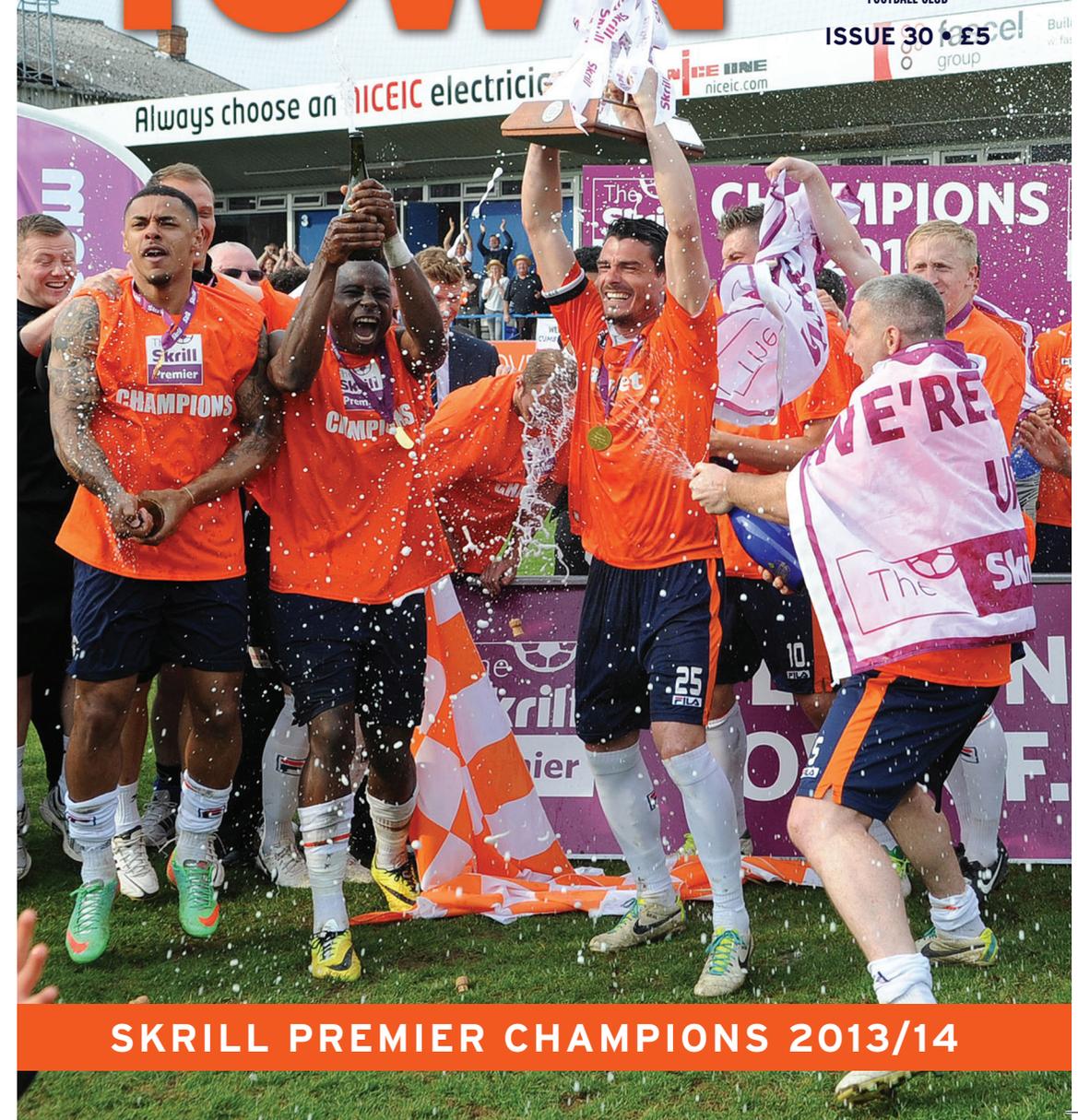


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WE'RE IN LEAGUE 2!

welcome

TO KENILWORTH ROAD

“ CHAMPIONES, CHAMPIONES, OLE, OLE, OLE

What a season it has been! The Town have swept all before them with a stunning, record-breaking campaign that will live long in the memory but, most importantly, it has been a season that ensures the Hatters will be back in the Football League in 2014/15. How good does that sound?

To celebrate and document the Hatters' wonderful achievement, we give you this, a very special edition of Talk of the Town, that looks back on the 2013/14 season that saw the Town lift the Conference title.

We've got all of Gareth Owen's magnificent photographs from every single league and cup game, recording the season from its start in Southport to its conclusion at Hyde. We've also got pictures from the celebrations in the town centre at the council's fantastic civic reception and parade.

And, if that wasn't enough, we have exclusive interviews with those the matter, including John Still and members of the Town squad, whilst each player was able to fill out a champions questions-and-answer form.

We've got statistics, more photographs and reaction from you – the fans – in the wake of what truly has been a season to remember. Flick forward to page 137 to see if your comment made it in!

So that's that- enjoy these pages and enjoy the summer and see you in League 2 in August!

#COYH #LutonAreBack ”

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the manager

JOHN STILL

Well, where do I start? What a fantastic season. A wonderful journey which cumulated in the league title and promotion for this club back to the Football League.

Our last home match of the season against Forest Green was important for so many reasons, not least because we wanted to end our campaign at Kenilworth Road in style.

But the manner of the performance typified the players' attitude throughout the season. To go a goal down and bounce back to win 4-1 was terrific and it was the perfect lead-up to the very special celebrations afterwards that saw us handed the championship trophy.

Determination

The celebrations of that day will live long in my memory. Indeed the whole season will be etched in the memories of the players and staff and, of course, you the supporters. Having been crowned champions on a day when we were not playing – and with still three games to play – I must take my hat off to the players for remaining professional in the pursuit of records.

To then go and show the determination to break them by winning 100 points and scoring 100 points is a real testament to this group of young men. Winning the league is fantastic – it was, naturally, the first thing we wanted to achieve, but to break as many records as we did added a little bit of cream to what we accomplished.

The outpouring of emotion of this season's achievement has been truly unbelievable and the scenes after the Welling, Forest Green and Hyde matches are things I will never forget. I'm sure this is also the case for my hard-working staff and the players. Winning titles does not happen every day so this season is one to cherish and treasure.

It is difficult to summarise the whole season but this is how I see it: We started slowly but steadily picked up steam and hit a rich vein of form where we were scoring goals at will. It was fantastic to be involved in and even more exciting to watch.

I think if I had to pick a highlight, I'd plump for either Alfreton away or Kidderminster, Wrexham and Hereford at home. Those performances are up there with the best.

On the flip-side of the coin, there were the gritty displays at Macclesfield, Barnet and Cambridge, whilst the home win over Barnet – in the worst conditions I've ever seen in my career – showed all the qualities required to be champions.

I would like to thank, wholeheartedly, the contributions of all the players. Their effort and determination in training has pushed others on. So, to the whole squad, a massive well done.

As I've said in some interviews, the board's support of me has been absolutely first class. It gave me real delight to see the smiles on their faces when promotion was confirmed.

I know it means a great, great deal to all of those involved. A big thanks for their support – and for employing me in the first place!

The support from the terraces has been one of the biggest highlights of this incredible nine months.

I think everyone was aware of how much it grew as the season progressed, and once we came through some early-season adversity it was a snowball effect. It got bigger and bigger and bigger and I wonder how much it can still grow. The only way is up.

Belief

I don't particularly want to look too far forward but the work will continue and it will be done so using the same philosophy, the same belief and the same work ethic.

This club can keep progressing but needs to do so in the right way. The right way has proved to be okay this season.

In closing I think it would be wrong not to touch on the fantastic occasion we enjoyed in Luton town centre for the civic reception and the open-top bus celebrations.

Some people told me what to expect but I never expected to see so many people – what a fabulous day. We were fortunate weather-wise and it will be one of those things that will stay with me forever.

Now, though, is the time for us all to enjoy the summer break and look forward to the next step on the ladder next season.



boardroom

WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN



I'll never forget that brilliant day in October 2006 when we thrashed Leeds United 5-1 in the Championship in front of 10,000 jubilant fans at Kenilworth Road and were thinking about possibly going up to the Premier League.

We were absolutely superb that day – little did we even begin to imagine the horrors about to unfold for our beloved football club.

We went down that season, as you know, the first of three consecutive relegations, we eventually entered yet another period of administration, had a total of 40 points docked in a matter of months and were dismally dumped out of the Football League in 2009.



Looking back now, it is almost unthinkable that we could have suffered so much as a football club.

Thanks to a small group of determined long standing supporters who got together in those darkest hours and invested substantial amounts of either time or cash or both, Luton Town Football Club is now forging back to the Promised Land - leaner, hungrier, stronger and wiser.

We will, of course, never forget the draconian penalties that could so easily have hammered us into oblivion, but right now we can at last look forward, not back, and luxuriate in a tide of hope, optimism and sheer joy at our return to the Football League, back in the family we'd made a significant contribution to in so many ways since the 1920s.

Fabulous

For that, all of us must give thanks to John Still and his management team, their fabulous record breaking playing squad, everyone who works in and around Kenilworth Road, full-time or part-time, our dogged investors and our renowned fans – and that probably means just about everyone reading this right now.

Our fanbase is becoming legendary because of the way everyone has rallied round at a time when less committed supporters would surely have backed off and called it a day.

That is not the Luton way – and the world of football now knows it.

Our following in recent years has become renowned - simply awesome, culminating in astonishing numbers this season, both home and away.

It has played a major part in keeping the club going and pushing us on to become outstanding champions with more than 100 points and more than 100 goals. Winners by a remarkable 19 points – with 91 more points than the bottom club in the same league. Is that some sort of record in itself?

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Happy times! See you in August – in the **FOOTBALL LEAGUE.**

Nick Owen



HONOURS

Skrill Premier Champions 2013/14

Littlewoods Challenge Cup:
Winners 1988, Runners-up 1989

FA Cup:
Runners-up 1959
Semi-finalists 1959, 1985, 1988, 1994

Johnstone's Paint Trophy:
Winners 2009

Simod Cup:
Runners-up 1988

Football League Division Two:
Champions 1981/82
Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74

Football League Division Three (South):
Winners 1936/37
Runners-up 1935/36

Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 1969/70

League One:
Champions 2004/05

Football League Division Four:
Champions 1967/68

Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 2001/02

Blue Square Premier:
Runners-up 2009/10

Southern League Division One:
Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

Southern League Division Two:
Runners-up 1913/14

United League:
Champions 1897/98
Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01

Southern Alliance:
Runners-up 1913/14

SOUTHPORT 1-0 TOWN

MILLIGAN 22



STILL SAID:

“We were beaten and we deserved to be beaten, so I've got no issues with that. We didn't produce the sort of form I think we're capable of. Southport's goal was unfortunate for us. Having said that, I don't think we did enough to win the game.”



LEAGUE POSITION 18

ATTENDANCE 2,210
839 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

22' Frustration for Town, Whalley goes down under a challenge - nowt given, Southport break, Guttridge concedes free-kick...

22' **GOAL** Southport 1-0 Town

22' Milligan's free-kick clips the top of the Town wall and completely leaves Tyler flat-footed. 1-0 to the hosts.

75' **TOWN PENALTY.** GRAY FOULED.

76' Hurst dives away to his left to keep Whalley's pen out, keeper saves Smith's follow-up before Guttridge shot also saved.

FT Southport 1-0 Town.



TOWN 2-0 SALISBURY

TAIWO 64 (PEN), GUTTRIDGE 81



STILL SAID:

“I wanted that first win, especially at home. I thought we were efficient, and there will be lots of games where we'll need to be efficient this season. We competed, and that's the first thing you look for. It wasn't great but it's still early days. The first six or seven games teams are always still sorting themselves out but we'll keep getting better little by little.”



LEAGUE POSITION 12

ATTENDANCE 6,520

HOW IT HAPPENED 

62' PENALTY TO THE TOWN - GRAY FOULED

63' GOAL! Town 1-0 Salisbury Taiwo (pen) Sends the keeper the wrong way - 1-0 Town!

65' Gray felled by Clarke minutes after his introduction and Taiwo, cool as you like, sends the goalkeeper the wrong way.

81' GOAL! TOWN 2-0 Salisbury (Guttridge)

81' Easy this, right-wing free-kick swung in by Martin and Guttridge unmarked five yards out, 2-0.

TOWN 1-1 MACCLESFIELD

GUTTRIDGE 90

HOLROYD 63



STILL SAID: “When you don’t play well anything you get is a bonus. We’ve got to be positive. We had good periods today but didn’t have consistent periods. We’ve had two home games and not played well in each of them but we’ve got four points. Once we start playing well it’ll be a different situation.”



LEAGUE POSITION 13

ATTENDANCE 6,216

HOW IT HAPPENED 

41' Stunning from Andre Gray, robs Williams, darts into the area shot comes back off the inside of the post. Great effort, unlucky.

63' **GOAL!** Town 0-1 Macclesfield (Holroyd)

63' Kisscock's low cross along the penalty met by Holroyd, first-time shot finds the bottom corner, beating Tyler. 0-1.

90+7' **1-1!** GUTTRIDGE!

97th-minute equaliser for the Town! 1-1!
And that's FT.



FOREST GREEN 0-0 TOWN



LEAGUE POSITION 14

ATTENDANCE 1,858
653 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

8' Town chance, Gray cross not cleared by FGR, first-time shot from Guttridge denied by top save from Russell.

HT Forest Green 0-0 Town. Good half from the Town, denied a couple of goals by two good saves. Mark Tyler not troubled at all.

63' Ball in the Rovers goal, great play from Howells to get into the box, Lacey turns onto it but his goal ruled out for offside.

FT Forest Green 0-0 Town. #COYH



STILL SAID:

“It was our best performance of the season. We can get better and I think we will get better. Defensively our organisation is very, very good. We have to do a bit more on the creativity side but it's getting better.”



TOWN 0-0 CAMBRIDGE



STILL SAID:

“It was a very competitive game between two strong teams who cancelled each other out. Defensively we've found that click, in midfield we're moving the ball really nicely, and it's just up top that's the issue. We're playing well in most areas at the moment but it's just quality in the final third that is the problem.”

LEAGUE POSITION 11

ATTENDANCE 7,517

HOW IT HAPPENED 

5' Chance for the U's and great save from Tyler, twinkle-toe stuff from right-back Tait into the box, saved by the legs of the keeper.

10' Another big chance for the visitors. Arnold played through, hint of offside, tries to round Tyler but keeper makes crucial stop. 0-0.

54' Lovely first-time ball from Guttridge out wide to Howells down the left, clipped cross finds Gray, his header just wide **#COYH**

85' Chance for the Town as the ball bobbles around the edge of the box, Gray, to Whalley, to Howells, right-foot shot wide. 0-0.

FT Town 0-0 Cambridge. **#COYH**
#LTVCU



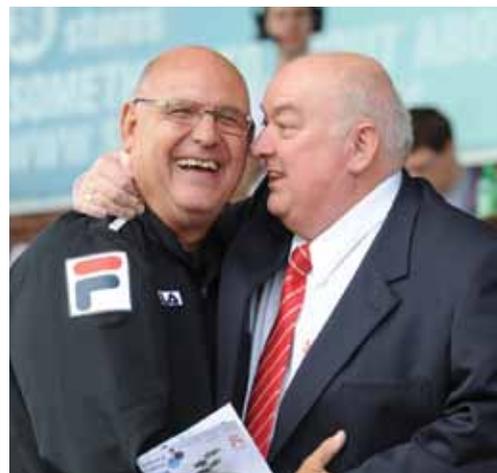
KIDDERMINSTER 0-2 TOWN

HOWELLS 70' (PEN), 81' (PEN)



STILL SAID:

“It’s important that while I build this that I build it in my own time and my own way and gradually add things bit by bit. Once we get the proper foundations all in place we can start growing it. As good as it was today we’re only building the foundations.”



LEAGUE POSITION 11

ATTENDANCE 2,866
821 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

69' PENALTY TOWN. Benson fouled by keeper after poor Dunkley back-pass. It'll be Howells.

70' GOAL! Howells (pen)

70' Howells sends Lewis, who was booked for the foul, the wrong way. **Kidderminster 0-1 Town #COYH**

80' TOWN PENALTY - AGAIN. Gray fouled by Gowling. It'll be Howells again.

80' 2-0! Straight down the middle from Jake, keeper gets a leg to it but it's in! **#COYH**

TOWN 0-0 GRIMSBY



STILL SAID: “I’m really pleased with how we played. I think we’ve got our way of playing now, which the players have got on to. The only thing we’re disappointed with is that we haven’t scored the goal that wins the game. We have people that can score, I know that we do.”



LEAGUE POSITION 14

ATTENDANCE 6,131

HOW IT HAPPENED 

39' From Guttridge's left-wing corner Benson's there unmarked to head goalwards but effort straight down keeper's throat.

45+2' Somehow remains 0-0. Gray, can't control it, falls to Benson, clips a shot goalwards but cleared off the line by the visitors. HT.

74' Best chance of the second half for the Town. Stevenson and Benson combine well, the former goes for goal, not far wide. Good effort.

85' Within seconds of coming on Wall bustles forward and sends a firm shot goalwards that deflects into McKeown's arms.

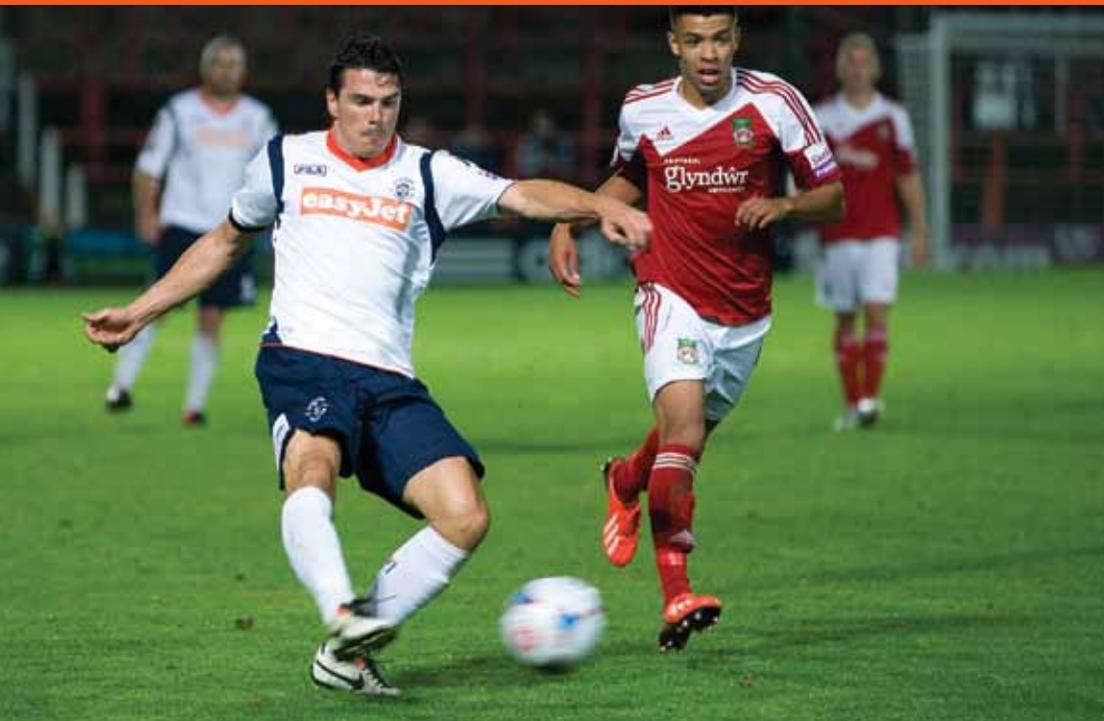
FT Town 0-0 Grimsby. #COYH #LTVGT

That's 387 minutes without conceding a goal for the Town and a fourth successive clean sheet #COYH #LTVGT



WREXHAM 2-0 TOWN

BISHOP 21, HUNT 58



LEAGUE POSITION 14

ATTENDANCE 3,122
190 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

18' Ball in the Wrexham net, as Cullen flicks in well following Benson's flick on but the striker is offside and it won't count. 0-0 #COYH

21' GOAL Wrexham 1-0 Town (Bishop)

22' Ball from the left arches over the Town defence and Andy Bishop notches at the back post past Tyler. 1-0.

40' Almost a sniff for Benson, terrible defending from Wright, sends his keeper short, Benson gets a toe to it, Mayebi stops.

58' GOAL 2-0 Wrexham

58' Wrexham 2-0 Town. Hunt's back-post header. Mountain to climb for the Town.



STILL SAID:

“We never really got into that and I think I picked the wrong team. I've got no complaints with the result at all, none at all. I'm the manager, so it's my responsibility. Our crossing was awful, absolutely awful. They attacked off our crossing, we never got it past the first man, it was an awful performance.”

TOWN 3-0 DARTFORD

BENSON 30, GUTTRIDGE 33, LAWLESS 64



STILL SAID:

“To run out winners in the manner that we did pleased everybody and I was incredibly happy with not only the result but the level of performance too. It was an effective and sound display and the most pleasing aspect was not just the three points but the fact we scored three goals. I had no doubt that we had the quality in the team to score goals.”



LEAGUE POSITION 11

ATTENDANCE 5,433

HOW IT HAPPENED 

29' GOAL! Town 1-0 Dartford (Benson)

29' The striker's first goal for the club and the Town's first in the first half this season, heads home Lawless' right-wing cross 1-0!

30' Lovely goal from the Town, a minute before the striker was close to another low, right-wing cross. His header in off the post. Lovely.

33' GOAL! Town 2-0 Dartford (Guttridge)

33' Guttridge's effort from the edge of the box and takes a massive deflection past Julian...2-0!

65' GOAL! Town 3-0 Dartford (Lawless)

65' Lawless races onto Smith's through ball, rounds Julian and finishes really well from a tight angle. 3-0!

TOWN 3-2 LINCOLN

CULLEN 46, 80, GUTTRIDGE 77

POWER 20, TOMLINSON 51



LEAGUE POSITION 9

ATTENDANCE 6,203

HOW IT HAPPENED 

20' Goal Town 0-1 Lincoln (Power) Town half-clear a long throw and Power lashes home a well-hit low shot through a sea of bodies beyond unsighted Tyler. **0-1 #COYH**

GOAL! Town 1-1 Lincoln (Cullen 46) 43 seconds into the second half, Guttridge's left-wing cross met by the head of Mark Cullen. **1-1!** His first for the club **#COYH**

51' Goal Town 1-2 Lincoln (Tomlinson) Another long throw does the damage, the ball finds itself helped on to Tomlinson who nods past Tyler, despite the keeper's best effort.

77' GOAL! Town 2-2 Lincoln. Guttridge's free-kick from 25 yards scuttles low through the wall and somehow past the keeper! Two apiece! **#COYH**

79' GOOOOOOOOOOAL! Town 3-2 Lincoln!!!! CULLEN!

79' Right-wing corner to the back-post, McNulty heads on, flicked on by Smith and powered home on the turn by Cullen 3-2!

80' Unbelievable turnaround here. **Hatters 3-2 ahead #COYH**



STILL SAID:

“We’ve probably got three or four players that if I sat down with them, they’d say they’ve not produced their best form. As a team now, we’re finding our way and I’m quite pleased with that.”

WOKING 0-4 TOWN

CULLEN 29, 45, LACEY 35, GRAY 70



STILL SAID: “It was a good away performance and clinical. People were saying we weren’t scoring any goals but in the last three games they’ve gone in for us. It was such a good performance that I look at the 11 players on the pitch and can’t say they could have given me any more - and that’s very, very pleasing.”



LEAGUE POSITION

5

ATTENDANCE

1,955
731 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



24' What a let off for the Town and McNulty, home striker Williams clean through but Tyler pulls off a fantastic low save. Phew. 0-0.

28' GOAL! Woking 0-1 Town. Corner swung in from Howells from the right, headed goalwards by Cullen at the near post but a definite deflection in there. 1-0.

35' GOAL! Woking 0-2 Town. Gray wins a corner, from which Guttridge swings in and Lacey heads home at the back stick #COYH

35' That's the young defender's first goal for the Hatters #homegrown #COYH @LTFC_Academy. 2-0

45+1 GOAL! Woking 0-3 Town (Cullen) Whooa, no doubt about that...superb, curling left-wing cross from Guttridge and Cullen rises to head brilliantly past the keeper.

70' GOAL! Woking 0-4 TOWN (Gray)

70' Lovely throughball from Howells gets Gray away and a cool, cool finish makes it 4-0 to the Town #COYH

79' Another stop save from Tyler. Apparently he's 36. Not on this evidence. Amazing reach to keep out Goddard's effort. 4-0 it stays.



HEREFORD 0-0 TOWN



STILL SAID:

“As the away team, not getting beaten, you’ve got to be happy with that. Would I have liked to have won? Absolutely. The grass was so long, it was really hard to play the way we wanted to play. A good week’s work. We’ve had two away games and taken four points so I’m not disappointed at all.”



LEAGUE POSITION **6**

ATTENDANCE **2,386**
580 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

25' First Town chance, good move, Howells cross from the left nodded back across goal by Benson, it misses Cullen, onto Guttridge, saved.

26' And again from the Town, this time Guttridge does well to run down the right and hang a cross towards Cullen, twists to head goalwards.

60' Chance, and the Town are mighty close to going ahead, Benson nods into the path of Guttridge, on the volley, tipped over. Corner.

78' Town survive. Somehow. Right-wing corner, goalmouth scramble, Brodie and Graham both denied. Still 0-0.

83' Goodness, the Town somehow survive again, left-wing corner bounces across goal and sub Odhiambo can't convert from a yard out.

90+2' Sniff for Gray, ball from Guttridge, almost stumbled, forced wide, shot into the side netting **#COYH**



TOWN 4-3 FC HALIFAX

GUTTRIDGE 16, BENSON 33, GRAY 39, WALL 83

MARSHALL 3, AINGE 19, GARDNER 23



HAKAN SAID: “We believed at 3-1 we still had a chance to get back in the game. I think the crowd have been absolutely amazing. At 3-1 they could have gone the other way against us. But they stuck with us and believed in what we could do and we got back in the game. Near the end of the game, if there was going to be a team that was going to win the game, it was going to be us.”



LEAGUE POSITION 5

ATTENDANCE 6,519

HOW IT HAPPENED



3' GOAL! Town 0-1 Halifax (Marshall)

Gregory runs into the box, great stop from Tyler at the striker's feet, but midfielder Marshall buries beyond men on the line. 0-1.

16' GOAL! Town 1-1 Halifax (Guttridge)

Guttridge in space, slips passed Ainge, drills low shot goalwards which takes a big deflection off of Toulson and beats Glennon. 1-1.

19' GOAL! Town 1-2 Halifax (Ainge)

Free-kick swung in from the right from Marshall is met by the former Town defender who nods past Tyler. 1-2.

23' GOAL! Town 1-3 Halifax (Gregory)

Unbelievable stuff, Shaymen striker Gregory bursts clear and curls great low strike into the bottom corner past Tyler. 1-3.

33' GOAL! Town 2-3 Halifax (Benson)

Griffiths' ball from the left misses everyone, Henry picks up the pieces and crosses for Benson who finishes well. 2-3!

39' GOAL! Town 3-3 Halifax (Gray)

Unbelievable turnaround, it's three apiece! Lawless and Benson combine, Lawless through to Gray, thunderous low finish 3-3!

HT 3-3. Six goals in this first half. Town

have come back from 1-0 and 3-1 down to go in level at the break. Phew. Breathless stuff **#COYH**

83' GOOOOAL! Town 4-3 Halifax

(Wall) What. A. Goal. This. Is. Wall picks the ball up 25 yards out and lets fly with an absolute pearler into the top corner.



ALDERSHOT 3-3 TOWN

GOODMAN 13, ROBERTS 24, MOLESLEY 45

GRAY 4, PARRY 16, WHALLEY 80 (PEN)



LEAGUE POSITION

4

ATTENDANCE

2,693
840 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



4' GOAL! Aldershot 0-1 Town (Gray)

Guttridge plays Gray through, first touch takes him wide, but he cuts back inside and finishes really well with a left-foot shot. 1-0!

12' GOAL Aldershot 1-1 Town (Goodman)

A bit of a mess this goal, Tyler and the Town defence can't deal with a high ball back into the box and former loanee Goodman taps home.

16' GOAL! Aldershot 1-2 Town (Parry)

Town back in front, Gray - super play to win a corner - Howells swing it in, McNulty heads across and Parry knees it home! 2-1 Town!

24' GOAL Aldershot 2-2 Town (Roberts)

Two apiece here, Williams out-jumps Lacey, McNulty can't clear and Roberts finishes well past Tyler. 2-2 **#COYH**

45' GOAL Aldershot 3-2 Town (Mosesley)

Town caught short down the left, Mosesley slaloms into the box and lashes home from a tight angle. 3-2 to the hosts.

79' PENALTY TOWN - Whalley fouled.

80' Whalley tripped in the box and he coolly fires home. **3-3! #COYH**



STILL SAID:

“We're scoring goals for fun now. We were poor defensively tonight, not as a unit but individually. Sometimes people don't do as well as you'd like individually. We've scored three goals away from home, and that should win us the game.”



TOWN 4-1 HYDE

GRAY 16, 55, 79, GUTTRIDGE 51

MCNULTY (OG) 45



LEAGUE POSITION **3**

ATTENDANCE **7,081**

HOW IT HAPPENED 

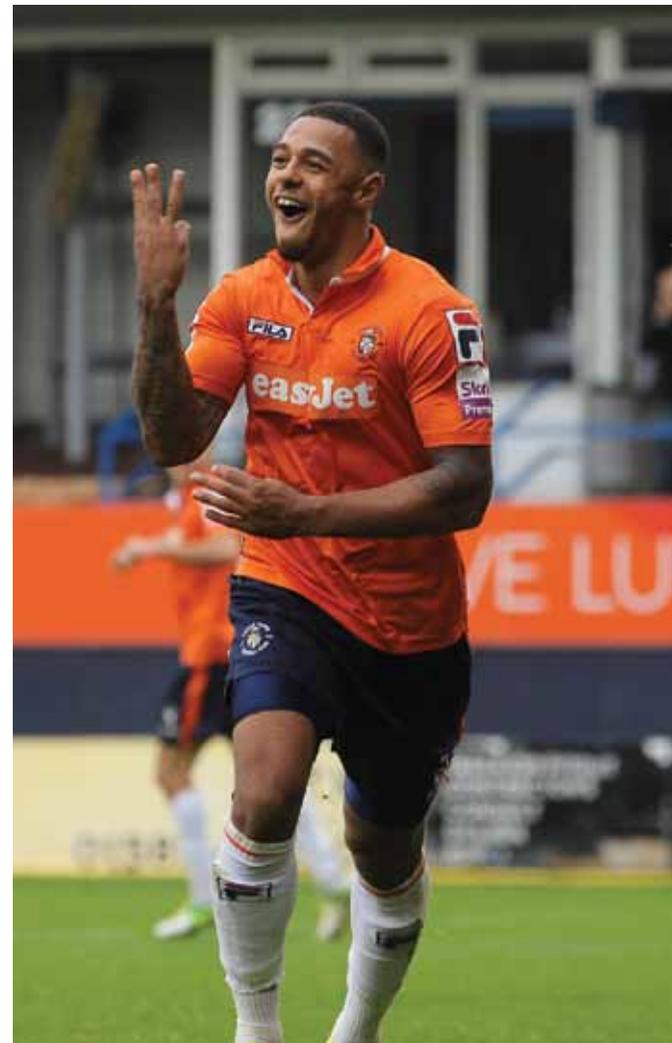
16' GOAL! TOWN 1-0 Hyde (Gray) Three in three for Gray, takes a left-wing cross from Griffiths down brilliantly, takes a touch & slams home into the net at the Oak end.

45' GOAL! TOWN 1-1 Hyde (McNulty og) Hyde have been threatening and this time Brizell's cross from the right is met by McNulty's head from six yards. Tyler no chance, 1-1.

51' GOAL! TOWN 2-1 Hyde (Guttridge) Lovely goal this puts the Town back in front, Benson wins the flick and then Guttridge and Gray combine, the latter side-foots home 2-1.

55' GOAL! TOWN 3-1 Hyde (Gray) No messing with this as a quickfire double has the Town 3-1 up. Benson flicks into Gray's path and he fires home left-footed on the volley. Wonderful strike.

78' GOAL! TOWN 4-1 Hyde (Gray) That's the hat-trick, his first for the Town, for @AndreGee1 - Lacey heads a corner back across goal and Gray slams home. 4-1.



STILL SAID:

“Our second-half performance we would have scored against most teams. It's good to score goals and we're scoring goals at the minute, which is a plus for me. Andre Gray is a young man finding his way and it's important that he gets support. He's looking at his combination together with Paul Benson; the two of them together are electric.”

TAMWORTH 3-4 TOWN

COURTNEY 13, 76, ELFDORD-ALLIYU 64 (PEN)

SMITH 31, PARRY 41, BENSON 46, 54



STILL SAID:

“I take my hat off to both teams. I give them every credit. They both played to their strengths. The atmosphere was a cup tie atmosphere - and we've come through it. We're not playing to defend, we're playing to attack, and sometimes when you play to attack you might concede goals. At the end of the day, I thought it was a cracking game.”

LEAGUE POSITION

3

ATTENDANCE

2,066
1,199 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



13' GOAL! Tamworth 1-0 Town (Courtney) Town can't deal with a huge left-wing throw, Elford-Alliyu tees up Courtney and he side-foots home. 1-0.

31' GOAL! Tamworth 1-1 Town (Smith) Town fans celebrate as Jonathan Smith, on his 50th appearance for the club, thunders a stunning goal in the top corner. Superb. 1-1.

41' GOAL! Tamworth 1-2 Town (Parry) Whatever Jonathan Smith can do, Andy Parry can do too. 20 yards out, central position and hammers a shot low into the bottom corner! 2-1

46' GOAL! Tamworth 1-3 Town (Benson) Sweet, deep, gorgeous free-kick by Whalley finds Benson who strains his neck to power header home. 3-1 #COYH

54' GOAL! Tamworth 1-4 Town (Benson) Oh lovely, lovely, what a turnaround. Gray instrumental, beats his man, bursts forward, on a plate for Benson - cool finish. 4-1.

64' GOAL! Tamworth 2-4 Town (Elford-Alliyu (pen)) Home striker, who won the penalty, sends Tyler the wrong way. Town still 4-2 ahead.

76' GOAL! Tamworth 3-4 Town (Courtney) Town concede a corner and can't clear it and the hosts' Courtney scores again. His over-head kick somehow squeezes home.



WOKING 0-1 TOWN

CULLEN 32

FA CUP



STILL SAID: “After leaking a few in the past couple of weeks we have gone back to conceding no goals again and that was down in part to Elliot. I was really pleased with him and he looked really confident. Woking certainly showed a lot of heart and tested our back four. When we beat them 4-0 the other week, I said that it was a little over-flattering for us and today they showed why they are better than that scoreline. We did the business though so no matter.”



ATTENDANCE 1,452
537 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



31' Whalley in the box, goes down, looks a pen, corner given instead. Still and Whalley can't believe it.

32' **GOAL! Woking 0-1 Town** (Cullen)

32' No matter about that penalty appeal because the Town are ahead. Martin whips in a right-wing corner met by head of Cullen. 1-0 Town.

32' Another header for Cullen here at Woking. That his third headed goal here this season **#COYH**

44' Terrific save from Justham keeps out rocket from Payne from 20 yards...danger not over, Goddard header cleared off the line by Howells.

HT Nice touch from Tyler, gave Justham a pat on the back as he leaves the field. He's made a number of good, and important, saves so far.

90+2' My word, almost a comical own goal by Parkinson, his pass-back rolls just past the post, beating his own keeper. Town corner.



GATESHEAD 0-0 TOWN



LEAGUE POSITION 3

ATTENDANCE 1,080
302 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

19' Chance for the Town, Gray out wide, inside to Benson, his flick into Guttridge, beats one man before lashes left-foot shot wide **#COYH**

24' Goal-line clearance from McNulty prevents the hosts taking the lead. Lovely ball into Chandler, loops effort over Tyler, cleared.

64' Gray wrestles with his man to win the ball, lay off to on-rushing Guttridge, drags shot wide and unhappy with himself. 0-0 **#COYH**

65' Rain lashing down but John Still still barking out orders from the touchline.

72' Absolutely lashing down again, almost a howler for home keeper, dodgy touch following back-pass from Sirrell. Cleared eventually **#COYH**

90+2 Close, save for Tyler grabbing Curtis header following a right-wing corner from Oster. Phew. 0-0 **#COYH**



STILL SAID:

“The conditions were the worst I've known, and I'm 63. It was absolutely atrocious, but both teams stuck at it. I thought we had the best two chances of the game but I think it would have been unfair if we'd have got a winner today. In these conditions I've got to say I'm absolutely delighted with what we've done.”



WELLING 2-1 TOWN

CLARKE 28, HEALY 44

BENSON 57

FA CUP



STILL SAID:

“I’m disappointed because it’s the FA Cup and we’ve lost and we’re out of a great competition. We’ve come to a team with a good home record and not played well and been punished in the first half. We’ve got back into it in the second half but we couldn’t find that elusive equaliser in the end despite the pressure.”

ATTENDANCE

1,555
740 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



18' Benson's back post header saved; Lacey pounces, poke blocked; Stevenson bouncing effort to Benson again, flicks wide on the stretch.

27' GOAL Welling 1-0 Town (Clarke) Wings ahead. Lacey beaten to the ball down the right by Lafayette and his cross is bundled home by the home skipper. 1-0 **#COYH**

28' Chance for 2-0 straight from kick-off, Lafayette through with Justham to beat but his shot hits the post. Should have done better.

30' Should be 1-1 - Benson almost in, keeper comes out, fails to get there, ball falls to Guttridge but shoots wide with goal gaping.

44' GOAL Welling 2-0 Town (Healy). Town in trouble now, Lafayette again the provider, ball through to Joe Healy and he finishes well past Justham. 2-0 to the Wings.

55' GOAL! Welling 2-1 Town (Benson) Town back in it, Benson's original header from a right-wing cross from Parry saved really well by Butcher, loops into the air, heads in.

59' My word, almost 2-2, super low effort from Parry is heading to the bottom corner before Butcher is there to keep it out. Good save.

88' Huge chance for the Town, Cullen through to Lawless, saved by Butcher.



BRAINTREE 1-2 TOWN

HOLMAN 67

BENSON 30, PARRY 65



STILL SAID: “The conditions were not good for both teams. The first half we were not in too much danger. The boys had to stand up and they did and they showed the will to win. When we needed a bit of help the supporters got behind us. I would put that down as one of our best all-round performances of the season.”



LEAGUE POSITION

2

ATTENDANCE

1,518
728 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



24' Superb play from Gray, turns on the turbo to burst past one man and surge clear of the defence but home keeper Hamann blocks the shot.

30' GOAL! Braintree 0-1 Town (Benson) Town ahead, Gray does the donkey work originally, Lawless shot off the line by Wells, Parry's follow-up on a plate for Benson...1-0.

36' Should be 1-1. The Town allow a left-wing corner to swing into the six yard box and somehow Matt Paine heads wide with the goal gaping.

66' GOAL! Braintree 0-2 Town (Parry) Pressure pays off. Left-wing corner, Benson effort off the line, Parry thumps home 2-0.

67' GOAL Braintree 1-2 Town (Holman) Out of nothing from distance, substitute Brett Holman pulls one back for the hosts, catching Tyler off his line with a swerving effort.

90+3' Save from Tyler from curling effort from Daley. Town need to get hold of it and keep it. Pressure from the hosts, then last-ditch saving tackle from Lacey.



CHESTER 1-1 TOWN

SEDDON 23

GRAY 11



STILL SAID:

“I’m delighted. We’ve had a difficult day against a team that was really up for it. I think as long as everyone gives everything that they’ve got, I’m always going to be happy. I’m really pleased with what we’ve put in to the game, I’m really pleased with our effort, I’m really pleased with our determination, but more important than anything, I’m really pleased that we just didn’t stop going.”



LEAGUE POSITION

3

ATTENDANCE

3,291
890 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



4' Another decent chance for the Town, gorgeous touch from Benson releases Gray, races through the middle but blasts high and wide. 0-0.

11' GOAL! Chester 0-1 Town (Gray) The Town have started really well and now they have a goal now to show. Gray turns in the box and whacks home his 7th of the season 1-0.

18' Almost a chance for 2-0, Ross Killick gifts the ball to Gray, he bursts goalwards but sees his shot blocked by Killick.

23' GOAL Chester 1-1 Town (Seddon) What a strike this is, the Town fail to clear their lines and from the edge of the box Gareth Seddon arrows a fine effort past Tyler 1-1

52' Chester gift the Town the ball, Guttridge's ball into the mixer, half-cleared to Lawless on the volley - hits Higginbotham. Great block.

90+1' Chance for the Town, McNulty chests it down for Smith to belt goalwards...drops inches, inches, inches wide **#COYH**



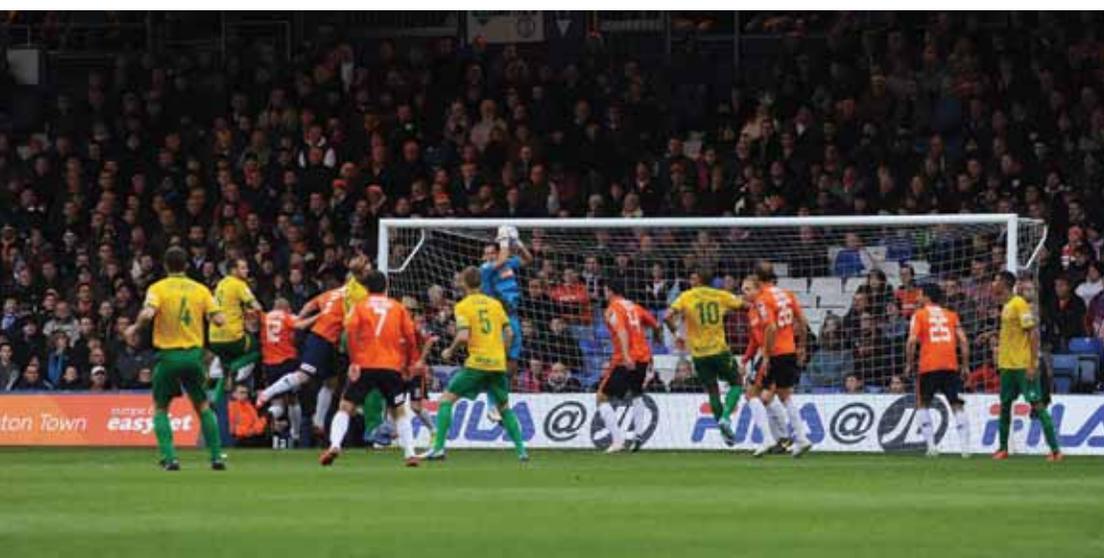
TOWN 2-1 WELLING

GRAY 17, 79

DYER 47



TERRY SAID: "I think it's the sign of a good side, hopefully, that sometimes you don't play too well and you pick up the points - and that result today keeps us ticking over. We know what Welling do. I thought they were probably the better side and on top."



LEAGUE POSITION 3

ATTENDANCE 6,592

HOW IT HAPPENED



17' GOAL! Town 1-0 Welling (Gray)

17' Town ahead, Griffiths' ball nodded down by Benson into the penalty area and Gray fires home his eighth of the season. 1-0 #COYH

26' My word, what a goal this would have been, Lawless plays an unbelievably clever ball into Benson, but he dinks a shot wide #COYH

26' Everyone was expecting the net to bulge but somehow Benson spurns the one-on-one. Still 1-0. Hatters growing in confidence #COYH

31' What a miss, it should be 1-1. Guthrie played in, squares to Gallagher but he scuffs a side-foot shot wide with an open goal to aim at.

46' Penalty to Welling.

47' Saved by Tyler, but...

47' GOAL! Town 1-1 Welling (Dyer)

47' Tyler saves Lafayette's penalty, diving to his right but Alex Dyer is first to it, firing well past the keeper. 1-1.

49' Almost 2-1 Welling now, Lafayette arrows low shot towards the bottom corner, strong one-handed save from Tyler keeps it out.

79' GOAL! Town 2-1 Welling (Gray) Town back in front! Guttridge finds Lawless in behind the Welling defence, square ball touched on by Benson and turned home by Gray 2-1!

80' The striker's ninth of the season and fifth in his last two home games #COYH



TOWN 3-0 SOUTHPORT

McNULTY 30, SMITH 66, GRAY 75



STILL SAID:

“Five goals, six points, we can't ask for more than that. It's good when there's lots of different goalscorers. The back four are playing well, at the moment we're looking OK, but it's only one game. All we can do is worry about how we play and the results we get, and as far as I'm concerned that's all very good.”



LEAGUE POSITION

2

ATTENDANCE

6,057

HOW IT HAPPENED



15' So close for the lead for the Town, Lawless' right-wing free-kick not cleared by Southport, Benson's low shot rebounds off the post.

30' GOOOOOOOOOOAL! Town 1-0 Southport (McNulty) What. A. Goal!

30' Oh. My. Word. Southport clear Lawless' f-k straight to McNulty who boots the ball back from 25 yards on the volley in the top corner!

45' First shot for Tyler arrives on 44:53, Southport's Logan sending a shot in the keeper's gloves from distance. Three added minutes.

66' GOAL! Town 2-0 Southport (Smith) The crowd are bouncing now. Guttridge's cross-field pass is taken by Gray, he squares to Smith and he sends super low shot home. 2-0!

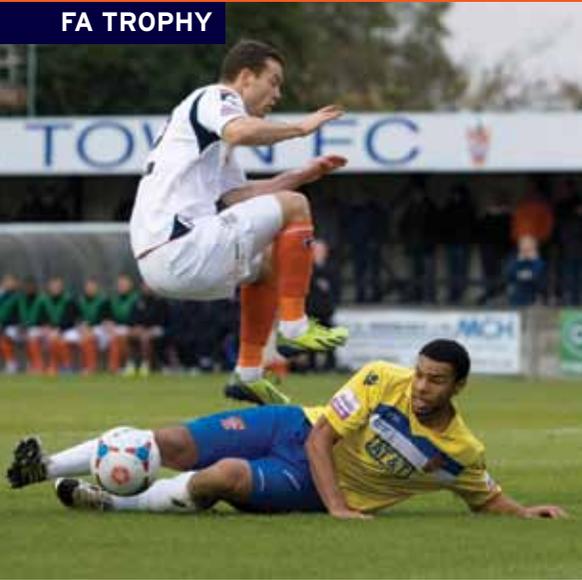
75' GOAL! Town 3-0 Southport (Gray) Thunderous left-foot finish from Gray, his 10th of the season, finishing flowing move involving Lawless and Guttridge. 3-0! #COYH

78' Almost four, Whalley, down the left, cross, Guttridge brings it down before firing left-effort against the underside of the crossbar.



STAINES 0-0 TOWN

FA TROPHY



ATTENDANCE 621



TOWN 2-0 STAINES

PARRY 48, WHALLEY 72

FA TROPHY REPLAY



ATTENDANCE 911



ALFRETON 0-5 TOWN

GRAY 10, 14, BENSON 13, GUTTRIDGE 18, LAWLESS 67



STILL SAID:

“I think the combination of our play was above the level. I can only be delighted with what I saw. You can only do what you do yourself. We can't worry about the other teams. From my own point of view, Luton Town go out, play every week, give everything they've got, work as hard as they can, everyone does their bit, and I'm happy. The rest will take care of itself.”



LEAGUE POSITION

2

ATTENDANCE

1,279
649 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



10' GOAL! Alfreton 0-1 Town (Gray)

10' What a lovely goal this is. Guttridge bursts forward down the left and threads a ball through to Andre and he finishes brilliantly 1-0.

13' GOAL! Alfreton 0-2 Town (Benson)

13' We thought the first goal was good but this is better. Gray and Guttridge combine, through to Benson and stunning clipped finish 2-0.

14' GOAL! Alfreton 0-3 Town (Gray)

14' Griffiths-Guttridge-Benson-Gray - **GOAL**

14' Incredible first 14 minutes here and the quality of the goal improves again. Guttridge plays in Benson down the left, tap in for Gray.

17' GOAL! Alfreton 0-4 Town (Guttridge) - I kid you not!

17' Oh wow. Just wow. Gray's flick on finds Guttridge, he rounds the keeper and finishes superbly from a ridiculously narrow angle. 4-0.

66' Rain coming down as dark descends. Town followers in good voice...Well they are getting a bit wet. Can they suck in a fifth goal?

67' GOAL! Alfreton 0-5 Town (Lawless) The answer to the previous tweet is yes. Alfreton dally with it, Gray gets the ball, lovely flick sends Lawless through to finish **5-0**.



TOWN 2-0 WREXHAM

CULLEN 15, ASHTON (OG) 78

FA TROPHY



STILL SAID: “I would never pick a team that I would think couldn't win a game. The players were fantastic. We dictated the play and when you're able to do that you have a great chance. They are the holders, and they picked a strong team so give that kind of performance is incredibly pleasing for me, and for the club as a whole.”



ATTENDANCE

1,617

HOW IT HAPPENED



15' GOAL! Town 1-0 Wrexham (Cullen) Whalley swings in a left-wing corner to the back post and up pops Cullen to head beyond keeper Coughlin for his sixth of the season. 1-0

15' Cullen again proving how effective he is in the air. Ball loops past stranded keeper. 1-0. Town deserve to be ahead.

21' Town players Andre Gray, Alex Lacey, Ronnie Henry and Jon Shaw watching from the back of the main stand **#COYH**

22' Oh so unlucky, young Ian Rees hits the post. He runs onto Wall's header and low shot deflects onto the post...corner. So nearly 2-0.

61' 12-2 the Town lead on corners, from the 12th one Charles flicks over at the near post. Still 1-0.

65' Wrexham down to 10 men. Harris sent-off for a second yellow card. Ref played advantage being pulled back for foul on Robinson. 11 v 10.

78' GOAL! Town 2-0 Wrexham - quite possibly an own goal, following Whalley's corner.

78' Town double their lead, but get Wrexham to do it for them. Another Whalley corner makes it, swung in from the right which hits Ashton.

TOWN 4-2 GATESHEAD

BENSON 16, LAWLESS 27, 70, GRAY 30

OSTER 70, HATCH 84



STILL SAID: “I’m really pleased with our performance. We conceded a couple in the second half; one I was disappointed with, one I wasn’t. But I’m delighted with the performance, and obviously delighted to win. The power of our play is fantastic at the moment, and I think it can grow as well. Looking at today, obviously I’ve got to be delighted.”



LEAGUE POSITION 2

ATTENDANCE 6,913

HOW IT HAPPENED 

15' GOAL! Town 1-0 Gateshead

(Benson) 8th of the season for Benson and KR erupts. Lawless does well to scurry down the left to clip a cross into the box and Benson nods home!

27' GOAL! Town 2-0 Gateshead

(Lawless) Easy one this as the Town double their lead. Gateshead get in a pickle at the back, one defender dallies, Lawless slots home: 2-0! #COYH

30' GOAL! Town 3-0 Gateshead

(Gray) What a hit this is. The Hatters turn defence into attack. Tyler tipping over superbly to deny Hatch. From the corner the Town half-clear, Smith's sliding tackle gets Gray away and he thunders home.

36' Gateshead keep faffing around at the back and the Town almost make them pay. Gray dances to the byline but can't pick out Benson.

60' GOAL! Town 4-0 Gateshead

(Lawless) Another devastating counter attack, Benson played in by Gray's pass, his shot's saved but Lawless is there to follow up to tuck home his second. 4-0!

70' GOAL! Town 4-1 Gateshead (Oster)

Make that 4-1. Heed pull one back through Oster.

84' GOAL! Town 4-2 Gateshead (Hatch)

FT Town 4-2 Gateshead. Merry Christmas! Town move to within one point at the top of the table! Victory today is the Hatters' ninth straight win at Kenilworth Road in all competitions.



BARNET 1-2 TOWN

HYDE 69

BENSON 22, LAWLESS 34



LEAGUE POSITION 2

ATTENDANCE 3,608
1,700 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

17' What a chance for 1-0 Town, deep right-wing cross from Henry nodded across by Benson, there for Davis to touch home - doesn't. 0-0 **#COYH**

22' GOAL! Barnet 0-1 Town (Benson)
Oh lovely, lovely, lovely. 1,700 Town fans go beserk. Smith, into Gray down the right, on a plate for Benson, six yards out 1-0! **#COYH**

34' GOAL! Barnet 0-2 Town (Lawless)
Stunning. Absolutely stunning. The Town block a Barnet shot then break, Lawless breaks down the left, cuts inside and curls home beautifully.

35' Wait a minute, almost 3-0. Barnet error at the back gifts Benson a chance, looks all the world 3, until Jack Saville clears off the line.

45' Major concern here, Smith down, awful challenge on the midfielder by Jon Nurse. He gets a yellow.

45' Unbelievable scenes now, referee has now sent-off Nurse. Must have changed his mind.

45+2' Tyler urges the Hatters fans to get behind their side now. Can the Town get the three points for Smudger now?

63' Oh dear. What a chance for 3-0. Guttridge strolls though, he's 1v1 with Stack with Gray and Benson for company but he can't finish.

68' GOAL! Barnet 1-2 Town (Hyde) It has been coming. Barnet have looked the better side this half. Griffiths' slip down the left gets Yiamdom away, his cross headed home.



STILL SAID:

“It was a late challenge on Smudger, knowing Jon Nurse, though, with no intent what-so-ever. But it was a red card. The way I reacted to it was with a little bit of shock, I've got to be honest. I think the players probably felt the same. The game should have been over before they even scored, but it wasn't. But we can't ponder that. We've won away from home.”



TOWN 6-0 KIDDERMINSTER

GUTTRIDGE 28, 86, BENSON 52, HOWELLS 56 (PEN), 70, GRIFFITHS 79



HAKAN SAID:

“If there is ever going to be a complete performance, you would probably say that would be it. I know they went down to 10 men, but we were outstanding. We did everything required to win a game of football. We had the professionalism and the desire to keep going for 90 minutes and that performance was dedicated to Jonathan Smith.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

8,488

HOW IT HAPPENED



20' Superb save from Tyler keeps it 0-0. Lolley drives at the Town defence down the right, cuts inside, shot going top corner, tipped over. Sensational save from the Hatters keeper.

27' GOAL! Town 1-0 Kidderminster (Guttridge) Best move of the game so far for the Town. Robinson shot brilliantly saved by Lewis but Guttridge follows up to stick it home 1-0!

52' GOAL! Town 2-0 Kidderminster (Benson)

54' TOWN PENALTY - Benson fouled

55' GOAL! Town 3-0 Kidderminster (Howells pen)

70' GOAL! Town 4-0 Kidderminster (Howells) It's two goals and an assist for sub Howells as he tucks home a Benson header after Gray's cross falls in the six-yard box. 4-0!

79' GOAL! Town 5-0 Kidderminster (Griffiths) Town running riot. Griffiths heads his first goal for the club following Guttridge cross. Five zip!

86' GOAL! Town 6-0 Kidderminster (Guttridge). What a goal this is by the way...Quite stunning team goal cuts Kiddy apart and Guttridge finishes superbly to make it SIX!

FT Town 6-0 Kidderminster - What a stunning victory for the Hatters, who go top of the league!

TOWN 2-1 BARNET

GRAY 2, BENSON 31

HYDE 71



STILL SAID:

“Kick it as far as you can and run after it - that’s what it was. It was really difficult for both teams, but the conditions were the conditions, and it’s no good moaning about them afterwards. I made my feelings clear before the game. I didn’t think it was playable. If you play it, make sure we finish it. I don’t want to be 2-0 up and you stop the game. The ball never ran true from minute one. And that’s why I found it a bit strange that he might want to stop it, because the ball never ran for 90 minutes.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

7,543

HOW IT HAPPENED



Referee having a look at the pitch, ball currently bouncing and rolling okay. Still raining though. Out come the youth team with pitch forks. **Game on!**

2' GOAL! Town 1-0 Barnet (Gray) Less than 90 seconds into this, Gray is through, onto Guttridge’s pass and super finish beats Stack, his 14th of the season 1-0!

8' Huge groans for two Town passes caught in the sodden pitch on the far side. First from Benson, then from Gray. Close to the action in the press box, you can hear the players’ footsteps scampering and squelching in the sodden turf

31' GOAL! Town 2-0 Barnet (Benson) Lead doubled. Griffiths does well to tee up Howells to cross, Gray’s flick finds Benson, who finishes well from six yards. 2-0!

60' Ref’s stopped play... Ref having a conversation with his officials. Captain’s called... Songs of ‘Keep It On’, from the home faithful.

62' Looks like we’re playing on! Ronnie signalling game on! He claps and urges the Town support and they react!

71' GOAL Town 2-1 Barnet (Hyde) 71' Barnet pull one back. Marsh-Brown flies down the right, perfect cross for Jake Hyde to tap home past Tyler. 2-1

FT Town 2-1 Barnet. All over here and ANOTHER win for the Town. Four points clear at the top. Huge roars for the Hatters. Really ground that win out in atrocious conditions.



LINCOLN 0-0 TOWN



STILL SAID:

“Fantastic work rate, absolutely first class. It got a bit difficult for everybody at the end, as the pitch became more and more difficult, but the spirit and enthusiasm just drives you through. I look at the festive period of five games, and to have taken 13 out of 15 points, is just fantastic.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

2,928
974 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



24' Lovely move from the Town, McNulty, Benson, into Gray, pings a wonderful ball out to Howells down the left...corner...

25' Left-wing corner from Guttridge met by the head of the unmarked Benson but effort drops wide. Still goalless here.

43' Big chance for the Town, great mazy run by Lawless, Gray's mis-hit shot with the goal gaping, Lincoln half-clear, Howells shot blocked.

52' Super defending from Griffiths, clears the danger as Lincoln press. Not sure who was haring into the box. Would have been a tap-in.

80' End-to-end. Lawless shot blocked, then Lincoln break Wright's cross cleared brilliantly by Davis, then Ferdinand pass for Gray, shot blocked.

FT Lincoln 0-0 Town. All over here. Town make it 19 league games unbeaten and stretch their lead at the top to five points.



CAMBRIDGE 2-2 TOWN

ELLIOTT 73, CHAMBERS 74

INNISS 4, WALL 48

FA TROPHY



ATTENDANCE

3,194
687 Luton



TOWN 0-1 CAMBRIDGE

CHAMBERS 39

FA TROPHY REPLAY



ATTENDANCE

2,312



centre spot



MACCLESFIELD 1-2 TOWN

ANDREW 38

GRAY 9, 82



STILL SAID: “It was tough, it really was tough, but tough’s great sometimes when your back’s against the wall. Sometimes you’ve got to come away, dig in and work your socks off. You just need that winning mentality and when it got tough, the mentality was a winning mentality.”



LEAGUE POSITION **1**

ATTENDANCE **1,705**
401 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

9' GOAL! Macclesfield 0-1 Town (Gray)
Super start for the Town, Gray bursts into the box and clips a shot over the keeper, the effort going in off the post 1-0!

39' GOAL Macclesfield 1-1 Town
(Andrew) Well it had been coming...Holroyd holds the ball up on the edge of the box and lays it off to Andrew whose low drive beats Tyler.

44' Oh, oh, oh, super play from Pelly to charge down two Macc clearances... he's through one-on-one but shoots over. Massive chance.

55' What. A. Save. Tyler to the rescue, turns away Boden effort behind for a corner. Magical save. Looked all the world 2-1 Macc.

82' GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOAL!
Macclesfield 1-2 Town (Gray) What a big goal this could turn out to be. Griffiths' long throw bounces in the box and Gray turns and buries a shot home!

89' What an incredible save from Tyler. Almost 2-2.

90' AND AGAIN! Tyler this time from inside the six yard box. Incredible, incredible saves.

90' First from a Holroyd header - turning it over the bar, super reflexes - the second as ball bounced in from close range, pouncing on it.

FT Incredible scenes at the end. I can't put into words what an effort the players have shown tonight. Absolutely superb.



TOWN 7-0 HEREFORD

GRAY 12, 68, 82, BENSON 49, HOWELLS 56 (PEN), RUDDOCK 60, LAWLESS 90



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

7,111

HOW IT HAPPENED



12' GOOOOOOOOAL! Town 1-0 Hereford (Gray)

Daisycutter from McGeehan spilled by keeper and who else but Andre Gray to tuck home his 20th of the season. 1-0!

49' GOOOOOOAL! Town 2-0 Hereford (Benson)

Gray wins a corner that Howells swings in, up goes McGeehan heads goalwards and Benson bravely bundles it home! 2-0!

56' GOAL! Town 3-0 Hereford (Howells pen)

Perfect from Jake, shoots to the right, keeper goes the right way but can't keep it out 3-0.

60' GOOOOOOOOOAL! Town 4-0 Hereford (Ruddock)

My word what a goal this is. Super team move in and around the penalty area and slammed home by Ruddock - first for the Town. 4-0!

68' GOAL! Town 5-0 Hereford (Gray)

Guttridge threads Gray through, he speeds clear and finishes well, in off the post. 5-0!

82' GOOOOOOOOOOAL! Town 6-0 Hereford (Gray)

It's ANOTHER hat-trick for Andre Gray and his eighth in his last three matches. Lawless crosses from the left and he thunders home 6-0!

90+2' GOOOOOOOOAL! Town 7-0 Hereford (Lawless)

Robinson's free-kick from distance is saved by the keeper and Lawless just beats Shaw to the ball to poke home.



STILL SAID:

“If we're successful this year, it won't be me, or the players, or the supporters, or the ground staff, or the directors. It will be everybody. The wind was swirling. It was difficult to move the ball if I'm being honest. But we felt if we got to the second half without being too badly damaged, we could play our pass-and-move football - and we did. I thought at half-time we'd be okay, because the conditions going that way were much easier for us.”

NUNEATON 0-5 TOWN

BENSON 34, 81, GRAY 64, GUTTRIDGE 70, HOWELLS 85



STILL SAID:

“It was a difficult game away from home. Conditions were very windy and it was a bobbly pitch but in the second half we mastered that and put in a first-class performance. We believe we can create chances and we have people that can score goals. That’s what we’ve got to keep doing.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

3,480
1,991 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



34' GOOOOOOOOOOAL! Nuneaton 0-1 Town (Benson) 1,991 Town fans celebrate as Gray's throughball sends Benson away and he gets the better of the keeper to stroke home 1-0!

63' GOOOOOOOOOAL! Nuneaton 0-2 Town (Gray) Lovely stuff, Guttridge quality to cross down the right, Benson slightest, bravest flick, helps it on to Gray who bundles in 2-0!

71' GOOOOOOOOOAL! Nuneaton 0-3 Town (Guttridge) Stunning football goal this. Magical stuff from the Town. Ruddock, Benson and Gray all involved and thumped home by Guttridge, his 10th of the season.

81' GOOOOOOOOOAL! Nuneaton 0-4 Town (Benson)

81' Irrepressible, irresistible stuff from the Town, Howells flies down the left, delivers a deep cross than Benson heads home. Super 4-0!

85' GOOOOOOOOOOOOAL! Nuneaton 0-5 Town (Howells) Great work from Shaw down the right, hangs up a cross for Howells to nod home past Belshaw. Hatters hordes go bananas 5-0!

FT Nuneaton 0-5 Town. The Hatters win again, make it 12 goals in their last two games. 11 points clear and 23 games unbeaten.

TOWN 5-0 WREXHAM

GUTTRIDGE 3, 17, GRAY 9, BENSON 38, HOWELLS 70 (PEN)



STILL SAID:

“We’re doing very well but we haven’t won anything yet and it’s really important we all recognise that. We played alright, but I don’t think we were great in the first half. I know we were four-nil up but I thought we were better in the second half. My job is to make sure people concentrate on things that are important.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

7,526

HOW IT HAPPENED



3' GOOOOOOOOAL! Town 1-0 Wrexham (Guttridge)
Great start for the Town, a minute after Rob Ogleby missed an early sitter, Howells and Benson combine and Guttridge curls home. 1-0!

9' GOOOOOOOOAL! Town 2-0 Wrexham (Gray)
Franks plays a delightful first-time ball out of defence to Gray, he bulldozers his way through and slots home his 24th of the season 2-0.

17' GOOOOOOOOAL! Town 3-0 Wrexham (Guttridge).
What a football goal this is. Hot knife through butter. Liquid football from the Town, Gray and Benson, brilliant, passing move lovely, great touch Guttridge, in and super finish.

38' GOOOOOOOOAL! Town 4-0 Wrexham (Benson).
Another one for the Town, defensive header wayward finds Henry, his cross on a plate for Benson, easy as you like 4-0!

70' TOWN PENALTY - Howells fouled.

70' GOOOOOOOOAL! Town 5-0 Wrexham (Howells pen)
Howells sends the keeper the wrong way, side-footing into the bottom left corner. 5-0.

FT Town 5-0 Wrexham. Back-to-back 5-0 wins for the Hatters. That's a 12th successive home win for the Hatters and now 24th match unbeaten.



TOWN 3-0 ALFRETON

GUTTRIDGE 29, GRAY 52, BENSON 86



STILL SAID: “It was a hard, difficult game where we had to dig in and grind out a result. And that’s the pleasing thing for me, because when we play open and free we’ve shown we can score and win, but we’ve also shown away at Macclesfield we can battle and grind one out. It’s great when you win and score lots of goals. I feel like we’re almost doing ourselves an injustice by saying we only scored three. We scored three, that’s fantastic.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

8,412

HOW IT HAPPENED



25' Alfreton dally with a throw-in so Jon Shaw goes and retrieves the ball for them...

29' **G O O O O O O O O O O O O O A L!** **Town 1-0 Alfreton** (Guttridge) Deadlock, Broken.

29' Gray's cross half-cleared, Guttridge first shot blocked, second back in with intent, takes a deflection, 1-0!

52' **G O O O O O O O O O O O O A L!** **Town 2-0 Alfreton** (Gray)

52' Alfreton make a mess of clearing their lines, Griffiths nips in to cross from the left and Gray has an easiest of tap-ins 2-0

68' Concern for the Town here, Guttridge down on the far side, stretcher is called. Lawless ready to come on.

73' Oh, so close to 3-0, pace and power again from Gray, goes past his man, rounds keeper but hits the post.

85' **G O O O O O O O O O O O O A L!** **Town 3-0 Alfreton** (Benson) Alfreton keeper Worsnop kicks the ball at a defender, it falls for Howells who races forward, unselfish, squares to Benson, taps in 3-0!

FT That's **Town 20-0 Opponents** in the last four games. Hatters remain 14 points clear thanks to goals from Guttridge, Gray and Benson.



SALISBURY 0-0 TOWN



STILL SAID:

“It was a really tough game and in tough conditions. The pitch was difficult for both teams; hard to run with the ball. Away from home against a team with a very good home record - I'm not disappointed with the result. Can we play better? Well I think all our supporters know we can. We're not going to play fantastic football every week, it's not going to be possible, but we have got to battle our socks off every week, and we've got to compete every week, and we've done that.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

2,633
1,543 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



27' Corner cleared, Salisbury break and they should do better, Sinclair threads Fitchett through but he shoots straight at Tyler. Big miss.

33' What a chance for the Town, Gray unleashes a shot from 25 yards, cannons back off the post. Unbelievable strike, so unlucky.

59' More pressure from the hosts, Rob Sinclair takes one touch before blasting a shot from 25 yards that Tyler catches comfortably. 0-0.

61' End-to-end now, Gray almost through, Tyler makes another catch, then Gray almost away, can't get a shot away. Still 0-0.

79' Sniff for Gray, lovely ball from Lawless sends the striker through but after wresting his man out the way he can't finish.

FT Salisbury 0-0 Town. All over here another clean sheet and another game unbeaten - make that 26 without defeat.

FT Town stretch their lead at the top of the Skril Premier to 15 points following Cambridge's 3-2 defeat at Forest Green

TOWN 0-1 WOKING

SOLE 87



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

6,683

HOW IT HAPPENED



3' Early threat from Woking, great effort from midfielder Josh Payne from distance that Tyler has to turn behind for a corner

9' What a hit, and Woking go mighty close to going ahead, that man Payne sends a rasping shot against the angle of post and bar. Great effort.

42' Ball in the Town net following Payne's right-wing free-kick, Rendell with the header, but - thankfully - he's offside. Still 0-0.

60' Almost 1-0 to the Town. Howells' high cross comes back off the post, Newton then inadvertently heads goalwards before it's cleared.

87' **GOAL Town 0-1 Woking** (Sole) Kenilworth Road stunned, shot from Murtagh comes back off the crossbar and Guseppe Sole heads home the rebound. 1-0 to the visitors.

FT 0-1. It brings to an end a proud 27-match unbeaten run and with it the unbeaten home league record at KR.



STILL SAID:

“Losing does feel strange but it’s been a remarkable run and we’ve had some fantastic games and performances. But today we didn’t play well enough, in the first half we were poor. The second half was better, we hit the post twice. Did we deserve to get something from the game? Probably, but we didn’t. The run has ended simply because we didn’t play well enough.”



TOWN 3-0 CHESTER

ROBINSON 70, GRAY 82, BENSON 90



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

8,475

HOW IT HAPPENED



STILL SAID:

“We’ve come to the stage of the season where everybody has something to play for. We knew they’d be resolute, strong and slow the game down and not allow the game to get a tempo, which frustrated us if I’m honest. Second half, we got a fortunate goal. Not just a fortunate goal, I just think we upped our tempo in the second half, and I think a goal was always possible. As I always say, the harder you work, the luckier you get - we worked hard, and got a little bit of luck.”

29' A third booking in seven minutes for the visitors, this time John Rooney receives a yellow card from ref Whitton for time wasting.

34' Ruddock checked twice as he looked to stride clear, both Menagh and Bond both get yellow cards. Five yellows in 12 minutes for Chester.

70' **G O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O A L!** **Town 1-0 Chester** (Robinson) Deadlock broken! Does he mean this or not? Probably not but Matt Robinson's cross from left arches over everyone and in 1-0!

82' **G O O O O O O O O O A L!** **Town 2-0 Chester** (Gray)

82' And relax...Town break, Cullen feeds Gray, he barges his man out of the way before firing low across the keeper 2-0

90' **G O O O O O O O O O O A L!** **Town 3-0 Chester** (Benson)

90+2' Points in the bag and three goals to boot. Rooney creates the opening for Henry to cross, eventually falls to Benson, thumps home 3-0

FT Town 3-0 Chester. It's all over here, Hatters restore a 14-point gap at the top of the table with three goals in the last 20 minutes.

GRIMSBY 1-2 TOWN

NEILSON 19

ROBINSON 21, BENSON 61



STILL SAID: “It was as good as we’ve been this season away from home. It did amaze me a bit that everyone just worked so hard. Paul Benson leads the line unbelievably well. I was so pleased he got the goal. I want to build success - we had three kids in the midfield today, how good is that?”



LEAGUE POSITION **1**

ATTENDANCE **3,789**
410 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

16' Close. From the corner, Disley's header is hacked off the line before John-Lewis shoots wide with the goal gaping. 0-0

18' GOAL Grimsby 1-0 Town (Neilson) Town not so lucky this time. Grimsby threatened down the right, Tyler flaps for a cross, ball runs free to Neilson to tuck home. 1-0.

21' GOOOOOOOAL! Grimsby 1-1 Town (Robinson) Town behind for a matter of minutes. Lawless and Ruddock combine, the latter's cross for Benson, he tees up Robinson who finishes 1-1!

22' No fluke about this goal. Lovely finish from the young midfielder. Town tails up now, Gray shot from 20 yards, deflected, corner.

42' Another wonderful move from the Town and so close to 2-1, Lawless cross from the right nodded square by Benson to Robinson, header saved.

45+2 Stunning save from Tyler, cross from the left, bullet header at the back post, Rodman I think, somehow kept out by the Town number one.

60' GOOOOOOOOOAL! Grimsby 1-2 Town (Benson) Super stuff, end-to-end, Griffiths blocks Hatton piledriver, then Town break; Griffiths shot hits the post and Benson pokes home rebound.

70' Back come Grimsby, acrobatic stop from Tyler, diving up to his right, to prevent top-corner bound effort from Jennings levelling it up.

FT Grimsby 1-2 Town. Hatters surge 17 points clear at the top of the Skrill Premier. Unbeaten in two now!



FC HALIFAX 2-0 TOWN

ROBERTS 18, GREGORY 69



STILL SAID:

“We’ve played a team with a fantastic home record today, and they deserved to win. I had no complaints with that. It wasn’t our day today. We’re at the business end of the season, where everyone has something to play for. We just have to put everything in context - we never get too high, and we’re not too low now. We just move on to the next one.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

3,586
1,179 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



6' Threat from the home side today comes in the shape of their long throw. Marc Roberts hurls his first one in of the afternoon. Cleared.

18' GOAL Halifax 1-0 Town (Roberts) From a right-wing corner Marc Roberts gets up to plant a header past Tyler and Ruddock on the line. 1-0 Halifax.

37' Superb block from Franks prevents the hosts a chance. Gregory twists and turns and looks likely to make it 2-0 but in comes the block.

54' Town penalty claims waved away. McGeehan super ball over the top finds Gray, he bursts into the box and goes down under Ainge challenge.

68' GOAL Halifax 2-0 Town (Gregory) Nightmare for the Town, Gregory, onside, races through and slots past Tyler. 2-0 to the hosts.

87' Sniff for the Town, Lawless left-wing cross glanced goalwards by Cullen, deflected behind for a corner...which is cleared.

FT Town lead at the top 13 points despite today's defeat.

DARTFORD 1-2 TOWN

SUAREZ 34

RUDDOCK 83, GRAY 87



HAKAN SAID:
“Overall, if you look at the amount of shots we had compared to them in the first half, it was merely a fact that we did not take ours and they took one of their two good chances. At this stage of the season, the result is the most important thing and that we get the three points. The games are going down so we are thankful that we are grinding out results at such an important time.”



LEAGUE POSITION **1**

ATTENDANCE **2,869**
1,828 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED 

31' Town pushing...Howells' left-wing raid cleared for a corner...recycled, Robinson's cross headed goalwards by Benson, cleared off the line. So close.

34' GOAL Dartford 1-0 Town (Suarez) Nightmare for the Town, left-wing corner swung in and met by the head of Suarez who powers a header home giving Tyler no chance 1-0.

57' That's the second change, Ruddock replaces Robinson. Town remain a goal down here.

78' Dartford down to 10 men, home midfielder Clark sent-off for late challenge on Lawless.

83' GOOOOOOOOOOAL! Dartford 1-1 Town (Ruddock) What a goal this is. Superb stuff from the sub. He feeds off of Gray's pass to rifle an unstoppable shot into the top corner. Keeper had absolutely no chance of saving that.

87' GOOOOOOOOOOOOAL! Dartford 1-2 Town (Gray)

87' Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, oh YES! Henry crosses from the right, powerful header at the back stick from Gray makes it 2-1.

FT Dartford 1-2 Town. All over here, goals in the final seven minutes from Pelly Ruddock and Andre Gray give the Hatters victory



TOWN 1-0 ALDERSHOT

McGEEHAN 85



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

8,558

HOW IT HAPPENED



4' Not a lot to report so far, apart from a classic chest-back from McNulty into Tyler's arms following a right-wing cross from the Shots.

27' Almost a chance for the Town and Gray, races onto a long kick up field from Tyler, beats the keeper to it, linesman gives offside 0-0.

72' Town probing for that elusive opener...two corners in succession won but nothing doing. Still 0-0

78' Time ticking, crowd up the noise. Back come Aldershot, Tyler stops Mekki's low shot from six yards. 0-0

85' GOOOOOOOOOOOOOAL! **Town 1-0 Aldershot** (McGeehan) Howells cross met by McGeehan's header at the near post and Kenilworth Road goes crazy.

86' "Winners find a way" - John Still

90+2' What a save from Tyler, almost 1-1, Franks deflection heading in until palmed away at point-blank range...corner...

90+3' Tyler claims the corner brilliantly. "There's only one Mark Tyler" rings around KR.



STILL SAID:

“The most important thing to do is win, and at the moment we're winning. First half I thought we were very good. Second half, I thought we were edgy and nervy, but we found a way, scored a goal, and got the points. I think we've created this new Luton. We're all together. And if we do that, we're stronger for it.”



TOWN 2-0 TAMWORTH

McGEEHAN 49, CULLEN 65



STILL SAID:

“I thought in the first half they were a better side than us. I didn't think we were on the mark. In the second half we got a little bit tighter and shut down better. We got Cameron McGeehan forward a little bit more. Andre Gray is OK. It looks like it was a stretch more than anything. But the medical staff will have a look at him.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

8,554

HOW IT HAPPENED



32' Chance. Gray nutmegs his man tight on the byeline, races goalwards but low shot kept out well by legs of keeper Belford. Corner.

40' Gray hobbling. Looks like he's coming off. Mark Cullen stripped.

46' Chance a minute into the second half. Cullen wriggles through, left-foot shot tipped away by Belford, Rooney's follow-up blocked

49' GOOOOOOOOOOOOAL! Town 1-0 Tamworth (McGeehan) Deadlock...broken!

49' Town ahead! Rooney, Cullen, out to Howells on the left, cross similar to Saturday, McGeehan runs on, touch, touch, finish, 1-0!

65' GOOOOOOOOOOOOAL! Town 2-0 Tamworth (Cullen)

65' Lovely, lovely goal. Town streak forward, Lawless - waits, waits, waits, then passes, perfect for Cullen, emphatic finish 2-0!

FT 2-0. Goals from Cameron McGeehan and Mark Cullen secure another three points for the Town. Hatters now 16 points clear at the top.

FT Town players take in their applause. That's five wins in six matches now. Blip, what blip?



TOWN 2-3 BRAINTREE

HOWELLS 62 (PEN), WALL 65

WELLS 16, MULLEY 21, ISAAC 56



STILL SAID:

“I don't think we played well enough to win. I thought we were poor first half, better second half, but not enough to win. I think our organisation and discipline let us down today. I'm the manager, I have to take a bit of responsibility. I set it out, if people haven't followed it, perhaps I haven't done my job properly.”



LEAGUE POSITION **1**

ATTENDANCE **10,020**

HOW IT HAPPENED 

16' GOAL Town 0-1 Braintree (Wells)
Kenilworth Road silenced, left-wing corner comes in and Dean Wells gets up highest to nod past Tyler. 1-0 to Braintree.

21' GOAL Town 0-2 Braintree (Mulley)
Well. Credit to Braintree as they lead 2-0. Holman speeds down the left, waits and then squares for James Mulley to tuck past Tyler.

30' Red card. Drama here - Braintree keeper Hamann sent-off for foul on Benson.

30' Benson latches onto through ball, out comes Hamann, Benson first to it, rounds the keeper, fouled, red card.

50' Close...lovely football from the Town and the Hatters rattle the bar with Benson's deflected effort...corner...

56' GOAL Town 0-3 Braintree (Isaac)
Turning out to be a nightmare day for the Town as Braintree make it three, Town exposed at the back, Chez Isaac strolls through, finishes.

59' Town need four to win the title here today now. Pelly Ruddock and Alex Wall preparing to come on.

61' Town penalty, handball against Peters.

62' GOAL! Town 1-3 Braintree (Howells (pen))

65' Can the subs make an impact? Well, Alex Wall has. Town break Howells beaten by the bounce, pokes through to Wall, lofted over keeper.

72' My word, Town hit the post. Wall causing havoc, pass inside to Cullen, mis-kicks once, second strike off the outside of the post.

FT John Still: "Never too high, never too low."



WELLING 1-2 TOWN

LAFAYETTE 80

CULLEN 28, GRAY 72



STILL SAID: “I’m honoured to be the manager of this club. It’s the perfect end to the perfect week. It’s been an amazing week since Tuesday, hectic. There must be a word that means more than hectic, but whatever that is it, that’s it. Today was amazing too, take Mark Tyler out of the side and the average age of the team at the end was 21 which makes me proud. There’s still lots to play for and records to break. We want 100 points and 100 goals.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

2,650
2,000 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



Hatters fans in good voice. Kind words over the public address system from Welling.

“**Champions, Champions**” sung as Town XI read out. Lovely touch from Welling, giving the Town a guard of honour.

20' Bosh! Wall's f-k strikes the Welling wall (nobody hurt), before smashes the rebound back over and onto the main road behind the goal.

28' GOOOOOOOOOOOOAL! Welling 0-1 Town (Cullen) **#Champions**

28' The **#Champions are ahead**. Gray's pass sends Cullen through, the ball sits up, but he takes a touch before finishing well 1-0! **#COYH**

61' Great chance for 2-0 Town, Gray races through after a defensive error but slices his shot horribly wide. 1-0 it remains.

62' What a save this is, Cullen side-foot volley somehow saved by Butcher in the Welling goal.

73' GOOOOOOOOOOOAL! Welling 0-2 Town (Gray) Gray's on to a long pass over the top, he shrugs off the attention of two Welling defenders before planting home his 28th goal. 2-0!

74' The striker's 28th goal of the season, all from open play. Not a single one from the spot either.

80' GOAL Welling 1-2 Town (Lafayette) Welling back in this with a lovely strike from Lafayette. The Hatters switch off, drawn to other action, Lafayette free and curls home.

FT Town fans invade the pitch and join in the biggest huddle of the season!

FT Town players mobbed as the players show their appreciation to the Hatters hordes **#COYH #Champions**



TOWN 4-1 FOREST GREEN

GRAY 45 (PEN), 60, McGEEHAN 56, CULLEN 90

KLUKOWSKI 34 (PEN)



STILL SAID:

“It’s an unbelievable day. Not only was it a good day but the football was good as well. I’m absolutely delighted. We’re on line for 100 league points so it’s fantastic.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

10,044

HOW IT HAPPENED



Congratulations Jake Howells. Today the 23-year-old makes his **275th** appearance for the Hatters

Kenilworth Road filling up nicely already. Orange everywhere!
#Champions #COYH

Atmosphere cranking up a gear. Kenilworth Road a sea of orange!
#COYH #Champions

#Champions out. Magnificent.

John Still in a suit today. Smart. Befits the occasion **#Champions**

Almost set. Huddle time! **#Champions**



HYDE 0-1 TOWN

WALL 70



STILL SAID:

“The most pleasing thing is, to win a league, you have got to win at all times, in all conditions, when you are not at your best and when you feel depleted and we have done that this season. We have broken loads of records, Andre has picked up the league’s Golden Boot and we have played some great football. I have won the league many times before but for me, this has been the most remarkable season ever.”



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

2,729
2,253 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



Town given another guard of honour. Teams out now, Hatters all in white, they walk to the centre circle and wave the crowd [#Champions](#)

And now we’re almost set. One final huddle of the season. Hyde will kick-off [#COYH](#) [#Champions](#)

1' Hyde kick-off, Town will be kicking towards their supporters in both half. Over 2,000 Hatters fans here for this final game

10' What a miss. It should be 1-0 and goal 31 for Andre but he somehow side-foots wide with the goal at his mercy.

45' Early sub for the Town, Pelly Ruddock is coming off and he’ll be replaced by Alex Wall [#COYH](#) [#Champions](#)

47' Almost a sniff for the Town, Gray attempts to thread Wall away, keeper claims. Hyde then break, Pollard deflected shot saved by Tyler.

68' GOOOOOOOOOOAL! Hyde 0-1 Town (Wall)

68' Route one stuff from the Town, long punt down-field by Tyler, flicked on by Gray, Wall dashes onto it and finishes with aplomb 1-0!

74' Hearts in mouths time for the Town as Hyde break, the ball bounces up for Clark to head over the stranded Tyler, dips just over the bar.

Congratulations to Andre Gray [@AndreGee1](#) - he will be the Skriff Premier’s Golden Boot winner [#goals](#) [#Champions](#)

85' Decent chance for Hyde to grab an equaliser, Clark beats Lacey down the left, cuts inside but shoots into the side netting. Remains 1-0.

90' Massive cheers from the Town faithful as the ground rises to salute Andre Gray and on comes Jonathan Smith. HUGE OVATION.

FT Hyde 0-1 Town. It’s all over here. That’s it. After five years of Conference Football the Hatters are up, and they win their last game.



**THE STRONGER THE TEAM,
THE STRONGER THE TEAM.**



**KEEP
CALM
WE'RE IN
LEAGUE 2!**

HYDE 0-1 TOWN

WALL 70



LEAGUE POSITION

1

ATTENDANCE

2,729
2,253 Luton

HOW IT HAPPENED



Town given another guard of honour. Teams out now, Hatters all in white, they walk to the centre circle and wave the crowd [#Champions](#)

Record breakers - Number 1! 101 points a new club record [#Champions](#) [#COYH](#) [#LutonAreBack](#)

Record breakers - number 2! 23 - the most clean sheets in a season. A new club record [#COYH](#) [#Champions](#) [#LutonAreBack](#)

Jonathan Smith: "I was expecting a few claps but to get the reception I did was unbelievable. It was the most touching moment of my life."

Can you believe that's the season over? **46** games. **102** goals, **101** points and, most importantly **ONE** trophy and promotion [#LutonAreBack](#)



awards night



ROLL OF HONOUR

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Steve McNulty

PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Luke Guttridge

YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Andre Gray

JUNIOR MEMBERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Andre Gray

IAN PEARCE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Andre Gray

GOAL OF THE SEASON

Steve McNulty versus Southport

INTERNET PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Steve McNulty

TRUST IN LUTON OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTION TO LUTON TOWN

Simon Pitts



a town celebrates



GARY SWEET SAID: “ This is a proud day for us all. It is a celebration of heroes. You are all here to celebrate heroes, the players' achievements and John Still - who is everybody's hero. Everyone involved, including the entire backroom staff, a big thank you. But there are some heroes that don't always wanted to be on stage in the limelight. These are the people who have put their hands in their pockets for the past five years while we have been a non-league club to keep it professional. It is very costly process but we are nothing without these people. All it leaves me to say is: Luton are back!**”**





STILL SAID:

“ The support has been amazing. When I first came here a lot of people said to me ‘why have you left to go there?’ This [the support] is the reason I left to come to Luton. It’s been difficult to explain how quickly the players adapted to the way we wanted them to play and sometimes it takes time but, without a shadow of a doubt, the one thing that glued everything together this season was you, the supporters. It was hard work on and off of the pitch and when the going got tough, so did we. That hard work and team ethic really pushed us on throughout so many different parts of the season.”



one mark tyler



2013/14 Appearances: 46 2013/14 Clean Sheets: 23
 Total Town Appearances: 230
 Luton Debut: v AFC Wimbledon 8th August 2009

He was the Town's first signing in the Football Conference and now, after a record-breaking and ever-present campaign, Mark Tyler can now call himself a champion and a Football League player.

Winning promotion may have taken a little longer than the goalkeeper envisaged but while he's now 37 – you try stopping him making the first Football League appearance next season. It's hard to believe that his first league appearance next season will be his 200th in Town colours and 231st in all competitions.

"I'm going no-where," Tyler told Hatters Player. "The Braintree goalkeeper came up to me after that game and told me that he heard I was retiring. I can tell you, as soon as I can't kick a ball over the halfway line, then I'll consider retiring! I feel fine and I've had a great season."

It is the first time that Tyler has appeared in every league fixture in his five seasons with the Town and a club record 23 clean sheets and a title-winners' medal is his reward. But the experienced Town keeper paid tribute to his team-mates and the Hatters' coaching and medical staff for their role in ensuring he's fit to play.

"I've played every league game and that's down to Jeff Wood, our goalkeeper coach, who's been first class with me. The physio Simon [Parsell] and masseur Darren

[Cook] have been terrific with me all season. I see my chiropractor – David – aka the Rock – every week and he has kept me in check. Overall, though, I'm just happy with keeping clean sheets. The back four have been tremendous, it's a sign that when you play the same back four week in week out you will get a strong unit."

Tyler's one of a few players at Kenilworth Road to see it all at over the last five seasons, not least three failed Play-Off campaigns – two of which ended in heartbreak in successive finals against AFC Wimbledon in 2011 and York in 2012. Those memories are now well behind the Hatters and Tyler believes the board must take the credit for hiring John Still.

"It was a great move from the board to appoint the gaffer," said Tyler. "Hopefully he will remain here for a long time and get the club back to where they belong, in the Championship and beyond. This club is massive and I joined it because I wanted to get them back into the Football League and we've done it now."

"Yes it has taken us five years, but its five years of hard work, but we have a manager now that knows the league and knows how to win."

"We will enjoy this moment and in the summer we will prepare for another successful campaign in League 2."

macca magic

2013/14 Appearances:
48
 2013/14 Goals:
1
 Total Town Appearances:
68
 Total Town Goals:
2
 Luton Debut:
v Barrow
 2nd February 2013



What a 12 months it has been for Steve McNulty.

Last year the defender was wondering why he'd bothered joining the Hatters. A losing debut away at former employers Barrow was soon followed by an abject home defeat to Hyde. The boos around Kenilworth Road that night made McNulty think that perhaps a move to Bedfordshire was the wrong decision.

Had he fallen out of love with the game? Absolutely. But now, a year later, after helping the Town to a stunning title success, the popular centre-half is enjoying football again and is now hoping the Hatters can take on all comers in League 2 next season.

"When I first signed there were hopes that we'd be successful but that wasn't to be and not what I expected. I thought we would be pushing for promotion," admitted McNulty. "I had doubts at the back of my mind whether the move down south was good for me. John Still came in and we had a discussion. He said he wanted me here and that made me want to stay. I've worked hard, I feel great and I've fallen in love with the game again. I wouldn't change it for anything."

"I came here, like we all did, for one reason and one reason only: to get Luton back where they belong, in the Football League. Thankfully I've played a little part in it."

"There was mixed emotions that we played against Braintree when we couldn't win it. We all had family and friends there and in the end it was all a bit of anti-climax. It was a day of high emotions and obviously it was disappointing afterwards but that's football. All the lads were texting one another after Cambridge's result against

Kidderminster and in all honesty it was a big relief more than anything else."

The championship is the Liverpoolian's second in the Conference, having lifted the title as Fleetwood captain two years ago. So how do the two teams compare?

"At Fleetwood we had some really, really good players, and I mean individuals who were technically superb," said McNulty. "I'm not saying that's the case here at Luton but the spirit and togetherness here is much better."

"I personally don't think the Conference gets the credit it deserves – it is a good league, a tough league and it's full of players and clubs who could easily hold their own at the level above. I think we'll be fine, but one thing's for certain, we won't be going into the division to make up the numbers."

Come the campaign's closure, the defender was flattered to pick up the Player of the Year award, as voted by the Luton Town Supporters' Club, whilst his wonder strike against Southport back in November was voted Goal of the Season.

"As I grow older I tend to care less about individual awards but it's great to be recognised," he said. "I lot of the lads have done well. Andre's scored 30 goals, Luke Guttridge was on fire before he was injured and I think Paul Benson's been overlooked a bit because he's made a big difference."

"As for my goal, it's funny that everyone asks me about it, but as I said after that game, all I did was hit it. I could try that 100 more times and it wouldn't happen. It was a bit of luck but I caught it sweet and it went in."

happy howells

Of all the players in the Town squad there's one who has definitely seen it all.

However, after two relegations and three unsuccessful Play-Off campaigns, Jake Howells is now proud to be the holder of a championship winners' medal after a fine season for the Hatters in which he surpassed 275 appearances for the club. Not bad for a 23-year-old...

"At last we've done it! After five years, five managers and I don't know how many players we're finally champions," a beaming, if not relieved, Howells told Hatters Player.

"It's a very proud moment for me, especially after being part of the squad over the past few seasons. What we've done has been brilliant. We're winning games and every player knows their jobs."

After relegation to the Conference in 2009, there were high hopes of an instant return to the Football League. But, as we now know, life in non-league is far from easy – as Howells explains.

"To be honest when we were relegated in 2009 I thought that we would go straight back up. I didn't know a lot about the Conference at the time. How wrong was I? It was a new experience, a different experience and we soon realised how tough it was going to be.

"Midweek games at Barrow, going to Gateshead and playing teams at Kenilworth Road who would just come and play for a point. It was all very difficult and frustrating at times. Everyone wanted to get a result against us. Teams would celebrate drawing with us. It was surreal really."

During the dark and disappointing times throughout the Hatters' five seasons in the Conference, one thing has remained constant: the loyalty and passion of the Town support. And Howells hailed the backing of the team from the terraces as the long-suffering fans were rewarded with a title to celebrate.



2013/14 Appearances: 35
2013/14 Goals: 8
Total Town Appearances: 276
Total Town Goals: 26
Luton Debut:
v Huddersfield Town 3rd May 2013

"The supporters have been unbelievable," he said. "This season they've been in their numbers home and away but that's been the case every year since I've been here. They have definitely helped us this season, there is no doubt. This promotion is for them because their loyalty knows no bounds."

Howells has played his part too this term with a season's best eight goals from midfield in his 35 league appearances.

There were times in the Conference that the Town couldn't buy a regular penalty taker – until Howells stepped up to the mark by scoring two in an early-season victory at Kidderminster in which he netted twice from 12 yards.

"At Kidderminster I was just thrown the ball," explained Howells. "It was Paul Benson's debut and he nudged it my way."

"He didn't know who the penalty taker was as it was his first game and since then I've taken every one and scored them all."

"This season, though, I've scored more goals than I ever have done

before. I think I've been playing better because I've gained a lot of confidence from playing in my preferred position all of the season.

"I think I've played in almost every position since I've been at the club so it's nice that the manager sees me for what I am and that's helped."

At the tender age of 23, the graduate of the Town's academy is closing in on 300 appearances – a phenomenal achievement.

So what's it like being one of the senior pros at such a young age?

"I've been around for a while now but I'm still young and people always are surprised when I tell them how old I am!" joked Howells.

"It's great to finally get a promotion under my belt. There aren't many players still around from that first season, just me and Mark Tyler, and then Alex Lawless joined the following year."

absolutely flawless

A year ago Alex Lawless had the opportunity to leave Kenilworth Road and realise his Football League dream by playing in League 1.

He decided to turn that down and the Hatters' title-winning campaign has seen the Welshmen's choice vindicated.

"This season just goes to prove I was right to stay with the club," Lawless told Hatters Player. "I wanted to win promotion with this club and to finally experience that is surreal. To see everyone around the place smiling is just fantastic."

"Every player in the dressing room has their own story and this one is mine. It wasn't just about winning this league as to why I turned other clubs down. It was the potential this club has to go on and gain promotion again. This is the next aim for us, but that goes without saying due to the size of the club."

"Lots of players move from club to club and the longer I've been here, the more attached I get to this club. You get to understand the history a bit more and get to know more people who are involved with the club; I just want to keep going now."

Like Mark Tyler and Jake Howells, Lawless has twice been involved in Play-Off heartbreak with the Hatters. The midfielder missed a penalty in the shootout in the 2011 final in Manchester before he watched his former team-mates at York celebrate at Wembley a year later.

But with the title in the bag this season and a winners' medal finally around his neck, Lawless is proud of his and his team-mates achievements given the adversity of previous seasons.

"All the lows and the things that have happened in the past make winning the title that much sweeter," Lawless said. "Every individual has their own story and lows in certain situations and for me it makes it that much better, it's amazing for everyone at the club."

"It's a testament to the lads that we didn't have to play on the night to win the title. We would have preferred to have won it through playing ourselves, instead of relying on Cambridge losing, but the fact that we didn't have to shows how well we have done this season."



2013/14 Appearances: 31 **2013/14 Goals: 6**
Total Town Appearances: 156 **Total Luton Town Goals: 18**
Luton Debut: v Wrexham 11th November 2010

Despite a campaign which saw Lawless begin and end the season with injuries, the former Fulham trainee still managed to make 31 appearances and score six important goals – which included four strikes in a profitable December for the midfielder and the Hatters.

"There are a lot of things involved when you make a successful team. In the games I haven't played in through injury, when I've come back I don't get the feeling that I'll get straight back in the squad," Lawless said. "You have to be patient and earn your place in this team, and that's all a part of producing a great side."

captain's call

When Ronnie Henry became the Hatters' first signing of the summer in 2012 the new arrival spoke of his desire to get the Town back in the Football League.

Bar a historic victory at Norwich City in the fourth round of the FA Cup, the 2012/13 campaign was one to forget for Henry in his first at Kenilworth Road as the Hatters finished way out of contention for promotion. But a year after that disappointment, Henry was a proud man when, as captain, he lifted the Skrill Premier trophy in front of 10,000 fans at Kenilworth Road after the 4-1 win over Forest Green in the Hatters' final home game of a wonderful, record-breaking season.

"I can't tell you how happy I am," Henry told Hatters Player. "We've achieved what I set out to do when I joined the club. I wanted to help get this club moving forward. This is only a small step where this club can get to. The potential of this club is huge. There's no limit to where it can go."

When Henry first arrived at Kenilworth Road he pinpointed consistency and clean sheets as two vital components to a title-winning side.

As part of the Stevenage team that won back-to-back promotions after winning the Conference in 2009, Henry knew exactly what it would take to do it again.

"We've kept clean sheets, scored lots of goals and been very hard to beat – they are all the perfect ingredients to a successful team. The big part of the season was the 27-match unbeaten run and after a sequence like that we deserved to go up.

"I've been lucky enough to win it twice now and in both cases it's been a result of hard work on and off the pitch and great support from the supporters and the staff around the club."

That run of 27 undefeated matches began after a dismal 2-0 defeat at Wrexham on Friday 13th September.



2013/14 Appearances: 43
Total Town Appearances: 87

"That seems a long time ago!" laughs Henry. "We came off the pitch very disappointed but we never looked back after the Wrexham loss.

"Slowly we built-up the momentum, and it kept increasing and as it went on it was soon becoming obvious that we were going to do something special."

After Woking's 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road in front of the BT Sport cameras in March, the Town bounced back to win five of their next six matches and ended the season winning eight of their last 10.

And it's that period in which Henry feels was most critical to the Hatters' title charge.

"There were a lot of games where we can look back on and think 'what a great result', it's easy to pick out the 5-0s, the 6-0 and the 7-0, but for me after losing to Woking to go on another excellent run was crucial.

"The wins at Grimsby and Dartford – after trailing twice –

were massive, whilst the home wins over teams battling to stay up – Chester, Tamworth and Aldershot – were nery affairs but we showed that determination to get the job done. That's the true mark of champions. Yes, winning 5-0 every week would be better but that's not possible!"

So the Hatters return to the Football League – and League 2 – for the first time since 2009.

Henry's last campaign in the fourth tier – in 2010/11 – saw him earn promotion through the Play-Offs with Stevenage.

So what can the Town expect next term?

"League 2's tough, it is a hard league but it's an easier league to get out of with the extra automatic promotion places," admitted Henry.

"With even more fans behind us next season there is no limit to what we can achieve."

duo's delight

The Town will be in good hands next year with Scott Griffiths and Paul Benson in their ranks.

After all the duo, who helped the Hatters to the Conference title this season, have won promotion from League 2 in the past.

Griffiths was part of the Chesterfield side that picked up the League 2 title in 2011, whilst Benson lifted the same title a year later – and was part of the Dagenham & Redbridge side that won promotion to League 1 through the Play-Offs in 2010.

Left-back Griffiths, who was an ever-present for the Town, believes the Hatters will be able to cope with the step up.

"I think we'll be okay, we've got a good squad as it is," said Griffiths, who scored once in the campaign for the Hatters, in the 6-0 win over Kidderminster in December.

"I imagine the gaffer would want to strengthen the squad in whatever situation he feels necessary, and once that's done, I think we'll finish strong again next season.

"It's a big enough club that should be able to attract higher class and higher standard of players the higher you go.

"If we get promoted next year and go into League 1, there's no reason why we can't attract good players and keep the strong players that we've got, and do a good job in League 1, if we get that far."

On the Town's success, however, Griffiths could not hide his delight.

"I'm over the moon, it's been indescribable," said the defender. "It's been an amazing season and one we'll never forget."

Benson, who joined the Town on-loan from Swindon in August went on to net a total 18 goals – 17 of



Total Town Appearances: 38
Total Town Goals: 18



Total Town Appearances: 52
Total Town Goals: 1

which came in the Conference – described his latest promotion as "special".

"It's special because my previous achievements have been unexpected," explained the frontman. "Here it was different because coming here I was fully aware of the expectation levels attached to this club in this league.

"It takes a special kind of group of players to reach those expectations and then achieve success. I feel really proud of the boys and everyone associated with the club for making it happen.

"It's been a massive team effort and we've worked extraordinarily hard. From my experience you can't win things with individuals. Teams win leagues – and that's on and off the pitch."

Benson has used his know-how to good effect since arriving at Kenilworth Road and his experience has helped a number of the younger players – especially strike partner Andre Gray who struck 30 goals.

"Andre's been fantastic, he's been a pleasure to play alongside," said Benson. "He's made me a better player and I'm grateful that we've managed to strike-up a partnership and get the amount of goals we have.

"The younger players have adapted really well this season – their attitudes have been spot on. The manager wouldn't have brought them in if they weren't.

"It's all well and good saying the senior pros have done their bit but experience can only take you so far. You need those young, hungry players. In games the experienced lads have pushed on the younger ones and vice-versa, they've helped us when we've needed it.

"The success we've enjoyed has been thoroughly deserved and that's down to the team ethic and bond we have."

smudger's story

After Jonathan Smith broke his leg on Boxing Day the Hatters squad vowed to win the title for their injured team-mate.

They did so in fine style, and it was the support of his team-mates, coaching staff and the Hatters faithful that meant so much to the midfielder when he firstly picked up his championship winners' medal and then made an emotional return as a late substitute in the final day of the season at Hyde.

The problem for Smith now is that after his team-mates did such a sterling job in his absence, he knows it'll tough for him to stake a place back in the Town starting XI! But after being such a big part of the Town team up until his Boxing Day injury, the midfielder paid tribute to all of those involved in securing the title, and with it a return to the Football League.

"I couldn't believe the amount of support I got after I broke my leg," Smith told Hatters Player. "The manager backed me all the way and the fans have been amazing.

"But the lads have outstanding since I've been out. They've really kicked on. I've now got to try and get back in this team which is going to be a massive challenge. It'll probably be one of the biggest challenges for me personally that I've ever faced. The lads have worked ever-so hard and done so well, especially the young players; Cameron, Robbo and Pelly.

"The team deserve it, the board deserve it and the fans, more than anyone, deserve it. They've got behind us all season and we've come through to win the league, it's just fantastic."

The messages of support from the Town faithful and the backing received throughout the club – from the administration staff, medical team, directors and coaching staff – has not been lost on Smith during his rehabilitation.

"Ever since it happened the amount of support I've received has been very special to me," said the former



2013/14 Appearances: 26
2013/14 Goals: 2
Total Town Appearances: 60
Total Town Goals: 3

Swindon man who he won the League 2 title with in 2012.

"That support will stay with me forever. I've not forgotten it and really does mean a lot. And now I have a winners' medal around my neck that makes me happy, because that's the reason I came here and reason I play football – to win titles and be successful."

Five days after receiving that medal came a moment that Smith and the Hatters fans will never forget – his reappearance in injury time at Hyde – exactly four months after he suffered the injury in the Town's 2-1 win at the Hive.

"It was unbelievable to come on, especially for Andre who had scored so many goals for us," explained an emotional Smith. "It was a great feeling, my leg had been feeling in

good shape and I knew there might be a chance I could be on the bench for one of the last games.

"When I came on I expected a few claps but the response from the supporters was unreal. It was probably the most touching moment of life, such was the emotion of it.

"I must thank the manager for that because it was a tight game at the time, but the gaffer has stood by me and I'll never forget that."

Despite not making a touch during his brief cameo at Ewen Fields, Smith is now setting his sights on an instant return to pre-season training when it starts all over again in July.

"I've been training and I'm able to kick the ball now but I'm pushing on and want to be back 100 per cent fit as soon as I can.

"The aim has always been to return to pre-season training and firing on all cylinders and fingers crossed I should be able to meet that target.

"I've worked every day with Dave Richardson the fitness coach and Simon Parsell the physio and I've got a lot to thank them for in my recovery."

guttridge's glee

Such was Cambridge United's blistering start to the season, Luke Guttridge didn't believe the Town could reel in his former employers and lift the Conference title.

The Hatters were as many as 10 points behind the Abbey Stadium outfit early in the season but a blistering run of 27 games unbeaten helped the Hatters overall the long-time leaders. And from that point there was no looking back.

Guttridge played a major role in the Town's season, scoring 13 times in 33 appearances before a foot injury curtailed his campaign after the 3-0 home win over Alfreton in March.

But prior to sustaining the metatarsal problem the midfielder, who joined the Town from Northampton last summer, was in fine form but not before early season inconsistency from the team that saw the Hatters take 10 points from their first eight games.

But then it clicked – and the Town didn't look back...

"After the defeat at Southport on the opening day I got a text from a mate of mine saying 'what have you done?!' But those early season results happen in football. It's a funny old game and it reminded me of when I won the league with Southend when we lost the first game, drew the second but then won the next nine.

"However, I could see during pre-season that the signs were there that the season could be a good one. Of course the slow start was frustrating but we didn't let it affect us. In a strange way the defeat at Wrexham was a good thing. We realised that weren't good enough and that we had let ourselves, the manager and the fans down but that result and performance left us all thinking 'we have to do more' – and in the end it was the catalyst for that superb run, and then it just began to click.

"At the time we were miles behind Cambridge and personally I couldn't see them slipping up. Funnily enough around that time I bumped into Adie Boothroyd,



2013/14 Appearances: 33
2013/14 Goals: 13

my former manager at Northampton, at the cinema. He told me not to worry and was convinced we would go on and win it.

"Perhaps from an outside person's perspective that's how it looked, I don't know. When you're involved there's that added pressure but at the time Cambridge were flying, they'd won 10 out of 10 at home."

The Town rose to the top of the table after the 6-0 win over Kidderminster on 28th December, in which Guttridge netted twice.

And it was the Hatters' form over the Christmas period that the midfielder felt was important.

"The defining game of the season for me was the Barnet game at home," explained Guttridge. "On a terrible pitch and in awful conditions we got the game out the way and won it. Around the New Year we were playing and Cambridge weren't. We were getting points on the board and while they had games in hand, it meant the pressure was on them and ultimately that's where I think the title was won."

After scoring 13 times and having a hand in many more, Guttridge has been delighted with his own form. So what's been the key?

"I've really enjoyed this season and I think it's because I've been given the freedom by the manager to play how I like to play. The manager's system and philosophy has really worked and it's been great playing alongside all the lads, in particular Paul Benson and Andre Gray. It's a formula that's worked really well and I think as a three we complement each other perfectly."

Guttridge has also lifted the League 2 trophy, so how will the Town fair next season back in the Football League?

"First and foremost we need enough points to be safe," said the midfielder. "Once we've done that we'll aim for the Play-Offs. If we're in the Play-Offs we'll aim for automatic...and if we're in that position we'll chase the title..."

oh lord andre gray

If you had told Andre Gray he would finish the season with a championship winners' medal and the Golden Boot he wouldn't have believed you.

Yet, after a sensational season, the Town striker has both.

His 30 goals have played a major part in helping the Hatters secure a return to the Football League after five years in the Conference.

Both Gray's and the Hatters' achievements this season are even more remarkable given the form earlier in the campaign that saw the Town win just twice in their opening eight matches.

It took Gray 10 matches to finally find the net but the forward never looked back after that strike at Woking in September to go on and reach a target he never dreamt of setting.

Target

"I've always said my target is to score in every game!" jokes Gray.

"I know you can't do that but once I'd hit the 20+ mark and scored eight goals in a three-game spell in February I knew with the games left I could reach 30.

"With the start I had, the fact I don't score penalties, I suppose I could have hit 40! The team, though, has been fantastic – I can't thank them enough.

"But if someone had asked me at the start of the season we would be champions and I would win the golden boot I wouldn't have believed them."

Gray took his tally to 30 with a brace in the 4-1 win over Forest Green Rovers in the Town's final home game of the season.

One a penalty, another a header. Two rare sources of goals for the prolific frontman.

"Ironically the last time I took a penalty I missed at home to Forest Green," smiles Gray.

"That day I didn't even hit the target so that was my number one priority. If the keeper saves it, he saves it. That made it 29 and I was desperate to get another.



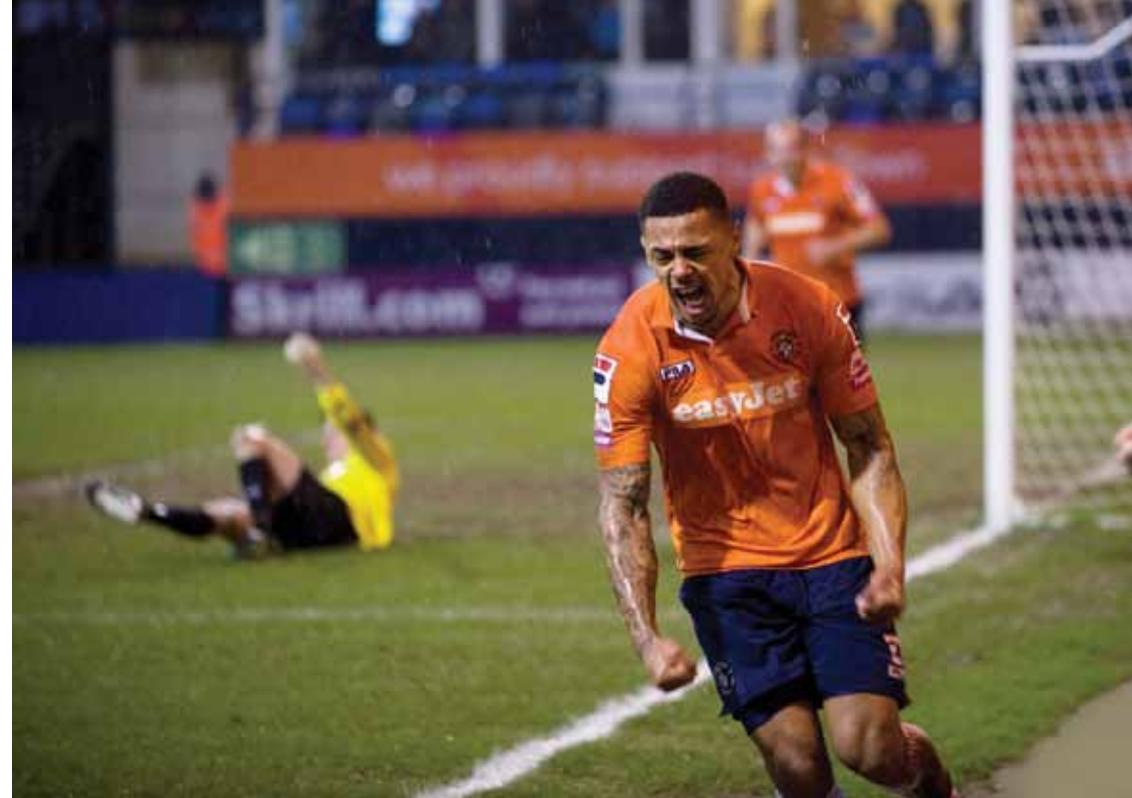
2013/14 Appearances: 45 2013/14 Goals: 30
2013/14 Hat-tricks: 3 v Hyde, Nuneaton, Hereford
Total Town Appearances: 111 Total Town Goals: 57

"I don't often score headers but it was a great ball from Mark Cullen. It was a case of just getting my head on it.

"I don't score headers and don't score penalties but I did against Forest Green and that sums up the season."

The confidence of Gray's performances have been evident all season, though, but the striker admitted that hasn't always been the case.

"I've never been an arrogant person, I never, ever thought I'd be able to score 30 goals," confessed the striker.



"My team-mates have helped massively. They believed in me when I didn't believe in myself.

"I've learned a lot this season – from the manager, from the likes of Steve McNulty, Mark Tyler, Ronnie Henry and experienced strikers Paul Benson and Jon Shaw.

"They've all encouraged me to do the right thing – things on the pitch that I never thought I could. That help has really paid dividends.

Better

"I have never experienced the pressure of being top goalscorer and at the Halifax away game I didn't have the best of games. It's things like that I have learnt from and will make me a better player in the long run."

After impressing against the Hatters whilst with Hinckley in two FA Trophy ties in 2012, Gray got the move – which he describes as a "dream" – to Kenilworth Road in March that year. And he was soon exploding onto the scene with seven goals in 12 games – including one at Wembley in the ultimately unsuccessful Play-Off final against York.

His record now stands at 57 goals in 111 games and the striker is delighted that his record has improved year on year.

"I'm good friends with Amari Morgan-Smith who was here at the time and I always said to him that I would love to get a move to Luton," explained Gray. "At the time it was a dream.

"I was at Hinckley and knew that Luton were interested in me. Hinckley rejected a bid but I wanted the move to happen and in a few weeks it soon became a reality.

"When I first arrived I didn't have time to think, I hit the ground running and scored at Wembley which is every boy's dream.

"The next season we beat my home-town club, Wolves, and then won at Norwich to make history and I finished that campaign with 20 goals.

Question

"And now, this season, we've won the league and I've scored 30 goals so I couldn't have asked for anymore to be honest with you."

The question on everyone's lips is whether the striker will be hitting the back of the net in Town colours in 2014/15 in League 2.

"I've loved every minute of being at Luton Town and it would need to be the right move and the right club – a bigger club than this – if anything was to happen."

what they said

WE ASKED THE QUESTIONS - THEY ANSWERED



JOHN STILL



FAVOURITE GAME: Alfreton away.
FAVOURITE GOAL: Alex Wall's against Halifax.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: The championship celebrations after the Forest Green game.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Steve McNulty.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Dan Gardner's goal for Halifax at Kenilworth Road.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Grimsby.

FUNNIEST MOMENT: Terry Harris wiping his hand against his mouth when he had a black smudge on his hand. It gave him a lovely black moustache.

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Cambridge away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Lincoln home.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Fantastic, Fantastic, Fantastic!

TERRY HARRIS



FAVOURITE GAME: Alfreton away – a pure team performance.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Alex Wall v Halifax.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: The noise of the supporters at Cambridge.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Steve McNulty.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Dan Gardner's for Halifax.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Macclesfield.

FUNNIEST MOMENT: Too many to mention from the dressing room!

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Cambridge away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Cambridge away.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Wonderful. Historic. Hard-work.

HAKAN HAYRETTIN

FAVOURITE GAME: Kidderminster at home.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Mark Cullen's at Cambridge.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: The last home game against Forest Green.



PLAYER OF THE YEAR: A very tight call. For me, Paul Benson.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Can't remember!

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Halifax.

FUNNIEST MOMENT: Gateshead away when it absolutely pelted it down with rain.

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Braintree away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Cambridge away.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Belief. Winning. Desire.

SCOTT GRIFFITHS



FAVOURITE GAME: Kidderminster at home.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Mine against Kidderminster!

FAVOURITE MEMORY: Confirming Conference success.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Mark Tyler.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Lafayette's for Welling in April.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Halifax.

FUNNIEST MOMENT: Anything involving Luke Guttridge or Alex Wall.

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Cambridge away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Lincoln home.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Control the Controllables!

JAKE HOWELLS



FAVOURITE GAME: Kidderminster at home.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Luke Guttridge's last goal against Kidderminster.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: Winning the league!

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Ronnie Henry.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Dan Gardner's goal for Halifax at Kenilworth Road.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Macclesfield.

FUNNIEST MOMENT:

Alex Wall finding a fish in his wash bag!

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Kidderminster away in August.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Barnet at home.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: We are Champions!

ELLIOT JUSTHAM



FAVOURITE GAME: Cambridge away.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Steve McNulty v Southport.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: Winning the league.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Mark Tyler.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Ross Lafayette, Welling away.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Aldershot.

FUNNIEST MOMENT:

The Saturday night after Hyde away!

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Cambridge away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Halifax home

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS

Incredible. Amazing. Memorable.

PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU



FAVOURITE GAME: 7-0 v Hereford.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Mark Cullen's at Cambridge.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: The trophy presentation.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Luke Guttridge.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Welling's in April.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Halifax.

FUNNIEST MOMENT:

Alex Lacey getting scooped and falling over.

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Either Dartford away or Cambridge away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST:

Braintree at home.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS:

The best feeling

MARK CULLEN



FAVOURITE GAME: Forest Green at home.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Mine Cambridge away!

FAVOURITE MEMORY: Lifting the trophy.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Scott Griffiths.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Dan Gardner's

goal for Halifax at Kenilworth Road.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Halifax.

FUNNIEST MOMENT:

Paul Benson's celebration at Braintree.

MOST CRUCIAL GAME:

Cambridge away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST:

Dartford away.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS:

Successful. Enjoyable. Champions.

ANDY PARRY



FAVOURITE GAME: Hereford at home.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Andre's at Alfreton.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: The unbeaten run.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Paul Benson.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US:

Dan Gardner for Halifax.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS:

Macclesfield.

FUNNIEST MOMENT:

Alex Wall finding a fish in his bag.

MOST CRUCIAL GAME:

Cambridge away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST:

Barnet at home.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS:

Champions. Winners. Unbelievable. ▶▶▶

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PAUL BENSON



FAVOURITE GAME: Alfreton away.
FAVOURITE GOAL: Mark Cullen's at Cambridge.
FAVOURITE MEMORY: Cully's goal at Cambridge!

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Andre Gray.
BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Halifax's goal by Gardner.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Halifax.
FUNNIEST MOMENT: Anthony Charles' title celebrations.
MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Barnet at home.
GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Barnet at home.
SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Luton are back.

ALEX LAWLESS



FAVOURITE GAME: Barnet at home – a surreal game.
FAVOURITE GOAL: Andre Gray's at Alfreton away.
FAVOURITE MEMORY: The evening we clinched the championship.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Luke Guttridge.
BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Lafayette's of Welling.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Halifax.
FUNNIEST MOMENT: Alex Wall finding a fish in his washbag.
MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Cambridge away.
GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Halifax at home.
SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Definitely career favourite.

LUKE GUTTRIDGE

FAVOURITE GAME: All the home games!
FAVOURITE GOAL: Andre's volley against Hyde.



FAVOURITE MEMORY: Celebrating at the final home game and looking out at all the fans.
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Andre Gray.
BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Lafayette – Welling away.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Macclesfield.
FUNNIEST MOMENT: Anything to do with Alex Wall.
MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Barnet at home.
GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Halifax and Lincoln at home.
SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Amazing. Outstanding. Successful.

JON SHAW



FAVOURITE GAME: 6-0 win over Kidderminster.
FAVOURITE GOAL: Macca's volley v Southport.
FAVOURITE MEMORY: In the directors' box with all the lads in front of the fans

after Forest Green.
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Luke Guttridge.
BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Gardner's of Halifax in the home game.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Macclesfield.
FUNNIEST MOMENT: Anthony Charles v Alex Wall.
MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Barnet at home in the monsoon!
GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Halifax at home.
SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Memorable. Champions. (and personally) Frustrating.

ALEX LACEY

FAVOURITE GAME: Forest Green at home.
FAVOURITE GOAL: Woking away – my first goal for Luton.
FAVOURITE MEMORY: When Mark Cullen scored the equaliser at Cambridge.
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Luke Guttridge.



BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Lafayette for Welling in April.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Cambridge.
FUNNIEST MOMENT: The celebrations after the Forest Green game!

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Cambridge away.
GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Halifax at home.
SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Worth the wait.

STEVE McNULTY



FAVOURITE GAME: Cambridge away.
FAVOURITE GOAL: Mark Cullen's at Cambridge.
FAVOURITE MEMORY: Cully's goal at Cambridge.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Andre Gray.
BEST GOAL AGAINST US: None – I don't enjoy goals we concede.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Macclesfield.
FUNNIEST MOMENT: Shaun Whalley in Portugal... enough said!
MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Either Cambridge or Macclesfield away.
GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Cambridge away.
SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: Eventful. Champions. Team.

FRASER FRANKS



FAVOURITE GAME: My debut at Macclesfield.
FAVOURITE GOAL: Pelly's equaliser at Dartford. A big goal which started the comeback.
FAVOURITE MEMORY: Has to be the Forest Green celebrations.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Steve McNulty.
BEST GOAL AGAINST US: My mate Ross Lafayette for Welling.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: I'd say at the time Macclesfield, they played at their maximum.
FUNNIEST MOMENT: Alex Wall finding a fish in his washbag.
MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Probably the Cambridge game which we didn't want to lose.
GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: Dartford away. Took over the stadium and stuck with us until the end.
SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: The best ever.

ANDRE GRAY



FAVOURITE GAME: Forest Green at home.
FAVOURITE GOAL: Pelly's goal at Dartford.
FAVOURITE MEMORY: Lifting the trophy.
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Steve McNulty.
BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Welling away.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Macclesfield
FUNNIEST MOMENT: Alex Wall finding a massive fish in his washbag.
MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Cambridge away.
GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST: All 46.
SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS: We are champions.

ALEX WALL



FAVOURITE GAME: Halifax at home.
FAVOURITE GOAL: Mine versus Halifax!
FAVOURITE MEMORY: My goal against Halifax!!
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Andre Gray.
BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Gardner for Halifax.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Halifax.
FUNNIEST MOMENT: Anthony Charles...! ▶▶▶

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MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Halifax at home.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST:

Halifax at home.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS:

Best season ever.

JONATHAN SMITH



FAVOURITE GAME: The 4-3 win over Halifax.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Mine at Tamworth away.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: Walking out to collect my medal in front of the fans.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Luke Guttridge.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Halifax home game – Gardner's strike.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Cambridge.

FUNNIEST MOMENT: Luke Guttridge's banter.

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: All of them.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST:

Again, all of them.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS:

Champions. Winners. Team.

RONNIE HENRY



FAVOURITE GAME: Kidderminster at home.

FAVOURITE GOAL: Pelly's goal at home to Hereford.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: Lifting the trophy.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Paul Benson.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Halifax at home, Dan Gardner.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Macclesfield.

FUNNIEST MOMENT: Me trying to chase Nuneaton's Theo Streete, I just couldn't chase him!

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Dartford away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST:

Dartford away.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS:

Hard, work, champions.

MARK TYLER



FAVOURITE GAME: Hereford at home.

FAVOURITE SAVE: The one against Kidderminster from Lolley.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: The Forest Green game and the celebrations afterwards.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Paul Benson.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Welling away.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Either Cambridge, Grimsby or Barnet.

FUNNIEST MOMENT: Matt Robinson's celebration against Chester.

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Barnet at home.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST:

All of them.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS:

Consistent. Brilliant. Happy.

MATT ROBINSON



FAVOURITE GAME: Grimsby away.

FAVOURITE GOAL: The sixth goal against Kidderminster, scored by Luke Guttridge.

FAVOURITE MEMORY: The celebrations after the Forest Green game.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Ronnie Henry.

BEST GOAL AGAINST US: Gardner for Halifax.

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Woking.

FUNNIEST MOMENT: Shaun Whalley.

MOST CRUCIAL GAME: Macclesfield away.

GAME IN WHICH FANS HELPED THE MOST:

Welling away.

SUM THE SEASON UP IN THREE WORDS:

Emotional. Glorious. Victorious.

what you said

YOUR MEMORIES

We went out on our popular social media channels

Facebook and Twitter to ask Town supporters for their favourite memories of the title-winning season.

What was their favourite goal and their favourite match? And what three things are they looking forward to in 2014/15 back in the Football League?

Here's how they answered...

YOUR TWEETS

Via the official club account

Callum @callumhorgan_
@LTFC_Official Gray v Dartford, Cambridge away, cup draws, league 2 promotion and hopefully signing McGeehan

Callum @callumLtfc
@LTFC_Official Favourite Goal - McNulty's - Favourite Game Luton 7-0 Hereford & 3 things for next season - JPT/League Football & New grounds

Rob Palmer @abers1
@LTFC_Official Pelly Ruddock against Dartford, Forest Green at home and 3 things? Vindication, revenge and promotion.

Simon @HungryHatter
@LTFC_Official Favourite goal- McNulty (Southport (H)). Favourite game- Halifax (H) because of the comeback;

Simon @HungryHatter
@LTFC_Official ...Three things - 1.The Football League Show, 2.More @SimonStattoP commentaries, 3.defending the Paint Pot Cup!

scott @Scott_LTFC_96
@LTFC_Official Pelly Vs Dartford. Dartford Luton. Mental 10 minutes. 1) Portsmouth away! 2) Capital One Cup 3) proper city grounds.

Gregory @LukeGregory18
@LTFC_Official Paul Benson at Grimsby, Cambridge away, New away days! Capital one Cup and being on the Football League Show! #COYH

Dumbo @Kayycakez
@LTFC_Official 3 things to look forward to 1. Northern games for us northern fans! 2. League 2 promotion (hopefully) 3. Capital One Cup games!

Ti KEYTE @Ti_ltfc_88
@LTFC_Official best game this season thrilling 4-3 win against FC Halifax best goal Steve McNulty's, and Pompey away - two biggest teams :)

Phil Harper @PAHarper
@LTFC_Official Goal - Andre no.30/team 100! Game - Kidderminster 6-0. Next season - new grounds / Tuesday night cup games / goals on FL Show!

Clive Williams @BedfordHatter
@LTFC_Official Game- away Alfreton, gave belief. Goal-Cullen at Cambes-sealed it. JPT, Cap One Cup goals on Sky. #cantwait

jack capehorn @jackocappers
@jackocappers: @LTFC_Official Cullen's at Cambridge, home win against Lincoln was a big win, League 2 promotion, keep Andre and Pompey away.

Paul Wright @MISTERPDW
@LTFC_OFFICIAL Fav goal - Guttridge v Kiddy. Fav game - Macclesfield away. Both displayed team work. The key to the season.

Paul Wright @MISTERPDW
@LTFC_OFFICIAL Looking forward to seeing the team continue to improve, but most of all Hartlepool away on a Tuesday night (I lie!).

Steve Nolan @steve_nolan1
@LTFC_Official Favourite game - FGR home on Monday...a packed ground like the old days, a sea of orange, and the relief of having won it!

Steve Nolan @steve_nolan1
@LTFC_Official Things to look forward to? Playing teams that actually bring away fans, League Cup, & (hopefully) another promotion charge.

Kevin Harper @kevshat
@LTFC_Official Guttridge vs Kidderminster; FGR at home. League Cup, JPT and a League 2 title! ▶▶▶

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🐦 **Chris Mitchell** @chrismitch99

@LTFC_Official Goal – Guttridge’s 2nd v Kiddie / Game - Halifax at home. 3 things; Football League Show, League Cup draw, another party in May.

🐦 **CHAMPIONS 15/04/14** @HatterDave88

@LTFC_Official McNulty v Southport; Grimsby away; League Cup, No qualifying for FA Cup and Plymouth away.

🐦 **Ryan Brinklow** @ryanbrinklow98

@LTFC_Official Wall’s winner at home to Halifax; 4-1 v FGR. More away fans at Kenilworth, Football League Show and being a Football League club again.

🐦 **ToWinJustOnce** @MagicCarpetDays

@LTFC_Official goal-Cullen v Camb, game-FGR home... next season- no FA Trophy no 4th qual round of FA Cup and getting promoted to L1

🐦 **jenni** @jenn_ifer_jenn

@LTFC_Official fav goal Cullen v Cambridge fav game Barnet at home both chosen for the fighting spirit. things to look forward to seeing Smudger and Gutts back on the pitch and another promotion :)

🐦 **Philip Norcross** @PhilipNorcross

@LTFC_Official winner at Grimsby; the Barnet waterpolo game; looking forward to Portsmouth, Oxford and another promotion

🐦 **Peter Bulkeley** @pbulkers

@LTFC_Official Goal - 6th v Kiddie, Game - Alfreton away, 3 things - more away fans, League Cup and another promotion push under Still

🐦 **Chris Norton** @CJ_Hatter

@LTFC_Official Gutts v Kiddie at home, Alfreton away, Defending JPT, Pompey away and more away fans at KR

🐦 **Peter Bywaters** @PBywaters1992

@LTFC_Official Cullen’s equaliser v Cambridge was a big, big goal and the celebrations were insane. Favourite match was 6-0 vs Kiddie. Fluid.

🐦 **Rob Hadgraft** @RobHadgraft

@LTFC_Official Wall v Halifax ... 6-0 v Kiddie ... Derbies v Stevenage; LTFC on BBC on Sat nights; Tyler’s ‘League debut’ after 200+ games!

🐦 **Chris Lennon** @christofflennon

@LTFC_Official Goal - defo Cullen at Cambridge. Mental celebration! Game - FGR (h) and the title presentation will live long in the memory >

🐦 **Chris Lennon** @christofflennon

@LTFC_Official 3 things to look forward to - being in League Cup and not the Trophy, long overdue JPT defence, taking 6pts off Stevenage

YOUR FACEBOOK MESSAGES

via www.facebook.com/lutontown

BARNEY HUNTER Favourite goal: McNulty v Southport

Favourite game: Luton 4-3 Halifax

Three things to look forward to: derby game against Stevenage, finally being able to defend the Johnstone’s Paint Trophy & Luton in Fifa 15.

STEVE HEAD Best game Alfreton away ..I think that was the day we all left the ground and thought we can win this league!! fav goal Luke Guttridge against kiddie excellent team goal!

GEMMA OHALLORAN Favourite goal- McNulty favourite game- last game of the season, because it brought everyone together, and 3 things I’m looking forward to is working for a league 2 club!, visiting new places, and supporting luton!

STEPHEN WATERHOUSE Goal- Cullen at Cambridge. You could see their bodies drop. They knew the league was gone at that point. Game- Dartford away. Should have got beat but when their lad got sent off the ascendancy changed & we won the match. Looking forward to seeing the goals on tv for matches away that I choose to miss.

RICHARD MADHATTER HINES Favourite Goal: McNulty v Southport, Favourite Game: 7-0 v Hereford, 3 things I am looking forward to next season: 1. Johnstone’s Paint Trophy 2. Derby match with Stevenage 3. First Football League game at Kenilworth Road since 2009.

DEREK S BORINO Favourite Goal Cullen last minute v FGR, Favourite game v Hereford 7-0 win (despite me betting 6-0 at 125/1) things to look forward to next season are the Kenny being Full EVERY WEEK and Andre Gray getting more goals

STUART HATTERS HOARE Favourite goal: Alex Wall’s thunderbolt. I was in my seat in the Kenilworth End and was in the air before it hit the back of the net! I saw it all the way in! Favourite game: The televised mudbath when Barnet came to town. The game had everything, including Noahs floods!! Things to look forward to next season: Local derby with Stevenage, better news coverage on TV and certain sports channels.

JAY PEDDER Favourite Goal - Alex Wall winner vs Halifax at home Favourite game - Dartford 1-2 Luton, and 3 things to look forward next season - Away days at Portsmouth and Stevenage, hopefully to continue our JPT unbeaten run and Luton on FIFA 15

SIMON DARWEN Cullen last minute at Cambridge. The moment we were back! Kiddie at home 6-0. Rip-Roaring Free Scoring 1. Taking 5,000 to Pompey away. 2. Winning League 2. 3. Defending & retaking our JPT trophy!

JOE PITTARD Favourite goal: McNulty v Southport Favourite game: Luton 7-0 Hereford. Things to look forward to: Football League show, Fifa 15 and playing Stevenage!

MARK BIGGS Fave goal - Cullen vs Cambridge. Fave game - Kidderminster away -Bensons debut. Looking forward to away fans turning up, defending our Johnstone’s paint trophy and getting promoted into League 1 as champions.

ELLIOTT KENYON Actually existing to the football world again! My 5-year-old will be able to see highlights on TV and we will be on FIFA 15! We’ve always been a proper club but sometimes over last few years playing & losing to part time teams it hasn’t felt like it. We are back now and everyone knows it. COYH.

PETE HOLMES Favourite Goal - Andre Gray vs Alfreton away - the ultimate team goal, crisp one touch football; Favourite game - Alfreton away - had never previously won there before and the 5-0 demolition was the signal that something special was happening; and 3 things to look forward to next season - first away game (wherever it is!), seeing our youngsters continue to grow and hopefully a similar outcome come April/May 2015!!!!

PAUL HUGH GALLAGHER Favourite goal, Luke Guttridge against Kidderminster, pass and move and a quality finish. Favourite game, Halifax home. 3-1 down to one of the best sides to come to Kenilworth Road, we turn it round with a Wall stunner to win the game 4-3. Three things I’m looking forward to. Capital One Cup, and a potential Big money tie should we progress, Portsmouth home and away, the support will be amazing and the defence of the JPT. ▶▶▶

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YOUR MEMORIES

SAM TIDY Goal - Alex Wall Halifax (H), same game 7 goals came back from 1-3 turning point. 1. Coaches and subs wearing our own LTFC tracksuits/jackets 2. Chance of Watford in cup and renewing other acquaintances 3. Finally defending JPT trophy so many more ...

ROBBIE MCGUIRE McNulty's screamer, Macclesfield away, dug deep won when it mattered, highlights on the BBC, more cup games and Luton on Fifa again

BENEDICT QUINCE McNulty's goal what a screamer plus the nonchalant celebration! Luton 6 Kidderminster 0 they were 3rd round to be a massive test we blew them away in true champion style! How is our young squad going to cope with the step up, loads of local games and the next promotion battle!! COYH

IAN J BORINO Best Goal: Sixth v Kidderminster. Best Game: 4-1 v Forest Green Rovers. The performance was good and the celebrations were better. Next Season: 1) Challenging in the FL once again. 2) Better away grounds. 3) The Capital One Cup and JPT defence.

CLARE CLARK Goal: Mark Cullen's v Cambridge. Good goal, but picked it more for what it meant that night. Game: v Forest Green (h) - our four goals, the biggest attendance of the season, the atmosphere and electricity in the ground, the standing ovations for the substitutes, the non-stop singing, the pitch invasion at the end...what an afternoon! 3 things: to visit better grounds, to play better teams and to be in the draw for the JPT.

KEEGAN LTFC INNS Goal Alex Wall's v Braintree favourite game forest green at home three things for next season Stevenage away, JPT and Luke Guttridge playing again

JOE MEAD Goal - Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu vs Dartford (a) great goal to equalise to help us go on and win the game Game- Dartford (a) great support and atmosphere also 2 good late goals to win the game. Three things I am looking forward to next season 1) Luton vs Stevenage 2) be on FIFA 15 3) more away fans for banter and atmosphere

COLIN WOOD favourite goal.... Michael Gash Kiddie v Camb... favourite game.... Kiddie v Camb, 3 things to look forward to next season:- away crowds at the Kennie, Southend away, and if there is a God...pulling Watford out of the hat in a cup game and turning them over.... AGAIN!

STEPHEN WOODWARD Goal: McNulty's wonderlump vs Southport. Game: 7-0 vs Hereford, due to working with Hereford fans.

1. Finishing higher than Stevenage in the table
2. Not selling Andre Gray and Jake Howells
3. Being able to watch us on the Football League show!

JAY KEWLEY Cullen's equaliser at Cambridge, we were never gonna settle for a 1-0 loss!! Every game was special!!, FGR last home game!! A great win last game at home before next season with the big boys!!

Next season:

1. barmy army title campaign div 2,
2. loyal fans back on the road filling div 2 grounds!!
3. better toilet facilities at away grounds!!

BRETT CHRISTIAN LUCAS Favourite goal was McNulty's vs Southport, absolute cracker; favourite game was the 7-0 hammering of Hereford; and I'm looking forward to a back to back promotion, the league cup and being back on Fifa 15

TYCHIQUE CIAMALA My favourite goal was Steve McNulty's volley vs Southport, my favourite game was Braintree at home cause there were goals a plenty

1. Luton v Stevenage derby
2. Mark Tyler and Stevo playing
3. Luton will be in and we'll be on tv more which means I'll be on tv more maybe

NICK O'LEARY Best goal. Pelly's, the 4th in our 7-0 win fantastic team goal with unbeatable shot. Best game. Halifax home to come back from 3-1 and Hereford 7-0

Next season.

1. Lots more grounds to travel to and a weekend in Portsmouth.
2. Chance of MK Dons and Watford in cups.
3. to start strong and make play-offs and keeping Kenny full

PHILLIP WOOLFORD Favourite goal was defo McNulty's wonder lob! My favourite game was away to Dartford purely due to the last 10 minutes and the magnitude of importance that game held at that time, three things to look forward to:

- 1) Wall and Gray aka the beastly boys
- 2) the Football League Show showing our beloved club,
- 3) the return of Jonathan Smith.



DAWN KEVEREN Goal - McNulty screamer against Southport. Game 7-0 home win against Hereford.

3 things I'm looking forward to:

Bigger crowds to sell more golden gamble tickets too so big prizes! Keeping our same team so with the unity, we go up again. Another celebration party like Monday after the game. Luton til I die.

DANIEL KENNEDY Pelly Ruddock's goal vs Dartford, the hard fought 4-3 victory over Halifax at home coming back from 3-1 down I believe, and proving everyone wrong they wrote us off!! The town are back and were here to stay!!

BENJAMIN PRATT Favourite goal, Mark Cullen vs FGR (H), favourite game, Hereford 7-0 (H), 3 things to look forward to: better away games, defend the JPT Trophy & Luton on Fifa 15.

PHILLIP PRATT Favourite goal, McNulty vs Southport (H), Favourite game, Barnet 1-2 Luton, 3 things to look forward to: being back in the Football League, Pompey away & 3 automatic promotion spots!!! COYH!!

DALE WILLIAMS Favourite goal v Mark Cullen's away at Cambridge. Luton 6 v Kidderminster 0 unplayable that day 3 things I'm looking forward to: First game being a Football League club again. Being promoted from league two. Controlling the controllables

MICHAEL PALA 3 things to look forward to - 1). Not having to wait until July for the fixtures list. 2). Seeing Luton in the Capital One cup draw 3). Being able to select Luton Town on the next version of Fifa.

DARREN JAMES ANTONY AITCHISON Ruddock's rocket. Gash's goal and our magnificent away support got us up. Capital One Cup next year and no qualify for FA Cup, plus we went down with the JPT could not defend it...we're up now that Trophy is ours let's take it into League 1.

CHRIS MALLAMS Fav goal Macca v Southport Fav game: Cambridge v Luton 3 moments: away at Stevenage, being in the Football League, an injury free squad.

GARY LAWES Favourite goal Cullen Cambridge away, favourite game Halifax at home great comeback.

3 thing to look forward to, Pompey away, Pelly Ruddock ripping up league 2! And taking my 7 year old son to watch the hatters play League football for the first time, this season has set him up for life! COYH!

LEWIS YOUNG-TOMLIN McNulty amazing volley as my goal. Our 7-0 win against Hereford I was jumping up and down every 10 mins!!

1. Luton being in FIFA 15.
2. Luke Guttridge returning from injury and Jon Smith.
3. LUTON PLAYING IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE!

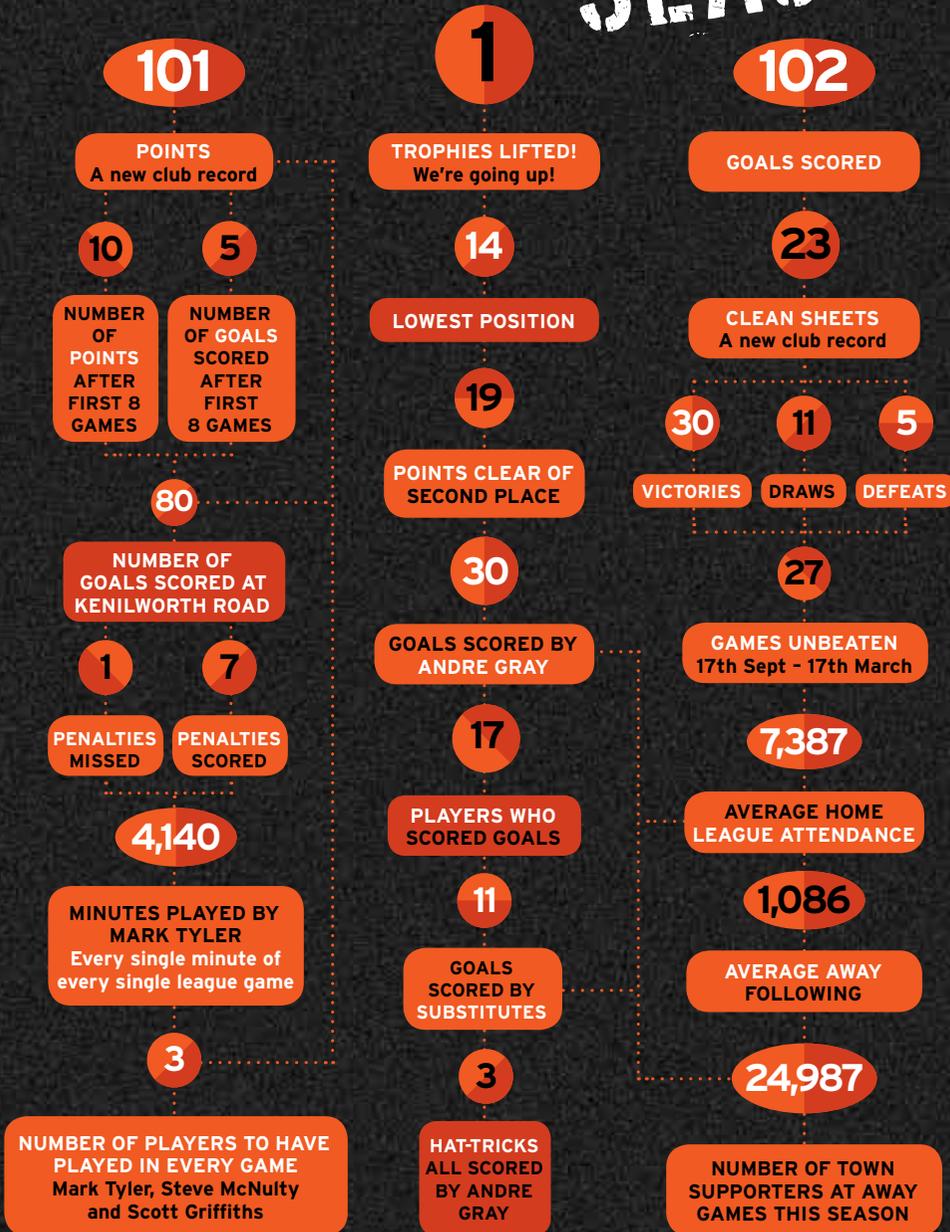
MOHAMMED IFTEKAR UDDIN Fave goal Guttridge to make it 6-0 v Kidderminster, liquid football at its best! Best game home v Halifax coming back from 3-1 down to win. Next season looking forward to watching proper highlights from away games, meeting some old foes eg Pompey, Plymouth, Stevenage! And the chance to go for promotion all over again!!!

STEWART SMITH Favourite goal Steve McNulty v Southport. Favourite game v Halifax 4-3. 3 things to look forward to:

- 1) a great chance for another promotion with 4 places.
- 2) local derby v Stevenage
- 3) to retain the Johnstone's Paint Trophy - something we never got a chance to do.

MIKE COKER Favourite goal: McNulty screamer. Favourite game: Grimsby 1-2 Luton. Three things I look forward to next season: 1. getting Watford In the League Cup! 2. Luton vs Portsmouth 3. getting promoted to league 1!!!

THIS GLORIOUS SEASON



DID YOU KNOW?

The Town's first home match in the Conference saw Mansfield Town beaten 4-1. Forest Green were beaten by the same scoreline in the Hatters' final game in the Conference at Kenilworth Road.

Only six of the 102 players used made one appearance in Conference Football: Zane Banton, Shane Gore, Kane Ferdinand, Collin Samuel, Ryan Inniss and Alfie Mawson.

Jake Howells has made the most substitute appearances in the Conference for the Hatters, coming off the bench 32 times.

The Hatters made 565 substitutions in the Football Conference.

CENTURY CLUB

Five players have played over 100 times for the Hatters in the Conference:

- Mark Tyler (199)
- Jake Howells (191)
- Alex Lawless (126)
- George Pilkington (122)
- Keith Keane (105)

OUR TIME IN THE CONFERENCE

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Now the dust has finally settled on a truly magnificent title-winning campaign for the Hatters and they have long since taken their last quard of honour, it's time for the end of the season awards.

Player of the season: There have been so many candidates for the honour this term. Luke Guttridge and Andre Gray stand out, Paul Benson too, but following boss John Still's lead, centre half Steve McNulty was the one that got my vote.

One game that really showed just how vital component McNulty was to the side was the Alfreton away trip, which you might think weird as Town romped to a 5-0 win with the attackers running riot. But sitting where you do at the Impact Arena, virtually on top of the manager's dugouts, you could just see what McNulty brought to the team in terms of his game management.

Leading from the front, not losing a single header, he drove the team forward and despite the scoreline, his determination for another clean sheet was remarkable.

Young player of the season: It had looked like it was going to be a shoo-in for Alex Lacey during the early stages of the season, before injury unfortunately halted his efforts.

In the end, you couldn't look past Andre Gray for the honour, as 30 goals, with all kinds of finishes, even a couple of headers thrown in too, the golden boot as well, made for a prolific campaign. Amazing to think that it took him so long to get going too!

Goal of the season: Again, once McNulty had belted in THAT volley, there was little else that could beat it. Although the defender typically summed it up by claiming he 'just hit it', he was doing himself a disservice, as the quality and technique was there for all to see.

Alex Wall deserves mention too for his stunner against Halifax, Pelly Ruddock's blast at Dartford too, while some of Andre Gray's finishes were sublime, plus there was the marvellous team goal tucked away by Luke Guttridge in the Kiddie demolition.

Crucial moments: There's a fair few over the course of the season, ranging from Luke Guttridge's last gasp leveller against Macclesfield – which helped keep an unbeaten home record going until March – Alex Wall's already mentioned long-ranger, Alex Lacey's stunning block at Braintree to secure a win at a place Town had never triumphed before.

The signing of Paul Benson, beating Barnet in the rain, Mark Cullen's leveller at Cambridge are all worthy candidates too.

But the biggest thing though had to be captain Ronnie Henry taking it on his own shoulders to have a 'discussion' with a supporter after the Lincoln win, and then give as candid an as honest interview as you could ask for moments later.

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It really hit a chord with Town fans as gone was the tension surrounding home matches which had hampered previous campaigns, as with supporters well and truly on board, the players could start to play without fear and boy did it work wonders.

Other mentions throughout the course of the season was the pure hilarity that greeted Gray's fantastic goal at Alfreton to make it 3-0; being escorted all the way round to the press box at Halifax; the look on the faces of the Staines journalists with the realisation the Luton press core had arrived en masse for the FA Trophy clash.

Also in there, was the much maligned trip to Welling's facilities, which ended on a surprising high note with cakes for all who had made the trip.

There were few lowlights as Town finally waved goodbye to the Conference, although nothing beats for me the pure panic of walking through Cambridge in the middle of the night realising you haven't the foggiest where you had parked!

At least it wasn't in Plymouth or Carlisle I guess, though there's always a chance this will be the case next season!



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