

Wayne will face mentor

Still set for Victoria Road comeback

A familiar face will return to the dugouts at Victoria Road this Sunday when Dagenham & Redbridge host Luton Town, *writes Ned Keating*.

Current Daggers boss Wayne Burnett will be going up against his predecessor and mentor John Still who is in charge of the Hatters.

Burnett does not have the best of records, having yet to win in either of their two encounters, losing 3-1 at Kenilworth Road and drawing 0-0 at home last season.

With the pressure well and truly on the Dagenham boss, he is unlikely to be excited about the return of such a popular figure at the club.

But Burnett hopes he can finally get one over a man who has played such an important role in his managerial career.

"It's going to be a tough game and they have some very good players. We're probably expected to be beaten anyway, aren't we?" said Burnett.

"We'll be at home and trying to win the game because that's what we have to do. We're bottom of the league and we're getting cut adrift slightly.

"It's always nice to see John. His teams are competitive, work hard and have some very good players."

Still is not the only member of Luton staff to be making a return to east London, with Danny Green, Paul Benson, Luke Wilkinson and Craig Mackail-Smith all coming back.

Current crop

With so many former Daggers, it could present the current crop at Victoria Road with a chance to prove they are better than the old guard.

But Burnett refuses to buy into that logic, suggesting it is simply a clash between Dagenham and Luton rather than two generations of Daggers teams.

"It's Dagenham versus Luton and that's the game we'll be taking on," he added.

"There'll be no sentiment in terms of John coming back, I'm sure he'll get a warm welcome. He was incredibly successful at this football club and deserves a warm welcome, but it will be us against them."

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