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# welcome

## TO KENILWORTH ROAD



**66** Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time this week as we host Carlisle United.

A warm welcome especially to the visiting Carlisle supporters who have made the trip down from Cumbria today. We hope you enjoy your brief stay with us and have a safe journey home.

Well, what a game we had here on Tuesday night, as the team came from two goals down to earn a point against York City. The Minstermen are just one of our bogey teams aren't they? That's just one win in the last 13 attempts against them! It was a frenetic second half with four goals, two red cards, seven minutes of injury time and an injured Nathan Doyle appearing and reappearing from the substitutes' bench.

Will there be such drama today, on Valentine's Day? We hope you're here today with a loved one – and if you sent us an amusing love-related tweet or Facebook message in the week, make sure you turn to pages 46 and 47!

We've got plenty more inside this issue of Talk of the Town, including the boardroom thoughts of chairman Nick Owen plus the news and views around Kenilworth Road, including the latest work undertaken by our community department.

Enjoy the game and your reading – and we'll see you again in two weeks' time when Accrington are the visitors! #COYH **99**

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# JOHN STILL

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road once again for our second home match here this week.

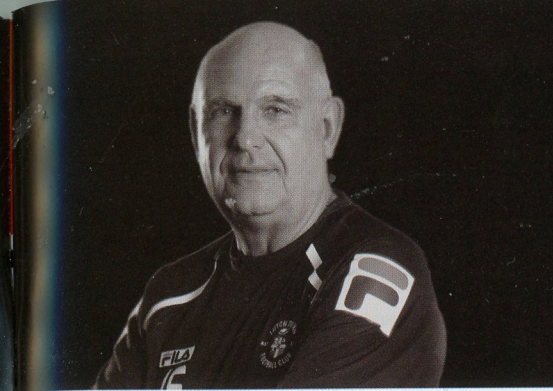
A warm welcome to Keith Curle and his staff and players plus the directors and staff who have made the long trip south. Keith has done an extremely good job at Brunton Park since taking over and they will be a much different proposition to the team we faced on the opening day of the season.

Today is the second home game in succession after we came through a tough and eventful match against York City on Tuesday night. They came and made it a great battle. Although we were disappointed not to be in front at half-time we soon found ourselves 2-0 behind early in the second half. Two red cards, an injury to Nathan Doyle – which saw us down to nine men for a period – all made it very tense stuff. Mark Cullen came up trumps with two very good finishes to get us level and their goalkeeper made a fine save in injury time from Nathan Oduwa to prevent us from collecting all three points.

Were we disappointed not to win? Absolutely. Were we pleased with the spirit shown to get us back in the game? Absolutely. Our home form has been first class and the point has kept us right in the frame and not too far behind the clubs above us in the table.

Tuesday's game was tough but as I say every week they all are and today is sure to be no different. Carlisle will prove to be tough competitors but name me a team who aren't.

On Wednesday we had a development game where we were able to field Luke Guttridge, Pelly Ruddock and Alex Lawless; three players classed as first team regulars who have been out for



## STILL PUSHING

some time through injury. We were also delighted to welcome back Paul Benson into full time training with the first team squad which is another huge positive for us. We hope that over the next couple of weeks we will be able to start picking these players in games so watch this space.

### Fitness

The games are coming thick and fast with a trip to Mansfield on Tuesday following today's match. Three games in a week is well within our squad's capability and with players returning back to fitness we are looking forward to testing ourselves.

With the arrivals of Ryan Hall and Nathan Oduwa, coupled with the four lads who have been out injured for so long, I hope that will give us the edge in a tough run between now and the end of the season.

Nathan Doyle took a knock against York and could be out for at least three weeks but that is the nature of the game. I hope somebody will grab the opportunity. That is the beauty of having such a quality group of players at this club.

What impressed me most on Tuesday, however, was the effort of the players when we were 2-0 down and the enthusiasm and passion from you in the stands. Your support was superb and I thought it was an all-round top effort from everybody which cumulated in us getting the point out of the game.

We're going to need that support again this afternoon, and we're going to need the energy and expertise of the players on the pitch. This season we have all shown what is possible when we are all together. Remember, the stronger the team, the stronger the team. Get behind us once more today and let's hope for three points.

Enjoy the game.

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# BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN



Good afternoon and a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our League 2 match against Carlisle United.

Having encountered an M6 traffic nightmare on the opening day of the season and only arrived at Brunton Park at

20 to four, I'll be glad to see a whole game against them this time!

I do, however, have some good memories of playing Carlisle here at Kenilworth Road, going back some 40 years! In our promotion year in Division Two, I remember our first home game of the season when we went absolutely bonkers and went in 6-0 up at half-time, ultimately winning the match 6-1.

Then the following season, back in the top flight, we hadn't won a game until Carlisle came here at the end of September. We beat them 3-1, including a terrific solo goal from the Aussie international Adrian Alston. Of the players who took part in those two games, it's so good to think that nine joined us for our fabulous celebration night at Venue 360 before Christmas when we looked back on that exciting era in the early seventies.

I'd very much like to welcome all the players, directors and supporters of Carlisle United here this afternoon. No doubt they'll be smarting after going down 2-1 at home to Shrewsbury Town in midweek, when they were still one up as they went into added time. What a sickener!

Meanwhile it's been a mixed week for Hatters fans. It was good to see Nathan Oduwa and Ryan Hall make such promising debuts at Oxford and, although we had some purple patches there, I think a draw was a fair result – it could so easily have gone either way. Congratulations to Jayden Stockley on scoring his first goal for us.

Then came what should have been a celebration night for Steve McNulty making his 100th appearance for the Town.

I can't praise him enough for his contribution to our team on the pitch and our club as a whole. He is a giant of a man in every way, his presence around the place is immense, but it was bitterly disappointing for us all and Macca, in particular, of course, to see him sent-off for what looked barely like a yellow card offence, let alone a red.

The game itself against York City was disappointing too, 'carnage' as Mark Cullen described it, and I can only say well done to the players, a mere nine of them at the end, for getting back from two down to draw 2-2. I know we are on a developing unbeaten run, but we are all aware that we're getting too many draws and not enough victories.

## Terrific

I couldn't get to the match, because of BBC commitments, but I was able to follow events on Twitter, having only signed up in some trepidation the day before. Thanks to all you Hatters fans who've been in touch and said you are following me...I really appreciate it, but please understand I cannot reply personally to every message. I can assure you, though, that I read them all

and it is terrific to hear from so many like-minded lovers of our wonderful football club. My handle, by the way, is @nickowentv.

No doubt, you'll have read about the latest Sky and BT Sport deal to broadcast Premier League football from 2016 to 2019 – at a record breaking cost of more than £5 billion, a 70 per cent increase on last time. The figures are mind boggling, a great tribute to the magic of the game we love, but it'll be even more magical as far as we are concerned if a decent chunk of it heads Kenilworth Road's way. We'll know more next week, but it all helps.

## Hero

I would just like to say a word about our former player Ken Hawkes, who died at the beginning of the month, aged 81. Inevitably, you have a special affection for players who lined up in your first ever professional match and Ken comes into that category. An absolute hero.

Ken was left-back when I first entered Kenilworth Road on 3rd September 1958 for our Division One match against Leeds United. He was virtually an ever-present that season and was still coming to watch matches here last season. I got to meet him a few times and it was a great privilege to do so.

I was so sad to hear the news of his passing. Rest in peace, Ken, and thanks for the memories. Our thoughts and condolences, of course, go out to his family.

Finally, our thanks once more to you the supporters who follow the club in such numbers week after week, home and away. The turnout at Oxford was sensational and makes you so proud to be a Luton fan. We are hell bent on winning promotion this season and, although we are not exactly pulling up trees right now, it is well within our grasp.

John Still is working flat out to improve the squad to make sure we are well equipped for the closing stages of the season, as illness, injuries and loss of form sometimes take their toll. Watch this space.

Give it your best shout this afternoon as the players give it their best shot.

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:

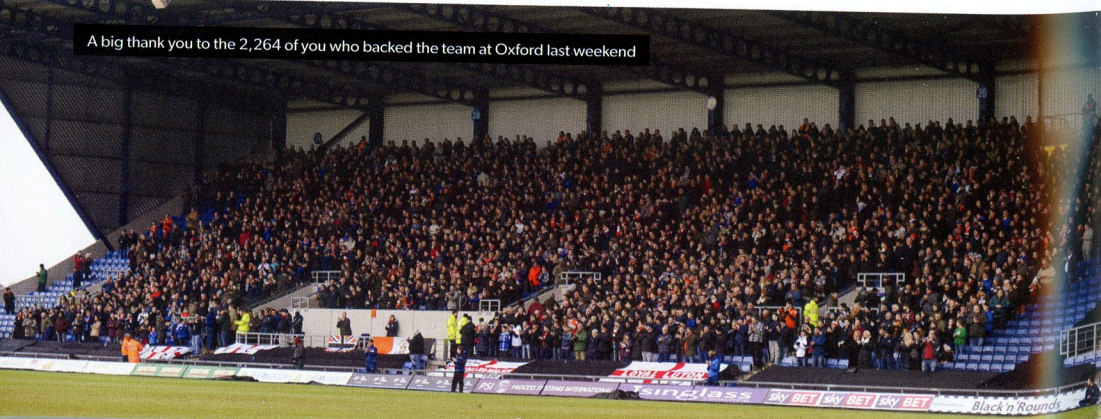
Champions 1897/98

Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01

### Southern Alliance:

Runners-up 1913/14

A big thank you to the 2,264 of you who backed the team at Oxford last weekend







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# MACCA

THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING

FROM THE DRESSING ROOM WITH STEPHEN McNULTY



Welcome back to Kenilworth Road once again so soon after Tuesday night's frustrating draw against York.

It was a night of contrasting emotions. We felt we should have gone in at half-time at least two goals ahead but then 10 minutes after the break we were 2-0 behind. Defensively we let ourselves down, there's absolutely no doubt about that. We started the second half badly and were punished by York. Forget this bogey team stuff, York scored because we weren't good enough and that gave us a mountain to climb.

#### Credit

Their sending off gave us a squeak of a chance to get back in it and our response was a good one, with two substitutes combining for both goals to get us back on level terms. Huge credit to both Shaun and Cully because both were really, really well taken. There were a lot of pats on the back for Cully afterwards because he has been out of the team recently but came on and did the business when required. Him and Shaun's contribution again shows how strong our squad is.

It was frustrating not to go on and win the game in the end having got back into it, but my red card and an injury to Dooley limited our chances but we still created opportunities to win the game. I guess it was just one of those nights. I'm not going to comment too much on my red card but we have appealed against it. As I write these notes on Thursday morning I do not know the outcome but obviously I hope it does get overturned.

The draw does keep our unbeaten sequence going and we haven't been beaten since that horrible performance at Morecambe before Christmas. We have drawn six of our last nine games and it goes without saying that we need to start turning these draws in to victories.

Avoiding defeat is a good habit though, and with the squad getting stronger following the arrival of some new faces and the return from injury of others, I think we find ourselves in absolutely fantastic position.

Avoiding defeat is a good habit though, and with the squad getting stronger following the arrival of some new faces and the return from injury of others, I think we find ourselves in an absolutely fantastic position. Competition for places is going to be fierce between now and the end of the season – so if you don't perform you're not going to be in the team. The gaffer is going to have some really good selection headaches soon.

#### Gutted

Today we face an improving Carlisle side who will arrive here smarting from their defeat on Tuesday. There's no doubt they

will have been absolutely gutted to lose a game from a winning position in injury time and they are going to be fired up to make amends this afternoon. Since we went there on the opening day of the season and won they have had a change in manager and have steadily seen results improve. They have a very talented squad, some of whom were playing in League 1 last season. They are sure to pose a very dangerous threat but we are in decent form ourselves and can take heart from our performance in the last half-an-hour on Tuesday.

After today we are on the road for the next two matches, including at Mansfield on Tuesday which is our game in hand on those clubs above us in the table. Looking at the league table I can only be proud of the lads' effort and performances so far this season. Knowing how much ability we have in the squad I sense that the next few months are going to be very exciting indeed as we aim for promotion.

Please keep the faith – we need you all 100 per cent behind us if we're to go on and achieve success.

Enjoy the game and get behind us!



# EARLYBIRD SEASON TICKETS ON SALE IN MARCH

With less than half of this campaign remaining and the Hatters well placed to push for promotion, we're excited to let you know that season tickets for the 2015/16 campaign will be on sale on Monday March 2nd at the special EarlyBird rates.

## WHAT'S THE PLAN?

We're all hoping for a successful end to the season resulting in promotion to League 1 – but before things on the pitch are decided, we're giving loyal fans the opportunity to purchase season tickets at this season's prices.

## WHAT'S NEW?

Regardless of which league we're in, season ticket holders will enjoy the unique Kenilworth Road atmosphere as much as ever. There's also some new initiatives we're putting into effect for the 15/16 campaign:

### SOAK UP THE OAK!

We'll be offering season tickets in the Oak Road end at a reduced rate, but availability is limited so get yours before they're all gone.

### FAMILY HATTERS MATTER!

We're going to be offering better access for families in the Kenilworth Road stand with even more seats designated to fans who want to bring their kids along to the ground.

### MATCH CATEGORISATION

It's the nature of football that some matches are more appealing than others to some fans. This season, we're introducing a new match categorisation system for standard tickets which recognises this - so we can sell tickets for the most popular games at a slight premium, while offering tickets to less well-attended games at a reduced rate. The goal is to fill the stadium with as many people as we can for all matches whether it's a sunny Saturday afternoon local derby or a Tuesday night in mid-winter.

### ALL NEW BUY-BACK SCHEME

As a season ticket holder, you'll obviously want to come to as many games as you can.

But we know it's not always possible to come to every game, so next season we'll be giving you the chance to 'sell' tickets back to us for certain categories of games. It's a win-win deal, enabling us to fill more seats for capacity games while you get something back instead of the ticket going to waste.

### BE A DIAMOND

On top of all this, we'll be offering a range of new and improved benefits to Diamond season ticket holders, so if you've been thinking about upgrading – make 15/16 the season.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The early-bird rate won't be around for long so don't miss out. Here are the key dates:

#### MONDAY MARCH 2ND – 23RD EARLY-BIRD SEASON TICKETS ON SALE.

- Not only will this rate be available to fans paying up front in full, it'll also be available to purchase with a manageable four-monthly instalment plan at the same great early-bird price.

#### TUESDAY MARCH 24TH – THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

- Season ticket sales frozen.

#### FRIDAY 3RD APRIL – 31ST MAY

- Prime-time rate season tickets go on sale.
- If it's still unclear which division the Hatters will be playing in next season at this point, season tickets will be on sale at League 2 prices with a commitment from the ticket-holder to pay the difference if we are promoted to League 1.
- Two instalment plans (a four month and an eight month option with joining fee) will be available throughout Primetime and Anytime sales periods.
- Anytime prices will apply from 1st June onwards.

Don't forget to follow us online Facebook; facebook.com/lutontown and on Twitter; @lutontown (#COYH) for updates and reminders. Full season ticket details and prices will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks for all your amazing support so far and come on you Hatters!

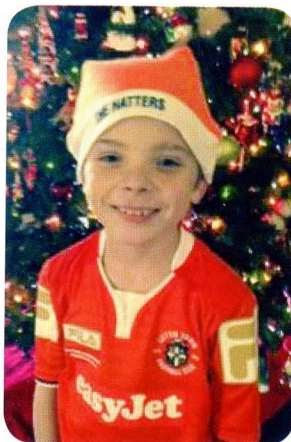
## Duo in the mall ON MONDAY

Hatters captain Stephen McNulty and goalkeeper Mark Tyler will be at our retail shop in the Mall on Monday afternoon to sign autographs and pose for photographs.

The duo will be in the shop between 2pm and 3pm on the day together with Happy Harry so make sure you get along and pay us a visit.

## Hatters from overseas in town

Today we have the pleasure of welcoming a number of supporters from the United States to Kenilworth Road.



Sabina Wieder and her son Alex have made the trip from New York to be part of a nine-strong family crowd inside the ground this afternoon.

Sabina grew up in Luton and her dad had a season ticket for 20 years. She was lucky enough to go to the Littlewoods Cup final in 1988 but she moved to New York in 1994.

Son Alex, eight, has caught the Luton bug from his mum and he was given a very special Christmas present of a Luton Town shirt with his name on the back.

Their plane arrives at Heathrow at 10am before they make the trip up the M1 to the game this afternoon.

We also welcome three American Hatters in the shape of John and Linda Barringer and their granddaughter Summer Grace. The trio hail from New England and started following the Hatters after getting in touch with relatives in the UK several years ago.

We hope you have a great afternoon with us!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very happy birthday to Logan Barton-Smith who celebrated his eighth birthday on Thursday.

Lots of love and best wishes from all your family and friends. This pictures show Logan in the colours of his team Downley Dynamos.



## REST IN PEACE

It is with sadness that we report the death of long-time Town supporter George Smart on 15th January.



George was a Hatters fan for over 65 years and was a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Road end, upper tier.

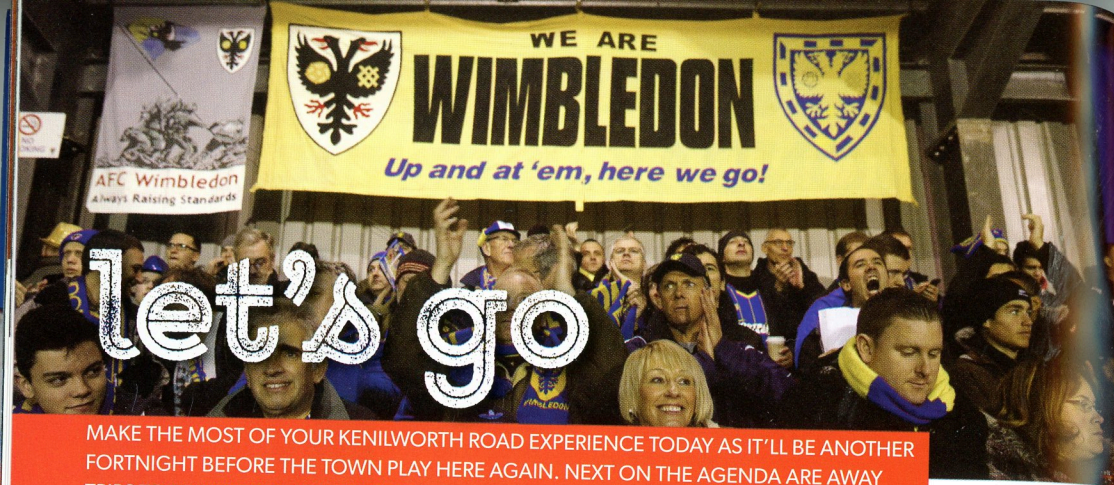
Despite being unable to attend games, George still paid for his season ticket – an absolutely tremendous act of generosity towards the club he loved.

He enjoyed travelling up and down the country with the Bobbers Travel Club and George's family would like to place on record their thanks to the Bobbers for helping him watch the Town around the UK.

Everyone at Luton Town would like to pass their condolences on to all of George's family and friends. Here's to three points this afternoon for George.







MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR KENILWORTH ROAD EXPERIENCE TODAY AS IT'LL BE ANOTHER FORTNIGHT BEFORE THE TOWN PLAY HERE AGAIN. NEXT ON THE AGENDA ARE AWAY TRIPS TO MANSFIELD – ON TUESDAY – AND AFC WIMBLEDON – NEXT WEEKEND.

## MANSFIELD TOWN



**WHO?** Mansfield Town, aka the Stags, who play their games at Field Mill. This season is the club's second back in the Football League after they won the Conference the season before last. Their current boss is former Hatters midfielder Adam Murray and the match is the Town's game in hand after the original fixture was postponed due to involvement in the FA Cup.

**HOW THEY DOING?** Not great. The Stags sit in 21st place in the table, just two places and two points above the relegation zone. Murray's appointment has failed to improve the Stags' fortunes, although his side are much better playing at Field Mill than on their travels. Six of their eight wins have been on home soil. In their last seven games, though, the Stags have won once, drawn once and lost five.

**HOW TO GET THERE?** From Luton Mansfield is 110 miles and around two hours north up the M1. Leave the M1 at Junction 29, take A617 to Mansfield. After six miles turn you will pass the Pheasant Inn on your left. At the next set of traffic lights, where there is a Tesco Store on one corner turn right into Rosemary Street (signposted Derby A38). Follow road for around one mile and after passing a Burger King and retail park on your right, turn right at the next traffic lights into Quarry Lane. The ground is up on the right hand side.

**HOME COMFORTS.** The Town have an appalling record at Field Mill, winning just once in 14 visits, and that was in a League Cup tie in 1989. In League matches the Town have never won at Mansfield, drawing six and losing six. The Hatters have enjoyed some success at Mansfield, however. A 0-0 draw at Field Mill in 1970 was enough to clinch promotion from Division 3 (now League 1).

## AFC WIMBLEDON



**WHO?** AFC Wimbledon, aka the Dons, or the Wombles, whichever you prefer. Aka the proper, aka the real Wimbledon. Formed in 2002 the club has risen up through the pyramid and beat the Town on penalties in the 2011 Conference Play-Off final to win promotion to the Football League. In charge is former Wimbledon player Neal Ardley.

**HOW THEY DOING?** OK. There were high hopes of success at Kingsmeadow this season but as the table stands this afternoon the Dons lie in 11th place in League 2 and just five points off the Play-Offs. Their home form is inconsistent: of their 15 games on home soil the Dons have won seven, drawn three and lost five.

**HOW TO GET THERE?** Take the M1 south, M25 anticlockwise and leave the motorway at junction 10. Take the A3 northbound into London. At the exit for New Malden/Worcester Park, turn off and take the left into Malden Road (A2043) towards Kingston. Follow this to the next roundabout. Take the first exit into Kingston Road (A2043 still) and Kingsmeadow is one mile on the left. The route by car is just under 60 miles but allow just over an hour to get there. If you're thinking about travelling by train, the ground is within walking distance of mainline stations at Norbiton and New Malden.

**HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?** The Town met the old, original Wimbledon many times in the top flight during the 1980s and 90s, including an FA Cup semi-final defeat in 1988 at White Hart Lane. The Hatters have won just won one of the six matches against the new AFC club: a 3-0 win at Kenilworth Road in September 2010. The Town's first game in the Conference was against the Wombles, which finished 1-1 in August 2009.

# tickets please



## MANSFIELD TOWN v LUTON TOWN SKY BET LEAGUE 2

TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2015, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

We have received an allocation of 1,763 seated tickets in the North Stand for this fixture. This is an all-ticket match for Luton Town supporters. Tickets are now available on general sale from the Ticket Office until Tuesday 17th February at 1pm (subject to availability). **Prices:** £20 adults, £15 students, over-60s and disabled without a carer, £10 juniors 7-16, free for under-sixes. Admission price for disabled supporters (with a carer) is based on the relevant age category with a carer free of charge. Proof of higher rate of disability allowance is required to allow a carer.



## AFC WIMBLEDON v LUTON TOWN SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2015, KICK-OFF 3PM

As we went to press the remaining 300 tickets of our 829 allocation were being sold to season ticket holders over the telephone on Thursday evening. If any tickets are left for general sale we will notify supporters in due course.



## LUTON TOWN v ACCRINGTON STANLEY SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2015, KICK-OFF 3PM

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



## BURY v LUTON TOWN SKY BET LEAGUE 2

TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2015, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

This match is pay on the night for Luton Town supporters. We have been allocated the all-seater West Stand behind the goal. **Prices:** £15 adults, £10 over-65s and under-23s, £5 under-11s, £10 students (with ID), unemployed (with ID). Ambulant disabled £10 with carer free (must be on middle/higher rate of DLA), wheelchair disabled £10 with carer free. Bury are also offering family admission, with one adult and one junior under 16 at £15 and one adult and two juniors under 16 at £20.



## PORTSMOUTH v LUTON TOWN SKY BET LEAGUE 2

SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2015, KICK-OFF 3PM

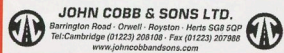
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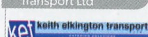
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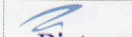
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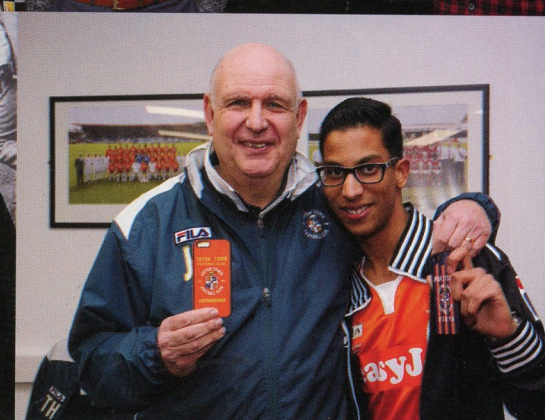
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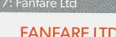
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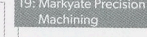
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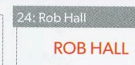
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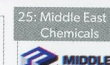
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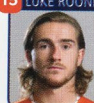
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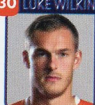
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# welcome

## CARLISLE UNITED



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everybody associated with Carlisle United to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

The Cumbrians make their first visit to our corner of Bedfordshire since a goalless draw in League 1 in November 2008 and will be aiming to pick up three points here for the first time since 1972.

The man responsible for trying to do that is manager Keith Curle, who was appointed back in September following the dismissal of Graham Kavanagh. United, who the Town beat on the opening day of the season back in August, have struggled this season but since Curle's appointment the Brunton Park faithful have had much more to cheer about and find themselves out of the bottom two instead of in it.

It's a far cry from Carlisle's recent campaigns, which saw them riding high in the third tier. In the years in which the Town were in of the Conference, which United once spent a season in and won the Play-Offs in 2005, the Cumbrians had enjoyed an eight-season spell in League 1 prior to last season's demotion.

Carlisle won the League 2 title in 2006 and came close to reaching the League 1 Play-Offs in 2011/12 when finishing eighth and four points off the top six. Success did come in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2010/11 – the Cumbrians' second Football League Trophy triumph.

Following relegation last term, many were expecting Carlisle to be challenging for an immediate return to

League 1 but the Brunton Park crowd have been left frustrated with inconsistency. Kavanagh was axed in September and was replaced by Curle. United's form has improved under the former Mansfield chief, as Carlisle edge away from the relegation zone.

United arrive at Kenilworth Road this afternoon in 19th place in the League 2 standings after a dramatic ending to their game with Shrewsbury at Brunton Park on Tuesday night. Leading thanks to a Charlie Wyke goal, United surrendered the lead in injury time and two goals, including a 96th-minute winner, gave Shrewsbury all three points.

That defeat ended a run of two successive victories for the Cumbrians which had seen them win impressively at Tranmere and beat Mansfield on their own patch. United's form in their last 10 games reads won five, lost five. Carlisle have drawn only three of their 30 matches this term, winning 10 and losing 17. Curle's side have improved in recent weeks but they still remain just four points above the dropzone.

On the road, United have drawn just once, won four but lost 10 times. Two of those four victories have come in two of their last three games on the road. As well as the aforementioned win at Tranmere they also won 3-1 at AFC Wimbledon last month.

United have a strong and talented squad for League 2 standards and with Curle at the helm their chances of avoiding the drop look considerably better than they did earlier in the campaign.

# in opposition



## OUR AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM THE BRUNTON PARK

### ► MANAGER

**KEITH CURLE.** The boss who was appointed at Brunton Park in September following the dismissal of Graham Kavanagh. Made over 700 appearances as a player including spells at Wimbledon, Man City, Wolves and Sheffield United.

### ► GOALKEEPERS

**KEITH GILLESPIE.** Keeper who came through the academy ranks and made his debut as a teenager against Norwich in May 2010. Missed last season with a knee injury but is a regular this term.

**DAN HANFORD.** Former Hereford and Rochdale stopper who penned a one-year deal in the summer after impressing during pre-season.

### ► DEFENDERS

**DANNY GRAINGER.** Experienced Cumbrian-born left-back who joined this summer on a one-year deal. Spent 12 years playing in Scotland with spells at Dundee United, St Johnstone, Hearts and St Mirren.

**NATHAN BUDDLE.** January transfer window arrival from Blyth Spartans following a successive trial. The defender started his career at Hartlepool and has also been capped at England C level.

**TROY ARCHIBALD-HENVILLE.** Commanding centre-half who joined United from Swindon in the summer. Began his career as a youngster at Spurs before moving to Exeter on a permanent deal where he made over 100 appearances.

**COURTNEY MEPPEN-WALTER.** Young centre-half who penned a two-and-a-half year deal at Brunton Park last season having previously come through the youth system at Manchester City.

**BRAD POTTS.** Highly-rated defender or midfielder who has risen through the club's youth academy to become a regular. Good on the ball and has an eye for goal.

**SEAN O'HANLON.** Centre-half who joined Carlisle initially on a short-term deal in January 2013. Started his career at Everton before spells with Swindon, MK Dons and Hibernian in Scotland.

**MATT YOUNG.** Young defender who joined on loan for the rest of the season from Sheffield Wednesday in January.

### ► MIDFIELDERS

**ANTHONY GRIFFITH.** Former Doncaster, Orient and Port Vale midfielder who penned an 18-month deal last month. Spent four years with Port Vale, making over 200 appearances.

**DAVID AMOO.** London-born midfielder who began on the books at Millwall before signing for Liverpool's academy. After time out on loan at several clubs he moved to Preston and then Tranmere before signing for Carlisle in July 2013.

**ANTONY SWEENEY.** Summer signing who joined Carlisle on a two-year deal after spending over 10 years at Hartlepool. Made over 400 appearances for Pools, twice winning promotion and twice suffering relegation.

**GARY DICKER.** Another summer arrival, the Ireland-born midfielder began his career with UCD in Dublin before moving to Stockport and then Brighton where he played over 150 games.

**DANNY KEARNS.** Former Republic of Ireland Under-21 international who penned a two-year deal with the Cumbrians in July. A former West Ham trainee he was last on the books at Peterborough.

**DAVID SYMINGTON.** Another one of the crop of youngsters developed by the Cumbrians to go on and force themselves into the first team quad. Fast and powerful midfielder with a real eye for goal.

**STEVEN RIGG.** Attacking midfielder who joined United on a one-year deal in the summer having scored 64 goals in two seasons for Penrith, including 35 goals last term.

### ► STRIKERS

**BILLY PAYTNER.** Talented centre-forward who signed for United this summer. Spent six years at Port Vale before bagging 51 goals in 135 games for Swindon. Joined Leeds then Doncaster before moving to Carlisle.

**MARK BECK.** Tall, composed target man who has come through the youth ranks at Brunton Park. Enjoyed a valuable spell on loan at Falkirk last term.

**DEREK ASAMOAH.** Experienced striker who joined United on a short-term deal in October. Spent time in England with Mansfield, Lincoln, Shrewsbury and Chester and has played in South Korea, France and Bulgaria.

**CHARLIE WYKE.** Young striker who signed a permanent deal with the Cumbrians in January. Came through the ranks at Middlesbrough and was on loan at Hartlepool earlier this term.

**STEPHEN ELLIOTT.** Experienced Republic of Ireland international forward who signed this summer. Previously on the books at Manchester City, Wolves, Preston, Norwich and Coventry.



# FROM THE OAK ROAD

Two Cumbrians for the price of one? What a deal!  
**Jak Harris and Tim Graham** critique Carlisle's campaign.

**TALK OF THE TOWN:** How much of a surprise is it to be embroiled in a relegation battle again after demotion last term? What has gone wrong at the club, after several years of progress?

**JAK:** We've been on the slide recently due to poor management appointments and, as a result of that, poor player signings. Carlisle being so far north can often work against us when trying to attract players and we're not exactly rolling in money either, so that hasn't helped.

**TIM:** Not a pleasant surprise that's for sure considering the bet I had on us to be promoted this season. Disappointing would be an understatement. Greg Abbott stayed in charge for too long and the board are showing distinct signs of age in the modern day era.

**TOTT:** Do you think the club made the right decision to part company with Graham Kavanagh? What do fans make of the job replacement Keith Curle is doing?

**JAK:** I stuck up for Graham last season by saying "let's see what he can do with his own squad". Unfortunately, that ended up being not a lot! It was definitely the right decision to get rid and maybe it was wrong to give him the job based on three wins in a row as caretaker. Keith Curle is doing a solid job. He has had mixed results so far but we do seem to be slowly becoming a stronger, more solid team under his guidance.

**TIM:** Graham should have gone at the same time as Greg Abbott (former manager), for me, definitely the



Jak Harris



Tim Graham

right decision. Keith has turned things around a bit. It's all about staying up this season, however grim the football can be at times.

**TOTT:** Who is your star player and why?

**JAK:** Kyle Dempsey and Brad Potts have been the two that the media have been concentrating on when it comes to transfer dealings and they're definitely the young stars of the team. You'll also have to look out for Troy Archibald-Henville at the back. He is an absolute beast and if it wasn't for his poor injury problems, I'm sure he would be at a much higher level than League 2.

**TIM:** Hard to say really. Central defender Troy Archibald-Henville is probably the most consistent performer in the team.

**TOTT:** Carlisle is notorious for being many teams' furthest away trip of the season. What's the furthest you've travelled to support the Cumbrians? What's the most memorable away day you've ever been on?

**JAK:** The longest trip would have to be going on the bus to Gillingham for a 0-0 draw. The highlights of the day all happened on the bus as the two games shown on Sky on the way home were absolute crackers! For the most memorable away day, I'd have to say Leeds away in the Play-Offs when we beat them 2-1.



Keith Curle and Colin West



They eventually went on to the final but to go to such a big team on an occasion such as that and win was really special.

**TIM:** Longest trip was to Ibiza in the summer of 2006 for a pre-season tournament. In England it's Exeter. Most memorable was Scunthorpe in 1994/95, we were 2-0 down with six minutes left and won 3-2.

**TOTT:** Some Valentine's Day themed questions: How did you first 'fall in love' with Carlisle? What makes the club the only team for you? And have you ever missed a wedding/ family event following Carlisle?

**JAK:** I 'fell in love' with the club originally by being dragged along by my Dad when I was younger. We were doing worse than we are now back then so it wasn't a very attractive prospect. I kept going as I got older and by the time I was seven or eight I was hooked and have been ever since. You should always support your local club through thick and thin. I haven't had to miss anything that serious but I did miss a local five-a-side primary school competition when I was younger.

**TOTT:** How important is it for the club to retain its Football League status? The club fell briefly into the Conference in 2004 and bounced back at the first attempt – do you think it would be so easy to come back again?

**JAK:** It's massively important. The last time we dropped down it was after putting up one hell of a fight once local lad Paul Simpson got the player/manager job. I can't see us coming straight back up if we do drop down, the standard in the Conference looks to be a lot higher than when we were there over a decade ago.

**TIM:** It's very important, financially more than anything else. The Conference is harder these days with more former league clubs down there.

**TOTT:** Do you think Carlisle will stay up this season? If so, who will go down? What's your prediction for today's game?

**JAK:** I think we will stay up. I'm predicting a finish of around 15th overall. My bet for relegation would have to be Hartlepool and Mansfield. Hartlepool's recent collapsed takeover bid might take the last wind from their sails, and after playing Mansfield recently, the style of 'football' they tried to play makes them strong favourites for the drop. I think we'll come to make it hard for you to play through us and maybe start by looking to play on the break. A lot will depend on how you play early on and if you let us get a foothold in the game. My blind positivity and bias says a narrow 1-0 win for Carlisle, but I've been wrong before.

**TIM:** Yes, but not by far. Agree, Mansfield and Hartlepool. Today: 1-1.



Troy Archibald-Henville



Kyle Dempsey



# A HATTER...

## AND A CUMBRIAN

Few players have held the distinction of playing for both the Hatters and Carlisle during their careers. As far as we can fathom, one three have enjoyed permanent spells and made a significant contribution with both clubs: Dixie Deans, Jack Lornie and Alan McBain.

Deans, now 68, was prolific for Motherwell and Celtic before moving to Kenilworth Road in 1976 for a brief spell that saw him score six times in 14 matches.

The forward started his career at Motherwell and scored 78 goals in 152 games for the Fir Park outfit between 1965 and 1971 before a move to Celtic.

Deans continued his fine goalscoring

record at Parkhead, scoring 89 league goals in 126 games until 1976 when he moved to Kenilworth Road.

Deans earned two caps for Scotland in 1974 but was later transferred to the Town in a £20,000 deal. He spent a month on loan to Carlisle in 1977 and played briefly with League of Ireland side Shelbourne (5 league games, no goals) before moving to Australia to play for Adelaide City.

According to 'soccer' fans down under, Deans is still a hero to the Adelaide fans for his goalscoring form when he was the leading scorer in Australia in 1977/78. With the club he also won the Australian Cup of 1979. He returned to Scotland with Partick Thistle in 1980, where he retired.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Town and Carlisle meet this afternoon for the 24th time down the years and for the 12th time here at Kenilworth Road.

Overall the Hatters hold the upper hand in the head-to-head record between the two clubs with nine wins to Carlisle's six. Eight games have ended all square. In total 58 goals have been scored in games involving the two with the Town scoring 35 of those.

At Kenilworth Road the Town have won five of the 11 meetings with Carlisle twice winning on Bedfordshire soil. You have to go back to 1972 for the last time the Cumbrians left Luton with a victory, however, United won 1-0 here in Division Two (now League 1) and triumphed in their previous visit in October 1971, this time 2-0.

But in the next seven matches played between the two clubs at Kenilworth Road the Hatters are unbeaten in seven, winning five of those. The first victory came with a thumping 6-1 win in September 1973 with Peter

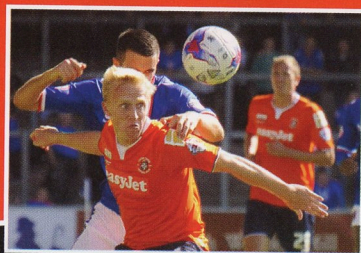
Anderson and Tom Finney both scoring a brace.

The Town then won 3-1 in 1974 in the top-flight with Anderson again on target together with Adrian Alston and a Jim Ryan penalty. Two years later United were beaten 3-0 but in 1977 the Hatters registered another emphatic win, this time recording a 5-0 win with Lil Fuccillo, Ron Fletcher, Jimmy Husband, Alan Weston and John Aston with the goals.

You can read more about the thrilling 3-2 win over the Cumbrians here in 1998 on Roger Wash's pages but today's visitors can take heart from their last two visits which have both ended in stalemate. A Russ Perrett goal salvaged the Town a point in a 1-1 draw in Division Three (League 2) meeting under Joe Kinnear in 2002, while there were no goals on their last visit here in November 2007.

The Hatters' opening day of the season win at Brunton Park was the Town's ninth win over the

Cumbrians and their first at Brunton Park since a late Alan White winner on a Tuesday night in October 1997. At Carlisle it's all even when it comes to results between the two clubs with the Town winning four, drawing four and losing four.



# back to the future

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

### ► 1981/82 PROMOTION WINNERS

**TREVOR SWINBURNE:** Goalkeeper who joined Brentford in August 1983, then Leeds United, Doncaster and Lincoln City. He has since become a senior officer at Morton Hall Prison in Lincolnshire.

**BOBBY PARKER:** Long-serving defender who netted six goals in 375 League games before joining Queen of the South in June 1984. He has become health and safety officer for Cavray's in Carlisle.

**DAVE RUSHBURY:** Left-back who moved to Gillingham in March 1985, then Doncaster, Bristol Rovers and Goole. He was physio and manager at Chesterfield before Alfreton's director of football.

**TONY LARKIN:** Central defender who joined Hereford in March 1983, then Worcester, Dudley, Bridgnorth and Cinderford. Now an instructor at the Royal National College for the Blind in Hereford.

**JACKIE ASHURST:** Central defender who joined Leeds United in July 1986, then played for Doncaster. He was a partner in an electrical business in Sunderland and now a warehouseman in Wetherby.

**TOMMY CRAIG:** Former Scotland international who netted ten goals in 98 League games before moving to Hibernian in October 1984. He has since coached at Celtic, Aberdeen and Newcastle United.

**JOHN CRABBE:** Midfielder who joined Hereford United in August 1982, then Crewe, Torquay, Crawley, Canterbury, Ashford and Whitstable. He has held coaching posts, including at Weymouth.

**RUSSELL COUGHLIN:** Former Welsh Youth midfielder who joined Plymouth in July 1984, then Blackpool, Swansea, Exeter, Torquay, Dorchester and Gretna. He has become a postman in Carlisle.

**POP ROBSON:** Former England Under-23 striker who became Chelsea's player-coach in August 1982, returning in a similar capacity. He has held other coaching posts and is now Sunderland's chief scout.

**BOB LEE:** Striker who netted 12 goals in 55 League games, moving to Darlington in August 1983. Later with Boston United, playing in the 1985 FA Trophy final, he became a publican in Loughborough.

**GORDON STANFORTH:** Striker who reunited with Bobby Moncur at Plymouth in March 1983. Later with Newport County and York City, becoming community officer, he coaches at York College.

### ► 1994/95 THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

**TONY CAIG:** Goalkeeper who joined Blackpool in March 1999, then played for Charlton Athletic, Hibernian, Newcastle United and Barnsley before returning to Carlisle as player/goalkeeping coach.

**DARREN EDMONDSON:** Right-back who scored nine times in 214 League games before joining Huddersfield in March 1997, then York City and Chester. He has managed Workington and Barrow.

**TONY GALLIMORE:** Left-back who scored nine goals in 140 League outings, moving to Grimsby in March 1996, then Barnsley, Rochdale and Northwich. He runs a scaffolding company in Grimsby.

**DEAN WALLING:** Central defender who went on to play for Lincoln City, Doncaster, Northwich, Cambridge United and Gainsborough. He runs his own Academy in Lincoln and Sportsmart Consulting.

**DEREK MOUNTFIELD:** Former England B international who moved to Northampton Town in October 1995, then Walsall, Bromsgrove, Scarborough and Workington. He is currently a match summariser.

**STEVE HAYWARD:** Ex-England Youth midfielder who scored 13 goals in 90 League games before moving to Fulham in June 1997. Later playing for Barnsley, he is now an estate agent in southern Spain.

**ROD THOMAS:** England Under-21 winger who netted 16 goals in 146 League games before joining Chester City in July 1997, then finished his career with Brighton. He has since held various coaching posts.

**DAVID CURRIE:** Much-travelled striker who scored 14 times in 89 League games before following Mick Wadsworth to Scarborough in January 1997. He later played for Gateshead and Whitby.

**DAVID REEVES:** Leading scorer who joined Preston in October 1996, then Chesterfield, Oldham, Chesterfield again, Ards, Scarborough, Gainsborough, Buxton and Alfreton. He is now a players agent.

**PAUL CONWAY:** Skilful midfielder who netted 22 goals in 89 League games prior to joining Northampton in June 1997. He was loaned to Scarborough before playing and coaching in the United States.

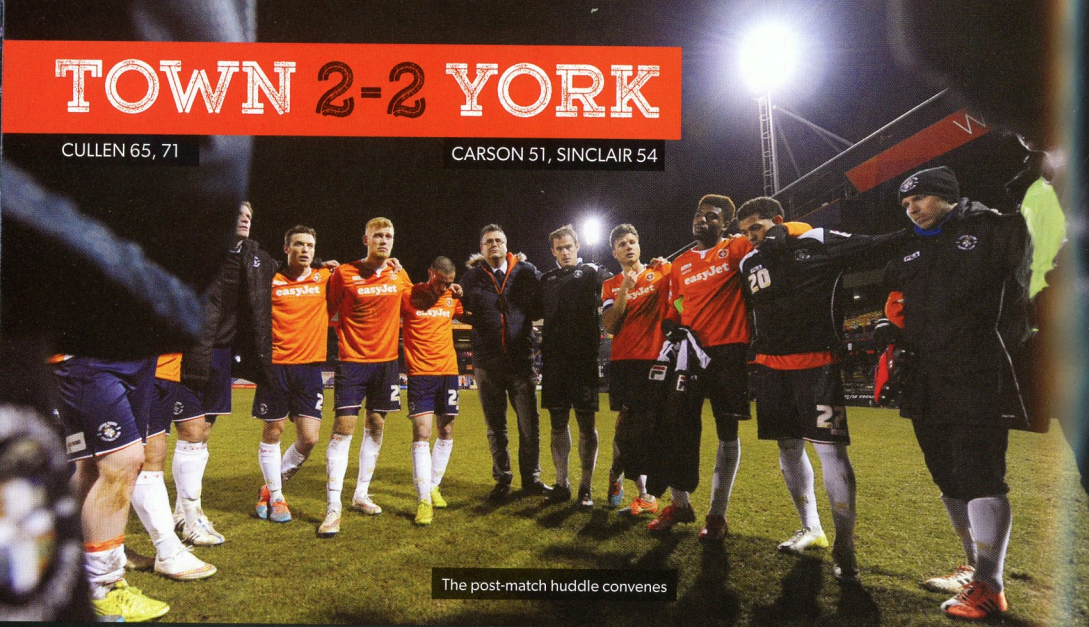
**RICHARD PROKAS:** Midfielder who scored three times in 204 League games before moving to Cambridge United in March 2001. Later with Workington, he has since managed hometown Penrith.



# TOWN 2-2 YORK

CULLEN 65, 71

CARSON 51, SINCLAIR 54



The post-match huddle convenes

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters came from two goals down to earn a point in a dramatic second half against York which saw both teams reduced to 10 men.

York scored twice inside four minutes shortly after the break thanks to goals from Josh Carson and Emile Sinclair to stun Kenilworth Road. But shortly after the Minstermen had doubled their lead, visiting striker Jake Hyde was shown a straight red for a foul on Nathan Doyle.

The Town rallied with their extra man, and substitute Mark Cullen connected with Shaun Whalley's right-wing corner to half the deficit on 65 minutes.

And the comeback was complete six minutes later when Cullen planted a fine header beyond York goalkeeper Bobby Olejnik following a super cross from Whalley.

With Doyle injured but still on the field with all substitutes used, the Hatters lost their verve going forward and the Town's chances of earning victory were reduced further when captain Stephen McNulty, making his 100th appearance for the club, was shown a red card for a challenge on Bradley Halliday.

Both sides went for the jugular in the final stages and in the seventh minute of added time Nathan Oduwa almost snatched the Hatters a last-gasp victory only for his low shot to be kept out by Olejnik.

Nathan Doyle battles for possession



High five! Mark Cullen celebrates his first goal



Nathan Oduwa in action on his full debut

Jayden Stockley watches as his header flashes goalwards



**TOWN:** Tyler; Harriman, Howells, McNulty, Wilkinson (sub Lacey 53); Doyle, Smith, Drury (sub Cullen 57); Hall (sub Whalley 64), Odewa, Stockley. **SUBS NOT USED:** Wall, Guttridge, Robinson, Justham.





The players pay their respects to former Hatter Ken Hawkes before kick-off



## STILL'S VERDICT:

“Was a draw a fair result? Yeah, I don't think we deserved to win the game. Of all the games this season at home, that, for me, is probably the most disappointed as I have been. There's always disappointment when you don't win. With our game in hand we're still in a fantastic position.

“I thought we would come out in the second half and really take the game. I could feel it as well [if we] really upped the tempo, but we didn't. We conceded two soft goals. They went down to 10 men, but forget that, we just picked the tempo up incredibly, which is what I was hoping for.

“Shaun Whalley and Mark Cullen came on and we got the goals back and I thought we'd won it at the death with Nathan Oduwa, but we didn't.”



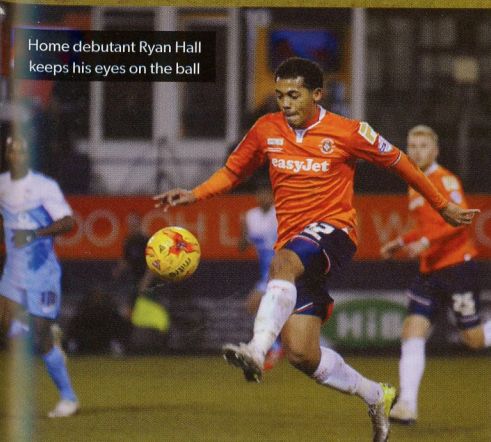
Andy Drury watches a shot roll agonisingly across goal



Jonathan Smith attempts to win the ball



Jayden Stockley awaits a corner



Home debutant Ryan Hall keeps his eyes on the ball

LEAGUE POSITION

5

ATTENDANCE

7,763  
173 Visitors

HOW IT HAPPENED



35' Oh deary me. What a chance for 1-0 Town. Oduwa pounces on a loose ball and squares to unmarked Drury but his skies over from six yards.

45+1 Another great chance for the Town on the stroke of half-time, Hall's right-wing corner met by Stockley but header cleared off the line.

55' **GOAL Town 0-1 York** (Carson) Town behind. Coulson's right-wing cross met by Carson's header which drops into the net past Tyler. 0-1.

59' **GOAL Town 0-2 York** (Sinclair) Sinclair strikes for York to double the lead. But what's this?

60' **RED CARD.** Hyde goes in over the top on Doyle and referee Breakspear shows a straight red card. York lead 2-0 but down to 10 **#COYH**

65' **GOAL! Town 1-2 York** (Cullen) 1-2 - Smith shot deflected behind for a corner, Whalley's right-wing corner nodded home by Cullen at the front post. 1-2!

71' **GOOOOOOOOOOAL! Town 2-2 York** (Cullen) Oh yes, oh yes oh yes oh yes. Whalley the man down the right, great wing play, whips in cross for Cullen to nod in. **TWO APIECE!**

76' Play goes on now with Doyle still on the bench. 10 v 10 at the minute. That stoppage may have taken the sting out of the Town's verve.

78' Doyle soldiers on! He hobbles back on. 11 v 10 again! **#COYH**

79' Ahhhh, close, close, Harriman, great ball down the right, picks out Whalley, he attempts to lob the keeper but Olejnik claims. 2-2.

81' Doyle only out their to make up the numbers, he can't commit to a tackle as York play through the centre circle. Still 2-2 **#COYH**

83' Doyle now has gone off for the Hatters. He sits dejectedly on the bench. 10 v 10 for the last 10 **#COYH**

85' **RED CARD.** McNulty shown a straight red. Town down to nine. High challenge on Halliday. 9 v 10 now...

86' Doyley, get back on!

87' **DOYLE IS COMING BACK ON!**

90' **SIX** added. Up goes the noise. Come on Luton! **#COYH**

90+7' Oduwa...runs and runs, low shot saved by the keeper... and that's FT!



# LOVE LUTON I ♥ LTFC

IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY! REJOICE! IF YOU'RE READING THIS YOU MIGHT BE ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES. GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT TO GO TO THE MATCH INSTEAD OF TAKING YOUR LOVED ONE AROUND THE SHOPS ON A SATURDAY.

Romance is certainly not dead, however, when it comes to combining watching the Hatters and being involved in a relationship.

We asked our social media followings for their best love stories when it comes to being a Town supporter. Here's a selection both weird and wonderful.

**Chris Lennon** @christofflennon  
@LutonTown my first Luton game was the 7-4 v Oxford in 1988. Talk about love at first sight!

**Mark** @sparkydee73  
@LutonTown my wife and I met on the Kenilworth terrace in 1992, we're now married with 3 extra hatters in tow at matches.

**Mark** @sparkydee73  
@LutonTown I know, from youngsters jumping about on the terrace, to watching our boys doing the same. We all love LTFC.

**Pete Rossington** @prishungry  
@LutonTown possibly Dowie's last min winner against palace in 1990, Kenny rd terrace exploded. He's a beautiful man for that moment.

**Judi P** @hatterfan  
@LutonTown I was 7 and my Nan wanted to teach me to knit. I begged my dad to take me to LTFC with my brothers and grandad! Loved ever since

**Kay Duffy** @Sodapop2003  
@LutonTown Met my husband at the Holte End at Villa Park during the 1985 FACup semi final. Still together thirty years later.

**Mark** @sparkydee73  
@LutonTown my first match stole my heart, at home v liverpool, 1991, 0-1 down to 3-1 win, immediately hooked.

**Peter Bulkeley** @pbulkers  
@LutonTown I missed the Wolves win two years ago as I was getting married that day, then missed the Norwich win for my honeymoon!

**Sarah LTFC** @sarahltfcpets  
@LutonTown aged 4 fell in love with Luton and never looked back coming from a Watford led family did not go down well though xxx

**Steve Jackson** @hatterjackson  
@LutonTown missed Barnsley game October 2nd 1993 to get married we won 5-0 but we did get a mention in the match day programme that day

**Jamie Muir** @JamieM84  
@LutonTown we had our engagement photos for our invites taken at Kenilworth Road last summer!

**Gareth Jones** @gareththehatter  
@LutonTown Not quite a Valentines story but I got married in orange, white and blue and the bridesmaids were in orange #COYH

**Andrew** @andrewd\_1987  
@LutonTown 1st game was vs Bournemouth, a cold Tuesday night in 2004 with future bro-in-law. Sat in the Kenny & Got hit in the face with ball

**Ross potten** @RossPotts  
@LutonTown miss a game to go on a date? Don't be silly

**Steve Ward** @stevewardy  
@LutonTown just told the Mrs I'll be at the game on Saturday. Didn't go down very well! Lol

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**ian laidler** @Laidler  
@LutonTown first Valentine's Day with my now wife... She stood me up for LTFC. I'd booked a candlelit dinner but she chose LTFC instead.

**Rosie Harris** @Rosie\_Rocket  
@LutonTown Driving boyfriend from Bristol to Luton and back so he can watch you, the love of his life, play football on Valentine's Day.

**Richard Zhuk** @RichardZhuk  
@LutonTown I changed my first year anniversary with my girlfriend to watch Luton in 2006. We got married in Oct so couldn't of hurt!

**Richard Armstrong** @habbyhatter  
Not valentines related @LutonTown but this was my wedding cake..



**Joel Harris** @JoelyHarris17  
@LutonTown Asked my girlfriend what she wanted to do for Valentine's Day, she replied "are we not going to Luton vs Carlisle?" #shesakeeper

**Darren Brockett** @pocketbrockett  
@LutonTown I once took a girlfriend to Kenilworth and left single. She clearly wasn't a fan of the half time snacks #COYH

**Jonathan Siegler** @jcws76  
@LutonTown will be at KR Saturday then fleeing into London to make it up with a Valentine's meal! Can't miss a match though! Lucky boy!

**nikolaisabel** @NikolaiSkaslien  
@LutonTown my girlfriend and I went to the Nuneaton game last season. Married now. Convinced Andre's goals had a say in it! #COYH

**Luton Town Fans** @LutonTownFans  
@LutonTown Not Valentine's, but the table names at my wedding were Town legends, including the likes of Payne, Preece, Hill and Harford.

**Nicola Hallman** I went into labour with our first child on a Saturday morning in March 2005...Luton were 2nd in the league and due to play Torquay that afternoon (I was three days overdue by then so even I knew I wasn't going to get to the match!!) With contractions coming thick and fast all through the morning I declared that there was no way the baby was coming out until we were back on top of the league!! I vaguely remember final score...we won of course and reclaimed top spot, and our Son was born a few hours after!

**Dave Gilmour** I was born on Valentines day My brother in law took me to Luton against Leicester I think it was an FA cup tie and even though we Lost 4-0 The Luton Town bug bit me. This happened 41 years ago.

**Ken Angie Riley** Met my Husband in the Oak Road in 1983, been Married for 29 years in March.

**Claire Stacey** I started going to LTFC with St John Ambulance where I got to know one of my colleagues and now partner and father of my baby girl. His family are all supporters and now myself and 3 children love the hatters too x

**Duncan Jackson** I have been stuck in a somewhat abusive relationship with LTFC for 30 years now. Things were brilliant to start with, I got treated to fantastic dates at places like Wembley and we thought the good times were never going to end. But then things started going wrong. Badly. Yes, we had the occasional good time, but I was let down and hurt time and time again. Thankfully things have got so much better over the last two years. I've been treated to good times again, and I've rediscovered what made me love the old girl in the first place. After all these up and downs, I think we're meant to be together for ever. I think we might even finally make that move to a new home that we've been talking about since we first hooked up!

**Mark Harris** I once told my then girlfriend that I was going Xmas shopping for her but went to watch the mighty hatters instead. My complete lack of voice on my return gave me away. But we made up got married and I've now got three kids to help me with "Xmas shopping" at Kenilworth road.

**Paul Sparks** My favourite Valentines football story 14th Feb, evening match at The Kenny, v Cardiff a few years back, we are two up and coasting...Cardiff fans start singing "we're only her 'cos we're single, we're only here 'cos we're single...." Tbh they had the last laugh when they got back to 3-3. Brian Anley Never missed a match for a date. Missed a date for a match though.



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# Macca's 100



At our last home match with York, captain Stephen McNulty made his 100th appearance for the Hatters – although it would end in frustration as he was red-carded with four minutes to play.

That aside, it is fair to say his impact here at Kenilworth Road has been tremendous so we take a look at the skipper's career in numbers.

The centre-half was signed by Paul Buckle in the January transfer window in 2013 from Fleetwood Town, with whom he won the Conference in 2011/12.

The defender was at the club for the famous FA Cup win over Norwich but couldn't feature as he was cup tied. The following week he made his debut in a 1-0 defeat at Barrow in the Conference.

**LUTON TOWN DEBUT:**  
**BARROW (a) L 0-1 2/2/2013**

**FIRST LUTON TOWN GOAL:**  
**STOCKPORT (h) W 1-0 19/3/2013**

**HONOURS:**  
**CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS 2014**

**NUMBER OF YOUTUBE VIEWS OF HIS WONDER VOLLEY AGAINST SOUTHPORT LAST SEASON**  
**228,033**

**NUMBER OF YOUTUBE VIEWS OF HIS SHOWBOAT SHOW AGAINST WREXHAM LAST SEASON**  
**205,339**

**LEAGUE GAMES PLAYED IN LAST SEASON'S TITLE WINNING SIDE**  
**46**

**HIS FAVOURITE LUTON GAME:**  
**LAST SEASON'S 1-1 DRAW AWAY TO CAMBRIDGE**

**GAMES PLAYED**

**100**

**GOALS SCORED**

**2**

**WIN RATE**

**50%**

**CLEAN SHEETS**

**42**

### OVERALL RECORD

**PLAYED**

**100**

**WON**

**21**

**DRAWN**

**21**

**LOST**

**21**



### STEPHEN SAYS:

"I've not enjoyed my football as much as I have done here.

Before I came to Luton, and indeed for a few months after I joined, I thought about jacking it all in. I was out of love with the game. But the fans here, and the manager, have turned that around I couldn't be happier."



### STILL SAYS:

"Steve is fantastic for us. He is the leader on and off the pitch and has been a major reason behind our success over the past 18 months. To play 100 games for any club these days is a great achievement."





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# reaction

## CULLEN AT THE DOUBLE

The Town's two-goal hero against York, Mark Cullen, hopes his contribution against the Minstermen will be enough to force himself back into the starting XI.

The 22-year-old striker took his tally to 11 goals for the season with a brace on Tuesday as the Hatters fought back from two goals down to earn a point to extend their unbeaten run to nine games in League 2.

But Cullen, who last started for the Hatters in the League game with Portsmouth on 28th December, was happy that he was able to make a difference against York.

"That's what I'm here for, to score goals, and when I get the chance I like to score, obviously," said the striker. "I haven't played as much recently but I've been biding my time and I've taken my chance."

"In the first half of the season I was doing well but the gaffer rested me and brought in Jayden [Stockley] and he's worked his absolute socks off in that position."

"The first goal I thought Shaun [Whalley] would aim for the near post so I got myself there and flicked it home. The second came off my shoulder."

"I'll admit that but they all count. They were two good goals but it was just a shame we conceded two goals before that. We scraped ourselves back into it and we didn't lose and that's the main thing."

Cullen strengthened his grip at the top of the Hatters' goalscoring charts with his double and the former Hull man was delighted with the service supplied by winger and fellow sub Whalley.

"My game is all about being in and around the 18-yard box. If people can create a chance for me I fancy myself to score goals," said Cullen.

"Shaun put in a couple of decent balls and I managed to get on the end of it and you can't really ask for much more, but that's what I base my game on, in and around the box. When people get great crosses in the box I fancy myself to finish them."

On the game itself, Cullen believed it was a disappointing result against a York team who had arrived at Kenilworth Road in the League 2 relegation zone.

"It would definitely say it was two points dropped," said Cullen.

"We are looking to win all our home games and we've only drawn, even though we were two behind, but we shouldn't really be getting in the position in the first place."



"After the sending offs and injury to Nathan Doyle it was carnage. We were down to 10 men and nine men and we didn't really know what was happening and I don't think the other team did. It was end-to-end and carnage, really. It was a bizarre game but we've managed to nick a point."

"I thought when we got the first back the momentum was well and truly with us but as time ticked down and men starting leaving the pitch it all got a bit too difficult."

"But a draw keeps us up there in the mix and that's the main thing. Burton drew and Wycombe lost so we haven't lost ground on them. We're six points off the top with a game in hand which is still a fantastic position for us to be in with so much left of the season to play."

## DID YOU KNOW?

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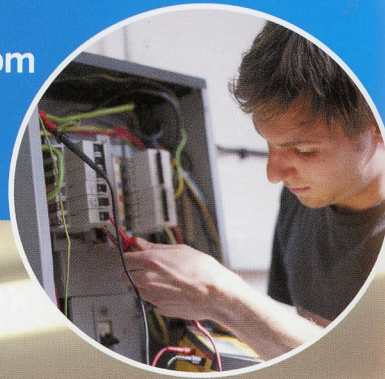
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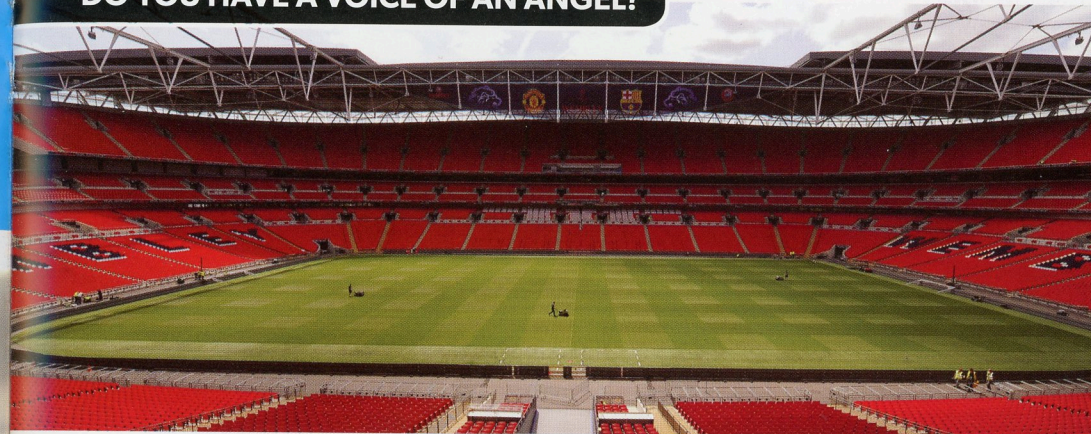
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The choir will sing Abide with Me, backed by the FA Cup Final military band in front of 90,000 people on the hallowed ground on Saturday 30 May. Entries open today at [bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise](http://bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise).

First sung at the FA Cup Final in 1927 and a constant fixture ever since, Abide with Me has featured in a number of ways in the pre-match build up over the years. Originally a conductor, nicknamed "the man in white" led community singing. In recent years a single celebrity singer has performed the song. The only time it hasn't been sung was when the Hatters played Forest in the 1959 final.

At the final in 2015, the BBC's Songs of Praise team are putting together a choir with one fan representing each of the 64 teams who've made it to this year's third round.

David Taviner, Songs of Praise Executive Producer said: "The chance to sing at Wembley is a dream come true for any football fan and I'm delighted that Songs of Praise are teaming up with The FA to offer this opportunity.

The performance of Abide with Me is such an iconic moment in FA Cup final day and to be a part of that, at Wembley, in front of 90,000 people, live on BBC One would be something very special indeed."

Ask any football fan their favourite FA Cup memory and they'll come to life, so to be part of the choir Songs of Praise are looking for great FA Cup stories, the winners to be judged by a panel. No singing experience is necessary! Applicants need to visit [bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise](http://bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise) where there is all the information on how to enter and the terms and conditions.

### Passion

Songs of Praise is looking for stories that reflect the personal memories and passion of the cup from every level of the game.

Maybe witnessing giant killings, perhaps the first time your non-league team made the third round or the first time you were in the final with tales of great players, key moments, unforgettable goals and family anecdotes.

The competition is now open for entries and closes on 7th March. A panel of judges from the worlds of football, music and journalism will read the best five stories representing each club and pick a winner. Winners will be notified mid-April. There will be a singing lesson and rehearsal before the big day.

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# centre spot



Mark Cullen leaps high above the York defence to head home his and the Town's second goal in Tuesday night's 2-2 draw with York City



# PICTURE THE PAST

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



Tony Read saves from Carlisle's Bobby Owen during a dour 0-0 draw at Brunton Park in February 1972. Trying to prevent the shot is Chris Nicholl whilst also on hand are John Moore and Mike Keen.



# Camera Never Lies

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



Jim Ryan is congratulated after scoring the Town's third goal in a 3-1 home victory over Carlisle in a top flight clash in September 1974.

Former Hatter Alan Ross, in the Carlisle goal, looks disconsolate.

The effort, from the spot, clinched the Town's first win of the season at the 10th time of asking and came minus top scorer Barry Butlin who had been sold to Nottingham Forest on the morning of the match.



# YESTERDAY'S PAGES

Club historian **ROGER WASH** looks back to a previous clash with Carlisle in 1998.

Luton Town 3-2 Carlisle United. 2nd May 1998.

After the near miss at promotion from Division Two (now League 1) at the first time of asking in 1996/97, supporters were hoping for an even better showing in the coming campaign.



## The loan signing of the century – Rory Allen

The sale of Matthew Upson, who had only made one appearance as substitute for the Town, to Arsenal for £1 million gave the club some financial breathing space but what manager Lennie Lawrence hadn't bargained for was an incredible run of injuries to senior players as the season progressed.

Even when signings were made, invariably the new arrivals would be on the treatment table before kicking a ball in anger and it was not long before the Town were among the strugglers fighting relegation.

The younger element in the squad did as well as they could but inexperience and inconsistency took its toll and as winter turned to spring, and with no change in fortune on the horizon, it looked as though relegation back to a bottom tier last sampled in 1968 was on the cards.

## Situation

The sale of Tony Thorpe for £800,000 to Fulham, even though it was difficult to turn down, was the final straw as far as Luton supporters were concerned and as Lawrence looked far and wide for a replacement striker the situation got desperate as, with only eight games to play the team was second bottom.

It was at this point that former Hatters manager David Pleat recommended an unknown Tottenham reserve to Lawrence.

Rory Allen had played only one and a half reserve games for Spurs since an ankle operation the previous August but was young and hungry and was highly regarded at White Hart Lane.

"He's had his injury problems so should fit in well here," said Lawrence wryly at the time.

Allen made his Luton debut at Walsall and brought a new found vitality to the forward line, chasing lost causes, scoring once, setting up another and generally overseeing an eye-catching 3-2 win. He then led the York defence a merry dance in a 3-0 home victory at Kenilworth Road before scoring the only goal of the game at promotion chasing Grimsby. These three wins propelled the Town up the table and after two more goals and three more points in the next three games a draw in the penultimate match of the season at Brentford would mean that we were safe.

Allen netted the Town's second goal in the 2-2 draw at Griffin Park before making his swansong on the final day at home to relegated Carlisle.

With seven players under 21 in the side, and with the pressure off, the game was, to be frank, typical end-of-season fare, but when Allen set up Sean Evers for the opener on 26 minutes we all thought that another three points was in the bag.

Carlisle had other thoughts, though, and levelled through Graham Anthony soon after the break. When Nick Wright put the Cumbrians ahead with eight minutes to go it looked like the season was to end in anti-climax.

There then followed the sort of barnstorming end to a game that had become a feature of the late season surge. David Oldfield netted an equaliser on 84 minutes leading to a finale straight out of 'Roy of the Rovers'.

In the final minute, skipper Steve Davis cushioned a Graham Alexander corner to Allen who hit an unstoppable volley in off the bar for an unlikely winner to cap a glorious eight-game spell in which he had scored six goals.

"In my 15 years as a manager Rory is the best loan signing I have ever made," said Lawrence of the young forward who was now in the £1 million class as proved by his subsequent transfer to Portsmouth.



## THE PROGRAMME

The Town produced a colourful 48-page programme for the visit of Carlisle priced at £1.60.

A relieved Lennie Lawrence, in his notes, shuddered as he looked back at the season and praised the efforts of Allen who had helped turn things around at the death. He said it had been his most difficult season in his 20 years in professional football.

On a brighter note, there was a report of the Supporters' Club awards night. David Oldfield was voted Player of the Season while skipper Steve Davis was Players' Player of the Year. Matthew Spring and Gary Doherty were joint Young Players of the Year. Brighter still was a report of a dinner to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Littlewoods Cup win. We are now fast approaching 30 years!

## The Hatters and The Cumbrians



**ABOVE:** Jim Husband (second right) scores against Carlisle at Kenilworth Road in March 1971.

L. ROGER MARSH

by ROGER WASH

of Carlisle's visit to Kenilworth in November 1972 we had gone two months without a home win although our away form had been good. In an effort to put an end to this state of affairs manager Hamlyn took the team to a hotel the morning of the game to recreate the away game routine. At least 1-0!

At the end of season 1973/74 the team finally managed to win promotion to the top flight but bookies would not have given a pair of priars Carlisle after the season thrashing at Kenilworth. Smarting from an opening day reversal at Nottingham Forest, we took it out on Carlisle, blitzing with six goals in 23 minutes in the half where every shot hit the target and new signings

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## ELSEWHERE IN FOOTBALL

- Dennis Bergkamp is voted PFA Player of the Year and Football Writers' Footballer of the Year as his Arsenal team win the double.
- Leicester win 4-0 at Derby, all scored with headers from right wing crosses in the first 15 minutes.
- Manchester City are relegated to the third tier of English football for the first time in their history.
- Chelsea win the Cup-winners Cup in Stockholm, beating Stuttgart 1-0.





# Top Flight Town

Club historian **ROGER WASH** looks back at a pair of clashes with the Cumbrians in the top flight

When the Hatters won promotion in 1974, to move back to the top flight that they had last graced in 1960, it was on the back of financial constraints still lingering around Kenilworth Road following the major problems of three years previously.

The collapse of Vehicle and General Insurance Group, owned by chairman Tony Hunt, in 1971 would reverberate around the club for many years to come.

In truth, the club's new board would probably have preferred it if the Town had not won promotion, mindful of Division One wages and associated costs but decided to make a fist of it as the supporters demanded.

## Struggling

An opening day 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Liverpool was no disgrace but a haul of only five points from the next eight games meant that the Town were struggling from the start and were in danger of being left far behind. Division One was not much fun after all!

The 10th game saw the visit of Carlisle to Kenilworth Road. The Cumbrians had also struggled to promotion to

Division One at the end of the previous season but they had opened the new campaign in some style and after a run of three straight wins stood proudly at the top of the table.

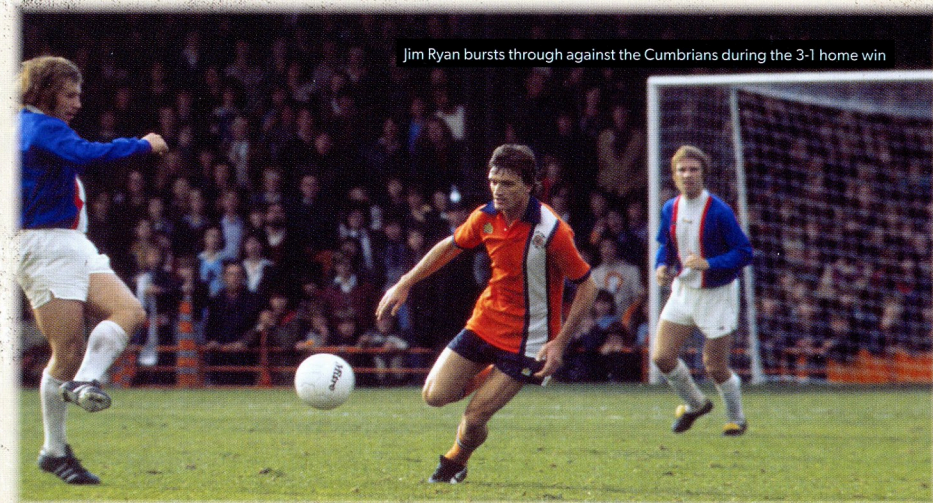
By the time of the visit to Luton, however, the gloss was beginning to fade as only one more win had been recorded. Even so they were still 12 places higher in the league table than the Hatters.

## Bombshell

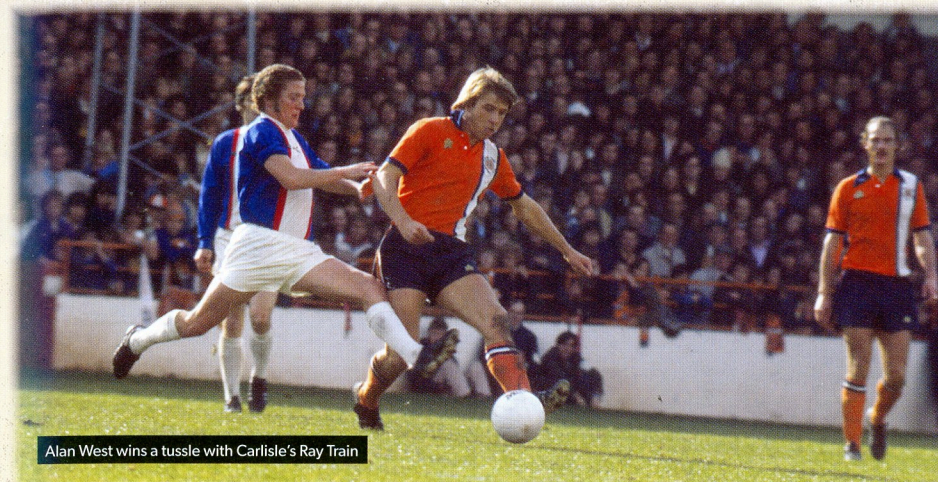
On the morning of the game a bombshell was dropped when it was announced that top scorer, Barry Butlin, was to be transferred to second division Nottingham Forest for £120,000.

Apparently Forest manager, and ex-Hatter, Allan Brown, had money to burn following the sale of Duncan McKenzie and his bid for Butlin was too good to turn down.

Luton manager, Harry Haslam, put on a brave face and said that he needed to change things around anyway as most of the Luton forward play had been directed to the head of Butlin. Most Luton supporters felt that it was crazy to sell a proven goalscorer when the team was struggling.



Jim Ryan bursts through against the Cumbrians during the 3-1 home win



Alan West wins a tussle with Carlisle's Ray Train

Peter Anderson was pushed up front to link with Jim Husband and Australian international Adrian Alston, with the brief that all three should interchange and pass their way to goal.

To be fair the system worked, particularly in this game, as Carlisle were swept aside after a few opening scares. Anderson opened the scoring in the 13th minute after running through a square Carlisle defence to latch on to a clever through ball from Alston and net with ease.

Carlisle equalised as half-time approached through Joe Laidlaw's clever overhead kick but the lead was regained on 54 minutes when Alston wormed his way through the Carlisle defence before blasting past ex-Hatter, Alan Ross, in the Cumbrians goal.

The killer goal came with 14 minutes left when a shot from Husband hit the unfortunate Bobby Parker on the hand which led to a penalty stroked home by the cool Jim Ryan.

## Rejuvenated

Unfortunately, the Town were not able to add to that win and by Christmas sat rock bottom with only nine points to their name. Haslam then decided to go for broke and threw in the kids with Steve Buckley and twins, Ron and Paul Fletcher pitched in at the deep end.

Suddenly the Hatters were rejuvenated and promptly won three games on the trot to close a bit of daylight between them and the other clubs scrapping at the bottom.

By the time of the return with Carlisle, in mid-March, we had hoisted ourselves off the bottom but a run of three straight defeats had not helped our cause.

Bottom of the pile, after a run of five defeats in a row, were Carlisle who no doubt felt that the heady days of the previous summer seemed light years ago.

Predictably, this bottom of the table tussle attracted the lowest crowd of the season to Brunton Park and in a high, swirling wind neither side looked to have the ability to escape the drop. In a dull first half Hugh McIlmoyle saw his diving header cleared off the Luton line and the same player send in a centre that smacked against the crossbar.

Carlisle eventually opened the scoring just after the interval when Laidlaw played a wall pass with Dennis Martin and headed in the return ball from close range, leaving Keith Barber in the Luton goal with no chance of saving.

## Battled

The Town battled back and within five minutes scored a deserved equaliser. A free kick from Buckley was headed against a post by Ron Fletcher and with Ross stranded, John Aston, quickest to react, nodded in the rebound.

The game seemed to be petering out for a 1-1 draw which would have been a fair result but with two minutes left the Town snatched a second goal and both points with a fluke effort. Out on the right touchline and in acres of space Ron Fletcher slung over a long, high and very speculative cross in the general direction of the Carlisle goal.

The ball was caught in the wind and looped over a bemused Ross to hit the far post and rebound gently into the net.

This very fortunate win seemed to kick-start the Town's season once more and five wins from the final nine games almost led to an incredible escape from relegation at the death. It was not to be, however, and the Hatters and the Cumbrians fell through the trapdoor to meet up again the following season in Division Two.



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## 2014-15 STAT PACK



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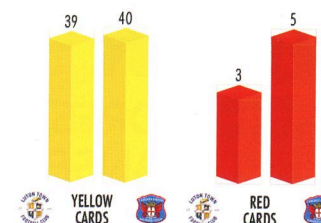
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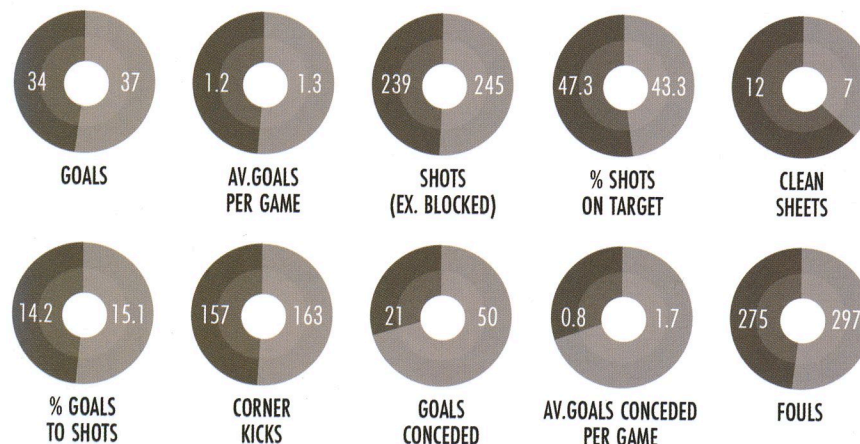
### MATCH FACTS

Luton have won five and lost none of their last seven games at home to Carlisle in the Football League.

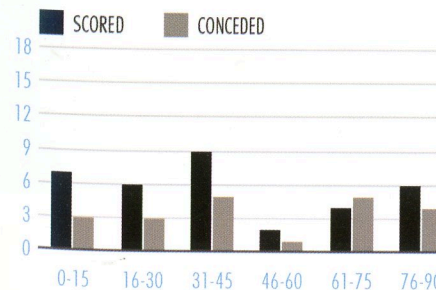


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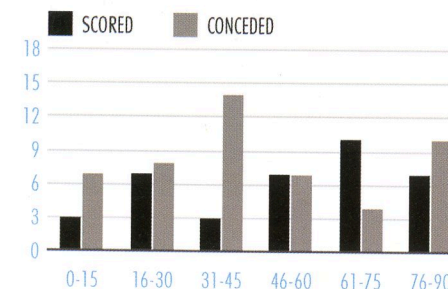
The Cumbrians have shipped 21 goals across those aforementioned games, though they did keep a clean sheet in their last match at Kenilworth Road.



### GOAL TIMES



### GOAL TIMES



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### LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

#### GOALS

1	RICHARDS	16
2	TUBBS	13
3	COLLINS	12
4	HYLTON	12
5	REUBEN REID	12

#### SHOTS ON TARGET

1	COLLINS	45
2	REUBEN REID	33
3	HYLTON	30
4	ELLISON	28
5	TUBBS	28

#### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	REUBEN REID	52
3	CURETON	50
3	HYLTON	42
4	ELLISON	38
5	WALLACE	38

#### FOULS

1	AKINFENWA	85
2	REUBEN REID	71
3	CORR	54
4	PIERRE	49
5	ETUHU	48

### LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

York have failed to score in five of their last six league games on a Saturday, netting one goal in the process.

#### ASSISTS

1	FRANCOMB	9
2	BEAVON	8
3	DONALDSON	8
4	WOOD	8
5	DEMPSEY	7

#### MINUTES PER GOAL

1	RICHARDS	124
2	NICHOLS	129
3	NARDIELLO	136
4	ROSE	169
5	AMOO	176

#### MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	DONALDSON	167
2	O'SULLIVAN	218
3	FRANCOMB	219
4	KENNEDY	222
5	PALMER	223

#### MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	GILLESPIE	48
2	FLINDERS	52
3	ARCHER	55
4	HAMON	55
5	HANFORD	56

### LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Southend have conceded just six goals in their last 16 home games played on a Saturday and never more than once in a match.

\*Data doesn't include games played on Feb 9-11





# Youth Team &

# Development

FIXTURES & RESULTS

YOUTH

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

DEVELOPMENT

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

Alex Lawless, Luke Guttridge and Scott Griffiths all came through 90 minutes in the Town development squad's 2-0 defeat at Peterborough

on Wednesday afternoon. Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu played 80 minutes as the Hatters went down to their first defeat of the season in the Final

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Guttridge	Ruddock • Lawless	Walker • Wall	Onyemah • Magarause •	Franks • Allman	Perry King				

Third Development League. Posh scored once in each half to claim victory but the Hatters came close to scoring and hit the woodwork three times, including a trademark Alex Wall free-kick from distance.

TOWN: Justham; Robinson, Griffiths, Lacey, Gardiner [Trialist] (sub Franks), Haynes [Trialist], Guttridge, Ruddock Mpanzu (sub Magarause), Lawless; Wall, Walker (sub Onyemah).



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## LUTON FOODBANK

Last week first teamer Alex Lawless visited the Luton FoodBank to help raise the profile of the local charity established to provide emergency short-term food to people in need who have nowhere else to turn.

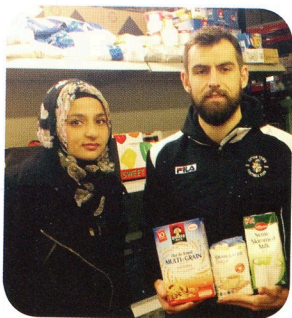
From October to December 2015 over 1,250 food parcels were delivered with the main users being local

people suffering from a short term crisis 29 per cent, the second waiting for benefits to start 25% and people whose benefits have stopped which were 15 per cent.

The Luton FoodBank provides temporary help to Luton residents in crisis by providing

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Mondays: 17:00 - 18:00

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Fridays: 18:00 - 19:00  
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Yrs 7-11 18:00 - 19:00

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Lealands High School LU3 3AL  
Thursdays: Yrs 2-6 17:00 - 18:00

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Tuesdays: Yrs 2-6 18:00 - 19:00

### SHEFFORD

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Wednesdays: 17:00 - 18:00

### ST ALBANS

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## TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME 2014/15

Last Saturday we held our end-of-term 2 assessment games for all of the budding young footballers attending our weekly talent identification programme (TIPS) in Luton. Over 100 boys turned up for the games as our academy coaches put the boys through their paces to see who might be ready to begin the journey within our youth development system. Two separate groups of under-7 and under-8s and under-9s to under-11s played lots of mini games for over an hour in an attempt to catch the coaches eye as they all look to make the first step from TIPS into our centre of excellence that train with us once a week, with progression to our pre-academy squads which train twice a week and directly feeds the Club's main youth academy.

Next week we start term 3 of the season in our search for young talent through our Talent Identification (TIPS) coaching centres.

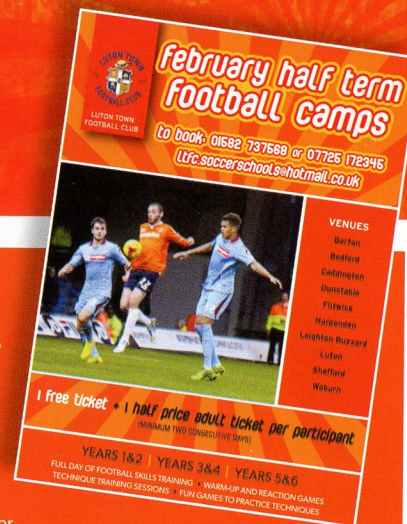
We have 12 regional football development centres, with two in Luton, open to all youngsters aged from school year 2 up to year 11. The TIPS coaching centres offer a nine-week programme, ending with a trial match for everyone. Successful boys then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-academy development centres with eventual pathways into our youth academy.

The centres are, however, open to all abilities and below we have listed all of our centre details as well as answering frequently asked questions.

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM SOCCER CAMPS

Next week is half-term and as usual hundreds of youngsters across Luton and Bedfordshire will be joining our soccer camps as they look to improve their skills and have a great time with their mates!

We have centres running in Barton, Bedford, Caddington, Flitwick, Harpenden, Leighton Buzzard, Shefford as well as Luton and Dunstable. If you've not tried a soccer camp before, they are great fun, open to all abilities and run from 10am to 3pm each day and great value at £15 each day you attend - and of course everyone receives the legendary Luton Town medal, as well as a great ticket offer to a home match. You can book direct with our Community Office on either 01582 737568 or 07725 172345 or ask for further information via the dedicated email at [ltfc.soccerschools@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ltfc.soccerschools@hotmail.co.uk).



## WHAT IS TIPS ALL ABOUT?

The successful TIPS Development programme is now in its ninth year of operation. The purpose of the TIPS Development Centres are to provide high quality coaching for up and coming footballers. Whether you are an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a new-comer, wanting to develop the basics, the TIPS programme has something to offer you.

## WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE TIPS PROGRAMME?

Our youth section prides itself on the high calibre of its coaching team. By signing up you will receive the same standard of coaching that has helped produce players such as Curtis Davis, Leon Barnett, Kevin Foley, Matthew Taylor and Jack Wilshire. No other football club in our region can claim the same level of success in terms of youth development - four England youth Internationals in the last three years: Cauley Woodrow (now Fulham)



and Jay DaSilva and Lewis Baker (now both Chelsea). In addition, over 70 players have been signed by our Academy through our TIPS programme.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The cost is £45 per term, which includes nine practical sessions and one assessment. In addition to the trial match, players will receive a report on their personal development during the nine-week programme.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO WELL?

If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Centre of Excellence/ Pre-Academy. Players who display talent can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate.

## HOW WILL MY PROGRESS BE MONITORED?

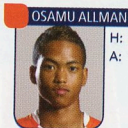
You will receive a written player assessment towards the end of the nine week term. You will also have the opportunity to discuss the assessment with your coach at the end of the term.

To receive further details you can download our TIPS leaflet from the Club's main website at [www.lutontown.co.uk](http://www.lutontown.co.uk) or to book a place from next week you can simply email [tips@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:tips@lutontown.co.uk) or call us direct in the Community Office on 01582 737568



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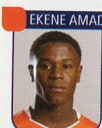
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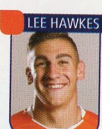
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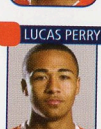
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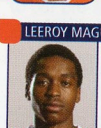
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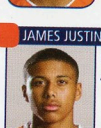
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## WITH UNDER-16 HEAD COACH JOE DEENEY

It has been a really pleasing last few months in the under 15/16 phase at the club. We have successfully passed the EPPP Audit which was a tough process and it is pleasing that the EPPP have acknowledged the excellent work that has been going on at the football club.

The return of Dan Walder to the football club was instrumental in getting our EPPP status. Dan has done an excellent job as our Head of Youth Operations. It has been a tough few years having been out of the Football League and the Board and SOLYD have been fantastic with their continued huge financial support and belief in the youth department to continue the youth programme in the absence of Football League funding.

Over the last two weeks it has been that difficult time of the season when we have made our scholarship decisions in the Under-16 group. This season has been incredibly difficult for myself, Wayne Turner and Paul Driver as we have had a really talented group of 19 players to make decisions on. Unfortunately these decisions can often lead to talented young players leaving us. It has been a hugely emotional time for the players, all of which have been desperate to be given the opportunity to play for Luton Town. The group as a whole have been a real pleasure to work with and epitomise everything that brings success: ability, attitude, application, desire and an excellent work ethic and attitude to improve. Eight of the 11 signed scholars have come through our Academy from the foundation phase. This further highlights the excellent work at the younger years that has enabled us to have such a strong group at the 15s/16s phase.

Congratulations to the players, listed below, that have been rewarded their scholarship at the club and given the opportunity of a full-time contract. The challenge now will be can the players continue to show the same ability, attitude and application to break into and establish themselves as first team regulars in the forthcoming years. The potential of the players and the attitude and quality of the first team professionals they will encounter every day will hold them in good stead for the future.

- HARRY BEAN. Defender from Biggleswade. Joined the club at 8 years old.
- AKIN FAMEWO. Defender from Beaston. Joined the club at 8 years old.
- CAMERON McJANNET. Defender from Leighton Buzzard. Joined the club at 8 years old.
- JOSHUA BROWN. Midfielder from Haynes. Joined the club at 10 years old.
- KAVAN COTTER. Midfielder from Harrow. Joined the club at 12 years old.
- TYREEQ BAKINSON. Midfielder from Luton. Joined the club at 11 years old.
- JACK SNELUS. Midfielder from Milton Keynes. Joined the club at 8 years old.
- GEORGE MURRAY. Midfielder from Ampthill. Joined the club at 8 years old.
- ERIN AMU. Forward from Luton. Joined the club at 12 years old.
- FREDDIE HINDS. Forward from Pottton. Joined the club at 8 years old.
- JAMES VERNEY. Forward from Tring. Joined the club at 14 years old and progressed from our pre-Academy group.

I would like to give a final mention and thanks to the Under-16 staff I have had working with me this season. Joe Oxley (Under-16 Assistant Coach), Callum Sharpin (Sports Scientist), Ryan Flarry (Sports Therapist), Simon Dunn (Analyst), and Lee Cowley (Lead Youth Development Phase coach). They have all played vital roles in the Under-16 phase that has seen us produce what hopefully will go on to be an excellent crop of young players ready to play in our first team.

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# Cullen in donation to junior side



The Town's Ashington-born striker Mark Cullen has certainly not forgotten his roots – as a generous gesture testifies.

The 22-year old, who was at Newcastle United from an early age until 14, then joined the Ashington Juniors set up for a two year stint.

Cullen signed for Hull City before linking up with the Hatters at the start of last season.

This term Cullen won both the SkyBet League 2 and PFA fans Player of the month award for October, with the prize for the latter being the donation of a set of strips to a grassroots team of his choice.

"When I left Newcastle United as a kid Ashington Juniors gave me a great chance to enjoy my football again," Cullen said. "So when I won the PFA award I had no hesitation in selecting them as the outfit to donate the strips. I still know a lot of people who are involved with the set up."

After his two goals against York on Tuesday earned the Town a point, Cullen outlined that the target of back-to-back promotions.

"I scored 10 goals last season when the club were in the Conference," he said, "This term we have our eyes fixed on going up again."

After moving down South, Cullen has settled in Bedfordshire alongside his fiancé Shani and son Lucas who is one year old this week.

"I have netted 11 goals so far this campaign," he added: "From a personal angle, I want to play as many games and score as many goals as I can. I am enjoying myself and have set myself a target – but I am keeping that to myself."

Gary Bell, secretary of Ashington Juniors, said: "We are really pleased. We think it is a really nice gesture from Mark and it's great that he has remembered his roots after being part of the Ashington set up."

"Junior clubs are always looking for support and a set of strips can be the difference between a team surviving and not."

"Obviously Mark being an Ashington lad, we have tracked his career and are delighted that things are going really well for him at Luton and that he has been recognised with these awards."



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# Hatters Football Development Programme

**YEAR 11 FOOTBALLERS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE LUTON TOWN CEDARS UNDER 18 FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME?**

The Luton Town Cedars Football Development Programme will be holding the first set of trials for the Academic Year 2015/16 at Cedars Upper School on Wednesday 18th February 2015 at 2pm.

This Programme is one of a very small number in the country that offer a joint Football / A Level Programme giving players the opportunity to study for a minimum of 3 A-Levels whilst training for eight hours a week under the guidance of a Luton Town A and B Licence Coach. Players will also have the opportunity to participate in games in the Football Conference Youth Alliance and the Southern Counties Floodlit Youth League.

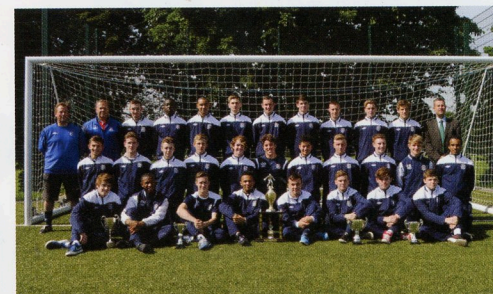
Ultimately the aim of this programme is to provide a continued football and academic education for under-18 players who might not yet have reached their full potential physically or technically, who have been missed by other clubs, or have shown signs of being a late developer. This programme gives its participants another two years in a professional club environment where they can strive to achieve their goal of becoming a full time scholar or professional player at Luton Town.

If you perform well; then opportunities will be given to train and play with the clubs full-time scholars. Success stories so far include Harry Tamplin's move from the programme back into a full-time scholarship at Luton Town. Also, Gabriel Oakley, Beni Crilly and Sean McMonagle have earned Day release where they have trained with the Pro Scholars and also participated in Luton Town youth team league fixtures on a regular basis.

To be considered for the programme you need to be a current School Year 11 pupil who academically will achieve: five GCSE passes at A\* to C. The three chosen A-Level Subjects must have GCSE passes A\* to B. If you are unable to undertake three 'A' Levels you will not be accepted. Final grades are not a guarantee of acceptance; because of the additional pressures we may require students to have higher than A\* to C for particular A-Level courses. Cedars Upper School will ultimately have the discretion whether they decline or accept any individual application.

If you meet these criteria then we would be happy to see you at the trial where we will assess your ability as a footballer and judge whether you are of the standard to participate in this programme.

If you would like to register for the trials, or receive more information including a course prospectus please email Stuart Smith on: [stuartsmith.lfco@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stuartsmith.lfco@hotmail.co.uk).



## CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

### LANDLADIES REQUIRED FOR LUTON TOWN UNDER-18 PLAYERS

Luton Town Cedars Football Development Programme are currently for landladies in the Leighton Buzzard area to host talented young footballers who participate in the Club's Under-18 Elite Football Programme which is delivered in conjunction with Cedars Upper School.

Prospective landladies would need to be able to offer bed, breakfast and an evening meal for the young players along with a suitable environment for the players to rest and relax and obtain a reasonable amount of privacy.

Players would typically stay with the landlady for four or five days per week and accommodation is usually required from September through to the end of July.

Landladies will receive payment for this service, payment coming direct from the player's parents. They would also need to be CRB checked which the club can arrange.

If you would like to help a young player continue his A-Level education and football career please e-mail Stuart Smith on [stuartsmith.lfco@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stuartsmith.lfco@hotmail.co.uk).



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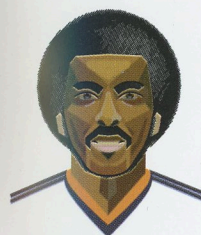
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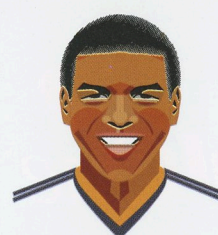
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# ON THIS DAY

## ► THE RECORD

The Town's record on Valentine's Day isn't too bad, actually, although hardly anything to get the pulses racing. The Hatters have played 16 times on this day, winning seven, drawing five and losing just four times. 54 goals have been scored in these matches, with the Town responsible for 33 of them. The Hatters' first game on 14th February was a 2-0 win over Southampton in 1898.

## ► THE LAST TIME

You have to go back six years for the last time the Town played on Valentine's Day. On this particular day in 2009 a certain John Still was in the opposition dugout as the Hatters made the short trip to face Dagenham & Redbridge at Victoria Road. And it was Still who was left celebrating come the end of the game as two goals from Danny Foster helped the Daggers triumph 2-1. Ian Henderson scored the Hatters goal. Scott Griffiths played at left-back in the game for the home side while Jake Howells was an unused sub for the Town.

## ► THE LAST WIN

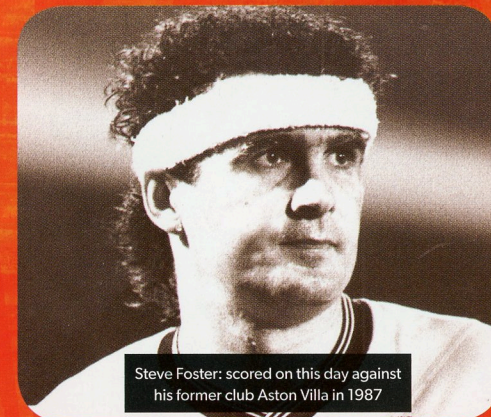
The Town haven't tasted victory on Valentine's for 15 long years, not since a 2-1 away win against the old Wimbledon at Plough Lane in 1990. In front of a meagre 3,618 crowd in the top flight, the Hatters took the lead through Kurt Nogan's header but Dennis Wise levelled for the Dons with 16 minutes left. But the Town pinched all three points thanks to Iain Dowie's last-minute winner to earn the Hatters their first away win in the league since December 1988.

## ► MAGIC MARV!

The Town travelled to local rivals Watford on this day in 1998 and had veteran defender Marvin Johnson to thank for rescuing a point in a Division 2 (now League 1) fixture at Vicarage Road. The Hatters came into the game on the back of four straight defeats and a fifth looked ominous against the promotion chasing Hornets when Paul Robinson fired the hosts ahead six minutes after the break. However, Johnson was the Town's unlikely hero when he guided a shot past Alec Chamberlain with nine minutes left to earn a share of the spoils.

## ► BLUEBIRDS BITE BACK

Nine years ago today the Town let a 3-1 lead slip to draw on the last occasion they played at Kenilworth Road on 14th February. Two quickfire goals from Rowan Vine



Steve Foster: scored on this day against his former club Aston Villa in 1987

had the Town 2-0 up at the break before Jason Koumas halved the deficit. But a Richie Barker own goal on the hour put the Town 3-1 to the good. However Ricky Scimeca pulled another one back for the Bluebirds before Koumas equalised with four minutes left. "We weren't ruthless enough," said Town boss Mike Newell afterwards.

## ► HISTORY MAKERS

Under John Moore in 1986/87 the Hatters finished in seventh place in the top flight – the current highest ever position by the club and on this day in 1987 the Hatters recorded a narrow 2-1 win over Aston Villa at Kenilworth Road. 9,174 watched as goals from Steve Foster and Mick Harford put the Town in control at half-time.

## ► UP FOR THE CUP

In the 1959 the Hatters were on their way to Wembley for the FA Cup final and on this day that year the Town stormed into the quarter-finals with a stunning 5-2 win over Ipswich at Portman Road. Almost 27,000 watched on as the Hatters cruised to victory thanks to two goals from Bob Morton and one each from Dave Pacey, Billy Bingham and Tony Gregory.

## ► BEST OF THE REST...AND THE WORST

The Town beat Gillingham 4-1 at Kenilworth Road in 1931 and won 3-1 at Plymouth in 1948...but the Town lost 1-0 at home to Bolton in 1953 and lost 2-1 at Barrow in 1970 with Graham French scoring the sole Town goal up at Holker Street.



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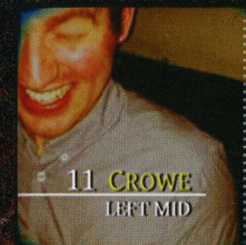
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# FROM LEFT Midfield

BY KEVIN CROWE



## LUTON VS. YORK: THE FAMILIAR EMBRACE OF DESPAIR

Under the lights and under the influence of a League 2 promotion campaign looking implausibly difficult for us to derail: a second goal, somehow, for York City... and in the bracing February night, the familiar embrace of despair.

That feeling of conceding a goal on the terraces is totally unique isn't it? A thudding full stop in the story of a game, it leaves its victims reeling and heavy in their trainers, momentarily devoid of perspective on life. It is all encompassing.

The jubilant band of anonymous footballers, wheeling away in celebration towards the pogo-ing faux pitch-invading men and women of whichever faraway town should have travelled here to ruin our journey home like a Thameslink departures board this week, suck the oxygen from every Lutonian lung.

Absolute disbelief shudders through the system blurring the senses: The injustice. The FA. The Football League. The Tories. The TV Gantry. How. Could. This. Have. Been. Allowed?

No matter what league or game or blockbuster name is in town, the involuntary split-second internal reaction to conceding a goal is the same. The escaping air in your chest leaves your heart without the buoyancy it had on the expectant trek up Hazelbury Crescent earlier, and it sinks briefly into your gut, tugging the saliva from your tongue to the back of your throat with it.

A beat later your blood is up. Like retreating seawater on a beach, the sad moment of sunken spirit is immediately replaced by the looming height of a violent

wave, and you are ready to belt out a defiant song or to vent blame and premature analysis at your brothers in Bedfordshire bedlam.

Stuff winning every week in the Conference, THIS is the dreadful sadistic football I fell in love with.

When you get too used to winning it creates a shallow, emotional void, like a two-week beach holiday you've saved all year for that's inexplicably beginning to drag. It's very un-Luton.

### Emotional

Football is not a light entertainment product, no matter what Richard Scudamore might put in his pitch, nor is it the shallow Bantermime of a Paddy Power viral campaign. Football's an awful, emotional wreck of a day out that ruins your coat and empties your wallet.

Football doesn't happen to characters on a screen or performers on the stage, or to three inch tall people in looping six-second videos on your phone. Football happens to YOU and Tuesday night's blur of red cards and bobbling chances was a beautiful visceral reminder.

But occasionally, just occasionally, as it did with Cullen's Cameo, football spits out a fleeting out-of-body moment of Main Stand moshing joy, and everyone remembers why they bothered. For at least a minute or so...

If you can meet Promotion and Going 2 Nil Down to York on a Tuesday Night and treat those two imposters just the same, then you're probably not of this Earth like the rest of us.

And - which is more - you're very Luton Town, my son.

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BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

It's hard to justify most managerial sackings, but this week's news that Brentford are preparing to jettison Mark Warburton staggered even the cynics.

The former City trader first revolutionised the Bees' academy, then led them to promotion from League 1 and now has the West Londoners on course for a first tilt at the Premier League in 68 years.

Yet if reports are to be believed - and the Bees' denials sound pretty rosey - an agreement is already in place for Rayo Vallecano manager Paco Jemez to take charge at the end of the season.

As dismissals go it would surely rank among this lot as one of the harshest in football history.

## VICENTE DEL BOSQUE - REAL MADRID (2003)

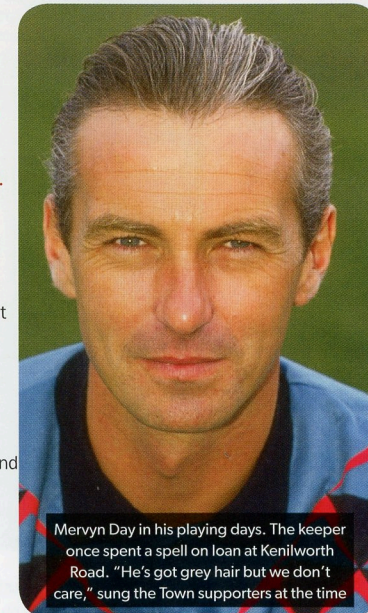
Still the gold-standard of senseless sackings a decade on, Del Bosque oversaw arguably the most glorious period in Real's history, bringing home two La Liga titles, two Champions Leagues, a Spanish Supercup, a UEFA Supercup and the Intercontinental Cup in just four years at the helm.

But that wasn't enough for Los Meringues' insane owners, who wielded the axe just 48 hours after Del Bosque won his second title. Surprise, surprise, Madrid failed to win a single bauble for the next five years, despite spending more money on transfers than any club in Europe bar Chelsea.

## RUUD GULLIT - CHELSEA (1998)

Though his subsequent record suggests Chelsea played a blinder, Gullit's record at the Bridge was hardly P45 material.

Having landed the club's first major trophy in 26 years with the 1997 FA Cup (in his first ever season as a



Mervyn Day in his playing days. The keeper once spent a spell on loan at Kenilworth Road. "He's got grey hair but we don't care," sung the Town supporters at the time

manager), the Dutchman seemed to be sitting pretty with Chelsea through to the semi-finals of the League Cup and the quarter-finals of the Cup Winners' Cup in 1997-98.

But chairman Ken Bates wasn't having it, booting Gullit out in favour of former team-mate Luca Viali - who went on to win both competitions.

## LEE CLARK - HUDDERSFIELD (2012)

Clark said he was "shocked and perplexed" after being hoofed into the street by Huddersfield chairman Dean Hoyle - and you can see why. At the time of his sacking in February 2012, Clark had lost just three times in 55 matches, a sequence that included a Football League record 43-game unbeaten run. Moreover, the Terriers sat third in League One and were on course for a third successive crack at the Play-Offs.

Yet whilst you may doubt Hoyle's wisdom, you cannot fault his results. Three months later, under new gaffer Simon Grayson, the Terriers won promotion to the Championship.

## MERVYN DAY - CARLISLE (1997)

A hugely popular figure at Brunton Park, Day won promotion to the third tier in 1996/97 with a vibrant young squad featuring the likes of Matt Jansen and Rory Delap.

Unfortunately, he hadn't reckoned on the megalomaniac tendencies of owner Michael Knighton, the man who famously failed to buy Manchester United, claimed to have seen a UFO and promised Carlisle Premier League football by 2003.

Just six games into the new season, Knighton sacked Day and put himself in charge. Within 18 months, the Cumbrians had been relegated and finished 22nd in the basement division.



# league look



## League 2 news in brief

It was yet another dramatic night of action in League 2 on Tuesday night as the lead at the top changed hands once more with Shrewsbury rising to the summit.

The following words will act as a painful reminder to our visitors from Carlisle who led the Shrews 1-0 with 93 minutes on the clock thanks to Charlie Wyke's goal. But Micky Mellon's side staged an astonishing late show to pinch the points at the death. Micky Demetriou levelled and a minute later, in the fourth minute of added time, James Collins thundered home the winner.

Those two goals lifted Shrewsbury to top spot. Had they not scored twice they would be kicking off their game this afternoon in third place. In comparison, Carlisle sit in 19th place today and could have been sitting pretty in 16th had they not conceded those goals. Football, eh?

Burton dropped off the top perch as a result of their goalless draw at home to AFC Wimbledon but do sit level on points with Shrewsbury.

Wycombe, who continue to defy the odds after their season of struggle last term, lost their 10-match unbeaten run when losing at home to Plymouth 2-0 at Adams Park. Argyle were two goals to the good at the break and three points was enough to lift John Sheridan's side into the seventh and final Play-Off spot. Wycombe remain in third.

In-form Southend moved above the Hatters and into fourth place after a routine 2-0 victory over struggling Cheltenham at Roots Hall. Two goals from on-loan striker Joe Pigott was the difference to put the Shrimpers just two behind the final automatic promotion place.

The Town's 2-2 draw with York was one of two games in League 2 on Tuesday which produced the most goals, Exeter's 2-2 draw with Cambridge being the other. Like the Hatters, Exeter fought back from two goals down to earn a point on home soil.

Newport, now without Justin Edinburgh at the helm following his move to Gillingham, earned a 1-1 draw at home to Tranmere to remain in sixth place. But with Plymouth winning, the Exiles' place in the top seven is under serious threat from a number of clubs sitting outside the Play-Offs.

Two of those sides hoping to break into the Play-Offs, Stevenage and Bury, cancelled each other out at Broadhall Way in a goalless draw. Bury, in eighth, are level



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

on points with Plymouth, while 10th-placed Stevenage are just four points shy of the top seven.

At the other end of the table Hartlepool gave themselves a mighty boost in their bid for Football League survival with a 1-0 home win over a Northampton side who had won their last five matches. Ronnie Moore's side can see some light at the end of the tunnel and are now six points from safety.

York remain in the bottom two, five points clear of Hartlepool, Cheltenham lie in 22nd place following their defeat, while Mansfield dropped into trouble once more after losing 2-1 at Morecambe. The Stags, who the Town play on Tuesday have lost five of their last seven matches.

Only 22 goals were scored across the 12 games in League 2 on Tuesday night.

Six of the top seven in League 2 all face home games this afternoon with leaders Shrewsbury hosting AFC Wimbledon.

Burton take on Oxford at the Pirelli Stadium, Wycombe face sixth-placed Newport and Southend welcome Accrington to Roots Hall. Plymouth host Cambridge.

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

Burton v Oxford
Cheltenham v Bury
Hartlepool v Stevenage
Mansfield v Northampton
Plymouth v Cambridge
Portsmouth v Exeter
Shrewsbury v AFC W'don
Southend v Accrington
Wycombe v Newport
York v Tranmere
<b>TOMORROW</b>
Morecambe v Dag & Red

### TOP GOALSCORERS

Richards (Northampton)	16
Collins (Shrewsbury)	13
Tubbs (Portsmouth)	13
Hylton (Oxford)	12
Reid (Plymouth)	12
Akinfowna (AFC W'don)	11
Nichols (Exeter)	11
<b>Cullen (Luton)</b>	<b>10</b>
Cureton (Dag & Red)	10
Ellison (Morecambe)	9

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Portsmouth	15,185	Exeter	3,693
<b>Luton</b>	<b>8,679</b>	Bury	3,485
Plymouth	7,427	Hartlepool	3,479
Oxford	5,967	York	3,432
Southend	5,755	Newport	3,291
Shrewsbury	5,020	Stevenage	3,116
Cambridge	5,012	Burton	3,042
Tranmere	4,946	Mansfield	2,913
Northampton	4,441	Cheltenham	2,715
Carlisle	4,253	Morecambe	1,979
Wycombe	3,975	Dag & Red	1,940
Wimbledon	3,973	Accrington	1,473

### LEAGUE TABLE 2014/15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Shrewsbury Town	30	17	7	6	43	20	23	58
2 Burton Albion	30	17	7	6	41	27	14	58
3 Wycombe Wanderers	30	15	11	4	41	23	18	56
4 Southend United	30	15	9	6	33	24	9	54
<b>5 LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>52</b>
6 Newport County	30	13	8	9	37	36	1	47
7 Plymouth Argyle	30	13	7	10	35	22	13	46
8 Bury	30	13	7	10	40	34	6	46
9 Exeter City	31	11	10	10	42	44	-2	43
10 Stevenage	30	12	6	12	39	38	1	42
11 AFC Wimbledon	29	11	8	10	40	38	2	41
12 Morecambe	30	11	8	11	31	29	2	41
13 Northampton Town	30	12	4	14	47	41	6	40
14 Cambridge United	29	10	7	12	44	36	8	37
15 Accrington Stanley	29	11	3	15	37	49	-12	36
16 Portsmouth	29	8	10	11	29	43	-14	34
17 Oxford United	30	8	10	12	33	38	-5	34
18 Dagenham & Redbridge	30	9	7	14	32	39	-7	34
19 Carlisle United	30	10	3	17	38	52	-14	33
20 Tranmere Rovers	29	7	10	12	30	35	-5	31
21 Mansfield Town	29	8	7	14	24	37	-13	31
22 Cheltenham Town	30	7	9	14	26	45	-19	30
23 York City	30	5	14	11	29	37	-8	29
24 Hartlepool United	30	6	6	18	23	50	-27	24

### PLAYER STATS 2014/15

	LEAGUE				CUP				TOTAL				DISCIPL				LIFE			
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	Y	R
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul Benson	10	(3)	1	3	(0)	1	13	(3)	2	4	0	0	0	54	20					
Paul Connolly	4	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	3	0	0	0	6	0					
Mark Cullen	22	(4)	10	5	(0)	1	27	(4)	11	1	0	0	0	67	21					
Nathan Doyle	20	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	24	(0)	0	5	0	0	0	24	0					
Andy Drury	23	(5)	2	4	(0)	0	27	(5)	2	1	0	0	0	58	10					
Fraser Franks	5	(1)	0	4	(0)	0	9	(1)	0	1	0	0	0	27	0					
Scott Griffiths	23	(0)	1	4	(0)	0	27	(0)	1	2	0	0	0	79	2					
Luke Guttridge	9	(4)	1	2	(1)	1	11	(5)	2	1	0	0	0	49	15					
Ryan Hall	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0					
Michael Harriman	18	(0)	0	4	(0)	1	22	(0)	1	1	0	0	0	22	1					
Jake Howells	17	(6)	3	3	(2)	1	20	(8)	4	1	0	0	0	304	30					
Elliot Jusham	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	8	0					
Alex Lacey	8	(5)	0	2	(0)	0	10	(5)	0	0	0	0	0	46	1					
Ross Lafayette	1	(10)	0	0	(3)	0	1	(13)	0	2	0	0	0	14	0					
Alex Lawless	2	(3)	1	0	(1)	0	2	(4)	1	1	0	0	0	162	19					
Steve McNulty	28	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	32	(0)	0	4	2	0	0	100	2					
Ricky Miller	2	(8)	1	1	(2)	1	3	(10)	2	1	0	0	0	13	2					
Nathan Oduwa	1	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	0	0	2	0					
Andrew Parry	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	26	4					
Ian Rees	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	4	0					
Matt Robinson	5	(1)	0	1	(2)	0	6	(3)	0	0	0	0	0	54	3					
Luke Rooney	8	(3)	3	2	(0)	2	10	(3)	5	2	1	0	0	19	5					
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	10	(5)	1	0	(2)	0	10	(7)	1	1	0	0	0	41	3					
Charlie Smith	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	3	0					
Jonathan Smith	22	(0)	2	5	(0)	0	27	(0)	2	5	0	0	0	87	5					
Jim Stevenson	2	(9)	1	1	(0)	0	3	(9)	1	1	0	0	0	18	1					
Jayden Stockley	6	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	6	(0)	1	0	0	0	0	6	1					
Mark Tyler	29	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	34	(0)	0	2	0	0	0	264	0					
Charlie Walker	0	(3)	0	1	(2)	0	1	(5)	0	0	0	0	0	6	0					
Alex Wall	1	(4)	1	1	(0)	0	2	(4)	1	3	0	0	0	33	7					
Shaun Whalley	11	(2)	3	1	(0)	0	12	(2)	3	2	0	0	0	36	5					
Luke Wilkinson	27	(0)	4	6	(0)	0	33	(0)	4	4	1	0	0	33	4					
Curtley Williams	3	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	3	0					



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DATE TIME H/A OPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI SUBS

## AUGUST

Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United	W 1-0	6,760	1,088	6	Tyler	Connolly	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Robinson
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Swindon Town (C1C1)	L 1-2	4,410	436	-	Tyler	Connolly	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Franks	Robinson
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	L 0-1	9,101	690	14	Tyler	Franks	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Robinson	Drury
Tue 19	7.45pm	H	Bury	D 1-1	7,890	289	14	Tyler	Franks	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Robinson	Drury
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	D 2-2	1,562	586	12	Tyler	Connolly	<b>HOWELLS 1</b>	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Robinson
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town	L 0-2	5,888	1,037	18	Tyler	Connolly	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Robinson	Stevenson

## SEPTEMBER

<b>TV</b> Sat 6	12.15pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	L 0-1	7,864	527	19	Tyler	Connolly	Griffiths	McNulty	Lacey	Ruddock	Drury
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town	W 1-0	7,793	221	18	Tyler	Williams	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Smith
Tue 16	7.45pm	A	York City	D 0-0	3,649	445	18	Tyler	Williams	Griffiths	Lacey	Wilkinson	Smith	Ruddock
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 1-0	6,533	2,050	13	Tyler	Williams	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Ruddock
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	W 2-0	9,101	868	10	Tyler	Lacey	Griffiths	McNulty	<b>WILKINSON 1</b>	Smith	Doyle

## OCTOBER

Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	W 2-1	5,236	1,897	7	Tyler	Lacey	Griffiths	McNulty	<b>WILKINSON 1</b>	Smith	Doyle
Tue 7	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town (JPT2)	L 0-1	2,186	125	-	Justham	Lacey	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,238	1,033	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United	W 2-1	4,225	525	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 3-1	7,746	166	3	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town	W 1-0	10,040	1,018	1	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle

## NOVEMBER

Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 1-1	5,400	1,043	2	Tyler	Harriman	<b>GRIFFITHS 1</b>	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Newport County (FAC1)	W 4-2	3,656	334	-	Tyler	Harriman	<b>HOWELLS 1</b>	McNulty	Wilkinson	Lacey	Doyle
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Tranmere Rovers	W 1-0	9,061	378	1	Tyler	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Franks	Doyle
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion	L 0-1	4,772	1,998	3	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	W 3-0	8,418	294	2	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Franks	Smith	Doyle

## DECEMBER

Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Bury (FAC2)	D 1-1	2,790	434	-	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Franks	Doyle
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	L 0-3	2,263	731	4	Tyler	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Franks	Doyle
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Bury (FAC2R)	W 1-0	2,923	182	-	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	Franks	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Newport County	W 3-0	8,383	317	3	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	<b>WILKINSON 1</b>	Smith	Doyle
Fri 26	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	7,539	2,566	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	<b>SMITH 1</b>	Doyle
Sun 28	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth	D 1-1	10,071	1,021	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle

## JANUARY

Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United (FAC3)	L 1-2	7,063	1,380	-	Tyler	<b>HARRIMAN 1</b>	Howells	Franks	Wilkinson	Connolly	Smith
<b>TV</b> Thu 8	7.45pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	D 0-0	177	7,666	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 1-0	8,420	802	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,611	1,282	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 3-2	10,054	939	4	Tyler	Harriman	Griffiths	McNulty	<b>WILKINSON 1</b>	<b>SMITH 1</b>	Doyle

## FEBRUARY

Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Oxford United	D 1-1	7,541	2,264	4	Tyler	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	York City	D 2-2	7,763	173	5	Tyler	Harriman	Howells	McNulty	Wilkinson	Smith	Doyle
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United											
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Mansfield Town											
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon											
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley											

## MARCH

Tue 3	7.45pm	A	Bury											
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Morecambe											
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth											
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Newport County											
<b>TV</b> Thu 24	7.45pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers											
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town											

## APRIL

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

## MAY

Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage											
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# Fixtures & Results

Drury	Howells	<b>CULLEN 1</b>	Benson	Franks	Wall	Rooney	Ruddock	Guttridge	Stevenson	Justham
Drury	<b>ROONEY 1</b>	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Howells	Ruddock	Guttridge	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Williams	<b>RUDDOCK 1</b>	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Drury	<b>ROONEY 1</b>	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Wall	Howells	Ruddock	Stevenson	Lafayette	Justham
Guttridge	Rooney	Cullen	Benson	Franks	Wall	Guttridge	Williams	Ruddock	Miller	Lafayette
Guttridge	Howells	Rooney	Cullen	Smith	Lawless	Wall	Lafayette	Stevenson	Wilkinson	Justham
Ruddock	Guttridge	<b>CULLEN 1</b>	Lacey	Drury	Wall	Howells	Rooney	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Guttridge	Howells	Cullen	Wall	Rooney	Lafayette	Whalley	Stevenson	Connolly	Justham
Stevenson	Guttridge	<b>CULLEN 1</b>	Wall	Drury	Lafayette	Whalley	Robinson	Doyle	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Whalley	<b>HOWELLS 1</b>	Cullen	Drury	Lafayette	Whalley	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker	Justham
Ruddock	Drury	Cullen	Benson	Howells	<b>WALL 1</b>	Stevenson	Robinson	Guttridge	Walker	Justham
Guttridge	Howells	Wall	Benson	Walker	Robinson	Stevenson	Lawless	Tyler		
Drury	Ruddock	<b>LAWLESS 1</b>	<b>CULLEN 1</b>	Lacey	Benson	Wall	Guttridge	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	Miller	<b>CULLEN 1</b>	Lacey	Benson	Wall	Guttridge	<b>STEVENSON 1</b>	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	Miller	<b>CULLEN 3</b>	Lacey	Benson	Wall	Guttridge	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Ruddock	Lawless	Cullen	Lacey	Benson	Wall	<b>GUTTRIDGE 1</b>	Stevenson	Walker	Justham
Drury	Howells	Cullen	Benson	Lacey	Miller	Rooney	Guttridge	Stevenson	Whalley	Justham
Smith	<b>GUTTRIDGE 1</b>	<b>BENSON 1</b>	Cullen	Franks	Drury	<b>MILLER 1</b>	Rooney	Ruddock	Walker	Justham
Smith	Guttridge	Benson	Cullen	Lacey	Franks	Griffiths	Rooney	Ruddock	<b>MILLER 1</b>	Justham
Howells	Whalley	Guttridge	Benson	Lacey	Drury	Cullen	Rooney	Ruddock	Miller	Justham
Drury	<b>WHALLEY 2</b>	<b>BENSON 1</b>	Cullen	Lacey	Howells	Rooney	Ruddock	Miller	Walker	Justham
Smith	Drury	Walker	<b>CULLEN 1</b>	Robinson	Howells	Miller	Stevenson	Rooney	Lacey	Justham
Smith	Drury	Whalley	Cullen	Lafayette	Griffiths	Miller	Stevenson	Rooney	Lacey	Justham
Drury	<b>ROONEY 1</b>	Whalley	Cullen	Lacey	Howells	Lafayette	Miller	Robinson	Stevenson	Justham
Drury	<b>ROONEY 1</b>	Whalley	Cullen	Franks	Howells	Lafayette	Miller	Connolly	Stevenson	Justham
Drury	<b>ROONEY 1</b>	Whalley	Cullen	Franks	Connolly	Stevenson	Howells	Miller	Lafayette	Justham
Stevenson	Drury	Miller	Cullen	Lacey	Rooney	Robinson	Ruddock	Lafayette	Walker	Justham
Drury	Howells	Rooney	Stockley	Franks	Cullen	Miller	Whalley	Robinson	Walker	Justham
<b>DRURY 1</b>	Howells	Whalley	Stockley	Lacey	Wall	Cullen	Robinson	Walker	Connolly	Justham
Drury	Howells	<b>WHALLEY 1</b>	Stockley	Lacey	Lawless	Wall	Miller	Robinson	Stevenson	Justham
<b>DRURY 1</b>	Howells	Whalley	Stockley	Franks	Lawless	Wall	Cullen	Guttridge	Robinson	Justham
Drury	Hall	Whalley	<b>STOCKLEY 1</b>	Lacey	Wall	Cullen	Guttridge	Robinson	Oduwa	Justham
Drury	Hall	Oduwa	Stockley	Lacey	Wall	<b>CULLEN 2</b>	Guttridge	Robinson	Whalley	Justham

## PLAYER SIGNING

**MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2-3PM**  
**AT THE LUTON TOWN CLUB SHOP**  
**AT THE MALL ARNDALE**

**SKIPPER STEVE McNULTY\***  
**& GOALKEEPER MARK TYLER\***

**WILL BE AT THE STORE SIGNING CLUB MERCHANDISE**



\*Players subject to change



# HOLD THE Back Page

WITH DIVERSEFM'S SIMON PITTS

Well I guess I could have ignored the significance of today's date, but given that you're reading this the chances are you're fully aware of what it's like to have a love affair with a football club!



My relationship with Luton Town started in the early 1980s, and my first "date" was on 18th December 1983. A trip to Kenilworth Road and a very successful 90 minutes it was too, with the record books (Luton Town: The Full Record is available in the club shops!) showing a 2-0 victory over West Bromwich Albion.

For many years it was a long distance relationship, so in the early stages there weren't as many meetings as I would have liked. Over 30 years in and I'm now approaching 900 dates, sorry, matches, and it's certainly been a rollercoaster of a relationship with the ups and downs that life brings you.

The highlights and lowlights of this period in the club's history have been well documented so I won't repeat those again now. Suffice to say that in the toughest of times there's always someone, or in this case, a very large "family", that help you through the darkest of days, and it's those people, better known as fans, who we all now enjoy the good times with once again.

Our relationship expert, also known as the manager John Still, quite rightly receives huge credit for bringing us all closer together again, and his words "The stronger the team the stronger the team" ring so true when you see how attendances at Kenilworth Road have grown over recent years as the good times return to Bedfordshire.

Whilst not every attendee at today's game will be popular with the other loved one in their life, let's take a moment to think about those who wish they had

the opportunity to be supporting at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Those fans may be relying on social media updates, texts from fellow fans, or indeed will be tuned in to the Luton Town Show via the exclusive online Hatters Player service and on Diverse 102.8FM. I've always said that having the opportunity to bring the enjoyment

of being at a match, to those who can't attend, is an honour and a privilege. Those 90-plus minutes that we all share together can bring us almost every feeling going, happiness, anger, agony, passion, concern, despair, delight, surprise, nerves, confidence and so the list goes on.

Tuesday's game against York covered most of those emotions, and more, and all in just over 45 minutes. At the final whistle it was certainly mixed emotions as the expectation had been that three points should be achieved, the reality kicked in when York went 2-0 up, and then there was some surprise and anger at the red cards. The agony and despair at being 2-0 down turned into delight and hope at 2-2 as the passion of the 7,500 Luton crowd grew with hope that we'd be celebrating after all.

As it turned out it ended 2-2 and you probably left the ground either with the glass half-full, thinking that a point was good after being 2-0 down, or the glass half-empty, feeling that it was two points dropped.

Overall the proverbial glass should be fairly full for most Town fans now as the Hatters look to end the season strongly with key players returning, and a position in the League that puts us in with a realistic chance of promotion once again.

This is certainly going to be a very interesting season climax; there is more money to spend, many more miles to travel, and a wide range of emotions and feelings still to experience though as we all continue with this particular love affair...



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## LUTON TOWN

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Mark Tyler            | 20 Shaun Whalley    |
| 2 Fraser Franks         | 21 Luke Guttridge   |
| 3 Danny Fitzsimons      | 22 Michael Harriman |
| 4 Jonathan Smith        | 23 Matthew Robinson |
| 5 Stephen McNulty       | 24 Curtley Williams |
| 6 Alex Lacey            | 25 Jayden Stockley  |
| 7 Alex Lawless          | 26 Nathan Doyle     |
| 8 Andy Drury            | 27 Ryan Hall        |
| 9 Paul Benson           | 28 Jim Stevenson    |
| 10 Alex Wall            | 29 Paul Connolly    |
| 11 Jake Howells         | 30 Luke Wilkinson   |
| 12 Scott Griffiths      | 31 Nathan Oduwa     |
| 13 Mark Cullen          | 32 Brett Longden    |
| 14 Andy Parry           | 33 Mark Onyemah     |
| 15 Luke Rooney          | 34 Zane Banton      |
| 16 Elliot Justham       | 35 Charlie Walker   |
| 17 Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu | 36 Charlie Smith    |
| 18 Ross Lafayette       | 37 Kynan Isaac      |
| 19 Ricky Miller         | 39 Ian Rees         |



## CARLISLE UNITED

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Mark Gillespie          | 17 Mark Beck        |
| 2 Danny Grainger          | 18 Patrick Brough   |
| 3 Matt Robson             | 19 David Symington  |
| 5 Nathan Buddle           | 20 Dan Hanford      |
| 6 Troy Archibald-Henville | 21 Steven Rigg      |
| 7 David Amoo              | 22 Kyle Dempsey     |
| 8 Antony Sweeney          | 23 Sean O'Hanlon    |
| 9 Billy Paynter           | 25 Derek Asamoah    |
| 10 Gary Dicker            | 26 Charlie Wyke     |
| 11 Danny Kearns           | 27 Stephen Elliott  |
| 12 Paul Thirlwell         | 28 Connor Hammell   |
| 14 Josh Gillies           | 31 Matt Young       |
| 15 Courtney Meppen-Walter | 33 Danny Eccles     |
| 16 Brad Potts             | 34 Anthony Griffith |

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Jake Hillier



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