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# Welcome TO KENILWORTH ROAD



**“**Welcome back to Kenilworth Road – it certainly seems a while since we were last here on Valentine's Day for the victory over Carlisle.

At half-time that afternoon we were delighted to unveil the return of Cameron McGeehan and the midfielder is the subject of our big interview, in which he discusses why he has so much affection for Luton Town (here's a clue: it's because of you!)

As well as catching up with Cameron, we also talk to another loan signing in Elliot Lee – the striker who opened his account for the Hatters with his first touch in last weekend's defeat at AFC Wimbledon.

We have all the action from that last-gasp defeat and plenty more besides, including our usual trip down memory lane with club historian Roger Wash.

Plus, if that wasn't enough, we have the latest from our community and youth departments. There's plenty more inside Talk of the Town to keep you occupied – and it'll be the same next week when Morecambe come to Kenilworth Road. Enjoy the game! #COYH **”**

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# JOHN STILL

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's encounter against Accrington Stanley in Sky Bet League 2.

I would like to welcome John Coleman and Jimmy Bell, our visitors' management team, to Bedfordshire today. They are good friends of mine, very talented and extremely hard-working and it is great to see them doing such a good job at the Crown Ground.

Accrington visit us on the back of a good 1-0 win over league leaders Burton on Tuesday, which shows the quality within their team. I know I say it every week, but we are expecting nothing less than another tough game. We know that we will have to produce good form this afternoon if we're to find a favourable result.

## Frustrating

It was hugely frustrating to have lost the last two games away from home, both narrowly, in the manner that we did. It's disappointing, but football being football we all know these are things that can happen. The matches with Mansfield and AFC Wimbledon were both games I felt we should have got something from but it wasn't to be and we move on looking for a positive performance and outcome today.

We have been forced into making a number of changes in recent weeks, and in fairness, that has been the story of our season with suspension and, in particular, injury which has meant there has been a disruption in terms of consistent selection.

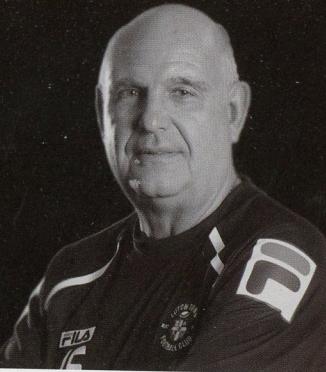
With so many changes recently, especially in defence, it has been difficult for us and it has made us not as good as we know we can be. If there's a positive to all of this it is the fact that once we have a number of players returning we will have a strong and experienced squad.

A number of senior players recovering from injury and needing game-time came through Tuesday's development squad game which saw us beat Leyton Orient 3-2. It was good to see that the people coming back are not too far away from a return to first team football.

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LEAGUE IN OUR FIRST  
FULL SEASON IN  
CHARGE AND NOW FIND  
OURSELVES FOURTH IN  
LEAGUE 2 IS TESTIMONY  
TO THOSE INVOLVED.  
THAT'S PLAYERS AND  
STAFF, BOTH PAST AND  
PRESENT, DIRECTORS  
WHO HAVE SUPPORTED  
ME AND, OF COURSE,  
YOU THE SUPPORTERS.

After today's game with Accrington we face a trip to Bury on Tuesday before returning to Kenilworth Road next Saturday for a game with Morecambe.

It's a busy schedule but something I am confident the squad can cope with at what is going to be an important last two months of the season.



## STILL POSITIVE

Thursday marked two years since myself and Terry Harris came to Luton Town. And what a two years it has been. It's been absolutely unbelievable.

I remember the first game away to Braintree and watching the defeat and thinking to myself 'what have I let myself in for?'

## Progress

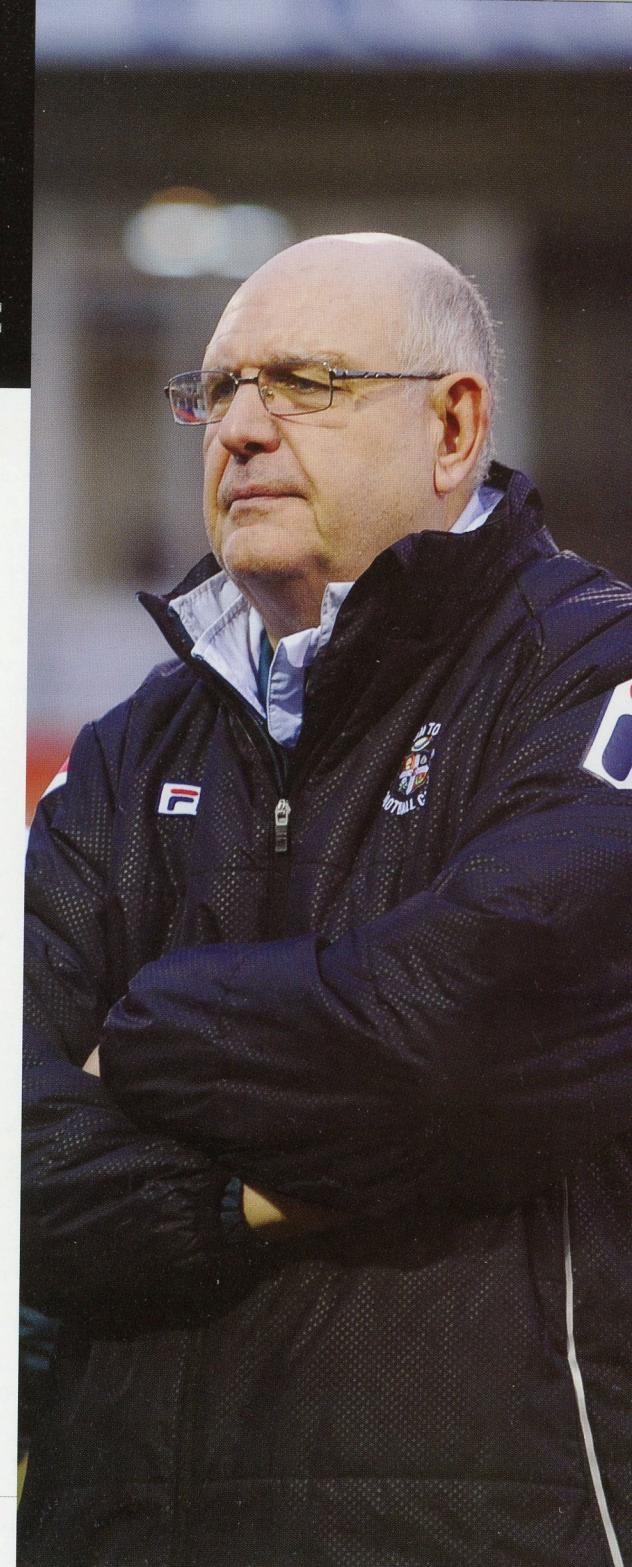
Looking back, though, it just goes to show the progress we have made in that time. To have won the league in our first full season in charge and now find ourselves fourth in League 2 is testimony to those involved. That's players and staff, both past and present, directors who have supported me and, of course, you the supporters.

Your backing home and away has been truly magnificent. You've been there to celebrate the highs and been there to get behind us through the disappointments. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the last two years.

Let's look forward to the next two years and see where we are then. I'd like to think we will have made even further strides by then.

But back to today's game. Like always, we need your support 100 per cent for 90 minutes. Your support has been tremendous and it has been worth many, many points over the course of the past two seasons. If that level of backing continues as it has been it can help push us towards a place in the top three.

Enjoy the game.



# BOARDROOM

## WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE GARY SWEET



After two successive, and ultimately disappointing, cold fixtures on the road, I would like to wish all supporters a warm welcome back to our Kenilworth Road home this afternoon.

My greetings are extended to our visitors Accrington Stanley; their directors, management, players and supporters, who have made the 400-mile round-trip from Lancashire today. Stanley arrive here in good spirits having toppled league leaders Burton Albion on Tuesday evening, further enhancing League 2's reputation of being one of, if not the, most competitive divisions of the Football League.

However, with five years of Conference football under our belts, this is hardly something that is new to us and the pressure of a tough competition is what we've thrived on in recent times – and now is no different.

Even though the last kick of the game loss at Wimbledon may have been hard to take, there were plenty of positives, none more so than the goal-scoring debut of striker Elliot Lee and a 'second debut' for a certain Cameron McGeehan – welcome both! Add to that the performance of Luke Guttridge, pulling the strings in midfield, plus the accomplished debut of Elliot Justham on his Football League debut, and there was much to be encouraged about despite the result.

With Cameron and Elliot's arrivals, the return to fitness of a host of previously unavailable senior players, Alex Lawless and Paul Benson in particular - and the impending returns from suspension of our two defensive rocks in Stephen McNulty and Luke Wilkinson - we should have every reason to be upbeat.

So we enter this final straight with a squad complete and ready and, to a man, we're thoroughly looking forward to the run-in and feeling confident about our destination for next season.

Two promotions in two seasons would truly be a wondrous feat. But if it doesn't happen this season we'll stand an even better chance next as we, as a club, develop and progress on and off the pitch.

Earlier in February we announced that Earlybird season tickets would be going on sale on the 2nd March – this coming Monday – at a fixed League 2 price, regardless of the outcome of this season.

Hopefully by now you will have read the Q & A we distributed via our website, but I wanted to touch on a few key points in these notes today. As you can imagine, a lot of thought goes in to our pricing strategy for tickets and this season it was our aim to fine-tune the ticketing structure to bring even more fairness to it. Inevitably, in doing so, this has meant that prices for some groups of supporters have increased very slightly whilst, in some cases, a couple of prices have decreased.

We're excited to announce that next season we will be offering a limited number of adult season tickets in the Oak Road for just £250 which reflects the lack of some facilities and comfort at that end of the stadium – our cheapest season ticket by far and for a considerable number of years.

We have also made some changes to further discourage misuse of some ticket types, or 'tactical purchasing', which should make things fairer on the vast majority of fans who gladly pay the appropriate amount.

Other highlights include the introduction of a buy-back scheme offering any season ticket holder the opportunity to release their reserved seat for resale if they're unable to attend certain games in return for a discount against their 2016/17 season ticket.

We have also introduced new benefits for the popular Diamond upgrade which I'm sure you'll find an improvement too. Earlybird tickets will be on sale until 23rd March, so I would encourage you all to make the most of the discount while it's there. For the majority of you, prices are frozen at the same price as last year during this period, so please don't miss out.

Whilst not a direct season ticket issue, I'd just like to write a brief word on the introduction of match categorisation for next season. Put simply, having the ability to categorise matches enables us to maximise income for busy games and maximise our attendance for less busy games and is being introduced softly at this time so we can fully understand first-hand the tactical flexibility it provides us prior to our relocation. Indirectly, for season ticket holders, it makes little difference and could, potentially, make buying a season ticket even more beneficial.

It has been incredibly heartening to see that your levels of support have attracted interest and respect from the football community at large. As I write, the ticket office has only a few remaining of the 2,600 tickets available for our match away to Portsmouth in a fortnight's time, while tickets for our remaining home fixtures continue to sell well with many close to selling out.

Likewise, our corporate and hospitality areas become ever more popular. Many games have already completely sold out such as our final home game against Stevenage.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unwavering support.

Please don't miss out on what could be an exhilarating couple of months of football - book your tickets early!

I would also like to thank you for an unprecedentedly impressive response to our recent travel survey sent out via email asking you how you travel to Kenilworth Road. A whopping 41 per cent of recipients responded providing an excellent (and interesting) set of results with the raw data now being analysed by our specialist consultants.

Over the next game or two you may also notice some representatives carrying out personal, more detailed data collection from some of you as we continue to gain a much better understanding of the intricacies of our supporters' travel patterns. Forecasting future travel patterns is a specialist art and forms one of the most important components of any possible planning application.

### Location

A major consideration for both the planning officers and us at the Club, for the selection of a site for our new home, will be your method of travel to and from the ground. It won't come as any surprise to read that, whichever location we move to, the more supporters travelling by public transport the bigger the capacity of the stadium could be, and rightly so.

As a Board, we are committed to sustainable travel. Not only for the good of the environment but also having shared with you the ghastly and lengthy experience of trying to leave an away ground from one of the many ill-conceived car parks in and around the various newly built stadia upon our away travels. This isn't an experience we wish to bestow upon visitors to our new facility - whether Luton supporters or our visitors.

It is intended that our transportation consultants, together with the expert advice of the Council, will design a set of convenient and appropriate recommendations for all visitors on matchdays for efficient travel once we have eventually settled on a site. However, for now, the detailed and comprehensive traffic assessment for a short-list of sites is well underway, the results of which will ultimately define which of our nominated sites would be the most efficient and suitable.

Meanwhile, we continue to assess the design, phasing and viability of all key sites whilst our specialist surveyors carry out considerable technical due diligence on all sites still in consideration. It may be a lengthy process and one which we shall treat seriously as we leave no stone unturned (no pun intended) but our progress moves swiftly on.

With many supporters having lived through previous attempts at relocation and witnessing protracted planning issues at other clubs, a lot of you will recognise the complex and lengthy nature of these processes; however, we genuinely appreciate your patience, understanding and the trust you have held in us in allowing us to get on with the job. Thank you.

Enjoy the match today! Let's get back to winning ways with your positive encouragement helping us do so!

COYH!

Gary



## 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

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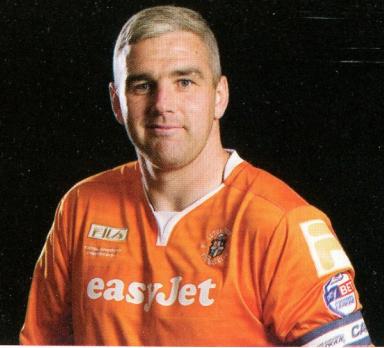
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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING

FROM THE DRESSING ROOM WITH STEPHEN McNULTY



In my last notes I told you I was hopeful of getting my four-match suspension over-turned by the authorities, but to my frustration, it was rejected.

Myself, the gaffer and a number of the lads thought the red card was harsh and that's why we decided to appeal against it. In my mind it certainly shouldn't have been a sending-off but it is a decision you have to live with. There's not a lot you can do but take it on the chin. I could say a lot more but I think I should bite my tongue – I don't want to miss any more matches.

I am the worst person when it comes to watching games when I am unavailable for selection. I saw bits of the Carlisle game, but ended up seeing it on the televisions in one of our sponsors' lounges. My mood was lifted, slightly, by the result and performance. A clean sheet and victory was welcome after the disappointment of drawing against York earlier that week and from the bits of the match I saw I think I flattened Carlisle.

### Frustration

We have lost the last two matches, though, disappointing at Mansfield in a pretty drab affair before then cruelly being beaten with the last kick of the game at Wimbledon last Saturday. When the team loses it is not just the people involved that feel the frustration, it is everybody. From my point of view I can try and help by being around the dressing room before the game, at half-time and afterwards, but it is very hard to swallow when you're sitting in the stands wanting to affect what is going on out on the pitch.

Thankfully, hopefully, today will be the last game I will have to sit out. Luckily, the games have fallen quite quickly so fingers crossed I will be able to make a return

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for what promises to be tough challenge at Bury on Tuesday night.

Before that we welcome Accrington Stanley here today. I know their manager and some of their lads very well and you only have to take a look at their last result to realise the test we face this afternoon. They arrive here unbeaten in four games in which they have beaten the league leaders and won away at Southend United. As we've said many times before, you really have to be on your mettle in this league. If you do not prepare or take any opposition for granted you will be punished. I can assure you those 11 players sent out there to represent us this afternoon will be ready.

### Encouraging

As the season enters the last two important months of the campaign it is encouraging to see so many players returning to fitness. Our development squad beat Orient on Tuesday and to see the likes of Alex Lawless and Paul Benson play 90 minutes is very heartening indeed. The squad that played in that game was very, very strong and competition for places will soon be extremely fierce. We are blessed with a very talented squad and senior pros like Laws and Benno are only going to help our younger lads push on even more.

All in all I think we're at very promising and exciting point in the season. Our aim is to win promotion and we will be doing all we can to ensure this goal is achieved. We have the right management, a fantastic squad and an unbelievable set of supporters. As the manager has said before, together we all play an important role in the success of this football club, so please get behind us once more this afternoon.

# GUESS WHO'S BACK?

Since we were last at Kenilworth Road there has been plenty of movement in the first team ranks.

At half-time in our game against Carlisle we were delighted to announce the arrival of Cameron McGeehan on a loan deal until the end of the season from Championship high-fliers Norwich City.

McGeehan, 19, was recently on-loan at Cambridge and played here against us in our 3-2 win last month. He also played twice against Manchester United in the FA Cup for the U's, and scored three times in Cambridge colours.

Last season the young midfielder became an important part of the Conference-winning side, scoring three times in 18 appearances.

## SIGNING NEXT SATURDAY

Hatters legends John Moore and Marvin Johnson and Town boss John Still will be attending the Club Shop in Kenilworth Road before next Saturday's home game with Morecambe to sign copies of the new book by Roger Wash and Simon Pitts – 'Luton Town: The Full Record'.

The trio will be on hand to sign copies of the 300-page book, which contains rare photographs and comprehensive statistics on all things Luton Town, between 1pm and 2pm.

## OVER FROM OZ

A big welcome back to Kenilworth Road today to Australian-based Hatters fan Mike Jenkins who is making his first visit here since a 0-0 draw with

Swindon in September 1970!

Mike will be sitting in the Oak Road end this afternoon with his friend Alan Adair. We hope your stay with us is more exciting than your last, Mike!



You can read more from Cameron by turning to pages 46 and 47.

John Still completed another loan signing last week, capturing West Ham United striker Elliot Lee for a month.

The 20-year-old forward, who has twice played for the Hammers' first team, scored with his first touch in last weekend's 3-2 defeat at AFC Wimbledon.

He has scored five goals in 10 games for the Iron's development team this season and has previously spent time out on loan at Colchester.

Meanwhile, striker Charlie Walker has joined Conference South side Boreham Wood on loan for the rest of the season. The former Peacehaven striker, together with fellow Town loanee Lee Angol, scored in Wood's 4-1 victory over Weston-super-Mare last weekend.

## STATESIDE CALLING!



Hatters fan Mike Page made the trip over from Connecticut, USA, with his son Harry for our last home match with Carlisle.

It was a special day for the pair as it was Harry's first Luton match and Mike's father John first time at Kenilworth Road in over 50 years. "A Town win was the icing on the cake," said Mike.

## Thank you!

A big thank you to those supporters who kindly donated in the Peace Hospice's bucket collection at our last home match with Carlisle United.

A grand total of £1,147 was raised for the hospice – for more information about the work they do visit [www.peacehospice.co.uk](http://www.peacehospice.co.uk).

## SPECS IS BACK NEXT WEEK

Specs Comedy returns in next weeks with another top-notch line-up.

On Friday 6th March we welcome to the Eric Morecambe Lounge...

### PAUL SINHA

Well known as the 'Chaser' on ITV's The Chase, Paul was born in Luton and Specs Comedy is super excited to welcome him in March.

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Make a night of it with a meal from our new menu, arrive before 7pm and get a curry and drink for just £8. You can also enjoy a jug of beer with your family and friends for just £12.

**Last month's show was a cracker - here's what you missed:**

At Specs it's not unusual for Luton to take a bit of a roasting from comedians and February was no exception. We picked up right where we left off in January with another barnstorming show.

The compere Howard Read kicked off the show with positive energy and it proved a big hit with the audience setting up for another cracking night of laughs.

Next up was Andrew Maxwell who had the audience in stitches with his observational style as he highlighted the difficulties of adjusting to middle-class north London as an Irishman.

After the interval came Yorkshire's Scott Bennett with his slick fashion sense. Bennett was met with ecstatic cheers from the crowd when he removed Luton from the firing line and spoke about his hometown in Yorkshire.

The headline act Bob Mills was then welcomed to the stage, his second appearance at Specs. Bob is probably best known for his TV work on Channel 4.

Bob had the crowd rocking during his set which left them on the edge of their seats at the end.

Finally compere Howard Read wrapped up another stellar night at Specs.

## LAST CHANCE FOR DIAMOND VOTES!

Voting is still open for diamond season ticket holders' player of the month for February.

The voting closes on Monday for this month's prize and all you need to do is email your chosen player together with your diamond details to [diamond@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:diamond@lutontown.co.uk).

In January midfielder Andy Drury won the honour, edging out Luke Wilkinson and Jonathan Smith with 38 per cent of the vote.

It was the second time the midfielder won the award, and at today's game he will receive the trophy from diamond season ticket holder Harp Arora, who will be treated to a hospitality package as a result of picking the winning player.

Remember this is one of the benefits of being a diamond season ticket holder – to find out more about diamond season tickets please contact our ticket office either in person in Kenilworth Road, by calling 01582 416976 or emailing [ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk).

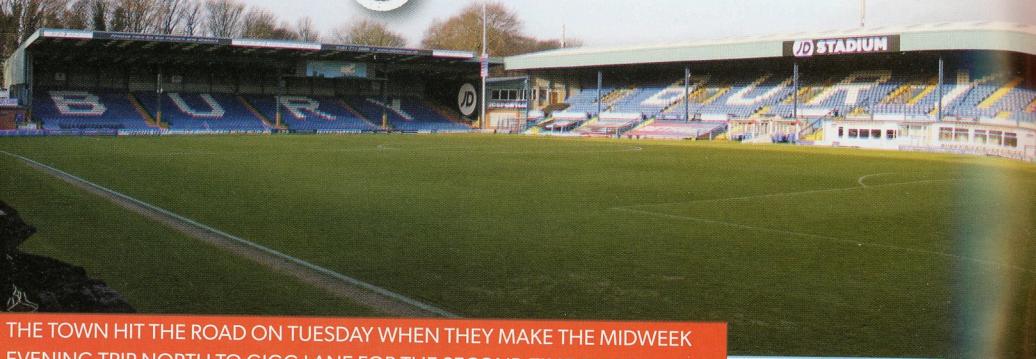
## WELCOME WIXAMS!

We'd like to wish a warm welcome to seven players from Wixam Wanderers Hatters under-6s to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.



Reece, Finn, Kyle, James, Tyler, Nathaniel and Jack are present here for today's game with Accrington, together with manager Elliott, assistant Michael and coach Nick. We hope you have a great afternoon with us!

# let's go



THE TOWN HIT THE ROAD ON TUESDAY WHEN THEY MAKE THE MIDWEEK EVENING TRIP NORTH TO GIGG LANE FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS SEASON

## BURY



**WHO?** Bury, aka the Shakers, from Gigg Lane, are the Town's opponents on Tuesday. Dave Flitcroft's side drew 1-1 at Kenilworth Road this season and currently lie in seventh place in League 2. The two sides met as recently as December, however, with the Hatters progressing after a replay in the second round of the FA Cup.

**HOW THEY DOING?** Flitcroft's side were the bookies' favourites to win the League 2 title but the Shakers' promotion push has been an inconsistent one. Bury were in among the top three in the first three months of the season but a poor run of form leading up to Christmas derailed their prospects and the Shakers fell out of the top seven. In recent weeks, however, their form has improved and this afternoon they travel to Plymouth aiming to protect a four-match unbeaten run and extend a winning run to three matches. Last week they won 1-0 against Hartlepool, seven days after recording a 2-1 win at struggling Cheltenham.

**WHERE?** The Town make their first Football League trip to Gigg Lane in six years. The Hatters faithful have a 360-mile round-trip to get there and back. It is pay on the night for Hatters fans and details can be found on the page opposite. It's seating only behind the goal in the Ratio Law Stand, which holds 2,000. The Shakers have a decent home record, too, winning 10 of their 16 matches. Only Shrewsbury and Northampton have scored more goals at home than Bury's 26.

**HOW TO GET THERE.** Take the M1, M6 and M66, and leave the M66 at Junction 3. Take the left hand exit at the junction and follow this road until you come to the junction with the A56 Manchester Road. At this T-junction which has traffic lights, turn right towards Bury. At the end of the playing fields just before the traffic lights and a couple of pubs, turn right into Gigg Lane for the ground. Please note that Gigg Lane itself is normally closed on matchdays. The postcode for Gigg Lane is BL9 8HR. If you want to go on the Bobbers, they depart from Luton train station at 2pm. Their fare is £29 for adults and £26 for concessions. To book a place call 01234 856542.

**HAVE WE BEEN BEFORE?** The Hatters won on their last Football League visit to Gigg Lane in the minus-30 season, winning 2-1 courtesy of goals from Ian Roper and Tom Craddock. Overall the Town have won seven of their 21 visits to the Lancashire venue. The Town were denied an eighth victory at Gigg Lane by a last-minute equaliser by Daniel Nardiello in December's FA Cup meeting. The Town did, however, get past the Shakers in the replay thanks to Luke Rooney's winner.

**TOWN CONNECTIONS.** Plenty of players have represented both the Hatters and the Shakers down the years. Current Town keeper Mark Tyler spent a spell on loan with Bury back in 2009 and was part of a Shakers side that beat the Town here at Kenilworth Road. Cult hero defender Efe Sodje, goalkeeper Dean Kiely and Steve Elliott have all played for both clubs in the past. Sodje was still turning out for Bury in his late 30s.

# tickets please



**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 adults and one junior under 16 at £15 and one adult and two juniors under 16 at £20.



**LUTON TOWN v MORECAMBE**  
SKY BET LEAGUE 2

**SATURDAY 7th MARCH 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.



**PORTSMOUTH v LUTON TOWN**  
SKY BET LEAGUE 2

**SATURDAY 14th MARCH 2015, KICK-OFF 3PM**

This is an all ticket match for Luton Town supporters. We have received an initial allocation of 2,440 seats. **Selling arrangements:** Tickets are now on sale to diamond and season ticket holders at two per person until close of business today. Then, from 6pm tonight, all remaining tickets will go on general sale online only. From Monday 2nd March will be available over the phone and in person from 10pm. Away season ticket holders will automatically be sent their tickets unless advised they are not required before Tuesday 17th February.

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**NEWPORT COUNTY AFC v LUTON TOWN**  
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**TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2015, KICK-OFF 7.45PM**

We have been given an initial allocation of 712 tickets for this fixture. Tickets are available from the Luton Town ticket office or on the night at Rodney Parade. However, admission on the night is £2 extra. We have been allocated 369 seats in the Bisley Stand, which are covered seats alongside the pitch and 331 seats in the Syther Stand which are uncovered seats behind the goal. 12 Wheelchair tickets are also available in this stand. More tickets in the Syther Stand will be available should

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Andy is sponsoring today's match ball as part of his 40th birthday celebrations. A proud Hatter he is joined by his parents, sister and brother in law. Also in attendance are his regular matchday companions Colin Redmond, Mark Jordan, Roy

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Ashton McKenzie. Age 9. Favourite player Mark Cullen

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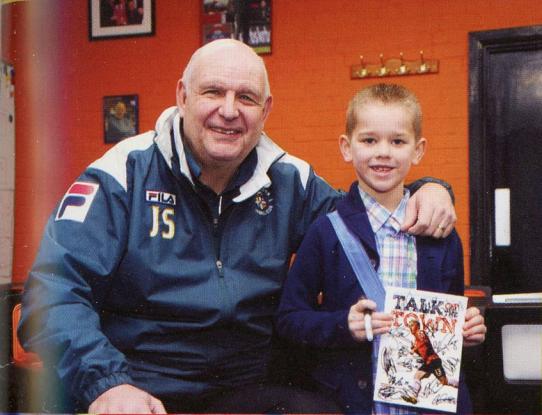
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# welcome



## ACCRINGTON STANLEY



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everybody associated with Accrington Stanley to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Stanley arrive here on Bedfordshire soil buoyed by an excellent 1-0 win over current league leaders Burton Albion on Tuesday which maintained their good form of late. The Reds have won three and drawn one of their last four games to leave them sitting in 15th in the table and nine points off the Play-Offs.

Today's visitors' resurgence up the table is a far cry from their early season form which saw them languishing towards the foot of the table – indeed it wasn't until the seventh attempt that they recorded a win in League 2 when beating Tranmere 3-2 at the Crown Ground.

Stanley's upturn in fortunes has been down to the arrival of former boss John Coleman, who replaced James Beattie who parted company with the club in mid-September. His first game in charge this term was a 5-4 victory away to Northampton. Stanley have won 11, lost 10 and drawn three in League 2 this season under Coleman. That form has hoisted the Reds well away from relegation trouble and one of the bookies' favourites for the drop are now 12 points clear of the dropzone.

In recent weeks the Reds' form has seen them pick up some excellent results. As well as Tuesday's win over Burton, Coleman's side won impressively at a previously 10-game unbeaten Southend. Their current four-match unbeaten streak has come after a run of five straight defeats which included a 5-1 home defeat to Northampton.

Coleman has already etched his name into the Stanley history books by guiding the club back to the Football League after winning the Conference title back in 2005/06. It was the third promotion he brought to the Crown Ground having won the Northern Premier and Northern Division One titles in 2003 and 2000 respectively. He took charge of the Reds in 1999 and oversaw almost 600 games in charge before he left to take up the reins at Rochdale in 2012.

Since their elevation to the Football League, Stanley have more than held their own among the so-called bigger boys in League 2. This campaign is the Reds' ninth back in the Football League, with their highest finish of fifth coming in 2010/11 when they reached the League 2 Play-Offs. Of course this incarnation of Stanley is the second in history, with the original Accrington side folding in 1966 before reforming in 1968. Their highest position in the league ladder came in 1955 and 1958 when they finished runners-up in Division Three (North). Only the top side were promoted so Stanley stayed down on both occasions.

After the club reformed it rose steadily through the divisions having started off life in the Lancashire Combination. After climbing through the Cheshire County League and North West Counties Leagues, through the 70s and 80s it wasn't until Coleman's arrival that Stanley made headway towards a place back into the Football League. The Reds finished 11 points clear of Hereford in 2005 to win promotion. The following season a certain John Still won promotion with Dagenham & Redbridge so the two bosses are sure to be well acquainted with one another this afternoon.

# in opposition

## OUR AT-A-GLANCE GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM THE CROWN GROUND

### ► MANAGER

**JOHN COLEMAN.** Now in his second spell as Stanley boss having returned in September 2014. His first spell saw him become the club's most successful and longest serving manager, during which time he guided Stanley to Football League.

### ► GOALKEEPERS

**MATT MACEY.** Young goalkeeper on-loan from Arsenal. Began his career at Bristol Rovers before being snapped up by the Gunners. Was an unused substitute in the Premier League last season.

**SCOTT DAVIES.** Experienced stopper signed on loan for the rest of the season from Fleetwood last month. Came through the Cod Army academy, playing over 200 games, and has won the Conference title.

### ► DEFENDERS



**ADAM BUXTON.** Versatile full-back who initially joined on-loan from Chesterfield last season but signed permanently this summer. Capable of playing on either flank and began his career at Wigan.

**MICHAEL LIDDLE.** Former Republic of Ireland Under-21 international who signed for Stanley in the summer of 2012. Started his career at Sunderland before loan spells with Carlisle and Orient.

**DEAN WINNARD.** Former Blackburn youth team captain who signed following his release from Ewood Park in 2009. The defender is capable of playing across the back-line and has made over 200 appearances.

**NICKY HUNT.** Hugely experienced and versatile defender who played in the Premier League for Bolton, who he made over 150 appearances for. Also enjoyed spells at Birmingham and Derby.

**ROB ATKINSON.** Popular centre-half who penned a two-year deal at the start of last season having previously been on the books at Fleetwood, Barnsley, Rochdale and Grimsby.

**SEAMUS CONNEELY.** Former Republic of Ireland under-21 international who joined the Reds last month after leaving Sligo Rovers. Comfortable in defence or in central midfield.

### ► MIDFIELDERS

**LUKE JOYCE.** Long-serving club captain who has made over 200 appearances for Stanley. The central midfielder joined on a free transfer in 2009 following spells at Wigan, Carlisle, Barrow and Northwich.

**JOSH WINDASS.** Former Huddersfield youngster who signed for Stanley in the summer of 2013 after impressing on trial. Previously on the books at Harrogate Railway.

**KAL NAISMITH.** Scottish winger or forward who came to Accrington in the 2013 pre-season. Impressed enough to earn himself a two-year deal following his release from Glasgow Rangers.

**PIERO MINGOIA.** Diminutive former Watford midfielder who joined Stanley permanently following a successful loan spell. Penned a new one-year contract this summer.

**ANTHONY BARRY.** Experienced midfielder currently on loan from Forest Green and now in his second spell at Stanley. Originally joined the Reds as a youngster before going on to play for Yeovil and Fleetwood.

**ANDY PROCTER.** Another midfielder in his second stint with the Reds. Signed first time in 2002 before moving to Preston in 2012. Re-signed in September following his release from Bury.

### ► STRIKERS



**SHAY McCARTAN.** Young Northern Irish forward who joined the Reds in summer 2013 on a two-year deal from Burnley. A prolific scorer at youth level at Turf Moor he has previously been on-loan at Hyde.

**JAMES GRAY.** Talented striker who signed for Stanley in 2012 following spells with Darlington and Kettering. He is the son of former Town striker Phil.

**TERRY GORNELL.** Frontman now in his second spell with the Reds having joined last month from Cheltenham. Helped Stanley to the 2011 Play-Offs before spells with Shrewsbury and Rochdale.

**MARCUS CARVER.** A product of the Stanley youth set-up, the striker shot to prominence with his goalscoring form for the youth team. Signed a new one-year deal in the summer.

**SEAN MAGUIRE.** Irish forward currently on loan from West Ham. Scored on his Stanley debut in the win at Northampton. Began his career in Ireland with Waterford before moving to Upton Park.

**GEORGE BOWERMAN.** Former Walsall striker who signed for the Reds this summer following his exit from the Bescot. Joined Stanley on trial and impressed enough to be handed a one-year deal.

# A HATTER...

## AND A RED

Harvey McCreadie and current Town man Shaun Whalley are two examples of players who have played for both the Town and Accrington over the years.

After becoming Accrington's youngest ever League player at the age of 15 in 1959, young Scottish centre-forward Harvey began to attract the scouts with the eventual winners being the Hatters who paid £5,500 for his services in January 1960.

Harvey was given only one chance with the Hatters, however, in a 3-2 defeat at Wolves and the Town were relegated from the top flight amid off-the-field problems in which he failed to report for training one such issue.

The final straw came with his arrest following an altercation at the California Ballroom in Dunstable and



Shaun Whalley

manager Sam Bartram quickly offloaded him to Wrexham. He fared little better at the Racecourse and moved swiftly onto Northwich and Mossley before returning to Scotland with Hibs.

Winger Whalley, joined the current guise of Accrington in September 2006 having impressed on the books at Witton Albion. He made his Stanley debut in a 2-1 defeat to Hartlepool and scored his first goal in the Reds' 8-2 defeat at Peterborough in the following season. In total, Shaun made 51

appearances for Stanley and scored five goals before his release at the end of the 2007/08 campaign. He then spent time at Wrexham, Droylsden and Hyde before moving to Southport prior to arriving here at Kenilworth Road at the start of last season.

## HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

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

And the Hatters will be aiming to pick up three points for the first time against Accrington with Stanley winning one of the three previous meetings. The other two have ended all square.

Accrington walked away with all three points on their only previous visit to Kenilworth Road back in October 2008 with both sides in League 2.

The Town were still on minus points having been docked 30 points before a ball had been kicked and Stanley inflicted a painful 2-1 defeat on the Hatters in front of just 5,492 at Kenilworth Road.

Paul Mullin put the visitors in front on 16 minutes but Asa Hall levelled for the Hatters 11 minutes before half-time. However, Stanley won the points when Terry

Gornell – who is now back on their books this term – fired home from six yards.

Later that season the Town made a Tuesday night trip to the Crown Ground for their first visit to the Lancashire venue and 250 loyal Hatters fans witnessed a dour goalless draw in front of a meagre 1,033 – the lowest attendance to watch a Luton Town league fixture (not including the Conference).

This season the Hatters looked certain to lose for a second time against Stanley, when goals from James Gray and captain Luke Joyce had the home side 2-0 in front after just 16 minutes.

But the Town rallied and Luke Rooney's fine solo effort reduced the deficit on 32 minutes and three minutes before half-time Jake Howells' free-kick levelled the score.

Both sides came close to stealing a win late on, with Mark Tyler coming to the Hatters' aid in injury time to deny Gray a second goal with a fantastic save at his near post.

# back to the future

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

### ► 2005/06 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

**ROB ELLIOT:** Goalkeeper who made 23 Conference appearances on loan from Charlton Athletic, then had another loan spell at Accrington in August 2006. He joined Newcastle United in August 2011.

**PHIL EDWARDS:** Defender who was on loan from Wigan Athletic. He joined Accrington on a permanent basis in July 2006, then appeared for Stevenage, John Coleman's Rochdale and now Burton Albion.

**LEAM RICHARDSON:** Left-back who scored twice in 100 League games, then assisted Paul Cook, succeeding him as Accrington's manager in November 2012. He is now assisting Cook at Chesterfield.

**ANTHONY BARRY:** Tenacious midfielder who joined Yeovil Town in January 2006. He has since played for Chester City, Fleetwood Town, Forest Green Rovers and recently on loan back at Accrington.

**ROBBIE WILLIAMS:** Central defender who helped Accrington to consolidate League Two status and netted four goals in 92 League games. Moving to Southport in June 2009, he is now at Warrington.

**MICHAEL WELCH:** Former Republic of Ireland Youth central defender who netted three goals in 31 League games before joining Northwich Victoria in July 2007, then Altrincham and Bamber Bridge.

**DAVID BROWN:** Striker who scored five goals in 32 League games before moving to Barrow in June 2008. He later joined Forest Green Rovers, becoming player-manager, then appeared for Wrexham.

**IAN CRANEY:** England Semi-Pro midfielder who scored 21 goals in 98 League games overall during four spells at Accrington, since playing for Rochdale, AFC Telford, Stockport and Conwy Borough.

**ROMMY BOCO:** Benin international who moved to Sligo Rovers in February 2008. He has since had spells at Burton Albion, Shanghai, Sligo, Accrington again, Plymouth, Chesterfield and now Bharat.

**PAUL MULLIN:** Long-serving striker who set the club appearance record and scored 33 times in 129 League games before joining Morecambe in August 2009. He announced his retirement in April 2011.

**GARY ROBERTS:** England Semi-Pro winger who netted eight goals in 14 League games before moving to Ipswich Town in October 2006, then Huddersfield, Swindon and now Paul Cook's Chesterfield.

### ► 2010/11 LEAGUE TWO PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINALISTS

**ALEX CISAK:** Australia Under-20 goalkeeper who played 21 League games before moving to Oldham Athletic in July 2011. Now with Burnley, he has recently been loaned to York City and Leyton Orient.

**DEAN WINNARD:** Versatile right-back who missed just one match as Accrington qualified for the Play-Offs in 2010/11. He had scored five goals in 198 League games for Stanley by the end of last season.

**JOE JACOBSON:** Former Welsh Under-21 left-back, previously on loan at Accrington, who netted three goals in 32 League outings before joining Shrewsbury Town in July 2011. Now at Wycombe Wanderers.

**SEAN HESSEY:** Central defender who scored against Newcastle United in the League Cup second round. He netted three goals in 58 League games, moving to Barrow in July 2012, then Prestatyn Town.

**PHIL EDWARDS:** Central defender who missed just two matches in 2010/11, scoring 23 goals in 200 League games, moving to Stevenage in July 2011, since playing for Rochdale and now Burton Albion.

**ANDY PROCTER:** Long-serving midfielder who was captain and netted 29 goals in 235 League games before joining Preston in January 2012. Later with Bury, he returned to Accrington in September 2014.

**JIMMY RYAN:** Republic of Ireland Under-21 midfielder who was ever-present in 2010/11. He scored 22 times in 129 League games, moving to Scunthorpe United in July 2011, and he's at Paul Cook's Chesterfield.

**IAN CRANEY:** England Semi-Pro midfielder who scored 21 goals in 98 League games overall during four spells at Accrington, since playing for Rochdale, AFC Telford, Stockport and Conwy Borough.

**TERRY GORNELL:** Striker who was joint leading scorer in 2010/11, netting 17 goals in 51 League games before joining Shrewsbury in July 2011, then Rochdale, Cheltenham and now Accrington again.

**SEAN McCONVILLE:** Forward who was joint top scorer in 2010/11, scoring 14 goals in 76 League outings before joining Stockport County in July 2011, then Barrow, Stalybridge Celtic and Chester.

**LUKE JOYCE:** Midfielder who made a significant contribution as Accrington qualified for the League Two Play-Offs in 2010/11. He had scored five goals in 201 League games by the end of last season.

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# TOWN 1-0 CARLISLE

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Mark Cullen fires the Hatters in front



Jonathan Smith rides a Carlisle tackle

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Town made it 10 games unbeaten in League 2 to move within one point of the automatic promotion places with a hard-fought win over Carlisle in our last match here at Kenilworth Road.

Mark Cullen, the Hatters' two-goal hero against York the previous Tuesday, scored the all-important winner – firing home a left-foot finish from Matthew Robinson's fine pass nine minutes before half-time.

But for the second match running the Town had a man sent-off when defender Luke Wilkinson was shown a straight red card after the hour.

However, the Hatters deservedly held on to record a 10th home win in their last 13 league matches to move into fourth place.

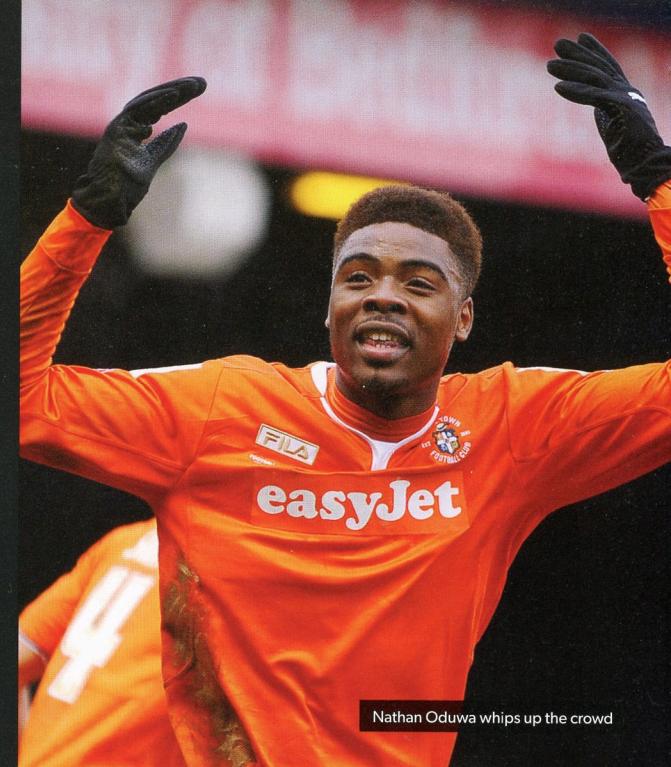
Cullen had earlier gone close to breaking the deadlock before he opened the scoring when latching on to Robinson's defence-splitting pass to fire past goalkeeper Mark Gillespie.

Carlisle had showed little ambition going forward and Mark Tyler was barely tested and the Town continued to press in the second half.

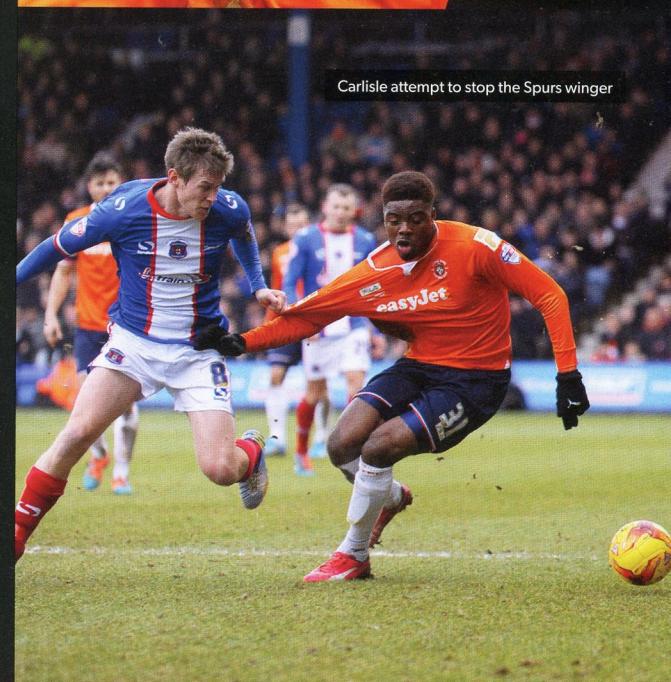
A number of times the Hatters came close to extending their lead with Cullen drawing a sprawling save from Gillespie on the hour.

Ahead, the Town were reduced to 10 men when Wilkinson was given his marching orders when hauling back Antony Sweeney as the visiting midfielder ran through on goal.

John Still introduced Alex Lacey to shore up the Town backline and with the Cumbrians failing to extend Tyler the Hatters held on to record a vital three points.



Nathan Oduwa whips up the crowd



Carlisle attempt to stop the Spurs winger

**TOWN:** Tyler; Franks, Smith, Drury, Griffiths, Cullen (sub Howells 83), Harriman, Robinson (sub Ruddock 76), Stockley, Wilkinson, Oduwa (sub Lacey 67). **SUBS NOT USED:** Justham, Whalley, Guttridge, Hall.

# MANSFIELD 1-0 TOWN

BINGHAM 32



Mark Cullen finds himself surrounded by yellow shirts...



Jonathan Smith goes for goal

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters' 10-match unbeaten run in League 2 came to an end with a disappointing 1-0 defeat at Mansfield.

The Stags' winner came shortly after the half-hour mark when Jack Thomas' pass was slotted home by substitute Rakish Bingham after the Town were caught upfield following an attacking corner.

Jake Howells missed the chance to level for the Hatters on the stroke of half-time only to see his header drop wide at the back post.

John Still introduced Nathan Oduwa and Shaun Whalley for the start of the second half and the Town huffed and puffed in search of an equaliser.

Despite dominating for long spells as the Stags tired, the Town could not find a way through the resolute home defence.

However, Mark Cullen came close to bringing the Hatters level with a wonderful piece of skill but with the goal at his mercy the striker sent his shot wide of the target.

Substitute Luke Guttridge thought he should have won a penalty when sent tumbling in the box in added time but as play continued skipper-for-the-night Jonathan Smith slammed a shot into the side netting at the back post.

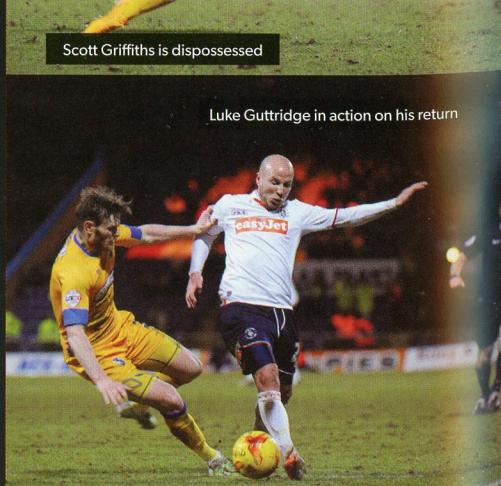
The defeat meant the Town have failed to win in 13 previous League meetings against Mansfield at Field Mill.



Scott Griffiths is dispossessed



Nathan Oduwa takes on two Mansfield defenders



Luke Guttridge in action on his return

**TOWN:** Tyler; Harriman, Griffiths, Franks, Lacey, Smith, Robinson (sub Whalley 46), Howells (sub Oduwa 46), Drury; Cullen, Stockley (sub Guttridge 71). **SUBS NOT USED:** Parry, Lafayette, Hall, Justham.

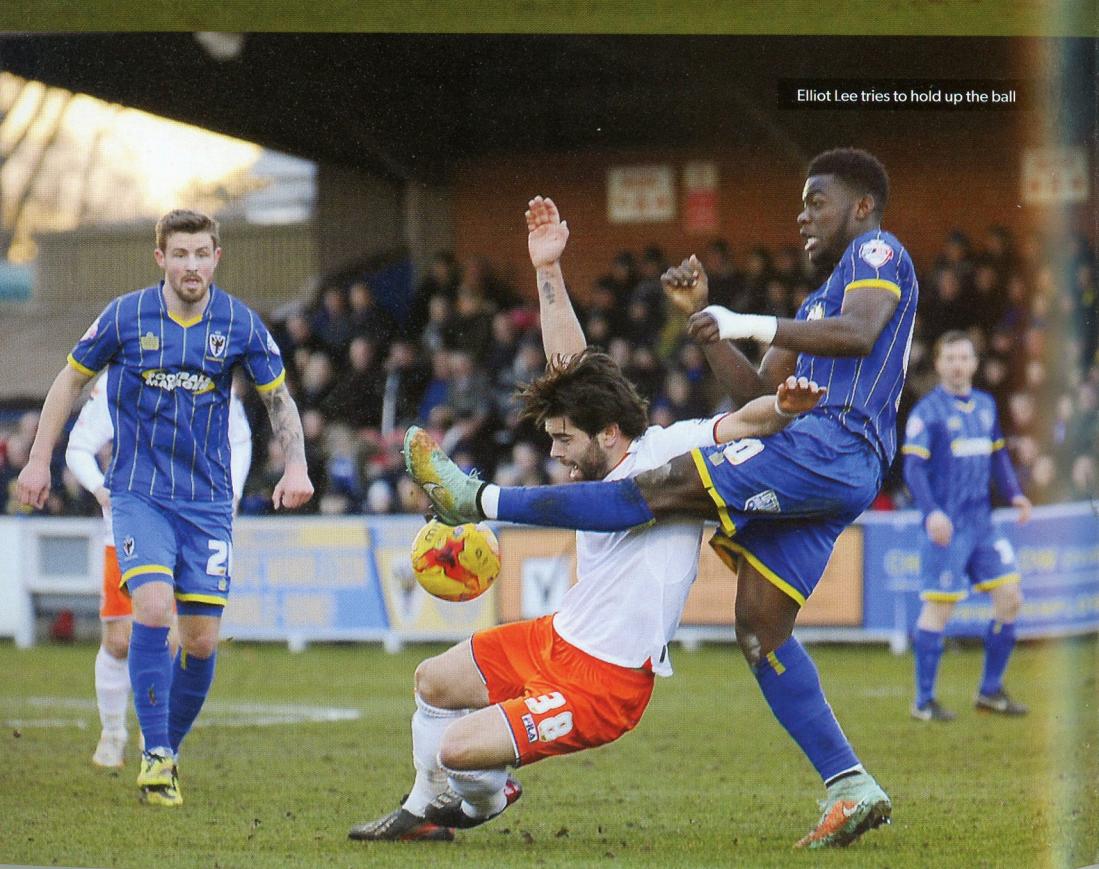
# WIMBLEDON 3-2 TOWN

PORTER 28, BULMAN 42, CONNOLY 90

STOCKLEY 45, LEE 68



All hands to the pump as the Town clear the Dons' danger



Elliot Lee tries to hold up the ball

## WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters fell to an injury time defeat at AFC Wimbledon having earlier fought back from two goals down in a dramatic five-goal thriller at Kingsmeadow.

The Dons deservedly led thanks to goals from Alfie Potter and Dannie Bulman, and could have been further ahead after Elliot Justham and the post denied the home side.

Potter struck after Justham had parried Craig Tanner's shot shortly before the half-hour and three minutes before half-time the Wombles were in control when Bulman fired home a fine shot from the edge of the box.

But Jayden Stockley pulled one back for the Hatters shortly before half-time to reduce the deficit, tapping home after Luke Guttridge's deflected shot came back off the post.

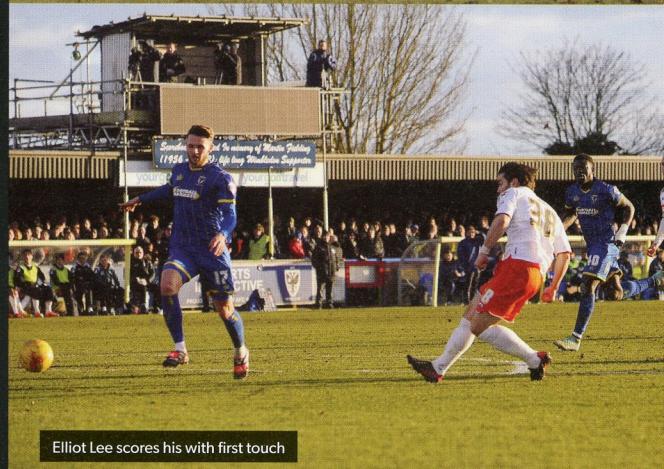
After the break the Town lay siege on the Dons goal and after Stockley and Guttridge went close, Stockley was denied what looked a good penalty shout when sent tumbling in the box under a challenge from Dave Winfield.

However, parity was restored when debutant Elliot Lee, on-loan from West Ham, scored within four minutes of his introduction as a substitute with his first touch to bring the Town level.

But despite looking the more likely side to snatch the points, the hosts had other ideas and Hatters hearts were broken in the final minute of stoppage time when substitute David Connolly stole in following a long kick downfield and round Justham to give Wimbledon all the points at the death.



Luke Guttridge goes for goal



Elliot Lee scores his with first touch



Scott Griffiths is put under pressure

**TOWN:** Justham; Harriman, Griffiths, Lacey, Franks; Smith, McGeehan, Drury (sub Lee 64), Oduwa (Lawless 64), Guttridge; Stockley (sub Wall 86). **SUBS NOT USED:** Gooch, Howells, Parry, Whalley.

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# Travellers' TALES

HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER TELLS HIS STORY  
OF THE TOWN'S GAME AT MANSFIELD

## THE JOURNEY

The latest midweek journey was one of the trickier ones of the season as over 800 Town fans descended on Nottinghamshire for the game at Mansfield. Mansfield isn't a pleasant experience at the best of times, let alone in midweek, so enthusiasm was low in supply as the Bobbers coach set off from Luton station just after 4pm. Traffic on the M1 wasn't great so it took a while to get up to Mansfield but we were all eventually there just before 7pm on what was a fairly chilly and damp evening.

## THE GROUND

Field Mill was a regular ground which we visited in the Conference and nothing has changed. The Town fans were given the whole of the North Stand behind the goal. You get a decent view from that stand and the facilities are all pretty good so we go to much worse grounds.

## THE FOOD

Behind the stand we were sat in was a food kiosk which did an amazingly slow trade. If you managed to last the long queues then the usual array of hot and cold food and drink was on offer and fairly decent prices by football ground standards. On a cold night a steak pie and coffee went down very well!

## THE PROGRAMME

A fairly bulky 76-page programme was the option for this match which cost the usual £3. There was no welcome to the Town from the Mansfield manager which I thought was strange considering he used to play for us but there were four pages on our current squad and a page on former glory sides.

The four to watch for this match were picked out as Mark Tyler, Luke Wilkinson, Andy Drury and Mark Cullen. All in all it was an okay read but not much of interest for an away fan.

## THE MATCH

In fairness this wasn't the greatest game of the season. At times it was a bit drab and dank, a little like the



evening it was played on. On a pitch which cut up quite badly, goals always looked like being few and far between and in the end Mansfield broke from our corner, forced by a good save from a Jonathan Smith shot at the edge of the area, to score the only goal of the game midway through the first half.

In truth the Town had more of a go in the second half with Shaun Whalley and Nathan Oduwa coming off the bench but apart from a wonderful self-created chance by Mark Cullen our efforts went unrewarded in terms of creativity and the game in hand which would have moved us up to third became a fairly damp squib of a defeat.

## MAN-OF-THE-MATCH

Considering he was coming in for the suspended Luke Wilkinson for this match, Alex Lacey was as good as anyone on the park in a Town shirt. One positive from the game was how well we defended and Lacey was at the heart of that so he did his long term prospects no harm in this match.

## SUMMARY

Not the night we wanted but every setback creates the opportunity of a comeback and I'm sure we'll bounce back. We were back in Luton just after midnight which wasn't too bad, all things considered.



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# Travellers' TALES

TOWN FAN KEVIN HARPER WAS ON THE ROAD AGAIN LAST SATURDAY...HERE'S WHAT HE MADE OF OUR TRIP TO AFC WIMBLEDON

## THE JOURNEY

A short trip to London followed the midweek disappointment with everybody hoping we could bounce back straight away. Two Bobbers coaches left Luton station at 11.30 and after avoiding a potential crash on the M25 when someone was in the wrong lane and just stopped without warning, we eventually arrived in Kingston just before 1pm on a fresh but thankfully sunny afternoon.

## THE GROUND

Kingsmeadow remains what it always was – a ground fit for non-league football. Wimbledon have tried hard to get as many people in as possible but they desperately need to move if they stay at this level. Town fans had the Your Golf Travel Stand down one side of the pitch and a block of seats behind the goal. The seats weren't the best place to be for one unfortunate lady as Elliot Lee accidentally (I assume!) hit two shots at her in the warm up sending two cups of coffee flying in the process! That wasn't the way to introduce himself but thankfully he made up for it later!

## THE FOOD

I didn't bother with any food inside the ground as there was a decent chip shop just around the corner which we went to as we had a bit of time to kill. Inside the ground cheeseburgers, bacon rolls and chips were on offer from the kiosk along with the usual confectionary.

## THE PROGRAMME

Another £3 programme was produced for this game. Unlike in midweek both the Chief Executive and Wombles manager welcomed the Town fans, staff and players.

There were four pages about the Town with Andy Drury singled out as the one to watch. The rest of the issue was centred around the work AFC Wimbledon do in their community.

## THE MATCH

This was one of the more entertaining games in recent times.

We started very slowly but without McNulty and Wilkinson through suspension and Doyle and Tyler through injury maybe that was to be expected. Elliot Justham did nothing wrong on his league debut but after the post saved us a couple of times we were soon 2-0 down. To our credit we bounced back and Jayden Stockley pulled one back just before half-time.

We levelled up in the second half when Elliot Lee came on for his debut and scored with his first touch. A lovely finish after being rolled through by Luke Guttridge.

We had an absolute stone wall penalty turned down and then got hit with a sucker punch in injury time when the defence failed to deal with a long ball, allowing Connolly to round Justham and score. That wasn't what our second half performance deserved, but we were resigned to a 3-2 defeat.

## MAN-OF-THE-MATCH

Luke Guttridge ran the show for the Town in this game. It is so good to have the influential midfielder back, and if he stays fit for the remainder of the season he will be the big player we know he is again. He certainly showed us what we've missed here with a couple of assists in a great performance.



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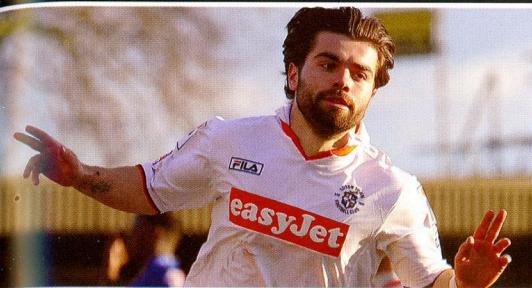
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# reaction

## MIXED DEBUT FOR LATEST LOANEE LEE



New loan signing Elliot Lee had mixed emotions on his debut for the Hatters in last weekend's 3-2 defeat at AFC Wimbledon.

The 20-year-old joined the Town from West Ham just two days before the game at Kingsmeadow and scored with his first touch to bring the Hatters level after they had trailed 2-0 against the Dons.

But David Connolly's injury-time winner broke Hatters hearts to give the home side all three points, much to Lee's frustration.

"It's obviously mixed emotions for me and all the lads," Lee said afterwards. "Coming on and scoring with my first touch for the club is a fantastic feeling for me personally. I'm over the moon with it and I thought I'd nicked us at least a point which I thought we at least deserved."

"That's the way football goes sometimes and to concede in the last second is heartbreaking, all the lads are devastated. The lads know that we weren't up to scratch in the first half and we could count ourselves lucky to go in at half-time at 2-1 with the goal from Jayden. But I thought we thoroughly deserved at least a point from our second half performance. All the lads are gutted and we just want to put it right next week."

Lee relished playing alongside the scorer of the Town's first goal, Jayden Stoeley, and midfielder Luke Guttridge – who had a role in both of the Hatters' goals against the Wombles.

"When the gaffer changed it he put me and Jayden up top and Gutts in behind us and I think it really worked well," said Lee.

"I linked up well with Gutts, he threaded me through and luckily, with my first touch, I've put it around the keeper, which I'm really happy about."

"I came on the pitch a few minutes before and it was literally my first touch. As a striker, that's what you're paid to do, that's your job and I'm happy to do it."

Lee has already made his debut for the Hammers and has been on their substitutes' bench in the Premier League this season.

But after picking up an injury in his first training session while on loan at Southend earlier this season, and instead of development squad football, Lee is aiming to hit the ground running and help the Town to promotion.

"That was my first injury of my career – it was a really bad time for me," said Lee, who is the son of former England international midfielder Rob and brother of Birmingham midfielder Olly.

"I'm now making up for lost time with Luton and hopefully score some goals to help this club be successful between now and the of this season. Playing under-21s football is not the same. It's nice being on the bench every now and then for the first team but those chances are few and far between – that's why I've come here and hopefully I can score some goals for us."

Lee will be aiming to make his first start for the Hatters on what could be his home debut this afternoon.

And the striker said he cannot wait to play in front of the Kenilworth Road crowd.

"That is something I am really looking forward to," said Lee. "When I was talking to Cameron McGeehan he said the fans here are brilliant. That is what enticed me to come here. Cam said he could not speak highly enough of the supporters and I can't wait to experiencing the buzz of playing at home."

While the loan is an initial one month deal, Lee would not be opposed to staying at Kenilworth Road for the rest of the season.

"The plan's a month but I'd be more than happy to stay longer," admitted the striker. "I think the gaffer's the same. I'm happy to be here and looking forward to the final third of the season and the push for promotion."

## DID YOU KNOW?

Elliot has appeared twice for West Ham, both times as a substitute. He made his debut for the Hammers as 78th-minute sub in their 1-0 FA Cup defeat at Old Trafford against Manchester United. He then made his Upton Park bow as an 88th-minute substitute in another 1-0 defeat – this time at home to Stoke in the Premier League in August last season.



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# reaction

## KEEPER GUTTED TO LOSE ON LEAGUE DEBUT



They say good things come to those who wait – but try telling that to Hatters goalkeeper Elliot Justham after his Football League debut at AFC Wimbledon last weekend ended with a last-gasp defeat.

The 24-year-old stopper was handed his first league appearance by John Still at Kingsmeadow last Saturday with a knee injury ruling out first choice Mark Tyler.

And while Justham impressed on what was his ninth appearance in Luton colours, he was left with mixed feelings after David Connolly's injury-time winner gave the Dons the points in a game that saw the Town come from 2-0 down to level.

"I've been waiting 18 months for my league start so it was very nice to play. I'm just absolutely gutted about the result," Justham told Hatters Player afterwards.

"I was delighted to play, but no-one likes losing. We'll go again and hopefully get a result on Saturday."

Justham made an important save after just 24 seconds from Alfie Potter but could not prevent the same player from giving the hosts the lead shortly before the half-hour or stopping Dannie Bulman's strike from the edge of the box three minutes before the break.

"I had a good warm-up and a nice early touch, which gave me confidence, but I was absolutely gutted because it was a good chance missed," said Justham, who before signing for the Town from East Thurrock was working night shifts on the London Underground.

And with the Town behind 2-1 at the interval, the goalkeeper revealed that John Still's half-time pep talk had the desired effect as Elliot Lee added to Jayden Stockley's goal to haul the Hatters level.

"The gaffer got into us at half-time," Justham said. "He said we weren't good enough at the back, which was true. They [Wimbledon] still had other chances; hitting the post and one over."

"We were too open but once we got that first goal I just thought we were a different team, especially in the second half."

"The crowd were with us, we got the goal from Elliot Lee with a great finish on his debut. We couldn't hang on for the draw or even push for the win. It was us pushing and I just thought we were going to get the third. We just couldn't deal with the long ball at the end."

Having played eight times for the Town in the FA Cup, FA Trophy and Johnstone's Paint Trophy previously, Justham explained what it was like to be Mark Tyler's understudy for so long in League fixtures, travelling the length and breadth of the country to sit on the bench every week.

"You just love being a professional footballer so you can't say it's tough," said Justham. "But of course when you know you're not playing you've just got to do your best for Tyles in the warm-up."

"You have to prepare him as best you can and, of course, when he's not available, be ready to step in."

"I knew of Tyles' problem before the game. In any case I prepare every Friday and of course I knew I had more of a chance this week so I was looking forward to it."

"Hopefully I did OK in the gaffer's mind. I know we lost the game but hopefully he can rely on me if it happens again with Tyles."

### DID YOU KNOW?

Elliot Justham had been an unused substitute for 77 league (Conference and League 2) matches prior to making his first start at AFC Wimbledon last Saturday. In total, Justham has been an unused substitute 81 times for the Hatters as understudy for Mark Tyler and has been an almost ever-present for the development squad since last season.

# centre spot



Mark Cullen celebrates his winning goal in our last home match here against Carlisle United

# PICTURE THE PAST

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



A young Ricky Hill, showing balance and poise on an awful Kenilworth Road surface, surges through the Orient defence to score the Town's second goal in a 2-1 win in March 1979.

# Camera Never Lies

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



Ricky Hill, in later years, is congratulated after scoring against Everton at Kenilworth Road in a 2-1 win in September 1987.

I wonder if the two young men standing at the front of the crowd are Evertonians who had by-passed the 'strict' home fans only policy of the time? They certainly look glum.

# YESTERDAY'S PAGES

Club historian **ROGER WASH** looks back to a clash with Leeds United which confirmed Division Two (now the Championship) safety with six games to go after two seasons of struggle..

Luton Town 2-1 Leeds United. 5th April 1952.

After two successive seasons in which relegation had stared the Town in the face, the 1951/52 campaign came as a breath of fresh air with promotion to the top flight a distinct possibility at one time and a trip to the FA Cup quarter-finals, for only the second time in the club's history, an added bonus.

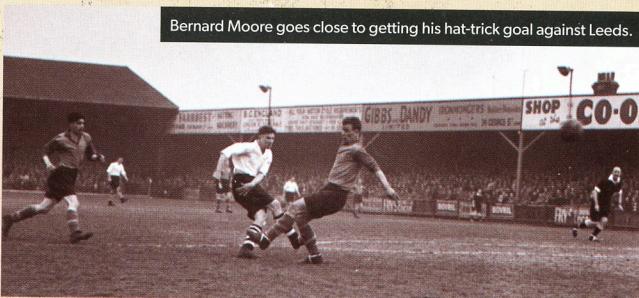
The Town team had a much more settled look about it and the defence, in particular, looking far stronger with full backs Billy Cooke and Bud Aherne complementing the virtually ever present half back line of Bob Morton, Syd Owen and Charlie Watkins.

Up front, new signing Bert Mitchell was a revelation, hammering in goals for fun from the wing as well as providing an excellent service for the dangerous Jack Taylor and a young Gordon Turner.

Six goals were scored against Notts County and West Ham and five against future champions Sheffield Wednesday, but it was in the FA Cup that the name of Luton Town came to the fore for the first time since the heyday of Joe Payne before the war.

In the third round, top flight Charlton were seen off 1-0, then it was Brentford's turn, after three games, in round four followed by Swindon Town in round five. Arsenal were the opponents in the quarter-finals and a then record crowd of 28,433 crammed into Kenilworth Road to see the Hatters go down unluckily 2-3 with only nine fit men after Owen and Roy Davies were injured in the days before substitutes.

The clamour of the cup having died down, it was now back to the League and, whereas at Christmas when the Town were in a strong challenging position, four successive defeats meant that the long awaited home clash with Leeds was now regarded as little more than



Bernard Moore goes close to getting his hat-trick goal against Leeds.

an afterthought especially after a 4-0 thumping at Sheffield Wednesday the previous week.

The fixture was still important for Leeds, however, as a defeat at Kenilworth Road would virtually end all their hopes of promotion for the season.

Late-comers to the match missed the most thrilling start to any game that season as the Town took a two goal lead in four minutes and suggested there could be another runaway victory. Bernard Moore scored the first with the game only one minute old after he intercepted a poor back pass and followed it up soon after with a close range shot from an accurate Wally Shanks centre.

## Desperate

From then on it was one-way traffic with Moore leading the famous John Charles a merry dance and it was a mixture of bad luck with finishing and desperate defending by Leeds that prevented a rout.

Dave Sexton, newly installed in the team, formed a good partnership with Mitchell and with the defence, ably led by Owen, in total control it came as a surprise when Leeds pulled a goal back through Ray Iggleden with three minutes to go to bring about a completely unrealistic scoreline.

The final whistle sounded leaving both the Town and Leeds to play out the remainder of the season, but in Luton's case the corner had been turned and what was the most successful campaign since the war would be progressively bettered before eventual promotion three years later.

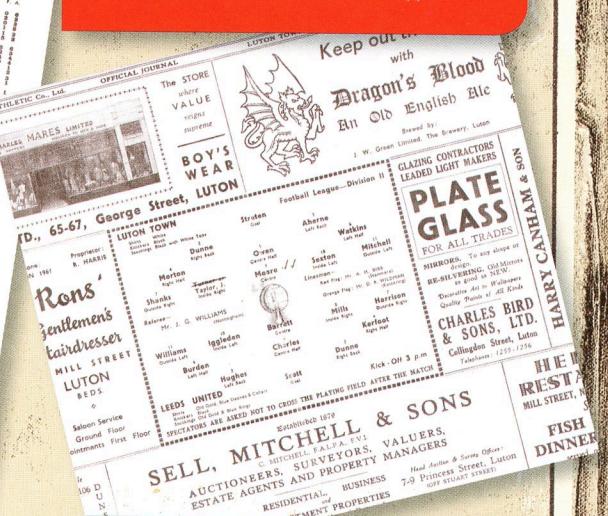


## THE PROGRAMME

The Town produced their normal eight-page programme, priced a 3d (1.5p) for the visit of Leeds.

The 'Club Notes' section goes into great detail attempting to say the Town were unlucky to lose 4-0 at Sheffield Wednesday the previous Saturday. From deflected goals to efforts that went in off the attackers knee to blatant offside it seems it was not our day but a 4-0 defeat is difficult to disguise!

It appears that there had been some complaints from supporters unable to buy seat tickets for the Arsenal FA Cup tie. Many supporters had suggested that seats should be allocated to those who had collected so many programmes until it was pointed out that there were only 3,600 seats of which 25 per cent had to go to the away side and 700 to season ticket holders. If everyone who normally bought a programme (8,000 average sales) collected and presented them then three out of four supporters would be disappointed.



#### ELSEWHERE IN FOOTBALL

- Italian side Napoli pay 105 million lire (£60,375) to Genoa for Swedish international centre-forward Hans Jeppson – a new world record. Two years previously Jeppson had been on Charlton's books as an amateur.
- Another wealthy Italian club, Palermo, offer £30,000 to Preston for Tom Finney who would have received £130 a month, a car and a villa as well as a £10,000 signing on fee. Preston said no and Finney accepted the decision without question.

# THE BIG INTERVIEW

A FAMILIAR FACE IS BACK AND HELL-BENT ON WINNING ANOTHER PROMOTION. **CAMERON McGEEHAN** EXPLAINS TO TALK OF THE TOWN HIS LOVE AFFAIR WITH LUTON TOWN AND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BACK AT KENILWORTH ROAD.

We want you to stay, we want you to stay – Cameron McGeehan we want you to stay.

The thousands of Hatters fans that sung the above line last season, as the Town romped to the Conference title, have done their work. They can sleep well knowing they have played a significant part in the future of a young footballer out to make a name for himself in the game.

Four weeks ago Cameron was back at Kenilworth Road – but playing for somebody else. Cambridge United to be precise. Two weeks ago, however, he was back again. This time he was unveiled to the Hatters-supporting public at half-time during the victory over Carlisle. He was back as a Luton Town player again – something McGeehan admits he longed for ever since the curtain came down on the Town's sensational campaign last term.

"I've wanted to come back since the day I left," McGeehan exclusively told Hatters Player, five minutes into the second half of the game against Carlisle on Valentine's Day.

Re-introduced to the crowd on 14th February, it was meant to be. A true love story. "The fans were amazing from day one, I love them," continues McGeehan. "They have been a major factor for wanting to return. That and John Still, Terry, Hakan and the lads.

"I always knew I'd come back. I'm so happy it's finally happened. Last season was special. So many memories. Now's the time to create some more."

Last season McGeehan came to Kenilworth Road a highly-rated teenage midfielder but untried and untested at senior level, despite the experience gathered at youth and development level for Chelsea and Norwich City, the latter his current parent club.

His performances for the Hatters belied his tender years. As we chat, we recall a crunching tackle on his debut in the wind and rain last season against Nuneaton – a moment which set the tone for that

**"I've wanted to come back since the day I left."**

and the 17 impressive performances which followed. A similar challenge contested with Jonathan Smith early on in McGeehan's visit to Kenilworth Road whilst in Cambridge colours last month exhibited the same passion and enthusiasm witnessed on our very own patch last season.

Having already scored twice on his debut for the U's and helping Richard Money's side earn a goalless draw against Premier League Manchester United in the FA Cup, McGeehan admits he arrived back at the place he'd like to call 'home' with plenty of apprehension.

"It was weird, very strange," says McGeehan, who grabbed that game by the scruff of the neck – almost quite literally at times – to almost haul United level in a game that the Town led 3-0 but eventually held onto win 3-2. "You know what? It felt like I was a Luton player out there. It was a surreal experience.

"I wasn't sure how the Luton fans would react to me with it being Cambridge, but they were brilliant, I really appreciated it.

"It is probably one of the best games I've ever played in so far. The supporters were brilliant to me afterwards. I don't think I've ever seen a standing ovation for an opposing player before, so despite the defeat I was really chuffed."

If McGeehan first set foot on the Hatters' Ely Way training ground as a wet-behind-the-ears unknown with no senior experience to his name, that is certainly not the case 12 months later.

"Last season gave me my first taste of senior football and I absolutely loved it," says McGeehan, who scored three times in Hatters colours, including one crucial late, brave, strike against Aldershot in a nervy so-close-to-clinching-the-title fixture in early April. "Playing Under-21s football is absolutely no comparison."

"It's pretty poor, and in terms of competition, it's rubbish for young professional players trying to force themselves into the first teams.

## CAMERON McGEEHAN

The difference to first team level, even at Conference level, is miles apart.

"That's why I went to Cambridge – you can play as many development games as you like but nothing beats playing week in week out in front of big crowds. Going to Cambridge got me back playing again – I was happy to call myself an official first team player.

"I learned a lot, though, not just last season but at Cambridge as well. Playing twice against Manchester United, including once at Old Trafford, was an unforgettable experience.

"But it's that experience I'm now hoping to use back at Luton. I've got some know-how of League 2 to back up what I got under my belt last season."

The underlying factor in all of this, however, is McGeehan's wish to return to Kenilworth Road and pull on the Hatters' colours once more.

Town boss John Still had already expressed his interest in signing the youngster in the close season but was put off by Norwich's demands of "silly money".

It wasn't to be and instead – up until his temporary spell with Cambridge – McGeehan was a regular for the Canaries' development squad and seemingly well out of contention for a place in the Carrow Road first XI.

"In the summer I was hoping a deal to Luton could be done to bring me back, but for whatever the reason it didn't materialise," says McGeehan, his voice tinged with melancholy. "I switched my attention to trying to get into Norwich's first team, but with the opportunity almost non-existent I knew I had to find some football and that's when Cambridge came to help."

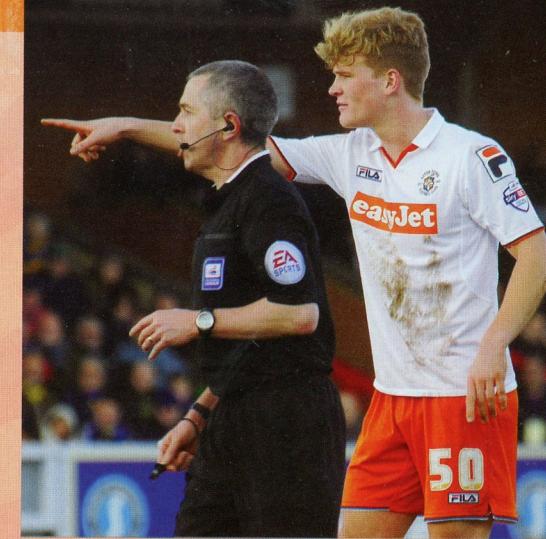
His performances in the amber of United, coupled with the Abbey Stadium coffers swelling with funds generated from a twice-televised tie and a replay at Old Trafford, meant most assumed Cambridge would be McGeehan's port of call on a more permanent basis.

Wrong...

"I had a great time at Cambridge but they are simply not a bigger club than Luton," he says. "My goal was always to come back to Luton at some point and now, thankfully, here I am and I couldn't be happier. The aim, like it was when I came here a year ago, is promotion and that's what I believe we can do."

Having experienced Conference and League 2 football over the past 12 months, McGeehan sees no reason why the Town can't go on secure what could be the first back-to-back promotions in the club's history.

"From what I've seen there's not a massive difference in the standard," he says.



"There are better teams and better players, but I think the Luton team we had last season would be good enough to win League 2 and hopefully this year we can achieve promotion as well."

"Luton showed they were way too big for the Conference last season and I think we're still way too big for League 2 as well."

"For me personally I think it is special to be a part of a team and club on the rise."

"The lads have done great to get us to the position we are in the table and I just hope I can give a bit of a boost to that as well."

Now that he's back at Kenilworth Road in Luton colours again, the Hatters faithful will have to concoct a new chant for the recognisable blond-haired number 50 who trots out onto the turf in orange and white this afternoon.

"I can't wait for it," smiles McGeehan. "It was special last year and I really enjoyed that feeling... coming out of the tunnel and the fans and their noise just hits you. I'm looking forward to putting on the orange shirt and doing it how it should be done."

## IN NUMBERS...

HATTERS APPEARANCES: 19 • GOALS: 3

LUTON TOWN DEBUT:

25th JANUARY 2014 TOWN 3-0 NUNEATON

LAST TIME PLATED AT KENILWORTH ROAD (FOR LUTON):

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# JOHN STILL: TWO YEARS IN CHARGE

**BOSS HAILS THOSE INVOLVED IN HATTERS SUCCESS**

On his first day in the job as the new manager of Luton Town John Still watched the Hatters lose 2-0 at Braintree on a dark, cold, depressing night in the Football Conference.

He turned to Terry Harris, his assistant, in the car on the way home as they digested what they had just witnessed and joked "shall we tell Dagenham we've changed our minds?"

Thankfully, Still, marked two years in the Kenilworth Road hotseat on Thursday just gone. Nine months after that dismal showing in deepest Essex, the Hatters triumphed 2-1 at Braintree on a pudding of a pitch to establish themselves as genuine title contenders.

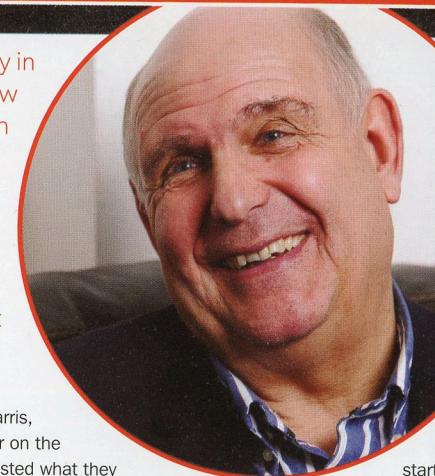
## **Satisfaction**

"The fact we had to dig in that night gave me the most satisfaction," says Still. "That night we had to do the other side of the game, we didn't have to necessarily be the best football team – we had to roll up our sleeves and get the job done."

Come the end of last season the boss was celebrating with us all a championship-winning side to be proud of and a rightful place back in the Football League.

The long hours and hard work that have been undertaken to get the Town to where they sit in the league standing this afternoon is not something that is lost on the manager.

"It's a fantastic testament to everyone involved," said Still. "From that game at Braintree to being fourth in League 2 is absolutely remarkable."



"It's congratulations to a lot of people whose effort and hard work has got us to where we are now. That's players here now and players who have left, the directors and the supporters for their unbelievable backing. It's been fantastic to see the progress we've made in the past two years. Let's see what the next two years bring."

With the Hatters challenging for promotion once more and with a squad brimming with youthful exuberance, Still believes this is just the start for Luton Town.

"These young players we have at this club are hopefully going to be a part of an exciting future – a future when I'm long gone."

## **Love**

"It's these players, these people, who can carry this club further and further. At the moment we've added a few but over time we'll only need to add one or two. It's the starting process which is the hardest part."

"What I love about this job is the opportunity to build a club. I love it. I find it very exciting. It's what makes me get out of bed in the morning."

"I never said it would be a two-year plan, I did say it wouldn't be a quick fix. All the bricks are in place and fortunately we've done well this season. If we could go up again that would be fantastic. Will we? I don't know, but I know we'll be there or thereabouts."

## **JOHN STILL QUOTE-UNQUOTE**

What's your favourite John Still-ism? Control the controllables? The stronger the team, the stronger the team. Never too high, never too low? Get in touch via Facebook and Twitter with your favourites and we'll print the best in our next issue of *Talk of the Town*.


**Lisa's scorecast prediction:**

**WYCOMBE WANDERERS** ..... 1  
**STEVENAGE** ..... 1  
**WITH ALFIE MAWSON**  
**TO SCORE FIRST - 160/1\***

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## JANUARY FAN OF THE MONTH **LISA BOWKER**

Wycombe Wanderers fan Lisa Bowker has been named the Sky Bet League 2 Fan of the Month for January.

Lisa's love for the Chairboys has seen her amass 171 consecutive Wycombe games in the Sky Bet Football League.

The last league game that Lisa missed was back in 2011 when Wycombe travelled to Torquay and played out a goalless draw on Friday April 22.

Not only is Lisa an avid follower of Wycombe she has also agreed to throw herself out of a plane in order to raise much-needed funds for the club.

Lisa said: "I have always wanted to do a sky dive and so I thought it would be a good way to raise some money for the club.

"I am proud and honoured that I have been nominated and won the Sky Bet Fan of the Month Award - it is a great feeling!"

Wycombe midfielder Matt Bloomfield said: "Lisa follows the team home and away, whatever the weather, and it means a lot to the players to have support like that in each game.

"Her efforts as one of a team of volunteers - and her fundraising activities - don't go unnoticed and it's great that she's been recognised as the Sky Bet League 2 Fan of the Month."

To Nominate a Mate you think deserves to be February's Sky Bet Fan of the Month visit - [www.skybet.com/fan](http://www.skybet.com/fan)

If Lisa won the £250,000  
Sky Bet Transfer Fund, she would  
buy Alfie Mawson on a  
full-time deal from Brentford

# Two years on

## JOHN STILL IN NUMBERS



**APPOINTED: 26TH FEBRUARY 2013**  
**DAYS IN CHARGE: 732**

### THE RECORD:

PLAYED 106  
 WON 55  
 DRAWN 31  
 LOST 20  
 SCORED 176  
 CONCEDED 91  
 OVERALL WIN PERCENTAGE: 52%

### AT KENILWORTH ROAD:

PLAYED 55  
 WON 35  
 DRAWN 11  
 LOST 9  
 HOME WIN PERCENTAGE: 64%

### OVERALL LEAGUE RECORD (LEAGUE 2, CONFERENCE)

PLAYED 93  
 WON 50  
 DRAWN 28  
 LOST 15  
 LEAGUE WIN PERCENTAGE: 54%

1

**FIRST GAME IN CHARGE:**  
 STOCKPORT COUNTY 0-1 LUTON TOWN 2nd MARCH 2013

50

**NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CLUBS PLAYED AGAINST**

1

**TITLES AND PROMOTIONS WON (so far!)**

### FIRST GOALSCORER:

JAKE HOWELLS SCORED THE WINNER IN THE 1-0 WIN AT STOCKPORT TO BECOME THE FIRST PLAYER TO NET UNDER JOHN STILL.

### FIRST SIGNING:

STRIKER ALEX WALL WAS JOHN STILL'S FIRST SIGNING. THE FORWARD ARRIVED INITIALLY ON-LOAN FROM MAIDENHEAD UNITED ON 1ST MARCH.

Today will be the 732nd day that John Still has been in charge of the Hatters, making him the longest-serving Town boss since Mike Newell.

Previous Town manager's spent the following days at the helm:

Paul Buckle	317	David Pleat	1,465
Gary Brabin	369	(2nd spell)	
Richard Money	514	Jim Ryan	487
Mick Harford	624	Ray Harford	932
Kevin Blackwell	295	John Moore	378
Mike Newell	1,361	David Pleat	3,034
Joe Kinnear	834	(1st spell)	
Lil Fuccillo	83	Harry Haslam	2,090
Ricky Hill	128	Alec Stock	1,224
Lennie Lawrence	1,657	Allan Brown	767
Terry Westley	168	George Martin	625

Dally Duncan holds the record for a single spell as manager (13/06/47 to 16/10/58) - a massive 4,143 days. For John Still to equal this, the current boss would have to remain in charge until 2nd July 2024!

# 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	<b>TROTMAN 1</b>	Hawkes
Tue 12	12 noon	A	AFC Bournemouth (LC)	W 2-1	King	Justin	Magaraushe
Sat 16	11.00am	H	Stevenage	D 1-1	King	Trotman	Hawkes
Wed 20	11.00am	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	King	Trotman	Magaraushe
Sat 23	10.30am	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 5-0	King	Trotman	Perry
Sat 30	11.00am	H	Watford	W 3-0	King	<b>TROTMAN 1</b>	Perry
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>							
Tue 2	12 noon	A	Dagenham & Redbridge (LC)	L 1-3	King	Trotman	Perry
Sat 6	10.30am	A	Barnet	L 2-4	King	Trotman	Magaraushe
Sat 20	11.00am	H	Northampton Town	D 1-1	King	<b>MAGARAUSHE 1</b>	Parry
Sat 27	10.30am	A	AFC Wimbledon	D 1-1	King	Magaraushe	Perry
<b>OCTOBER</b>							
Sat 4	11.00am	H	Southend United	D 1-1	King	Magaraushe	<b>PERRY 1</b>
Sat 11	10.30am	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-0	King	Magaraushe	Perry
Sat 18	11.00am	H	Gillingham	W 4-0	King	Hankins	McJannett
Sat 25	11.00am	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 4-2	King	Justin	Perry
<b>NOVEMBER</b>							
Sat 1	11.00am	A	Cambridge United	W 4-3	King	Magaraushe	Perry
Tue 4	7.30pm	A	Didcot Town (FAYC1)	W 4-1	King	Perry	Hawkes
Sat 8	11.00am	H	Barnet	L 0-5	King	Magaraushe	Perry
Sat 15	10.30am	A	Watford	D 3-3	King	Justin	Hawkes
Tue 18	7.30pm	A	Oxford City (FAYC2)	L 1-2	King	Justin	Perry
Sat 22	11.00am	A	Northampton Town	D 1-1	King	Gooch	Hawkes
Sat 29	11.00am	A	Peterborough United	D 0-0	King	Gooch	Perry
<b>DECEMBER</b>							
Sat 6	11.00am	A	Southend United	W 1-0	Gooch	Justin	Perry
Sat 13	11.00am	H	AFC Wimbledon	W 4-0	Gooch	<b>MCGHAN-GEORGE 1</b>	Fanowa
Tue 16	1.00pm	A	Peterborough United	D 1-1	King	<b>MUSONDA 1</b>	McJannett
Sat 20	11.00am	A	Gillingham	W 2-0	King	Justin	McJannett
<b>JANUARY</b>							
Tue 6	11.00am	H	Leyton Orient	W 4-1	Gooch	Justin	<b>MUSONDA 1</b>
Sat 10	11.00am	A	Milton Keynes Dons	L 1-3	Gooch	Justin	Hawkes
Sat 24	11.00am	A	Stevenage	L 0-1	Gooch	Justin	McJannett
<b>FEBRUARY</b>							
Sat 7	11.00am	A	Milton Keynes Dons	D 1-1	King	Trotman	Perry
Sat 21	11.00am	A	Peterborough	W 3-2	King	Trotman	Musonda
Sat 28	1.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle				McGhan-George
<b>MARCH</b>							
Sat 7	11.00am	A	Southend United				
Sat 14	11.30am	H	Portsmouth				
Sat 21	11.00am	A	Swindon Town				
Sat 28	11.00am	H	Watford				
<b>APRIL</b>							
Sat 4	11.00am	A	AFC Bournemouth				
Sat 11	11.00am	H	Barnet				
Sat 18	11.00am	A	Stevenage				
Sat 25	TBA	H	Exeter City				

Paul Benson came through his first 90 minutes since breaking his leg in November as the Town development squad came back from a goal down to beat Leyton Orient 3-2 on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old striker has been missing since sustaining the injury in the home win over Mansfield in November.

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	STARTING XI				SUBS
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>									
Tue 9	1pm	H	AFC Bournemouth	W 5-0	Justham	McNeil	Brown	Tamplin	Williams
Tue 23	2pm	A	Portsmouth	D 2-2	Justham	Justin	Brown	Perry	Smith
Tue 30	1pm	H	Gillingham (Cup)	W 5-2	Justham	Robinson	Brown	Lacey	Doyle
<b>OCTOBER</b>									
Tue 28	1pm	H	Peterborough United	W 4-0	Justham	Williams	Howells	Lacey	Franks
<b>NOVEMBER</b>									
Tue 18	1pm	A	Cambridge United	W 4-1	Justham	Ruddock	Williams	Lacey	Franks
Tue 25	1pm	H	Leyton Orient	W 2-0	Justham	Connolly	<b>WHALLEY 2</b>	Franks	Williams
<b>DECEMBER</b>									
Tue 2	1pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	D 1-1	Justham	Robinson	Fitzsimons	Lacey	Ruddock
Tue 9	7pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Cup)	L 0-1	King	Longden	Fitzsimons	Connolly	Ngwala
<b>JANUARY</b>									
Tue 6	1pm	A	AFC Bournemouth	W 2-1	Justham	Collins	Connolly	Lacey	Musonda
Mon 12	1pm	H	Brighton (Cup)	D 0-0	Justham	Collins	Connolly	Franks	Ruddock
<b>FEBRUARY</b>									
Wed 11	1pm	A	Peterborough United	L 0-2	Justham	Robinson	Griffiths	Lacey	Haynes
Tue 17	1pm	H	Milton Keynes Dons (Cup)	L 2-3	King	Connolly	Perry	Musonda	Gardiner
Tue 24	1pm	H	Leyton Orient	W 3-2	Gooch	Connolly	<b>HOWELLS 1</b>	Perry	Fitzsimons
<b>MARCH</b>									
Tue 10	1pm	H	Cambridge United						
Mon 23	7pm	A	AFC Wimbledon						
Tue 31	1pm	H	Portsmouth						
TBA		A	Gillingham						
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TBA		H	Cambridge United (Cup)						

STEVENSON 3 Rees	SAUNDERS WHALLEY 1 Lawless	WALKER SMITH 1 Doyle	LAFAYETTE 1 WALKER 1 BENSON 2 Lafayette Walker Isaac	MUSONDA 1 WALKER 2 Amadi Stevenson	Ngwala ▲ Hawkes	Trotman ▲ Galliford	Galliford	King
Stevenson	Guttridge	Walker	Wally	Walker	Perry	Musonda	Robinson	<b>MILLER 2</b>
ROONEY 1 Stevenson	Connolly	Franks	Williams	Walker	WALL 1 Benson	Ngwala	Longden	Gooch
STEVENSON 1 Howells	Rees	Robinson	Rooney	Walker	WALL 1 Benson	Ngwala	Longden	Gooch
Robinson	C. Smith	Lawless	Fletcher	Lafayette	WALL 1 Benson	Ngwala	Longden	Gooch
Guttridge	Ruddock	Lawless	Miller	Walker	WALL 1 Benson	Ngwala	Longden	Gooch
Gardiner	Rees	Lawless	Rooney	Walker	WALL 1 Benson	Ngwala	Longden	Gooch
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Mon 23	7pm	A	AFC Wimbledon				
Tue 31	1pm	H	Portsmouth				
TBA		A	Gillingham				
TBA		H	Gillingham				
TBA		H	Cambridge United (Cup)				

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WITH HEAD OF COMMUNITY TRUST KEVIN THOBURN

Our community coaches had a full on week last week as over 700 youngsters enjoyed games of football and soccer camps with us during the February half term school holiday.

## MONDAY AND TUESDAY

We started at Creasey Park Community Stadium in Dunstable for the visit of Spurs' Development squads who played our Luton Centre of Excellence South and pre-academy squads at under-7 to under-16 age groups over two days. The games were very competitive at all age groups and good lessons for our third tier boys to play both our pre-academy and Premier League opposition and appreciate their style of play.

## WEDNESDAY

A day off from development games but our coaches were all still very busy on our holiday soccer camps which over the course of the week saw over 300 boys and girls from all over Luton and Bedfordshire enjoy full days of coaching and footy fun. For lucky youngsters in Stopsley there was also the opportunity to meet first teamers Danny Fitzsimons and Mark Onyemah, who signed autographs and handed out medals.

We were also busy up in Bedford holding open trials at our player development centre and had over 60 eager

boys turn up hoping to impress and gain a place within our development system. The standard was really high and lots of boys progressed to our second stage trial process.



## THURSDAY

Another day of development games but this time our centre of excellence north and pre-academy squads travelled over to play Oxford United and although the weather took a turn for the worse all of the boys enjoyed another good day of games against our League 2 neighbours. Our pre-academy squads are our tier two boys just below academy level and so quite strong and our new league neighbours certainly new the Hatters were back by the end of the day! Good games and very competitive despite poor conditions on the day.



## FRIDAY

Further games over at Oxford United as well as welcoming Colchester United development under-7 to under-16 squads to our Creasey Park half term base as our centre of excellence north squads along with our under-9 to under-13 Kempston player development centre boys taking on our East Anglian neighbours. The very wet weather meant a last-minute transfer of games to every available astro pitch in Luton with games being played at three separate venues! And it was well worth the effort with some very good games.

## SATURDAY

More games, this time up at Leicester City's academy centre for our under-8, under-10 and under-11 pre-academy squads. There were some very good games and our boys did very well against one of the strongest academies in the East Midlands. Our under-9 and under-12 squads will also be visiting next month.

Overall, it was a very busy and enjoyable week. Roll on Easter and more games with MK Dons and Brentford as well as lots of soccer camps, our residential trip to Stowe School, and our overseas trip to Holland!



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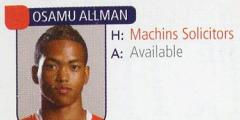
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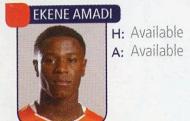
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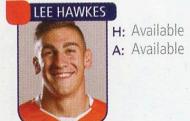
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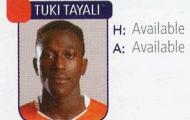
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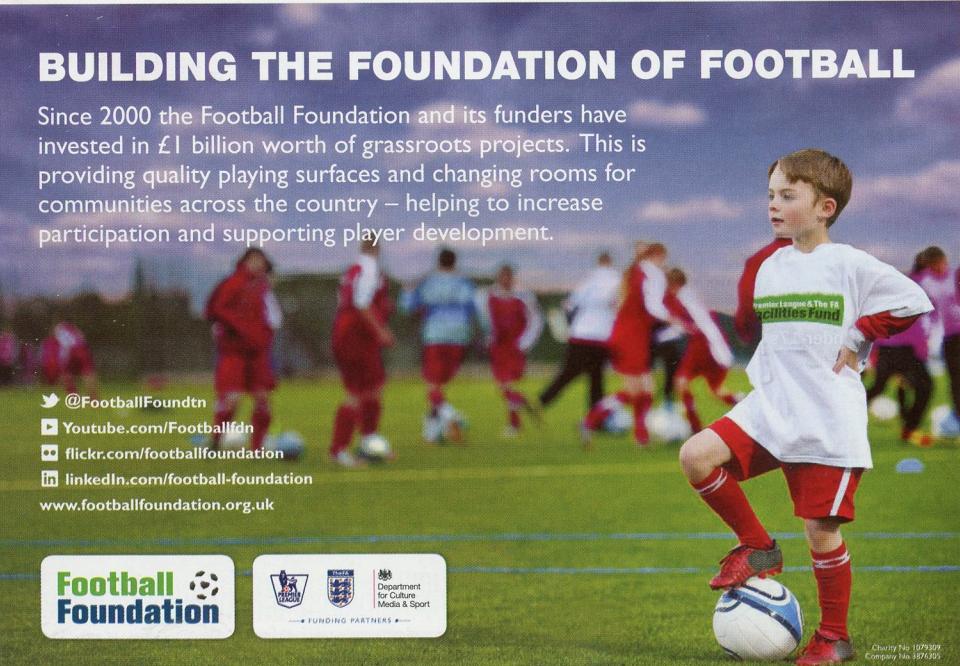
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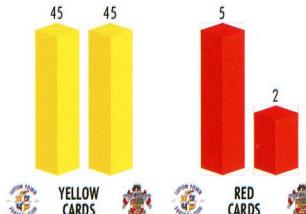
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### MATCH FACTS

Luton are winless in three previous Football League games against Accrington (D2 L1).



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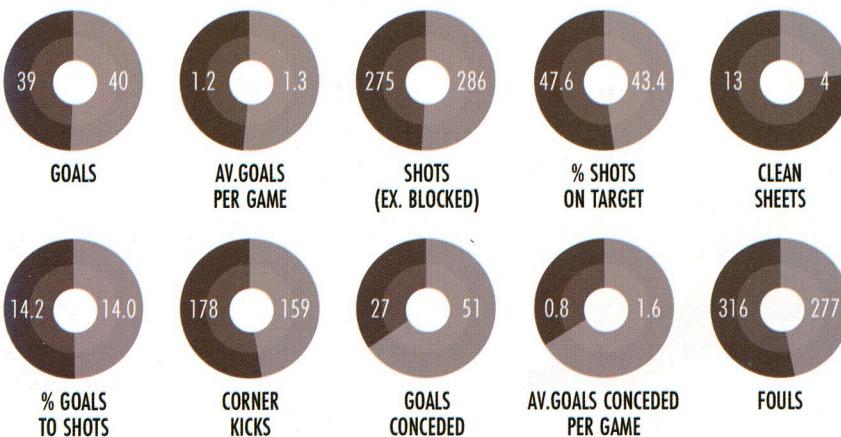
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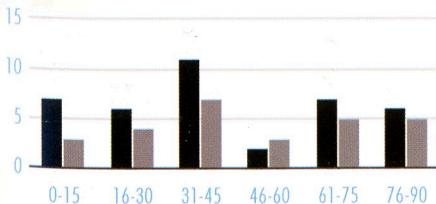


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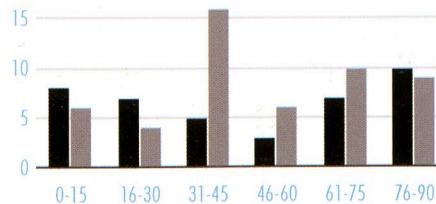
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### AND FINALLY....WE'RE UPGRADING OUR TECHNOLOGY

It's been stretched to the limit (and so have some of the Trust committee!) with that massive rise in membership so we're switching to a new improved database system, with the Club's help. And we're launching a new website in the near future, too. That means we'll be able to keep in touch with members much more efficiently – so we need all your email addresses please! In the meantime, make sure you follow us on Twitter @trustinluton

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## ON THIS DAY

### ► THE RECORD

The Hatters have enjoyed an excellent record on this day in the history books, winning 10 of the 15 matches played on 28th February down the years. The Town have lost one of 10 home games on this day, against Huddersfield in 1953. Overall the record reads 10 wins, three draws and two defeats. The Town have scored 33 times and conceded just 13.

### ► 62 YEARS UNBEATEN

The Hatters have not tasted a defeat on 28th February since losing 2-0 at home to Huddersfield in a Second Division (now Championship) fixture here at Kenilworth Road in 1953. 25,841 crammed inside Kenilworth Road to witness the defeat to the Terriers.

### ► WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE?

In the eight games since that reverse against Huddersfield the Hatters have won six and drawn twice – winning those six matches in succession.

The first of the two draws was particularly significant as the Hatters drew 1-1 at Bloomfield Road against Blackpool in the quarter-final of the FA Cup in 1959. Billy Bingham scored the Town's goal that day and the Hatters would go on and win the replay in front of a Kenilworth Road record crowd of 30,069. Of course the Town would go on to reach the final but lose to Nottingham Forest in front of over 100,000 at Wembley.

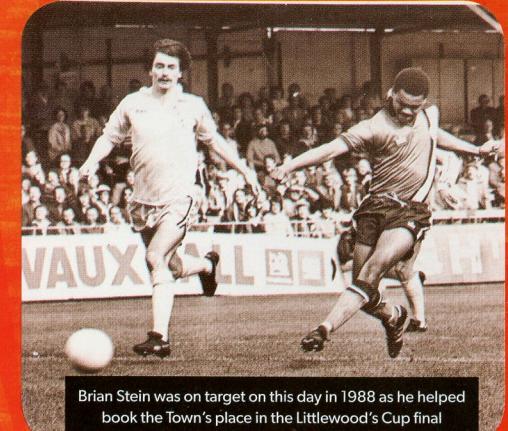
### ► ON OUR WAY TO WEMBLEY

Talking of Wembley, that's exactly what thousands of Hatters fans were chanting on this day in 1988 after Oxford United were seen off 2-0 in the semi-final second leg of the Littlewoods Cup at Kenilworth Road. Goals from Brian Stein and Ashley Grimes secured an aggregate 3-1 victory. And we all know what happened in the final against Arsenal at Wembley, don't we? Grimes sent a cross in for Stein to stoop the winner in the final minute and moments later Steve Foster lifted the League Cup.

### ► TRIPLE P

The Town's last three matches on this day have all been away from home and have all been won away to teams beginning with P.

On this day in 1998 goals from academy graduates Andrew Fotiadis and Sean Evers gave the Hatters a 2-0 win at Home Park against Plymouth Argyle.



Brian Stein was on target on this day in 1988 as he helped book the Town's place in the Littlewoods Cup final

Six years later in 2004, the Town gained a 2-1 victory in front of over 2,000 Luton supporters at London Road against Peterborough. Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic found the net against current Town keeper Mark Tyler.

The Town's most recent game on this day came six years ago in 2009 in the League 2 minus-30 relegation season. The Town triumphed 3-1 at Port Vale thanks to goals from Asa Hall, Kevin Gallen and Chris Martin.

### ► TOP FLIGHT TOWN

The Town have played once on this day down the years and that ended with a 2-1 home victory against West Ham United at Kenilworth Road in 1987.

The Hatters trailed to an eighth-minute goal from Tony Cottee but Peter Nicholas' 25-yard effort got the Town back on level terms. And Grimes, who we've already mentioned on this page, grabbed the winner 20 minutes from time before a crowd of 11,101. The Town ended the season in seventh place, the highest in the club's history.

### ► BEST OF THE REST

The Town saw off Sunderland 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in 1976...The Hatters' only other defeat on this day was a 4-3 reverse at Aldershot in 1934...The Hatters won their first four games on 28th February. Llanelli were beaten 5-1 in the Southern League Division 2 in 1914...Newport were beaten 4-0 in 1920...the Hatters then beat Charlton 1-0 in 1925 and then gained a comfortable 4-0 win over Swindon in 1931.

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# FROM LEFT Midfield

BY KEVIN CROWE



## WIMBLEDON AWAY: THOSE 90, ODD, MINUTES

Chunky raindrops fell light as a feather. One at a time they twinkled past floodlights untimely lit, through searing sunshine and marbling cloud, and evaporated onto the heads and hats of late-coming Lutonians wincing at those 90, odd, minutes.

I say 90 odd minutes: Odd because, due to that horrible festering infection in Milton Keynes, AFC Wimbledon games come with a little spec of solidarity mixed in amongst the fleeting match day hate flung across the stands at the tiny blokes you may never know. Any good feeling is difficult to keep in mind though, once they start repeatedly hitting the post instead of capitulating like a club with a five step away terrace should.

Their ground is odd. Odd, not only because to see one end from the other you need a step ladder and the neck muscles of Mick Harford, such is the gentle gradient of the terrace in this gentle outpost of south London.

It's odd because it says Kingstone on the top; odd because there's no roof on the bit at the end where those who'd venture a song into the bitter sky would see it escape towards the sun before the choir could join in; odd because the pitch looks like moss.

The game itself didn't help. Our ever-healthy list of sidelined talent meant that in many cases the players and partnerships treading that heavy turf were new. They were new and the 820-odd of us who stood in the cold with those Diamond tickets were decidedly not: We were old. Old enough to know that we probably weren't getting any daytime fireworks to go with daytime floodlights that afternoon.

The 90 odd minutes were split into two by the juddering engine of a Luke warm Guttridge slowly beginning to fire. The first saw us pegged-back and nerved, while the second saw us grow and flicker occasionally into life via knock-downs from a Jayden Stockley relishing the battle and beginning to repay the faith John Still has shown in him.

If the unexpected Stockley show wasn't odd enough, at one point Rob Lee's son scored. If the slightly flat Luton congregation weren't feeling old already, they were now.

The oddest of the 90-odd however, happened to Stockley during the second half. On a scale of "Yeah he dived" to "I'm staying up to watch the Football League show to see Claridge tear this ref a new... oh they've ignored it", this was the definition of heavy-eyelid late night fury.

From where I was swearing, the moment improbably named Jayden tumbled into the top corner of the box came with a certainty that felt out of place on this most uncertain of days. Sure as Barron Knight follows Mervyn Day this was a penalty. The yellow card that followed sapped what sanity remained from my day out to the extent that I later paid £8 for a single Jack Daniels and Coke without batting an eyelid.

But back into it we eventually got. And there was good among the bad and familiarity among the weird as Lawless, McGeehan and Guttridge pulled midfield strings that had been bypassed time and again in the first half, beneath looping hope from defence to attack.

As the clock ticked over into the 90th odd minute however, and as the Town net rustled for a final thudding time I knew, looking into the tiny jubilant Wimbledon faces who long to make their home elsewhere soon, that neither of us ever wanted to come here again.

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# The FOOTBALL Paper

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BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

Carlisle rebels Billy Painter and Gary Dicker are currently contesting a club fine for refusing to do extra training.

But if they thought gaffer Keith Curle was overly-harsh, they should try working for this lot:

#### JOHN BECK

Beck was the king of the crazy fine, hammering his players for all manner of 'offences' that today look like good practice.

Too many short, sideways or backwards passes? That'll be a fine. Defenders taking more than two touches? Fine. Failure to go out with the lads and get absolutely leathered. Fine. Keeper throwing the ball out instead of wellying it upfield? You guessed it.

It really was Beck's way or the highway. And as anyone who remember that Cambridge side of the early 90s, the Beck way generally was the high way.

#### TONY PULIS

After Marouane Chamakh and Jerome Thomas took theatrical tumbles during a game against Swansea last season, their Crystal Palace boss Tony Pulis was in no mood to 'Do a Wenger' or talk about swings and roundabouts.

First, he collared the pair and marched them to apologise to referee Anthony Taylor like naughty schoolboys caught stealing crayons. Then he hit them in the pocket.

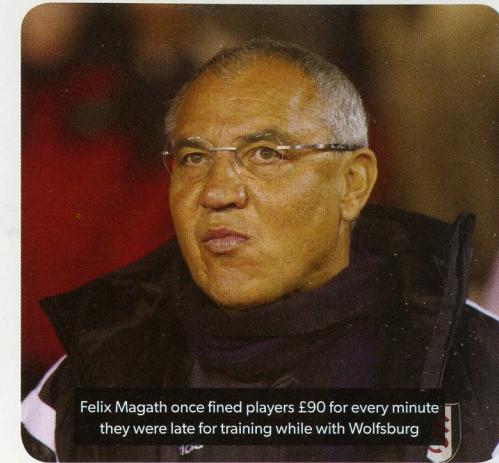
"They'll pay money for that," he said. "They will both be fined. Diving is a disease. It's one we're almost rid of but if people do it, they've got to be reminded it's not right."

#### THE NFL

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick didn't appear to have done much wrong when he gave a bog-standard post-match press conference in October 2014.

Unfortunately for him, he'd taken to the stage wearing Beats headphones, the ubiquitous overpriced earmuffs beloved of teenagers and footballers everywhere.

The problem wasn't that he looked ridiculous. It was that he didn't look the right kind of ridiculous. Earlier that season, the NFL had signed an exclusive deal with



Felix Magath once fined players £90 for every minute they were late for training while with Wolfsburg

rival manufacturer Bose, banning players from appearing on TV in anything but their headphones. The result was a whopping \$10,000 dollar fine which was - allegedly - covered by Beats.

#### ALEX FERGUSON

Like a crazed dictator, the Manchester United supremo loved an arbitrary sanction, just to keep his players guessing.

The most famous example came at Aberdeen, when Ferguson fined striker John Hewitt for overtaking him on a public road. Later, Cristiano Ronaldo would be hit in the pocket after sending a text message from training.

#### FELIX MAGATH

Ever wondered why morale was so desperate at Fulham under the German? Probably because it was impossible to pay the bills.

At Wolfsburg, Magath tolerated pretty much nothing. Fines included £8,770 for not working hard enough when the opposition had possession, £875 for an unnecessary back pass and £440 for allowing the ball to bounce in front of you. Then there was a £220 fine for wearing headphones on the team coach and £87 for every minute late for training. It would have been cheaper to stay at home.

# league look

This afternoon's visitors Accrington Stanley ended league leaders Burton Albion's 13-match unbeaten run with a 1-0 win at the Crown Ground on Tuesday night.

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's Burton were undone by Josh Windass's first half goal but despite the defeat the Brewers remain top of the table and nine points ahead of the Hatters in the League 2 standings. The win for Accrington, however, kept them in 15th place in the table and nine points off a Play-Off place.

The game was one three matches played on Tuesday night, with the pick of the action coming at Fratton Park as Portsmouth recovered from 2-0 down against Tranmere to win 3-2 thanks to two late goals from Ryan Taylor. Pompey, who won 6-2 at Cambridge at the weekend, are up into 13th in the table and are, like Accrington, nine points from a top seven berth.

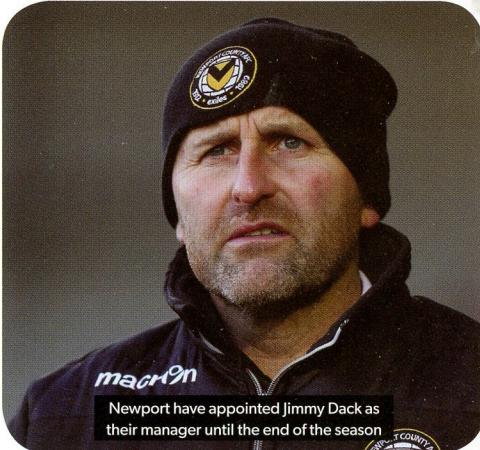
AFC Wimbledon, victors over the Hatters last Saturday, could not build on that win as they were held to a goalless draw with Cambridge at the Abbey Stadium with Adebayo Akinfenwa missing a second half penalty.

On Saturday the Hatters held their spot in fourth place despite the last-gasp defeat against the Dons at Kingsmeadow, but fell behind the leading three clubs in the automatic promotion places. Wycombe Wanderers won for the ninth time on their travels this term with a 3-2 win away at Carlisle to go four points ahead of the Hatters.

The Chairboys' win put pressure on Shrewsbury who lost 2-1 at Tranmere, while Burton came from behind to win 3-1 at Dagenham & Redbridge.

A place in the top seven, however, is becoming fiercely competitive, in no small part to Stevenage's 4-2 win over Southend at Broadhall Way. Southend were leading 2-1 with 15 minutes left but surrendered the lead and two goals in the final four minutes ensured Graham Westley's side won the points to move them to within four points of the Play-Offs.

Bury, who the Town travel to on Tuesday, earned a 1-0 win over bottom-of-the-table Hartlepool to maintain their grasp on the final Play-Off place, while Newport – who have appointed Jimmy Dack as manager for the rest of the season – lost 1-0 at home to Morecambe, who visit Kenilworth Road next weekend. County have lost five of their last seven matches, and are now two points adrift of the top seven.



Newport have appointed Jimmy Dack as their manager until the end of the season

Plymouth have rekindled their form of late and John Sheridan's Pilgrims made it four wins on the spin with a 3-1 win in the Devon derby at Exeter with striker Reuben Reid scoring a hat-trick. Exeter remain on the fringes of the Play-Offs, but have drifted down to 14th in the table.

Since our last home match, Cheltenham have axed ex-Town boss Paul Buckle and last time out they held Accrington to a 1-1 draw last Friday. The Robins remain in the bottom two along with Hartlepool but are just one point behind York, who lost 3-0 at Northampton last week. The Cobblers have won six of their last eight matches and are up to 11th in League 2 – eight points off the final Play-Off spot.

This afternoon leaders Burton aim to bounce back from Tuesday's disappointment at home to Newport, while second place Shrewsbury will be looking to maintain their unbeaten home record with victory over in-form Northampton at the New Meadow.

One of the games of the day is Wycombe versus Stevenage at Adams Park, with Boro knowing a win on the road could put them within a point of the top seven should other results also go their way.

Play-Off contenders Plymouth and Bury go head-to-head at Home Park, while fifth place Southend host struggling Carlisle at Roots Hall.

At the other end of the table, Hartlepool host AFC Wimbledon and Cheltenham face Tranmere in a six-pointer at Whaddon Road.



## League 2 news in brief

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

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

### TOP GOALSCORERS

Richards (Northampton)	17
Tubbs (Portsmouth)	16
Reid (Plymouth)	15
Collins (Shrewsbury)	13
Hylton (Oxford)	13
Akinfenwa (AFC W'don)	11
<b>Cullen (Luton)</b>	<b>11</b>
Cureton (Dag & Red)	11
Nichols (Exeter)	11
Wallace (Portsmouth)	11

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Portsmouth	15,021	Exeter	3,913
Luton	8,668	Hartlepool	3,473
Plymouth	7,363	Bury	3,466
Oxford	6,029	York	3,450
Southend	5,723	Newport	3,265
Cambridge	5,060	Stevenage	3,167
Shrewsbury	5,018	Burton	3,037
Tranmere	5,012	Mansfield	3,025
Northampton	4,457	Cheltenham	2,694
Carlisle	4,238	Morecambe	1,939
Wimbledon	3,977	Dag & Red	1,926
Wycombe	3,926	Accrington	1,423

### LEAGUE TABLE 2014/15

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

### PLAYER STATS 2014/15

LEAGUE	CUP	THIS SEASON		LFC CAREER TOTAL
		APPS	GLS	
Zane Banton	0 (0)	0	(0)	0 (0)
Paul Benson	10 (3)	1	3 (0)	1 13 (3) 2 4 0 0 54 20
Paul Connolly	4 (0)	0	2 (0)	0 6 (0) 0 3 0 6 20
Mark Cullen	24 (4)	11	5 (0)	1 29 (4) 12 1 0 69 22
Nathan Doyle	20 (0)	0	4 (0)	0 24 (0) 0 5 0 24 20
Andy Drury	26 (5)	2	4 (0)	0 30 (5) 2 2 0 61 10
Fraser Franks	8 (1)	0	4 (0)	0 12 (1) 0 1 0 30 30
Scott Griffiths	26 (0)	1	4 (0)	0 30 (0) 1 2 0 82 2
Luke Guttridge	10 (5)	1	2 (1)	1 12 (6) 2 1 0 51 15
Ryan Hall	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 2 (0) 0 0 0 0 2 0
Michael Harriman	21 (0)	0	4 (0)	1 25 (0) 1 1 0 25 1
Jake Howells	18 (7)	3	3 (2)	1 21 (9) 4 1 1 0 306 30
Elliot Justham	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0 2 (0) 0 0 0 9 0
Alex Lacey	10 (6)	0	2 (0)	0 12 (6) 0 0 0 49 1
Ross Lafayette	1 (10)	0	0 (3)	0 1 (13) 0 2 0 14 0
Alex Lawless	2 (4)	1	0 (1)	0 2 (5) 1 1 0 163 19
Elliot Lee	0 (1)	1	0 (0)	0 0 (1) 1 1 0 1 1 1 1
Cameron McGeehan	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 1 (0) 0 0 0 0 19 3
Steve McNulty	28 (0)	0	4 (0)	0 32 (0) 0 4 2 100 2
Ricky Miller	2 (8)	1	1 (2)	1 3 (10) 2 1 0 13 2
Nathan Odwa	3 (2)	0	0 (0)	0 3 (2) 0 0 0 5 0
Andrew Parry	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 0 (0) 0 0 0 0 26 4
Ian Rees	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 0 (0) 0 0 0 4 0
Matt Robinson	7 (1)	0	1 (2)	0 8 (3) 0 0 1 56 3
Luke Rooney	8 (3)	3	2 (0)	2 10 (3) 5 2 1 19 5
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	10 (6)	1	0 (2)	0 10 (8) 1 1 0 42 3
Charlie Smith	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 0 (0) 0 0 0 3 0
Jonathan Smith	25 (0)	2	5 (0)	0 30 (0) 2 5 0 90 5
Jim Stevenson	2 (9)	1	1 (0)	0 3 (9) 1 1 0 18 1
Jayden Stockley	9 (0)	2	0 (0)	0 9 (0) 2 3 0 9 2
Mark Tyler	31 (0)	0	5 (0)	0 36 (0) 0 2 0 266 0
Charlie Walker	0 (3)	1	0 (2)	0 1 (5) 0 0 0 6 0
Alex Wall	1 (5)	1	1 (0)	0 2 (5) 1 3 0 34 7
Shaun Whalley	11 (3)	3	1 (0)	0 12 (3) 3 2 0 37 5
Luke Wilkinson	28 (0)	4	6 (0)	0 34 (0) 4 4 2 34 4
Curtley Williams	3 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 3 (0) 0 0 0 3 0

# THE SEASON

## Fixtures & Results

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY POS	STARTING XI	SUBS	
<b>AUGUST</b>									
Sat 9	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United	W 1-0	6,760	1,088	6	Tyler	
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Swindon Town (C1C1)	L 1-2	4,410	436	-	Tyler	
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon	L 0-1	9,101	690	14	Tyler	
Tue 19	7.45pm	H	Bury	D 1-1	7,890	289	14	Tyler	
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	D 2-2	1,562	586	12	Tyler	
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Shrewsbury Town	L 0-2	5,888	1,037	18	Tyler	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>									
TV	12.15pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	L 0-1	7,864	527	19	Tyler	
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town	W 1-0	7,793	221	18	Tyler	
Tue 16	7.45pm	A	York City	D 0-0	3,649	445	18	Tyler	
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 1-0	6,533	2,050	13	Tyler	
Sat 27	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	W 2-0	9,101	868	10	Tyler	
<b>OCTOBER</b>									
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	W 2-1	5,236	1,897	7	Tyler	
Tue 7	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town (JPT2)	L 0-1	2,186	125	-	Justham	
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Southend United	W 2-0	9,238	1,033	4	Tyler	
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United	W 2-1	4,225	525	4	Tyler	
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 3-1	7,746	166	3	Tyler	
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town	W 1-0	10,040	1,018	1	Tyler	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>									
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 1-1	5,400	1,043	2	Tyler	
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Newport County (FAC1)	W 4-2	3,656	334	-	Tyler	
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Tranmere Rovers	W 1-0	9,061	378	1	Tyler	
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Burton Albion	L 0-1	4,772	1,998	3	Tyler	
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	W 3-0	8,418	294	2	Tyler	
<b>DECEMBER</b>									
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Bury (FAC2)	D 1-1	2,790	434	-	Tyler	
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	L 0-3	2,263	731	4	Tyler	
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Bury (FAC2R)	W 1-0	2,923	182	-	Tyler	
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Newport County	W 3-0	8,383	317	3	Tyler	
Fri 26	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	7,539	2,566	4	Tyler	
Sun 28	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth	D 1-1	10,071	1,021	4	Tyler	
<b>JANUARY</b>									
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United (FAC3)	L 1-2	7,063	1,380	-	Tyler	
TV	Thu 8	7.45pm	H	Shrewsbury Town	D 0-0	7,666	177	4	HARRIMAN 1
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 1-0	8,420	802	4	Tyler	
Sat 24	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,611	1,282	4	Tyler	
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 3-2	10,054	939	4	Tyler	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>									
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Oxford United	D 1-1	7,541	2,264	4	Tyler	
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	York City	D 2-2	7,763	173	5	Tyler	
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United	W 1-0	8,502	276	4	Tyler	
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Mansfield Town	L 0-1	2,998	801	4	Tyler	
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon	L 2-3	4,050	829	4	Justham	
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley						
<b>MARCH</b>									
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						
TV	Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town						
<b>APRIL</b>									
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						
<b>MAY</b>									
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage						

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# HOLD THE Back Page

WITH LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR MIKE SIMMONDS

Luton Town boss John Still passed a personal milestone on Thursday of this week, completing two years in charge at Kenilworth Road.

It's been some 24 months for the manager too, as he took over with the club at quite possibly its lowest ebb, some way short of the Play-Offs and resigned to another year in the Conference.

## Joked

He has joked previously that while watching on from the sidelines at Braintree, as Luton lost once more, he had considered ringing former club Dagenham to see if they would take him back.

While the last games of that season had some of the worst results in Town's history, a 2-1 defeat at home to Hyde and 5-1 loss at Gateshead, all the time, Still was working out just what was needed to restore Luton to their rightful place in the Football League.

## Believed

He didn't offer a quick fix either as the start of the following campaign proved, with some fans starting to have doubts after a 2-0 defeat at Wrexham.

However, Still was never once moved from the path he believed Town were on and from there, Hatters' rise has been nothing short of remarkable.

Some might think that two years doesn't represent that long a time, but Still's longevity is rare amongst previous Town managers.



He's only the third manager to pass two years in the hot seat since 2000, with Mike Newell the last to do so, succeeding where the likes of Paul Buckle, Gary Brabin, Richard Money, Mick Harford and Kevin Blackwell, all failed.

What Still has done wonderfully well at Kenilworth Road too is get things right both on the pitch and off it, never an easy combination.

The toxic atmosphere that had suffocated previous

managers quickly evaporated, as Still, with no little help from skipper Ronnie Henry, got the supporters on side after a home match against Lincoln.

Simple things like involving fans in the post-match huddle has gone down a storm and in Still, most supporters feel they now have someone they can relate to at the helm and are confident their beloved club is in safe hands.

## Achievements

While on the field, no-one can argue with his achievements as Luton stormed to the Conference title, sweeping aside all before them to break a number of records along the way.

Now they are finally back League 2, the Hatters haven't stood still either, as despite injuries in key areas all season, they sit in fourth place, with a second successive promotion a real possibility.

Still has always been an advocate of "young, hungry" players too, and you can see that has he has assembled the likes of Michael Harriman, Luke Wilkinson and Cameron McGeehan, who could be the cornerstones that future sides are built on.



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## LUTON TOWN

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



## ACCRINGTON STANLEY

1	Matt Macey
2	Adam Buxton
3	Michael Liddle
4	Luke Joyce
6	Dean Winnard
7	Shay McCartan
8	Josh Windass
9	James Gray
10	Terry Gornell
11	Kal Naismith
14	Marcus Carver
15	Piero Mingoia
16	Nicky Hunt
17	James Jenkins
19	Sean Maguire
20	Liam Goulding
21	Gerardo Bruna
22	Andrew Dawber
23	Anthony Barry
24	Andy Procter
25	Rob Atkinson
28	Seamus Conneely
30	Scott Davies
44	George Bowerman

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