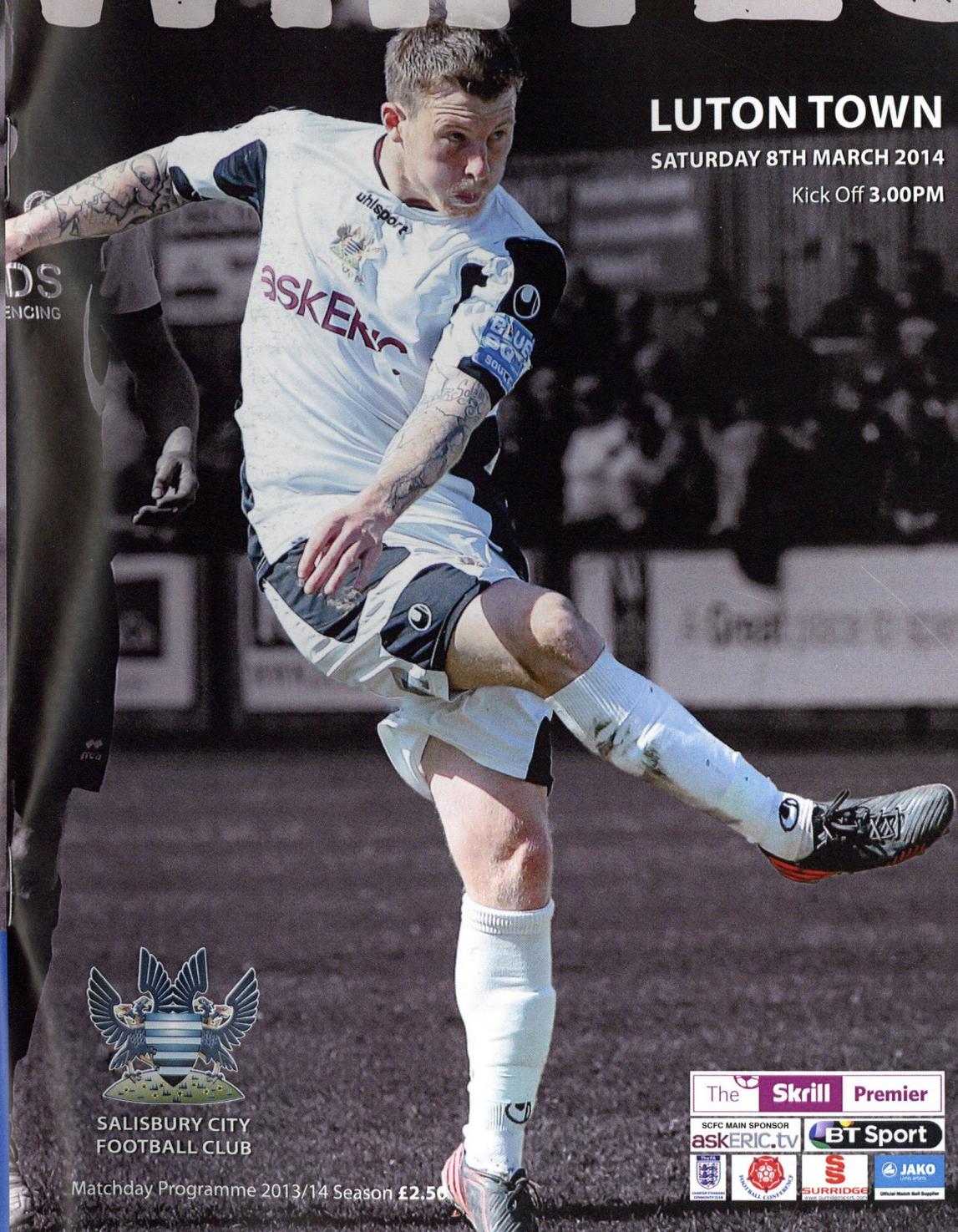


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Today it is David against Goliath as we take on Luton, the runaway leaders of the Conference Premier.

Luton have a proud tradition having been members of the old First Division in the late 50's before it became the Premiership, and in 1959 appeared in the FA Cup Final at Wembley against Nottingham Forest. That was the days before subs were allowed, and Luton went down to 10 men through injury, and eventually lost 2-1. They are also the only non league team to beat a Premiership side when in the 2012/2013 season they beat Norwich. They have had some illustrious Directors in the past including Eric Morecombe, and have a fantastic fan base averaging home gates of around 7,000.

We on the other hand have risen in the past four seasons from the Southern League, and have average gates of 900. So you might say we are punching above our weight to be in with a shot at the play offs. But remember, David beat Goliath.

Luton arrive with a phenomenal record. They have only lost two games all season, and in the last three matches have scored thirteen goals and conceded none, so every player in the Whites' team today will have to be at the top of their game.

Another sign of the Whites progress is that we had three players in the England C team this week when we beat Jordan 1-0 in Jordan. Elliot Frear, Angus Mc Donald played 90 minutes, and Dan Fitchett came on for the second half. Quite an accolade.

Finally we extend a warm welcome to the Luton fans, players and Directors and look forward to a tough game in front of the biggest crowd of the season. The Board would like to sincerely thank the Whites back room staff who have worked tirelessly to get this game on, there is an unimaginable amount of work involved with stadium safety, and many other issues.

Enjoy the game!

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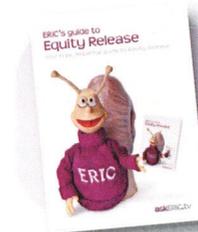
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TEAM TALK

I'd like to welcome John Still, Terry Harris and Hakan Hayrettin to the Ray Mac for today's fixture. They are doing an incredible job at Luton Town and I am certain they will be top of this division come the end of the season. Luton are in fantastic form and we will be doing our best to put a blot on their copy book.



Personally I am very grateful to manager John Still for the support he has given me during my first season in charge. As a young manager you always need experienced people you can call on for advice and John has always taken the time to listen and share his knowledge. Whatever happens we will have a drink after the game!

It's great to be back at the Ray Mac after three tough away games. Southport showed us why they have beaten the top seven sides at home this season. Despite creating plenty of chances we conceded some poor goals and paid the price. The lads showed great resilience to win at Tamworth the following Tuesday. They showed immense character, desire and quality and the win propelled us into the top five. Unfortunately we dropped out of the play off spots after a disappointing result at Grimsby Town. Blundell Park is a difficult place to go and we gave ourselves a mountain to climb conceding within the first two minutes. You can't afford to do that against a team like Grimsby and we were punished.

However, today we are in an excellent position with 12 games remaining. With more of the hard work and team spirit that's characterised us so far - we will be striving to finish as high as possible.

Today's game is expected to be a record crowd here at the Ray Mac. This is, of course, largely due to the huge following a club with a history like Luton attracts. I am sure though, that you will, as always, make yourselves heard as you get behind the Whites.

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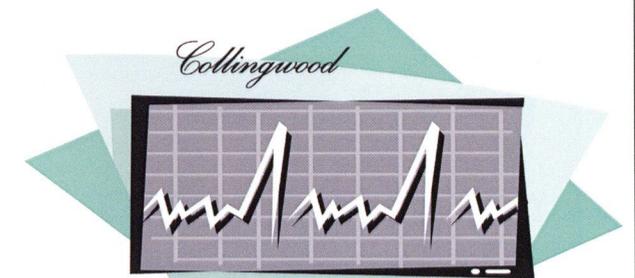
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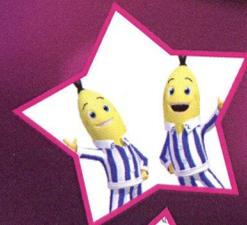
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Luton Town's incredible run of form, which has coincided with early season pacesetters Cambridge United suffering a few wobbles, has seen the Hatters open up a fourteen point lead at the top of the table.

Among the impressive statistics built up by our opponents this afternoon are an unbeaten run of 25 matches stretching for almost six months, thirteen consecutive home wins, while their last six matches, all won, have seen 25 goals scored and just one conceded. Leading scorer Andre Gray has scored eleven times in those six matches, including two hat tricks, to take his tally for the season to 25. Meanwhile Paul Benson (15) and Luke Guttridge (13) have joined him in the division's leading scorers' chart.

Cambridge United ended a run of five league games without a win last Saturday with a 5-1 victory at home to Kidderminster Harriers. Delano Sam-Yorke and Andy Pugh have been recalled from loan spells at Lincoln City and Dartford respectively and both found the net last Saturday.

A run of five wins had taken Barnet into third place but the Bees went down by three goals to one at home to Woking last Saturday, the experienced Scott Rendell scoring twice.

Nuneaton Town replaced the Whites in the top five last Saturday after coming from behind three times to gain a point at Chester. The home side were reduced to ten men after only eight minutes when Jason Jarrett was dismissed but John Rooney fired them in front eight minutes later. Nuneaton's top scorer Louis Mould headed home from close range to level the scores after 31 minutes but Matty Taylor quickly restored Chester's lead with his sixth goal in six matches on loan from Forest Green Rovers. Andy Brown took advantage of a defensive mix up to score the visitors' second equaliser in first half stoppage time. Ross Killock put Chester in front once more with twenty minutes remaining but Brown's second of the afternoon five minutes from time ensured a point for Nuneaton.

Grimsby Town's defeat of the Whites last Saturday was only their second in their last eight matches but with up to five games in hand on the sides above them, the Mariners are well placed to challenge for a play off place. Paul Hurst has strengthened his squad with the loan signing of striker Connor Jennings from Scunthorpe United. Jennings scored 14 goals in 16 League appearances on loan at Macclesfield Town before Christmas.

At the bottom of the table Hyde look likely to be relegated with weeks to spare while half a dozen clubs are looking to

avoid joining them. Tamworth haven't won for seven matches since beating Hyde and went down 2-0 at Halifax last Saturday. The Lambs have brought in six players in the last month with the latest being Matthew Barnes-Homer whose loan move from Cambridge United means he has played for eight current Skril Premier clubs, three of them this season, having only joined Cambridge from Forest Green in January.

A five match unbeaten run helped Dartford's cause but Tony Burman's side will have been frustrated to have taken just one point from their last two matches against rivals to avoid the drop. The Darts dropped two points at home to Aldershot who had been reduced to ten men following the dismissal of goalkeeper Glenn Morris at the end of the first half. Elliot Bradbrook had given the Darts the lead but Brett Williams scored two minutes from time as the Shot's salvaged a vital point. Last Saturday Dartford went down 3-0 at Southport whose home form is keeping them just outside the relegation zone.

In real danger now are Hereford United who have lost their last six matches while also struggling off the pitch. Last Saturday the Bulls were beaten by Wrexham who recently parted company with manager Andy Morrell. Caretaker Billy Barr's first match ended in a 5-0 defeat at Luton but second half goals from Johnny Hunt and Rob Ogleby gave Barr his first win as Hereford slipped further into relegation trouble.

DAVE TODD

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| 2 Cambridge United | 32 | 17 | 10 | 5 | 48 | 19 | 29 | 61 | | |
| 3 Barnet | 35 | 16 | 9 | 10 | 47 | 38 | 9 | 57 | | |
| 4 Alfreton Town | 34 | 18 | 3 | 13 | 50 | 53 | -3 | 57 | | |
| 5 Nuneaton Town | 35 | 15 | 9 | 11 | 44 | 48 | -4 | 54 | | |
| 6 Salisbury City | 34 | 16 | 5 | 13 | 45 | 47 | -2 | 53 | | |
| 7 Grimsby Town | 30 | 15 | 7 | 8 | 46 | 31 | 15 | 52 | | |
| 8 Gateshead | 35 | 14 | 10 | 11 | 53 | 46 | 7 | 52 | | |
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| 10 Kidderminster Harriers | 33 | 15 | 5 | 13 | 52 | 52 | 0 | 50 | | |
| 11 Welling United | 33 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 47 | 40 | 7 | 49 | | |
| 12 Macclesfield Town | 32 | 14 | 5 | 13 | 49 | 44 | 5 | 47 | | |
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60 YEARS AGO

Salisbury travelled to Bideford on 6 March 1954 for a Western League fixture. Salisbury led 2-0 through goals from Cyril Smith and Bill Hall before the home side pulled two goals back to ensure a share of the points. The Salisbury side was – Newbury, Turner, Booth, Heagren, Witt, Fleming, Jackson, Hiscock, Hall, Smith and Long.

50 YEARS AGO

Salisbury failed to find the net for the third match running, being held to a goalless draw at home by Bridport, the same result as when the two sides met in Dorset three weeks earlier. Making his debut for Salisbury was 22 year old forward Joe Stocks from Millwall, the first of a number of new additions promised by manager Reg Broom. The Salisbury side on 7 March 1964 was – Brian Stevens, Dave Pugsley, Brian Collins, Guy Trise, Colin Holmes, Keith Prosser, Brian Bevan, Barry Pierce, Ian Henderson, Joe Stocks and Royston Watts.

40 YEARS AGO

Salisbury's miserable run continued with a 1-0 defeat at home to Trowbridge Town on 10 March 1974. In the side's tenth match without a win stretching back to New Year's Day, poor finishing proved costly when Terry Evans scored the only goal of the game for the visitors thirteen minutes from time. The Salisbury line up was – Trevor Morris, Peter Syrett, Brian Hunt, Terry More, Colin Eyden, Barry Cook (sub: Keith Smart 72), Jim Slade, Mike Presley, Malcolm Williams, Chris Weller and Allan Smith.

30 YEARS AGO

Tommy Paterson scored twice, once from the penalty spot, as Salisbury beat Cambridge City 3-1 at Victoria Park on 10 March 1984. Geoff Battams was the other White on target. The Salisbury side was – Clive Saunders, Geoff Battams, Geoff Butler, Barry Cranmer, Ricky Haysom, Bob Diaper, Lee Frost, Tommy Paterson, Steve Slade, Sean Newark and Nev Beal.

20 YEARS AGO

Barry Cranmer scored the only goal of the game as Salisbury won a fifth successive Southern League Southern

Division fixture to remain just outside the promotion places. Sudbury Town were the defeated team in front of a Victoria Park crowd of 345. The Salisbury side on 12 March 1994 was – Steve Weaver, Mark Payne, Sandy Baird, Martin Blackler, Barry Blankley, Barry Cranmer, Chris Shaw (sub: Simon Browne 45), Dave Platt, Sean Sanders, Gordon Hobson and Ian Chalk.

10 YEARS AGO

Hastings United were the visitors to the Ray Mac on 6 March 2004 for a Southern League Eastern Division fixture. The visitors went ahead through Carl Rook after ten minutes, Leigh Phillips equalising fifteen minutes later. Matt Tubbs gave the Whites the lead just before the interval and scored his second and the Whites' third a minute from time. That goal proved vital as Hastings replied in stoppage time, Ryan Peters making the final score 3-2. The attendance at the Ray Mac was 537. The Salisbury side was – Kevin Sawyer, Scott Bartlett, Andy Cook, John Purches, Tim Bond, Mat Davies, Gary Funnell, Craig Davis, Leigh Phillips (sub: John Cant 90), Matt Tubbs, Steve Strong (sub: Adam Wallace 82).

5 YEARS AGO

The Whites drew 0-0 with Kidderminster Harriers on 7 March 2009, watched by a Ray Mac crowd of 1,105. The Salisbury side was – James Bittner, Sean Clohessy, Luke Ruddick, Michael Brough, Chris Todd, Mike Fowler, Ian Herring (sub: Rob Sinclair 68), Darrell Clarke, Charlie Griffith (sub: Danny Webb 76), Matt Tubbs, Charles Ademeni.

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VISITORS TRIVIA

Luton Town Football was founded in 1885, and is nicknamed "the Hatters" which reflects Luton's historical connection with the hat making trade, which has been prominent there since the 1600s. Its history includes major trophy wins, several financial crises, numerous promotions and relegations, and some spells of sustained success.

The club was the first in southern England to turn professional, making payments to players as early as 1890 and turning fully professional a year later. Luton reached the First Division in 1955–56, and contested a major final for the first time when playing Nottingham Forest in the 1959 FA Cup Final.

Luton Town's first ground was at Dallow Lane, the former ground of Excelsior. The ground was next to the Dunstable to Luton train line, and players regularly claimed to have trouble seeing the ball because of smoke from the trains. A damaging financial loss during 1896–97 forced Luton to sell the stadium to stay afloat, and as a result the club moved across the tracks to a stadium between the railway and Dunstable Road. When the site was sold for housing in 1905, the club was forced to move again at short notice, to its present Kenilworth Road site, in time for the start of the 1905–06 season.

The record for the most appearances for Luton is held by Bob Morton, who turned out for Luton 562 times in all competitions. Morton also holds the record for the most Football League appearances for the club, with 495. Fred Hawkes holds the record for the most league appearances for Luton, having played in 509 league matches. Six players, Gordon Turner, Andy Rennie, Brian Stein, Ernie Simms, Herbert Moody and Steve Howard, have scored more than 100 goals for Luton.

The first player to be capped while playing for Luton was left winger Robert Hawkes, who took to the field for England against Ireland at Goodison Park on 16 February 1907. The most capped player is Mal Donaghy, who earned 58 Northern Ireland caps while at the club. The first player to score in an international match was Joe Payne, who scored twice in his only game for England against Finland on 20 May 1937. Payne also holds the Football League record for the most goals in a game—he hit 10 past Bristol Rovers on 13 April 1936.

The club's largest wins have been a 15–0 victory over Great Yarmouth Town on 21 November 1914 in the FA Cup and a 12–0 win over Bristol Rovers in the League on 13 April 1936. Luton's heaviest loss was a 9–0 defeat against Small Heath in the Second Division on 12 November 1898. Luton's highest home attendances are 30,069 against Blackpool in the FA Cup and 27,911 against Wolverhampton Wanderers in the League on 5 November 1955.

The highest transfer fee received for a Luton Town player is the £3 million West Bromwich Albion paid for Curtis Davies (right) on 31 August 2005. The most expensive player Luton Town have ever bought was Lars Elstrup, who cost £850,000 from Odense Boldklub on 21 August 1989.



LOCAL HISTORY

The earliest settlements in the Luton area were at Round Green and Mixes Hill, where Paleolithic encampments dating from about 250,000 years ago have been found. The foundation of Luton is usually dated to the 6th century when a Saxon outpost was founded on the River Lea, Lea tun. Agriculture dominated the local economy at that time, and the town's population was around 700–800.

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King John (1166–1216) had hired a French mercenary soldier, Falkes de Breauté, to act on his behalf and when he married, Falkes de Breauté acquired his wife's house which came to be known as "Fawkes Hall", subsequently corrupted over the years to "Foxhall", then "Vauxhall". In return for his services, King John granted Falkes the manor of Luton, and was also granted the right to bear his own coat of arms and chose the mythical griffin as his heraldic emblem. The griffin thus became associated with both Vauxhall and Luton in the early 13th century.

The hat making industry began in the 17th century and by the 18th century had dominated the town. Hats are still produced in the town but on a much smaller scale. In the 20th century, the hat trade severely declined and was replaced by other industries and in 1905, Vauxhall Motors opened the largest car plant in the United Kingdom in Luton. In 2000, Vauxhall announced the end of car production in Luton and the plant closed in March 2002. At its peak it had employed in excess of 30,000 people. Vauxhall's headquarters remain in the town, as does its van and light commercial vehicle factory. Luton Airport, opened in 1938, was owned and operated by the council.



Luton has an International Carnival which is the largest one-day carnival in Europe. It usually takes place on the late May Bank Holiday and crowds can reach 150,000 on each occasion.

In the TV series One Foot in the Grave there are often references to places within Luton. The script-writer David Renwick was brought up in the town.

The town was mentioned several times in the comedy sketch show Monty Python's Flying Circus. In one sketch a rather half-hearted hijacker demands that a plane headed for Cuba be diverted to Luton. Luton is one of the constituencies returning a "Silly Party" victory in the famous sketch Election Night Special. In the Piranha Brothers sketch Spiny Norman lived in a hangar at Luton Airport. A 1976 episode of the sci-fi series "Space: 1999" was called The Rules of Luton, inspired by the town name. The well known comedian Eric Morecambe frequently made references to Luton Town FC, due to him being a former chairman of the club, as well as living in close proximity to Luton in Harpenden.

FAMOUS FANS AND OTHER NOTABLE PEOPLE FROM LUTON

- KEVIN BLACKWELL (right) goalkeeper, football manager
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MARK TYLER GOALKEEPER Hugely experienced goalkeeper who signed a one-year contract extension in May. On the verge of 700 senior appearances, 36-year-old Tyler was one of the Hatters' first signings in their first season in the Conference in 2009, and the stopper has since gone on to make 184 appearances between the sticks, keeping 72 clean sheets.

DANNY FITZSIMONS DEFENDER Former Millwall and QPR defender who followed team-mate Jim Stevenson to Kenilworth Road from Histon on a two-year contract this summer. He swept the board at the Stutes' end-of-season awards and has over 100 games' experience despite only being 21 years old. Capable of playing at left-back or in central defence.

JONATHAN SMITH MIDFIELDER Central midfielder who joined the Hatters from Swindon last season having helped the Robins lift the League 2 title in 2011/12 under Paolo Di Canio. Also capable of playing at right-back.

STEVE McNULTY DEFENDER The experienced centre-half signed a new deal with the Hatters this summer after a string of accomplished performances for the club during 2012/13. The Liverpool-born defender led Fleetwood Town to Conference title in 2011/12, lifting the title as the Cod Army captain.

ANTHONY CHARLES DEFENDER Experienced central defender who helped Barnet and Aldershot to the Conference title in 2005 and 2008 respectively. A calm, composed, left-footed defender, Charles left Aldershot for Northampton in January 2012 and went onto appear 18 times in League 2 for the Cobblers. He ended last season with Plymouth.

ALEX LAWLESS MIDFIELDER The influential and creative midfielder penned a new two-year contract in May, turning down contracts at two clubs in League 1. The 27-year-old has made 124 appearances for the Hatters since signing from York City in November 2010 and has scored 12 goals.

SOLOMON TAIWO MIDFIELDER Central midfielder who agreed a new one-year contract at the end of the season having appeared nine times for the Hatters having been signed by John Still in March. Starred for a host of non-league clubs before being snapped by Still at Dagenham in 2007 where he became a driving force in the Daggers midfield. His impressive performances led to him signing for then-Championship Cardiff in 2009 for £250,000.

JON SHAW STRIKER Centre-forward in his second season at Kenilworth Road having signed last summer from Gateshead. Scored 45 league goals in 80 appearances for the Tynesiders and hit double figures for the Town last term, including a

hat-trick in the 6-1 win over Barrow in January.

ALEX WALL STRIKER Raw, powerful centre-forward with pace to boot, who became John Still's first signing at Kenilworth Road having joined from Maidenhead last season. He scored his first goals for the Hatters when both hitting both goals in a 2-0 win over Ebbsfleet in April.

JAKE HOWELLS

Still hard to believe he's 22, Howells is the Hatters' longest serving player having made his debut as a 17-year-old on the final day of the 2007/08 season. Since then, the left-footer has been capped by Wales at under-21 level and has made over 200 appearances for the club.



SCOTT GRIFFITHS DEFENDER Left-back who penned a one-year contract at the end of last season. Another former Dagenham man, the experienced 27-year-old joined the Hatters in March following his release from former club Peterborough. He won the Conference under Still in 2007 and lifted the League 2 title with Chesterfield in 2011.

MARK CULLEN STRIKER Young striker signed on a two-year deal following his release from Premier League-bound Hull City. A clever, poacher of a forward, Cullen impressed the manager with two fine performances against the Hatters whilst on loan at Stockport. Given his debut for Hull in the Premier League, he scored on his full debut for the Tigers whilst in the top flight.

ANDY PARRY DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER The central defender signed from Southport on a two-year contract this summer. Also able to play in central midfield, Parry has two seasons' worth of Conference football under his belt but began his career as a youngster at Blackburn.

ELLIOT JUSTHAM GOALKEEPER Promising young goalkeeper signed from East Thurrock on a two-year deal in May. The commanding 6ft 3in stopper kept 14 clean sheets in 31 matches for the Rocks last season, and the 22-year-old has previously enjoyed trials at West Ham and Reading.

DAVID VIANA MIDFIELDER Highly-rated Portuguese youth international who signed a one-year contract at Kenilworth Road in late September 2013. The France-born midfielder is capable of playing across the midfield and in an advanced position behind the striker. Has played in the MLS with Salt Lake and been on the books of Spanish giants Atletico Madrid.

JJ O'DONNELL MIDFIELDER Left-sided midfielder who joined the Town in 2010 from St Albans and made his debut as a substitute in an FA Cup tie against Corby later that year. After successful loan spells at Thurrock and Hampton & Richmond, he penned a three-year contract last summer.

DAVE MARTIN MIDFIELDER Left-winger who signed for the Hatters in January this year and went onto score three times in 16 league appearances for the club. He was rewarded for his fine performances with a new two-year deal this summer.

LUKE GUTTRIDGE MIDFIELDER Influential and experienced central midfielder with over 400 senior appearances to his name who signed for the Hatters in August on a two-year contract. He has twice won promotion whilst with Southend, and also helped Northampton reach the League 2 play-off final last season.

SHAUN WHALLEY MIDFIELDER Attack-minded midfielder or winger who followed Andy Parry to Kenilworth Road on a two-year deal from Southport. The 25-year-old was in inspired form for the Sandgrounders throughout 2012/13, scoring 10 goals and creating many more, and ended the campaign with a string of end-of-season awards.

MATT ROBINSON MIDFIELDER Teenage midfielder in his second season at Kenilworth Road having signed last summer from Leicester City. He impressed John Still towards the end of the previous campaign and was rewarded with a new two-year contract this summer.

RONNIE HENRY DEFENDER Club captain and right-back in his second season with the club. The defender joined the Hatters last summer from Stevenage, who he helped win promotion from the Conference to League 1.

PAUL BENSON STRIKER Experienced centre-forward signed on a season-long loan from Swindon in August 2013. Helped Dagenham & Redbridge to two promotions with John Still, scoring over 75 times in the process. Continued to score once he left the Daggers when with Charlton and Swindon. Won League 2 title with Swindon in 2012.

ANDRE GRAY

STRIKER Lightning quick forward who finished last season as the Hatters' leading goalscorer with 20 goals. The young striker made an instant impact when signing from Hinckley in March 2012 and has been capped by England C.



JIM STEVENSON MIDFIELDER Box-to-box midfielder signed in May on a two-year deal from Histon. The youngster scored 11 goals for the Stutes in 2012/13 and ended the campaign as the top goalscorer. The 21-year-old made his full debut as a 17-year-old at Kenilworth Road for Histon in a game the Hatters won 5-1.

ALEX LACEY DEFENDER Highly-rated centre-half who has enjoyed a fine pre-season in which he was handed the captain's armband by John Still. Made his Town debut as a

17-year-old in the FA Trophy and spent last season on loan with Eastleigh.

JAKE WOOLLEY STRIKER Teenage forward who signed professional forms last summer having impressed the coaching staff with his performances and attitude. Also made his debut as a 17-year-old in the Trophy, but has also tasted action in the Conference.

BRETT LONGDEN DEFENDER First year professional Brett is a right-back by trade and made his mark in pre-season with a fine 30-yard goal against Thurrock. He's another player who has tasted first team experience in the FA Trophy.

ZANE BANTON STRIKER Youth team striker who was rewarded for his performances in the Hatters' development and youth squads to earn a professional contract in September 2013. Made his debut as a second half substitute in the 4-0 win over Woking.

JEROME JIBODU DEFENDER Like Longden, Jerome signed his first professional contract this summer. A composed left-back, he made his Hatters debut in the FA Trophy against Skelmersdale last season.

KANE FERDINAND MIDFIELDER Midfielder on-loan for the rest of the season from League 1 Peterborough. Came through the ranks at Southend where his all-action performances led to Posh signing him for £200,000. Made 33 appearances last term in the Championship.

FRASER FRANKS CENTRAL DEFENDER Talented centre-half signed for an undisclosed fee in January 2014 from Welling United. Began his career as a youngster at Chelsea and then Brentford before moving to AFC Wimbledon, winning promotion in 2011. Left Kingsmeadow for Welling and helped the Wings secure the Conference South title last season.

PELLEY RUDDOCK MPANZU CENTRAL MIDFIELD Highly-rated 20-year-old midfielder who the Town signed on a permanent deal from West Ham in January 2014 from West Ham United. Only made his debut for the Hammers in August 2013 in the Capital One Cup but was loaned to the Hatters in December and immediately impressed on loan.

CAMERON MCGEEHAN CENTRAL MIDFIELDER Teenage central midfielder on-loan for the rest of the season from Premier League Norwich City. Originally signed on a month's loan before extending the deal in late February. Captained the Canaries to FA Youth Cup glory last season. Has previously been on the books at Chelsea and Fulham.

JERNADE MEADE LEFT-BACK OR MIDFIELDER Luton-born left-footer who signed on-loan from Premier League Swansea City in January until the end of the season. Started his career at Arsenal and made his Gunners debut in a Carling Cup tie against Reading. Made his first start for Arsene Wenger's side in a Champions League group stage against Olympiacos. Left the Emirates in the summer and signed for the Swans.

TABLE
KEY

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| SP | The Skril Premier | * | 1st substitution | () | substitute not used |
| FAT | FA Trophy | ** | 2nd substitution | @ | after extra time |
| FAC | FA Cup | *** | 3rd substitution | + | player sent off |
| | | | | # | opponents' own goal |

| DATE | OPPOSITION | VENUE | COMP | RESULT | ATT. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | |
|------------|------------------------|-------|--------|--------|------|---------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Sat 10 Aug | TAMWORTH | H | SP | L 0-1 | 958 | Puddy | Wilson | Hart | Clarke | Dutton | Wellard** | Lewis | S Sinclair | R Sinclair*** | Feeney* | Wright | Fitchett* | Frear** | Kamdjo*** | (Ruddick) | (Brett) | | |
| Tue 13 Aug | Luton Town | A | SP | L 0-2 | 6520 | Puddy | Ruddick | Hart | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | Lewis | S Sinclair* | R Sinclair | Fitchett*** | Wright** | McPhee* | Feeney** | Frear*** | (Wellard) | (Dutton) | | |
| Sat 17 Aug | Alfreton Town | A | SP | L 2-3 | 463 | Puddy | Ruddick | Hart*** | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | Lewis (1) | Wellard* | McPhee | Fitchett | Feeney** | Brett* | Frear** | Wright (1)*** | (George) | | | |
| Sat 24 Aug | ALDERSHOT TOWN | H | SP | W 1-0 | 1175 | Puddy | Belezika | Ruddick | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | Lewis (1)** | Wellard | McPhee | Fitchett | Wright* | Frear* | Brett** | (Hart) | (Feeney) | (George) | | |
| Mon 26 Aug | Welling United | A | SP | D 0-0 | 725 | Puddy | Belezika | Ruddick*** | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | Lewis + | Wellard | McPhee | Frear | Fitchett* | Feeney** | Wright** | Brett*** | (Hart) | (George) | | |
| Sat 31 Aug | FC HALIFAX TOWN | H | SP | W 3-1 | 820 | Puddy | Belezika* | Ruddick (1) | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | R Sinclair*** | Wellard | McPhee | Frear (1) | Fitchett** | Wright* | Wright (1)** | Thomson*** | (Hart) | (MacDonald) | | |
| Sat 7 Sep | Lincoln City | A | SP | W 1-0 | 2646 | Puddy | Ruddick | Hart** | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | R Sinclair | Wellard* | McPhee (1) | Frear | Fitchett*** | Wright* | Brett** | White** | (Dutton) | (Thomson) | | |
| Sat 14 Sep | CHESTER | H | SP | W 3-1 | 925 | Puddy | Ruddick** | Brett | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo (1) | S Sinclair | Wellard*** | McPhee | Frear (1) | Fitchett (1)* | White* | MacDonald** | Dutton*** | (Wright) | (Thomson) | | |
| Tue 17 Sep | BRAINTREE TOWN | H | SP | D 1-1 | 594 | Puddy | Belezika | Brett | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair** | Wellard* | McPhee*** | Frear | Fitchett (1) | Lewis* | Thomson** | Wright*** | (Dutton) | (George) | | |
| Sat 21 Sep | Nuneaton Town | A | SP | W 2-1 | 1355 | Puddy | Belezika* | Ruddick*** | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair | Lewis** | McPhee | Frear (1) | Fitchett | Brett* | Thomson** | Wright (1P)*** | (Wellard) | (Dutton) | | |
| Tue 24 Sep | HYDE | H | SP | W 2-0 | 638 | Puddy | Ruddick | Brett | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair | Lewis* | McPhee (1)*** | Frear | Fitchett** | Wright (1P)* | Wellard** | Feeney*** | (Dutton) | (Thomson) | | |
| Sat 28 Sep | Barnet | A | SP | L 1-3 | 1499 | Puddy | MacDonald | Ruddick* | Clarke | Wilson | Wellard*** | S Sinclair | Lewis** | McPhee | Frear | Fitchett (1) | Brett* | Kamdjo** | Thomson*** | (Wright) | (Feeney) | | |
| Sat 5 Oct | WREXHAM | H | SP | W 2-1 | 986 | Puddy | MacDonald (1) | Brett | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo* | S Sinclair | Lewis | McPhee** | Frear | Fitchett (1)*** | Wright* | Storey** | Dutton*** | (Hart) | (Feeney) | | |
| Tue 8 Oct | Dartford | A | SP | D 1-1 | 920 | Puddy | MacDonald | Hart* | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair | Lewis (1) | Storey | Fitchett** | Wright | Dutton* | Frear** | (Feeney) | (Thomson) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 12 Oct | GRIMSBY TOWN | H | SP | W 1-0 | 1313 | Puddy | Dutton | Frear | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair | Lewis** | Wright*** | Storey* | Fitchett (1) | McPhee* | MacDonald** | Wellard*** | (Feeney) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 19 Oct | Cambridge United | A | SP | L 0-2 | 3622 | Puddy | Dutton | Frear* | Clarke*** | Wilson | Wellard | S Sinclair | Lewis** | Wright | McPhee | Fitchett | Kamdjo* | Feeney** | MacDonald*** | (Brett) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 26 Oct | Bath City | A | FAC 4Q | W 1-0 | 1068 | Puddy | Dutton | Frear* | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair | Lewis (1) | McPhee | Feeney | Fitchett** | MacDonald* | White** | (Wright) | (Thomson) | (Bittner) | | |
| Thu 31 Oct | HEREFORD UNITED | H | SP | W 4-1 | 1112 | Puddy | Dutton | Frear*** | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo (1) | S Sinclair | Lewis* | McPhee | Feeney** | Fitchett (2) | Wellard* | Wright (1)** | MacDonald*** | (Thomson) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 9 Nov | DARTFORD | H | FAC 1 | W 4-2 | 1313 | Puddy | Dutton | Frear (1) | Clarke* | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair | Lewis** | McPhee | Wright (1) | Fitchett (2)*** | MacDonald* | Thomson** | Wellard*** | (Hart) | (White) | (Feeney) | (Bittner) |
| Sat 16 Nov | Gateshead | A | SP | L 2-3 | 839 | Puddy | Dutton | Frear (1) | Clarke | Wilson*** | Wellard** | S Sinclair | Lewis | McPhee | Wright* | Fitchett | Thomson* | White (1)** | MacDonald*** | (Feeney) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 23 Nov | MACCLESFIELD TOWN | H | SP | W 3-2 | 843 | Bittner | Dutton | Frear | Clarke | Wilson | Thomson** | S Sinclair | Lewis | McPhee | Wright* | Fitchett (2, 1P) | White (1)* | Brett** | (Hart) | (Wellard) | (MacDonald) | | |
| Tue 26 Nov | FOREST GREEN ROVERS | H | SP | L 1-4 | 725 | Puddy | Dutton** | Frear | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair | Lewis*** | McPhee* | White | Fitchett (1) | Wright* | MacDonald** | Wellard*** | (Hart) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 30 Nov | CAMBRIDGE UNITED | H | FAT 1 | L 0-1 | 727 | Puddy | MacDonald* | Hart | Clarke | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair | Lewis | Wellard** | Frear | Fitchett | White* | Harvey** | (Brett) | (Wright) | (Bittner) | | |
| Fri 6 Dec | Port Vale | A | FAC 2 | L 1-4 | 4658 | Puddy | Clarke | Hart** | MacDonald | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair*** | Lewis | Frear | White* | Fitchett (1) | McPhee* | Brett** | Dutton*** | (Wellard) | (Wright) | (Feeney) | (Bittner) |
| Sat 14 Dec | Macclesfield Town | A | SP | L 0-1 | 1235 | Puddy | MacDonald | Frear*** | Hart | Wilson | Brett | S Sinclair | Lewis | McPhee*** | Harvey** | Fitchett | White* | Feeney** | Wright*** | (Flint) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 21 Dec | SOUTHPORT | H | SP | D 1-1 | 724 | Puddy | Clarke | Hart | MacDonald | Wilson | Brett (1) | S Sinclair | Wellard | McPhee | Harvey* | Fitchett | White* | (Wright) | (Feeney) | (Flint) | (Bittner) | | |
| Thu 26 Dec | Woking | A | SP | W 3-1 | 2112 | Puddy | MacDonald** | Hart* | Clarke | Wilson | Brett | S Sinclair | Wellard (1) | Kamdjo | Lewis | McPhee (1) | Harvey (1)* | Feeney** | (White) | (Wright) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 28 Dec | BARNET | H | SP | W 2-1 | 1343 | Puddy | MacDonald | Hart** | Clarke | Wilson | Brett | S Sinclair | Wellard* | Kamdjo*** | Lewis | McPhee (1) | Harvey* | White (1P)** | Feeney*** | (Battipiedi) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 11 Jan | Kidderminster Harriers | A | SP | L 0-3 | 2034 | Puddy | MacDonald | Hart*** | Clarke | Wilson | Brett** | S Sinclair | Wellard* | Kamdjo | Lewis | McPhee | Frear* | R Sinclair** | White*** | (Feeney) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 18 Jan | DARTFORD | H | SP | W 1-0 | 850 | Puddy | Clarke | Hart | Dutton | Wilson | Kamdjo | S Sinclair* | Lewis | Frear | White (1)** | Feeney*** | McPhee* | Fitchett** | R Sinclair*** | (Brett) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 25 Jan | Hereford United | A | SP | L 0-1 | 2016 | Puddy | MacDonald | Hart* | Dutton | Wilson | Kamdjo** | Brett | Lewis | Frear | White*** | Feeney | Clarke* | R Sinclair** | Fitchett*** | (Wellard) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 1 Feb | NUNEATON TOWN | H | SP | W 2-1 | 740 | Puddy | MacDonald | Clarke | Dutton* | Wilson | Kamdjo | Brett | Lewis | Frear (1) | White (1)*** | Feeney** | R Sinclair* | Fitchett** | Wright*** | (Wellard) | (Bittner) | | |
| Tue 4 Feb | FC Halifax Town | A | SP | L 1-5 | 1007 | Puddy | MacDonald | Clarke*** | Wilson | Brett | Kamdjo* | Lewis + | McPhee** | Frear | White (1) | Fitchett | Wellard* | R Sinclair** | Dutton*** | (Feeney) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 8 Feb | ALFRETON TOWN | H | SP | D 0-0 | 623 | Puddy | MacDonald | Brett | Dutton | Wilson | Kamdjo | R Sinclair* | McPhee** | Frear | White | Feeney | Wellard* | Fitchett** | (Flint) | (Bittner) | | | |
| Tue 11 Feb | WOKING | H | SP | W 2-0 | 624 | Puddy | MacDonald (1) | Brett | Dutton | Wilson | Kamdjo (1) | R Sinclair*** | McPhee* | Frear | Fitchett | Feeney** | S Sinclair* | White** | Wellard*** | (Flint) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 15 Feb | Southport | A | SP | L 1-3 | 719 | Puddy | MacDonald | Brett | Dutton + | Wilson | Kamdjo | R Sinclair*** | Lewis* | Frear** | Fitchett (1) | White | S Sinclair* | McPhee** | Wellard*** | (Bittner) | | | |
| Tue 18 Feb | Tamworth | A | SP | W 2-1 | 564 | Puddy | Amankwaah | Brett | MacDonald | Wilson | Kamdjo | R Sinclair** | Lewis | Frear | Fitchett (2) | White* | McPhee* | Wellard** | (Flint) | (Bittner) | (George) | | |
| Sat 1 Mar | Grimsby Town | A | SP | L 0-2 | 3269 | Puddy | Amankwaah | Brett | MacDonald | Wilson | Kamdjo** | R Sinclair | Lewis* | S Sinclair | Frear | Fitchett | McPhee* | White** | (Clarke) | (Wellard) | (Bittner) | | |
| Sat 8 Mar | LUTON TOWN | H | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 11 Mar | Forest Green Rovers | A | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 15 Mar | GATESHEAD | H | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 22 Mar | Wrexham | A | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wed 26 Mar | CAMBRIDGE UNITED | H | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 29 Mar | KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS | H | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 5 Apr | Braintree Town | A | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tue 8 Apr | Hyde | A | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 12 Apr | LINCOLN CITY | H | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fri 18 Apr | Aldershot Town | A | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mon 21 Apr | WELLING UNITED | H | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 26 Apr | Chester | A | SP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

LEAGUE STATS

AS AT 06/03/14

MATCH STATS

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Matches | 401 |
| Home Wins | 204 |
| Away Wins | 105 |
| Draws | 92 |
| Score Draws | 66 |
| No-Score Draws | 26 |

GOAL STATS

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Goals | 1,128 |
| Goals Per Game | 2.81 |
| Home Goals | 672 |
| Away Goals | 456 |
| Clean Sheets | 213 |

LEADING SCORERS

| | |
|---|----|
| Andre Gray (Luton Town) | 25 |
| Lee Gregory (FC Halifax Town) | 20 |
| Brett Williams (Aldershot Town) | 18 |
| Ben Tomlinson (Lincoln City) | 16 |
| Paul Benson (Luton Town) | 15 |
| Connor Jennings (Grimsby Town) (14 for Macclesfield Town) | 14 |
| Louis Moulton (Nuneaton Town) | 14 |
| Dan Fitchett (Salisbury City) | 13 |
| Luke Guttridge (Luton Town) | 13 |
| James Norwood (Forest Green Rovers) | 13 |

LEAGUE RECORDS

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| Biggest home win | Forest Green Rovers 8 Hyde 0 10/08/13 |
| Biggest away win | Alfreton Town 0 Luton Town 5 07/12/13 |
| Highest crowd | 8,488 - Luton Town v Kidderminster Harriers 28/12/13 |

MATCH FIXTURES

LEAGUE

TODAY K.O 15:00

Alfreton Town v Lincoln City FC
Barnet v Gateshead FC
Braintree Town v Hereford United
Forest Green Rovers v Cambridge United
Hyde FC v FC Halifax Town
Macclesfield Town v Grimsby Town
Nuneaton Town v Welling United
Salisbury City v Luton Town
Tamworth v Aldershot Town
Woking v Southport
Wrexham v Kidderminster Harriers

TUESDAY 11 MARCH K.O 19:45

Aldershot Town v Chester FC
Alfreton Town v Hyde FC
Braintree Town v Wrexham
Cambridge United v Luton Town
Forest Green Rovers v Salisbury City
Grimsby Town v Hereford United
Kidderminster Harriers v Macclesfield
Lincoln City FC v Welling United
Nuneaton Town v Tamworth

SATURDAY 15 MARCH K.O 15:00

Aldershot Town v Nuneaton Town
Cambridge United v Dartford
Chester FC v Alfreton Town
Grimsby Town v Wrexham
Hereford United v Hyde FC
Kidderminster Harriers v Barnet
Lincoln City FC v Braintree Town
Salisbury City v Gateshead FC
Southport v Macclesfield Town
Tamworth v Forest Green Rovers
Welling United v FC Halifax Town

MONDAY 17 MARCH K.O 19:45

Luton Town v Woking

TUESDAY 18 MARCH K.O 19:45

Aldershot Town v Kidderminster Harriers
Alfreton Town v Tamworth
Braintree Town v Lincoln City FC
Cambridge United v Welling United
Chester FC v Southport
Forest Green Rovers v Grimsby Town
Macclesfield Town v Barnet

LUTON TOWN CLUB HISTORY

FORMATION

The birth of Luton Town Football Club was never going to be easy. At the meeting called to discuss the formation based, supposedly, on a merger between local clubs, Wanderers and Excelsior an argument ensued. Officials from the Wanderers club maintained that they had been using the name 'Luton Town' for several months and that the meeting was pointless. Nevertheless that particular point of order was rejected and 'Luton Town Football Club' was dragged screaming into the world on April 11th 1885. Early games for the newly formed club consisted of friendlies, apart from annual excursions into the English Cup as it was then named. With a strong committee behind them pushing all the way, the club began to attract stronger opposition, better players and more spectators such as the growth in industry in Luton at the time. The foresighted decision to pay three players was taken in 1890 with the remainder being included the following year. Clearly because of this expense friendly matches were not enough to keep the finances straight and an invitation to become a founder member of the Southern League in 1894 was grabbed with both hands.

1900 - 1939

The Town did not manage to recreate their glory days of ten years before and were unable to make a challenge for the title. In fact, they suffered relegation to Division Two where they had to ply their trade against a string of Welsh sides for two seasons before fighting their way back just before the Great War. After hostilities ceased, the Southern League, en bloc, was asked to form a new Division Three of the Football League and the Town then enjoyed 17 seasons at this level mostly as a 'middle of the road' club. With the population growth of the town and surrounding area, the board, in the mid-1930s, decided to make a concerted bid to achieve a higher status. Players were brought in to help them achieve this objective and their highest ever position was achieved in 1936 when they finished runners-up to Coventry in the days when only one side was promoted. During this campaign, a wing-half, Joe Payne, was handed his debut at centre forward against Bristol Rovers and he altered the record books at a stroke when scoring 10 goals in a 12-0 victory. Payne continued into the next season as he left off the last and it was his remarkable 55 goals out of a total of 103 that helped secure promotion to Division Two on the back of a tremendous home record.

Decisions were immediately taken to extend the Kenilworth Road ground, where the Town had moved in 1905, with the capacity increased to a supposed 34,000. In their second season in Division Two, however, a strong and settled squad, ably led from the front by local boy Hugh Billington, nearly achieved promotion to the top flight. Over Easter 1939, a series of good results had forced the team into the promotion positions, but a draw and two defeats from the final three games meant that they missed out. Unfortunately, no-one will ever know how far this squad could have progressed as in September 1939, with the Town sitting proudly at the top of the table, war broke out.

1946 - 1960

After a seven-year break, it was back to a few seasons of mid-table mediocrity until, in 1950/51, the Town came perilously close to suffering relegation back to Division Three. Luckily this scare was not repeated as the Town's youth policy, nurtured by manager Dally Duncan, began to bear fruit. Future all-time leading scorer for the Hatters, Gordon Turner, learnt the ropes under the expert guidance of ex-England international Jesse Pye and, with a settled side, the Town just missed out on promotion in both 1953 and 1954.

The final push in the fight to earn a Division One spot came in 1954/55 when the Town eventually won through in a titanic struggle with Birmingham and Rotherham. The Hatters finally clinched the runners-up spot on goal average with the Millers the unlucky side to lose out. The Town swept all before them early in the following season and were the talk of the football world after beating Newcastle, Blackpool, Wolves and league leaders Sunderland in quick succession, and all by big scores. But the euphoria did not last and a mid-table position at the season's end was still probably more than the supporters expected the previous August. The Town finished in eighth position in 1957/58, their highest ever. The Hatters had never progressed beyond the quarter-finals in the FA Cup before but, in 1958/59 after a slow start, the Wembley band wagon took off as the Town fought their way past Leeds, Leicester, Ipswich and Blackpool before seeing off Norwich in the semi-final. Cup euphoria had struck in a big way with a record Kenilworth Road crowd of 30,069 turning out for the quarter-final replay against Blackpool and as many travelling to White Hart Lane for the semi-final which was drawn with the Town winning through in the re-match. The final itself was a massive disappointment compared to the run up, with the Town not performing on the day, leaving ten man Nottingham Forest to win comfortably 2-1. From that moment on, the Hatters' fortunes went into a steady decline. Manager Dally Duncan had left in the October before the Cup run started, and it was not until after the final that recently-retired captain and centre-half Syd Owen was appointed into the hot seat. The Town had a disastrous 1959/60 season and finished bottom, to be relegated after five years at the top.

1960 - 1966

Syd Owen was replaced by ex-Charlton goalkeeper Sam Bartram, but the rot had set in and 33 players were used in the 1960/61 season but the Town could not manage to finish in the top half of the table. The board were blamed by the supporters for allowing the money earned from the 1959 Cup run to be handed over to the tax man rather than be spent on players.

There was a general feeling that Bartram was slowly turning the ship around after he finished the 1961/62 campaign in mid-table but he was not given a chance to regain past glories, being relieved of his duties 'by mutual consent'. His replacement was to be ex-Town coach Jack Crompton but he changed his mind after a week in the post on medical grounds. Bristol City coach Bill Harvey then took over and presided over another relegation campaign as the Town sank dismally to Division Three at the end of 1962/63. Unfortunately, instead of being allowed to consolidate, the team plunged headlong towards Division Four at an alarming rate, only saved by an unexpected nine game unbeaten run as the season drew to a close. The stay of execution was only temporary as the Town, only six years from their FA Cup Final appearance, slumped to the football basement in 1965 amidst apathy and crowds of less than 3,000. Harvey had resigned mid-season to be replaced by ex-Town player and manager George Martin and although he introduced some discipline behind the scenes, he was, frankly, too old. Having said that, the Hatters made a good effort at escaping Division Four at the first attempt and were only let down by rows over player bonuses as the season entered its final couple of games. No money, all experienced players released as a legacy of the bonuses row and crowds at an all time low left a tired George Martin with no option but to resign, to be replaced by Allan Brown, who had starred for the Town in the 1959 Cup run. Brown had some work to do! With the team in second bottom position, soon after he rejoined the club in November 1966, they crashed 1-8 to bottom club Lincoln, arguably the club's lowest spot in their history.

1966 - 1974

Gradually things improved with Brown's enthusiasm and astute playing of the transfer market ensuring a final position of 17th which was looked on as a success. In his first close season in charge, Allan Brown lost no time in attempting to piece together a squad that would take the Town back to where the supporters felt they belonged. The free-transfer signing of veteran centre-half Terry

Branston was the catalyst that welded together a mix of youth and experience and after the Town went to the top of the table in February 1968 they never looked back and walked away with the title.

Buoyed by this success, along with the wealth of new directors Reggie Burr and Tony Hunt, owners of insurance giant Vehicle and General, the new season opened as the old one had finished, but the mid-season sacking of manager Allan Brown for 'disloyalty' - he applied for the Leicester job - shocked the football world.

The new man, Alec Stock, failed to make it two successive promotions but made no mistake in 1969/70 aided by the goalscoring exploits of a £17,500 signing from Fulham, Malcolm Macdonald.

At one time, the Hatters seemed capable of walking through Division Two back to a top flight they had left in 1960, but the March 1970 announcement of the collapse of Burr and Hunt's Vehicle and General and a disastrous Easter, when all three games were lost, meant that the meteoric rise came to an abrupt halt. The Vehicle and General collapse reverberated around the corridors at Kenilworth Road for some time and regrettably made the club sellers rather than buyers once more. Macdonald was sold to Newcastle for a then massive £180,000 and without a proven goalscorer, the 1971/72 season was a complete anti-climax after the excitement of the previous four years.

A weary Alec Stock resigned at the season's end to be replaced by Harry Haslam, who had originally come to the club as promotions manager. Although the Town boasted an amazing away record in his first season in charge and reached the quarter-finals of the FA Cup for the first time since 1959, the home record was poor. This was put right, however, in 1973/74 when promotion from a very average Division Two was achieved.

1974 - 1985

Behind the scenes the directors felt that promotion had been won far too early and their fears were justified with the Town rock bottom at Christmas, but the introduction of youth and a spirited fightback in the second half of the campaign ended with unfortunate relegation in a blaze of glory.

The brief stay at the top had its financial repercussions and by the middle of the following season only the eleventh hour sale of midfield favourite Peter Anderson prevented the club from folding. Haslam departed in early 1978 for the security of a longer contract at Sheffield United to be replaced by David Pleat who had started the campaign as reserve team coach at Kenilworth Road.

Pleat's first full season in control almost ended in relegation but his coaching skills and astute transfer dealings gradually came to the fore and after near misses of a return to Division One in 1980 and 1981 promotion came twelve months later in devastating fashion. The championship was won in great style with a brand of attacking football that was to become the Pleat hallmark.

Goals flew in at both ends as the Town became the darlings of the television companies in 1982/83 but it still took a last gasp win at Manchester City to prevent a quick return to Division Two. Visions of David Pleat skipping across the Maine Road turf after the 1-0 victory remain some of television's enduring images.

Unfortunately the Hatters were unable to build on this narrow escape and by late autumn 1984 were once again struggling at the wrong end of the table. Boardroom reshuffles and the loosening of the purse strings for David Pleat enabled him to buy the players necessary for long term survival. Amazingly most of these new players were 'cup-tied' as the Town fought through to the F.A. Cup semi-final where they were narrowly and unluckily beaten by Everton.

1985 - 1988

The installation of an artificial pitch in the summer of 1985 was warmly greeted initially by the footballing press but gradually mutterings of discontent grew and by the time the Town went back to grass in 1991 they had reached a crescendo. Also unpopular was the decision to ban away supporters in the wake of damage caused by so-called Millwall supporters in an FA Cup match at Kenilworth Road.

Perversely, it was during this period that the Town enjoyed the most successful period in their history. A position of ninth in the table was reached in season 1985/86 at the end of which David Pleat found the call of Tottenham too great and he departed amid much acrimony.

His replacement, John Moore - a stalwart defender from the Fourth Division days - led the Town to their highest ever placing in Division One of seventh in 1986/87 and then resigned due to his dislike of the high profile nature of the job. Moore's assistant, Ray Harford, was next in line for the hot seat and he presided over a momentous 1987/88 season which included three trips to Wembley as well as yet another FA Cup semi-final, this time against Wimbledon.

Defeat in the Simod Cup final, the Mercantile Credit Centenary Tournament and the FA Cup semi-final appeared to signal a season of glorious failure but on 24th April 1988, an army of 35,000 Luton supporters saw the Hatters win their first ever major trophy. A last-minute strike from Brian Stein saw the Town finally overcome Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley in a see-saw thriller in which Arsenal, leading 2-1, were awarded a penalty, which was brilliantly saved by Andy Dibble, before Town came storming back, leading to skipper Steve Foster lifting the Littlewoods Cup.

1988 - 2007

The Hatters reached the Littlewoods Cup final again the following year but went down 3-1 to Nottingham Forest as the era of success came to a gradual close. A last gasp home win over Norwich in 1989 saved the Town from relegation but was not enough to save Ray Harford, who was dismissed mid-way through the following campaign. Ex-Hatters star Jim Ryan took over to see the Town escape the drop at the last over the next two seasons before he was replaced by the returning David Pleat.

This time the Town had used up their nine lives and sank back down in 1992 after 10 years at the top. They did not find life much easier at the new level and struggled to adapt and almost dropped again in 1993.

Surprisingly, the Hatters fought through to the FA Cup semi-final once more in 1994 after seeing off Premiership high flyers Newcastle and West Ham along the way. Unfortunately, defeat by Chelsea in a lacklustre game at Wembley meant that all the Town had to look forward to was another fight against relegation which was mercifully achieved.

Pleat departed once more at the end of 1994/95 and his replacement, Terry Westley from the coaching staff, was unable to prevent the team dropping like a stone to the foot of the table. After only a few months in the job he was replaced by the experienced Lennie Lawrence who initially got the side to put together an unbeaten run.

The loss of talismanic goalscorer, Dwight Marshall, with a broken ankle, however, knocked the stuffing out of the side with relegation the inevitable consequence.

Back in a division they last left in 1970 the Hatters took a little while to acclimatise but when sharpshooter Tony Thorpe got his eye in, the goals started to flow and by Christmas they had hit top spot. Unfortunately, a late season wobble with too many points dropped at home meant that the Hatters had to settle for third at the death and a place in the play-offs where they were beaten by a superior Crewe.

The Town then failed to hit the heights for several seasons and even suffered two periods in the hands of receivers as well as a season in the football basement. Thankfully, that period came to end in the summer of 2004 and with the new owners in place, Manager Mike Newell, oversaw the Hatters make a fantastic start to the 2004/05 season, winning their first six games and the players never looked back from that position. Records tumbled throughout the year as Luton ran away with the League One title, amassing 98 points and finishing 12 points clear of their nearest rivals Hull City.

The Hatters took the Championship by storm in 2005-06, surprising many pundits and finishing up in a creditable mid-table position.

CLUB HISTORY CONTINUED

Sadly, finances dictated by a small, antiquated, low-capacity stadium meant that several players were then sold and not adequately replaced, leading to relegation at the end of the 2006-07 campaign.

2007 - TO DATE

Kevin Blackwell signed eight players during the summer of 2007 in preparation for a tilt at promotion back to the Championship. During the first month of the season it seemed that the Hatters stood a decent chance of doing so, after four wins from their first five league and cup fixtures including a 3-0 victory over Premier League Sunderland at Kenilworth Road.

However form began to tail off and had yet to win away from home but worse news was to follow when the club were deducted 10 points for falling to administration in November. From being in a comfortable mid-table position the Hatters found themselves deep in a relegation battle. Results began to pick-up in December and an FA Cup second round replay victory over Nottingham Forest ensured the Hatters faced another cup clash with Liverpool at Kenilworth Road. With the administrator in charge however, the New Year saw the beginning of player sales which would go on to affect the team's performances later in the season. But firstly the small matter of a game against Liverpool at Kenilworth Road in the third round of the FA Cup had to be settled and after going behind to a Peter Crouch goal, a John Arne Riise own goal 13 minutes from earned the Hatters a much needed money-spinning replay at Anfield. At this point the administrator had been working on cutting the spiralling wage bill at the club and as a result club captain Chris Coyne was sold to Colchester United and midfielder David Edwards - only signed by Blackwell in the summer - was sold to Wolves. Blackwell then decided to call it quits by saying he would quit the club following the replay at Liverpool. Before the cup replay at Anfield it was announced that the administrator had chosen Luton Town 2020 Ltd as the preferred bidders to take over the club. The consortium was headed by famous Hatters fan and TV presenters Nick Owen and included former Hatters legends Steve Foster and Godfrey Ingram as well as other influential businessmen all of which were Town supporters. Buoyed by this news it made for an extra-special night at Anfield where almost 6,000 Luton fans out-sung the famous Kop for long periods before, during and after the game. The team held on until the final minute of added on time in the first half before Ryan Babel struck the opening goal of the game to break the Hatters' hearts. A Steven Gerrard hat-trick and a goal from Sami Hyypia in the second half cumulated in a 5-0 defeat but despite the scoreline the Hatters performance was far from embarrassing. That was to be manager Kevin Blackwell's last match in charge of the Town as the administrator moved quickly to install legend Mick Harford as his replacement.

With the team struggling to find any form and with young players low on confidence, the side failed to win again until a 3-0 home victory over Oldham Athletic on 15th March, by which time they were already 12 points from safety and relegation to League 2 was confirmed following the 2-1 home defeat to Brighton on 12th April. With the new owners set to take full control of the club in the summer the only problem the Hatters prepared themselves for would have been beginning their League 2 campaign with 15 points deducted for failure to agree to a CVA (Company Voluntary Agreement). However the Football League decided that because the club had been in administration for the third time in nine years, they would punish them further by deducting a further five points. But worse news followed.

The club were still being investigated by the Football Association for the past financial irregularities that had been made public during Mike Newell's time at the club two years previously. As a result the club had a further 10 points docked by the FA which meant the club had to start the season with an

incredible 30 point penalty.

Once the club was officially taken over a week before the season started, the club only had six professionals on the books leading up to the home game with Port Vale. Harford though pulled off one of the biggest transfer coups in the club's history when it was announced that former club captain Kevin Nicholls was resigning for the club. Nicholls was joined by 10 other news faces either signed on a free transfer or brought in on-loan, as the manager pieced together a team fit for the campaign ahead. Despite a slow and inconsistent beginning to the season the Hatters ended 2008 just one point away from wiping out the 30 point deficit and were only 15 points away from safety. The season was also brought to life by the club's run in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy which was won in superb style at Wembley with a 3-2 victory over Scunthorpe United in April. However, the burden of the points deductions proved too much to shoulder and relegation out of the Football League was confirmed following a goalless draw against Chesterfield on Easter Monday. It means the club will start life in the Blue Square Premier in 2009/10 after 89 years in the Football League. In their first season in non-league football the Town finished second behind champions Stevenage but lost in the Play-Offs at the semi-final stage to York City. During that campaign Richard Money took over from Mick Harford where the Town also reached the third round of the FA Cup.

The Hatters again suffered Play-Off heartache in 2010/11 and again there was a change in manager - Gary Brabin taking over from Money in March. After finishing third this time around and beating Wrexham in the semi-finals the Town lost on penalties to AFC Wimbledon in the Promotion Final at the City of Manchester Stadium after the game ended goalless after 120 minutes.

That meant a third season in non-league football for the Hatters and hopes were high of a tilt at the title in 2011/12. Unfortunately for the Town inconsistency dogged the team throughout the campaign as they played catch-up on runaway top two Fleetwood and Wrexham. A terrible run of eight games without a win in March saw Gary Brabin lose his job. Paul Buckle was the latest man hired at to bring success to Kenilworth Road.

Having witnessed a 3-1 defeat at Braintree, Buckle went about ensuring the Town's place in the Play-Offs which was by no means guaranteed this time around. However, a run of six games undefeated, including a final-day-of-the-season victory at champions Fleetwood, confirmed their spot in the top five and with it a crack at the Play-Offs for a third season running. For the second successive campaign the Town were paired with Wrexham. The Welsh club had finished runners-up having amassed 98 points. A 2-0 home victory put the Hatters in command in the first leg and, while Buckle lost his unbeaten record in the second leg when Wrexham won 2-1 on the day, the Town were in the final once more where this time they would face York City. At Wembley 30,000 Hatters fans turned Wembley orange and were celebrating just two minutes in when Andre Gray fired them in front. But joy turned to despair as Ashley Chambers equalised for the Minstermen before a contentious winner ensured it was York and not the Town celebrating a return to the Football League.

Once again there were high hopes at the beginning of the 2012/13 campaign. While the Hatters were challenging for a place in the top six all season, it was their run in the FA Cup that made the headlines most. Wins over Cambridge, Nuneaton and Dorchester were rewarded with a home third round tie with Wolves. An Alex Lawless strike was enough to beat the Championship side in front of a sell-out at Kenilworth Road. The fourth round pitted the Town against Premier League Norwich City at Carrow Road. On that day the Hatters would make history. A fine defensively display looked to have secured a replay but, with 10 minutes to go, substitute Scott Rendell met a JJ O'Donnell cross to win the tie for the Town - and with it create history by becoming the first non-league side to beat a Premier League side. The Hatters would fall at the fifth round following a home defeat to a Millwall side that would go onto reach the semi-finals. By the now, though, the Town's league form was nosediving and, days after the Millwall game, Paul Buckle left Kenilworth Road by mutual consent. The Hatters wasted no time in making their new appointment, hiring Dagenham & Redbridge manager John Still. The Town ended the campaign in seventh place in the Conference.

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MEET THE STAFF

JOHN STILL MANAGER The manager, the boss, the gaffer. The 63-year-old joined the Hatters last March having enjoyed a hugely successful 10-year spell at Dagenham & Redbridge where he guided the Daggers to the Conference title as well as promotion to League 1.

TERRY HARRIS ASSISTANT MANAGER John Still's right-hand man who had been with Dagenham & Redbridge since 1999. As a player he starred for the old Dagenham FC – scoring a winning goal at Wembley – and has also coached at Dartford, Enfield and St Albans.

HAKAN HAYRETTIN FIRST TEAM COACH Last season the coach was manager at Grays Athletic, and led the Blues to the Ryman League Division One South title with 102 points. Held in high regard by John Still, he arrived at Kenilworth Road in early July.

JEFF WOOD GOALKEEPER COACH August arrival Jeff joined the Hatters having previously coached at Leeds and Norwich. The experienced Wales Under-21 and Under-19 goalkeeper coach enjoyed a distinguished playing career with a host of clubs in the UK and overseas.

DAVE RICHARDSON FITNESS COACH Fitness coach Dave made the switch from Dagenham & Redbridge this summer to be reunited with John Still and Terry Harris.

SIMON PARSELL PHYSIOTHERAPIST

DARREN COOK KIT MAN



PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Luton Town visit the Ray Mac for the second time this afternoon, the two teams drawing 1-1 here on 5 September 2009. The Hatters were unbeaten after six matches in their first season in the Conference following their relegation from the Football League, and Kevin Gallen put the then League leaders in front after 27 minutes. In front of a crowd of 2,044, Matt Tubbs levelled for the Whites two minutes before the interval and that proved to be the end of the scoring.

THE TEAMS ON THAT OCCASION WERE –

SALISBURY: James Bittner, Sean Clohessy, Dan Spence, Stuart Anderson, Jamie Turley, Luke Prosser, Rob Sinclair (sub: Ryan O'Hara 90), Darrell Clarke, Danny Webb, Matt Tubbs (sub: Danny Glover 90) and Chris Flood (sub: Luke Ruddick 85)

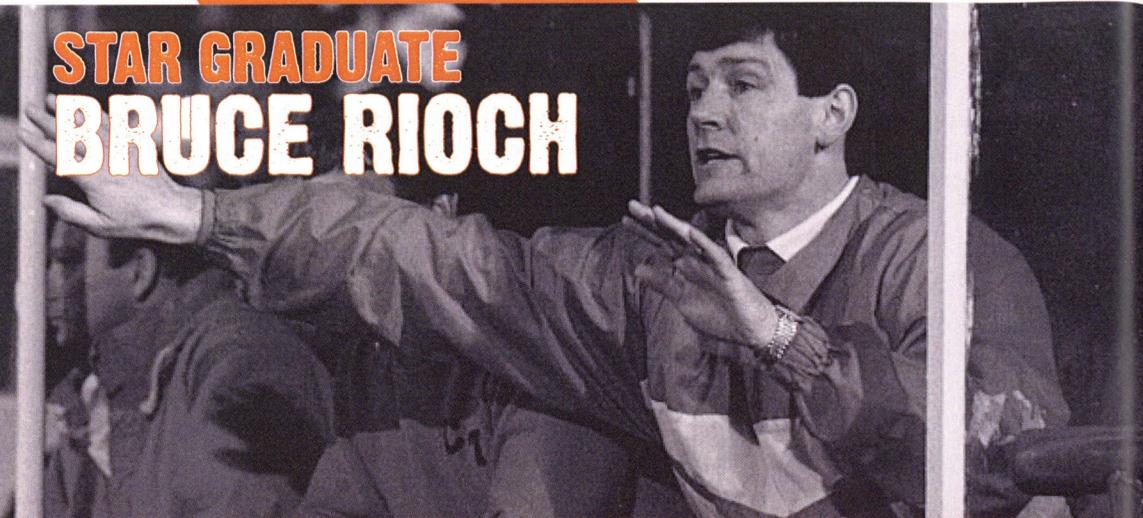
LUTON: Mark Tyler, Claude Gnakpa (sub: Asa Hall 59), Fred Murray, Keith Keane, Alan White (sub: Shame Blackett 68), George Pilkington, Adam Newton, Kevin Nicholls, Rossi Jarvis, Kevin Gallen and Tom Craddock (sub: Steve Basham 86).

The Whites have been beaten on both visits to Kenilworth Road, going down by four goals to nil later in the 2009/10 season. Goals from Claude Gnakpa and Tom Craddock gave the Hatters' a two goal interval lead on 30 March 2010 and further goals from Jake Howells and Simon Heslop completed a comfortable win.

In our first away fixture back in the Conference on 13 August last year, following a goalless first half the deadlock was broken by a Luton penalty after 64 minutes, Solomon Taiwo, now on loan at Aldershot Town, scoring from the spot. Nine minutes from time, Luke Guttridge scored the Hatters' second.

DAVE TODD

STAR GRADUATE BRUCE RIOCH



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles one of Luton Town's finest-ever players.

Powerful midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town.

Born in Aldershot, where his father was a regimental sergeant major, Bruce was raised in Luton and became an apprentice at Kenilworth Road. Rioch turned professional in September 1964 and made his League debut in Luton's 1-0 defeat at home to Southend United two months later. His first League goal came in the Hatters' 3-2 defeat at Bradford City in December 1965 and he soon attracted interest from bigger clubs with his pace, power and fierce shooting. He also had great competitiveness and a ruthless streak.

Bruce was Luton's leading marksman in 1966-67 and again in 1967-68 when he missed just two matches as the Hatters stormed to the Fourth Division title. Rioch was also an important figure as Luton narrowly failed to win promotion again in 1968-69, netting 47 goals in 149 League games before moving to Aston Villa for a then club record £100,000 in July 1969. His younger brother Neil, an England Youth international, followed him from Luton to Villa shortly afterwards.

Bruce played for Villa in the 1971 League Cup final and starred in their 1971-72 Third Division title triumph. Moving to Derby County for £200,000 in February 1974, he took over from the injured Henry Newton and helped Dave Mackay's side to finish third in the top-flight that season. Rioch was ever-present and leading marksman with 15 League goals in 1974-75 when Derby won the League Championship for the second time in four seasons.

Towards the end of that title campaign, he scored one of his most memorable goals with a surging run from near the half-way line against Newcastle United at St James' Park. The following season, he hit a thunderous free-kick in the FA Cup sixth round win at home to Newcastle, then scored four goals in Derby's remarkable 8-2 First Division victory over Spurs in October 1976.

Rioch could play for Scotland through parental qualification and made his international debut in their 1-0 victory over Portugal at Hampden Park in May 1975. He scored his first international goal to clinch Scotland's 2-2 draw with Wales four days later and went on to become the first English-born player ever to captain Scotland, leading them in the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina.

Sold to Everton for £180,000 in December 1976, Rioch returned to Derby a mere 11 months later but fell out with Tommy Docherty and Colin Addison and had loan spells at Birmingham City and Sheffield United. After that he played for Seattle Sounders, becoming Torquay United's player-coach in October 1980 and later their player-manager. He then took charge of Middlesbrough, managing them from the Third Division to First in consecutive seasons.

After a spell as Millwall's manager, he became Bolton Wanderers' boss in May 1992 and plotted two promotion successes, also leading them to the 1995 League Cup final. He spent a year as Arsenal's manager before the appointment of Arsene Wenger, signing Dennis Bergkamp and David Platt, then managed Norwich City, Wigan Athletic and Danish side Aalborg.

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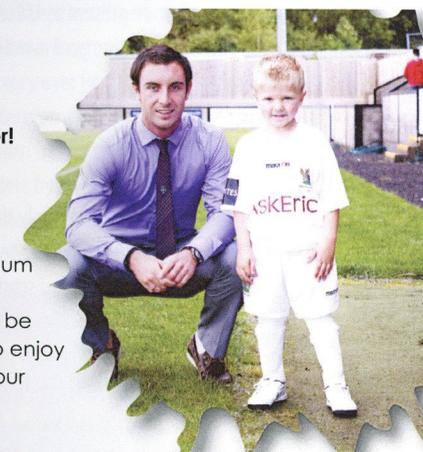
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1954-55

Gordon Turner scored 32 goals as Luton Town won promotion to the top-flight for the first time in 1954/55. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to Nottingham Forest and soared up the Second Division table with six straight wins. Gordon Turner grabbed a hat-trick as Luton trounced Blackburn 7-3 and they triumphed 5-1 at Nottingham Forest. Dally Duncan's side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past Hull City, Rotherham, Liverpool and Port Vale. Tom Aherne and Shay Dunne were ever-present as Luton pipped Rotherham to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at Doncaster.

1958-59

Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958/59. The Hatters were unbeaten in their opening ten First Division games, trouncing Manchester City 5-1 and scoring four goals past West Ham and Preston. They recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and Burnley 6-2, then top scorer Allan Brown netted four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Nottingham Forest but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. Luton defeated Leeds 5-1, Leicester 4-1, Ipswich 5-2, Blackpool 1-0 and Norwich 1-0 in the FA Cup before Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

1967-68

Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton Town won the Fourth Division title in 1967/68. New captain Terry Branston made his debut as the Hatters kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. Luton lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the League Cup first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins. Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker also starred as they remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

1969-70

Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as Luton Town won promotion in 1969/70. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with Alec Stock signing Malcolm Macdonald, John Ryan and John Collins. Luton were early leaders after remaining unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting Chris Nicholl from Halifax and Matt Tees from Charlton. Malcolm Macdonald grabbed hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield

1973-74

Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973/74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win

over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.

1981-82

David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981/82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Grealish was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby. Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

1987-88

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 Littlewoods Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win in the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the Littlewoods Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.



1988-89

Luton Town were Littlewoods Cup finalists for the second consecutive season in 1988/89. Departures were Brian Stein,

Mark Stein and Andy Dibble, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Luton's first home win was 1-0 against Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Luton defeated Burnley 2-1, Leeds 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the Littlewoods Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

2001-02

Steve Howard scored 24 times as Luton Town won promotion in 2001/02. Joe Kinnear's side were early leaders after winning their opening two matches and newcomer Carl Griffiths netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Torquay. The Hatters briefly regained pole position after beating Darlington 5-2 in October, signing Chris Coyne from Dundee, Jean-Louis Valois from Lille, Dean Crowe from Stoke, Ahmet Brkovic from Orient and Dave Bayliss from Rochdale. A run of 12 successive wins, slamming five goals past Halifax and Mansfield, took Luton back to the top with two games remaining but they finished runners-up to Plymouth.

2004-05

Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004/05. The Hatters stormed to the top of the table, winning 10 of their first 12 games before three successive defeats. They beat Bradford City 4-0 and Wrexham 5-1, then Steve Howard netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 win at MK Dons. The 1-0 victory over Port Vale in December heralded a 14 match unbeaten run and Luton bounced back from a 3-1 defeat in the return fixture to hammer Bristol City 5-0. Briefly displaced as leaders by Hull, they triumphed 4-1 at Torquay and secured promotion with four games remaining. Luton won the title with a record 98 points.



WHO'S NEXT HOME

THE SKRILL PREMIER

The Whites are next at home a week today as they welcome Gateshead to the Ray Mac. The Tynesiders came away 3-2 winners when the two sides met earlier in the season. The home side took a three goal lead after just 46 minutes but late goals from Jamie White and Elliott Frear meant the Whites almost pulled off a massive comeback. With both teams currently in contention for a place in the play-offs three points would be a massive boost for either side.

GATESHEAD

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2014 K.O 15:00

WHO'S NEXT AWAY

SKRILL PREMIER

The Whites are next back in action on Tuesday night as they face a Forest Green Rovers side who are not having the best of seasons so far. Most people would of had big spending Rovers as one of their favourites for promotion but they have struggled to live up to this expectation and will need a faultless end to the season if they are to push for a play-off spot. The Whites will be hoping to get some revenge for the 4-1 defeat inflicted on them at the Ray Mac at the end of November and with Forest Green Rovers still hoping to gain promotion both teams will be fired up and looking to gain maximum points from the game.

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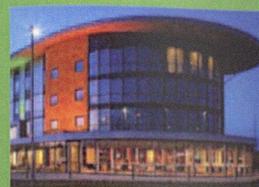
FOREST GREEN ROVERS

TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2014 K.O 19.45

PLAYER STATS

2013/14 SEASON

| | LEAGUE SUB | | | CUP SUB | | | TOTAL SUB | | | ALL TIME | | |
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| | APP | GLS | APP | GLS | APP | GLS | APP | GLS | APP | GLS | APP | GLS |
| Will Puddy | 33 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 0 | 0 |
| Luke Ruddick | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 92 | 14 | 1 |
| Callum Hart | 12 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 0 | 0 |
| Ryan Brett | 17 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 9 | 1 | 121 | 25 | 10 |
| James Clarke | 27 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 1 | 0 | 76 | 1 | 0 |
| Glenn Wilson | 34 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| Chris McPhee | 24 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 7 | 4 | 69 | 9 | 20 |
| Ricky Wellard | 15 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 10 | 1 | 36 | 12 | 3 |
| Jamie White | 8 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 12 | 6 | 52 | 16 | 33 |
| Theo Lewis | 27 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 1 | 4 | 71 | 6 | 6 |
| Elliott Frear | 25 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 6 | 6 | 48 | 14 | 9 |
| Clovis Kamdjo | 27 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 3 | 3 | 31 | 3 | 3 |
| Rob Sinclair | 9 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 80 | 20 | 9 |
| Stuart Sinclair | 22 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 2 | 0 | 81 | 3 | 6 |
| Ben Wright | 8 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 6 |
| Brian Dutton | 13 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 156 | 17 | 15 |
| Warren Feeney | 8 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 9 | 7 | 0 |
| Adam Flint | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Monty George | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dan Fitchett | 26 | 5 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 30 | 5 | 16 | 123 | 32 | 52 |
| Jake Thomson | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Glenn Belezika | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Angus MacDonald | 16 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 23 | 8 | 2 |
| James Bittner | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 0 | 0 |
| Miles Storey | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Tyler Harvey | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Agustin Battipiedi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kevin Amankwaah | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| OWN GOALS | | 0 | | | | 0 | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 34 | 45 | 4 | 6 | 38 | 51 | | | | | | |



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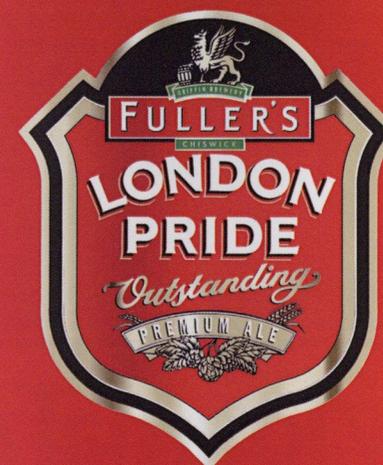


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