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JOHN STILL

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THIS SKY BET LEAGUE 2 ENCOUNTER AGAINST PORTSMOUTH.

I would like to extend my greeting to Paul Cook and his players and staff, plus the directors, behind-the-scenes staff and supporters of Pompey.

Our visitors are a great club with a fantastic history and a loyal, passionate supporter-base. Like this club has in the past, Pompey have suffered financial problems – but now they are fan-owned and on the way up. Paul has recruited well this summer and they are to set mount a real promotion challenge this season. They will provide tough opponents today.

While we know Portsmouth will offer a stern examination, we can take heart from the fact we came through a conceivably much tougher assignment on Tuesday night against Stoke City. I was reliably informed that their starting XI contained 10 internationals mustering over 300 caps between them. To have matched Mark Hughes's side for 120 minutes is a credit to everybody involved on the night. The

players were fantastic and your support from the stands was absolutely terrific, too.

After the game I was asked whether I was disappointed with the fact we lost on penalties. No way. How on earth could I be disappointed? There was nothing in which I could be unhappy with!

HAPPY

We went toe-to-toe with an experienced Stoke team and were unlucky not to come away with a cup scalp. The longer the game went on the more at ease we looked and I was happy with the amount of chances we created, especially in the second half. All of the players played their part and I was particularly pleased with the contributions of the substitutes who came on and also made a difference.

ADVANTAGE

I hope we can take the differing emotions of the night and use them to our advantage today and beyond.

The players of course can hold their heads high, knowing they more than matched top-flight regulars for two hours of football, but I also hope they can use the spirit of the evening to their benefit. There was a great feel about Tuesday night and your support was a major part of that. Mark Hughes said to me afterwards how loud you were which is a tribute in itself.

I know that we have started the season poorly but I know

Penalties are, of course, always a bit of a lottery but the quality of finishing on show was of the highest order. It was a shame somebody had to miss and it was unlucky that it was Scott Griffiths. He was magnificent on the night, setting up our late equaliser, which makes his miss all the more galling.



that this group of players has what it takes to be successful. We have shown this in fleeting spells so far this season but I am confident that as the campaign progresses the better we will get. Let's not forget we have recruited 12 new players since the end of last season and, like all things in football, things take time. However we do recognise we need to reach a level of consistency.

Turning the attention back today. What a match lies in store.

I am sure the players will not take much cajoling to get up for a game of this magnitude and I know you will help them in that too. What we need is that same player spirit and positivity from the stands that was on show on Tuesday.

I am well aware that our league performances have not been up to scratch, especially in the second half against Yeovil, but please keep with us and get behind your team.

Enjoy the game.

From the BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE **GARY SWEET**

GOOD AFTERNOON ONE AND ALL TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR TODAY'S CAPTIVATING ENCOUNTER AGAINST THE PRE-SEASON AND CURRENT PROMOTION FAVOURITES, PORTSMOUTH.

We warmly welcome Paul Cook, his players, staff, officials and – most importantly – the loyal supporters from Fratton Park. We hope you enjoy your visit and experience trouble free journeys back to the south coast.

Both our sides carried the League 2 flag admirably on Tuesday night against higher placed opposition in the Capital One Cup with both of us narrowly and disappointingly missing out on progression to the third round.

I think I speak for us all if I say that we were immensely proud of our management and players who showed the energy, desire and quality to take a tough Premier League side to sudden-death penalties. Our organised and diligent displays in both rounds of the League Cup versus the Citys of Bristol and Stoke demonstrated exactly what our new squad can do which, so far, we've only shown glimpses of in League 2 this campaign.

Indeed, our second half performances in our last two

League matches have been nothing short of miserable. But without dwelling too much on those games, we all recognise that our application has been well below our expectations and indeed yours.

However, as the backdrop of last weekend left us disheartened, Tuesday's event was a wonderful tonic. Having been involved in the recruitment of 12 incoming players; getting to know their characters, ambitions, strengths and weaknesses, and subsequently witnessing them being put through their paces in pre-season by John and his staff – I have no less confidence of a successful season now as I did then.

We are confident individual players will settle into their new surroundings, confident intuitive partnerships will be found, confident everyone will know their jobs and confident they will perform to the best of their ability. Even though we can witness these things happen it may take time – along with our patience – for all of the component parts to be tightly assembled together so the machine can operate like clockwork.

Patience and stability may not conjure the most exhilarating of emotions amongst supporters, and it may not sell tickets, but



it's fundamental for the Board, individually and as a group, to provide a stable foundation for the more creative and entertaining parts of our business to flourish and operate liberally.

On the subject of patience, I'd like to thank you all for being so tolerant in respect of the announcement regarding our long-awaited relocation, as alluded to in my Hartlepool programme notes towards the end of last season.

I subsequently explained in a pre-season Q&A that it may not be possible for us to release the details of the intended location of our new stadium when I had originally hoped due to circumstances beyond our control, explaining that the process that we have embarked upon is a highly complex scenario which requires meticulous planning.

As we feel the need to respect the commercial sensitivity and the position of other parties in the wider development, a specific site announcement may prove to be unbeneficial and perhaps even prohibitive at this stage.



However, I can categorically reassure you that progress is encouraging, ongoing and unwavering. I can also affirm that any rescheduling of public statements will have little or no bearing on the ultimate outcome or timing of the overall scheme and, most importantly, our absolute drive to accomplish this fundamentally important task. To validate our commitment I have the pleasure to inform you that our shareholders are in the throes of purchasing a 40-acre plot of land adjacent to the Junction 10a spur at a land cost of £10 million.

More precisely, we have held this piece of land under a registered option since 2013 and made the first sizeable payment this summer – resulting in the land now being in our control with the ownership title being transferred next month.

Please note that whilst this site will be for the benefit of the Football Club and it is currently in the Council's current Local Plan as the site earmarked for the future home of Luton Town Football Club and whilst, *technically*, it could sufficiently accommodate us, it could also serve as a valuable asset to help deliver a stadium elsewhere or nearby.

I would also like to assure you that the investment in this land will only benefit the Club, without financial encumbrance to the business and our football

operations and will significantly help the Club build and own a new football stadium.

In fact, in order to ensure that we protect the Club and protect our land assets going forward – whilst allowing those assets to be utilised efficiently – we are also in the course of restructuring the business. More about this will be announced in due course.

Naturally, any strategic manoeuvre, such as buying land or restructuring the company, will always be done in consultation with Trust in Luton as a shareholder and, to a lesser extent, other supporters groups. I can also assure you that our Trust will not be isolated from any such restructure, as may have occurred in the past, and will help shape and form our approach during this next phase.

Not only does The Trust act as essential guardians of our values and ambitions it is also a supporters' organisation any one of you can join and contribute to help shape our future, together.

Enjoy the game today safe in the knowledge that, with your patience, our Club will continue to progress on and off the pitch.

Let's make as much noise today as we did on Tuesday and get behind the lads!

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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...



There was a lot of mixed emotions after Tuesday night's Capital One Cup game with Stoke City.

A little bit of disappointment that we were so close to knocking out a Premier League side, but also plenty of confidence and pride to take from a very positive performance against a team who fielded an experienced, international line-up.

Everyone played their part in what was a great night for the club, from the lads, the management and you, the supporters. There have to be losers in every penalty shootout and sadly for us it was ourselves. To take Stoke the distance is a credit to everyone and on another day it could have been us celebrating a victory.

The most important thing we need to do next is to take that kind of performance into our league matches, beginning this afternoon against Portsmouth. It is all well and good getting up for games on the telly against a Premier League side, but we need to start performing when it matters most, and that is of course League 2.

Funny though it seems to say, it can be easier playing teams from a higher level. Against Bristol City and Stoke we were the underdogs and in both matches the pattern of the game was so far removed from the normal hustle and bustle of a standard league fixture. The matches in the cups have been totally different.

They were slower paced, we had more time on the ball. Very unlike League 2 where you are pressured at almost every opportunity.

We need to learn, and quick, how to adapt our passing game for these games. We've shown what we are capable of against some top class players and now it is up to us to starting showing that week in, week out in League 2.

EXPECTATIONS

Today we entertain a Portsmouth side who know all too well the pressures of being a big club in this division.

They are expected to win promotion this season but we have similar expectations and this afternoon's game is certainly a tough introduction of three successive League 2 matches against fancied teams. What we need to do, though, is knuckle down and take our cup form into our league performances.

As I've said, we've got to start taking games in the bread and butter of the league by the scruff of the neck. Of course there were many positives from Tuesday night but if we can't transfer that when playing Portsmouth, or Cambridge, or Notts County then there is something wrong.

Our league form so far hasn't been good enough. Simple as that. We know that and we've working hard to ensure that a first victory of the season is earned today. A lot has been said about the strength in depth of our squad and the qualities in it, but we have yet to show that in League 2.

"The most important thing we need to do is to take that kind of performance into our league matches"

The start we've had to the season has meant we've already put pressure on ourselves to begin climbing the table but it's still early and we're still confident of achieving the goals we set out to achieve when we sat down in pre-season.

Everyone needs to pull together as one if we're to be a success, starting with us as a squad. We know we've let you down already this season – letting two 2-0 leads slip cannot be ignored – and you have my word that we will be focused on making that up to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support on Tuesday night, it really did mean a lot to us all. Get behind us again this afternoon and here's hoping we're celebrating three points come 5pm.





JACK MARRIOTT PENS CONTRACT EXTENSION



We were pleased to announce this week that Jack Marriott signed a new contract with the Luton Town, which extends his current contract until the end of June 2017.

His initial contract was due to expire at the end of this season.

The 20-year-old striker has impressed since arriving at Kenilworth Road in May, making the score sheet in pre-season as well as scoring an impressive brace against Bristol City in the first round of the Capital One Cup.

His new contract also includes triggers that could see the contract extended

for a total of a further two years until 30th June 2019.

When asked about his extended contract, Marriott said: "It feels really great to get the extra year, so there's more security now so I can really push on and concentrate on my football more than anything.

PRIDE

"Like I said when I first came to the Club, I pride myself on my goal-scoring and my all round game is getting better and better every week so hopefully I'll get more chances, more time to play and hopefully continue with some more goals.

"I'm just hoping to get in the team when I can and do well for the team."

STOKE GOLDEN GAMBLE

We're on the search for a winner of our Golden Gamble draw from Tuesday night's game against Stoke.

A £600 prize awaits the holder of ticket 05560, so check your wallets, programmes and pockets and if you have the winning ticket get in touch with our commercial department.

A big pay-out, in the region of £1,000, is expected for today's game so why not chance your luck? Tickets only cost £1.

FREE ENTRY FOR KIDS ON TUESDAY!

Don't forget we're back in action here at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday when we entertain Leyton Orient in the first round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

And, tying in with a number of new family friendly initiatives for the new season, we are offering

children under the age of 16 free entry with an accompanied adult.

Whether you're a season ticket holder, or you've never been to the ground before this is a great opportunity to give your kids an evening to remember.

Also, please note the game with the O's is kicking off at 7.15pm, so don't be late! Turn to page 13 for full prices.

For all the latest news at Kenilworth Road visit our official website www.lutontown.co.uk

CLEVER HATTER!

Congratulations are in order for Town fan Daniel Newbury who graduated from Aberystwyth University with a first class honours degree in biochemistry and genetics over the summer.

Life-long Hatters supporter Daniel, 21, is a season ticket holder in the David Preece stand, and together with father Steve travel to every home game from their home in Lichfield, Staffordshire.



As you can see from the photograph, as pleased as punch Daniel chose his official Luton Town tie for the graduation!

Well done, Daniel – and remember if you have any pictures of loved ones graduating, on holiday, or celebrating a birthday we'd love to hear from you so please drop us a line by emailing info@lutontown.co.uk.

McCOURT GETS IRELAND CALL

Paddy McCourt has been called-up for the Northern Ireland squad for their key Euro 2016 qualifiers against the Faroe Islands and Hungary next week.



The 31-year-old will be hoping to add to his 31 caps for Michael O'Neill's side next week.

Northern Ireland currently sit in second place in Group F, one point

behind leaders Romania and two points ahead of third-placed Hungary.

The top two sides from the group will automatically qualify for the finals in France next summer.

Paddy - who scored both of his international goals against the Faroes - was last capped for his country in May in a 1-1 draw with Qatar.

As a result of his call-up, the midfielder will be unavailable for the Town's matches against Leyton Orient and Cambridge United next week. Good luck Paddy!

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE STARTS UP SOON

The Hatters development squad play their first game in the Final Third Development League on Tuesday 8th September.

Last season the Town dev squad were champions of the South East

Division and they kick-off their defence of the title with a home game at Kenilworth Road against Gillingham, kick-off 1pm.

A full list of fixtures are available to view on our website, and will be listed in future programmes once the campaign gets under way.

CAMBRIDGE AND NOTTS COUNTY TRAVEL NEWS

The Hatters take to the road in their next two League 2 matches, beginning at Cambridge United next weekend before a trip to Meadow Lane to face Notts County.

As ever, the Bobbers Travel Club, will be running coaches to both games.

For the match at the Abbey Stadium next weekend the coach leaves the Luton rail station bus station at midday, with the fare £17 for adults and 15 for concessions.

For the game with the Magpies on 12th September, the coach departs the rail station at 11.30am and the fares are £22 and £19 for adults and concessions respectively.



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Home ticket prices for the 2015/16 season

	Cat A	Cat B	Cat C
Adult	£22	£20	£18
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Golden Senior (75+)	£14	£12	£10
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Tuesday 1st September 2015, 7.15pm

Please note the earlier kick-off time of this match. **Prices:** £12 adults, £8 seniors and young adults, £5 golden seniors, £3 under-18s, free for accompanied under-16s with an adult. This match will be unreserved seating. Please note the David Preece will be closed for this fixture. The Kenilworth Road end will be open in the lower tier, central section only. The Oak Road end will be available to both sets of supporters, while the main stand and enclosure will be open as usual.

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CAMBRIDGE UTD



Saturday 5th September 2015, 3pm

This is an all-ticket match for Luton Town supporters.

We have been allocated 1,433 seats in the South Stand. Any remaining tickets are now available on general sale online or in person or via phone on 01582 416976 until 2pm on 4th September, subject to availability. **Prices:** £20 adults, £15 over-62s, students with ID and 17-21-year-olds, £10 under-16s. Wheelchair disabled seats should be purchased from Cambridge on 01223 566500. Ambulant disabled tickets will be sold at relevant price with a carer free of charge from the Luton Town ticket office.

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NOTTS COUNTY



Saturday 12th September 2015, 3pm

We have received the following prices for this fixture from Notts County. A sales plan for this match will be communicated in due course. £24 adults, £15 seniors over 60, £15 young adults 18-21, £6 juniors under-18.

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MANSFIELD TOWN



Saturday 19th September 2015, 3pm

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

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Saturday 26th September 2015, 3pm

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WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

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If you want to be a matchball sponsor at a game later this season, please give us a call on 01582 411622, or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk

If you would like to be a mascot, hire a box or become a matchball sponsor at any of games this season please do get in touch with us here at Kenilworth Road.

MASCOTS

We have the absolute pleasure of welcoming six mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. All of them will get to meet their favourite players before the game, have a kick-around in the warm-up before the match and then lead the teams out on to the pitch prior to kick-off. We hope you all have a day to remember with us!

Charlie Farmer Age: 8
Favourite player: All of them!



Brandon Beaman Age: 7
Favourite player:
Craig Mackail-Smith



Tommy Fisher Age: 8
Favourite players: Luke Wilkinson and Steve McNulty



Aaron Campbell Age: 8
Favourite player:
Steve McNulty



Luke Campbell Age: 8
Favourite player:
Luke Guttridge



Harry Laver Age: 6
Favourite Portsmouth player:
Gary Roberts



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Welcome to Kenilworth Road **PORTSMOUTH**



It gives us great pleasure in welcoming everyone associated with Portsmouth to Kenilworth Road today for what promised to be another exciting encounter between two of League 2's heavyweights.

Of course, Pompey are the biggest fish in the League 2 pond and are now embarking on their third campaign at this level following relegation at the end of the 2012/13 campaign.

And, for the third season running, the Fratton Park outfit are the bookies' favourites to win promotion. This time round, however, there is genuine belief that this is Pompey's year.

Why? Well look no further than the new man at the helm. Paul Cook was appointed over the summer. Lured from Chesterfield, the Portsmouth boss enjoyed a hugely successful spell with the Spireites and a League 2 title on your CV doesn't half help. Hopes are, therefore, high that he can work the same magic at Fratton Park.

So far this season the signs are positive, even at this early stage. Pompey arrive at Kenilworth Road unbeaten in League 2 having won

two and drawn two of their first four matches. Cook's side opened the season with a comfortable 3-0 win at home to Dagenham & Redbridge and followed that up with a Capital One Cup win over Championship Derby and a 2-0 win at fellow promotion favourites Plymouth.

Two draws followed those wins,

at Crawley and, last weekend, against Morecambe. Pompey trailed 3-0 to the Shrimps but stormed back to earn a 3-3 draw with 10 men. Former Town loanee Jayden Stockley scored the injury-time equaliser. On Tuesday night our visitors were beaten at home to Reading in the Capital One Cup.

Cook has rotated his side for their League Cup ties, showing the Pompey strength in depth and the Town will need to be on their guard to keep some of their big talents quiet this afternoon. Matt Tubbs has often been the scourge of Luton sides and the former Crawley striker is still waiting to open his account.

TEAM PROFILE **PORTSMOUTH**

Nicknames: Pompey
Ground: Fratton Park
Last season: League 2 16th
Manager: Paul Cook
Last match: Portsmouth 1-2 Reading (League Cup)

HATTERS v **POMPEY**

Luton wins 33
Draws 14
Portsmouth wins 30

from open play this season. He scored a fine goal against the Hatters in Portsmouth's 2-0 win at Fratton Park in March. Another one to watch is experienced midfielder Gary Roberts, who left Chesterfield to be reunited with Cook on the South Coast.

The Town will be hoping they can continue a decent record against Pompey on home soil this afternoon which reads 27 wins from 39 games. Portsmouth last won here in 1992, while the Hatters' last victory over Pompey came courtesy of a 3-1 win in what is now the Championship. That day Steve Davis, Bontcho Guentchev and Dwight Marshall found the target for the Town.

LAST MEETING

Portsmouth 2-0 Luton
League 2 14/3/2015

Meet the **VISITORS**

OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM FRATTON PARK

THE BOSS

PAUL COOK

Took over at Fratton Park this summer after enjoying success with Chesterfield, which saw the Spireites win the League 2 title and reach the JPT final. Previously in charge at Southport, Sligo and Accrington. 2013.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

BRIAN MURPHY

Irish stopper completed his move to Pompey the day before the opening day of the season. He came through the ranks at Manchester City and moved on to play for Swansea, Bohemians, Ipswich and QPR.

IN DEFENCE

ENDA STEVENS

Irish left-back – who has represented his county up to under-21 level – joined Pompey in June after leaving Aston Villa. He made nine appearances for the Premier League outfit and spent last season out on loan at Northampton and Doncaster.

CHRISTIAN BURGESS



Centre-back arrived at Fratton Park in June after leaving Peterborough.

He played non-league football before being signed by Middlesbrough while studying for a degree in history and then moved to Posh last summer.

BEN DAVIES

The versatile Davies joined Pompey earlier in August. He came through the ranks at Walsall and went on to play for Kidderminster, Shrewsbury, Notts County and Derby. He moved to Sheffield United in February 2013.

MATT CLARKE

Teenage centre-back joined Pompey on loan from Ipswich in August. He is a graduate of the Tractor Boys academy and has made five senior appearances for the Championship outfit.

THE MEN IN THE MIDDLE

NIGEL ATANGANA

French midfielder Atangana joined Pompey from the Hawks last summer and previously played in his homeland for Dives and Gravelines.

KYLE BENNETT

Midfielder arrived on a free transfer in May following the expiration of his Doncaster contract. He came through the ranks at Wolves before helping Bury win promotion from League 2, then moving to Rovers in 2011 and picking up a League 1 winner's medal.

GARY ROBERTS

Winger linked up with his former Chesterfield boss Paul Cook by joining Pompey in June. The former Liverpool trainee has also turned out for Accrington, Ipswich, Huddersfield and Swindon.

MICHAEL DOYLE

Joined Pompey in July after leaving Sheffield United at the end of last

season. The Republic of Ireland international came through the ranks at Celtic and featured for Coventry and Leeds before signing for the Blades in 2011.

DANNY HOLLANDS

Midfielder enjoyed a successful spell on loan at Fratton Park from Charlton during the 2013/14 season. He started his career at Chelsea and made more than 200 appearances for Bournemouth before signing for the Addicks in 2011.

UP FRONT

MATT TUBBS

Striker joined Pompey in the January transfer window following his release from Bournemouth and had spent a prolific first half of the season on loan at AFC Wimbledon. His previous clubs include Dorchester, Salisbury and Crawley.

CONOR CHAPLIN

Teenager is a product of Pompey's youth system who made his senior debut from the bench in last December's home defeat by Accrington.

ADAM McGURK

Northern Irish striker arrived at Fratton Park in June after leaving Burton, where he won the League 2 title last season.

JAYDEN STOCKLEY

Bournemouth striker joined Pompey in July in a half-season loan deal and has previously had stints with Accrington, Woking, Leyton Orient, Torquay, Cambridge and here for the Hatters last term.





From the OAK ROAD

THE POMPEY CHIMES HOPE TO BE RINGING LOUDER THIS SEASON WITH HIGH HOPES OF FINALLY ESCAPING LEAGUE 2. POMPEY SUPPORTERS' TRUST SECRETARY STEVE TOVEY GIVES US THE LOWDOWN FROM FRATTON PARK

THE SEASON AHEAD...

 Pompey are facing their third season in League 2 this year. What are supporters' expectations this time round?

 The buzz word from the board downwards is "promotion" this season. I think the Play-Offs is the minimum expected by the fans.

 Paul Cook took charge in the summer, bringing with him a promotion from this division on his CV. Tell us about the job he's done so far? What do you like about him and do you think he'll be a success at Fratton Park?

 Paul Cook has got off to a good start assembling a squad mainly from scratch and getting them to gel in the opening games. The introduction of experienced professionals such as Gary Roberts and Michael Doyle and Christian Burgess has given the team a passing and ball retention game not witnessed in our two previous campaigns; which has added to fans expectations, including my own. If the key players mentioned above stay fit then I expect 'Cookie' to deliver success this season. He knows how to relate to the Pompey faithful and his outgoing character and honest but ruthless approach to the game has endeared himself

to the fans who love to see passion on the touchline. It is no secret that Paul likes to play positive attacking football both home and away. The early signs are good and hopefully he will repeat his Chesterfield success story.

 What's the toughest thing about seeing Pompey in League 2, knowing where the club were 10 years ago? Is it, for example, teams raising their game against you? What is the best thing about playing in League 2 compared to the Premier League?

 The most frustrating thing about seeing Portsmouth play in League 2 has been the standard of football, which bears no relation to that witnessed in the Premier League. In addition, the gulf in funds between League 2 and Premier League clubs seems to get bigger every year. Seeing our near neighbours have a sit-on tractor to treat their pitch as opposed to the League 2 garden fork used by our groundsman Steve illustrates the gulf in resources on and off the pitch. The best thing about League 2 is that Portsmouth FC is fan owned and closer to its fans on and off the pitch, which is far removed from the heady days of Premier League foreign owners and multi-millionaire players.

 When you were relegated to League 2 did you expect an immediate return?

 I did not expect an immediate return to League 1 when we were relegated due to the problems off the pitch and mid-table playing budget that our manager was faced with. However, I expected the club to do better than they achieved which was a similar story last season.

 Why do you think Pompey are so highly fancied to do well this season? What has Paul Cook said and what do you make of his new recruits?

 Football pundits have placed Pompey as favourites once again with similar noises being made from admiring League 2 rivals at the strength of the squad compiled by Paul Cook. Whilst he has acknowledged that the peripheral squad players are stronger than he anticipated; as reflected by performances against Championship opposition in the Capital One Cup, he has advised his rivals to concentrate on their own clubs.

The squad is not complete with Cook still looking to add a right-back, defender and striker to the squad for the long challenge ahead.



 Who's the one player to watch this season in the Pompe ranks?

 The key player to watch today is Gary Roberts, as he was for Chesterfield.

SEASONS PAST...

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

I have supported Portsmouth for 48 years. My love affair with the club started when my father moved to Gosport with his job in 1968. The first match I saw was a 2-1 home defeat to Ipswich at end of 1967/68 season.

My main memories of the game were the swaying crowd and the bandy legs of the late Albert McCann. I support Portsmouth because they are my local team and a unique experience in football. There is nothing quite like the 'Fratton experience' at an evening game with Pompey Chimes boomerang out into the night.

 FA Cup final of 2008. What are your memories of this game? Is this up there in your all-time favourite Rovers match?

The 2008 Cup final was the culmination of all my years watching Pompey. As a game it was not a classic; but as an event it was

history and to witness it with my father and sons I was something to treasure for the rest of my life. The most memorable game, however, was the quarter-final victory at Old Trafford which in football terms was the happiest day of my life, and the day we really believed we could win the cup as on way home we watched Chelsea lose to Barnsley.

 Give us your all-time Rovers XI

 Favourite Portsmouth XI:
David James
Glen Johnson
Sol Campbell
Noel Blake
Hermann Hreidarsson
Mick Kennedy
Lassana Diarra
Sulley Muntari
Robert Prosinecki
Paul Walsh
Mark Hateley

LUTON AND POMPEY

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

My worst memory of games at Kenilworth Road was my best friend Malcolm Palmer being floored by a marble before our crushing 3-1 cup defeat in 1988. My best memory was our 4-1 victory in 1992.

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?

My prediction for today is an entertaining 2-2 draw. I will be in the disabled section today with my friend "Basher" Benfield where there is even less leg room than the away end - not a pleasant experience. The experience is not helped by having to sit in front of Luton's vociferous fans. It took three stewards to get the wheelchair out of the ground last season!

QUICKFIRE

 Terrace or Seats?
Seats - I am old now.

 Plymouth or Southampton? Our near neighbours (I am being polite)
 Matt Tubbs or Peter Crouch?

 Peter Crouch
 Guess your player of the season
Gary Roberts

 Promotion of 2003 or FA Cup win 2008?

 2008 Cup Win

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

 Most treasured Portsmouth piece of memorabilia?

 Signed shirt from 2003 promotion season.

 What league will Pompey be in next season?

 League 1

 Who will win promotion from League 2?

 Portsmouth, Leyton Orient and Luton Town.



COVER STORY

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

LUTON TOWN 2 PORTSMOUTH 0

FA CUP ROUND THREE
6TH JANUARY 1951

The Town's 1950/51 campaign got off to a reasonable start with an opening day 2-0 win over Brentford at Kenilworth Road, but any thoughts of a promotion chasing season soon evaporated as another twelve games passed before victory was tasted again.

The major problem facing manager Dally Duncan was an acute shortage of firepower up front, and in a bid to change things around a number of players were tried in the forward positions, to accompany old warhorse George Stobbart, with little joy.

Something drastic needed to be done and Duncan, using his knowledge of Scottish football, set his sights on free-scoring St Mirren forward Willie Davie and Glasgow

Celtic utility player Pat McAuley. Paisley-born Davie was attracting scouts from many top flight sides but Duncan felt he was one step ahead in the chase. McAuley was, however a different kettle of fish altogether with most clubs seeming to give him a wide berth.

McAuley was effectively on strike at Celtic after holding out for more money or a transfer. Celtic did not wish to break their unofficial wage structure nor did they wish the player to leave Parkhead such was his amazing talent.

Hailed as the finest natural

footballer to wear a Celtic shirt the team was effectively being built around him until his disagreements with the Board. 'Snake-hipped, a football artist with delightful footwork and great intelligence', was typical of the comments made by the Scottish press at the time and Luton supporters felt that Duncan was on a hiding to nothing in his



Luton skipper Syd Owen greets his Pompey counterpart Reg Flewin before the cup clash



These two signings immediately turned things around with two wins and two draws in the next four games, including a Christmas double over Swansea.

Suddenly the forthcoming plum FA Cup third round home pairing with Portsmouth could not come quickly enough.

Pompey, who had won the League Championship in each of the previous two seasons, were at the peak of their powers with a settled side that had played together, virtually unchanged, since the end of the War. They were expected to make short work of the Hatters but, such was the surge of optimism around Kenilworth Road in the short space of one month, the Luton supporters felt that Portsmouth's perceived over confidence would be punished by the new look side.

The day of the game opened with rain falling which made the notorious Kenilworth Road pitch

heavier than normal. The rain probably kept the attendance down but even so the crowd of 21,631 was comfortably the best of the season at that stage.

The Town's game plan was to get stuck into their aristocratic opponents and not to let them settle into playing their clever football. The pitch helped them achieve their aim as Pompey got bogged down in midfield with the Town players swarming all over them.

The goal the Hatters deserved for their hard work came after 25 minutes when Davie latched on to a clever through pass from Stobbart to smash the ball past Maurice Leather in the Portsmouth goal.

Portsmouth tried to get back in the game but their danger man, centre forward Duggie Reid, was well held by Luton skipper Syd Owen who enjoyed an immaculate display in front of an England

selector in the stand. As well as Owen in defence, Bernard Streten in goal and full-backs Bud Aherne and Billy Cooke, who played with a plaster cast on his arm, kept the Pompey forwards at arms length.

The second, and clinching goal, came shortly after half-time with this time winger Alec Glover the provider, crossing to give South African Willie Havenga, another player turning out in a plaster cast, a straightforward chance.

The newspapers the following day were full of praise for the Town with all confirming that the result was no fluke and that the better side fully deserved their win.

LUTON TOWN: Streten, Cooke, Aherne, Morton, Owen, Watkins, Glover, Shanks, Stobbart, Davie, Havenga.

PORTSMOUTH: Leather, Stephen, Rookes, Scouler, Flewin, Dickinson, Harris, Ryder, Reid, Phillips, Frogatt.

THE PROGRAMME



The Town produce their normal eight-page programme for the visit of Portsmouth priced 2d (around 1p today).

The Club Notes section naturally greeted Pompey but then went on to list their

achievements and almost made it sound that we were not worthy to be on the same pitch as them!

On the Tuesday before the match over a foot of snow lay on the Kenilworth Road pitch but the players volunteered to clear the surface aided by some lorries. Of course, a sudden thaw left the pitch a bog with huge tyre marks not helping.



DEFINING MOMENTS

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

1949 POMPEY'S GOLDEN BOYS

Portsmouth celebrated their Golden Jubilee by winning the League Championship for the first time in 1948/49. Bob Jackson's team soared to the top with six successive wins and were unbeaten in their first 13 games. Pompey hammered Arsenal 4-1 in their Golden Jubilee match in November, then slammed five goals past Chelsea, Newcastle and Wolves as they remained in pole position. They were also FA Cup semi-finalists but 'double' hopes were dashed by a 3-1 defeat by Leicester. Pompey remained unbeaten at home and clinched the title as Peter Harris and Ike Clarke scored in their 2-1 win at Bolton on 23rd April 1949.

1950 CHAMPIONSHIP RETAINED

Pompey retained the League Championship in 1949/50. They kicked-off with a 3-1 victory at Newcastle and hammered Middlesbrough 5-1, then Everton 7-0. Pompey drew 1-1 against Wolves in the FA Charity Shield but the consistency of the previous season eluded them and the defence was disrupted by the loss of Reg Flewin, with Jimmy Stephen signed from Bradford City. They scored four goals in both games against Chelsea, also taking Manchester United to an FA Cup fifth round replay. Pompey pipped Wolves to the title on goal average as Duggie Reid grabbed a hat-trick in their 5-1 win over Aston Villa on 6th May 1950.

1962 THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Leading marksman Ron Saunders scored twice as Portsmouth clinched the Third Division title with a 2-1 victory at home to Watford on 23rd April 1962. George Smith's side kicked off with a 3-1 win at Swindon and were unbeaten in their first 12 matches. The run ended with a 2-1 defeat at Notts County and wingers Tony Barton and Dave Dodson arrived to add fresh impetus.

Pompey were top of the table by Christmas and undefeated for three months until losing 2-0 at rivals Bournemouth in February, a run including a 5-0 win at Newport County. They also hammered Bristol City 5-0, finishing three points above Grimsby Town.

1983 POMPEY'S TITLE TRIUMPH

Alan Biley was leading scorer with 23 goals as Pompey won the Third Division title in 1982/83. New signings Alan Biley, Ernie Howe and Neil Webb scored on their debut as Pompey began with a 4-0 win over Sheffield United and were unbeaten in their opening five games. Billy Rafferty grabbed a hat-trick in the 3-1 win over Preston, then Alan Biley emulated his feat in the 4-1 victory over Lincoln. The club was saddened by the death of Jimmy Dickinson in November but maintained their title challenge with seven straight wins. Bobby Campbell signed Kevin Dillon in March and Pompey won the title by five points.



1987 TOP-FLIGHT RETURN

Alan Ball guided Portsmouth back to the top-flight after 28 years absence in 1986/87. Pompey had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two seasons and former England striker Paul Mariner was signed from Arsenal.

They were unbeaten in their opening nine games and regained pole position after Mick Quinn grabbed a hat-trick in a 3-1 win over Derby in October, remaining top with eight wins in ten matches after Christmas and drawing 0-0 in a top of the table clash at Derby. Alan Knight and Kenny Swain were ever-present as Pompey were promoted as runners-up after a 2-0 win at home to Millwall.

1993 PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS

Guy Whittingham scored a club record 42 goals as Pompey qualified for the First Division Play-Offs in 1992/93. 'Corporal Punishment' netted a hat-trick as Jim Smith's side started with a 3-3 draw at Bristol City, then another in a 4-1 win at Luton as results improved. He scored four times in the 4-1 victory over Bristol Rovers on Boxing Day and Pompey dropped just two points in 12 games, beating Wolves 4-1 to go top of the table with just two matches remaining. But they lost 4-1 at Sunderland in their penultimate match and West Ham pipped them to second place by a single goal. Pompey lost 3-2 to Leicester in the play-offs.

2003 RECORD BREAKING CHAMPIONS

Harry Redknapp managed Portsmouth to the First Division title with a club record 98 points in 2002/03. New signings included Matt Taylor, Paul Merson, Shaka Hislop, Hayden Foxe, Gianluca Festa, Arjan de Zeeuw and Deon Burton. Pompey stormed to the top of the table, dropping just two points in their first nine games. They remained in pole position, losing just twice before New Year, then signed Ayegbeni Yakubu and Tim Sherwood. Pompey hammered Derby 6-2 at Fratton Park, then triumphed 5-0 at Millwall and finished with a 5-0 win at Bradford City. Top scorer Svetoslav Todorov netted 26 of their record 97 goals.

2008 FA CUP WINNERS

Pompey won the FA Cup for the second time in 2007/08. Harry Redknapp's side won only one of their opening six Premier League games before soaring with an 11-match unbeaten run including a thrilling 7-4 victory at home to Reading. Mid-season signings Milan Baros, Jermain Defoe and Lassana Diarra helped Pompey finish eighth in the top-flight, their highest for 53 years. In the FA Cup, Pompey defeated Ipswich Town 1-0, Plymouth Argyle 2-1, Preston 1-0, Manchester City 1-0 and West Brom 1-0 in the semi-final before Kanu's first-half goal clinched a 1-0 win over Cardiff City in the Wembley final on 17th May 2008.

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Numbers GAME

PORTSMOUTH AND THE HATTERS IN NUMBERS

5-1

The Hatters' biggest victory over Pompey came in a Southern League encounter at Kenilworth Road on 7th November 1908. Herbert Moody scored four of the Town's goals.



DID YOU KNOW?

Pompey have only ever won at Kenilworth Road six times. The last time Portsmouth picked up three points on Bedfordshire soil was courtesy of a 4-1 win on 3rd October 1992.

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The Hatters are unbeaten in four FA Cup ties against Pompey. The last time the two clubs met in the competition the Town won 3-1 on 6th March 1988 with goals from Danny Wilson, Mark Stein and Mick Harford.

69%

The Hatters hold an excellent home record over Pompey, enjoying a 69 per cent win ratio when taking on Portsmouth on home turf. The Town have triumphed in 27 of the 39 meetings.

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While the Town hold an excellent home record down the years against Pompey, away from home it is a different story. The Hatters have only won on six visits to Fratton Park, the last coming back in 1975 when goals from Adrian Alston and Andy King gave the Town a 2-0 in the Old Second Division (now Championship).

DID YOU KNOW?

In the last 31 games between the two sides the Town have only failed to score in four of those matches, including two of their last three meetings.

HEAD 2 HEAD

77 PLAYED

33 LUTON WINS

14 DRAWS

30 PORTSMOUTH WINS

119 LUTON GOALS SCORED

121 PORTSMOUTH GOALS SCORED

1900 YEAR OF FIRST MEETING

Pompey were 2-0 winners in the first meeting between the two sides on 27th October 1900 in the Southern League.



27,758

The largest attendance to witness a Portsmouth versus Luton game came back on 26th November 1955 when almost 30,000 saw a goalless draw at Fratton Park in the top flight. The biggest gate at Kenilworth Road was the 21,631 in a 1951 FA Cup tie that saw the Town win 2-0.

PORTSMOUTH TROPHY CABINET

FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONS: 1949, 1950

CHAMPIONSHIP CHAMPIONS: 2003

FOOTBALL LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

CHAMPIONS: 1924, 1962, 1983

FA CUP WINNERS 2008

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters were sunk by another late goal as an injury-time strike from Stuart Sinclair gave Bristol Rovers all three points.

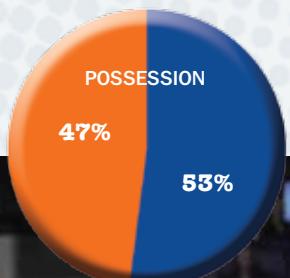
In a game in which the Town struggled to create many clear-cut chances in front of goal, the Pirates pinched all three points with a goal at the death to leave Kenilworth Road stunned.

Sinclair raced through in behind the Town defence to slam a shot past Mark Tyler to leave the Hatters to reflect on a first defeat of the season.

The Hatters needed a number of good saves from goalkeeper Tyler to prevent the visitors from taking an earlier lead, and the best the Town could conjure up on a disappointing evening was an off-target effort from Paddy McCourt in the first half.



2	CORNERS	8
0	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
3	SHOTS WIDE	12
10	FOULS	8
4	OFFSIDES	2



TOWN 0 1 BRISTOL ROVERS



 **STILL SAID:**

“ I think in the games we've had so far, we've been solid and playing how we want to play. I thought we'd build on that and today we haven't. I didn't think we were good enough to win the game. We were poor. “If I'm being honest, our only attacking option was Paddy McCourt. I thought we were really depending on the three centre-halves. “Sometimes people don't play well. That's football. “The team was no different than the one that beat Bristol City. Nothing has changed. ”



ATTENDANCE

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REACTION

WE MUST IMPROVE SAYS McNULTY

Skipper Stephen McNulty says nobody shouldn't be hitting the panic button yet despite Town going into today's game with Portsmouth still looking for their first win in League 2 this season.

The Hatters captain faced the Hatters Player cameras after the 1-0 home defeat to Bristol Rovers in our last league home fixture.

And while the centre-half knows how much of a disappointment that was he was under no illusions of how much the Town need to do to turn around their fortunes.

"It's a bit too early for people to be panicking," McNulty told Player after the loss against the Pirates. "It might just be the case of getting the right mixture of players.

OPTIONS

"The gaffer will tinker with his team and he's got enough options, but we'll see how we go. We are generally slow starters and we normally finish strong so hopefully that's the case again."

The Hatters struggled against the Pirates, unable to find their rhythm that had seen them race into a 2-0 lead against Oxford four days prior.

But just when it looked as though the Town would record a goalless draw, Rovers' Stuart Sinclair popped up in the final minute of injury time to send all three points back down the M4.

McNulty, knew, however, that the Hatters probably got what they deserved.

"It's a hard one to take and a hard one to swallow," said the skipper. "But we should have defended it properly and we've got done in the

last minute again. It's not good enough.

"We huffed and puffed all night but we didn't create enough going forward, we didn't create enough chances.

"All in all, it was a bit of a lacklustre performance. We need to improve on it but we can't excuse getting sucker punched for the second game running. We need to be better."

With 12 new faces arriving at Kenilworth Road over the summer – all with experience of playing at a higher level – the Town are blessed with a squad which McNulty believes will come good.

ABILITY

"I wouldn't say it's a worry. We've got a lot of ability in the squad," said the defender. "The talent is there to be seen, it's just a matter of getting stuff right. They'll have their off days but we need to keep it nil at the back, we can't be getting done again like that."

"We need to shut up shop and although we're not creating chances and not scoring goals, we've conceded too many in the first three league games. We need to put our finger on that."



MACCA'S MOMENTS

Stephen McNulty's appearance against Rovers was his 117th appearance in Town colours since joining from Fleetwood Town in January 2012. During that time the Liverpudlian has scored twice – in victories over Southport and Stockport. His volley against Southport in November 2013 remains the most-viewed video on our official YouTube channel with almost 250,000 views.



YEOVIL 3 - 2 TOWN

WHAT'S THE STORY?

For the second successive Saturday the Hatters let a two-goal lead slip as Yeovil fought back to earn victory.

The Town seemed to be coasting to their first victory of the season in League 2 when goals from Craig Mackail-Smith and Paul Benson had John Still's men 2-0 up inside 20 minutes.

Mackail-Smith hit a stunning effort from the edge of the box to make it 1-0 after four minutes before Benson tapped home from close range to double the lead.

But Yeovil, who had lost all four of their previous matches, stormed back to take control. Stephen Arthurworry headed home to reduce arrears seven minutes before the break.

In the second half, Glovers substitute Ryan Bird levelled on 62 minutes when slotting home inside the box before the same man won it for the hosts when drilling a shot beyond Mark Tyler with 17 minutes left.



STILL SAID:

“First half was okay. Second half, they upped their game and we couldn’t stay with it. It was as simple as that. When there was a challenge to win, they won it. They run at us and made us really defend.

"It's really important that we supply our front two. We haven't really supplied them. Craig got a great goal out of nothing, Benson got a typical Paul Benson goal from the restart. I can't remember either of them two missing anything when we played the ball in.

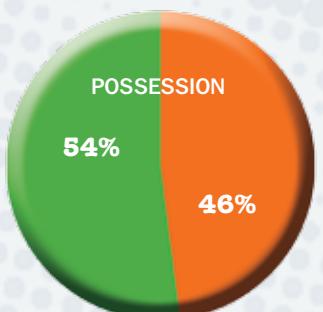
“It’s not always about the systems. It’s about the quality of the people in those positions. We didn’t consistently supply the front people. If I’m being honest I thought they deserved to win.”

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SATURDAY - 22nd AUGUST 2015		
KRYSIAK		TYLER
SMITH(C)		SMITH
DOLAN		MCMULTY(C)
ARTHURWORREY		CUTHBERT
SOKOLIK		GRIFFITHS
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5	CORNERS	5
3	SHOTS ON TARGET	1
4	SHOTS WIDE	3
11	FOULS	13
6	OFFSIDES	0

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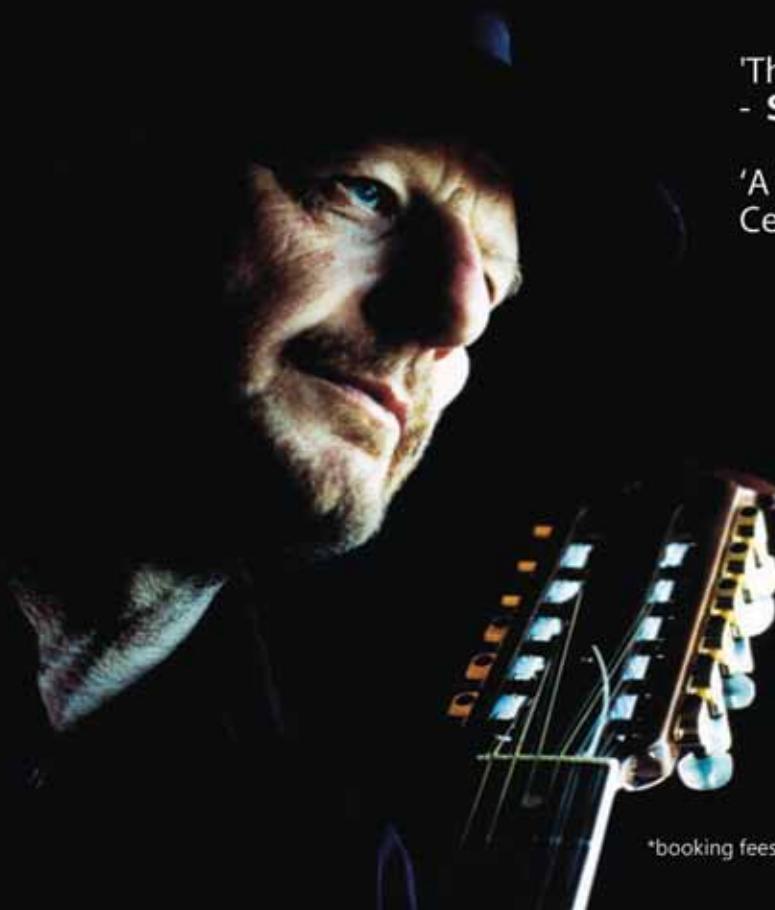
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REACTION

DUO'S DISAPPOINTMENT

Town midfielders Alex Lawless and Danny Green both shared their frustrations after the Town contrived to lose 3-2 at Yeovil last weekend.

Lawless made his first appearance of the season at Huish Park, coming on as a second half substitute for Ryan Hall.

And having waited patiently for his chance, it was a day of mixed reactions for the Welshman.

"It was my first game so I've been disappointed not to have played more and then when you get a chance to play you don't want to end up losing," Lawless told Hatters Player afterwards. "That's on a personal front, but team-wise, we're absolutely gutted with that result."



"I was itching to play. I couldn't wait to get on there. My emotions were up and down."

His appearance in Somerset was Lawless' 173rd in Luton colours

and with the competition for places this season fierce following the arrival of 12 new faces this summer, the 30-year-old is aiming to stake a regular place in the side after his cameo at Huish Park.

"You're fully aware that it's going to be difficult to get in the team when you see that, but I'm confident in my own ability to think that I'm going to play regardless of who comes in," said Lawless.

"It's only good for the squad when there's competition for places, so that didn't bother me. But then, not being picked, it is hard. You've got to keep believing in yourself and that's what I'll do."

"I just want to play regularly and win games for Luton Town and that's the main thing."

Winger Green made his first appearance for the Town since the opening day draw at Accrington.

The 27-year-old has, like Lawless, had to be patient for his chance this term with John Still opting to play a 3-5-2 formation in the Town's previous three matches.

But a return to a 4-4-2 system saw Green return to the Hatters line-up, but the former Charlton man says he is capable of fitting into any formation to help the Town.

"I feel like I can play in that [in a 3-5-2], maybe as one of the three in central midfield," Green told Hatters Player after Saturday's defeat.



GREEN'S GOALS

Danny Green is aiming for his fourth promotion having helped MK Dons, Charlton and Dagenham to promotion over the course of his career.

"Maybe not as a wing back as much, because going backwards is not one of my specialities really, but going forward is, so I probably could. But it's up to the manager. Whatever he picks you've got to trust in what he does."

Green admitted he was frustrated not to play a part in the Town's games with Bristol City, Oxford and Bristol Rovers.

"That's football, it happens to a lot of people. You've just got to get on with it, get your head down," he said.

"It is frustrating for a player to drop a couple of divisions to come and play and then not play, but you've just to grow up and get on with it. I haven't played as much as I'd have liked to, but my main aim is to get Luton out of this division and I still think we're more than capable."

Traveller's TALES

ONCE AGAIN, SUPPORTER KEVIN HARPER IS WRITING ABOUT FOLLOWING THE HATTERS UP AND DOWN THE COUNTRY THIS SEASON. HERE'S HIS VERDICT ON THE TOWN'S TRIP TO YEOVIL

The journey

It was another relatively early start for me for the trip to Yeovil but having never been to Huish Park before the lure of ticking another ground off my list of ones to do make the early start more bearable.

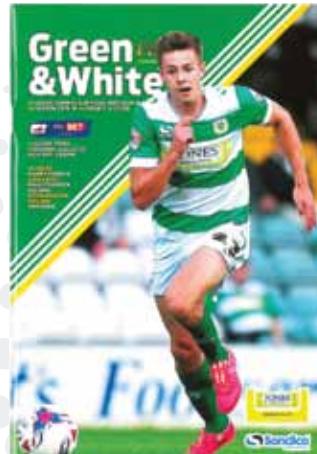
I got on the Bobbers coach at Ampthill at 8.50am and we set off to Luton where we met another coach with both coaches leaving the interchange at 9.30am for the lengthy trip to Somerset.

I took it upon myself to watch England's demise in the cricket on the way down there and their struggle mirrored the journey as we encountered traffic on the M25 and then when we started to make progress it was halted on the A303 by everyone slowing down around Stonehenge.

It might just be me, but I don't get the appeal of a load of rocks piled on top of each other like a Jenga game gone wrong. I certainly don't get it when I'm trying to get to a football match!

Despite that delay we finally got to Huish Park at 2.35pm and as the coach parked right outside the away end it was get a programme and go straight in.

Rating: 



The ground

On the face of it I thought Huish Park was quite a nice ground. Admittedly I was in the seated stand with a roof which is probably why I thought it was nice, but I'm sure on a sunny day like this was to begin with the terrace would've been a good place to be.

Town fans had 500 or so seats to the left of the open terrace which a few hundred Town fans frequented until the middle of the second half when an almighty downpour sent most of them hurtling for cover in the seats! First rule of football spectating – never trust the British summer!

The programme

The 64-page booklet was one of the better ones from an away point of view. It had 10 pages on the Town and the player profile in it for the home side was Alex Lacey. I think we know a bit about him!

There were detailed pages on our new signings, John Still and the squad, and also a Q&A with a fan who confessed Andre Gray would be the one league player he'd resign if he could. Think he's out of our price range now sadly!

Rating: 



Overall though it was a nice ground. The view was good and there was plenty of space so no complaints from me there.

Rating: 

The food

If there was an issue with the ground it came in the form of the food. The options were pretty much limited to hot dogs and sausage rolls and cold stuff but the prices of it was ridiculous and it wasn't great either. Certainly not one of the better refreshment kiosks we'll indulge this season.

Rating: 

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The match

I'm sure if you were a neutral this was a brilliant match. For me it was a frustrating one but it started anything but that.

We played a 4-4-2 formation with Paul Benson and Craig Mackail-Smith up front and the latter put us in front straight away with a rocket of a 20 yarder into the top corner. Soon after Benson joined his strike partner on the scoresheet and the Town were 2-0 up and cruising.

Things seemed to change shortly before half-time. Stephen McNulty was booked for multiple fouls and from one of the free-kicks a ball came into our box, he was outjumped and from nowhere a poor looking Yeovil side had a lifeline and thoughts of the previous Saturday came flooding back.

At half-time McNulty got the hook before he got sent-off but we looked disjointed and devoid of leadership and for the want of a better word we just collapsed in a heap. We so nearly went 3-1 up when a rare good move dropped to Benson whose shot was brilliantly saved.

From there on in it was a siege on our goal. Yeovil brought Ryan Bird on and he was in business soon

after tapping in at the back post after a slick passing move opened our defence up. He completed the comeback 20 minutes from time when McCourt's tackle in Yeovil's half skidded down the now soaked grass into Bird's path in the area and he rifled home.

I was looking for a fightback from us but we never really got going again and the match faded into a damp squib much like the weather had done halfway through the second half, to condemn us to back-to-back defeats.

Rating: 

Man-of-the-match

Fairly easy decision for me this. Craig Mackail-Smith scored a stunning goal and produced a high energy pressing game where he harassed defenders all day even though he got next to no service at all in the second half. He

showed with his work rate, desire, movement and that strike that if we get him the ball this season he will do the business more often than he doesn't. Sadly he was a rare shining light on a disappointing day.

Summary

A bright day which started positively turned into a storm by the end sadly. I know we don't start too well under John Still but it was disappointing to concede a 2-0 lead for the second Saturday in a row especially this one having made the long journey down there for the game. The journey back thankfully was nowhere near as bad as the one going despite more people stopping for a look at the now heavily soaked rocks back in Stonehenge!

We got back to Luton just after 9.15pm, which was just late enough to miss the Football League programme which given the disappointment probably wasn't a bad thing! Hopefully we can put things right in the three home games to come. All in all we travelled 310 miles on the day.

OVERALL RATING

11 out of 25

MILES TRAVELED THIS SEASON

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CENTRE SPOT

Cameron McGeehan races away in celebration after scoring the Town's last-minute equaliser in Tuesday's Capital One Cup tie with Stoke City



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WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters took Premier League Stoke City all the way to penalties only to lose 8-7 in the shootout after a brave effort in a rousing Capital One Cup second round tie at Kenilworth Road.

Left-back Scott Griffiths was the unfortunate Town man to miss when his kick from 12 yards hit the top of the crossbar.

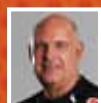
That handed the Potters the advantage, which Geoff Cameron seized when he rifled home the deciding kick to send Stoke through to face Fulham in round three. Despite the disappointment, the Hatters can take heart from an excellent display against a City side tipped to do well in the top flight this term.

Stoke seemed set to progress when Jonathan Walters lofted home midway through the second half but the Town rallied and substitute Cameron McGeehan levelled in injury time to send Kenilworth Road into ecstasy.

Both sides had chances in the 30 minutes of extra time but after a goalless half-hour it went to spot-kicks. And after 14 perfect penalties somebody had to miss and, sadly for the Town, that was Griffiths.



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STILL SAID:

“I’m really proud of our team and our supporters. The boys did unbelievably well. 120 minutes against a Premier League side is fantastic.

“Someone said to me ‘are you disappointed?’ . No, I can’t be disappointed and can’t feel disappointed after seeing that. When you get disappointed there is normally a reason for it but I can’t think of any reason to be.

“We had to play at the top of our game, and they had to play slightly off theirs, but what pleased me is I think we had more efforts on target than them.

“We can be really happy with our performance overall.”



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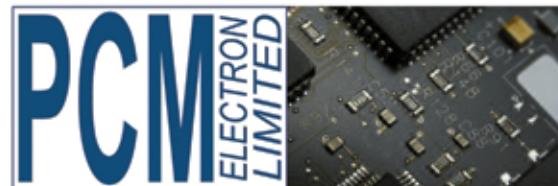
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REACTION

DUO'S DELIGHT DESPITE DISAPPOINTMENT

Scott Cuthbert and Cameron McGeehan believe the Hatters can go on and make strides in League 2 after taking Premier League Stoke City all the way to penalties before bowing out 8-7 in the shootout.

The Town quite rightly took the plaudits on Tuesday after a spirited performance against the Potters and both Cuthbert and McGeehan hope the display can stand the Hatters in good stead for the rest of the campaign.

"I'm delighted that against that calibre of opposition we can come out of it with our heads held high," said defender Cuthbert.

"We looked really solid and to get a goal right at the death was nice because we've suffered a few late goals recently. It was nice to get that last minute equaliser to take it into extra time, but it just wasn't to be.

"Penalties is a massive lottery and you've got to give massive credit to the boys who had the bottle to stand up there and take one. There's only got to be one winner.

"When you're in a cup tie against a Premier League team it's a win-win. The Premier League side are expected to come here and roll us over and we just had to play with confidence and a lot of belief that we could match them and we did

that for large parts of the game.

"I'm absolutely delighted with the boys' performance, they were outstanding."

Cuthbert was handed the captain's armband by John Still for the game and the former Orient centre-half was chuffed with his role in an excellent Town performance.

"Any time you're asked to captain any side, it is a huge honour and one where you need to take the responsibility on board," said the 28-year-old. "I was absolutely delighted to be captain of that performance. The lads were absolutely outstanding."

Goalscorer McGeehan, who sent the tie to extra-time with a last-minute equaliser, hopes the Town can learn from the experience and kick-on in their pursuit of promotion this season.

"It was a really good performance from all the boys against a really good Premier League squad, so it was good to test ourselves and show what the benchmark is at the top level," said the 20-year-old.



"That is especially the case for the young players. It was good to see what's in front of us and what we've got to strive for to be at their level.

"We've got a League 1/Championship squad, so we know we can do well against big teams and we've just got to translate that into league form.

"We need to go on and sort our League form out now. We can take a lot positives from this performance."

On the goal, the midfielder added: "It was nice for us to be on the right end of a late goal. It was great play from Scott Griffiths from the left and I was in the right place at the right time to tap in it. It meant a lot.

"I had a few chances just before the goal and thought I could have done better with another shot in extra-time but overall I was happy even though it ended in disappointment.

"Somebody had to miss a penalty, unfortunately for us that was Scotty but he's played really well tonight – as we all did."



PICTURE the PAST

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



Mike Keen starts the fightback with a headed goal against Portsmouth at Kenilworth Road in November 1971. The Town had gone in at the interval 0-2 down but managed to pull the game back with goals from Keen, a corker from Gordon Hindson and a late winner from Peter Anderson.

THE CAMERA never LIES

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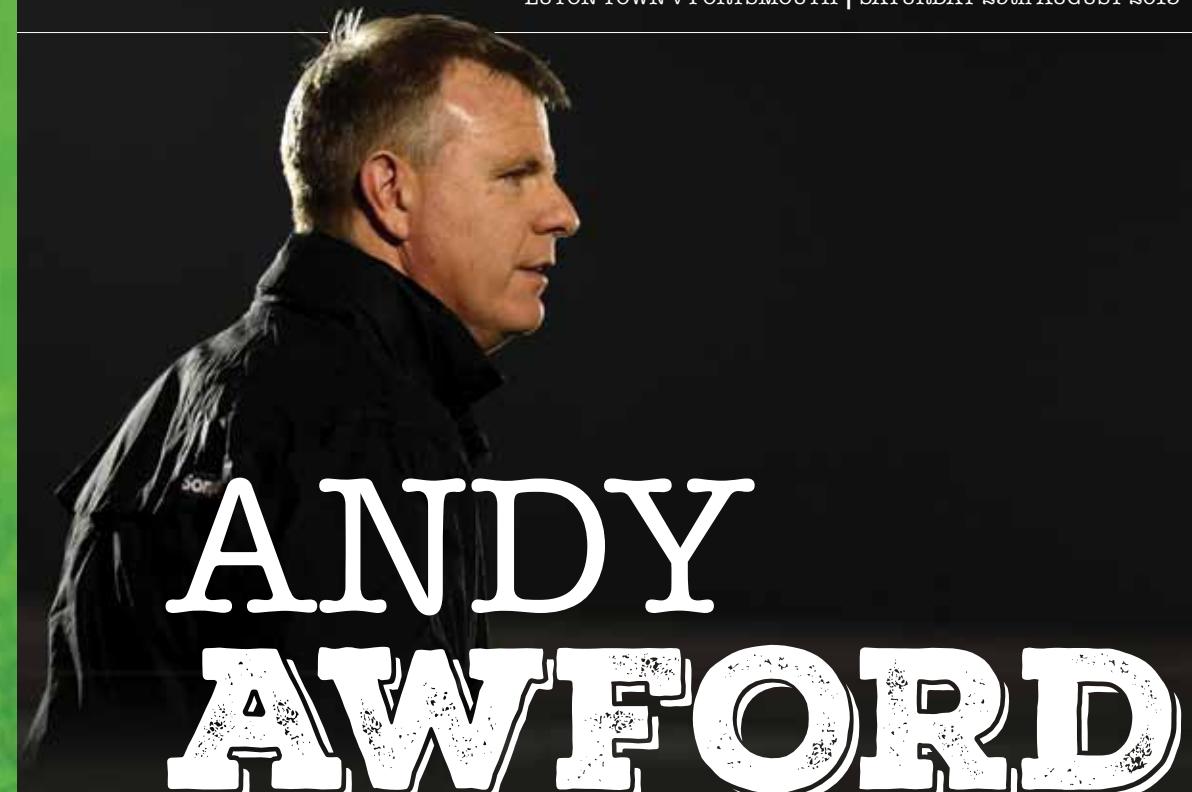


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More to coaching than physical progression

The career of Andy Awford has been far from the norm. Beginning as a player, he enjoyed a 12-year career with today's visitors Portsmouth, amassing almost 400 games for Pompey before injury cut short his playing days at the age of 28.

Since then, the now 43-year-old has turned his hand to the backroom part of the game, with numerous roles at Fratton Park, including three stints as manager, two in a caretaker role, as well as delving into school teaching,

before making a switch to Kenilworth Road this summer. Now, as Portsmouth prepare to visit the Town, Awford takes us through his new role as the Hatters' Youth Academy and Development Manager, with his job requirements going far deeper than meets the eye.

"I'm excited, and a little bit nervous at the same time," Andy told Hatters Player.

"Anybody who goes into a new role is the same, but I'm really looking forward to it and grateful for the opportunity. I'll be looking to push on the work that's been done already, which has been really good so far, and now it's all about pushing it on and maintaining it while also trying to improve a couple of areas."

"The gaffer also wants me to work with a couple of players in what I call a 'grey area' – those 18-21-year-olds in order to forge those links between the youth team and the first team. It's a really important area in football that's sometimes overlooked. I'm therefore doing a little bit of a dual role, but we'll see how it goes and will probably be changing my job description as we go along."

It's often thought the path of a player's career is moulded before they've even reached their 20th birthday, and the former Oxford coach is keen to make sure he and the Hatters get youth development spot on at Kenilworth Road.





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"There's an art to it," explains Awford. "It's difficult at times for the young players to make that jump, so hopefully we've got what it takes to get from A to B. It's a great role. We'll try and get the players to the top of their potential, try and get the max out of them and hopefully that will lead them to our first team. If not, then we hope they stay in the game and perhaps move on to somewhere else or, better still, they may end up kicking on after they've reached our first team."

"I'll get in and have a look and assess where the players are at. I'm not exactly going to be reinventing the wheel straight away; the first thing you have to do is assess the situation, and then improve them from there. Technically, there are all sorts of areas we can improve upon and hopefully that's something I can help bring in. I'm hoping that my experience as a manager at my previous Club will see me in good stead to help those young players reach what's needed."

PLAN

Awford concedes that this is not an easy job, however, with each player needing their own carefully thought out plan to "max them out" and to reach the best they possibly can.

"We have to judge each individual. At 18, people in this country just assume the player is ready, but some of them may not be quite there physically or psychologically, so we may have to wait for them, while others may need pushing along to get them to their potential. We've have different programmes for different players so we can push them at the correct rate to get them to that next step. It's not just about their talent though. When they go into

that first team environment, can they cope, from both a mental and physical point of view? When you step on to that pitch in front of 8,000+, it's a little bit different to the eight they used to play in front of! It's just getting them ready, and it does take a bit of time, but if we can start that process a little bit earlier, so that by the time they're into the Youth Team they're a bit more 'football savvy', then we can improve on that after their apprenticeships also.

BOND

Worcester-born Awford has also earmarked players and men of that age as often being devoid of a figure to turn to during times of difficulty, with the development coach taking it on himself to fill that role after five years of being a physical education teacher in a secondary school. As a defender in his playing days, Awford also bridged a bond with one of the country's most-respected managers, both on and off the pitch at Fratton Park.

"There's a little group there at the minute that are too old for the youth team, so they need somewhere where they can go to when they've got a problem, or even when things are going well," he says. "It's important for them to have someone to identify with. You leave the youth team and the youth team manager, physio and education personnel and suddenly that's a big jump, and if they're not quite ready, it's difficult to work out who to go to. I'll be that person should they need it. If they need a kick up the backside, they'll get it, and similarly if they need an arm around the shoulder then they'll get that too and we'll help get them to where they can be."

"I was academy manager, Under-18s manager, assistant manager,



first team coach and first year manager all at Portsmouth. Back about 12 years ago I was doing this exact job under the name of 'reserve team manager' under Harry Redknapp, which was a learning experience in itself as you can imagine. The teaching aspect of my career was vitally important, getting out of that football bubble and retraining, getting my degree aged 33."

LOVELY

Despite being part of Portsmouth's setup almost continuously since 1989, Awford insists that Luton is the place he wants to be as he prepares to face his old Club for the first time since he left the manager's role by mutual consent back in April.

"It's lovely to be here. I've known the gaffer from before, and I get on well with him. You know where you stand with him which is good. He's very straight down the line and I'm looking forward to working with him. The staff have been great too, everybody has been really welcoming, and they so far seem like nice people to work with so I'm really looking forward to it."



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Luton **LADIES**

The Town Ladies began their league travels for the season with a visit to Lowestoft Town last week and it seemed the journey had impacted poorly on the team as there was a very slow start and were grateful for goalkeeper's Rachel Evans calmness between the sticks as the ball whizzed around the penalty area not helped by a strong wind assisting the home side.

Luton, though, gradually forced their way into the game with forwards Erica Byron and Tash Fensome combining well to produce a number of opportunities which the home goalkeeper somehow kept out. However, she was well beaten when Shannon Pratt stepped inside and unleashed a dipping strike from 30 yards which smashed against the crossbar with no one able to net the rebound.

Evans then made an excellent save at the striker's feet to keep it goalless. As the game drifted towards the break, Michelle Byrne was clattered to the ground with the loose ball being controlled by the hand of a Lowestoft player. Everyone stopped anticipating the referee's whistle but the ball found itself over the top of a sleeping defence and following a scramble the ball ended up in Luton's net to give the hosts a 1-0 half-time lead.

The Town were quick out of the blocks after the interval and almost levelled within seconds but a second chance soon came along as Fensome broke clear and squared the ball to Byron who did very well to force the ball over the line under pressure from a covering defender. I would predict a high scoring game with the emphasis on attack."

For more information on the Ladies visit www.lutontownladiesfc.co.uk

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23 Bedford (H)

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OCTOBER

4 Enfield Town (A)

18 Old Actonians (H)

25 Norwich City (A)

NOVEMBER

1 Crystal Palace (H)

15 Ipswich Town (A)

22 MK Dons (H)

DECEMBER

6 Gillingham (A)

13 Denham United (H)

20 Norwich City (H)

JANUARY

3 Cambridge United (H)

17 Crystal Palace (A)

24 Ipswich Town (H)

31 Denham United (A)

FEBRUARY

21 Old Actonians (A)

This was the first of a run of four away games but the Hatters' girls are close by and supporters would be most welcome to come and give us support on Wednesday 2nd September at Wootton Blue Cross when they travel to local rivals Bedford, kick-off 7.45pm.



Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

LTFC Talent Identification programme 2015/16

Next week we start our annual search for young talent for our academy through the Community Trust's Talent Identification Programme (TIPs) coaching centres.

This season we will be running 13 regional football development centres with three now set up in Luton following our new centre at Venue 360 to complement our Stopsley and Sundon Park centres.

The programme is open to all youngsters aged from school year 2 up to year 11 and our coaching centres offer a nine-week programme ending with a trial match for everyone. Successful boys then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-academy development centres with eventual pathways into our youth academy. The centres are open to all abilities and below we have listed all of our centre details as well as answering frequently asked questions.

WHAT IS TIPs ALL ABOUT?

The successful TIPs Development programme is now in its 10th year

of operation. The purpose of the TIPs Development Centres are to provide high quality coaching for up and coming footballers.

Whether you are an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a new-comer, wanting to develop the basics, the TIPs programme has something to offer you.

WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE TIPs PROGRAMME?

Our academy prides itself on the high calibre of its coaching team. By signing up you will receive the same standard of coaching that has helped produce players such as Curtis Davis, Leon Barnett, Kevin Foley, Matthew Taylor and Jack Wilshire.

No other football club in our region can claim the same level of success in terms of youth development, having developed three England youth internationals in the last three years: Cauley Woodrow (now Fulham); Jay DaSilva and Lewis Baker (now both Chelsea). In addition, over 70 players have been signed by our Academy through our TIPs programme.

GOALKEEPERS

We haven't forgotten the most important player on the pitch and we have two dedicated keeper centres in Flitwick and Dunstable

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

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

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO WELL?

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

HOW WILL MY PROGRESS BE MONITORED?

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

To receive further details you can download our TIPs leaflet from the Club's main website at www.lutontown.co.uk or to book a place from next week you can simply email tips@lutontown.co.uk or call the community office on 01582 737. Look out for our TIPs leaflets in school from next week.

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Biggleswade Town FC,
The Carlsberg Stadium,
Langford Rd, Biggleswade,
Beds SG18 9JT
Tuesdays: 18:00 - 19:00

DUNSTABLE

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Creasey Park Drive,
Dunstable LU6 1BB
Fridays: 17:30 - 18:30

FLITWICK/AMPTHILL

Redborne Upper School
Flitwick Road,
Beds MK45 2NU
Mondays: 17:00 - 18:00

HARPENDEN

Sir John Lawes School
Manland Way, Harpenden
AL5 4QP
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Redborne recreation centre)

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YOUTH UPDATE

The Town Under-18s continued their flying start to the season with an 8-2 win away to MK Dons last Saturday morning to make it four wins from four matches to sit joint top of the Youth Alliance table.

Paul Driver's side were 3-0 up after 11 minutes and 6-1 up at the break as they dismantled the Dons.

Jack Snelus opened the scoring after nine minutes when rifling a shot into the top corner and a minute later it was 2-0 when Alex Atkinson found the target.

Snelus struck his second and the Hatters' third on 11 minutes before George Murray made it 4-0 half-way through the first period when quickest to react to James Justin's parried effort.

Milton Keynes pulled one back to make it 4-1, but the Town restored their four-goal advantage on 38 minutes when James Verney side-footed home after a well-worked short corner from Justin.

Justin then put the Hatters 6-1 up on the stroke of half-time when racing forward to round the keeper and tap home.

The Town had to wait until the 70th minute to score again when Justin fired home a low shot after the Dons failed to clear a free-kick hoisted into the box.

As the Hatters continued to press forward, seven became eight with 10 minutes left when



George Murray - on target twice against MK Dons

Murray scored his second when he strode clean through on goal and finished smartly.

The Dons pulled a goal back with two minutes left to play to make it 8-2, but it made little difference to another comprehensive win for the Town youngsters who have now scored 20 goals in their first four matches this season.

Boss Driver told lutontown.co.uk: "It's a good start to the campaign. We are creating chances and taking them. It's good to be clinical but I think we can play better. We need to be more productive with the ball."

Town U18: Gooch, Justin, Musonda, Famewo, McJannet, McGhan-George (sub Bakinson 70), Cotter (sub Read 67), Atkinson, Snelus, Murray, Verney (sub Hinds 55). Subs not used: Jones, Bean.

YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES

AUGUST

- Sat Aug 8 Barnet H W 4-0**
- Sat Aug 15 Peterborough United A W 3-1
- Tue Aug 18 A.F.C. Wimbledon H W 5-0**
- Sat Aug 22 Milton Keynes Dons A W 8-2
- Sat Aug 29 Gillingham H**

SEPTEMBER

- Wed Sep 2 Cup 1
- Sat Sep 5 Cambridge United A
- Sat Sep 12 Leyton Orient H**
- Sat Sep 19 Dagenham & Redbridge H**
- Sat Sep 26 Northampton Town A

OCTOBER

- Sat Oct 3 Stevenage H Cup 2**
- Sat Oct 10 Southend United A
- Sat Oct 17 Peterborough United H**
- Sat Oct 24 Barnet A
- Sat Oct 31 Cup 3

NOVEMBER

- Sat Nov 7 A.F.C. Wimbledon A
- Sat Nov 14 Milton Keynes Dons H**
- Sat Nov 21 Gillingham A

DECEMBER

- Sat Dec 5 Cambridge United H**
- Sat Dec 12 Leyton Orient A
- Sat Dec 19 Dagenham & Redbridge A

JANUARY

- Sat Jan 9 Northampton Town H**
- Sat Jan 16 Southend United H Cup 4**
- Sat Jan 23 Stevenage A

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Youth PROFILE



GEO CRAIG

Name: **Geo Craig**

Date of birth: **21/8/1998**

Birthplace: **London**

Position: **Striker**

Year joined Luton: **2011**

WHY DID YOU JOIN LUTON TOWN?

Because of the opportunity to play for a big club like Luton, as well as playing and training every day.

WHAT WAS THE BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP?

The best bit of advice I received was never to be afraid of any opportunity and to do everything with full positivity.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL SO FAR?

Receiving my scholarship last year, and knowing I would be able to play football every day for two years.

WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A KID?

Chelsea

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND?

David Villa

WHAT OTHER SPORTS ARE YOU GOOD AT?

Tennis. I was okay at rugby too, and I also enjoy watching basketball.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT?

History or English

WHO IS YOUR MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE?

Alex Atkinson

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

Luke Guttridge

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB APART FROM BEING A FOOTBALLER?

An actor, or a singer or businessman

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF MUSIC?

Hip hop, rap and r'n'b.

WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION FOR THIS SEASON?

To have a really successful season individually and as a team.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS

Under-18s boss Paul Driver on Geo:

"When we took Geo last season we took him as a really young one – so much so although he's technically a second year scholar, the way his date of birth has fallen means he's pretty still much a first year."

"His performances last season were good given his age and he was able to score a number of important goals for us last year."

"Geo began this season by scoring our first goal of the season against Barnet but unfortunately he has picked up a knee injury in training and is currently unavailable for selection."

"Off the pitch, he forms part of a group that regularly have to do chores such as cleaning the mini-bus and collecting stray footballs!"

"On the pitch he has made great strides and although we originally took Geo as a winger, we think he will end up playing as a number 9 – although he still needs to do a bit of growing!"

"At the end of the day he knows where the goal is – an attribute all good strikers need – and we're looking forward to him back and firing the goals in later this season."

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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH UNDER-18S MANAGER PAUL DRIVER

After an excellent pre-season we have made an exciting start to our league campaign with four wins from four games and an impressive +17 goal difference.

The additional positives of this are that we have played the three sides who finished above us in the South East Section last season and the team has been made up with a majority of the new first years.

From both a player and team perspective, it is important that we have to make sure that we don't get carried away simply with our results but look at the actual performances and work hard to improve in the required areas. If we do this, then the results will remain positive and we can hopefully push hard to challenge for this years' South East Section and then in the Merit League where we finished a commendable second place last term.

We start a League Cup campaign next week away at Bristol Rovers after today's clash with Gillingham and have the much anticipated FA Youth Cup starting at the end of October which is a massive competition for all youth teams and their players and staff. The work we do between now and then (plus a bit of luck, of course) will go a long way to determining how well we progress in the competitions which act as a great way for the young players to learn to win.

This years' group is a great group for the staff to work with. Their attitude and application on the training pitch and in and around the building have been superb and we have had very positive reports on their early progress at college, in their Level 2 Coaching Awards and at a Life Skills Seminar run by the League Football Education who oversee the courses the boys undertake in their two year scholarships.

On the individual front, I have been pleased with all of the new first year boys with every single player having acquitted themselves very well but the eye catching performances have come from George Murray who



has been involved in a number of Development Squad games and done well, James Verney, who is our top scorer and provider, and Jack Snelus who has scored three stunning goals.

Hopefully, the positive start to the season can act as a springboard for the squad to kick on and push themselves forward for selection for Andy Awford's Development Squad - the next, important step in their quest for a professional contract.

Keep an eye on the official website for our fixtures which are at Ely Way on a Saturday morning. Everyone is welcome to come along and support the lads.

**YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE
SOUTH EAST**

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	LUTON TOWN	4	4	0	0	20	3	17	12
2	Southend United	4	4	0	0	11	4	7	12
3	Leyton Orient	4	2	1	1	8	6	2	7
4	Stevenage	4	2	1	1	9	8	1	7
5	Barnet	4	2	1	1	8	7	1	7
6	Northampton Town	4	2	0	2	12	8	4	6
7	AFC Wimbledon	4	2	0	2	9	11	-2	6
8	Gillingham	4	1	1	2	10	12	-2	4
9	Dagenham & Redbridge	4	1	0	3	6	9	-3	3
10	Peterborough United	4	1	0	3	3	10	-7	3
11	Milton Keynes Dons	4	1	0	3	7	16	-9	3
12	Cambridge United	4	0	0	4	13	-9	0	0

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BY THE FSF'S MICHAEL BRUNSKILL

Some of you might have heard of us, others not, but either way we'd like to develop that relationship with both the club and its fans, to get more of you involved in our work...

For those who don't know about the Football Supporters' Federation, we're the national, democratically-structured organisation for football fans in England and Wales and represent around 500,000 members in total. Individual fans can join as members (see below) while organisations can affiliate/associate to the FSF. Hundreds of fans' groups, fanzines, and supporters' trusts across the country are now affiliated.

The FSF is democratically structured - policy is set at our AGM which also elects our National Council. Individual members get one vote, while democratically-structured affiliates representing groups get five votes.

Campaigns

That's all very important of course, but it means nothing if we're not out there campaigning and representing fans. So what are we all about on that score? Well, our biggest campaigns include probably Safe Standing and #ShareTVWealth.

#ShareTVWealth argues that top-flight clubs should bring down ticket prices and redistribute more of their

wealth to lower-league/grassroots football. The Premier League has signed a new TV mega-deal worth £5.14bn, and that's just for UK rights. The increase from the last domestic deal alone equates to £40+ for every fan, at every game; there are five billion reasons why clubs should #ShareTVWealth!

The Safe Standing Campaign is possibly the best known of our campaigns, as we try and persuade the Government and football authorities to accept the case for introducing, on a trial basis, limited sections of standing areas in the Premier League and Championship.

From a standing start (pun intended) a few years back, when no club would commit to safe standing, we've managed to persuade dozens of clubs to back the campaign, including the likes of Aston Villa. In Feb 2014 the Football League came on board as their AGM gave its backing to a safe standing trial.

Luton Town came on board in 2013 with chief executive Gary Sweet saying: "We are fully behind the FSF's vision for safe standing... Having grown up on the terraces as a kid I try to take the opportunity to



stand at the occasional away fixture with one or two other directors when terracing is available and we thoroughly enjoy it."

With the Hillsborough Inquiry in full flow it's unlikely politicians will do anything this year - even though we all know the tragedy wasn't caused by standing - but we're confident that in time our campaign will deliver safe standing areas in the top two tiers.

Aside from those campaigns we do a lot of work challenging racism, homophobia and so on via Fans For Diversity - we have a small fund for fans' campaigns, email anwar.uddin@fsf.org.uk if you'd like to arrange activities.

Get involved

There's a word count to hit here, so I'd better stop soon, but suffice to say we'd love to hear from you. Whether you'd like to get involved with one of the campaigns I've covered, or think we're missing a trick elsewhere, drop me an email michael.brunskill@fsf.org.uk.

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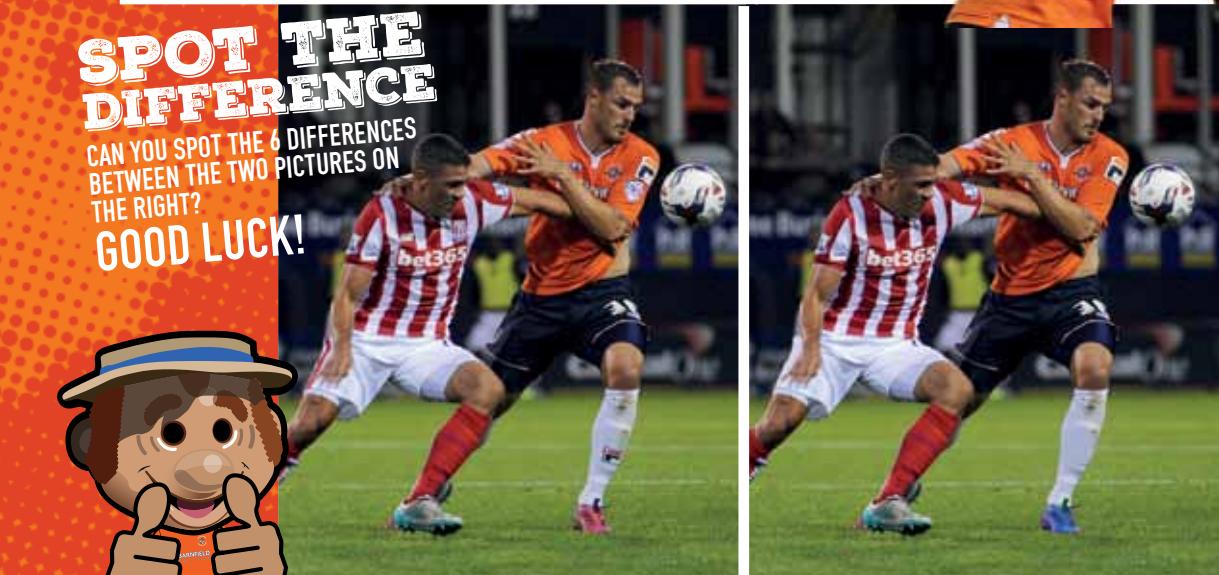
JUNIOR HATTERS

PLAYER PROFILE

CAMERON McGEEHAN

DATE OF BIRTH: 6th APRIL 1995
FROM: KINGSTON UPON THAMES
HEIGHT: 5FT 11
POSITION: MIDFIELD

CAMERON McGEEHAN'S FOOTBALLING CAREER BEGAN AT FULHAM, FOLLOWED BY CHELSEA'S YOUTH ACADEMY. HE LATER MOVED TO NORWICH WHERE HE CAPTAINED THE YOUTH TEAM TO WIN THE 13/14 FA YOUTH CUP. McGEEHAN JOINED LUTON ON LOAN IN THEIR CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS WINNING SEASON AND HAS BEEN A FIRM FAVOURITE EVER SINCE, REJOINING THE HATTERS ON A PERMANENT CONTRACT THIS SUMMER. #CAM0000000!!



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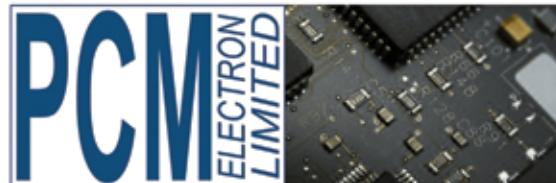
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A WORD FROM

The Football League Paper

Another week, another transfer record.
 Championship clubs are splashing the cash like never before.

ANDRE GRAY

Brentford - Burnley Aug 2015
 £6m (£8.68m)



Andre Gray has joined Burnley in a record-breaking deal

Andre Gray's £6m move from Brentford to Burnley is just the latest in a long line of eye-watering deals this summer as clubs greedily grasp for the Premier League goldmine. "The division has moved on so much," Clarets boss Sean Dyche told the Football League Paper last week. "The prices we've been quoted for some players are quite incredible. I didn't see that coming two years ago. I really didn't." Well if you can't beat 'em... Nevertheless Dyche has a point - all but two of the top eight transfer fees ever paid by Championship clubs has come in the past two years:

ROSS MCCORMACK

Leeds - Fulham Jul 2014
 £7m (£11m with potential add-ons)

Eyebrows weren't so much raised as blown skywards when Fulham announced an £11m deal for a 28-year-old who'd never played in the top flight. In fairness, the real figure was significantly lower and with 19 goals in 50 games, the Scot did the business - unlike his team-mates.

JORDAN RHODES

Huddersfield - Blackburn Aug 2012 £7.07m (£8m)

A Championship record at the time, but Rovers knew what they were doing. The Scottish international has scored 74 goals in 143 games at Ewood, continuing a record of hitting 20-plus in each of the last six seasons. Now valued at £14m - which explains the lack of takers.

STEWART DOWNING

West Ham - Middlesbrough Jul 2015 £5.53m (£7m)

Six years after ditching the Riverside to further his career, the winger is back.

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

Picked by Roy Hodgson as recently as November, the signing of a 31-year-old England international still at his peak is a real statement of intent.

TOM INCE

Hull - Derby Jul 2015
 £4.69m (£6m)

Only signed because Liverpool recalled Jordan Ibe in January, Ince scored 11 goals in 18 games during a sensational loan spell, prompting the Rams to break their transfer record.

MATT MILLS

Reading - Leicester Jul 2011
 £4.5m (£5.5m)

The first of the big spenders, the Foxes' Thai owners chucked their cash in the wrong direction when they signed Mills to bolster their promotion push. The centre-back played just 25 games and fell out with gaffer Nigel Pearson before being shipped off to Bolton.

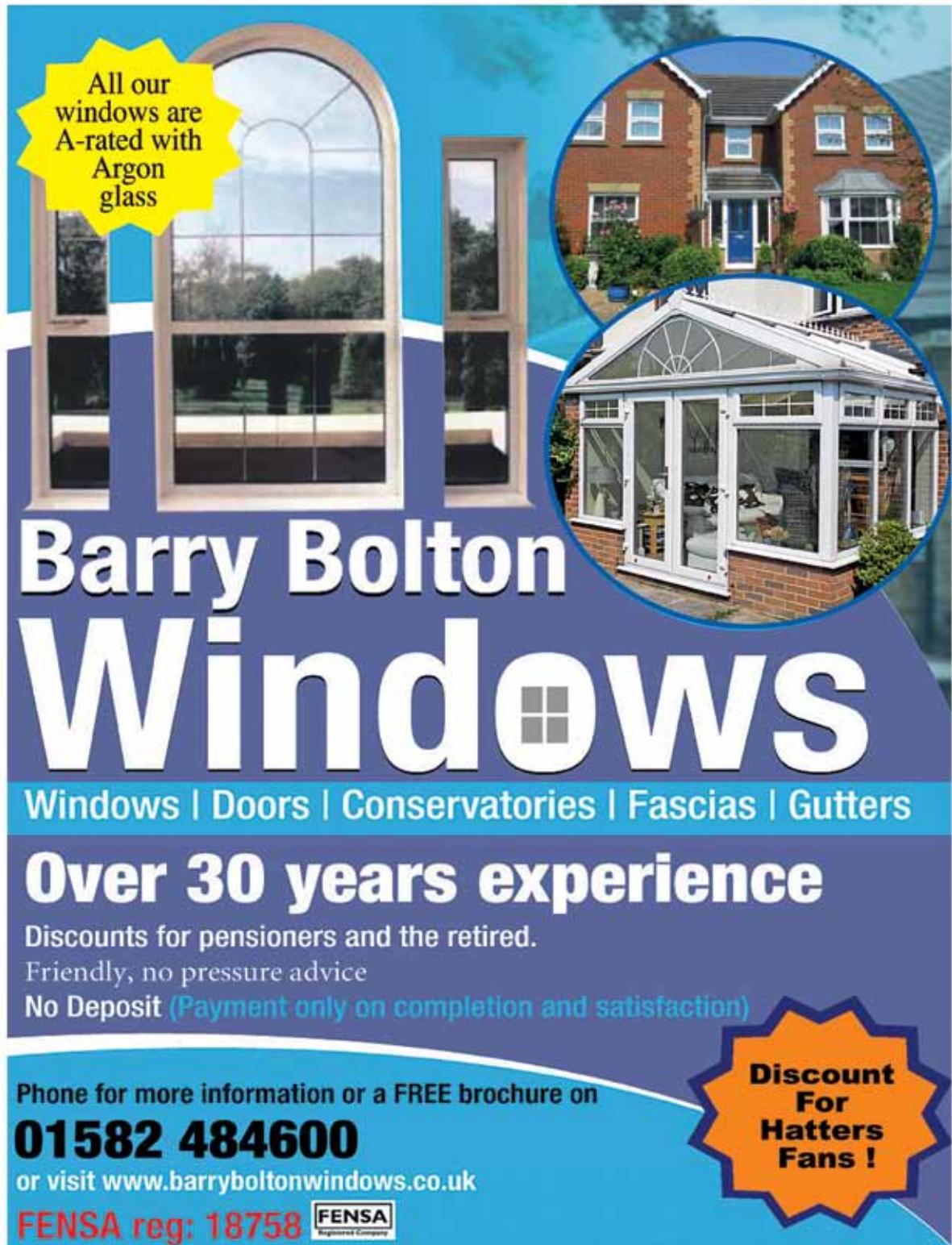
BRUNO ECUELE MANGA

Lorient - Cardiff Aug 2014
 £4.41m (£5m)

Who? What? No, the Bluebirds really did sign an unknown French defender for the same price that Robin van Persie just joined Fenerbahce. Though a very decent player, most Cardiff fans would argue that the cash could have been better spent.

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LEAGUE LOOK

Leyton Orient remain the only club in the Football League with a perfect record following their 3-2 win at Newport County last weekend.

Ian Hendon's side made it four wins from their first four matches by overcoming a strong Newport revival in South Wales. The O's, relegated from League 1 last season, led 2-0 before County scored twice before the break to level it up. But Orient secured another victory when Dean Cox struck the winner in the second half.

RESCUE

Last season's losing Play-Off finalists Wycombe lie in second place but needed an equaliser deep into injury time from Aaron Pierre to rescue a point against Dagenham & Redbridge. The Chairboys sit one point above Plymouth who leapfrog into third after securing their third win in four games after a 2-0 triumph at Northampton.

Bristol Rovers, victors here over the Town last week, have shot up to fourth place after their third straight League 2 win. The Pirates were 3-1 winners at home to last season's Conference champions Barnet.

Ronnie Moore's Hartlepool lost their 100 per cent start to the season when losing 2-0 at Stevenage with former Hatter Fraser Franks on target for Boro. Pools sit in fifth spot, one place and one point ahead of our visitors today, Portsmouth.

Pompey staged a magnificent comeback to earn a 3-3 draw at home to Morecambe having trailed 3-0.

POSITIVE

Cambridge, who the Town visit next weekend, occupy the final Play-Off place, but their positive start to the season was ended in abrupt fashion by Crawley with the Red Devils easing to a 3-0 win at the Abbey Stadium.

Elsewhere in League 2 last weekend, Carlisle drew 1-1 with AFC Wimbledon, Exeter and York finished 0-0, while Accrington scored a last-minute equaliser to earn a point at Notts County.

In today's fixtures, it's first versus fourth as Leyton Orient host Bristol Rovers, Wycombe go to Crawley and Plymouth entertain Newport.

At the other end of the table, bottom-of-the-table Dagenham take on Stevenage at Victoria Road, while Carlisle – fresh from dumping QPR out of the Capital One Cup on Tuesday night – make their shortest trip of the season to Hartlepool.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Accrington v Northampton
AFC Wimbledon v Exeter

Barnet v Cambridge

Crawley v Wycombe

Dag & Red v Stevenage

Hartlepool v Carlisle

Orient v Bristol Rovers

Morecambe v Notts County

Oxford v Yeovil

Plymouth v Newport

York v Mansfield



LEADING SCORERS

Corr (Cambridge) 5
Ibhere (Carlisle) 5
Carey (Plymouth) 3
Edwards (Crawley) 3
Jervis (Plymouth) 3
McCallum (Orient) 3
Roberts (Portsmouth) 3
Roofe (Oxford) 3
Simpson (Orient) 3

OUR 130TH YEAR

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS												
AUGUST																					
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	D 1-1	2,359	1,175	13	Justham Cuthbert Griffiths McNulty Wilkinson Doyle	SMITH 1	Green ▲	McCourt •	McQuoid •	Mackail-Smith	Tyler	Potts	McGeehan	Benson•	Marriott▲	Ruddock•	Guttridge•	
Tue 11	7.45pm	H	Bristol City (Capital One Cup 1)	W 3-1	3,948	427	-	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty Wilkinson Potts O'Donnell •	O'Brien •	Ruddock	McGeehan	BENSON 1	MARRIOTT 2 ▲	Justham	Lawless	Hall	Griffiths •	Guttridge	McQuoid▲	Doyle •	Guttridge
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	D 2-2	8,877	781	15	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty WILKINSON 1 Griffiths O'Donnell •	Doyle	McCourt ▲	McGEEHAN 1	Benson	Mackail-Smith	Justham	Lawless	Ruddock •	Potts	McQuoid	Smith▲	Marriott	Marriott ▲
Tue 18	7.45pm	H	Bristol Rovers	L 0-1	8,061	553	18	Tyler Cuthbert McNulty Wilkinson Griffiths O'Donnell	Doyle •	McCourt	McGeehan •	Benson	Mackail-Smith ▲	Potts	Smith •	Lawless	Ruddock •	Marriott ▲	McQuoid	Justham	Justham
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	L 2-3	3,830	820	22	Tyler Cuthbert Griffiths McNulty • Wilkinson Smith	McGeehan	Green ▲	Hall •	BENSON 1	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	O'Donnell	Lawless •	McCourt ▲	Ruddock	McQuoid	O'Brien •	Justham	Justham
Tue 25	7.45pm	H	Stoke City (Capital One Cup 2)	D 1-1*	6,099	823	-	Justham O'Donnell Griffiths Wilkinson Cuthbert O'Brien	Smith	Lee	Green •	Ruddock •	McQuoid ▲	McNulty	Hall •	McGEEHAN 1	Benson ▲	Guttridge	Mackail-Smith	Tyler	Tyler
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth																		
SEPTEMBER																					
Tue 1	7.15pm	H	Leyton Orient (JPT 1)																		
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United																		
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Notts County																		
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town																		
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	AFC Wimbledon																		
Tue 29	7.45pm	A	Morecambe																		
OCTOBER																					
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United																		
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	York City																		
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town																		
Tue 20	7.45pm	H	Leyton Orient																		
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle																		
Sat 31	3.00pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge																		
NOVEMBER																					
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Barnet																		
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Stevenage																		
Tue 24	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United																		
Sat 28	3.00pm	A	Newport County																		
DECEMBER																					
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Northampton Town																		
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Exeter City																		
Sat 26	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers																		
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth																		
JANUARY																					
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers																		
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town																		
Sat 16	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United																		
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town																		
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Notts County																		
FEBRUARY																					
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers																		
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon																		
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Hartlepool United																		
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	York City																		
MARCH																					
Tue 1	7.45pm	H	Morecambe																		
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient																		
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town																		
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle																		
Fri 25	3.00pm	H	Dagenham & Redbridge																		
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Barnet																		
APRIL																					
Sat 2	3.00pm	H	Stevenage																		
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley																		
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Oxford United																		
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United																		
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Newport County																		
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town																		
MAY																					
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Exeter City																		



Elliot Justham and goalkeeper coach Kevin Dearden share a joke prior to the penalty shootout against Stoke on Tuesday

MEET THE REF

PETER BANKES

Championship referee Peter arrives at Kenilworth Road fresh from taking charge of Walsall's 2-1 win over Brighton in the Capital One Cup on Tuesday night. Last season our referee this afternoon took charge of one Town game, the 2-0 defeat at Shrewsbury, in which he sent-off Matthew Robinson. That was one of seven red cards he showed last season in 27 matches. So far this season Peter has booked 19 players in four games, including nine in his first match this term between Birmingham and Reading. Please give a warm welcome to Peter and his fellow officials this afternoon.

LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Leyton Orient	4	4	0	0	11	3	+8	12
2 Wycombe Wanderers	4	3	1	0	7	1	+6	10
3 Plymouth Argyle	4	3	0	1	9	3	+6	9
4 Bristol Rovers	4	3	0	1	5	2	+3	9
5 Hartlepool United	4	3	0	1	5	3	+2	9
6 Portsmouth	4	2	2	0	8	4	+4	8
7 Cambridge United	4	2	1	1	9	8	+1	7
8 Exeter City	4	2	1	1	5	6	-1	7
9 Oxford United	4	1	3	0	7	5	+2	6
10 Northampton Town	4	2	0	2	4	4	+0	6
11 Crawley Town	4	1	2	1	5	3	+2	5
12 Mansfield Town	4	1	2	1	4	3	+1	5
13 Accrington Stanley	4	1	2	1	3	3	+0	5
14 AFC Wimbledon	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
15 Morecambe	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
16 Notts County	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
17 Stevenage	4	1	1	2	4	7	-3	4
18 York City	4	1	1	2	2	5	-3	4
19 Yeovil Town	4	1	0	3	5	7	-2	3
20 Carlisle United	4	0	3	1	7	10	-3	3
21 Barnet	4</							

HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH
GRAHAM MILLER

LEST WE FORGET?

I hope you're sitting comfortably. And just to make sure, I'd better offer a public health warning as well. Right. Here it comes. I'm going to talk about... how can I put it?... That football outfit down the M1. You know the ones. They play in so called 'golden' shirts near an old Vicarage. Oh to hell with it. I'm going to mention Watford!

There. I said it. And why should I name them and risk your wrath? Well it's all to do with the observance of tradition.

As the draw for the Capital One Cup was being made fans of both Luton and... the other lot... were sensing that it could happen. No disrespect to Stoke of course but we could have had a Hatters/Hornets derby to look forward to. As it turned out it wasn't to be. We'll have to wait a bit longer. The FA Cup perhaps?

Anyway, wearing my professional hat, I reported on the Watford versus West Brom game the other Saturday. It was their first home game in the Premier League for eight years. The ground is still undergoing development but the team itself has been rebuilt.

In fact there are now 22 different nationalities in that Hertfordshire dressing room. And while they probably know all about the Premier League I think I'm safe in saying their knowledge of the Football League is probably zip.

So how would they have reacted to a derby draw against the Town? Their latest manager and the owners are newcomers to the English game. History, great matches of the past, memories of our encounters down the years, they would all be beyond their ken.

PASSION

It's different for the Hatters of course. And I daresay for the Luton squad even though it's 10 seasons since the last Luton Watford fixture. No I reckon they'd understand the passion and nuance of the game my fellow media types always dub the M1 derby.

I recall as a schoolboy some memorable derby nights. One in particular saw the back page of the old Evening Post newspaper headlining its preview written by Roger Duckworth with Luton manager Alec Stock declaring "We won't lose" alongside Watford's Ken Furphy's "We will win!"

For the record Luton won the game and for those of you who



Ahmet Brkovic celebrates scoring for the Town in the last meeting between the Hatters and Watford in April 2006

may remember the night the result tasted all the sweeter because of that back page forecast.

But as the younger Luton fans become the old 'uns and the more 'experienced' Hatters supporters are transferred to the big football enclosure in the sky, not the one with the capital S, will the full meaning of such a game become lost in the mists of time? Watered down to mere nostalgic folklore?

So here's the message. If ever Luton needed motivation to climb the league pyramid to where we believe we belong here we have it. We need to face our biggest rivals on level terms as soon as possible.

Lest we forget and all that.

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TEAM SHEET



LUTON TOWN

- 1 Mark Tyler
- 2 Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Stephen McNulty
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Alex Lawless
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Paul Benson
- 10 Ryan Hall
- 11 Danny Green
- 12 Scott Griffiths
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 15 Paddy McCourt
- 16 Elliot Justham
- 17 Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Magnus Okuonghae
- 19 Olly Lee
- 21 Luke Guttridge
- 22 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 23 Josh McQuoid
- 24 Curtley Williams
- 25 Mark O'Brien
- 26 Nathan Doyle
- 30 Luke Wilkinson
- 31 Craig King
- 32 Luke Trotman
- 33 Mark Onyemah
- 34 Isaac Galliford
- 35 Zane Banton



PORTSMOUTH

- 1 Paul Jones
- 2 Ben Davies
- 3 Enda Stevens
- 4 Adam Webster
- 6 Christian Burgess
- 7 Adam McGurk
- 8 Michael Doyle
- 9 Matt Tubbs
- 11 Gary Roberts
- 14 Kal Naismith
- 15 Adam Barton
- 16 Jack Whatmough
- 17 Jayden Stockley
- 18 Ben Tollitt
- 19 Conor Chaplin
- 20 Matt Clarke
- 21 James Dunne
- 23 Kyle Bennett
- 24 Brian Murphy
- 25 Nigel Atangana
- 26 Gareth Evans
- 29 Danny Hollands
- 33 Ben Close
- 38 Brandon Haunstrup

TODAY'S OFFICIALS



Peter Banks



Marc Wilson



Ronald Ganfield



4 Daniel Leach