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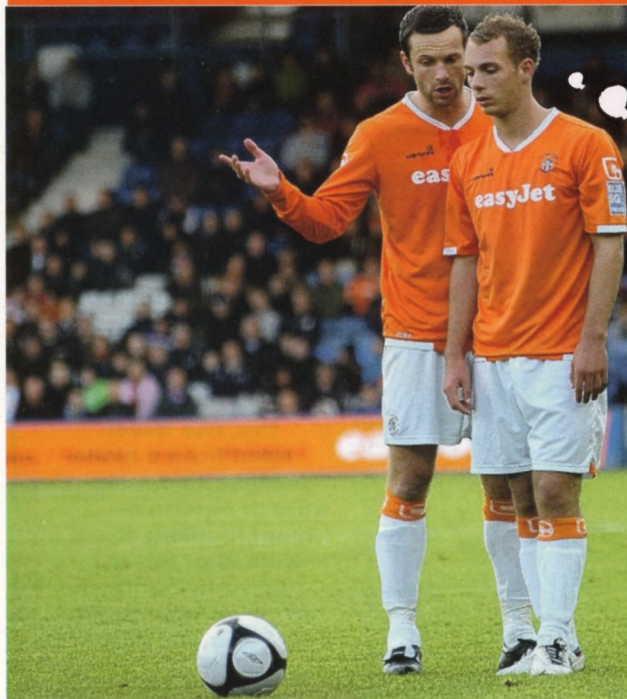
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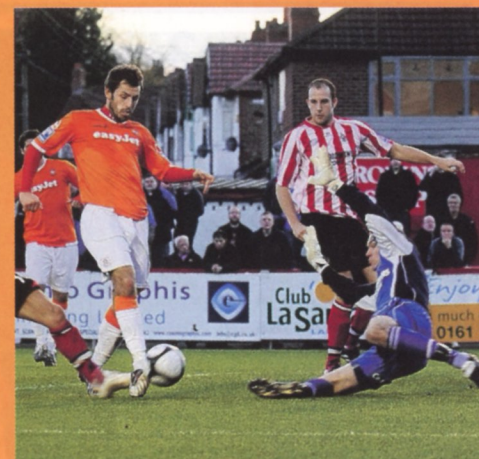
THE jigsaw puzzle finally seems to be coming together.

Whether Alex Lawless is a piece, the last piece, or a piece of sky, we can only hope that he can add the guile that the Town have lacked at some points this season.

We're now just two points off the summit and it's not even Christmas – do you think Santa can bring us top spot for the big day?

Hopefully he'll bring Mr Money the picture of that jigsaw puzzle he's been busily putting together. He's certainly been making plenty of progress.

The edge has been done and you can already start to see what it will look like. But there are



**MAKING AN IMPACT:** Alex Lawless nets the winner for the Hatters at Altrincham

still a few areas that could do with extra definition. Barnesy and Crow certainly look to have the ammo, but is there sufficient back-up?

The youngsters have also started to show their worth and it can't be long

until Walker and the on-fire Poku will be knocking on the door. While Besta I'm sure would love Santa to bring him some form.

Question is, has Money finished his Christmas shopping?



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# The news at

## Close shave? Not quite yet

THIS month the Hatters are ditching the razor as part of Movember, a campaign to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

Everyone at club is supposed to be taking part, but for some of our baby-faced squad it'll take more than a month to develop a beastly rugged look.

The boys will be posing for a photograph soon to prove they took part.

And Freddie Murray for one can't wait for it all to end. It looks like he's itching to throw in the towel.



"Pass me the shaving foam," begs left back Freddie

## Should he stay or should he go?

Manager Richard Money has had his ups and downs with Hatters supporters this season it's fair to say. HTO was contacted by two fans eager to have their say on the gaffer...

**STAY:** Having been an Hatters fan and season ticket holder for a good many years I have to say I was disgusted by those morons who chanted "You don't know what your doing" at Richard Money against Bath City.

As far as I was concerned at that stage of the game he could have substituted any of about eight players as at that time we were not playing very well with Bath very much on top. Whether supporters agreed with the substitution of Danny Crow and obviously some of them didn't, it turned out to be the right decision because Luton got on top again for the last few minutes and may well have added to their total.

I have to say that I do not always agree with the manager's team selections or his substitutions but he is the guy in charge and we as supporters should respect his decisions. After all he has got a pretty good track record since being at Luton Town.

Being very much pro Richard Money and his team I can understand the reason he was disappointed by some of the fans' reactions. But being manager and in the firing line he has got to rise above all that, many other managers have suffered similar abuse and come through it and I am sure Richard is man enough to do the same.

**Gerry Gray**

**GO:** I believe that the time is up for Richard Money. Having heard him on the radio and read interviews in the local papers this guy is just so full of excuses it's unreal. It's either 'all this travelling is having an effect on us' or in the case of the latest disaster against Crawley Town 'well we are the underdogs'.

Money says he now has the team he wants. That's a joke. He is the most arrogant manager I think that we have ever had. His team selections are a joke, he keeps chopping and changing the players and to me the team does not have the killer instinct to finish teams off.

He stupidly got rid of our two best strikers, Tommy Craddock and Kevin Gallen, who between them scored nearly 40 goals last season.

Barnes-Homer is not the answer and neither is Taiwo Atieno. The midfield is a major problem, there is no creativity from the current crop of players who are basically defenders.

With the current manager and players I cannot see us even getting into the play-offs.

Money seems to think that nothing he does is wrong. I have news for him, most of the supporters think that he has no man-management skills, cannot motivate his players, has poor team selections, and chops and changes his team all the time. The sooner he is out the better.

**Roger Cook**

# Ken Rumours, speculation, gossip and half-truths



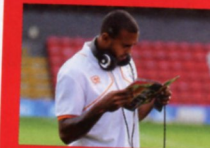
## Water way to coach these kids!

WE all know that Hatters' survival depends on an ongoing conveyor belt of young players.

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8 pts steve sims	Town 4 Histon 0 I'm tempted to go 8-0, but let's not heap too much pressure on. I'll settle for half that!	Charlton 3 Town 0 * Aah, the magic of the FA Cup. Not this time I'm afraid as Charlton roll us over with ease.	Wimb 2 Luton 1 Hatters always do it the hard way, so expect us to have to play catch-up in the title race.	F Green 1 Town 2 After the 6-1 romp, this should be an easy win, but then again Altrincham was only 1-0.
6 pts mike simmonds	Town 3 Histon 0 Another home game, another fistful of goals for Richard Money's sharpshooting men.	Charlton 2 Town 1 * Hatters are cheered on by a bumper following, but Phil Parkinson's high-fliers go through.	Wimb 2 Luton 2 A cracking end-to-end match at Kingsmeadow with both side's title ambitions intact	F Green 0 Town 3 Forest Green were terrible at the Kenny and Hatters will rack up the goals once more
6 pts steve nolan	Town 1 Histon 0 No repeat of last season's goal fest in this one as Hatters scrape a narrow win.	Charlton 1 Town 0 * A valiant performance by the Hatters who fall to a very late goal from the Addicks.	Wimb 1 Luton 1 Lucky to draw and keep pace with the Dons but Crawley gain valuable ground on both.	F Green 0 Town 2 A comfortable away day win for the Hatters. Would be embarrassed to lose this one.

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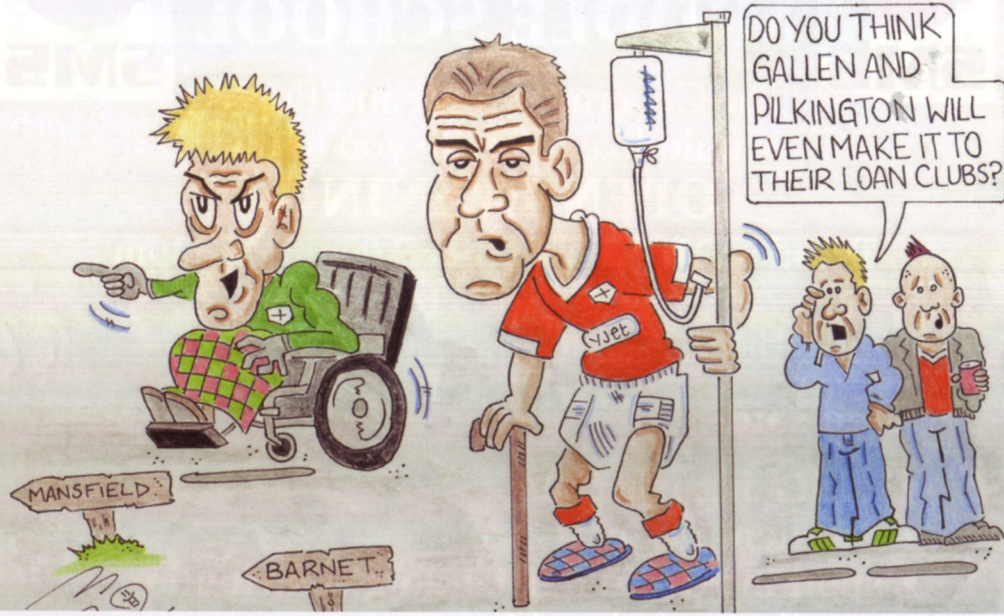
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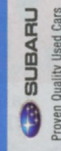
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# Tom's take



Tom Skinner gives his thoughts on the latest Hatters news

ALTHOUGH I'm not based in Leeds any longer, I've continued to go oop north about once a month, at week-ends, to see my friends who are doing further study there.

One of Leeds student traditions is the Otley Run, a pub-crawl which takes you through Headingley up to the university.

You are meant to dress up and because my friend Becky picked the Disney theme, two weeks ago I was walking from pub to pub dressed as Tigger and doing a very passable impression of the Hull City mascot.

Believe me, this tale – or should that be

tail (!) – does relate to LTFC eventually...

Anyway since the idea is to start drinking soon after 3pm, by 11.30pm I'd had sufficient and returned to another friend's house thinking of going to sleep.

By the time I got there, I was about as alert as Luton defending a set-piece, yet a look at my watch triggered the thought that there would probably be some FA Cup highlights on telly and a rare chance to see some footage of the Hatters.

Having sat groggily through over an hour of the programme, which included such



JUMPING FOR JOY? Tigger

galacticos as Harrow Borough and Hythe Town, what was the reward for my endurance?

About 20 seconds of action, half of which was the Corby player

doing a stupid Peter Beagrie-esque cart-wheel celebration!

On Look East the following Monday, they announced our game as 'the pick of the ties', before showing exactly the same clip.

How bad can the other games have been?!

I barely had time to note that Corby's ground consists of little more than a running track and an ice cream van.

Anyway, at least we're back playing the big boys today... those 'giants' of Cambridgeshire, Histon.

Time for another drink methinks...

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Best looking Hatter:

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Most valuable player:

George Pilkington

Player to flog: None

Ideal night out: Girls night  
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Favourite TV shows: The  
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If Half-time Orange's Steve Nolan was in charge of the team, this is what he'd do.



### Steve's line-up for today



SUBS: Kidd, Asafu-Adjaye, Gnaka, Atieno, Walker

EVENTS at the Kenny in recent weeks have made me glad I only have to pick a Hatters team in the fanzine and not for real.

There's just no pleasing some people. He may come out with some contentious things that are never going to ingratiate with the fans, but to give Money stick for taking off a popular player when you're 3-1 up and having won six of the last seven is ludicrous. I guess some morons just like a good whinge.

Even if you do lack a bit of faith in Dickie Dosh, but for some howling wind and a silly header from Freddie Murray, we could have been top of the league at the time of writing.

But despite Freddie's error, he has been otherwise consistent this season, putting his mistake behind him with a good display at Altrincham,

and would sit in the back four with George Pilkington, Kroca and Gleeson lining up in front of Tyler between the sticks.

Alex Lawless has looked like another very good signing and would sit in the middle alongside Keith Keane, with the ever-impressive Drury (hands off Crawley!!) on the right.

A shame that Morgan-Smith is likely to still be out injured, so I'd like to see Jake Howells in the starting XI instead. It's great to see Barnes-Homer hit double figures for the season, and his partnership with Danny Crow is really starting to blossom.

Town hit six past Histon at home last season. Let's hope they can do the same again today and with the top two slipping up (fingers crossed), we could find ourselves top of the tree by full time.

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# It wouldn't happen to US

New Yorker Justine Alessandrini reflects on what she's learnt about 'soccer'

COMING from just outside New York City, I have always followed sports.

Baseball, American football, hockey and basketball are what a lot of New Yorkers live and breathe.

Soccer, or football as I have come to know it, is not typically on the agenda.

I became a Hatters fan in March 2009 and have come to love all things football and of course all things Luton Town.

However, there are a few things that I just still cannot come to terms with.

First of all, what is

with segregation?

Of course, I understand that it is for people's safety and there were problems before it existed and it's good that we have it now.

What I do not understand is why we do not usually need it in the USA?! Not to say people from England aren't tough because I'm sure you are, but New Yorkers can be belligerent, out of control so-and-sos.

If you have ever been to a Yankees v Red Sox game or a Dolphins v Jets game then you'd know what I'm talking about!

But yet we still don't

have segregation and England does...

I don't understand why there's a difference between the two nations and why America gets away with integrated fans.

Speaking of unruly fans, how come I can't get a beer during the match?

Now, again I know drinking can make people a little wild, but how come we get away with it in America?

You could suggest that the British are more boisterous than Americans when they're intoxicated.

But I've been to my fair share of pubs

while over here and I know that you lot can out-drink Americans any day of the week.

A cold one while watching the game is something I truly miss.

And what's this concept of a tie? How can you play 90-plus minutes of football and not have a winner? Surely it's better to play until there's a result.

Then again there was a baseball game in the 1980s that lasted 25 innings and eight hours six minutes.

OK, so maybe you're on to something with this draw thing... but I still want that beer!

## dear dot



Half-time Orange's agony aunt Dorothy Doolittle tackles some of the problems brewing under the surface at Kenilworth Road



**LAWSY SAYS:**

Dear Dot. I have recently signed for the Hatters, and have been greeted by a load of unshaven footballers. Are they trying to take the mickey out of me?



**DOT SAYS:**

Fear not pet, it's all for charity. It's this thing called November you see. My question is though, with that unkempt rat under your chin, what's your excuse for looking so scruffy?



**DICKY DOSH SAYS:**

I've heard people have been discussing my appearance in the dug-out recently. Although it is all being done for a good cause as I have been banned from shaving, I wondered if you had any, ahem, manly beauty tips for me.



**DOT SAYS:**

Don't listen to them my dear, I think you're a fine looking man and in fact me and my fellow agony aunts like a bit of hair on a man to grab on to. I think you should keep on growing it into the New Year, it never did the likes of Brian Blessed, Hagrid any Father Christmas any harm.



**NEWT SAYS:** It appears I'm going to have to a few weeks off as I can't shake off this Achilles injury. What am I going to do with all this spare time?



**KEV SAYS:**

Help me Dot, I remember the days I was a feared striker, now I can't even score for Barnet!



**DOT SAYS:**

I'm sure you'll come good for those Bees, just keep on buzzing round that penalty box, there's bound to be a sting in the tail. Boom boom!



**DOT SAYS:** Come on now Adam, it's not like you were doing that much anyway, so you should be pretty used to the drill by now!

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Roger Wash looks back to see how the Town fared on this day in years gone by

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WHEN the Town suffered relegation to the old Division Four for the first time in their history in 1965, it was generally reckoned that crowds would continue to drop.

By the time of the visit of Notts County to Kenilworth Road on November 20, however, the partnership of ace goalscorer John O'Rourke and goal-keeper turned striker Tony Read, pictured, had begun to bear fruit.

The game got off to a positive start when, in the third minute,



winger Ray Whittaker ran on to a quickly taken free-kick, sprinted 30 yards and shot low into the net.

Derek Shiels then levelled for the Magpies, against the run of play, when he was first to a loose ball in the Luton penalty area.

County were on the back foot on the sodden surface and their

spoiling tactics against the fast and clever Town forwards were not going down well with the Kenilworth Road faithful.

Justice was done when, after 16 minutes, Graham French was obstructed and then hacked down on the edge of the area leaving Read to hammer in the resultant free-kick.

Luton appeared to be losing their grip on the game but two minutes from the break O'Rourke netted a typical opportunist effort.

Town still attempted to play football despite the conditions but

as they approached the Oak Road end the ball stuck in the mud making it easy for the Notts defenders.

The Town, however, no longer looked likely to surrender their lead and a fourth goal followed on 69 minutes when a move involving French and O'Rourke left Read with time and space to pick his spot.

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## from the allotments

...with 'orrible 'ornet Don Monty



YEP, I was here.

I broke my five year absence and was among the throngs of cider drinkers from Bath City at the mighty Kennelworth Road recently.

We won't mention the score - other than the fact most of us in black and white would have taken a 3-1 defeat at the start of play and frankly I feared a massacre after the first 30-odd minutes.

Still, Bath won the second half... one of those utterly pointless statements to make when you're scrabbling for some-



Town players celebrate a goal and Paul Walsh

thing positive to say.

I was looking forward to witnessing your glorious easyJet shirts in the flesh - but the little matter of your 125th anniversary meant you were sporting marvellous blue and pink shirts.

You looked more

like a rugby side - but you didn't have the ball in the air anywhere near as much as we did in our heyday.

Talking of heydays, the much vaunted parade of stars at half time had me intrigued.

And yes, obviously

amused, could you actually rustle up seven from the past century and a bit?

But seriously, where were your stars of the 1980s?

Your greatest decade or so I am told, repeatedly?

What about Paul Walsh, Brian Stein, Ricky Hill... I'd have even taken Emeka Nwajioobi. But nowhere to be seen.

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