

TALK OF THE TOWN



LUTON TOWN v
BURY

TUESDAY 19th AUGUST 2014
KICK-OFF 7.45PM

easyJet

FILA @ JD

sky BET
LEAGUE 2



europe by
easyJet

We fly from London Luton to
over 30 destinations

london luton to
majorca, malaga, alicante

from **£35 .99***
one way pp
based on
2 people flying

SUN **ADDICT**

This is generation **easyJet**

europe by
easyJet

welcome TO KENILWORTH ROAD

“ Welcome back to Kenilworth Road once more. Recovered from the disappointment of Saturday's defeat?

We're pretty sure we've yet to include one of John Still's famous catchphrases in any of our three previous programmes this season so we'll start this one with one – "never too high, never too low".

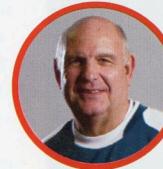
The Hatters' eagerly-anticipated return to the Football League at Kenilworth Road ended with a narrow defeat at the weekend, but the opportunity to banish those bad memories has come round quickly enough with another game this evening - and we'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone associated with Bury to Bedfordshire tonight.

We hope you like the new-look Talk of the Town – remember copies of Saturday's 100-page AFC Wimbledon issue are still available in the club shop – but if you have any feedback please do get in touch.

Enjoy the game! #COYH **”**

4 THE BOSS

John Still looks ahead to this evening's game



10 AROUND TOWN

A round-up of the news at Kenilworth Road

18 BURY

All you need know about our visitors from Gigg Lane



24 LOOKING BACK

Photographs, reaction and statistics from
Saturday's game with AFC Wimbledon

40 AND IF YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY...

Club historian Roger Wash delves into his archives

51 HATTERS ACADEMY

All the latest news from the Luton Town academy

72 FIXTURES AND RESULTS

Follow the Hatters' progress throughout 2014/15

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 2020 LTD

Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road,
Luton, Bedfordshire LU4 8AW
Switchboard: 01582 411622
Ticket office: 01582 416976
info@lutontown.co.uk | www.lutontown.co.uk

CLUB OFFICIALS

CHAIRMAN: Nick Owen
VICE CHAIRMAN: David Wilkinson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Gary Sweet
DIRECTORS: Paul Ballantyne, David Blakeman, Bob Curson.
ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS: Stephen Browne, Mike Herrick, Mick Pattinson
FINANCE DIRECTOR: Roger Bannister
VICE PRESIDENTS: Richard Banks, Cliff Bassett, Jack Sapsworth, Rob Stringer, John Buttle (Honorary)
FIRST TEAM MANAGER: John Still
ASSISTANT MANAGER: Terry Harris
FIRST TEAM COACH: Hakan Hayrettin
COACH: David James
FITNESS COACH: Dave Richardson
PHYSIOTHERAPIST: Simon Parsell
KIT MAN/MASSEUR: Darren Cook
YOUTH TEAM MANAGER: Paul Driver
HEAD OF YOUTH: Wayne Turner
HEAD OF YOUTH OPERATIONS: Dan Walder
CLUB SECRETARY: Kevan Platt
COMMERCIAL MANAGER: David Hoskins
STADIUM MANAGER: Peter Kemp
HEAD GROUNDSMAN: Richard Bird
RETAIL MANAGER: Mike Hooker
CATERING MANAGER: David Romans
FINANCIAL CONTROLLER: Tania Buonpane
PRESS OFFICER: Andrew Barringer
CLUB DOCTOR: Dr Paul Dealey
CLUB CHAPLAIN: Alan West
SAFETY OFFICER: Leon Blackburn

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

EDITOR: Andrew Barringer
PHOTOGRAPHY: Gareth Owen
CONTRIBUTORS: Andrew Barringer, Roger Wash, Faye Carruthers, Matthew McMahon and Tom Skinner.
PRINT: Bartham Group
DESIGN: Heather Ellis - Relish Design
With thanks to Gordon Sorleef at Bury.
Additional artwork by Paine Proffitt.

The views in this programme are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the editor and/or Luton Town.



JOHN STILL

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road once again for this Sky Bet League 2 encounter against Bury.

Tonight's game follows quickly from Saturday's match where unfortunately we didn't get the three points we wanted as we came up against a very determined AFC Wimbledon side.

Whenever you lose it is disappointing but it's fair to say that I was only disappointed with the end result. I was, however, more than happy with our performance.

There was a lot of good things and the only frustrating thing for me was that we did not make the most of our play in the opponents' half.

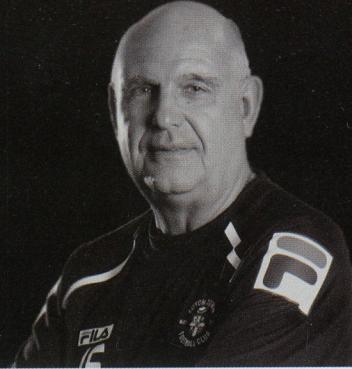
Objectively

At this stage of the season it's important to look at results objectively. We know we're not in a position where we'd like to be but this time last year we did not start particularly well. As I said last year you cannot judge the team and the performances until after six or eight games. So far we've only played two games, winning one and losing the other.

The last two home games have shown me enough that if we keep playing the way I know we can and keep the togetherness in our team we will only get stronger.

Against AFC Wimbledon we had to make a couple of changes with Luke Rooney unfortunately suspended after receiving two yellow cards against Swindon.

We were also without the services of Paul Connolly who was not quite fit enough to feature after picking up a slight hamstring problem.



STILL DETERMINED

"THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVED FROM THE STANDS AT THE WEEKEND WAS ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIC. INCREDIBLE. THROUGHOUT THE GAME AND THEN AT THE END IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE."

It's nothing too serious and we had Curtley Williams on the bench as a precaution.

Curtley himself has been a bit behind in his fitness having picked up a little knock to his foot. He's back in the training which is also a plus.

It was good to have Luke Guttridge back on the field making his first start for us since last March. It was always our plan to give him an hour and he came through the 60 minutes with no ill effects and that is absolutely fantastic.

This week we hope to receive good news from the specialist on Jonathan Smith. He's had a few niggles over the summer – nothing serious – and his pre-season hasn't been affected by it. Smudge has trained vigorously all pre-season and all we've done is keep competitive football away from him until he's 100 per cent ready to return.

Alex Lawless is another who has been out with a niggling hamstring problem and I expect him to train fully this week. The same can be said for Ricky Miller.

Formidable

Turning attention to tonight we face a Bury side who I think will be one of the strongest sides in the division this year. I think they have brought in some very decent players. I believe once they hit their stride this season they will be formidable opponents.

Their assistant Chris Brass is a good pal of mine and I know they will be prepared to face us tonight. They have experienced a similar start to the season to us but I am under no illusions of how tough tonight's game will be tonight.

Playing against the best teams and against the best players are what we want for our team because it makes our players better for it. Therefore I see this evening as an ideal game for us in preparation for the long season ahead.

The support we received from the stands at the weekend was absolutely terrific. Incredible. Throughout the game and then at the end it was unbelievable.

It makes a massive difference and I know the players appreciated it hugely. Everyone at the club knows how much the togetherness of the support and the players helped us last season so please keep it up and who knows what we can achieve in this campaign.

Get behind us and enjoy the game.

BOARDROOM

WITH VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON



Good evening everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's fixture against the Shakers

A special welcome goes out to our visitors this evening, the players, officials and supporters

from Bury Football Club.

I hope you all had a good summer. Sadly I was away for the game against Royal Antwerp, which I gather was quite an occasion. I know we are hoping to get a return match next year where we can renew some of the friendships made that day.

These are my first notes of the season and as such my first notes as a member of the Board of a Football League club. Unfortunately I am not able to report on our first home victory, but I am convinced it won't be long in coming.

Honour

When I first walked through the Kenilworth Road turnstiles as a 10-year-old kid I could never have imagined that one day I would have the honour to be elected as vice-chairman of this great club. I still feel as in awe of the place as when I first stood on the terraces and find it hard to believe that I can wander about at will and management, players and staff know who I am, which is more than I think I do sometimes.

None of the current directors knew each other when Gary Sweet found us and sold us on his 2020 plans, but I am now proud to be able to call them my friends and I thank them for putting their faith in me to fulfil this role.

Actually nothing much changes. Nick Owen is magnificent with the media and we are so fortunate to have such an experienced and polished performer in front of the cameras and microphones. Nick and I have also become friends and it is part of my job to keep him abreast of developments at the club and in the boardroom. I chair Board meetings and sit in, when required, at meetings to represent the

ownership, act as a sounding board, as well as being an ambassador for the club home and away. The Football League requires that those responsible are named and given the appropriate title.

Gary, Mike Herrick and I joined the squad at their training camp in Portugal again this year and, as John had already done most of his business, were able to become better acquainted with all involved. It is sometimes a little uncomfortable to watch such hard work without being physically able to participate, but I think it is really important for non-football people such as us to get an insight into what goes on and how people work. For what it's worth I believe we have a very strong, together squad quite capable of reaching higher levels. I would like to add my welcome on behalf of the Board to all our new players and hope that we can help them fulfil their dreams.

Worthwhile

As you all know we have continued supporting our youth set-up without any central funding as we believe that it is an important part of our future. I urge you to pop up to Ely Way on the Saturday morning of a game or to come to Youth Cup games when they start, it is really worthwhile. I have only seen one game so far this season, the home draw against Stevenage on Saturday, and believe me you, some excellent football was played with some talented players on show.

Now that we are in the Football League a lot of work is required by Wayne Turner and his team to ensure we comply with the standards set by the Premier League for varying levels of academy status. We are highly thought of in this area of the game, but it is vitally important for us that this continues and we can once again receive central funding to help us improve the service we provide and the facilities available.

This is important as we are long-term players. Our investment in this club is to enable it to eventually secure its long-term future. We are not there yet, but we are getting there. Our legacy will depend upon a stable management and financial structure, a new stadium, top-class training facilities, full interaction and support for and from the community and, of course, playing success.

**"WHAT IS MOST
IMPORTANT IS THAT
THE CLUB IS SELF-
SUSTAINABLE AND
GOES ON LONG AFTER
WE HAVE DEPARTED
THIS MORTAL COIL."**

Next year we are 130 years old. Between us we have been coming for hundreds of years and, of course we want success in our lifetimes, but what is most important is that the club is self-sustainable and goes on long after we have departed this mortal coil.

Proud

On Saturday after we had been beaten by Wimbledon, G Block and others stayed behind singing and chanting after the game until the players had finished their warm down and left the pitch. It must have been 20 minutes. Gary and I stayed out to watch, proud and much moved.

That's what it is about. The real thing – wholehearted, unflinching commitment.

How can we fail with this kind of support behind us?
We thank you and salute you all.

When I was leaving the ground this old ditty came into my head from way back, which seems somewhat appropriate.

*"Here we go again – Happy as can be – All good friends –
And jolly good company"*

Enjoy the game.
Come on you Hatters.



HONOURS

Littlewoods Challenge Cup:
Winners 1988, Runners-up 1989

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

Johnstone's Paint Trophy:
Winners 2009

Simod Cup:
Runners-up 1988

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

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

Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 1969/70

League One:
Champions 2004/05

Football League Division Four:
Champions 1967/68

Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 2001/02

Skrill Premier Champions:
2013/14

Blue Square Premier:
Runners-up 2009/10

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

Southern League Division Two:
Runners-up 1913/14

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

Southern Alliance:
Runners-up 1913/14

Can't squeeze any more in?

Why not let us help?



- Buying & Selling your Home
- Will & Estate Planning
- Divorce & Family
- Personal Injury
- Business & Employment Law


Pictons
 SOLICITORS | LLP

Call us now on
**01582
870870**

LUTON
 01582 870870

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
 01442 242441

TRING
 01442 825566

MILTON KEYNES
 01908 663511

MACCA

THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING

FROM THE DRESSING ROOM WITH STEPHEN McNULTY



"There will be plenty more ups and downs as the season progresses so we will need that kind of support with us if we're going to be successful."

It was obviously disappointing for us all to lose our first match back at home in the Football League on Saturday but, as I alluded to in my notes for that game, it was never going to be an easy game.

We knew that this season wasn't going to be plain sailing but it hurt to lose a match that we all thought we deserved to get something from. Losing will give us things to think about and enable us to refocus our efforts ahead of tonight's match against a Bury team widely fancied to do well this term.

This evening's game also gives us the opportunity to put right what we did wrong at the weekend. Bury, though, will offer us one of the biggest tests we have faced in league competition so far. Their manager David Flitcroft has assembled a strong squad and he himself has managed at a much higher level. But these are the games as players we relish. We'll look forward to this game like we do any other but after such a deflating result on Saturday we are raring to go to get our first home win of the season.

Saturday's loss was hard to take because we have been used to having our own way at home over the past 12 months. We are a group of players who are used to winning at home, certainly not losing, so it was tough to take in that respect.

Chances

A lot of people asked me afterwards if the result was a bit of wake-up call but I don't think that's the case at all because I thought we deserved a draw at the very least. Like at Carlisle and against Swindon, we restricted Wimbledon to very few chances and Tyles had very little to do. Their goal was a result of one long ball downfield. We, on the other hand, created a number of chances and played some very good football. I think it was just one of those days that happens in football. Perhaps if that was a Conference game we would have won that type of match, but we've stepped up a class this year and in the end that little bit of luck in the opposition's half evaded us on this occasion.

I think it's worth pointing out that we didn't start last season too well. We're not using that as a ready-made excuse for Saturday's defeat, I just think it takes all teams a good nine or 10 games to get into their stride.

The gaffer's brought in a number of new players over the summer and, like was the case last year, everyone is still learning how to play with one another and how the gaffer wants us to play.

Nobody will be reaching for the panic button after a narrow home defeat but you can be rest assured that we will learn from that game and, indeed, from the Swindon cup tie. I think with a little rub of the green we would have got something from Saturday's game and we'll definitely be approaching tonight's game with confidence.

As I've mentioned already, Bury will pose tough opposition for us. They have strikers in Ryan Lowe and Danny Nardiello who have done very well at a higher level.

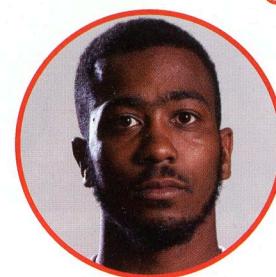
Brilliant

The support we received at the weekend was nothing short of remarkable. To have 9,000 fans in the stadium was terrific, especially when I know many more were away sunning themselves on holiday! But the backing of the lads was first class. In particular, I'd like to thank those thousands of fans who stayed behind after the game to applaud us off. The atmosphere whilst we were warming down, a good 20 minutes after the final whistle, was unexpected but absolutely brilliant. On behalf of all the lads, thank you.

There will be plenty more ups and downs as the season progresses so we will need that kind of support with us if we're going to be successful. Please continue that this evening. I hope we are able to reward your loyalty and passion with three points.

Enjoy the game.

Isaac signs on the dotted line



The Hatters confirmed the signing of winger Kynan Isaac on a one-year contract last week.

The 21-year-old was previously on the books at Reading and trialed with the Town last season having impressed with Banbury United.

Town boss John Still told lutontown.co.uk: "We like Kynan, he's got something and he'll be added to our development group because there's a player there."

"He's a quick and skilful wide man and he's got an eye for goal. He's come recommended by Edwin Stein at Banbury and we're hopeful that Kynan can go on and progress with us."

Martin loaned to Bristol Rovers



Last week Hatters midfielder Dave Martin joined Conference Premier outfit Bristol Rovers on loan until January.

The 29-year-old, who has played 25 times for the Hatters scoring three goals, made his debut for the

Pirates in their 2-1 defeat at Altrincham last Saturday.

We would like to wish Dave all the very best of luck during his time at the Memorial Stadium.

AWARDS FROM LAST SEASON

Wrapping up some news that some Town fans may have missed over the summer, manager John Still and four of his players were recognised at the Football Conference's end-of-season awards.

The boss received the manager of the year gong whilst striker Andre Gray, who has since left to join Brentford, picked up the Golden Boot after scoring 30 goals in the Hatters' title-winning campaign.

Gray and team-mates Mark Tyler, Steve McNulty and Luke Guttridge were also honoured at the event, with the quartet named in the Conference team of the season.

WIN THE TOWN £250,000 AND YOURSELF £5K!

Sky Bet, the title sponsor of the Football League, have launched the Sky Bet Transfer Fund, which gives one fan the chance to win £250,000 for their Football League club to spend on new players in the January transfer window – and collect an individual cash prize of £5,000.

Fans who bet with Sky Bet will earn a token for every pound they spend, putting them in with a chance of winning the £250,000 Transfer Fund for their club in a draw in December 2014.

New and existing Sky Bet customers are eligible to win the Sky Bet Transfer Fund by simply linking their account to the Football League club they support. By switching from their current bookmaker and betting with Sky Bet, fans will give their club a better chance of collecting the £250,000 to boost its player-buying power in January.

Sky Bet Transfer Fund Ambassador Jim White said: "The Sky Bet Transfer Fund is a great opportunity for a Football League club fan to make a real difference to the finances at his or her club."

The Football League's Chief Executive, Shaun Harvey, said: "This is a fantastic initiative from Sky Bet that gives those supporters that enjoy a bet the opportunity to earn funds for their club in the process. It also gives one fan the chance to win a potentially season changing prize for his or her club."

"The Football League and its clubs welcome the opportunity to work with a responsible, properly regulated bookmaker such as Sky Bet who are making a significant investment into our competition."

To sign up for the Sky Bet Transfer Fund and start collecting tokens for the Hatters, visit www.skybet.com/transferfund.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

For those of a certain age you might laugh or groan at the headline – but there's no getting away that Christmas is coming – albeit some 18 weeks away!

However, after the success of our Christmas parties last year, we are pleased to announce our new Christmas party themes available at Kenilworth Road in the festive season, and there's nothing like sowing the seed in your mind early in the season to get you thinking.

This Christmas there is a variety of exciting entertainment to help you and your colleagues, friends or family celebrate Christmas at Kenilworth Road.

They include:

HATTERS CHRISTMAS DISCO

For just £23-a-head you can enjoy a two-course Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a classic Hatters disco. With a room kitted out in Christmas

fashion, a dance floor and even Karaoke on request, this is a great way for you party animals to enjoy Christmas in the comfort of your favourite football club.

HATTERS CASINO NIGHT

For just £30-a-head, why not add that touch of class to proceedings? Live it up like James Bond at our Casino-themed Party, offering Roulette, Blackjack, a carvery dinner and a disco.

HATTERS COMEDY NIGHT

For just £35-a-head why not witness some of the biggest names on the UK comedy circuit in the lounge of the legend that is Eric Morecambe. Enjoy some side-splitting comedy, a two-course carvery and a disco.

Sounds good, eh? What better place to enjoy Christmas if your office all support the Hatters? Get booking now and if you're the organiser you can come free. Give us a call on 01582 411622 or email catering@lutontown.co.uk.

The Hatters help in India



Long-time Town fans Maureen and Kevin Barrett's recent trip to India saw the two hand out Hatters kit during their visit to an orphanage.

Having asked the club for old Town strips, Maureen and Kevin packed their cases including one full of kit and various small toys and gifts to take to the children.

Maureen told Talk of the Town: "The visit to the children's home was a humbling experience – these children have nothing.

"In fact they see visitors so rarely that when we arrived we were treated like royalty."

The visit over two days saw Maureen and Kevin take part in a sports day, which saw them dancing, drawing and taking part in various other activities, all of which were judged and prizes given in a ceremony at the end.

Maureen added: "During the course of the visit, the time came for the gifts to be given out. While the nail varnish and bubbles were huge favourites, when the children saw the Luton Town shirts they were very excited and keen to put them on – regardless of whether they fitted or not!"

The home, which is run by Sam and Josephine, will all be watching out for Luton in the future.

BESSO Children Home is run completely on donations in conjunction with STOP International and The Ponton Plod. BESSO Children Home offers shelter and education to orphaned, abandoned and destitute street children.

To learn more or to donate please visit www.bessomission.com, www.stop.intl.org.uk or www.pontonplod.co.uk.

let's go



AFTER THREE STRAIGHT HOME FIXTURES AT KENILWORTH ROAD THE TOWN HIT THE ROAD TWICE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TAKING IN TRIPS TO ACCRINGTON AND SHREWSBURY

ACCRINGTON STANLEY

WHO? Exactly. Stanley – famous or infamous, depending on your take on it – for their appearance in an advert for milk in the late 1980s, are far from a club that nobody knows about anymore. In fact this season will be the Lancashire club's ninth season back in the Football League following their Conference championship success of 2006/07.

WHERE? The 'old' or the 'original' Stanley – the club that collapsed and folded in 1966 used to play their games at Peel Park, but these days the new club play their home fixtures at the 5,000-capacity Crown Ground. The venue is named after the Crown public house adjacent to the ground and it is well worth venturing in there for a pre-match pint and some home-cooked grub.

HOW FAR? The Town have already racked up a 550-mile round-trip to begin the season with and the Hatters faithful have a 200-mile, three-and-a-half hour trip to Accrington to negotiate in their second away fixture in the Football League.

BOB IT. As ever, the Bobbers Travel Club will be making the journeys up and down the motorways following the Hatters this season. For the trip to Accrington the Bobbers leave from a new departure point in town – bus stop LS12 at Luton railway station – at 9am. The fares are £29 for adults and £26 for concession. Book your place by calling 01234 856542.

THE LAST TIME. The Hatters will be making only their second-ever trip to the Crown Ground. For many Town fans this trip will be the first time as it was a cold Tuesday night in February that the Hatters drew 0-0 in the -30 season in 2009. At the time the 1,088 crowd was the lowest to watch a Town League fixture.

STANLEY CONNECTIONS. There is one former Red currently in the Town squad in the shape of Shaun Whalley. The winger played 55 times for Stanley and scored five times in two seasons at the Crown Ground.

SHREWSBURY TOWN



WHO? Shrewsbury Town, aka, the Shrews. The Shropshire side are back in League 2 following their relegation from League 1 last term. Now managed by Micky Mellon – the former Fleetwood Town manager who guided the Cod Army to the Conference title in 2012.

WHERE? Shrewsbury moved to the New Meadow – aka Greenhous Meadow for sponsorship purposes – in 2007, which is an all-seated 10,000 arena that replaced their former home, Gay Meadow. The old ground was one of the most picturesque in the country (depending on what time of the year you visited), situated in the town centre. The New Meadow is an out-of-town development.

HOW TO GET THERE. Town supporters will continue to clock up the miles. From the Maple Road car park to the Greenhous Meadow changing rooms, it's 127 miles up the M1, M6 and across the M54. Coming off the M54 the stadium is well-signposted. Alternatively you can book with the Bobbers. They leave the Luton railway station at 10.30am and the fares are £23 for adults and £20 for concessions.

HAVEN'T WE BEEN HERE BEFORE? Yes. The Town's last meeting with the Shrews also took place in the -30 season of 2008/09, and in that campaign the Hatters left the New Meadow pointless and goalless following a 3-0 defeat. The Shrews led in the fourth minute after Paul Murray's goal before Ben Davies' rocket made it 2-0 in the second half. Grant Holt completed the scoring with a cheeky back-heel. Jake Howells played 90 minutes for the Town.

FORMER SHREWS. Asa Hall, Billy Cooke and David Edwards are three former Shrews that have gone onto play for the Hatters but the one most notable ex-Shrew that adorned Town colours was Andre Gray. The striker began his career at the New Meadow but was restricted to just five substitute appearances for Shrewsbury during 2009/10 before he was released. He was snapped by Hinckley in June 2011 and was then signed by the Town in March 2012.

tickets please

SEASON TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ANYTIME PRICES

Adults (22-64) £400, Young Adults (17-21) and Seniors (65-75) £280, Golden Seniors (75+) £200, Unaccompanied Youth (10-16) £100, Accompanied Youth (10-16) £60, Accompanied Youth (under 10) £30.



ACCRINGTON STANLEY v LUTON TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST 2014, KICK-OFF 3PM

Admission for this match for Hatters fans is pay on the day at Accrington. We have been given an allocation of 350 seats and 1,600 terrace places. Prices for seats and terracing: £20 adults, £15 64+ and students with ID, £10 under-18s, £5 accompanied under-12s.



SHREWSBURY TOWN v LUTON TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 30th AUGUST 2014, KICK-OFF 3PM

We have been given an allocation of 990 seats in the Provision CCTV North Stand for this match. Prices: £20 adults, £15 over-65s, £14 students with NUS ID, £12 juniors 12-16, £5 under-11s. Disabled adults, seniors or students £15 with free carer. Juniors charged dependant on age category (above) with free carer. **Selling arrangements:** Although this match is not all-ticket, we strongly advise supporters to purchase in advance for this game. Tickets are currently on sale now at one per person to Season Ticket holders until close of business on Thursday 21st August. Any remaining tickets will go on general sale from Friday 22nd August until 3pm on Friday 29th August. Away Season Tickets holders' tickets have been put aside and will be sent on Friday 15th August unless the ticket office has not received information advising that you do not require your ticket. If you require an additional ticket to be sent please advise before this date. If any tickets remain these will be available, cash only, on cash turnstiles on a first come first served basis on the day of the game.



LUTON TOWN v PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2014, KICK-OFF 12.15PM

Please note the kick-off time for this match. This game will be broadcast live by Sky Sports. Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal matchday prices. £20 adults, £15 seniors and young adults, £12 golden seniors, £8 youths, £5 juniors.



LUTON TOWN v CHELTENHAM TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2014, KICK-OFF 3PM

Tickets for this match are now on sale at normal matchday prices. £20 adults, £15 seniors and young adults, £12 golden seniors, £8 youths, £5 juniors.



SPEAKING Commercially

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER DAVID HOSKINS

Welcome back to our all our corporate guests and sponsors for our second home Sky Bet League 2 match of the season as we welcome Bury to Kenilworth Road.

We have the pleasure of welcoming a mascot to the game tonight who will get the star treatment behind-the-scenes, and remember, if you want any of your loved ones to be a mascot here at the Hatters then please do get in touch.

As we went to press only our matches here against Newport, Shrewsbury, Accrington and Morecambe were without a match sponsor so if you're interested in becoming a match sponsor please do give us a call, or drop us an email on the contact details below.

PACKAGES AVAILABLE THIS SEASON

ERIC MORECAMBE LOUNGE

Seating in the directors' box with an exclusive pre-match two-course meal, waiter service and cash bar available before, during and after each game. Team sheets and programmes are included for each guest and post-match you'll get to meet the man-of-the-match and receive photographs of you with him.

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Treat your child to a matchday mascot experience at Kenilworth Road this coming season. The mascot package is a day to remember for any young fan wanting to meet their heroes and lead Luton Town onto the Kenilworth Road pitch.

TONIGHT'S MASCOT



OLIVER GIDDINGS

It is a very special occasion for our mascot Oliver tonight as today he is celebrating his 10th birthday! Oliver is here with his family and friends from Aylesbury, and he will get to meet all the players before the match, including his favourite – Jake Howells. Have a great evening with us Oliver!

MATCHBALL SPONSORSHIP

Matchball Sponsorship offers a unique opportunity for guests to sponsor the matchball at Kenilworth Road - and then keep it afterwards with the players' autographs.

The package is a fantastic way to enjoy excellent hospitality whilst promoting your business or entertaining friends, family or clients.

Also hosted in our Eric Morecambe Lounge, the matchball sponsors will enjoy a two-course meal before being seated in the directors' box to watch the match.

To top off a great day, you will get the chance to enjoy our post-match presentation and receive your signed ball from the man-of-the-match.

EXECUTIVE BOX HOLDERS

5: Gibbs and Dandy Ltd
GIBBS & DANDY LTD

6: GP Quorenton Ltd
GP QUORENTON LTD

7: Keith Elkington Transport Ltd
KEITH ELKINGTON TRANSPORT LTD

8: Just Lets
JUST LETS

9: Pictons Solicitors
Pictons SOLICITORS LLP

10: Fascel Group Ltd

fascel group

11: CES Electrical

CES Electrical Ltd

12: Easyjet

easyJet

13: Bartham Press

bartham group
media • design • print

14: TJ Aldridge

TJ ALDRIDGE

15: Taylor French Developments Ltd

TAYLOR FRENCH DEVELOPMENTS



16: Prestige Design

Prestige
Design & Workwear Ltd

17: Fanfare Ltd

FANFARE LTD

18: CME Heating Ltd

CME
Heating Ltd

19: Markyate Precision Machining

MARKYATE

20: Vauxhall

VAUXHALL

21: Automated Technology Group

AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGY GROUP

22: Dot Group International

DOT group
International

23: Jon Hanifan

JON HANIFAN

24: Rob Hall

ROB HALL

25: Middle East Chemicals

MIDDLE EAST CHEMICALS LTD

26: G Owen Ceramic Tiling Ltd

G OWEN CERAMIC TILING LTD

27: SKF UK Ltd

SKF



jdfootball.co.uk

JD Football will bring you exclusive videos, interviews and competitions, alongside the very latest Football news.



/jdfootballofficial



@jdfootball



@jdfootball



SCORE PREDICTOR

Weekly - £50 JD gift card

Monthly - Pair of football boots & replica shirt

Overall - Champions League final for 2 in Berlin (inc.flights/hotel)

Bonus prize - Win trainers for a year! Predict a full round of correct scores



Register
for free

Predict
your scores

Score points
& win prizes

Kit Sponsors

H: HOME | A: AWAY | G: GLOVES

1 MARK TYLER

H: Tim Fordham
A: Whosh
G: Kyle McPherson

2 FRASER FRANKS

H: Emma Banks
A: Nigel, Ben & Sam Martin

3 DANNY FITZSIMONS

H: Available
A: Available

4 JONATHAN SMITH

H: Holly Kemp
A: SoLyD Gold Hatters

5 STEPHEN McNULTY

H: Simon Coward
A: Whosh

6 ALEX LACEY

H: Peter & Linda Little
A: In memory of Billy Lacey

7 ALEX LAWLESS

H: David Goodge
A: Gill, Julie & Yvonne

8 ANDY DRURY

H: Raj Koyes
A: Key Holder Lettings

9 PAUL BENSON

H: Ben Banks
A: Mad Hatter

10 ALEX WALL

H: Ben & Richard Banks
A: The Coles Family

11 JAKE HOWELLS

H: Neil Ehrenzweig
A: Sports262 & Lutontownfans.co.uk

12 SCOTT GRIFFITHS

H: CME Heating
A: Matthew Crossland

13 MARK CULLEN

H: Peter & Linda Little
A: Kelly Knight

14 ANDY PARRY

H: R S Robinson Heating
A: Available

15 LUKE ROONEY

H: Available
A: Available

16 ELLIOT JUSTHAM

H: Available
A: Available
G: Mark Francome

17 PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU

H: David Alexander
A: Ben Gray

18 ROSS LAFAYETTE

H: Jacqui Peacock
A: Maddie Knight

19 RICKY MILLER

H: Tom
A: Tommy Lennon

20 SHAUN WHALLEY

H: Available
A: Available

21 LUKE GUTTRIDGE

H: Luton Outlaws
A: Richard & Zak Tilley

23 MATTHEW ROBINSON

H: COYH
A: Whosh

24 CURTLEY WILLIAMS

H: Available
A: Available

28 JIM STEVENSON

H: CME Heating
A: Available

29 PAUL CONNOLLY

H: Re-Markit
A: Bobbers Travel Club

30 LUKE WILKINSON

H: Tommy Lennon
A: Available

32 BRETT LONGDEN

H: Available
A: Available

33 MARK ONYEMAH

H: Available
A: Available

34 ZANE BANTON

H: Loyal Luton
A: Mad Hatter

35 CHARLIE WALKER

H: Jonathan Perry
of JP Life Therapy
A: Available

36 CHARLIE SMITH

H: Available
A: Available

37 KYNAN ISAAC

H: Available
A: Available

39 IAN REES

H: Available
A: Mad Hatter

M JOHN STILL

H: Thompsons Accountants
A: Country Properties

AM TERRY HARRIS

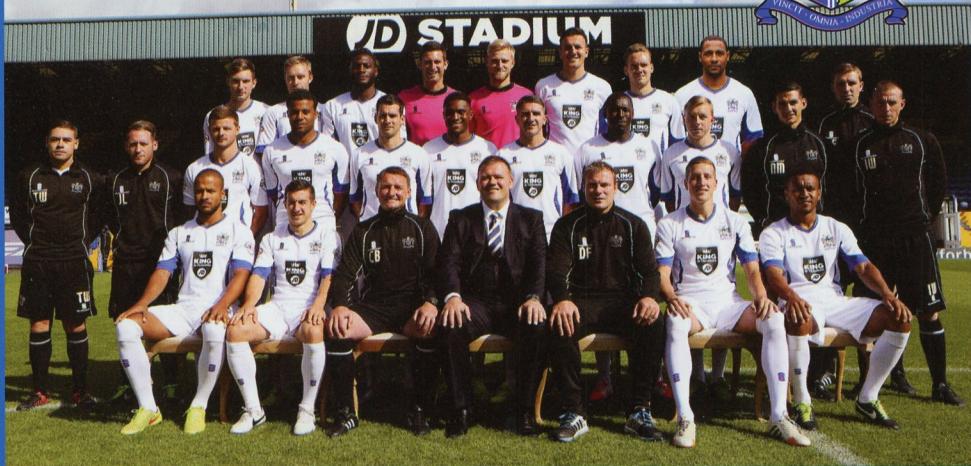
H: Doug Knight
A: Available

C HAKAN HAYRETIN

H: Luton Town Supporters Club of Scandinavia
A: Available

welcome

BURY



It is with great pleasure that we welcome everybody associated with Bury Football Club to Kenilworth Road as our second visitors to Bedfordshire in the Football League this season.

It has been five years since the Shakers have visited Kenilworth Road and David Flitcroft's side arrive full of confidence after achieving their first victory of the season on Saturday.

The Shakers were comfortable 2-0 winners at Hartlepool on Saturday and three points were enough for tonight's visitors to leap-frog the Hatters in the very, very early League 2 standings.

The fact that Saturday's result was their first win of the season was a big surprise, given the expectation and hope of a season of success at Gigg Lane. Flitcroft has built a hugely experienced and talented squad with the likes of Ryan Lowe, Pablo Mills and Kelvin Etuhu added to the Shakers ranks this summer. Lowe has joined for a second spell at the club after a hugely prolific first spell in which he netted a goal every other game.

Lowe scored his second goal of the season in Saturday's 2-0 victory at Victoria Park, just four days after he had opened the scoring in their 3-2 extra-time defeat to local rivals Bolton Wanderers in the Capital One Cup. Flitcroft's side were mighty unlucky not to pull off a huge

shock at the Reebok Stadium, with the Trotters scoring a highly-contested penalty SEVEN minutes into injury time. Wanderers would eventually go on and lead 3-1 before skipper Jimmy McNulty pulled one back.

The Shakers began their League 2 campaign with a 1-0 home defeat to Cheltenham on the opening day with Flitcroft comparing his side's performance with a golfer's ability on the green. "It's like a golfer with a putt. It's no good getting on the green in two and then having four or five putts. That's where we were at today," he said after the defeat to the Robins. "We didn't hit the right areas that we'd worked on in training where we'd looked fluent."

Since their last visit to Kenilworth Road five years ago, the Shakers have spent time in League 1 before their relegation two seasons back.

And the visitors can take heart from the fact their predecessors haven't been beaten at Kenilworth Road in their last six visits to Bedfordshire.

You have to go all the way back to December 1962 for the last time the Hatters recorded a home victory over the Shakers. Bury won on their last trip to Kenilworth Road in 2009 – a game in which Mark Tyler was in goal for the Shakers whilst on-loan from Peterborough. In that game, during the Hatters' -30 season, Asa Hall had given the Town the lead but two second half goals – from Andy Bishop and Andy Morrell – gave the Shakers all three points.

in opposition

OUR AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM GIGG LANE



► THE MANAGER



DAVID FLITCROFT. The boss who took over at Gigg Lane in December last year after leaving Barnsley, who he had kept in the Championship the season before. As a player he served the Shakers, as well as Chester and Rochdale.

► GOALKEEPERS

SHWAN JALAL. Baghdad-born stopper who signed this summer following his release from AFC Bournemouth. Arrived in the UK as a four-year-old and started his career as a youngster at Tottenham.

ROB LAINTON. Former Bolton trainee who joined the Shakers following his release from the Reebok Stadium. The young, commanding stopper spent a spell on-loan at Burton last season but has begun this season as the number one Gigg Lane.

DEFENDERS

JIMMY McNULTY. Cultured and versatile defender and captain who joined the Shakers from Barnsley. A former Everton and Liverpool trialist as a youngster, he has also been on the books at Wrexham, Macclesfield, Stockport and Brighton.

CHRIS HUSSEY. Hammersmith-born defender who joined the Shakers this summer following a successful loan spell from Burton. Started out in Woking's academy before moves to AFC Wimbledon and Coventry.

JOE WIDDOWSON. Former West Ham trainee who spent time out on loan at Rotherham and Grimsby before joining the Mariners permanently in 2009. Spells at Rochdale and Northampton followed.

NATHAN CAMERON. Powerful and strong centre-half who signed for the Shakers after being released by Coventry, where he made 52 appearances.

PABLO MILLS. Experienced centre-half who arrived at Gigg Lane midway through last season after failing to nail down a place with Rotherham. A Conference champion with Crawley, the defender has also played for Derby and Macclesfield.

► MIDFIELDERS

ANDREW TUTTE. A product of the Manchester City academy, the ball-winning midfielder signed for the Shakers following his release from Rochdale, where he had previously enjoyed a successful loan spell.

KELVIN ETUHU. Another former Man City trainee, the midfielder joined the Shakers this summer on a two-year deal after leaving Barnsley. After loan spells at Rochdale, Leicester and Cardiff, he signed for Portsmouth on a permanent deal before joining Barnsley.

NICKY ADAMS. Classy central midfield player who returned for his second spell at Gigg Lane this summer. Started his career with the Shakers before moving to Leicester and then to Brentford, Rochdale, Rotherham and Crawley.

CHRIS SEDGEWICK. Experienced winger who has made over 600 appearances in the Football League following spells with Rotherham, Preston, Sheffield Wednesday and Scunthorpe.

DANNY MAYOR. Skilful young midfielder who signed a three-year deal this summer after impressing last term whilst on-loan from Sheffield Wednesday. Began his career as a trainee at Preston.

TOM SOARES. Former Crystal Palace and Stoke midfielder who initially joined the Shakers on non-contract terms in September 2012. Made 163 appearances for Palace before a £1.25m move to Stoke in 2008.

► STRIKERS

JOE THOMPSON. Rochdale-born frontman who joined the Shakers from Tranmere. The striker was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer whilst at Prenton Park – something which Joe revealed in June this year he had beaten.

RYAN LOWE. Prolific and experienced striker in his second spell with the Shakers after arriving this summer from Rochdale. Scored 52 goals in 100 games in his first spell at Gigg Lane.

DANNY NARDIELLO. Former Manchester United frontman whose career has included a number of loan spells, including one with the Shakers. Arrived permanently at Gigg Lane in 2013 and was the Shakers' top scorer last term.

DANNY ROSE. Striker who joined on-loan from Barnsley last week and scored in the Shakers' 2-0 win at Hartlepool on Saturday. Scored three goals in six games in a loan spell at Gigg Lane last term.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

Maurice Dickson has seen

Bury's fortunes transform off the pitch – and this season, he's hoping for some success on it...



TALK OF THE TOWN:

Bury are hotly tipped to do well this season. What are Shakers fans' expectations ahead of the current campaign?

MAURICE: I think most Bury fans have higher expectations than usual. We have added a great deal of quality to the squad since David Flitcroft took over and that has fuelled those expectations. The bookies have made us one of the favourites along with the Hatters and Pompey and they aren't often wrong.

TOTT: Which of your new signings are you most impressed by?

MAURICE: Personally, I feel it's great to have Ryan Lowe back. He's a natural goalscorer but Kelvin Etuhu looks class and Danny Mayor is Championship quality.

TOTT: The two clubs share a former manager in Kevin Blackwell. Tell us about his time in charge at the club and his relationship with supporters.

MAURICE: I think most Bury fans would look on Kevin's time at Gigg Lane as a disaster. Granted he was hamstrung a bit over finances and we suffered two transfer embargoes but, shall we say, he talks a good game. One comment he made in particular really alienated him from the fans, which was: "With all due respect, people who don't work in the football industry know nothing". Sorry Kev, but I've been watching football since I was in my pram, played to a decent level and seen thousands of games – and I know nothing about the game?



TOTT: Which sides will win promotion from League 2 come May? And what is your prediction for today's game?

MAURICE: My ideal three would be Bury, Portsmouth and Burton Albion but because my late Uncle John was a season ticket holder at Kenilworth Road, I'd like to see Luton Town go up too.

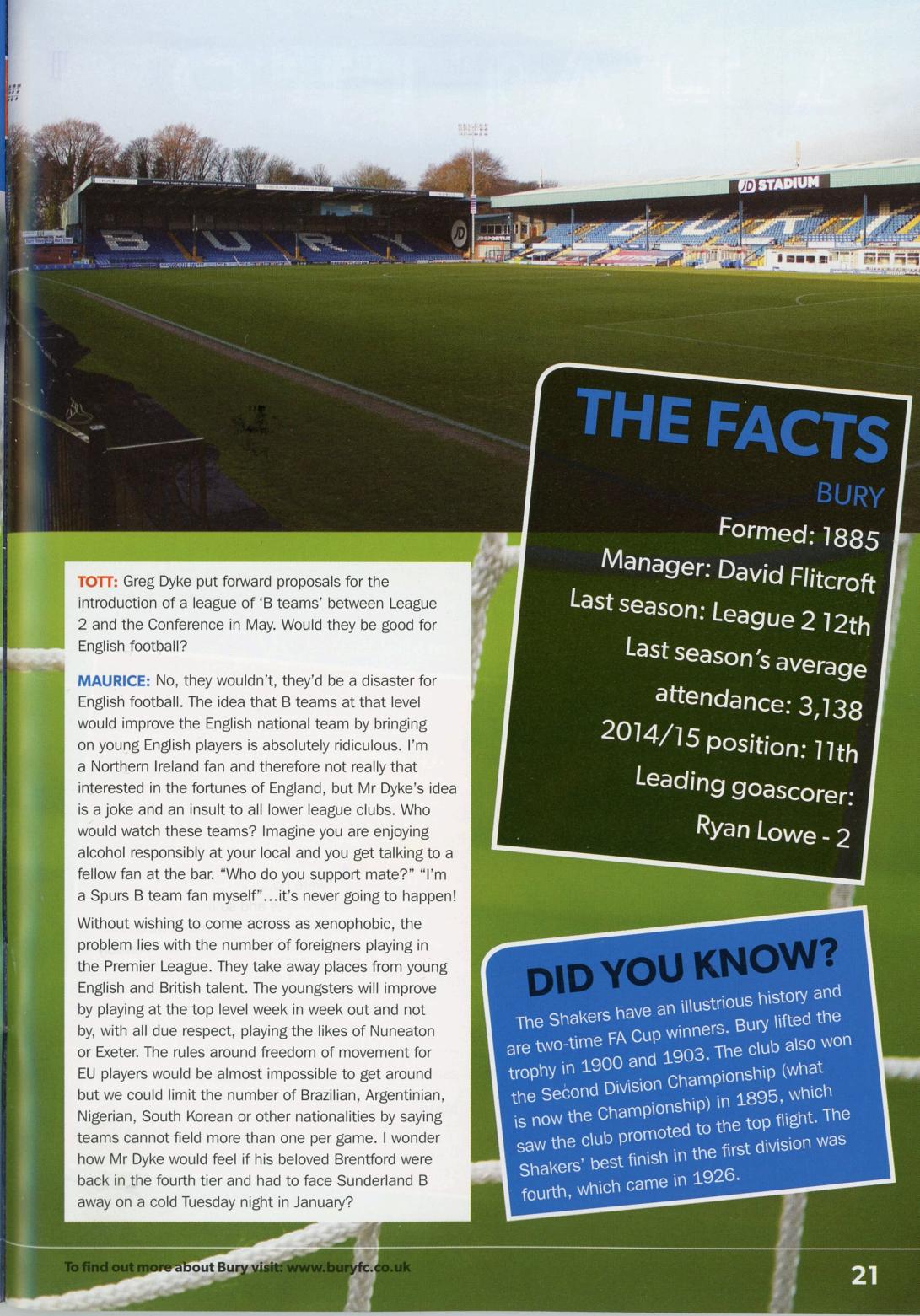
As for tonight's result, I'm going for a 2–1 Bury win!

TOTT: David Flitcroft was acclaimed for keeping Barnsley in the Championship in 2012/13. Have things changed at Bury since he took the reins at Gigg Lane?

MAURICE: Very much so. I think Flicker has brought a more scientific aspect to the club and also a better style of football to watch than we've had in recent years under the likes of Blackwell and Peter Shirtliff. We now have more backroom staff, such as physios, strength and conditioning coaches than we have ever had. If we don't achieve anything at the end of the season it won't be for the lack of effort from those guys.

TOTT: The club has had financial difficulties in recent seasons – however, Chairman Stewart Day is reported to have heavily invested in the club. Are the financial troubles gone now?

MAURICE: That's the 64 million dollar question. We are due to have an AGM in September where, supposedly, questions will be answered. There is no doubt that money has been spent and spent well in making the facilities at Gigg Lane some of the best outside the Premier League which helps in recruiting players. The hospitality side of things has also been improved to increase revenue streams. But the bottom line is we were hours away from going out of business and so if Stewart and his directors hadn't come in we'd have been in massive trouble and possibly out of the League.



THE FACTS

BURY

Formed: 1885

Manager: David Flitcroft

Last season: League 2 12th

Last season's average attendance: 3,138

2014/15 position: 11th

Leading goalscorer:
Ryan Lowe - 2

DID YOU KNOW?

The Shakers have an illustrious history and are two-time FA Cup winners. Bury lifted the trophy in 1900 and 1903. The club also won the Second Division Championship (what is now the Championship) in 1895, which saw the club promoted to the top flight. The Shakers' best finish in the first division was fourth, which came in 1926.

A HATTER...

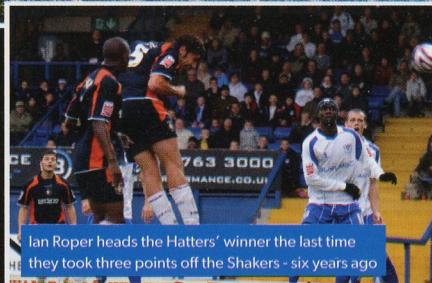
AND A SHAKER

There have been a number of players who have worn the shirts of both the Town and Bury down the years, none more notable than our very own Mark Tyler, who played 11 games on-loan with the Shakers in 2009.

Another hugely popular goalkeeper, Dean Kiely, has also played for both clubs. He made 137 Football League appearances whilst at Gigg Lane before a £1m move to Charlton in the summer of 1999. Kiely arrived on-loan at Kenilworth Road in November 2006. He made his debut in a 2-1 defeat at Southampton and played 11 times for the Town in the Championship.

Current Town striker Mark Cullen will also be familiar to Shakers fans in the Oak Road end tonight. The forward had two loan spells at Gigg Lane, scoring once in 16 appearances in 2011 and 2012.

One of the most familiar faces in football in recent history, centre-half Efe Sodje, became a cult hero at



Ian Roper heads the Hatters' winner the last time they took three points off the Shakers - six years ago

Gigg Lane having previously been on the Town's books. He played just nine times for the Town but 212 times for the Shakers and scored 18 goals.

Those supporters who can cast their minds back to 1984 will remember striker Steve Elliott, a £95,000 signing by David Pleat from Preston North End. Elliott managed three league goals in an injury-affected spell at Kenilworth Road before joining Bury via Walsall and Bolton.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?
thanks to goals from striker Tom Craddock and popular defender Ian Roper.

That victory was the Town's first over Bury in seven previous attempts stretching back to a 1973 League Cup replay at Gigg Lane.

The lack of goals and success for the Hatters in recent history is in stark contrast to the record between the two sides throughout the 1930s, 40s and 50s in what is now the Championship. Between 1938 and 1956 the Town won all four of their meetings with the Shakers, triumphing 4-3, 5-2, 2-1 and 2-0. Bury's biggest victories over the Hatters came in a 5-2 win at Gigg Lane in 1949 and a 4-1 triumph in 1950.

Town's all-time leading marksman Gordon Turner also enjoyed playing against the Shakers - he netted six goals in as many games against tonight's visitors in matches between 1953 and 1961.

Twenty-one of the 39 meetings between the two clubs took place in the Old Second Division (now Championship). Tonight's fixture will be the third occasion the clubs have met in the fourth tier.

As mentioned on page 18, Bury arrive at Kenilworth Road this evening unbeaten in their last six visits to Bedfordshire - winning the last two.

During that time - which stretches back to the Town's last home win against the Shakers in 1962 - Bury have won twice and drawn four times, including the previous two fixtures. However, the Hatters edge the overall head-to-head records between the two clubs with the Town winning 18 to Bury's 13 in the 39 previous meetings. Eight have ended all square. Interestingly enough, six of those eight draws have come in the last 10 fixtures. What chance a draw this evening?

In recent times, goals in games between the two clubs have been very thin on the ground: in the last 11 meetings, only 19 goals have been scored. Four of those 11 matches have finished goalless.

The last time the Hatters beat the Shakers came at Gigg Lane in the minus 30 season of 2008/09. The Town ran out 2-1 winners in October that season

back to the future

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN **LEIGH EDWARDS** TRACES WHAT HAPPENED TO TWO OF BURY'S GREATEST POST-WAR TEAMS

► 1960/61 THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

FRANK ADAMS: Goalkeeper who made 170 League appearances before moving to Chester in July 1963. He later joined Tranmere Rovers and resided in Liverpool until his death in March 2009.

EDDIE ROBERTSON: Scottish right-back who joined Wrexham in October 1963. Later playing for Tranmere Rovers and Ellesmere Port, he was Tranmere's coach until his death in December 1981.

BOBBY CONROY: Ever-present left-back who scored twice in 217 League games before following Dave Russell to Tranmere Rovers in July 1962. Later with Buxton, he died at 49 in July 1978.

BRIAN TURNER: Long-serving right-half who moved to Oldham Athletic in August 1970, then played for Droylsden. He ran the Rosemar Cafe in Bury and died in Southport in January 1999.

BOB STOKOE: Player-boss who became Charlton's manager in August 1965, then had spells in charge of Rochdale, Carlisle, Blackpool, Sunderland and Bury again. He died in February 2004.

GORDON ATHERTON: Ever-present left-half who followed Bert Head to Swindon in December 1964, then back to Bury. He worked in the building trade and engineering, settling in Little Lever.

BILL CALDER: Outside-right who joined Oxford United in November 1963, then Rochdale, Macclesfield, Nantwich and Horwich. He was sales director of Sealocrete building chemicals in Bury.

BILL HOLDEN: Former England B international who moved to Halifax Town in June 1962, then played for Rugby and Hereford United. He retired in Morecambe until his death in January 2011.

DON WATSON: Ever-present centre-forward who netted 65 goals in 172 League games, joining Barnsley in January 1962. Later with Rochdale, Barrow and Buxton, he settled in his native Barnsley.

ALLAN JACKSON: Leading marksman who scored 43 times in 124 League games before joining Brighton in November 1962. Later with Burton Albion, he became player-boss of hometown Newhall.

JOHNNY HUBBARD: Scottish outside-left who netted 29 goals in 109 League games, moving to Ayr United in June 1962. He became a tennis coach, then was a sports officer for Prestwick Council.

► 1996/97 SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

DEAN KIELY: Ever-present goalkeeper who made 137 League appearances before joining Charlton Athletic in May 1999. The Eire international later played for Portsmouth, Luton and West Brom.

DEAN WEST: Ever-present right-back who followed Stan Ternent to Burnley in July 1999. Rejoining Lincoln City in July 2004, he then had spells with Boston United, King's Lynn and Corby Town.

GORDON ARMSTRONG: Experienced defender who scored four times in 71 League games before following Stan Ternent to Burnley in August 1998. He later had a spell with Accrington Stanley.

NICK DAWS: Long-serving midfielder who netted 16 goals in 361 League games prior to joining Rotherham United in July 2001. He was loaned to Grimsby Town before injury ended his career.

CHRIS LUCKETTI: Central defender who moved to Huddersfield in June 1999, then played for Preston, Neil Warnock's Sheffield United and Huddersfield again. Now Fleetwood's assistant-boss.

MIKE JACKSON: England Youth central defender who joined Preston in March 1997. He moved to Tranmere Rovers in July 2004, then played for Blackpool before ending his career at Shrewsbury.

PAUL BUTLER: Central defender who netted four goals in 84 League games, joining Sunderland in July 1998. The Eire international later played for Wolves, Leeds United, MK Dons and Chester.

MARK CARTER: Leading marksman who scored 62 times in 134 League outings before joining Rochdale in July 1997, then Ashton United, Runcorn, Bamber Bridge and Radcliffe Borough.

DAVID JOHNSON: Striker who scored 18 times in 97 League games, moving to Ipswich Town in November 1997. The Jamaica international later played for Nottingham Forest and Hucknall.

LENNY JOHNROSE: Midfielder who followed Stan Ternent to Burnley in February 1999. He later played for Bury again, Swansea City and Burnley again before becoming a personal fitness trainer.

ROB MATTHEWS: Ex-England Schoolboy winger who joined Stockport County in November 1998. He later played for Hull City, Northwich Victoria, Mossley, Altrincham and Mossley again.

TOWN 0-1 AFC WIMBLEDON



Matt Robinson on the move



WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Town's return to the Football League at Kenilworth Road ended in defeat as a first-half Matt Tubbs strike gave AFC Wimbledon the points.

It was a result harsh on the Hatters who saw plenty of the ball throughout the 90 minutes but couldn't find a way past the Dons' defence and goalkeeper James Shea, despite creating a number of chances.

The Town came close in the first half when Luke Guttridge saw a terrific shot saved by Shea but the visitors – who beat the Hatters in the 2011 Conference Play-Off final – took the lead when Tubbs finished superbly after racing onto Adebayo Akinfenwa's flick on four minutes before half-time.

After the break the Dons spurned great chances to double their lead with Akinfenwa and Tubbs guilty of missing in front of goal, but the Town continued to dominate but couldn't find an equaliser.

Guttridge's header hit the side-netting, Mark Cullen struck a post with a shot from 25 yards before Paul Benson, Andy Drury, Luke Wilkinson and Stephen McNulty all came close but the visitors held on to secure all three points.



Mark Cullen waits for a cross



Luke Wilkinson puts the Dons under pressure

TOWN: Tyler; Franks (sub Stevenson), Griffiths, McNulty, Wilkinson; Robinson, Drury (sub Ruddock Mpanzu); Guttridge (sub Wall); Howells, Cullen, Benson. **SUBS NOT USED:** Lacey, Lafayette, Williams, Justham.



1' And we're off. Town shooting towards the Oak Road end in this first half. Great atmosphere inside the ground. We. Are. Back.

35' What a lovely, lovely move. Robinson - brilliant ball to Franks, he goes down, Guttridge plays on, fierce drive well-saved. Corner.

41' GOAL Town 0-1 AFC Wimbledon (Tubbs)
Easy as you like. Ball down-field flicked on by Akinfenwa and Tubbs finishes superbly beyond Tyler. 1-0 Wimbledon.

49' What a miss. Wimbledon should be 2-0 but somehow they're not. Francomb's free-kick finds the free Akinfenwa, from a yard out, heads wide.

52' Good chance for the Town in reply. Robinson, cute pass to Benson, his right-wing cross clipped to Guttridge who heads just wide #COYH

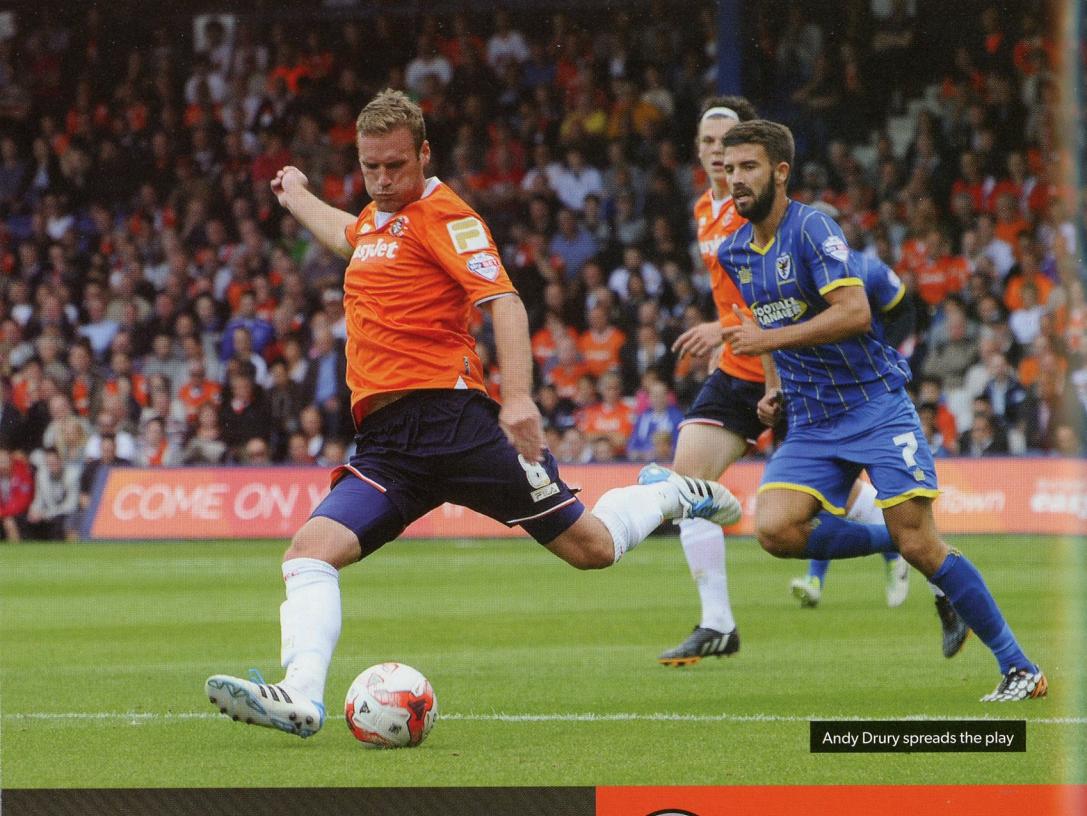
60' On the hour, as the Town up the ante, Cullen lets fly from the edge of the box, his low drive whistles inches wide #COYH

Attendance this afternoon a magnificent 9,101, including 690 supporting the visitors #love #loyalty #COYH #LutonAreBack

78' Real chance for the Town, lovely play the left, Howells gets into the box, Benson lays off to Wall but his shot wild and over.

89' Ohhhh, Howells again in down the left, cuts it back from the byline Benson's touch rolls agonizingly across goal and wide #COYH

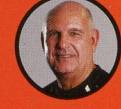
FT Town 0-1 AFC Wimbledon - All over here at Kenilworth Road. Matt Tubbs' first-half goal gives the Dons all three points.



Andy Drury spreads the play



Jim Stevenson attacks a late corner

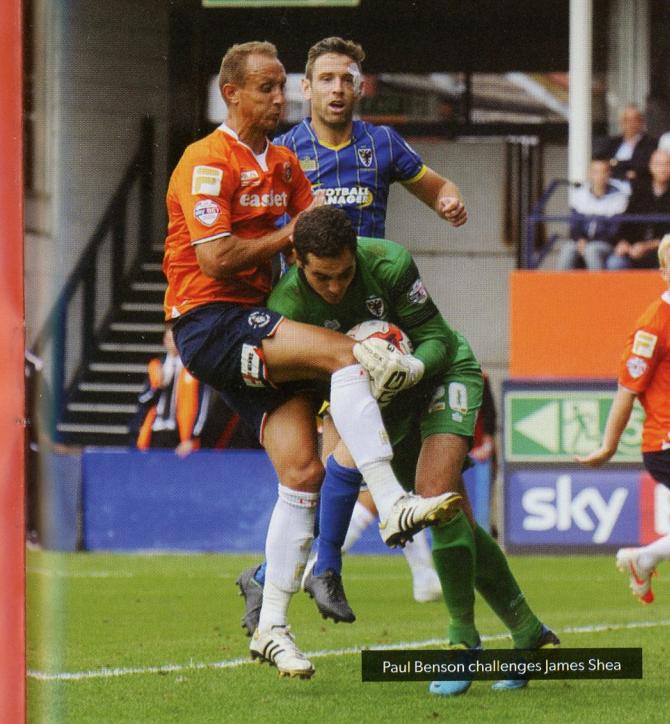


STILL'S VERDICT:

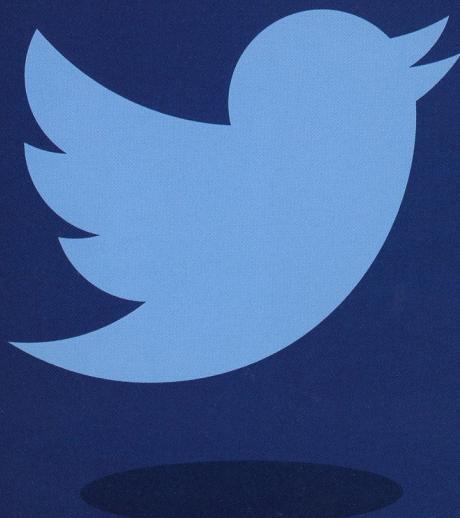
“ I was very pleased with how we played. You're always disappointed when you lose but you're even more disappointed when you lose and you don't play well. I thought we worked really, really well, but when the ball was played in I thought it lacked a bit of quality. When the ball did get in there, the first touch wasn't quite good enough and the runs weren't quite staggered enough. “I thought he could have had two penalties at the end but we can't do anything about that. We have to control the controllables. We can do something about our delivery, getting on the end of the ball and the final pass. We can't do anything about the referee. ”



Luke Wilkinson wins an aerial duel



Paul Benson challenges James Shea



PLAY YOUR PART @FOOTBALL_LEAGUE

Have your say and keep up with all the action and official news from Football League HQ!

To follow us, go to www.twitter.com/football_league or to send us a message, Tweet @football_league



Trust in Luton

HAPPY DAYS FOR THE TRUST!



trust in luton
luton town supporters' trust
www.trustinluton.info

MEMBERSHIP

Wow! With over 1,100 members now signed up to Trust in Luton – including Happy Harry of course! – there's been a great response to the football club putting the 'image rights' into the hands of us, the fans.

It's a big step forward towards protecting the Luton Town we all love for generations to come, and the Trust has been especially delighted to welcome lots of new young members. We're still sorting out membership cards so please be patient if you've not received yours yet. We're getting there! But the more the merrier, of course - so as we set out on this exciting new season, why not join the Trust and 'do your bit' too!

Join TIL online today at www.trustinluton.info – simply click on 'sign up' and fill in a short form. Membership costs just £10 a year for adults, or £5 for under 16s/ over 60s.



If you're a whizz on the web - your Trust needs you!

We're in urgent need of a webmaster to help us get the Trust up to speed with all things 'techie' – like content management, domain names and data bases etc. If you can help, please email info@trustinluton.info Thank you!

MIDFIELDER MATT ROBINSON ON FOOTBALL LEAGUE MILESTONE

Matt Robinson felt hard done by in the 1-0 loss to AFC Wimbledon, as the Hatters were on top for the majority of the clash at Kenilworth Road.

The Town tasted defeat in their opening Football League home game; however 20-year-old Robinson admitted that the Hatters deserved something from the game.

"I am very disappointed; I thought we were the stronger team throughout the game,"

Robinson told Hatters Player. "Wimbledon had a short spell at the start of the second half where they came out on top. They probably could have scored a second, but I thought our performance deserved three points."

It was Robinson's first game as a Football League player at the tender age of 20. The midfielder was delighted to have reached the milestone at such an early stage in his career.

"It's a nice milestone to hit, earning my first appearance in the Football League, I'm only 20 years old now so things like that are pretty big to me," said the youngster. "It's not the only milestone I want to reach, but it's a good starting point. Being labelled as a Football League player is a nice label."

"It's nice to see the gaffer putting his faith in me especially when it's a level up from last year. To be given this opportunity at the age of 20 is a very nice thing for me to say."

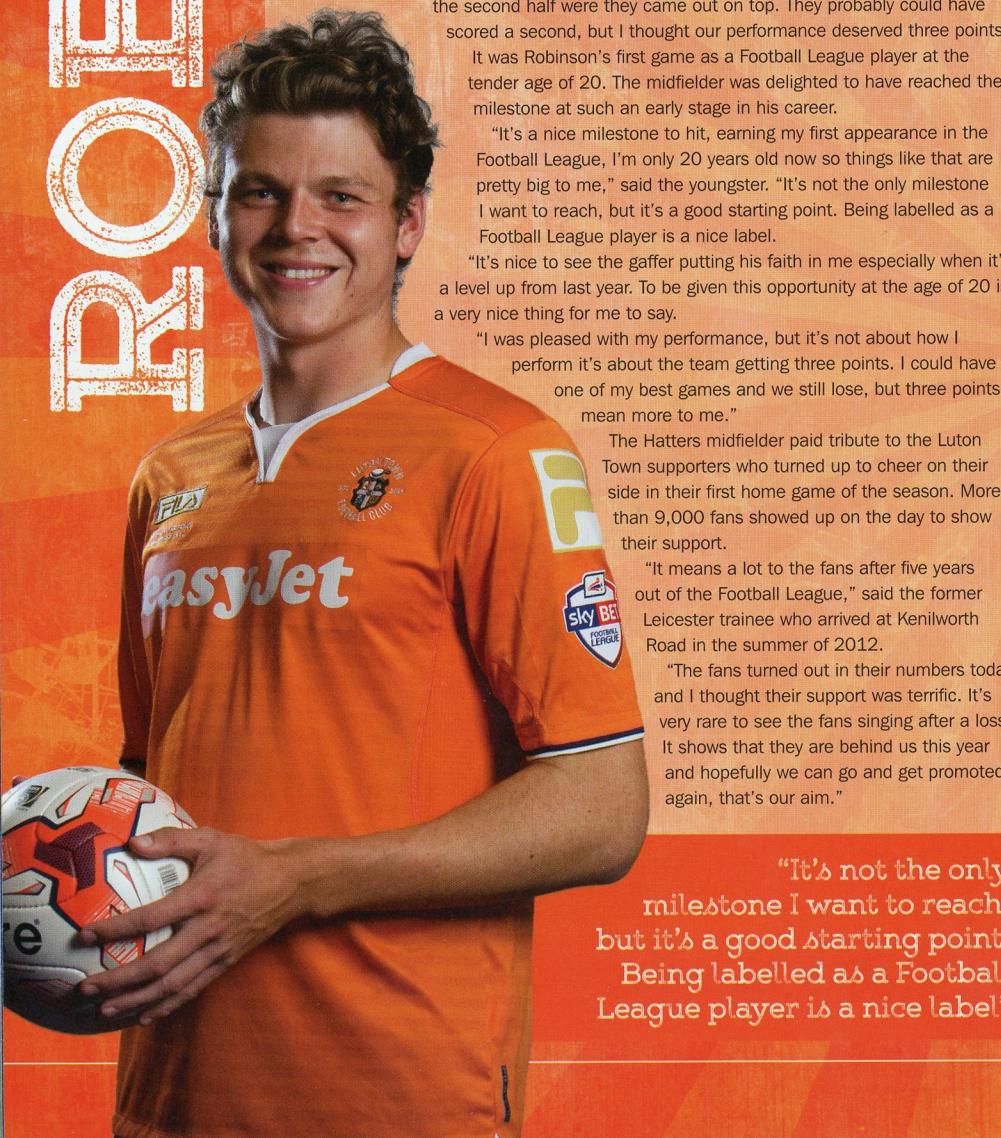
"I was pleased with my performance, but it's not about how I perform it's about the team getting three points. I could have one of my best games and we still lose, but three points mean more to me."

The Hatters midfielder paid tribute to the Luton Town supporters who turned up to cheer on their side in their first home game of the season. More than 9,000 fans showed up on the day to show their support.

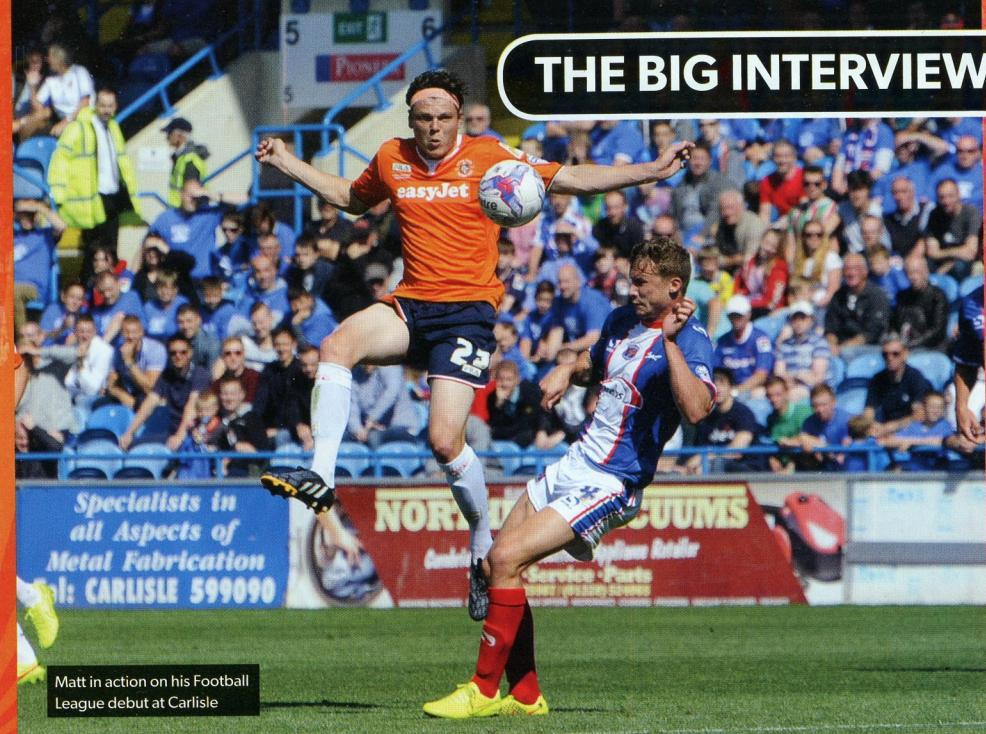
"It means a lot to the fans after five years out of the Football League," said the former Leicester trainee who arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2012.

"The fans turned out in their numbers today and I thought their support was terrific. It's very rare to see the fans singing after a loss. It shows that they are behind us this year and hopefully we can go and get promoted again, that's our aim."

"It's not the only milestone I want to reach, but it's a good starting point. Being labelled as a Football League player is a nice label"



THE BIG INTERVIEW



Matt in action on his Football League debut at Carlisle

During the Town's 1-0 defeat to the Dons, there was a claim for a penalty during the first half, when Fraser Franks was dragged down in the area following an eye-of-the-needle pass from Robinson to find the right-back. Robinson believes that on another day, a penalty could have been given in the home sides favour.

"I thought that was a penalty, if Luke Guttridge leaves it the ref gives the pen," admitted the midfielder. "It was a very nice move, but we all know what Luke can do in front of goal so I don't blame him for taking it on."

Deserved

"Luke reached double figures last season and there's no reason why he won't do that again. I think we deserved something out of the game."

Last season the Town started off slowly in the league before picking up the majority of their points towards Christmas. Robinson believes that slipping up at this stage of the season is not always a bad thing.

"I didn't play at the start of last season so starting off slowly isn't something I have really experienced yet," said Robinson. "Watching from the stand is a different thing from being on the pitch and doing it."

"If we have a slow start it's not the end of the world. After Christmas last season was the time when we picked up the most points compared to other teams."

"There's no reason why this won't happen again."

Robinson was used in the right-back position in the latter stages of the Wimbledon defeat, a position that the 20-year-old is not familiar with. However, the natural midfielder performed well in defence and will continue to play in whatever position John Still.

"For a time I had to play in the right-back position," said the youngster. "I don't know if this position is going to be made permanent for me, however I'll play where I am told and I'll do the very best that I can. It's not something that I'm used to so it will be a learning curve for me."

Test

The midfielder admitted that last week's Capital One Cup clash against Swindon Town was a huge test for the Hatters, and one where they coped very well in. Robinson admitted that the Hatters will have to get used to playing against much higher opposition at this level.

"Playing against a team like Swindon was a learning curve for us," Robinson said. "We learnt how to hold our shape against a team who are probably the best footballing team in the league above us."

"They were all very comfortable on the ball and that's something we may have to come across a few times this season."

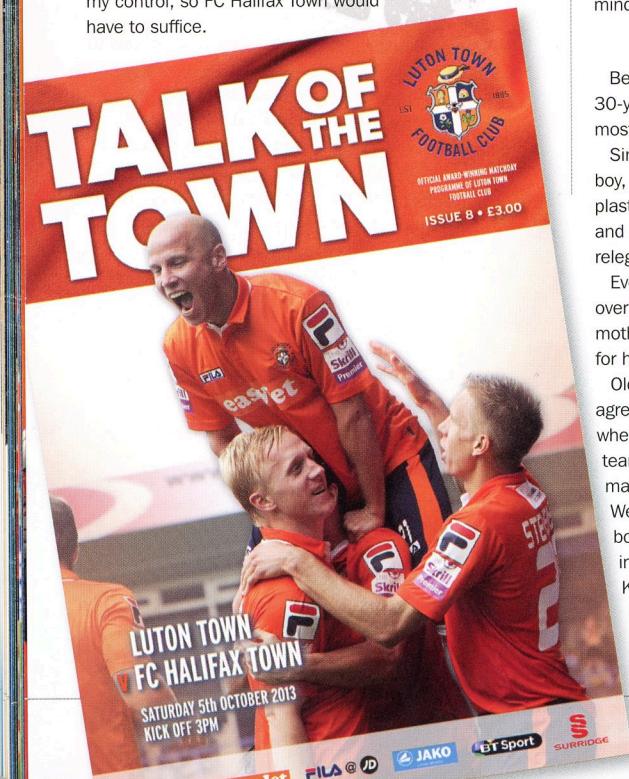
Travellers' TALES

Hatters supporter **DAN LUCEY** made his first ever visit to Kenilworth Road last season to witness the incredible 4-3 victory over Halifax. And, over the summer, Dan kindly sent us his story on his pilgrimage to Bedfordshire to be included in Talk of the Town.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

A lifetime's ambition was fulfilled in October 2013, as an opportunity to scupper another family holiday for football reasons arose, when my wife decided that we and our three kids should travel from Ireland to London for a week.

Booking the flights, I conducted research not with prices in mind, but that our trip should coincide with a Luton Town home fixture. My first choice Luton Town v Lincoln City, had to be discounted due to circumstances beyond my control, so FC Halifax Town would have to suffice.



I also acquired match tickets online – intending to surprise my loved ones after a few days away.

Staying in Mile End, our vacation got off to an inauspicious start, as we had to accompany our two-year-old to a local NHS health centre. Once he'd recovered, we embarked upon the capital's sights and I plucked up enough courage to announce the 'treat' I'd arranged for the weekend.

Come match day, the train journey from King's Cross involved a peculiar-scented sexagenarian extolling the virtues of a toy fair he'd attended, to my polite, but perplexed wife. As he waffled on about board games, my mind wandered to what Kenilworth Road would be like.

Ridicule

Being the only Irish Luton fan, who I'm aware of, my 30-year association with the Hatters appears bizarre to most people on this side of the water.

Since discovering them on Match of the Day as a young boy, I've had to endure bigger teams' fans' ridicule: the plastic pitch, membership cards, 2008's administration and the thirty-point deduction, which contributed to relegation and non-league football.

Even the highlight – 1988's Littlewoods Cup final victory over Arsenal (my dad's team), was sullied because of a mother's insistence at half-time that we collect our gran for her weekly Sunday outing.

Old enough to travel abroad without my parents, vague agreements with various friends to travel over to England when Luton were at home on a Saturday and their team playing away in London the following day, never materialised. I didn't attend any of the Hatters' recent Wembley appearances either, but did see them play both Wigan and Blackpool away, whilst visiting a pal in Manchester (the latter, for his wedding) ... Alas, Kenilworth Road remained the Holy Grail.

On arrival in Luton, three people's ignorance to the location of their home town's football ground wasn't a good omen. At last, a helpful mechanic pointed out



Alex Wall celebrates his winner against Halifax last season

the right direction, but only between expressing misgivings about the area and its inhabitants' lack of charm: "This place is rotten!", "Be Careful!" and so on.

Following the crowd past Sainsbury's, Kenilworth Road revealed itself from within a maze of terraced houses. After collecting our match tickets, an anticipated call to the club shop was assuaged on spotting that it operated from a Portakabin. My mood lightened on purchasing an official club top and a copy of the aforementioned League Cup final DVD (an opportunity to regain 45 minutes from my youth).

Entering Kenilworth Road, it appeared to be full of contradictions: an old ground, but one with a fresh lick of paint, and the infamous executive boxes opposite the

Main Stand, which contained enough leg room to conceal a child's stroller without compromising on comfort.

Around us, home fans regaled each other about the previous week's thrilling comeback to beat Lincoln 3-2 after twice falling behind.

Another topic of conversation recounted Luton's captain Ronnie Henry's altercation with a home supporter after the game. Said fan had earlier berated the players, as they departed the pitch 1-0 down at half time...This near miss of contrasting excitement levels was sure to result in witnessing a scoreless bore fest.

Prior to kick-off, a season-ticket holding father and son informed me that we were occupying their seats. Embarrassed and apologetic, I offered to move, but they insisted that we stay put, on realising the stroller and other toddler-related paraphernalia would have to be hauled two seats to the left. The dad sat next to me, and after some small talk, I asked him if the Hatters might gain promotion at the fifth attempt. "They won't ... but only because I put a bet on them to win the league."

Coming into this match, Luton trailed leaders Cambridge by eight points. In a division where one team can run away with it, a great season could see a club finish second and lose out in the Play-Offs...Something Hatters fans are well aware of.

Improve

Recent results suggested a solid defence (eight clean sheets in 10 games), but a necessity to improve at the other end if a return to English football's fourth tier was to be achieved.

The visitors, FC Halifax Town, were in a rush through the non-league pyramid. In 2008-2009, they resided in the Northern Premier League Division One North, and following three promotions, earned the right to participate in the Skrill Premier courtesy of a 1-0 Play-Off win over Brackley Town the season before last.

As the teams entered the pitch, three things disturbed me, but I still can't decide in which order...First off, Luton's mascot Happy Harry has to be the most child-unfriendly creation to ever grace a football field. To finish, Luton's manager John Still bore an uncanny likeness to Pope Francis, albeit an increasingly agitated one, as the game progressed.

The match began with adversity, as Halifax raced into an early lead. Things improved after quarter-of-an-hour, when industrious and impressive midfielder Luke Guttridge scored via a wicked deflection. Minutes later, former Luton player Simon Ainge rose unchallenged in the box to head in a right-wing free-kick for the visitors. Within five minutes, Halifax went 3-1 up with a sweet low shot from Dan Gardner – cue stunned silence from the home crowd...This didn't last long, as despair turned to disgust.





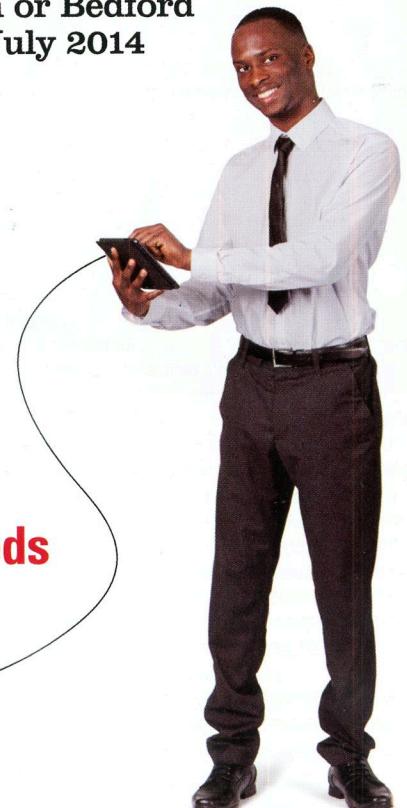
University of
Bedfordshire

Clearing

A path to your future

0800 013 0925 www.beds.ac.uk/path17

Drop in to our Luton or Bedford
campus from 28 July 2014



#pathtobeds



There was a man seated behind me, whose frequent critical tactical analysis, now mutated into indecipherable overdrive. In comparison, the Shaymen's fans in the Oak Road End (all 260) were ecstatic. "You picked a bad game, mate" my neighbour remarked, but there was no sign of a torn-up betting slip at his feet.

Rewarded

On the half-hour mark, Halifax's danger man Gardner could have made it 4-1, but his turn and mistimed volley sailed over veteran keeper Mark Tyler, hitting the crossbar. It was a pivotal moment for the home fans. Do they bemoan their team's deficiencies or get behind the players? Not wanting to risk the skipper's ire, over 6,200 people chose positivity.

Luton responded – upping the tempo and producing good football. They were soon rewarded, when the perma-tanned Paul Benson scored after left-back Scott Griffiths' cross was returned first time by Henry.

Matters got even better six minutes before the break, as the most skilful player on the pitch, Andre Gray, raced onto a through ball from midfielder Alex Lawless and rifled the ball low into the corner of the net.

The atmosphere was electric. After hugging my new best friend, I glanced over at my family...Even my wife was euphoric. As for the kids, they were too wrapped up with savoury snacks and assorted gadgets to realise what was going on.

Half-time arrived and everyone drew breath again. An obligatory trip to fetch dodgy hot dogs and keep my children on side, allowed an opportunity to decompress.

To be predicted, the second-half was a tamer affair. Luton bossed possession, but didn't trouble the visitors' keeper, Matt Glennon. Midway through, Halifax regained a foothold and the ever-willing Gardner, after a smart turn, saw Tyler's legs block his strike. Another chance came five minutes later, but substitute Kevin Holsgrove's deflected effort struck the base of the Hatter's post and ran away to safety...Within minutes, Still introduced sturdy forward Alex Wall to proceedings, who went on to miss a number of half-chances.

Unstoppable

As a draw looked likely, seven minutes from time, the comeback was completed. Benson passed to Wall. Gray's unselfish run opened up Halifax's defence and from twenty-five yards out, Wall thundered an unstoppable shot into the top corner of the net. The home crowd rose as one and I almost dropped our two-year-old amidst the wild celebrations. For the remaining moments, the shell-shocked Shaymen's challenge petered out and Gray almost notched a fifth in added time.

On conclusion, an appreciative Luton support filed out of Kenilworth Road, as I said goodbye to the father and son. "Looks like you picked a good one after all." I had indeed ... Maybe I won't watch my DVD for a while yet.

INSPIRING CUSTOMERS.
PROMOTING BRANDS.
MOTIVATING SALES.



GOOD PRINT DELIVERS IMPACT. HOW'S YOURS DOING?

OUR SERVICE

Litho, digital, large format. Mailing and fulfilment. Design and artwork. Print Management... In short, we've got it covered.

OUR PROMISE

To deliver a good job, on time and on brief. To provide value for money and an outstanding service. Never to compromise on quality.

Whatever your project, from a single banner to thousands of brochures, talk to us and find out why our clients stay with us.

bartham group
media • design • print

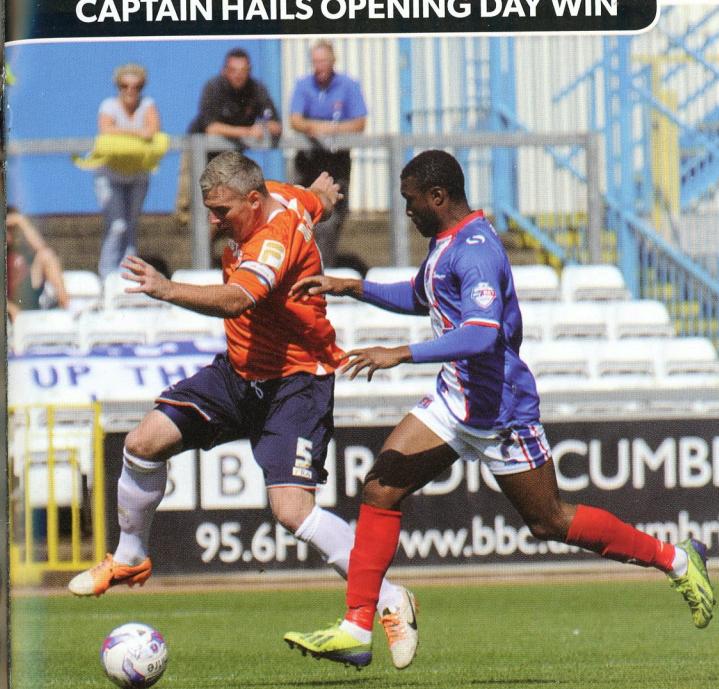
01582 573471 • www.barthamgroup.com • info@barthamgroup.co.uk

PROUD TO PRINT THE LUTON TOWN MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Brochures
Flyers
Leaflets
Stationery
Manuals
Catalogues
Logos
Menus
Point-of-sale
Exhibition stands
Posters
Banners
Mailshots
Programmes
Outdoor display
Signage
Design
Calendars
Invitations
Tickets
...

reaction

CAPTAIN HAILS OPENING DAY WIN



Skipper Stephen McNulty praised the Town's hard work and determination in the opening day of the season win over the Cumbrians 10 days ago.

It was the first time that McNulty had captained the Hatters having been handed the armband in the summer and Hatters ran out 1-0 winners over Carlisle in a game against a side recently relegated from League One.

And the Town defender praised the hard working Hatters in what was a tough opening game of the season.

"We always knew it would be hard to come down here as they've just been relegated from League One," McNulty said. "We came here with a game plan and it worked well. We felt comfortable in the end and it was a great three points for us."

It was a much different start to the campaign of last season, as McNulty remembers losing out to Southport on the opening day. The defender believes that the first game can often be the most difficult.

"The first game of the season is always very tough. Sometimes it can be a coin toss and we worked hard to get the three points here today," said McNulty.

McNulty stood firm in the second half when the Blues were pressing for an equaliser in front of home supporters. In the end the skipper walked away from Brunton Park with his first clean sheet in the Football League under the Hatters.

Pleased

The Town skipper started the game alongside Luke Wilkinson, who made his competitive debut for the Hatters. McNulty admitted that he was pleased with how his defensive partner performed to help keep Carlisle at bay until the final whistle.

"We've got four good centre-backs now," said the Town captain. "We have three young lads, who I think will go on to play at a much higher level and hopefully this will be with Luton Town."

"Myself and Wilko were comfortable at the back. Other than Carlisle hitting the post they didn't really trouble us all game; we both dealt with everything that came at us."

Chance

The 30-year-old believes that it was tough on Fraser Franks to have not started at the back, but the defender is sure that his partner of last season will get a chance to prove himself in the Football League.

"Fraser will be disappointed to not have played a part today," said the centre-back. "That's how it goes sometimes, it's a long old season and I'm sure he will play his part. We have a lot of players challenging for positions."

The Town defender was honoured to have lead out his side as captain in the Hatters return to the Football League, and hopes that it will be the first game of many whilst wearing the armband.

"It's been a great honour for me, whether I've got the armband on or not. It's a great privilege for me in my career."

 www.lutontown.co.uk

 facebook.com/lutontown

 @LutonTown

centre spot

26



27



Paul Benson is inches away from getting a toe to the ball during Saturday's 1-0 home defeat to AFC Wimbledon

PICTURE THE PAST

Club historian **ROGER WASH** delves into his photographic archive

Jack Taylor smacks the ball home during the 2-1 win over Bury in a Division Two (now Championship) clash at Kenilworth Road in December 1951.

Holding a watching brief is George Stobart, the other goalscorer that afternoon, while at number 8 is a very young Gordon Turner who was to score the first of his 243 league goals for the Town in the next home game.



Camera Never Lies

Club historian **ROGER WASH** delves into his photographic archive



Chief Scout George Martin (in the glasses) supplements his salary by calling the numbers in Luton Town's very own Bingo Hall, aka the Main Stand, in August 1962.

I can actually remember sneaking into these sessions with my mates just to make a nuisance as 10-year-olds are always likely to do. We always thought that 'two fat ladies' was a hoot!

YESTERDAY'S PAGES

Club historian ROGER WASH looks back on a classic encounter between the Hatters and Shakers

Luton Town 4-0 Bury 7th October 1961

Following the Town's relegation from the top flight in 1960, new manager Sam Bartram set about dismantling the ageing squad he had inherited with the result that 1960/61 was seen as a season of consolidation although the fans were hoping for something rather better than a 13th place finish.

The summer of 1961 saw only one major signing with centre-half Ron Cope moving from Manchester United to take a position which had not been adequately filled since Syd Owen retired two years before.

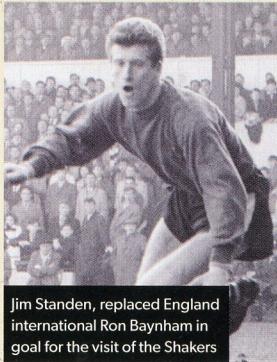
The new campaign started off with a bang when newly-relegated Preston were seen off 4-1 at Kenilworth Road. With three out of the first four games ending in victories for the Hatters it looked like the corner had been turned and the team were going to make a push for promotion. Hope soon turned to despair, though, when the next three games were lost before three wins on the spin pushed the Town back up the table. At least the team was being consistently inconsistent!

After a 4-1 defeat at Newcastle, Bartram wielded the axe and dropped England international goalkeeper Ron Bayham and inside-forward Alwyn McGuffie. Both players were missing for a midweek League Cup draw with Rotherham and youngster Mike Collins was preferred at centre-half for the injured Cope rather than the more experienced Terry Kelly.

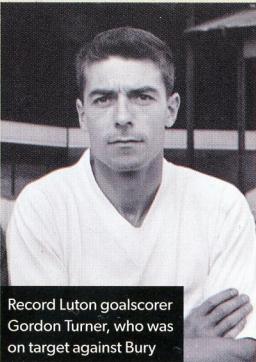
This led to immediate transfer requests being tabled by McGuffie and Kelly meaning it was not a happy ship at Kenilworth Road leading up to the visit of Bury on the following Saturday.

Threatening weather and general apathy at the inconsistent form of the team meant that the crowd dipped to 10,315, the lowest of the season, to see newly-promoted Bury, who were tucked away in mid-table.

The early chances fell to Bury which were blazed wide and on 11 minutes they had the ball in the net through Donald Watson but their joy was short-lived when a late flag for offside chalked out the effort.



Jim Standen, replaced England international Ron Bayham in goal for the visit of the Shakers



Record Luton goalscorer Gordon Turner, who was on target against Bury

Straight from the re-start the Town took the lead with a scrambled effort. Both Alec Ashworth and Gordon Turner took a swipe at the ball following a cross from Harry Walden with Turner successful on his second attempt.

Surprise

At no stage did the Town look like they were going to run away with the game and Bury had their fair share of the play so it came as a bit of a surprise when Ashworth doubled the Town's lead a minute from the interval. Latching on to a Walden pass he forced his way past Watson before thumping the ball home.

Two became three on 52 minutes when veteran goalscorer Turner followed a long goal kick from Jim Standen which bounced over the head of Bury centre-half Bob Stokoe before planting the ball in the net with his customary accuracy.

Play became aimless, there were a multitude of niggling fouls and unforced errors by both sides but with the Town three ahead the fans did not mind. Ashworth broke the boredom with a shot that hit the bar and eight minutes from time took a pass from Jim Fleming and scored with a shot that goalkeeper John Heath looked to have covered.

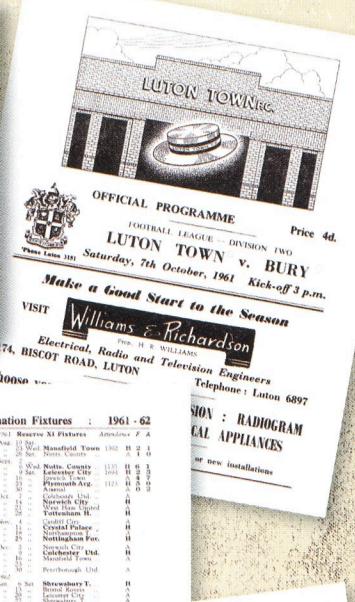
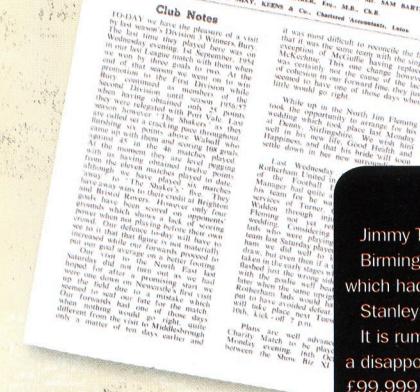
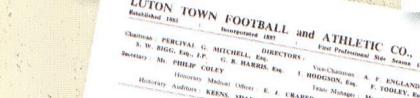
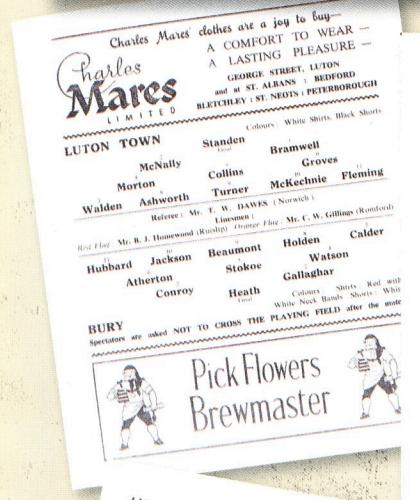
Sam Bartram agreed afterwards that it had not been a stellar performance by the Town but the opportunism of Ashworth and Turner was the difference between the two sides.

THE PROGRAMME

At the start of the season the Town had changed their programme for the first time since the war. Gone was the eight-page large sized issue full of adverts to be replaced by a smaller sized 12-page effort – also full of adverts. It cost 1d more as well!

The programme notes talked about the previous week's poor display at Newcastle when the home side scored from their first effort, which came from a mistake, and continued to net at regular intervals thereafter with the defence all over the place.

Bunty coaches were running trips to the Town's game at Brighton the following Saturday at a cost of 14/- (70p) with a departure time set at 7.45am.



ELSEWHERE IN FOOTBALL

Jimmy Trotter resigns as manager of Charlton after 28 years of service. Birmingham City are beaten by Roma in the final of the Inter Cities Fairs Cup which had been held over from the previous season.

Stanley Matthews is transferred from Blackpool back to his first club Stoke City. It is rumoured that Jimmy Greaves would be moving back to England after a disappointing time with AC Milan. The transfer to Tottenham, for a record £99,999, would go through a few weeks later.

AND IF YOU KNOW YOUR HISTORY...

WHEN FRENCH SHOOK THE SHAKERS

Club historian **ROGER WASH** looks back on the day that wing wizard Graham French had one the games of his life

The Town had started the 1969/70 season as if they really meant business. Thirteen games undefeated was the proud boast at the start of the campaign as the Hatters attempted to put behind them the disappointment of narrowly failing to win promotion at the end of the previous campaign.

With new find Malcolm Macdonald banging in the goals and early season signing Chris Nicholl shoring up the defence the Town were points clear at the top until disaster struck over Christmas. A 1-0 defeat to fellow promotion hopefuls Orient on a mud heap at Brisbane Road on Boxing Day was understandable but a home reversal, the first for over 18 months, to strugglers Gillingham was not.

There then followed a terrible 5-1 hammering at Shrewsbury and when the Match of the Day cameras witnessed a 2-0 defeat to Plymouth at Kenilworth Road the knives were out. As the Town were slipping back to third spot after leading the table for so long the Kenilworth Road crowd were actually heard to boo a Luton player for the first time in several seasons.

The unlucky recipient of this treatment was Mike Keen as he prepared to come on as substitute – his crime was to think several seconds faster than some of his team-mates!

It was therefore a less than buoyant Luton squad that travelled to Bury on 24th January 1970 for the first meeting with the Shakers since the Town's days in Division Two (now the Championship) seven years before. Bury had been relegated from that division in 1969 and were finding life fairly tough in their new surroundings due mainly to their poor form on their travels. They did, however, possess the prolific George Jones and Jimmy Kerr in their forward line, were the divisions top scorers,



Graham French, the 'poor man's George Best'

and had an impressive home record, winning their previous game at Gigg Lane 8-0.

In those days the players and officials travelled with the supporters on specially chartered trains and the trip to Bury was no exception.

For supporters, the chance to travel all over the country in relative comfort for 25/- (£1.25) return was too good an opportunity to turn down, and as usual the train was fully booked despite the poor form of the team.

Manager Alec Stock, in a bid to reverse the run of four straight defeats, decided to opt for safety first and drafted John Moore into the half-back line and dropped Keith Allen in favour of Keen. With Moore given the job of man-marking Shakers dangerman Kerr and Nicholl looking after Jones it was fairly obvious that the Town would happily settle for a point. The factor that Stock had not taken into account was the match-winning abilities of winger Graham French.

French had one of those afternoons when he displayed all the talents that should have brought many England caps had he not been such a loose cannon.



Malcolm Macdonald heads for goal during the 0-0 home draw with Bury in 1969/70

Time and time again he beat Bury full-back Roy Parnell to put over a stream of tantalising crosses and even had the cheek, on occasions, to wait for the defender to get up off the grass before beating him again!

Mercurial

It was from a French cross that Macdonald opened the scoring after only five minutes and with several defenders now covering the mercurial winger, Matt Tees was left in acres of space to increase the Town's lead on the half hour.

The reasons why French was unable to continue with his first half form into the second period was to be revealed later and with the Town slackening off slightly, Bury reduced the deficit after 68 minutes through Ben Anderson.

Suitably stung, the Hatters restored their two-goal advantage four minutes later when Tees calmly lobbed Shakers goalkeeper John Forrest.

With Moore and Nicholl once again tightly shackling the Bury forwards, the Town goal did not come under any further serious pressure and at the final whistle it was realised that the promotion bandwagon was rolling again.

In his book *Never Afraid to Miss*, Malcolm Macdonald recalled that particular outing to Bury:

"The one story that emphasises French's lifestyle came when we were playing away to Bury and all the players

had to report to Luton station early on Saturday morning. Alec Stock, superbly dressed as usual, carried out a roll call and we were one short. French was late.

"The British Rail authorities were keen to get the special train out of the station, but Alec would not budge until French arrived. He was very valuable member of the team.

As the manager paced up and down the platform, I saw Graham staggering towards us in the other direction. He was blind drunk and wanted to tell the world what a great all-night party he had been to.

"Somehow we kept him away from Alec and convinced our left winger that sleep and not another vodka and tonic was his best pre-match build-up.

"He slept the entire journey and again in the dressing room before the match. We eventually woke him up at 2.30pm and told him to get changed.

"French was brilliant from the kick-off. He went past the Bury full-back as if he wasn't there and made two goals for Matt Tees and me before Bury knew what had hit them.

"All we did was give the ball to French and wait for the cross. He obviously tired as the game went on but to this day I do not know whether Alec realised how ill French really was."



sky BET



WIN
£250,000
FOR YOUR
CLUB

SUPPORT LUTON
TOWN WITH US
THIS SEASON

ARE YOU IN?
skybet.com/luton

18+. Gambleaware.co.uk. Offer is available to new and existing online and mobile customers from 25/07/14 to 08/12/14. Prize draw and full promotional T&Cs apply at skybet.com/transferfund.

WITH HEAD OF YOUTH OPERATIONS DAN WALDER

Luton Town Football Club's Academy Under-9s-14s age groups travelled to Nottingham Forest last Sunday, and all sides displayed some excellent football.

The Under-9s showed a very creative and positive approach to all their games, demonstrating a fantastic exuberance and enthusiasm towards their learning.

Since coming back from the Manchester United trip, the boys have closely bonded and the boys' parents have been fully supportive of the club's football philosophy. Our philosophy encourages young players to be expressive in possession, and one goal in particular highlighted this tremendously. Our young right-back, on receiving the ball from the goalkeeper, drove forward beating three players before slotting the ball into the bottom corner.

The Under-10s scored some wonderful goals too, showing a mixture of passing and dribbling football throughout the games. One goal in particular that stands out in the memory was a goal which came right from the goalkeeper. A sweeping one-touch move involving four of the Luton players saw the ball bounce from player to player cutting the Forest defence in to shreds before the striker dinked the ball with an incredible finishing over the on-rushing goalkeeper.

Our Under-11s showed a consistent high press up the pitch with players showing huge levels of energy to win the ball back early. Similarly to the younger age groups, the boys were encouraged to be creative when in possession. Socially, the boys were challenged with several players playing a year up, and these boys integrated well into the squad and put in some excellent performances.

Incredible

The Under-12s showed some of the best football of all during the day. Effortless, sweeping football was the order of the day, with some of the passing moves bringing gasps from the spectators and even the oppositions' staff. Some incredible goals were scored, the highlight of which was a patient passing move from the goalkeeper with two players selling their markers with no-touch turns, before ending with a crescendo of one-touch passing in the final third, which ended up with the ball being spun over the last defender for the forward running midfield player to smash home first time on the volley.

Meanwhile, the Under-13s played some lovely passing football building up possession patiently from the back and switching the play well until they had opportunities to attack. Coach James Townsend worked with the boys on their passing and receiving skills and the boys consistently put together moves involving a lot of the team and many passes. The game was a very competitive one with Nottingham Forest also putting together some good moves.

Last, but by no means least, our Under-14s had a tough time against a good Forest team. They showed some good football in spells of the game and it was pleasing to see some pre-Academy boys getting the opportunity to play with the Academy. This supports the club's philosophy of developing players through our tiered system and bringing them into the Academy periodically.

Overall it was a fantastic day with the Luton squads showing excellent football across the board, and that the future is bright for this football club.

Youth Team &

Development

FIXTURES & RESULTS

YOUTH

DATE TIME H/A OPPONENT SCORE STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat 2	11.00am	H	Milton Keynes Dons	W 3-1	King	TROTMAN 1	Hawkes	Atkinson ♦	TAMPLIN	Musonda
Tue 12	12 noon	A	AFC Bournemouth (LC)	W 2-1	King	Justin	Magaraushe	TAMPLIN	Musonda	McGhan-George
Sat 16	11.00am	H	Stevenage	D 1-1	King	Trotman	Hawkes	Justin	Musonda	TAMPLIN
Wed 20	11.00am	H	Cambridge United							
Sat 23	10.30am	A	Dagenham & Redbridge							
Sat 30	11.00am	H	Watford							

SEPTEMBER

Sat 6	10.30am	A	Barnet
Sat 13	11.00am	A	Peterborough United
Sat 20	11.00am	H	Northampton Town
Sat 27	10.30am	A	AFC Wimbledon

OCTOBER

Sat 4	11.00am	H	Southend United
Sat 11	10.30am	A	Leyton Orient
Sat 18	11.00am	H	Gillingham
Sat 25	11.00am	H	Dagenham & Redbridge

NOVEMBER

Sat 1	11.00am	A	Cambridge United
Sat 8	11.00am	H	Barnet
Sat 15	10.30am	A	Watford
Sat 22	11.00am	A	Northampton Town
Sat 29	11.00am	H	Peterborough United

DECEMBER

Sat 6	11.00am	A	Southend United
Sat 13	11.00am	H	AFC Wimbledon
Sat 20	11.00am	A	Gillingham

JANUARY

Tue 6	11.00am	H	Leyton Orient
Sat 10	11.00am	A	Milton Keynes Dons
Sat 24	11.00am	A	Stevenage

DATE TIME H/A OPPONENT SCORE STARTING XI

Tue 9	1pm	H	AFC Bournemouth
Tue 23	2pm	A	Portsmouth
Tue 30	1pm	H	Gillingham (Cup)

OCTOBER

Tue 14	1pm	A	Gillingham
Tue 28	1pm	H	Peterborough United

NOVEMBER

Tue 4	TBA	TBA	Cambridge United (Cup)
Tue 18	1pm	A	Cambridge United
Tue 25	1pm	H	Leyton Orient

DECEMBER

Tue 2	1pm	H	AFC Wimbledon
Tue 9	TBA	TBA	AFC Wimbledon (Cup)

JANUARY

Tue 6	1pm	A	AFC Bournemouth
Tue 13	1pm	H	Brighton (Cup)
Tue 20	1pm	H	Gillingham
Tue 27	1pm	H	Milton Keynes Dons (Cup)

FEBRUARY

Tue 3	1pm	A	Peterborough United
Tue 24	1pm	A	Leyton Orient

MARCH

Tue 10	1pm	H	Cambridge United
Mon 23	7pm	A	AFC Wimbledon
Tue 31	1pm	H	Portsmouth

SUBS										
Galliford	Atkinson	Ngwala	TAYALI 1 GALLIFORD 1	ALLMAN 1 ALLMAN 1	Ngwala	Tayali	McGhan-George	Justin	Magaraushe	Amadi
Atkinson	Ngwala	Galliford	Galliford	Tayali	Atkinson	Atkinson	AMADI 1 AMADI 1	Hawkes	Magaraushe	Craig
Ngwala							ALLMAN 1	Magaraushe		Amadi
										Craig



DEVELOPMENT SQUAD BEAT PALACE

First half goals from Ross Lafayette, Charlie Walker and Luke Trotman gave the Town development squad a 3-0 win over a Crystal Palace Under-21 side in a friendly last week.

The Hatters fielded a strong side, including midfielder Luke Guttridge, who played 65 minutes.

The Town development squad start their campaign in the Final Third Development League against AFC Bournemouth at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday 9th September.

Town: Justham; Trotman, Williams, Lacey, Onyemah, Ruddock Mpanzu (sub Taiwo), Stevenson, Guttridge (sub Allman), Walker, Wall, Lafayette.

Academy on tour

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THAT LEAGUE 2 SIDES PARTICIPATE AGAINST THE LIKES OF JUVENTUS, BUT ONCE AGAIN THE HATTERS' ACADEMY TOOK ON THE BEST EUROPEAN CLUBS IN COMPETITION OVER THE SUMMER. HERE'S HOW THE TOWN UNDER-9S DID IN THE PT SPORTS CUP.

A selection of the Town's Under-9s were in great form to register a 22nd-place in a top European tournament in Germany in June.

The Hatters youngsters took on the likes of Italian giants Juventus and German Bundesliga outfit Hertha Berlin during the event which saw the Town finish in the top third of the 66 participating clubs in the PT Sports Cup.

The tournament saw teams from across mainland Europe assemble together to play in arguably the best outdoor 7v7 Under-10 tournament in Germany.



Staying in the town of Gutersloh, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, this was the ideal location and setting for the Hatters youngsters to prepare, rest and recover throughout the tour which started on Wednesday and finished on Sunday evening.

The tour enabled the young players to experience a

number of aspects throughout the journey, including the importance of preparation, game understanding, diet and nutrition, rest and sleep as well as game performance against other top clubs and squads.

In such tournaments all players are exposed and challenged whilst demonstrating their own individuality within the team. It provides a great insight for all and enables everyone to understand the qualities required to strive to the highest levels.

With a flight from Luton to Dortmund on Wednesday afternoon, the Town soon touched down and moved across the city before catching a train towards Bielefeld. This way of transport is easy and a great learning experience as the players get to see a host of attractions on route. Arriving in good time, the team were soon in the town of Gutersloh and checked in at base, where they would begin to rest for the evening. A team meeting

explaining the guidelines and understanding of what the coaching staff were looking for throughout the tour was provided before the players began to rest in their rooms.

Thursday saw the Town take part in the first planned tournament, at a local host club, TSV Essendissen, close the town of Herford, for 2003 born players. With the Hatters squad full of 2004 and several 2005 born players, this would provide a number of good opportunities for the players, as preparation continued in planning for the main event at the weekend. The tournament was a 16-team event, with four groups of four teams.

GROUP STAGE

Game 1 v Grastrup-Retzen Won 1-0
Game 2 v TV Elverdissen Won 3-1
Game 3 v TuS Brake Won 2-0

This enabled us the Town to win the group and progress with all the other winners plus the best runners up which incidentally was the team in the group, so this would be a stern challenge.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP

Game 1 v Arminia Bielefeld Won 2-1
Game 2 v Grastrup-Retzen Won 2-0
Game 3 v SC Bielefeld Lost 0-3

The Hatters finished third in their group on goal difference with six points, with final game's 3-0 defeat to SC Bielefeld proving quite costly. However, it was a great learning experience and the day was a tremendous learning curve for the players in many ways.

The squad received a lot of compliments from the hosts, especially the Town's performances and conduct. The day certainly provided a challenging experience in preparation for what was to come.

After a day off on Friday, Saturday was game day. It was early start, and after breakfast the Town were soon in action with their first game at 9.15am.

The group consisted of the following teams together with the outcomes:

- Game 1 v SC Verl White Won 4-0
- Game 2 v Fundacion Marcat Barcelona Won 1-0
- Game 3 v Eintracht Frankfurt Lost 0-3
- Game 4 v Dynamon Dresden Won 1-0
- Game 5 v FC Kaunitz Schwarz Won 3-1



These good performances and results enabled the Town to finish second in the group behind Fundacion Marcat Barcelona on goal difference which was a great start and very pleasing for the coaching staff.

The top three in the group progress further to a higher level of group stage, which meant the Town found themselves in Group E of round two with the opportunity to progress to the last 16 of the competition.

This group consists of the following teams:

- TSV Pattensen (3rd place of Group 3)
- Dynamo Dresden (Best 4th place team from Groups 1-5)
- Juventus (1st in Group 6)
- Hertha Berlin (2nd in Group 7)

The Town's first game would take place on Saturday:
• TSV Pattensen Won 2-1

This ended the Hatters' fixtures on day one and, following a massive opening ceremony, which takes place after the morning schedule and before the afternoon programme, and lunch, the Town could relax after a good first day.

Sunday morning was another early start and saw the Town play their remaining group fixtures:

- Dynamo Dresden Drew 1-1
- Juventus Lost 0-1
- Hertha Berlin Drew 0-0

All three games were excellent tests and provided great viewing for all. The Dresden match ended in a score draw after the Town conceded a late penalty. The Juventus fixture was a great game settled in the last minute after the Hatters had switched off for a brief moment, which you cannot do against such teams. Hertha Berlin was an entertaining fixture where the Town needed to win, but it was not too be.

The results put the Town in third position which meant they would end the tournament playing for 20-22 place against the following in a three-team league.

- St Pauli Lost 0-2
- MSV Duisburg Lost 0-1

It was great for the Town to test themselves against such established clubs and certainly provided good learning aspects for the players.

The competition was great to witness and even within the squad places were competitive as players understood that it is not always equal playing time.

There comes a time within the development where tougher decisions are made and players understand that they too need to demonstrate certain requirements when it comes to playing certain teams. It's the competitive edge within the development phase. It can bring out different qualities within the competitive environment.

The final position of 22nd from 66 teams is a great achievement from a group of players who were mainly born from September 2004 onwards participating in a top tournament with players born from January 2004. Therefore, a difference of potentially nine months from our eldest player! That's not an excuse. Far from it. It just demonstrates how well the players performed.

The top eight places in the tournament included: Winners: Hamburg, Runners-up HJK Helsinki, third: Borussia Dortmund, fourth: Fortuna Dusseldorf.

The Town did progress further than some of Europe's finest clubs including Schalke 04 (26th place), Slavia Prague (29th), KV Mechelen (30th), Wolfsburg (31st), Brondby (32nd), Hansa Rostock (33rd) and Dynamo Dresden (34th) which demonstrates the level in attendance.

From the tournament, it was soon back on the German Train Network as the squad travelled back to Dortmund before catching the flight home in good time for arrival back at Luton Airport.

There was a number of presentations to the players highlighting a number of aspects on the tour, of which these players were presented with awards from the weekend. These included the trophy we received for third position on Thursday, a FC Barcelona Pennant, a Hertha Berlin Pennant and a programme from Juventus signed by their youth coach.

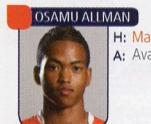
Squad: G. Dhesi, K. Scott, R. Bedingfield, K. Neill, B. Zajac, L. Mann, A. Matos, K. Aboh, C. Mallett, J. Bateson and F. Newton **Staff:** Ross O'Kane, Jordan McCann and Marc Tracy.

Final Position = 22nd (From 66 clubs).

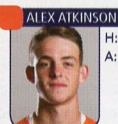


Youth Team Sponsors

H: HOME | A: AWAY



OSAMU ALLMAN
H: Available
A: Available



ALEX ATKINSON
H: Available
A: Available



EKENE AMADI
H: Available
A: Available



LIAM GOOCH
H: Available
A: Available



LEE HAWKES
H: Available
A: Available



CRAIG KING
H: Mike Tearle
A: Available



TUKI TAYALI
H: Available
A: Available



LUKE TROTMAN
H: Available
A: Available



BUILDING THE FOUNDATION OF FOOTBALL

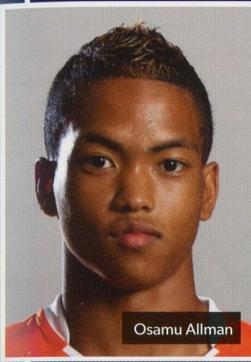
Since 2000 the Football Foundation and its funders have invested in £1 billion worth of grassroots projects. This is providing quality playing surfaces and changing rooms for communities across the country – helping to increase participation and supporting player development.

[@FootballFoundtn](https://www.footballfoundation.org.uk)
[Youtube.com/Footballfdn](https://www.youtube.com/Footballfdn)
[flickr.com/footballfoundation](https://www.flickr.com/footballfoundation)
[linkedin.com/football-foundation](https://www.linkedin.com/company/football-foundation)
www.footballfoundation.org.uk



TOWN 1-1 STEVENAGE

After hitting the woodwork three times the Town Under-18s had to settle for a point in their second Youth Alliance fixture of the season on Saturday.



Osamu Allman

After beating MK Dons and AFC Bournemouth – the latter in the League Cup – Paul Driver's youngsters went into the game at Ely Way full of confidence.

At half-time it looked as though the Town would be well on course to make it three wins out of three when Osamu Allman put the young Hatters ahead in the 32nd-minute.

In the ascendency the Town came close to doubling their lead when Isaac Galliford came close as did striker Daryl Ngwala.

The Hatters resumed control after the interval. Tuki Tayali saw his shot saved on 66 minutes before Alex Atkinson hit the crossbar three minutes later.

Tayali then spurned another decent opportunity to put the game beyond Stevenage and the Town's missed chances proved costly with seven minutes to go when the visitors levelled from a set-piece.

Despite putting Boro under some late pressure the Hatters couldn't find a winner to leave Driver in philosophical mood.

"After our win over Bournemouth last week I said we'd play a lot better than that this season and not win – and today was one of those days," the Under-18s boss told Talk of the Town.

"The disappointing thing was conceding the goal from a free-kick so late in the game. Other than that crucial part I thought we were excellent. We played some really good football and were unlucky not to add to our tally.

"On another day we could have won by three or four. Hitting the woodwork three times is unlucky and there's not a lot you can do as a coach when that happens.

"The issue with Stevenage's equaliser was frustrating because we'd highlighted their goalscorer as a target and we failed to deal with it when it mattered most.

"Overall, though, the positives certainly outweighed the negatives. Daryl Ngwala had the best match of his scholarship so far, whilst Osamu Allman and Luke Trotman also gave very good accounts of themselves.

Buzzing

"Other than the silly free-kick it was an excellent performance and on another day we win 4-1 and we come off the pitch buzzing saying how good we were. A draw wasn't the end of the world but I trust the players will have learned from missing their chances at one end and defending at the other."

The Town Under-18s are next in action tomorrow at Ely Way when they take on Cambridge United in the Youth Alliance. Kick-off is at 11am. The Hatters then travel to Dagenham & Redbridge on Saturday with a 10.30am kick-off.

Team versus Stevenage: King, Trotman, Hawkes, Justin, Musonda, Tamplin, Ngwala, Galliford, Tayali (sub Craig 74), Atkinson, Allman. Subs not used: Magaraushe, Perry, Amadi, Gooch.

Bursting with ideas



Travel by train to London and take advantage of our great value tickets. Visit firstcapitalconnect.co.uk and find heaps of ideas for free days out with all the top places to head to.

* Valid for Super Off-Peak tickets only. Terms and conditions apply. See website for details.

First Capital Connect

community

HATTERS IN THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY INTEGRATION THROUGH SPORT (KITS)

The Club's Community Trust along with Active Luton have continued delivering football coaching using sport to engage, empower and improve the lives of disadvantaged young men in the Marsh Farm, Lewsey Farm and Farley Hill areas of town.

In May over 180 boys visited the stadium for the KITS football tournament from the three areas of the town and played each other on the pitch in a fantastic tournament, which Lewsey won. The boys also attended various workshops in the Eric Morecombe suite from the Council, Police and Princes Trust as well as meeting former ex-offenders who spoke about their experiences with the boys. The integration project runs every Friday and boys aged 14-19 can simply turn up and join in.

ASIAN FOOTBALL INITIATIVE

Our Sport England/National Lottery-funded football initiative continued throughout the summer at Denbigh High School and Dallow Community Centre with a break for Ramadan. Sessions are held on Mondays at Denbigh and Dallow on Tuesday from 5pm and boys in Year 8 upwards can simply turn up and join in. The initiative has so far progressed a couple of boys into the Club's youth development academy system and also steered several boys into local grass root teams for the new season.



PRINCE'S TRUST

The Community Trust held two Get Into Football courses during the summer for young unemployed and disadvantaged young people from Luton between the ages of 14 and 18. The courses were held at both our Ely Way training ground and the main stadium and involved a number of team building activities culminating in the awarding of Level 1 coaching certificates with the help of the Bedfordshire Football Association. Over 35 young people took part in the two courses, and over half of the successful applicants have since volunteered on Trust activities - including the Hatters Cup youth football tournament and our KITS integration project. Future courses are planned with our partners during the coming season.



SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Our coaching staff are in the middle of our summer holiday camp programme and, with three weeks still to go, we have plenty of fun activities in lots of locations in Luton and Bedfordshire planned. You can still book a place or receive more information on our summer camps by phoning 07725 172345 or emailing soccerschools@hotmail.co.uk. Courses are open to boys and girls of all abilities and cost from £15 per day and run all the way up to Wednesday 3rd September.





Electrical

Refurbishment

Mechanical

Helping your business move forward
through Facilities Services and Management.

- Building Maintenance
- Office Fit out and Refurbishment
- Electrical contractors and engineers
- Air conditioning and plumbing
- Flooring
- Site Pathway and Parking Maintenance
- Industrial Steelwork

Send us an email: service@f-p-m-co.uk Call our team today: 01582 484020



FPM Facility Services Ltd, Head Office, 35-37 Hastings Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 5BE

www.f-p-m.co.uk



Challenge Harry

Welcome to the first Happy Harry fun page of the season.
This is where you can win some great prizes whilst having fun.

easyJet

easyJet

easyJet

Can you help Harry escape from the maze?

Specialists in all Aspects of Metal Fabrication 01223 599090

NORWICH FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT LTD

facebook.com/lutontown

twitter.com/lutontown

co.uk/lutontown

Name: _____

Email: _____

COMPLETE THE PUZZLES AND FILL IN YOUR DETAILS, THEN RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE TICKET OFFICE TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING TWO MATCH TICKETS

Which ball has Matt just volleyed?

ENROLLING NOW!

Barnfield
College



- FANTASTIC COURSES
- SUPERB APPRENTICESHIPS
- AMAZING PROGRESSION ROUTES
- BRILLIANT FACILITIES
- GREAT SUCCESS RATES

01582 569 569

WWW.COLLEGE.BARNFIELD.AC.UK

VISIT US AT OUR NEW BEDFORD ROAD AND ENTERPRISE WAY CAMPUSES.



THE SOCIAL NETWORK

The Hatters' presence and following on social media continues to grow, helped in no small part to the team's success on the field last season.

Following promotion to the Football League the official Twitter account was verified by the head honchos at the social media giant, whilst the account also changed handles this summer, from @LTFC_Official to @LutonTown.

In the lead-up to the Hatters' first home game back in the Football League, we asked our 22,500 followers what it meant to them to see the Town back among the big boys. There were some touching replies.

• James @jmorgs88
@LutonTown no words can explain how much this means to me. this is for my late sister who saw us come down but never got to see us promoted

• Nicola @lutontownbird
So @LutonTown play their first home game tomorrow in League 2.....ahhh I can feel a little tear coming on! So proud of John and the boys!

• Paul Tomkins @paulthemanager1
Massive and emotional day tomorrow for all Hatters
@LutonTown we are back, at last.

• Grace Fuller @Grace_LTFC
No doubt I'll shed a tear tomorrow. It means so much after five years of hell..
@LutonTown #COYH

• Callum @callumLtfc
First Game Luton 3-2 Scunthorpe at Wembley & after that I only saw them in non league football until this season !!
@LutonTown

• andrew swain68

@AndrewSwain68
@LutonTown there are certain days in your life that you will never forget. Man city in 83, and tomorrow will be another on my list. #coyh

• patrick © graham @smile_of_decade

@LutonTown I saw us rise from old div 4 to div 1 and drop to 5 years of despair. never too high, never too low, but... YEESSS #lutonareback

• Steve Bailey @hatteroid

@LutonTown 46 years, 7 promotions 7 relegations, 5 divisions. What a journey so far and what a journey yet to come!
#lutonareback

• Mike Hyde @jazzanovaboot

I missed @LutonTown winning the Conference due to being underwater with the Navy. I went to Carlisle, but this will be something special!!!

• Adam Driscoll @AdamDriscoll92

Feels good to be going to Kenilworth Road to watch league football for the first time in 5 years. #LutonAreBack
@LutonTown

• Matthew Parsfield @MParsfield
This feels good. On the way to see @LutonTown's first home match back in the Football League #coyh

• Darren Hickin @AshbyHatter
@LutonTown Massive for me (34 years following), last 5 painful but all my Son has known, now back in FL and he is Mascot tom! Can't wait!

• Richard Hardy @richyhardy
@LutonTown too much to put into a tweet but it will mainly send the message to everyone that Luton Town will never die.

• Kevin Harper @kevshot
Off to the Kenny shortly. @LutonTown's first home game back in the Football League. What a wonderful day it is going to be! #COYH

INSTAGRAM
PIX OF THE WEEK



[Facebook](#) Lutontown

[Twitter](#) @LutonTown

[Instagram](#) LTFC_Official

league look

LEAGUE 2 NEWS IN BRIEF

SUPPORTING FANS WITH OUR MOST POPULAR CARD.

Our Capital One Classic credit card
already has over 4.4 million fans.
Find out more at capitalone.co.uk



THE CREDIT CARD THAT SUPPORTS THE SUPPORTERS.



PROUD SPONSORS OF
THE CAPITAL ONE CUP.

The Hatters tasted defeat in their first home game of the Football League season, pushing the Town down the league table to 14th position.

The Town fought hard to try and continue their winning start to life in the Football League, but it was not enough and the Hatters failed to come away with any points against an AFC Wimbledon side who took their chances on the day. Matt Tubbs took the plaudits as his 41st minute strike made sure that all three points were snapped up by the Dons in the 1-0 win for the away side.

Meanwhile, a number of sides continued their winning start to the season as Morecambe, Wycombe, Southend, Burton and Cheltenham all picked up maximum points to make it two wins in two.

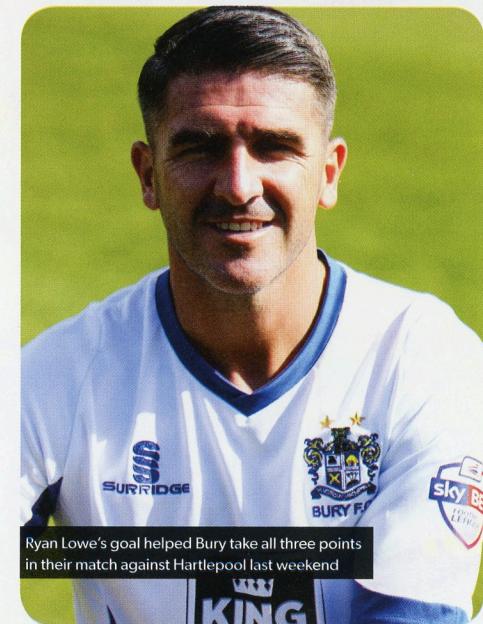
Winners

A tremendous second half comeback from Morecambe – after going two goals down – at home to Newport County meant that the Shrimps stand at the top of the league table on goal difference. Southend and Wycombe were both comfortable winners at home to Stevenage and Carlisle respectively.

Burton left it very late against John Still's former club Dagenham & Redbridge. Goals in the 84th and 88th minute meant that the Brewers went away from the Pirelli Stadium with three points to their name. Cheltenham scraped past Accrington Stanley in a 2-1 win for the home side.

Portsmouth came out winners at home to newly-promoted Cambridge United, despite having a man sent off towards the end of the first half. It finished 2-1 to Pompey and they climb to eighth in the league standings.

Shrewsbury Town remain unbeaten following the first two games of the season. The Blues saw off Tranmere Rovers following a tremendous late comeback, goals from Andy Mangan (90) and Micky Demetriou (94) pushed Shrewsbury up to sixth in the table.



Ryan Lowe's goal helped Bury take all three points in their match against Hartlepool last weekend

Both Bury and Plymouth earned their first win of the new campaign last weekend. Bury won 2-0 away at Hartlepool, meaning that the Shakers moved to 11th in the table and Hartlepool remain without a single point to their name.

Argyle ran out 3-0 comfortable winners at home to Exeter City in the Devon derby. Goals from Tyler Harvey, Reuben Reid and Curtis Nelson moved Plymouth into a top 10 position.

It was a weekend where the home sides prevailed, with nine of a possible 12 home teams picking up three points. Unfortunately it wasn't to be for the Town and John Still's side will be looking to change that in the home fixture tonight against Bury.

TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

- Burton v Exeter
- Cheltenham v Carlisle
- Hartlepool v Dag & Red
- Mansfield v Newport
- Morecambe v Oxford
- Plymouth v Stevenage
- Portsmouth v Northampton
- Shrewsbury v Accrington
- Southend v AFC Wimbledon
- Wycombe v Tranmere
- York v Cambridge



UP TO 80% OFF RRP

www.designerbranddirect.co.uk

COMING SOON

FROM LEFT Midfield

BY KEVIN CROWE



AFC WIMBLEDON: THE COMEBACK GIG

Far away from the big venues of the Premier League, two stars of the 1980s took to the stage in the middle of our little local.

Saturday's Kenilworth Road Football League opener against AFC Wimbledon was a heavyweight clash for division four eh, fans of #thebanter? HAHAHAHAHAHA. Alright, give over.

The occasion of our first home game back in the league and the match-up between the unusually proportioned Bayo Akinfenwa and our Steve McNulty is not the only reason the game had a gravitational pull of its own. Because we're a bit the same, us and them.

Both sets of fans, over a certain vintage, have Wembley memories and press cuttings of their heroes clutching silverware and inspirational perms. They have the dog-eared VHS and the programmes. Both had fallen on hard times and are heading towards a restoration of the natural order of things.

Intimidating

Equally both teams have a certain reputation in the game for footballing style that was born in the 80s: one an intimidating and direct Crazy Gang of Vinnie Jones and John Fashanu – the other a determinedly neat passing side with a magic synthetic carpet.

More than in previous meetings between us and them, Saturday's game had the whiff of a comeback gig for a cult 80s band, or at least a tribute act.

For their reformation AFC Wimbledon had taken the usual administrative step of undergoing a subtle renaming due to a corporate wrangle with the record company, which had seen slimy marketing men make off with bits of their identity and history.

The fashion in which the Dons scored what turned out to be the winner absolutely stank of Crazy Gang

nostalgia: a big hoof up-field was flicked on by the unfeasibly muscular AkinFashanu, while Tubbs had the composure to see off the attentions of an otherwise dominant McNulty to bury his strike past the helpless Mark Tyler.

Akinfenwa tried repeatedly to intimidate Luton players just as Fashanu had done in the time of tiny shorts and mullets: he stood threateningly over Tyler as his second half diving header failed to double the visitors' advantage and later swatted away the wafer thin ref who had the unenviable role of the ham in a McNulty/Bayo handbag sandwich.

Luton, for their part in the 80s nostalgia, had the better of the passing play for long periods with little glimpses of what is to come from Drury and Guttridge: who, in their own mini-comebacks, weren't quite as good as the original Drury and Guttridge yet, but it was still great to see them both performing for us again.

Flawless

Alex Wall will have cursed our return to real grass as Benson's lay-off found the only bubble on what is a carpet of such flawless green that it could have been mistaken for plastic, his subsequent shot almost taking out EasyJet flight 2161 to Amsterdam.

So we lost. As comeback gigs go, it was a bit like The Cure at Reading Festival. Competent, authentic stuff; but lacking that bit of magic.

It was nice to see John Still holding court on the Football League show when I got in after the game. His likeable but focused manner is the personification of what this club is becoming.

After hearing him hold his own talking music with the Roland Rat of Radio 6, Steve Lamacq on his programme recently, I reckon John's pretty much the coolest manager we've had in any era too.

Never too high, never too low is his favourite tune. It's the only one he knows.

Don't forget...

LTFC season ticket holders travel at child rate on match days. Don't worry about parking, connect with the Busway at Luton Station and get dropped right outside the ground.



arrivabus.co.uk/south-east

 **ARRIVA**

go on, get on!

from £5 Luton to London on Green Line 757



GREAT VALUE WAY 757

LUTON - LONDON

 /GreenLineUK



@GreenLineUK

greenline.co.uk

greenline 757

Football League clubs look to the future



At their owners' and executives' conference in Portugal over the summer - in which the Town were ratified as a member for the first time in five years - Football League clubs discussed a range of issues relating to their competition and their ongoing contribution to English football.

Clubs received a presentation from FA Chairman, Greg Dyke, about the findings of his recent commission on the future of the England team.

They also had the opportunity to question him about the Commission's proposals and debate the matter in detail during a two-hour session.

Concern

The Football League's Chief Executive, Shaun Harvey, said: "Greg Dyke provided a detailed and thought provoking presentation that helped clubs get a better understanding of the thinking behind his recent report. Whilst it's fair to say there is no appetite amongst clubs for the use of B teams or Strategic Loan Partnerships in the football pyramid, they did share his overriding concern about the development of young English footballers and supported a number of the report's other recommendations.

We will continue to work with the FA to help find solutions that will be supported across the whole game."

One area highlighted by the Commission was the lack of high quality artificial playing surfaces available in comparison to other major footballing nations.

After discussing the matter in their divisional meetings, Leagues 1 and 2 indicated their 'in principle' support for the use of artificial playing surfaces in their divisions.

They have asked The Football League to provide clubs with further analysis of the use of such pitches before formal consideration of the matter later in the year.

While not supporting the use of artificial pitches in their division, Championship clubs have indicated that they would not object to their use in Leagues 1 and 2 or in cup competitions.

At their AGM earlier this afternoon, clubs voted to extend regulations applying to club takeovers in the Championship to clubs in Leagues 1 and 2.

Going forward, any application for a change of control at clubs in Leagues 1 and 2 will require the purchasers of the club to provide 'Future Financial Information' demonstrating the club's ability to trade and evidence of the source and sufficiency of funding.

Harvey continued: "Having operated these rules in the Championship for the last four seasons it is logical to now extend their implementation throughout our competition. They will assist our efforts to ensure that anyone taking control of a Football League club has the necessary funds, from a legitimate source, to support its business plan."

Finally, the Board of The Football League discussed the recent newspaper articles regarding alleged corruption in the bidding process for the 2022 World Cup.

Football League Chairman, Greg Clarke, said: "The Board offered its support to the views expressed by the FA Chairman on the matter, namely that the process should be re-run if the allegations are ultimately proven to be true.

"In our view, it is essential that FIFA - as the ultimate guardian of the world game - complies with the very highest standards of corporate governance, otherwise it will lose the confidence of national associations, leagues and football fans across the world."

Over the course of the season we will publish further news from the Football League inside Talk of the Town.

For further news from the owners and executives' conference head to: www.football-league.co.uk.

WORLD WAR ONE

great war stories

An Exhibition

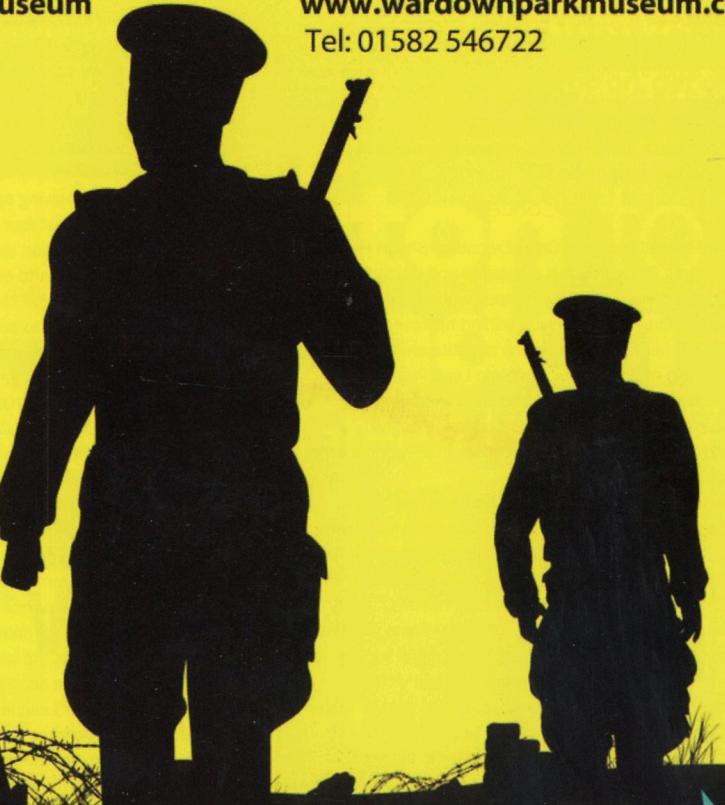
5 August - 4 January

Luton's Great War told by its people today

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, this exhibition looks at how one of the deadliest conflicts in human history affected the town.

Free Entry

Wardown Park Museum
Old Bedford Road
Luton, LU2 7HA



**Wardown Park
museum**

Luton Culture Registered Charity No. 1122964

**Luton
Culture**

WHAT'S IN STORE ONLINE AT THE HATTERS OFFICIAL WEBSITE

Hatters Player has been busy this summer with each of the Town's new signings interviewed exclusively on the channel, which complements our official YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/lutontown.

Player really is the best way to keep up-to-date with everything at Kenilworth Road with the biggest change from previous seasons in the Conference being exclusive online match commentary. Player is the only way that you'll

be able to listen to commentary online through your computer or mobile device this season with the Hatters back in the Football League.

A number of previous subscribers have returned to the new improved video service and if you are wondering what complementary services the video subscription site, www.hattersplayer.co.uk, provides in addition to the official website, www.lutontown.co.uk, on a matchday, we have provided a taster below.

TEAMSHEETS

Match line-ups have to be confirmed in writing to the referee one hour before kick off; not long after the match officials have seen them they are available to you to view on www.lutontown.co.uk.

FREE CLOCKWATCH

On the homepage of www.lutontown.co.uk you can see our popular live, minute-by-minute text commentary, absolutely free, direct from the press box. Every incident is reported from the games - chances, goals, substitutions, bookings, you name it - it is the most comprehensive free service for Town games anywhere on the internet.

LIVE COMMENTARY

If you want to get closer to the action, Hatters Player's Match Live console brings you full live and interactive audio commentary in association with Diverse FM. Complemented with score flashes from around the country and real-time match stats everything you need to know will be right here.

FULL-TIME REPORT

As soon as the full-time whistle blows, a match report is available to read on www.lutontown.co.uk. Complemented by all the statistics that matter, as supplied to us by Opta, as well as our breakdown of the key incidents as the match unfolded.

POST-MATCH REACTION

We will bring you all of manager John Still's reaction from his post-match press conference on www.lutontown.co.uk. Hatters Player subscribers can then watch a more in-depth interview on the site, later in the evening, along with player reaction from the dressing room.

SEE THE HIGHLIGHTS

Approximately 24 hours after the final whistle, you can re-live all of the action again with home match highlights on Hatters Player.

MOBILE INTERNET

If being by a PC isn't practical for you, you will be pleased to know you can view our Mobile Internet site on a handheld device. You can see the team line-ups, read the live updates, check the match report and find out what the manager and the players had to say after the game. Simply visit lutontown.wap.com on your phone. For full details, please visit the Mobile Services section of www.lutontown.co.uk.

STAY IN TOUCH AND HELP THE HATTERS TOO...

On the occasions when you can't make it to a match, you can connect to the club's official services and keep abreast of event, knowing that the cost of these products is directly benefiting Luton Town.

Visit www.hattersplayer.co.uk for more information.

SIGN UP NOW AND ENJOY ALL THIS...

Subscribe to Hatters Player now for less than 10p a day and here's what you get:

- Live audio commentary
- Works on Mac and PC worldwide

www.hattersplayer.co.uk

- Home match and extended highlights
- Exclusive news and interviews
- High quality 1MB Flash stream
- See all premium content ad free

THE SEASON

Fixtures & Results

DATE TIME H/A OPPONISON SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United	W 1-0	6,760	1,088	6	Tyler	Connolly	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Robinson
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Swindon Town (C1C 1)	L 1-2	4,410	436	-	Tyler	Connolly	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Franks	Robinson ▲
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	L 0-1	9,101	690	14	Tyler	Franks ▲	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Robinson	Drury ▲
Tue 19	7.45pm	H	Bury											
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley											
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town											

SEPTEMBER

TV Sat 6	12.15pm	H	Plymouth Argyle
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town
Tue 16	7.45pm	A	York City
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Oxford United

The Hatters hold their post-match huddle after Saturday's defeat to Wimbledon. The Town's post-match meeting took place with the noise of several thousand supporters who applauded their team off the pitch at the end. A big thanks to those fans who stayed behind.

OCTOBER

Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Stevenage
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Southend United
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town

NOVEMBER

Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Exeter City
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Tranmere Rovers
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town

DECEMBER

Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Morecambe
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Newport County
Fri 26	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers
Sun 28	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth

JANUARY

Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Shrewsbury Town
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United

FEBRUARY

Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Oxford United
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	York City
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	A.F.C. Wimbledon
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley

MARCH

Tue 3	7.45pm	A	Bury
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Morecambe
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Newport County
Sat 21	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town

APRIL

Fri 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City
Mon 6	7.45pm	A	Tranmere Rovers
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Burton Albion
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Hartlepool United
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Southend United

MAY

Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage
-------	--------	---	-----------

SUBS

Drury ▲	Howells ▲	CULLEN 1	Benson	Franks	Wall	Rooney ▲	Ruddock	Guttridge	Stevenson ▲	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1	Cullen ▲	Benson ▲	Lacey	Wall	Howells	Ruddock ▲	Guttridge ▲	Lafayette ▲	Justham
Guttridge ▲	Howells	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall ▲	Williams	Ruddock ▲	Guttridge	Lafayette	Justham

LEAGUE TABLE 2014/15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1 Morecambe	2	2	0	0	6	2	4	6	
2 Wycombe Wanderers	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6	
3 Southend United	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6	
4 Burton Albion	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6	
5 Cheltenham Town	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6	
6 Shrewsbury Town	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4	
7 AFC Wimbledon	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4	
8 Portsmouth	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4	
9 Northampton Town	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4	
10 Plymouth Argyle	2	1	0	1	3	1	2	3	
11 Bury	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	
12 Cambridge United	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3	
13 Mansfield Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3	
14 Luton Town	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	3	
15 Stevenage	2	1	0	1	1	2	-1	3	
16 York City	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	
17 Tranmere Rovers	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1	
18 Exeter City	2	0	1	1	1	1	4	-3	1
19 Accrington Stanley	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0	
20 Oxford United	2	0	0	2	1	3	-2	0	
21 Newport County AFC	2	0	0	2	2	5	-3	0	
22 Carlisle United	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0	
23 Hartlepool United	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0	
24 Dagenham & Redbridge	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0	

PLAYER STATS 2014/15

LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL	THIS SEASON		LTC		DISCP	CAREER TOTAL
			APP	GLS	APP	GLS		
Zane Banton	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6	0
Paul Benson	2 (0)	0 (1)	3 (0)	3 (0)	0 (1)	0 (1)	41	18
Paul Connolly	1 (0)	0 (1)	2 (0)	2 (0)	0 (1)	0 (1)	2	0
Mark Cullen	2 (0)	1 (0)	3 (0)	3 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)	39	11
Andy Drury	2 (0)	0 (1)	3 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	29	8
Fraser Franks	1 (0)	0 (1)	2 (0)	2 (0)	0 (1)	0 (1)	19	0
Scott Griffiths	2 (0)	0 (1)	3 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	55	1
Luke Guttridge	1 (0)	0 (1)	1 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	35	13
Jake Howells	2 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)	2 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	278	26
Elliot Justham	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	7	0
Alex Lacey	1 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	32	1
Ross Lafayette	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1	0
Alex Lawless	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	156	18
Steve McNulty	2 (0)	0 (1)	3 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	71	2
Andrew Parry	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	26	4
Ian Rees	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4	0
Matt Robinson	2 (0)	0 (1)	3 (0)	3 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	48	3
Luke Rooney	0 (1)	0 (1)	1 (0)	1 (1)	1 (0)	1 (1)	8	1
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	26	2
Charlie Smith	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3	0
Jonathan Smith	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	60	3
Jim Stevenson	0 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	8	0
Mark Tyler	2 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	233	0
Alex Wall	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	28	6
Shaun Whalley	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	22	2
Luke Wilkinson	2 (0)	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3	0

HOLD THE Back Page

WITH FAYE CARRUTHERS SPORT PRESENTER AT ABSOLUTE
RADIO; REPORTER FOR BBC FIVE LIVE & FINAL SCORE

People talk to me about Luton all the time – we're one of those teams other supporters are always interested in.

Most football fans want to know how we're getting on after what happened to us and so I've loved the media interest in the Hatters since we earned promotion. It's all been positive – people seem genuinely pleased to have us back in the Football League and want us to do well.

I manage to find fellow Hatters in the woodwork of every broadcaster I work for. Even at the BBC in Salford, there's a Luton Town Supporters Club in Media City and I have friends from Sky Sports and talkSPORT who are all fans too. I've also brought plenty of colleagues from various sports broadcasters I've worked for to Kenilworth Road over the years.

Atmosphere

It's usually Tuesday night games like this one because we all work on Saturdays. They all come out commenting on the fantastic atmosphere and noise here and now all look out for the Hatters results.

Usually on a Saturday afternoon, you'll find me at a Championship ground reporting for BBC Final Score and 5 Live (yes I've covered Watford, and yes I've been asked to wash thoroughly before returning to Kenilworth Road!).

At the start of the season though, I put in a special request to my producer to go to Carlisle (I doubt he had many reporters doing that!) It was my first match officially reporting on Luton. Years ago I reported on the Town for my University radio station and did post-match and fan updates for talkSPORT, but never full match reports. I have to say, I'm not sure my nerves could take it again though!

I always get nervous before going on air, but reporting on your own team is a whole different kettle of fish. It's a doubly whammy of nerves!



A win on the road on the opening day in Luton's first match back in the Football League after a five-year absence, was special though and I felt privileged just to be there, let alone be working. I have to be neutral of course – but will admit to a sneaky fist pump when Mark Cullen scored!

Saturday's defeat to AFC Wimbledon is a healthy reminder though that this season won't be easy. But the belief around Kenilworth Road, from the board, to the backroom, the supporters and neutral fans across the country means it's a season full of expectation.

What the club have done to get us where we are now is phenomenal and with John Still's guidance on the pitch I really believe we can follow in the footsteps of Crawley and Stevenage and get back-to-back promotions. We all have our role to play in that and tonight's visit of Bury is another opportunity for us to show everyone we're back and we're not going away. Let's get more neutrals looking out for Luton's results!

Enjoy the game! #COYH



sky BET

WIN
£250,000
FOR YOUR
CLUB

AND £5,000 FOR
YOURSELF BY
BETTING WITH US

ARE YOU IN?
skybet.com/luton

18+. Gambleaware.co.uk. Offer is available to new and existing online and mobile customers from 25/07/14 to 08/12/14. Prize draw and full promotional T&Cs apply at skybet.com/transferfund.



THE SQUADS



LUTON TOWN

1	Mark Tyler
2	Fraser Franks
3	Danny Fitzsimons
4	Jonathan Smith
5	Stephen McNulty
6	Alex Lacey
7	Alex Lawless
8	Andy Drury
9	Paul Benson
10	Alex Wall
11	Jake Howells
12	Scott Griffiths
13	Mark Cullen
14	Andy Parry
15	Luke Rooney
16	Elliot Justham
17	Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu
18	Ross Lafayette
19	Ricky Miller
20	Shaun Whalley
21	Luke Guttridge
23	Matthew Robinson
24	Curtley Williams
28	Jim Stevenson
29	Paul Connolly
30	Luke Wilkinson
32	Brett Longden
33	Mark Onyemah
34	Zane Banton
35	Charlie Walker
36	Charlie Smith
37	Kynan Isaac
39	Ian Rees



BURY

1	Shwan Jalal
2	Craig Jones
3	Jimmy McNulty
4	Andrew Tutte
6	Kelvin Etuhu
8	Nicky Adams
9	Danny Rose
10	Danny Mayor
11	Chris Hussey
12	Chris Sedgwick
14	Joe Thompson
15	Ryan Lowe
16	Keil O'Brien
17	Danny Nardiello
19	Tom Soares
20	Clive Platt
21	Joe Widdowson
26	Rob Lainton
27	Nathan Cameron
30	James Poole
34	Pablo Mills

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS



Tim Robinson



Ian Fissenden



Graham Kane



John Busby

HERE NEXT

v PLYMOUTH ARGYLE • SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2014 • 12.15pm • SKY BET LEAGUE 2

