There is a lot to be said about the character of Jamie, 19. Rather than sit at home feeling sorry for himself, he got out there and proved what a fighter he was. He was regularly seen at the Lurgan Town Senior matches and training sessions, and along with his dad Lesley and Gary Hillis, he organised a charity football match in September in aid of CLIC Sargent. “The charity match was organised to raise money and make people aware of the charity CLIC Sargent while also making people aware of HL. CLIC Sargent made a massive impact in my life and my families life. They helped us with many things and we wanted to give back to them what they had done for us. The day was brilliant and we raised a massive £1270, a big thank you to everyone involved. The match involved Portadown BBOB select vs Glentoran Legends. I had to have my manager Timmy Lennon and Geoff Greenaway playing in the match as well”.

“I am back to training and it feels good to be back again. My first session was 3rd November on a Monday night. It was a good....

19th February 2014. A moment that Jamie Devlin will never forget. That was the day he was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma (HL). Prior to this Jamie had not put on weight in over a year. He was very tired, sleeping nearly all the time and getting about 16-18 hours total sleep in a day. He had severe itching all over his body and had no energy at all especially when he was playing football. With all this going on, Jamie and his family knew something was up and the tests confirmed Jamie had contracted HL.

Jamie played his last competitive game for Town in a 2-0 home win over local rivals Oxford Sunnyside on January 18th 2014 and then began his treatment in February.

“The treatment I underwent was Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy. The chemotherapy lasted 6 months and having treatment once every two weeks, at Craigavon hospital. It was tough going. The radiotherapy lasted only 10 treatments which was everyday for 10days in the city hospital in Belfast”.

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nights training. I did feel the effects of it the next day, but I really enjoyed getting back into again”. Jamie hasn’t stopped there. He has firmly set his sights on retuning for action for Lurgan Town in the not to distant future. “I hope to be back playing for Town around mid February/ start of March time. This will be my target and I aim to be able to play at least 30 minutes or even a full half of a match. For the time being I am happy to be back and being able to get my fitness and strength back to the way it was before”.

Jamie has his last scan on the 5th December. By the 12th December he should have the results from the scan saying that he has the all clear. You have our full support Jamie. What a fantastic Christmas present that news would be.

We are delighted to announce some new fantastic advertising opportunities at the Lurgan Town Arena. Both the full size and 9-a-side 3G pitches are now available for advertising boards. The cost is £200 for the first year (this includes the price of the board) and then £100 for every year thereafter. This will get you a 8m x 4m sign on the perimeter fence.

We also have an opportunity for two businesses to take pride of place on the new Arena 9-a-side pitch. Behind each goal on the ‘ball catcher’ you can place your 15m x 5m advertising board for £1000 for the first year (this includes the price of the board) and then £200 for every year thereafter. If you are interested please contact us on info@lurgantownfc.com. We can also help with the design layout of you advertising board and we will do our very best to meet any requests that you might have. Please see below for pictures of locations and other businesses that have availed of this offer.
NEWS IN BRIEF

LEWIS BACK IN FULL FLOW
After being out of action with ‘Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis’ (SCFE) Lewis McKinley is enjoying his first full season back with Lurgan Town. Lewis returned to action for the Mid Ulster U14 side in December 2013, but it is his actions for the U15 side this year that are turning heads. In just 11 games this season he had already scored 9 goals (2 behind leader Adam Loughran) and has set up 9 others for his teammates. This has helped the Mid Ulster U15 side to 7 wins and 4th place in the league table. Great to have you back playing Lewis. Keep up the good work.

CONGRATULATIONS GEOFF AND KATHRYN
Congratulations to club captain and U16 manager Geoff Greenaway on his marriage to Kathryn Lindsay. The two lovebirds tied the knot on Friday 7th November in Seagoe Presbyterian Church followed by a reception in Corick House in Clogher. He’s the only man we know can get 3 matches called off on a Saturday because of his ‘special’ day. Just as well though, there were plenty of sore heads the next day. Congratulations you two. Make sure you have the dinner ready every night when he comes home from work Kathryn :o) We hear he likes salad.

LEADING GOALSCORERS
Every Saturday we record the goalscorers from every game from U13 up to the Seniors. Players are competing for the coveted golden boot award at the end of the season. The top scorers as of Saturday 29th November are as follows:

Adam Loughran (U15 MU) 11 goals
Jack Hogg (U14 MU) 10 goals
Croistian McAreavey (U16 LL) 9 goals
Lewis McKinley (U15 MU) 9 goals
Kyle Cousins (Seniors) 7 goals
Andrew Heaney (Seniors) 7 goals
Aaron Winters (U15 MU) 7 goals
Matthew Hagan (U17 LL) 6 goals
Stevie Turner (Seniors) 5 goals
Dylan Hoy (U17 LL) 5 goals
Ryan McGuckin (U14 MU) 5 goals
Ben Norton (U13 LL) 5 goals
Tiernan Rooney (U13 LL) 5 goals
Dee Lavery (U13 LL) 5 goals

Visit www.lurgantownfc.com to see full list.

ACADEMY RUNNING TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS
The Academy will finish on Friday 12th December with a visit from Santa and will return on Friday 9th January. Merry Christmas from all the coaching staff.
We welcome the new feature to Winning Isn’t Everything from Under 17 coach Don Dull. Dr Don, as we like to call him, is a mind of information. Not all of it is useful mind you, but that’s by the by. In this first edition of ‘Did you know?’ Don takes a look at the penalty kick.

Did you know . . . . . .? The world of football has a County Armagh man to thank (or curse) for the invention of the penalty kick. In 1890 William McCrum who was goalkeeper for Milford Everton (later to evolve to Armagh City FC) and a member of the early IFA proposed that:

“If any player shall intentionally trip or hold an opposing player, or deliberately handle the ball within twelve yards from his own goal line, the referee shall, on appeal, award the opposing side a penalty kick, to be taken from any point 12 yards from the goal line, under the following conditions: all players, with the exception of the player taking the penalty kick and the goal keeper, shall stand behind the ball and at least six yards from it; the ball shall be in play when the kick is taken. A goal may be scored from a penalty kick”.

The proposal was put to the International Football Association Board (essentially FIFA of the time) by the IFA in June 1890. However the suggestion known as the “Irishman’s motion” was dismissed by the law makers of the time. It seemed to go against the Victorian idea of how a gentleman sportsman would behave by accepting that such a rule was needed at all! Showing the powers that be weren’t always in touch with the game on the ground even then.

McCrum however as a ‘keeper knew all too well the level of foul play and illegal blocking of goal bound shots that took place right in front of him; and following a number of high profile incidents including an FA Cup quarter final between Stoke City and Notts County where an indirect free kick given after a deliberate hand ball on the line didn’t result in a goal, opinion began to change.

The penalty kick rule, with some amendment, was officially introduced into the Laws of the Game a year later on the 2nd of June 1891 after much debate and the game changed forever. But why would a goal keeper want to expose himself and his goal to an unchallenged strike at such close range? Who knows, but William McCrum was a colourful character, a regular gambler and a man with a love of excitement and adventure. The penalty kick reduces a team game to a one on one situation. Man to man. The keeper is a clear underdog but if he saves it. Well. Perhaps McCrum could see the drama this would bring to the game as much as how it would punish foul play. Love them or hate them, but the penalty has brought agony and ecstasy and made heroes and villains throughout the beautiful game ever since.
The tournament will run for the first time in August 2015. All news concerning the event will be provided on our website www.lurgantownfc.com and our social media outlets: Twitter: @lurgantownfc and Facebook: www.facebook.com/lurgantownfc

Saturday 1st August 2015: The first day of the tournament will be a 9-a-side tournament for the Under 12 age group (children born in 2004). There will be 16 teams playing in four groups of four playing each other once. These matches will decide group position and will determine which competition semi final the team will be placed into, there will be four trophies to play four. The losing semi finalists will take part in a 3rd/4th play-off and the winning teams will progress to the competition finals. Each team will play 5 matches during the day.

Saturday 8th August 2015: The second day will see two tournaments played, one for the U14’s (born in 2002) and the U16’s (born in 2000). These will both be 11-a-side tournaments. There will be 8 teams in each tournament split into two groups of four teams, again playing each other once to decide group position. Group position will determine which competition final each team will be placed into. Again there will be four trophies for each tournament.

Saturday 15th August 2015: The third day will be for the U7, U8, U9 & U10 age groups (born in 2006, 2007, 2008 & 2009) and they will play non competitive matches in a Festival Day. These matches will be played under Mid Ulster GDC rules. The U7’s & U8’s will play 5-a-side and the U9’s & U10’s will play 7-a-side.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED To make sure the Lurgan Town Cup runs as smoothly as possible we require the help of club members and parents. There are a number of positions available: Health & Safety Manager, Health & Safety staff x 2, Traffic Management Manager, Traffic Management staff x 3, Environmental Manager, Control Centre staff x 7, Public Relations staff x 3, Shop Assistants x 3, Environmental staff x 2.

SPONSORS NEEDED Do you run a business. Would you be prepared to provide some sponsorship for the Lurgan Town Cup? There are a number of ways you can help: Sponsor one of the competitions, sponsor the match balls for the tournament, place an advert in the tournament programme, sponsor equipment required, make a donation to the event.

If you are interested in helping out as a volunteer or sponsor please drop us an email to info@lurgantownfc.com or contact us on one of our social media outlets.

KEY DATES

Saturday 1st August 2015

Saturday 8th August 2015
Under 16 Teams (2000)

Saturday 15th August 2015
Under 7 Teams (2006)
Under 8 Teams (2007)
Under 9 Teams (2008)
Under 10 Teams (2009)
I had spent some time in the LTFC wilderness. I had been told I wasn’t good enough and surplus to requirements. It was the first time I had ever been dropped at the club and it was hard to take. Nigel McCann was manager at the time and brought in Willy McCullough. I played half a season or so in the reserves and I eventually moved the next season to Dollingstown to go on and play under 3 managers in a season and at the end I had to leave there. It was a place I just really didn’t like (cheers Garth King). I swallowed my pride and decided to come home. I went back to Lurgan Town, where I was always welcome. It was 2006. Niggsy was still gaffer and Davy Graham (D-Ball) was now the GK. I went into the reserves and was just happy to be enjoying my football. I always wanted the number 1 jersey back and I got my opportunity one week in the cup when D-Ball wasn’t available… I saved 3 out of 5 penalties in the shootout and the jersey was mine to lose. It was shortly after…possibly even the next week that I realised the team was something special.

I had the privilege to play behind a defence that contained, Bap Savage Geoff Greenaway and Tim Dillon. Scott Gordon, and Carl Foster as wing backs and towards the end of the season, Mark Savage. For me this unit were the building block of the team. They were organised by Bap Savage perfectly, he dictated to the two centre backs and I dictated to him. I’ve never played in such a tight unit. Each knew the roll and what was required of them and if they didn’t, I soon let them know!!!! A younger (more athletic) Scott Gordon on the left and Mini Foster on the right provided ample width going forward and defensive cover going back. All season this team conceded only 15 league goals which for me is phenomenal and a massive mention to D-Ball who played the first 9 league games of the season. Midfielders such as Garth King, Simon Gilkinson, Jonny Hoey, Stephen Heasely and big Kris Banks who all worked so hard and provided the outlet that we needed to drive the team. It had a forward line of Lee Dickson (8 goals), Stevie Turner (8 goals), Philly Briggs (7 goals in 8 games) and Steven Savage who chalked up an impressive 15 goals in 18 games. We only lost a total of 4 league games all season, the crucial one coming in an away defeat to Lower Maze which I think we expected to win…which was ultimately our undoing in the quest for league glory. Promotion was gained from Intermediate B to Intermediate A and well deserved too. The big nights though were the cup nights.

Away to Coagh Utd and I recall it was only my second game back in the first team and I was massively apprehensive. I cant remember the exact line up but what I do recall was an undeserved defeat. Briggsy put us one up with a cracker. Banksy made it two and I think that’s where it all went wrong. Our tempo dropped and we let the opposition back in. It was a magnificent performance from the team. We were busy at the back but held our own. We had chances but it ultimately wasn’t meant to be. Geoff did they ever find the ball from your penalty or is it still in orbit?? Banbridge Town FC under the floodlights at Mourneview Park. I remember the adrenaline flowing, it was a freezing night, but there is something special about playing under the lights. I was a busy busy boy that night and I recall giving Scott Gordon the rollocking of his life (he didn’t do what he was originally instructed) but Mourneview Park has always been lucky for me. I don’t recall ever losing on it. The team came together magnificently and I truly believe we deserved the 2-1 win that we came away with. We wanted the game more and I believe we caught the opposition unawares. Probably my favourite win as a Lurgan Town player. A massive win in a massive game. The last big game of the cup run was ultimately the biggest…away to Dungannon Swifts. It was nothing short of WW1 heroism. The stall was laid out from the get go. DIG IN DEEP and claw and scratch and fight for everything. I’m nearly sure there was a trench on the edge of our 18 yard line. Given the gulf in the alleged standard of the two teams I think we deserved the draw after 120 minutes that we got. We never lay down and we never gave up. Bap Savage was magnificent that evening. His ability to read the game was phenomenal. I remember Geoff Greenaway late on in extra time tackling their centre forward, a tackle that Brian O’Driscoll himself would have been proud of. It could have been red. The ref offered yellow. We lost on penalties and I remember being livid. I think I was just gutted and given all the effort we didn’t get the win that we wanted. I think we all really wanted Glenavon in the next round. Everyone has their own memories of that night. I just remember being so physically and emotionally drained that I couldn’t drink my pint after.

THAT team as I refer to them were a remarkable bunch of lads. They trained hard and they worked hard and they all had more than enough ability to back up their hard work. For me it was a privilege to play in that side and I’m well aware that I initially got my place by default as D Ball wasn’t available. I just held on to it once I had got it. As good a Lurgan Town team as ever there was!!!!!!! Credit to the management team of Nigel McCann and Darwin Murray who motivated us through out the season and lifted us up after the hard to take defeats. I wonder could we get that side together for an exhibition game?
WAGs CORNER... CHLOE McCANN

Our next WAG to dish the dirt is Chloe McCann. Girlfriend of Scott McBride and daughter of second team manager Nigsy McCann. This one should be interesting....

WIE: How long have you been dating / married? CM: We've been together for 3 and 1/2 years (too many) lol.

WIE: Does Scott have a pre match meal? CM: Scott doesn't eat anything at all on game day, whether the game is at 10am or 3pm. I think it's so that he can look his slimmest in his kit. (WIE: Let's be honest it would take something eh lol)

WIE: What's he like after a game? CM: It really depends on the outcome, if they win he's in a good mood all night, if they lose... well you can say goodbye to any plans you might have had. I have to tread carefully!

WIE: Does he have any superstitions before a game? CM: Generally he isn't too bad, but he has a certain order he puts his socks and boots, I think it's left foot and then the right. He also likes to play in the number 8 shirt, and if he can't have that he'll go for 3, because it looks like half of an 8. (WIE: That's the best logic I have heard all season)

WIE: What would he say is his best feature? CM: If I've heard once how good his legs are I've heard it a million times! WIE: What would you say his best feature is? CM: I like his hands best, they are very big and masculine.

WIE: What would he say he is best at, at football? CM: The long ball across pitch! He says that he can send a 50yard ball right to the player's feet with ease and accuracy. (WIE: Yeah 2 in 10 isn't bad)

WIE: Scott recently moved back to Lurgan Town having played for local rivals Lurgan Institute. Why do you think he moved back to his boyhood club? CM: There may be many reasons as to why he came back to Lurgan Town, but my dad moved back a few weeks before, so for me I think that's enough said..

WIE: Growing up boys always liked to be a certain footballer in the playground. Who would Scott say he would like to have been growing up? CM: I don't know so much if he ever likened himself to a certain player when he was younger, but I do know that he has always idolised David Beckham, and still fancies the pants off him now. I think he'd kiss him 100% if he had the chance.

WIE: Scott has a famous dad footballer in the form of Stevie McBride. Does he ever compare himself to his dad? CM: Not really, I think from a young age Scott realised they were completely different players, with his dad playing in the forward role whereas Scott plays in the defence. Stevie often played with Scott and the rest of his friends out on the street when they were younger, and Scott always loved the chance to take his dad on.

WIE: A lot of wives / girlfriends might give off that their men spend so much time involved with football. What's your take on it? CM: It works out well with me as I play hockey and train on the same nights, so it doesn't really interfere too much. I also see it as an opportunity for a wee bit of 'me time'. I even bought him FIFA last year!!

Thanks to Chloe for taking the time to answer these questions about Scott.... You can all breathe a sigh of relief, we are going to take a break from WAGs corner next month. But we will be back. Don't worry about that.
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NOVEMBER RESULTS

Saturday 1st November
1st Team 1-2 Moneyslane
2nd Team P-P Portadown BBOB Res
U17 LL 0-4 Carrick Rangers
U16 LL 3-3 (4-2 Pens) Willowbank
U15 NL 0-3 Culmore
U15 MU 3-0 Valley Rangers
U14 LL 0-5 Hillsborough Boys
U14 MU 2-1 Fivemiletown Utd
U13 LL 0-9 TW Braga

Saturday 8th November
U17 LL 3-1 Newry City AFC
U16 LL P-P Downpatrick
U15 NL 3-1 Limavady Youth
U15 MU 1-4 Lisbellaw Utd
U14 LL 0-2 Armagh City
U13 LL 7-0 Ballymena Utd
U13 MU 0-11 Lisdrum Youth

Saturday 15th November
1st Team 2-3 Laurelvale
2nd Team P-P Gilford Crusaders Res
U17 LL 3-0 Banbridge Town
U16 LL 1-2 (AET) Greenisland
U15 NL 0-3 Ballinamallard Youth
U14 LL P-P Warrenpoint Town
U14 MU P-P Tandragee Rovers
U13 LL P-P Carrick Rangers
U13 MU P-P Dromore Amateurs

Wednesday 19th November
U15 NL 1-1 Ridgeway Rovers

Saturday 22nd November
1st Team 3-4 Bourneview Mill
2nd Team P-P Bourneview Mill Res
U17 LL 4-1 Rathfriland FC
U16 LL 2-2 Hillsborough Boys
U15 MU 2-1 Windmill Stars
U14 LL 0-2 Linfield Youth
U14 MU P-P Rathfriland FC
U13 LL 3-0 Chimney Corner
U13 MU 1-1 Dromore Amateurs

Friday 28th November
U15 MU 3-3 Craigavon City
(Town Awarded Win)

Saturday 29th November
2nd Team 4-2 Laurelvale Res
U17 LL 0-3 Camlough Rovers
U16 LL 0-1 Lisburn Distillery
U15 NL P-P Glenavon Academy
U14 LL 0-6 Downpatrick
U14 MU 2-3 Banbridge Rangers
U13 LL 1-0 Greensland
U13 MU 1-3 St Marys

COMPETITIONWINNERS

Congratulations to Lewis McKinley, Brett Smyth, Kristian Cassells, Curtis Cassells and Ellie Wilson (not pictured) who won the September Newsletter crossword competition. Each winner received a club scarf.

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Santa paid an early visit to the Arena on Saturday 29th November to check in with the Academy boys in the Games Development Centre (he’s the one with the beard and red hat, not the other one with the big belly). Santa was on hand to check that the boys have been on their best behaviour this year and also to take some Christmas requests. A few Christmas songs were also sung.

Santa will be back again on Friday 12th December to take Christmas toy lists and to double check his naughty and nice list. So make sure you are on your best behaviour (that includes the coaches as well). Santa also handed out selection boxes to all U7 players in the Games Development Centre. The players brought in their own selection boxes (150-160 of them) for the Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul appeal. Thanks to all the parents for their support.
ARENA DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ARENA HIRE
You can hire the Arena pitches and clubhouse for birthday parties, tables quizzes, seminars, bar-mitzvahs and more.
For information on how to book please contact: Phil McKinley - 07753 935 078

THE NEW 9-A-SIDE PITCH CAN BE BOOKED IN ONE HOUR SLOTS: £30 WITHOUT LIGHTS, £40 WITH LIGHTS
Tickets can be purchased from any player, committee member or from the Arena clubhouse.

1st Prize = £250
2nd Prize = £100
3rd Prize = £50
Plus many other spot prizes!

£1 per ticket
Draw to be made 20th December 2014