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## BOARD TALK

Iain McInnes



WELCOME TO  
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It's good to be back at home after two tough away trips.

The first saw us more than match the other 'form' team in the league and, by any standpoint, deserved at least a share of the spoils. The second – notwithstanding the taxing amount of travel which meant, once again, our support both in terms of numbers and volume was inspirational – saw us suffer huge frustration with our inability to make the 'extra man' count in a one-way second half.

It was a blip or a blow – depending on your viewpoint – in our ambition to come up on the rails in the final furlongs to take the places that matter. But you can be assured that for those inside your club, there is simply a deepening of resolve and renewed determination to 'go again' and see where it takes us.

The late, great Bill Shankly – the iconic former Liverpool manager – once said: "Some people think football is a

**WE FELT A 'BLUE DAY' RIGHT HERE AT YOUR CLUB WOULD BE A REFLECTIVE WAY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE AMAZING PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE CHARITY**

matter of life and death, but I can assure you it's much more important than that." If ever there was a master of the tongue-in-cheek quote then he, in football terms anyway, was the master of it.

In the real world, of course, that's clearly out of kilter with priorities and my reasoning for the quote is simply to announce we are privileged and proud today to welcome Prostate Cancer UK, linked with the Men United campaign to raise vital funds in the continuing battle against what is now the most commonly contracted cancer in men here in the UK.

I was fortunate enough to witness the 'Pink Day' in Sydney during the Ashes series. It was held in aid of the McGrath Foundation and instigated by the death of Jane McGrath – wife of Australia bowler Glenn – and the emotional response it generated, not least of all from the 'Barmy Army'.

We felt a 'Blue Day' right here at your club would be a reflective way to pay tribute to the amazing people involved in the charity and research, afford comfort to the many sufferers and notably survivors, including a number among us today, and unashamedly relieve you of your cash until you're blue in the face!

Your support will be generous, as I'm sure will be the gratitude following its receipt.

A warm welcome today to chairman Nick Owen, manager John Still, the officials, players and supporters of Luton Town – a club that has travelled a similar path to us in its recent history, resulting in points deductions which saw them relegated them to non-league status, where they strived for five years to rebuild and construct a club capable of regaining their place in the Football League. They clearly now have ambitions to advance further on that journey. Nick and I have shared some experiences and deliberated on the challenges involved on that journey. The away draw back in December was enjoyable, competitive and a fair result.

Today's match has to exhibit all those qualities with the outcome being the right result – a win for 'blue' all around.

You will play your part in both, I have no doubt.

Have fun.

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*Iain McInnes*  
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## ANDY AWFORD



ONE BIG BRIGHT SPOT  
FROM BOTH GAMES  
WAS THE RETURN OF  
WES FOGDEN FROM  
HIS SPELL OUT ON  
THE SIDELINES

GOOD AFTERNOON  
AND WELCOME  
TO FRATTON PARK  
FOR TODAY'S SKY  
BET LEAGUE TWO  
FIXTURE AGAINST  
LUTON TOWN.

I'd like to welcome John Still, his staff and players, and their fans who have made the trip down to the south coast.

It's nice to be back at home after two games on the road. The performance levels at Northampton were again very good, but unfortunately we left empty-handed. I was then slightly disappointed with our first half display at Accrington. We were probably quite fortunate to go in level at the break, although we upped the tempo in the second half and totally dominated, but hit the woodwork twice and couldn't find a winner. I must offer a sincere thank you to all those

who made the trips and, as always, your amazing support is greatly appreciated and vital to us.

One big bright spot from both games was the return of Wes Fogden from his spell out on the sidelines. I've said for a while that having him back will be like signing a new player, although we have to be careful not to apply too much pressure too soon, as it will naturally take a bit of time for him to get back to his best. But there is no doubting that his energy and spirit have given everyone a huge lift.

I was proud and delighted to receive the Sky Bet League Two Manager of the Month award on behalf of everyone at the club, who all worked extremely hard to ensure we collected a healthy return of points in February.

Jed Wallace thoroughly deserved his Sky Bet League Two Player of the Month award as well. He has been part of a team that has performed consistently well now for a number of games, with his personal contribution correctly

recognised. The challenge for the team and Jed is to maintain that level of performance through until the end of the campaign.

We now look forward to back-to-back home games against Luton and Cheltenham. Our opponents today have performed consistently this season, but we're always confident when we come out at Fratton that we can claim all three points and I'm anticipating another electric atmosphere this afternoon. Your fantastic support will again play a massive part in us hopefully securing another victory as we strive to climb the table.

Finally, we are delighted to be backing Prostate Cancer UK today and I urge you all to give generously to the volunteers around the ground. It's a fantastic cause that aims to raise both money and awareness of the fight against a terrible disease.

Dig deep, stay positive and roar us on to another three points.

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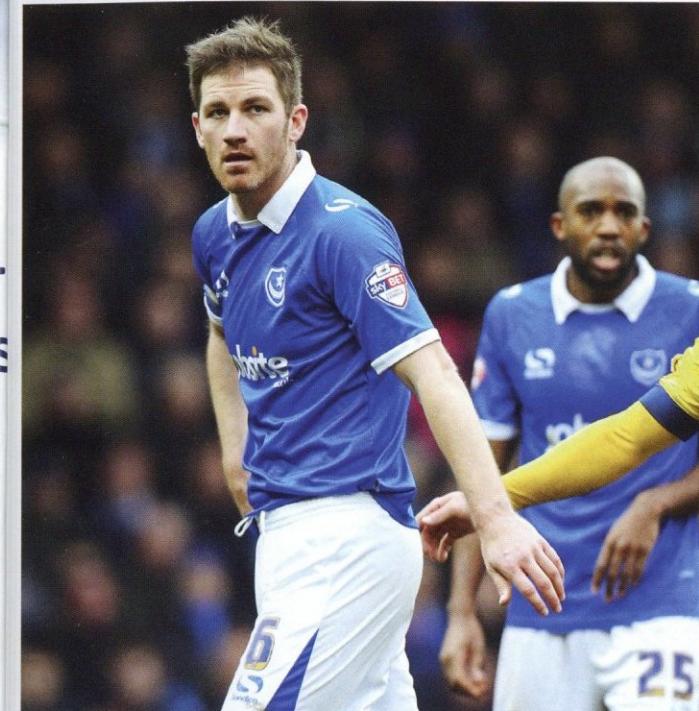
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## CAPTAIN'S LOG

*Ben Chorley*



WE'VE GOT TWO HOME GAMES IN QUICK SUCCESSION, SO IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PICK UP SOME POINTS

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A HECTIC PERIOD OF GAMES WHICH HAS INVOLVED A FAIR BIT OF TRAVELLING, SO WE'RE PLEASED TO BE AT FRATTON PARK AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON.

We'd enjoyed a decent run of form before going to Northampton and were extremely unfortunate to come away with nothing. I was especially disappointed to be sent off – I thought it was a diabolical decision. I've had a few red cards in my time, although never for two yellow cards. I spoke to the referee afterwards and he said that he didn't think he had already booked me!

It meant that I had to sit out of last Saturday's visit to Accrington. I've

never played there before and by all accounts the conditions weren't the best for passing football, but a point on the road is a good result if you win your home games – so that's what we've got to look to do today.

I praised Ryan Taylor for the contribution he makes to the team in the last programme, so it was excellent to see him on the scoresheet again at the Crown Ground. He's always working hard in the gym – although that might just be him getting his body in shape for the summer! But seriously, he's a great lad and I'm delighted he's getting his just rewards with a few goals.

This afternoon we host a Luton team who are pushing for promotion. They've done extremely well to build on the momentum of winning the Conference title last season and have a very experienced manager who knows this league and what is needed to get out of it.

So we need to start quickly and hit the ground running, remaining tight at the back while also putting a few goals in at the other end of the pitch. We've got two home games in quick succession, so it's a great opportunity to pick up some points. Our confidence is still high and if we keep plugging away, then I'm sure we'll continue to climb the League Two table.

Today's match is dedicated to Prostate Cancer UK's Men United campaign and we're all delighted to be able to support such a great cause. I had an uncle who suffered from the disease – and thankfully recovered – so know only too well how serious an issue it is. The football world is great at getting behind worthwhile charities and we're only too happy to be able to play our part here at Fratton Park.

Play up Pompey!

*Ben*

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# BLUES NEWS

## WESTCARR UP FOR GOAL AWARD

Craig Westcarr has been shortlisted for the Mitre Goal of the Year prize at the Football League Awards.

The striker's stunning effort at Yeovil in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy has been chosen as one of the 10 best of 2014.

Westcarr took down a brilliant chipped pass from Miles Storey before expertly lobbing the ball over Grovers keeper Chris Weale in the 3-1 triumph at Huish Park.

Fans can visit [www.1.skysports.com/goaloftheyear](http://www.1.skysports.com/goaloftheyear) to watch all the contenders and vote for their favourite – which also gives you a chance to win a pair of tickets to attend the prestigious awards night.

Voting closes at midnight on Tuesday, March 24, when the 10 goals will be whittled down to leave just five. The overall winner will then be decided on the night at the 2015 Football League Awards.

## AWARDS FOR AWFORD AND WALLACE

Andy Awford and Jed Wallace have been named Sky Bet League Two Manager and Player of the Month for February.

Awford saw off competition from Bury's David Flitcroft, Plymouth's John Sheridan and Northampton's Chris Wilder to claim his prize.

Wallace, meanwhile, was chosen ahead of Plymouth's Lewis Alessandra, Dagenham & Redbridge's Jamie Cureton and Burton's Phil Edwards.

Awford said: "It's me who collects the award, but it's gratefully received on behalf of everyone at the club. February was a really good month for us, so credit to the players and staff for delivering."

Wallace said: "It's nice to be recognised individually and for the team to do well throughout the month was a double bonus. There were some really good players nominated for the award and luckily I've been able to pip them."

George Burley, who chairs the Sky Bet Manager of the Month judging panel, added: "Pompey showed great consistency and attacking play, while keeping four clean sheets. On top of this, they had a truly amazing 6-2 away win against Cambridge."

# NOTICEBOARD



## MEN UNITED

Pompey are delighted to welcome Men United to Fratton Park today.

A team of volunteers are raising money for Prostate Cancer UK, to help the fight against a disease that will affect one in eight men in their lifetime.

And as well as giving generously, there are plenty of ways you can get involved.

Men United is Prostate Cancer UK's movement for everyone who believes men are worth fighting for.

By joining Men United, you'll get more opportunities to do great stuff with your friends, from bike rides to pub quizzes to Iron Man challenges. Whatever you and your mates love to do, you can do it for Men United

and help beat a disease that kills one man every hour in the UK.

For example you could represent Pompey in the London to Amsterdam Cycle Challenge cycle this June.

Plus, you'll find out about ways to make a difference on an even wider scale by uniting with men across the UK, like petitioning MPs or volunteering.

Whether it's big or small, signing a petition or running a marathon, doing it together is what really matters. What starts with a quick 'hello', a chat in the pub or a barbecue with mates can end with a nationwide movement of men – ready to fight for their friends, themselves and men everywhere.

Join Men United and help keep friendships alive. Visit [www.prostatecanceruk.org/menunited](http://www.prostatecanceruk.org/menunited) for details.

## OFFICIAL 12TH MAN

### WILL CHITTY

Happy 40th Birthday, Will. Have a fantastic day. Love from Mum, Nanny and Joyce xx



## OXFORD SPONSORS

Dan Wilson was Official 12th Man for the last home match against Oxford and received a signed ball from Jack Whatmough before kick-off.

Our match sponsors were the Stuart Cox Group, who later selected Nigel Atangana as man-of-the-match and presented him with a bottle of champagne.

The champagne was kindly supplied by Gusto Wines – a passion for wine delivered with Gusto! Visit [www.gustowines.co.uk](http://www.gustowines.co.uk) for more details.



Happy Birthday, Joanne, with love from all the Pompey Cokers

Happy Birthday to Connor Smith, who is 13 tomorrow and is here with his friends from Locks Heath Lions. Love from Dad



Happy 70th Birthday to our amazing grandfather Martin Allen – we hope you have the best time. Lots of love, Leah, Zoe, Ian, Keiron, Samuel and Alex

Happy 10th Birthday to Harley Suffield, very special young man. Have a wonderful day. Love, Mum and Dad xx



Happy 70th Birthday to Reg 'The Cat' Davis – hope you have a great day in the Montgomery Lounge. Love you, Dad. From, Ryan



Welcome back to Elaine and Pete Giles, who are visiting us from Spain. Love from everyone at Pompey x

Welcome to Tommy (2) and Harry (6 weeks) Keyes, who are watching their first match today with Mummy, Daddy, Uncle Matty, Nanna, Grandad and Nanny Doreen



Massive birthday wishes to my mum Janet Hopkins on your 70th. With love, Traci, Steve, Jessica and Addison

Happy 10th Birthday, Ollie. Love, Mum, Dad, Ned and all your mates. Play up Pompey!



Happy Birthday to Ann Miller, who has supported Luton for many years. Love from husband Keith and son Andrew.

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SEASON TICKET HOLDERS/  
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SEASON TICKET HOLDERS/  
SHAREHOLDERS: MONDAY,  
MARCH 23 (10AM)  
GENERAL SALE: WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 25 (10AM)

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# POMPEY v LUTON TOWN



## THE GAME

This time last season Luton were enjoying their seemingly unassailable position at the top of the Conference Premier table.

They ended up romping to the title by a massive 19-point margin to reclaim the Football League place they had lost five years earlier.

And now John Still's side are targeting back-to-back promotions, having taken to life in League Two like a duck to water.

The Hatters were leading the way in mid-November, although have since fallen away and currently sit fifth ahead of this afternoon's clash at Fratton Park.

They are now six points adrift of third-placed Wycombe and only three clear of Stevenage, who currently lead the chasing pack just outside of the play-off berths.

Luton have won five times on their travels this term, seeing off Carlisle (1-0), Cambridge (1-0), Stevenage (2-1), Hartlepool (2-1) and Plymouth (1-0).

But four of those victories occurred before October was out and they have not tasted away success since the middle of January.

Pompey, meanwhile, have claimed 10 points from the last 12 available at Fratton Park and will be aiming to put a dent in the Hatters' promotion hopes today.

## THE CLUB

Luton Town were formed in 1885 and joined the Football League 12 years later. They reached the 1959 FA Cup final, but were beaten 2-1 by Nottingham Forest at Wembley. The Hatters won their first piece of major silverware in 1988 when they defeated Arsenal 3-2 to lift the League Cup.

### HONOURS

#### LEAGUE CUP

WINNERS: 1988  
RUNNERS-UP: 1989

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECOND TIER

CHAMPIONS: 1981/82  
RUNNERS-UP: 1954/55, 1973/74

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIRD TIER

CHAMPIONS: 1936/37, 2004/05  
RUNNERS-UP: 1935/36, 1969/70

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOURTH TIER

CHAMPIONS: 1967/68  
RUNNERS-UP: 2001/02

#### CONFERENCE PREMIER

CHAMPIONS: 2013/14

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE TROPHY

WINNERS: 2009



## THE ODDS

ODDS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

		CORRECT SCORE
Pompey	23/20	Pompey 1-0 5/1
Draw	23/10	Pompey 2-0 17/2
Luton	11/5	Pompey 2-1 17/2
		Pompey 3-0 22/1
		Pompey 3-1 22/1
		Pompey 3-2 40/1
		Pompey 4-0 50/1
		Draw 0-0 13/2
Matt Tubbs	9/2	Draw 1-1 9/2
Mark Cullen	11/2	Draw 2-2 16/1
Jayden Stockley	6/1	Draw 3-3 80/1
Ryan Taylor	6/1	Luton 1-0 13/2
Craig Westcarr	6/1	Luton 2-0 14/1
Jed Wallace	8/1	Luton 2-1 11/1
Cameron McGeehan	10/1	Luton 3-0 40/1
Alex Lawless	12/1	Luton 3-1 33/1
James Dunne	16/1	Luton 3-2 50/1
Joe Devera	28/1	Luton 4-0 100/1

## FIRST GOALSCORER

Matt Tubbs	9/2	Draw 1-1
Mark Cullen	11/2	Draw 2-2
Jayden Stockley	6/1	Draw 3-3
Ryan Taylor	6/1	Luton 1-0
Craig Westcarr	6/1	Luton 2-0
Jed Wallace	8/1	Luton 2-1
Cameron McGeehan	10/1	Luton 3-0
Alex Lawless	12/1	Luton 3-1
James Dunne	16/1	Luton 3-2
Joe Devera	28/1	Luton 4-0

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## THE PAST

Pompey came up against Luton in Division One on a regular basis during the early 1990s, but the clash at Kenilworth Road earlier this season was the first time they had met for 19 years. Paul Hall's brace and goals from Paul Walsh and Jimmy Carter secured a thumping 4-0 victory for the Blues when they last hosted the Hatters back in December 1995.

#### HEAD TO HEAD

Pompey 12 Wins,  
Luton 21 Wins,  
12 Draws

#### HEAD TO HEAD AT FRATTON PARK

Pompey 10 Wins,  
Luton 4 Wins,  
7 Draws

#### LAST MEETING

Luton 1 (Rooney)  
Pompey 1 (Taylor)  
League Two  
December 28 2014



## THE FIXTURES

### AUGUST

09 Carlisle (A)	W 1-0
12 Swindon (H)	L 1-2
16 AFC Wimbledon (H)	L 0-1
19 Bury (H)	D 1-1
23 Accrington (A)	D 2-2
30 Shrewsbury (A)	L 0-2

### SEPTEMBER

06 Plymouth (H)	L 0-1
13 Cheltenham (H)	W 1-0
16 York (A)	D 0-0
20 Cambridge (A)	W 1-0
27 Oxford (H)	W 2-0

### OCTOBER

04 Stevenage (A)	W 2-1
07 Crawley (H)	L 0-1
11 Southend (H)	W 2-0
18 Hartlepool (A)	W 2-1
21 Dag & Red (H)	W 3-1
25 Northampton (H)	W 1-0

### NOVEMBER

01 Exeter (A)	D 1-1
08 Newport (H)	W 4-2
15 Tranmere (H)	W 1-0
22 Burton (A)	L 0-1
29 Mansfield (H)	W 3-0

### DECEMBER

06 Bury (A)	D 1-1
13 Morecambe (A)	L 0-3
16 Bury (H)	W 3-0
20 Newport (H)	D 1-1
26 Wycombe (A)	D 1-1
28 Pompey (H)	D 1-1

### JANUARY

03 Cambridge (A)	L 1-2
08 Shrewsbury (H)	D 0-0
17 Plymouth (A)	W 1-0
24 Cheltenham (A)	D 1-1
31 Cambridge (H)	W 3-2

### FEBRUARY

07 Oxford (A)	D 1-1
10 York (H)	D 2-2
14 Carlisle (H)	W 1-0
17 Mansfield (A)	L 0-1
21 AFC Wimbledon (A)	L 2-3
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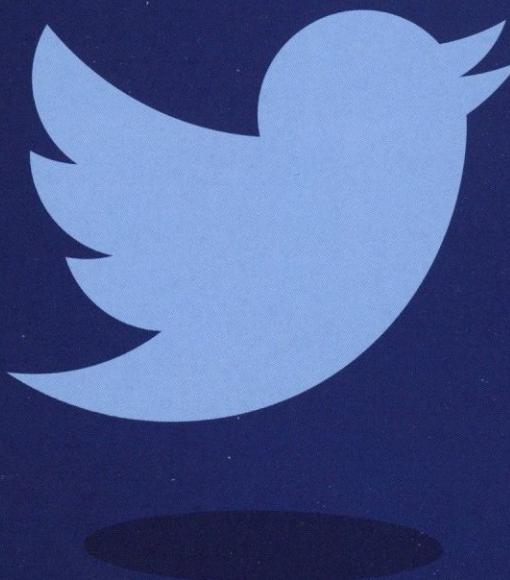
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28 Northampton (A)	W 2-0

### APRIL

03 Exeter (H)	L 2-3
06 Tranmere (A)	W 1-0
11 Burton (H)	D 0-0
14 Dag & Red (A)	W 1-0
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### MAY

02 Stevenage (H)	L 0-1
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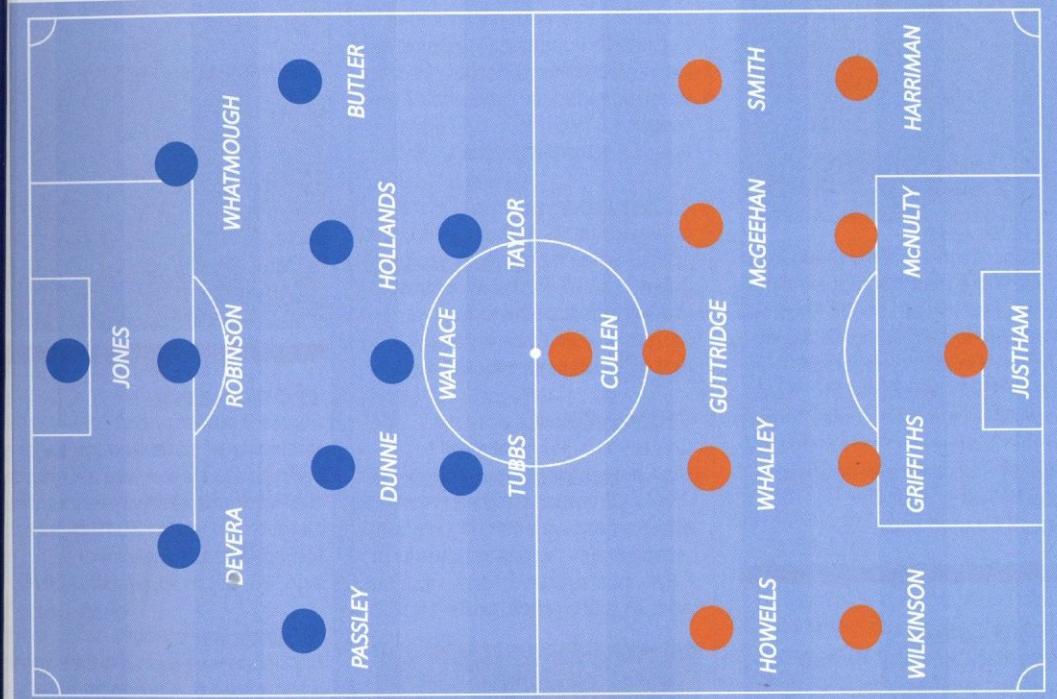


LUTON 2-3 MORECAMBE

MARCH 7 2015



## THE LAST TIME OUT



#### TOP SCORER

Matt Tubbs (19)

#### MOST ASSISTS

Three Players (4)

#### MOST SHOTS

Jed Wallace (77)

#### MOST APPEARANCES

Paul Jones (41)

#### PLAYERS USED 33

#### HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

17,558  
(v AFC Wimbledon)

#### TOP SCORER

Mark Cullen (12)

#### MOST ASSISTS

Andy Drury (8)

#### MOST SHOTS

Mark Cullen (63)

#### MOST APPEARANCES

Luke Wilkinson (37)

#### PLAYERS USED 32

#### HIGHEST ATTENDANCE

10,071  
(v Pompey)





# THE SQUAD

## LUTON TOWN

### GK Elliot Justham

Stopper joined Luton from non-league East Thurrock in May 2013 and made his Football League debut in last month's defeat at AFC Wimbledon.

Age: 24; Luton apps: 6



### GK Mark Tyler

Peterborough academy graduate made more than 400 appearances during his time at London Road and was awarded a testimonial against Liverpool in 2007. He left for the Hatters two years later and played every league match as they romped to the Conference Premier title last season – keeping a clean sheet in exactly half of them.

Age: 37; Luton apps: 252

### DF Paul Connolly

Right-back arrived at Kenilworth Road last summer after leaving Crawley and played five times for Pompey while on loan from Leeds in 2012.

Age: 31; Luton apps/goals: 6/0

### DF Fraser Franks

Former England non-league international played youth football with both Chelsea and Brentford before helping AFC Wimbledon climb into the Football League. He then helped Welling win the 2012/13 Conference South title prior to securing his third non-league promotion with Luton last season.

Age: 24; Luton apps/goals: 31/0

### DF Scott Griffiths

Left-back – who has represented England at non-league level – made more than 200 appearances for Dagenham & Redbridge before joining the Hatters from Peterborough in March 2013.

Age: 29; Luton apps/goals: 102/2

### DF Michael Harriman

Former Republic of Ireland under-21 international arrived at Kenilworth Road last October in a loan switch from QPR that has since been extended until the end of the season.

Age: 22; Luton apps/goals: 28/1

### DF Alex Lacey

Luton academy graduate was aged just 17 when he made his senior debut in an FA Trophy tie against Welling before penning his first professional deal soon after.

Age: 21; Luton apps/goals: 42/1

### DF Steve McNulty

Centre-back led Fleetwood to the Conference Premier title in 2011/12 before enjoying the same achievement with the Hatters last season and being named the club's Player of the Year.

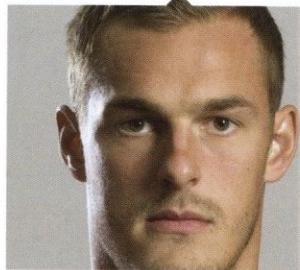
Age: 31; Luton apps/goals: 101/2



### DF Luke Wilkinson

Pompey youth product had a couple of spells out on loan before leaving Fratton Park in 2010 without making a senior appearance. He then spent four years with Dagenham & Redbridge – which included a loan spell at Dartford where he was a Conference South play-off winner – before moving to Luton last summer.

Age: 23; Luton apps/goals: 37/4



### MF Nathan Doyle

Former England under-19 international came through the ranks at Derby and was part of the Bradford side that reached the League Cup final in 2013 before joining Luton in September.

Age: 28; Luton apps/goals: 24/0

### MF Andy Drury

Sittingbourne youth product represented Wales up to under-21 level – joined Luton on loan from York earlier in his career before leaving Ipswich, but returned last summer on a two-year deal.

Age: 31; Luton apps/goals: 61/10

### MF Luke Guttridge

Torquay academy graduate moved on to play for Cambridge, Southern, Leyton Orient, Colchester, Aldershot and Northampton prior to signing for the Hatters in the summer of 2011. He was part of the Shrimpers side that won the League One title in 2005/06 and netted 13 goals in his maiden Luton campaign last term.

Age: 32; Luton apps/goals: 54/16

### Manager – John Still

Former Leyton Orient, Bishop's Stortford, Leytonstone and Dagenham defender saw his playing career cut short through injury and moved into management with a host of sides around the Essex and Kent area. Peterborough were the first professional club to offer him a role and he moved on to Barnet before leading Dagenham & Redbridge from the Conference Premier League One. He left in 2013 after nine years in charge to take over at Luton and help them win promotion back to the Football League.

Age: 54; Luton games managed/won: 109/55



### FW Paul Benson

Former Pompey loanee scored twice in seven appearances during his time at Fratton Park, but has missed a large chunk of the current campaign after breaking his leg in November. He spent last season on loan at Kenilworth Road before making the move permanent and has previously featured for Dagenham & Redbridge, Charlton and Swindon.

Age: 35; Luton apps/goals: 53/20



### MF Cameron McGeehan

Norwich teenager returned to Kenilworth Road last month in a loan deal until the end of the season, having also spent time at the club last term.

Age: 19; Luton apps/goals: 22/4

### MF Nathan Oduwa

Tottenham academy graduate joined the Hatters last month in a loan deal until the end of the campaign and has represented England up to under-18 level.

Age: 18; Luton apps/goals: 7/0

### MF Luke Rooney

Gillingham youth product signed for Luton from Maidstone last March and was on target in the 1-1 draw against Pompey at Kenilworth Road just after Christmas.

Age: 24; Luton apps/goals: 19/5

### MF Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu

Former West Ham trainee – who made a single senior appearance for the Londoners – spent time on loan with the Hatters in 2013 before making the move permanent.

Age: 22; Luton apps/goals: 66/20



### FW Mark Cullen

Hull academy graduate played Premier League football for the Tigers – netting on his full debut at Wigan – but was released in the summer of 2013 and signed for Luton. He was left out of the squad for the recent trip to AFC Wimbledon after manager John Still said his head had been turned by an approach from another club.

Age: 22; Luton apps/goals: 66/20

### FW Elliot Lee

West Ham youngster – the son of former England international Rob Lee – joined the Hatters on loan last month and scored on his debut in a defeat at AFC Wimbledon.

Age: 20; Luton apps/goals: 4/1

### FW Ricky Miller

The 2013/14 Conference North top scorer and Player of the Year arrived from Boston last summer and spent time on loan at Dover earlier in the season.

Age: 26; Luton apps/goals: 13/2

### FW Jayden Stockley

Bournemouth academy graduate joined Luton on loan in January and previously gained experience with stints at Dorchester, Accrington, Woking, Leyton Orient, Torquay and Cambridge.

Age: 21; Luton apps/goals: 11/3

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## STOP PRESS

Johnny Moore asks Mike Simmonds of the *Luton News Herald & Post* to run the rule over the *Hatters*

**M** IT'S BEEN A GREAT FIRST SEASON BACK IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOR LUTON. HAS IT EXCEEDED THEIR EXPECTATIONS?

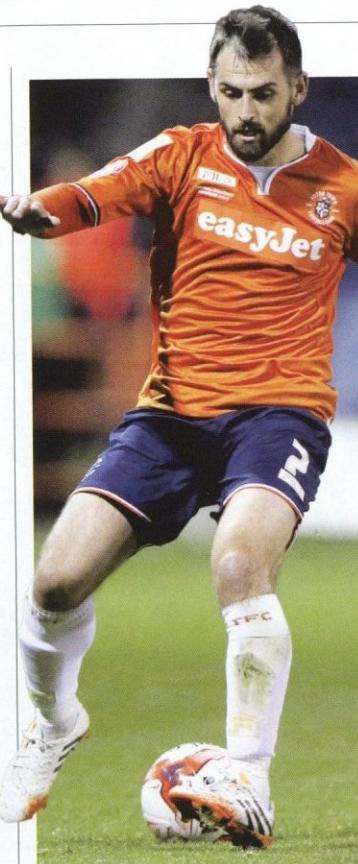
**MS** Not really. Luton supporters were optimistic about their team's chances going into the campaign after romping to the title last term and seeing plenty of recent Conference winners challenge in League Two. Most would have backed their team to achieve a play-off place at the start, which is where they currently sit, so I wouldn't say they have been too surprised by the team's progress to date.

**JM** GIVEN THE WAY THINGS HAVE GONE SO FAR, WOULD FANS BE DISAPPOINTED IF LUTON HAD TO SETTLE FOR THE PLAY-OFFS RATHER THAN AUTOMATIC PROMOTION?

**MS** Supporters would probably be split 50/50 by this, as many would have accepted being in the play-offs back in August. However, after Town climbed to the top of the table and had such a long run in the top three positions, some thought a second successive promotion was definitely on the cards. The dip in form recently has led some to re-evaluate their expectations, though, with many starting to remember just where the team has come from in such a short space of time.

**JM** ARE THE CLUB STRONGER FOR THEIR STINT IN THE NON-LEAGUE GAME, GIVEN THEIR STATE PRIOR TO RELEGATION?

**MS** Although they would have quite happily spent just the one season in the Conference, the club appear in a better state off the field since their relegation. The Hatters are in safe hands with owners Luton Town 2020 Ltd, while in John



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MIDFIELDER ALEX  
LAWLESS HAS  
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SHARP SINCE  
RECOVERING  
FULLY FROM A  
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from Dagenham & Redbridge, too, as he has finally bridged the gap that might have existed between previous Luton bosses and fans.

**JM** WHO ARE THE IN-FORM HATTERS PLAYERS LIKELY TO POSE POMPEY PROBLEMS THIS AFTERNOON?

**MS** Returning midfielder Alex Lawless has looked very sharp since recovering fully from a broken foot. In his last two matches, he has come off the bench and helped change the game in Luton's favour, particularly last Saturday as he scored one and almost grabbed another. Another huge player that Luton now have back and fit again is Luke Guttridge. The midfielder netted 13 goals last term as the Hatters romped to the title, before suffering another metatarsal injury. He now appears over that, playing the last three games, scoring once too and if he can remain fit, he could be a massive influence between now and the end of the season.

**JM** HOW HAVE LUTON LOOKED ON THE ROAD THIS SEASON AND WILL THEY BE GOING ALL OUT FOR VICTORY TODAY?

**MS** After making a hugely impressive start to life on their travels, with four wins from seven, Luton's away form has become something of an issue in recent weeks. They have looked far from comfortable, with three straight defeats and won only once since October, a run spanning 12 games. Naturally, though, they will still be looking to win today at Fratton Park, where they will be in the rare role of underdogs – and Luton could really do with a victory to reignite their promotion hopes.



# DEFINING MOMENTS LUTON TOWN

Football historian Leigh Edwards selects some of the key moments that have shaped Luton's post-war era



## 1955 – TOP-FLIGHT HATTERS

Gordon Turner scored 32 goals as Luton won promotion to the top-flight for the first time. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to Nottingham Forest and soared up the second division table with six straight wins. Turner grabbed a hat-trick as they trounced Blackburn 7-3 and they also triumphed 5-1 at Forest. Dally Duncan's side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past Hull, Rotherham, Liverpool and Port Vale. Tom Aherne and Shay Dunne were ever-present as Luton pipped Rotherham to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at Doncaster.

## 1959 – FA CUP FINALISTS

The Hatters reached the FA Cup final for the first and only time. They were unbeaten in their opening 10 Division One games, thrashing Manchester City 5-1 and hitting four goals past West Ham and Preston. Luton recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and Burnley 6-2, then top scorer Allan Brown netted four times in a 5-1 demolition of Nottingham Forest, but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. The Hatters defeated Leeds 5-1, Leicester 4-1, Ipswich 5-2, Blackpool 1-0 and Norwich 1-0 in the FA Cup before Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Forest in the final.

## 1968 – FOURTH DIVISION TITLE

Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton won the fourth division title. New captain Terry Branston made his

debut as they kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. The Hatters lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the opening round of the League Cup, scoring 27 times in a run of eight successive victories. Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker starred as they remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 triumph over Crewe.

## 1970 – PROMOTION WINNERS

Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as the Hatters won promotion from Division Three. They had narrowly failed to go up the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with Alec Stock signing Macdonald, John Ryan and John Collins. Luton were early leaders after remaining unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting Chris Nicholl from Halifax and Matt Tees from Charlton. Macdonald grabbed hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford and Reading, with Town unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield.

## 1974 – FIRST CLASS RETURN

Luton regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years. They recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and

Jimmy Husband from Everton as the Hatters maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin also scored three in a 4-2 defeat of Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.

## 1982 – SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

David Pleat guided the Hatters to the Division Two title. They had narrowly missed out on promotion in the previous two years and Tony Grealish was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. Town raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby. Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

## 1988 – LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

Ray Harford plotted Luton's League Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Town losing just twice in 12 matches, including a 7-4 win in the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the Wembley final. Luton also reached the final of the Simod Cup and last four of the FA Cup.

## 1989 – WEMBLEY FINALISTS AGAIN

Luton were League Cup finalists for a second successive season.



1988

Brian Stein, Mark Stein and Andy Dibble all departed, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Their first home victory was a 1-0 triumph over Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January, but first division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Town defeated Burnley 2-1, Leeds 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the League Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest at Wembley.

## 2002 – THIRD DIVISION RUNNERS-UP

Steve Howard scored 24 times as the Hatters won promotion from Division Three. Joe Kinnear's men were early leaders after winning their opening two matches and newcomer Carl Griffiths netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory over Torquay. Luton briefly regained pole position after beating Darlington 5-2 in October, signing Chris Coyne from Dundee, Jean-Louis Valois from Lille, Dean Crowe from Stoke, Ahmet Brkovic from Orient and Dave Bayliss from Rochdale. A run of 12 successive wins, which saw them slam five goals past Halifax and Mansfield, took Town back to the top with two games remaining, but they finished runners-up to Plymouth.



2002

Mike Newell led Luton to the League One title. They stormed to the top of the table, winning 10 of their first 12 games before suffering three successive defeats. The Hatters beat Bradford 4-0 and Wrexham 5-1, then Steve Howard bagged a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory at MK Dons. The 1-0 triumph over Port Vale in December heralded a 14-match unbeaten run and Town bounced back from a 2-1 defeat against Bristol City to hammer them 5-0 in the return fixture. Briefly displaced as leaders by Hull, they triumphed 4-1 at Torquay and secured promotion with four fixtures remaining, claiming the title with a record 98 points.



# TAYLOR MADE

RYAN ENJOYING HIS NEW STRIKE PARTNERSHIP

Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton famously formed a prolific 'SAS' partnership that led Blackburn to the Premier League title.

Now Pompey are hoping to use 'TNT' to blow a hole in League Two defences.

The potential of the Taylor 'n' Tubbs relationship was there for all to see at Cambridge last month, with Ryan and Matt netting four goals between them in a 6-2 rout.

And the former is enjoying having someone alongside him, after largely being utilised as a lone striker last season.

"I was up there on my own and had Wes Fogden behind me doing all my running," Taylor recalls. "This season I've had Matt or Craig Westcarr with me, so there's someone to run onto the ball when I knock it down.

"Matt's been brilliant since he came in and got a deserved hat-trick at Cambridge the other week.

WORDS: NEIL WELD



## IT'S SIMILAR TO THE LITTLE-AND-LARGE RELATIONSHIP I HAD WITH ADAM LE FONDRE AT ROTHERHAM

Hopefully that will continue and we can form a dangerous partnership.

"It's similar to the little-and-large relationship I had with Adam Le Fondre at Rotherham. It worked then and it seems to be working now."

Taylor scored three goals in total last month – including a vital brace to help snatch victory from the jaws of defeat against Tranmere – to double his tally for the season before netting again at Accrington seven days ago.

"I wasn't good enough earlier on – I've said that to myself and I've said it to the manager," he declares. "In the last few weeks I've got some goals and my all-round play has also been a lot better, so I'm looking to build on that and keep improving

until the end of the season.

"It's always a confidence booster to score, although first and foremost you have to make sure you do the job you're asked to do for the team."

Taylor has also paid tribute to Andy Awford, who has been one of his most vocal supporters throughout the campaign.

"As soon as he got the job last season, he pulled me to one side and said I was playing on Saturday," reveals the 26-year-old. "He then started me in all but one of the games for the rest of the campaign. I knew then that he was a fan of mine and now it's about me repaying that faith."

Pompey enjoyed a run of seven



matches without defeat before they were finally beaten at Northampton 11 days ago.

They recovered from that to draw away to Accrington and Taylor is targeting another impressive haul of points before the end of the season.

"It was a good run of games,"

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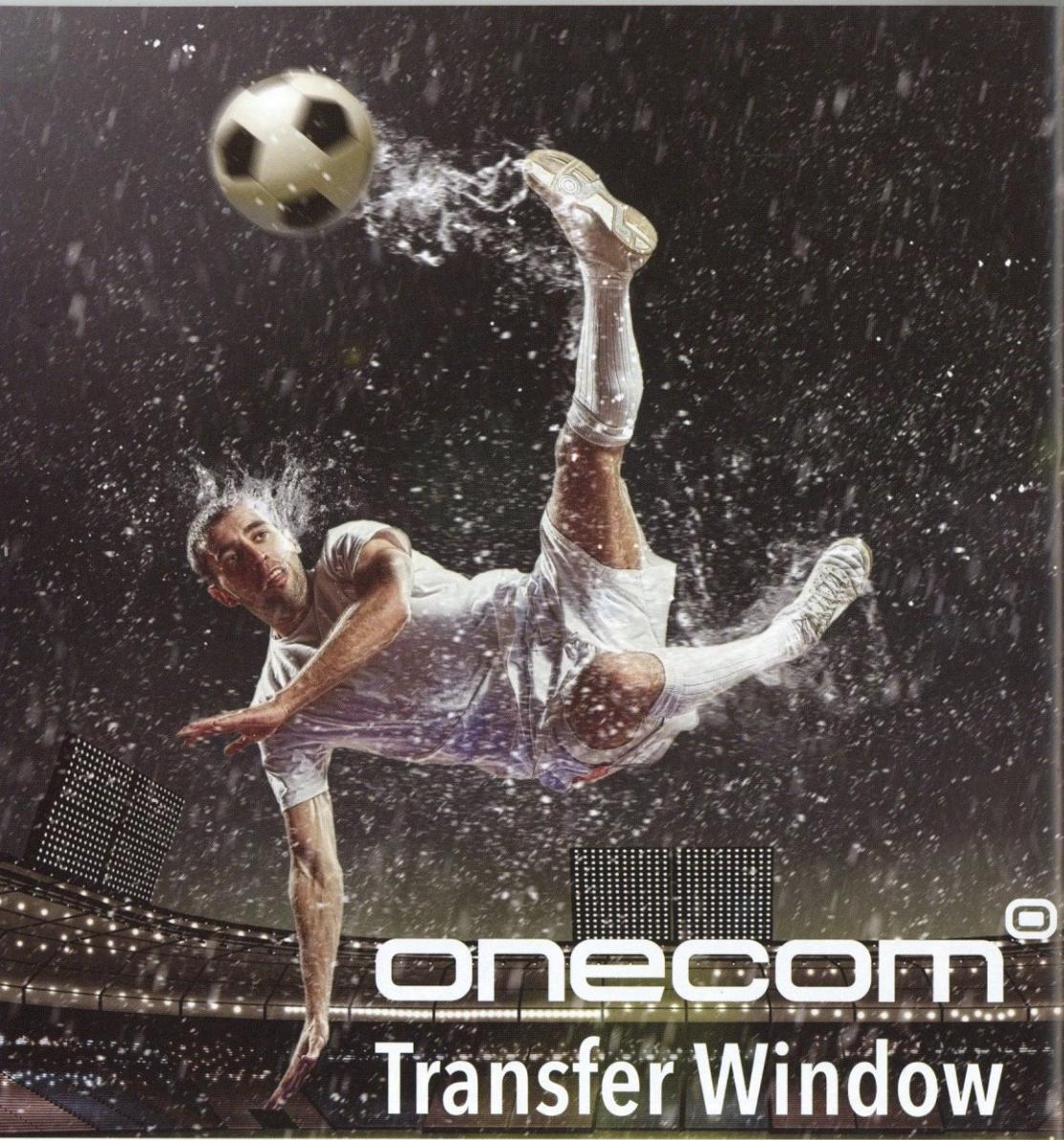
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the states. "It saw the gaffer win Manager of the Month and helped us move away from the bottom of the table. There were some decent performances in there and it's just a shame that it had to end the other night, but then we picked ourselves up and got ready to go again."

"We've had a few disappointing spells during the season, but you're going to have dips in form and the important thing is how you deal with that."

"Hopefully we can now get another run going to climb up that league table and then see where we end up. We just need to make sure we

work hard in training and that we're prepared for every game."

Pompey are currently rooted firmly in mid-table – sitting 10 points off the final play-off spot and 11 clear of the League Two trapdoor.

Taylor believes that a top-seven finish is still within the Blues' grasp, but knows that they need to perform on a regular basis in order to achieve that.

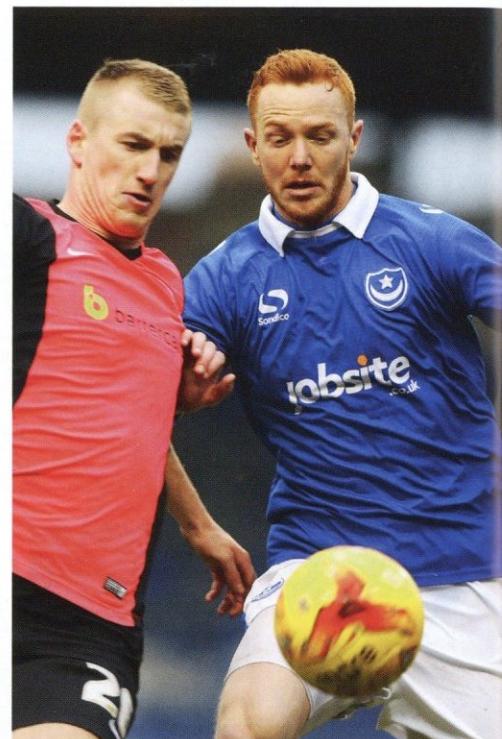
"One reason why a lot of players are at this level is because of inconsistency," he explains. "On their day they can be as good as Championship quality, but you need to be able to do it week in, week out."

"We've seen this season that any team is capable of beating any other – that's not just a cliché. It means that every game is going to be tough and you have to be ready for different sides playing different kinds of football."

"Our results have been a lot stronger recently and we have to believe that Northampton match was just a blip."

"The gap to the play-offs is 10 points, but we just need to take each game as it comes and not look too far ahead."





Taylor believes that Pompey have a secret weapon in their quest to move up the table – average Fratton gates of more than 15,000.

"It's a bit of an odd scenario," he says. "You look down the attendances in League Two and there's nobody getting anywhere near us."

"To have that many fans at this level is crazy and is a brilliant incentive for us. The support home and away is top drawer and can only help us."

Pompey today come up against a

Luton outfit that romped to the Conference Premier title last term, bringing to an end their five-year exile from the Football League. And they have not struggled in a higher division, currently occupying fifth spot despite Saturday's home defeat to Morecambe.

Taylor netted in the 1-1 draw with the Hatters at Kenilworth Road just after Christmas and is hoping he can repeat the feat this afternoon.

"It wasn't exactly a belter," he laughs. "But they all count – it doesn't really matter how they go in. It would be

nice if I could find the target again."

"Luton have kicked on from their promotion last season and they've got a manager who's experienced this level. They've adapted brilliant to playing in League Two and have solid team, so it will be a tough test for us, but one we're confident we can pass if we play to our potential."

"They're also a big team down in the division and the atmosphere will be great. I'm sure that both sets of fans will be going at it hammer and tongs, but hopefully we'll be the ones who come out on top."



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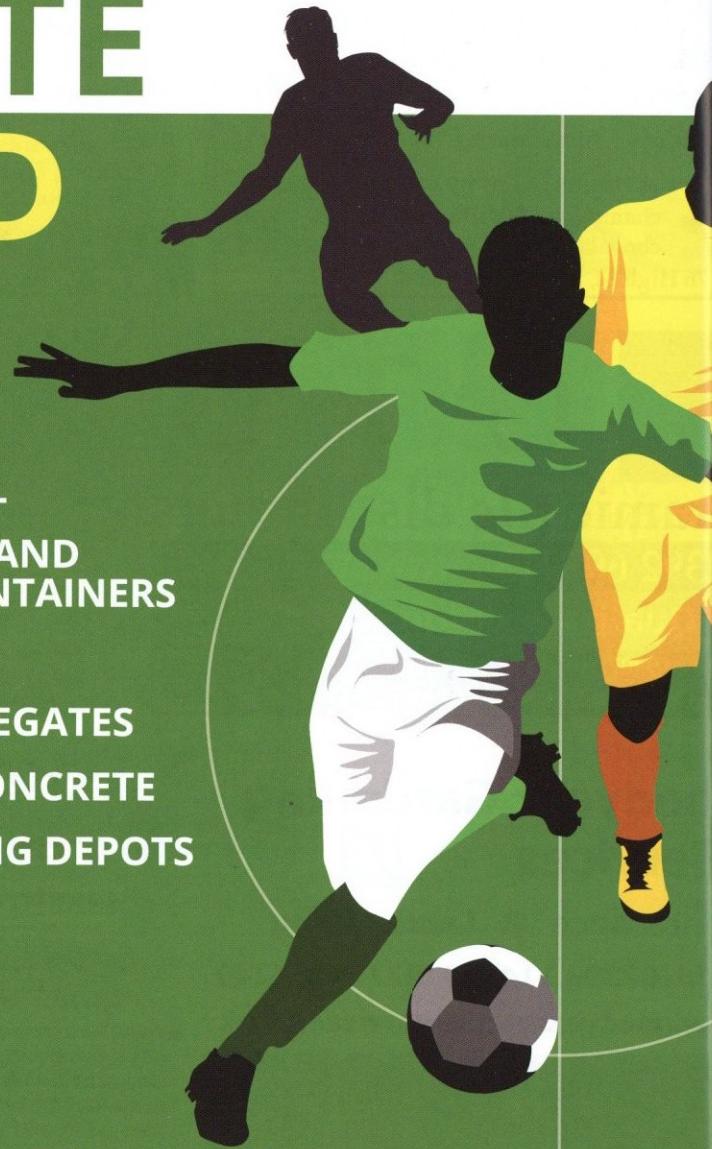


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## VIEW FROM THE NORTH STAND

by Steve Bone



anyone see FA Cup Rewind on BBC2 last Sunday? It's a programme I've been hooked on since being alerted to the fact the BBC are showing it.

or those who have not yet come across this gem, it involves highlights of memorable ties from the 70s, 80s and more recent times, being shown on the same weekend as the corresponding round this season.

Those who know me won't be surprised to hear I am enjoying these programmes more than this year's action – and not only because the choice of old games for last week's sixth round Rewind was our famous win at Old Trafford in 2008.

As long as I live, I don't think I'll ever tire of watching the best bits from what some say is our greatest result of the modern era.

Every time you see Carlos Tevez with the ball at his feet and only Glen Johnson on the line, you feel he must score this time. Every time you see Michael Carrick just needing to poke the ball over the line from two yards with Sylvain Distin's legs as his only barrier, you feel he will. And every time you see Sulley Muntari launch into the most important penalty Pompey have ever had with the shortest run-up known to man, you feel he'll fluff it. And each time you see all those incidents, you breathe a sigh of relief when it goes our way again.

Whatever else we remember David James, Sol Campbell and Distin for, we should remain eternally grateful for their heroic parts in that day and that win, which earned us two more of the best days out of our lives and enabled us to lift the FA Cup.

But watching FA Cup Rewind has been entertaining not just for that game. Third round classics included Hereford v Newcastle (of course) and Shrewsbury v Everton;



AN EMAIL FROM BOB ACTON RETURNS US TO A FAVOURITE THEME OF PAST COLUMNS – POMPEY SHIRTS IN EXOTIC PLACES

the fourth round choice included Liverpool v Havant & Waterlooville and in this round, we also had an epic tie and replay between Everton and Ipswich. How wonderful to see the likes of Kevin Sheedy and Romeo Zondervan again.

So enjoyable are the old highlights (particularly, for me, from the 1980s) and so many people must there be who tune in, I don't know why the MOTD people don't follow the Top of the Pops lead and show all their old episodes chronologically and weekly on BBC4 or some such channel.

One thing about the Man U v Blues footage, though. The highlights comprised loads of United chances and only one of Pompey's. I wonder why that was...

An email from Bob Acton returns us to a favourite theme of past columns – Pompey shirts in exotic places. And in this case, being worn by an exotic person (pictured above).

Bob writes: "When on holiday late last year in Barbados, I was astonished that one of the beach vendors wore a Pompey shirt every day. He claimed he had worn it for seven years.

"Known as the Pineapple Man, he cut up and sold pineapples (albeit at Premier League prices – 50 Barbados dollars!).

"The beach was Paynes Bay, which includes the famous Sandy Lane Resort, and he showed us a photo of himself with Robin van Persie after the World Cup with PM wearing his Pompey top. Someone out there must know how he got this shirt..."

If you do, get in touch – and do send in your own pictures and tales of Blues shirts (or other bits of kit!) in glamorous or unexpected locations.

FA Cup memories, Pompey shirts in unusual places and anything else PFC-related to [stevebonepfc@googlemail.com](mailto:stevebonepfc@googlemail.com) or [@stevebone1](https://twitter.com/stevebone1) on Twitter.



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Who are your Pompey heroes from the 1970s?



Albert McCann – his step-overs with his bandy legs were legendary.  
**Colin Stephens**



Norman Piper was a quality player in a poor team – and stayed with us despite offers from other sides.  
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Norman Piper for his equaliser at Charlton in the cup, right at the end to give us a home replay in front of 32,000 fans.  
**Mick Bull**



Jeff Hemmerman was my idol – always remember him being a trier.  
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Mike Trebilcock was my idol when I was playing for Wimborne Road Junior School, with Albert McCann and Ray Hiron close seconds.  
**Chris Brown**



Pauls Went and Cahill – one scored the best own-goal I've seen down Fratton and the other was one of the hardest defenders... legal or otherwise.  
**Mark Simms**



I still have my old childhood teddy bear called Peter Mellor.  
**Paul Bannister**



Dave Kemp was a goal machine in a shocking team.  
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Ray Hiron – just a normal guy. I used to deliver his newspapers and he was a prolific goalscorer.  
**Mike Garland**



Jeff Hemmerman deserves a mention for the mother of all perms – he was a good forward to watch too.  
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# A KNIGHT'S TALE

*Alan Knight made 801 appearances for Pompey and is now club ambassador*

Even though I didn't get to work with them at Pompey, it was great to welcome Hermann Hreidarsson and David James back to Fratton Park for the last home match against Oxford. Both the Icelandic defender and England international were extremely popular players and Hermann even booked the Jimmy Dickinson lounge for 20 of his countrymen, which certainly livened the place up.

Many of you will have witnessed the rousing reception they received upon taking to the pitch at half-time. Only a select band of players will have been afforded such a response and it shows how much the fans took have taken them to their hearts.

A host of other former Blues stars were also present. I know Jimmy Carter well, as he was here during

the twilight of my career when I was fighting for the goalkeeper's spot with Mart Poom and – God rest his soul – Aaron Flahavan. He made 77 appearances for the club between 1995 and 1998 and spent time on loan at Oxford before that. My old mate Chris Burns, who turned out to be a surprise package in the early 1990s, was here and was joined by George Ley and Norman Piper.

It is always great to have former players here, especially when they span different periods, and they enjoyed the chance to tour the various hospitality lounges before the game and meet some of our fans. To finish the complement, Keith Viney was also at the game, along with those regulars who live locally and visit the Players' Lounge on a matchday.

There are a number of events on the horizon before the end of the season and one of these is the London Supporters' Club dinner, which takes place following the Bury game on April 18. This year it is being held in memory of the much missed Eddy Wilson, who was a member of the group and a Pompey stalwart for more than half a century. For those of us who knew him, it still seems strange seeing Eddy around the place on matchday or operating the public address system at reserve and youth cup games. He was a popular figure at Fratton Park and I'm sure the dinner will be well attended.

In the next programme I will talk about another eagerly anticipated forthcoming event – the Hall of Fame dinner.



## VINCE'S VIEW

*Vince Hilaire played 168 games for Pompey and is now a matchday host*



To say that my time at Luton wasn't the most prolific spell of my career is somewhat of an understatement – I played six times for them and never scored. Consequently, the thing most Hatters fans remember me for is my boots. I had just acquired a boot sponsorship at the time and my bright Puma King footwear outshone everyone. It's just a pity that my football didn't do the same.

David Pleat was a manager who spoke a thousand words when one would do and rather conned me into moving from Crystal Palace by saying I would suit their style of play. It soon became clear that I didn't. A few weeks later he was telling me that if he knew I was this bad he never would have attempted to sign me – which, of course, did my ever diminishing confidence the world of good.

Just before Pompey came in to rescue me from this nightmare, I was sat in David's office to discuss where we felt it had all gone wrong. I thought that the side lacked a couple of hard-men who would put their foot in and fight for lost causes. His response was that he never took advice from players and how dare I suggest that he didn't know what was best for his team.

So I was intrigued when, not long after I left, Luton signed Mick Harford and Peter Nicholas – possibly two of the hardest players in the game at that time. It made me think that I had in some way influenced the direction they took because, let's face it, I hadn't done that on the pitch.

When Pompey made their interest known, David sat me down again,

said that Alan Ball had made an offer and as I was doing nothing at Luton, I might as well just go there. I was only too happy to accept and join up with my old Palace team-mate Billy Gilbert. When I arrived at Fratton Park, I heard those immortal words from Bally that would greet me further down the line at both Stoke and Exeter: "Welcome, son. You are going to absolutely love it down here."

Finally, I'd like to give David Pleat some credit for never holding a grudge. A few months after leaving Luton he sent me a Christmas card with an unusual yuletide greeting. It simply said: "Have you learned to use your left foot yet?"



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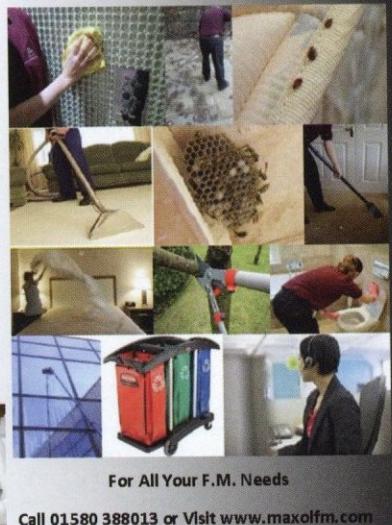
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I was honoured to be invited along to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the Marriott Hotel recently. It seems to get bigger and better every year!

The event is attended annually by around 300 people, but the real stars are the children from cancer wards at QA Hospital and Southampton General Hospital, as well as other specialist care centres, like the Rainbow Centre in Fareham. They are all suffering from long-term illnesses and disabilities, so it's great to be able to provide a fun day out for them and their families. The money we raise allows the charity to buy presents for those children present, provide some special trips for the ones who are too ill to attend on the day and purchase vital equipment for the hospitals.

There are always special guests happy to give their time and this year was no exception. Blues boss Andy Awford was joined by Jed Wallace and Nigel Atangana, who signed autographs and held a kick-about to find some new talent. Mascots Nelson and Mary Rose turned up, as did former Pompey heroes Alan Knight MBE, Linvoy Primus MBE and Ray Crawford, while Fratton favourite John Jenkins MBE even brought along his Olympic torch to show the children.

There were appearances by Star Wars Stormtroopers and popular Doctor Who villains The Daleks, as well as Jake Wood (Max Branning in EastEnders) and

eight-foot tall robot Titan! Fred Dinenage once again hosted the event, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service at Cosham sent a fire engine and the police showed the children a car, van and motorbike – and even an armed response unit.

We had an indoor zoo, monster trucks, limousines and plenty of entertainers – clowns, magicians, face painters, stilt walkers, balloon modellers, jugglers and local DJs.

Everyone had a great time with all the children and their families, who enjoyed taking part in fancy hat and dancing competitions that were judged by the Lord Mayor and MP Penny Mordaunt, with heaps of prizes up for grabs.

It is always humbling to be at this amazing event especially when you meet those who attended previously when they were having treatment for cancer, but are now working as volunteers to help other children enjoy themselves.

So a big Pompey 'well done' to everyone involved with the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. If you would like to find out more about the charity, please visit [www.madhattersparty.org](http://www.madhattersparty.org)

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April 10 2013, the culmination of everyone's efforts saw triumph with pumped fists and parties. We had all done it, Pompey were saved, we fans were in charge.

Being fan-owned means that important stakeholders, the fans, have a say in how their beloved club is run. Sadly this is a relatively rare occurrence, especially in professional football.

Without fans, football is nothing. Without fans, the value of the game as a spectacle (now worth £5.14 billion) would be greatly reduced.

## WE HAD ALL DONE IT, POMPEY WERE SAVED, WE FANS WERE IN CHARGE

The importance of fan devotion in football is both ignored and exploited by owners as it suits; who see a football club as their own private empire and ATM; who know full well that loyal supporters will pay over the odds for tickets, replica shirts, calendars and such-like ephemera. Club shops with scant supply of replica shirt stocks are rare; though in some cases, as we know, it does happen.

Changing the kit colour, stadium name, whacking high-interest loans (aka 'investments') onto the club's assets – football has seen it all. Yet nothing much has been done to change this. Little of it is illegal, but all of it is bad news for the club's true stakeholders, the fans.

Decades of weak football authority regulation have left clubs wide open to becoming ready-made vehicles

for money launderers, property dealers, tax dodgers and more.

But things are changing in the football landscape.

For instance, Trust In Luton owns 50,000 shares in the club. They have the legal right to veto any changes to the club name, kit colours, club crest and even the mascot. Fans literally protect the club's identity. It beats voting on one of three boring kit colour options offered by the kit manufacturer too.

Also, more and more football grounds up and down the country – thanks mainly to fans – have now been declared an 'Asset of Community Value', making it a lot harder for the stadium to be sold off for development.

Supporters are becoming more aware of the power they have. Harnessing that power for the benefit of their clubs' future is the key. It is a steep learning curve for all fan-owned clubs, Pompey included.

As long as fan-owned club boards aim to be transparent through clear and accurate dissemination of information, then fans will be happy. However, go down the common football business trail of vague sound-bites, creative accounting wheezes and exploitative marketing and it won't be long before more 'unveiling' articles are published across the country.

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Pompey extended their unbeaten run to seven matches as they ended a fruitful February with a goalless draw against Oxford.

But they were unable to break down a resolute United back-line as boss Michael Appleton secured a point on his first visit back to Fratton Park.

It was not a game full of clear-cut goalscoring opportunities, but the best ones fell the Blues' way and Ryan Clarke made a couple of fine saves.

The first was to deny Jed Wallace, with the keeper just about getting his fingertips to a low drive and turning the ball behind.

And the second arrived just before the break, as Clarke leapt to palm over a bullet header from Matt Tubbs that seemed destined for the net.

Pompey – watched by 2008 FA Cup winners Hermann Hreidarsson and David James – kept pushing forward in the second half, but could not find a way through, while Paul Jones was a virtual spectator at the other end of the pitch.

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Floral arrangements have kindly been provided by Tracy Ancell from The Floral Tea Party. Email [thefloralteaparty@virginmedia.com](mailto:thefloralteaparty@virginmedia.com) for more details.

Portsmouth FC, Pompey in the Community and Covers would like to wish all the mums in the crowd at Fratton Park today a very Happy Mother's Day for tomorrow.

### Polly Honeychurch



Polly Honeychurch

*Nominated by son Reuben and foster sons Dameon and Joe*

Mum deserves this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity because she is a massive Pompey fan and I want her to know that I love her as much as she loves me. In half-term she took us to Marwell Zoo where we bought a snake called

'Floppy' and a monkey called 'Chimp'. Our Mum deserves a treat because she helps us have fun and enjoy learning.

### Sheila Keyte



Sheila Keyte

### Nominated by son Ben

I would like my Mum to be mascot as she's more than a mum to me – she's my best friend, who supports me through good and bad. She has been with Pompey through all her life and was there with SOS Pompey in the 70s and is a shareholder now. I love her, so it would fulfil mine and her dream of letting her walk on that hallowed turf.

### Michelle Leaver



Michelle Leaver

### Nominated by daughter Emily

My Mum should walk out onto the pitch at Fratton Park because she is the best mum anyone could wish for. She is the backbone of the family. She is always there when you need a shoulder to cry on or need a bit of advice and, yes,

we do have our ups and downs, but I don't know what I would ever do without Mum by my side, she is like my best friend.



Elaine Powell

### Elaine Powell

*Nominated by son Mark*  
My mum has been a Pompey season ticket holder for many years and we have travelled all over the country together watching Pompey, as well as going to most of the away games. Recently she has had a hard time, as she fell over outside the Luton ground this season after seeing Pompey. She was not able to go to any games throughout January as she was completely bed-bound due to her injuries. Pompey means the world to her and I know she would absolutely love to be a mascot.



Jean Churchill

### Jean Churchill

*Nominated by son Alan*  
Mum has been an avid fan for the last 68 years, since my Granddad took her as a little girl. She is a

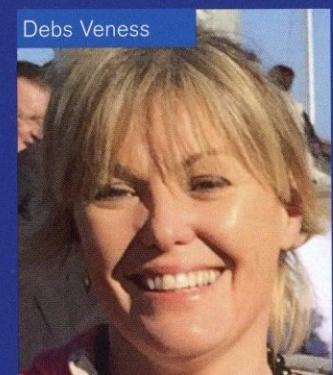
pillar of the local community, always there to help anybody out whenever she can. Anybody who knows her will tell you how kind and caring she is. Her seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also help to keep her young.

**Jill Tidd**  
*Nominated by daughter Jan*



My mum has had a difficult few years, but she has fought through it all and, at the same time, been helping me to raise my family while I work and not expecting anything herself. She's proof of the Pompey spirit and it would make her year to walk out on the pitch – and she might believe me when I tell her how special she is.

**Debs Veness**



*Nominated by son Jack*  
My Mum deserves the opportunity to be a mascot as she's a fantastic mum, Pompey mad and has been attending



**Elizabeth Wood >**

matches ever since her school days. She's currently a season ticket holder in the North Stand and as a family we own a share in the trust. She took me to my first game when I was five and alongside the fact she is world's number one mum, she is a well deserving candidate that deserves a Mother's Day treat. It's hard to condense how great she is into as little as 100 words.

**Kellie West**

*Nominated by son Edward*  
Over the last few years my Mum has always been there for my sister, Dad and me. My dad had to have major surgery three years ago which left him deaf on his left side and took a year to recover. During this my Mum was always there for us. I play for Portsmouth Elite Academy and she still took me to training and matches for my club, Headley FC. She helped us with our school work, no matter what, even when my dad was really ill. She loves helping out at my school where she is on the PTA and bends over backwards to help the school. She is always there when our friends or family need her and she would drop everything to help in any way she can. She is amazing and so strong. I'd like her to be spoilt because she

is such a special person. I love her so much.

**Elizabeth Wood**  
*Nominated by granddaughter Becky*

My Grandma makes the best cheese toasties EVER!!!! Even though she is a massive Pompey fan, she hasn't been to a Pompey game for a couple of years, but would love the chance to be on the pitch at Fratton Park. It would show her how much she means, not just to me, but to the rest of the family.

**Shona Galvin**

*Nominated by daughter Cara*  
My Mum does so much for us all and never seems to stop. She's the kindest person I know and is always there for us. She has NEVER missed one Pompey footie match! Because my Mum is a Pompey crazed fan and my Dad is a Chelsea supporter, they always argue when it comes to this certain subject, it's kind of funny. Mum calls my Dad a glory hunter. LOL!



**Shona Galvin**



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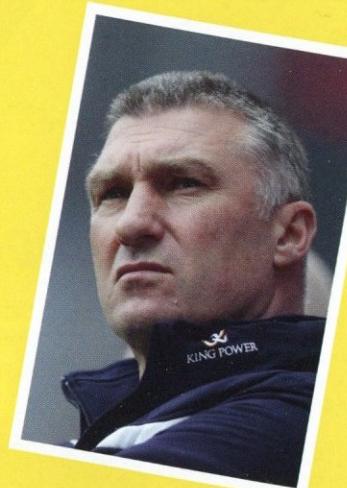
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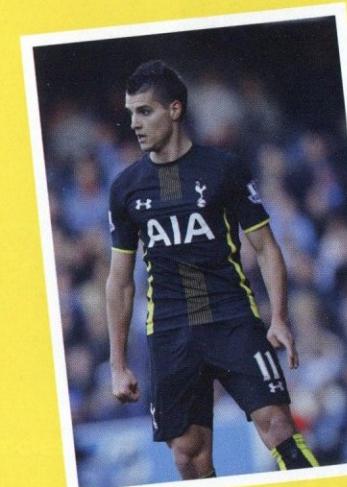


2 Nigel Pearson (right) is the manager of which Premier League side?



3 True or False?  
Pompey won 2-1 at Luton in December.

4 Who are the current European Championship holders after winning the 2012 edition in Poland and Ukraine?



5 Tottenham manager Erik Lamela (right) plays international football for which country?



6 Which London club sacked Ian Holloway on Tuesday: Brentford, Charlton or Millwall?

## WHO ARE YA?

Can you identify the Pompey players?

1



2



3





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Can you find the Pompey side that started last week's draw at Accrington hidden in the grid?



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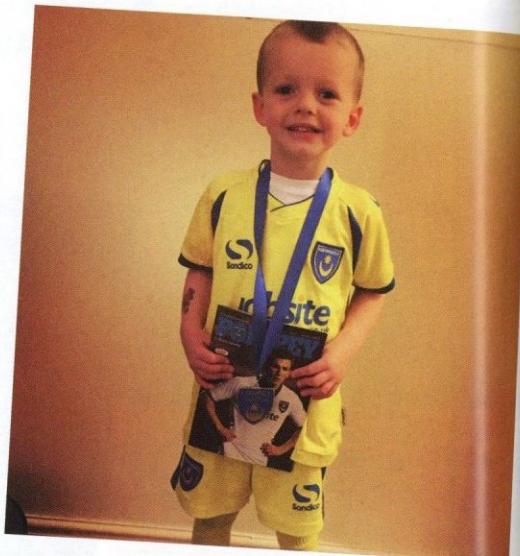
Please give a warm welcome to our mascots for this afternoon's match against Luton Town:

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Please also welcome Pompey Pups Harry Burrows and Heidi Butcher

## BIRTHDAY BARKS

Happy 5th Birthday, Liam – hope you enjoy your day as a VIP mascot! Lots of love, Mum, Dad and Jake xxx



FOOTBALL QUIZ: 1 Danny Welbeck 2 Leicester City 3 False – it was 1-1 4 Spain 5 Argentina 6 Millwall  
WHO ARE YAZ? 1 Paul Robinson 2 Joe Devera 3 Dan Butler

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## ACADEMY

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BOURNEMOUTH 2  
POMPEY 2

Pompey fought from two goals down to secure a 2-2 draw at Bournemouth.

The hosts roared into a comfortable lead after the interval thanks to strikes from Matt Butcher and Sam Matthews.

But the Blues reduced the deficit with just 15 minutes to go when Adam May's cross was flicked on for Brandon Haunstrup (right) to force home.

And they snatched an equaliser right at the death, with Harvey Bradbury controlling neatly before firing past Cherries keeper Jordan Holmes.

Academy manager Mark Kelly said: "We controlled the first half, but were just missing that spark in the final third.

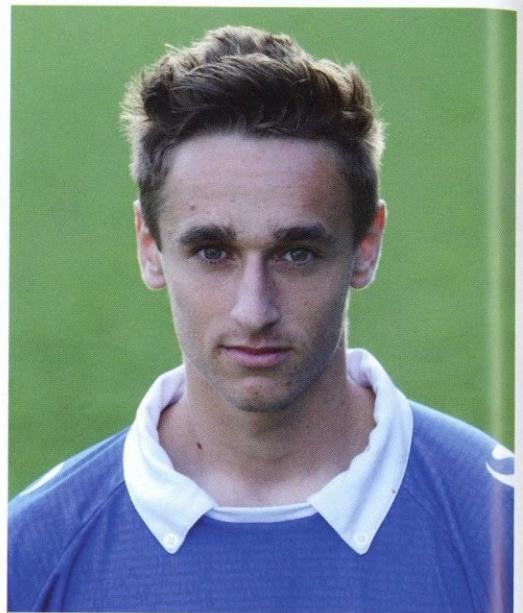
"Bournemouth obviously got a ticking off at the break because they came roaring out of the traps from the restart and scored twice.

"We just stopped doing all the good things we had shown before the interval and the second goal we conceded was very sloppy on our part.

"I made a couple of changes and a few people moved into different positions and then we started to regain some control.

"Brandon got a goal back and we started to enjoy a period of sustained pressure before Harvey grabbed a deserved leveller.

"If the game had gone on for an extra five minutes then



I think the lads might have gone on to secure all three points.

"The match was all part of the lads' learning curve because they let their concentration slip at the start of the second half and were punished for that.

"But we'd had a difficult week with a lot of players off sick and so I was pleased with the character we displayed to fight back."

**Pompey:** Collins; Rwakarambwe, Nilsen, Granger, Haunstrup; Widdrington, May, Oxlade-Chamberlain, Haitham (Scutt 72); Sayers (Bradbury 65), Gill

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POMPEY 1  
BARNET 0

Pompey continued their unbeaten start to the Merit League One campaign with a 1-0 victory over Barnet at Furze Lane.

Calvin Davies, Theo Widdrington and Liam Sayers were all denied by Kai McKenzie-Lyle as the hosts edged a scrappy opening 45 minutes.

But the Bees keeper was beaten early in the second half when a free-kick from James Granger (above) bobbed over his arm and into the corner.

Barnet pushed forward in search of an equaliser, but some resolute defending meant it was Pompey who secured all three points.

Academy coach Mikey Harris said: "We started very well and showed plenty of energy, pressing high up the pitch to win a lot of balls.

"But the surface was difficult and although both sides tried to play the right way, the conditions didn't really lend themselves to that.

"Instead it became a very competitive contest, with all the players battling hard for their respective teams.

"Thankfully we were able to get the winner after the break thanks to another free-kick from James.

"Barnet threw everything at us following the goal, but we were able to hold them off thanks to some decent defending and a bit of luck.

"Joe Hunt also made some good saves and deserved his clean sheet. We brought him in from Havant & Waterlooville because Alex Bass was on first team duty at Accrington.

"The overall performance levels weren't as high as we would have liked, but we did have a lot of players unavailable.

"I was pleased to see the lads dig in and hold on for the win, while showing plenty of resilience."

**Pompey:** Hunt; Nilsen, Field, Haunstrup; Rwakarambwe, Granger, Widdrington (Bradbury 87), Oxlade-Chamberlain, Davies; Sayers (Joseph-Buadi 70), Haitham

## 2014/15 FIXTURES

TUE AUG 12	Exeter (A)	(YA Cup)	D 1-1
SAT AUG 16	Bristol Rovers (H)	(YA Cup)	D 3-3
SAT AUG 23	Plymouth (H)		L 1-2
WED AUG 27	Gillingham (H)		D 1-**
SAT AUG 30	Newport (A)		W 5-2
SAT SEP 6	Cheltenham (H)		L 1-2
SAT SEP 13	Bournemouth (H)		L 1-2
SAT SEP 20	Torquay (A)		W 4-1
SAT SEP 27	Oxford (H)		D 1-1
SAT OCT 11	Swindon (A)		D 3-3
SAT OCT 18	Cheltenham (A)		W 6-1
SAT OCT 25	Newport (H)		W 3-0
SAT NOV 1	Torquay (H)		D 0-0
MON NOV 3	Plymouth (A)		W 4-0
SAT NOV 22	Swindon (H)	(FAYC)	W 4-3
THU NOV 27	Thamesmead (A)	(FAYC)	W 7-3
SAT NOV 29	Exeter (A)		W 1-0
SAT DEC 6	Oxford (A)		L 4-5
TUE DEC 16	Bolton (H)	(FAYC)	L 0-1
SAT DEC 20	Exeter (H)		W 1-0
TUE JAN 13	Bournemouth (A)		L 0-2
SAT JAN 17	Plymouth (A)		W 4-2
SAT JAN 24	Bristol Rovers (A)		L 0-3
SAT FEB 1	Stevenage (H)		D 0-0
SAT FEB 14	Swindon (A)		W 2-1
SAT FEB 21	Watford (H)		W 2-0
SAT FEB 28	Bournemouth (A)		D 2-2
SAT MAR 7	Barnet (H)		W 1-0
SAT MAR 14	Luton (A)		W 4-3
SAT MAR 21	MK Dons (H)		W 1-0
SAT MAR 28	Exeter (A)		W 2-0
SAT APR 4	Peterborough (H)		W 4-0
SAT APR 11	Plymouth (A)		W 2-1
SAT APR 18	Southend (H)		W 1-0

\*Won 5-4 on penalties \*\*Lost 2-4 on penalties

## MERIT LEAGUE ONE

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Plymouth	5	4	1	0	9	4	5	13
<b>POMPEY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>
Watford	5	3	0	2	8	4	4	9
Barnet	5	3	0	2	12	9	3	9
Bournemouth	4	2	2	0	11	8	3	8
Stevenage	5	2	2	1	9	7	2	8
Luton	4	2	1	1	7	5	2	7
Peterborough	5	2	0	3	10	14	-4	6
Southend	4	1	0	3	6	8	-2	3
Exeter	4	1	0	3	5	9	-4	3
MK Dons	5	0	1	4	4	8	-4	1
Swindon	5	0	1	4	5	14	-9	1

## APPS &amp; GOALS

	A	G
Alex Bass	17(+2)	0
Jez Bedord	1	0
Harvey Bradbury	1(+5)	1
Conor Chaplin	17(+2)	21
Jack Collins	1	0
Calvin Davies	22(+1)	0
Adam Diaz	1	0
Chad Field	17(+3)	1
Monty George	7(+2)	0
Lewis Gill	22(+2)	9
Adam Grange	2	0
James Granger	23(+3)	4
Kaleem Haitham	16(+9)	3
Nick Hall	2	0
Brandon Haunstrup	19(+1)	6
Joe Hunt	1	0
Brandon Joseph-Buadi	16(+6)	6
Kofi Joseph-Buadi	1	0
Adam May	24(+2)	4
Kyle McDowell	6	0
Snorre Nilsen	23(+1)	1
Christian Oxlade-Chamberlain	16(+11)	0
Fahad Rwakarambwe	21(+5)	3
Ousman Saidy	6(+1)	0
Liam Sayers	13(+11)	1
Tommy Scutt	1(+4)	0
Eddie Wakley	2(+1)	0
Theo Widdrington	6(+1)	0
Sam Woodward	2(+1)	1
Dory Yates	2(+4)	0

# CLUB DIARY

SATURDAY, MARCH 14	SUNDAY, MARCH 15	MONDAY, MARCH 16	TUESDAY, MARCH 17	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18	THURSDAY, MARCH 19 *	FRIDAY MARCH 20
Pompey v Luton (3pm) Sky Bet League 2	Pompey Ladies v Brighton (2pm) Premier League Southern Division	Shrewsbury (H) tickets go on sale to season ticket holders and shareholders from 10am	Pompey v Cheltenham (7.45pm) Sky Bet League 2	Gillingham v Pompey Reserves (2pm) Final Third Development League		
Luton v Pompey Academy (1.30am) Merit League 1				Shrewsbury (H) tickets go on general sale from 70am		
SATURDAY, MARCH 21	SUNDAY, MARCH 22	MONDAY, MARCH 23	TUESDAY, MARCH 24	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25	THURSDAY, MARCH 26	FRIDAY, MARCH 27
AFC Wimbledon v Pompey (3pm) Sky Bet League 2	Pompey Ladies v QPR (2pm) Premier League Southern Division	Carlisle (A) and Plymouth (H) tickets go on sale to season ticket holders and shareholders from 10am	Pompey Reserves v Luton Orient (2pm) Final Third Development League	Carlisle (A) and Plymouth (H) tickets go on general sale from 70am	Pompey Reserves v Bristol City (1pm) Final Third Development Cup	England v Lithuania (7.45pm) Euro 2016 Qualifying
Pompey Academy v MK Dons (11am) Merit League 1	Bristol City v Walsall (3.30pm) Johnstone's Paint Trophy final		Jed Wallace's 21st birthday		Jed Wallace's 21st birthday	Pompey Hall of Fame Dinner
SATURDAY, MARCH 28	SUNDAY, MARCH 29	MONDAY, MARCH 30	TUESDAY, MARCH 31	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1	THURSDAY, APRIL 2	FRIDAY, APRIL 3
Pompey v Shrewsbury (3pm) Sky Bet League 2	Pompey Ladies v Plymouth (2pm) Premier League Southern Division	Morecambe (A) and Stevenage (A) tickets go on sale to season ticket holders and shareholders from 10am	Luton v Pompey Reserves (2pm) Final Third Development League	Morecambe (A) and Stevenage (A) tickets go on general sale from 70am	Carlisle v Pompey (3pm) Sky Bet League 2	
Exeter v Pompey Academy (11.30am) Merit League 1	Johnstone's Paint Trophy final		Italy v England (7.45pm) International Friendly			
SATURDAY, APRIL 4	SUNDAY, APRIL 5	MONDAY, MARCH 6	TUESDAY, MARCH 7	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8	THURSDAY, APRIL 9	FRIDAY, APRIL 10
Pompey Academy v Peterborough (11.30am) Merit League 1	Charlton Ladies v Pompey (2pm) Premier League Southern Division	Pompey v Plymouth (3pm) Sky Bet League 2	Pompey Reserves v Peterborough (2pm) Final Third Development League	Pompey Ladies v Southampton (7.45pm) Hampshire Cup Final	Pompey Reserves v Gillingham (2pm) Final Third Development League	
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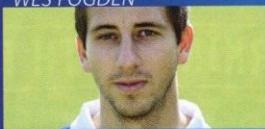


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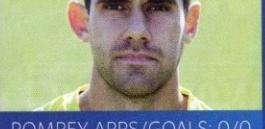
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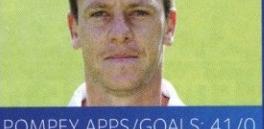
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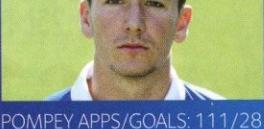
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	PLD	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1	Burton	35	12	2	3	23	9	8	5	5	24	21	17	67
2	Shrewsbury	35	13	4	1	34	9	6	4	7	16	17	24	65
3	Wycombe	35	7	6	4	21	17	10	7	1	30	15	19	64
4	Southend	35	8	7	3	19	9	8	4	5	21	23	8	59
5	Luton	35	11	4	3	28	12	5	6	6	15	19	12	58
6	Bury	35	11	3	4	27	16	6	4	7	19	20	10	58
7	Plymouth	35	11	3	4	27	9	5	4	8	15	17	16	55
8	Stevenage	35	12	2	4	31	19	4	5	8	20	25	7	55
9	Newport	35	8	5	4	24	16	7	3	8	17	25	0	53
10	Northampton	35	10	2	5	32	20	5	3	10	22	25	9	50
11	AFC Wimbledon	35	9	4	5	30	22	4	6	7	15	22	1	49
12	Morecambe	35	6	5	6	17	18	7	4	7	21	19	1	48
13	Exeter	35	5	6	6	22	24	7	5	6	24	25	-3	47
14	<b>POMPEY</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>
15	Accrington	35	8	4	6	24	24	5	1	11	19	32	-13	44
16	Dagenham & Redbridge	35	6	2	9	19	22	6	5	7	23	26	-6	43
17	Cambridge	35	6	3	8	25	22	5	6	7	24	26	1	42
18	Oxford	35	5	6	6	22	20	5	6	7	16	21	-3	42
19	Mansfield	35	8	5	4	19	15	3	4	11	11	28	-13	42
20	York	35	2	9	6	12	17	5	6	7	23	25	-7	36
21	Carlisle	35	7	2	9	26	31	4	1	12	16	30	-19	36
22	Cheltenham	35	4	8	6	18	22	4	3	10	13	28	-19	35
23	Tranmere	35	5	6	7	24	24	3	4	10	13	24	-11	34
24	Hartlepool	35	5	4	9	16	26	2	2	13	9	31	-32	27

CORRECT AS OF 12.03.15

### APPEARANCES

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
Nigel Atangana	11(+14)	1	2/0	5	-	2/0
Patrick Agyemang	3(+5)	-	0(+2)	-	16(+14)	1
Nick Awford*	1	-	3	-	1/0	4/0
Andy Barcham	4(+13)	1	1(+2)	-	5(+15)	1
Marcus Bean*	6	1	3/0	-	6	1
Ryan Bird*	0(+2)	-	0(+1)	-	0(+3)	-
Dan Butler	18(+4)	-	1/1	4	-	22(+4)
Conor Chaplin	0(+4)	-	-	-	0(+4)	-
Ben Chorley	12(+1)	-	1/1	1(+2)	-	13(+3)
Ben Close	0(+3)	-	1(+2)	-	1(+5)	-
Joe Devera	26(+2)	1	2/0	4	-	80(+2)
Michael Drennan*	3(+1)	-	1/0	-	3(+1)	-
James Dunne	24(+2)	1	9/0	2	-	26(+2)
Johnny Ertl	5(+6)	1	-	3	-	8(+6)
Matt Fish*	3	-	1/0	-	3	-
Wes Fogden	0(+2)	-	-	-	0(+2)	-
Danny Hollands	31(+3)	1	5/0	2(+1)	1	33(+4)
Lee Holmes*	3(+2)	-	-	-	3(+2)	-
Ricky Holmes*	9(+4)	-	2/0	4	-	20(+4)
Paul Jones	35	-	2/0	6	-	41
Paul McCallum	0(+2)	-	0/1	-	0(+2)	-
Josh Passley	9	-	1/0	-	9	-
Paul Robinson	32	2	6/0	4(+1)	-	36(+1)
Nicky Shorey	17	-	1/0	2(+1)	-	19(+1)
Miles Storey*	10(+7)	2	-	3(+2)	1	13(+9)
Bradley Turbuck	0(+1)	-	1/0	-	0(+1)	-
Ryan Taylor	23(+6)	6	1/0	3(+1)	1	26(+7)
Matt. J. Tubb	12	4	2/0	-	-	12
Jed Wallace	33(+1)	11	6/0	5(+1)	3	38(+2)
Adam Webster	7	1	0/1	1(+2)	-	8(+2)
Craig Westcarr	19(+7)	6	3/0	4	1	23(+7)
Jack Whatmough	19(+1)	-	5/0	2	-	21(+1)
Alex Wynter*	10	-	1/0	5	-	2/0

### LEAGUE TWO TOP SCORERS

Marc Richards	Northampton	17
<b>MATT TUBBS</b>	<b>POMPEY</b>	<b>16</b>
Reuben Reid	Plymouth	15
James Collins	Shrewsbury	13
Jamie Cureton	Dag & Red	13
Danny Hylton	Oxford	13
Adebayo Akinfenwa	AFC Wimbledon	11
Mark Cullen	Luton	11
Tom Nichols	Exeter	11
<b>JED WALLACE</b>	<b>POMPEY</b>	<b>11</b>
Lewis Alessandra	Plymouth	10
Barry Corr	Southend	10
Kevin Ellison	Morecambe	10
Danny Rose	Bury	10
Paul Hayes	Wycombe	9
Daniel Nardiello	Bury	9
Jack Redshaw	Morecambe	9
Charlie Wyke	Carlisle	9

# THE LAST WORD

Mark McMahon – The News

I LEARNED AN  
IMPORTANT PIECE OF  
FAMILY HISTORY ON  
MY MOST RECENT  
TRIP BACK HOME TO  
NORTHERN IRELAND  
LAST WEEK.

It turns out I'm not the first member of my clan to have a connection with Pompey – and it's taken me nearly eight years with The News to discover this nugget of information!

A fact that's made even more surprising given that every time I set foot back in the auld homeland, I get asked about the goings on at Fratton Park first rather than my own wellbeing.

Such interest in the fortunes of Pompey from family members has often made me consider setting up our own supporters' club or putting them all in contact with Irish Blues: Portsmouth Supporters' Club, who, I believe, are the only one in Ireland for fans of the star and crescent.

However, I may have to disappoint the one or two less-switched-on members of the McMahon/Mullan dynasty who think that it's actually Plymouth and not Pompey who I cover for the paper.

That's a common mistake for quite a few of them – and one I often have to correct even before our usual football chats get under way.

I can't level such inaccuracies at my dad John, though.

Last summer he was eager to attend a charity game in Trevor Carson's home town of Killyleagh for The News in order to get an exclusive with the then-Pompey goalkeeper on where his future lay. I refused the offer, however, as I wasn't quite sure what



**HE WAS STILL A PROUD BLUES SUPPORTER,  
LOOKING OUT FOR THEIR RESULTS AS BEST  
HE COULD – THAT WAS UNTIL UPRICHARD  
LEFT THE CLUB IN 1959**

his shorthand was like!

Nevertheless, it was at a family funeral this month when I was informed that I was following in some noteworthy footsteps when it came to my support of Pompey and not, erm, Plymouth!

According to my uncle Kevin – I'll give him his moment of glory – it's in fact my late uncle Brian who first discovered the lure of the Blues when he was a boy in the 1950s, and not myself.

And the reason why?

Well, apparently the then-young, independently-minded Brian refused to conform to the norm and support the easy option of the then title winners and instead wanted a team with a Northern Ireland connection.

And with Norman Uprichard in goal for Pompey at the time, it was seemingly a natural fit. Unfortunately,

in those days, money was too tight for Brian to see his idol in action in the flesh at Fratton Park.

But he was still a proud Blues supporter, looking out for their results as best he could – that was until Uprichard, who played more than 160 games for Pompey, left the club in 1959!

There was also the fact that fellow Northern Ireland international Derek Dougan departed Fratton Park the same year for Blackburn.

And it came as no surprise that Rovers then became his club of choice, with Pompey now having to take a back seat.

The biggest showing of football disloyalty, you will think.

But I'm still proud that I have discovered ancestors with a Pompey past, no matter how fleeting and tenuous.



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## MOORE'S MEMORIES

*The abstract adventures of a Pompey addict*

IN AN EXCLUSIVE REVELATION, I CAN ANNOUNCE THAT IT IS MY PET WHITE ELEPHANT AND I WHO CAN TAKE MOST OF THE CREDIT FOR THE RECENT SEVEN-MATCH UNBEATEN RUN THAT BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO FRATTON PARK.

The reason we're taking a bow is due to the fact that I imposed a ban on myself using the indoor shopping complex in Havant as a thoroughfare – and not for the first time.

Let me explain. I habitually used the Meridian Centre as a short-cut to the cash machine and pub, via popping into WH Smith to enjoy a free read of the football magazines and autobiographies, sometimes to avoid a downpour.

But as indoor shopping complexes go, it has always been somewhat of a white elephant, which replaced a quaint outdoor arcade in what has always essentially been a market town.

It was last March that, in the midst of six winless games which saw just one goal scored and struggling to find any divine inspiration, I contemplated clutching at straws.

Among all my daily rituals and movements that I racked my brain about, this was the one that I finally hit on.

I kid you not. The conscious decision to boycott the Meridian Centre for the good of Pompey came on Thursday, March 27 – two days



**THE CONSCIOUS DECISION TO BOYCOTT THE MERIDIAN CENTRE FOR THE GOOD OF POMPEY CAME ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27 – TWO DAYS BEFORE**

before the trip to Newport.

Every credible Blues fan knows what happened next as Andy Awford's side negotiated the final seven games of the season unbeaten, accruing 17 points in the process. Suddenly a side who couldn't win became one that wouldn't lose.

For the next few months I avoided that place like the plague. However,



when the penultimate day of August came along I was brave enough – following five matches without defeat – to believe our work hard been done. I, therefore, resumed using my thoroughfare of convenience before a home match against Newport.

I felt a sense of foreboding as soon I put my foot through the door, exacerbated later that day by a first loss in 13 games, quickly followed by a couple more on the road at Burton and Southend.

But still I lumbered on through the centre during the winter, hoping that a natural – rather than divine – intervention would come to the fore, thereby maintaining easier links to my money and a pint or two.

Nevertheless, following a run of eight winless games from November through to January, I decided it was once again time to take one for the team.

As I was about to enter two days before the Wycombe match, I stopped abruptly and imposed another sentence of self-exile in the hope of inspiring another turnaround.

Again the impact was almost immediate, with undoubtedly the most vibrant performance of the season occurring at high-flying Wycombe.

By the time a trip to Cambridge came around in deepest February, Pompey were flourishing in full bloom and purring like a Rolls-Royce engine.

My route to both the hole in the wall and the subsequent watering hole continue to be more inconvenient.

But the sacrifice made by me and my white elephant has twice managed to reverse the fortunes of Awford's boys for the better.

# ON THIS DAY

Leigh Edwards and Roger Holmes look back at March 14 down the years

## MARCH

12 13 **14** 15 16



1970

Pompey 0 Millwall 1  
Division Two

A late goal from Gordon Bolland gave Millwall their first away win in 25 matches and consigned Pompey to an eighth home defeat of the season in front of 12,007 at Fratton Park. The game seemed certain to peter out for a draw when the Lions centre-forward climbed high at the far post to head home a Keith Weller free-kick with just five minutes remaining. The hosts had spent much of the afternoon pounding away at the bulky Millwall defence, but lacked the power and accuracy to break the deadlock. The nearest they came to a goal was in the 70th minute when Ray Hiron (above) wrong-footed Barry Kitchener before grazing the crossbar with an angled shot.

**Pompey:** John Milkins, Eoin Hand, Mick Travers, Dave Munks, Tommy Youlden, Harry Harris, Jim Storrie, Ray Pointer, Ray Hiron, Albert McCann, Mike Trebilcock

**Millwall:** Bryan King, Bryan Brown, Harry Cripps, Alan Dorney, Barry Kitchener, Dennis Burnett, Derek Possee,

Eamon Dunphy, Gordon Bolland, Keith Weller, Doug Allder

Goals from John Ryan and Mike Harrison gave the following promotion-chasing Luton side a 2-2 third division draw with Mansfield at Kenilworth Road: Sandy Davie, John Ryan, Fred Jardine, Alan Slough, Chris Nicholl, John Moore, Malcolm Macdonald, John Collins, Matt Tees (Keith Allen), Mike Keen, Mike Harrison.

1981

Pompey 0 Newport County 0  
Division Three

Pompey dropped a valuable point when they were held to a goalless draw by Newport before a crowd of 13,208 at Fratton Park. The Welsh outfit's deep defending frustrated the hosts all afternoon and for all their hard graft, Frank Burrows' side were restricted to just a handful of chances. Alan Rogers forced Gary Plumley into making smart saves and the other real uncomfortable moment for the goalkeeper was when a 50-yard back pass from his own defender Grant Davies bounced high and almost sneaked into the corner. Things were even quieter at the other end, with Peter Mellor only having to deal with the odd cross or two.

**Pompey:** Peter Mellor, John McLaughlin, Keith Viney, Bobby Doyle, Steve Aizlewood, Peter Ellis, Dave Gregory, Mick Tait, Billy Rafferty, Leigh Barnard, Alan Rogers

**Newport:** Gary Plumley, Richard Walden, John Relish, Grant Davies, Keith Oakes, Tommy Tynan (Ray Bishop), Nigel Vaughan, Steve Lowndes, Dave Gwyther, Karl Elsey, Kevin Moore

Two Steve White goals plus another from David Moss gave the following Luton side a 3-1 Division Two victory over struggling Bristol City at Kenilworth Road: Jake Findlay, Kirk Stephens, Mal Donaghy, Tony Greasham, Mick Saxby, Paul Price, Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Steve White, Raddy Antic, David Moss.



1989

Oldham Athletic 5 Pompey 3  
Division Two

Pompey scored three goals in the final five minutes, but were still beaten by Oldham in front of 5,773 at Boundary Park. The hosts led at the break courtesy of strikes from Andy Holden and Tommy Wright. Andy Gosney spared Graeme Hogg the embarrassment of an own-goal early in the second half, but Mike Milligan soon broke through to score a third. The fourth came in the 73rd minute as Hogg and Gavin Maguire misjudged a bouncing ball and Andy Ritchie took advantage. Wright fired in a fifth, but then Warren Aspinall converted Paul Hardyman's cross before former Latics striker Mick Quinn (above) completed the goal-fest with two late efforts.

**Oldham:** Jon Hallworth, Denis Irwin, Earl Barrett, John Kelly, Ian Marshall, Andy Holden, Roger Palmer, Andy Ritchie, Frankie Bunn, Mike Milligan, Tommy Wright

**Pompey:** Andy Gosney, Paul Hardyman, Clive Whitehead, Kevin Dillon, Graeme Hogg, Gavin Maguire, Mark Chamberlain, Barry Horne, Warren Aspinall, Mick Quinn, Mark Kelly (Mike Fillary)

John Aldridge's hat-trick and goals from Peter Beardsley and Steve McMahon gave Liverpool a 5-0 top-flight win at home to the following Luton team: Les Sealey, Tim Breacker, Ashley Grimes, David Preece (Iain Dowie), Marvin Johnson, Dave Beaumont, Danny Wilson, Darren McDonough, Mick Harford, Ricky Hill, Kingsley Black.

1992

Pompey 6 Millwall 1  
Division Two

Guy Whittingham bagged his fourth Pompey hat-trick as his side thrashed Millwall in front of 14,944 at Fratton Park. They went ahead in the third minute through Martin Kuhl's 25-yard strike and Whittingham tapped home moments later before snatching his second goal on the stroke of half-time. Alan McLaughlin notched the hosts' fourth after the interval and Whittingham then latched onto a back-pass from Keith Stevens to complete his treble. Chris Burns smashed home a sixth goal in the 70th minute and the Blues were still looking to increase their lead when

Etienne Verveer pulled one back late on.

**Pompey:** Alan Knight, Andy Awford, Kit Symons, Chris Burns, John Beresford, Darren Anderton, Alan McLaughlin, Martin Kuhl (Steve Wigley), Warren Neill, Colin Clarke (Warren Aspinall), Guy Whittingham

**Millwall:** Aidan Davison, Keith Stevens, Colin Cooper, Ian Bogie (Malcolm Allen), David Thompson, Alan McLeary, John Colquhoun, Etienne Verveer, Paul Kerr (Phil Barber), John McGinlay, Alex Rae

Brian Stein's first half strike gave the following struggling Luton side a 1-1 Division One draw with Everton at Goodison Park: Mervyn Day, Julian James, Richard Harvey, Chris Kamara, John Dreyer, Trevor Peake, Jason Rees (Ceri Hughes), Brian Stein (Jamie Campbell), Mick Harford, Mark Penbridge, David Preece.



1998

Pompey 0 Middlesbrough 0  
Division One

Alan McLaughlin missed a penalty as Pompey and promotion-chasing Middlesbrough fought out a goalless draw in a pulsating match at Fratton Park that was watched by 17,003. John Aloisi was upended by Boro keeper Marlon Beresford in first half injury-time, but McLaughlin saw his spot-kick saved. Chances were few and far between before the break, although Aloisi and Mathias Svensson (above) both went close to breaking the deadlock. Paul Merson came the closest to scoring in open play for the visitors when his lob was slowed by Blues keeper Aaron Flahavan and Adrian Whitbread was able to get back and clear the ball away.

**Pompey:** Aaron Flahavan, Robbie Pethick, Adrian Whitbread, Andy Awford, Matt Robinson, David Hillier, Alan McLaughlin (Martin Allen), Michalis Vlachos, Andy Thomson, Mathias Svensson (Paul Hall), John Aloisi (John Durnin)

**Middlesbrough:** Marlon Beresford, Vladimir Kinder, Craig Harrison, Steve Vickers, Gianluca Festa, Jimmy Maddison, Alun Armstrong, Andy Townsend, Branco, Paul Merson, Michael Thomas

Mitchell Thomas' equaliser gave the following Luton side a 1-1 second division draw against fellow strugglers Burnley at Turf Moor: Kelvin Davis, Julian James, Mitchell Thomas, Gary Waddock (Simon Davies), Steve Davis, Darren Patterson, Sean Evers, Paul McLaren, David Oldfield, Phil Gray, Andy Fotiadis (Dwight Marshall).

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## BYGONE BLUES

*Johnny Moore looks at Chris Kamara's contribution to Pompey*

**MANY OUTSIDE THE CITY ARE UNAWARE THAT CHRIS KAMARA BEGAN HIS NOMADIC FOOTBALL CAREER AT POMPEY.**

Now 'Kammy' is an instantly recognisable face on Sky Sports, but nobody would have believed that television fame was lying in wait when he arrived at Fratton Park straight out of the Navy as a teenager.

It seemed like his footballing dream has passed by when hometown club Middlesbrough failed to take him on as an apprentice.

The disillusioned youngster went off to sea, but while stationed in Portsmouth he was spotted playing by club scouts.

Bought out of the Navy to realise his ambitions, Kamara went on to feature in a youth team rich in promise, alongside the likes of Steve Foster, Peter Denyer and Billy Eames.

Such was his progress, he made his first team Blues debut at the age of just 17 in a 2-0 defeat at home to Luton in 1975.

Manager Ian St John used him 21 times in the old Division Two that season, with Pompey eventually finishing rock bottom.

Kamara's first senior goal had arrived earlier in the campaign during a 4-1 loss at Bolton in November, after intercepting a back-pass from the experienced Tony Dunne.

Of his four efforts from midfield that season, the only one that came at home was in a 2-0 victory over Blackpool. He showed maturity beyond his years by stepping up – with the game still deadlocked – to convert a 50th-minute penalty.

But this was March and the Blues were already hopelessly cut adrift – eventually getting relegated and ending 12 points shy of safety.



**FOUR YEARS AFTER HIS DEPARTURE, KAMARA WOULD SHRUG OFF ALL THE ACRIMONY BY RETURNING TO POMPEY FOR A FEE OF £50,000**

Despite such abject failure, Kamara was one of the few success stories, with his enthusiasm shining through.

These were certainly bleak times at Fratton and they avoided a second successive drop into the basement by a single point the following season.

Chris had become a pivotal figure by this point, with the emphasis firmly placed on youth as Pompey tried to

### CHRIS KAMARA

DOB: 25/12/57

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

POMPEY CAREER: 1974-1977, 1981

POMPEY APPS: 81

POMPEY GOALS: 9

look towards the future.

He would start 40 league and cup games that term, again netting four times. While his goal tally was slightly disappointing, the chances he created for others was a particular strength.

Later in the season, St John was replaced in the dug-out by the legendary Jimmy Dickinson and a decision he made in the summer of 1977 proved controversial.

He accepted a 15,000 offer from Swindon for Kamara and it was not a popular decision, with the player soon haunting his old side by opening the scoring in a rollercoaster League Cup clash at the County Ground that the Blues lost 4-3.

This followed a stormy encounter on the south coast which ended in a 1-1 draw, but saw the midfielder receive sinister death threats in the build-up.

Yet four years after his departure, Kamara would shrug off all the acrimony by returning to Pompey for a fee of £50,000.

But it seemed like a strange decision by boss Frank Burrows – who had steered the club to promotion from Division Four – because after just 14 games he was on his way again, this time in swap deal with Brentford's David Crown.

Later Kamara would turn out for Swindon (again), Stoke, Leeds, Luton, Middlesbrough – long after that first rejection – Sheffield United and Bradford.

Then, after spells in charge of Bradford and Stoke, TV work came calling and he would regularly return to Fratton Park in order to cover matches.

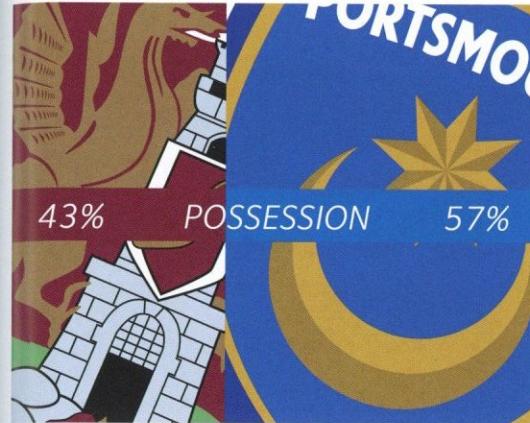
One of his more notable broadcasting moments came in match against Blackburn when he completely missed Anthony Vanden Borre's red card, provoking much hilarity back in the studio, as well as homes up and down the country.

Unbelievable Jeff.



IT'S A MASSIVE  
RELIEF FOR ME TO  
BE OUT ON THE  
PITCH AGAIN

**Wes Fogden**



3	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
5	SHOTS OFF TARGET	7
5	CORNERS	6
1	OFFSIDE	3
13	FOULS	11
4	YELLOW CARDS	2
0	RED CARDS	1



Pompey's long unbeaten run was finally brought to an end as Ricky Holmes came back to haunt his former club.

The winger grabbed the only goal of the game midway through the first half, switching the ball onto his left foot and curling a fine finish into the bottom corner.

Most of the game's other chances fell the Blues' way and Cobblers keeper Matt Duke made a fine save to keep out a Matt Tubbs volley at point-blank range.

There was a bright moment for Pompey after the interval when Wes Fogden replaced Dan Butler to make his first appearance since damaging knee ligaments in pre-season.

He almost grabbed an equaliser, but narrowly fired over the crossbar, while Ryan Cresswell cleared a Tubbs effort off the line as the visitors poured forward at every opportunity.

But Ben Chorley was harshly sent off for picking up a second booking in stoppage-time as Northampton held on for victory.





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## LADIES

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**POMPEY 0**

**SHEFFIELD 2**

Pompey were denied a place in the Premier League Cup final after losing 2-0 to Sheffield.

Two second half goals ensured that their 20-match unbeaten run finally came to an end.

The visitors broke the deadlock when Jodie Michalska headed home from close range just before the hour mark.

And they thought they had doubled their advantage, only for the referee to bizarrely rule the goal out just as Pompey were preparing to kick-off.

But Sheffield did grab a second in the closing stages, with Emma Johnson firing a shot into the bottom corner.

Blues boss Perry Northeast said: "I've got to be brutally honest and admit that Sheffield just about edged the contest, although I'm not sure we deserved to lose by a two-goal margin.

"It was a very tight encounter – as you would expect in a semi-final – but they managed to step up a bit after the break.

"We weren't poor, but didn't reach the high standards that we've shown throughout this season and our opponents capitalised on that.

"Sarah Kempson had scored a hat-trick for us the previous week, but woke up with a bug on the morning of the game, so we got off to the worst possible start.

"I'm not saying that was the reason why we lost the game, although it meant that we were immediately facing an uphill battle.

"Losing is hard to take when you're so close to the final and everyone was extremely disappointed in the dressing room afterwards.

"Sheffield are doing well in the Premier League Northern Division and we hope to play them again at the end of the season in the play-off to decide who gets promoted into the Super League.

"We want to be testing ourselves against sides of their calibre on a regular basis because it can be difficult to measure progress when you're winning league games comfortably most weeks."

**Pompey:** Blakely; Frampton, Rutherford, Currie (Taylor 25), Bazan (Dark 72); Bloomfield (Hillier 59), Siewwright, Clark; Quinn, Umotong, Wilson

*You can read reaction to Pompey's 4-1 defeat to Super League side Millwall in the fourth round of the FA Women's Cup in the Cheltenham programme on Tuesday.*



## 2014/15 FIXTURES

SUN AUG 24	Cardiff (H)	L 3-7
SUN AUG 31	Copsewood (A)	W 4-2
WED SEP 3	Lewes (H)	W 2-0
SUN SEP 7	Brighton (A)	W 2-0
SUN SEP 14	Keynsham (H)	W 6-0
SUN SEP 21	Charlton (H)	W 2-1
SUN SEP 28	West Ham (A)	W 3-0
SUN OCT 5	Tottenham (A)	D 1-1
WED OCT 8	Lewes (A)	W 3-0
SUN OCT 12	Larkhall (H)	(PL Cup) W 7-1
SUN OCT 26	Plymouth (A)	W 3-0
SUN NOV 30	Mossley (H)	(PL Cup) W 6-1
SUN DEC 7	AFC Boscombe (A)	(Hants Cup) W 13-0
SUN DEC 14	Tottenham (H)	W 4-1
SUN JAN 11	Gillingham (A)	(FA Cup) W 5-0
SUN JAN 18	Shanklin (H)	(Hants Cup) W 6-0
SUN JAN 25	Gillingham (H)	W 3-0
SUN FEB 1	Blackburn (A)	(FA Cup) W 5-4
SUN FEB 8	Nottingham Forest (A)	(PL Cup) W 3-2
SUN FEB 15	Poole (H)	(Hants Cup) W 7-0
SUN FEB 22	Copsewood (A)	W 5-0
SUN MAR 1	Sheffield (H)	(PL Cup) L 0-2
SUN MAR 8	Millwall (H)	(FA Cup) L 1-4
SUN MAR 15	Brighton (H)	OPR (H)
SUN MAR 22	Plymouth (H)	Charlton (A)
SUN MAR 29	Charlton (A)	(Hants Cup) Southampton (N)
SUN APR 5	Gillingham (A)	Gillingham (A)
WED APR 8	QPR (A)	QPR (A)
SUN APR 12	Copsewood (H)	Keynsham (A)
THU APR 16	Keynsham (A)	West Ham (H)
SUN APR 26	TBA	Cardiff (A)

## PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIVISION

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Cardiff	14	11	2	1	57	14	43	35
<b>POMPEY</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>
Brighton	13	10	1	2	39	14	25	31
Charlton	13	8	2	3	48	22	26	26
Tottenham	13	8	1	4	33	26	7	25
West Ham	13	7	2	4	24	17	7	23
Lewes	15	5	1	9	25	22	3	16
Plymouth	15	4	4	7	19	35	-16	16
QPR*	11	5	0	6	21	23	-2	12
Gillingham	17	3	2	12	20	49	-29	11
Copsewood	14	2	1	11	9	44	-35	7
Keynsham	14	0	1	13	13	69	-56	1

\*Three points deducted

## APPS & GOALS

	A	G
Nadine Bazan	21(+1)	1
Sadie Blakely	23	0
Ellie Bloomfield	12(+7)	1
Molly Clark	20(+3)	7
Eilidh Currie	11(+2)	0
Chloe Dark	8(+7)	2
Jess Frampton	16(+6)	2
Jodie Goodall	11	0
Megan Grattan	0(+1)	0
Gemma Hillier	14(+6)	10
Katie James	1(+1)	0
Brittany Jeal	0(+1)	0
Nicole Keen	0(+2)	0
Sarah Kempson	17(+3)	12
Laura Newsome	0(+2)	4
Liz O'Callaghan	0(+3)	0
Rachel Rigby	0(+2)	0
Lucy Quinn	21(+1)	12
Leeta Rutherford	21	3
Shannon Siewwright	15(+8)	5
Tiffany Taylor	10(+3)	1
Ini Umotong	11(+6)	20
Charley Wilson	21(+1)	13

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## FIXTURES &amp; RESULTS 2014/15

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Date	Opposition	Comp.	KO/Result	Pos.	Att.	Away Att.	Pompey Scorers	Starting XI	Substitutes											
SAT AUG 9	Exeter (A)		D 1-1	13	5,694	1,548	Wallace 74	Jones Webster Chorley Whatmough Shorey Dunne Hollands Wallace 1 Westcarr (60) Barcham (72) Taylor (88) Atangana (60) Storey (72) Bird (88) Poke Wynter Robinson Awford												
TUE AUG 12	Peterborough (H)		W 1-0	-	7,726	384	Storey 12	Jones Devera Robinson Chorley Wynter (60) Atangana Dunne Hollands Wallace Atangana (45) Storey (84) Taylor (63) Devera (45) Holmes (63) Bird (84) Bass Ertl Butler Awford												
SAT AUG 16	Cambridge (H)		W 2-1	8	16,671	1,180	Taylor 34, Bonner 66 (og)	Jones Webster Robinson Whatmough Shorey Dunne Hollands Wallace Atangana (45) Storey (84) Taylor (63) Devera (45) Holmes (63) Bird (84) Bass Ertl Butler Awford												
TUE AUG 19	Northampton (H)		W 2-0	4	15,004	366	Wallace 26, Westcarr 39	Jones Devera Robinson Chorley Holmes (72) Atangana Dunne Wallace 1 Shorey Westcarr (77) Taylor (90+2) Hollands (72) Storey (77) Butler (90+2) Brezovan Whatmough Awford												
SAT AUG 23	Oxford (A)		W 1-0	2	6,852	2,136	Westcarr 80	Jones Devera Robinson Chorley Holmes (46) Atangana Dunne Hollands Shorey Westcarr (87) Storey (64) Wallace (46) Taylor (64) Whatmough (87) Brezovan Butler Awford												
WED AUG 27	Stoke (A)		L 0-3	-	10,312	894	-	Jones Webster (64) Devera Whatmough (34) Butler Ertl Barcham (71) Awford Wallace Holmes Taylor Robinson (34) Hollands (64) Storey (71) Brezovan Close Atangana Westcarr												
SAT AUG 30	Newport (H)		L 0-1	7	16,191	641	-	Jones Devera Robinson Chorley Wallace Dunne Holmes (72) Hollands (78) Shorey (85) Taylor Westcarr Storey (72) Atangana (78) Barcham (85) Brezovan Butler Ertl Awford												
TUE SEP 2	Yeovil (A)		W 3-1	-	2,787	692	Wallace 55, 73, Westcarr 74	Jones Wynter Ertl Robinson Butler (68) Atangana (43) Wallace 2 Storey Westcarr Close (43) Barcham (68) Agyemang (80) Poke Webster Ertl Awford												
SUN SEP 7	Burton (A)		L 0-2	9	2,980	846	-	Jones Wynter (79) Ertl Robinson Shorey (60) Dunne Hollands Wallace Holmes (74) Taylor Storey (60) Agyemang (74) Butler (79) Poke Webster Devera Close												
SAT SEP 13	Southend (A)		L 0-2	11	7,023	1,518	-	Jones Wynter Robinson Whatmough Shorey (72) Wallace (78) Dunne Hollands Storey (60) Holmes Westcarr Barcham (60) Butler (72) Agyemang (78) Poke Devera Ertl Close												
TUE SEP 16	Dag & Red (H)		W 3-0	9	13,648	144	Dunne (40) Wallace (69) (pen), Barcham (90+2)	Jones Devera Robinson Whatmough Wynter (86) Wallace (86) Hollands Butler Westcarr (90+2) Agyemang (73) Storey (73) Close (86) Barcham (90+2) Poke Webster Ertl Maloney												
SAT SEP 20	Wycombe (H)		D 1-1	11	16,171	729	Ertl 70	Jones Devera Robinson Whatmough (46) Wynter Wallace Dunne Hollands Butler Agyemang (60) Westcarr (85) Ertl (46) Storey (60) Barcham (85) Poke Webster Shorey Close												
SAT SEP 27	Hartlepool (A)		D 0-0	8	3,439	501	-	Jones Devera Robinson Whatmough Wynter Wallace Dunne (14) Hollands Butler Westcarr (62) Agyemang (79) Atangana (14) Drennan (62) Barcham (79) Poke Webster Ertl Shorey												
SAT OCT 4	York (A)		D 0-0	9	3,857	984	-	Jones Devera Robinson Whatmough (22) Wynter Wallace Dunne Hollands Shorey Westcarr (80) Drennan (69) Ertl (22) Taylor (69) Atangana (80) Poke Webster Barcham Holmes												
TUE OCT 7	Northampton (H)		L 1-2	-	5,853	162	Taylor 36	Jones Wynter Ertl Devera (8) Butler Awford Close Atangana Wallace (46) Holmes Taylor Webster (8) Barcham (46) Shorey (60) Poke Tarbuck												
SAT OCT 11	Mansfield (H)		D 1-1	12	15,585	397	Robinson 70	Jones Devera Robinson Ertl (68) Wynter Wallace Dunne Hollands Shorey Taylor (85) Drennan (68) Agyemang (68) Atangana (68) Storey (85) Poke Butler Holmes Westcarr												
SAT OCT 18	Bury (A)		L 0-3	14	4,259	552	-	Jones Ertl Chorley Devera Wynter (46) Atangana (46) Hollands Wallace Holmes (79) Westcarr (59) Storey (70) Taylor (59) Atangana (70) Agyemang (79) Poke Shorey Awford Westcarr												
TUE OCT 21	Stevenage (H)		W 3-2	11	13,281	163	Wallace 34, Storey 57, Devera 79	Jones Devera (1) Robinson Chorley Shorey (80+5) Dunne Hollands Holmes Westcarr (89) Storey (1) Atangana (89) Ertl (90+5) Poke Butler Barcham Agyemang Taylor												
SAT OCT 25	Shrewsbury (A)		L 1-2	14	5,515	835	Wallace 3 (pen)	Jones Devera Robinson Chorley Shorey (80+5) Dunne Hollands Holmes (79) Westcarr (59) Storey (70) Taylor (59) Atangana (70) Agyemang (79) Poke Ertl Butler Barcham												
SAT NOV 1	Carlisle (H)		W 3-0	9	15,533	347	Westcarr 2, Storey 26, Hollands 74	Jones Wynter Robinson Devera Shorey (88) Dunne Hollands Holmes (79) Westcarr (79) Storey (82) Taylor (79) Tarbuck (82) Close (88) Poke Ertl Butler Atangana												
SUN NOV 9	Aldershot (H)		D 2-2	-	11,095	2,446	Wallace 16 (pen), Hollands 81	Jones Wynter Robinson Devera Shorey (88) Atangana (72) Hollands Holmes (84) Storey Westcarr (66) Close (66) Taylor (72) Chorley (84) Poke Butler Awford Tarbuck												
SAT NOV 15	Plymouth (A)		L 0-3	13	10,354	1,243	-	Jones Wynter Devera Chorley Shorey (80+5) Wallace (60) Hollands Holmes Storey Butler (60) Taylor (60) Atangana (73) Poke Close Tarbuck Westcarr												
WED NOV 19	Aldershot (A)		L 0-1	-	5,374	1,238	-	Jones Wynter Robinson Whatmough (76) Shorey Wallace Atangana Hollands Holmes Westcarr (82) Taylor (82) Chorley (76) Storey (82) Agyemang (82) Poke Ertl Butler Close												
SAT NOV 22	Morecambe (H)		W 3-0	10	14,349	115	Westcarr 11, Wallace 54, 88	Jones Fish Robinson Whatmough (1) Butler Wallace (2) Bean (90) Hollands Storey Westcarr (1) Taylor Atangana (90) Poke Wynter Chorley Shorey Close Holmes												
SAT NOV 29	Tranmere (A)		L 1-3	12	5,163	797	Wallace 57	Jones Fish Robinson Whatmough (27) Butler Wallace (1) Bean (78) Hollands Storey Westcarr Taylor (57) Chorley (27) L.Holmes (57) R.Holmes (78) Poke Ertl Shorey Atangana												
SAT DEC 13	Accrington (H)		L 2-3	14	14,300	84	Bean 17, Westcarr 30	Jones Fish (1) Robinson Chorley Butler (59) Bean (1) Hollands (85) L.Holmes (85) Taylor Westcarr (1) R.Holmes (59) Chaplin (85) Atangana (85) Poke Devera Shorey Ertl												
SAT DEC 20	Cheltenham (A)		D 1-1	14	3,331	1,077	Atangana 56	Jones Devera Robinson Whatmough Butler Bean Hollands Wallace Atangana (84) L.Holmes Taylor Atangana (46) Poke Webster Shorey Storey Westcarr												
FRI DEC 26	AFC Wimbledon (H)		L 0-2	15	17,558	968	-	Jones Webster Robinson Whatmough (1) Butler Hollands (75) Wallace Westcarr (1) L.Holmes (46) Taylor Atangana (46) Barcham (75) Poke Devera Chorley Shorey Storey												
SUN DEC 28	Luton (A)		D 1-1	15	10,071	1,021	Taylor 36	Jones Webster Robinson Devera Shorey Ertl Bean Wallace Atangana (90+2) Barcham (76) Taylor (78) Dunne (76) Westcar (78) L.Holmes (90+2) Poke Whatmough Chorley Storey Butler												
SAT JAN 10	Newport (A)		L 0-1	17	4,575	921	-	Jones Webster Robinson Devera Shorey Ertl (73) Hollands (89) Atangana Taylor (76) Tubbs Barcham (73) Westcarr (76) Dunne (89) Poke Whatmough Chorley Butler Taylor												
SAT JAN 17	Burton (H)		D 1-1	16	14,323	211	Wallace 37	Jones Webster Robinson Devera Shorey (1) Wallace (73) Dunne (73) Atangana Barcham (90+2) Tubbs Westcarr (79) Ertl (73) McCallum (79) Hollands (90+2) Poke Chorley Butler Taylor												
SAT JAN 24	Southend (H)		L 1-2	18	15,573	1,263	Webster 24	Jones Webster (1) Robinson Devera Shorey (1) Wallace Dunne Atangana (61) Barcham (74) Westcarr (61) Tubbs Hollands (61) McCallum (61) Taylor (74) Poke Chorley Butler Ertl												
SAT JAN 31	Wycombe (A)		D 0-0	18	5,829	1,550	-	Jones Chorley (89) Robinson Whatmough (27) Passley (1) Wallace Dunne Hollands Butler Tubbs (90+2) Taylor Devera (89) Ertl (90+2) Poke Webster Ertl Atangana Barcham Westcarr Chaplin Westcarr												
SAT FEB 7	Hartlepool (H)		W 1-0	16	14,397	183	Tubbs 60	Jones Devera Robinson Chorley Passley (1) Wallace Dunne Hollands Butler Tubbs (90+3) Taylor Chorley (90+3) Poke Webster Ertl Barcham Chaplin												
TUE FEB 10	Dag & Red (A)		D 0-0	16	2,310	885	-	Jones Devera Robinson Whatmough Passley (1) Wallace Dunne Hollands Butler Tubbs (87) Taylor Atangana (66) Westcarr (87) Poke Webster Ertl Westcarr Chaplin												
SAT FEB 14	Exeter (H)		W 1-0	16	14,097	825	Wallace 90	Jones Devera Robinson Whatmough Passley (46) Wallace (90+2) Hollands Butler Tubbs Taylor Barcham (46) Atangana (90+2) Poke Chorley Ertl Westcarr Chaplin												
SAT FEB 21	Cambridge (A)		W 6-2	14	6,528	1,433	Wallace 2, Tubbs 24, 45+3, 82, Robinson 33, Taylor 74	Jones Devera (1) Robinson Whatmough (1) Passley (1) Wallace (85) Hollands (77) Butler Tubbs (85) Taylor Ertl (77) Atangana (85) Chaplin (85) Poke Chorley Barcham Westcarr Chaplin												
TUE FEB 24	Tranmere (H)		W 3-2	13	13,660	232	Westcarr 76, Taylor 82, 85	Jones Devera (56) Robinson Whatmough Passley (72) Dunne (72) Wallace Hollands (79) Butler Tubbs (81) Taylor Barcham (56) Westcar (72) Chaplin (79) Poke Chorley Ertl Fogden Chaplin												
SAT FEB 28	Oxford (H)		D 0-0	12	16,355	1,292	-	Jones Devera Robinson Chorley Passley (78) Atangana (58) Wallace Hollands Butler Tubbs (81) Taylor Barcham (76) Westcarr (81) Poke Webster Ertl Chaplin												
TUE MAR 3	Northampton (A)		L 0-1	13	4,871	798	-	Jones Devera Robinson Chorley Passley (58) Atangana (58) Wallace Hollands Butler Tubbs (81) Taylor Westcarr (58) Barcham (58) Fogden (78) Poke Webster Ertl Chaplin												
SAT MAR 7	Accrington (A)		D 1-1	14	1,944	624	Taylor 20	Jones Devera Robinson Whatmough Passley (70) Dunne Wallace Hollands (70) Butler (78) Tubbs Taylor (79) Barcham (70) Fogden (70) Westcar (79) Bass Webster Atangana Chaplin												
SAT MAR 14	Luton (H)		3PM																	
TUE MAR 17	Cheltenham (H)		7.45PM																	
SAT MAR 21	AFC Wimbledon (A)		3PM																	
SAT MAR 28	Shrewsbury (H)		3PM																	
FRI APR 3	Carlisle (A)		3PM																	
MON APR 6	Plymouth (H)		3PM																	
SAT APR 11	Morecambe (A)		3PM																	
TUE APR 14	Stevenage (A)		7.45PM																	
SAT APR 18	Bury (H)		3PM																	
SAT APR 25	Mansfield (A)		3PM																	
SAT MAY 2	York (H)		3PM																	

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Manager  
Andy Awford

Paul Jones	1	
Adam Webster	2	
Jack Whatmough	3	
Joe Devera	5	
Ben Chorley	6	
Andy Barcham	7	
Jed Wallace	8	
Ryan Taylor	9	
Tom Craddock	10	
Pompey Fans	12	
Johnny Ertl	13	
Matt Tubbs	14	
Paul McCallum	15	
Paul Robinson	16	
Nicky Shorey	17	
Josh Passley	18	
Wes Fogden	19	
Craig Westcarr	20	
James Dunne	21	
Michael Poke	22	
Patrick Agyemang	23	
Nigel Atangana	25	
Danny Hollands	29	
Dan Butler	34	
Conor Chaplin	36	
Stu Carpenter	44	



## LUTON TOWN

Manager  
John Still

1 Mark Tyler	
2 Fraser Franks	
3 Danny Fitzsimons	
4 Jonathan Smith	
5 Steve 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	
35 Charlie Walker	
38 Elliot Lee	
41 Craig King	
50 Cameron McGeehan	

NEXT MATCH AT FRATTON PARK: Pompey v Cheltenham / Tuesday, March 17 / Kick-Off: 7.45pm



### OFFICIALS

#### Referee

Darren Drysdale

#### Assistants

Kevin Morris, Andrew Turner

#### Fourth Official

Constantine Hatzidakis



### ALSO PLAYING TODAY

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



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