial three years contribution giving a total fund of £2.4m. They have recently announced that they will be offering funding for a further three years until 2017.

The Hatters Football Development Officer, James Hatch told Talk of the Town: "The Conference Trust Fund has provided fantastic essential support for our free schools visit project and the grant received has enabled well over 100,00 local schoolchildren to receive free PE lessons from the Club in the last two years. We are really grateful for everyone's support."



TOOTBALL CLIP

# in development

#### YOUNGSTERS BOUNCE BACK FROM DEFEAT TO BEAT COBBLERS

The Hatters Under-18s again had Saturday and Tuesday fixtures, away at Southend and then at home to Northampton, and made up for a close loss on the East Coast with an excellent 2-0 victory on a windy afternoon back at Elv Way.

As with all of the matches since the turn of the year. Paul Driver put out a very young group for both games to continue to use the league programme to assess where the first years have progressed to in their development while looking at all of the available Under-16s before decisions are made on them to see if they will join Alex Atkinson and Frankie Musonda on the scholarship programme for the next two seasons.

At Southend, the side took some time to adjust to the changes in the team on a big pitch and went behind early on but, as they game progressed, they came into proceedings more and good chances for Alfie Leadbeater and Ekene Amadi could have pulled things level before a strong finish from the hosts gave them a few chances to

All these came to nothing and the game ended in a narrow 1-0 victory to Southend. With the Beds Senior Cup game that evening, Driver went into the

Northampton game without the services on Luke Trotman and Tinashe Chabata (who both started at Barton in the evening) and Daril Ngwala (who made his senior debut on the night) as well as keeper Craig King (an unused sub), so an even more inexperienced side took the field and performed well against an in form Cobblers side.



The Hatters took the lead around the half hour mark when a short corner routine saw the ball delivered into the box and Musonda's flick was guided in by Ekene Amadi to mean the home side took a 1-0 lead into the break.

The hero of the second half was keeper. Liam Gooch, who saved two

penalties from different takers to keep his side's lead intact. Tuki Tayali had an effort rebound back off the post before a mix up between a Northampton defender and his keeper led to an own goal that sealed victory for the Hatters.

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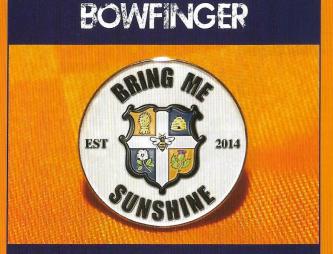
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9	Barnet	19	7	-7	22
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### academy update

WITH FOUNDATION PHASE **LEAD COACH SCOTT SMITH** 



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Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's game, I would particularly like to extend a warm welcome to the seven Under-8 academy players and their families with us today who will be signing their first academy contracts with the club at half-time.

It is moments like this that we hope will stick with the boys for a long time to come and act as further motivation for them to continue to work as hard as they have been whilst with Luton Town Football Club.

We are particularly proud of the track record the club has of producing young footballers who develop through our well-renown academy, and I know everyone at the club would like to congratulate former academy Hatter Cauley Woodrow on his recent breakthrough into Fulham's first team - hopefully in a few years' time we will be writing a similar piece about one of the boys signing on the pitch with us today!

The identification, recruitment and development of players fit for the Premier League is by no means an easy lask and requires the utmost dedication from players, their support networks (with families quickly turning into taxi services!), and the coaches.

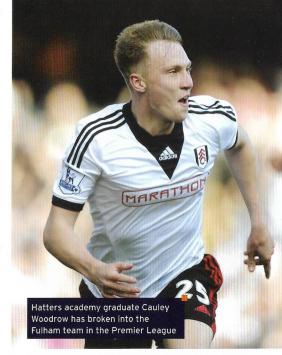
I cannot comment on each player individually but what I can guarantee is that each and every coach at the neademy works tirelessly to optimise the development of our young Hatters.

To take our current Under-8s, who you will be meeting at half-time today, for example. Some of these boys have been coached on a weekly basis since they were Mix years old and we have boys spanning from Watford to Milton Keynes.

Next weekend they will travelling away with the club (for most this will be the first time away from home without parents), to play the likes of Liverpool, Manchester United and Aston Villa which promises to be an exciting football-filled weekend.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to announce, with a heavy heart, that I will be leaving the football club in the coming weeks to begin a new challenge.

I first joined the club at the start of the 2009/10 season, the club's first outside of the Football League in recent history, and couldn't help but become a Luton Town fan during my time with the club.



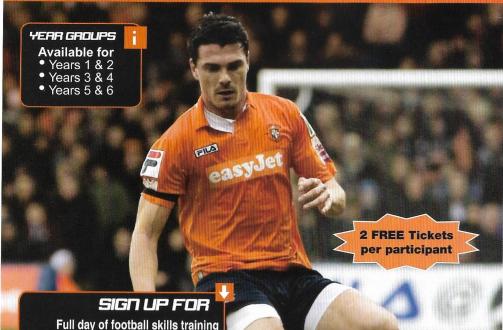
It is a real credit to the club that throughout my time here the academy has never suffered or wanted, and we have continued to produce exciting young footballers despite all the obstacles, a feat I doubt any other football club would have been able to achieve.

I am thankful that as I personally move on to ventures new, it also coincides (fingers crossed!) with the club's return to the Football League. This will only further help to strengthen the academy's position as one of the best in the country.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has helped to make my time with Luton Town so special and whom I know will continue to push the academy forwards - in particular Jordan McCann, Ross O'Kane, Pip Davis, Wayne Turner, Joe Deeney and Lee Cowley, Thanks again and all the best to everyone involved with the football club.



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## **Luton Ladies**

RESERVES RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

The Town reserve squad returned to winning ways with a fine 2-1 win over their Enfield Town counterparts.

A high tempo start was rewarded after 15 minutes when Michelle Byrne's low shot somehow evaded the keeper to roll into the net. Byrne almost added a second minutes later but this time her more powerful shot was tipped over the bar by the Enfield keeper atoning for her earlier error.

Luton continued to play free flowing football and added a second midway rough the second period. Zara Carroll won the ball on the edge of her own area and found Henny Horsler who sprinted away from the following defenders to score neatly. Horsler then had two further opportunities to add a third but narrowly fired over the bar on both occasions. A late Enfield goal caused a slight wobble but

lown were good value for the three points.



The Under-14s retained second spot drawing 1-1 with Hitchin Belles. Leila Palmer netted for Luton who were grateful to keeper Maddie Lewis for a player of the match display.

#### First team

This Sunday the Town's first team travel to Brentwood lown where the very minimum of a point is required to avoid being dragged into a relegation doglight. Although games in hand could alter the table considerably they are not points on the board and nothing can be taken for granted in football.



### SOUTH EAST WOMENS COMBINATION LEAGUE

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# my only luton

A FAN'S TALE

MY NAME: John Wood

MY AGE: 69 MY LOCATION: Luton

#### MY TIME SUPPORTING LUTON TOWN:

I was born in Luton in 1945 and have supported the club for 60 years and have been a season ticket holder for many of those. My earliest memories of attending Luton Town's football ground was with my father who took me to a few games when I was aged seven or eight. I was so small he had to take a soapbox for me to stand on so that I could peer through the railings at the front of the Kenilworth Road terrace. The excitement and the atmosphere generated inside the stadium in those early days started my life-long support for the club.

I was 14 in 1959 and was in Luton's record home attendance of 30,069 for the FA Cup guarter-final replay against Blackpool. The match was played on a Wednesday afternoon as floodlight usage for evening games was not permitted due to power shortages. I did not bunk off school as we were given permission to attend the match on the proviso that we reported to school on the Saturday morning. Supporters were packed in like sardines with many hundreds of youngsters sitting inside the pitch perimeter. This would be impossible nowadays with health and safety regulations.

I started to take my grandson Adam to a few games, and as a young lad, at a time that he thought he was a Manchester United fan, but after a couple of matches watching Luton he got the same buzz I did and quickly changed his allegiance from United to the Town. He is now also a season ticket holder and travels to away

Well done to the current owners and guardians of the club for introducing cheaper family tickets for youngsters as this is the way forward for a future larger fan-base.

#### MY FIRST LUTON GAME:

As previously stated, I attended games when I was under 10 but I cannot recall who the opposition were and my earliest memory of an opposing team was in 1955 when Luton slaughtered Sunderland 8-2 in the First Division. It was an unbelievable result as Sunderland were one of the top clubs in the country at that time and had a team sprinkled with international players.

#### MY FAVOURITE LUTON GAME:

I have seen titanic games over the years that have won promotion or avoided relegation, and also the most glorious victory in the Littlewoods Cup against Arsenal. Nevertheless the most enjoyable day out and favourite match was the Johnstone's Paint Trophy win over



I say this because I have seen many highs and lows during my time supporting the club but owing to administrations, points deductions and the distinct possibility of extinction, Luton were now at their lowest ebb ever, with relegation from the Football League inevitable. I was proud and lifted being inside Wembley, looking at over 40,000 fans attired in orange, who had come to Wembley to support a team in such an intrepid position. It was such fantastic support with many travelling from all parts of the world, including my grandson who in his gap year was working on a banana plantation in Australia. This magic day sent a message to Lord Mahwinney and the rest of the football world that Luton is still alive and kicking and will never die.

#### MY FAVOURITE LUTON GOAL:

This was scored in one of the outbacks of football when we lost 3-2 at Darlington in 2002. A fellow Luton supporter invited me and a few friends to a day out in a local sponsors' box at Darlington, as obviously he could not get anyone else to attend! The match was played in horrendous conditions with a gale force wind blowing.

With the score 1-1 at half-time we were up against it having to attack against the elements in the second half. During this period a high 40-yard cross-field pass was wirling towards Jean-Louis Valois and he fired instantly into the far top corner. Sadly we went onto lose the match as our goalkeeper made two howlers late on.

But we all agreed Valois' goal was an unbelievable piece of skill in the atrocious conditions.

#### MY FAVOURITE LUTON PLAYER:

Ricky Hill. A fantastic talent who did not have a weakness. Stood out like a beacon as a genius amongst the mere mortals.

#### MY ALL-TIME LUTON TOWN XI:

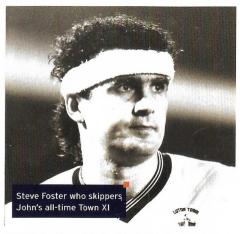
GOALKEEPER - Ron Baynham - Fantastic ability in antching aerial crosses and one of the best English keepers of all-time. Played for England in an era when the majority of top-flight goalkeepers were regarded as the best in the world.

RIGHT-BACK - Tim Breaker - Hard-worker who never slopped running. Just as good defending as moving forward.

LEFT-BACK - Mitchell Thomas - Good, solid defender who on many occasions received a rollocking from Steve Foster, who always blamed him, rightly or wrongly, if we conceded!

**CENTRE-HALF** - Steve Foster - Great leader and motivator who deserves his place as my captain.

**GENTRE-HALF - Paul Futcher - Cool and classy** defender who always had time to play his way out of trouble.



MIDFIELD - Bruce Rioch - Wonderful attacking player and scored many great goals from outside the box.

MIDFIELD - Ricky Hill - Brilliant - and Luton's best-ever

MIDFIELD - Mark Pembridge - Hard-tackling, gritty little terrier, who also scored goals.

WINGER - Graham French - Mayerick off the field but a tremendous entertaining crowd pleaser and worth the entrance fee just to see his amazing silky skills.

STRIKER - Mick Harford - Brave and fearless, he led the line magnificently and no centre-half liked the battle of a 50/50 challenge with. Sensible man.

STRIKER - Gordon Turner - Luton's leading goalscorer for many seasons. He was a ruthless finisher with a bullet like shot. 276 goals for Luton. This will never be beaten.

#### YOU ARE MY LUTON, MY ONLY LUTON...WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPIEST ABOUT FOLLOWING THE HATTERS?

I've witnessed excellent, good, indifferent, and poor owners, players and managers during my time supporting Luton Town. My emotions have changed from elation and ecstasy to disappointment and demoralisation - and then back again. Boredom is not an emotion that ever comes to mind if you are a follower of Luton Town.

Currently everybody is on a high as we have positive and stable owners, a very good set of players and an excellent manager that has moulded them into a victorious looking formula. Luton is a club that has always produced, developed and nurtured young players that have progressed into top-flight football. With John Still at the helm, this proves it is beginning again and with his prowess of acquiring exciting and potentially great young players, the future looks rosier.

John, be happy and enjoy your time at this club, as we the supporters are having our best time for years. Long may it last!

# from left midfield BY KEVIN CROWE

#### PUBLIC IMAGE LIMITED: REASONS TO TRUST IN LUTON

Since last we spoke, current custodians of the Football Club, Luton Town 2020, have broken new ground by entrusting its image rights in Trust in Luton. But what's in a name?

What are the worst things that you can imagine happening to your football club?

For some uncultured swines higher up the pyramid it may be finishing outside of the top four and missing a season of Andy Townsend commenting on your every move on ITV like a dead-eyed, pockmarked Catchphrase contestant aimlessly belching some of the words he knows at a massive screen.

What about losing in a cup final, or your local derby? Or relegation? Or having to sell your best player at cut-price just to get through the month financially? What about becoming a feeder club whose owners treat you like a proving ground for bigger, better things elsewhere?

All of these things would be tough to take. Even tougher perhaps than finally losing a match (ONE) in six months and still being 11 points clear (ELEVEN) at the top of the league.

But I put it to you happy band of Lutonians that owners come and go, as do players. Relegation, local derbies and cup finals can all be avenged in good time. Even the ground; the wonderful wooden boards and the bricks and mortar, however special, are transient in the historical record of a football club. The two things that matter most in the long run, the only things that really exist, are a club's identity and its supporters.

Now there's much more to the identity of a club than just its image rights. It's the songs, the family and the memories: Frenchy's greatest goal we never saw, Pleaty's jig, Morecambe's smile. These things are part of our makeup. They are things we already control.

But as a wiser man than you once said "You can only control the controllables..."

If we were to lose that name that flickers occasionally across the history books and is etched onto the trophies; lose the colours, the crests and the nickname; take those away, or sell them out for some imagined distant market, then we're no more a football club than a Snickers bar or those shallow Milton Keynes Dons.

#### Unified

There are countless good and bad examples across football of the experiences of supporter's trusts and it's by no means an easy option, but one thing seems certain to me: that while fiercely independent groups such as Loyal Luton Supporters Club can be radical and vital in holding our owners to account (as well as brightening up the old ground with flags on that gloomy Monday night just gone) and other groups like the Luton Town Supporters Club and The Bobbers continue to play their part, a strong unified umbrella group like Trust in Luton is absolutely crucial if supporters are ever going to realise the power that we already have in the terraces and at the turnstiles, in the boardroom. It may not be needed right now, but 2020 will not be around forever.

With greater membership numbers, the first stages of a fan ownership scheme are also on the table. No room for Gurneys or Allams, Winkelmans or Tans then. What a Cardiff Red Dragon or a Hull City Tiger might give to be in our shoes.

So why not take that £10 you've saved on "booking fees" for play-off tickets this year and join the Trust, eh? Go on. They don't make you wear those ties you



Quiz time, courtesy of (i.e. stolen from) my esteemed colleague Stuart Hammonds and his NLP column last Sunday: What do Mark Cooper, Gary Mills and Andy Morrell have in common?

If you're at the FA Trophy final this weekend and Gosport Borough manager Alex Pike or Cambridge United's Richard Money make bizarre factical decisions in the last few minutes you might get a clue.

The aforementioned trio are the last three Trophy winning managers. All went onto leave the club they guided to glory in the next season -Darlington, York and Wrexham - by backing or their own accord.

Memories can be short in football, bear in mind Gary Mills led York to promotion to the Football League a week after winning the Trophy, and demands for more and more success never goes away.

Il seems winning some silverware doesn't aid a manager's cause if things get tough later on.

Of course we won't see Cambridge or Gosport suddenly playing one at the back as they try to hold onto a 1-0 load.

Cruising up and down the Thames at the Trophy Final media day last week and speaking to the two clubs it was clear how much they want to enjoy the day out and, most importantly, win.

Lach team arrives under the arch with its own stories and sub-plots that will play out on the day.

Cambridge captain Ian Miller has already climbed the famous steps to lift Non-League's big cup when he won with Cooper and Darlo in 2011.

Players like Josh Coulson, Luke Berry and Liam Hughes have all come through the ranks at the U's before graduating into the first team.

In Coulson's case his family are big United fans, standing on the terraces every week.

Down in Gosport, manager Alex Pike has the chance to lead his hometown club to Wembley glory. He could also

become the first manager ever to win both the FA Vase and the FA Trophy, after tasting victory with Wimborne Town back in 1992.

There can't be many, if any, who predicted these two would meet at this showpiece. Having slipped off the pace in the Skrill Premier title race, Cambridge's priorities have probably changed from their first game in the competition against Salisbury way back in November.

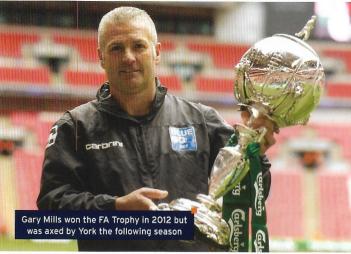
With recent patchy form a win on the hallowed turf could be just the injection they need ahead of the run-in and Play-Offs.

Gosport's priority is Skrill South survival but their very presence at Wembley this weekend just goes to show the beauty of cup football.

We featured Pike as our Big Interview in the paper after they were drawn away to North Ferriby. I confessed to chairman Mark Hook we thought they'd be knocked out by the Skrill North title chasers so had better get it in quick! Ye of little faith.

Cambridge will be favourites, but so were Manchester City against Wigan in the FA Cup final last year, Stranger things have happened.

Whatever the outcome, it would be nice to see the winning manager break the Trophy curse.



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#### THE LATEST IN THE SKRILL PREMIER

The Town's lead at the top of the Skrill Premier was cut to 11 points on Tuesday night following Cambridge United's 2-1 home win over Welling United.

The U's bounced back to winning ways courtesy of goals from Adam Cunnington and Delano Sam-Yorke either side of a Welling equaliser.

United are not in league action this weekend as they have the small matter of an FA Trophy against Gosport Borough at Wembley tomorrow

Alfreton, who were deducted three points last weekend for fielding an ineligible player, kept up their hunt for an automatic promotion spot with a 4-2 home victory

over struggling Tamworth at the Impact Arena. Nicky Law's Reds lie 13 points behind the Hatters but have played two games more.

Nuneaton remain in fourth place despite not playing during the week, whilst Kidderminster jumped into the fluid Play-Off spot despite being held to goalless draw at Aldershot on Tuesday.

The race for a place in the top five is really hotting up with a dozen clubs still in with a chance of making the end of-season Play-Offs. Wrexham, in 17th, won 2-0 at home to Hereford on Tuesday and lie just eight points off In top five berth. However, a whole host of sides will be justling for one of the four positions.

Braintree, who lost 2-0 at home to Lincoln in midweek. are six points off of the top five but have as many

as five games in hand over some of the clubs above them in the table.

> Two sides who definitely hold Play-Off claims are pre-season promotion favourites Forest Green and Grimsby. The two clubs met at the New Lawn on Tuesday night with Rovers coming out on top to win 2-1. The result saw Adrian Pennock's side jump up to a season's best sixth place in the table.

They are just one point outside the top five, and have one game in hand over Kidderminster and two games in hand over Nuneaton and Alfreton. Grimsby

sit in eighth position, also a point outside the top five but have three - and in some cases, four - games in hand over those above them in the table.

Barnet's 2-0 defeat at Macclesfield on Tuesday saw just how tight the race for the Play-Offs is. Before they conceded at Moss Rose, with nine minutes left, the Bees sat in fifth place. However Chris Holrovd's opening goal for the Silkmen, and the subsequent defeat, saw the Londoners slip down to ninth in the table.

The race to avoid the drop is also on in earnest. Hyde are already down and Tamworth look set to join them but Dartford, Aldershot, Chester, Southport and Hereford - the latter now just four points clear of safety - will be looking to avoid finishing in the bottom four.

#### LEADING GOALSCORERS

Gray (Luton)	25
Gregory (FC Halifax)	24
Williams (Aldershot)	20
Norwood (FGR)	16
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#### **AVERAGE ATTENDANCES**

Paul Hurst is aiming to lift Grimsby

into the Play-Offs. They have the

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	Luton Town	6,903	Woking	1,410
	Grimsby Town	3,443	Nuneaton Town	1,233
		3,119	Dartford	1,167
	Cambridge United	3,080	Forest Green Rovers	1,159
	Lincoln City	2,342	Southport	1,020
	Chester FC	2,239	Braintree Town	983
	Kidderminster Harriers	2,053	Tamworth	963
	Aldershot Town	1,881	Salisbury City	963
ı	Barnet	1,749	Alfreton Town	779
	Hereford United	1,658	Welling United	767
ı	Macclesfield Town	1,509	Gateshead	720
	FC Halifax Town	1,441	Hyde	628

#### TOMORROW'S **FIXTURES**

Barnet v Hereford Braintree v Aldershot Forest Green v Welling Gateshead v Lincoln Hyde v Dartford Kidderminster v Southport Macclesfield v Tamworth Nuneaton v Grimsby Wrexham v Salisbury

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1	Luton Town	36	22	11	3	83	26	57	77
2	Cambridge United	36	18	12	6	54	25	29	66
3	Alfreton Town	38	21	4	13	59	56	3	64
4	Nuneaton Town	38	17	10	11	49	50	-1	61
5	Kidderminster Harriers	37	17	7	13	55	53	2	58
6	Forest Green Rovers	36	17	6	13	70	51	19	57
7	FC Halifax Town	37	16	9	12	71	54	17	57
8	Grimsby Town	34	16	9	9	52	36	16	57
9	Barnet	38	16	9	13	47	42	5	57
10	Gateshead	37	15	11	11	54	46	8	56
11	Salisbury City	37	16	7	14	45	51	-6	55
12	Lincoln City	39	14	11	14	52	52	0	53
13	Braintree Town	33	15	7	11	43	32	11	52
14	Welling United	37	14	10	13	50	46	4	52
15	Macclesfield Town	36	15	6	15	54	51	3	51
16	Woking	37	15	6	16	49	55	-6	51
17	Wrexham	38	14	8	16	54	55	-1	50
18	Hereford United	38	10	12	16	38	53	-15	42
19	Southport	37	11	8	18	39	55	-16	41
20	Chester FC	38	9	13	16	40	59	-19	40
21	Aldershot Town	37	12	12	13	56	51	5	38
22	Dartford	37	9	7	21	40	63	-23	34
23	Tamworth	37	8	8	21	36	62	-26	32
24	Hyde	38	1	7	30	33	99	-66	10

#### PLAYER STATS 2013/14

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Zane Banton	0 (1)	0	1 (4)	0	1 (5)	0	0	0	6	0
Paul Benson	29 (0)	15	2 (0)	1	31 (0)	16	4	0	31	16
Tinashe Chabata	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	0	0	2	0
Anthony Charles	1 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (2)	0	0	0	7	0
Mark Cullen	8 (12)	5	7 (0)	2	15(12)	7	0	0	27	7
Joe Davis	5 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	8 (1)	0	0	0	9	0
Kane Ferdinand	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1	0	2	0
Fraser Franks	8 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	8 (0)	0	0	0	8	0
Andre Gray	30 (5)	25	0 (1)	0	30 (6)	25	2	0	102	52
Scott Griffiths	36(0)	1	0 (0)	0	36 (0)	1	4	0	42	1
Luke Guttridge	31(1)	13	1 (0)	0	32 (1)	13	7	0	33	13
Ronnie Henry	34(0)	0	1 (0)	0	35 (0)	0	4	0	78	0
Jake Howells	22 (6)	7	6 (0)	0	28 (6)	7	3	0	269	25
Ryan Inniss	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	1	3 (0)	1	0	0	3	1
Elliot Justham	0 (0)	0	7 (0)	0	7 (0)	0	0	0	7	0
Alex Lacey	17(1)	1	1 (0)	0	18 (1)	1	0	0	28	1
Alex Lawless	17(7)	6	0 (1)	0	17 (8)	6	0	0	149	18
Brett Longden	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	3	0	4	0
David Martin	3 (4)	0	2 (0)	0	5 (4)	0	0	0	25	3
Alfie Mawson	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	1	0
Cameron McGeehan	9 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	9 (0)	0	1	0	9	0
Steve McNulty	36(0)	1	2 (0)	0	38 (0)	1	4	0	58	2
Arnaud Mendy	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	29	0
JJ O'Donnell	0(2)	0	0(1)	0	0 (3)	0	0	0	51	3
Andrew Parry	16(4)	3	2(1)	1	18 (5)	4	2	0	23	4
lan Rees	0 (0)	0	2(2)	0	2 (2)	0	0	0	4	0
Matt Robinson	5 (12)	0	4 (0)	0	9 (12)	0	1	0	35	1
Pelly Ruddock	11(1)	1	3 (0)	0	14 (1)	1	0	0	15	1
Jon Shaw	4 (4)	0	1(1)	0	5 (5)	0	1	0	48	10
Charlie Smith	0 (0)	0	1(1)	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	3	0
Jonathan Smith	22(1)	2	2 (0)	0	24 (1)	2	5	0	59	3
Jim Stevenson	3 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	4 (2)	0	0	0	6	0
Solomon Taiwo	3 (2)	1	2 (0)	0	5 (2)	1	2	0	16	2
Luke Trotman	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	1	0
Mark Tyler	36(0)	0	0 (0)	0	36 (0)	0	0	0	220	0
David Viana	0 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	0	0	3	0
Alex Wall	0 (6)	1	4 (1)	1	4 (7)	2	2	1	23	4
Shaun Whalley	8 (8)	1	6 (0)	1	14 (8)	2	0	0	22	2
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WITH THE LUTON NEWS' MIKE SIMMONDS

They say all good things come to an end, and that was certainly the case on Monday night, when Town's mammoth unbeaten run was finally halted.

When you break it down, it had been an unbelievable sequence from the Hatters, spanning 27 games, some six months, with Town taking 67 points from a possible 81 on offer.

The Hatters also netted a hugely impressive 78 goals in that time, conceding just 21, keeping 14 clean sheets along the way as they entered the club's history books for the longest unbeaten league run.

They did it the hard way too, as back at the start of the season, form wasn't at it's best as the Town had just lost 2-0 at Wrexham on Friday 13th September, making it only two wins from their opening eight games.

The Hatters had to go to places
they have more often than not come
unstuck in previous years, winning at
Alfreton, Barnet, Nuneaton, Braintree
and Macclesfield, while not forgetting gaining a point at
Cambridge.

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They also despatched the likes of Kidderminster, Wrexham and Gateshead at Kenilworth Road, too.

Some people have said that maybe it was the right time to lose a game and sharpen the focus of the side ahead of the last 10 matches.

I've never been one to subscribe to that though, as I always remember as a young reporter asking then Kingstonian boss Steve Sedgley that question after they had lost an unbeaten run, admittedly nowhere near the length of Town's effort.

"Of course not, why would I want to lose any game?" came his swift response and it's hard not to disagree, as even a draw on Monday would have put Town a point closer to their ultimate goal than they currently are.

I still remain more than confident that Hatters will be a Football League side next season, even

without the services of Luke Guttridge, although today's game takes on

slightly extra significance now.

#### Triumph

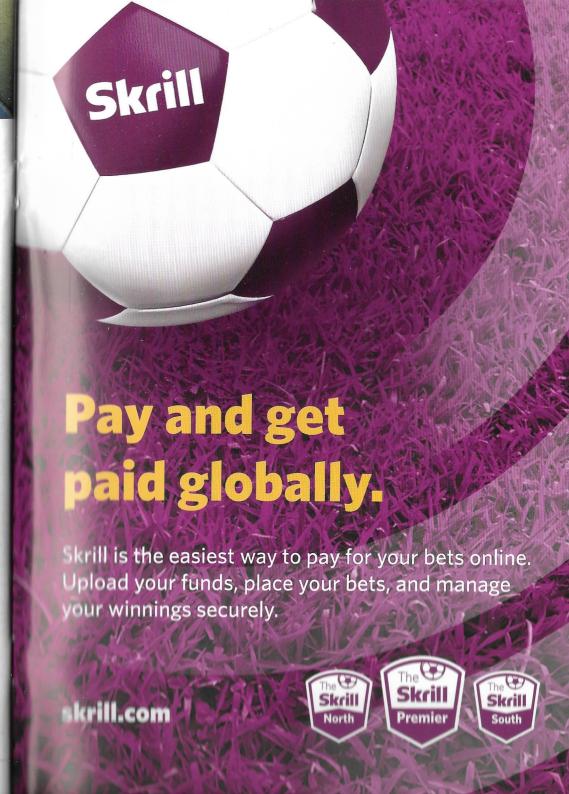
After Chester's visit, Town have to go to Grimsby, Halifax and then Dartford, three tough, tough trips, meaning that a triumph this afternoon would give them some added breathing space at the summit once more. Lastly, what was refreshing was to see an opposing team actually come to Kenilworth Road and attack from the word go as Woking did. showing others that rewards can be reaped with a positive attitude.

#### Approach

Too many times the likes of an Alfreton put everyone behind the ball, time-wasting from the opening moments, only opting to throw men forward after the first goal has been conceded, and then unsurprisingly getting caught on the break.

It will be interesting to see how Chester approach the fixture as they are struggling at the wrong end of the table.

Boss Steve Burr has already seen one side hammered 6-0 here this term, and what Hatters' would give for a repeat of that outcome come 4.45pm.



## today's teams



#### **LUTON TOWN**

- Mark Tyler
- Praser Franks
- Oanny Fitzsimons
- Jonathan Smith
- Steve McNulty
- 6 Anthony Charles
- Alex Lawless
- Solomon Taiwo
- Jon Shaw
- Alex Wall
- Jake Howells
- Scott Griffiths
- Mark Cullen
- 4 Andy Parry
- 16 Elliot Justham
- 1 O'Donnell
- 18 Dave Martin
- 19 Cameron McGeehan

- 20 David Viana
- 20 Luke Guttridge
- 2 Shaun Whalley
- Matt Robinson
- Jernade Meade
- Ronnie Henry
- 20 Paul Benson
- Andre Grav
- 28 Jim Stevenson
- Mane Ferdinand
- Alex Lacev
- 3 Jake Woolley
- Brett Longden
- Jerome Jibodu
- Zane Banton
- 1 Ian Rees
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- Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu



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- John Danby
- Michael Kay
- Joe Heath
- George Horan
- Paul Linwood
- O Danny Harris
- Jamie Reed
- Jason Jarrett
- Matty Mainwaring
- Craig Lindfield
- 12 Lewis Turner
- Martin Fearon
- Kevin McIntyre

- Mathan Turner
- Andy Bond
- Matt Brown
- Gareth Seddon
- Craig Mahon
- 23 Tom Peers
- 2 John Rooney
- 26 Danny Carlton
- Ross Killock
- Aaron Chapman
- 30 Jamie Menagh
- 1 Liam Blake

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