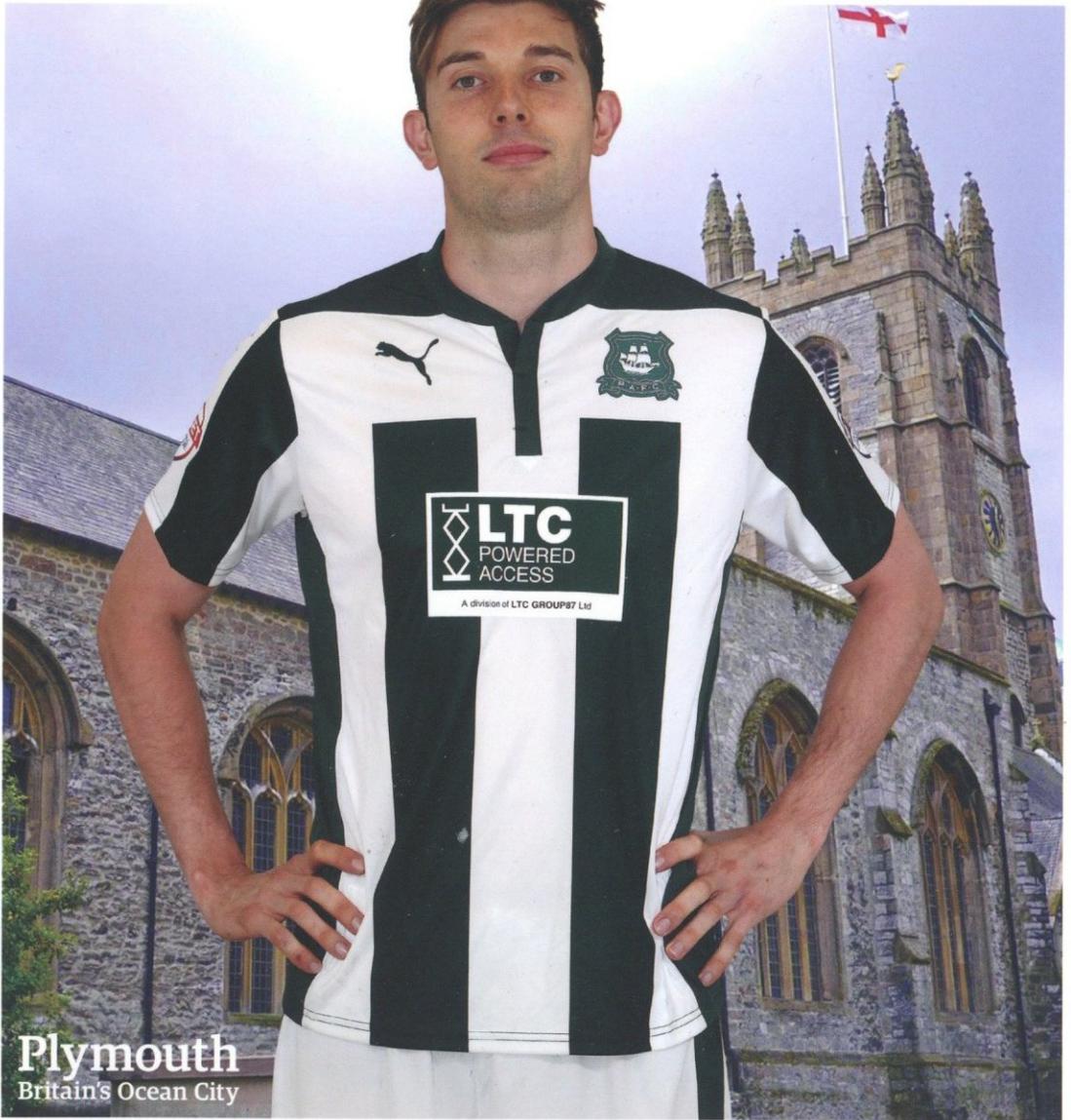




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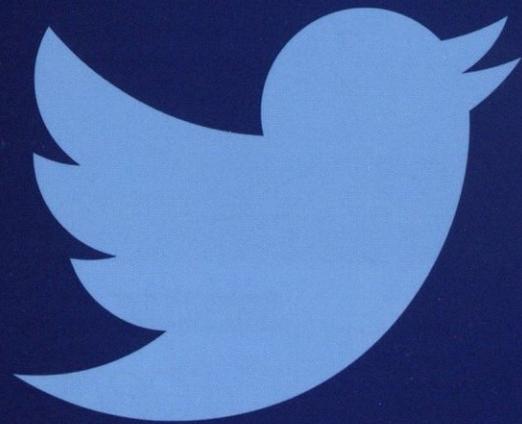
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\*Not including Friday night's Cheltenham v Morecambe fixture



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MANAGER

# John Sheridan



“  
**We have two home fixtures now, starting with John Still's Luton today, and it is important that we try and win both games.**  
”

**W**E have got two very important games now against Luton and Morecambe and we have to try and win them after last Saturday's draw away at Southend.

A draw was a fair result. Both teams had a go, but it was a tough place to play. The conditions were tricky and the pitch was really bobbly, but the performance we gave was a big improvement from York. It was a good response from the players. Unfortunately we did not get the goal, but Southend do not let many goals in at Roots Hall. We battled hard and the lads defended well.

I was very pleased with the way our new signing Tom Flanagan played. He joined up with the lads only the day before the game, but he was very calm in possession and put in a good performance.

I have always liked Tom; he has been in and out of the team at Milton Keynes Dons and I have asked their manager Karl Robinson about him before. He usually plays on the left side of defence, but is good with both feet. The way he came in and played in his first game was very pleasing.

Our greatest problem is that we give the ball away too cheaply. Southend were able to

break on a couple of occasions when we were on the attack and we often played the wrong pass or the wrong type of pass at the wrong time.

We just did not get going in the second half. It was a scrappy affair, but I never thought we were going to lose the match. I was quite comfortable with how the game was going. There were one or two scary moments but I thought we always had a chance of getting a goal ourselves.

Luke McCormick was called into action on a number of occasions, so I think a draw was a fair result. It is another clean sheet. Of course, we all want to win games, but a clean sheet away from home is a good point.

Keeping clean sheets is a good habit, but we know the importance of three points. We have two home fixtures now, starting with John Still's Luton today, and it is important that we try and win both games.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to John, his staff, the officials and supporters of Luton Town. They are going well in the league so today is a big game - they are all big games now.

Thank you for your support,  
John

**ACTION**



Saturday January 3  
Bootham Crescent  
Referee: Darren Drysdale  
Attendance: 3,869 (528)



**MATCH STATS**

29 A Cisak 23 L McCormick  
38 S Zubar 29 P Hartley  
15 K Lowe 5 C Nelson  
2 M McCoy 28 A O'Connor  
3 O Ilesanmi 16 C McHugh  
8 L Summerfield 13 A Kellett  
10 R Penn 4 L Cox  
12 J Carson 2 K Mellor  
7 M Coulson 17 B Reid  
39 J Hyde 9 R Reid  
9 W Fletcher 7 L Alessandra

**SUBS** SUBS  
▲ 5 J McCombe 6 O Norburn ▲  
(W Fletcher 22) (P Hartley 45+1)  
▲ 20 L Meikle 10 M Morgan ▲  
(M Coulson 90+1) (L Alessandra 59)  
1 J Mooney 8 J Banton ▲  
14 L Montrose (B. Reid 72)  
18 T Platt 1 J Bittner  
19 D De Girolamo 3 B Purrington  
25 C Morris 11 D Blizard  
19 N Thomas

**CORNERS** 6-11  
**SHOTS ON TARGET** 7-3  
**SHOTS WIDE** 5-10  
**FOULS** 5-10  
**OFFSIDES** 1-3  
**POSSESSION** 46-54

**TWEETS**

*"37 matches in 6 year since I've seen us win! Should I stop going?"*  
@paulysalz

*"Disappointing performance today by @Only1Argyle, especially 2nd half. Should be beating 10 men if we want to go up"*  
@ChrisWatt4

*"Hats off to @Only1Argyle fans! Best part of 750 mile round trip to @yorkcityfc only to end 0-0! You are either mad or had nothing else to do"*  
@JCunningham66

*"A point is a point, still in the play offs for now"*  
@TeddyPhipps

**21 RED CARD**

Former Pilgrim Stephane Zubar is shown a straight red card following an off the ball altercation with Argyle defender Peter Hartley, who is shown a yellow

**45 OUCH**

Vice-captain Peter Hartley limps out of action with a recurrence of the groin injury that saw him sit out Christmas; Ollie Norburn replaces him



**45 DOUBLE SAVE**

Luke McCormick makes a double save to keep the scores level, keeping out Luke Summerfield's free-kick and then pouncing the rebound from Jake Hyde

**65 CLOSE**

York City midfielder Michael Coulson peels away from the advances of Lee Cox to fire a low cross towards Hyde who, in acres of space, fails to hit the target

**71 SAVE**

McCormick produces a fine save to thwart Summerfield's right-footed shot from the centre of the penalty area

**76 CLOSE**

Argyle substitute Jason Banton forces York goalkeeper Alex Cisak to make a save with a strike from outside the box

**HIGHLIGHTS**





2015-16

## Stripe for the picking



**T**HE Green Army have voted to keep stripes as the main feature of the Argyle kit for the 2015-16 season.

We offered you a choice of three PUMA kits for the lads to wear in home matches next season and option C - replete with stripes - was the winner, receiving more than half the vote.

The winning design came home in first place with 57%; option A, featuring white pinstripes on a green background, garnered 30% of the vote; while the remaining 13% plumped for the all-green design of option B.

The 2015-16 season will now become the 11th in Argyle's long history in which the first-team have lined up in broad stripes; they were first employed on an Argyle jersey in 1973.

FAMILY WEEK

## Family Zone For All

**T**HE emphasis is firmly on the family for our first home game of 2015.

Today, we are relaunching our popular and pioneering Family Zone For All today, which has been given a massive makeover for the new year to make the family match-day experience even bigger and better than before.

Since its introduction in the summer of 2012, the Zone has hosted families of supporters of both Argyle and visiting clubs on match-day.

A host of pre-game activities to challenge both mind and body, starting at 10am and including a soccer skills mini arena, mini-climbing holds, giant Jenga and various digital sports take place under the auspices of the club's Football in the Community Trust.

To complement its re-opening, we designated the week leading up to today's clash Family Week, one of the key activities of which was a long-awaited and much-needed clean-up of the areas around Home Park, ensuring the site is litter-free.

Bins, especially branded by City Business Park-based Moorprint, were provided by project partners Devon Contract Waste, who will process the collected litter in their £4.5m



plant in Devon - cutting the carbon footprint - ensuring that nothing goes to landfill.

Today's game will also see the launch of a new community campaign for the city that Argyle are throwing their weight behind - #LOL.Plymouth (Let's Obliterate Litter) which is being piloted in Plymouth, by Clean Up Britain in partnership with the Plymouth City Centre Company.

The campaign, which will run over a two-week period until January 31, seeks to engage the community, living and working in the city, by offering physical rewards (such as free tickets to see Argyle, money-off vouchers, or even a free bag of chips!) to people for putting their litter where it should be in the bin.

Today's launch events will include a half-time penalty shoot-out between teams of young fans who will be enjoying the game from the Family Zone.

Clean Up Britain aims to inspire significant and sustained attitudinal and behavioural change in relation to litter among the worst offenders - males (and females) aged between 14 and 26 - by taking an unexpected and engaging approach which generates buzz and excitement in the city.

In the same way that drink driving and dog fouling have become socially unacceptable, we want littering to become socially unacceptable, too. We hope you agree and that you will support us in our efforts.

You can find out more by visiting [www.cleanupbritain.org](http://www.cleanupbritain.org), [www.visitplymouth.co.uk](http://www.visitplymouth.co.uk), or follow @cleanupbritain #LOL.Plymouth on Twitter.

## SALTROCK DISCOUNTS



**SALTROCK** are offering discounts to all customers who display their passion for Argyle in their new store.

There is 10% off in the new Saltrock Plymouth for all Argyle fans who demonstrate their devotion to the green cause.

To claim your discount is simple: visit the brand new Saltrock store at 10 Old Town Street - outside the main entrance to Drake Circus - wearing your Argyle scarf or shirt (or show your current Membership card) and receive 10% of your total bill at the checkout.

This applies to everything in store - even sale items. The new store is bigger, better and packed full of current collections and there is still room for the famous Saltrock bargains, too.

Love the Green Army and save money at Saltrock!

## ST LUKES CUP

**WE** have been drawn away to Willand Rovers in the semi-final of the Edenvale Turf Ltd Devon St Lukes Challenge Cup.

The match will take place at Silver Street, Willand, on Wednesday, February 25, kick-off 7.30pm.

## RUBBISH!

**Remember, if you live in Plymouth, your bin days are changing from this Monday. Check the Plymouth City Council website - [plymouth.gov.uk/newyearnewbins](http://plymouth.gov.uk/newyearnewbins) - if you need more information.**

ON LOAN

## Pleased To(m) meet you

**N**ORTHERN Ireland Under-21 international Tom Flanagan has joined Argyle on a month's loan.

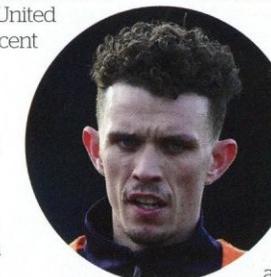
The 23-year-old 6ft 4in central defender made his Pilgrims' debut in last Saturday's Sky Bet League 2 game at Southend United and enjoyed the change to his recent match-day routine.

'I don't like sitting on the bench,' he said. 'That's the worst thing about being a footballer.'

'Everyone says they get paid this, get paid that, work until 12pm and all that, but when it comes to Saturday and everyone else is on the pitch, and I'm just sat there, watching...it's not fun - so get out and play games and progress my career.'

'I've not played as much as I'd have liked at Milton Keynes. That's purely down to how well they have been doing - before I left, they were 13 games unbeaten, so it was tough to get in the team.'

Plymouth got in contact with Milton Keynes and showed an interest. I jumped at the opportunity, really. I had a couple of other offers but the way that Plymouth like to play suits me, so it was a good idea. I met with the boys [on Friday] night at the hotel - it was as quick as that.'



Hours later, he became the 1,011th player to pull on the Green.

'It's not that easy,' he said. 'It wasn't too bad; it was literally just getting myself through the game and trying to impress the manager and win the boys over - I've played with loan players before and, when they first walk in, you are a little bit sceptical because you don't know what they are going to be like.'

'I had quite a lot to prove and I felt I did okay. I was a little bit tired towards the end but that's just lack of games - I'll be alright.'

Tom's loan spell is set to end after our game at Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday, February 10.

FOUNDATION

## And then there were ten!

**H**ERE are the ten people who will compete for the chance to win £12,000 this time next week, courtesy of the Argyle Foundation.

The lucky ten will be on the pitch at half-time during our home game with Morecambe on January 24, when one fortunate Foundation member will scoop the jackpot prize. You can see the video of captain Curtis Nelson drawing the finalists at [bit.ly/nelsedraw](http://bit.ly/nelsedraw).

The finalists are: F Edwards, from Plymouth; M Rogers, from Ivybridge; B Smith, from Plymouth; J Gregory, from Southampton; G Black, from Plymouth; P Fear, from Plymouth; M Edwards, from Plymouth; R Eales, from Plymouth; P Jackett, from Gunnislake; and C Davies, from Bideford.

Would you like to be in with a chance to win our fantastic £12,000 Jackpot? Do you want to be in our draw for weekly cash prizes and have the chance to

win some fabulous money can't buy prizes?

The Argyle Foundation is open to anyone over the age of 16. It costs just £2.25 per week and the proceeds go to support the Argyle Academy.

Anyone who has been a member of the Argyle Foundation in the preceding year is eligible for the jackpot draw, and receives an entry for every week of paid membership. For example, a member that has paid into the lottery for 52 weeks receives 52 entries. One that has paid for 12 weeks gets 12 entries. And so on.

To become a member of the Argyle Foundation, or to find out more about the organisation, go to [ArgyleFoundation.co.uk](http://ArgyleFoundation.co.uk).

If you want to be in with a chance of winning some top prizes and support a really good cause, please contact Carl Winson on 01752 562561, extension 157, or email him [carlwinson@pafccouk](mailto:carlwinson@pafccouk).

**ACTION**



Sunday, December 28  
Home Park  
Referee: Andy Davies  
Attendance: 11,020 (392)



Alessandra 19    Campbell 70,  
                         Roberts 84

**MATCH STATS**

23 L McCormick	1 R Clarke
28 A O'Connor	16 A Whing
16 C McHugh	6 J Wright
13 A Kellett	33 C Dunkley
25 A Bentley	22 S Long ▼
4 L Cox	34 T Holmes-Dennis
2 K Mellor	19 M Collins ▼
17 B Reid	14 J Ruffles
6 O Norburn	26 W Burns ▼
9 R Reid	10 D Hylton
7 L Alessandra	31 J Roberts ◀

<b>SUBS</b>	<b>SUBS</b>
11 D Blizzard	5 J Mullins
1 J Bittner	(S Long 46')
10 M Morgan	15 C O'Dowda
19 N Thomas	(M Collins 46')
3 B Purrington	36 J Campbell ◀
8 J Banton	(W Burns 67')
14 T Harvey	30 S Humphreys
	7 D Rose
	24 J Ashby
	21 M Crocombe

<b>CORNERS</b>	7:2
<b>SHOTS ON TARGET</b>	6:2
<b>SHOTS WIDE</b>	3:6
<b>FOULS</b>	10:13
<b>OFFSIDES</b>	2:1
<b>POSSESSION</b>	48:52

**TWEETS**

"Thank you so much for making my 6 year olds Lewis Nancollis' birthday by doing a shout out at half time. He cried bless him x" @traceyhardy27

"Can't believe @OnlyLArgyle lost that game. Thought we looked better team even with 10. With 11v11 we could have scored 3 or 4" @Robert1979Smith

"Keep your chins up, new year big push for 2015 green army till I die... When I am going to get my signed shirt lol" @antonpiotrowski

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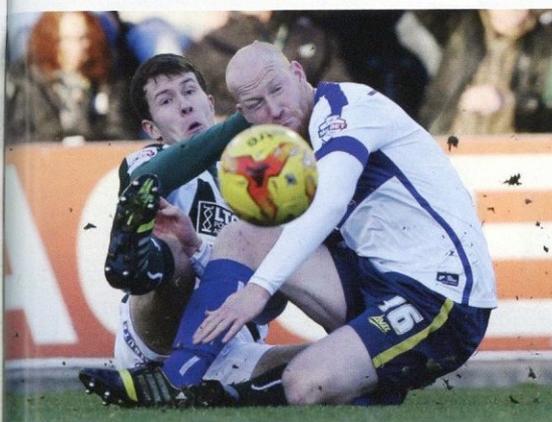
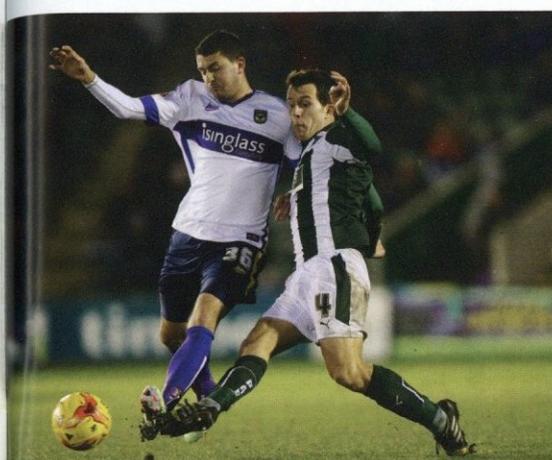


**31 CLOSE**

Aaron Bentley comes close to doubling Argyle's lead with a snap left-foot shot which is well saved

**34 RED CARD**

Bentley, making his third Sky Bet League 2 appearance for the Pilgrims, is shown a straight red card for a mistimed two-footed lunge



**69 GOAL**

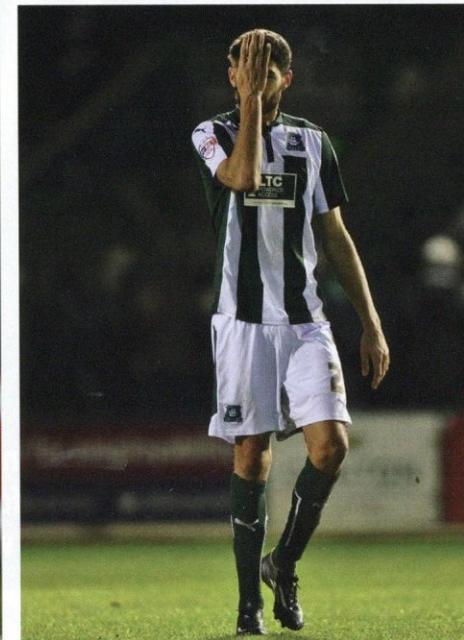
Oxford claw a second-half goal back as John Campbell manages to bundle the ball over the line, much to the dismay of Luke McCormick

**76 CLOSE**

McCormick spares Carl McHugh's blushes by making a fantastic save before the Argyle defender very nearly prods the ball into his own net

**83 GOAL**

Oxford take full advantage of the extra man as striker James Roberts turns three Argyle defenders before curling a 20-yard shot into the top corner



**HIGHLIGHTS**



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# Peter Bloom: 1931-2014

**O**UR first home game of 2015 is an especially poignant one for the club as the Pilgrim family comes together to pay tribute to former chairman Peter Bloom, who died recently aged 83.

Today would have been the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Peter and wife Muriel, who is an honoured guest of the club this afternoon.

Peter was chairman at Home Park between 1985-91, overseeing one of the most successful periods in the club's history. Argyle won promotion to what is now the Championship at the end of the 1985-86 season under Dave Smith's management, and remained there until Peter passed on the chairmanship to Dan McCauley in 1991.

Whilst he was chairman, Argyle celebrated its 100th anniversary and he also served as a member of the Football League Management Committee for several years.

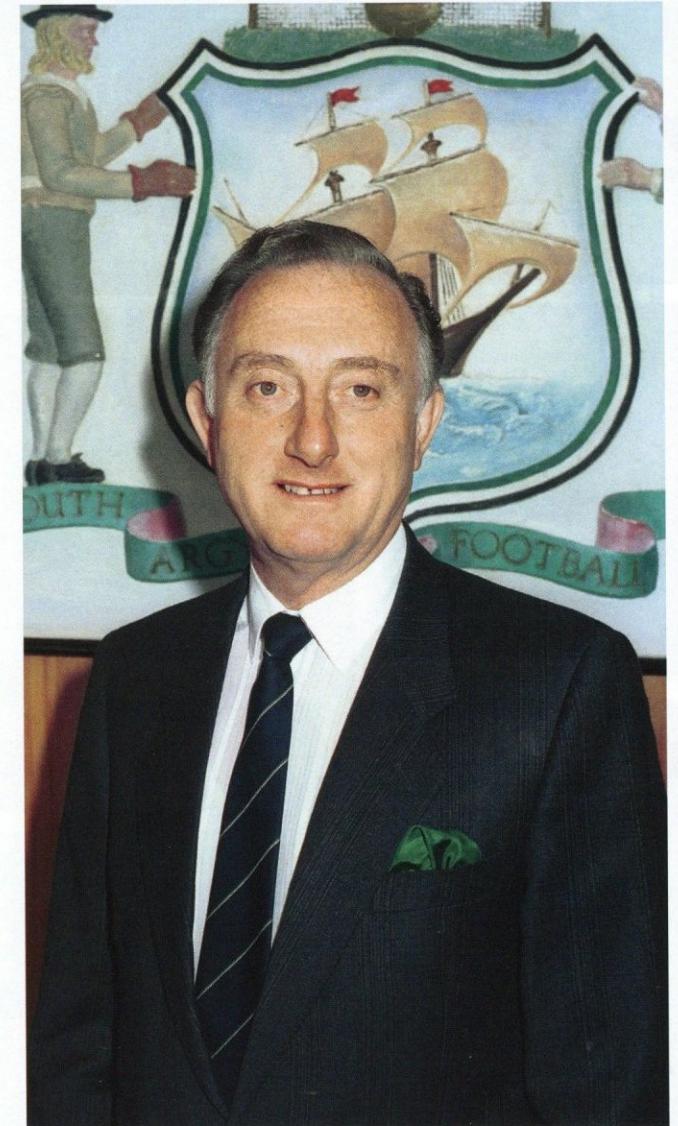
He stayed on the Argyle Board as vice-chairman until McCauley sold the Pilgrims to a consortium headed by Paul Stapleton and current Argyle director Peter Jones.

Peter was born in Plymouth on August 11, 1931, a couple of weeks before the Pilgrims embarked on one of their best ever seasons, playing Port Vale in the Second Division in front of more than 21,000 people at Home Park.

He went to Warren's School in Plymouth, then learnt his trade as a cutter and worked in the family business - Bloom's Naval Tailors in Devonport.

In 1955, he married Muriel and lived in Canada for several years before returning to the UK to set up business and, in 1959, he opened the highly successful John Conway menswear store in Cornwall Street - bringing the first Levi Strauss, Wranglers, Lee and Ben Sherman clothing to the city. He later opened further branches in the city and the Westcountry.

Peter and Muriel have two children who followed suit by working in the family business, Mark and Amanda, who are also our guests today, along with three of Peter's grandchildren, Peter, Guy and Max.



Peter always had a strong passion for sport and, in particular, football, and ran a successful John Conway Devon Wednesday League side in the late 1960s and early '70s before his equally successful association with Argyle.

Before the kick-off today, we will invite you to join us in a minute's applause for the life and achievements of Peter, and the talent and time he invested in Plymouth Argyle Football Club.

**ACTION**



Friday, December 26  
Rodney Parade  
Referee: Steve Martin  
Attendance: 5,020 (1,200)



Zebroski 9,  
Byrne 82

**MATCH STATS**

25 J Stephens	23 L McCormick
5 D Jones	28 A O'Connor
6 I Yakubu	16 C McHugh
2 R Jackson	13 A Kellett
26 R Poole	25 A Bentley
13 A Sandell	4 L Cox
33 M Byrne	2 K Mellor
7 A Chapman	17 B Reid
8 L Minshull	6 O Norburn
11 C Zebroski	9 R Reid
14 S Jeffers	7 L Alessandra

<b>SUBS</b>	<b>SUBS</b>
▲ 9 R Howe	10 M Morgan ▲
(S Jeffers 66)	(O Norburn 68)
▲ 17 M Flynn	8 J Banton ▲
(A Chapman 79)	(L Alessandra 77)
▲ 18 Y Klukowski	1 J Bittner
(L Minshull 90)	3 B Purrington
1 L Pidgeley	14 T Harvey
22 T Owen-Evans	19 N Thomas
28 D Crow	24 R Allen
39 A Collins	

**CORNERS**

6:1

**SHOTS ON TARGET**

2:4

**SHOTS WIDE**

6:5

**FOULS**

13:16

**OFFSIDES**

2:3

**POSSESSION**

46:54

**TWEETS**

*"Players worked there socks off. Ok we missed chances but never gave up and certainly gave as good as we got #believe"*  
@melvin\_long

*"I far prefer to travel 90m to watch @Only1Argyle lose at a grim Newport than sit in my armchair latching onto some Premier League franchise"*  
@GingerEllis18

*"Fair play to @Only1Argyle fans today. Soaked but still singing and clapped their players off. Newport fans great too"*  
@MichelleOwen7

*"Unfortunately the game reflected the weather, leaving me miserable and dripping"*  
@Jackpafc96

**9 GOAL**

Former Pilgrim Chris Zebroski leaps above the Argyle defence to meet Mark Bryne's arching cross and nod past the on-rushing Luke McCormick

**12 CLOSE**

Newport nearly double their lead minutes later as Zebroski manages to find his strike partner Shaun Jeffers, but his shot is dragged wide of the goal

**18 CLOSE**

Bobby Reid taps the ball onto Lewis Alessandra who takes a neat touch, composes himself and fires a low shot from outside of the box that sails just wide



**50 CLOSE**

Newport goalkeeper Jamie Stephens manages to deny Aaron Bentley's point-blank header with a fine fingertip save

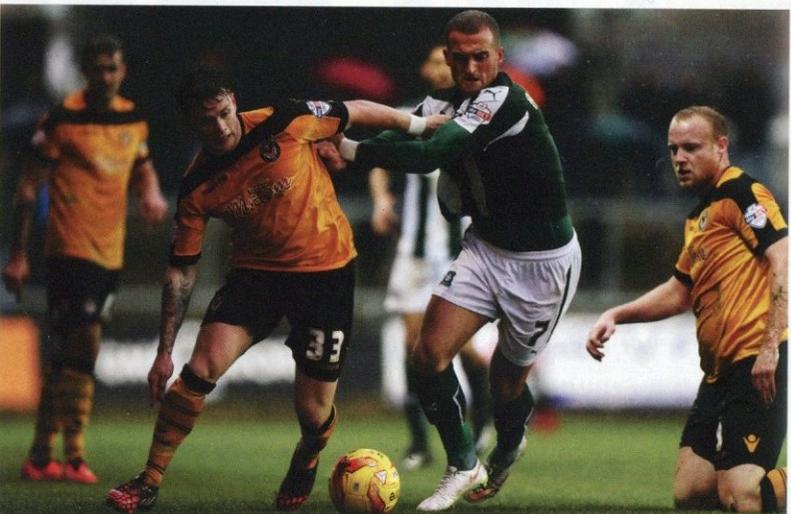
**82 GOAL**

As a corner is whipped in, Bryne makes a dart to the front post and manages to apply the deftest of touches to evade the mass of Argyle bodies on the line

**88 CLOSE**

Argyle top scorer Reuben Reid comes closest to getting on the scoresheet with a long-distance shot that beats Stephens, but he is cruelly denied by the woodwork

**HIGHLIGHTS**





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# All roads lead to Home Park

*MIKE CURNO could not help but notice that the roads, avenues and terraces of the fair city of Plymouth bear some names that are familiar to the Green Army, reminding us of some Pilgrims who have found a home at Home Park during their career. So let Mike take you by the hand and lead you through the streets of Britain's Ocean City...*

## FELLOWS PLACE PL1 5NB...



and Fellowes Lane PL1 5NP are both in Millbridge. The south side of Fellowes Place has 20 terraced houses and the north side has 13 large block-styled Victorian houses, built in 1863. They have basements and most have been changed to flats; some still have picture windows.

## FELLOWS PLACE...

...is named after Rear-Admiral Sir Thomas Fellowes (1778-1853), the youngest son of William Fellowes, physician to the Prince Regent.



He joined the Royal Navy in 1797, worked his way up to Lieutenant and, in his first command, captured the Island of Deseda. In 1809, he landed his brig HMS Unique at Basseterre, Guadeloupe, where he met a large French fighting force, but he was able to spike the enemy guns (hammering a nail - or spike - into the charge hole of their cannons so they cannot fire). The raid was successful but many of his men were injured or killed.

Fellowes was promoted to Commander and put in charge of the gunboats at Cadiz, and later promoted to Captain. Further service in the West Indies earned him Commander of the Order of the Bath in 1815 and he was knighted in 1828.

After 14 years' service in the Greek-Ottoman conflict, including the battle of Navarino, he was promoted to Rear-Admiral in 1847 and retired in 1851. He was then superintendent at Plymouth victualling yard and hospital. He died in 1853.

## WILLIAM 'BILLY' JAMES FELLOWES...



...played for us in two spells between 1930-40. Yorkshire-born Billy came to Tavistock when his father moved down to run the town mill; the family also had a sports shop in the town.

He played football as a 15 year old for Bannawell Blues United when they won the Bedford Cup in 1925-26. They were one of three teams, along with Tavistock Comrades and Tavistock West End, that amalgamated to make the team we know today as Tavistock AFC.

Billy signed for Argyle in 1929-30 and played in the last two matches of that season, including the famous promotion 'Pasty Match', but was used as cover for Norman Mackay so played only five matches in the early 1930s.

He was eager to be playing regularly and he moved to Clapton Orient where he played 78 times, and then to Luton Town. Billy was a natural leader: sensible, steady and fair. Luton recognised these qualities and very soon made Billy their captain. He went on to make 110 appearances before moving back to the Westcountry with Exeter City, where he made 56 appearances in eight years.

During the second world war, Billy had a coal business and was a guest player for Argyle in five South West Regional League matches in 1940.

When Billy finished playing he did some coaching in local football and played as a wicket-keeper batsman for Tavistock, being described "as an enthusiastic all-round cricketer and a forceful bat."

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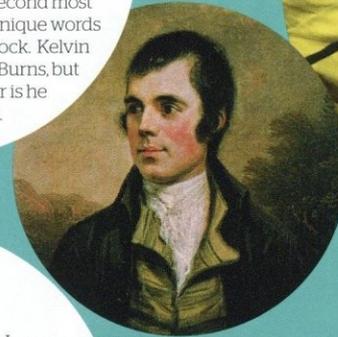


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### FOR THE SAKE...

Robert Burns, the famed Scottish poet and lyricist, was born on January 25, 1759. He is famous for his works written in Scottish dialect, including the New Year's standard Auld Lang Syne, which in English means: 'I have drunk my bodyweight in Buckfast Tonic.' Or something. Burns is the second most well-known Scottish user of unique words and phrases, after Paul Sturrock. Kelvin may share a birthday with Burns, but is certainly not wee, nor is he seekit or cow'rin.



### ONE PRIZE, ONE GOAL

According to HowStuffWorks.com, those born on January 25 - like Kelvin Mellor - "are often unsure of their career path." That does not seem to apply to Kelvin, who certainly knows his path down that right flank. "They have many interests," the site continues, "particularly in artistic or creative fields." Anyone who saw Kev's guitar playing at the Argyle Carol Concert will back that one up. Finally, the article states, verbatim: "They require encouragement to shoot for goals." Here's to Kelvin, making his 30th Argyle appearance today, breaking his scoring duck.

### ENGINE IN THE BOOT

Actor Dean Jones was born on January 25, 1931. What's that? You don't know who Dean Jones is? Why, he is the man being acted off the screen by a Volkswagon Beetle in films such as The Love Bug and Herbie Goes Bananas, of course. The films involve a car that does all the work, rendering the driver a little bit superfluous. Which is definitely not like today's Formula 1 is in the slightest. Not at all. Like Kelvin, Herbie had a great engine - although the car wore squad number 53, while Kelvin wears 2.



## Birthday Circle Kelvin Mellor January 25

*Does the day on which you are born influence who you are? Mystic Rob McNichol is studying Argyle players' birthdays this season to discover if astrology plays a part, and whether others with the same birthday share the same traits.*



### WHAT A PEARLER

Eusebio da Silva Ferreira, better known simply as Eusebio, was born in Mozambique on January 25, 1942. Considered Portugal's greatest ever player, Eusebio scored nine goals in the 1966 World Cup finals in England. Four came in a game against North Korea at Goodison Park, in which Portugal went 3-0 down after 25 minutes. Eusebio scored two before half-time; did the half-time team talk; cultivated and sliced the oranges the team ate; solved four Sudokus; discovered a new species of ant; and emerged for the second and scored two more. He was not a bad player.

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### KEY MOMENTS

Singer/songwriter Alicia Keys was born on January 25, 1981. She is well known for her collaboration with Jay Z entitled Empire State of Mind, and her for hell bestselling and critically acclaimed albums, including The Diary of Alicia Keys and Girl on Fire. They were much more acclaimed than The Diary of Richard Keys, which had another, more crude, way of suggesting 'this girl is on fire'.



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## Luton Town

**THERE** are fewer clubs than Luton Town that Argyle have played more times over the years.

Formed in 1885, Luton were the first southern club in England to turn professional in 1890; they joined the Football League in 1897 but left three years later due to financial problems.

Argyle then became regular opponents for the Bedfordshire club in the Southern League between 1903-1920 before both clubs joined the newly-formed Third Division for the 1920-21 season.

The clubs met regularly until Argyle's promotion in 1930 and again either side of the second world war. There then followed the odd meeting in the Second and Third Divisions between 1960-1998 before the clubs' fortunes

followed the same path between 2001-2007 with promotion from the fourth tier to the Championship in close succession.

The highest attendance between the two clubs was in January 1948 for a FA Cup third-round tie at Home Park in front of 36,195, with the highest league attendance coming just 12 months later when 33,325 watched the 1-1 draw at Home Park in December 1948.

The highest attendance at Kenilworth Road was also in the post-war years, when a crowd of 19,184 saw the 0-0 draw in September 1947.

Results between the two clubs have, over the years largely favoured the home side.

Argyle's complete Football League record against our visitors today is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	33	21	6	6	66	36
Away	34	7	14	13	42	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>91</b>

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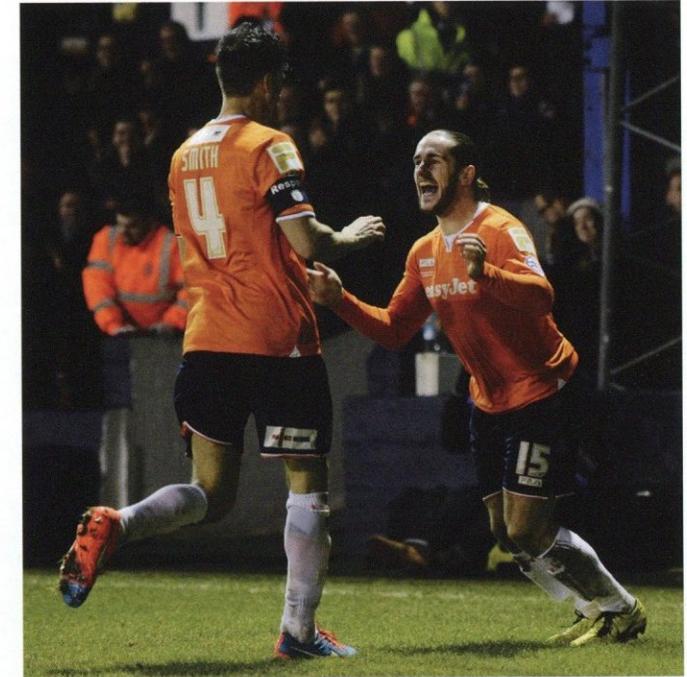


**A**FTER setting numerous records in their Conference title-winning season last year, Luton will have been hoping they can continue the trend that many teams have set in the last few years, earning back-to-back promotions. So far, things are looking pretty good for them to meet that aim.

Four points and two Sky Bet League places currently separate Argyle and Luton, with the Hatters in fifth on 43 points. Few would have predicted that earlier in the season, given how they struggled early on. After winning their opening game against Carlisle, it was a further seven games until they won another match. That barren run included a fantastic 1-0 away win by Argyle earlier in the season, with some 'Messi-esque' footwork from Dominic Blizzard earning the Pigrims all three points in front of the Sky cameras.

Since then, as you will have gathered, Luton's form has been significantly better. From mid-October to mid-November, the Hatters were unbeaten for seven games in a row, winning six and drawing one, a run which saw them rise up the table.

More recently, things have been a little up and down for Luton, much like our beloved Argyle. December started with a draw for the Hatters, 1-1 away at Bury in the FA Cup, meaning a much unwanted replay to add to the already manic Christmas period. Their thoughts may have been on that the following week, when they were taken apart 3-0 at Morecambe. Not the result they would have wanted heading



into a replay. They overcame Bury 1-0, though, thanks to a goal from Luke Rooney.

Luke Wilkinson, Luke Rooney and Jake Howells all scored in their next game, to give them a very worthwhile 3-0 win over fellow promotion rivals Newport County. Back-to-back 1-1 draws followed with Wycombe and Portsmouth, leaving the Hatters in the play-offs as we entered the new year.

Their prize for beating Bury in the second round of the FA Cup was a third-round tie with Cambridge. Perhaps not the glory tie they would have wanted, but a chance to progress nonetheless. That dream fell apart, though, as the Hatters were knocked out, losing 2-1.

Last weekend, Luton were looking to get back to winning ways, but found the Shrewsbury defence too stubborn. The Hatters ended up drawing the home game 0-0, missing out on the chance to leapfrog the Shrews into fourth place.

Luton have struggled away from home of late, so Argyle will certainly be looking to capitalise and do the double over the Hatters this season.



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**Darren Cook**

**L**UTON Town's revival, and subsequent arrival back in the football league, is unquestionably down to a lot of hard work put in by current manager **JOHN STILL** and his team. Still, born in West Ham, had a very limited playing career because of a knee injury, so spent a long time in non-league football, allowing him to build up the excellent knowledge he has used to propel Luton back into League Two.

Still has been in charge at the Hatters for two years since replacing Paul Buckle, and has overseen a tremendous charge to take Luton as high as possible. In his first season, his side missed out on the play-offs by a few points, but last season, they made sure of their return to the Football League with a title-winning campaign involving 101 points, 23 clean sheets, 27 games unbeaten and 15 consecutive away games unbeaten. Not bad, you might say.

John has a great reputation in the lower reaches of English football, and has helped to develop a number of players who have gone

on to play at the highest levels in England, including Marlon King, Craig Mackail-Smith and Dwight Gayle. John will no doubt be setting himself the target to take Luton to those lofty heights, too.

Helping John on a day to day basis is **TERRY HARRIS**. Terry had previously been at Dagenham (Still's previous club) since 1999, and has become a key part of the furniture in Still's management teams. As a player, Terry plied his trade with Dagenham FC, and even scored a winning goal at Wembley in the FA Trophy final triumph against Mossley in 1978. He has also coached at Dartford, Enfield and St Albans.

Also helping Still out is **HAKAN HEYRETTIN**. Hakan is a coach who also set a number of records in the lower reaches of football. During the 2012-13 season, he was manager at Grays Athletic and led the Blues to the Ryman League Division 1 South title with 102 points. Held in high regard by John Still, he arrived at Kenilworth Road in early July 2013 and has been working well with the team to get Luton flying high once more.

# Luton Town



**1**  
**Mark Tyler**  
Born: April 2, 1977  
Norwich  
A member of England's 1997 FIFA World Youth Championship, Mark spent 17 years at Peterborough United, achieving promotion to the Second Division with the Posh in 2000. He stood between the sticks more than 400 times for the club, but upon the arrival of keeper Joe Lewis in 2007, he was sent out on loan to Watford, Bury and Hull City. Two days after terminating his contract by mutual consent, Tyler signed for Luton and quickly became a first-team regular.



**22**  
**Michael Harriman**  
Born: October 23 1992  
Chichester  
Manager John Still was keen to bring in strong and athletic centre-back Michael on loan from Queens Park Rangers. The 22-year-old has made two appearances for QPR since signing professional terms in 2011, as well as representing the Republic of Ireland at three youth levels. He also spent time at St Albans City, Wycombe Wanderers and Gillingham on loan.



**5**  
**Steve McNulty**  
Born: September 26, 1983  
Liverpool  
A former captain of Liverpool's Under-19 team, Steve spent 13 years in the Reds' youth academy, but then had two-year spells Burscough, Vauxhall Motors and Barrow after failing to earn a professional contract at Anfield. In 2009, Fleetwood Town paid a club-record fee to sign the bulky defender, who played a key role in their rise from the Conference North to the Football League. Steve then joined Luton in 2013 and earned his second promotion to League 2 in as many years.



**30**  
**Luke Wilkinson**  
Born: September 29, 1990  
Wells  
The Somerset-born defender moved to Kenilworth Road before the start of this season, and has quickly established himself as a League 2 centre-back to be reckoned with. After being unable to break through the youth and reserve ranks at Bristol City and Portsmouth, Luke joined Dagenham & Redbridge in 2010, earning Player of the Year honours in a four-year spell before joining up with former manager John Still.



**12**  
**Scott Griffiths**  
Born: November 27, 1985  
Westminster  
The left-back will be best known by the Green Army for his loan spell with the Pilgrims in 2012 from Peterborough, signed by Carl Fletcher for a month. His temporary trip to Home Park was one of many loan moves he made after joining United from Dagenham & Redbridge and, following a difficult three years with club, joined the Hatters in 2013. Scott played every game in Town's run to the Conference title last season.



**20**  
**Shaun Whalley**  
Born: August 7, 1987  
Prescot  
Merseyside-born Shaun's only Football League experience before this season was a two-year stint with Accrington Stanley, but he had showed prolific non-league form for Droylsden and Southport. Shaun was sent out on loan to AFC Telford last season, and because of the Bucks winning the Conference North, he picked up a second league winners' medal, alongside Luton's Conference Premier success.



**4**  
**Jonathan Smith**  
Born: October 17, 1986  
Preston  
Forest Green Rovers was where Jonathan made his name, reaching triple figures in league appearances between 2007-2010 and featuring heavily in their run to the FA Cup third round six years ago. He went on to achieve the same feat with York City in 2011. After a short stint with Swindon Town and a swansong with York, he joined Luton in 2012, but suffered a double-broken leg during last season. The midfielder returned to action in September last year and regained his place in the middle of the park.



**26**  
**Nathan Doyle**  
Born: January 12, 1987  
Derby  
Nathan has played more than 100 times for both Barnsley and Bradford City, and was also part of Phil Brown's Hull City side that gained promotion to the Premier League in 2008. The former Derby County trainee also reached League 1 with the Bantams in 2013, but moved to Luton this year after falling out of favour at Valley Parade.



**8**  
**Andrew Drury**  
Born: November 28, 1981  
Sittingbourne  
After impressing in a 2012 FA Cup tie for Luton, the former Stevenage and Lewes midfielder moved to Ipswich Town in a deal worth £150,000 but struggled to maintain a spot in the first team and was loaned out to Crawley, who signed him permanently in 2013. After 41 league appearances, he re-joined Luton for £100,000, meaning the Hatters regained their midfielder and netted a £50,000 profit in the process.



**9**  
**Paul Benson**  
Born: October 12, 1979  
Southend-on-Sea  
To use an old footballing cliché, Paul has scored goals wherever he has gone. After netting 96 times in just 59 games for amateur club White Ensign, Benson moved to Dagenham & Redbridge in 2005 and was an integral part in their two promotions in five years. Following spells with Charlton Athletic, Swindon, Portsmouth, Cheltenham and a season on loan at Luton in 2013, when he scored nearly a goal every other game for them in their Conference-winning season, he signed a permanent deal last July.



## IN GOAL

Luton's number one Tyler is backed up by ELLIOT JUSTHAM, who impressed for East Thurrock United in the Isthmian League to earn a move to Town. Justham featured prominently last season in the FA Trophy, as well as making two appearances in the Conference. The 24-year-old's only appearance this season so far came in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

## DEFENDERS

ANDREW LACEY has appeared 12 times for Luton this season, but has yet to feature in a win for the club since early October. FRASER FRANKS left AFC Wimbledon in 2012 to join Welling United and, after helping them win

the Conference and reach a comfortable Conference position, the Hatters saw fit to trigger his release clause in January 2014. The versatile JAKE HOWELLS is a fan favourite at Kenilworth Road, having made 235 league appearances for the club and scoring 28 goals since graduating from their academy in 2008. CURTLEY WILLIAMS left Ipswich Town early in his career to move to Spain and train at the Glenn Hoddle Academy, and an impressive return to England with Lowestoft Town attracted the interest of Luton last year. PAUL CONNOLLY needs no introduction: the right back played in 162 league games for Argyle between 2000-2008, occupying a key role in the Pilgrims' promotion to English football's second tier in 2004.

## MIDFIELDERS

Tonypandy-born ALEX LAWLESS is into triple figures for games for Luton, after making a 2011 loan deal from York permanent. After recently signing a contract extension, LUKE ROONEY will be looking to add to his 11 appearances this season - the same as JAMES STEVENSON, who netted in the Hatters' win over Hartlepool United in October. PELY RUDDOCK MPANZU has developed from a young defender at West Ham United's revered academy to a midfielder with plenty of potential and an eye for goal. Nine clubs have seen LUKE GUTTRIDGE walk through their doors since 1999, and the 32-year-old scored the only goal in Luton's win against Northampton Town earlier in the season.

## FORWARDS

ROSS LAFAYETTE traded in a career in digital media to play for non-league clubs - most notably Welling United, for who he scored 35 goals, until Luton moved in for the striker last summer. Peacehaven & Telscombe was the little-known amateur side that CHARLIE WALKER was picked up from last year, but he is yet to score for his new club. Luton's top scorer is Cullen with eight goals, so JAYDEN STOCKLEY, one of Bournemouth's many talented fringe players, has been brought in on loan to help the goalscoring cause. Stockley scored two times in four appearances in another loan spell earlier this season at Cambridge United.



**13**  
**Mark Cullen**  
Born: April 21, 1992  
Ashington  
After scoring nearly 30 goals in a season for Hull City's youth team, Mark was a part of the 'Tigers' Premier League campaign in 2010, until a string of loans to Bury, Stockport and Bradford ended in his release from the club. The striker signed for John Still's side before the beginning of last season and scored a number of key goals during their run to being crowned Conference champions, with the departure of Andre Gray before this season only aiding to his first-team opportunities.

## Luton Town

## Fans' Favourites

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten winners of Luton Town's Player of the Year award.

**MALCOLM MACDONALD**

**STRIKER** Malcolm Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Luton in July 1969. He was twice top scorer including in their 1969-70 promotion success when Player of the Year, and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974 and League Cup finalist in 1976, he later joined Arsenal for £333,333 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield and now works in the media.

**CHRIS NICHOLL**

**NORTHERN** Ireland international central defender Chris Nicholl was Luton Town's Player of the Year in 1970-71. A former Burnley apprentice, he moved via Witton to Halifax Town in June 1968 and starred in their 1968-69 promotion success. He joined Luton in August 1969 and was a promotion-winner in 1969-70, netting six goals in 97 league games before joining Aston Villa in March 1972. After helping them win promotion in 1974-75, and featuring in two League Cup final triumphs, he joined Southampton in June 1977 and was a promotion winner again in 1977-78, then played for Grimsby before managing Saints and Walsall.

**PAUL FUTCHER**

**FORMER** England Under-21 central defender Paul Futchter was Luton Town's Player of the Year in 1976-77 and 1977-78. He turned professional with his twin brother Ron at hometown Chester in January 1974, before moving to Luton in a joint £100,000 deal in June 1974 and scoring once in 131 League outings. Sold to Manchester City for £350,000 in June 1978, he then had spells playing for Oldham Athletic and Derby County prior to joining Barnsley in March 1984. He starred as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1984-85, before moving to Halifax Town in July 1990. Later with Grimsby Town, he managed Darlington, Gresley and Southport.

**KIRK STEPHENS** (above)

**ATTACKING** right-back Kirk Stephens was ever-present in Luton Town's 1981-82 Second Division title triumph. Initially with Nuneaton

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Borough, he helped them finish Southern League runners-up in 1974-75 and followed David Pleat to Kenilworth Road in June 1978. He was voted Luton's Player of the Year in 1978-79 and 1983-84, scoring twice in 227 League games for the Hatters before moving to Coventry City in exchange for Ashley Grimes in August 1984. After later rejoining Nuneaton as player-manager after a knee injury ended his top-flight career, he also had a spell at Barnet and has since run the family building firm.

**RICKY HILL** (opposite below)

**ENGLAND** international midfielder Ricky Hill was Player of the Year when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. After signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was also Player of the Year in 1980-81 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He also featured in two consecutive League Cup finals including the Hatters' 1988 Wembley triumph over Arsenal and netted 54 goals in 436 league games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. After reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

**PAUL WALSH**

**ENGLAND** international striker Paul Walsh was capped five times while at Luton Town. After signing professional for Charlton Athletic in October 1979, he starred in their 1980-81 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982. He was Player of the Year in 1982-83 and leading marksman in 1983-84, netting 24 goals in 80 First Division games for the Hatters before joining Liverpool in May 1984. After helping to win the League Championship in 1985-86, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in 1991. He later played for Portsmouth, Manchester City and Pompey again until injury curtailed his career.

**MAL DONAGHY**

**NORTHERN** Ireland international central defender Mal Donaghy gained a club record 58 caps while at Luton Town. He moved to Kenilworth Road from Larne in June 1978 and was ever-present as Luton won the Second Division title in 1981-82 and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. Voted Player of the Year in 1985-86, he was an FA Cup semi-finalist again in 1987-88 and starred in that season's League Cup final triumph. He netted 16 goals in 410 league games prior to joining Manchester United for £650,000 in October 1988, then returned on loan, before moving to Chelsea in August 1992. He has worked for the Irish FA.

**BRIAN STEIN**

**ENGLAND** international striker Brian Stein was Luton Town's Player of the Year in 1987-88,



scoring twice in that season's League Cup final triumph. After moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted Player of the Year again in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 league games overall before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.

**MICK HARFORD**

**ENGLAND** international striker Mick Harford was Luton Town's Player of the Year in 1988-89. Initially with Lincoln City, he played for Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were League Cup finalists in two consecutive seasons, including their 1988 Wembley triumph, and was also an FA Cup semi-finalist on two occasions. After moving to Derby County in January 1990, he returned to Luton in September 1991. After joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then appeared for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and manager of Luton.

**DAVID PREECE** (above)

**ENGLAND** B international midfielder David Preece was Player of the Year when Luton Town reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1993-94. After signing professional for Walsall in July 1980, he helped them reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1983-84 and joined Luton for £150,000 in December 1984. He appeared in two consecutive League Cup finals including the Hatters' 1988 Wembley success and was also Player of the Year in 1991-92, he netted 21 goals in 336 league games while at Kenilworth Road prior to joining Derby County in August 1995. Later player-coach at Cambridge United and Torquay United, he died in July 2007.

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# A quick word with... ...John Matthews



**A**FTER rising up through the ranks of his boyhood club Arsenal, John Matthews made his Gunners' debut as a full-back in 1974. He went on to make 45 appearances for Arsenal over an injury-stricken five-year period.

With competition from Liam Brady, first-team football proved hard to break in to, and John left Arsenal to travel north to Sheffield United in 1978. It was at Sheffield United where John was transformed into a midfielder, featuring in 103 games for the Blades, and scoring 14 goals, in his four years' service with United.

The defender-midfielder signed for Mansfield Town on a two-year contract following his Sheffield departure, and, after his spell for the Stags, he joined Mansfield's rivals, Chesterfield where John was a key figure in the Spireites' 1984-85 Fourth Division Championship.

Following promotion with Chesterfield, John linked up with the Pilgrims and aided Dave Smith's side to promotion, winning a runners-up spot in the Third Division. For Argyle, John made 159 appearances, and scored five goals in all competitions, with his first goal for the Pilgrims being a winner against Cardiff City in his first season.

After four seasons of service, John went to local neighbours Torquay United to link up with Dave Smith for the second time in his career. He made 25 appearances for the Gulls before finishing his career at Dorchester Town.

**What was it like to go from defender to midfielder?**

I started at centre-back but that first season

### JOHN MATTHEWS

Midfielder  
Born: November 1, 1955  
Camden

Career	Apps	Goals
1973 - 1978		
Arsenal	45	(2)
1978 - 1982		
Sheffield United	103	(14)
1982 - 1984		
Mansfield Town	72	(6)
1984 - 1985		
Chesterfield	38	(1)
1985 - 1989		
Argyle	135	(4)
1989 - 1990		
Torquay United	25	(0)
1990		
Dorchester Town		

at Arsenal, I also played left-back, right-back, and midfield. I like to think it was because I was versatile. The more positions you can play, the more chance of getting a game, and you play where the manager puts you.

**You made the runners up spot with Argyle in 1985-86, how did that feel for your first season?**

Promotion in first season at Argyle could not have been better, following the promotion the season before at Chesterfield.

**You went from Mansfield to bitter rivals Chesterfield, how did the fans react?**

At Chesterfield, we won the league so I don't think the fans bothered much that I came from Mansfield.

**What was your favourite goal that you scored?**

My first for Arsenal, against Coventry in front of the North Bank in an FA Cup replay, 1975.

**You played 159 games for Argyle, what was your favourite?**

My favourite game for Argyle has to be the 4-0 win against Bristol City to gain promotion.

**Do you have a particular favourite story from your playing days?**

It was away to Chelsea with Argyle. So we could get home at a reasonable time, the driver would take orders for fish, chips, pies, and curry sauce, so he could have them on the bus. We lost 5-0, and the dressing-room was not a happy place. Ken Brown [the manager] was pacing up and down in an uncomfortable silence; the atmosphere was not good. No one wanted to make the first move. Then the door opened - it was the driver saying: "Sorry lads, no curry sauce." The manager was not impressed.

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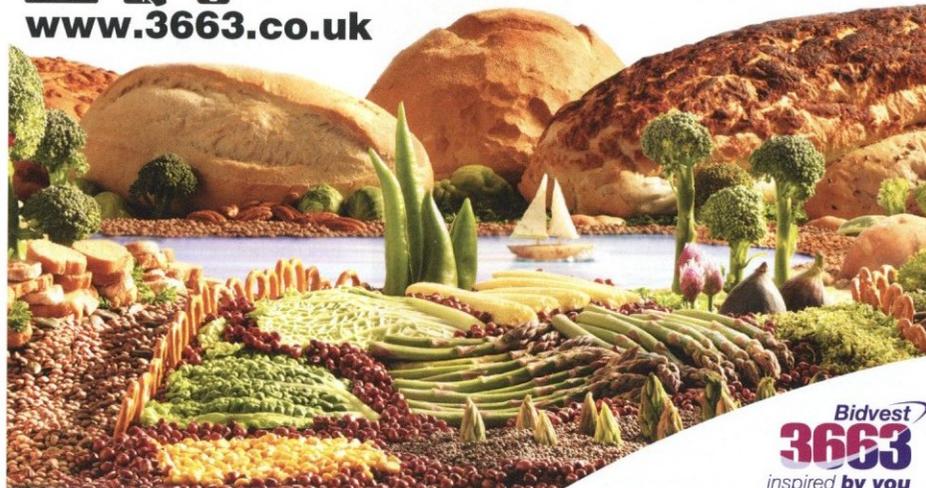
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...Jason Banton (but only because he's stood behind me).

**The most famous person whose number is in my phone is...**

...I've just wiped all my numbers by accident. I had to find my mum's number - I didn't know that, even.

**My Argyle team-mate most likely to make me laugh is...**

...Coxy's quite funny. His humour is facials, and things like that.

**When I go to parties, I usually...**

...depending on what mood I'm in, one of many different things. I observe, sometimes, I'll get involved.

**The worst part of being a professional footballer is...**

...without a doubt, being injured. Being out for a long time, like Deane is now, is really, really hard. You feel isolated from everyone else. Last season was hard for me - I never really got going.

**If I wasn't a footballer, I'd...**

...there's quite a lot of things that take my fancy but I think I was always going to be a footballer from a very young age. I have a lot of interests in different fields but it is really hard for me to think about not playing football because that's all I've done.

**If time and money was no object, I would...**

...like to help people.

**My favourite place in Plymouth is...**

...Heaven and B.E.D restaurants.

**I wish I was better at...**

...everything.

**The song I would choose to sing at a club karaoke night is...**

...there's a large amount of songs I could choose from...if I was going to sing now, I'd go a bit edgy...I don't know...I could happily sing the Spice Girls or Queens of the Stone Age or an '80s power ballad - the Scorpions' Wind of Change.

**Tonight, I'm going to...**

...rest up, eat and sleep. Nothing riveting, just the usual stuff that humans do.

**The most intelligent person in the Argyle dressing-room is...**

...another tough question. There is very little to choose from. I would go for Peter Hartley. Just. I think he's studying to become an accountant.

**If I had to appear on a reality TV show, I would...**

...not turn up. I can't stand reality TV.

**If I could change my name to anything else, I would...**

...like to have a superhero name...Wolverine.

# ...DOMINIC BLIZZARD

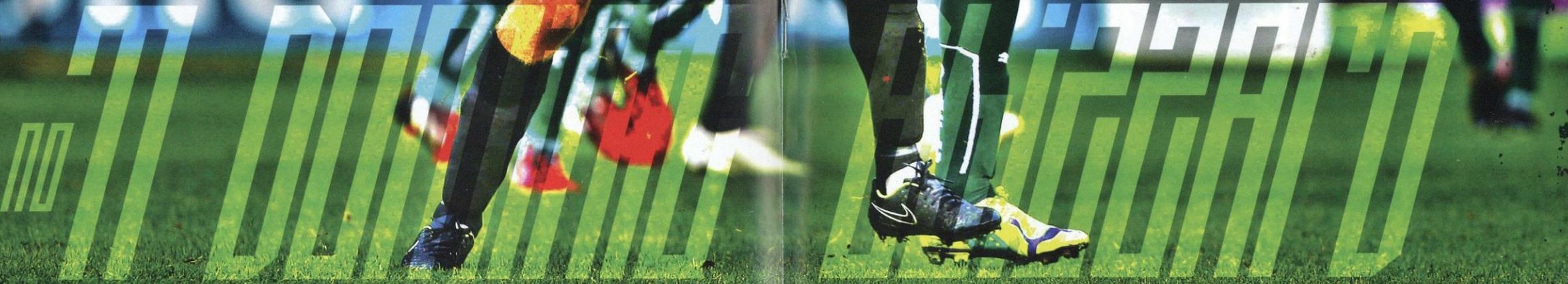


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FIRST AND BEST

**What is the first football match you remember watching?**

It would be an Arsenal game at Highbury. I was very young. I've always been an Arsenal fan and I remember my mum taking me there for one of my birthdays. I think it was Aston Villa and I think Ian Wright scored.

**What is the best car you've driven?**

I drive a Ka at the moment and that's my girlfriend's. I'm not really into cars like the other boys. I couldn't care less what I drive.



**When was your first goal as a professional footballer?**

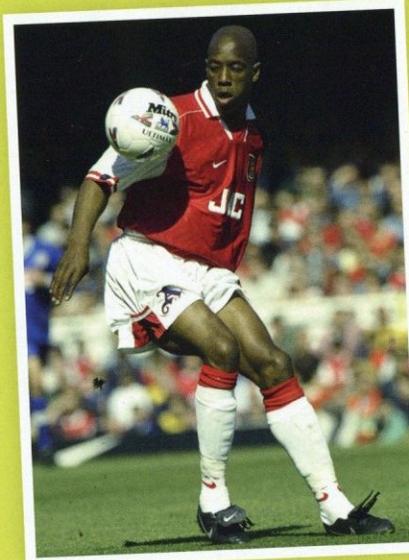
I scored on my debut for Watford. It might have been against Norwich. I think it was a spawny header but obviously you are going to be happy with it.

**Who is the best footballer in the world right now?**

If you are going on stats, it has to be Messi or Ronaldo but I like Iniesta, Fabregas, Marco Reus. I get bored with stats.

**Who was your first sporting hero as a child?**

I always liked Ian Wright and Tony Adams, being an Arsenal fan.



**Which Argyle player has the best dress sense?**

I would say Carl McHugh. He's always really, really smart.

**Why did you get your first detention at school?**

I'm a bit scruffy so maybe I would have got it for having my shirt untucked or something like that.



**What's the best thing about being a professional footballer?**

Getting to do something you enjoy every single day. It can be seen as privileged. I'm sure people enjoy their jobs but being outside in the fresh air, running about...it's a game and you get paid to do it.

**What was the first thing you did when you woke up this morning?**

I think my girlfriend woke me up. She usually wants to Facetime me at 8.30am, which wakes me up. I do tell her, but she doesn't seem to notice. I ignored it but then I called her back because I felt guilty.

**Who was your best friend at school?**

I never had one designated best friend. I had quite a few friends in different groups.

**When was the first time you stayed up all night and watched the sunrise?**

Never. I like my sleep. I'm really grumpy if I don't sleep enough.

**What is the best compliment you have ever had?**

My girlfriend pays me compliments. She's good like that.



QUICKFIRE QUESTIONS

**Bath or shower?**

I like both - it depends on what mood I'm in

**4ft 5in or 7ft 7in?**

4ft 5in

**Fish or chips?**

I like fish with chips - shouldn't it be Curry or fish & chips?

**Pen or sword?**

The pen is mightier than the sword



**Finding Nemo or Shrek?**

WALL-E's really good - it's got a good message



**Wet or dry?**

I like a bit of both - cold and wet...but not too wet

**Smile or game face?**

Smile

**Money or fame?**

I don't like either - there should be another option: happiness

**Nuts or raisins?**

Chocolate raisins - I also like almonds

**FIFA or PES?**

I play both

**Snow or rain?**

Snow



**Who's the greatest player you've played against? @tyler\_house6**

Jason Banton - but only because he's stood behind me again!

**What's the worst weather-based joke you've ever heard based on your surname? Phil Bowers on Facebook**

One of my teachers used to call me 'Snowy' and I just wanted to...I can't say what I wanted to do. It was so annoying.

**Was the goal against Luton the best you've ever scored? @TomLannigan**

**How did it feel scoring the winner against Luton, Dom? @Josh\_PAFC**

It felt good because I'd been injured and hadn't done anything for nine weeks. To come into the team and for it to be the winner was nice. I know people say it was a good goal but it meant more because I'd been out for so long. I've probably scored better, though.



**What's your most at-home position on the pitch? Jake Bishop on Facebook**

Centre-midfield. Definitely not defence. For a majority of my career, I've played centre midfield or behind the striker. I've even played on the wing. But never in defence.

**How do you do the perfect knee slide? @GLangford0**

It's all about the elements, reading the pitch, more than anything.

**What's your favourite Star Wars film? @pafc\_sb97**

Star Wars is a bit of a disappointing subject. I thought all the prequels were disappointing. The Empire Strikes Back - I think that's what gets most acclaim.

**All 3 subs used and Luke goes off injured, do you go in goal? @SkTheJanner**

I used to muck around in goal a lot but I've broken both hands recently. I'd struggle now - I can barely lift weights - but I would have had a go.

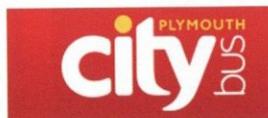
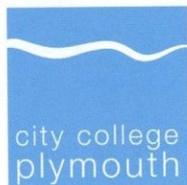
**In the dressing-room, who has the worst music taste? Thomas Stevens on Facebook**

There are only a few boys who will step up to the mark, so I don't know everyone's tastes. My taste would probably be quite left-field for everyone else - but I'm not going to say myself because I like my music. Lewi takes it very personally if anyone says anything bad about his music.

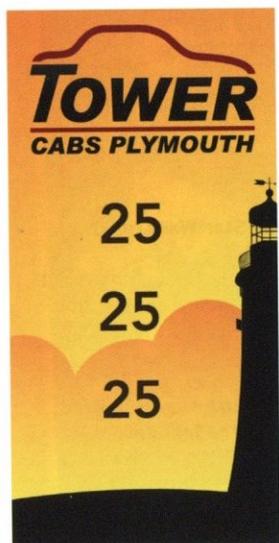


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# “Come on you greens!”

by Nigel Harradence



the first time. However, their foray into the European Cup-Winners' Cup ended with a 6-0 aggregate defeat at the hands of Russian club Torpedo Moscow.

In 1991, Cork City met German giants Bayern Munich in the UEFA Cup and managed a rather gallant 1-1 draw in the home leg before losing 2-0 at Munich's Olympic Stadium.

Two years later, the club won their first Irish Premier Division title, and the FAI Cup followed in 1998 with a 1-0 victory over Shelbourne in a replay after the original final ended goalless.

In 2008, the club began to suffer financial hardship and entered into examinership. The club's holding company, Cork City Investments FC Ltd, was eventually wound up but not before the club's fans awarded a licence to continue the club under the name Cork City FORAS Co-Op.

Some of the more notable former Cork City players include ex-Liverpool midfielder Terry McDermott; Shrewsbury Town manager Micky Mellon; and current Republic of Ireland internationals Kevin Doyle and Shane Long.

**T**HE city of Cork in the southern part of the Republic of Ireland has been represented by a few different football clubs down the years. These include Fordson's FC, Cork United, Cork Athletic, Cork Bohemians, Cork Celtic, Cork Hibernians and Albert Rovers, but the current representatives are Cork City FC who were founded by officials from other Cork clubs in 1984.



**CORK CITY CLUB FACTS**  
Division: League of Ireland Premier Division  
Stadium: Turners Cross Stadium (7,365)  
Nickname: Rebel Army  
Manager: John Caulfield  
Record league victory: 7-0 v Athlone Town Sep 10, 2011  
Record league defeat: 2-7 v Derry City Aug 27, 1987  
Most appearances: 455, John Caulfield  
Most goals: 129, John Caulfield, Pat Morley

In their first couple of seasons, Cork City struggled to achieve any form of success and only narrowly avoided relegation to the League of Ireland First Division. In 1986, they moved to their new Turners Cross stadium and, by the end of the season, managed a more respectable mid-table finish.

Two years later, the club won their first silverware with the Munster Senior Cup, beating near-neighbours Cobh Ramblers in the final. They also won the League of Ireland Cup, beating Shamrock Rovers 1-0 in the final.

The following year, they lost the FAI Cup Final to Derry City but, in the process, qualified for European competition for



# RUBY BOYS

40 years on...Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS recalls Argyle's 1974-75 Third Division promotion-winning campaign

## Match 25 January 11, 1975 AFC Bournemouth 3 Argyle 7

ARGYLE were in seventh heaven after this remarkable victory at Dean Court. Billy Rafferty gave Argyle the lead after seven minutes, then Paul Mariner scored on 13 minutes when Kevin Charlton failed to hold Hugh McAuley's shot. Brian Johnson made it three in the 39th minute, then Mariner set up McAuley to score five minutes later. John Delve netted Argyle's fifth goal on 50 minutes. John Wingate's header reduced the deficit on 61 minutes, then Mike Green's 74th-minute own goal and Trevor Howard's shot on 77 minutes gave AFC Bournemouth hope before Mariner and McAuley scored in the final two minutes.

**Argyle:** Jim Furnell, John Hore, Phil Burrows, Alan Rogers, Mike Green, John Delve, Colin Randell, Brian Johnson, Paul Mariner, Billy Rafferty, Hugh McAuley.

**Attendance:** 7,352



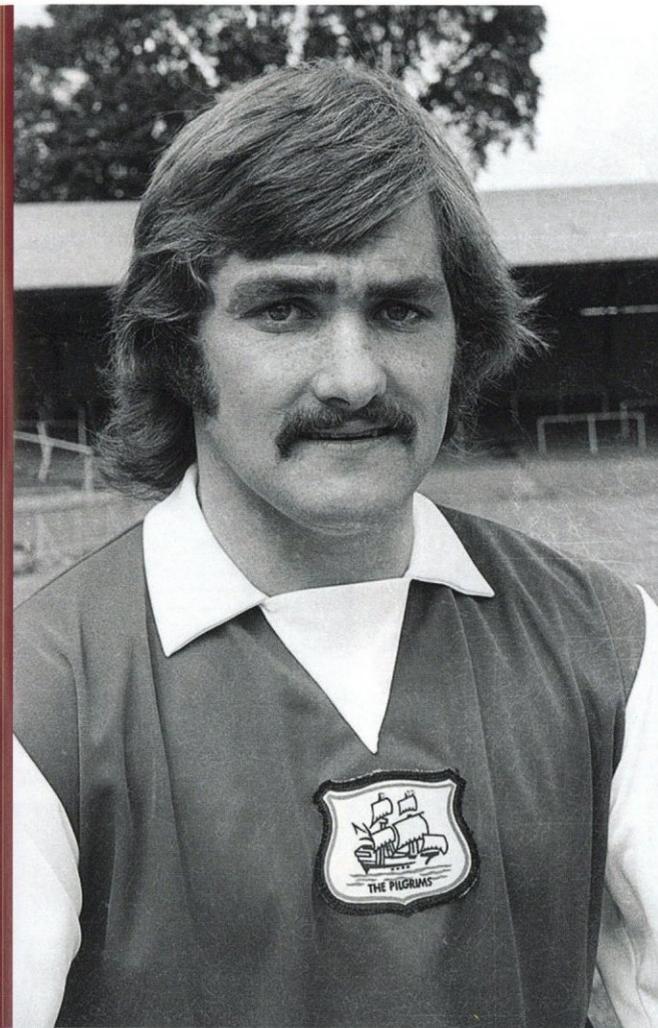
## Match 26 January 18, 1975 Argyle 3 Chesterfield 0

ARGYLE maintained the pressure on leaders Blackburn Rovers with this victory at home to bottom club Chesterfield. Tony Waiters' side struggled to break down the visitors. Billy Rafferty looked poised to score but slipped in the mud. Argyle finally took the lead on 28 minutes when Hugh McAuley floated over a cross and Rafferty nodded it down for John Delve to score. Chesterfield hit back and Ron Phillips had an effort disallowed on 48 minutes. Rafferty centred for Paul Mariner to race in and score at the far post on 80 minutes. Substitute Barrie Vassallo fired home his first goal in league football with six minutes remaining.

**Argyle:** Jim Furnell, John Hore, Phil Burrows, Alan Rogers, Mike Green, John Delve (Barrie Vassallo), Colin Randell, Brian Johnson, Paul Mariner, Billy Rafferty, Hugh McAuley.

**Attendance:** 13,005.

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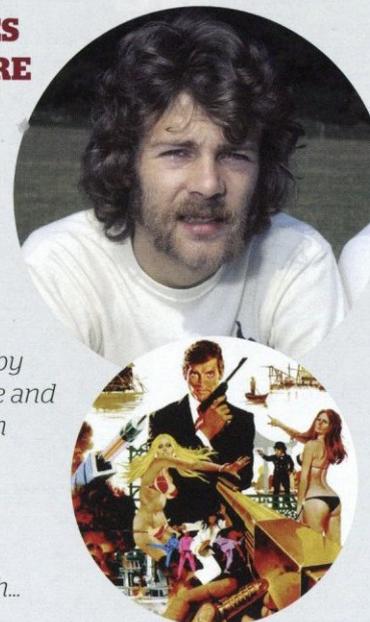
## PLAYER PROFILE

# Hugh McAuley

**WINGER** Hugh McAuley featured prominently in Argyle's 1974-75 promotion success. A former Liverpool apprentice, he turned professional in January 1970 and was loaned to Tranmere before joining Plymouth for £12,000 in October 1974. He missed just two matches during the 1975-76 campaign, and netted seven goals in 77 league games while at Home Park prior to joining Charlton Athletic in December 1976. After later playing for Tranmere Rovers and Carlisle United, he worked for the Merseyside Youth Association before coaching at Liverpool's Academy. His son of the same name appeared for Cheltenham Town.

## HEADLINES ELSEWHERE

Alfie Conn grabbed a hat-trick on his debut as Tottenham Hotspur won 5-2 at Newcastle United...Goals by Roger Osborne and David Johnson gave leaders Ipswich Town a 2-0 victory at home to Middlesbrough...



Alex Cropley and John Radford scored in Arsenal's 2-1 victory over fellow strugglers Carlisle United.

**No 1 single:** Lonely This Christmas - Mud

**No 1 movie:** The Man with the Golden Gun

## LUTON TOWN IN 1974-75

Luton Town finished 20th in the First Division in 1974-75. Harry Haslam's side won just one of their first 21 games before three straight wins including a 1-0 triumph over eventual champions Derby County. The Hatters dropped only seven points in their final ten matches but went straight back to the Second Division.

# PASS BACK

THERE is no doubt about it - Plymouth Argyle has had a colourful past. This season, we are taking a wistful stroll down Memory Lane to relive some golden times, and, today, we fondly remember our programme covers from 1902-1964...

**1**

**PROGRAMME.**  
Home Park, November 15th, 1902.

LOOK WEST BROMWICH ALBION.	LOOK
OUT Taylor	OUT
FOR Chisham	FOR
ARGYLE	ARGYLE
RUGBY	RUGBY
PAIGINTON.	PAIGINTON.
WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY
NEXT.	NEXT.
AT 3-15.	AT 3-15.

**2**

**WAKELING'S UMBRELLAS**  
GEORGE STREET, PLYMOUTH

**WAKELING'S UMBRELLAS**

Plymouth Argyle Football Club.

**Official 1d Programme**

**WAKELING'S UMBRELLAS**

WAKELING, 18, GEORGE STREET, PLYMOUTH.

**3**

**HOCKING'S PIANOS**

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**SUNRIPE CIGARETTES**

- Programme key**
- 11902
  - 21913
  - 31925
  - 41928
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  - 61938
  - 71939
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  - 141953-54
  - 151955-56
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  - 171958-59
  - 181958-59
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**12**

**SPORTING RECORD**  
The Family All-Sports Weekly, 3d

**Plymouth Argyle**  
VERSUS  
**Leeds United**

**PALE A ALE**  
The Best Bitter in the West of England

**13**

**Football League**  
Division 2

**Plymouth Argyle**  
VERSUS  
**Everton**

**PALE A ALE**  
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**15**

**Plymouth Argyle**  
VERSUS  
**LIVERPOOL**

**PALE A ALE**  
The Best Bitter in the West of England

**16**

**Home Park - Plymouth**  
Saturday  
November 30th  
1957

**Plymouth Argyle**  
VERSUS  
**BOURNEMOUTH**

**4**

**Official Programme 1d.**  
Home Park, Plymouth. Saturday, Aug. 25th, 1928

**Plymouth Argyle**  
VERSUS  
**MERTHYR TOWN**

**Wakeling's Umbrellas**  
STRONG - DURABLE - CHEAP

**5**

**GENONI'S Swiss Restaurant**  
for a Perfect Lunch or Dinner

**Official Programme 2d**  
Home Park, Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 4th, 1936

**Plymouth Argyle**  
VERSUS  
**PORT VALE**

**Wakeling's Umbrellas**  
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**6**

**GENONI'S Swiss Restaurant**  
for a Perfect Lunch or Dinner

**Official Programme 2d.**  
Home Park - Plymouth  
Saturday, Oct. 19th, 1935

**Plymouth Argyle**  
VERSUS  
**MANCHESTER CITY**

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**MADGE & SON**  
Home Park : Plymouth

**Plymouth Argyle**  
VERSUS  
**West Ham United**

**7**

**Official Programme**  
SATURDAY, AUG. 26th, 1939

**Plymouth Argyle**  
v.  
**WEST HAM UTD.**

**Wakeling's Umbrellas**  
STRONG - DURABLE - CHEAP

**8**

**Official Programme 2d.**  
Saturday, November 24th, 1945

**Plymouth Argyle**  
v.  
**ARSENAL**

**Charlton Athletic**  
will be at HOME PARK

**9**

**Official Programme 2d.**  
SATURDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER, 1946

**Plymouth Argyle**  
2  
VERSUS  
**FULHAM 2**

**PALE A ALE**  
ON BOTTLE  
You can drink it all!

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**Plymouth Argyle Football Club**

**Official Programme**  
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. READING

**MADGE & SON**  
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**Official Programme**  
FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION III  
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
VERSUS  
**STOCKPORT COUNTY**

**MADGE & SON**  
SAFELY ENTRUST ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS TO

**19**

**Plymouth Argyle**  
FOOTBALL CLUB

**Official Programme**  
Saturday, April 20th, 1963

**Plymouth Argyle**  
VERSUS  
**CHELSEA**

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# Goode times

with Club Chaplain Arthur Goode



**A** FEW years ago, I gave my son, who was 12 at the time, a rather unusual Christmas present. He got a year's membership to the Goode Boys Film Club - each month, I would buy him a different DVD, trying to hit most of the major classics and genres over the year. It was also an excuse for me to revisit some of my favourite films and share them with him.

What would you include? It makes for an interesting pub conversation. Try it now. Turn to the person in the seat next to you and ask them: you have another five minutes before the Argyle Angels' dance and Semper Fidelis.

“**What troubles me is that the children do not always grow up. Adults go around looking for happy endings because this is all they get fed: films, magazines, Facebook - look at my great life and this could happen to you, too!**”

As so often happens, this was a gift more for me than him, and I do not think he really appreciated it as much as I had hoped he would, but there were some interesting discoveries. Laurel and Hardy for instance. I was so excited taking off the cellophane wrapper, remembering how hilarious it all was, but when we got to watching it, we found it so slow and rather obvious. These chaps were pioneers of their genre, and worth a watch on that basis alone, but the films do not compare well to the fast-paced and very clever slapstick we get now.

The first offering was a classic war film. There are many to choose from. I went for The Great Escape. And do you know what I discovered? Boys aged 12 have not, on the whole, had exposure to many sad endings. The boy always gets the girl; the baddie gets put away; and the sad nerd with no friends and no self-esteem realises that it is what is inside him that counts, not what everyone else thinks, and soon after that revelation, everyone thinks he is amazing and wants to be his friend, including the extremely dishy girl who he has a crush on.

If you have seen The Great Escape you will know that it does not quite end like that. And my lad was gutted.

Disney, Pixar et al do not do our kids any favours in preparing them for the rough knocks of real life, but then they are children, and happy endings are appropriate at that age.

What troubles me is that the children do not always grow up. Adults go around looking for happy endings because this is all they get fed: films, magazines, Facebook - look at my great life and this could happen to you, too! How many Facebook posts wished you health and happiness this new year? Happiness is dependent on things that happen, and health, despite being a national obsession, is an uncertain thing. Let our focus be developing joy in all circumstances, rather than hoping for something illusive that we cannot control.

Jesus was known as the Suffering Servant, and had a very realistic approach to life's difficulties that had little to do with the 'look good; feel great' message of many churches nowadays. Indeed, he became a man and gave his life for us out of compassion for us and the messy situation mankind finds itself in today; our hope is not based on simplistic assurances but the reality that you are not alone in your difficulties, and there is an ultimate happy ending in eternity: peace with God in heaven.

What of the happy ending to the Plymouth Argyle season that we are all hoping for? It has been a great season so far, full of quality football and not short of drama. And the drama - what we most love about football yet also sometimes hate with equal measure - is only going to increase as May approaches, but right now I would gladly settle for being six points clear at the top come the last game and a very boring, meaningless away game to Shrewsbury with the other chaps gearing up for play-offs.

What about you? What script would you like written?



# Argyle is...

...In the Air



**ARGYLE Charter Pty Ltd. ([argylecharter.com.au](http://argylecharter.com.au))** is a locally owned and operated air charter company based in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. The company was founded in 2005 as a subsidiary of the Craig Black Group who initially started the air business to exclusively ferry their senior managers throughout rural and regional Australia. Now, the aircraft can be publically chartered.

The owner, Craig Black, lives at the old **Argyle Homestead** in Kingsthorpe, giving its name to the **Argyle Charter** business. Known for their fast flying-time, luxurious interiors and safety, the Swiss-built Pilatus PC12/47 aircraft

is the preferred choice of the company. At a price of US\$4.85m, the PC12 is capable of flying at speeds of up to 322mph at 30,000 feet with a range of 1,500 nautical miles and is able to land on unsealed outback strips. It is the same aircraft type as used by the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, in fact. The seating can be configured for 6-9 executive seats and, when operating as an air ambulance, the aircraft can carry three patients. On August 12, 2014, the aircraft was chartered to fly to **Argyle Lake**, Western Australia.

*Above: Australian company Argyle Charter Pty Ltd website ([argylecharter.com.au](http://argylecharter.com.au))*



**ARGYLE Aviation Inc.** operates from Argyle Airport in Argyle, New York State, USA. The airport is a grass airfield that opened in the early 1970s. Today, it is home to more than 25 aircraft; one flight school and office building; one maintenance shop; five hangars; and a new large hangar under construction. In a safe and friendly environment, Argyle Aviation have six certified instructors to train pilots to fly single and twin-engined aircraft all year round. Skilled pilots can be taught aerobatics.

The owner of **Argyle Aviation** and **Argyle Airport** is chief pilot Dick Bovey. His company also employ qualified staff to maintain and repair aircraft; they have previously restored classic planes. The ([argyleaviation.com](http://argyleaviation.com)) website says: "Argyle is just a peaceful, relaxing country environment where everyone can enjoy the aviation experience." To find out more, watch the 11-minute film **Argyle Picnic 2008** ([youtube.com/watch?v=6NiNDA6d3QM](http://youtube.com/watch?v=6NiNDA6d3QM)).

*Above: From New York State, USA, Argyle Aviation Inc. website ([argyleaviation.com](http://argyleaviation.com))*

...In the Air

A Cornucopia exploring the Word World of ARGYLE, 'Ar-Googled' from the internet by Roger Walters



...In the Air

**THE tropical island of St Vincent is in the Caribbean; it stretches 11 miles long by 7 miles wide, has a population of 109,000 and has been independent from Britain since 1979. Its main source of income comes from bananas and, since the movie Pirates of the Caribbean was filmed there, tourism has been steadily growing. This was hampered, however, by the inadequate island airport which could not take the bigger international routes aircraft. ([wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org))**

In 2009, the St Vincent government started to build the **Argyle International Airport**, named after its Argyle district location in the south-east corner of the island. The small economy of St Vincent could only afford the US\$240,000,000 project with the expertise and financial help from other nations. Hills were flattened as the 290-acre site was subsequently levelled to make way for the 9,000 feet runway. The airport terminal

buildings have since been built, though the project was due to have been completed by 2013. The date has now been moved to 2015, largely because of finance problems, but negotiations with big airlines interested in using **Argyle International Airport** have begun.

In May 2014, tests conducted on the completed runway found it was subject to strong crosswinds and its foundations, built by Cuban engineers, have not been compacted to the required standard for heavy aircraft. An expensive and lengthy four-year rebuild has been identified as the only solution to prevent **Argyle International Airport** from becoming a white elephant. ([thevincentian.com](http://thevincentian.com))

*Below: Construction of Argyle International Airport on the Caribbean island of St Vincent ([discoversvg.com](http://discoversvg.com))*



# GREENSHOOTS

## RESPECT FOR FORMER CHAIRMAN PETER BLOOM

ON a personal note, I wanted to mention our former chairman Peter Bloom, who passed away just before Christmas. He led the club during some triumphant times, seeing them reach the old Second Division, now the Championship. He was a very successful businessman, much represented member of the business and local community, and, above all, he was a real family man. I was fortunate to know him and therefore I wanted to send my sincere condolences to Peter's family who are attending the match today.

## AFC BOURNEMOUTH 2 ARGYLE 2

OUR Under 18s ended 2014 by increasing their unbeaten run to five games with a point away to runaway South West Youth Alliance leaders AFC Bournemouth.

With the exception of Dan Rooney, who was replaced by Aaron Taylor, we started with the same side that beat Oxford 5-1 a few days previously and, once again, played two up front.

The Cherries went in to the game 10 points clear of their nearest rivals and they took a 33rd minute lead. However, we restored parity within two minutes, when a good move down the middle released Ryan Lane to fire low past Bournemouth's advancing goalkeeper.



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The score remained the same until the 71st minute, when the opposition broke out of defence to cut in from the right and score past Cory Harvey.

Once again we levelled the score, this time six minutes after going behind. A good ball in from the right flank found substitute Louis Rooney, who showed good control before firing home from 12 yards.

Argyle: Cory Harvey, Mason Hughes, Callum Hall, Will Sargent, Jordan Bentley (Jeremy Tucker 45), Tom Moxham, Aaron Taylor (Billy Palfrey 78), Jack Calver, Jason Vincent, Alex Fletcher (Louis Rooney 68), Ryan Lane.

## DAN ROONEY TAKES PART IN NORTHERN IRELAND TRAINING CAMP

OUR Under-16 midfielder Dan Rooney was called over to Northern Ireland on December 27 for two days of training with the Under-17s. Whilst there, he played in a friendly against the Northern Ireland Under-18s and although they lost 2-1, it was Dan who hit his side's goal. He is now awaiting news on a possible call-up to the Under-17s for their forthcoming two friendlies in Iceland next month.



## ARGYLE 5 OXFORD UNITED 1

THE hard work of the groundstaff at Elburton Villa allowed our Under-18s to fulfil their home fixture against Oxford United. The ground was heavy after spells of rain and frost but that did not deter us from recording our biggest victory in this season's Football League Youth Alliance despite missing some of our players.

Jake Miller, Louis Rooney, Ben Steer, Jamil Roberts and Andrew Hannah were among those side-lined for the game, giving some of



Jason Vincent

the Under-16s the chance to show us what they were capable of. The youngsters provided the spine of the team, with Jordan Bentley back in central defence, Northern Ireland Under-16 international Dan Rooney in midfield, and Alex Fletcher up front. All of them came out of the game with credit.

We were dominant for long periods of the game, with Jason Vincent scoring the Under-18s' first hat-trick of the season and schoolboy Alex Fletcher weighing in with two. Oxford were fortunate only to concede five goals.

We made the breakthrough on 29 minutes when Ryan Lane's right-wing corner was forced home by Fletcher, and it was 2-0 four minutes later as Lane and Callum Hall combined to find Vincent who produced a sweet turn past his marker before firing home.

Vincent struck again two minutes before the break, when he once again showed good feet on the edge of the area before firing low into the corner of the net. The only blot on our performance came in the final minute of the half as slack play allowed Regan Dillon to cut in along the right bye line before hitting a low drive across Cory Harvey and inside the far post.

Pleasingly, we began the second period in a dominant mood again. Another goal had to come and it did, on the hour, when Lane's right-wing corner found Fletcher getting in amongst three defenders to head home at the near post.

The fifth and final goal arrived on 79 minutes when Jack Calver and Lane combined to set up Vincent for a great finish which sealed his hat-trick.

Argyle: Cory Harvey; Jordan Bentley, Will Sargent (capt), Tom Moxham (Jeremy Tucker 75); Mason Hughes, Dan Rooney (Liam Knowles 83), Ryan Lane, Jack Calver, Callum Hall; Jason Vincent, Alex Fletcher (Billy Palfrey 72).

## ACADEMY PRODUCT AARON BENTLEY MAKES DEBUT

CONGRATULATIONS to Aaron Bentley for making his league debut against Dagenham & Redbridge during the festive season. He gave a very good account of himself with a competent performance. He will have learnt from his mistake in the game against Oxford a fortnight ago but he also needs to be assured he has shown his ability in the previous matches. I know he was feeling terrible after the game, but he will have learnt a harsh lesson early on in his career and hopefully he will become a better player as a consequence of this.

Aaron Bentley



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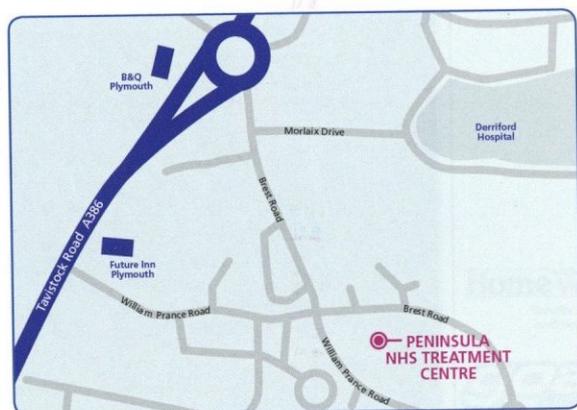
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# Blake's Heaven

Rub of the Greens' editor Blake Hall tackles the current footballing issues



## EVERY LOSER WINS

**O**NE can only fear for the game's future while clubs continue to overstretch their budget. Argyle fans know only too well how much lasting damage can be caused when outgoings are higher than those funds coming in.

Given those sentiments, it is interesting to follow the events on the Lancashire coast where Blackpool, recently of the Premier League, are currently languishing at the foot of the Championship after a turbulent summer where they only acquired a full team on the eve of the season and were unable to fill a substitutes bench for their initial games.

The reluctance of co-owner Karl Oyston to spend money on players and agents will not lead to success but you could argue the man has a point. As a football fan, however, I would want to see my team be as competitive as it can be and Blackpool's current policy is never going to allow that.

There is possibly more to Blackpool's plight, though, than a moralistic urge to do the right thing. Spats between Oyston and co-owner, Latvian businessman Valeri Beloken, have been publically exposed and the club has gone through an alarming number of managers of late, presumably caused by ill-feeling over the transfer policy.

Football needs to get its act together to the extent where the right thing should be lauded. Too many clubs have travelled in oblivion because of a couple of seasons' worth of greed.

Portsmouth are perhaps the most high-profile and dramatic example. The Fratton Park club famously won the FA Cup on an overstretched budget before plummeting into the Football League. One can only feel sorry for the fans being punished for the ineptitude of the previous regime, although the current board have done a wonderful job in making the club debt-free once more.

If football was governed by guidelines which reflect Oyston's ideals, then the game would be a much healthier and fairer business. Unfortunately, the current reality is harsh. Even if Blackpool are unlikely to drop down the leagues through administration and debt,



their second-tier status looks highly precarious due to their lack of quality. One only wonders how the club would fare in League 1 if their team is not signed until the eve of the season as has happened over the last two seasons.

However, is it fair that Blackpool cannot compete with clubs who will spend without any guarantee of success? Take Bolton, who are reportedly well over £100m pounds in debt (yes, you read that correctly). I know which club I would rather be championing.

Sadly, the game has become rife with financial anomalies. Finishing fourth in the Premier League can often cost a Premier League manager his job, but the reward for the club is gaining a Champions' League place. Failing to qualify from the Champions' League group can also result in automatic entry to the latter stages of the Europa League - unfair when you consider that other clubs have actually had to win several matches to reach that stage of the tournament.

Whilst the financial strategies of Oyston will never bring success in the current climate, one can only hope for a time when a reluctance to be reckless is the norm.

**Football needs to get its act together to the extent where the right thing should be lauded**

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## THERAPY

ARGYLE, in partnership with Ivybridge Community College, has launched a new BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Exercise Sciences (Sport Therapy). The course is a full-time two-year academic programme based at the football club and taught by teachers, professionally qualified physiotherapists and sports therapists who work there. The course will see daily interaction with professional players to incorporate theoretical studies into practical delivery sessions.

The Diploma is a 120-credit qualification at Level 3 - equivalent to three A Levels - and includes modules such as: Sport and Exercise Physiology; Sport Biomechanics in Action; Sport and Exercise Massage; and Fitness Training and Programming.

It is a full time course and will incorporate theory and practical-based lessons at the club. Students will complete work placements with the first team and academy and community development teams at Argyle to enhance their learning and improve their career opportunities.

Argyle Head Physiotherapist Paul Atkinson said: "This is a unique opportunity to not only ensure that you get to complete nationally recognised qualifications but also to convert the theory element into practical within a professional sports organisation."

To enroll, you need to be between 16-18 years old and have five GCSE grades A-C that include Science, Maths and English, and a desire to work in sports therapy and a good basic understanding of the human anatomy. For more information please contact Lee Britchford on 01752 562561, option 4, or e-mail community@pafc.co.uk

## DID YOU KNOW?

Luton Town's first ever manager was a Green? Charlie Green managed Luton for 27 seasons between 1901 and 1928.

## TOP TEN HATS

- 1) The Sorting Hat
- 2) A hat-trick
- 3) Hat Head, New South Wales
- 4) Hatem Ben Arfa
- 5) A Sombrero
- 6) Winston Churchill's Homburg
- 7) The hat on the Cat in the Hat
- 8) Ricky Hatton



- 9) The Mad Hatter's hat
- 10) The top hat in Monopoly

## 100

HAPPY 100th birthday to Phyllis Peters, who reached the venerable landmark on December 28. Phyllis is a huge Argyle fan and has been all her life - she grew up in Saltash and has attended matches since she was a child. Although she now lives in Kent, she still follows the team keenly, never missing the results, and has encouraged generations of her family to support the team. She always says there is no point in life if you do not follow a football team, and she gets great fun and enjoyment out of her various friends and family calling her to celebrate/comiserate when Argyle's final score comes through on a match-day. She really is a remarkable lady.



## PLAY 4 FUN

All these answers contain a link to our opposition's manager...

- 1) Study of art involving painting inanimate objects
- 2) Name the Scottish sitcom about pensioners Jack and Victor
- 3) Elton John's most successful song from the album Too Low For Zero
- 4) Sitcom by Roy Clarke, currently showing on BBC TV, a sequel to a 1970s and 80s show

## EX PILGRIM OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Paris Cowan-Hall, who was named the Sky Bet League 2 Player of the Month for December. The former Pilgrims midfielder, who was plying his trade at league leaders Wycombe Wanderers, has recently moved to Ian Holloway's Championship side Millwall. Good luck Paris!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY 50th birthday to Steve Fox. Enjoy your special day. From all those celebrating with you this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Uglov, a lifelong Argyle fan, on his 80th birthday.



## FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

ARGYLE'S Football in the Community Trust is recruiting for their highly successful Football Scholarship Programme which starts in September.

We are looking for young players who are in Year 11 or 12, with a passion to play football at a high level, to take academic studies under the guidance of Argyle whilst at the same time honing their footballing talents.

The programme sees 16-18 years olds participate in a BTEC level 3 Sports Development & Coaching programme in partnership with Ivybridge Community College, alongside a football scholarship run by Argyle. The programme is designed to give people good academic qualifications that can take them into universities, overseas universities, employment and work places. In addition, it gives young people the opportunity to train and play as a football scholar alongside their studies. Previous players have progressed into the professional game, climbed the football pyramid, and gone overseas, whilst others have improved on their football ability and continue to play local football.

This year has seen great developments with the teams now playing in national league against strong opposition such as Tottenham, Chelsea and Birmingham. If you like the sound of combining education with an established full-time football programme, contact leebritchford@pafc.co.uk or call 01752 562561, option 4, for more information on open evenings and trial dates.

## MASCOTS

### ELLA-MAE CHENERY, 3

**Lives:** Plymouth  
**School:** Mount Wise Pre-School  
**Favourite Subject at School:** Art/Painting  
**Favourite Activity Outside of School:** Ballet  
**Favourite Food:** Roast chicken  
**Favourite Thing to Watch on TV:** Disney DVDs  
**Favourite Music:** Songs from Frozen  
**Favourite Argyle Player:** Luke McCormick  
**Result Prediction:** 2-1 to Argyle



## WHO'S THIS EAR?



## MASCOTS

### JACK MARLAND, 6

**Lives:** Plymouth  
**School:** Plaistow Hill  
**Favourite Activity at School:** Football  
**Favourite Activities Outside of School:** Playing Football and Kickboxing  
**Favourite Food:** Pizza  
**Favourite TV Programme:** Football League Show  
**Favourite Music:** All types  
**Favourite Argyle Player:** Luke McCormick  
**Result Prediction:** 2-0 to Argyle



### KORI TRUSCOTT, 9

**Lives:** Plymouth  
**School:** Compton C of E  
**Favourite Activity at School:** Maths  
**Favourite Activity Outside of School:** Playing football for Marine Academy Juniors  
**Favourite Food:** Spaghetti Bolognese  
**Likes to watch on TV:** Football  
**Favourite Song:** Oasis's Wonderwell  
**Favourite Argyle Player:** Luke McCormick  
**Result Prediction:** 1-0 Argyle



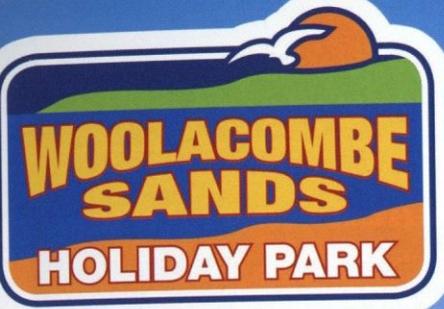
### TRE ANGELO WILLIS, 7

**Lives:** Wembley  
**School:** Oakington Manor Primary  
**Favourite Activities at School:** Maths and Literacy  
**Favourite Activities Outside of School:** Football and Basketball  
**Favourite Food:** Prawns and Sausages  
**Favourite TV Programme:** Pop TV  
**Favourite Music:** Rock Music and Bedtime Music  
**Favourite Argyle Player:** Marvin Morgan  
**Result Prediction:** 2-1 to Argyle



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# Miles & Miles & Miles & Miles &

to follow the greens yellows with Sam Barker



Newport County v Argyle, Friday, December 26, Rodney Parade

## Place

Back in April, we visited Newport to see Argyle grab a 2-1 win on what was quite a sunny, warm Tuesday evening. Fast forward to December, though, and, on the morning of our Boxing Day clash at Rodney Parade, there were warning signs that Argyle fans were to experience a different kind of weather while stood in Newport's open away end. Rain was pouring down in the Westcountry, and the weather only seemed to worsen as we crossed the bridge into Wales. Enthusiasm was not dampened, however, as Argyle had not lost on Boxing Day since 1997.

## The Game

It was not pretty on the eye. The swirling rain and blowing wind contributed to a game that never threatened any flowing football to be played, although Newport's pitch was holding up well compared to how it did to the winter weather of 12 months ago.

In the end, Argyle's 2-0 defeat was perhaps a little harsh, but the circumstances were always going to favour the more physical, long-ball team in Newport. Typically, it was former Argyle striker Chris Zebroski who opened the scoring early on, before the home side added a late second late. Argyle did everything but score - narrowly

## League 2 Mileage 2014/15

Carlisle	778.8
Hartlepool	775.8
York City	674.2
Morecambe	660.2
Accrington	626.0
Tranmere	602.8
Bury	592.8
Cambridge	577.4
Southend	538.4
Mansfield	534.2
Stevenage	517.2
Luton	508.4
Northampton	505.2
Dag & Red	505.0
Burton	474.4
Shrewsbury	451.4
Wycombe	445.2
AFC Wimbledon	410.6
Oxford	392.6
Portsmouth	341.8
Cheltenham	314.6
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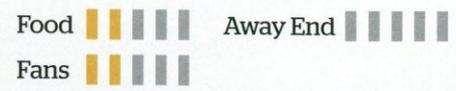
## Low Point

Where do I start?! Entering the away end to find mud so thick you could have been fooled into thinking you were at Glastonbury Festival and needed boots was a pretty bad start. A Newport steward telling me where it was ok to set the flags out in the wet, only for them to be taken down by said steward and just left there was also pretty bad.

But the winner for this award has to go to the rain. It pretty much managed to rain solidly throughout the whole of the 90 minutes, as well as half-time. I would be surprised if any of the Argyle fans in that end have ever got more soaked at a match; I did not even dry out until I got home! At least the Newport fans found it funny, with constant chants of 'Boxing Day, and you're soaking wet' aimed at the away end.

## High Point

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NEWS FROM TWO

ALEX WOOD is the Pilgrim's official Sky Bet League 2 reporter. Today, he takes a look at some of last Saturday's matches - and there are a few names you may remember.



WYCOMBE WANDERERS retained their place at the summit of Sky Bet League 2 last week after recording a 1-0 win against visitors YORK CITY. Fred Onyedimma, on loan from Ian Holloway's Championship side Millwall, made it two goals in as many games for the Chairboys, who have now reached the 50-point mark - the same tally they reached in total last season - with 21 games still to play.

BURTON ALBION remain only a point off the League 2 top spot after surviving a second-half fightback to beat struggling MANSFIELD TOWN 2-1. Jimmy Floyd-Hasselbaink's side led through goals by Matt Palmer and Kelvin Maynard, but a Mansfield strike early in the second half set up a nervy finish at the Pirelli Stadium. In the end, the Brewers held on to secure all three points.



Former Argyle captain Simon Walton scored as in-form side STEVENAGE extended their unbeaten run to five games with a 2-1 win against AFC WIMBLEDON. Tom Pett's opening goal in the 32nd minute was cancelled out three minutes later by George Francomb, who curled in from 12 yards to level at the break. Boro moved to eighth in the table with a fourth win in five after Walton converted a second-half penalty.

EXETER CITY slumped to a third league defeat in a row at the hands of visitors NORTHAMPTON TOWN. Two first-half goals, by the division's top league goalscorer Marc Richards and John-Joe O'Toole, secured a first win in seven for the Cobblers who now move five points clear of the bottom. Defeat for the Grecians, however, has stalled their mid-season promotion push.

Newport moved into the automatic promotion places following a 1-0 victory against Portsmouth

Struggling HARTLEPOOL UNITED recorded their first league victory under new manager Ronnie Moore by overcoming CHELTENHAM TOWN 2-0 at Victoria Park. The Pools, who have scored the fewest goals of any team this season, managed to find the back of the net either side of the break and keep a clean sheet for the first time in the league since September.

NEWPORT COUNTY moved into the League 2 automatic promotion places following a 1-0 victory against PORTSMOUTH thanks to Mark Byrne's second-half winner. A fourth successive win means County now move up to third, while Pompey, who have not won since November, remain in 17th.

A Liam Hughes goal, only his second of the season, was enough to give CAMBRIDGE UNITED their first win in five as they overcame struggling CARLISLE UNITED 1-0. The Cumbrians had chances to take a first-half lead but ultimately failed to convert before Hughes, with the U's only shot on target, beat keeper Mark Gillespie with a deflection from 25 yards.

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE and OXFORD UNITED were forced to share the spoils after a scrappy affair at Victoria Road ended 0-0. The game between MORECAMBE and TRANMERE ROVERS also finished goal-less draw, with the Shrimps now failing to score for the third home game in succession.

In other news, three former Argyle players were among the nominees for the League 2 player of the month award for December. Paris Cowan-Hall, who completed a transfer from Wycombe to Millwall at the start of this month, was the winner, with Burton's Alex MacDonald and York midfielder Luke Summerfield also recognised.



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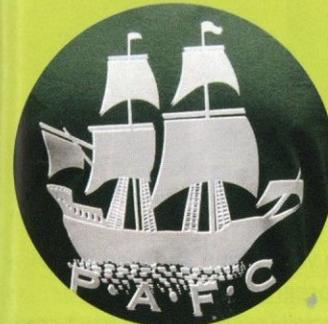
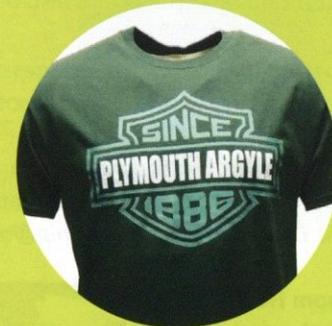
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# Commercial Argyle

with James Greenacre



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Richard is one of our Pilgrim Partners for the season and his father Paul can be found in the players' lounge on almost every availability opportunity throughout the season. I am sure that they will all have a great time enjoying our hospitality this afternoon.

The Match Programme Sponsor this afternoon is the Herald, another of our Pilgrim Partners and a key supporter of Argyle for many years. As one of our Pilgrim Partners, the Herald have been a Match Sponsor, Match-ball Sponsor and Match Programme Sponsor this season, and will also be invited to our end-of-season awards night (details of which are to be announced in due course).

The Herald have also run promotions for Argyle fans over the past 12 months in both their printed and digital media, so keep an eye out and make sure you do not miss out on the next offer to be had.

The Tribute Legends Lounge has been full-to-capacity for the last seven fixtures, so if you are contemplating booking hospitality for one of our home games, then please do not delay in contacting Elaine or me at the club. Our Match-Day Hospitality costs just £37.50(+VAT), with discounts available for club Members, and this price includes your match ticket, team sheet, programme and a three-course pre-match meal.

Prior to the game, guests are entertained by representatives of the Argyle Legends, and can also take part in our popular pre-match quiz, sponsored by St Austell Brewery, the winner of which receives a complimentary round of drinks for their table.

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There are still a few opportunities to book younger Pilgrims in to be a mascot this season, with packages starting from just £50. The Mascot Experience is a fantastic package for our junior supporters, who will spend the day being looked after by our mascot hosts. For more information, or to enquire about availability, please contact Elaine on the contact details above.

We recently held our annual Players' Sponsors Luncheon in the Tribute Legends Lounge, which was enjoyed by all and provided sponsors with the opportunity to mix with the squad and discuss the season so far. Photographs of this event have been sent to sponsors and have appeared on the website - so please feel free to take a look. If you would like to register your interest for Player Sponsorship for the 2015-16 season, please give Elaine or me a call and we will talk you through the options available.

Enjoy the match

**James Greenacre**  
Commercial Operations Manager

# 50/50 Lottery News

**GOOD afternoon all and welcome to your 50/50 Lottery brief.**

I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and have made your new year's resolutions. I want to lose a bit around the waistline, but the chocolate and cake is not having it. Still, as long as the Greens get promotion, one out of two will do nicely.

A great time was had by all at the recent Sponsors' Lunch in the Tribute Lounge. On our table was club legend Kevin Hodges, who my wife Lorraine and I sponsor; Dave Rowntree, the club photographer who is sponsored by the 50/50; Performance Manager John Harbin and Aaron Bentley, with their sponsors; and our very own living legend, 50/50 President Peter Hall.

The service we all received was outstanding. Head chef Chris and assistants Nathan and Tash served us a grand lunch (except for bully-boy Nathan, who made us all have sprouts).

The 50/50 Lottery are match-day sponsors for the Morecambe game under their Pilgrim Partnership and today is the last



chance for two pairs of lucky winners to attend a pre-match meal; a tour of the stadium; form a guard of honour for the arrival of the teams at pitch-side; and meet the man of the match - picked by your table - at the end of the game; a great 50/50 prize. I think you will agree.

The prizes for today's match are:

**First** - cash;  
**Second and third** - pair of tickets for a pre-match meal in the Tribute Lounge for the Morecambe game on 24th January.

I hope you all enjoy the game and, as always, thanks for supporting the 50/50 lottery

*Ken Beale and the 50/50 Lottery team*

## THE ARGYLE FOUNDATION

**TODAY'S Foundation 50 squad member is Phil Mallett, who writes:**

I have supported Argyle since my first ever game in 1953, which I went to with my gran. We watched from the grandstand, but I now sit in Devonport end with my two sons. My favourite past players are Fred Binney, Norman Piper, Paul Mariner and Bill Rafferty. They were some of the best times watching argyle.

My current favourite players are Curtis Nelson and Reuben Reid. A game I remember fondly is when Santos played Argyle at Home Park - it was a great occasion. We also played West Ham that year and the result was 3-0; the football was outstanding. I joined the Argyle Foundation as another way to show my support for the mighty Greens!



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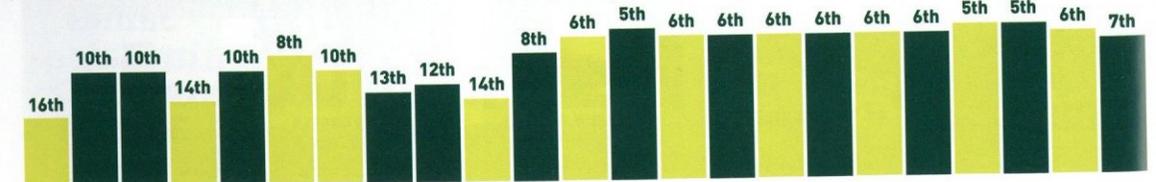
# PILGRIMS' PROGRESS 2014-15



Date	Opposition	Competition	Score	Goals	Assists	Minutes	Position	Notes
SAT 9 AUG	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	FL2	0-1	6,009 (1,280)	SUB	RB	SUB	RCM RCB (C) LCM
TUE 12 AUG	LEYTON ORIENT	COC1	3-3*	3,343 (141)	SUB	RB	SUB	RCM RCB (C) LCM
SAT 16 AUG	EXETER CITY	FL2	3-0	11,418 (943)	SUB	RB	SUB	RCB (C) LCM
TUE 19 AUG	STEVENAGE	FL2	1-1	6,240 (126)	SUB	RB	SUB	RCM RCB (C)
SAT 23 AUG	BURY	FL2	1-2	3,156 (355)	SUB	RB	SUB	16.53 8.53 RCB (C) RCM
SAT 30 AUG	SOUTHEND UNITED	FL2	2-0	6,247 (258)	SUB	RB	SUB	RCM RCB (C) 4.70
SAT 6 SEPT	LUTON TOWN	FL2	1-0	7,864 (527)	SUB	RB	SUB	RCM RCB (C) SUB
SAT 13 SEPT	MORECAMBE	FL2	1-2	1,865 (364)	SUB	RB	SUB	LM RCB (C) SUB
TUE 16 SEPT	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	FL2	0-1	5,657 (143)	SUB	RB	SUB	16.HT 22.HT RCB (C) LCM
SAT 20 SEPT	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	FL2	2-0	6,146 (67)	SUB	RB	SUB	LB LM RCB (C) SUB
SAT 27 SEPT	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	FL2	0-1	1,511 (303)	SUB	RB	SUB	LB 3.90 RCB (C) SUB
SAT 4 OCT	SHREWSBURY TOWN	FL2	1-0	6,229 (270)	SUB	RB	SUB	SUB RCB (C) SUB
TUE 7 OCT	SWINDON TOWN	JPT2	3-2	2,668 (323)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM RCB (C) CM
SAT 11 OCT	TRANMERE ROVERS	FL2	1-0	4,952 (501)	SUB	LM	SUB	RCM RCB (C) SUB
SAT 18 OCT	CARLISLE UNITED	FL2	1-0	6,529 (193)	SUB	LM	SUB	RCM RCB (C) SUB
TUE 21 OCT	AFC WIMBLEDON	FL2	0-0	4,318 (892)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCB (C) SUB
SAT 25 OCT	CHELTENHAM TOWN	FL2	3-0	6,837 (196)	SUB	RM	SUB	SUB RCB (C) SUB
SAT 1 NOV	BURTON ALBION	FL2	1-1	3,083 (600**)	SUB	RM	SUB	16.59 RCB (C) SUB
SAT 8 NOV	AFC FYLDE	FAC1	2-0	5,153 (104)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM RCB (C) LCM
WED 12 NOV	COVENTRY	JPTQF	0-2	7,121 (769)	SUB	-	-	RCM RCB (C) 11.86
SAT 15 NOV	PORTSMOUTH	FL2	3-0	10,354 (1,243)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM RCB (C) SUB
SAT 22 NOV	MANSFIELD TOWN	FL2	0-1	2,926 (581)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM RCB (C) 28.67
SAT 29 NOV	YORK CITY	FL2	1-1	6,808 (150)	SUB	RM	SUB	SUB RCM RCB (C) SUB
SAT 6 DEC	SHEFFIELD UNITED	FAC2	0-3	7,348 (638)	SUB	RB	SUB	LB 8.71 RCB (C) 3.71
SAT 13 DEC	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	FL2	3-2	4,318 (565)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM RCB (C) 11.39
SAT 20 DEC	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	FL2	3-0	7,176 (65)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM - LCM
FRI 26 DEC	NEWPORT COUNTY	FL2	0-2	5,020 (1,200**)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM - LCM
SUN 28 DEC	OXFORD UNITED	FL2	1-2	11,020 (392)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM - LCM
SAT 3 JAN	YORK CITY	FL2	0-0	3,869 (528)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM - SUB
SAT 10 JAN	SOUTHEND UNITED	FL2	0-0	5,767 (562)	SUB	RM	SUB	RCM RCB (C) SUB
SAT 17 JAN	LUTON TOWN	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 24 JAN	MORECAMBE	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 31 JAN	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 7 FEB	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
TUE 10 FEB	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 14 FEB	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 21 FEB	EXETER CITY IPM KO	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 28 FEB	BURY	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
TUE 3 MAR	STEVENAGE	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 7 MAR	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 14 MAR	OXFORD UNITED	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
TUE 17 MAR	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 21 MAR	NEWPORT COUNTY	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 28 MAR	CHELTENHAM TOWN	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
FRI 3 APR	BURTON ALBION	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
MON 6 APR	PORTSMOUTH	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 11 APR	MANSFIELD TOWN	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
TUE 14 APR	AFC WIMBLEDON	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 18 APR	CARLISLE UNITED	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 25 APR	TRANMERE ROVERS	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 2 MAY	SHREWSBURY TOWN	FL2	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*Lost 6-5 on penalties \*\*estimate

## GAME BY GAME LEAGUE POSITION



64 KO, Saturday fixtures 3pm, Weekday fixtures 7.45 unless otherwise stated

Player	Goals	Assists	Minutes	Position	Notes
JAMES BITTNER	1	0	8.70	SUB	
KELVIN MELLOR	2	0	9.98	SUB	
BEN PURRINGTON	3	0	9.70	SUB	
LEE COX	4	0	9.60	SUB	
CURTIS NELSON	5	0	22.53	SUB	
OLLIE NORBURN	6	0	22.66	SUB	
LEWIS ALESSANDRA	7	0	9.86	SUB	
JASON BANTON	8	0	7.90	SUB	
REUBEN REID	9	0	7.82	SUB	
MARVIN MORGAN	10	0	7.82	SUB	
DOMINIC BLIZZARD	11	0	6.74	SUB	
ANDY KELLETT	13	0	6.105	SUB	
TYLER HARVEY	14	0	6.105	SUB	
PAUL WOTTON	15	0	10.70	SUB	
CARL MCHUGH	16	0	8.58	SUB	
ALEX BRAY	17	0	8.86	SUB	
BOBBY REID	17	0	9.86	SUB	
MATTHEW LECOINTE	18	0	9.86	SUB	
NATHAN THOMAS	19	0	9.86	SUB	
TOM FLANAGAN	20	0	14.60	SUB	
DEANE SMALLEY	22	0	10.64	SUB	
LUKE MCCORMICK	23	0	6.81	SUB	
RIVER ALLEN	24	0	6.90	SUB	
AARON BENTLEY	25	0	19.33	SUB	
ANTHONY O'CONNOR	28	0	7.73	SUB	
PETER HARTLEY	29	0	7.73	SUB	

## THIS SEASON'S STATS

**Games since we**  
 Won 5  
 Drew 1  
 Lost 3  
 Kept a clean sheet 1  
 Had a 0-0 draw 1  
 Had a score draw 8

**Discipline**  
 Red 1  
 Bentley  
 Yellow 42  
 7 Hartley  
 5 O'Connor  
 4 McHugh  
 3 B Reid  
 Cox  
 Nelson  
 Thomas  
 2 Blizzard  
 Mellor  
 Morgan  
 Norburn  
 Purrrington  
 R Reid  
 1 Alessandra  
 Banton  
 Bray  
 Harvey  
 Kellett  
 Smalley

**Goals L (C)**  
 29 L (8 C)  
 9 R Reid (12)  
 8 Alessandra (6)  
 4 Hartley (3)  
 2 Smalley (1)  
 Morgan (1)  
 B Reid (2)  
 1 Blizzard (0)  
 Harvey (1)  
 McHugh (0)  
 Nelson (0)  
 Kellett (1)  
 Thomas (1)

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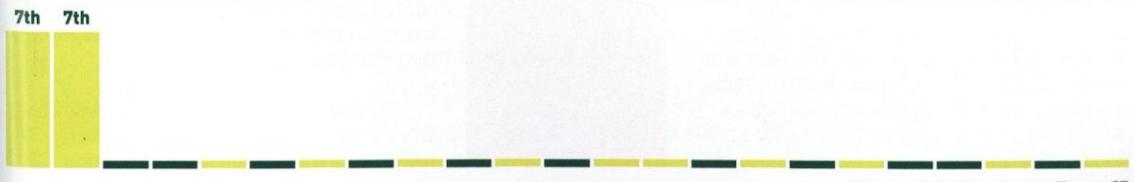
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# One more round

with John Harbin



**T**HE one thing I have learnt from sport is: Do not disregard anyone.

In my time, I have seen some late developers; people who are written off as youth-team players and were told repeatedly by coaches and managers that they were not going to make it, that, in fact, go on to become internationals.

I have often found that the most valuable opinion is the one you have of yourself. Once you decide that you are no good, that is the end of the line.

I have had some real late developers in my time, people like David Eyres at Oldham. When I was there, he was the oldest player in the Football League but I do not think he graduated as a professional footballer until he was in his mid-20s.

We have ten players in our first-team squad that have, at some point, featured in the youth ranks here. The good thing about our young players is that they are a good class of men. There is an honest quality about them. Whether or not they make it as footballers is in some ways irrelevant. They are all on the right road to be successful as good human beings. To me, that is more important than being a good footballer.

66 Plymouth Argyle v Luton Town

## THOUGHT FOR THE PLAY

**"You will forget all the scores, all the goals, all the plays, all the strategies - but you will never forget your team-mates."**

**Wayne Bennett - legendary Brisbane Broncos Rugby League coach**

When I first coached in Rugby League, you were given a squad of 25 and if you had too many injuries, you had to promote your youth team players - which left you bare at times. The teams I coached certainly got a couple of hidings when we had to use quite a few of the youth-team players. But the one thing it does do for you is it forces you to take an interest in your youth, and your development becomes a key factor within your organisation; the development of young players.

You learn to survive more than anything else. I think it is a good thing to have a good youth policy.

Anthony O'Connor and Bobby Reid have gone back to their clubs, and Andy Kellett plays his last game of his spell today. Whilst we have certainly benefitted from their presence, it does leave that air of uncertainty when you come to fill out the team-sheet after they have gone.

It does affect the chemistry of a dressing-room when players come and go regularly, but football is almost immune to it now. In other sports I have worked in, it was more of a drama when players came and left.

In football, people arrive, you have barely learned their first name, and they are away again. Footballers have to be tougher and harder, emotionally, than rugby players, in this respect. You have to get used to mates coming in one door and out the other.

It can also affect the nature of club loyalty. A player comes in and, in his head, he knows he probably will not be here for that long. But it is understandable - and if you criticise a player for a lack of loyalty, then you also have to look at the fact that clubs decide to get rid of someone; a flash of a pen and it is done.

None of that breeds loyalty as we used to know it.

The only common denominator at a football club is the person who pays their money every week. He or she will be there through thick and thin, with their bum in that seat.

We will not rate more than one sentence when they write the history of Plymouth Argyle - but the fans are there throughout.

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# Plymouth Argyle



- 1 James **BITTNER** (GK) ■ ■ ■
- 2 Kelvin **MELLOR** ■ ■ ■
- 3 Ben **PURRINGTON** ■ ■ ■
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- 5 Curtis **NELSON** ■ ■ ■
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- 13 Andy **KELLETT** ■ ■ ■
- 14 Tyler **HARVEY** ■ ■ ■

- 15 Paul **WOTTON** ■ ■ ■
- 16 Carl **McHUGH** ■ ■ ■
- 18 Matthew **LECOINTE** ■ ■ ■
- 19 Nathan **THOMAS** ■ ■ ■
- 20 Tom **FLANAGAN** ■ ■ ■
- 22 Deane **SMALLEY** ■ ■ ■
- 23 Luke **McCORMICK** (GK) ■ ■ ■
- 24 River **ALLEN** ■ ■ ■
- 25 Aaron **BENTLEY** ■ ■ ■
- 29 Peter **HARTLEY** ■ ■ ■
- 50 Phil **MALLET** ■ ■ ■

## This afternoon's fixtures



Today 3pm

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

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# Luton Town



- 1 Mark **TYLER** (GK) ■ ■ ■
- 2 Fraser **FRANKS** ■ ■ ■
- 3 Danny **FITZSIMONS** ■ ■ ■
- 4 Jonathan **SMITH** ■ ■ ■
- 5 Steve **McNULTY** ■ ■ ■
- 6 Alex **LACEY** ■ ■ ■
- 7 Alex **LAWLESS** ■ ■ ■
- 8 Andy **DRURY** ■ ■ ■
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- 13 Mark **CULLEN** ■ ■ ■
- 15 Luke **ROONEY** ■ ■ ■
- 16 Elliot **JUSTHAM** (GK) ■ ■ ■
- 17 Pelly Ruddock **MPANZU** ■ ■ ■

- 18 Ross **LAFAYETTE** ■ ■ ■
- 19 Ricky **MILLER** ■ ■ ■
- 20 Shaun **WHALLEY** ■ ■ ■
- 21 Luke **GUTTRIDGE** ■ ■ ■
- 22 Michael **HARRIMAN** ■ ■ ■
- 23 Matt **ROBINSON** ■ ■ ■
- 24 Curtley **WILLIAMS** ■ ■ ■
- 25 Jayden **STOCKLEY** ■ ■ ■
- 26 Nathan **DOYLE** ■ ■ ■
- 28 Jim **STEVENSON** ■ ■ ■
- 29 Paul **CONNOLLY** ■ ■ ■
- 30 Luke **WILKINSON** ■ ■ ■
- 32 Brett **LONGDEN** ■ ■ ■
- 35 Charlie **WALKER** ■ ■ ■
- 36 Charlie **SMITH** ■ ■ ■
- 39 Ian **REES** ■ ■ ■