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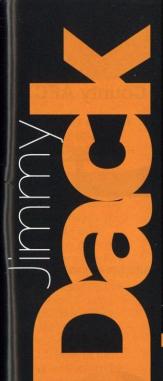
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I was pleased for Miles to get the goal after we have extended his stay until the end of the season, but also a great cross from Ryan Jackson to get us back on level terms.





ood evening and welcome to Rodney Parade for this evenings game against Luton Town FC. I would like to welcome Manager John Still, Assistant Manager Terry Harris and first team coach Hakan Hayrettin along with their players, directors and all connected with Luton Town FC to tonight's game.

It has been four days since our last home game against Cheltenham Town here at Rodney Parade. We were obviously disappointed to go behind on Friday evening, especially to a goal that was our own mistake, we really gave ourselves a mountain to climb. But the boys dug in and pushed hard to try get back into the game. I was pleased for Miles to get the goal after we have extended his stay until the end of the season, but also a great cross from Ryan Jackson to get us back on level terms.

We would like to thank the fans for their support on Friday evening, even though we were 1-0 down early on, you stuff with us right through until the end. As I have said previously the key for us is to turn Rodney Parade into a fortress again, somewhere that will create an environment that is difficult for away teams to come to and play football.

It was good to see
Aaron O'Connor come
back into the starting
line-up after injury, while
we were obviously
disappointed to lose
Robbie Willmott and
Ismail Yakubu to injury
following the Stevenage
game, they won't be
out for too long and
may be in contention
for Saturday's game at
Plymouth Argyle.

This week we have heard the news regarding Chris Zebroski, as I mentioned in our press conference last week. Chris is fighting demons at the moment and what we need is to get around Chris and provide him with the support he needs during this time. We hope that you can also get behind Chris and show him the support required, the Club are working closely with the PFA and Chris to ensure he gets the support he needs to get back on track.

We move onto Luton this evening and another crucial game in and around the playoffs, no game in League 2 is easy and this is no exception. The team and staff will fight on and give their all for the fans and this club, so once again we ask you to get behind us for 90 minutes tonight as we look to push on and get the three points to continue our playoff push.

We appreciate your support,

Enjoy the game,

**Jimmy** 

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#### NEWPORT COUNTY AFC TO INDUCT GRAHAM COLDRICK

The second inductee for the 2015 Hall of Fame Dinner at The Parkway Hotel in Cwmbran on Thursday April 2nd is Graham Coldrick. This nomination has been made by the Newport County AFC Supporters Trust. Graham signed for **Newport County** in 1970 for £4,000 and was known by players and fans as Codgie. Graham is often remembered for scoring a penalty in the promotion showdown with Bury in the 1972/1973 season and is still fondly remembered by County Fans.

#### DAVID TUTONDA EXTENDS HIS STAY

Newport County
AFC are delighted
to announce that on
loan defender David
Tutonda has been
extended through until
the end of the season.
The Cardiff loanee
has been ever present
in the County squad
since his original loan
move at the end of
February.

#### HELP US SIGN JIM & NAT FOR COUNTY

Jim White and Natalie Sawyer have been officially placed on the 'Transfer List', and will be swapping the news room for a new day job at the home game of a club from each of the Football Leagues – and it could be us!

To enter, all you have to do is Tweet using the hashtags #TransferListed followed by #NewportCounty. You can tweet as many times as you like, and the more hashtags our club has, the bigger the chance we and you have to win!

#### **FAW YOUTH CUP**

County youth were

knocked out of the FAW Youth Cup at the semi-final stage a week ago at the hands of local rivals Cardiff City. County took the lead early in the first half, before Cardiff equalised early in the second. County were dominant, but a late sending off meant it was to be decided on penalties. With Cardiff going through 5-3 on penalties, turn to the Academy section of the programme for more information and photos from the game.

#### FIXUTRE RELEASE 2015/16 CONFIRMED

The Football League has today confirmed that the official Fixture

release day for the 2015/16 season. One of the most anticipated days in the football calendar, where fans start to plan their trips for the season ahead.

The date of release will be Wednesday 17th June 2015, where we will find out our fixtures for the Football League season ahead.

#### THANK YOU LINDSEY BROWN

You may have seen in Friday's programme we welcomed two new members of staff to Rodney Parade and Newport County AFC. We would like to thank Lindsey Brown for all her efforts and hard work on the staff during her time at the Newport County shop.

#### SKY BET TRANSFER FUND

Don't forget to back the County in the second chance for us to win £250.000! If you like a bet don't forget to use Sky Bet and select your team as Newport County, by doing this you will be in with a chance of winning yourself £5.000 and the club £250.000 to spend in the summer transfer window.

#### AN EVENING WITH JEFF STELLING

Newport County AFC are pleased to announce an evening with Jeff Stelling of Sky Sports Soccer Saturday - "Unbelievable Jeff!"

The evening will take place on Wednesday 8th July 2015 in the Business suite at Rodney Parade and tickets cost £50 per person, the evening will include:

•Three course meal
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# County in the Community Development Officer, Norman Parselle

#### **Community Partners**



#### Community Club of the Day – Abercarn United Juniors

We would like to give a warm welcome to Abercarn United Juniors. Abercarn will be carrying out the Ball Boy & Guard Honour duties. They will also have the chance to meet some of our first team players for photo's & autographs. Enjoy the game and we hope you bring us luck plus come back to visit again.

#### Football League Kids Cup - Pentrepoeth Primary School

Well done to Mr Beckett and the Pentrepoeth Primary School football team (pictured). Last Friday March 13th they represented

#### **Funding Partners**











Newport County AFC in the Football League 2 Kids Cup. The competition took place in Portsmouth and was very well organised by the Portsmouth Community Foundation. The Pentrepoeth boys were in a very tough group including last year's winners AFC Wimbledon and an excellent footballing side representing Northampton Town. They also played against teams from Southend United. Exeter City & Stevenage Borough. The boys showed tremendous commitment and were a credit to their school and our club in the way they acquitted themselves. As a club we would like to thank the school & parents of the boys for organising the transport and supporting the event so well. Have a look at these faces and you never know they may play for the County first team in years to

#### New Initiatives for 2015 for County in the Community

come.

#### Free Female Football Sessions

We have been delivering free female football sessions for 13-19 year olds every Monday Night at the Newport Centre 5.30pm till 6.30pm since the 19th of January. The sessions are funded by Newport City Council Sports Development and target females who don't engage in physical activity often. We have around 6 to 8 females attending each week and would love to get double figures each week, so come along and bring a friend.

#### Soccer Tots

On Monday February 23rd we started our soccer tots sessions at Maindee Primary School. The first session is from 5pm til 6pm and caters for 3 & 4 year olds. The second session is from 6pm til 7pm and caters for 5 & 6 year olds. The sessions cost £3 and have been very popular; this is down to the excellent work of voung Dan Williams and Community volunteers who were successfully given £1,474 to start up the sessions by Sport Wales, through the community chest scheme. This money will enable Dan to purchase new equipment for the sessions and also enable him to attend the UEFA C licence in the summer. Keep up the good work Daniel. For more Information contact Dan Williams on 07472475336 or email dan.williams@newportcounty.co.uk.

#### Prostate Cancer -Sponsored Cycle from London to Amsterdam June 12th - 14th

County in the Community are taking up the challenge to cycle from London to Amsterdam on behalf of the club. The Football League asks each club to nominate at least 1 person on the charity ride. Last year the club volunteer/mug was Tony (The Tash) Pring. This year we have the Magnificent Seven Dan Williams, Dan Harvey, Norman Parselle. Deiniol Parselle, Danielle Seivwright, Laura Seivwright & Nathan Blake. The group have pledged to raise £6,000 by June 12th 2015 so please visit www.justgiving.com/ CountyintheCommunity.

#### Newport County AFC Futsal

County in the Community are recruiting for 2015/16 on our new Futsal programme, so if you are a male or female aged 16-17 and currently in years 11 or 12 this is your chance to sign up. The course combines academic and practical studies towards a BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma (equivalent to three A Levels), which provides a route to university. Entry requirements are 4 GCSEs or equivalent, at Grade C or above (including

Maths and English). You will represent Newport County AFC in the Football League Trust Futsal League and receive coaching in the game that has helped hone the skills of Ronaldo, Messi & Ronaldinho. Newport County AFC Futsal team will play in the South Midlands Division and fixtures will take place at both the Birmingham and Swindon Futsal Arenas. Sky TV cover the league on their Soccer AM show so there is a good chance of being on TV. For more information contact Norman on 07975 683360 or email community@newportcounty.co.uk.

Newport County AFC Boys Futsal Team 2014/15 (pictured)

BACK ROW- (left to right) Joseph Callaghan, Farhat Alwaily, Armani Brown, Liam James, Morgan Pratt, Ben Williams, Darnell - Taylor - Wood,

FRONT ROW-(left to right) Rhodri Thomas, Ryan Voyce, Jack Thompson, Alex Young, Jake Lowe, Goncalo Felix, Mark Wilkins.

















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INTERVIEW

# Max Porter

Lewis Richards & Dan Parker talk to Max in part one of our interview

ax Porter has been a model of consistency since joining Newport County, initially on loan and then permanently, in 2012. Far from being a stereotypical Flash Harry midfielder, Porter is an honest, affable grafter who gets the job done whilst also showing deft touches of real footballing class.

In the first of a two-part interview. Essex-born Max talks us through his varied career to date; including his spells at Spurs. Cambridge United, Bishop's Stortford, Barnet, Rushden and Diamonds and AFC

Wimbledon which came prior to his move to South Wales three years ago.

Thanks for your time Max. You began your career in the youth set-up at Spurs. Did you work with any famous names during your time at White Hart Lane?

really famous about when I was there! I was only with the Spurs under-14s for the second half of a season – it was more of a long, extended trial period. It was a really good experience though, I'd never been at a pro club before

and a couple of the lads I played with that season have done well since. There was Charlie Lee, now with Stevenage, who also has had good spells with Peterborough (winning promotion to the Championship with them): Charlie Daniel, who is flying high with Bournemouth at the moment, and Andy Bartram, who was at Portsmouth.

There was a good bunch in that age group at Spurs, but I wasn't good enough at the time. It's something I wish I'd had more exposure to at a younger age: if you can be in an academy at





that age and can get regular top coaching that early on, you do have a better chance of making it.

Your first professional contract was with Cambridge United, before you moved to Bishop's Stortford where you did very well. Looking back, do you think that the spell with Bishop's Stortford was important to you in terms of your overall development as a player?

At Cambridge I played in the Conference after the club had just been relegated from League Two. It was a massive eye-opener for me, and it made me realise that I wasn't ready and didn't understand the game enough.

I was used to playing youth and reserve team football though, so I decided to drop to the Conference South. I'd had a few offers from Conference clubs but I wanted to make sure that I could play regularly - my mentality was that the more games I play, the more it will help me develop as a player. I wanted to take a step back, learn my trade. and kick on in my career.

Luckily in that first season with Bishop's Stortford I scored ten goals from midfield, and at the end of the year I had two professional teams who were willing to pay money for me. I went to Barnet under Paul Fairclough and the rest is history – I've been in full-time football ever since and I'm very lucky.

#### How was your spell at Barnet?

It was a real eyeopener again. Straight away I learned that League Two was a big step up, and I had to change the box-to-box attacking midfield style I'd become used to with Bishop's Stortford. -With no disrespect to the Conference South, it was different with Barnet and I learned that I couldn't play the same way - emptying the midfield and charging up towards the box meant that you would get found out, and the opposition would pick out pockets around you. That spell in League Two helped

me become a better player and develop my game, and now I definitely don't empty the midfield as much!

Barnet was a good club, but it was a very difficult time for us there. Every season the club had the lowest budget in the league and were basically fighting for survival every year - our target was always to get to fifty points. It was a good experience though as it was a tough, tough season with highs and lows (probably more lows than highs), and it gave me an insight into being with a club that is struggling. Having that experience so early in my career helped me going forward as I've never been in that sort

of situation since.

After leaving Barnet you linked up with Justin Edinburgh at Rushden and Diamonds. How did you find that first experience of

working with Justin?

It was great. When I left Barnet I knew I had to play regularly. I met Justin, visited the training ground there, and it just clicked straight away. I had better financial offers elsewhere but wanted to play there with him and kick on with Rushden.

I have a really good

relationship with Justin

and that stemmed from

that time at Rushden. We were successful in my first season there, making the play-offs. and although we had a bit of a patched-up squad in the second season we still stayed in the league and were comfortable in midtable. Unfortunately off-the-field issues hit us very hard - first Dale Roberts committing suicide which was awful, and then the knowledge that the club was going to be wound up at the end of the season. We weren't paid for 10-12 weeks towards the end of the season, and kept being promised wages which didn't arrive. The club eventually folded and it was a really difficult time.

Ultimately it was a character-building and valuable experience for me at Rushden, even if it wasn't an enjoyable one. I think a lot of football at this level is

based on your strength of character.

When things are going wrong offthe-field – as they did at Rushden and Diamonds – how does it affect you as a player?

At the time it was easier for me as I didn't have any financial ties – I didn't have a family, didn't own a home, and it was just me and my missus. I was able to move back home, whereas for others in the squad the financial situation had a big impact.

From my perspective I felt that I had to keep doing my job: by that summer I still wanted people to think that I was a half-decent player and take me on. Luckily that did happen, and my form with Rushden and England C helped me get a move to AFC Wimbledon.

It was a difficult time though, and I admire clubs like ourselves who have had to come back through the leagues to establish themselves after collapsing. I think what's been achieved here is a phenomenal accomplishment, and it's the same with AFC Wimbledon who have done very well since reforming.

From a playing perspective in tough situations you just have to get on with it and carry on playing until you're told otherwise. Two weeks after the end of my last season

at Rushden, it was all over for the club sadly.

You touched on your involvement with England C. How does that international experience rank among your career highlights?

I played five times for England C. was captain three times and scored two goals (both of which were winners). I also played in a European final as the captain which was incredible, although we were convincinaly beaten by Portugal. in the final. I was very proud anyway, but if I'd have been able to lift the trophy that night - after a two-year qualifying campaign - it would have been amazing.

was a real eve-opener to high-level football. All of our side were Conference players. and we were playing against under-23 sides that were going to be playing in the Olympics. When we played Portugal in the final they had players in their side from Sporting Lisbon, Braga, Porto - top, top players. We also played against Poland at one point. and I was up against a lad who'd just been bought for seven million Euros!

My time with England C

The England experience showed me a different level of football, with different styles of play, and I also got travel to lots of different interesting places. It's definitely something I'll look

back on with very fond memories.

During your spell with AFC Wimbledon you linked up with several future Newport County teammates. Did you enjoy your time with the Dons?

It was a really frustrating period in my life. It just never happened for me there. I tried my hardest - I've always been a hardworking player - but I think it was a case that the manager had signed me on previous performances, and when I was brought in it just didn't click for either of us. To be fair, I've still got a lot of respect for (then-Wimbledon manager) Terry Brown, though.

I had a few issues offthe-field at the time and nothing seemed to go right. Justin ringing me and bringing me to Newport reinvigorated me as I was so down at the time. I even considered going part-time, and not playing regular football anymore. When I came here, it totally turned me back towards football and I found I had rediscovered my passion for the game. Ever since I've been at Newport, I've loved being a footballer ' again.

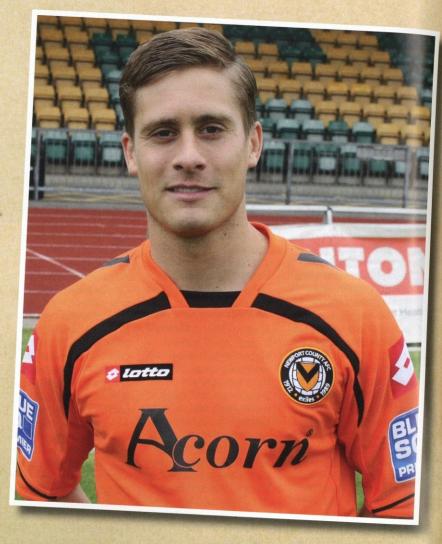
In Part Two of our interview, Max tells us about his time at Newport County over the last few seasons, and his footballing aspirations for the future.

# Look Back In Amber

with Chris Shingler

In this edition, our
'Look Back in Amber'
columnist **Chris Shingler** chats to
former midfielder and
wide-attacker **Charlie Henry**, now plying his
trade for Dunstable
Town in the Southern
League Premier
Division...

Another member of that 2009/10 recordbreaking side and a massive terrace favourite during his fifteen months with the County, flamboyant attacker Charlie was a player who had developed an unfortunate knack of always scoring against the Exiles before Dean Holdsworth finally signed him in June 2009. Once he was nestled in amongst our own ranks, 'cheekychappy' Charlie rarely disappointed as he excelled in a side that boasted a fearsome offensive arsenal: so much so it wasn't long before a bigger club inevitably came knocking looking to acquire his mercurial talents for themselves. and Charlie sadly departed for Luton



Town netting Newport a five-figure fee in the process.

A constant thorn in our side during

those latter years in Conference South, supporters were not only pleased when Deano finally landed him, but were also mightily relieved that Charlie couldn't torment the Exiles any further! But how did his arriving at Spytty Park actually was at Havant & Waterlooville during that 2008/9 season and had made it clear that I wanted to move on at the end of the season; indeed I'd scored against County (again!) that year, and afterwards Dean Holdsworth had spoken to Jamie Collins who put the two of us in touch. I must admit I was immediately very impressed with the set-up at **Newport County,** and I've got to say that the fans were different class. I think I was lucky in a way though as we didn't experience any bad spells while I was there, and the support during that championshipwinning year just grew and grew. It was unbelievable!"

come about? .. "I

"I made my debut away at Bishop's Stortford on the opening day of that title-winning campaign, we drew 0-0 and I remember Takumi Aki got badly injured. I also remember us taking a fair few hundred supporters there as well." Ever an infectious character, Charlie soon slotted effortlessly both into the Newport dressing room and indeed the team itself, in an era when the players appeared to be

more great pals than mere team-mates or acquaintances; "Yes that's certainly true, we were a very close changing room, it was the best one I've been in - indeed if we had a night out, absolutely everybody turned up, not just a few. Regarding who were the best players, it's always hard to pick out exceptional individuals as we were such a great team, but **Jamie Collins was** tremendous and **Danny Rose was** great to play with. Then of course we had Sam Foley and **Craig Reid who were** both outstanding for us."

Supporters on the Shed seemed to take Charlie to their hearts in a trice. many identifying with his cheeky, carefree nature and overwhelming suggestion of being something of a rascal. Indeed one incident that still gets fondly mentioned and chuckled about occurred on a cold evening in Hampshire in February 2010. when Newport went to Eastleigh and thrashed the hosts by four goals to one, with Charlie netting our fourth. In celebration of his goal, Charlie had sprinted towards the duq-outs before lifting his shirt and dropping his shorts. "Haha, I remember dropping

my shorts after scoring at Eastleigh yes, in fact not only had I scored but I'd set up two others and won a penalty. I did it because their manager lan Baird had said a few choice things about me beforehand, and apparently he really wanted to kill me afterwards!"

"There are so many games from that great spell at County that stand out for me though, none more so than that Luton game in the first season in the National Conference. I was let go by them as a kid and Newport took a great following there that





night. I'County had gone to Kenilworth Road on 24th August 2010. in only their fourth game in the Conference and earned a fine 1-1 draw. thanks to Charlie's terrific solo goal which he celebrated in epic fashion by sprinting the entire length of the pitch to enjoy the moment with our fans!

moment with our fans!
I still remember it
now, running back
down towards our
end and seeing my
brother and some
mates going mad
in there with the
Newport fans. I also
did my usual backflip celebration
that night as well.
Another game that
will always stand
out as special was

before we won the league against Havant, and I scored a last-minute winner at home to Staines on a really icy pitch. The final match that **vear at Braintree** was brilliant too, when all the County fans were dressed as sheep and Cochers [Paul Cochlin] scored the winner and then got sent off, unbelievable stuff!"

Asked what does Charlie think about seeing County back in the Football League now, his reply is a resounding ...

"Brilliant, brilliant, brilliant! I still look out for the lads I know like Danny Crow, although I know he hasn't played a lot because of injury unfortunately, plus Aaron O'Connor, Max **Porter and Tiger** [Andrew Hughes] who I bumped into on holiday in Dubai a few years ago. I also really liked Justin [Edinburgh] who is a really nice bloke. Obviously I'm playing for **Dunstable these** days, along with doing a bit of work earning a pound where I can, doing a bit of ducking and

County supporters were naturally disappointed when Charlie was sold to Luton Town in late November of 2010

diving!"

initially on loan before signing permanently when the transfer window opened the following January - albeit incredibly understanding that such a move would be nigh-on impossible for him to turn down. "I really wouldn't have left Newport for any other club in the Conference at that time if I'm honest: but they were a big club and were right on my doorstep, and had offered me a really good two-year deal. Mind you, even though they were offering far more money, it was still an incredibly hard decision to make. I had to think long and hard about it, and I had a chat with Dean [Holdsworth] who told me as a friend it was the right move for me at that particular time. Unfortunately I had been injured beforehand playing for County at **Eastbourne and the** move didn't turn out for the best because of my long injury."

- where he went

Another big high of his tenure with the Exiles was of course Charlie's International call-up for the England 'C' team: "Yes, I was at my mum and dad's for a few days and Deano called me at about 08:30 one morning which was worrying, but he said I've got good news for you, you've been selected for

meant we qualified for the finals. It was a great experience but sadly, because of the injuries I didn't play for them again." Charlie was infamously living with three other County players in a 'club digs house' in Caerleon at the time, where stories soon emerged concerning the lads' lack of domestic qualities! "Is it still standing?!" ... Charlie was keen to cheekily inquire! "Yeah, there was me, Gez Sole, **Tony Taggart and** Ollie Thorne all living there, but within a month of the season starting they had all gone, so I had the place to myself! Jamie **Collins and Danny** Rose did stay over with me a few times though." [It was at this point that I had to inform Charlie that it was indeed still standing, but the council had sadly yet to erect a blue plaque stating he had once lived there!

the England 'C'

squad. My first

game was away to

Wales at Newtown.

where I played the

full 90 minutes in a

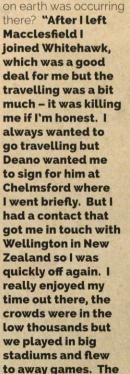
2-2 draw. Then we

went to Tallinn in

the winner which

Estonia and I set-up

After leaving Luton, Charlie signed firstly for Macclesfield Town, before heading across the world to New Zealand via brief stays at Telford, Whitehawk and Chelmsford; what



standard is pretty

good and will get

even better: there

were a few British

lads out there who'd

been at Blackburn and Fulham, I think in a few years it'll be as good as the 'A' League in Australia."

Charlie did of course come back to Newport with AFC Telford United in 2013 whilst on loan from Macclesfield and was quick to point out that ... "I had a great reception from the County fans and it was brilliant to go back there." As for these days, he's quick to add .. "I don't do the somersault goal celebration too much these days, the knees are not what they were and I'm getting on a bit now, I'm 28! I've only scored four times this season but I do still do it once in a while."

fashion. Charlie signed off with a nice message for the County faithful: "They were the best fans I ever played for, the best in Britain, it was great seeing them arrive at other grounds! Newport County are my other team now after Arsenal, I remember going to the game at Wembley when they beat Wrexham in the Play-off Final; I walked into the pub with my girlfriend and it was packed with County fans and suddenly they all started singing my name and asking for

Lastly, and in typical

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that."

autographs! I loved



about a month







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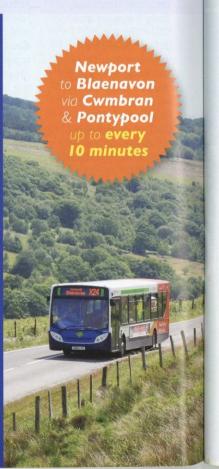
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#### **Heartbreak for Youth** in Cup Semi

County youth took on Cardiff City youth in the semi final of the FAW youth cup at Jenner Park and were very unfortunate to lose 5-3 on penalties with the scores level at 1-1 after extra time

The game came just 4 days after the tragic loss of former City Academy boy Corey Price in a car crash. Corey not only played for Cardiff but was a close friend of many of the County boys and was due to join us this month. A minutes silence was held before the game

County can consider themselves very unlucky not to have won the game having missed many good chances and hitting the woodwork but having been harshly reduced to 10 men the boys showed both spirit and endeavour to keep

City a bay in the closing stages of extra time

Having dominated most of the first half without reward it was Aaron Collins who finally put County ahead just before the half with a well taken penalty following a foul on Ben Brooks

City came out the stronger after the break and on 55 minutes caught County cold to pull the scores level. For the remainder of the game and in extra time both teams pushed and had chances to win but could not be separated. With 15 minutes of extra time remaining Spencer Wood darted in the box and was pulled down for an obvious penalty but amazingly the referee did not see it that way and booked Wood for simulation, his second yellow.

An outstanding performance and clear evidence that the gap

between the two clubs is narrowing at youth level and the progress being made by our

Academy

Team: (4-3-3) Keating; O'Kelly, Poole, James, Parselle; Bamford, Owen-**Evans, Shephard;** Gray, Brooks, Collins: Subs: Tolland, Evans, Mpaldi, Zanotti, Wood

#### International honours for County youth boys

Congratulations to County youth players who have recently been called up to Wales squads. Regan Poole travels to Russia for the U17 International tournament with games against Russia, Iceland and Austria. 16 year old keeper Elliott Matthews made his senior debut for the Wales LD team against England and three more first years, Dan Raymond, Paul Beadle and Ash Tandy represent Wales colleges.

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# Junior Academy

Update on our Junior Academy sides with **Darren Broadribb** 

nly one of the County Academy's Junior Premier League games survived the weather last weekend when our U12s welcomed Hereford to Llanwern High School.

The U13s, 14s and 15s games were all postponed against South Gloucester, Weston and Yate respectively.

County and Hereford both started well playing some great football and were well matched all over the pitch. County then hit two excellent goals in quick succession through with Joe Bassett and Thomas Shipley. Hereford though responded well and pulled one back just before the end of the first period.

County upped the tempo in the second period moving the ball much quicker which Hereford struggled to deal with. Ryan Garland

struck twice, with Shipley adding his second and Tyrell Kenton coolly chipping the keeper to make it 6-1 at half time.

In the third period Hereford fought back and was rewarded with their second of the game but County again piled on the pressure and scored another three. Cian Hales scored with Kenton grabbing his second and Shipley completing his hatrick.

Fair play to Hereford they never gave up and scored again in the last period but County had the final say with Alex Edwards making the final score 10-3.

MOM award went to new signing Eliah Carpenter for showing real quality and working hard for the team.

Last Wednesday our U15s took the short trip over the bridge to play Bristol City at Filton. County

put in an excellent performance but came away losing 5-3. County actually played the better football throughout the game with City resulting to the long ball over the top to release their quick strikers. The game was all square at half time but County gradually lost their shape due to amount of subs that were used in the second half. But as we have previously said development must come first before the result and without a doubt all the boys that took part will have benefited from. a great night of

This week sees all our Academy coaches start the FA Youth Module two Award after completing Module one recently. County players Mike Flynn,

experience.

Lee Minshull and Max Porter who all work in the Academy will also be taking part. Once this has been completed everyone will move onto Youth Module 3. It's a very big financial commitment for the Academy but with our aspirations of going category three one day this is something that will be great to have in place ready.

#### What are the Youth Modules?

The FA Youth
Award Module
One – Developing
the Environment
represents a brand
new approach to
coaching and is
essential for anyone
involved in the
junior game, at any
level. Young players
develop at different
rates physically,
technically, socially
and psychologically.

A mix of theory and practical sessions, coaches will learn how to motivate young players and manage their selfesteem.

The FA Youth Award Module Two - Developing the Practice teaches coaches to develop practices appropriate for the maturity levels of their players. Coaches will be expected to deliver and evaluate coaching practices to address different levels of player development. This is most suited to club coaches who are keen to improve their own personal development.

The FA Youth Award Module Three – Developing the Player continues the progressive change in coaching philosophy. Complementing the knowledge learned on the preceding modules, this course teaches coaches to have a truly playercentred approach when coaching and development our young players. The course comprises both practical and theory sessions.

Other news:
Newport Schools
U13s and 14s were
in action lasts week
and after gaining
good results against
Caerphilly Schools
are both on course to
qualify for the semi
finals in April.

It's been a real challenge for us to over see the Schools teams and fixtures this season as well as our own but somehow we have managed to do it. All their home games have taken place at Llanwern High

have had to shuffle the County Academy training times to accommodate them. When we were approached by Head of Newport & District Schools Keith James at the beginning of the season asking for help it was a no brainer. Not only is it a fantastic tournament for our players development if selected to be involved in but it's

School where we

recruiting boys from outside the Newport area. I'm sure most County fans from all generations will know some top local footballers who have played for the 'Town Team' over the years who am sure must have some fantastic tales and memories.

Newport U13s

an excellent way

of watching and

Newport U13s took on Caerphilly Schools on Friday night and came away with a 5-1 win. Dominic Jeffries (Cardiff City) scored a hatrick with Tom Wright (Cardiff City) and Ryan Scrivens (Bristol Rovers) getting a goal each. County players Josh Edwards, Finley Richards, Lewis Johnson and Joe Cashman also played.

Newport 14s were not at their best on the night but dug in coming away with a 5-3 win and all three points. All the goals came from County players, Lewis Collins with a hatrick. Harri Shelley and Owen Taylor getting the goals. County also had another 6 players playing, Jake Clark, Ally Dare. Chris Ezard, Robbie Gambarinni, Brad Hanbury, and Benji Hoppe.



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ood
evening
and
welcome
to all our visitors
from Luton Town.
This is our third
encounter this
season and I'm
sure all of us will be
willing the team on
for three points.

Trust Over the last couple of weeks, on behalf of the Trust, i have been involved in several meetings with the board. It's not exactly been a quiet few weeks but quite the opposite. With Justin's departure. the addition of several new board members and many other issues to discuss it has been a very busy time. It has also been good to see two of the new board members are supporters, Duncan Jardine and Kevin Morris. I know both will enjoy being involved and put

not only their views to the club but the views of supporters too.

Supporters Trust Golf Society This week the Trust received the resignation from the Trust Golf society organiser John Williams. John has put a lot of time and effort into making the Trust society very successful and from us all at the Trust we thank John for all he has done for not only the society but the Trust too.

Jon Beese has offered to take on the organising of the Golf days and can be contacted by e-mail ibeese@satellitefinancelimited.com Our next Society Golf day. The Colin Routlev Sheild will be held at St Mellons Golf Club on Thursday 9th of April. The cost is £35.00 per person

and includes bacon roll on arrival and a meal after. The start time will be 11am

Young Exiles It's always good when youngsters are given an incentive to get involved with the club and it's great to see how many have asked to join the Young Exiles. At a cost of £50.00, the children will not only be given next season's new first team Jersey, but will receive many other gifts along with Trust membership and discounts. If you would like your child to join the Young Exiles please contact Commercial Manager James Watts, james. watts@newportcounty .co.uk

Supporters Direct Cymru Supporters Direct are currently undertaking a project with the Welsh Government to look at the feasibility of having a dedicated Supporters Direct Cymru.

As part of this study it is vital to include the views of the existing Supporters Direct member Trusts and Clubs based in Wales. Newport County Supporters Trust will have a representative there to give our views in favour of this happening.

The meeting will be held at Merthyr Towns Penydarren Park and will be attended by Deputy Minister, Ken Skates.

Good luck to Jimmy and the boys and hopefully, third time lucky

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of these are Standard tickets, while 112 are in the Family area. Prices are as

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All prices increase by £2 on Matchday, so make sure to book in advance!

Ambulant Disabled individuals pay their full appropriate price and are allowed a Carer if required. Wheelchair users should contact Plymouth Argyle directly on 0845 872 3335.

The Ticket Office is not open after tonight's game, and as such, sales shall resume from gam on Wednesday 18th March. Tickets shall be on sale until midday, Friday 20th March.

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Please note that this fixture has been re-arranged for Friday 3rd April, but remains a 3pm Kick-Off. Tickets are now on sale from the Ticket Office.

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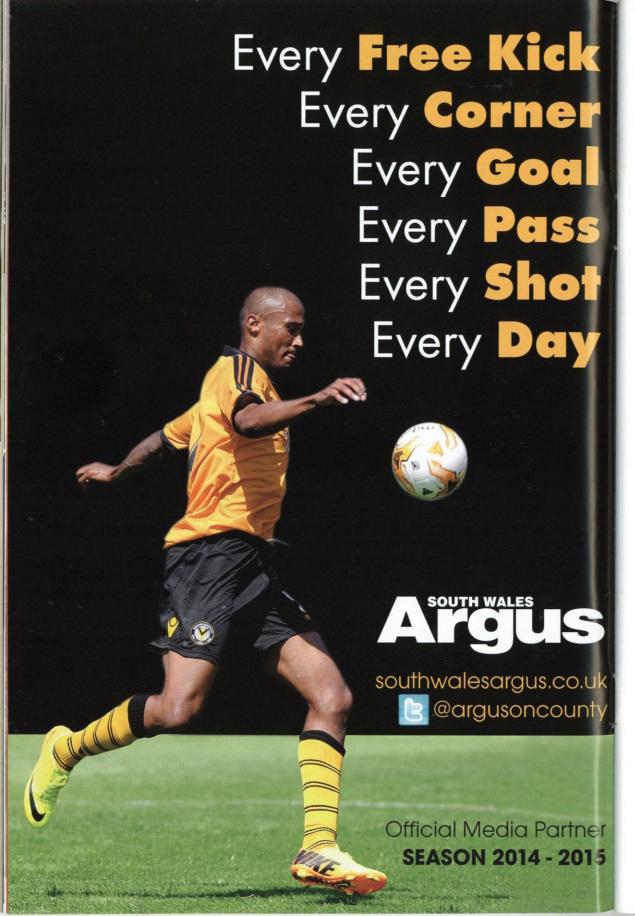
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Tiles Ahead managing director is Nick McDonald who has been closely linked with the club for a number of years. He served on the Board of Directors during one of the most successful periods in the club's history. When asked about his

time on the board. Nick

"I remember my first game as a director was under a leaking stand dressed in a suit and tie at Maidenhead United in the Conference South and my final game was at Wembley for the FA Trophy Final in 2012 - it changed enormously in the four years I was involved and I must say it was certainly an interesting period in my life".

Tiles Ahead joined the Business Club at the start of the season and Nick has enjoyed coming to matches but as he said, "the pull of another football club has tended to limit my visits to Rodney Parade"

**David Williams** 

The Business Club was saddened to hear the news of County legend David Williams and sends its condolences to David's family. Joe Ford and Alan Coombs attended his funeral representing the BC.

#### Away days with the **Business Club**

The BC is running coaches to our away matches at Plymouth Argyle and Exeter City. Anyone interested in coming along please contact Alan Coombs on 07500749079 or Joe

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South Wales Argus who are our official media partners give our supporters great coverage of the club through the newspaper, their website and their social media pages.

We hope that the South Wales Argus and their guests have an enjoyable evening with us tonight and we hope that they get to see Newport County AFC gain three points.

#### **Complete Kitchens and Beautiful Bathrooms**

Newport County AFC welcomes Complete Kitchens and Beautiful Bathrooms who have been huge supporters of the club during our recent development as Match Ball Sponsors for tonight's game at home to Luton Town

at Rodney Parade. Complete Kitchens and Beautiful Bathrooms worked extremely hard on our new training ground project and have done a great deal of advertising with us again this season including an advertising board, match

programme advert and previous match ball sponsorships. We would like to wish Bob Urie and his guests an enjoyable evening and thank them again for their continued support of Newport County AFC.

## Today's Match

Tonight we welcome Callum Halford as our mascot for this important game with Luton Town in Sky Bet League Two. Callum is aged 8 and his favourite Newport County AFC

players are Mike Flynn, Robbie Willmott and Aaron O'Conner, Callum attends St Michael's primary school in Newport and we hope that he has a very enjoyable evening with his family at tonight's game.



#### **Upcoming Functions**

Newport County AFC have two high profile functions coming up for our supporters to enjoy both at The Parkway Hotel and Rodney Parade. We as a club will be hosting our 2015 Hall of Fame awards on

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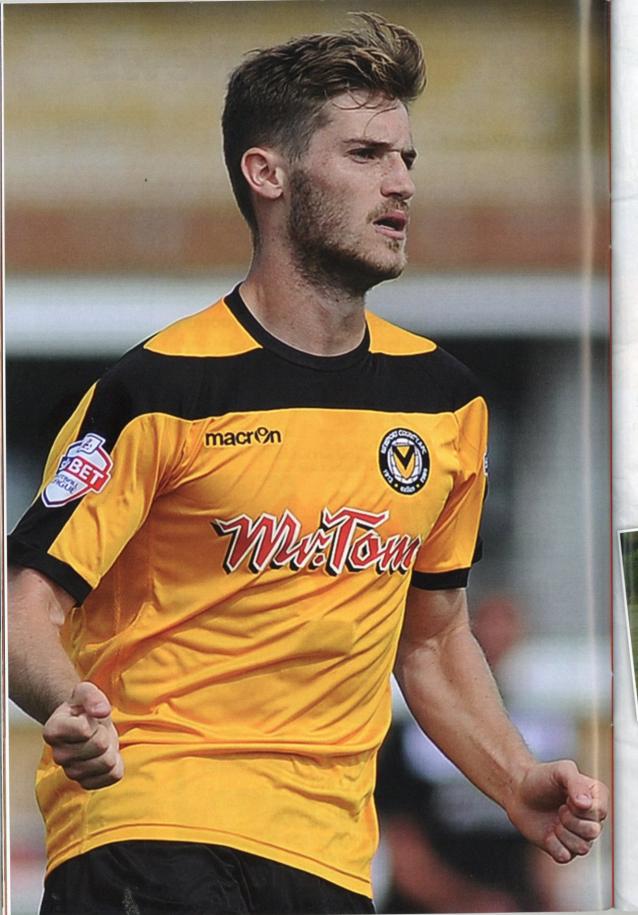
From £150 plus VAT, includes a two course meal with complimentary match programmes. These packages also include a programme write up along with a tannov announcement before the game and at half time. There are a number of different packages for this sponsorship depending on numbers and requirements.

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£475 plus VAT per game based on 10 people, this includes a table in the Bisley Suite, a two course meal and your own box with complimentary match programmes. There is also a season long option of £8,000 plus VAT

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COUNTY Q&A

# Joe Parker



Full Name
Joe Parker

**Nickname** Unknown

**Date of Birth** 11/03/1995

**Birthplace** Gloucester

> Position Striker

Club Supported as a kid Manchester United
First club you played for Gloucester City
Best Ground You've Played At Stoke City
All Time Football Hero David Beckham
Best Player(s) You've Played Alongside

Best Player(s) You've Played Against Rvan Jackson (in training)

Best Moment of Your Career Scoring the winner in the schools cup final

Three famous people you'd have round for dinner David Beckham, Will Ferrell, Cheryl Cole

**Best Subject at school** Maths

First Pet Dog

Danny Crow

First celebrity you fancied Selena Gomez

Favourite Film Step Brothers

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Fish & Chips, Indian or Salad All 3 (I'm bulking!)
Night on the Tiles or night in Night in with a
film

If you weren't a footballer, what would you be? Astronaut

#### **Teammates**

Squad Comedian Ryan Jackson

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Supporters of most clubs going into the second leg of an FA Trophy semi-final against a team two steps beneath them on the ladder would have been brimming with confidence. but this is Newport County we are talking about and we never do things the easy way. Many of us would have gone straight to Google after we beat Wealdstone 3-1 at Spytty in the first leg to see if away goals counted double in the event of an aggregate draw, and been mightily relieved to confirm that they didn't.

We played the Stones in successive seasons in the Trophy and a healthy mutual respect developed. They defended doggedly for a 0-0 at Newport Stadium in round one in 2010-11 and we scored the only goal just when the replay seemed certain to go to penalties, and they weren't daunted by going two down early in the 2012 semi-final's

first leg. Darryl Knights's goal to secure our 3-1 win was arquably his biggest contribution in a Newport shirt. Both times they sent a large and passionate support, shaming many supposedly bigger clubs over the years.

We had an altogether easier passage to the semi-final than the Londoners, who entered earlier and needed a mammoth 10 games to get there. We needed only five. It took a replay to beat fellow Conference Premier side Forest Green. but as so often we did it the hard way by drawing at home. From then on the draw was benign to say the least - Carshalton Athletic at home, Worksop Town away and the homeless Northwich Victoria on neutral territory at Macclesfield The last two still caused us no end of bother.

As well as support which (figuratively speaking, of course) punches well above the club's weight away from home. Wealdstone also share with County a history of surviving forced ground moves a generation ago, after their Lower Mead home was gobbled up by a supermarket chain.

Truth be told, their current ground at Grosvenor Vale

in Ruislip struggled to cope with the 2,092 who watched the semi-final second leg, around 800 of them from Newport. Arquably it didn't cope it's a good job a section of fence at the away end which collapsed, spilling jubilant fans into a pile on the pitch, did so only at the final whistle. During the game and there could well have been an abandonment and questions to answer for the hosts. The Stones have since reached Conference South and must have had to make major improvements.

The game was goalless. but you won't see a more gripping nil-nil. As in the first leg, we just about had the edge. We made a confident start and as fulltimers naturally finished stronger, but Wealdstone had their chances in the second half. For the second year running their Welsh keeper Johnathan North thwarted everything we could throw at him.

Wealdstone's strikers must have licked their lips when Ismail Yakubu injured a thigh making a crunching tackle on 17 minutes. This brought on 37-year-old Wayne Hatswell, who hadn't kicked a ball in anger since December. Wayne was an absolute rock in

one of our most crucial games ever, making every tackle and header and oozing experience and confidence which rubbed off on those around him. In a programme article a couple of years ago I called it "one of our greatest ever performances by a sub in defence, maybe the best", and I'm sticking by that.

Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett graciously conceded to the Araus: "We gave Newport a good run for their money, even if we didn't play as well as we can. But credit to Justin and the Newport lads. The difference between Conference players and ourselves is that their decision making was better. All three goals last week came from our errors and we weren't quite clever enough to get back into it. I don't begrudge Justin and his players from what I've seen out there on the

Line-up Glyn Thompson, Paul Rodgers, Andrew Hughes, Gary Warren, Ismail Yakubu (Wayne Hatswell 17), David Pipe (Romone Rose 79), Sam Foley, Max Porter, Darryl Knights, Elliot Buchanan, Nat Jarvis (Jake Harris 65). Subs not used Lee Evans.

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## A Game of Two Halves

he election for the FIFA Presidency is now looming. The big debate over the General Election in the United Kingdom is whether the party leaders will all accept the invitation to take part in a live televised debate. The same idea has been ventured for the presidential candidates who are standing for the big one in football politics.

Rather like the list of World Cup winners being limited to a small number of prestigious European and South American footballing nations, the list of past FIFA presidents is short and impressive. Since its foundation in 1904. a decade before the outbreak of the Great War, there have been only seven presidents before the current incumbent Joseph Blatter. There have been three English presidents, two French, one Belgian and in Joao Havelange, the predecessor to Blatter, one Brazilian. The pattern of past presidents illustrates where the power base of world football once was until the game grew, diversified and became more equal globally.

Blatter, with a damaged reputation and widely disliked in the game, is seen by many as a dictator who is hanging

self-gratification and personal advantage. If Blatter is re-elected on 29 May his tenure as president will have gone into a third decade by the time the next poll comes around. Havelange as the immediate predecessor served as president for 24 years himself. It does show how being in power means staying in power for the leviathans of football who build a protective support base around them once they are in the 'oval office'. Despite a fast changing world, and a fast changing and developing game, two big hitters have led the game for approaching half a century.

on to his role for

The two most famous past presidents, other than Havelange whom himself was an Olympic swimmer and water polo player, would be Sir Stanley Rous and Jules Rimet. Englishman Rous was a top class referee who officiated at the FA Cup Final and some 36 internationals. Rous was instrumental in rewriting and modernising the rules of the game. During his term of office the World Cup became a worldwide televised event with the 1970 finals in Mexico. remembered for the ebullient Brazilian winners and 'that save' by Gordon Banks from a Pele header, being the first to be broadcast in colour. Rous of course oversaw the 1966 World Cup and England's victory on home soil.

Frenchman Rimet,

who had the honour of

having the World Cup

in 1954, created the

trophy named after him

World Cup competition,

inspired by the football

tournaments in the early

modern Olympics. He

had the vision to see football as a uniting force for international relations and peace in the years following the First World War. Ironically and sadly, having seen the three fledgling World Cups in 1930, 1934 and 1938, the development of international football was disrupted by the Second World Cup with a gap of 12 years in competition. The early tournaments were of course much smaller in scale with Uruguay surprisingly winning the inaugural tournament as hosts, world power Italy doing likewise four years later, and the Azzurri then retaining the trophy in Paris the year before world war broke out for a second time. Whilst one has to avoid romanticising about the past, and selectively reflecting on the good things, you cannot help but contrast the days of pioneering leadership of the early phases of FIFA with the modern day era of

scandal and alleged corruption.

Englishman Daniel Burley Woolfall equally was a pioneer. During his reign from 1906-18 the first non-European members were admitted to the world governing body with South Africa, Argentina, Chile and the United States being the first to join and to begin to break down the European power base. The remaining English President, Arthur Drewry, whose office was only six years from 1955-61, was far less eventful although the World Cup Finals in Sweden fell within this period - still the only finals in which Wales have appeared.

If you visit the FIFA website you would not know that the election for the position of president is coming up. You have to search the site to find information. and scant information at that. The agenda for the coming meeting of the FIFA Executive Committee has the Qatar 2022 World Cup scheduling and the 2014 World Cup financial analysis at its heart; above the luxurious meeting chamber in Zurich the spectre of defeat for the ego of President Blatter will hang like a cloud with a silver lining.



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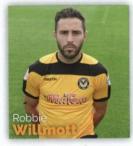
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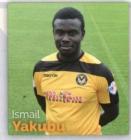
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# Kidz Korner

Good evening my young friends and a very warm welcome to my young hatter friends

for this evenings game.

A point was gained on Friday thanks to Miles Storey's equalizer. so hopefully we can build on that tonight.

The next Home game is Good Friday and we would like to see as many of you as possible.

My racing season starts in a months time. Wincanton being my first race.

Enjoy the game Spytty.

## Who Am Eye?

Do you know who these people are?







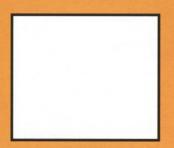


#### Team Maths

Can you work out the answer?

How many vowels are there in the name Luton?

How many consonants are there in Newport County?







## Spytty's Anagrams

Can you work out the team names for the jumbled letters?

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COWMYBE (7) \_\_\_\_\_ HOUNDSET (8) \_\_\_\_\_

AGEEVENTS (9)

## Spytty's Kennel

Happy 10th Birthday Addison from Daiddy and Nanna



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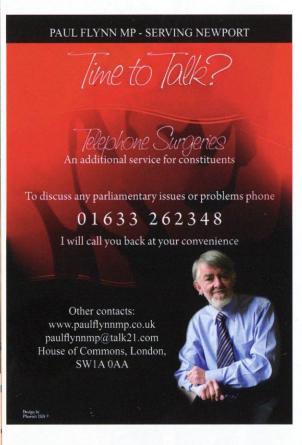
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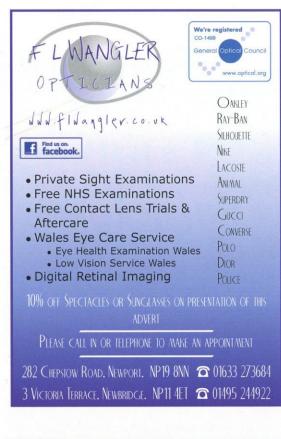
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## Welcome **Luton Town**

Words Richard Taylor & Phil Tanner

If only a certain brand of lager could arrange for football seasons to end in January, the current and last campaign would make pleasant reading for County fans! Life of late has also been anything but plain sailing for this evening's visitors Luton Town, who had lost four of their last five games and won just two of the past eight prior to the tricky trip to Portsmouth three days ago. And it seems that County are not the only side to dread fixtures with Morecambe either, as Luton's 3-2 home defeat in the 'Bring me Sunshine derby' (think Eric Morecambe connections!) made it a double for the north west coast club. Given expectations at Kenilworth Road, the next six weeks or so promises to be a crucial period in the history of the 1988

#### Name Change?

The news that Town are

their Renitworth Road stadium almost past unnoticed in the thick of their promotion charge, but chairman Nick Owen, the 67-year-old presenter of BBC's 'Midlands Today' and former TV-am front man revealed the plans in the match day programme for the Morecambe game. 'I would like to mention something that will be revealed officially in a couple of weeks' time. Pause for intake of breath – we will be making an announcement regarding the renaming of Kenilworth Road. It is an initiative that could benefit the club, its supporters and the wider community as well. Intrigued? Watch

#### **Positive Please**

this space!

have had a crestfallen look these past couple of months, but negativity

is not the way forward for any club according to Luton captain Steve McNulty, who was critical of sections of his own club's support in 'Luton on Sunday' after the home defeat by Morecambe 10 days ago.

'This negativity around the place, I just don't understand it. It is just a small minority, but I don't understand where they are coming from or what they are getting out of it. If someone had offered us this position at the start of the season, with 11 games to go and [being] in the mix for an automatic promotion place, I think we would have taken it. I don't understand the negativity but I invite any of them down to the training ground if they do it the right way and get in touch with the club. If they want to come down, we will sit down and we

#### At A Glance... Luton Town

Formed 1885
Ground Kenilworth Road 10,226
Colours Orange & Navy Blue & Orange Third Colours
Nickname Hatters

Best League Position
7th Division 1 1986-87

Best in FA Cup Runners-Up 1959

Best in League Cup Winners 1988

Best in FL Trophy Winners 2009

Best in Full Members Cup Runners-Up 1988

Record Win 12-0 v Bristol Rovers (1936)

Record Defeat **0-9 v Small Heath** (1898)

Record Attendance 30,069 v Blackpool (1959)

Record Appearances
Bob Morton 495 (1948-64)

Record Scorer Gordon Turner 243 (1949-64)

Record Signing

Lars Elstrup (Odense, 1989) £850K

Most Capped Player
Mal Donaghy (NIR) 91 caps

will have a proper chat about it. There is no point in shouting from behind the rails. It is not helping anyone but it's just a small minority. We thank everyone else that is getting behind the team. It is disappointing to be talking about that at this late stage in the season.'

#### **Slow Starters**

Veteran boss John Still is hoping to identify just why Town have been

making such slow starts in recent games. The former Barnet and Dagenham & Redbridge manager admitted he would watch games back against Morecambe, Bury, Accrington, Mansfield and AFC Wimbledon to try to solve the conundrum

'In my mind, I can see a little bit of a pattern and I think along the way of those games, there's instances of players not playing as well as you'd like. Whatever system

you have, people do not always play well, that happens at times of the season for anyone. So there is an element of that, performances not being as good as we would like them. You can bring players into the team that have not been playing, bring one in now and again. **But sometimes, when** it's two or three, you can see they are not as sharp as you would like them to be, as they have not had as many

games. I have to look at myself a little bit as well, as we have slightly changed the system a little bit in some games to accommodate the fact that we would like to score some goals. In doing so you can disrupt other things, so it has showed me a little bit of that as well. I have a little bit of work to do on it and I am glad I have done it. Will it help us? I will have to wait and see, but it has given me some ideas.'

#### **Press Pack**

Here's a look at how the press have been reacting to Luton's recent performances ....

'The Hatters suffered a cruel reverse when Luke Wilkinson's late own goal killed off a Town revival in which Cameron McGeehan and Alex Lawless had drawn them level after going two goals down in the first half. It was Luton's second reverse in a row and ended a 15-game unbeaten home streak in League Two, with Town slipping to fifth in the table and six points off automatic promotion.

As the teams walked to the tunnel after the final whistle there was a commotion in the crowd, skipper Steve McNulty had to be restrained by team-mates and staff and manager long Still also had words."

#### 'Luton on Sunday' on the late drama at Kenilworth Road 10 days ago.

"It was "Bring Me Sunshine" before kick-off but it was doom, gloom and "give me strength" at the final whistle as Luton fought back from 2-0 down but suffered a sickening late Luke Wilkinson own goal against ten-man Morecambe. Legendary comedian Eric Morecambe permanently links the Shrimps and the Hatters, but even the funny-man would have struggled to make light of Town's inept fiasco of a first half performance, where they were fortunate to concede only two goals. More pleasing was their fight back to level at 2-2 with goals from Cameron McGeehan and Alex Lawless. They also hit the woodwork three times, but the joke was on the hosts when – looking the only side capable of a winner – they shot themselves in the foot to slump to their first home defeat in 15 League Two games."

#### 'Bedfordshire on Sunday' pays homage to former Town chairman Eric Morecambe in its match report.

'Hatters boss John Still believes the end could be in sight for midfielder Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu's injury nightmare. The 22-year-old has been on the sidelines for most of the last five months, as he has not started a league game since October 25, when he came off against Northampton. "He's had a problem with his hamstrings and if you look at Pelly's leas, he's got massive leas."

#### 'Luton on Sunday' with some positive news on former West Ham United youngster Pelly Ruddock and his impressive legs!

Manager David Filtcroft felt Bury were colossal as they beat promotion rivals Luton to claim their fourth straight win. The Shakers were excellent in the first half and led through a ninth-minute header by Tom Soares. Luton almost equalised after the break, but Bury held on to go level with the Hatters in the League Two play-off places.

'The Manchester Evening News' wax lyrical after Bury's victory over Town 14 days ago.

#### **Fan Fayre**

Luton, as befits their fan base, have more than one active message board, with rather forthright views offered. This evening, we take a quick glance at 'lutontownfans.co.uk', which features some views on County as well as a look at Hatters' promotion push. Thanks to all contributors

Excellent start to a challenging few weeks for the team.

'ACF1952' was pleased enough after Hatters' 3-0 preChristmas victory against County at Kenilworth Road.

"It's not often the phrase "Cheats don't prosper" comes true in life, but it did today, as Newport, a team who are everything bad about lower division English football, were sent packing. How they escaped without even a booking against them is mind bogoling."

'PDW', magnanimous in victory against County in December!

very big physical side, poor with little pace apart from ackson at the back.'

#### More pearls of 'wisdom' from 'PDW'!

Fortunately that very nice gentleman Mr (Ricky) Miller used his awful pink boots to good effect his afternoon booting home the awful pink coloured football used in the FA Cup (or mango as it is called. It's not, it's pink) from Jake Howells' corner to take away the frankly abysmal prospect of a Tuesday night in Newport. That joyless, hideous day will arrive in March anyway. Can't wait.'

'PDW' was offering his match report after our FA Cup defeat at Luton too. Here, he eagerly anticipates his Tuesday evening in Newport, which was unfortunately delayed after the home side's two late Cup goals. He obviously enjoyed Town's last Tuesday visit here!

Newport County and Tranmere have caused total chaos and in all honesty we have been lucky to say the least to bick up wins against these teams."

'richazel' offering a more balanced view of our FA Cup performance at Kenilworth Road.

'Newport apart, we haven't conceded more than one goal in a game since our 2-0 defeat against Shrewsbury in August.'

#### 'Knuckles' at the time of the FA Cup clash.

'It could be all over by the end of March. It's that damaging if we don't get this away form sorted.'

'ACF' again, talking down Luton's automatic promotion hopes ahead of the away double header at Portsmouth and Newport.

"I think in the long run that another season in League 2 is in the club's (and supporters') best interest."

'lizard' was not too ambitious ahead of the Pompey and County encounters.

#### Hatters Highs and Lows (1885-2015)

#### Highs

Luton Town FC enter the football world as a meeting at the Town Hall sees the merger of Luton Town Wanderers with works' team Excelsior FC. The new club move to Excelsior's Town Meadow ground near the railway line, with the drawback that if the wind blew in an unfavourable direction fans would be engulfed with smoke from the frequent trains or would have their straw hats blown from their heads!

1890s Town, looking resplendent in a playing kit of pink and navy blue halved shirts, become the first club in the south of England to turn professional in 1890, and join the Football League Second Division seven years later, moving to a new home at Dunstable Road. 10 years later. Town switch again, this time to Kenilworth Road.

Southern League First Division effectively becomes Division 3. A directive from the Football League requires teams to travel with a set of white shirts in addition to their home and change kits so, to avoid extra costs, Town adopt plain white shirts as their first choice. A year later, an Ireland v England international sees three Luton players on the pitch: Louis Bookman and Allan Mathieson for Ireland, and the club's top goal scorer, Ernie Simms, for England

#### **1937** Hatters ro

Hatters romp to the Third Division South title, with once-capped England forward Joe





55 goals in 39 games. The previous season he had bagged 10 in one match against Bristol Rovers (pictured), which remains a Football League record

the top flight for the first time while three years later. Hatters are at Wembley for the FA Cup Final, only to lose 2-1 to Nottingham Forest, whose winning goal came from Roy Dwight, uncle of Reg Dwight, aka Elton John! Stars of the decade include record goal scorer Gordon Turner, record appearance holder. Bob Morton, England goalkeepers Ron Baynham and Bernard Streten, England defender Syd Owen and Ireland internationals Seamus Dunne, George

Joy at Kenilworth Road, as Luton return to the top flight, but the champagne is to go flat a year later as Division 2 reclaims our Bedfordshire visitors. In this pre-social media era, supporters write to the local press claiming that the club were not prepared off the field for the on the field success!

brand of free-flowing football. David Pleat leads Luton to Division 1 for a third spell. and a year later performs his iconic 'jig of joy' (pictured) across the



Maine Road pitch in celebration as a late Raddy Antic winner preserves their top-flight status

1988 Now managed by Ray Harford, comeback kings Luton win the League Cup with a dramatic 3-2 win over Arsenal. Cwmbran-born goalkeeper Andy Dibble sparks a late Hatters rally by saving an 80th minute penalty, before Danny Wilson equalises and Brian Stein scores an injury time winner. Luton also reach Wembley in the Full Members Cup Final and the Mercantile Credit Centenary Tournament.

After missing out in the play-offs for three of the past four years, joy at last for Town who charge to the Conference Premier title and so end their five seasons in the wilderness.

#### Lows

attendances, high wages, and high travel and accommodation costs resulting from Luton's distance from the northern heartlands of the Football League cripple the club financially, leading to a return to the Southern League.

Luton drop to the Southern League's Second Division and meet Newport County for th first time, losing 5-1 on their first visit to Somerton Park

Five years after appearing in an FA Cup Final, Hatters are relegated to the Fourth Division! Supporters turn their anger on the board for a perceived lack of investment on the playing side, while crowds drop to around 3,000.

1995 The League Cup Final win of 1988 seems a distant memory as Luton slip into the third tier for the first time since 1970.

A 30-point pre-season deduction for financial irregularities proves an insurmountable obstacle for bottom tier Luton, who drop out from the Football League for the second time in their history. Some consolation comes in the form of the Football League Trophy, with Town defeating Scunthorpe United 3-2 at Wembley.

Past Managers Charlie Green (1901–28). Harold Wightman (1931–35). George Martin (1939–47 and 1965–66), Alec Stock (1968–72). Harry Haslam (1972–78), David Pleat (1978–86 and 1991–95). Lennie Lawrence (1995-2000) and Mike Newell (2003-07).

#### Rivalries

Luton fans maintain a bitter rivalry with Watford, though (whisper it!) their Hertfordshire neighbours have remained the higher ranked team at the end of every season since 1997. To placate visiting supporters this evening, however, Luton still hold the superior record in 118 competitive fixtures between the two clubs, with 53 Luton victories to Hornets' 36. A survey taken in 2003, showed that there was also animosity between Hatters' fans and those of Queen's Park Rangers, while the Conference years brought rivalry with York City, as bad feeling spilt over in playoff and FA Trophy encounters.

#### Millennium

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o6 Sep	Plymouth Argyle	H	0-1	786
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	Cambridge United			
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Scorers Cullen 12, Rooney 5, Howells 4, Wilkinson 4, Guttridge 3, Stockley 3, Whalley 3, Drury 2, Lawless 2, Miller 2, Smith 2, Benson 1, Griffiths 1, Harriman 1, Lee 1, McGeehan 1, Ruddock 1, Stevenson 1 and Wall 1.

#### The Town of Luton

Position Att.



Population Ceremonial County Region Distance from RP 203,201 (2011 cens.) Bedfordshire East of England 152.1 mi (2 hr 29 min)

Born in Luton Mick Abrahams ('Jethro Tull' guitarist, born 1943). Kerry Dixon (Chelsea and England striker, born 1961). Stacey Dooley (BBC Three investigative journalist, born 1987). Arthur Hailey (novelist 1920-2004). Monty Panesar (England spin bowler, born 1982). Phil Read (world champion motor cycle road racer, born 1939) and Paul Young (1980s singer and musician, born 1956).

Industrial Heritage Luton is synonymous with hat making, which began in the 17th century and within 100 years dominated the town. The making of hats continues today, though on a much smaller scale. The same is true of car production, with Luton still the head office of Vauxhall Motors, but now just producing commercial vehicles following the ending of car making in 2002.

**Luton Carnival** The Luton International Carnival, traditionally held on the Whitsun bank holiday, is the largest one-day carnival in Europe attracting around 150,000-200,000 people. Funded by the Borough Council, it is the UK's second largest carnival after the two-day Notting Hill extravaganza. Talking of festivals, this weekend sees the town's St Patrick's Day Festival organised by Luton Irish Forum, including a parade, market stalls and music stands as well as Irish themed events.

**Diverse Luton** Luton has embraced people from many corners of the globe who have helped give the town its cosmopolitan and all-embracing feel. Just over 100 years ago, migrants arrived from Ireland and Scotland, followed by Afro-Caribbean and Asian settlers, while more recently Eastern Europeans have made Luton their home. Christianity remains easily the strongest religion, with Inayat Bunglawala of the Muslim Council of Britain describing 'the reality of life in the town as a healthy interaction between people of different faiths'.

Luton and Monty Python Luton received a few 'plugs' on 1970s seminal sketch show 'Monty Python's Flying Circus', with one sketch featuring a somewhat half-hearted hijacker demanding that a plane heading for Cuba be diverted to Luton. The town was also one of the constituencies returning a 'Silly Party' victory in the famous Election Night Special sketch, while the Piranha Brothers scene depicts Spiny Norman living in a hangar at Luton Airport.

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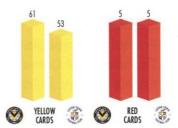
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**LUTON TOWN** 



#### **MATCH FACTS**

Newport haven't beaten Luton in the Football League since October 1966. They did however beat them in the Conference the last time Luton visited (4-2 in December 2012).



#### **MATCH FACTS**

Luton have already beaten Newport twice this season, scoring seven goals in the process (once in the FA Cup, once in the league).













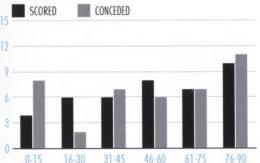






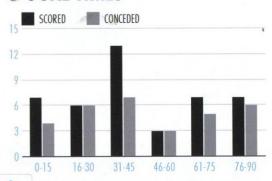


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## Squad Luton Town





#### 1 | Goalkeeper Mark Tyler

on the verge of 700 enior appearances, ne hugely experienced eeper was one of the datters' first signings in their first season in the Conference in the ummer of 2009. Prior to his he played some 400 mes for Peterborough. The 2013-14 season was is fifth with the Hatters and he played every natch in the 46-game ttle-winning campaign, eeping clean sheets in xactly half.

#### 2 | Defence Fraser Franks

Had a brief loan with County three seasons ago from AFC Wimbledon. Signed by Luton in January 2014 from Welling United, who he helped secure the Conference South title in 2012-13. Began his career at Chelsea and then Brentford before moving to Wimbledon. Five caps for England C.

## 3 | Defence Danny Fitzsimons

Former Millwall and QPR defender signed from Histon in the summer of 2013. only to miss the whole season through injury. Made over 150 appearances for the Cambridgeshire side before the age of 21. Loaned to Bishop's Stortford earlier in the season.

#### 4 | Midfield Jonathan Smith

midfielder signed from York in January 2013 for £50.000 following a successful loan spell. Originally with York, he moved to Swindon who he helped win League Two in 2011-12 before returning to Bootham Crescent.



#### 5 | Defence Steve McNulty

Club captain. The
Liverpool-born defender
led Fleetwood to the
Conference title in
2012, before which
he played for Barrow,
Vauxhall Motors and
Burscough, Ever-present
as the Hatters lifted the
Conference title last
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#### 6 | Defence Alex Lacey

op-and-coming centrehalf who made his first team debut as a 17-yearold in 2009. Spent the 2012-13 season on loan at Eastleigh, then in Conference South. Broke into the Luton side in August 2013 and made 22 appearance as Town lifted the title.

## 7 | Midfield | Alex Lawless

Rhondda-born and spotted by Fulham playing for Ton Pentre in the Welsh League and after his release by the Cottagers played for Torquay and Forest Green. He then moved to York before joining Luton in November 2010



#### 8 | Midfield Andy Drury

Shortlisted for League 2 Player of the Month for January. Returned to Luton last summer, signing from Crawley. First joined the Hatters from Stevenage in 2010 and moved on to Ipswich in January 2011. He then joined Crawley on loan before making that move permanent in the summer of 2013. Began his career with Sittingbourne before

spells at Gravesend and Lewes.



## 9 | Striker | Paul Benson

Veteran, now 35, who originally signed on a season-long loan from Swindon in August 2013. Came to prominence with Dagenham & Redbridge under John Still, helping win two promotions before signing or Charlton. He moved of Swindon in January 2012 and helped them win the League 2 title pefore being loaned of Portsmouth and Cheltenham and then being reunited with Still at Kenilworth Road. Scored 8 times as Town lifted

## 10 | Striker | Alex Wall

Signed in the summer of 2013 having impressed whilst on loan from Maidenhead United, who he had joined from Thatcham Town. Spent time last season on loan at Dartford, returning to score Luton's final goal in the Conference, and this season has been loaned to Dartford again and Bristol Rovers.



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#### 11 | Midfield **Jake Howells**



#### 12 Defence Scott Griffiths

13 Striker **Mark Cullen** 

#### 14 | Defence **Andy Parry**

Central defender or right back signed from

#### 15 | Midfield **Luke Rooney**

16 | Goalkeeper

#### **Elliot Justham**

17 | Midfield

#### **Pelly** Ruddock **Mpanzu**

18 | Striker

#### Ross Lafayette

#### 19 | Striker **Ricky Miller**

20 | Midfield Shaun Whalley



21 | Midfield Luke

**Guttridae** 

22 | Defence **Michael** Harriman

23 | Midfield

#### Matt Robinson

24 | Defence

#### Curtley Williams

25 | Striker

#### **Jayden** Stockley

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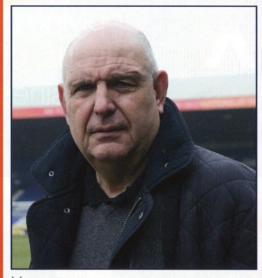
38 | Striker **Elliott Lee** 

41 Goalkeeper **Craig King** 

Young third string who has been on the bench

50 | Midfield

#### Cameron McGeehan



Manager John Still

Joined the Hatters in March 2013 after a hugely successful 10-year spell at Dagenham & Redbridge. In his first full season in the hot seat he guided Luton to the Conference title with 101 points - the third time he had won the division in his career. John's playing career consisted of a single game for Leyton Orient after which he played briefly outside the League before injury prompted an early move into coaching. His first managerial job was at Levtonstone, who then merged with Ilford. Next stop was Dartford, followed by a brief spell back at the merged club, before he guided Maidstone United into the League. Preferring to stay part-time, he next managed Redbridge Forest - the product of a merger between Leytonstone & Ilford and Walthamstow Avenue - which then became Dagenham & Redbridge when the original Daggers joined the party. John stepped up the League in 1994 for an unsuccessful stint managing Peterborough, and he worked at Barnet as both manager and director of football, but couldn't keep them in the League. He returned to Dagenham in 2004 and had unprecedented success as the club punched way above its weight and rose from the Conference to League One.

Assistant Manager **Terry Harris** 

John Still's right-hand man who had been with Dagenham & Redbridge since 1999. As a player he starred for the old Dagenham FC - scoring the winner at Wembley in the 1980 FA Trophy final and he has also coached at Dartford, Enfield and St. Albans City.

First Team Coach

**Hakan Hayrettin** 

Managed Grays Athletic to the Ryman League Division One South title in 2013 with 102 points before joining Luton that July. Playing career included helping both Barnet and Wycombe Wanderers win promotion to the Football League.



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#### **LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT**

Shrewsbury Town have a perfect record on Tuesdays this season, winning all five league games.

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#### **LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT**

League Two strugglers Hartlepool have lost four of their five Tuesday league games this season (W1 D0 L4).





# **Amber Archive**

Luton Town 2012

**Ade Williams** remembers our 5-2 win over Luton in their most recent visit to Newport-

/ heneve this

particular fixture swings by, it inevitably evokes fond memories of a bitterly cold, foggy night at Rodney Parade when an insatiable Newport team went on the rampage against their promotion rivals. The game itself was screened live on satellite television, something that appeared to do the County no favours truth be told. because following a stunning individual performance by on-

loan striker Christian Jolley, there were suddenly a whole plethora of Football League hopefuls that decided they wanted to procure his mercurial services for themselves. This was something that would seriously hinder the Exiles' charge for the next month or so: although as was eventually witnessed, it proved something of a mere flesh wound to our own promotion hopes and thankfully not anything fatal.

This was Newport's fifth meeting with the Hatters in the past

three years, with the Exiles yet to taste victory; a sobering stat that was about to change in dramatic fashion as the ground sheets were lifted and the match was amazingly declared on. That was a feat in itself considering that at 4:30pm that afternoon, neither goalmouth could be seen from the halfway line inside an extremely foa-bound Rodney Parade. As it was, some 2,247 frozen souls braved the wintry elements to see County roar back to the summit of the

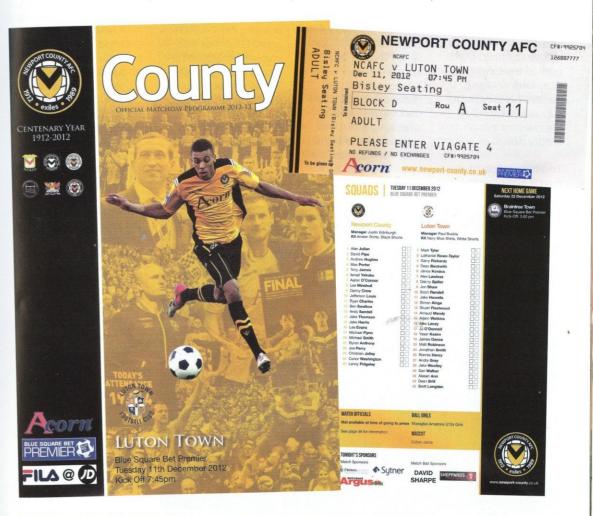
National Conference with a scintillating attacking display that positively mocked the frosty conditions.

Credit too to both teams as they began the game with clear attacking intentions: both goalkeepers having their hands warmed with longrange missiles inside the opening few minutes. It was the hosts who drew first blood on 12 minutes however, with former Hatter Aaron O'Connor providing a bittersweet moment for the club that had released

previous summer. Andy Sandell swung over the second of two successive Newport corners. and on this occasion the marking was surprisingly lapse enough to allow one of the smallest players on the pitch all the space he needed to power in a header that Luton keeper Mark Tyler could only get a despairing glove to.

him to County that

It was a lead that would last for only four short minutes though, following a horrendous mistake at the other end that provided the lethal Andre Gray with an absolute gift. It was one of those moments where supporters and team-mates alike would rub their eyes in utter disbelief, whilst asking themselves ... "Did that really just happen?!" It certainly did and it was a horror moment that County stopper Alan Julian would not wish to remember in a hurry, as Ismail Yakubu knocked a simple ball back to him under no apparent pressure. In a desperate attempt to prevent the ball



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skidding out for a corner, Julian instead inexplicably slipped and palmed the ball straight into the path of the lurking Gray who couldn't believe his luck as he subsequently rolled the present into an empty net.

> The home side had the bit between their

teeth though, and refused to dwell on their self-inflicted misfortune. Christian Jolley teased and tormented Alex Lawless down the Newport right, before dancing inside and whacking a low shot just past the upright. The warning had been sounded and after 23 minutes of

this pulsating contest, the same player duly acted upon it. Once again O'Connor was involved; this time he found teenager Lee Evans whose exquisite pass was seized upon by Jolley, with the speedy front-man doing the rest as he placed a perfect finish beyond the flailing grasp of Tyler.

Wimbledon forward now had a goal-agame ratio in Newport colours, and it was about to get a whole lot more impressive. Continuing to pour forward, Michael Flynn volleved wide from the edge of the box, before O'Connor brought a fine save out of the overworked Tyler on 31 minutes. Four minutes later, the roar from the excited patrons was audible in Maindee High Street as Jolley smashed in a stunning 25-yard volley that cannoned back off the angle of post and bar. In the ensuing melee, County felt certain they should have been awarded a penalty as O'Connor's shot struck the arm of Ronnie Henry. County were looking more insatiable by the minute it seemed.

After goalkeeper Julian had partly



redeemed himself by saving well from Gray, Newport steamed back on the offensive and on

Indeed on the stroke of half-time. O'Connor really should have made it four when he drove wide after the beleaquered Hatters defence had parted for him like the proverbial Red Sea. The second period began exactly where we had thrillingly left off too; Town's interval substitute Jon Shaw testing Alan Julian within the first sixty seconds of his introduction, before County hit back with Michael Smith powering a header just over the visitors' crossbar. On 56 minutes, JJ O'Donnell thought he had reduced the arrears for Luton, however the referee quite rightly

chalked it off for an obvious push on the now floored Alan Julian.

There was simply no let up in this wonderful spectacle and within another five minutes of end-to-end football. Luton had indeed made it 3-2 when substitute Shaw struck home a delightful finish to hopefully spark that Hatters comeback. Alas for them, County were in no mood to allow that to materialise, and within another devastating threeminute spell, they put their opponents firmly on the canvas with no hope of reprieve. Firstly on 64 minutes, Andy Sandell played a one-two with Smith before bursting through the Luton defence like a chieftain tank: on and on he went,

before lashing home Newport's fourth with his not so familiar right peg.

The home crowd were in raptures now, and on 67 minutes, Jolley had a hat-trick as he majestically plundered County's fifth. A wonderful buildup saw the Hatters defence carved open once more, and the insatiable Jolley feigned with his right foot, before cutting back onto his trusty left, and the end result was as predictable as turkey and stuffing at Christmas. It was a veritable rout now, and the only surprise with twenty minutes still to play, was that the creaking scoreboard wasn't troubled any further.

"I think that's got to be my proudest win, my proudest moment Edinburgh afterwards:

so far," ... gushed

a delighted Justin

"And that's especially the case seeing as so many times when we've been live on television we've let ourselves down," ... he explained. "We are more than delighted to let people see the real Newport County tonight, both halves were consistently good and I am very happy indeed with that. Christian Jolley was unplayable in the first-half, and the whole front three were a constant thorn in Luton's side. With that performance, everybody can see why we're currently top of this league; I'm extremely proud of them."

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his time we talk to Gareth Burrows, a 31 year old father of two girls, who enjoys playing and watching football.

### So, when did you start supporting County?

I started supporting County in 1993 when my cousin Andrew took me to watch County at Spytty Park. It was over twenty years ago and I'm struggling remember who the opposition were.

# What are your best and funniest County memories to date?

My best memory is being at Wembley to watch us get promoted and the funniest is the fact that we beat Wrexham that day, when they thought they were going to beat us!

Which do you prefer and Why? Somerton Park, Spytty Park or Rodney Parade? I would love to have experienced Somerton Park but unfortunately never had the opportunity, of the other two I would have to say that Rodney Parade is my favourite because it is more of a football ground.

# What is your favourite away Ground visited and why?

For fairly obvious reasons I would say that Wembley has to be the best away ground and the best away experience I have had.

## And your favourite County Manager?

Dean Holdsworth.

#### You would have seen lots of players in the years you have supported County, who is your favourite and why?

It's between two... Sam Foley, as he always looked as though he had so much time on the ball, and, although I never saw him play, my old football coach, John Relish

### And the worst players and why?

Not going to name anyone, nobody was that bad!

### Do you have a match day routine?

Not really. I like to get there relatively early and of course, buying a programme and reading "My 15 Minutes" is always a priority!

#### lot of different kits over the years, do you perfer Amber or Orange? And out of the many away colours what is you favourite kit?

We have played in a

Favourite home kit would be the one with the GLC Chain on it. The away kit would be the white away kit from last season (or wasit the season before?)

What are your thoughts on the

#### season to date and for the remainder of the current Campaign?

It's been a good season up until now, it would be nice to make the playoffs for more experience but I don't think it would be good for us to be promoted this season, I thin k it would be too much too soon. I am gutted that Justin "had" to leave, but I suppose it opens the door for another exciting young manager to take up the reigns and realise the potential.

#### If you could choose one thing to be changed at Rodney Parade to improve your match day experience, what would it be?

If we could have stands all around the ground, and the fans to fill them, that would keep the atmosphere contained.

Thank you Gareth.





ork City are preparing for life after Bootham Crescent as they are set to relocate to a new purpose built stadium. City have played at Bootham Crescent since 1932 and whilst the stadium is a traditional lower division venue, it lacks the modern facilities required for the future. The new stadium will have an all-seater capacity of around 8000, which is not too dissimilar from the capacity at Bootham Crescent, but the new stadium will have modern facilities including hospitality which the current venue lacks. York City will share the new venue with York City Knights Rugby League Club and the venue is part of a wider Community facility which will involve a

swimming pools and educational facilities. The new Stadium is expected to be open in time for the 2016-17 season, so if you want to visit Bootham Crescent while it is still there, we probably have just two more visits.

Portsmouth's Jed Wallace has been named League Two Player of the Month for February. 21 year old Wallace scored twice during the month and put in a number of man-of-the match performances. Pompey manager Andy Awford made it a double by winning the League Two manager of the Month award. Portsmouth won four and drew two out of six games during February and kept four clean sheets. Portsmouth seemed to be facing a relegation fight during January,

but their recent form has seen them move into mid-table.

Wimbledon have

seen defender Andv

Frampton and striker David Connelly hand up their boots, 35 Year old Frampton has not featured for the Dons since November and has been forced to retire due to injury. Frampton played 35 games for Wimbledon after previously featuring for Gillingham, Brentford and Millwall. Connelly had only recently joined Wimbledon after being released by Portsmouth and the 37 year old. who had previously played for West Ham, Southampton and had gained 41 caps for Ireland, felt that the time was right to retire.

Oxford United midfielder Callum O'Dowda has received a call-up to the Republic of Ireland Under 21 squad. 19 Year old O'Dowda qualifies for Ireland through his late Grandfather and will join the squad later this month for their fixture at home to Andorra.

York City have signed Shaquile Coulthirst on loan until the end of the season. The 20 year old striker has returned to League Two from Tottenham Hotspur. after a previous loan spell earlier this \*season with Southend United in which he scored four goals in 25 appearances. Another Premier League youngster, Lloyd Jones, has ioined Accrinaton Stanley on loan from Liverpool. Centre half Jones will boost Stanlev's defence which manager John Coleman has identified as a weak area, and Jones will hope to add to the six League Two appearances he gained whilst on loan at Cheltenham earlier in this campaign.

Burton Albion have signed Birmingham City defender Callum Reilly on loan for the remainder of the season. Reilly has played 66 games over three years for the Championship club and the move shows that Burton have maintained a relationship with former manager Gary Rowett since his move to Birmingham earlier in the season

#### Johnstone's Paint Trophy

Premier League clubs could be allowed to field "B" teams in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. The competition for League One and Two teams is seen as a possible outlet for young English players to gain experience. Football Association Chairman

Greg Dyke had earlier proposed that Premier League B Teams could be entered into a new Football League Division, though this idea attracted a lot of opposition. Dyke is concerned that the England national team is suffering because of the international nature of the Premier League and is trying to arrange more meaningful. competitive football for young English players.

Dyke's proposal has gained the support of a majority of League One and League Two clubs and could go ahead next season if the idea is agreed at the summer meeting of Football League clubs. Whilst there could be some positives for teams such as Newport County in that we could potentially see Premier League

players competing against us at Rodney Parade, there is also a worry that this could set a dangerous precedent. If B teams prove to be a success in the Johnstone's paint Trophy, would there be another bid to get these teams into the Football League system?

The appeal of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, and it does have one, is that it culminates in a Wembley final. There is little prospect of League Two clubs reaching the FA Cup or League Cup Finals, Bradford City are the only team to have done so in my lifetime, and the pull of a Wembley Final is quite an incentive, particularly when your team gets through to the later stages of the competition.

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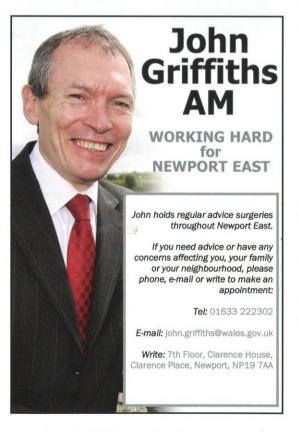


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# Exexiles

**Dan Parker** remembers Conference South promotions and looks back at the class of 2010



et ready to feel old...March 15th 2015 1 marked the fifth anniversary of County's record-breaking promotion from the Conference South, Yes. that magical win over Havant and Waterlooville at a packed, jubilant Spytty Park - a night when we showed Aston Villa how a pitch invasion is really done - is now half a decade ago.

In the first-half of an ex-Exiles two-parter, we take a look back on the class 2009-10.

#### **GOALKEEPERS**

Glyn Thompson, who featured in Chris Shingler's Look Back In Amber column earlier this season, is currently a goalkeeping coach for the age-grade sides at Leicester City. 'Thommo' - a man optimistically nicknamed 'England's Number One' by the Spytty faithful - was the first-name on the County team sheet throughout the 2009-10 season. and confined his deputy Keiron Blackburn to the bench for much of the campaign. Blackburn, now with Monmouth Town, did have his moment in the limelight though: winning a warmly ironic man of the match award for the briefest of cameo appearances in our final home game that season against Dover Athletic.

#### DEFENDERS

Our outstanding captain in 2009-10 season, Gary Warren, is now targeting Europa League qualification with Inverness Caledonian Thistle (as outlined in the ex-Exiles column in the Cheltenham programme). His partner in central defence for much of the season, Chris Todd, is with Eastleigh in the Conference. In December 2014 Todd recorded a charity single ('Save Me') to raise money for Leukemia and Lymphoma Research. The Swansea-born centre-half, who is in remission from chronic mveloid leukemia, told the Daily Mirror that the reasons for his musical

turn were simple: "I want to give something back to the charity who saved my life\_this is for everyone, young and old, who has gone through the devastation of being diagnosed with a blood cancer."

Paul Bignot joins a more recent ex-Exile, Christian Jolley, at Grimsby Town. Bignot has had a mixed run of form since joining the Mariners in 2013. and has struggled to establish himself in the first team at Blundell Park over recent months - despite a first goal for the club in January. His former County full-back partner, Martyn Giles (a somewhat forgotten but very reliable regular in the 2009-10 season)

is now with Vale of Glamorgan outfit Rhoose FC in the Welsh Third Division.

Newport-based

Colborne - whose

defender Gary

involvement in 2009-10 was limited to one substitute appearance - is still looking for a new club after leaving Mangotsfield in unusual circumstances this February. His exit came just a fortnight after a club statement suggesting a long-term future for Colborne with the Cossham Street outfit: though Mangos boss Richard Thompson assured the Bristol Post that there had been no falling-out between the two parties: "There's nothing behind that really and I just think Gary has been away for the two or three weeks and maybe he is finding it difficult to get himself fit. Some supporters have wondered what's gone on, but there's nothing in it. He was asked to go away and get fit, which he agreed he needed to do, and now two weeks down the line he has decided he won't be returning and that he will be looking for another club."

In a more exotic turn of events, former County stalwart Paul Cochlin is now Deputy Head of Secondary Pastoral Education at Cairo English School in the Egyptian capital. He is described on Linked-In as "an established, task orientated and collaborative professional who puts the development of student empowerment at the foundation of teaching and learning." Sounds impressive Paul!

Elsewhere Anthony Peters has since returned to his home state of Louisiana after a brief post-County spell at Gainsborough Trinity. He was most recently with Motagua New Orleans FC. Alton Thelwell, who had made Football League appearances with Tottenham Hotspur and Hull City before his five Conference South outings with County in 2009-10, now works as a personal trainer. Caerphilly-born Aaron Cook, who also played for the Isle of Wight 'National' side, wound down his career with Hampshire outfit Gosport Borough.

#### **MIDFIELDERS**

Danny Rose and Scott

Rogers, both featured

in last week's ex-Exiles column, are with Oxford United and Willand Rovers respectively (Rogers taking on playermanager duties at Willand). Their midfield comrade (at least during the first half of the 2009-10 season) was Kevin Cooper. Cooper is now manager of Swiss Second Division side Servette, a sleeping giant of a club in the land of the Toblerone. The Derby-born midfielder told the press that he was delighted to be given a chance with the Geneva outfit: "At my age, there are not too many opportunities in England to manage a club of this stature and pedigree. As soon as I met the owner and the commercial director it was clear we had the same philosophy. They accepted I was young and would make mistakes but there was no extra pressure. It was better than anything I could have imagined back in the UK."

Ashan Holgate recently signed for Chippenham Town in the Southern League Premier Division. The former County utility player was a welcome addition to the Bluebirds squad, with manager Mark Collier telling the Swindon Advertiser that: "Ashan has started up front, and that's the kind of role we see him in. but he can play in midfield too. He's not a prolific goals corer but he brings other people into play well. It's a good signing."

Charlie Henry, one of the

most popular players

of the Holdsworth era, is with Dunstable Town. Henry has been a regular goal scorer for the mid-table Calor League Premier Divison side since signing for the club from New Zealand side Team Wellington last summer. The similarly popular Kerry Morgan is still on fine form with his hometown club, Merthyr Town. The Martyrs, whose ranks are also bolstered by another 2009-10 County player. Kris Leek, are now clear favourites to clinch the Southern League Division One South and West title. At the time of writing, the Penydarren Park outfit sit ten points clear of nearest rivals Taunton Town.

Wayne Turk is also based in the Southern League Division One South and West as the current captain of North Leigh. He was voted Supporters' and Manager's Player of the Season in his first season with the Oxfordshire outfit.

Aaron Morris, who was used as a midfielder and a defender during his loan spell in Newport, is with Justin Edinburgh's

Gillingham. In a recent interview with Kent Online, Morris spoke of his delight at the prospect of returning to competitive football under Edinburgh after a season plaqued by injury: "I'm now easing my way back in and because of the good run we've been on, there has been no pressure to rush me back, which has helped. A while ago we were hovering around the relegation places but the boys have done amazingly well to push us up the league. That has taken the pressure off me."

Elsewhere Jamie Collins. a handy defensivemidfield option for County in 2009-10, has linked back up with Chris Todd at Eastleigh; while County's own Modfather Nathan Davies was most recently at Welsh League side Goytre. Sam Deering, a loanee in 2009-10, is now with Brighton-based Whitehawk FC, and oneappearance wonder James Coutts is with newly-founded Murray United FC in New South Wales (the Weymouthborn midfielder having emigrated to Australia in 2014). Takumi Ake has also left Blighty's shores, returning to his native Japan after a brief stint with Chelmsford City following his departure from Spytty Park. Meanwhile Ashley Nicholls, whose spell in Gwent was fairly short and sweet, is back in the Conference South with Maidenhead United.

Next time we look back on the strikers and offthe-field influences who contributed to that unforgettable campaign five years ago.

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ollowing tonight's tough game against Luton and our upcoming trip to Plymouth on Saturday, we head to east Lancashire when we play at Accrington Stanley on Friday 27th March. Wales are playing away to Israel the following evening which suits those not actually travelling to Haifa just fine, but unless I'm mistaken England's match against Lithuania at Wembley kicks off at exactly the same time as the Stanley v County

Despite being probably the smallest club in the Football League, Stanley are now just a couple of wins away from safety again this season. That would make it nine seasons in League Two since their emotional return and promotion in 2006. Their consistency has been astonishing as in seven of the previous eight seasons they have finished in a comfortable lower midtable spot, somewhere between 14th and 20th. Before last weekend they were 15th. In 2010/11 they bucked the trend and had a great run and made the play off's by finishing 5th. All of this has been done or attendances of not much

The point I'm making here is that as we all know at Newport County next season the playing budget

is expected to be cut by about 25%. This should not however mean instant doom and gloom - in fact I'm quite happy about it. We should live within our means and not be led into oblivion by blindly chasing the end of the rainbow. I always thought returning to the Football League was our very own pot of gold anyway.

reatly are a modet exampte of what can be achieved by sensible management and hard work. They have a manager that is based locally, is committed to the long term cause and knows the Lancashire scene inside out. He has built up good links with local clubs which helps in the loaning of top flight development players - only last week they signed a lad from Liverpool Add to that a quick study of the Stanley squad will give more clues. It's littered with ex-pro's from their much bigger neighbours; Burnley, Blackburn, Wigan and Bolton, or youngsters that have graduated from their own academy.

So a successful template exits at Accrington. As Newport County cut their cloth will we see a change in philosophy and employ a locally based manager with knowledge of the best of the local talent? We shall soon find out.

#### **ONES TO WATCH**

Shay McCartan is an attacking midfielder or forward with an eye for a goal and is currently Stanley top scorer. Originally played his football in Northern Ireland before being picked up by Burnley. Signed for Accrington on his release from the Turf Moor club in 2013 and hasn't looked back. Still only 20 years of age.

Piero Mingoia is an attacking midfielder from the north London area and was duly spotted by nearby Watford. Despite briefly breaking into to The Hornets first team Mingoia was released and has since found regular football at Accrington. Now in his second season with the club.

Luke Joyce is the engine room of the team in midfield and has now been a regular for six seasons. Has now clocked up 250 appearances for Stanley. Started out at neighbours Wigan.

Nicky Hunt is currently struggling with an injury but the vastly experienced right back has had a highly successful career thus far. He started out with hometown club Bolton where he played in the Premier League and regularly for the England – 21 team. Perhaps though

the heights which that early form had promised, but nevertheless found that Birmingham. Derby and Bristol City were all willing employers prior to returning to his Lancashire roots with Preston, before becoming a regular with Stanley from 2013.

Josh Windass is likely to lead the line. He will need to start scoring a few soon to stop everyone mentioning his old man. He hasn't yet, so I will. He's the son of Dean Windass, scorer of 200 goals in a 20 year playing career that went into his forties.

#### THE MANAGER

in his second spell at
Stanley, and the progress
the club achieved during
his first 12 years stint is
staggering. Accrington
won the Northern Premier
League Division One. and
then the Premier, and then
the Conference National
all within seven amazing
seasons. Attendances
quadrupled during this time
from just 400 odd to almos
2000. Eventually tempted
away by the bigger wallets
found at Rochdale but
that move surprisingly
didn't work out and after a
brief sojourn at Southport.
Coleman returned to the
Crown Ground last year to
replace James Beattie.

PREVIOUSLY .ast season we drew 3-3 vith Lee Minshull scoring a last minute equaliser. Robbie Willmott and Ryan Burge got the others in a game that was part of a winter of disappointment at the County. One win in fifteen games got blamed on the pitch as I recall... hmmm. Anyway that was our first ever visit to the Crown Ground, but we did play Stanley away on two other occasions, not too long before their sad 1962 liquidation. In April 1960 we battled out a 0-0 draw, and the season before in August 1958 it was yet another draw – this time 2-2. Big Ken McPherson and Jimmy Singer scoring for County. Those games were in Division Three and at the long since lost Peel Park

#### THE CROWN GROUND

Now known as the Store
First Stadium this ground is bright and neat and tidy, but most noticeably small.
That's not really an issue though as Stanley's home support rarely climbs up to 2000, so its never much more than one third full anyway. County supporters are allocated the Coppice End Terrace which is disproportionality large compared to the rest of the ground. This one end can accommodate 1800 spectators which is about 35% of the total ground capacity. The terrace is quite steep but without a cover although there is an option for away supporters to head for the

marvellously tiny Whinney Hill Stand to the right. To the left of the away terrace is the main stand which is under closer inspection actually two separate stands under one roof, which is quite unusual. In keeping with this quirkiness the far end is a mixture of seating and terracing, but the Sophia Khan Stand rises against the norm – the seating is at the front and the terrace at the back. Similar to the away section on the Grangetown End at Ninian in its final years.

All in all, a lovely intimate ground with an abundance of character, and after a break of more than forty years lets hope it stays on the Football League ground list for many seasons to come.

#### WHERE TO DRINK

Accrington Stanley own The Crown Inn pub which is pretty much outside the ground. Away supporters are welcomed, even encouraged! Otherwise there is another pub. The Grey Horse which is also on Whalley Road in the direction of the town centre. Should you be on Whalley Road but walking in the wrong direction ther fear not - The Greyhound is only about ten minutes walk in that direction.

**Dave Butcher** 

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4	Southend United	36	8	7	3	19	9	9	4	5	24	24	+10	62	W	D	D	W	L	L	w	D	w	W
5	Bury	36	11	3	4	27	16	7	4	7	20	20	+11	61	W	L	W	W	W	W	D	D	L	W
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11	Exeter City	36	6	6	6	25	26	7	5	6	24	25	-2	50	W	w	D	L	L	D	D	L	D	W
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1	Lenny Pidgeley	11/08/2012 v Mansfield Town (A) 4-3	4	0	1	0	5	0	72 (1)	0	0	
2	Ryan Jackson	07/08/2013 v Brighton (A) 3-1	23 (3)	0	2 (1)	0	25 (4)	0	56 (9)	0	6	
3	Kevin Feely	22/03/2014 v Torquay United (A) 1-0	13 (3)	0	1	0	14 (3)	0	14 (3)	1	4	1
4	Max Porter	03/03/2012 v Southport (A) 1-1	15 (6)	1			15 (6)	1	75 (13)	3	3	
5	Darren Jones	25/02/2004 v Stafford Rangers (H) 3-1	36	3	2	0	38	3	118	7	6	
6	Ismail <b>Yakubu</b>	13/08/2011 v Kettering Town (A) 2-3	26 (1)	2	2	0	28 (1)	2	125 (5)	15	2	
7	Adam Chapman	28/12/2012 v Gateshead (A) 3-2	22 (6)	3	2	0	24 (6)	3	71 (12)	7	3	
8	Lee Minshull	21/01/2012 v Forest Green (H) 0-0	27 (4)	2	2 (1)	0	29 (5)	2	119 (20)	12	5	
9	Rene Howe	11/01/2014 v Accrington Stanley (A) 3-3	5 (9)	0	1	0	6 (9)	0	18 (12)	3		
10	Aaron O'Connor	11/08/2012 v Mansfield Town (A) 4-3	21 (7)	7	3	1	24 (7)	8	65 (12)	29	2	2
11	Chris <b>Zebroski</b>	03/08/2013 v Accrington Stanley (H) 4-1	28 (4)	7	1(1)	0	29 (5)	7	66 (9)	20	7	2
12	Robbie Willmott	12/01/2013 v Lincoln City (A) 4-2	13 (1)	1	2	0	15 (1)	1	72 (16)	13	2	
3	Andy Sandell	07/01/2012 v Luton Town (A) 0-2	24 (6)	1	1	0	25 (6)	1	104 (9)	15	10	2
4	Shaun <b>Jeffers</b>	31/01/2014 v Southend United (A) 0-0	8 (6)	1	0 (1)	1	8 (7)	2	12 (17)	2		
16	Andrew <b>Hughes</b>	10/12/2008 v Cwmbran Town (A) 4-1	16	1	1	0	17	1	119 (17)	4	1	1
17	Michael Flynn	03/12/1997 v Panteg (H) 4-2	2 (7)	0	2	0 -	4(7)	0	99 (74)	18	1	
8	Yan Klukowski	09/08/2014 v Wycombe (H) 0-2	15 (14)	4	3	2	18 (14)	6	18 (14)	6	1	
0	Miles Storey	31/01/2015 v Shrewsbury Town (H) 0-1	7 (2)	2			7 (2)	2	7 (2)	2	2	
4	Joe Parker	17/01/2015 v Cambridge United (A) 0-4	0(3)	0			0(3)	0	0 (3)	0		
25	Jamie Stephens	03/08/2013 v Accrington Stanley (H) 4-1	5	0			5	0	11	0		
26	Regan Poole	20/09/2014 v Shrewsbury (A) 0-0	6	0	1	0	7	0	7	0		
27	David <b>Tutonda</b>	14/02/2015 v Wycombe (A) 2-1	6	0			6	0	6	0		
30	Joe Day	30/08/2014 v Portsmouth (A) 1-0	27	0	2	0	29	0	29	0		
33	Mark Byrne	09/08/2014 v Wycombe (H) 0-2	30 (3)	4	2	0	32 (3)	4	32 (3)	4	5	
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	Scott Tancock	27/09/2014 v AFC Wimbledon (H) 4-1	4	0			4	0	4	0	1	
	James Loveridge	04/10/2014 v Oxford United (A) 0-1	2 (5)	0	0 (1)	0	2 (6)	0	2 (6)	0		
	Curtis Obeng	24/11/2014 v Accrington Stanley (H) 1-1	4(1)	0	1	0	5(1)	0	5 (1)	0	1	
	Christian Jolley	17/11/2012 v Hyde (H) 1-3	0 (5)	0	1(1)	0	1(6)	0	46 (21)	16	1	
	Danny Crow	11/08/2012 v Mansfield Town (A) 4-3	0 (2)	0			0(2)	0	39 (23)	8		
	Joe Pigott	13/09/2014 v Northampton (H) 3-2	6 (4)	3	0(1)	0	6 (5)	3	6 (5)	3	3	





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# **SeasonStats**

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e 12  Reading	1-3			Pidgeley	Jackson <sup>0</sup>	Feely	Jones	Yakubu	Willmott	Chapn_	Klukowski	Byrne	Howe	O'Connor	Minshull	Jeffers <sup>1</sup>	Hughes	Flynn	Jolley	Parker	Thomas	J. Linington
16 Morecambe	2-3 2			Pidgeley	Jones	Yakubu	Willmott	Sandell	Hughes			Byrne	Howe	O'Connor <sup>4</sup>	Jackson	Zebroski	Jeffers	Klukowski	Jolley	Thomas	-	S. Stockbridg
e 19 Mansfield Town	0-1 2			Pidgeley	Feely	Jones	Yakubu	Willmott			Minshull	Byrne	O'Connor	Zebroski	Jackson	Howe	Jeffers	Hughes	Klukowski	Jolley	Thomas	D. Bond
23 Burton Albion	<b>1-1</b> 2			Pidgeley	Jackson	Feely	Jones	Willmott	Hughes	Chapr	Minshull	Byrne	O'Connor	Zebroski <sup>1</sup>	Yakubu	Sandell	Jeffers	Klukowski	Patten	Jolley	Thomas	K. Johnson
30 Portsmouth	1-0 1			Day	Jackson	Feely	Jones	Willmott	Hughes <sup>0</sup>	Chapne	Minshull	Byrne <sup>0</sup>	Zebroski	Jeffers	Yakubu	O'Connor <sup>®</sup>	Sandell <sup>18</sup>	Flynn	Klukowski	Jolley	Pidgeley	L. Collins
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	3-2 1	7 <sup>th</sup> 2,87	341	Day	Jackson	Feely	Jones <sup>1</sup>	Willmott	Hughes		Minshull <sup>a</sup>	Byrne	O'Connor	Zebroski <sup>1</sup>	Sandell	Flynn	Klukowski	Jolley	Parker	Pigott <sup>o</sup>	Pidgeley	C. Sarginson
e 16 💆 Tranmere Rovers	0-0 1	7 <sup>th</sup> 3.94	87	Day	Feely <sup>0</sup>	Jones	Willmott	Sandell	Hughes	Chapr	Minshull	Byrne	Zebroski	Pigott	O'Connor	Flynn	Klukowski	Jolley	Parker	Poole	Pidgeley	P. Tierney
20 Shrewsbury Town	0-0 1	6th 4.90	4 704	Day	Jones	Willmott	Sandell <sup>0</sup>	Hughes•	Poole	Chapn	Minshull	Byrne	Zebroski	Pigott	Jackson <sup>o</sup>	O'Connor	Flynn	Klukowski	Jolley	Collins	Pidgeley	D. Handley
23 8 Swindon Town	1-2	- 1,82	648	Day	Jackson	Willmott	Sandell	Poole	Chapman	Minsh	Flynn	Klukowski	O'Connor <sup>®</sup>	Jolley	Zebroski	Owen-Evans	Collins	Pigott	Pidgeley			T. Robinson
127 ¥ AFC Wimbledon	4-1 1	5 <sup>th</sup> 2,80	4 319	Day	Jones	Yakubu¹	Willmott	Sandell <sup>o</sup>	Tancock	Chaph	Minshull	Byrne	Zebroski	Pigott <sup>20</sup>	O'Connor <sup>4</sup>	Klukowski	Owen-Evans	Poole	Crow	-	-	D. Deadman
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11 Vork City	3-1 1	13 <sup>th</sup> 2,82	2 145	Day	Jones <sup>1</sup>	Yakubu	Willmott	Tancock <sup>®</sup>	Hughes <sup>1</sup>	Mins	Klukowski	Loveridge	Zebroski <sup>1</sup>	Pigott	Feely	Porter	O'Connor	Flynn	Owen-Evans	Poole	Pidgeley	C. Berry
18 Dagenham & Redbridge	1-0	9 <sup>th</sup> 1.65	4 154	Day	Jones	Yakubu	Hughes	Sandell <sup>0</sup>	Klukowski	Minsh	Loveridge	Byrne	Zebroski <sup>1</sup>	Pigott	Feely <sup>0</sup>	Porter	O'Connor	Tancock	Flynn	Collins	Pidgeley	T. Robinson
21 3 Southend United	1-0	8th 2.55	B 146	Day	Feely	Jones	Sandell	Tancock	Hughes	Porte	Minshull	Byrne <sup>1</sup>	O'Connor	Zebroski	Flynn	Loveridge	Owen-Evans	Collins	Pigott	Pidgeley		K. Hill
25 (a) Accrington Stanley	1-1	7 <sup>th</sup> 3.25	4 55	Day	Feely	Jones	Sandell	Hughes	Obeng <sup>0</sup>	Port	Minshull	Byrne	O'Connor	Zebroski	Yakubu	Tancock	Flynn	Klukowski	Loveridge	Pigott <sup>1</sup>	Pidgeley	M. Haywood
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8 & Luton Town	G= 2-4	- 3.65	6 334	Day	Jones	Yakubu	Hughes	Klukowski <sup>1</sup>	Obeng	Minsh	Flynn	Byrne	O'Connor <sup>4</sup>	Zebroski <sup>®</sup>	Jackson	Feely	Porter	Tancock	Loveridge	Collins	Pidgeley	C. Sarginson
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29 Carlisle United	3-2			Stephens	Jackson	Jones	Yakubu <sup>1</sup>	Sandell	Hughes	Ports	Minshull	Klukowski	O'Connor	Zebroski	Chapman <sup>o</sup>	Jeffers <sup>1</sup>	Obeng	Poole	Crow	Byrne	Pidgeley	P. Bankes
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t 20 💰 Luton Town	0-3	7 <sup>th</sup> 8,38	8 337	Stephens	Jackson	Jones	Yakubu	Sandell	Klukowski	Port	Minshull	Byrne	Zebroski	Jeffers	Chapman	Howe	Flynn	Poole	Crow	Collins	Pidgeley	D. Drysdale
26 Plymouth Argyle	2-0	7 <sup>th</sup> 5.02	0 965	Stephens	Jackson	Jones <sup>0</sup>	Yakubu	Sandell	Poole	Chapa	Minshull	Byrne <sup>1</sup>	Zebroski <sup>1</sup>	Jeffers	Howe	Flynn	Klukowski	Owen-Evans	Crow	Collins	Pidgeley	S. Martin
in 28 Cheltenham Town	1-0	5 <sup>th</sup> 3.41	7 1,094	4 Stephens	Jackson <sup>®</sup>	Jones <sup>0</sup>	Yakubu	Sandell	Poole	Chapne	Klukowski	Byrne	Zebroski <sup>1</sup>	Jeffers	Porter <sup>a</sup>	Minshull	Howe	Flynn	Jolley	Crow	Pidgeley	I. Williamson
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t 10 Portsmouth	1-0	3 <sup>rd</sup> 4.57	5 968	Day	Jackson	Jones	Yakubu	Sandell	Poole	Chapn	Minshull	Byrne <sup>1</sup>	O'Connor	Jeffers	Porter	Howe	Flynn	Klukowski	Owen-Evans	Crow	Stephens	M. Bull
at 17 🎄 Cambridge United	0-4	5 <sup>th</sup> 6.07	6 284	Day	Jackson <sup>o</sup>	Jones	Yakubu	Sandell	Poole	Chapn	Minshull	Byrne	O'Connor <sup>®</sup>	Zebroski <sup>®</sup>	Feely	Porter	Jeffers	Flynn	Klukowski	Parker	Stephens	S. Attwell
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t 14 Wycombe Wanderers	2-1				Jackson <sup>o</sup>	Jones	Yakubu	Tutonda	Porter	Klukof²	Storey	Byrne	Howe	O'Connor	Feely	Chapman	Jeffers	Flynn	Parker	Poole	Stephens	M. Bull
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# Up Next... Hartlepool United

Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 3.00pm Sky Bet League 2

n Good Friday Newport County AFC await League Two strugglers Hartlepool United in a must win fixture for the home side. With the battle at both ends of the table these two sides will need to take every point they can make to boost their chances of a higher league position.

Since joining the Football League in the late 1950's, Hartlepool have only spent 14 of those seasons away from League Two. In the early 2000's they enjoyed two great seasons in League One where they reached the play-offs but were runners up to Sheffield Wednesday in 2004/4; in the following year they were knocked out in the semi finals to Bristol City.

where the Robins scored two goals in the last three minutes to reach the final. After a poor season in 2013 the Pools were relegated into League Two where they play at this stage.

with only 3 points separating them from the drop. However this season it has been a very difficult year in the North East. The club currently sit a long way away from survival in the league but Ronnie Moore continues to stay optimistic about his team's chances of avoiding relegation. With a difficult fixture list still ahead of them, it doesn't look too positive at Victoria Park.

A prolific goal threat for years at the highest

calibre. Marlon Harewood is one of the biggest names in League Two. The 35 year-old has played for clubs such as Aston Villa, West Ham and Nottingham Forest. Midfielder Jonathan Franks joined the Pools in 2012, and the 24 year-old has become a pivotal part of the Durham side.

Hartlepool will come to Rodney Parade in desperate need of points as time is seriously running out. But for Newport County this is another key step in a battle to secure a playoff spot, a home match up against lower league opposition is always a must win at this point in the season.

James Stevens

### **LastMeeting**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 Sky Bet League 2

#### Hartlepool County

Hoping to break their northern voodoo Newport County travelled to struggling Hartlepool on the 1st November 2014 Chris Zebroski fired a great strike in front of the travelling Exiles' supporters after 11 minutes, and midway through the second half Aaron O'Connor broke trough to double the lead. Andy Sandell received two yellows in the space of a minute and two late home goals meant County only took away one point.

Line-Up Day, Jones, Yakubu, Hughes, Sandell Minshull, Flynn, Porter (Klukowski), Obeng, O'Connor (Loveridge), Zehroski

Attendance 3.172



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#### **Newport County**

Caretaker Manager Jimmy Dack Shirts Amber Shorts Black

- Ryan Jackson
- Kevin Feely
- **Max Porter**
- Darren Jones
- Ismail Yakubu
- Adam Chapman
- Lee Minshull
- Rene Howe
- Aaron O'Connor
- Chris Zebroski
- Robbie Willmott
- Andy Sandell
- Shaun Jeffers
- Andrew Hughes
- Michael Flynn
- Yan Klukowski
- Miles Storev
- Tom Owen-Evans
- Joe Parker
- Jamie Stephens
- Regan Poole
- David Tutonda
- Joe Day
- Mark Byrne
- Aaron Collins



#### Luton Town

Manager John Still Shirts White Shorts White

- 1 Mark Tyler
- Fraser Franks
- Danny Fitzsimons
- Jonathan Smith
- Steve McNulty
- 6 Alex Lacey
- Alex Lawless
- Andy Drury
- Paul Benson
- 10 Alex Wall
- 11 Jake Howells
- Scott Griffiths
- 13 Mark Cullen
- Andy Parry 14
- Luke Rooney
- 16 Elliot Justham
- Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu
- Ross Lafayette
- Ricky Miller
- Shaun Whalley
- Luke Guttridge
- Michael Harriman
- Matt Robinson
- Curtley Williams
- Jayden Stockley
- Nathan Doyle
- Paul Connolly
- Luke Wilkinson
- Nathan Oduwa
- Mark Onyewah
- Elliott Lee
- Craig King
- Cameron McGeehan

#### Match Officials

Referee

**Brendan Malone** 

Assistants

**Simon Knapp** Lee Swabey

Fourth Official **Mark Pottage** 

#### Today's Fixtures

17th March

Cambridge v Tranmere

Dag & Red v Plymouth

Exeter v Stevenage

Mansfield v Wimbledon

Morecambe v Shrewsbury

Northampton V Carlisle

Oxford Utd v Hartlepool

Portsmouth v Cheltenham

Wycombe V Accrington

York V Bury

#### LeagueTable

14th March

Pos Team	Pld		Pt
1 ® Burton	36	+20	70
2 <b>W</b> ycombe	36	+20	67
3 Shrewsbury	36	*23	65
4 3 Southend	36	+10	62
5 M Bury	36	*11	61
6 & Luton	36		58
7 ■ Plymouth	36		56
8 * Stevenage	36		56
9 @ County	36		54
10 Northampton	36	*10	53
11 🕸 Exeter	36		50
12 * AFC Wimbledon	36		49
13 Portsmouth	36		48
14 V Morecambe	36	0	48
15  Accrington	36		44
16 & Cambridge	36	*1	43
17 ♥ Oxford	36	-3	43
18 Dag & Red	36		43
19 Mansfield	36	-14	42
20 Vork City		-7	37
21 8 Carlisle	36	-19	37
22 9 Cheltenham	36		36
23 Tranmere	36	-12	34
24 • Hartlepool	36	-31	30
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Up Next at Rodney Parade **Hartlepool United** Sky Bet League 2 Good Friday 3rd April 2015 Kick Off 3:00pm