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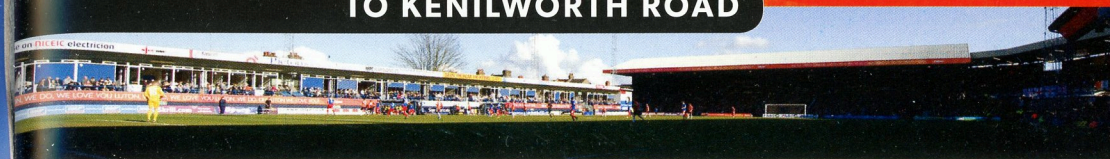
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TO KENILWORTH ROAD



“ Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second successive Saturday for what will be our third match in succession against opposition from Lancashire! A warm welcome to those Morecambe supporters who have come down the M6 and M1 this afternoon.

Last weekend we picked up a hard-fought 2-0 win over Accrington Stanley but on Tuesday we were brought back down to earth with a 1-0 reverse at Bury.

It seems hard to believe that after today's game there are just 11 matches left this season. Where has the time gone? Last week we were delighted to announce that season tickets for next season were on sale, and as you'll see inside today's issue of Talk of the Town we're already looking ahead to next season.

Season ticket news aside, there's plenty more inside today's issue, including Roger Wash's look back in pictures at the late, great Eric Morecambe, who, of course, held both Luton and Morecambe in great affection. Enjoy the game #COYH **”**

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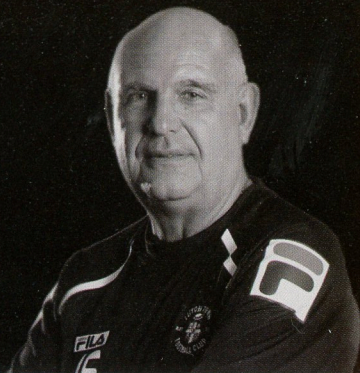
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JOHN STILL



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road once again for this Sky Bet League 2 encounter with Morecambe.

A big hello to two of my friends, Jim Bentley and Ken McKenna who are doing such a great job at the Globe Arena. They beat us fair and square at their place earlier in the season on what was a frustrating day all round. We'll be hoping to turn the tables on them this afternoon.

Today we follow on from the 1-0 defeat at Bury on Tuesday which was a disappointing result. It was only until the second half where we imposed ourselves and I didn't feel we did enough in the first half. Looking at our last few away games I have spent some time analysing our performances to see where we have been deficient, in the hope that we can take the steps to put that right because our home form has been first class.

Performance

One thing I do know is that together with your support and us finding a way of improving our performance on the pitch on our travels, we can get back on the right road in our fixtures away from Kenilworth Road. Next weekend at Portsmouth promises to be a fantastic occasion with almost 3,000 of you making the trip.

In our game here last week against Accrington we triumphed 2-0 against a very resolute Accrington side, with good goals from Jayden Stockley and Luke Guttridge helping us to a fine victory. The first half took us a bit of time to get going but once we clicked into gear we took the lead at an important time and by the time Luke scored the second we were well in control. It was a routine victory in the end but take nothing away from Accrington because they caused us plenty of problems, especially in the first half. They had just beaten Burton in the week so we knew it was going to be tough and so it proved.

On the injury front it is good to see Luke back fully fit and playing 90 minutes on a regular basis. Alex Lawless is working his way back and played 45 minutes

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STILL IMPROVING

at Bury, while Paul Benson is continuing his rehabilitation from his broken leg with another development game in midweek. That is very pleasing, as is the return of Pelly Ruddock who we now hope is over his hamstring problems. They are four important players to have back at an important time. They are influential and experienced players and with Luke Wilkinson and Stephen McNulty back from suspension our selection options are increasing in health with every passing week.

In other injury news, Nathan Doyle is coming on very well in his recovery from a knee injury sustained against York and he has started jogging again. We'll play it by ear but he could be three or four weeks away from a return. Mark Tyler's knee problem is improving but he's not ready yet but I have to say that Elliot Justham has shown what a capable deputy he is.

Challenges

However, back to this afternoon's game. Morecambe, like any club that come here, will want to make it hard for us. But we know the challenges that await. It is really, really important that the players continue in the same vein, especially here at Kenilworth Road.

The business end of the season is fast approaching. We need to go into it together. We know our home form is good and if we can tweak our performances on the road I know we can arrive at a position we can all be delighted with come the end of the campaign.

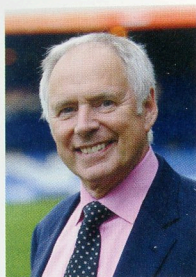
Get behind us like you always do and enjoy the game.

John Still



BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN



Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's Sky Bet League 2 match against Morecambe. An especially warm welcome to our visitors from the north west

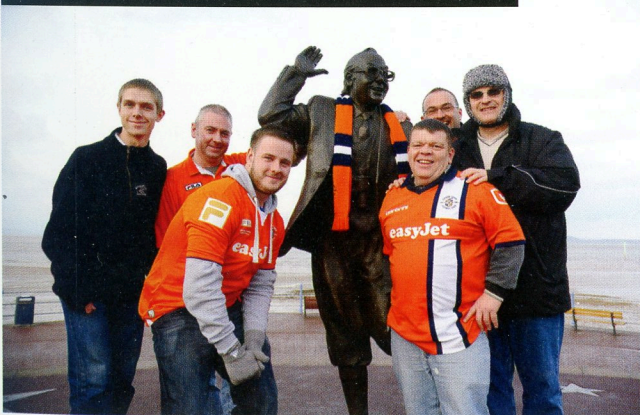
because of our well documented link via – in my opinion – the greatest comedian of all time, Eric Morecambe.

That said, I think it is fair to say we owe them one after the way they demolished us 3-0 at their place back in December. My only treasured memory from that day was seeing Eric's statue on the sea front and having my photo taken with it!

It's interesting to ponder that we never got started that day. We went in two down at half-time and with only 10 men after Steve McNulty was sent off.

That seems to be a theme, albeit a while ago, that's developing into a habit as we enter the run in to the end of the season.

Hatters fans pictured next to the Eric Morecambe statue back in December



Think particularly of York at home, Mansfield and Wimbledon away, Accrington at home and finally Bury on Tuesday. In all those games we've really struggled to get going and been on the back foot from the first minute. A bit of a mystery considering what a talented squad we have.

Luckily, against York we were able to force a draw after being two down and a week ago today score against the run of play against Accrington and go on to win the game.

Of course, John is more aware of it than anyone and looking to have it sorted out as soon as possible. I am sure we will see a significant reaction come three o'clock today.

It is worth pointing out, by the way, that the player considered man of the match from the Bury end on Tuesday was their goalkeeper Nick Pope. He made three outstanding saves to deny us.

But bearing in mind we had five gruelling seasons in the Conference, I think we have to be very happy with lying in fourth in League 2 right now, despite the recent blip. Wouldn't that have seemed a pretty decent prospect this time a year ago?

Astounding

Our level of support continues to be astounding and the envy of most clubs in this division plus a good few in the division above.

More than 300 of our brilliant fans making the long trek to Bury on a cold and damp Tuesday night is remarkable.

Meanwhile, our away following on Saturdays is going through the roof, particularly the tickets sold for our trip to Portsmouth a week today. Approaching 2,700 should raise the aforementioned roof at Fratton Park too – thank goodness they've got one at the away end these days!

I know we constantly bang on about the level of support, but it means such a lot to everyone involved with the club on and off the field and there's something very special, isn't there, about being part of a huge following away from home.

And then, on top of that, the lift the players get from a rocking Kenilworth Road is incalculable. So, once again, thanks.

I was just thinking back this week to 10 years ago when we were striding towards winning League 1, under the management of Mike Newell, Mick Harford and Brian Stein, with the likes of Steve Howard, Rowan Vine, Sol Davis, Kevin Nicholls and a very young Curtis Davies in the side.

In our first game in March, with the title in sight, we played Bristol City at home and beat them 5-0. Our crowd that day was 8,330 and, for the next home game a week later against Swindon, slightly lower at 8,173.

Loyalty

When you think of the attendances we are getting now, after all the club and supporters have been through, you can only wonder at the dogged loyalty of the fans, passed down through the generations (four in my case) and the pulling power of Luton Town Football Club.

We have had three gates of 10,000 this season already and four over 9,000. We had four crowds of 9,000 or more in the whole of that season and that was our peak. Says a lot, doesn't it?

Before I go, I'd like to mention something that will be revealed officially in a couple of weeks' time. Pause for intake of breath – we will be making an announcement with regards to the re-naming of Kenilworth Road. It's part of an initiative that could benefit not just the club and its supporters, but also the wider community as well. Intrigued? Watch this space!

And so back to this afternoon and our mission to win promotion. The players are totally committed, we are totally committed behind the scenes and I know you are too. It just needs a little turn of fortune our way, perhaps a genuine penalty shout that's given for a change and off we go.

Enjoy the game, bye for now.

Nick Owen



HONOURS

Littlewoods Challenge Cup:
Winners 1988, Runners-up 1989

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

Johnstone's Paint Trophy:
Winners 2009

Simod Cup:
Runners-up 1988

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

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

Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 1969/70

League One:
Champions 2004/05

Football League Division Four:
Champions 1967/68

Football League Division Three:
Runners-up 2001/02

Skrill Premier Champions:
2013/14

Blue Square Premier:
Runners-up 2009/10

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

Southern League Division Two:
Runners-up 1913/14

United League:
Champions 1897/98
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Southern Alliance:
Runners-up 1913/14



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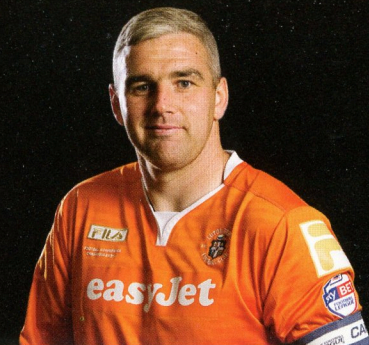
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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING

FROM THE DRESSING ROOM WITH STEPHEN McNULTY



This afternoon we aim to bounce back to winning ways again after a frustrating result against Bury on Tuesday night.

We felt in the dressing room afterwards that it was a game that we should have got something from, especially given our display in the second half. We dominated the match after half-time but in the end it was our slow start to proceedings which led to their goal and from that point on we were playing catch-up.

I knew at the start of the season that we would be competitive and with the squad's depth of quality I knew we stood a good chance of doing well. I don't think any of us can be disappointed with our position in the table at this stage of the season but now is the time for us to push on in the final two months of the campaign.

Bury are a good side – they showed that when they came here back in August – but I don't think anyone in the ground on Tuesday would have begrudged us a point after watching our performance in the second half. We were denied by three saves by their goalkeeper but we can't use that as an excuse. That first half display was ultimately the reason why we returned home pointless.

Difficult

The defeat came back off the 2-0 win over Accrington last weekend which was another difficult game we negotiated against a side who had beaten Burton and Southend in recent weeks. It was a classic case of getting the job done without playing particularly well and it was great to see Jayden put us ahead with a fine header at a time when we were just turning the screw before half-time. The second half we dominated, I don't think Elliot had a shot to save, and we were all over the moon for Gutts to score his first goal since coming back from injury.

Positivity is the name of the game. Negativity is not wanted. At the training ground and in the dressing room it is simply not tolerated.

This afternoon we take on Morecambe looking to extend our fantastic home record. Like last season we have really turned Kenilworth Road into a fortress and the string of results speak for themselves. We put in arguably our poorest performance this season at their place before Christmas and while we won't be out for revenge, we know we owe you a better result and display this time round.

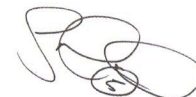
As the campaign enters this crucial last dozen matches I think now is as good a time as any to reflect on what we have achieved so far. As I write these notes we are six points off the top of the table. I think if someone had offered that at the start of the season we would have bitten their arm off.

Pride

Last season we achieved what no previous Luton side had done in five years: get the club out of the Conference. We did it in style and as a group we were thrilled to have restored a lot of pride that perhaps some people thought was lost. We knew this season would be a test, after all this is a higher division with better quality players. Our results recently might not have been what we would have hoped but we still have an absolutely incredible opportunity to create more history. I'm reliably informed no Luton side has ever won back-to-back promotions.

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Your backing has been unbelievable, both in terms of numbers, loyalty and noise. Please get behind us once more this afternoon and enjoy the game.



NEW MATCHDAY SHOP IN OAK ROAD

Today we're excited to be opening our all new matchday store on the corner of Oak Road.

This pop-up shop will be open, selling your favourite Luton Town merchandise between 1pm and 5pm on every matchday including home shirts, footballs, hats, scarves, gloves, programmes and souvenirs.

So if you normally access the ground for the main stand or the Oak Road end, why not pop in pick yourself up a memento of the day.

LOAN WATCH

Last week midfielder Jim Stevenson extended his loan at Conference side Aldershot until the end of the season, and capped the news by scoring twice in the Shots' 3-1 win over Dover on Tuesday.



Meanwhile Mark Onyemah has joined Hampton & Richmond Borough on loan for a month.

As we went to press the Hatters and Bournemouth were in negotiations to extend the loan of striker Jayden Stockley.

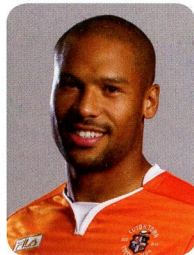
PORTSMOUTH REMINDER

As you will see on the following page, our ticket allocation for next Saturday's match at Portsmouth has now sold out with no more tickets available for the game at Fratton Park.

Furthermore, supporters should note the limited number of tickets we have received for our game at Northampton on 28th March. Full details can be found overleaf and online. We will not be receiving any more tickets for either match and fans are strongly advised not to attend without tickets.

DEV SQUAD EXIT BEDS SENIOR CUP

The Town development squad lost the chance to win a place in the final of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup after losing on penalties to Biggleswade Town on Wednesday night.



A strong Hatters side including Fraser Franks, Alex Lacey, Alex Lawless, Luke Rooney, Alex Wall, Ross Lafayette and Paul Benson took on the Waders, themselves the holders of the competition.

Lafayette fired the Town in front after latching onto Benson's flick-on only for the home side to equalise and take the tie to penalties.



Biggleswade scored all four of their penalties while Wall shot over and Charlie Smith saw his spot-kick saved to enable the home side to progress. The Waders will meet Barton Rovers in the final at Kenilworth Road in May. Good luck to both clubs!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



A very happy Birthday to Les Hawes who is 76 today lots of love Matt and Ewan McGrath.

Les has been following the Hatters since he was eight and took nephew Matt, who was nine at the time, to his first game. We hope you have a great day with us today, Les. Here's to three points! Happy birthday!

UP FOR GRABS TODAY



The Hatters and Morecambe will playing for the Eric Morecambe Trophy once more this afternoon.

The trophy was first contested in December, with the Shrimps proudly keeping it on 'home' soil after their 3-0 win at the Globe Arena.

The trophy was designed by the same man who sculpted the famous statue of Eric on the Morecambe promenade, Graham Ibbeson, and after the game today the winning captain will receive the prize. Unless it's a draw...in which case it's up for discussion who keeps it until the next meeting... :-)



CLUB STANCE ON B TEAMS IN JPT

On Tuesday, in light of reports in the media in which Football League clubs apparently voted to allow Premier League development squads into the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, we published this statement to not only clear up the situation but advise supporters of our stance on the matter:

Luton Town Football Club would like to clarify its stance on proposals to incorporate Premier League 'B' teams into the English league structure and the recent speculation regarding 'B' teams being introduced into the Football League Trophy.

We can confirm that Luton Town has not voted to allow 'B' teams in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy contrary to what has been reported. Rather, at February's meeting the Football League board sought approval from its member clubs to explore the notion of the inclusion of elite development players into the competition at some stage in the future which we felt would be imprudent not to support to given the potential supplementary advantages this may also introduce.

Together with the 71 Football League clubs, we are expecting a full proposal for us to vote upon at a point in the future.

When we understand more of these proposals we intend to consult our usual stakeholders in order to help establish how we may finally intend to vote.

However, a primary consideration within our decision either way would be to ensure that this does not pave the way for 'B' teams to be introduced into the existing football pyramid structure which we value so highly. To put things into simple terms: Luton Town remain vehemently against League 3.

The Football League published a statement on Wednesday.

"No formal proposals were tabled and no formal vote taken. Instead, League 1 and 2 clubs were asked to indicate whether they were content to see the Football League progress the matter, which would include discussions with the Premier League and Football Association, so that clubs can consider a full proposal at a future point," it read.

"Therefore, as yet, no club has voted in favour or against the idea of having U21 teams in The Football League Trophy, they have only indicated whether they wish to consider the matter further. Ultimately any changes to this competition will only happen with the support of League 1 and 2 clubs."

LUTON WORDFEST

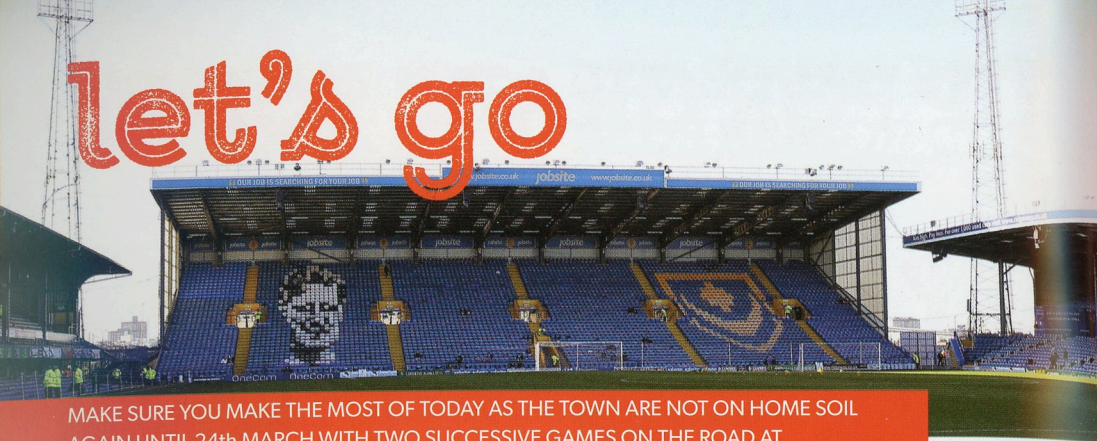
Would you like to see your Hatters memories and name in print?

As part of the Luton Culture 'Wordfest' initiative there will be a free Luton Town Football Club event at Luton Central Library on Sunday 22nd March between 11.30am and 3.30pm. Supporters of all ages have their own Hatters stories to tell and now you have the opportunity to get them down on paper with the object being eventual publication in a book to be entitled 'Hatters Memories'.

No matter how small or random your contribution and whether or not you are able to express yourself in writing come along as there will be someone to help gather your thoughts. We all have our own unique memories which need preserving for the future.

Attending will be club historian Roger Wash, club director David Blakeman as well as representatives from Luton Culture.

let's go



MAKE SURE YOU MAKE THE MOST OF TODAY AS THE TOWN ARE NOT ON HOME SOIL AGAIN UNTIL 24th MARCH WITH TWO SUCCESSIVE GAMES ON THE ROAD AT PORTSMOUTH, NEXT WEEKEND, AND THEN NEWPORT COUNTY A WEEK ON TUESDAY

PORTSMOUTH



WHO? Portsmouth, aka Pompey, arguably the biggest club in League 2, who lifted the FA Cup as recently as 2008. The Fratton Park outfit suffered relegation from the top flight in 2010 before suffering consecutive

relegations in 2012 and 2013 to put them in the basement division. Last season Pompey finished in 13th place in League 2

HOW THEY DOING? For as long as Pompey are in League 2, anything less than a top seven berth is a disappointment so with Andy Awford's side in 13th place, things aren't going that well. Their inconsistent results have dogged their season and, although they've lost just twice in the last 10 they've only won four in that spell. On Tuesday they lost 1-0 at in-form Northampton.

HOW TO GET THERE? To get to Portsmouth, take the M1, M25 and then M27. Go along the M27 and at the junction with the A2030 turn right towards Southsea/Fratton and continue straight along the A2030. Eventually you will see the ground in front of you, just slightly to your left. There is a large car park behind the TY Europe Stand, but this is for home supporters only. So it is mostly street parking for away fans. There are few parking restrictions in places close to the ground, so if you arrive early enough, you can park only a few minutes' walk away. The postcode for the ground is PO4 8RA.

HOME COMFORTS. Pompey's home form has been significantly better than their terrible away form, which has seen them win just twice and score just 12 goals on their travels. At home, however, they have won nine of their 17 matches, losing to Southend, Wimbledon, Accrington and Newport. The Town have won just five of their previous 37 visits. Next weekend will be the Hatters' first visit since a 4-0 defeat in 1995. Our last win came courtesy of a 2-0 win in 1975.

NEWPORT COUNTY



WHO? Newport County AFC to give them their full title. The club was reborn in 1989 after the old club went out of business. They rallied back up through the leagues to win promotion back to the Football League in 2013

after beating Wrexham in the Conference Play-Off final at Wembley.

HOW THEY DOING? Not bad at all. County go into today's game in the final Play-Off place. A slow start to the season was followed by a strong run of results that took them up to third place. However County lost manager Justin Edinburgh to Gillingham and their recent form has been patchy with six defeats in their last nine matches.

HOW TO GET THERE? It's M1, M25, M4 west, leaving the M4 at Junction 26. Take the A4051 towards Newport and after going under a flyover you will reach a large roundabout where you take the second exit keeping in the filter lane towards the City Centre/Railway Station. At the next roundabout take the first exit going across the river onto the B4591 towards Maindee. At the traffic lights bear right onto Chepstow Road and then take the first right into Corporation Road. Take the next right into Grafton Road and the entrance is down on the left.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? The Town's last trip to Rodney Parade was a 5-2 defeat on a cold Tuesday night in December 2012. That was the Hatters' first defeat in a game away to Newport since 1966. The Town last won away to Newport in November 2011 thanks to a late goal from Danny Crow. On home soil this season the Exiles have won eight, drawn five and lost four - scoring 24 and conceding 16. New boss Jimmy Dack has seen his side lose their last two at home, however, including a 1-0 loss against Mansfield on Tuesday night.

tickets please



PORTSMOUTH v LUTON TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2015, KICK-OFF 3PM

This is an all ticket match for Luton Town supporters with no tickets available on the day at Fratton Park. Our full allocation of 2,689 has been sold for this match. No more tickets will be available. Supporters without a ticket are strongly advised not to travel.



NEWPORT COUNTY AFC v LUTON TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2015, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

We have been given an initial allocation of 712 tickets for this fixture. Tickets are available from the Luton Town ticket office or on the night at Rodney Parade. However, admission on the night is £2 extra. We have been allocated 369 seats in the Bisley Stand, which are covered seats alongside the pitch and 331 seats in the Sytner Stand which are uncovered seats behind the goal. 12 Wheelchair tickets are also available in this stand. More tickets in the Sytner Stand will be available should there be demand. Tickets are now on sale to diamond and regular season ticket holders at two per person until close of business on Tuesday 10th March. Any remaining tickets will then be available on general sale from Wednesday 11th March from 10pm over the phone, online and in person until 1pm Tuesday 17th March. Away Season Ticket holders' tickets will be dispatched on Monday 2nd March unless otherwise advised. Please also advise before this date if an additional ticket is required. **Prices:** Bisley Stand: £18 adults, £14 Senior Over 65, £14 Student, £9 Under 16, £6 Under 12, Under 6 Free. Sytner Stand: £16 adults, £12 Senior Over 65, £12 Student, £6 Under 16, £6 Under 12, Under 6 Free. Ambulant Disabled tickets will be charge their age category plus a helper free of charge.



LUTON TOWN v WYCOMBE WANDERERS

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2015, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

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



NORTHAMPTON TOWN v LUTON TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2015, KICK-OFF 3PM

This match is all-ticket for Luton Town supporters. We have received an allocation of 878 seats in the South Stand plus nine wheelchair and carer spaces. These are on sale now to diamond season holders at one per person and will remain so until close of business on Wednesday 11th March.

A further sales plan will be released after this date. Due to the limited number of seats available, it is likely there will be an additional sales period for season ticket holders who have attended a certain amount of away games this season. Away season ticket holders will be automatically sent seats for this fixture on Monday 9th March unless advised otherwise.

Prices: £20 adults, £16 over-65s, £8 under-18s, free for under-7s. Adult disabled £14 with carer free of charge.



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Sports262 (www.sports262.com) is an internet sports forum which, back in 2011, became the online home of the contingent of Luton fans displaced by the closure of the BBC's 606 boards.

Luton fans from far and near now make up by far the largest single group on the site on their lively dedicated pages.

Together with the Luton Town Fans forum (www.lutontownfans.co.uk), Sports262 hosts the Bobberman Prediction League, where over 100 players compete in four divisions and a knock-out cup competition predicting Luton results and scorers.

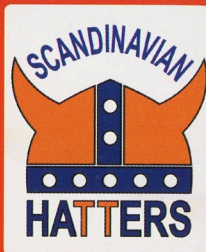
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Annually in March we organise a tour to Luton. This time 21 of our members from Norway and Sweden take part.

Best wishes to the players and staff against Morecambe FC, and for the rest of the season! Greetings also to all our good friends at The Bricklayers Arms!



TODAY'S MASCOTS

Today we have the pleasure of welcoming four mascots to Kenilworth Road who will get to meet all their favourite players in the dressing room before the match, posing for photographs and getting their autographs. They will then get to lead out the team onto the pitch before kick-off. Remember if you're interested in mascot packages please do get in touch!

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Age five.

Favourite player: all of them!

Kyle Oremrod.

Age six.

Favourite player: them all!

Ben Gooderham.

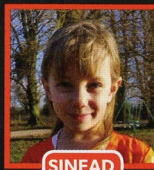
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Sam Gooderham.

Age seven.

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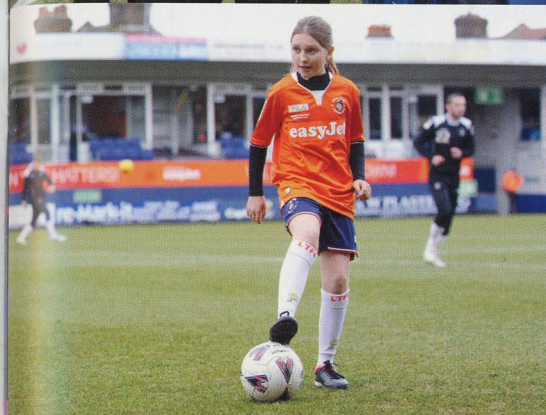
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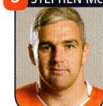
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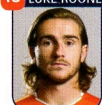
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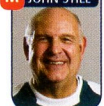
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welcome

MORECAMBE



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everybody associated with Morecambe Football Club to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

The Shrimps are making their second visit to our corner of Bedfordshire having previously set foot here back in December 2008 when most inside the ground were dressed head-to-toe as Eric Morecambe.

That was the first meeting between the sides from which the late, great comedian had so much affection for. The Town, his team, and Morecambe, his hometown. And it was our visitors who were smiling on the last occasion the clubs met in December last year when a 3-0 win helped clinch the inaugural Eric Morecambe Trophy.

This afternoon the Shrimps arrive comfortably in midtable on the back of a 1-1 draw away to Oxford on Tuesday night. Manager Jim Bentley continues to work wonders at the Globe Arena with our visitors almost always one of the bookies' favourites for a drop to the Conference.

Bentley, who starred for the Lancashire side as a no-nonsense centre-half, was part of the side that won promotion to the Football League via the Play-Offs after beating Exeter in the final in 2007.

Since their elevation to the League, our visitors have once gone close to earning a promotion to the third tier but were denied by current Town boss John Still's Dagenham & Redbridge side in the League 2 Play-Offs in 2009/10.

At the semi-final stage the Daggers knocked out the Shrimps 7-2 on aggregate.

Today Morecambe arrive in 12th place in the division with 45 points from 34 matches having won 12, drawn nine and lost 13. However, Bentley's side have found good form hard to come by in recent weeks with just two wins from their last 10 in League 2.

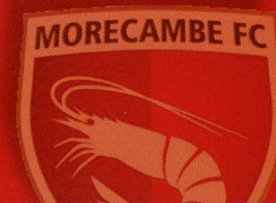
At the beginning of the campaign the Shrimps led the way in the division after a solid start but have fallen away from the Play-Offs, which are now eight points out of reach. Any slight doubts about relegation should soon be extinguished, with the club 11 points ahead of 23rd place.

The Shrimps led the early League 2 table, winning their first four matches but since the turn of the year, Bentley's side have won twice in 12 matches. In January they drew all five of their League 2 matches, which included an impressive 1-1 draw away at Plymouth.

Their first win of the New Year was a 2-1 win over Mansfield while their most recent victory came impressively at Newport County two weeks ago at Rodney Parade. However, last weekend the Shrimps could not build on that result after suffering a defeat at home to Cambridge – their second successive loss on home soil.

But, as the Town found out to their cost in December, the Shrimps are no push overs and with the wily Kevin Ellison and the talented Jamie Devitt in their ranks, Hatters supporters should be wary that all three points this afternoon are far from guaranteed.

in opposition



OUR AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM THE GLOBE ARENA

► MANAGER

JIM BENTLEY. Shrimps legend and veteran of over 350 appearances for the club who took charge in 2011, initially as player-manager. Ended his playing days in February 2013 – the same year he signed a two-year contract extension with the club.

► GOALKEEPERS

ANDREAS ARESTIDOU. Former Blackburn goalkeeper who joined the Shrimps in 2012 following his release from Preston, who he had made seven appearances for. Also had a spell with Shrewsbury.

TOM STEWART. Teenage goalkeeper snapped up on non-contract terms last week as cover for first choice Barry Roche who has been out since October with a shoulder injury.

► DEFENDERS

SHAUN BEELEY. Former Oldham, Southport, Fleetwood and Bury defender who joined the Shrimps at the start of this season. Was part of the Fleetwood side that won promotion from the Conference North to the Football League.

MARK HUGHES. Centre-back and club captain, who scored against the Town in December, and joined the Shrimps in 2013. Previously on the books at Walsall, Northampton and Bury.

ALAN GOODALL. Experienced full-back who spent one season here at Kenilworth Road. Arrived at the Globe Arena in the summer. Has enjoyed lengthy spells at Rochdale, Chesterfield and Fleetwood.

LAURENCE WILSON. Former Everton academy graduate in his second spell with the club. Made his name at Chester before joining the Shrimps in 2009. Left for Rotherham but rejoined in the summer.

AARON MCGOWAN. Teenage right-back who came through the Shrimps' academy to become the club's youngest ever player. Penned a two-year contract in the summer.

ANDY PARRISH. Long-serving and versatile defender who joined the Shrimps at the start of the 2008/08 campaign and has since made over 200 appearances for the club.

RYAN EDWARDS. Young defender who the Shrimps snapped up in the summer following his release from Blackburn. Spent time on loan at the Globe Arena last season.

► MIDFIELDERS

ALEX KENYON. Another former Everton academy graduate, the midfielder joined the Shrimps in 2013 after his release from Stockport. Spent time with Chorley and Lancaster in non-league. Penned a new deal in March last year.

ANDREW WRIGHT. Experienced midfielder or right-back who left the UK for America after leaving Liverpool. Returned to play for Scunthorpe and then Grimsby before joining the Shrimps in 2012.

RYAN WILLIAMS. Highly-rated midfielder who signed for the Shrimps after impressive performances for Rhyl in the League of Wales. Started his career at Chester and also played for Colwyn Bay.

ANDREW FLEMING. England C international midfielder who joined the Shrimps from Wrexham in 2010 and has gone on to play over 150 times in Morecambe colours.

JAMIE DEVITT. Highly-rated winger who made the move to the Globe Arena this summer after enjoying a loan spell last term. Came through the ranks at Hull and made loan moves before switching permanently to Chesterfield last season.

KEVIN ELLISON. Hugely experienced and well-travelled attacker with Morecambe the 14th club of the winger's career. Joined the Shrimps in 2011 after spells at Hull, Chester, Rotherham and Stockport to name just four.

► STRIKERS

JACK REDSHAW. Former Manchester City trainee who has been with Morecambe since 2012. Spent a short spell at Rochdale before joining Altrincham where his form alerted the attention of the Shrimps.

PAUL MULLIN. Young striker who joined the Shrimps following a successful trial period at the start of last season having been released by Huddersfield. Spent time as a youngster on the books of both Liverpool and Everton's academies.

PADRAIG AMOND. Irish forward with an eye for goal who signed for the Shrimps in 2013 after a spell with Accrington. Started his career in Ireland with Shamrock and has also played in Portugal. Scored against the Town in the 3-0 win earlier this term.



FROM THE OAK ROAD

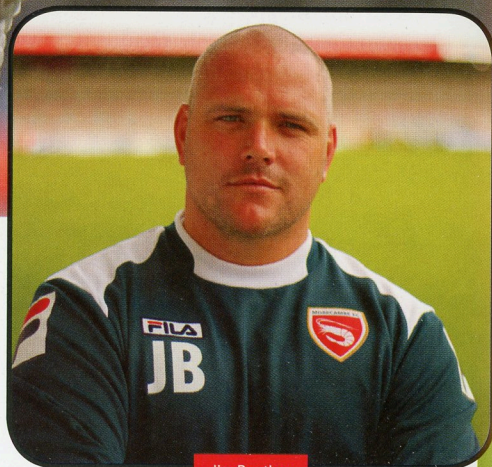
'The funniest man of his time' – that's Shrimps fan **Steve Downs'** tribute to the great Eric Morecambe. Steve hopes his beloved Morecambe will bring some sunshine to the away supporters today.

TALK OF THE TOWN: How would you assess Morecambe's season so far? What have been the high and low points? How does it feel to be looking up the table rather than over your shoulder?

STEVE: We have had a reasonable campaign so far and I think the position we are at present is about right. The high point would be the 3-0 victory against Luton (sorry), as on the day the players all did their bit for the win. The low point was the 1-0 defeat to Mansfield: both sides were very poor. It was an awful game to watch and they scored from virtually the last kick of the game. I try not to look at teams above or below us, survival is still in our own hands.

TOTT: The club have been incredibly loyal to its managers: only Jim Harvey, Sammy McIlroy and current boss Jim Bentley have occupied the hotseat since 1994. Tell us about these three managers and what they've brought to the club. Do you find it hard to understand the fickle nature of other clubs who chop and change their management year in, year out?

STEVE: Jim Harvey did a fantastic job for the club, improving the playing surface and blooding a lot of youngsters. Generally the squad had the positive attitude in most games that if a side scored, we would always push for a win. We had some very enjoyable away trips.



Jim Bentley

Sammy McIlroy moved us to a new level as we gained promotion to the Football League. However, the experienced players he signed did not improve us even though he was given a big budget.

Jim Bentley, who had been a tremendous player, was given the chance to manage and overall has done a magnificent job on a vastly reduced budget – particularly as he is still very young and relatively inexperienced.

It is always a puzzle when clubs change managers so frequently, bearing in mind that the new managers have generally not been successful at previous clubs.

TOTT: Which of Morecambe's players should we be on the look out for today and why?

STEVE: We do not have any star players. We just have a squad who perform to the best of their abilities as a group.

TOTT: What was it like to leave Christie Park behind and move into the new Globe Arena? Is it strange to go past the site of the old ground and see a shopping centre where it once was?



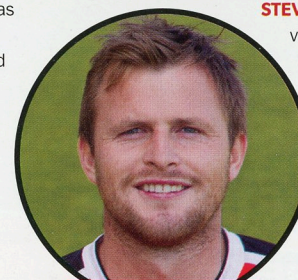
The Shrimps celebrate promotion via the Conference Play-Offs in 2008

STEVE: It was hard leaving Christie Park. It was where I have watched football for about 23 years and had numerous memories, good and occasionally bad. The ground was starting to look tired though and needed a lot of money spending on it. I always look on with very fond memories when driving past.

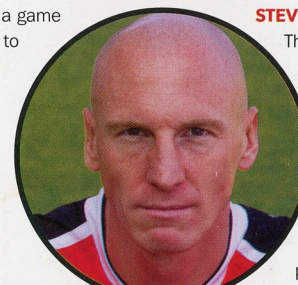
TOTT: What's your favourite Morecambe game of all time and why? Tell us about the match and why it was special.

STEVE: My favourite game is not beating Exeter at Wembley to get into the Football League, but a game against Crewe. We were losing 3-1 and down to 10 men with just minutes remaining and yet won 4-3. It just reminded me of the days in the Conference when we had a never say die attitude. To look and see the smiles when the final whistle went was a magical moment.

TOTT: What does Eric Morecambe mean to you personally? Are you pleased to see the statue restored after it was vandalised last year?



Skipper Mark Hughes



Kevin Ellison

STEVE: Eric Morecambe was in my view the funniest man of his time – far better than the modern day comedians. It was nice to see the statue repaired and returned quickly.

TOTT: Where do you think the club will finish this season? Is a Play-Off push still possible? What's your prediction for today's game?

STEVE: I think we will finish mid-table. The Play-Offs are still possible but we need to put a run of wins together very quickly.

Luton will still be hurting from the loss at the Globe, so it is a hard game to predict. I will go for 1-1 – but if we lose, as long as the players have given 100 per cent, you can't ask any more of them.

A HATTER...

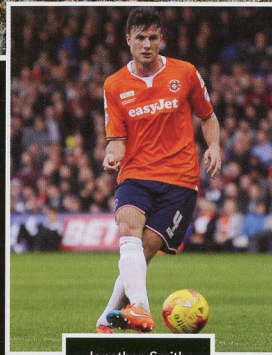
AND A SHRIMP

Both sides players that have been on the books of each club, the Town have former Morecambe man Jonathan Smith in their ranks while our visitors include experienced defender Alan Goodall in theirs.

Preston-born Smith began his career as a youngster with the Shrimps. The midfielder was on the Shrimps' books when the Lancashire outfit were in the Conference. He made his debut as a teenager in their Football League Trophy penalty shootout win over Grimsby in October 2005, in which he scored the Shrimps' winning penalty.

During his time with Morecambe he was loaned to then Northern Premier League side Fleetwood and then Bamber Bridge. However, after just one further appearance in a Morecambe shirt he left in 2007 for Forest Green. From Gloucestershire to York (twice) and Swindon, Smith signed for the Hatters in 2012.

Goodall, now 33, joined the Town in 2007 after spending three years impressing for Rochdale but the Hatters were relegated from League 1 in his one and only season at Kenilworth Road, in which he made 29



Jonathan Smith

league appearances, scoring once – on his debut in the 2-1 win over Hartlepool.

After leaving the Hatters he signed for Chesterfield before re-joining Rochdale for the 2010/11 campaign. The left-back then joined Stockport and Fleetwood before arriving at Morecambe at the start of last season.

Other players to have represented both clubs include strikers Jason Walker and Peter Thomson. Walker,

best remembered for his infamous penalty miss in the Play-Off final against AFC Wimbledon in 2011, spent a short spell with the Shrimps in 2006/07, playing seven times and scoring once. He is now plying his trade back at Barrow, the club who the Town signed him from in 2010.

Much was expected of Thomson when he signed for the Hatters in 2000 from Dutch side NAC Breda but he struggled to make an impact, despite scoring twice in a 3-1 win at Stoke. He was eventually released and signed for Morecambe in 2002 where he played only a handful of times. He then went onto play for half-a-dozen clubs before retiring after a spell with FC United.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

This afternoon will be only the fourth meeting between the two clubs and the second at Kenilworth Road.

And the Hatters will be aiming to pick up three points (this afternoon's game is the fourth meeting between the Hatters and the Shrimps).

Our visitors today recorded their first victory over the Town in the League 2 meeting at the Globe Arena with a comfortable 3-0 win.

That afternoon, Stephen McNulty saw red and goals from Kevin Ellison, Mark Hughes and Padraig Amond sealed the win for the Shrimps.

Previously, the two clubs met in League 2 during the Hatters' minus-30 season of 2008/09. In the first meeting, at Kenilworth Road in December, the Town went in front when Michael Spillane knocked in Rossi Jarvis' corner. However, the Hatters' lead lasted just six minutes when Danny Carlton volleyed home.

In the return at Morecambe's Christie Park, over 800 Town supporters roared the side onto three points in their desperate attempt to escape relegation.

The Shrimps came into the game unbeaten in 12 matches and took the lead when Stewart Drummond headed home in the 21st minute.

But the Town rallied and Chris Martin levelled two minutes before half-time and Kevin Gallen poked home the winner shortly before the hour.

OVERALL RECORD: LUTON WINS 1 MORECAMBE WINS 1 DRAWS 1

back to the future

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

► 1994/95 PROMOTION WINNERS

STEVE MCILHARGEY: Scottish goalkeeper who also helped to win the Lancashire Cup in 1996 and 1999, making 187 appearances while at Christie Park, becoming the club's goalkeeping coach.

PAUL BURNS: Versatile right-back who was Player of the Year in 1994-95 and followed John Coleman back to Accrington Stanley in July 2000. He helped Burscough win the FA Trophy in 2003.

ROBBIE ARMSTRONG: Attacking left-back who netted eight goals in 270 games for the Shrimps, moving to Lancaster City in August 1996. He later played for Caernarfon Town and Burscough.

PAUL TOMLINSON: Central defender who helped to twice win the Lancashire Cup, joining Lancaster City in July 1996. He later had spells with Caernarfon Town, Accrington Stanley and Darwen.

GARY DULLAGHAN: Central defender who netted 18 goals in 268 games before moving to Lancaster City in March 1996. Later with Witton, Ashton United and Chorley, he has settled in Liverpool.

ANDY GRIMSHAW: Popular midfielder who scored 43 times in 272 games prior to joining Chorley in July 1998. He later played for Rossendale and Bamber Bridge, then managed Ramsbottom.

JIM HARVEY: Former Northern Ireland Under-21 midfielder who was Morecambe's player-boss, remaining in charge until May 2006. Has since managed Forest Green Rovers and Stalybridge Celtic.

MIKE KNOWLES: Local born midfielder who scored 11 times in 203 games before following John Coleman to Accrington Stanley in October 2002. He had a loan spell at Burscough before retiring.

JOHN COLEMAN: Striker who netted 201 goals in 292 games before joining Lancaster City in March 1996. He has managed Ashton United, Accrington, Rochdale, Southport and Accrington again.

JIM MCCLUSKIE: Big striker who netted 99 goals in 193 games prior to rejoining Accrington Stanley in July 1997, then became Chorley's player-coach before two spells as Rossendale's manager.

IAN CAIN: Striker who scored 96 times in 379 games for Morecambe and was loaned to Lancaster City before joining Chorley in June 1997. He later played for Wyre Villa and Kirkham & Wesham.

► 2006/07 CONFERENCE PLAY-OFF WINNERS

SCOTT DAVIES: Goalkeeper who moved to Fleetwood Town in June 2010 and was ever-present in their 2011/12 Conference title triumph, loaned to Morecambe and Accrington Stanley this season.

ADAM YATES: England Semi-Pro international right-back who helped reach the Johnstone's Paint Trophy northern final in 2007-08 and played 76 League games before joining Port Vale in July 2009.

DANNY ADAMS: Influential left-back who made 98 League appearances while at Christie Park, moving to Stalybridge Celtic in January 2010. He has since played for Nantwich Town and Witton Albion.

CRAIG STANLEY: England Semi-Pro international midfielder who netted 13 goals in 127 League games before joining Bristol Rovers in June 2011. He has since played for Aldershot and Eastleigh.

JIM BENTLEY: Experienced central defender who skipped the Wembley success and also led Morecambe to the League Two Play-Offs in 2009/10. He replaced Sammy McLroy as manager in May 2011.

CHRIS BLACKBURN: England Semi-Pro international central defender who joined Swindon Town in July 2007. He then appeared for Aldershot, Wrexham, Stockport County and Telford United.

GARRY THOMPSON: England Semi-Pro international winger who netted seven goals in 40 League games before moving to Scunthorpe United in July 2008, then Bradford City and Notts County.

NEIL SORVEL: Ex-Crewe midfielder who made 22 League appearances and was loaned to Southport before joining Droylsden in July 2008. He then had brief spells with Hyde and Northwich Victoria.

MICHAEL TWISS: Experienced striker who netted ten goals in 90 League games before reuniting with Jim Harvey at Stalybridge Celtic in March 2010. He then finished his career with Altrincham.

DANNY CARLTON: Striker who moved to Carlisle United in July 2007, then Morecambe on loan and Bury before rejoining Morecambe in July 2011. He joined Hyde in August 2013, then Chester.

WAYNE CURTIS: Long-serving favourite who netted 11 goals in 103 League outings while at Christie Park prior to joining Fleetwood Town in July 2010, then had spells at Barrow and Kendal Town.

TOWN 2-0 ACCRINGTON

STOCKLEY 41, GUTTRIDGE 61



Elliot Justham, making his first league appearance at Kenilworth Road, punches clear the danger



Luke Guttridge strokes home the Hatters' second

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters bounced back to form after two successive defeats with a routine home victory over Accrington Stanley.

After the visitors had frustrated the Town in the opening half at Kenilworth Road, Jayden Stockley's thumping header four minutes before half-time had the Hatters ahead.

And on the hour the Hatters doubled their lead when Luke Guttridge side-footed home inside the penalty area having taken Elliot Lee's pass in his stride.

But it could have started oh-so differently when Accrington came close to taking the lead inside six minutes. Striker Terry Cornell raced clear of the Town defence but Elliot Justham made himself big to snuff out the danger.

But, as the break approached, the Town upped the ante. And the Hatters came close to breaking the deadlock on 37 minutes when Lee's header from a left-wing Jake Howells cross was kept out by Stanley keeper Scott Davies.

The breakthrough finally arrived four minutes before half-time when Guttridge swung in from the left, and Stockley rose above everyone in the box to crash home a header.

The Hatters doubled their lead shortly after the hour mark. Lee was the creator spotting the run of Guttridge, and with time and space the midfielder finished smartly past Davies to make it 2-0.

With the Hatters now in command, it was almost 3-0 three minutes later when McGeehan's inch-perfect cross was missed at the back-post by Howells.

John Still introduced Mark Cullen from the substitutes' bench and he twice came close to grabbing a third only to be denied on both occasions by Davies.



Guttridge celebrates his third goal of the season



Luke Wilkinson clears the danger on his return from suspension

TOWN: Justham; Harriman, Griffiths, Wilkinson, Franks; Smith, Howells, McGeehan; Guttridge; Stockley (sub Cullen 82), Lee (sub Lawless 72). **SUBS NOT USED:** Whalley, Oduwa, Parry, Drury, King.

BURY 1-0 TOWN

SOARES 9

Cameron McGeehan can't believe that Bury goalkeeper Nick Pope saved his header

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters fell to their third defeat in four League 2 matches with a narrow loss at Bury.

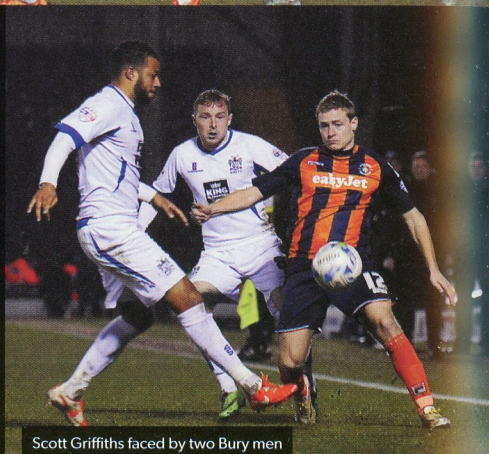
Tom Soares' ninth-minute header proved to be the difference but the Town were unlucky not to pick up a point with home goalkeeper Nick Pope twice denying goal-bound shots from Luke Guttridge and an injury time header from Cameron McGeehan. But the Hatters were made to pay for an off-colour first half display in which the home side dominated and took the lead when Chris Hussey's left-wing cross was nodded home by Soares at the back post.

The Town had Michael Harriman to thank on 18 minutes when he cleared Nathan Cameron's header off the line with Elliot Justham beaten.

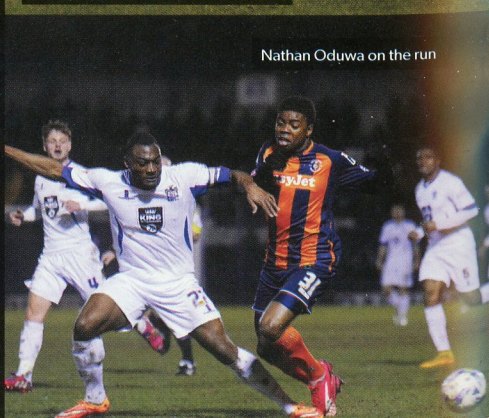
Bury continued to press in the opening half but the Hatters came mighty close to levelling a minute before the break when Guttridge's deflected effort from the edge of the penalty area was tipped away superbly by Pope.

The Hatters were the better side in the second period with half-time substitutes Alex Lawless and Nathan Oduwa making a difference and the former almost set-up an equaliser on 73 minutes when his right-wing cross found Guttridge but Pope saved the midfielder's shot with his legs.

As time ticked down the Town saw Pope keep them out one final time with the last chance of the game when he got down to stop McGeehan's header in the third minute of injury time.



Scott Griffiths faced by two Bury men



Nathan Oduwa on the run



Elliot Lee attempts to break into the penalty area



Alex Lawless goes between two Bury defenders

TOWN: Justham, Harriman, Griffiths, McNulty, Wilkinson, Smith, McGeehan, Howells (sub Lawles 46), Guttridge, Stockley (sub Cullen 59), Lee (sub Oduwa 46). **SUBS NOT USED:** Franks, Drury, Whalley, King.

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TOWN FAN **KEVIN HARPER** CLOCKED UP EVEN MORE MILES ON TUESDAY NIGHT WITH A MIDWEEK TRIP TO BURY. HERE'S HIS STORY...

THE JOURNEY

After a good, solid win against Accrington and with results going our way on Saturday it was off up to Lancashire for another midweek jaunt on Tuesday for our second trip of the season to Bury, having played them earlier in the season in the FA Cup. A long midweek trip is never particularly appetising no matter where it is but on a cold Tuesday in March even less so, so it is to the credit of everyone connected with Bobbers Travel that almost a full coach made the journey up the M6 towards Manchester.

It was a journey which began from Luton train station just after 2pm and after a short stop for a much needed hot chocolate at Norton Caines services along the way and after encountering a bit of traffic on the M6, we arrived safe and sound at around 6.40pm with an hour for people to disappear into the local social club or make their way into the ground.

THE GROUND

Gigg Lane, or the JD Stadium as it is now known, is a fairly decent League 2 ground. The away end is all-seated and other than being a fair way from the pitch for a stand behind the goal it is alright. Thankfully we were undercover as a couple of showers went over the ground during the game and unlike some places we've been by

and large the stewards were all pretty friendly which was also good. All the facilities were the same as when we were there earlier in the season in the cup game.

THE FOOD

Having experienced the extortionate prices and pretty substandard stuff inside the ground in December I went to a burger van outside the ground this time which was a much better, and more importantly much cheaper option! Inside the ground everything was still ridiculously priced as before.

THE PROGRAMME

A 116-page brochure type programme was produced for this game with plenty in it about Bury's 130 year history. There were lots of pictures of past and present and also plenty about them taking over Man City's former training base just recently. After the welcomes to all concerned with the Town there were six pages on the Town highlighting our history, John Still and our squad. Stephen McNulty, Cameron McGeehan and Paul Benson were named as our three to watch. Better homework required there me thinks! There were also a couple of pieces on former matches between the two sides in what wasn't too bad a read and made the journey home go a little quicker!

A section of the 328 Hatters fans in the away end





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Jayden Stockley and Nathan Oduwa link-up at Gigg Lane



THE MATCH

Unfortunately for the Town this match followed the theme of the previous two away games where we started poorly and the damage was done before we got going and we weren't able to restore parity despite our best efforts.

We made one change to the side which beat Accrington with Stephen McNulty returning from suspension in place of the unfortunate Fraser Franks. Bury came fast out of the blocks and scored just before the 10 minute mark having had a goal ruled out for offside before that. A deep cross found Tom Soares who powered a header over Wilkinson on the line and in. Shortly after that it could have been 2-0 as another header was hacked off the line by Michael Harriman. It took the Town 30 minutes to get going and we did well to only be 1-0 down at the time. We almost levelled just before half time when a move involving Luke Wilkinson, Jonathan Smith and Cameron McGeehan saw the ball break to Guttridge only for the keeper to produce a world class save. Wilkinson headed the resulting corner over in what was pretty much the last action of the half.

The second half was all us. Alex Lawless and Nathan Oduwa had replaced Jake Howells and Elliot Lee and we played the ball on the ground to feet. We nearly levelled with 20 minutes to go when a wonderful ball from Guttridge out to Lawless down the right saw the latter's cross miskicked in front of goal by Oduwa. The ball fell to Guttridge in space at the back post but again the keeper made a fine save. We kept plugging away and almost snatched a point at the death when a McGeehan header was saved down by the near post.

Unfortunately that was our last chance and despite our second half efforts we had to settle for a third straight away defeat although the way the Bury players celebrated you could tell they had been hanging on for dear life.

MAN-OF-THE-MATCH

It was hard to truly pick someone out in this match. There wasn't a standout player.

Jonathan Smith's endeavour saw him hassling the Bury players as much as possible but most of our good moments involved Luke Guttridge, as they usually do.

As I said in the Wimbledon tales it is a real boost having Guttridge back and if we can get him on the ball over the last 12 games good things can still happen to us this season.

SUMMARY

Another disappointing night out. Although we had more of a go in the second half it was still a disappointing defeat even against a good side and with the teams around us all winning things have closed up behind us and the top three have pulled a bit further clear.

The journey home was a bit of a nightmare with road closures and speed limits and because of that we didn't get back to Luton until around 2am so it was a pretty long day in the end.

In all it was a 358-mile round trip but ultimately all in vain with the defeat as we were all left hoping that we can sort out our away issues for the remainder of the season.

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DUO'S DELIGHT AT ACCRINGTON TRIUMPH



For goalscorers Jayden Stockley and Luke Guttridge last Saturday's 2-0 win over Accrington was down to sheer hard work.

The Hatters were under pressure early on against a Stanley side who came into the match having beaten league leaders Burton Albion in their previous match, but Stockley's header from Guttridge's corner broke the deadlock before half-time before Guttridge wrapped up victory on the hour.

"The first half was hard work, the second half was a bit better but we've won without playing brilliantly," Guttridge told Hatters Player.

"I think the sign of a good team, often in a promotion season, is that you can grind out results without playing well. We didn't play well but we won the game, we scored two goals, kept a clean sheet and in the end it was a steady performance."

Stockley, whose strike was his second in two games and third in Town colours, felt the Hatters were good value after they got their noses in front against the visitors.

"The first half was difficult," said the on-loan Bournemouth forward. "We took a while to get into the game but once we found our feet and coped with their formation we played much better."

"Scoring before half-time definitely helped and in the last 10 minutes of the first half I thought we got to grips with Accrington. We were getting on top and it is always important to score when you're dominating."

Guttridge completed his second successive 90 minutes in the 2-0 win – 12 months to the very weekend he suffered the foot injury against Alfreton.

And now the experienced midfielder is targeting an injury-free and successful end to the campaign.

"It's been a stop-start season for myself," said the 32-year-old, who has won promotion from League 2 in the past when with Southend. "I missed the last 14 games last season so hopefully I can do the reverse this season, make amends, carry on scoring and help us to wins and promotion."

"It does get harder the older you get but I'm fit and enjoying my football and when you're in the promotion hunt it makes it so much easier."

Stockley, meanwhile, is hopeful of extending his loan with the Town having relished his time at Kenilworth Road.

Love

"I've really enjoyed it, I love the club and I definitely would want to extend the loan," admitted the striker.

"I've scored three goals and I'm happy with that but you are always striving to do better. It has been tough and it's been a real eye-opener playing at this level."

"Sometimes your job isn't about scoring goals. As a centre-forward-type player the work you do is for the good of the team: holding the ball up, helping protect the result. The lads have defended brilliantly in my time here which has made my task a little easier."

"Coming up against centre-halves in League 2 has been an experience. In my role you have to be willing to take a challenge on the chin, or nose."

"Of course at Wimbledon we all thought I should have won a penalty, but that's just the way things go. I'm happy to mix it with defenders and I like to think I give as a good as I get."





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SKIPPER'S DISAPPOINTMENT



"The manager's made a few changes because the formation we set up didn't seem to be working and after that we looked more threatening," said McNulty. "Credit to Bury, they were the home team so we're entitled to put us under a bit of pressure but after that first half the way we dominated the second half was better."

After romping to the Conference title last term the Hatters have maintained a lofty position in League 2 since October.

And the skipper believes the Town's high standards will drive on the squad to ensure a second successive promotion is secured this time round.

"It's not a case of just turning up and expecting to win," explained the skipper. "As we've said all along it's going to be tough. They'll be plenty of ups and downs between now and the end of the season and in the final 12 matches they'll be plenty of jostling for places in the team."

Working

"We're still in the pack, we'll be working hard in training every day to give us every chance of getting into the top three."

"We concentrate on winning every game. We've come away to a good side, who will be up there at the end of the season, and we've not disgraced ourselves."

"The management leave no stone unturned when it comes to preparation, they couldn't give us any more information. Home or away it's the same – on the pitch it is up to us."

"There are 12 games left and we've got to play some of the teams around us in the table. People will drop points and gain points because everyone is playing each other. There's nothing to worry about – we lick our wounds and go again on Saturday."

Today the Hatters host Morecambe, three months after losing 3-0 at the Globe Arena – the heaviest defeat of the campaign so far which also saw McNulty sent-off.

And while the Town would dearly love to rack up another victory on home soil, McNulty says it won't be a revenge mission.

"This isn't about getting one over them," he said. "Yes we owe them one but all we'll be concentrating on is preparing right. It'll be tight, tough game but it's not about getting our own back."

After returning from a four-match suspension there weren't many Town players more disappointed than skipper Stephen McNulty.

The captain admitted the Town's slow start played a big part in allowing the Shakers to get their noses in front but felt his side should have got something from the game after a much stronger showing in the second period.

"We didn't start too well in the first half and that meant they got a foothold in the game," McNulty told Hatters Player. "We came into the game in the final part of the first half but I thought we dominated the second half."

"Their goalkeeper has made three really good saves. We're hugely disappointed not to get at least a point."

John Still made two changes at half-time at Gigg Lane, sending on Alex Lawless and Nathan Oduwa but although the duo made an impact the Town couldn't find an equaliser – much to McNulty's frustration.

centre spot



Jayden Stockley powers home a header to put the Hatters 1-0 up against Accrington Stanley here at Kenilworth Road last weekend

PICTURE THE PAST

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



Mel Daniel fires home one of his hat-trick goals against Sheffield Wednesday on the opening day of the 1946/47 campaign – the first Football League season following the war. The Town eventually went on to beat the Owls 4-1 in this Division Two (now Championship) fixture in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 21105.

The Maple Road 'triangle' in the mid-1970s. The supporters on the roof of the old club shop are no doubt up there to be able to see past the remarkably tall man (right centre) blocking their view!



Camera Never Lies

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



YESTERDAY'S PAGES

Club historian **ROGER WASH** looks back to a clash with Sunderland at a time when off-field problems threatened the very future of the club.

Luton Town 2-0 Sunderland. February 28th 1976.

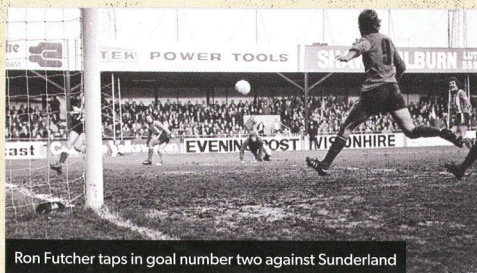
Following the Town's relegation from the top flight in 1975 we were all disappointed with the circumstances but settled down to a further spell of football in Division Two, safe in the knowledge that the team was virtually unchanged and a quick return was a distinct possibility.

As it turned out we did not set the football world alight, and a string of inconsistent performances saw us in a mid-table position as Christmas approached which was unexpected. Then, as if to add some interest to what was becoming a humdrum campaign, it was announced that the club was severely in debt and unless there was a quick injection of cash then professional football in Luton would become a thing of the past. Although we had survived crises like this before, and had become a little cynical, this time it was really serious as tales of Electricity Board switch offs and the like swept through the town.

The fans responded tremendously in rallying around the club and on the pitch the team won eight games in a row which pushed us up the table—all this without midfielder Peter Anderson who was sold for a cut-price but vitally necessary £80,000 to Antwerp.

The turning point in the match winning surge came in a dismal display at Norwich in the FA Cup and as the immediate threat of danger off the pitch diminished then so did our exhibitions in the League which went back to early season inconsistency.

By the time of the visit of Sunderland to Kenilworth Road in late February our promotion hopes had stuttered to a halt and we were fast running out of games. This match was therefore seen as a last chance at making a final push to get back to the top flight.



Ron Fletcher taps in goal number two against Sunderland

Sunderland were enjoying a good season and were sitting in second place only one point behind leaders Bristol City but with two games in hand. They were also through to the FA Cup quarter-finals.

Clever winger John Aston was missing from the Town line-up through injury but we did welcome back striker Ron Fletcher after a two match suspension. The best crowd since the visit of Chelsea the previous August, 15,338, also gave a warm welcome to Sunderland's Tom Finney who had started his Football League career at Kenilworth Road.

It soon became obvious that the Wearsiders were happy to settle for a draw, soaking up the pressure as the Hatters enjoyed the majority of the first half play. Unfortunately, most of the chances fell to Fletcher who, after his enforced absence, was trying a little too hard.

As the second period wore on and the finishing got worse it looked as though the Town would be forced to accept a draw and Sunderland, sensing this, came out of their shell and started to cause a few scares in the Luton defence.

The breakthrough, after 65 minutes, was rather fortunate as a mis-hit shot from Jim Husband seemed to be drifting harmlessly wide when it was diverted into his own net by Sunderland defender Bobby Moncur.

The game naturally opened up after this and the Luton forwards suddenly found more space as Sunderland tried, without success, to press for an equaliser.

The killer goal came five minutes from the end when clever interplay between Brian Chambers, Fletcher and Husband saw the latter hit a shot that was deflected

towards the net by Sunderland goalkeeper Jim Montgomery with Fletcher adding the finishing touch.

Persistence and determination had won the day and the crowd gave the players a standing ovation as they left the field with the promotion dream still intact.

THE PROGRAMME

The club's off field problems were mirrored in the 20-page programme for the visit of Sunderland which was a pale shadow compared to the issues from the earlier part of the campaign.

Ten pages of adverts did not leave space for much else after the commercial pages were taken into account but in manager Harry Haslam's brief notes he congratulated all the supporters who attended a function at Sands nightclub which raised £1,000 for the club.

Tricentral coaches were running trips to Bristol City the following Saturday at £1.75 and Freddie Starr was appearing at Cesars Palace. I am now struggling to find anything else of interest in this understandably poor offering.



Congratulations 'Lilly' on a wonderful debut at York. It is very pleasing to see you among the goalscorers on the Statistics Page. We must also remember Paul Price who stood in for 'Maxie' Faulkner and did a great job.

ELSEWHERE IN FOOTBALL

- Manchester City beat Newcastle 2-1 in the League Cup final at Wembley.
- Kettering Town, and their owner Derek Dougan, are in hot water with the FA for carrying advertising on their shirts. They compromise by changing 'Kettering Tyres' to 'Kettering T'.
- In a sign of the times, the Police Superintendents' Association proposes that football matches should be given certificates like films. An X certificate match—where crowd trouble was likely—would be banned for fans under 16 unless they were accompanied by an adult.

Eric Morecambe



Club historian **ROGER WASH** digs out some iconic images of the former Hatters director who lent his name to his hometown and today's visitors, Morecambe



Eric Morecambe had always been a football fan, and after moving to Harpenden in the 1960s he wanted to indoctrinate his son Gary to the sport.

It is said that Eric, given the proximity of both Luton and Watford, spun a coin with the Hatters the winners leading up to him attending Kenilworth Road at the start of the 1968/69 season just as the Town had risen from Division Four (now League 2).

Luton secretary Bob Readhead, sensing the public relations opportunity, cleverly placed Eric right next to the directors' box and it was not long before he was asked into the boardroom after matches where everyone was soon taken with his love and passion for the game.

At an extraordinary Board meeting on 31st January 1970 at Stockport County's Edgeley Park (following a 1-1 draw), chairman Tony Hunt proposed that John Eric Bartholomew become a director which was carried unanimously.

Eric could have not joined the Board at a more opportune time as the Town were on the up and his own career as the nation's favourite comedian was in the stratosphere.



The Morecambe and Wise show was watched by television audiences that current producers can only dream of and with Eric never failing to give his beloved Luton Town a plug the club was on everyone's lips irrespective as to whether they liked football or not.

This is not to say that Eric did not treat his role as a director seriously and it has been mentioned before that it was his idea that the club shirts be changed to orange to make the players stand out in the days of less than perfect floodlighting systems.

Appearances on Football Focus, commenting on live radio at Luton games and question and answer spreads in football magazines showed not only his humour but his genuine knowledge of football and the Hatters in particular.

The Town used to charter special trains to away games at the princely sum of 25 shillings (£1.25) return wherever we went with the players and directors taking

up a couple of carriages. My abiding memory of Eric is seeing him walking up and down the train chatting to supporters and armed with a paper bag and plastic cup practising his television tricks on the unsuspecting fans.

Eric formed a great bond with the players of the time and the famous photo of him taken after he strayed too close to the bath after promotion to the top flight was won in 1974 confirms this.

Legacy

Eric had no alternative but to resign from the Board in November 1975 in the wake of extreme financial problems at the club but he remained a Vice-President until his untimely death in May 1984.

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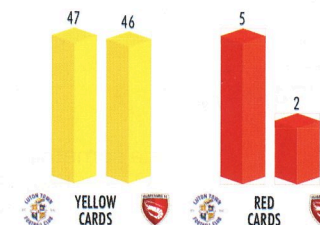
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MATCH FACTS

Steve McNulty was sent off after just 28 minutes in the reverse of this fixture, as Luton crashed to a 3-0 defeat.



MATCH FACTS

Morecambe have never failed to score in their three previous meetings with Luton (W1 D1 L1).



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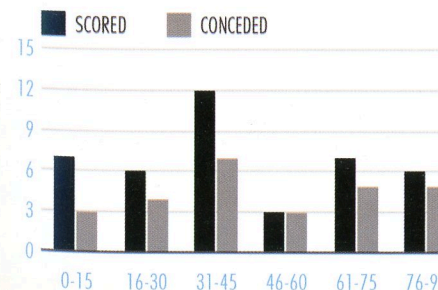


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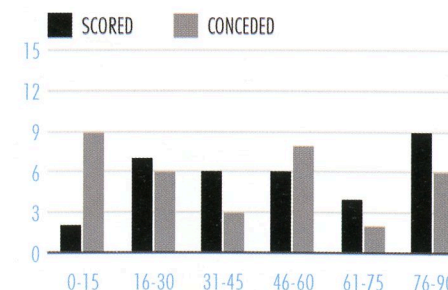


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FIXTURES & RESULTS

YOUTH

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	STARTING XI
AUGUST					
Sat 2	11.00am	H	Milton Keynes Dons	W 3-1	King
Tue 12	12 noon	A	AFC Bournemouth (LC)	W 2-1	King
Sat 16	11.00am	H	Stevenage	D 1-1	King
Sat 23	11.00am	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	King
Sat 23	11.00am	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 5-0	King
Sat 30	11.00am	H	Watford	W 3-0	King
SEPTEMBER					
Tue 2	12 noon	A	Dagenham & Redbridge (LC)	L 1-3	King
Sat 6	10.30am	A	Barnet	L 2-4	King
Sat 20	11.00am	H	Northampton Town	D 1-1	King
Sat 27	10.30am	A	AFC Wimbledon	D 1-1	King
OCTOBER					
Sat 4	11.00am	H	Southend United	D 1-1	King
Sat 11	10.30am	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-0	Gooch
Sat 18	11.00am	H	Gillingham	W 4-0	King
Sat 25	11.00am	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 4-2	Gooch
NOVEMBER					
Sat 1	11.00am	A	Cambridge United	W 4-3	King
Tue 4	7.30pm	H	Didcot Town (FAYC1)	W 4-1	King
Sat 8	11.00am	H	Barnet	L 0-5	Gooch
Sat 15	10.30am	A	Watford	D 3-3	King
Tue 18	7.30pm	A	Oxford City (FAYC2)	L 1-1	King
Sat 22	11.00am	A	Northampton Town	L 1-1	Gooch
Sat 29	11.00am	H	Peterborough United	D 0-0	Gooch
DECEMBER					
Sat 6	11.00am	A	Southend United	W 1-0	Gooch
Sat 13	11.00am	H	AFC Wimbledon	W 4-0	Gooch
Tue 16	1.00pm	A	Peterborough United	D 1-1	King
Sat 20	11.00am	A	Gillingham	W 2-0	King
JANUARY					
Tue 6	11.00am	H	Leyton Orient	W 4-1	Gooch
Sat 10	11.00am	A	Milton Keynes Dons	L 1-3	Gooch
Sat 24	11.00am	A	Stevenage	L 0-1	Gooch
FEBRUARY					
Sat 7	11.00am	A	Milton Keynes Dons	D 1-1	King
Sat 21	11.00am	A	Peterborough	W 3-2	King
Sat 28	1.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	L 1-2	Gooch
MARCH					
Sat 7	11.00am	A	Southend United		
Sat 14	11.30am	H	Portsmouth		
Sat 21	11.00am	A	Swindon Town		
Tue 24	1.00pm	H	Exeter City		
Sat 28	11.00am	H	Watford		
APRIL					
Sat 4	11.00am	A	AFC Bournemouth		
Sat 11	11.00am	H	Barnet		
Sat 18	11.00am	A	Stevenage		

The Town Under-18s lost their unbeaten record in the Youth Alliance merit league after a 2-1 defeat at home to Plymouth Argyle on Saturday. Paul Driver's side took the lead on 25 minutes when Leeroy

Maguraushe found the net. But the Town allowed the Pilgrims to score twice before half-time to get ahead at Creasey Park. The Hatters came close to finding an equaliser in the second period, only

DEVELOPMENT

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	STARTING XI
SEPTEMBER					
Tue 9	1pm	H	AFC Bournemouth	W 5-0	Justham
Tue 23	2pm	A	Portsmouth	D 2-2	McNeil
Tue 30	1pm	H	Gillingham (Cup)	W 5-2	Justham
OCTOBER					
Tue 28	1pm	H	Peterborough United	W 4-0	Justham
NOVEMBER					
Tue 18	1pm	A	Cambridge United	W 4-1	Justham
Tue 25	1pm	H	Leyton Orient	W 2-0	Justham
DECEMBER					
Tue 2	1pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	D 1-1	Justham
Tue 9	7pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Cup)	L 0-1	King
JANUARY					
Tue 6	1pm	A	AFC Bournemouth	W 2-1	Justham
Mon 12	1pm	H	Brighton (Cup)	D 0-0	Justham
FEBRUARY					
Wed 11	1pm	A	Peterborough United	L 0-2	Justham
Tue 17	1pm	H	Milton Keynes Dons (Cup)	L 2-3	King
Tue 24	1pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 3-2	King
MARCH					
Tue 10	1pm	H	Cambridge United		
Mon 23	7pm	A	AFC Wimbledon		
Tue 31	1pm	H	Portsmouth		
APRIL					
Tue 7th	1pm	A	Gillingham		
Thu 23rd	1pm	H	Gillingham		
TBA			Cambridge United (Cup)		

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community trust

WITH HEAD OF COMMUNITY TRUST KEVIN THOBURN

It may seem strange talking about the half-way point of the season in March, however, last week the Trust staff spent three days in London with the Football League Trust and Premier League Trust to discuss our six months progress on projects which they have helped to fund.

Much of the Trust's work runs on the school year and so projects run September until late July - long after the season has finished and running into pre-season for next year.

SCHOOL SPORT

Thanks to continued support from our main club sponsor easyJet our Free Schools Visit Project, which provides free curriculum time football coaching and PE lessons to all schools within Luton and Bedfordshire, goes from strength to strength. With additional funding from the Premier League Charitable Fund this season Luton Town Community Trust will be visiting 40 schools and coaching over 1,500 local school children every week during term time.

Our School Sport programme is designed to provide primary schools with support in improving the provision of PE and sport and physical activities, both during curriculum and extra-curriculum time. The aim is to provide higher quality, positive experiences for the pupils, enabling positive teaching and learning, alongside increased participation opportunities and playing pathways. This support to schools includes PE curriculum



lessons, Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) activities, enrichment sessions, through to breakfast clubs, lunch-time activities and after-school clubs and also a range of competitive opportunities for children, helping inter-school and District schools football programmes.

The Premier League were particularly interested in how our scheme had developed despite being outside the Football league for so long and we had to remind them that there was life outside of League football and that we had a very loyal community who had stood by the club through thick and thin in the last six years and interest in the club from schools had always been incredibly strong! Turns out our School Sport Scheme is one of the largest in the Football League in terms of numbers of children engaged - we keep telling people that Luton is a big place!

We aim to coach every primary school pupil in Luton at some point in Key Stage 1 and we would like to thank easyJet for their support over the last four years and lately the Premier League for their support. As well as all of the increased health benefits and bringing the club to the next generation it also helps with our recruitment of gifted individuals - before other professional Clubs can spot them!

For any schools looking to be involved in the project you can contact Kyle Durcan at the Club on 01582 737568 or via email on ltfc.freeschoolsvisitproject@hotmail.co.uk.



WOMEN & GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Our second centrally-funded programme is the Female Football Development (FFD) programme launched last year in England with a goal to 'Inspire the Future Female Game' aiming to play an integral role in the progression of the Women's & Girls' game and drive participation growth and retention through the delivery of sessions built around fun, friends, and fitness.

We have now joined nearly every other Football League Club in delivering FFD sessions aimed at 14-25-year-olds in partnership with the Beds FA and our County Sports Partnership team Beds&Luton

We were able to report to the FA and Football League Trust on a successful start to our FFD project with numbers exceeding our initial target of 120 girls each week. Concentrating on Year 10 and 11 girls initially we are now delivering in nine out of the 12 high schools in Luton as well as five other Bedfordshire Upper schools every week. In addition we now have a cohort of four female coaches (Rachel, Erica, Remy and Lauren) who have joined the Trust to help with not only this project but lots of other community activities. Their presence has been a really good addition to our coaching team and we hope that our female coaches will encourage many participants to enjoy their first real kicks with us, whilst for others, the sessions will aim to reignite a sporting passion, by easing back into playing - but pressure free!

Of course, new participants falling in love with the game for the first time, or all over again, have numerous pathways to graduate beyond grassroots at the club through our partnership with Luton Ladies FC and whether participants wish to excel in playing, become a coach that inspires the future generation or maybe combine education with playing in the future, then we now have the opportunity to offer the same through this partnership.

If you want to take part in any of our FFD centres then give us a call at the community office on 01582 737568 or email Matthew Collett at ffd.lutontown@outlook.com for more information.

AND FINALLY...

Good luck to two teams next week representing our club. Our Men's Disability teams begin their 2015 League season at the Beds FA Disability league every Friday and both the 'Hatters' and 'Boaters' will be playing every other Friday all the way through to November, hoping to go one better on 2014 and winning the League this time.

Good luck also to our Under-11 Kids Cup winners Arnold Academy from Barton-le-Clay who will be travelling down to Portsmouth to play in the regional finals against other southern club winners all hoping to make the League 2 southern final and one game away from playing at Wembley at the League Play-Off finals. So good luck boys - enjoy the trip down to Pompey on Friday. Don't think you will lack support looking at Saturday's league fixture!



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WITH JORDAN MCCANN

DEVELOPING CREATIVE PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE

During my last programme notes for the match with York City I was delighted to share with everyone the recent success of our youngest academy players in three major European tournaments over the Christmas period.

Of course these experience and learning processes are vitally important to the boys long term development with the challenge now becoming how we keep stretching, testing and developing our players to ensure they have the opportunity to light up the Kenilworth Road pitch for years to come.

At present Pro-Zone analysis is showing us that football at the highest level is constantly changing and the skill-set and demands required of players in first teams is increasing at its quickest ever rate across all four corners; technical, tactical, physical and psycho-social.

As an academy we must always be mindful of this and not lose sight of what these demands will be in 10 years' time, not just what they are now. As players' progress through the age groups, research shows they become socially more aware of the opinions of significant others which can often affect their willingness to express themselves and take risks on the pitch. With creative players valued so highly in the modern game at the academy we employ a range of strategies focusing around our coaching environment, session design and intervention strategies to ensure all of our players have a unique opportunity to think in a divergent fashion and maximise their potential;

- 1) Coaches work predominantly at the random end of the practice spectrum. Football is inherently a game of decisions and creative players often resist convention by spending greater amounts of time in chaotic, play-type activities. Learning at young ages is innately messy!
- 2) Coaches will work in a guided discovery manner to pose problems and questions rather than constantly providing answers. Command style coaching can act as a limiter to performance by discouraging players from experimenting with different solutions. After all, isn't the worst reason to do something because someone else has told you?
- 3) Provide unconditional support for the players. It is important both players and parents do not expect instant results as the development of elite performance is a long term process. At the academy it is vital that players know it's okay to try new things and make mistakes.
- 4) Minimal interference = maximum impact. Training sessions are largely player led with continuous decisions to be made. It is our aim in every academy training session that players are active for at least 90 per cent of the time to maximise their rate of learning.

The challenge for coaches, parents and our elite young players is to keep their creative thinking high and be willing to risk more to achieve more in order to continue helping the manager propel the football club back to where it belongs!

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Luton Ladies

HATTER'S LADIES BACK TO WINNING WAYS

With the weather continuing to disrupt the season it was good to return to league action with the Town entertaining a Cambridge side albeit on a heavy pitch last weekend.

Previous encounters between the two clubs have been close with barely a goal either way but Luton having dispatched the Blues from the FA Cup two months previous.

The Town started strongly on the front foot pressing high with strikers Michelle Byrne and Rebecca Kane not allowing the Cambridge back four settle on the ball. They won an early corner by forcing an error and skipper Shanice Jiminez delivered an excellent ball into the danger area about Cambridge scrambled clear. Erica Byron won the ball back and ran at her defender flashing a ball across goal that Kane almost got on the end of.

After 14 minutes Byrne made a great tackle in the Cambridge half and won the ball back, and then played in Jiminez who shot low at the keeper. The shot was too hot to hold and rebounded straight to Kane who finished from close range to put the Hatters ahead.

Five minutes later Kane ran towards goal and got brought down from behind winning a free-kick 25 yards out. Zara Carroll stepped up and smashed the ball into the roof of the net to double the Town's lead on 20 minutes.

Remii Bains then took on two players and drove into the box but her cross didn't quite reach Byrne and Kane in the area and it was cleared. Five minutes before half-time Town pushed for a third and Nicki Livingstone put in an excellent tackle on the half way line and played a great ball down the line before collapsing in a heap! The ball stayed in play for Kane who played a perfect ball into the box for strike partner Byrne and from 10 yards out she finished well into the bottom corner.

As the interval approached, Hilary Ferroni defended well and found Byron who played a clever switch to Kane and she ran at pace and took on three players herself into the box before crossing to Carroll who smashed into the top corner on the half volley for her second of the game to make it 4-0 at half-time.

The ball is in the net for Town's second goal on Sunday



In the second half the message was to continue playing and finish with a clean sheet. The Hatters were playing some good football and playing the ball around nicely from the back and Angelika Kopec, standing in for injured keeper Hollie Staples didn't have much to do but what she did have to do she did well.

Bains had a great chance to add a fifth after Livingstone played her in down the right hand side but fired over. Lydia Radley then made her comeback after missing months with a broken arm and immediately made an impact putting in a great cross that Byrne was unlucky not to find the top corner with a header.

Stacie Gross then made her debut for the Town and was involved in some combination play down the right hand side. Carroll was unlucky not to complete her hat-trick when she fired another free-kick narrowly wide.

At the other end Cambridge put on some late pressure to get a goal back but an excellent last ditch challenge from Rachel Carter made sure the clean sheet was maintained.

Manager Nikki Baker told Talk of the Town: "I am absolutely delighted with the result and performance.

"Losing the week before was a major blow to the morale for the team and we worked hard in training this and it showed in this game.

"Our main focus is to finish in the top four in the league and, with seven games left, that is achievable and we showed what we can do with this result and performance."

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Season tickets for the 2015/16 campaign are now on sale at the ticket office and online, and having been on sale for over a week the ticket office are already doing a roaring trade.

This week, across our social media platforms – including Twitter which reached 30,000 followers on Wednesday – we asked Hatters fans to tell us about their first season ticket season and the best season they've watched as a season ticket holder. Here's the best of the responses.

Paulie B @WriterPaulB

@LutonTown 1984/85 The Year of Top Class Arrivals, when we knew something great was happening

Matthew Piggins @Mattdros

@LutonTown First was the 93/94 season and THAT cup run. Also my favourite season, no contest...

Andrew Kingston @treblethree

@LutonTown My first season ticket was back in 1989-90, had started working by then so could afford one & I've had one ever since.

Jonathan Edwards @jonedwards001

@LutonTown my first season ticket was 86/87. Purchased a week after my first ever match, a 4-1 drubbing of Liverpool #COYH

Scott Clark @ScottLTFC

@LutonTown first game in 1998 at the age of 2, first season ticket in 2000 and has one every year since then! #LoyalHatter

Richard Hardy @richyhardy

@LutonTown the relegation of 95/96, didn't put me off though - I've had one ever since.

Andy McPherson @Maccathehatter

@LutonTown 2004/5 gave up smoking so I could afford season ticket & what a good decision that was #champions

steve webb @blondie77mk

@AshbyHatter @LutonTown first season was 68/69.... 5 divisions!! . 1,027 matches at kenilworth rd..we have a decent chance this year.

Darren Hickin @AshbyHatter

@LutonTown 1st season was 80/81. Favourite was last season Champions and the first success my son Louis has seen as a season ticket holder.

Dave Hewitt @DaveDJTekno

@LutonTown 1st: Late 70s in the Bobbers (1/2 way line). Best: 81/82 (Junior Hatters Enclosure)..was mascot for the QPR game! #Champs

Andrew Brett @Andysbrett

@LutonTown 1st, the amazing yr we won the littlewoods cup, my dad picked me up early from cub camp for that and that is also my fav season

Richard Zhuk @RichardZhuk

@LutonTown My first season was 96/97 season. My Fav has to be first year in the championship or promotion from old div 3 under BFJ

Steven Manfredi @sman3d

Will be getting my 30th Season ticket this week for @LutonTown, talk about highs and lows, wouldn't change it for the world

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@LutonTown 1st was 1984-85 in the Bobbers pretty much opposite the tunnel..best was probably last season as the comeback was finally started

Tonino Ciuffini @LuTonino

@LutonTown 67/68 first season when we won Division 4,Rioch & Co. Best season this year when we repeat the feat #COYH (last season was great)

Pauline Hartley, via email:

As a 70-year-old woman, I don't do twitter, so here are my first and best season's as a Luton Town supporter. First: 1955/56. Best: 1987/88 when we reached the FA Cup semi-final, lost in the Simod Cup final, finished ninth in what is now the Premier League and won the Littlewoods Cup! Just to make it even better, it was Arsenal that we beat, the team my husband had supported until he met me and I convinced him that Luton were better!



Jiggly Bean I remember applying then being rejected around 1987/88 (somewhere there). I used to live in Essex and it was the time when Luton placed the ban on away supporters. My last hope was a picture of me on the shoulders of my team in my 'Bedford' LT shirt for running a sponsored football match to raise money for a local charity. I sent that in and within a few days, got my LTFC card and ticket! #happyhatter



Mark Hargreaves 81-82....what a season.....getting my boy his 1st season ticket on Monday for next season. He's been home and a couple of aways this season (14 games). He ain't seen us lose yet:-)



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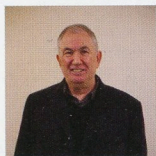
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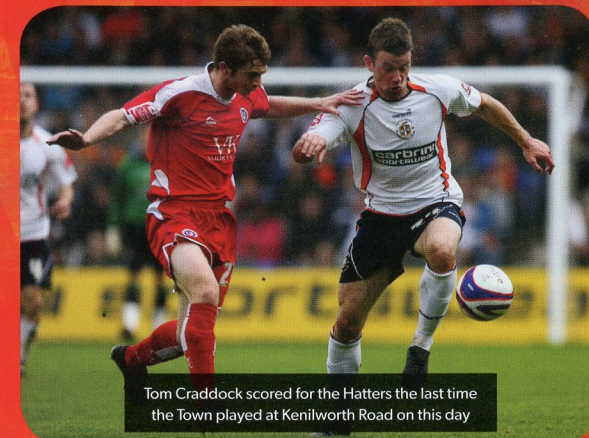


ON THIS DAY

► THE RECORD

The Hatters hold a decent record on 7th March down the years, winning 12 of the 22 fixtures played on this day. In total the Town have also been involved in four draws and lost six times and 58 goals have been scored across the 22 games, with the Town responsible for 35 of these.

On home soil the Town have played 10 times, winning seven, drawing two and losing just once. The Hatters have conceded just seven times in these home matches. The Hatters' first game on this day came back in 1896 when they beat Southampton St Mary's 3-0 in the Southern League. That was the Hatters' 61st match of their history.



Tom Craddock scored for the Hatters the last time the Town played at Kenilworth Road on this day

► THE LAST WIN

You have to go back 15 years for the last time the Town were victorious on 7th March. That particular night the Hatters won 2-0 at Turf Moor against Burnley in Division Two (now League 1) in 2000. Goals from Alan White and Phil Gray earned the Hatters all three points. Former England international Ian Wright played for the Claret's but could not find a way past the Town defence.

► THE LAST TIME

The Town have lost their last two games on this day, the most recent coming in 2012 when the Hatters were beaten 2-0 at Wrexham in the Conference. The Town had John Paul Kissock sent-off in the closing stages of the televised clash. That season the Welsh side finished second to champions Fleetwood, while the Hatters rallied in the closing month under Paul Buckle to reach the Play-Offs and beat Wrexham in the semi-finals. However the Town were defeated in the final by York.

The Hatters' last match on home soil on 7th March was in League 2 when Exeter grabbed all three points in 2009. Adam Stansfield and Liam Sercombe fired the Grecians into a two-goal lead but despite Tom Craddock pulling one goal back the visitors held on to win.

► TOP FLIGHT TOWN

The Hatters have been involved in five matches in the top division on 7th March down the years. David Pleat's side were held to a 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace in

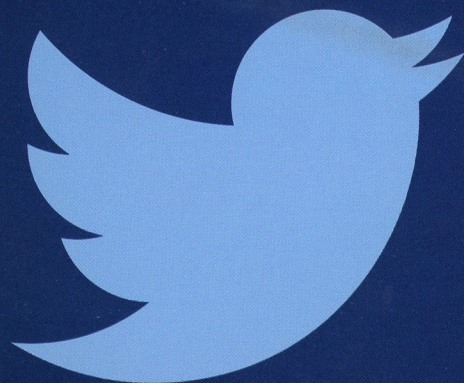
1992 – the last season the Town were in the top flight. Scott Oakes scored the Hatters' equaliser after Eddie McGoldrick had put Palace in front.

In 1990 the Hatters triumphed 3-2 in a thrilling home win over Coventry City at Kenilworth Road. Kingsley Black had the Town ahead at half-time but the Sky Blues turned the game on its head in the second half to lead 2-1. However, Paul Gray levelled to make it 2-2 with 10 minutes left before Iain Dowie struck an important winner four minutes from time.

The Hatters returned home pointless from a trip to Anfield on this day in 1987 as Liverpool ran out 2-0 winners. On a snow-covered pitch, a Jan Molby penalty and an own goal from Mal Donaghy gave the Reds the points. In the Town's first spell in the top flight in the 1950s, they recorded a fine 2-1 win away to Sunderland at Roker Park in 1956. Three years later the Hatters then drew 3-3 in a topsy-turvy encounter against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge with record goalscorer Gordon Turner on target twice.

► INTO EUROPE!

The Hatters first ventured into Europe on this day in 1973...in the Anglo-Italian Cup! The Town beat Bari 4-0 in front of 4,518 at Kenilworth Road thanks to two goals from Don Shanks and one each from John Moore and Bobby Thompson. The Hatters' run in the competition that year saw them lose 2-1 at Verona, beat Fiorentina 1-0 and draw 2-2 away to Lazio.



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2014-15 STAT PACK



LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

GOALS

1	RICHARDS	17
2	TUBBS	16
3	REUBEN REID	15
4	COLLINS	13
5	HYLTON	13

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	COLLINS	52
2	REUBEN REID	37
3	WALLACE	34
4	ELLISON	33
5	HYLTON	33

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	REUBEN REID	50
2	CURETON	49
3	HYLTON	42
4	COULSON	39
5	WALLACE	38

FOULS

1	AKINFENWA	92
2	REUBEN REID	75
3	CORR	58
4	PIERRE	55
5	ETUHU	53

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Wycombe Wanderers have won nine and lost none of their last 14 away games played on a Saturday.

ASSISTS

1	COULSON	9
2	FRANCOMB	9
3	BEAVON	8
4	DONALDSON	8
5	WOOD	8

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	RICHARDS	133
2	NARDIELLO	149
3	NICHOLS	149
4	ROSE	161
5	PIGOTT	162

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	WORRALL	198
2	DONALDSON	207
3	O'SULLIVAN	218
4	PALMER	223
5	FRANCOMB	231

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	GILLESPIE	48
2	ARCHER	55
3	FLINDERS	55
4	HANFORD	57
5	HAMON	60

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Luton have won their last 10 league games played on a Saturday, conceding just two goals and keeping nine clean sheets.

*Data doesn't include games played on March 3-4



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BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

With six goals in nine games since his debut in January, Bolton's boy-wonder Zach Clough is proving that big isn't always beautiful.

Just 5ft 7ins (allegedly) and built like a rake, the 19-year-old striker is proving more than a match for the Championship's battle-hardened centre-halves.

"I heard it a few times when I was little," said Clough this week. "People saying 'You'll never make it because you're too small'. Now I'm throwing that in their face I suppose. A lot of the world's best players are small these days so it means nothing."

Yet while Clough may be dinky by Championship standards, he is a towering colossus compared to this set of pocket rockets.

SAMMY LEE 5FT 4INS

The butt of many a dressing room joke, Lee was once bundled into the overhead luggage locker of a plane by his Liverpool team-mates and was a regular target of terrace taunts.

But the stocky midfielder never let his tiny legs hold him back, morphing from a skilful dribbler into a thunderous ball-winner to seize a place in Bob Paisley's all-conquering Liverpool side of the early eighties.

By the time he left, Lee had won six league titles and three European Cups, not to mention winning 14 caps for England.

MAXI MOREALEZ 5FT 3INS

Inexplicably nicknamed 'Frasquito' - the Little Flask - Morealez plays for Atalanta and is currently the shortest player in Serie A.



Pint-sized Maxi Morealez

At the 2007 Under-20 World Cup, Morealez was voted the second-best player of the tournament behind Argentine team-mate Sergio Aguero and his height can be brilliantly gauged by a photo of the pair standing side by side. Barely 5ft 7ins himself, the future Man City star looks the size of Jaap Stam by comparison.

Still, that didn't stop Atalanta paying £8m for his services, nor Morealez from winning two Argentine titles.

LUDOVIC GIULY 5FT 4.5INS

The 'Magic Elf' burst onto the scene with Lyon in the mid-nineties and, remarkably, is still kicking about with French amateurs Monts d'Or Azergues at the age of 38.

In between, the tricky forward captained Monaco to a Champions League final, won 17 caps for France and was part of the Ronaldinho-inspired Barcelona side that romped to a La Liga and Champions League double in 2005/06.

He was eventually forced to leave when a young lad (and famous shorty) called Lionel Messi nicked his place.

BENEDICT VILAKAZI 5FT 2INS

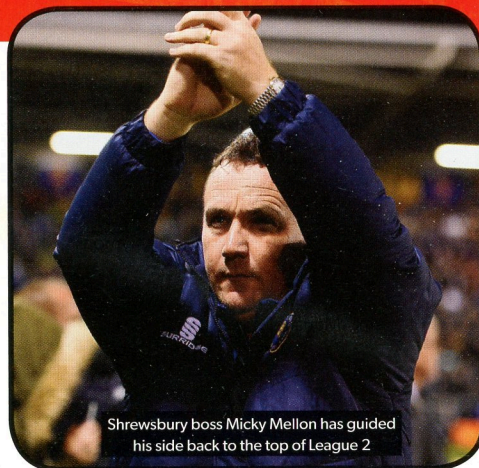
What he lacks in height Vilakazi makes up for in aggression and attitude - the man branded 'Little Napoleon' is the living embodiment of short man syndrome.

Whether it's squaring up to baffled opponents, falling out with management or getting into bother with authorities, the South African can't help throwing his negligible weight about. He's been arrested, kicked out of clubs, and picked up enough cards to fill a branch of Clintons. Which, despite making 32 appearances for his country, perhaps explains why he currently plays for the Botswana Meat Commission.

league look



League 2 news in brief



Shrewsbury boss Micky Mellon has guided his side back to the top of League 2

Another round of results, another change at the top of League 2. Shrewsbury leapt to the top of the table on Tuesday with a 2-1 win at Accrington thanks to a late goal from Bobby Grant.

Micky Mellon's side led through Grant's early strike before a Josh Windass penalty hauled Stanley level seven minutes before the break. But the winning goal, three minutes from the end, hoisted the Shrews to the summit, to leapfrog Burton in the table to lead the division on goal difference.

Another 2-1 away win saw Wycombe keep up with the pace in the top three as they held on to record their 10th victory on the road this term despite playing the last 20 minutes with 10 men at struggling Tranmere. A Paul Hayes penalty had the Chairboys ahead before Adam Dugdale levelled. Fred Onyedinma put Wanderers back in front five minutes before half-time but although substitute Matt McClure was red carded within 70 seconds of coming on as a second half substitute, Gareth Ainsworth's side held on to remain just one point off top spot.

The Hatters' defeat at Gigg Lane on Tuesday meant the gap between third and fourth opened up to five points again, but the Shakers' narrow win over the Town meant David Flitcroft's side jumped up to fifth in the table to go level on points with the Hatters on 58 points. Bury overtook Southend in the table on goal difference following the Shrimpers' goalless draw at AFC Wimbledon. The Town, Bury and Southend all sit on 58 points.

Newport continue to hang onto the final Play-Off place, despite going down 1-0 at home to late Reggie Lambe goal for Mansfield at Rodney Parade. The Exiles have 53 points, five points less than the Hatters. The win for the Stags, however, lifts the Nottinghamshire outfit up to 17th in the table and seven points above the relegation zone.

Another late goal, this time scored by Stevenage, has shaken up the race for the Play-Offs. Graham Westley's 1-0 triumph over Plymouth lifted Boro into ninth place but level on points with eighth-placed Argyle. Both sides lie just one point behind Newport.

One of the form sides in the division are Northampton, who the Hatters visit in three weeks' time. Chris Wilder's side saw off Portsmouth 1-0 at Sixfields to make it eight wins from their last 10 matches. Their return of 25 points

from their last 30 has lifted the Cobblers up to 10th place in League 2 and just three points off that final Play-Off place.

At the other end of the table Hartlepool failed to build on their win over Wimbledon last Saturday when going down 2-0 at Dagenham & Redbridge on Tuesday. Ronnie Moore's side remain at the foot of the table but still have a glimmer of hope of avoiding relegation and are seven points from safety.

Carlisle and York did their survival hopes the power of good with midweek victories to give themselves a little bit of breathing space at the bottom. The Cumbrians saw off fellow strugglers Cheltenham 1-0 at Brunton Park to move out of the bottom two. Cheltenham drop into the relegation places on goal difference with Tranmere one place above them in the table. York also moved up two places with an excellent 3-0 win at Cambridge. Richard Money's United sit in 16th but will be looking over their shoulders as they are seven points above the dropzone.

Today's visitors Morecambe moved up one place into 12th following a 1-1 draw with Oxford who drop to 19th.

In League 2 this afternoon leaders Shrewsbury entertain Cambridge, while Burton travel to bottom-of-the-table Hartlepool.

There are a few crucial games to pick from, with Southend hosting Wycombe of particular interest, as well as Northampton making the trip to Devon to take on Play-Off rivals Plymouth. A win for the Cobblers could lift them into the top seven. Stevenage in ninth take on seventh-placed Newport at Broadhall Way.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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

TOP GOALSCORERS

Richards (Northampton)	17
Tubbs (Portsmouth)	16
Reid (Plymouth)	15
Collins (Shrewsbury)	13
Hylton (Oxford)	13
Cureton (Dag & Red)	12
Akinfenwa (Wimbledon)	11
Cullen (Luton)	11
Nichols (Exeter)	11
Wallace (Portsmouth)	11

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Portsmouth	15,100	Wycombe	3,910
Luton	8,670	Hartlepool	3,466
Plymouth	7,364	York	3,435
Oxford	6,082	Bury	3,433
Southend	5,715	Newport	3,219
Cambridge	5,000	Stevenage	3,158
Shrewsbury	5,035	Burton	3,033
Tranmere	4,961	Mansfield	2,997
Northampton	4,482	Cheltenham	2,716
Carlisle	4,172	Morecambe	1,919
Wimbledon	3,959	Dag & Red	1,919
Exeter	3,913	Accrington	1,406

LEAGUE TABLE 2014/15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Burton Albion	33	19	7	7	46	29	17	64
2 Shrewsbury Town	32	18	7	7	46	22	24	61
3 Wycombe Wanderers	32	16	11	5	45	27	18	59
4 Luton Town	32	15	10	7	39	27	12	55
5 Southend United	32	15	9	8	36	30	6	54
6 Plymouth Argyle	32	15	7	10	40	23	17	52
7 Bury	32	15	7	10	43	35	8	52
8 Newport County AFC	32	14	8	10	39	38	1	50
9 Stevenage	32	14	6	12	46	41	5	48
10 AFC Wimbledon	32	12	9	11	43	42	1	45
11 Northampton Town	32	13	5	14	51	42	9	44
12 Morecambe	32	12	8	12	34	32	2	44
13 Portsmouth	32	11	10	11	39	37	2	43
14 Exeter City	33	11	10	12	43	48	-5	43
15 Accrington Stanley	32	13	4	15	41	51	-10	43
16 Cambridge United	32	10	8	14	46	44	2	38
17 Oxford United	32	9	10	13	36	40	-4	37
18 Dagenham & Redbridge	32	10	7	15	36	44	-8	37
19 Mansfield Town	32	9	8	15	26	41	-15	35
20 Tranmere Rovers	32	8	10	14	34	41	-7	34
21 Carlisle United	32	10	3	19	40	56	-16	33
22 York City	32	6	14	12	31	40	-9	32
23 Cheltenham Town	32	7	10	15	28	48	-20	31
24 Hartlepool United	32	6	6	20	24	54	-30	24

PLAYER STATS 2014/15

	LEAGUE		CUP		THIS SEASON				LTC			
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	CAREER TOTAL	
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Paul Benson	10	(3)	1	3	0	1	13	3	2	4	54	
Paul Connolly	4	(0)	0	2	0	6	0	0	3	6	20	
Mark Cullen	24	(6)	11	5	0	1	29	16	12	2	71	
Nathan Doyle	20	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	24	0	0	5	24	
Andy Drury	26	(5)	2	4	(0)	0	30	5	2	2	61	
Fraser Franks	9	(1)	0	4	(0)	0	13	1	0	2	31	
Scott Griffiths	28	(0)	1	4	(0)	0	32	0	1	2	84	
Luke Guttridge	12	(5)	2	2	(1)	1	14	6	3	1	53	
Ryan Hall	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	0	0	0	2	
Michael Harriman	23	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	27	0	1	1	27	
Jake Howells	20	(7)	3	3	(0)	1	23	9	4	1	308	
Elliot Justham	3	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	4	0	0	0	11	
Alex Lacey	10	(6)	0	2	(0)	0	12	6	0	0	49	
Ross Lafayette	1	(10)	0	0	(3)	0	1	(13)	0	2	14	
Alex Lawless	2	(6)	1	0	(1)	0	2	7	1	1	165	
Elliot Lee	2	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	2	1	1	2	3	
Cameron McGeehan	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	0	0	0	21	
Steve McNulty	29	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	33	0	4	2	101	
Ricky Miller	2	(8)	1	1	(2)	1	3	(10)	2	0	13	
Nathan Odumu	3	(3)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(3)	0	0	6	
Andrew Parry	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	26	
Ian Rees	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Matt Robinson	7	(1)	0	1	(2)	0	8	3	0	1	56	
Luke Rooney	8	(3)	3	2	(0)	2	10	3	5	2	19	
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	10	(6)	1	0	(2)	0	10	8	1	1	42	
Charlie Smith	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	3	
Jonathan Smith	27	(0)	2	5	(0)	0	32	0	2	5	92	
Jim Stevenson	2	(9)	1	1	(0)	0	3	(9)	1	1	18	
Jayden Stockley	11	(0)	3	0	(0)	0	11	0	3	3	11	
Mark Tyler	31	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	36	0	2	0	266	
Charlie Walker	0	(3)	0	1	(2)	0	1	(5)	0	0	6	
Alex Wall	1	(5)	1	1	(0)	2	(5)	1	3	0	34	
Shaun Whalley	11	(3)	1	3	(0)	0	12	3	3	2	37	
Luke Wilkinson	30	(0)	4	6	(0)	0	36	0	4	2	36	
Curtley Williams	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	0	0	0	3	

Fixtures & Results

Drury •	Howells ♦	CULLEN 1	Benson	Franks	Wall	Rooney ♦	Ruddock	Guttridge	Stevenson ♦	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1 ♦	Cullen ♦	Benson ♦	Lacey	Wall	Howells	Ruddock ▲	Guttridge ♦	Lafayette ♦	Justham
Guttridge •	Howells	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall •	Williams	Ruddock •	Stevenson ▲	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge •	Rooney	Cullen	Benson ▲	Lacey	Wall	Howells ♦	RUDDOCK 1 ♦	Stevenson	Lafayette ▲	Justham
Drury	ROONEY 1	Cullen ♦	Benson	Franks	Wall ♦	Guttridge •	Ruddock	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge ▲	Rooney •	Cullen ♦	Benson	Lacey •	Wall	Williams	Ruddock ▲	Miller	Lafayette ♦	Justham
Guttridge	Howells •	Rooney	Cullen ♦	Smith	Lawless •	Wall	Lafayette ♦	Stevenson ▲	Wilkinson	Justham
Ruddock	Guttridge ▲	CULLEN 1	Lafayette	Drury ♦	Wall	Howells ▲	Rooney •	Stevenson •	Walker	Justham
Drury	Guttridge	Howells •	Cullen ▲	Wall	Rooney	Lafayette ▲	Whalley	Stevenson ♦	Connolly	Justham
Stevenson	Guttridge ▲	CULLEN 1	Wall ♦	Drury •	Drury ♦	Lafayette ♦	Whalley	Doyle	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Whalley •	HOWELLS 1	Cullen	Drury •	Lafayette •	Stevenson •	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Drury	Cullen ▲	Benson ♦	Howells	WALL 1 ▲	Stevenson •	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker ♦	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Wall ▲	Benson	Walker ▲	Robinson •	Stevenson	Lawless ♦	Tyler	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	LAWLESS 1	CULLEN 1	Lacey •	Benson	Wall	Guttridge	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock ♦	Miller ▲	CULLEN 1 •	Lacey	Benson •	Wall	Guttridge ▲	STEVENSON 1 ♦	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	Miller •	CULLEN 3 •	Lacey	Benson •	Wall	Guttridge	Stevenson	Walker ♦	Justham
Drury	Ruddock •	Lawless ▲	Cullen	Lacey	Benson •	Wall	GUTTRIDGE 1 ▲	Stevenson ♦	Walker	Justham
Drury	Howells ♦	Cullen ▲	Benson	Lacey •	Miller ▲	Rooney	Guttridge ♦	Stevenson	Whalley	Justham
Smith	GUTTRIDGE 1	BENSON 1	Franks	Lacey	Griffiths	MILLER 1 •	Whalley	Rooney	Walker	Justham
Guttridge ▲	Benson	Cullen	Lacey	Drury ▲	Griffiths	Rooney	Rooney	Ruddock •	MILLER 1 ♦	Justham
Howells •	Whalley	Guttridge ♦	Benson	Franks	Drury ▲	Cullen	Rooney	Ruddock •	Miller ♦	Justham
Drury	WHALLEY 2 ▲	BENSON 1 •	Cullen •	Lacey	Howells •	Rooney ▲	Ruddock	Miller	Walker ♦	Justham
Smith	Drury	Walker •	CULLEN 1	Robinson	Howells ♦	Miller •	Stevenson	Rooney	Lacey •	Justham
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Drury	Hall ♦	Whalley •	STOCKLEY 1 ▲	Lacey	Wall ▲	Cullen •	Guttridge	Robinson	Oduwa •	Justham
Drury •	Hall ▲	Oduwa	Stockley	Lacey •	Wall	CULLEN 2 ♦	Guttridge	Robinson	Whalley ▲	Justham
Drury	Oduwa •	CULLEN 1 ▲	Stockley	Lacey •	Howells ▲	Ruddock •	Whalley	Guttridge	Hall	Justham
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Guttridge	Drury ♦	Oduwa •	STOCKLEY 1 ▲	Lawless •	Wall ▲	Howells	Parry	Whalley	LEE 1 ♦	Gooch
Howells	GUTTRIDGE 1	Lee •	STOCKLEY 1 ♦	Lawless •	Drury	Cullen •	Parry	Whalley	Oduwa ♦	King
Howells •	Guttridge	Lee ♦	Stockley ▲	Franks	Lawless •	Drury	Cullen ▲	Whalley	Oduwa ♦	King

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WITH DIVERSEFM CO-COMMENTATOR MARK WOOD

It must be one of the most unusual ties in football that binds Morecambe and Luton Town together and that will see the two clubs compete for the Eric Morecambe Trophy at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

In fact it's the kind of thing that could easily find its way into a stand-up routine – Have you heard the one about the Shrimps, the Hatters and the comedian? It's fitting that Luton's most famous supporter of all time, who took his stage name from his seaside hometown, is still remembered today and I am sure he would be delighted by our rejuvenated club's resurgence.

Hatters fans have probably rarely felt so positive about the club's future since the halcyon Morecambe era. The famous funny man was an ebullient presence around Kenilworth Road and was always happy to help out when the need arose.

In fact there is even an infamous story of the great man that still exists in the Wood family today. Long before I was even born my oldest brother was due to lead the Hatters out as a mascot against Derby County in the 1970s. However, being just four years old, the small boy got cold feet before kick-off and refused to go on the pitch. The club tried everything to convince him to go on as my poor father tore his hair out behind the scenes. Eventually it fell to Eric to sit down beside him and try and convince him to change his mind. I guess he tried amusing him, convincing him – but nothing worked. Eric eventually even offered my brother his famous pipe if only he would deign to lead the Hatters



out – but to no avail. Luton were forced to go out without their mascot.

My brother still laments turning down that offer to this day, but there were sadly repercussions for us all in the Wood household. My other brother, just a couple of years younger, was due to lead the Town out following week. Scarred by the actions of his big, brave, older brother he refused as the debacle of mascotless Luton continued

for another week. Broken by the actions of his children I don't think my father ever really recovered and yours truly was never enrolled as a Junior Hatter – which is annoying as it wouldn't have taken Eric's pipe to tempt me out. Now my own 10-month-old son is registered as a Junior Hatter and I'm hopeful that when his time comes he will be able to restore some pride to the family name. If not, you never know, I might finally get my chance...

Today I'm sure our mascots will need no cajoling to get out on to the Kenilworth Road pitch and help to cheer on their heroes of today as they search for a second straight promotion. They may never have seen or even heard of Eric Morecambe, but just like the constant Morecambe and Wise re-runs on the telly, there are constant reminders of his image and legacy around our home here. Hopefully when we finally depart Kenilworth Road this association will continue to live on and he will remain revered by Town's fans. Heck, we could even erect a statue of him outside the ground and I'm sure Morecambe would be happy to help with the design!

So let's hope his spirit brings us sunshine today and that the last laugh is on the visitors.

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