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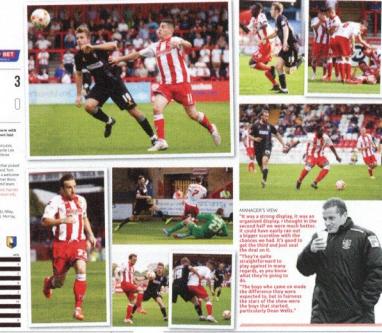
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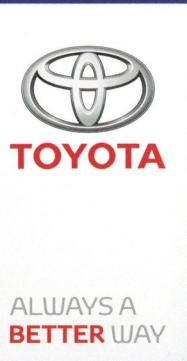


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# GRAHAM WESTLEY

Nobody needs to tell us how dangerous the reigning Conference Champions can be when they step into League 2.

**N**ot when we won promotion at the first attempt ourselves after our promotion to the League. Beating these today is certainly no gimme. Especially with a classy manager as experienced as Stilly who has taken brilliantly to a job that saw off some good men.

Today's opponents are a big club in League 2 in terms of fanbase. And were rightly placed as a 'favourite' because of that. You only need to look at their penalty record to see how their fans can affect a game!!! It's amazing how decisions do so often seem to go with crowd demands.

Our 'size' comes in the form of the CVs of our players.

In our starting 11 last week, we had seven lads who had previously played in League 2 promotion winning teams. And Wells, Pett, Parrett and Bondy, who hadn't done so, were amongst our top performers last week so there is great potential here.

Past success is no guarantee of future glory of course. However, there will not be anybody in that away dressing room today that will underestimate our players. John won't allow that. Mark my words.

Our week has been one in which we have taken yet another long, hard look in the mirror. We aren't happy with where we are at and we are hungry to keep sorting things out. We started with 1.16 pts per game over six games. We then won 1.33 pts per game in our next three and with last week's win, we pushed ourselves up to 1.4 pts per game across our ten games. It doesn't take a genius to see that we have won 1.75 pts per game in



our last four now; a clear sign that we are improving. Our new team is starting to settle down, our defence is solidifying and goals came last time out too. With our experienced players slowly returning, we will certainly get stronger.

We have built a focus for our week and it has really just been about winning today. Today is not vitally important for our visitors, who are already ahead of schedule for a promoted club, but it is for us. We know the benefits to us of winning today and they go way beyond the three points and the consequent jump in our position. We are ready to deal with the situation that is in front of us and we are really looking forward to attacking another visitor to our camp.

Derby games are always great occasions. But not when the result is wrong. To enjoy derby games we have to want the result more than their 11. We have to be prepared to outrun them and outfight them but more importantly to outplay them.

With our home backing, the lads will be right in the zone.

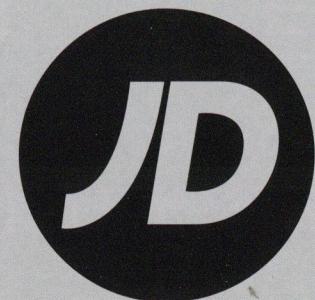
Both League games between the clubs in my time were won by the away team. That made sense back then. But now, it is time to move on from that. Whilst Liverpool and Everton, and Spurs and Arsenal played out Derby draws last weekend, I admit that I am going to encourage our lads to go forward relentlessly in pursuit of resounding victory. We will build on a phenomenal week on the training ground and in the gym with a performance that shows exactly where we are at right now which is that we are rising.

My strong feeling is that we will go from strength to strength today. Provided we do then we will win.

Enjoy the efforts of our players. I have a sense that they will put in a special display.

Onwards.

**GW**



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## FROM THE BOARDROOM

Welcome to the game and a warm welcome to everyone from Luton.

Local derbies always have something different about them. It's been a long while since we could welcome Luton Town here to The Lamex Stadium, but I'm sure the game will be worth the wait. Both sides posted a win last Saturday and come into this game with just one point separating them so it should be a great game.

Our opponents today have been a long time out of the Football League. Far longer than they expected and I think it surprised a lot of people that they just couldn't seem to get the results needed to win promotion out of the Conference. New manager, John Still changed that and now they're back where their fan base dictates they belong.

Looking back to last Saturday it was good to get a couple of early goals and I thought there were a decent number of individual bests for the season, which is always great to see. I thought the game was exciting and we played some good stuff to win in style, which always sends me home happy.

At this time of the year injuries and suspensions start to take their toll. We have a good number of lads that do not have a lot of Football League experience and it's important we maintain the balance of experience in the team for them to learn from. This is where the loan market comes into its own and we are carefully monitoring our senior lads that are out injured, with a view to replacing them with short term loans. More on this over the next few weeks.

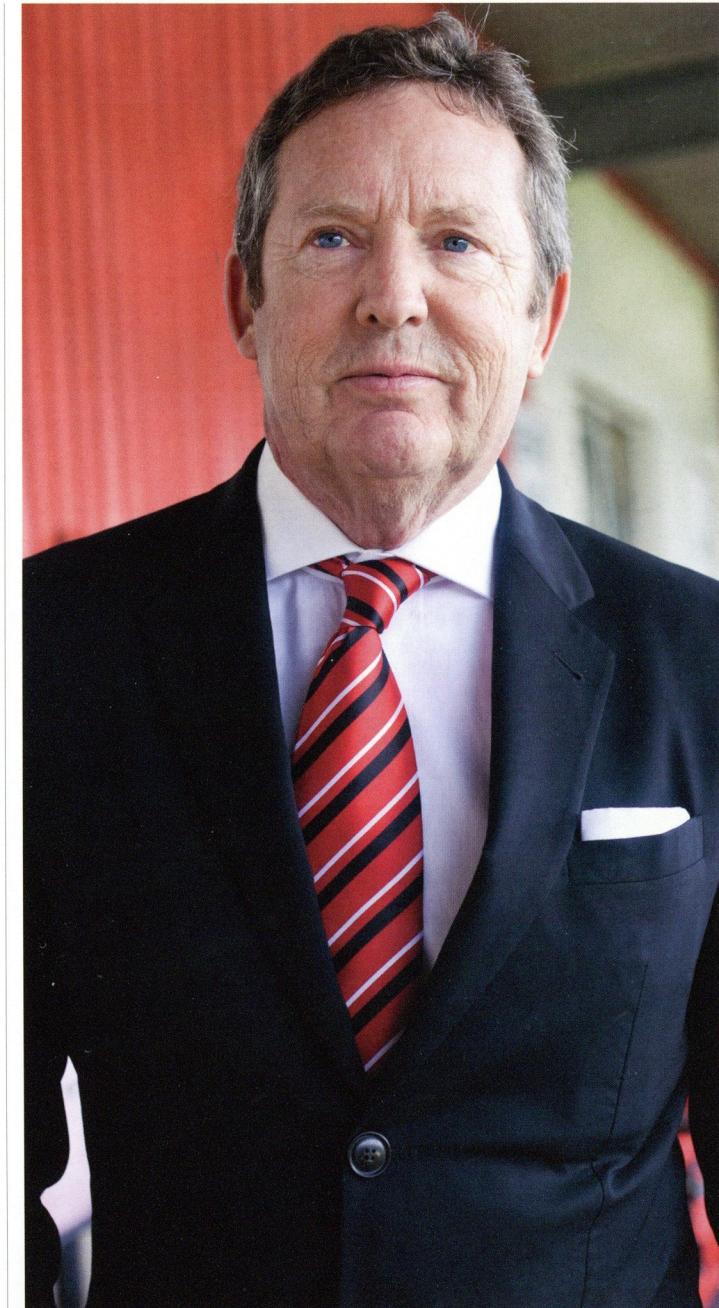
Back to the game and it's been a long while coming. A local derby played at home in front of a good sized crowd. Restrictions on how we could sell tickets today have meant that parts of the stadium remain unsold, but I'm sure the atmosphere created and the enjoyment will still be of the highest order.

Enjoy the Match!

**Phil Wallace**

Chairman

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# VIEW FROM THE DRESSING ROOM

Hello and welcome to today's home match with Luton Town at the Lamex Stadium.



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**T**oday we face another side that have made a steady start to the League Two season after winning the Conference title at the 5th attempt last season.

As you will all know, I had a very enjoyable and successful two years at Luton and captained them to the title, which was a great achievement for everyone involved.

As we all know this is one of the stand out games of the season for many reasons and we go into it full of confidence on the back of a 3-0 victory over Mansfield last weekend. We started very quickly and brightly in that game and found ourselves two goals up in no time. We played

some good, intelligent football and we managed to control a large part of the game. We could and should have come out bigger winners but to score three goals and keep a clean sheet is always pleasing.

Looking back once more to last weekend there are two more things I'd like to highlight. The first is that we welcomed back Dean Parrett to the Lamex! He has worked very hard since getting injured and it was great to see him in the starting XI.

On another note, before the game last week we had a minutes silence for one of our own youth players who sadly passed away. Our thoughts are with his family at such a sad time.

We have been working hard this week on the training ground to keep getting better and keep on improving. Everyone looks at the table after 10 games to see how things are shaping up and we can be proud of what we've done with such a new squad so far, but deep down inside us we have a lot more to give and you will see that in the weeks to come.

Please get behind us today as you always do and let's make it another great Saturday afternoon and add another 3 points to the board.

Enjoy the game,

**Ronnie**

# CLUB NEWS

## CARLISLE AND PORTSMOUTH AWAY TICKET INFO

Tickets for both Carlisle and Portsmouth away are both now on sale online at [www.borotickets.co.uk](http://www.borotickets.co.uk) and the club shop.

First up is Carlisle on the 11th October, a stunning trip by rail and with trains reaching Carlisle in three hours from Milton Keynes, it's very manageable journey these days.

**In-advance prices for Carlisle are as follows:**

Adults:	<b>£19</b>
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Young Person (18-22):	<b>£13</b>
Junior (11-17):	<b>£10</b>
Child (7-10):	<b>£7</b>
Young Child (6 and under):	<b>FREE</b>



All ticket prices increase by £3 on matchday, except for the Child and Young Child concession types.

As for Portsmouth, it's always an away-day favourite for the fans and we'll be facing them on Tuesday 21st October, 19:45 kick-off.

Portsmouth don't have cash turnstiles so Boro fans must buy a ticket before kick-off either in advance from us, or from the ticket office on the day.



**Prices remain the same on matchday and they are as follows:**

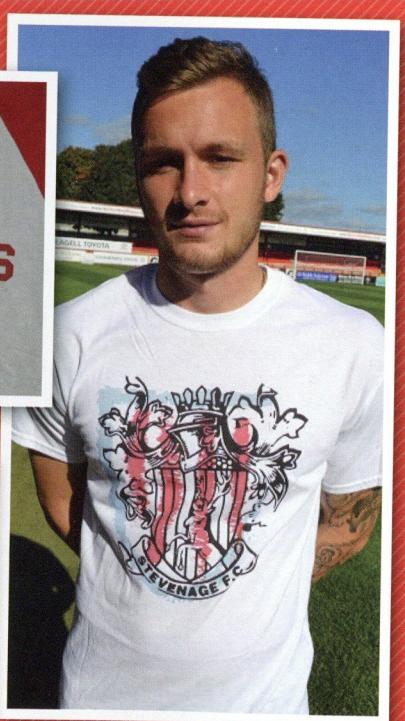
Adult:	<b>£20</b>
Senior (60+):	<b>£15</b>
Young person (17-22):	<b>£15</b>
U17 (unaccompanied):	<b>£10</b>
Accompanied U17 with paying adult/senior:	<b>£5</b>

## NEW T-SHIRT RANGE AVAILABLE FROM THE BORO SHOP

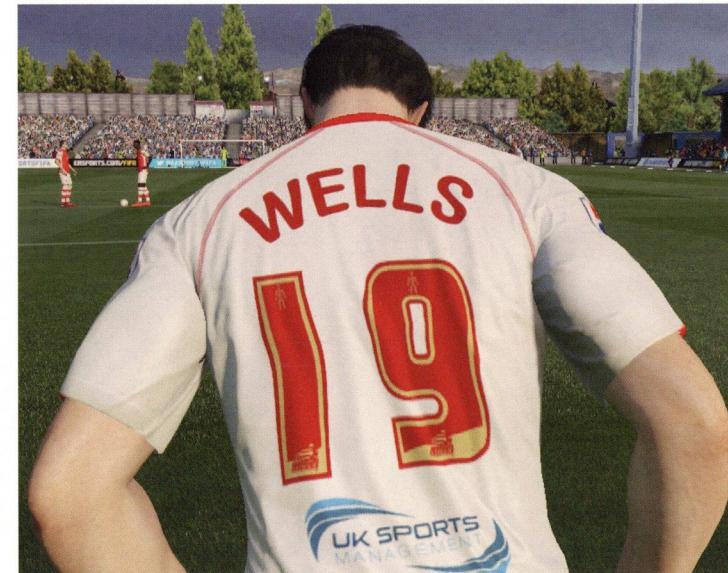
Stevenage FC have been teaming up with graphics designer, Katie Duffet this season to help bring some of our products to life and her latest work can be seen on our new range of printed t-shirts.

The t-shirts are now selling online at [www.stevenagefcshop.com](http://www.stevenagefcshop.com) and in-store at the club shop for just £14.99/15.99.

All four t-shirts are available from sizes S-XXL and are expected to sell quickly!



## PROSTATE CANCER UK BREAKS NEW GROUND IN FIFA 15



The ground-breaking partnership between The Football League and Prostate Cancer UK has sealed another first with the charity's Man of Men logo appearing in the new EA Sports FIFA15 game released last week.

The distinctive Prostate Cancer UK Man of Men logo is featured in the numbers on the back of every Football League player's shirt this season - the first time ever that a charity's logo has been included by a domestic league on every player's strip.

The new FIFA15 game available on Xbox One, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Playstation 3 and PC includes new improved player controls, unrivalled player intelligence and unmatched authenticity. The game features all 72 Football League clubs with official club badges, kits and squad lists.

And, courtesy of the unique numerical branding, Men United will have the back of each and every Football League player within the iconic game.

Nick Channon, Senior Producer, EA SPORTS FIFA said: "We're extremely pleased to be part of this great initiative, the inclusion of the Prostate Cancer UK Man of Men logo within FIFA 15 demonstrates the unprecedented authenticity of the game which is great, but it's even better when it is to raise awareness for a great cause."

If you have concerns about prostate cancer please call Prostate Cancer UK's confidential Helpline on 0800 074 8383 or visit [www.prostatecanceruk.org](http://www.prostatecanceruk.org). The helpline is free to landlines, staffed by specialist nurses, and open from 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday with late opening until 8pm on Wednesdays.



## NEW ACCESSORIES IN STOCK

Calling all accessory addicts... the Boro Shop has a new range of pin badges, fridge magnets, key rings and autograph books now on sale!

Both sets of pin badges and the new fridge magnets are priced at £2.99

Autograph books are £4.99

Key rings are £3.49

We've also had a re-supply of the popular red zipped hoodies, lounge shorts and grey t-shirts so if you've come in-store and found that your size is out of stock, it'll be available to buy now!

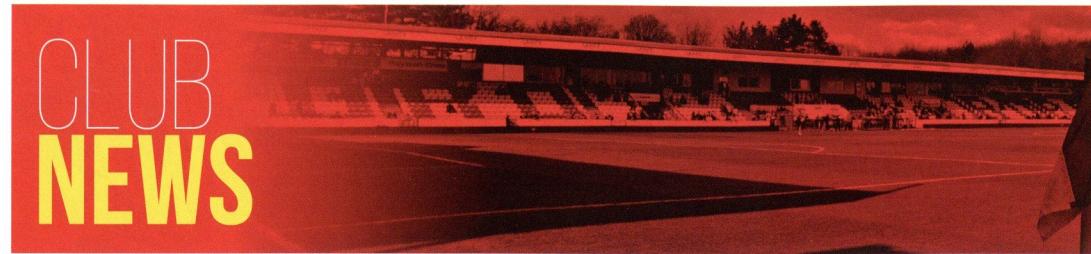
## EXTRA ACADEMY KIT ON SALE

Extra t-shirts, polos, sweat jumpers, track-jackets and shorts are now available to buy in the Boro Shop for those in the Centre of Excellence/Shadow Squad at Shepaldury Sports Academy.

Please note, we have very limited amounts and sizes so if you want some extra kit, get in touch ASAP to give yourself the best chance!

## RACE NIGHT IN THE BROADHALL SUITE

The Stevenage FC Supporters Association are holding a Race Night in the Broadhall Suite on Friday 17th November (7.30pm). Tickets are free for SA members (1 per member) and £1 each for non-members. These are available from Amanda or Fiona on a match day in the Broadhall Suite, the club shop or on the door on the night. The SA are also looking for companies or individuals to sponsor arace for £30, plus donations for raffle prizes.



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The news is a glowing endorsement for Hertfordshire Events who were appointed stadium caterers at the start of this season and have set about providing a brand new varied menu for fans, whose feedback thus far has been extremely positive.

Make sure you visit the tea bars today!



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### FIRST TEAM COOK WANTED

Stevenage FC is seeking a first team cook for its Bragbury End training ground.

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The candidate will work closely with the first team management to plan, order and cook a varied, nutritional and balanced menu whilst also working to a competitive budget. Hours will be 9.15am – 3.15pm (total of 24 hours per week)

Interested applicants can apply to Lindsay Powell in writing at Stevenage FC, The Lamex Stadium, Broadhall Way, Stevenage, Herts, SG2 8RH or by email to [lindsay@stevenagefc.com](mailto:lindsay@stevenagefc.com).



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## FROM THE TREATMENT ROOM: PAUL DANDO

Good afternoon and welcome back to the Lamex for our League Two clash with near neighbours Luton Town.

I'm sure the fans are looking forward to this game and it presents us with the opportunity to post another good home win.

As has been the trend of late, there is a mixture of good news and not so good news from the treatment room.

Starting on a plus note, it was pleasing to see Dean P start and come through 45 minutes last Saturday. He picked up a knock during the first half so we decided against the risk of making it worse. We have managed his training schedule this week to ensure he is as fresh as possible ahead of today.

Adam (hamstring) resumed full training earlier this week will no ill effects to add another much needed number to the squad for this afternoon.

The news from Walts recent ultrasound scan was positive - there are encouraging signs of healing and he has near full contraction of the muscle, which at this stage gives us a platform to move forward with his rehab. We remain optimistic of a return within the 8 week mark.

Jerome is another player going through a frustrating time following a hamstring injury 4 weeks ago. Although his symptoms and function have shown improvement, there remains some doubt over the healing of the tissue so he was referred for a further scan this week. I will let you know the outcome in my next column.

Sam has been slow in recovering from a foot injury which has seen him miss the last two weeks of



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training. Due to the ongoing symptoms, he was sent for a scan on Wednesday to assess the extent. At the time of writing we were awaiting feedback so I will keep you informed.

Harry is making steady progress and is where we would expect him to be at this stage of his recovery. He is able to use the static bike without any issues and we are increasing the difficulty of his balance exercises almost daily.

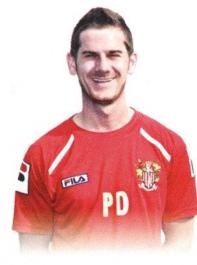
We have recently introduced strengthening work into his regime which will assist in developing the muscle weaknesses which resulted from disuse in the early stages post-operation. He is back to see the consultant at 12 weeks where we are hoping he will be able to resume light running drills.

Calvin was working towards full fitness only to sustain an ankle injury in training on Tuesday. He landed awkwardly and was suffering from soreness and swelling around the lateral ligament but we saw an improvement in the first 24 hours and will be doing everything possible to get him ready for today's game.

Finally, this weeks edition of 'Did you know' features our said number 10 Calvin Zola. Born in Zaire, did you know that Calv is fluent in 3 languages, English, French and Lingala (native Congolese). Pretty impressive!

Enjoy the game and good health to you all

**Paul**



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**Stevenage** continued their recent run of good form with a convincing 3-0 home win against **Mansfield Town** last weekend.

Boro took a commanding 2-0 lead inside just five minutes, thanks to early goals from Chris Whelpdale and Charlie Lee and despite Mansfield pressure they confirmed all three points through a late second for Whelpdale.

Graham Westley made four changes from the side that picked up a point at Oxford with Jon Ashton, Andy Bond and Tom Pett returning, along with Dean Parrett who made a welcome return to the starting XI after long term injury. Former Boro midfielder Simon Heslop was named in the Mansfield team.

**Stevenage:** Day, Henry, Ashton, Wells, Charles, Bond, Parrett (Sub: Conlon 46min), Lee, Whelpdale, Pett (Sub: Deacon 64), Beardsley (Sub: Calcutt 75).

**Subs not used:** Reading, Dembele, Zola, Johnson

**Mansfield Town:** Evtimov, Sutton (Sub: McGuire 46), Riley, Tafazolli, Marsden, Heslop, Lambe (Sub: Palmer 46), Murray, Beavers, Rhead (Sub: Fisher 59), Bingham.

**Subs not used:** Studer, Dempster, Thomas, Taylor

## MATCH STATS

56%	Possession	44%
4	Corners	4
1	Offsides	2
6	Shots on target	6
9	Shots off target	5
12	Fouls	14
0	Yellow cards	2
0	Red cards	0

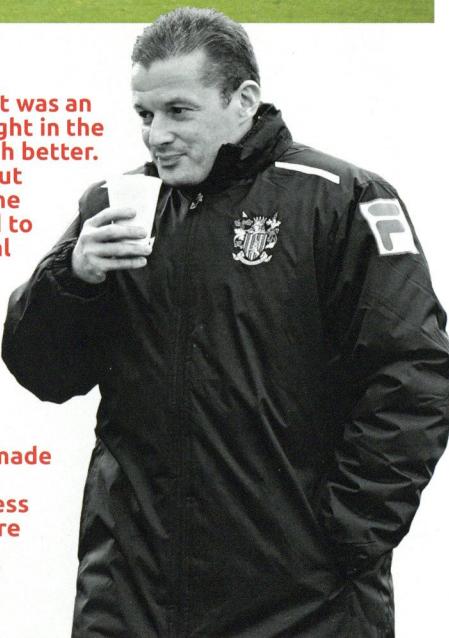


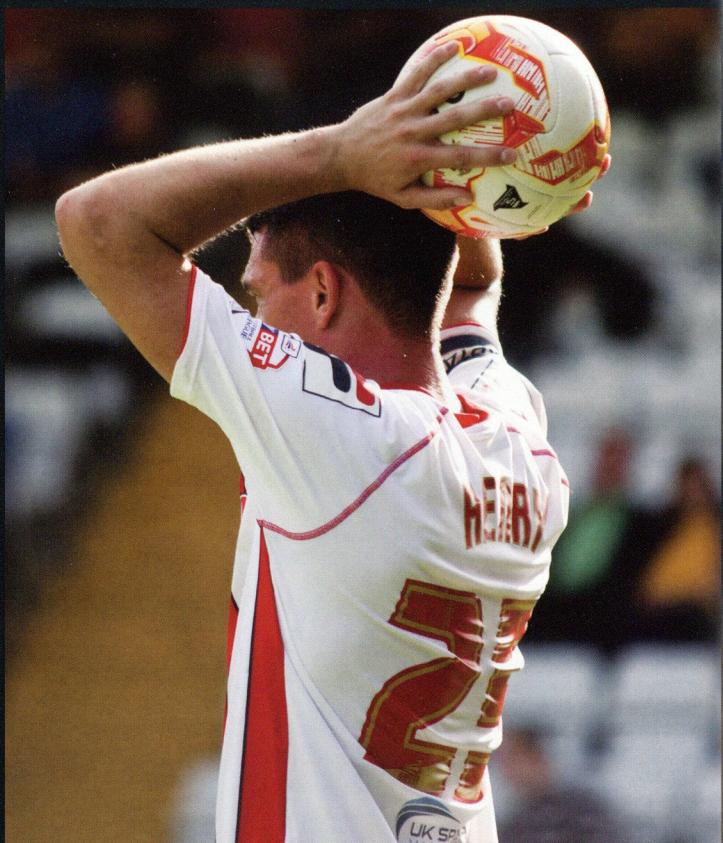
### MANAGER'S VIEW

**"It was a strong display, it was an organised display. I thought in the second half we were much better. It could have easily ran out a bigger scoreline with the chances we had. It's good to get the third and just seal the deal on it."**

**"They're quite straightforward to play against in many regards, as you know what they're going to do."**

**"The boys who came on made the difference they were expected to, but in fairness the stars of the show were the boys that started, particularly Dean Wells."**





Each programme we bring you the **A to Z** on a Boro player. Today it's the turn of **Ronnie Henry**

#### A Away Days

What is your favourite away ground and why?

Tottenham Hotspur.



#### B Brainbox

Who is the cleverest player amongst your team-mates?

Chris Day.

#### C Computers

What computer game have you spent the most time playing?

Mario Kart.



#### D Disguise

Who would you dress as at a fancy dress party?

Gazza.

#### E Exotic

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?

Australia.

#### F Fact or Fiction

What was the last book you read?

History of Tottenham Hotspur.

#### G Gaffer

Which of your current team-mates is most likely to become a gaffer?

Chris Beardsley.

#### H Holiday

Where did you go for your last break?

Corfu.

#### I Idol

Who was your football idol growing up?

Neil Ruddock.

#### K Kitchen

What is the best dish you can cook?

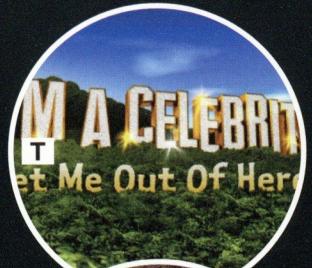
Can't cook! Beans on toast.



#### L Laughter

What or who makes you laugh?

Darius Charles.



#### M Mates

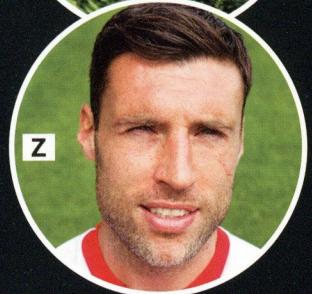
Who is your best friend in football?

Ashley Bayes.

#### N Nutrients

What's your guilty pleasure when it comes to food?

Crisps.



#### O Olympics

What event would you fancy taking part in?

Table Tennis.



#### T Television

What is your must watch TV programme?

'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here'.

#### U UEFA

Which European club would you most like to play for?

Tottenham Hotspur.

#### V Volume

What music has you turning it up?

House.

#### W Winners

Who is going to win this year's Premier League?

Chelsea.

#### X X-Men

If you could have a superpower what would you have?

Teleport.

#### Y Yawn

What bores you the most?

Cricket.

#### Z Zoolander

Which player fancies himself a model?

Jon Ashton.

# STEVENAGE FC YOUTH

## WHO'S WHO?

**Darren Sarll:** Academy Manager  
**Robbie O'Keefe:** Head of Coaching  
**Jorden Gibson:** Goalkeeping Coach  
**Reiss Fitts:** Academy Physiotherapist  
**Adam Maguire:** Academy Doctor  
**Ashleigh Gilligan:** Youth Development Lead Coach  
**Tom Hart:** Foundation Phase Lead Coach  
**Leuan Lewis:** Head of Sports Science  
**Glenn Quirke:** Academy Operations Manager



**The Stevenage Under-18s have had a mixed bag of results over the past couple of weeks, suffering defeats against Cambridge and Northampton before picking up a point against Wimbledon. However despite picking up just the single point, Head of Youth Darren Sarll refuses to be down-heartened.**

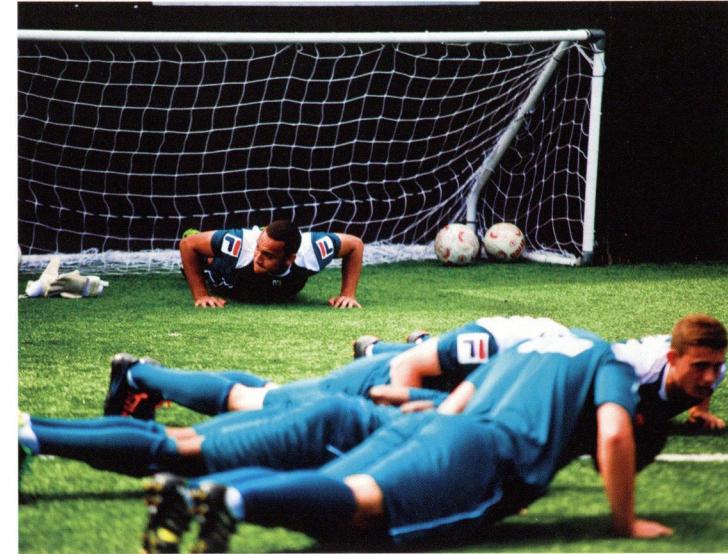
He told us, "The Cambridge and Northampton games had mixed emotions for me because when I say we played quite beautifully, it would be an understatement. At the moment we're treading that fine line between playing really, really good football – which has to be evident every game – and ensuring that we are secure defensively to not concede. At the moment we flirt with that line on being a little bit too open, but at the same point we're great to watch and we're good going forward."

"I want us to play good football. I want people to admire what we do and the way we play. And I want that to be a by-product to win, rather than win and let's see how we play against that. The outcome is really important but there are several things that I think have to be very evident every game in order to have a gratifying win. Playing good football, being very offensive and being aggressive with the ball is my way. I wasn't as disappointed to lose as some of the boys, but at the same time I'm saying to them 'Keep going. We'll do a little bit more here and there and that'll mean it doesn't happen again.'

"Against Northampton we were great to watch and went 1-0 up but were undone by two long throws. In youth football that's quite rare so it was a good thing for our lads to experience. In some ways it was good for them to be punished by that as defeat leaves a negative, mental thought process and



Darren Sarll



hopefully that is the motivation to go and make sure that doesn't happen again. With young players if they make mistakes, as long as it doesn't become a habit, it's well worth going through that process."

"Taking a closer look at individuals, Darren continues, "Jack Storer got two goals against Cambridge and the goal against Northampton which was important for him to get off the mark after an early-season suspension."

"We were five good players short against Wimbledon last weekend as Dale Gorman, Ben Kennedy and Tyler Reading had travelled with the first team to Oxford and both Matt Smith and Nathan Kerr were on international duty with Northern Ireland U17s. However the great thing about that was the younger ones really stepped up. From the U16s Zak Guerfi was excellent in midfield and Jamie Silvestre was brilliant in his running and intensity

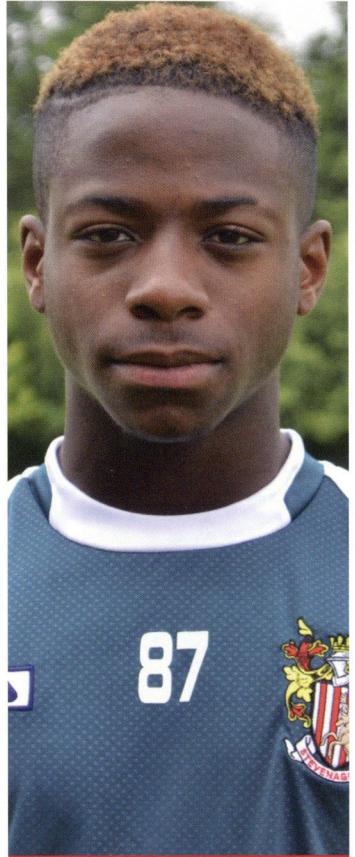
at centre-forward. Then we brought on an U15, David Etheridge, who we think very highly of and he's just 14.

"We probably didn't play as fluently as we have done, but we got a point against probably the best AFC Wimbledon side I've seen, with all due respect. I thought they were quite direct but effective."

"Of the remaining U18s, there was a good substitution by the coach who brought on Brandon Carney to score the equaliser, Norley Butaka and Jack Jones did very well at the back and Robbie Sweeney just makes me smile. I'm a football fan, I love watching the game and the reason I like that is players like Robbie. I want to watch players who take people on and have that entertainment factor in their game. Louis Yamfam is another who could potentially do that. They're the players I really want to watch and we encourage them to dribble and entertain as much as possible."



South East	Pld	W	D	L	For	Agt	GD	Pts
1 Barnet	9	6	2	1	31	24	7	20
2 Milton Keynes Dons	9	5	2	2	26	19	7	17
3 Luton Town	8	4	3	1	18	8	10	15
4 Peterborough United	7	4	2	1	19	8	11	14
5 Leyton Orient	10	3	5	2	19	15	4	14
6 Northampton Town	10	4	2	4	20	20	0	14
7 Watford	9	4	1	4	25	22	3	13
8 Southend United	9	3	3	3	15	19	-4	12
9 AFC Wimbledon	8	2	3	3	9	11	-2	9
10 Stevenage	10	2	3	5	18	21	-3	9
11 Cambridge United	9	2	3	4	12	16	-4	9
12 Dagenham & Redbridge	9	1	3	5	11	28	-17	6
13 Gillingham	9	1	2	6	13	25	-12	5



## MEET THE YOUTH TEAM

**Name:**  
 Louis-Michel Yamfam

**Date of Birth:**  
 24th March 1998

**Position:**  
 Midfield

**Been at Stevenage for:**  
 3 years

**Favourite thing about playing football:**  
 I enjoy the game

**Hobbies away from football:**  
 Swimming and riding my bike

**My aim is to:**  
 Become a professional footballer

**My idol is:**  
 Thierry Henry and Ronaldinho

**My favourite team is:**  
 Arsenal

ON  
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We look at the happenings at Stevenage as well as the wider world of sport and current affairs over this day in history...

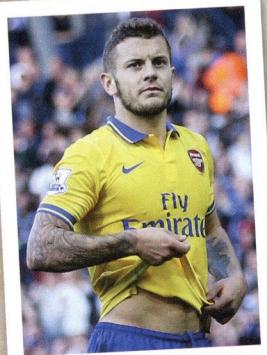
Stevenage 0 Coventry 1

2013, League 1

Leon Clarke's first half goal was enough to secure a narrow 1-0 victory for Coventry against Stevenage at the Lamex Stadium.

Clarke netted his sixth goal of the season after he collected Robin Shroo's lackluster back pass.

John Ashton nearly equalised for the hosts late on, but was denied by a superb stop from Joe Murphy.



#### IN THE NEWS...

- Talk Dirty- by Jason Derulo, feat Two Chains was number 1
- NHS boob jobs were banned
- England footballer Jack Wilshere under fire after being photographed smoking outside a nightclub during Arsenal 'team bonding' session'
- It'll be another Vettel walkover! Brawn fears a procession in Korea as Red Bull champ takes another pole

Stevenage 0 Halifax 1

Conference, 2002

Tom Morgan made a spectacular penalty save as Halifax edged out Stevenage at Broadhall Way.

Boro stopper Mark Westhead was helpless when Halifax deservedly broke the deadlock after 20 minutes. Craig Midgley broke free from the Stevenage defence and swept the ball into the back of the net from close range.

Shaun Garnett handled the ball in the box and the referee duly awarded a penalty to the Boro before sending off the Halifax defender.

Morgan was equal to Jason Goodliffe's spot-kick and superbly parried to safety the striker's fierce rebound as Halifax's ten men hung on for three crucial points.

#### IN THE NEWS...

- The long and Wilding Road, sang by Gareth Gates and Will Young sits at top of the charts.
- After years of delays and countless rows between Ministers and financial backers about a new national football stadium, the bulldozers finally moved in at Wembley.
- A two-line hand-written quotation written from Paul McCartney from a Beatles' song has fetched £1,350 at auction.

2013

Stevenage 2 Dagenham & Redbridge 1  
Conference, 2005

George Boyd scored a late winner to ensure Stevenage maintain their promotion push in a 2-1 victory over Dagenham & Redbridge at the Lamex Stadium.

The Boro had a half-time lead courtesy of an own goal by Ashley Vickers after 34 minutes, only for the Essex side to equalise in the second half through former Arlesey Town striker Craig Mackail-Smith.

The hosts sneaked the win two minutes into injury time as Danny Williams set up George Boyd to fire home from close range.

#### IN THE NEWS...

- Push the Button- by the Sugar games was top of the UK charts.
- Sven Goran Eriksson was hit by the loss of the "world's best left-back" as Ashley Cole joined Gary Neville on the sidelines for England's World Cup qualifier against Austria.
- Australia put their Ashes woes behind them to open the Super Series with a convincing victory over the ICC World XI at the Telstra Dome.

2005

Woking 1 Stevenage 1

Conference, 2001

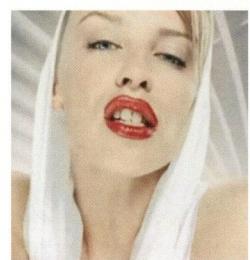
Warren Patmore rescued a point for Woking after scoring the vital equalizer in a 1-1 draw against Stevenage.

The Boro had taken the lead in the 25th minute when Darren Hay slotted the ball into the bottom corner from six yards for his third goal of the season.

But Patmore, who had a goal ruled out in the first half scored his fifth goal in six games for the club having decided to return to non-league football after a brief spell with Rushden & Diamonds to rescue a point.

#### IN THE NEWS...

- The massive hit 'Can't get you out of my head' by Kylie Minogue remains number one.
- The US received permission from Uzbekistan to set up a base of operations against Afghanistan.
- US cellphone giant Motorola dealt tech investors a fresh blow, scrapping its forecast of an early sales revival and axing another 2,000 jobs.



2001

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## WEARING THE SHIRT



**Who is your football hero?**

Ledley King.

**What team do you support?**

Tottenham.

**What is your first memory of watching  
football?**

Watching Tottenham on the TV.

**Who is your favourite Boro player?**

Ronnie Henry.

**Describe yourself as a player?**

I enjoy playing in the midfield and setting up other players.

**When did you start playing football?**

When I was eight-years-old

**What is the favourite match you have played  
in?**

Ladies Reserves cup final (2012/13 season) or the launch match against QPR at the the Lamex.

**Who is the biggest influence on your career?**

My Dad.

**What are your future ambitions?**

To become a PE teacher and keep playing football.



## FIXTURES 2014/15

All Home matches are played at Codicote Social Club.

Date	KO	Opponents	H/A	Res
<b>August 2014</b>				
Sun 17th	2pm	Colchester Town	A	3-3
Sun 31st	2pm	Haringey Borough	A	0-1
<b>September 2014</b>				
Sun 7th	2pm	Billericay Town	A	
Wed 10th	7.5pm	AFC Dunstable	A	
<b>Sun 14th</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Colchester Town</b>	<b>H</b>	
Sun 21st	2pm	Lowestoft Town	A	
<b>Sun 28th</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Acle</b>	<b>H</b>	
<b>October 2014</b>				
Sun 5th	2pm	Leverstock Green	H	
Sun 12th	2pm	Brentwood Town	A	
<b>Sun 19th</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Gt Shelford</b>	<b>H</b>	
Sun 26th	2pm	Billericay Town	H	

Date	KO	Opponents	H/A	Res
<b>November 2014</b>				
Sun 2nd	2pm	Barking	A	
<b>Sun 9th</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Lowestoft Town</b>	<b>H</b>	
Sun 16th	2pm	Gt Shelford	A	
Sun 23rd	2pm	Acle	A	
<b>Sun 30th</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Haringey Borough</b>	<b>H</b>	
<b>December 2014</b>				
<b>Sun 7th</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Barking</b>	<b>H</b>	
Sun 14th	2pm	Peterborough Sports	A	
<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Brentwood Town</b>	<b>H</b>	
Sun 28th	2pm	Peterborough Sports	A	
<b>April 2015</b>				
<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Peterborough Sports</b>	<b>H</b>	
<b>Wed 15th</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>AFC Dunstable</b>	<b>H</b>	

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INTRODUCING:  
**CHARLIE LEE**

Full name?

Charlie Lee

What is your nickname?

Chaz

Where were you born?

Whitechapel

What club did you support as a youngster?

Manchester United

What was the first football match you saw?

West Ham v Kidderminster

What was your first senior club?

Tottenham Hotspur

Who has had the biggest influence on your career?

Ronnie Henry

What was your first honour as a footballer?

League Two Promotion

What are your ambitions as a footballer?

Play for Man United



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Last week's 3-0 win against Mansfield left everybody on a high ahead of today's game...



@deano\_parrett19: Great to be back in the starting 11 today, great performance from the lads. Subs came on and bossed it as well #3points



@charlielee06: It was a pleasure to play with @deano\_parrett19 today! Welcome back ledge! #greatattitude #proudofyoumate



@wellsey19: Perfect game all round, boys were immense today! 12th men and ladies played there part to #getinnnnnnnnthere



@Pettzsta: 3 points, clean sheet and a great team performance! Now need to build on that. Fans were class the whole game too



@TNCarroll: Took my 4 year old daughter to her first match @StevenageFC yesterday. Will be sure to take her back soon! :)

@BerniceRawlings: Proper football played today. Well done @StevenageFC

@gazmurray1: That's more like it! Very happy with the performance and result today. Everyone was outstanding. Same again next week please.

@Jamesreid261: Great win! 3-0. MOTM @wellsey19, a rock at the back.

@b@JoshLRC: First time in a long while that I've thoroughly enjoyed a Boro match and win!

@terrytwitcher: Great football at the Lamex today. Wells was immense and Deacon played his part when he came on. Brilliant stuff from all the team!

@KatyTaylor16: Amazing win and amazing goals, very strong team today. Well deserved @StevenageFC

@SJWatkins: Seasons best for @StevenageFC. Fine win that. Good performances across the pitch.

@JamieNorgan: Big 3 points and two consecutive clean sheets, now bring on Luton!

@FraserRussell: Good to see a fine performance and a thoroughly well-deserved win. Onwards and upwards.

@ArranJohnson: Great performance today, Dean Wells was outstanding

@RobertBaker: Yes! Well done Stevenage. Let's have another win now!



@petersyme\_: Absolutely class performance! #COYB

@SimonHill92: Best performance I've seen from @stevenagefc in a while. Solid win and good momentum into next week. Charlie Lee MOTM!

@DavidBedshammer: Great performance by the whole team, I have a man crush on Dean Wells, he is immense.

@michael\_ives98: Great effort could have been 7 or 8!

@reynalds: Had such a lovely day watching @StevenageFC with my little brother. Can't wait to go again

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# SKY BET LEAGUE 2 ROUND-UP

## BRISTOL CITY'S BOBBY REID HAS JOINED PLYMOUTH ARGYLE FOR A MONTH

Bristol City midfielder Bobby Reid has joined Plymouth Argyle on a month's loan.

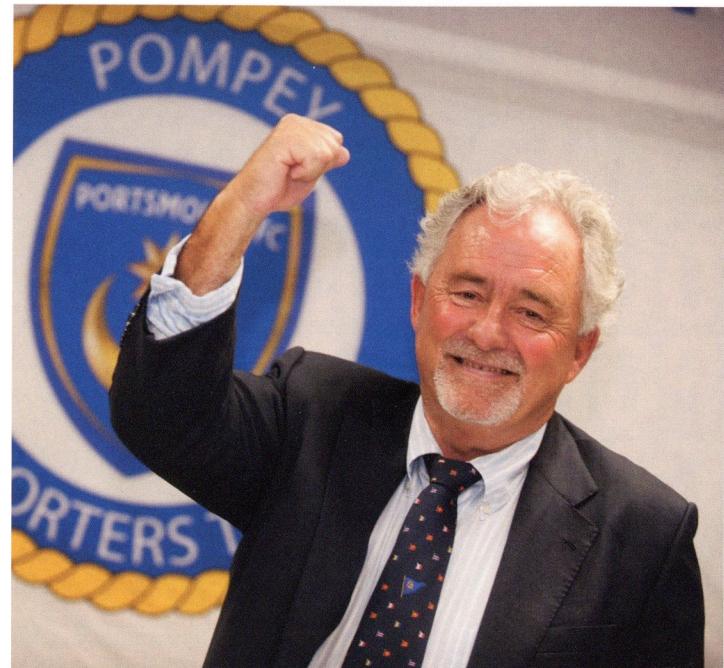
The 21-year-old has made 38 appearances for the Robins since graduating through their academy but has only appeared against Oxford in the Capital One Cup this season.

The move allows Reid to play regular first-team football and he goes straight into the squad for the long trip to Accrington on Saturday.

"He can play anywhere across the midfield," boss John Sheridan told the Western Morning News. "I feel as though we have got one or two players who are similar and he will come in and give us lots of energy. He has played in the Championship and League One, so he has got a bit of experience for a young lad."



## PORTRUSH HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THE CLUB IS NOW DEBT FREE



The League 2 side have paid off all the debts taken on by the club's owners, including those owed to former players, when they came out of administration 17 months ago.

The Pompey Supporters' Trust, led by chairman Iain McInnes, took over at Fratton Park in April last year, saving the south-coast club from going bust.

A statement on Pompey's website read: "Portsmouth Community Football Club would like to announce that all legacy debts taken on by the club as part of its exit from administration in April 2013 have now been fully settled. "Everybody at the club has worked hard in reorganising our operations during the past 18 months and

the legacy debts were a significant liability hanging over this ongoing process.

"We would like to thank all staff, supporters, directors and the PFA for their assistance in enabling this to be achieved well ahead of schedule.

"PCFC can now fully focus its efforts on looking forwards instead of backwards, while still recognising that the rebuilding process will continue to be a difficult task in the years ahead.

"Our imminent move to a new training ground is a fundamental part of this work in putting in place foundations to enable the sustainable growth of all aspects of the club."

## LAST WEEK IN SKY BET LEAGUE 2

Burton Albion bounced back from successive defeats to beat Cheltenham Town and return to the top of Sky Bet League 2 on Saturday. Stuart Beavon's first-half effort proved enough to earn a 1-0 win over the Robins, who are now winless in five games.

The Brewers replace Bury at the top of the table after they fell to a 2-1 defeat at Exeter City. Tom Soares had cancelled out Matt Grimes' early free-kick, but Jimmy Keohane struck in the 83rd minute to earn the Grecians their third successive win.

Wycombe Wanderers are up to second after Paul Hayes' strike secured a 1-0 win over Cambridge United, who have now lost three in a row. Shaquile Coulthirst's early goal was all it took for Southend United to record their fourth victory on the trot as Phil Brown's men won 1-0 against Shrewsbury Town, who had Andy Mangan sent off late on.

David Amoo was the hero as basement boys Carlisle United beat Tranmere Rovers 1-0 to end their dismal 15-game winless run in league games.

Newport County bounced back from their midweek Johnstone's Paint Trophy defeat by thrashing AFC Wimbledon 4-1. A double from Joe Pigott was sandwiched by goals from Ismail Yakubu and Aaron O'Connor as the Exiles extended their unbeaten run in the league to seven games.

York City suffered a third defeat in four games as Joss Labadie scored both goals in Dagenham & Redbridge's 2-0 win.

Chris Whelpdale also bagged a brace as Stevenage recorded a comfortable 3-0 win against Mansfield Town, while Ivan Toney's 33rd-minute goal earned Northampton Town a 1-0 win at Morecambe, who have now won just one of their last six.

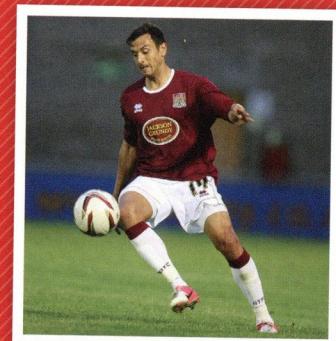
Kal Naismith's early goal earned Accrington Stanley a 1-0 win over Plymouth Argyle, Luke Wilkinson and Jake Howells were on target in Luton Town's 2-0 win over Oxford United and Hartlepool United climbed out of the bottom two with a 0-0 draw at home to Portsmouth.

## NORTHAMPTON TOWN'S ALEX NICHOLLS HAS EXTENDED HIS LOAN SPELL AT EXETER CITY

Northampton striker Alex Nicholls has extended his loan spell at Exeter for a second month. Nicholls has returned to action this season after missing almost two years with a broken leg and has scored once in four appearances for the Grecians.

The Cobblers have a 24-hour recall option on Nicholls during this second month.

"We've extended the loan for a second month and that will be good for Alex and good for us as well," manager Chris Wilder told the official site. He has got better with every game and he obviously got himself on the scoresheet and is starting to do really well for Exeter.



"We're doing okay here and I always said that we wanted him to go and get a good batch of games in. It's a good club for him, they play in a way that suits Alex and hopefully he'll kick himself on in the next month and we'll assess things then.

"The good thing about the second month is that we can pull him back with a 24-hour recall. You don't have that in the first 28 days but we had it with Dean (Snedker) and it's a good option to have."



## MATT HILL MAY NOT PLAY AGAIN FOR TRANMERE UNTIL MARCH

Matt Hill may not play again for Tranmere Rovers until March after going under the knife to cure his Achilles injury.

The defender, who only signed a full-time deal with Rovers recently after initially impressing on a non-trial basis, picked up the problem against Newport County earlier this month and is facing a lengthy period on the sidelines.

"I'm glad I've had the operation," he told the club's official website. "It's all about forward thinking now and looking ahead to getting back in action, hopefully in five or six months.

"The surgeon was happy with the way the operation went. I've now got to put my foot up for a couple of weeks, and then I'll be in a boot for a couple of months after that.

"Then I'll be back with Gregg [Blundell, Tranmere physio] for my rehab on the road to recovery."



# borobear's

## junior boro page

### guess the player



**Clue 1:** I'm a midfielder who returned to first team action at Oxford after injury

**Clue 2:** I played for Tottenham Hotspur before signing for Stevenage

**Clue 3:** I wear the number 18 shirt

Answer

### wordsearch

Can you find the following five players in our wordsearch below who have played for both Stevenage and Luton?

Thorpe  
Stirling  
Drury  
Sinclair  
Murray



### today's mascots



Rojay



Edward



George

A warm welcome to our mascots for this afternoon's game. We hope all three of you have a great day out at The Lamex Stadium!

**Rojay Elizee** is 10 years old and lives in Great Ashb in Stevenage. He attends Martins Wood Primary School and also plays football for Stevenage Borough Vipers. His favourite Boro player is Tom Pett.

**Edward Morris** is from Stotfold and is 12 years old. He attends Etonbury Academy and loves playing football, rugby and cricket. His favourite Stevenage players are Darius Charles and Charlie Lee.

**George Adkins** is our Supporters Association mascot for this afternoon. George is 12 and attends Nobel School here in Stevenage. He has two older sisters, Lauren and Evie, and Tom Pett is his favourite Boro player.

#### JUNIOR SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday in advance to the following two SA members who will be enjoying their big days before our next home game. **Charlie Montgomery** will be turning 8 next Saturday and **Sophie Heraty** will be 4 next Sunday!



### opposition quiz

1) What is Luton's nickname?

- a) The Hatters
- b) The Chairboys
- c) The Brooms

2) Luton's main sponsor on their shirts is?

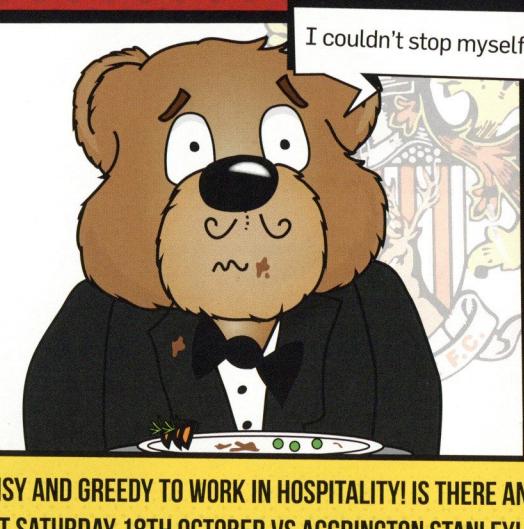
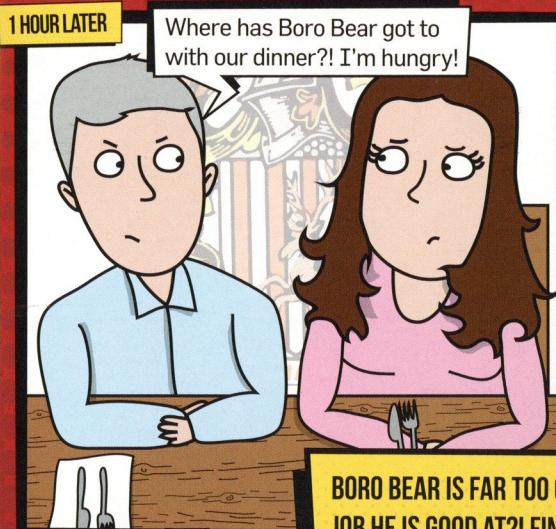
- a) Ryanair
- b) EasyJet
- c) Aer Lingus

3) The Luton Town manager is called?

- a) John Still
- b) John Move
- c) John Run

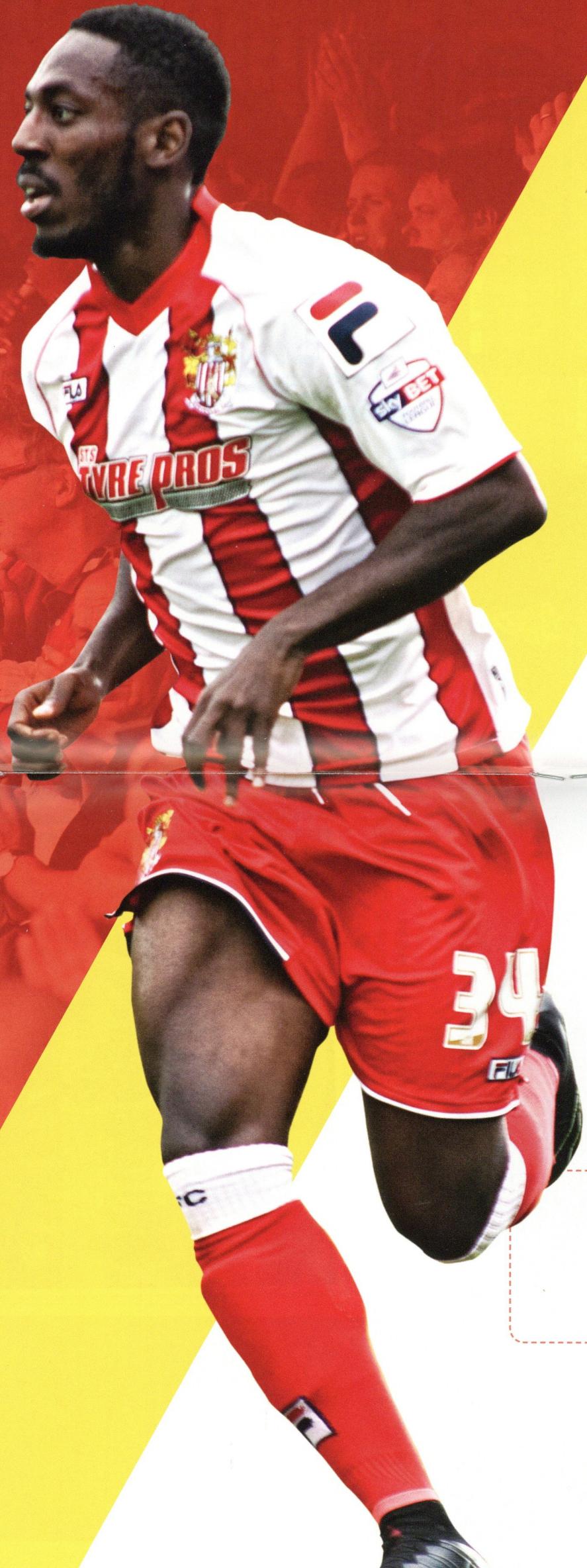
This week we join Boro Bear as he tries a new job in hospitality. Let's see how he gets on....

COMIC #11



**BORO BEAR IS FAR TOO CLUMSY AND GREEDY TO WORK IN HOSPITALITY! IS THERE ANY JOB HE IS GOOD AT?! FIND OUT SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER VS ACCRINGTON STANLEY!**

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**ROARIE  
DEACON**

# INTRODUCING: LUTON TOWN



Welcome to the players, officials and supporters of our near neighbours Luton Town for this afternoon's Sky Bet League 2 fixture.

## HATTERS NEWS

Luton centre half Luke Wilkinson celebrated his 24th birthday in fine style last weekend by scoring Town's opening goal in the 2-0 victory over Oxford United. The former Daggers player was chuffed with his efforts and this coupled with a goal from Jake Howells secured the points. Luton have now won two games on the spin and are undefeated in four.

"It's my birthday," said Wilkinson after the match. "I'm 24 today so I'm a happy man. It's always nice to get a goal but, more importantly, I've helped the team and the team were fantastic to get another three points. That's four games unbeaten now and we're putting a nice little



DEFINING MOMENTS >>> Football historian Leigh Edwards selects ten key matches and events that have shaped Luton Town's post-war era

1955

Gordon Turner scored 32 goals as Luton Town won promotion to the top-flight for the first time in 1954-55.

1959

Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958-59, Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

1968

Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton Town won the Fourth Division title in 1967-68, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

1970

Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as Luton Town won promotion in 1969-70, unbeaten in their last six matches they clinched promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield.

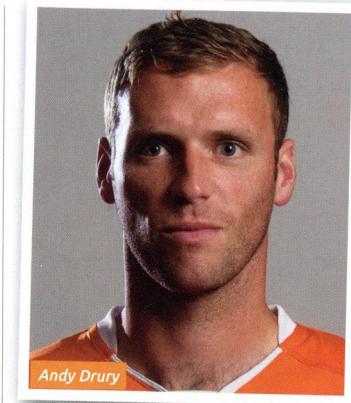
1974

Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973-74. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present as Luton finished runners-up.

run together. I like to think I'm a threat going forward for corners and set pieces so hopefully there will be more.

"To score early on, it's very pleasing, it helps the team and we get a hold on the game. At the minute we're keeping clean sheets. That's four on the spin now so we're confident at the back that we're not going to concede goals, it's just putting it in at the other end. We're doing both at the minute."

Hakan Hayrettin revealed afterwards that the squad had been hit with a sickness bug during the week, with only Scott Griffiths and second half substitute Andy Drury recovering enough to play. "That hampered us quite a bit," said the first team coach. "We've had people with stomach upsets, we've had the flu and we've got a mini epidemic at the club so we had to rethink about the structure of the team today and it worked. That's the depth we've got in our squad. We've got some good players coming back from injury and it worked for us today. Ideally we'd have had a lot more players to pick from. We



Andy Drury

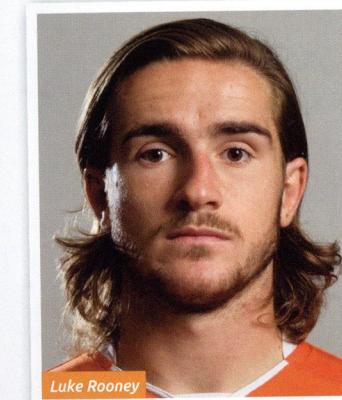
didn't but the boys that played were tremendous and great value."

Considering Town had so many players missing through injury and illness manager John Still was pretty pleased with the recent win at Cambridge. Things have gradually been getting back to normal but it's a slow process waiting for players to regain full fitness as any manager will tell you. A few players now have an opportunity to return to the side but some remain a doubt. "I'll know a bit more on Friday," Still said at Town's training ground. "Sometimes when you go out and you exert yourself in training, you can be a bit stiff, or the injury can be a bit sore, not restrictive but sore. We've found Paul Benson training for a couple of games this week so we'll see how he is on Friday, and that could be another one back. I don't think Luke Rooney will be okay. I'm saying no, but he's trained on Thursday without being 100 per cent on it. But 24 hours can make a massive difference, so we'll have a look at him. Is he a definite yes? No he's not. Is he a definite no? No he's not. He's somewhere in the middle, so we'll have a look."

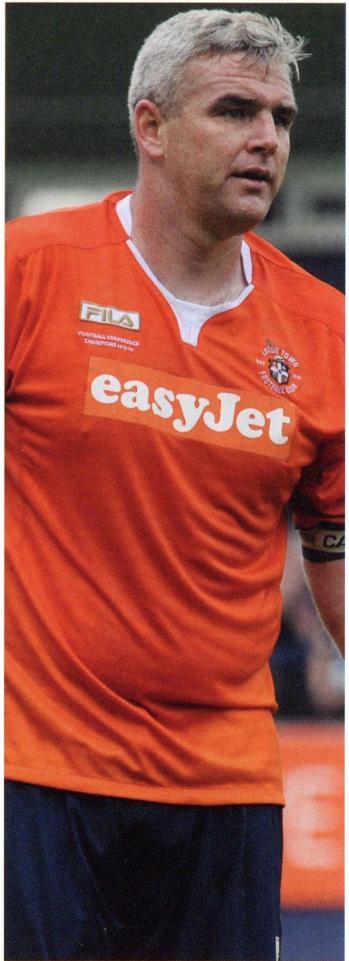
## THE GAFFER: JOHN STILL

The manager, the boss, the gaffer. Still joined the Hatters in March 2013 having enjoyed a hugely successful ten-year spell at Dagenham & Redbridge where he guided the Daggers to the Conference title as well as promotion to League 1.

In his first season in the Hatters' hot-seat he guided the club to the Conference title with 101 points. It was the third time he had won the division in his career.



Luke Rooney



### STAR PLAYER: **STEPHEN McNULTY**

**Experienced centre-half who signed a new deal with the Hatters after a string of accomplished performances for the club during 2012/13.**

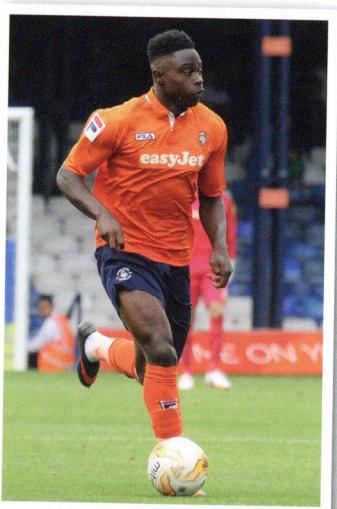
The Liverpool-born defender led Fleetwood Town to Conference title in 2011/12, lifting the title as the Cod Army captain. The Liverpudlian has also played for Barrow, Vauxhall Motors and Bursough. McNulty enjoyed a fantastic season at the heart of the Hatters defence in 2013/14 and was an ever-present as the Hatters lifted the Conference title. He walked away with a whole host of end-of-season awards, including Player of the Year and goal of the season. Named captain for the 2014/15 campaign.



Alex Lacey, who deputised at right-back against Cambridge in the absence of Paul Connolly and following Curtley Williams' first-half withdrawal, picked up a slight injury this week but Still hopes to have the defender available. Options are fast becoming limited. But what can you do with a right-side obliterated by injuries?

"It's really important wherever you can not to risk people," said Still. "We had to do it with Curtley Williams, we didn't really have a choice and in the end he had to come off at Cambridge. Fraser Franks, who isn't fit, can do a job there, but not ideally, while Alex Lacey has had a little bit of a knock, but has trained as well and went there (right back) and did well. So if that was the case again, it wouldn't give us too much trouble and we'll evaluate the situation with Curt and Paul Connolly next week. If Curt

wasn't available on Saturday, I'm pretty sure he'll be able to play next week and maybe Paul Connolly as well, so that situation will look a lot healthier."



# LUTON TOWN IN NUMB3RS

## 1891

Became the first professional football club in the south of England.

## 1988

Won the League Cup with a dramatic 3-2 triumph over Arsenal.

## 562

Total number of outings of Bob Mortan, the Hatters all time appearance record holder.

## 15

Luton beat Yarmouth Town by an incredible fifteen goals in an FA Cup tie in 1914

## 276

Goals scored by Gordon Turner during his Luton Town career, making him the club's record goalscorer.

## 3MILLION

Amount paid by West Bromwich Albion for centre-half Curtis Davies

## 10

Goals forward Joe Payne Scored against Bristol Rover's in 1936, which is a football league record for the most amount of goals scored in a football league match by a single player.

## 11

Goals legendary Wales and Celtic striker John Hartson netted as a teenager for the Hatters

## 16

The age of Jordan Patrick when he made his debut against Grimsby Town in 2008, making him the clubs youngest ever player.

# STAR GRADUATE: BRUCE RIOCH

Football historian Leigh Edwards profiles one of Luton Town's finest-ever players

**P**owerful midfielder Bruce Rioch was capped 24 times by Scotland after leaving Luton Town.

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

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

Bruce played for Villa in the 1971 League Cup final and starred in their 1971-72 Third Division title triumph. Moving to Derby County for £200,000 in February 1974, he took over from the injured Henry Newton and helped Dave Mackay's side to finish third in the top-flight that season. Rioch was ever-

present and leading marksman with 15 League goals in 1974-75 when Derby won the League Championship for the second time in four seasons.

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

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

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



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



## WE'VE MET BEFORE

Steven Smith looks at some of the classic previous meetings between Stevenage and Luton.

**2002/03**

**Stevenage 3 Luton Town 4**

*12th November 2002, LDV Vans Trophy*

Ahmet Brkovic scored an incredible three goals in six minutes to send Luton through 4-3 at the expense of local rivals Stevenage.

The Boro had been ahead at half time after Kevin Nicholls had put the ball into his own net, but the Hatters were level shortly after the break when Tony Thorpe powerfully headed home.

Dominica international forward Richard Paquette then put the hosts back in front before Brkovic made it 2-2 following Michael Leary's delivery.

He then thumped the Hatters in front before securing the visitors place in the next round with a confident left-footed finish moments later.

Versatile Richard Scott then pulled back a consolation for the Boro late on.

**Stevenage 0 Luton Town 1**

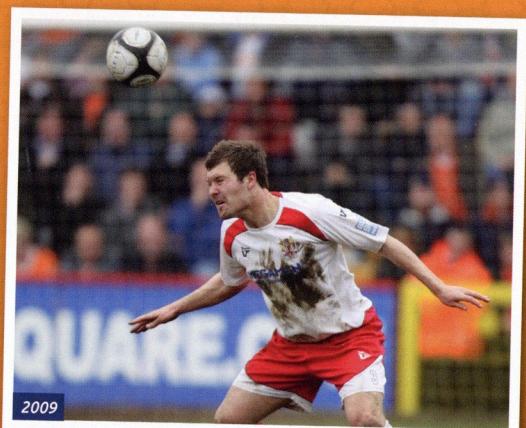
*14th October 2003, LDV Vans Trophy*

Substitute Matthew Judge's last gasp strike was enough to secure a 1-0 triumph for Luton against local rivals Stevenage, and sends the Hatters through to the next round of the LDV Vans Trophy.

The visitors started the game the better and came close through Ahmet Brkovic, but he was denied by a superb Mark Westhead save.

Stevenage then came forward with some momentum, but both Tony Battersby and Simon Wormull squandered opportunities.

The match looked destined for extra-time but as the game drew close to the final whistle Judge struck spectacularly from 25 yards to snatch victory and a place in the next round for Luton.



**2009/10**

**Luton 0 Stevenage 1**

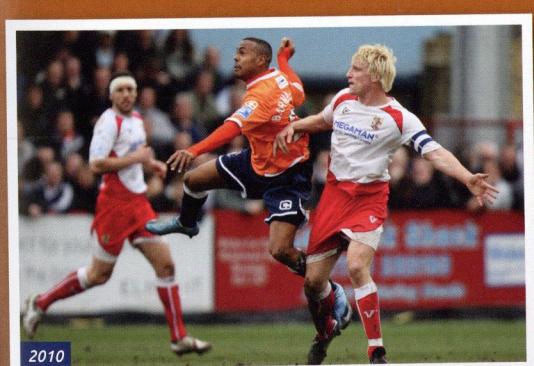
*19th September 2009, Conference Premier*

Scott Laird popped up with a late goal to snatch a 1-0 victory against Luton, stretching Stevenage's unbeaten run to eight games.

Centre-half Mark Roberts almost put Stevenage in front when he rose highest to meet a corner, but saw his header drop inches wide of the post.

Jake Howell's then volleyed over for the Hatters before Boro forward Chris Beardsley's shot was tipped around the post by Mark Tyler.

Luton nearly snatched the points themselves, yet George Pilkington's effort could only find the post before Scott Laird left-footed strike into the top corner confirmed victory for the visitors.



**Stevenage 0 Luton 1**

*3rd April 2010, Conference Premier*

Matthew Barnes-Homer scored one-minute after coming off the bench to secure a 1-0 victory for Luton against Stevenage, cutting the Boro's lead at the top of the table to two points.

After a goalless first half, Luton keeper Mark Tyler made a superb fingertip save to deny Chris Beardsley just minutes before Barnes-Homer entered the fray.

The substitute then curled in a left-footed shot from the edge of the box ten minutes after the break to earn the Hatters their eighth straight win.





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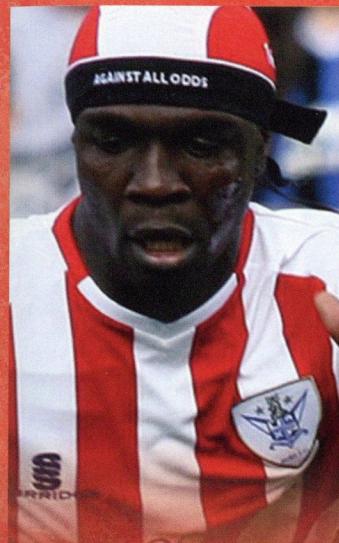
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## A BOOT IN BOTH CAMPS

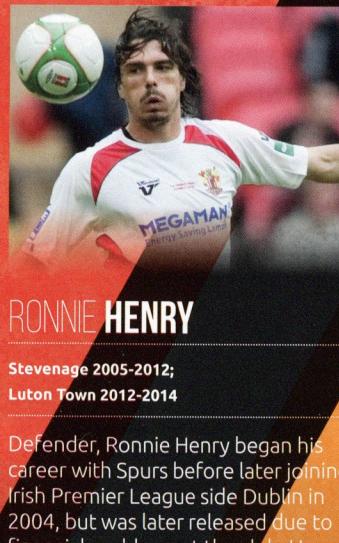
Steven Smith looks at some of the names that have linked Stevenage and Luton over the years...



### EFE SODJE

Stevenage 1994-1997;  
Luton Town 1999-2000

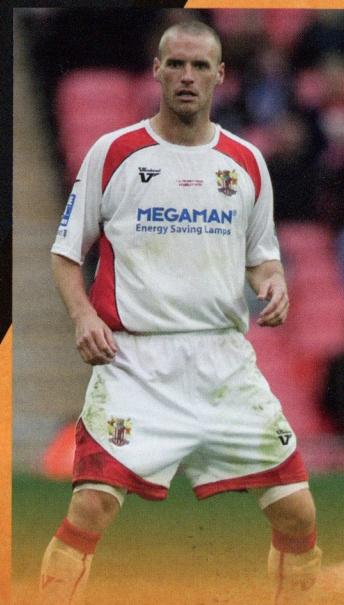
Sodje was the rock at the heart of Stevenage defence during his time at the club. After being denied promotion due to a lack of facilities, Sodje was forced to leave Stevenage to achieve his dream of playing in the football league, and did so for newly promoted Macclesfield Town in 1997. He had made 138 appearances for Stevenage during his three-year spell, scoring 13 goals. After his time at Macclesfield, Sodje subsequently signed for Luton Town, but would only make nine appearances in his one year at the club. However, after getting his career back on track he did enough to be called up for the Nigeria Squad, and subsequently represent his country at the 2002 World Cup.



### RONNIE HENRY

Stevenage 2005-2012;  
Luton Town 2012-2014

Defender, Ronnie Henry began his career with Spurs before later joining Irish Premier League side Dublin in 2004, but was later released due to financial problems at the club. He then signed for Hertfordshire side Stevenage side until the end of the 2004/05 season. Henry was part of the side that made the Conference play-off final in 2005, falling one game short of promotion to the football league. The following season, he was made captain, and was part of the Stevenage side that won the FA Trophy in the first ever-competitive final at Wembley Stadium; ultimately becoming the first ever player to lift a competitive trophy at the new stadium in May 2007. He enjoyed FA Trophy success once more in 2009, before being an instrumental part of the side that earned promotion to the Football League before the following season promotion to League 1. Henry then left Stevenage in 2012 after seven years with the club to join local rivals Luton, where he was made captain, and in his second year with the Hatters lead the side back to the football league. The England C international then returned to the Lamex Stadium this summer.



### ANDY DRURY

Stevenage 2008-2010;  
Luton 2010-2011 and 2014 to present)

Midfielder, Andy Drury was signed by Graham Westley in the close season of 2008 with the view of gathering a squad strong enough to target promotion. The versatile midfielder brought a wealth of Conference experience and in his two years made fifty-seven league outings, netting seven times as Stevenage won promotion to the football league. He then had a short one-year stint at Luton Town before he was signed by Championship outfit, Ipswich Town for £150,000 in 2011. After two years at Portman Road he was on the move again, joining League 1 side, Crawley Town in 2013. A year later and Drury rejoined Luton for £100,000 after two initial bids had been rejected.

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## FROM THE PRESS BOX

Today's viewpoint comes from Simon Oxley, commentator at BBC 3CR

**Today's derby match has been eagerly anticipated at BBC 3CR, and is one of several 3CR derbies in League Two.**

**A**dmittedly Stevenage versus Wycombe is stretching it a bit, but I can remember Norwich versus Luton being called a derby purely because they were both in the Anglia TV region.

Anyway there's no argument on Stevenage versus Luton. After all it's only ten minutes up the A505, a queue through Hitchin, and a quick trip under the A1 - the geography is easy to debate. But I'll admit that for many years it was unthinkable in footballing terms.

I was aware of Luton as a football club from a fairly early age - my Grandpa was a big Morecambe and Wise fan - but Stevenage only cropped up during Mr Tuffin's geography lesson on new towns. Even when I headed south, notebook and pen in hand in the 1980s, Luton were riding high, and Stevenage were midweek opponents for Wolverton on a Tuesday night assignment for the Milton Keynes Herald.

Since then of course, for a variety of reasons, they have been drawn closer together and their paths crossed in the 2009/10 season with significant fixtures.

Scott Laird's goal at Kenilworth Road at the end of September 2009 gave Stevenage a one-nil victory and meant the end of Mick Harford's managerial reign. Matthew Barnes-Homer's goal here at the beginning of April



2010 gave Luton a one-nil win, but it was Stevenage who went on to win the Conference title.

Now they are back together again, and in the Football League. In the seasons since that Conference title race, Luton have finally made it up of course, whilst Stevenage went up again, and nearly a third time, before being relegated last season.

How they both respond to League 2 will be, and has already been, fascinating. At the start of the season I predicted Luton would finish above Stevenage, and I stand by that although Luton haven't found top gear, and the Boro look to have the makings of a good side.

John Still and Graham Westley are football men who live and

breathe the game. JS was a strong candidate to manage here a few years back, whilst Luton fans debated long and hard about appointing GW.

I wish both sides well today, and make no apologies for reflecting that in commentary.

Ronnie Henry will no doubt be the centre of attention, but is more than capable of coping with that. I hope, and believe, that he will get a good reception from the travelling faithful. Indeed, two of my fondest memories in 25 seasons with the BBC involve Ronnie Henry holding up a trophy; the FA Trophy in the first final at the new Wembley in 2007, and the Conference trophy at Kenilworth Road just a few months ago.

So plenty of links, and plenty of talking points in the so far brief history of Stevenage versus Luton. There will be plenty more today, and you can always have your say on 3CR. Today's programme comes live from the Lamex Stadium, and you can text, tweet, email or phone-in with your views after 5pm.

Then keep in touch with every game after today. Stevenage matches are on 95.5FM, with Luton on 630 and 1161 medium wave. Both feature on other FM frequencies depending on other fixtures, and all our clubs share the DAB digital radio frequency.

Really looking forward to today's game. Hope you enjoy it.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL GAME

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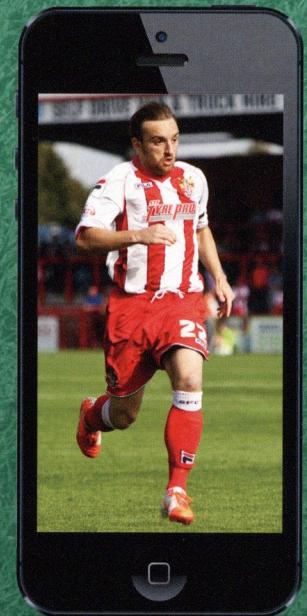
Adrian Roberts takes his usual irreverent look at the world of football.

Isn't technology great? Tap something into a YouTube search relating to a goal you missed, a dirty tackle, a penalty shoot-out or an end of season celebration and you can more or less guarantee that it'll be there. You can then watch the footage that some random geezer uploaded on his mobile phone. It's unreal. The BBC and Match of The Day camera's missed it (or were not present at the game) but Dave down the road, he caught it all in full colour with Dolby digital sound to accompany the footage. That's the positive side of all this social media stuff. There are also many clips that you'd rather not watch relating to the game, although I do like to watch the clips of nasty tackles and legs and ankles bent where they shouldn't bend as a result of the said tackles. It's a little twisted I know but we all have weird little things don't we. It's no different to seeing an ambulance at the scene of a crash, en route to an away game and then slowing down to see what's kicked off - we all have a look to see what we can see don't we?

As well as the 'You tube' facility, there's Facebook and Twitter with which we can keep up to date with Celebs and even the players. It's almost as if we're their best-mate- ever when we make a little comment and they reply! You've got to remember that all this is brand new to some of the older fans (like me). The best we used to get, if we couldn't make it to the match was a crackling transistor radio held firmly against the lughole whilst fighting with a telescopic rod (also known as an ariel) which never did what it should. It always crackled more when our boys were in attack and goal-bound. Let me tell you, these were frustrating times!

Nowadays, it's a click here and there or a touchscreen tap and within seconds you have LIVE action, blow by blow accounts of the entire game. Even football betting has been revolutionised and you can now bet on how many cups of tea the ref has at the half-time interval amongst other things. Once upon a time, to place a bet on the football, you had to walk to the bookmakers shop, fill in a slip with a pen that rarely worked, stand in a smoke filled environment polluting your lungs and all you had as options on the outcome of a game were H,A&D. Home win, Away Win or Draw. You placed a cross in a box, paid your stake PLUS TAX, and then waited until Monday if you were lucky enough to win to be able to pick up your fortune. (Bookies were shut on Sunday's back then). In this day and age, you can cash out at various stages of the game (if you're chicken!) and should you win, the 'cash' goes straight into your electronic account until you lose it the next day on the Man Utd v Southampton result which never goes to plan! How things have progressed eh?

With the 'selfie' phenomena going strong currently, Social media technology has reached a new height / low? During a match in America featuring Sporting Kansas City, their English striker Dom Dwyer was yellow carded after celebrating a goal. Not because he took off his shirt (jersey) and shorts (pants) and ran the length of the pitch somersaulting. No, he was booked for taking a 'selfie' with a mobile phone that he'd strategically placed behind the opposition goal before the kick-off! He must have been confident of scoring to have done that. Or, the phone had been there for each of the previous 10 games, he just happened to score at this one! Personally, I blame



the producers of the world cup coverage on TV. They were asking for us to send them our 'goal-face' selfies throughout the world cup so he thought he'd have a bash at one. Perhaps if England had scored more than just the ONE goal over their 270 minutes of their Brazil World Cup existence, more of us may have sent in a goal-face selfie? I probably wouldn't have done one due to the broken ariel on my 1980's brick sized mobile. I probably tried to use the ariel on my transistor radio last week!

Hopefully, there'll be no silliness from the players today trying take 'selfies' after scoring a dramatic goal. If the bloke next to you in the stand tries to take one of his goalface, make sure you get in behind him before he does it and smile. More importantly, let's hope we're all smiling after these 90 minutes resulting in a victory for the boys!

# From THE ARCHIVES

## THE WALLSPAN LEAGUE CUP



Lloyd Briscoe continues his look through the history of Stevenage Borough. This week's episode starts at Christmas 1979.

It was 1979 and Christmas was fast approaching.

Stevenage Borough were becoming accustomed to their first season in the Wallspan Southern Combination League and the new players were gelling well together as a team.

Despite still playing their home games on the King George V playing fields, the promise of returning to a refurbished Broadhall Way later in the season was a massive incentive for the fledgling club.

Having completed a goodly part of their league commitments, Stevenage embarked on a number of cup competitions, one of them being the Wallspan Southern Combination League Cup

On November 17th, the Boro journeyed to Bedford in the 1st round of the Wallspan League cup competition. The team that Derek Montgomery took on this occasion was: Billy Bennett, Graham Pearce, Jerry Abbiss, John Downes, Tony Shafe, Mark Vooght, Drew Noble, Peter Gittings, Malcolm Ward, Frank Tyler, and Brian Carter. Subs for this game were Derek Montgomery and Paul Peterson.

It was a poor pitch at Bedford. So poor in fact, that the groundstaff were still sanding parts of the playing surface just before kick-off, with both teams still warming up on the pitch. The ground was a quagmire.

Borough took a very early lead, with just two minutes on the clock. Having been fouled, Drew Noble took the resulting free kick. Headed on by Malcolm Ward, Frank Tyler easily headed home into an empty net. This early goal subsequently allowed Stevenage to dominate the first half and a

Brian Carter effort on the 33rd minute was only narrowly cleared off of the line.

The respective half-time team talks clearly went in the favour of Bedford, whose game was much improved in the second half. However, a resolute Borough held on to their lead until the 82nd minute when Bedford managed to equalise.

Stevenage Borough went on to beat Bedford 2-1 in the replay where they were rewarded with a home tie against Dunstable on December 1st. This was fortuitous, as Boro had previously thrashed Dunstable 0-3 away in a league game on the Wednesday before with Nigel Roberts scoring a hat-trick.

The cup game with Dunstable was much the same story as the league game – except for the first half-hour or so. During this period, Dunstable effectively dominated the mid-field, but failed to trouble the Stevenage goal-keeper, Billy Bennett.

During the 40th minute of the game, Drew Noble launched a fine through ball to player-boss Derek Montgomery whose accurate cross met the head of Nigel Roberts – who duly scored his fourth goal against Dunstable in as many days.

In the second half, Borough again dominated, but failed to score again until the 87th minute when Malcolm Ward buried an unstoppable shot that the Dunstable goal-keeper (Barnes) simply couldn't keep out.

However, just two minutes later, John Downes handled in the penalty area, allowing the Bedfordshire team a consolation goal.

Result: Stevenage Borough 2-1 Dunstable Reserves.

So, having despatched two teams from the Wallspan League Cup (Bedford and Dunstable), the Boro were then drawn against Letchworth – away.

The game was originally scheduled to be played on New Year's Eve, but intensive rain storms rendered almost all of the pitches in North Herts unplayable.

In the event, Stevenage Borough beat Letchworth and went on to meet Luton Town "A" in a two-legged semi-final.

The 1st leg was played on Saturday April 19th 1980.

Stevenage lost 4-2. By the 70th minute, it was actually 4-0 to Luton. The Hatters scored two of them from penalties, one of which was hotly disputed. Drew Noble had been dismissed due to an alleged derogatory remark to the referee, and Derek Montgomery was furious. He was adamant that the referee had got the wrong player.

Stevenage did fight back though with a goal apiece from John Huxtable and Ashley Palmer. A third, from Frank Tyler, was disallowed.

The 2nd leg was played a week later at Hitchin's Top Field stadium. Despite Borough being the much better team on the day, the game ended in a 2-2 draw, dashing Stevenage's hopes of collecting silverware in their first season as a senior club. Goals from Peter Gittings and Derek Montgomery were neutralised by Luton, who progressed through to the final.

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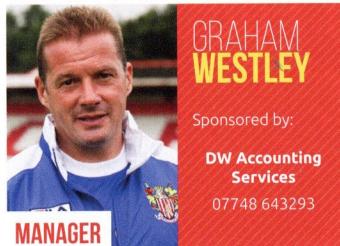
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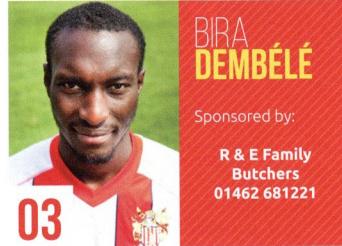
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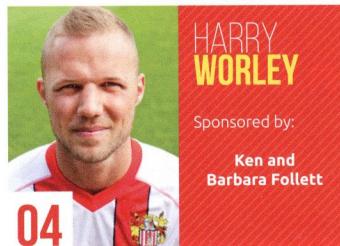
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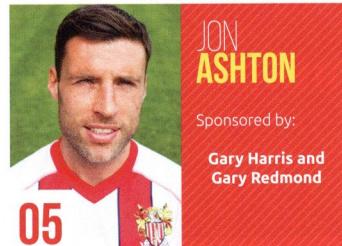
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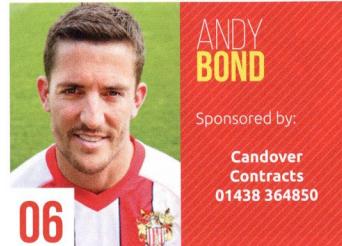
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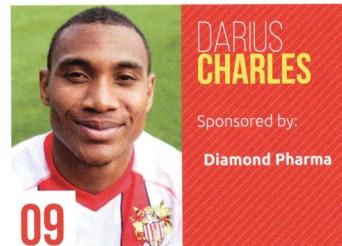
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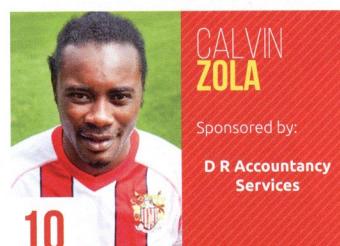
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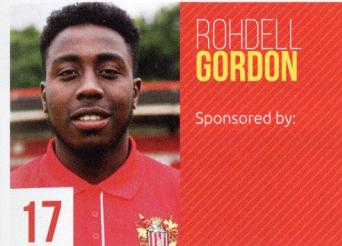
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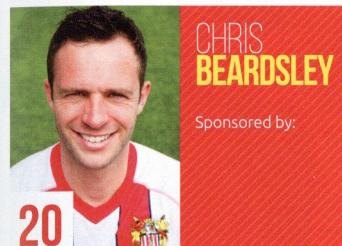
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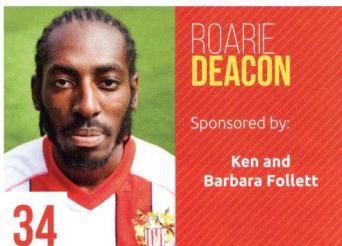
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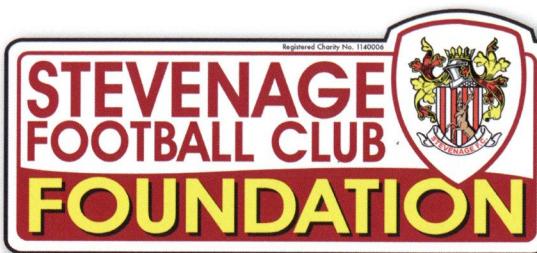
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Good afternoon and welcome to this afternoon's match against Luton Town.



## SIX MONTHS UNTIL GAMBIA 2015

With just six months to go until the Foundation heads off to Gambia with a group of 40 volunteers to coach, teach and build, the Foundation received a special delivery last week when a 40 Foot shipping container arrived from Felixstowe Port. Donated by a supporter of the work the Foundation have been carrying out in Africa, the steel container will be shipped off to the Gambia in November, with the materials to build a 100 seat football stand for the village of Sittanaku. The Foundation would like to welcome any donations of clothes and educational resources from the club's supporters which will be put onto the container and unloaded in April when the team of volunteers

arrives. Anyone wishing to make donations should take them to the Foundation Office in the West Stand between 9am-5pm Monday to Friday before Friday 31st October.

### OCTOBER HALF TERM - DEVELOPMENT CENTRE TRIALS

The Foundation will be holding trials for its remaining Development Centre places on Monday 27th October 09.30-11.30 at the Stevenage Football Academy. The Development Centre's which run on a Tuesday evening are designed to offer players aged 7-16 years old the opportunity to access an hour of technical training per week in addition to their normal football commitments. To book your space on the trial at a cost of £5.00 per player visit [www.participant.co.uk/sfcfc](http://www.participant.co.uk/sfcfc) or call 01438 222222.

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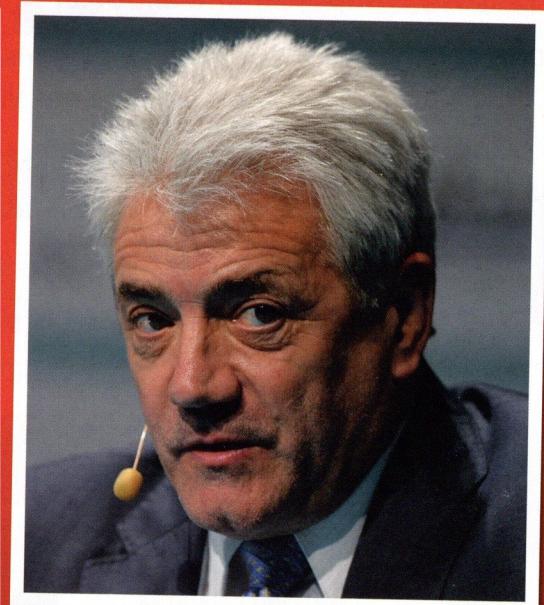


**Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to The Lamex Stadium for our Sky Bet League 2 match against Luton Town.**

Today's match is sponsored by Letchworth Garden City Eagles Football Club, with the Mitre match ball being sponsored by Black and White Fire Safety Ltd.

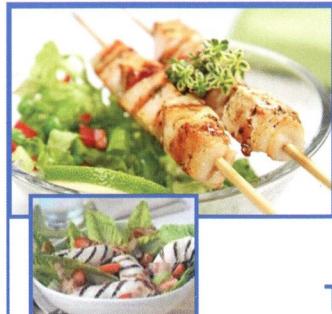
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The club was established in 1978 when it was known as Westbury United. The name was subsequently changed to Letchworth Garden City Eagles and by 2010 the club had expanded to over 450 players between the ages of 6 and 18, boys and girls. In 2008-9 two adult teams were formed to provide an exit route for youth players. They compete in the Herts Senior County League, the boys teams play in the Royston Crow League with the girls playing in the Herts Girls League. The club is affiliated to the Hertfordshire Football Association and in recent years have been awarded status as a Charter Standard Development Club. In 2008-9 the Herts FA awarded the club the honour of being County Charter Standard Club of the Year. In 2006 new changing facilities were built with the aid of a grant from the Football Foundation, the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and various other local bodies. They are now some of the best facilities for youth football in the county. Representing the club here today are the Under 18's Red squad and it's coaching and management team. If you would like to play football in a safe and friendly environment please contact the club directly on **07730 264598** or email Vince Paige at [vincepaige@hotmail.com](mailto:vincepaige@hotmail.com)



## BORO SIGN UP KEVIN KEEGAN

After trying for several years, we are delighted to announce that we've agreed a date with Kevin Keegan for him to be the Guest Speaker at one of Sportsman's Dinners. The date is Friday 5th December and the event will be held at the Holiday Inn, Stevenage. Kevin is undoubtedly one of the most recognised footballers in the world and we are honoured that he has agreed to join us for the evening. He is one of the most accomplished speakers from the world of football and has some fantastic stories to tell from his career, both at club and international level. Tickets for this event are sure to sell very quickly so please book early to avoid missing what promises to be an unforgettable evening. Tables of 10 are available at £650 each + VAT, with individual seats available too £65 + VAT. We are also able to secure accommodation at the Holiday Inn at very favourable rates for anyone wishing to stay that evening. Single rooms are priced at £45 with double/twin rooms priced at £55, both on a B & B basis. For more information or to make a booking, please call Clive Abrey on **01438 223223** or email him at [clivea@stevenagefc.com](mailto:clivea@stevenagefc.com)



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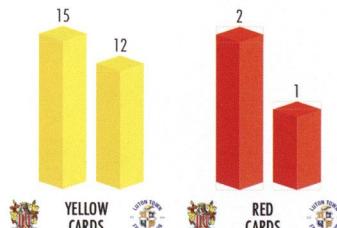
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### MATCH FACTS

Chris Whelpdale has  
scored four goals in five  
home games for Stevenage  
this season.



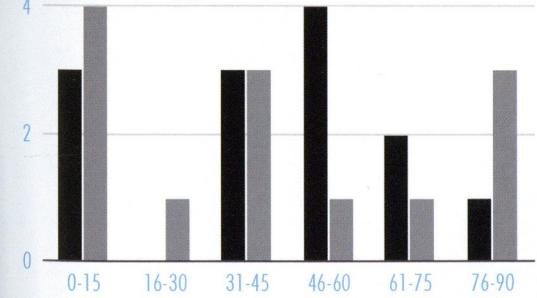
### MATCH FACTS

The away side has won all  
four meetings between  
these two teams in all  
competitions (incl.  
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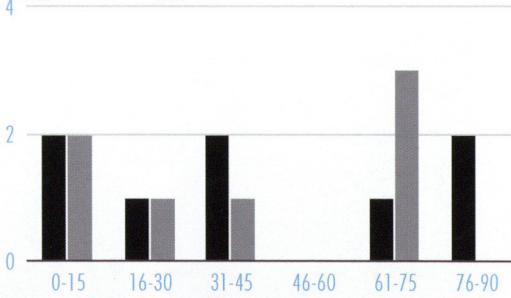
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The Supporters Association are delighted to welcome all fans to this afternoon's Sky Bet League 2 fixture against Luton Town. We do hope that you enjoy the game, and your visit to the Lamex Stadium.

### SA TICKET WINNERS

Today's lucky ticket winners are Michael Argent from Frinton-on-Sea and Helen Hetherington from Kirby Cross in Notts. We do hope that they enjoy their afternoon as the club's guests. Geoff Gibbs the SA secretary will be making a draw at half-time today for two lucky winners of tickets for the Accrington game.

### THE SA FAN'S TEAM

Today we focus on the SA sponsored fan's football team (SSAFC), which was formed in 2005, and who play in the Internet Football Association (IFA). Their first competitive IFA game was back in 2006 when they lost rather heavily to Kidderminster. The team have now faced over 75 different supporters teams across the country, including the likes of Hibernian and Preston to Eastbourne and Forest Green. Their manager, who has organised games from the very beginning, is Keith Bell who has made a total of 94 appearances. The team's biggest victory was 13-0 at home to Weymouth, and the team's top goalscorer with 36 is Daniel Swales. For the past two seasons the fans team, in conjunction with Ben Cole, have organised the Mitchell Cole Memorial tournament, which took place at Ware's Woodon Park in 2013, and Arlesey Town's Armadillo Stadium in May of this year. This tournament has now raised in excess of £2,000 for the Cardiomyopathy Association, which could not have been achieved without the support from the Stevenage FC fan base and the footballing community.

The team are always on the lookout for new players, so if you would



like to represent the supporter's team, then please get in touch. The team are also looking for shirts from the 2012/13 season that can be seen in their team photo, which was taken at the Armadillo Stadium before the start of this year's Mitchell Cole Tournament. If you would like to donate a shirt, please let us know.

### RACE NIGHT

A reminder that the SA are holding a race night in the Broadhall Suite on Friday 17th October. Tickets are free to SA members (1 per member) or just £1 for each non-member. Tickets are available from Amanda or Fiona on match days, the club shop or on the door on the night. There are also opportunities for companies or individuals to sponsor races at £30 per race. The SA are also looking for any donations for raffle prizes.

### SA Coach TRAVEL

Next Saturday we make the long trip to Carlisle, leaving at 8.30am. The cost is £30 for members and

£35 for non-members. Please note this coach will only run, if we have a sufficient number who wish to travel. Please check SA website for latest information.

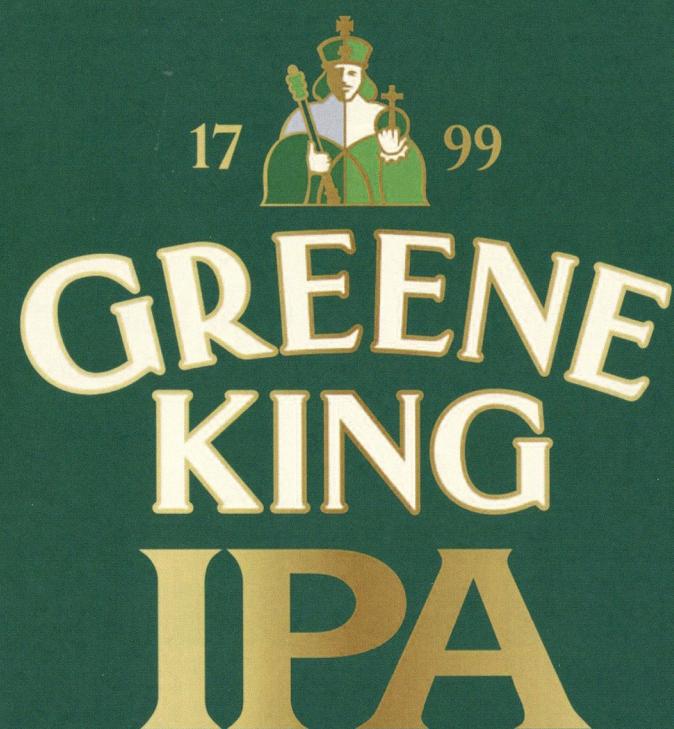
On Tuesday 21st we visit Portsmouth with the coach leaving at 4.30pm and costing members £20 and non-members £25. You can book your seat at the SA point on the East/North Terrace, or after today's at the north end of the Main Stand. More travel information on the SA website, where you can now book online via our eShop.

### SA MASCOT

The SA's mascot for this afternoon's game is 12 year George Adkins. We hope that he enjoys his afternoon at The Lamex, and the experience of leading out the Boro.

### CONTACT DETAILS

For more information about the SA, visit our website at [www.sfcfa.co.uk](http://www.sfcfa.co.uk). You can also telephone Mervyn our administrator on 07909 697129, or visit the SA points at the Broadhall Way end of the ground.





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### LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

#### GOALS

1		RICHARDS	8
2		TUBBS	7
3		ELLISON	5
4		HAYES	5
5		HYLTON	5

#### SHOTS ON TARGET

1		COLLINS	14
2		HYLTON	13
3		TUBBS	13
4		WALLACE	13
5		MOHAMED	11

#### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1		CURETON	62
2		WYKE	60
3		ELLISON	58
4		HYLTON	56
5		TUBBS	50

#### FOULS

1		AKINFENWA	34
2		MARQUIS	21
3		PENN	21
4		REID	21
5		HAREWOOD	18

### LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

No side has kept more clean sheets this season than Wycombe Wanderers (5).



#### ASSISTS

1		CURETON	5
2		DONALDSON	4
3		ALESSANDRA	3
4		BEAVON	3
5		BROUGH	3

#### MINUTES PER GOAL

1		KEE	17
2		STOCKLEY	38
3		SINCLAIR	72
4		ARTHUR	76
5		BARNARD	82

#### MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1		BOBBY-JOE T...	58
2		KLUKOWSKI	67
3		WORRALL	89
4		SMITH	90
5		KAYODE ODEJ...	100

#### MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1		LYNCH	27
2		BREZOVAN	30
3		GILLESPIE	39
4		ARCHER	40
5		LUMLEY	41

### LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Hartlepool have fired in just 21 shots on target in 2014/15, nine fewer than any other team.

# FIXTURES & RESULTS 2014/15

Date	Opponent	H/A	KO	Res	Att	Starting XI											Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3
<b>August 2014</b>																			
Sat 9th	Hartlepool	H	15:00	1-0	3,023	BEASANT ASHTON WORLEY WELLS	DEMBELE WHELPDALE 1	BOND	LEE	PETT	CHARLES	MARRIOTT	CALCUTT	OKIMO	DEACON				
Tue 12th	Watford (COC1)	H	19:45	0-1	3989	BEASANT WORLEY WELLS DEMBELE	PETT BOND	LEE	WHELPDALE	OKIMO	CHARLES	MARRIOTT	DEACON	CALCUTT	ASHTON				
Sat 16th	Southend United	A	15:00	0-2	5397	BEASANT ASHTON WORLEY WELLS	DEMBELE WHELPDALE	LEE	WALTON	PETT	CHARLES	MARRIOTT	BOND	DEACON	OKIMO				
Tue 19th	Plymouth	A	19:45	1-1	6240	BEASANT ASHTON WELLS DEMBELE	OKIMO WHELPDALE	LEE	WALTON	BOND	CHARLES	DEACON	CALCUTT	PETT	JOHNSON				
Sat 23rd	Wycombe	H	15:00	1-3	2,832	BEASANT ASHTON WELLS DEMBELE	OKIMO WHELPDALE	BOND	WALTON	DEACON	LEE	CHARLES 1	PETT	JOHNSON					
Sat 30th	AFC Wimbledon	A	15:00	3-2	3,791	BEASANT HENRY WELLS 1 CHARLES	OKIMO WHELPDALE	BOND	WALTON	LEE 1	PETT	LANCASTER 1	CALCUTT	DEACON	MARRIOTT				
<b>September 2014</b>																			
Tue 2nd	Gillingham (JPT1)	H	19:45	0-1	1613	DAY HENRY WELLS CHARLES	OKIMO WHELPDALE	LEE	WALTON	DEACON	CALCUTT	LANCASTER	MARRIOTT	ZOLA	ASHTON				
Sat 6th	York	H	15:00	2-3	3090	BEASANT HENRY ASHTON CHARLES	OKIMO WHELPDALE 1	WALTON	BOND	PETT 1	LEE	LANCASTER	DEMBELE	MARRIOTT	ZOLA				
Sat 13th	Shrewsbury	H	15:00	1-0	3090	BEASANT HENRY WELLS DEMBELE	CHARLES 1 WHELPDALE	WALTON	CONLON	PETT	LEE	LANCASTER	CALCUTT	MARRIOTT	DEACON				
Tue 16th	Bury	A	19:45	1-2	2638	BESANT HENRY WELLS DEMBELE	CHARLES RICHENS	LEE	CONLON	WHELPDALE	MARRIOTT 1	BEARDSLEY	PETT	JOHNSM					
Sat 20th	Oxford United	A	15:00	0-0	4658	DAY RICHENS WELLS CHARLES	DEMBELE BEARDSLEY	HENRY	LEE	WHELPDALE	MARRIOTT	LANCASTER	CALCUTT	PETT	PARRETT				
Sat 27th	Mansfield	H	15:00	3-0	2820	DAY HENRY ASHTON WELLS	CHARLES BOND	PARRETT	LEE	WHELPDALE	PETT	BEARDSLEY	CONLON	DEACON	CALCUTT				
<b>October 2014</b>																			
Sat 4th	Luton	H	15:00																
Sat 11th	Carlisle	A	15:00																
Sat 18th	Accrington Stanley	H	15:00																
Tue 21st	Portsmouth	A	19:45																
Sat 25th	Burton Albion	H	15:00																
<b>November 2014</b>																			
Sat 1st	Tranmere	A	15:00																
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Sat 29th	Morecambe	H	15:00																
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Sat 13th	Newport County	A	15:00																
Sat 20th	Exeter	H	15:00																
Fri 26th	Dag & Red	A	15:00																
Sun 28th	Cambridge United	H	15:00																
<b>January 2015</b>																			
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Sat 10th	AFC Wimbledon	H	15:00																
Sat 17th	York	A	15:00																
Sat 24th	Shrewsbury	A	15:00																
Sat 31st	Oxford United	H	15:00																
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Sat 7th	Mansfield	A	15:00																
Tue 10th	Bury	H	19:45																
Sat 14th	Hartlepool	A	15:00																
Sat 21st	Southend United	H	15:00																
Sat 28th	Wycombe	A	15:00																
<b>March 2015</b>																			
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Boro Bears Answers: Game 1: Dean Parrett; Game 3: 1. A) The Hatters 2. B) Easyjet 3. A) John Still



# A DAY OUT IN... CARLISLE

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2014  
KICK-OFF: 3PM

## WHAT'S BRUNTON PARK LIKE?

The Story Homes Stand on one side of the pitch, is a relatively new covered, all seated stand, which looks quite smart. The other side is an old partly covered (to the rear) Main Stand, which has seating at the back and a terraced paddock to the front. The central part of this stand was built in 1954 and the wings added at a later stage. The Warwick Road End is a covered terrace that has a peculiar looking roof. The other end, the Petterill End (aka The Waterworks End), is a small open terrace, which after refurbishment has now been re-opened after being closed for a number of years. Oddly it has a small number of seats fitted to part of the terrace, which don't seem to fulfil any particular purpose. There is also an electric scoreboard at this end, which is also known as the Waterworks End. The ground also has some strange looking floodlights. Outside the ground entrance is a statue of former Carlisle favourite Hughie McIlroy, who over three separate spells at the club, scored 91 goals in 189 appearances.

Another unusual aspect of the ground is that the central point of the East Stand, is located just off the half way line. This means that one side of the stand extends past the one goal line, whilst the other side falls short of this. This was due to the fact that the club were intending to rebuild the whole ground and move the pitch a few yards further north, but alas the development funds ran dry.

## WHAT CAN BORO FANS EXPECT?

After a short stint in the Petterill End, it would appear that away fans are now mainly housed once

again in part of the Story Homes Stand on one side of the pitch. The facilities and the view of the playing area from the East Stand are good. Steve Barrie adds; 'If away supporters are allocated part of the East Stand, then they will find that they are only separated from home fans by a piece of fabric spread across the seats and a bit of plastic ribbon. It tends to create a lively atmosphere between the two sets of fans and can also be a little intimidating'. If a particularly large following is expected then the Petterill End terrace can also be opened which houses around 1,700 supporters. Please note though that this end is open to the elements. I personally found the Carlisle fans to be friendly and helpful and had a pleasant afternoon there.

## WHERE TO DRINK?

The Carlisle Rugby Club next to Brunton Park on the Warwick Road, has a club bar which allows in away supporters and is family friendly. Also near to the ground on Warwick Road is the Beehive, which serves a good pint of Theakstons. The pub does employ doormen on match days and for certain games away fans

may not be allowed entrance. Barrie Mossop recommends another Theakstons House, called the Howard Arms, which is on Lowther Street. This is just off Warwick Road, towards the town centre, down from the White House. Simon Tunstall adds; 'At the back of the main car park there is the Stoneyholme

Golf Club, which has a bar, serves food and welcomes fans on matchdays'. Paul Sawyers adds; 'I would recommend the Lakeland Gate for a drink on match days, which is a family friendly pub'. Also if you leave the M6 at Junction 43 and take the A69 towards Carlisle, then you will pass a recently opened Toby pub/carvery, which is not that far from the ground.

## HOW TO GET THERE AND WHERE TO PARK.

The ground is easy to find. Leave the M6 at junction 43 and take the A69 towards Carlisle. After a mile the ground is on your right (look out for the statue of a footballer on the corner). The club car park (cost £2) can be found by taking the first right immediately after Brunton Park into Victoria Place and then turn first right onto St Aidans Road. Otherwise street parking.

## POST CODE FOR SAT NAV: CA1 1LL

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# NEXT UP >>>

## CARLISLE UNITED

Sky Bet League 2

Brunton Park,  
Warwick Road,  
Carlisle,  
CA1 1LL



## LAST SEASON...

Carlisle suffered relegation from League 1 last season after finishing just three points above Boro, five points adrift of safety.

For the first half of the season Carlisle performed well and by mid-February, the Cumbrians were 14th in the league. They were just about to go on a horrible run of form though which would see them plummet to the lower reaches of the division.

Just one win out of their final 14 games doomed the club to relegation and it was the team's lack of goals that really cost them over the course of the season. The Cumbrians had the worst attack in the league, failing to score in an astonishing 18 games out of 46.

## THE STORY SO FAR...

Things haven't got much better in League 2, Carlisle are currently bottom of the table and onto their second manager of the season. After Graham Kavanagh was sacked in September following a 5-0 loss to Cambridge, Keith Curle was appointed manager and they finally got their first win of the season last weekend, with a 1-0 win against Tranmere to lift a bit of the gloom over Brunton Park.



## LAST TIME WE MET...

Boro and Carlisle battled out a 0-0 draw back in March, as Stevenage extended their unbeaten run to six games. The conditions in Cumbria were far from ideal, however the result meant that the fight for survival seemed well and truly on as Stevenage closed the gap on 20th place to just one point.

## ACCINGTON STANLEY

Sky Bet League 2

Saturday 18th October  
The Lamex Stadium,  
Stevenage,  
SG2 8RH



## LAST SEASON...

Accrington Stanley survived comfortably in League 2 last season, a finish that the whole club would have taken at the start of the campaign. Rather strangely, Stanley had a stronger away record than at home, winning eight games on the road whilst only winning six at the Crown Ground.

## THE STORY SO FAR...

It's been an eventful start to the season for Accrington both on and off the pitch. The team got off to a poor start to the season and were sitting bottom of the table three games in when thieves targeted their stadium and stole equipment from the players and the club!

Despite this set-back Stanley were able to begin climbing the league but manager James Beattie left the club six games into the season, leaving the club's future up-in-the-air.

John Coleman returned for his second spell as manager and he's guided the team to three wins out of four, including an incredible 5-4 win at Northampton.

## LAST TIME WE MET...

The last time we played Accrington, Boro confirmed their place in the 2011 League 2 Play-off Final after a 1-0 away win in the semi-final second leg. Stevenage set themselves up wonderfully for the away tie as goals from Stacey Long and Joel Byrom at the Lamex put Boro in total control as they arrived in Accrington with a 2-0 lead.

At the Crown Ground, Accrington self-destructed as they had two men sent off within as many minutes during the second half and substitute Chris Beardsley sealed the tie with a goal in the last minute to send Boro to Old Trafford!



# TODAY'S TEAMS



## STEVENAGE F.C.

**Manager** Graham Westley  
**Kit** Red/White

- 01 ○ Sam **BEASANT**
- 03 ○ Bira **DEMBÉLÉ**
- 04 ○ Harry **WORLEY**
- 05 ○ Jon **ASHTON**
- 06 ○ Andy **BOND**
- 07 ○ Chris **WHELPDALE**
- 08 ○ Simon **WALTON**
- 09 ○ Darius **CHARLES**
- 10 ○ Calvin **ZOLA**
- 11 ○ Tom **PETT**
- 14 ○ Adam **MARRIOTT**
- 15 ○ Connor **CALCUTT**
- 16 ○ Chris **DAY**
- 17 ○ Rohdell **GORDON**
- 18 ○ Dean **PARRETT**
- 19 ○ Dean **WELLS**
- 20 ○ Chris **BEARDSLEY**
- 22 ○ Charlie **LEE**
- 23 ○ Jerome **OKIMO**
- 24 ○ Cameron **LANCASTER**
- 25 ○ Ronnie **HENRY**
- 27 ○ Ryan **JOHNSON**
- 28 ○ Joseph **N'GUESSAN**
- 31 ○ Fejiri **OKENABIRHIE**
- 34 ○ Roarie **DEACON**



## LUTON TOWN

**Manager** John Still  
**Kit** Orange/Navy

- 01 ○ Mark **TYLER**
- 02 ○ Fraser **FRANKS**
- 03 ○ Danny **FITZSIMONS**
- 04 ○ Jonathan **SMITH**
- 05 ○ Stephen **MCNULTY**
- 06 ○ Alex **LACEY**
- 07 ○ Alex **LAWLESS**
- 08 ○ Andy **DRURY**
- 09 ○ 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**
- 20 ○ Shaun **WHALLEY**
- 21 ○ Luke **GUTTRIDGE**
- 23 ○ Matthew **ROBINSON**
- 24 ○ Curtley **WILLIAMS**
- 26 ○ Nathan **DOYLE**
- 28 ○ Jim **STEVENSON**
- 29 ○ Paul **CONNOLLY**
- 30 ○ Luke **WILKINSON**
- 35 ○ Charlie **WALKER**

## MATCH OFFICIALS

**Referee** Tony Harrington  
**Assistant Referee** Nicholas Hopton  
**Assistant Referee** Steven Meredith  
**4th Official** Charles Breakspear

## NEXT UP AT HOME

### ACCRINGTON STANLEY

Saturday 18th October, 3pm, Sky Bet League 2



### BURTON ALBION

Saturday 25th October, 3pm, Sky Bet League 2



### CHELTENHAM TOWN

Saturday 15th November, 3pm, Sky Bet League 2



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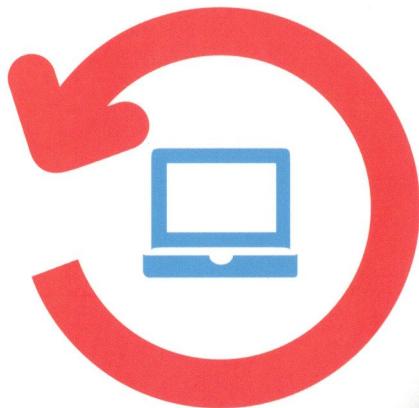
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