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Throughout the 2015/16 season our programme covers will be a nod to the covers of yesteryear. Today's cover



is based on a Plymouth Argyle fixture from October 1954. To find out more, turn to page 22.

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JOHN STILL

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER



GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO YOU ALL FOR THIS SKY BET LEAGUE 2 FIXTURE AGAINST LEADERS PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.

I'd like to extend that welcome to our visitors from Devon today, in particular manager Derek Adams and his players and staff who have begun the season so well. Derek has only been in the job since June so many congratulations to them on a fine start to the campaign.

Today is our second game at Kenilworth Road this week following Tuesday's 1-1 draw against Leyton Orient. For us on the coaching staff the game had a little bit of an extra edge because both sets of benches have either played with or worked with each other in the past. With one team desperate to get a result over one another I thought it made for a competitive and entertaining game.

For ourselves to go 1-0 up and get pulled back was disappointing. Unlike the game at Crawley on Saturday where I felt we fell away completely in the second half, I thought we worked hard and had two or three decent chances after Jack had scored. He could have added to his tally on the night and on another day those may have gone in and it's a different outcome. Orient, though, probably could have felt the same. They had one or two opportunities themselves so I have to say the result on the night was fair on both teams.

In my last notes I touched on the departure of Stephen McNulty, but I must add one final word on his move to Tranmere. He's been in touch with us and some of the players, and he sends on his best wishes to everybody including you the supporters. I must reiterate how much of a fantastic player Macca was for this club and thank him for what he helped us achieve over the past couple of seasons. I trust you will join me in wishing him well at Prenton Park, and I am positive he will have the same kind of influence as he had here for his new club.

Talking on personnel, we have a few players out on loan at the minute, with Magnus Okuonghae impressing in his two appearances at Hartlepool. It's a good time for Magnus to go out on loan and get competitive minutes so he can come back and stake a regular claim for a place in our team. Luke Trotman, at Histon, and Isaac Galliford, at St Neots, are also doing well away from Kenilworth Road which is pleasing, too.

Zane Banton has returned from a loan spell at Boreham Wood and we're now assessing how that helped his development in training.

Back to the heart of the matter, and to today's game. Our form shows that we have lost just once in our last seven games. On the face of it that is okay – and only okay, nothing more, nothing less. We know we have to push on.

Plymouth have so far set the tone, they are where they are in the league for a reason so we know it will be tough. However, we all feel with your support, help and encouragement that we can come through this test this afternoon. The players on the pitch are representing your club so please get behind them.

Enjoy the game.



From the BOARDROOM

WITH VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON

GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE AND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD. TODAY WE WELCOME THE OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS FROM PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.

The Pilgrims have made an impressive start to the season and are still top the league despite their defeat to in-form Oxford on Tuesday.

We expect a good turn-out today against a team we have challenged many times over the years.

In fact, as Football League clubs, we have met 71 times in our history winning 21, losing 29 and drawing 21, with Plymouth having an impressive home record with a nearly 63 per cent win rate. Our games are almost always highly competitive and we hope for more of the same today.

I was extremely disappointed not to have had the opportunity to say goodbye to Stephen McNulty last week and was very, very sad to see Macca leave us. However, I have personal experience of how work and absence can put pressure on a relationship and I fully understand and support his decision. I would like to wish him and his family future happiness, to tell him that he is a legend and will always be welcome here. Macca has been invited to our Christmas and end of year parties. I hope he makes it so we can all have

the chance of showing him how we feel.

We talk a lot about 'Luton' football and probably each one of us thinks it's something a bit different, but for me Macca epitomises it. Fun, character, skill, effort, style, cheek, leadership, bravery, confidence...I could go on, but our great centre-halves over the years all had it. Syd Owen, Terry Branston, Paul Futter, Chris Nicholl, Steve Foster, Chris Coyne, Curtis Davies, John Faulkner – and you can add Macca on that list.

Gary mentioned in his notes on Tuesday how disappointed and frustrated we have been by our recent performances, particularly referring to the second half at Crawley, which was a complete mystery. Could there have been a 'Macca Factor' as he had told the squad he was leaving only the day before? Who knows, but what we do know is that he was a 'massive' character at the training ground, so if we were all affected by it so surely would the players too? There is no doubt that we haven't fulfilled our potential, except on the odd occasion, this year.

We, the Board, the football management and you are all fans. We all want the same thing. Every one of us probably thinks there is



a different way to achieve what we want, which is fine, but criticising and sniping at people who are trying to do their jobs is pointless and counter-productive. Plants need nourishment and support in order to grow and if they don't get it they die. It is the same with people and in this case players on the pitch.

You are magnificent supporters, but a few of you can be extremely negative. I know it can be really difficult sometimes, but if we don't manage to hide our frustration during a game it just adds to the pressure and nervousness on the pitch. There are one or two of you who sit near me – you know who you are – who make it an unpleasant experience watching a game because you are incapable of positive comment. I would be happy to talk to you after the game, but please give us a break during it. This is a bit of a *déjà vu* moment as it was this sort of negativity we had to remove before we could get out of the Conference. Remember how many sides came here thinking that if they could annoy and frustrate

Mark Tyler claims a cross during Tuesday's draw against Leyton Orient



for a while then the crowd would turn and that was job done. Believe me, we can be just as critical and questioning, but we try to reserve it for the Boardroom, office or bar afterwards.

Players are only human, even though there are times they are treated like Gods, and like all of us, they react positively to encouragement.

My last notes were for the Stoke Cup tie after our poor start and in them I was trying to plead for patience. We were excellent that night and then were the form team for a month. Perhaps we can do the same again now. This time I'm begging for tolerance and support. John Still has never promised a quick fix. We have some quality players, who need to gel and we can help with encouragement and support.

On a totally different note Gary talked in his notes about the land at Junction 10 and our plans for it. It is a massive project which could transform both Luton and the Football Club. It is part of the process necessary for our relocation in the town.

To that end we are reorganising the corporate structure of the Club. We need to separate the Football Club from the property under the same ownership so that we can manage the development, bring in partners and borrow money without putting the Club at risk.

So we are creating a new holding company, which will be owned entirely by the existing owners of the

Club. It will own the Club 100 per cent and the property development company 100 per cent. Once the development starts it is more than likely that developers, property investors, bankers, partners, etc, will acquire interests in the property company, which will be ring-fenced for debt and tax purposes.

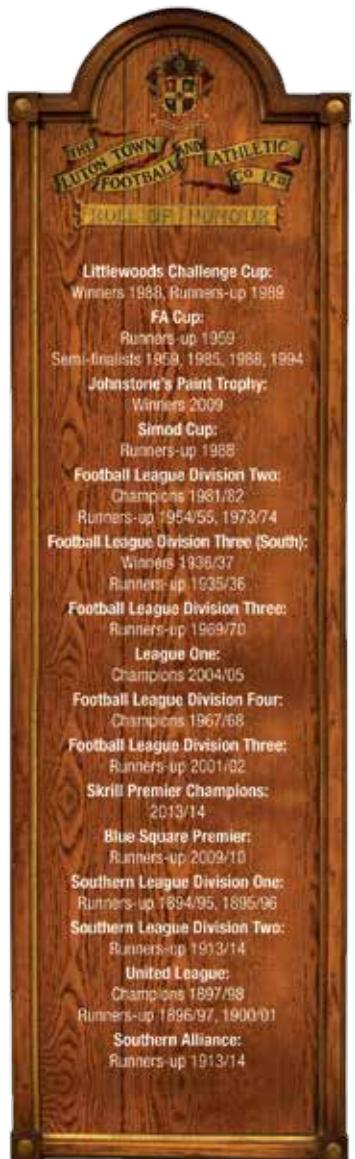
It may be that we end up with a minority interest in the development company, or if it suits us better, no interest at all, but that would only be if that was in the best interests of the Club.

However, the Club's new stadium will be protected by the structure and ownership will remain as now. The purchase of land at Junction 10 is the first time since David Evans sold Kenilworth Road that we have had "skin in the game" as they say, which gives us a stronger position from which to negotiate.

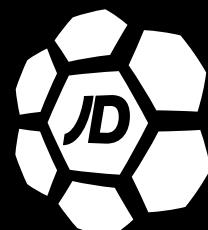
You will see our plans being made public bit by bit over the next six months. We wish we could release them now, but it's unfortunately not that easy. However, the Board is enormously excited about the potential – not just for our beloved Football Club, but for our town as well.

My quote today is from Gurbaksh Chahal: "Don't let the fear of losing be greater than the excitement of winning."

Enjoy the game.
Come on you Hatters.



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Thank you, and GOOD LUCK

On Monday we released the news that Stephen McNulty was moving to Tranmere on-loan with a view to a permanent deal to move closer to his family, ending an association with the Town that spanned two full seasons and included the Conference championship success of 2013/14.

We were inundated with kind words for the out-going captain across our social media websites, so, before John Still names McNulty's successor to the armband and is able to pen his own notes, here's a selection of the good luck messages taken from our official Facebook page.

Stephen Avis Good luck to you McNulty and your family! Enjoy your football at Tranmere! Enjoyed watching every second of you playing football and meeting you! We will all miss you and I am sure you have been a role model to many people. You are officially a LUTON LEGEND!

Darren Brockett Thanks for everything Stephen, great ambassador, great footballer, great captain and a top bloke too!

Daniele Moskal A true professional and great defender and player - Stephen McNulty has definitely served our beloved L.T.F.C for the few years he's been at the club with love; respect and dignity. I personally wish him and all his loved ones the very best for now and the future.

Robert Prebble Never forget your fabulous goal from 30 yards a couple of seasons ago!! When you return eventually to face LT I feel

sure you will be received with the greatest of love!!

JP Walker Gutted to be losing our skipper but completely understandable given the circumstances. Good luck.

Mark Griffin What a role model and quality defender. It's hard when a player loved by all the fans for so long leaves. Good luck McNulty.

Kim Langley Sad to see you go, doesn't cover it.. but something's are more important All the best.

Karl Murray Gutted but understand the reasons, good luck at tranmere macca. Family first



football second but you'll always be remembered at Luton especially for that peach of a strike. best wishes.

Elaine Holland When you have family you have to make some tough decisions and this was one of them - LTFC's loss because you were a real asset and I wish you & your family well.

Duncan Jackson Sad news. Has been a fantastic player for us over the last couple of years. Thanks for everything he's done and good luck at Tranmere!

Chris Hughes Gutted to lose a colossal captain - extremely skilful, supreme in the air and a great leader. It was always fun to see other teams underestimate him... at first! My fave player but he had to put family first. Thank you big man!

Liam Murphy All the best Macca, good luck at Tranmere. Fair play to the club on understanding his families needs.

Joan Porter Fabulous comments your really goind to be missed Ste but your family is more important a new asset for tranmere good luck son xxx

Graham French Good luck at Tranmere Steve, thanks for the memories. Played a massive part in getting us back into the football league. Cheers

CHUMS TO TAKE OVER SHIRT SPONSORSHIP FOR CAMBRIDGE GAME

Last week the Club officially launched the season-long partnership with Friends of CHUMS with an event held in the Eric Morecambe lounge at Kenilworth Road.

As part of the event, Barnfield College also announced that to help support the partnership, their logo which appears on the front of the Hatters shirt will be replaced by the CHUMS logo for the match against Cambridge at home on 16th January 2016. This will be the first time in the Club's history that a sponsor has made such a gesture - a move that will help significantly raise the profile of the charity.

Joining Luton Town senior operation manager Kevan Platt were Dawn Hewitt - chief executive of CHUMS, Ben Banks - Trustee of CHUMS and Tim Eytون-Jones - Principal and CEO of Barnfield College. The launch was also attended by many young people who are supported by the locally-based charity as well as the Hatters first team manager John Still, assistant manager Terry Harris and players Mark Tyler and Cameron McGeehan.

Friends of CHUMS was named as the Club's official charity partner last month after a staff vote, and Dawn Hewitt took the opportunity today to thank the Club for their support.

She said: "We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to Luton Town for this opportunity, which will do so much to help the young people



we support. We are an independent Charity, which has grown by 600 per cent since we separated from the NHS four years ago.

"We now offer 10 clinical services across Luton and Bedfordshire. We receive 2,500 referrals each year, but here are so many more young people who need to use our services as one in ten children live with diagnosable mental health issues, which equates to 3 children in every classroom."

Tim Eytون-Jones, Principal and Chief Executive, added: "We really do appreciate the fantastic work that CHUMS do. All three organisation have the best interests of young people in Luton at heart, so it made perfect sense for us to offer CHUMS this opportunity."

Ben Banks, trustee at CHUMS, described his personal pride in the their involvement.

He said: "As a fan of the Club and also, a service user of CHUMS, I

suppose it's quite emotional for me to see these two organisations come together on a Luton shirt. CHUMS are not in a position to sponsor a football shirt on our own. Firstly because we don't have the money, but secondly our mantra is that all of the money we raise goes towards front-line services to support the children and those that need them. It's a truly innovative idea, and an incredible gesture from Barnfield so we'd like to congratulate them for their vision and thank them for this opportunity."

The players will be wearing friends of CHUMS shirts for our match with Cambridge. These special match-worn shirts will then be auctioned along with other memorabilia from the day to help raise money for CHUMS.

You can find out more about our work with CHUMS on the charities section of our official website.

RED DEVILS DISPLAY TEAM TO DELIVER TODAY'S MATCHBALL!

Keep a look-out before today's game! The Royal British Legion in Bedfordshire will be launching their Poppy Appeal at Kenilworth Road today - and the Red Devils display team will dropping into the deliver the matchball before kick-off.

Children across Bedfordshire have also designed a giant Poppy to fill the centre circle of the football pitch made entirely from their own hand prints.

The Poppy will be placed in the center circle before kick-off. The giant Poppy will then act as a drop zone Marker for The Red Devils Parachute Display Team to descend

on to the pitch before kick-off – subject to some decent weather conditions!

There will be a one minute's silence prior to kick-off. A collection will be taking place before and after the game to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion and get their 2015 appeal off to a great start, so keep an eye out for their volunteers around the ground.

THANK YOU!

The British Red Cross would like to thank those supporters who contributed to their bucket collection at our game with York two weeks ago.

A tremendous £515.15 was raised on the day which will go towards services in the area and help a number of people in the Bedfordshire area.

FLOODLIT ACTION FOR YOUTH TEAM

The Under-18s will host Colchester United at Kenilworth Road in the first round of the FA Youth Cup.

Paul Driver's side, who are unbeaten this season and are top of the South East section of the Youth Alliance, take on the Category Two-status United under the floodlights on Monday 2nd November.

Kick-off will be at 7pm and entry is £4 for adults and £2 concessions, so why not come along and support the Town stars of the future?

WELCOME DYLAN & KELLY!

The Hatters would like to welcome Dylan Haughton and Kelly Carey from Dublin, Ireland to Kelly's first ever trip to Luton Town.

We hope you both enjoy your visit to Kenilworth Road and let's hope we can celebrate with three points today and it's not too long before the next trip.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Celebrating his 60th birthday at the Leyton Orient game was season ticket holder and life-long Town supporter Den Bavister.

Den was brought up in Luton and was captain of the Challney Boys School football team. These days he lives in Harlington and when he's not cheering on the Town from the Kenilworth Road end, enjoys playing golf and skiing. Den's family and friends wish him a very Happy Birthday.



LET'S GO



THE HATTERS HIT THE ROAD NEXT WEEKEND WHEN THEY MAKE THE TRIP TO JOHN STILL'S FORMER CLUB DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

WHO? Dagenham & Redbridge, aka the Daggers, from Dagenham. Historically in Essex, officially they're from the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham – which is also the official name of their stadium. They formed as recently as 1992 following the merger between Dagenham and Redbridge Forest. John Still guided the Daggers to the Football League, winning the Conference title in 2006/07, and in 2010 they then won promotion to League 1.

WHEN? Town fans must remember that this game has been moved to the Sunday at the Daggers' request. Furthermore the game will also kick-off an hour earlier at 2pm. So don't forget to get up an hour earlier on the Sunday!

WHERE? It's a 54.8-mile trip to Victoria Road from the Maple Road car park which should take you just over an hour by car. Directions-wise, take the M1 south and M25 clockwise, leaving the M25 at Junction 27 and taking the M11 towards London. At the end of the M11 continue onto the A406 towards Docklands (A13) and London City Airport. At the intersection with the A13, turn onto

this road in the direction of the Dartford Crossing. At the junction with the A1306, leave the A13 and join the A1306 towards Dagenham. At the third set of traffic lights turn left just before the McDonalds into Ballards Road. At the end of this road you will come to a large roundabout, at which you turn left, into Rainham Road. Proceed up Rainham Road passing Dagenham East tube station on the left and Victoria Road is a quarter of a mile further on, on the same side of the road.

TICKETS PLEASE. This game is all-ticket for Town fans with seating behind the goal in the Traditional Builders Stand. This stand is the newest addition to the ground and is raised above pitch level affording unobscured views of the pitch. Tickets are still available and further information can be found on the opposite page.

THIS TIME ROUND. The Daggers finished 14th in League 2 last term but Wayne Burnett's side have struggled so far this season. Next week they will be aiming to win their first game on home turf after drawing three and losing four of their first seven home matches this season.

Their best result so far this campaign came with a 2-1 win at Northampton in September.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Next Sunday will be the seventh meeting between the two sides. The Hatters have won three of the previous six meetings while Dagenham have won twice. The last meeting took place at Victoria Road in April, where Paul Benson was sent-off in a goalless draw. The Town have only won once on Dagenham soil: a 2-1 League Cup victory in August 2007 with Matthew Spring and Drew Talbot on target. The Daggers' last win came on Valentine's Day 2009 thanks to a 2-1 win.

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE FACTFILE

Formed: 1992
Nickname: The Daggers
Last season: 14th League 2
Follow them on Twitter: @Dag_RedFC
Colours: Red and blue
Ground: Victoria Road
Manager: Wayne Burnett

TICKET OFFICE

TICKETS FOR HOME MATCHES

You can buy tickets for games here at Kenilworth Road in three simple ways. You can either pop into our ticket office in Kenilworth Road, or alternatively at our club shop in the Mall; telephone our ticket office on 01582 416976; or purchase tickets online at our online ticket website www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown. Matchday tickets vary slightly depending on categorisation of matches this season. Each match will be assigned a category A, B or C and are outlined on this page and on our websites.

Home ticket prices for the 2015/16 season

	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C
Adult	£22	£20	£18
Young Adult (18-21)	£17	£15	£13
Senior (65+)	£17	£15	£13
Golden Senior (75+)	£14	£12	£10
Youth (10-17)	£10	£8	£6
Acc. Junior (U10)	£7	£5	£3

A DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE



Sunday 1st November 2015, 2pm

Please note the change in date and the earlier kick-off time of this match. We have received an allocation of 1,206 seats in the Traditional Builders Stand for the match.

Tickets are now on general sale to all supporters and will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 30th October.

Prices: £21 adults, £15 65 and overs, £15 students with ID, £12 10-16-year-olds, free for under-10s with a full paying adult.

FA CUP FIRST ROUND

Saturday 7th November 2015

The draw for the first round of the FA Cup will take place on Monday evening at 7pm on BBC 2. Keep a look out for ball number 24 - that's us!

A STEVENAGE



Saturday 21st October 2015, 3pm

We are awaiting ticket information from Stevenage for this match. These will be released due course.

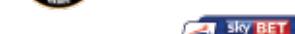
H CARLISLE UNITED



Tuesday 24th November 2015, 7.45pm

Tickets for this match are now available from the ticket office and online at category C prices.

A NEWPORT COUNTY



Saturday 28th November 2015, 3pm

We are awaiting ticket information from Newport for this match. These will be released due course.



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WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

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Luton Exiles are a group of friends from such far flung places as Nottinghamshire, Norfolk, Kent and Bedfordshire! Between them,



Roger, Joanne and Kieran Whitchelow, John Connor, Sally Baker, Wendy Weller, Tim Fowkes, Phil

Putnam and Arthur Crabb have a combined total of 292 seasons following the Hatters. The newest recruit is Kieran, who at 16 has been a Hatter for five years and the longest serving is John Connor, who next year will be celebrating his 50th season. With the club and the team in the ascendency and a new stadium to look forward to in the not too distant future, us Exiles look forward to many more highs (without too many lows!) following the club we all love.

MASCOTS

We have the pleasure of welcoming five mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. All of them will get to meet their favourite players before the game in the dressing room and then lead the team out onto the pitch prior to kick-off. We hope you all have a day to remember with us!



Joshua Riches-Willott.

Age: 7.

Favourite players: Jonathan Smith and Luke Wilkinson.

Harry Steel.

Age: 8. Favourite player: Jack Marriott.

Kaylem Patrick.

Age: 9. Favourite player: Jack Marriott.

Oscar Kearney.

Age: 13. Favourite player: Jack Marriott.

Alfie Draper. Age: 10.

Favourite player: Mark Tyler.



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Welcome to Kenilworth Road PLYMOUTH ARGYLE



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Plymouth Argyle to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Argyle arrive here on Bedfordshire soil as the best team in League 2 so far this season as Derek Adams, who only took charge in the summer, has guided Argyle to the top of the table following a fine start to the campaign.

The Greens saw their seven-match unbeaten run ended by Oxford United on Tuesday night so our visitors today will be keen to get back to winning ways to ensure they keep their place at the top of the table for another week.

Having reached the Play-Off semi-finals last season, hopes were high over the summer that Argyle could go one better this time round. However, manager John Sheridan left Home Park, citing family reasons. Two weeks later, though, Adams was appointed and since then the Greens haven't looked back.

Adams joined Argyle after a hugely successful spell in charge of Ross County north of the border, where he guided the Dingwall outfit from the Scottish Second Division to the

Premiership. And that success has continued in the south west with the Pilgrims.

The campaign began with four wins from their first five matches. A 2-0 win at Wimbledon on the opening day was followed by a last-gasp 2-1 home defeat to Portsmouth but they battled back to win their next three league games, including a 4-1 win over Carlisle at Home Park and an impressive 2-0 win at Northampton.

After a 1-0 win over Newport the Greens lost 2-1 at Stevenage before embarking on a seven-match unbeaten run which led them to the summit. In that period Adams's side picked up excellent wins on the road at Wycombe and Notts County, while grinding out hard-fought victories at home to Barnet, Crawley and Accrington.

Like last term, the Argyle's main threat comes from leading goalscorer Reuben Reid. After scoring 20 times in each of the past two campaigns, the striker has six goals already this term.

TEAM PROFILE PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Nicknames: The Pilgrims
Ground: Home Park
Last season: 7th League 2
Manager: Derek Adams
Last league match:
Oxford 1-0 Plymouth

HATTERS v ARGYLE

Luton wins 25
Draws 29
Plymouth wins 40

However Reid missed Tuesday's 1-0 defeat at Oxford with a hip injury and Adams said the forward is doubtful for this afternoon's game. Argyle can call upon the goals of Jake Jervis and attacking midfielder Graham Carey who have 11 goals between them since arriving this summer from Adams' former club Ross.

Argyle fans in the Oak Road end will be hoping their side can bounce back from their Tuesday defeat at Oxford and continue a decent record over the Town down the years. The Greens are unbeaten in their last four visits to Kenilworth Road in league games, winning two – including 1-0 last season – and drawing twice. The Hatters did, however, win the last meeting between the two clubs at Home Park in January thanks to Andy Drury's first-half goal.

LAST MEETING

Plymouth 0-1 Luton 17/1/15

Meet the VISITORS

OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM HOME PARK

THE BOSS

DEREK ADAMS

Appointed this summer, Plymouth is Adams' second port of call as manager having enjoyed a highly-successful spell in charge of Ross County. Led the Staggies to the SPL from the Second Division, including winning the First Division by 24 points in 2012.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

LUKE McCORMICK

Experienced and talented keeper Luke rejoined Plymouth in May 2013. Came through the ranks at Home Park and made 157 appearances in seven years before his return. Kept 21 clean sheets last season.

IN DEFENCE

PETER HARTLEY

Centre-half Peter arrived at Home Park at the end of the 2013/14 campaign following his release from Stevenage. Began his career as a youngster at Sunderland before joining Hartlepool.

CARL McHUGH

Irish defender Carl played a key role in the Argyle defence last term in his first season at Home Park. Joined the Greens from Bradford, who he helped win the League 2 Play-Offs and reach the League Cup final.

KELVIN MELLOR

Another defender who arrived before the start of last season, right-sided Kelvin signed for Argyle

following his release from Crewe. Spent six years at Gresty Road and has also played in Iceland.

CURTIS NELSON

Reliable defender Curtis has almost made 200 appearances since signing in February 2009 following his release from Stoke. Club captain and popular centre-half is an England Under-18 international.

GARY SAWYER

Left-back Gary is back at Home Park for a second spell after re-signing this summer. Also able to play at centre-half he has also played for Exeter and Leyton Orient.

THE MEN IN THE MIDDLE

HIRAM BOATENG

Highly-rated Hiram joined the Greens on a six-month loan from Premier League side Crystal Palace. Made his Palace debut as a teenager aged just 17 and last season was on-loan at Crawley.

GRAHAM CAREY

Summer arrival Graham was signed for the second time by boss



Adams having previously snapped up the midfielder at Ross County. Also served Portsmouth, Turkish outfit Elazigspor, Birmingham, Carlisle and Preston.

REUBEN REID

Leading marksman and the one to watch, Reuben has been Argyle's leading goalscorer for the past two seasons. Arrived for a second spell having originally come through the ranks and has also played for West Brom, Rotherham and Yeovil.

JOSH SIMPSON

Josh arrived at Home Park after rejecting a new contract at Crawley Town, where he was promoted twice

Did you know? Plymouth are yet to concede a goal away from home in the second half this season.





From the OAK ROAD

AFTER LOSING IN THE PLAY-OFFS LAST SEASON, PLYMOUTH ARE TIPPED TO GO ONE BETTER THIS TIME AROUND. NOW FLYING HIGH AT THE TOP OF THE TABLE, ARGYLE FAN **SAM BARKER** GIVES US THE LOW-DOWN FROM HOME PARK

THE SEASON AHEAD...

After losing in the Play-Offs to Wycombe last season what were Argyle fans' expectations going into the new season? To make the Play-Offs again? Promotion? The title?

We really had no idea what to expect this season, we didn't have a manager until midway through June! If you'd have told us we would make our best start to a season for 80 odd years you probably wouldn't find many Argyle fans that would believe you!

Derek Adams took over from John Sheridan in the summer. What were your first thoughts on his appointment? How impressed have you been with him so far?

Positive. We've had success with Scottish managers before and the track record Adams had up in Scotland was certainly very impressive. The start he's made to life in charge of Argyle has left many Argyle fans, understandably, very impressed. It's hard not to be, really!

The new manager has talked about a new 'heartbeat' about the club. It seems Adams is really connecting with the Green Army. How important is this and do you think it can lead to a successful campaign?

It's been a while since we've had a manager that connects with the fans as much as Adams does. Recent managers haven't made much effort at all, which led to some pretty nasty atmospheres when things went badly wrong. For Adams to show as much passion about the club as he is, means a lot to Argyle fans just because we know that he really cares – an odd statement but we were never really sure in the final months of John Sheridan's regime. Whether it can lead to a successful season remains to be seen, but the feel good factor around the club at the moment is as high as it's been for years.

You've started the season very well. Are you playing better than last season? What has been the highlight so far and how far do you think this Argyle side can go?

In a word; yes! When we've played well we've barely given the opposition a chance, but it's when we've been below par where the difference really is. This team can dig in and scrape out wins even when not playing at their best which is usually a sign of a good team. If we stay clear of too many injuries then we've got a chance of going the distance for sure.

Tell us about some of the stars in your squad. Reuben Reid gets the headlines with the

goals, but who else is there, the unsung hero of the Plymouth team?

Since signing in the summer, Graham Carey has been nothing short of amazing. He seems to have endless energy to press the opposition with and a real wand of a left foot – he's already scored a couple screamers this season and assisted a fair few as well. There's goals all across our team this season which means we're less reliant on Reuben. Our attackers get a lot of credit but at the time of writing our defense is the tightest in the league so perhaps they're all unsung heroes!

SEASONS PAST...

Tell us about you. Why do you support Argyle? When did it all start? What was your first game? What do you remember about it?

Like many other football fans, I started supporting my team because my dad took me to the games when I was younger. It took a while but I eventually caught the Argyle bug and started attending games on my own. Now the football probably takes up more of my life than it should, but I wouldn't have it any other way! I know my first game was against Brighton towards the start of our Division Two title season but I can't remember anything about it, was only nine at the time!

Sylvan Ebanks-Blake, one of Sam's favourite all-time Argyle strikers, in action against former Hatter Gary Doherty



Life is never dull at Home Park. You enjoyed life in the Championship for many years but have dropped through the divisions and now find yourselves in the basement. Tell us about the life of an Argyle supporter.

Obviously the last few years have been tough for all Argyle fans but it feels now that the Green tanker has turned and might finally be heading to better shores. The life of an Argyle fan just means miles. Miles and miles and miles...! We're used to the travelling though, but when we say we're going on an away day but we do actually mean a day!

Give us your all-time Argyle XI

From my time supporting the club...

Luke McCormick
Tony Capaldi
Krisztian Timar
Curtis Nelson
Paul Connolly
Scott Sinclair
Akos Buzsaky
Peter Halmosi
Sylvan Ebanks-Blake

Reuben Reid
Bradley Wright-Phillips
Harry Kane

LUTON AND PLYMOUTH

What are your best and worst memories of Plymouth versus Luton clashes?

From what I can remember, our shocking League Cup record rearing its ugly head again in 2008 when you won 2-0 and knocked us out despite being two divisions below us at the time was one of many low points we have in that competition. Last season's 1-0 victory here was one of few sweet points on the road over the campaign, made better by it being shown on TV!

What do you expect from today's game? What's your prediction? Are you looking forward to the lack of leg room in the away end?

I think it'll be a very tight game. I'm surprised at the start you've made as I thought you'd be at the top of the table right from the get go. I'll do the typical conservative thing and sit on the fence and go for

a 1-1 draw! As for the lack of leg room in your away end; the fact you've got a roof more than makes up for it – that can't be said for a few away ends in this division!

QUICKFIRE

Terrace or Seats? Terrace every time

Exeter or Torquay – who are your rivals? Exeter Greatest Argyle hero?

Akos Buzsaky
Guess your player of the season
Graham Carey

Favourite Plymouth moment

The away victories when nobody expects it. 4-0 at Fleetwood on a Tuesday a few years back.

If you could bring one player from the past back in the Plymouth team who would it be?

David Norris
Most treasured Argyle piece of memorabilia?

My programme collection

Who will win promotion from League 2? Portsmouth, Leyton Orient, Oxford and Luton - Not going to mention Argyle as I might curse something!



COVER STORY

Club historian ROGER WASH tells the story of the match behind today's programme cover

LUTON TOWN 3 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1

16th October 1954

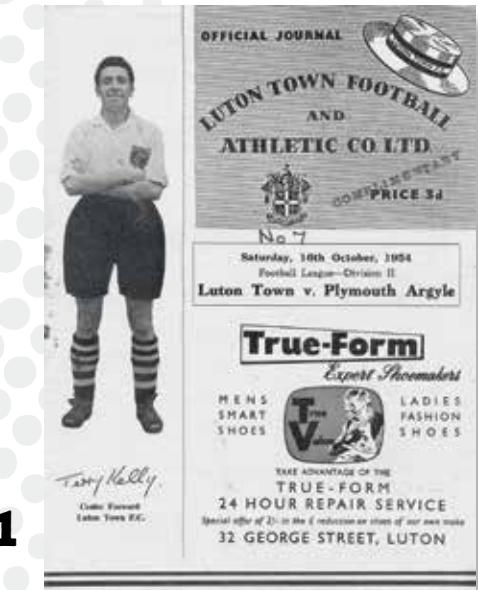
The Town's policy of giving youth a chance by promoting youngsters into the first team appeared to be bearing fruit and near misses at promotion in both 1952/53 and 1953/54 seemed to support the theory.

The Hatters had a good mix of youth and experience as well as 'the best reserve side in the country' and hopes were high as the 1954/55 campaign got under way that we could make it to the top flight for the first time in our history.

Wearing their new 'continental' strip (round neck collar, tight fitting shirt) not previously adopted by British clubs and employing a deep lying centre-forward as practised by the Hungarians, the Hatters got off to a sound start by beating Nottingham Forest 3-0 at Kenilworth Road on the opening day of the season.

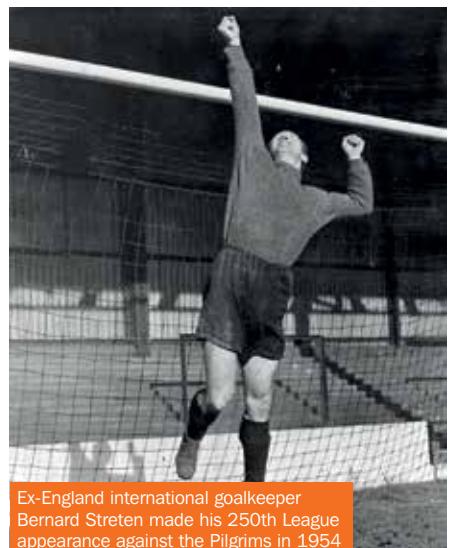
Two away defeats, at Bury and newly promoted Ipswich, followed before a run of six straight wins sent the team hurtling up the table with promotion high on the agenda in the pubs and clubs around the town.

A bombshell exploded in early October though with the vastly experienced Jesse Pye asking for a transfer and subsequently moving to Derby. He cited the health of his wife but he also needed the guarantee of first team football having missed out on first team wages the previous season due to a broken ankle. The Town



directors would not guarantee this to anyone with the result that we were now to be playing a deep lying centre-forward system without a deep lying centre-forward!

The Town lost at Bristol Rovers using defender Terry Kelly in the Pye role and although it was not a great success it was decided to persevere with the system for the visit of Plymouth to Kenilworth Road the following week.



Ex-England international goalkeeper Bernard Streten made his 250th League appearance against the Pilgrims in 1954

Leading scorer Gordon Turner passed a late fitness test but skipper Syd Owen, injured at Bristol Rovers, was not ready to play and was replaced by Les Hall at centre-half. Replacing Owen as captain was goalkeeper Bernard Streten making his 250th League appearance for the Town.

Uncertain weather kept the crowd down to 15,059 and on a greasy pitch players of both sides had difficulty in controlling the ball which meant that it was a first half of few chances with no exciting passages of play.

COLLISION

Just before the interval Plymouth centre forward Neil Langman had to leave the field holding his arm following a collision with Luton full-back Seamus Dunne. Langman returned after the break but was in some discomfort and

was soon playing out on the wing as a passenger in the days before substitutes – he apparently had pulled a muscle at the top of his chest.

The Town, sensed their chance and managed to exert some pressure on the Plymouth goal with the result that the deadlock was broken after 56 minutes through winger Jim Adam who volleyed the ball home from close range after Turner deflected a Bob Morton centre into his path.

The game then reverted to the dull play of the first half before the Town managed to step up a gear with 15 minutes left. Firstly, Turner cleverly dummied a pass from Charlie Watkins to Morton who centred the ball accurately on to the head of Roy Davies who made no mistake. Three minutes later it was all over as Turner drove the ball between Plymouth goalkeeper

Les Major and the post after Davies made an opening for him.

Argyle gained a consolation with five minutes left when a shot from John Porteous from the edge of the area was misjudged by the normally reliable Streten for a soft goal.

The win, although welcome, papered over the cracks and shortly afterwards manager Dally Duncan decided to switch Bob Morton to centre-forward where he was a revelation, allowing Turner more freedom and seeing the team fire on all cylinders on the way to promotion.

Luton Town: Streten, Dunne, Aherne, Shanks, Hall, Morton, Adam, Watkins, Kelly, Turner, Davies.

Plymouth Argyle: Major, Ratcliffe, Morgan, Tilley, Robertson, McShane, Tadman, Dews, Langman, Porteous, Anderson.

THE PROGRAMME

The Town produced their normal eight-page programme for the visit of Plymouth with Terry Kelly shown on the front cover.

After installing floodlights in 1953 the Town had embarked on a programme of inviting 'crack' foreign opposition to Kenilworth Road for floodlight friendlies. The latest of these came on the Thursday evening before the Plymouth game when West German champions Borussia Dortmund were the visitors.

In the Club Notes section mention was made of the disappointment that only

11,213 were present when a crowd of 20,000 was expected. The Town lost 1-0 for the record.



DEFINING MOMENTS

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN **LEIGH EDWARDS** SELECTS EIGHT KEY MATCHES AND MOMENTS THAT HAVE SHAPED PLYMOUTH ARGYLE'S POST-WAR ERA

1952 RUNAWAY CHAMPIONS

Jimmy Rae managed Plymouth Argyle to the Third Division (South) title in 1951/52. The Pilgrims hit top form in their opening home game, a 5-0 victory over Crystal Palace that began a run of seven wins in eight matches. A disputed penalty led to Argyle's sole home defeat against Bristol Rovers but they trounced Millwall, Walsall and Shrewsbury in quick succession. Eight consecutive wins in the New Year set up promotion and Plymouth won the title by five points. The defensive trio of Pat Jones, Paddy Ratcliffe and skipper Jack Chisholm was ever-present, while George Dews and Maurice Tadman scored 52 goals overall.

1959 PILGRIMS' PROGRESS

Wilf Carter and Jimmy Gauld formed a lethal partnership as Plymouth Argyle won the Third Division title in 1958/59. Jack Rowley's side began with a 1-1 draw at Hull City and stormed to the top of the table after losing just one of their opening 20 League games. The defence was strengthened during the season with the signing of Len Casey, Wally Bellett and Gordon Fincham. Mansfield Town were hammered 8-3 at Home Park in early March and Plymouth went on to pip Hull City by one point to take the title. Other notable figures in Argyle's title triumph were Geoff Barnsley, George Robertson, Johnny Williams and Reg Wyatt.

1975 PROMOTION WINNERS

Plymouth Argyle clinched promotion as Paul Mariner's goal secured a 1-0 Third Division victory over Colchester United watched by 23,551 at Home Park on 15th April 1975. From a mid-table position in November, Tony Waiters' side had climbed steadily and remained in the top three from Christmas onwards. They gained a thrilling 7-3 victory at AFC Bournemouth in January and

finished runners-up to Blackburn Rovers, missing out on the title by a single point after losing 1-0 in their last match at Peterborough United. Billy Rafferty and Paul Mariner scored 43 goals between them, while Jim Furnell was ever-present in goal.

1984 FA CUP SEMI-FINALISTS

Plymouth Argyle reached the FA Cup semi-finals for the first time in 1983/84. A notable newcomer that summer was striker Tommy Tynan but Plymouth made a disappointing start in the Third Division and John Hore replaced Bobby Moncur as manager in October. Argyle defeated Southend United 2-0, Barking 2-1, Newport County 1-0, Darlington 2-1, West Brom 1-0 and Derby County 1-0 to reach the FA Cup semi-finals.



David Friis (left) and manager Paul Sturrock hold the Third Division title trophy after Argyle's championship success in 2001/02

2002 RECORD-BREAKING CHAMPIONS

Argyle clinched the Third Division title as two goals by Marino Keith plus others from Mickey Evans and Jason Bent secured a 4-1 victory at Darlington on 15th April 2002. Paul Sturrock's side had lost their opening two home games against Shrewsbury Town and Rochdale but soared to the top of the table with a club record 19 match unbeaten run that ended with a 2-1 defeat at Scunthorpe United. Both ends of the redeveloped ground were opened for the 2-2 draw against Torquay United on Boxing Day, then the new Lyndhurst Stand opened for Oxford United's visit a month later. Argyle gained a club record 102 points.

2004 STURROCK'S SUCCESS

The Greens stormed to the Second Division championship in 2003-04. The Pilgrims won just one of their first five games but climbed to the top by the end of October, trouncing Tranmere Rovers 6-0 and Port Vale 5-1 in consecutive matches. They regained pole position in December, keeping a record ten successive clean sheets that included a 7-0 demolition of Chesterfield. Bobby Williamson replaced Southampton-bound Paul Sturrock as manager in April and Argyle clinched the title as late goals by Mickey Evans and David Friis secured a 2-0 win over closest rivals QPR in front of 19,888 at Home Park on 24th April 2004.

George Reilly's first-half header gave top-flight Watford a 1-0 win over Argyle in front of 43,858 at Villa Park on 14th April 1984. Argyle won three of their final four League matches to avoid relegation.

1986 SMITH'S SUCCESS

Plymouth Argyle clinched promotion back to the Second Division as two goals by Tommy Tynan plus others from Gary Nelson and Russell Coughlin secured a stunning 4-0 win over Bristol City in front of 19,900 at Home Park on 29th April 1986. Only one victory was recorded in the first five games before a thrilling run of ten wins in 16 matches saw Argyle soar up the table to second place. Dave Smith's side faltered a little over Christmas after losing 4-3 at Reading, but finished runners-up after winning 14 of their last 18 games. Tommy Tynan returned on loan from Rotherham and scored nine goals in as many games.

1996 WEMBLEY WINNERS

Ronnie Mauge's second-half header gave Plymouth Argyle a 1-0 victory over Darlington in the Third Division play-off final watched by 43,431 at Wembley Stadium on 25th May 1996. Neil Warnock's side lost their opening four games before a 5-0 win at Bury sparked a nine match unbeaten run that lifted them up to fourth place. Newcomers Ian Baird and Richard Logan helped keep Argyle in the promotion race and they qualified for the Play-Offs in fourth position. Plymouth defeated Colchester United 3-2 on aggregate to reach Wembley for the first time. Adrian Littlejohn was leading marksman and Paul Williams ever-present.

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Numbers GAME

ARGYLE AND THE HATTERS IN NUMBERS

HEAD 2 HEAD

94 PLAYED

25 LUTON WINS

29 DRAWS

40 PLYMOUTH WINS

120 LUTON GOALS SCORED

153 PLYMOUTH GOALS SCORED

1903 YEAR OF FIRST MEETING

The date of the first meeting. Both sides played out a draw in the Southern League.

It wasn't a game to remember, however. It finished goalless.



3 In the 94 matches that the Town have played Plymouth, the Hatters have only scored four or more goals in a game against the Greens just three times.

DID YOU KNOW?

As you can read on page 43, Plymouth were the first ever visitors at Kenilworth Road in 1905. The two sides played out a goalless draw in front of a crowd of 5,000.

11 Of the 47 games played on Bedfordshire soil, our visitors have won 11 times. Their most recent, a 1-0 victory, came last season in front of the live Sky Sports cameras.

8 Former Town striker Tony Thorpe enjoyed playing against Plymouth. He scored eight goals against the Greens, including a hat-trick in a 3-3 draw at a wet and windy Home Park in November 1996.

34,689

The biggest attendance to watch a Luton v Plymouth game came at Home Park in FA Cup third round tie in January 1948. The Hatters silenced over 30,000 Argyle fans with a 4-2 win thanks to two goals apiece from Hugh Billington and Bobby Brennan.

3-4 Argyle have twice won 4-3 at Kenilworth Road. The Greens inflicted the first of those defeats on the Town in January 1939 before triumphing by the same scoreline on their very next visit some eight years later in February 1947.

FIVE OF THE BEST

The Hatters' biggest win over Argyle came in Division 3 (South) in March 1930. Andy Rennie notched a hat-trick while Jimmy Yardley scored twice. It's the only time the Town have scored five against Plymouth.

1-6

Argyle's biggest win over the Town came at Home Park back in November 1929.

TITLE RIVALS

The Town and Argyle endured a tussle for the Third Division (now League 2) title back in 2001/02 with the Greens coming out on top with 102 points, five clear of the Hatters.



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE TROPHY CABINET

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS 2004

THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS 1959, 2002

THIRD DIVISION SOUTH CHAMPIONS 1930, 1952

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1913

WESTERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 1905

TOWN 1 1 ORIENT



ATTENDANCE 8,022
638 ORIENT



WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Town were held to their second successive 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road as they were pegged back by Leyton Orient.

Jack Marriott's seventh goal of the season put the Hatters ahead shortly after the half-hour when he stole in at the back post following Dan Potts' cross.

But Orient levelled less than two minutes after the break when Jay Simpson turned home from close range.

The Hatters were indebted to a number of key saves from goalkeeper Mark Tyler – one in particular in the first-half kept the score 0-0 – but Marriott almost won it for the Town late on only for his shot to flash just past the post when sent through with six minutes to go.



HAKAN SAID:

“It was a good game and I thought we played well first half and took our chance well.

We could have been 2-0 up if Jack scores again before half-time and that makes it a different game.

“We do need to defend better, though, it was disappointing to concede so soon after the restart.

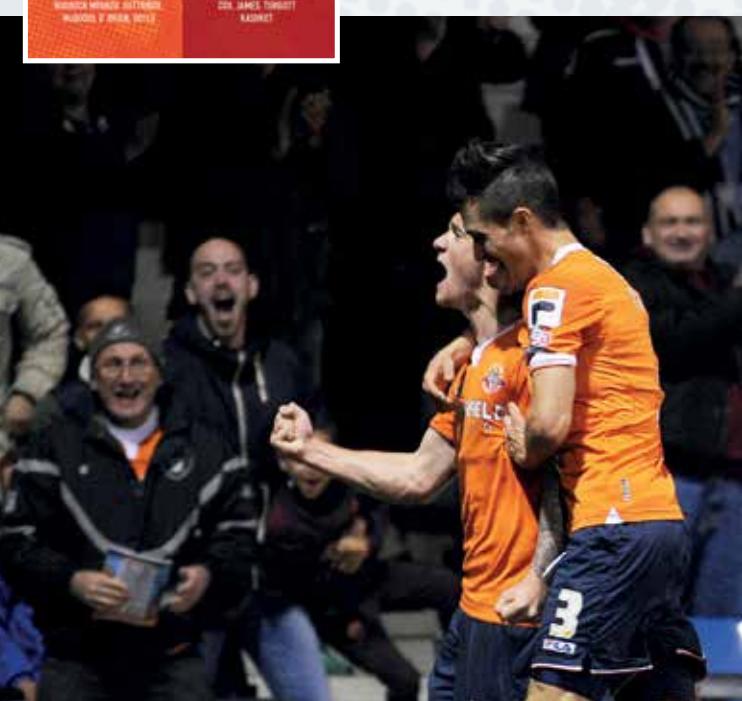
“After what happened in the second half at Crawley we'll take that. The manager quite rightly said that was our worst 45 minutes of the season and the players knew we need a reaction and I think that showed.

“We worked hard for each other against a good side who wanted to attack us. But I think overall we had the better chances – Jack could have won it for us at the death, but it wasn't to be.

“Maybe 1-1 was a fair result. We needed to put it right after Crawley. We needed a reaction and I think we got that in patches. However we've got to be better defensively.”



Leyton Orient Football Club	V	Shrewsbury Town
TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2015		
TYLER	CISAK	
POTTS	CLOHESY	
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CUTHBERT (C)	BAUDRY (C)	
WILKINSON	PALMER	
SMITH	PAYNE	
McGEEHAN	MOORE	
McCOURT	PRITCHARD	
LEE	CHICKEN	
MARRIOTT	SIMPSON	
MACKAIL-SMITH	MARQUIS	
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WADDELL, C. WILKINSON, DOLLEY,	KASHEM	





LUTON TOWN		ORIENT	
3	CORNERS	5	
4	SHOTS ON TARGET	7	
4	SHOTS WIDE	5	
10	FOULS	10	
6	OFFSIDES	3	



HOW IT HAPPENED

1' Here we go #COYH

12' Chance, and a decent one too. McCourt's flick releases Mackail-Smith, his right-wing centre met by Marriott but saved by Cisak. 0-0.

16' Should be 1-0 Orient. Why isn't it? Mark Tyler. Visitors get in behind, cross from the left met by Marquis but he can't beat Tyler.

18' Ball was on a plate for Marquis from eight yards but instead of blasting he opts to side-foot low and Tyler did brilliantly to save.

31' Off the line! Almost 1-0 Town, McCourt's right-wing corner met by the head of Cuthbert. It beats the keeper but not Payne who nods clear

31' Cuthbert now involved back at the other end, superb header clear under pressure to clear a right-wing cross. Fouled anyway, but superb #COYH

32' GOOOOOOOOOOOAL! Town 1-0 Orient (Marriott)

32' Town ahead! Potts' low ball into the box takes a few deflections on its way through to Jack Marriott who lashes home at the back post!

34' Town's first first-half goal at Kenilworth Road since Portsmouth at the end of August. Marriott's seventh of the season #COYH

36' Marriott almost gets his eighth! McGeehan goes for goal from 20 yards, ball drops off the head of an O's defender and is volleyed wide

40' Work for Tyler from a free-kick, Town can't clear, Baudry has two attempts at goal before getting a shot away that Tyler stops.

41' And again, Tyler gets a shot straight at him from Palmer. Orient knocking on the door. Town still lead 1-0 #COYH

HT Town 1-0 Orient. Hatters ahead at the break thanks to Jack Marriott's strike just after the half-hour mark #COYH

47' GOAL Town 1-1 Orient (Simpson)

47' Less than two minutes into the second half Orient level, Clohessy's low right-wing cross dangerous and converted by top scorer Simpson. 1-1.

59' Attendance here at Kenilworth Road 8,022, which includes 638 shouting for Orient in the Oak #COYH

69' Chance! McGeehan goes for goal from 22ish yard, well-hit and going in but saved by Cisak. 1-1. Come on Luton! #COYH

79' Tyler to rescue once more. Orient corner finds Moore, his firm drive from just inside the box blocked by the Town keeper. 1-1 #COYH

FT Town 1-1 Orient. All over here. Hatters have to settle for a point as an early second half equaliser gives the O's a draw #COYH





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REACTION

CUTHBERT HAPPY TO TAKE CAPTAINCY REINS

Town defender Scott Cuthbert has emphasised his pride at being made the Kenilworth Road captain after the departure of Stephen McNulty to Tranmere last week.

McNulty left the Hatters to be closer with his family, with Cuthbert taking the reins for the last two games against Crawley and the 1-1 draw with his former club Leyton Orient on Tuesday.

Cuthbert admits the Town will miss McNulty, but is calling for the more senior players to make their mark in his absence.

He said: "It's an honour to captain the club. Macca was a fantastic leader and an excellent guy who will be missed, but it's an opportunity for people like myself and others to step up and I'm really pleased to be made captain at the moment.

"All I can do is keeping working hard both on and off the pitch in being a leader, but I'm enjoying it."

The Scot has attained just one point from his first two games at the helm, but feels that the Hatters were value for their draw with Orient, a team flying high in League 2.

"I think you've always got to be happy when you take something off a team in the top seven," he said.

"They've been doing really well this year, but we're really disappointed to have conceded the goal having defended well until then.

"We have to look at the positives though. We got a point and it's something to build on heading into a tough game against Plymouth."

The Town had taken the lead in the first half, with Jack Marriott poking home his seventh goal of the season, but were unable to

Did you know? Scott was previously captain at former club Leyton Orient



hang on amidst an entertaining encounter at Kenilworth Road.

But following on from the second-half collapse at the hands of Crawley last Saturday, the captain sees the stalemate with Orient as a point gained and a much improved display.

Cuthbert added: "The gaffer said to us at half-time to be strong and be ready for them to come out and at us, but we switched off down the left hand side and it's suddenly a goal.

"It would have been very easy for us to fold. We all know that the performance in the second half on Saturday at Crawley wasn't good enough. Everyone individually has to hold their hands up and say it wasn't good enough, and I think we've shown a lot of character out there tonight, because it wasn't

going our way for parts of the second half. We rolled our sleeves up, dug in and showed some character which is great to see."

The 28-year-old is now looking forward to welcoming table-toppers Plymouth today, and is hoping both teams go for the win in what looks set to be a cracker at the Kenny.

"You'd rather play the top teams - they're there for the taking in my opinion," Cuthbert added.

"They'll come here full of confidence, but on our day we're a good enough team for anyone and I'm confident we can get a result.

"It's nice having teams that come at you, as opposed to teams who sit back and make it difficult for us and hopefully it can make for a better game while we'll look to get a few goals while keeping a clean sheet to get that win."

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REACTION

MARRIOTT HAPPY WITH MACKAIL-SMITH PARTNERSHIP

Town striker Jack Marriott has revealed his enjoyment at operating alongside fellow front man Craig Mackail-Smith after scoring his seventh goal of the season against Leyton Orient on Tuesday night.

The pair linked up for their second successive game after starting together against Crawley, although just one point has been picked up from those two fixtures.

But Marriott feels it's just a matter of time before the partnership flourishes to lead the Hatters back to winning ways at Kenilworth Road.

He said: "I've loved playing up front with Craig, it's been really good and I've learnt a lot from him every day, especially now that we're playing together, we're constantly talking.

"It's nice to play up front together in a two rather than on my own.

"The only other time before these games where we've played together was Wimbledon at home when I came on, and these things will take time, but I think we've got something there."

The 21-year-old netted his first goal since the victory at Hartlepool on 3rd October against Orient, but was keen to pay homage to lady luck for the game's opener.

"[Dan] Potts got on the ball and Macca [Mackail-Smith] made a run towards the middle of the box, so I thought I'd drop off towards the back post in case he over-hit it and I could be there to clear it up," he added.

"Luckily it's come off the defender and I was there to tap it in."

The striker also had a chance to net a late winner for the Hatters, but it wasn't to be as the Town were forced to settle for a point against Orient.

Jack's seventh goal of the season was his fifth at Kenilworth Road



The former Ipswich Town man had been played through by Luke Guttridge six minutes from time, but could only skew wide on another frustrating evening at Kenilworth Road.

But despite the Town dropping points for a third consecutive League 2 game, Marriott feels the performances have been better than recent results have suggested, and that signs for the upcoming fixtures are positive.

"It's always nice to score, but I'm really annoyed at myself that I didn't put that one away at the end, that's bread and butter for me really," he added.

"But that's football and I think some of the play tonight was superb, and really promising, some really good interlinking play and it was very positive, the way we played."

"The Hatters face a potentially thrilling encounter with table-toppers Plymouth this afternoon, although the Pilgrims suffered defeat from their trip to Oxford in midweek after winning four consecutive league games beforehand.

With the Town struggling against teams who have been happy to sit back in recent fixtures, Marriott is looking forward to facing a side with a more attacking frame of mind at Kenilworth Road.

He said: "We'll welcome them with open arms. I think it's good to have three games in a week, we'll get to bounce back quickly and we'll look forward to it.

"The fact that we've come away with a point after the disappointing second half performance is a step in the right direction, even if we do want to be winning these games as the home team."

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BACK TO THE FUTURE

On Wednesday it was #BackToTheFutureDay – celebrating 21st October 2015 – the date in which Marty McFly and Doc Brown visited in the 1989 sci-fi time adventure sequel Back to the Future II.

We put the question, below, to our social media followers and got the following answers...

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If you had a DeLorean time machine which Town match would you travel back to?
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Nick Verney @nickverney
Man City away 14th May 1983
What a day that was.

karen @KrobertsonKaren
#COYH #BackToTheFuture '88
at Wembley defo! Great match

Paul Wright @MISTERPDW
#BackToFutureDay Luton 12
Bristol Rovers 0 in 1936. Be
interesting to see how good Joe
Payne was & laugh at Bristol's
defending!

Baz @strauberry
88 cup final, 87 4-1 win over
Liverpool. 3-0 win in cup the same
season

James @jmorgs88
the title winning game in Wrexham
on St George's day.what a day that
was

Richard Hardy @richyhardy
1988 - the magnitude of it was lost
on my 8 year old self. Thought we'd
be forever winning trophies!

Colin Matthews @scruffgolfer
West Ham away won 3-2 @paul_
walsh9 hat-trick in Jan 1983 Got
out of the ground alive!

Amanda Armstrong
@N3rdstrong
To any that my Luton born great
grandfather attended, so I can
watch w/him! He also played on a
team, but not sure which/when.

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Something different from the usual,
how about here, when the roof was
lifted off KR when Brkovic scored
[against Hull]!

Gaby @DjGabyG
Littlewoods Cup Final 1988. If
you could drop me off at a betting
shop, that would be good ;)

hayden tottingham
@haydentotty102
think it was 86, beat Oxford 7-4
was in the Oak Rd boiling hot day!

Simon @HungryHatter
Luton Town 2-0 Coventry City,
1998, League Cup. A great night in
general, and one of the finest Town

performances I've ever seen.

Sven @Svennyhill
the Graham French goal against
Mansfield in 1968! And I'd record it
so we could all watch it!!

Adam @adam_cumberland
5th April 2009. Luton vs
Scunthorpe jpt final

David Mouel Back to 1959 when
town played Blackpool in the FA
cup replay on a wed afternoon at
the Kenny, an afternoon sick from
school!! good times like then will be
back soon COYH

Duane Craddock Luton v Arsenal
Littlewoods cup final 1988
Quality game and quality team!

John Tompkins Town versus
Crewe Alex 1967 the night we won
promotion from div 4.

Clive Goodall 4 - 2 home win v
Mansfield 18 September 1968. I
would dearly love to see French's
goal again!

Kenneth Russell 1959 Cup
Final, I know we lost but not a day
to be forgotten especially as I was
there as an 10 year old.

Karen Robertson '88 at
Wembley. defo.

CENTRE SPOT

Jack Marriott celebrates opening the scoring during Tuesday night's 1-1 draw with Leyton Orient





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THE GREEN GAME

Argyle played an important role in our history – they were our first visitors to Kenilworth road, as club historian **Roger Wash** explains

When the landlords of the club's Dunstable Road ground decided to develop the site, the Town were forced to look for a new base for the third time in their short life.

This time the club's directors decided to buy rather than rent in order to provide some future stability. The Kenilworth Road site was purchased for £300 by six directors of the club and then

rented back on an initial seven year lease at £160 per annum.

The new ground was formally opened on Monday 4th September 1905 at 5pm sharp to allow kick-off at 5.15 pm which would then enable the Southern League visitors, Plymouth, enough time to catch their train home.

At last the Town had a ground they could call their own. Part of the agreement on purchase was that the land would only be used for football purposes and everyone connected with the club breathed a sigh of relief knowing that they

Luton Town 0 Plymouth Argyle 0
Southern League. September 4th 1905.

The game itself at Kenilworth Road was played out on a warm late summer evening and attracted a healthy crowd of over 6,000 who paid £120 for the privilege of taking part on an historic occasion.

Mr J. W. Green formally opened proceedings by kicking off the contest but before doing so announced that he would be donating 25 guineas (£26.25) to the club.

The contest itself was end to end from start to finish with both sides hitting the woodwork. The Town had a point to prove having finished second bottom of the Southern League the previous season (fortunately they were re-elected with little fuss) and had recruited some heavyweight players to take

would not be asked to move again – at least not in the short term.

As mentioned previously, Plymouth were the first visitors to Kenilworth Road in what quickly became known as the 'Green Game'.

The Pilgrims, then as now, played in green, the referee was a Mr A. Green, the formal opening was conducted by Mr J Green of local brewery fame, while the whole event had been orchestrated by secretary Charles Green. The pitch, of course, was also – thankfully! – green.

Luton Town: Platt, Blackett, McCurdy, F. Hawkes, White, R. Hawkes, Gallacher, Warner, Brown, Pickering, Barnes.

Plymouth Argyle: Sutcliffe, Saul, A. Clark, Leech, C. Clark, Mortimer, Briercliffe, Buck, Willcox, Buchanan, Corrin.

The players line up at the formal opening of Kenilworth Road





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Hatters through the GENERATIONS

IN THE SECOND IN OUR SERIES OF TALKING TO TOWN FANS OF THEIR EXPERIENCES OF WATCHING THE HATTERS DOWN THE YEARS, **GABY KOVACS** EXPLAINS HOW MUCH OF A ROLE THE CLUB PLAYS IN HIS LIFE.

It's a bit of cliché but it's true: it is never dull being a Luton Town supporter.

"As a club we've experienced it all," says Gaby Kovacs. "That's what makes us unique. Never for one minute would you expect a club like Luton to appear at so many Wembley finals, to reach FA Cup semi-finals, to play in the top-flight, and the Championship...and the Conference."

It's all part of experiencing the rollercoaster of emotion when you attach yourself to the Town. A special football club, like no other, in every way.

If you read our piece in Tuesday's programme, Hatters fan Alan Adair admits he wasn't keen on away fan bans and plastic pitches in the 1980s. Gaby, however, sees it differently.

"Ah, membership cards and the plastic pitch," he says, taking a deep, reflective, breath. "Looking back at the time I started watching Luton in the late 80s, there was a real sense of belonging, because, with no away fans and a plastic pitch, it felt as though you belonged to something the rest of the outside world couldn't belong to."

"I loved those times, it was magnificent. We played some unbelievable football on that pitch and beat some of the best teams in the country."

"I vividly recall so many players rubbing deep heat onto their legs

that the whole stadium used to smell of the stuff – that flicks a big switch in my memory. I'd love to go back and stand on terraces at Kenilworth Road."

Just like the remarkable and wonderful history of Luton Town, Gaby's story of how he became a Hatter is just as fascinating.

His surname Kovacs, a familiar name on the Town teamsheet during the Conference years, is – like Janos' – Hungarian.

Gaby's parents fled Hungary during the Revolution in the 1950s and, as fate would have it, they were destined for Luton – jumping on a truck bound for England having spent months waiting for one to go to Australia.

Unfortunately for a young Gaby when he was born in Luton in 1974, his father Gaspar – who found a job at Vauxhall – had lost his enthusiasm for football. He had, after all, been weaned on the Mighty Magyars, the famous Hungary team of the 50s which lost once in six years and contained legendary frontman Ferenc Puskas.

For Gaby, though, his football memories were about to start

GABY KOVACS

DATE OF BIRTH: 9/8/1974
FAVOURITE GAME: Derby 2-3 Luton
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Mick Harford
FIRST GAME: Liverpool (H) 4/9/84

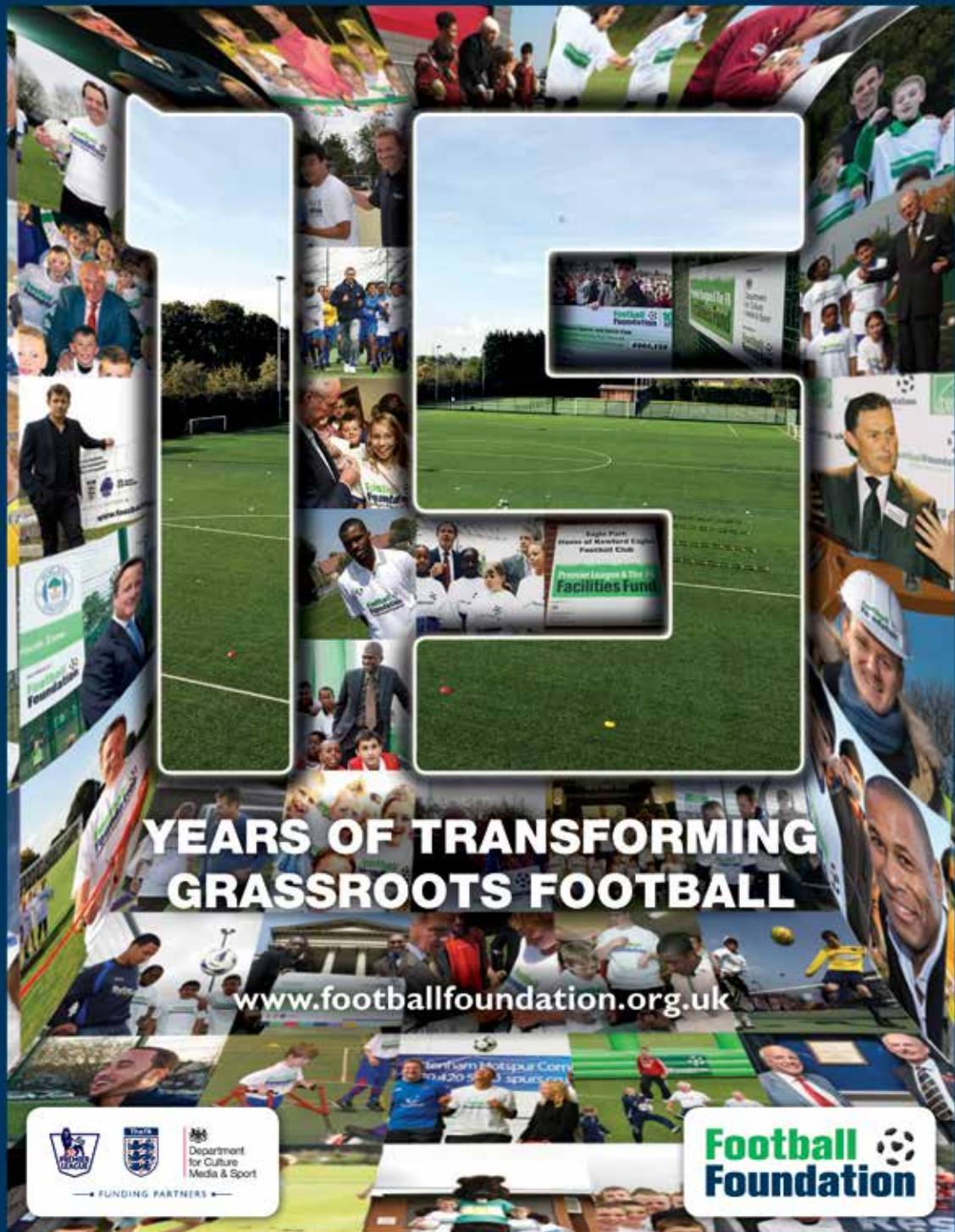


thanks to a man intent on impressing his sister, Wendy.

"My sister's boyfriend at the time was doing the 'I'll impress the family' bit, and asked me if I fancied going to a Luton game," explains Gaby. "He was a big Luton fan and my first game was a 2-1 defeat at home to Liverpool.

"It was such a good season to be introduced, we got to the FA Cup semi-final where we lost to Everton.





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What a first season to catch the bug.

"I was 10 at the time, and over the next few seasons I got to go to the bigger games. However my sister and her boyfriend split up and she started dating Alan O'Sullivan. He was a Luton player but I don't think he ever made a first-team appearance."

Without his sister's ex-boyfriend about to join him at Kenilworth Road, Gaby got another opportunity to watch the Town through his sister.

"The main turning point for me in my supporting life was when my sister was working in an old peoples' home," he says.

"There was one resident called Larry who wanted to go to games, but needed a helper and she suggested if I could accompany him to games. It meant I had a free ticket and transport to all the home games and my first season ticket season happened to be the 1987/88 season. What a first season to see."

Indeed. That campaign saw the Town lift the Littlewoods Cup after beating Arsenal 3-2, reach the FA Cup semi-final again and lose in the Simod Cup final to Reading.

There was no greater time to be a Hatters fan.

However for Gaby it was one game in particular that stood out and it came in a relegation decider two

seasons later. It was enough for the then teenage Gaby to realise how much football meant to him. There was no going back after this...

"My favourite game is probably Derby away in 1990. It was the first away game where I went by myself. I got the train," he recalls.

DELIGHT

"It was quite scary to be so young going alone to a game but it was brilliant. It was such a buzz. I remember coming out of Derby station and seeing a bridge full of people by the Baseball Ground. I was worried that they were all Derby fans but to my shock and delight I realised they were all Luton fans. There were thousands of us and I remember it being boiling hot.

"But what a special day. For me that afternoon I grasped what football was all about. It made me understand the game: the emotions and what it meant to people. I hadn't previously thought about it. Going with Larry had slowly made me understand football as a game, but the Derby game was a culmination of everything I had watched and learned before – not just the game of football itself but everything else around it, and how it made people feel."

Thirty years and hundreds of games later Gaby, like all fans from his era who have witnessed the

Town in the top flight before the fall through the divisions, is now attempting to bring up the next generation of Hatters supporters.

"My son Thaler was mascot once before," he says. "He's 10 now, but was about five when he was mascot for a game against Forest Green. He's even kicked the ball into the Kenny end goal but he's not as interested in Luton so much. I think he was assuming that every game I took him to would be nice food in the Eric Morecambe suite, meeting the players before and after the game...not sitting in the cold and wet watching Braintree and going straight home!"

As we all find out, just like Luton Town, things are never that straightforward.

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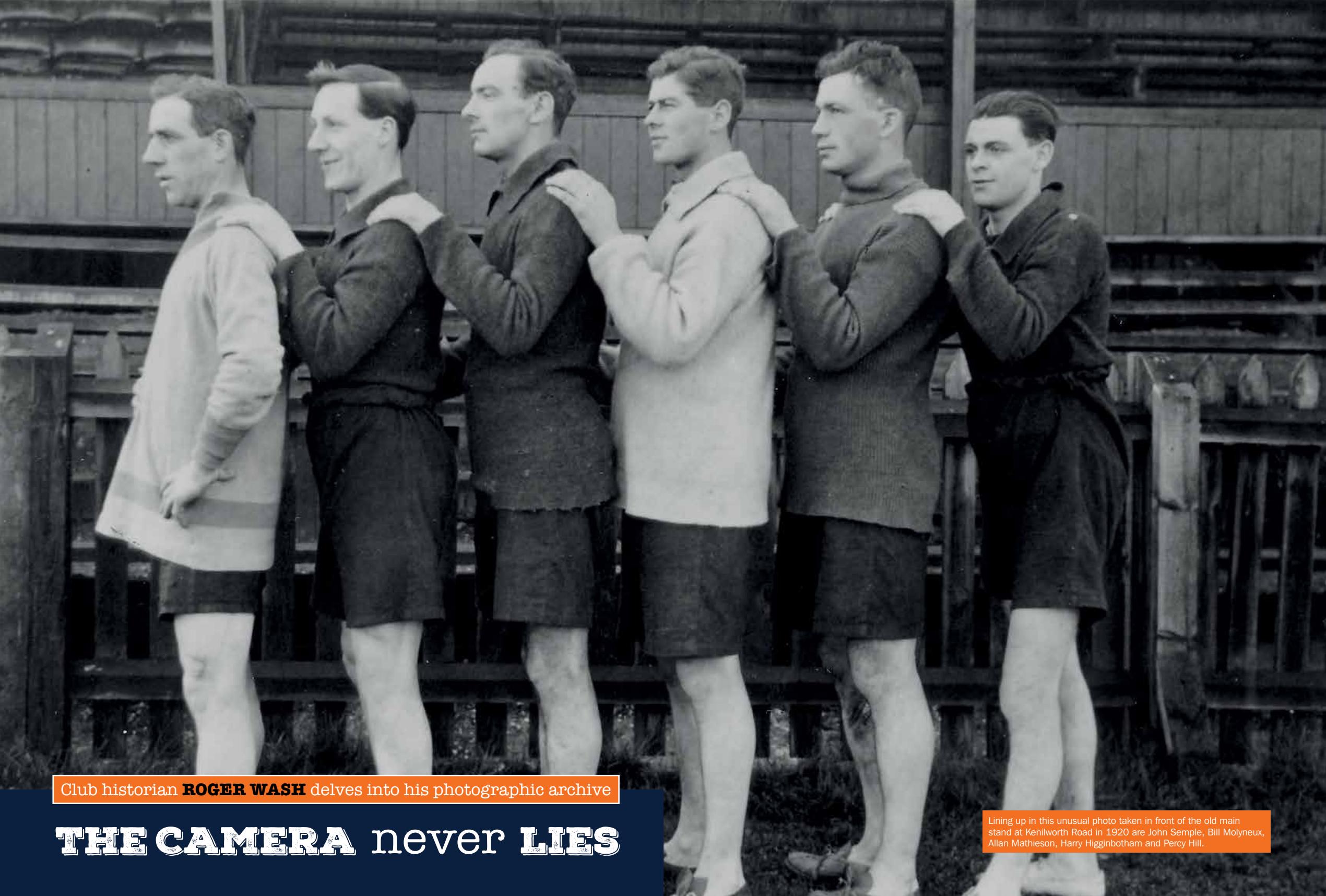


PICTURE the PAST

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



Back to September 1947 for this shot of Hugh Billington causing a nuisance during the 0-0 home draw with Plymouth in Division Two (now the Championship). A crowd of 19,244 turned up to this fixture, the highest for the visit of the Pilgrims to Kenilworth Road.



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

THE CAMERA never **LIES**

Lining up in this unusual photo taken in front of the old main stand at Kenilworth Road in 1920 are John Semple, Bill Molyneux, Allan Mathieson, Harry Higginbotham and Percy Hill.



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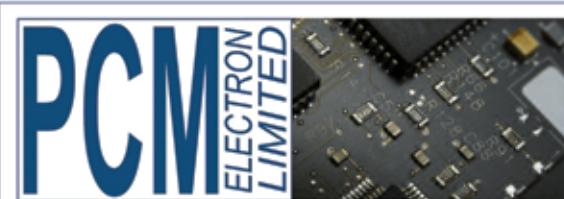
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Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Hatters celebrate FA Girls Football Week

Last week we celebrated the FA Girls Football Week by staging a number of special events including the FAWP Division One Bedfordshire derby fixture at the Kenilworth Road between Luton Town Ladies and Bedford Ladies.

This year the Girls Football Week was extended to include high schools and was created to encourage more schools to run female only football specific sessions and ties in with the Community Trust's FA and Football League Trust funded Female Football Programme (FFD) that sees the Trust coaches visit every high school in Luton, Dunstable and South Bedfordshire on a weekly basis to deliver after school coaching sessions to under-14 to under-16 girls. Last year more than 2,000 girls took part in the Girls Football Week and it is aimed that this year, 5,000 girls and women will participate during the week long celebration.

It's no surprise to the Trust that women's football is now the largest female team sport in the county and the third largest team sport after men's football and cricket. Anyone watching last week's senior women's game which the Hatters won 3-1 cannot fail to be impressed with how far the female game has progressed in recent years.

The Hatters versus Bedford game also featured an under-13 and under-16 competition finals match at half-time on the pitch as part of the Trust's Girls Football Week we held FFD schools tournaments with over 12



Luton schools and 100 plus players participating with the lucky finalists playing out their finals at the main stadium. The added support from the schoolgirl finalists, together with the vocal support for both senior women's teams, led to a great atmosphere on the night with special cheers from the watching crowd for Hatters coaches and Luton Town Ladies first team players Erica Byron and keeper Rachel Evans.

Community Coaching Programme Calling all 'soccermums'!

Staying with the female theme today we are now looking for Luton's 'soccermums' and girls to help us deliver our rapidly expanding female football provision.

We are again searching for Luton 'community champions', except this time we need the girls help and once again have teamed up with Luton Adult Learning and the Skills Funding Agency to provide 18 free spaces to local women to learn new coaching skills through successful completion of our coaching learning programme.

Our 'female champions' will then be able to join the Trust and assist in the delivery of sports activities to members of our local community and try make a real contribution at local level to the sports provision in Luton. The course will include the FA Level 1 coaching certificate and Sports Leaders Award as well as First Aid and Child Safety qualifications and aims to provide training to new female coaches to enable them to



We are looking for Luton's 'soccermums' or girls who are aged 19 years and over and live in Luton and would like to get into Football Coaching - if that's you - then here is your opportunity!

Luton Town FC Community Trust are looking for female adults who would like to train as community football coaches and put their new skills to work in Luton. The course starts in January 2016 and we will be holding evening sessions in November and December. The course will include:

- training from qualified professionals
- gaining the FA Level 1 Award in Coaching, Football & Sports Leaders award
- the FA Safeguarding in Football & Emergency First Aid Award
- the chance to develop existing and new skills, confidence, and motivation
- opportunities to make new friends
- ongoing support from Luton Town FC during the programme
- help to become a Luton 'community champion'
- opportunities to work on community and employment projects with the Hatters Community Trust
- We particularly encourage applications from the BAME community as they are under-represented in this area

To register your interest or for more information call or text 'Female football coach' to Daniel on 07969 298418 or email daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk



deliver football and multi-sport activities which will improve health and activity levels as well as offering them genuine future work opportunities with the Trust through formal sport qualifications gained on the project.

To achieve this aim, the overall project is looking to increase awareness of the benefits of sporting activity together with the benefits of increased physical fitness and healthy lifestyle choices and also deliver this message over a period of time through local female coaches for local communities becoming role models for their local communities. Ladies we need your help!

In particular, but not exclusively, we are looking for our 'community champions' from specifically targeted estates in Dallow and Biscot, Marsh Farm, Lewsey Farm and South Luton to work in areas which have large pockets of social deprivation with hard to

reach young individuals and particularly, have significant issues around crime and anti-social behaviour.

These estates already benefit from our weekly late night coaching sessions as part of our KITS community integration project run in conjunction with Active Luton and the community learning project will look to introduce or female community coaches into this project to increase the Club's presence on the estates as we look to support the sports provision and cohesion activity at a very local level.

We are a friendly and rapidly expanding department at the Club and look forward to hearing from enthusiastic women in Luton who want to get into football but currently lack either the skills or confidence - we will soon give you both!

So, If you are reading this and reckon you could become a 'female community champion', want to know more about our community coaching opportunities and would like to get involved, then why not give the community office a ring on 01582 737568

for a chat or email our community operations manager Daniel Douglas, who you can also email at daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk.

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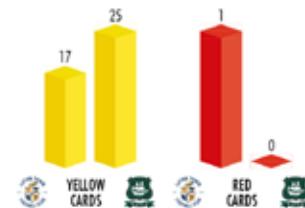
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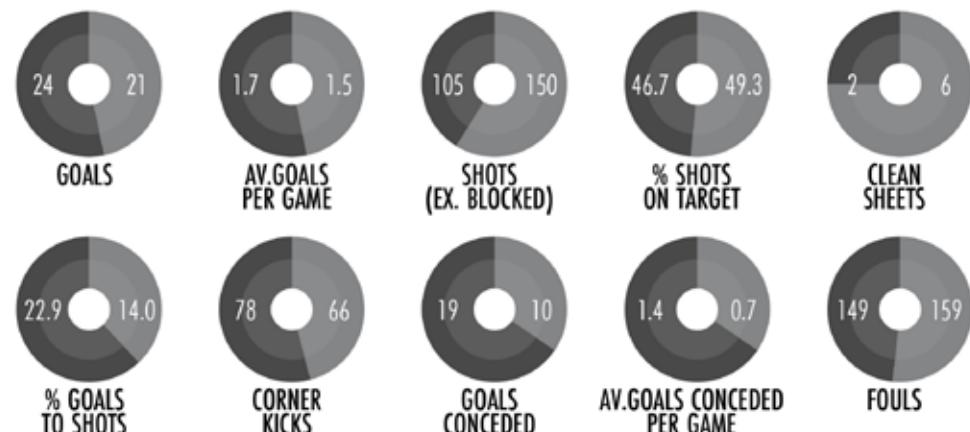
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Luton have failed to win any of their last four home games against Plymouth (D2 L2).



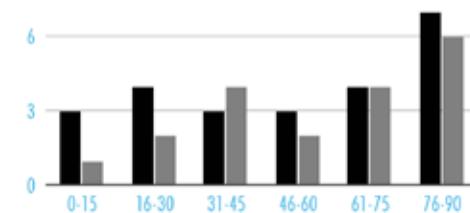
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The away side has won in four of the last five meetings between these sides in league competition.



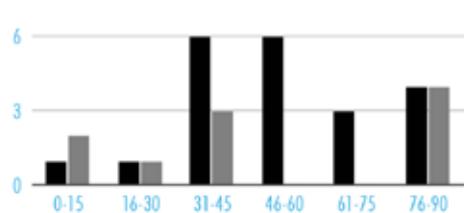
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Youth PROFILE



CAMERON McJANNET

Name:

Cameron McJannet

Date of birth: **6/9/1998**

Birthplace:

Milton Keynes

Position: **Left-back or centre-back**

Year joined Luton: **2006**

WHY DID YOU JOIN LUTON TOWN?

Luton are my mum's and grandad's club.

WHAT WAS THE BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP?

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Winning the Cordial Cup in 2013.

WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A KID?

Ipswich Town.

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND?

Paul Scholes or Ruud van Nistelrooy

WHAT OTHER SPORTS ARE YOU GOOD AT?

Cricket

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT?

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WHO IS YOUR MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE?

Jack Snelus

WHICH MEMBER OF THE FIRST TEAM DO YOU LOOK UP TO THE MOST?

It was Steve McNulty

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB APART FROM BEING A FOOTBALLER?

Formula 1 driver

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF MUSIC?

Hip-hop

WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION FOR THIS SEASON?

To do well in the FA Youth Cup and win the South Alliance league.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS

Under-18s boss Paul Driver on Cameron:

"Cameron is a graduate of our Cedars programme and he's another player who is a local lad who has been with us since he was a lot younger."

"I definitely see him as a left-back rather than a centre-half, although I liked him the first time I watched him at centre-half."

"He had a torrid time when he was 15 with a back problem but he's worked really hard to get over that. But that's what you'll get from Cameron. He'll work and work and work."

"He's been rewarded by playing well over 30 games for the youth team and has been a regular before the FA Youth Cup began last year."

"He's also stepped up and played development football, playing away at Gillingham towards the end of last season. Football-wise he is making good progress."

"He's got a great engine and his fitness levels are fantastic. He gets a lot of crosses in, too. On average he gets in 10-12 crosses per game and that's exactly what you need from a full-back going forward."

"Away from football, Cameron is a quiet boy who gets on with his business. He's a conscientious lad who works hard. He's known as 'Barry' around the training ground for no real reason. It's now got to the stage where he now answers to that name."

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YOUTH UPDATE

Town Under-18s boss Paul Driver is not surprised that his side sit top of the Youth Alliance following a storming start to the season.

The Hatters' youth team went into yesterday's game at Barnet unbeaten in 13 games in all competitions this season – winning 12 of those.

And Driver believes their form at the back end of the last campaign has been a major factor behind their super start this time round.

"If you look at the fact we won six and drew two of our last eight games last season against the best teams in league and only used two

second years I'm not surprised how well we have done," said Driver, who has now overseen an unbeaten run stretching 21 games taking into account last season.

"Given the experience we learned last year I'm not surprised we're at the top and in the mix. The positive for me is that we've been able to keep winning regardless of the team we've picked. We haven't been picking the best 11 every week and everyone has had game-time."

The Town development side were beaten by AFC Dunstable in the Beds Senior Cup at Kenilworth Road last week with a number of youth team players involved.

That result and performance remains the one disappointment of the season so far.

"The only negative is that game against Dunstable," says Driver. "I don't think we did ourselves justice on the night which is a pity.

"I think it's the only game in which we let ourselves down. Of all the matches we've played and the run we've been on it was disappointing that we didn't translate that form into a good enough performance or result against Dunstable.

"We've looked at it and talked about it. Was it because it was under lights? Was it because it was against senior players? Was it a mixture of things? Time will tell but what it will do is give them that experience of playing a floodlit game before they play Colchester in the FA Youth Cup a week on Monday."

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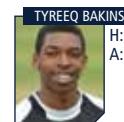
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A WORD FROM The Football League Paper

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

Jesse Joronen joined an exclusive list of goal-scoring goalkeepers when his long punt downfield sailed into Wycombe's net last weekend.

The Stevenage stopper's lucky lob caught out opposite number Matt Ingram to set Teddy Sheringham's side on course for a 2-1 victory.

And while hardly on par with the likes of South American stars Rogerio Ceni (123 goals) or Jose Luis Chilavert (62), the 22-year-old Finn actually has a better record than many an outfield player. Like this shot shy lot...

Frank Womack 0 goals in 511 games

A full-back, Womack played 491 games for Birmingham in a 20-year stay at St Andrews - a club record that remains unbroken to this day.

His other record is less impressive - with no goals in 511 games, no player in Football League history has played more matches without hitting the back of the net.

And when even a dip in the lower league with Worcester City and Torquay failed to yield a goal, Womack retired, aged 41, in 1929.

Mladen Rudonja 1 goal in 65 games

At first glance, Rudonja's record for Slovenia doesn't seem too noteworthy - until, that is, you realise he played as a striker.

Yes, Emile Heskey eat your heart out. Rudonja, who made his

debut in 1994 and later spent 14 goalless games at Portsmouth, really did score just one goal in a decade of leading the line for his country.

In fact, the man nickname 'Turbo Rudi' was so ineffective that his national manager, Srecko Katanac, once joked to reporters that he would resign if Rudonja ever broke his duck.

He finally did so in spectacular fashion, netting the equaliser in a play-off against Romania - his 53rd game for his country - to send Slovenia to the 2002 World Cup. Katanac stayed put, while Rudonja went a bit Eric Cantona. "Even a blind hen will find the grain eventually," he said.

Frank Clark 1 goal in 583 games

Forest full-back Clark came within a whisker of breaking Womack's record and in fact played more matches before he at last troubled the scoresheet.

The man with the miniature moustache had already completed 464 barren outings for Newcastle when he joined Brian Clough's Forest in 1975. A further 96 fallow forays followed and by early 1978 - aged 35 - it appeared Womack would finally be toppled.

Then, in the dying stages of a league match against Ipswich,



Everton's Tony Hibbert: 15 years without a goal!

Clark struck. It came in the nick of time - he would play just 20 more matches before retiring.

Tony Hibbert 0 goals in 328 games

Everton fans have waited a long time for local boy Hibbert to make his mark. Goodison Park is even adorned with a 'Hibbert Scores, We Riot' banner.

Sadly, it looks increasingly likely they will never get to go on the rampage. Now 34, the full-back has played just 19 games in the last three seasons and his 15-year career with the Toffees appears to be winding down.

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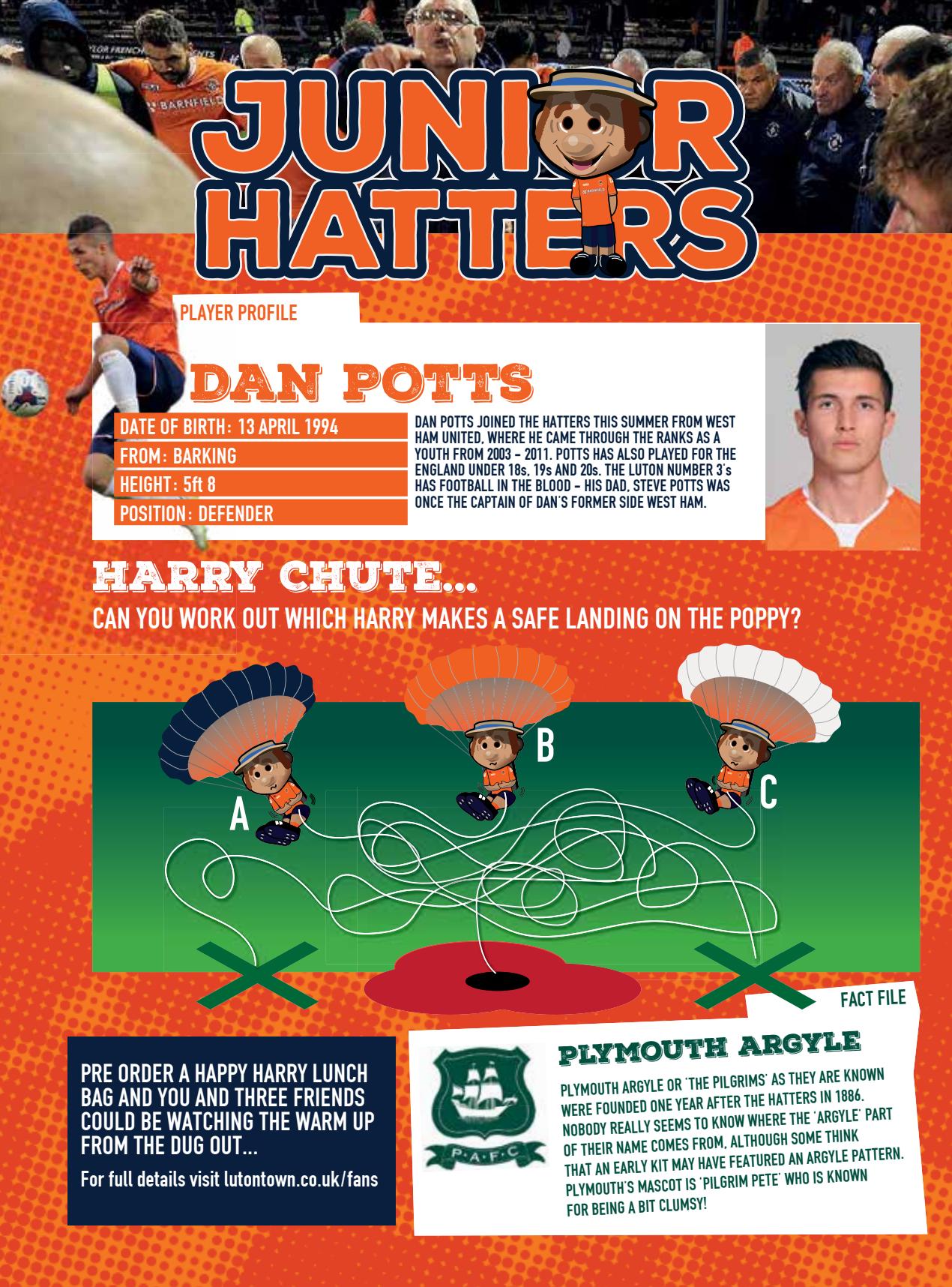
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PLAYER PROFILE

DAN POTTS

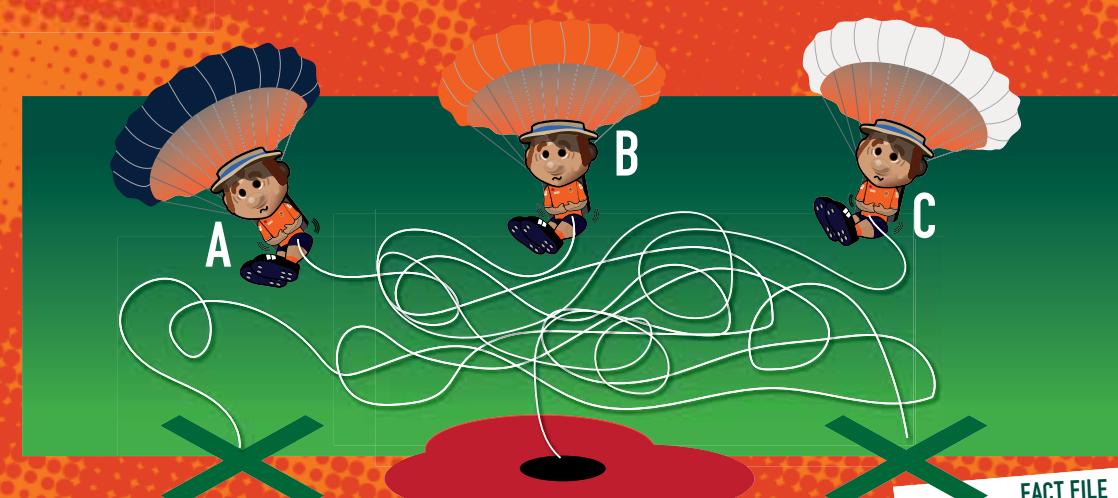
DATE OF BIRTH: 13 APRIL 1994
FROM: BARKING
HEIGHT: 5ft 8
POSITION: DEFENDER

DAN POTTS JOINED THE HATTERS THIS SUMMER FROM WEST HAM UNITED, WHERE HE CAME THROUGH THE RANKS AS A YOUTH FROM 2003 - 2011. POTTS HAS ALSO PLAYED FOR THE ENGLAND UNDER 18s, 19s AND 20s. THE LUTON NUMBER 3's HAS FOOTBALL IN THE BLOOD - HIS DAD, STEVE POTTS WAS ONCE THE CAPTAIN OF DAN'S FORMER SIDE WEST HAM.



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Luton LADIES

The Town Ladies moved into the next round of the FA Cup with a 3-1 win over Norfolk club Acle United.

In the first ever meeting of the two clubs, Luton sprung rapidly out of the blocks and were in the lead after less than a minute when Tasha Fensome played Erica Byron in on goal and she finished calmly past the diving keeper to make it 1-0.

The Hatters looked comfortable and were under very little attacking threat, but just before the interval the Luton defence failed to clear a free-kick and a game of head tennis ensued which brought the visitors a scrambled equaliser.

The second half saw Luton increase the pressure with shots from Michelle Byrne, Abbie Luby and Fensome just missing the target. However, a short time later the front three combined with Shanice Jiminez playing in Fensome who smacked the ball into the net to restore the lead.

The visitors then forced Town keeper Hollie Staples into action bringing two saves which retained the Hatters lead. Another switch in position saw Fensome cause real problems pulling the ball across the area to Luby whose shot was cleared off the line. A similar move then produced a third goal with Jiminez netting from Fensome's cross.

A return to weekend league action brought Old Actonians to Stockwood Park with the Town in no mood to surrender the second place they had gained with their

midweek 3-1 win over Bedford.

A slow start was punished with slow reaction from the Luton defence and a well-placed shot found the bottom corner of the Town net after just three minutes. A stuttering performance from a young Town side brought little joy and there was an element of good fortune to the equaliser as Zara Carroll's far post corner was bundled home by Rachel Carter to equalise just before the interval.

The beginning of the second half did not mark any significant improvement in quality and Hatters good fortune seemed to have deserted them when a powerful strike could not be kept out by keeper Rachel Evans. Just minutes later a break into a similar danger area saw another powerful shot beaten away by the diving Evans and cleared.

The introduction of striker Jo Rutherford, returning from injury for only her third appearance, was the turning point as Town began to stretch the visitors defence but luck seemed to have deserted them with the keeper twice beating away goal bound strikes from Fensome. With 12 minutes remaining a

through ball appeared to be over hit but Fensome pursued a lost cause only to see the keeper momentarily lose the ball and that was all she needed as she prodded the ball away and ran the ball into the net to equalise.

This gave the Town a real lift as they set out in search of all three points rather than settle for a point. Another Carroll corner appeared to have been cleared but the ball fell to Shannon Pratt 25 yards from goal and she showed superb technique to get her head over the ball and steer the ball through a crowded penalty area into the bottom corner of the net to put Luton in front for the first time. Town were not finished there and Fensome again broke clear outpacing the visitors defence to slide the ball past the despairing keeper into the far corner of the net to seal a 4-2 victory.

Town's next home game is on Sunday 1st November at Stockwood Park entertaining league leaders Crystal Palace with a 2pm kick-off. All supporters are welcome so if you don't fancy the M25 and Dagenham please come and support the Ladies.



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FROM LEFT MIDFIELD

WITH KEVIN CROWE

THERE WAS NO STEPHEN McNULTY AT THE CHECKATRADE.COM STADIUM. STEPHEN McNULTY WAS IN TRANMERE.

It's lost its novelty value hasn't it, walking for miles through unglamorous suburban woodland, via a concrete underpass to a football ground named after a corporate website?

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PATIENCE

But it's not. It's a perfectly southern and, on Saturday, frustratingly dull non-league ground, home for one day only to a band of footballers with less ideas than the Luton supporters had patience for the endless snaking queue for a Bovril and a burger.

There was no Steve McNulty at the Checkatrade.com Stadium. Steve was in Tranmere, at least that's what people had said in the pub before kick-off.

Steve McNulty looks like an old school Sunday league football monolith from a northern industrial town with the touch of your grandma and the pace of her too, inhabited by a desperate need to clear his lines should any football dare to take place in his presence.

But he's not. He's a perfectly intelligent and talented footballer with the calm distribution of a Monte Carlo croupier and a Cruyff Turn that could make the Oak Road blush.

We were to learn on Monday that the rumours were true, and The McNulty Years no more. Macca goes back to Merseyside with the respect of thousands of our cynical townsfolk, having created some of the moments of the decade at Luton Town and it's a shame that real life might have got in the way of a few more. We wish him and his family well.

The McNulty-less Crawley game was a grim reminder that without creative, passing defenders to occasionally and tenderly build from the back, football at this level can be the most boring way to get whiplash, as balls sail back and forth into channels clogged by giant defenders who have despatched

more defensive headers than *you* said McNulty had had hot dinners. You philistine.

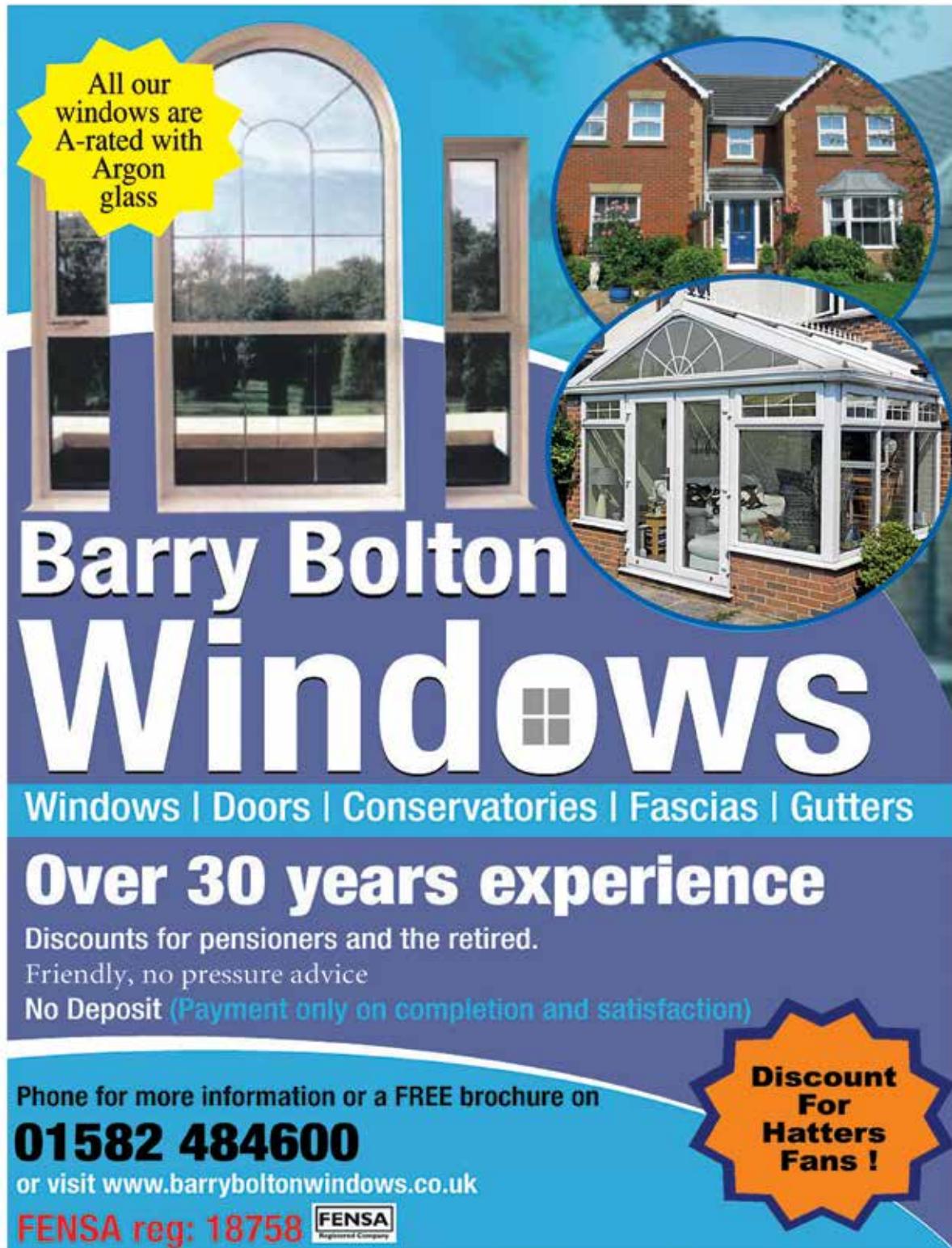
I suppose it can't all be rapping midfielders, headless Harrys and Steve McNulty Selfies at the bar. And if silverware's all you're after you'd already have swapped your season ticket for a Man City TV subscription. Presumably that's a thing.

REMEDY

Tuesday night rolled around too quickly and I didn't go again, though I wanted to.

The best remedy for a stinking hangover of a football match like Crawley Away is a hair of the dog that bit you as soon as you can stomach it. With the draw against Orient fresh in the mind I hope that Saturday isn't too far away for you to dust yourself down, pull up a stool at the unforgiving bar of supporting Luton Town FC and go-again. Up the Town.





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LEAGUE LOOK

It was another busy night of League 2 action on Tuesday with league leaders and today's visitors Plymouth losing their seven-match unbeaten run at the hands of fellow promotion-chasers Oxford.

Liam Sercombe's goal gave Michael Appleton's side all three points at the Kassam Stadium as the U's remain unbeaten on home soil. They stay third in the table on 27 points, two behind Argyle.

An equaliser deep into injury time by Stevenage's Brett Williams denied Portsmouth top spot as they were held at Fratton Park by Teddy Sheringham's Boro. The point for Stevenage keeps them in 20th place.

Mansfield continue to make progress under boss Adam Murray with a goal 10 minutes into stoppage time from Reggie Lamb giving the Stags a 1-0 win at struggling Yeovil.

The Field Mill outfit remain in fourth place but are now two points off second place and four points behind the leaders.

In fifth are Northampton, who came from behind to beat Carlisle 3-2 at Sixfields. Chris Wilder's side are now three points off the automatic places.

Up into the Play-Off places are Morecambe after they recorded a third straight victory. The Shrimps

had lost three of their previous four matches but wins over Carlisle, Wimbledon and, on Tuesday, Crawley have sent Jim Bentley's side up to seventh. No team in League 2 has scored more than their 31 goals.

TRIUMPH

Accrington dropped out of the top seven after losing 4-3 at home to AFC Wimbledon. Stanley led 2-0 but the Dons came back to triumph. It was 3-3 at half-time.

At the other end of the table Newport secured only their second win of the season with a fine 2-0 win away at Wycombe. While Wycombe have lost their last three matches, it was John Sheridan's first win in charge of the Exiles. Although they remain bottom of the table, they are now level on points with 22nd-placed Dagenham who drew 2-2 at York.

Yeovil dropped in to the bottom two after their last-gasp defeat to Mansfield. Paul Sturrock's side haven't won in their last six matches, losing four of those, including the last two.

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WITH
MIKE SIMMONDS

Players come and go from football clubs all the time, such is the nature of the modern game, but few will have had such an impact on a club as defender Steve McNulty who joined Tranmere this week.

As he admitted to the News/Gazette and various other media outlets, family had to come first at this stage of his career, and there can be no knocking his decision to be closer to home now, especially with two young daughters.

I remember McNulty making his debut on a cold, February afternoon in Barrow back in February 2013 as Hatters went down to an extremely disappointing 1-0 defeat.

There was a certain amount of suspicion from the travelling faithful on that afternoon about their new centre half, who certainly wasn't in the mould of what they had become accustomed too.

However the home game that followed against Forest Green, McNulty quickly started to show signs he would win over the Kenilworth Road faithful, with his no-nonsense brand of defending.

Plenty of other players, had tried and failed to take on the role of Luton's enforcer at the back, but here was a player who clearly relished and was indeed an expert at the seemingly simple task of heading the ball back from where it came.

That's not to say he wasn't adept with the ball at his feet either as spending his early years as a

youth player at Liverpool clearly shone through as you have only to have view the internet so see a showboat reel dedicated to his impressive footwork.

There were the infamous back headers as well, sometimes from pretty much on the goal-line, while the 6,057 at the ground who witnessed THAT goal against Southport, plus the thousands who have watched it on YouTube since, will never forget the moment.

Oddly, the game I remember McNulty's influence at its very best was during the 5-0 thrashing of Alfreton.

LEADER

Although it's rare that a defender would take the accolade after such a convincing victory, where the press box is at the Impact Arena you're pretty much on the pitch. Even with Hatters leading 4-0 at the break, there was no quietening McNulty's vocal chords or his determination to keep yet another clean sheet, as he proved just what a leader of men he was.

He was always a big voice around the training ground too, chastising the press when a few hadn't turned up, while where some players can skirt around issues during



interviews, that was never the case with McNulty, who was always searingly honest.

His exit means the full-time captaincy remains an issue with Scott Cuthbert claiming the armband for now, a position he would love to keep hold of.

The likes of Luke Wilkinson and maybe even Magnus Okuonghae, when back from Hartlepool, could lay claim the role, although in vote run by the News/Gazette, midfielder Jonathan Smith was the favourite amongst almost 300 supporters that took part.

As boss John Still said though this week, the king is dead, long live the king, so with McNulty abdicating the throne, it is now up to others to fill his boots.

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- 15 Paddy McCourt
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