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Throughout the 2015/16 season our programme covers will be a nod to the covers of yesteryear. Today's cover is based on a Mansfield fixture from September 1968. To find out more, turn to page 22.



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JOHN STILL

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD TO YOU ALL FOR TODAY'S SKY BET LEAGUE 2 GAME BETWEEN OURSELVES AND MANSFIELD TOWN.

I'd like to welcome Adam Murray and his staff and players and everyone associated with the Stags to Bedfordshire today. They have started the season well with a win at Notts County and a resounding 4-0 victory over Crawley last weekend.

It has been a while since my last notes, stretching back to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy game with Leyton Orient. That night I was particularly pleased with the performance because we played some good football in what turned out to be an enjoyable, end-to-end tie.

As we did in the Capital One Cup we put in a decent performance and that led us nicely into the game at Cambridge. In my time at Luton the fixture with them is always portrayed as cup tie-type of game, probably because Richard Money is an ex-manager here. I think Richard builds that up a bit, because for me it's just another game that we try to win.

As ever, this was a keenly-contested match. Both sets of players and supporters were up for it and I thought 1-1 at half-time

was about right. We played quite well, while they had their threats from set-pieces.

ASCENDANCY

Having been pleased at the break I thought we started the second half well and we were in the ascendancy when they had their man sent-off. I was pleased with our overall performance and with the quality of our goals. Luke's strike was first class and the last goal finished by Danny was a top-drawer move. I felt we fully deserved to record our first win of the season and was pleased with the overall application and attitude of the players.

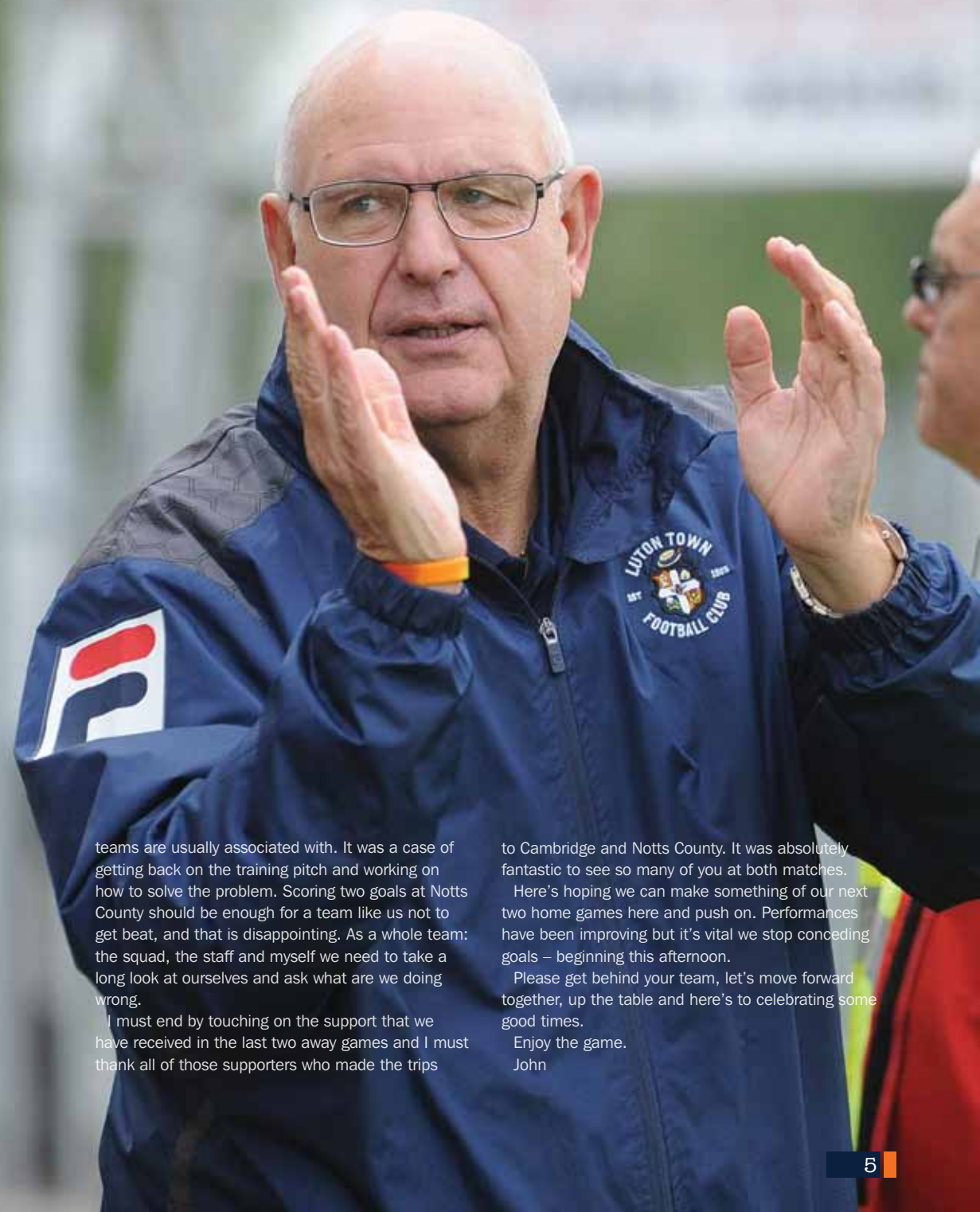
Then came Notts County last weekend. It's one of those games where I don't really know how to describe. Notts are a side who will be there or thereabouts and, like

us, they have started the season a bit slowly. On the day we found ourselves 2-0 down without doing too much wrong. However, I was delighted with our response to come back to 2-2 with goals from Cameron and Jonathan. But to lose late in the game, with what we thought was a disputed free-kick, was tough to take. We did actually appeal against Scott's red card. We all thought it was harsh but ultimately the authorities found in favour of the referee.

It was a weird feeling afterwards because having come back so strongly to equalise we looked like going on to win the game but, obviously it wasn't the case.

IMPROVEMENT

We've worked hard and spent many hours attempting to find an answer to how we can turn the corner. I've noticed there has been an improvement in our performances as the season has progressed but the bottom line is that we are conceding too many goals. Goal-scoring hasn't been a problem but defensively we have struggled, which is not a trait my



teams are usually associated with. It was a case of getting back on the training pitch and working on how to solve the problem. Scoring two goals at Notts County should be enough for a team like us not to get beat, and that is disappointing. As a whole team: the squad, the staff and myself we need to take a long look at ourselves and ask what are we doing wrong.

I must end by touching on the support that we have received in the last two away games and I must thank all of those supporters who made the trips

to Cambridge and Notts County. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many of you at both matches.

Here's hoping we can make something of our next two home games here and push on. Performances have been improving but it's vital we stop conceding goals – beginning this afternoon.

Please get behind your team, let's move forward together, up the table and here's to celebrating some good times.

Enjoy the game.
John



From the BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR **MIKE HERRICK**

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU THIS AFTERNOON, PARTICULARLY THE OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE MADE THE INEVITABLY SLOW JOURNEY DOWN THE M1 FROM MANSFIELD (MOSTLY AT 50 MPH), AND ALSO TO OUR OWN SUPPORTERS WHOSE ENCOURAGEMENT DURING THIS RATHER STUTTERING START TO OUR SEASON IS MUCH ADMIRERD AND APPRECIATED.

Regarding our current position in the League 2 table, different people react differently to certain situations

Some struggle to stay positive when things are not going as well as they would like, whereas others are able to take setbacks in their stride.

I always aim to place myself in the latter camp but I can understand both points of view. Other engagements have meant that I've had to miss a couple of recent home games but I find it more frustrating on those occasions when I'm reduced to following our progress by text or live commentary rather than actually watching in person.

It is galling to witness the goals we have conceded at the very end of games, particularly so last week at Notts County after such a strong recovery.

I know that the players themselves feel the anguish just as much as we do and I also know that they will respond in the right way to address these issues.

Defeats on the pitch may hurt us in the short term but the prizes are only awarded at the end of the season.

If Mo Farah was near the rear of the field after three-and-a-half laps of a 10,000m race (approximately the distance we've travelled so far this season) then that would not be as much of a concern as if he were near the back after 25 laps.

RISEING

We can't always lead from the front and we're convinced that our team will come good given patience and support. By rising up through the field maybe our journey is destined to become that little bit more exciting!

It maybe a long and arduous battle but nothing worth achieving comes easily. It does, however,

become easier if we all see it through together.

This season our aim is, and still remains, very definitely, to be promoted.

As a Board member I don't consider it my place to involve myself in selecting the team or the tactics – that is a job for those much more highly qualified than me.

DIRECTION

The Board is responsible for setting the direction of the club and giving it the best possible chance of success. We do this by investing the necessary funds each season in order to approve a budget in line with our ambitions.

This year, as you know, we have sanctioned the signing of a number of quality players who, we feel, will be able to deliver this success and move us to the next level.

Alongside this we have a massive enthusiasm for the Club and its welfare.



What we don't have, unfortunately, is a magic wand to make it all happen instantly.

Like us, Mansfield have managed recently to escape from the Football Conference where we each spent a number of years in the attempt to gain promotion.

CLOSE-FOUGHT

Past matches between ourselves have invariably been close-fought encounters and today's game looks to be no different.

Perhaps the most abiding memory for the 19,315 who were present at Kenilworth Road that day in 1968 was to witness 'that' goal by Graham French which is the subject of an extended article elsewhere in this programme. What price a repeat today?

Meanwhile it is with particular pleasure that today we are able to welcome as our guests June and Anne – the wives of two of our most respected former players – Bob Morton and Wally Shanks.

I was just seven months old when Bob made his debut in 1948 and he went on, of course,

to make 562 appearances in all competitions in a career with Luton spanning 15 years – a record which is likely to remain for all time.

EXPLOITS

I remember Wally not for his on-field exploits – his last game for us was just before I first visited Kenilworth Road – but as half of the double act 'Shanks & Turner, Sports Outfitters' from where I and many others of our generation bought their first pair of football boots (and the dubbin to protect them with) from their shop in Dunstable Road.

June and Anne, your husbands are part of the fabric and folklore of Luton Town and we hope you enjoy the many memories of them that we share with so much affection.

So...hold on tight and enjoy the journey.

Mike



Did you know? The last time the Town scored three goals away from home in the Football League came in a 3-1 win at Port Vale in February 2009



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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...

It's been a contrasting week for us after our first league win of the season at Cambridge was followed by another last-minute sucker punch at Notts County last weekend.

At Cambridge I thought we played really well and thoroughly deserved the three points. They might have had a man sent-off but I don't think that would have made much difference in the second half. Some of the football we played, especially after half-time, was excellent and just reward for our efforts. I must also congratulate Gutts for an absolutely stunning strike in the first half to get us in front. What a hit. I couldn't believe it when I heard someone else had won goal of the weekend instead!

From the highs of winning at Cambridge came the now frustrating despair of conceding yet another last minute goal to leave us pointless at Notts County last weekend. Conceding goals has not been a major issue for us since I've been at the club but it is becoming a real concern at the moment.

Looking back at the goals we have conceded so far shows that it is down to individual error. There haven't been times when teams have cut us open. In a way that is good. Why? Well because I know we have the quality and experience to cut out the mistakes and improve. We can't quite put our finger on why we are conceding goals – and especially late ones – but believe me we are all working hard in finding a way to put things right.

At the other end scoring goals has been no issue. We struggled at times last season, in particular in the second half of last season, but with the creativity and firepower we have on the books now I am not surprised. Keep clean sheets, however, is what we need to start doing. We know we have the ability in the team to score and keep it tight at the back, we just have to start putting that into practise. If you score two goals away from home you should stand a good chance of winning football matches. But we've lost 3-2 twice away from home now and we really must get our act together if we're to be successful this season.

Looking at the table it doesn't make pretty reading. I said at the start of the season that our goal is to win promotion and to do so by winning the title. That is the expectation in the dressing room and it's an expectation which hasn't changed. It doesn't put any



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pressure on us because we are an experienced group of players. We have a squad, and a management team, that knows what it takes to win promotion. I believe it is only a matter of time before things click and an unbeaten run puts us in a position where we want to be.

However, there are no easy games in this league. That might sound like an over-used cliché, but there genuinely aren't any easy matches. Today we host Mansfield for the first of two must win home matches with AFC Wimbledon due here next weekend. Kenilworth Road has been a fortress for us in the past and it's time we made it one again starting this afternoon. Any team with promotion aspirations should be winning their majority of home games and it's important that we get back on track and get back to winning ways.

We can take confidence from the performance at Cambridge and the spell we had at Notts County to get back into the game at 2-2. And we can take heart from your support, too. We need a result today so get behind us.



SPARKS FLY AS TOWN MEET BACK OF SHIRT SPONSORS!

A group of Hatters-supporting sparkies got to meet the Town's first team squad at the training ground last week.

They were invited to take part in a photoshoot on behalf of NICEIC and ELECSA, who have agreed to extend its back of shirt and short sponsorship of the Town this season.

NICEIC, which has its head office in Dunstable, have been associated with the Town for six years.

The NICEIC logo will appear on the home shirt of the Hatters for what will be the seventh year in a row, while the ELECSA logo will be on the away shirt for the second season in succession.

Mark Smith, marketing director at Certsure, which operates the



NICEIC and ELECSA brands, said: "We are delighted to once again be putting our brands behind Luton Town and continue the partnership we have built up with the club over the last seven years.

"As one of the largest employers in the area it is important we show our support for our local team and

the club is a great ambassador for our brands."

David Hoskins, commercial manager at Kenilworth Road, added: "We have built up a real partnership with NICEIC and are delighted to have them and ELECSA on board for the new season."

DISABLED SUPPORTERS' AGM

The Annual General Meeting of LTDSA will take place at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 7pm.

The AGM will be followed by an Open Forum Meeting where all attendees are encouraged and invited to come and have their say on issues that concern them or people they know with disabilities.

The open forum, which will be held in the John Moore Lounge, is designed for supporters to offer feedback, new ideas and

enhancements to allow all disabled supporters the opportunity to enjoy their experience at Kenilworth Road Stadium to its potential.

During the first year of the LTDSA's existence the committee has managed to engage with the club in many ways such as:

- Helping to create a fair system of ticket allocation to disabled supporters including season tickets
- Help the club align with best practice for match day ticket and carer options
- Work in partnership with Level Playing Fields - a supporters organisation who lobby all Football League clubs in the

pursuit of reasonable and just access for all disabled supporters

- Run a week long 'week of action' campaign to highlight disability within the supporter base

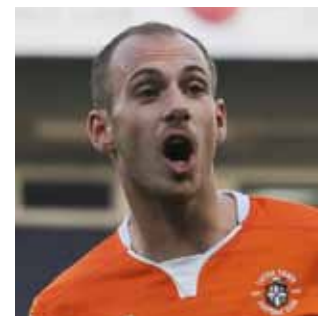
The above list is just a small example of how the DSA is trying to work with disabled supporters and the club to ensure all disabled supporters have a voice

Please feel free to join us on the 23rd. Refreshments will be available and we look forward to seeing you there.

In the meantime, if you want to find out more, or can't make the meeting and want to be heard, you can email the LTDSA at ltlsa@lutontown.co.uk.

YEOVIL LOAN FOR JAKE

Jake Howells joined fellow League 2 outfit Yeovil Town on a one-month emergency loan last week.



The 24-year-old, who is transfer listed by request, made his Glovers debut last Saturday in their 1-1 draw with AFC Wimbledon. The loan runs up to and including 10th October. Howells lies 17th in the Hatters' all-time appearance list having played 317 times for the club since making his debut in the final game of the 2007/08 season.

BEDS SENIOR CUP DRAW

The Hatters' development squad will take on AFC Dunstable in the first round of the Beds Senior Cup.

The tie will take place at Creasey Park on Tuesday 13th October and kick-off at 7.45pm. Admission is £6 adults and £3 concessions.

Please note that in the event of Dunstable Town having to rearrange any Southern League fixture for this date, this tie will move to Wednesday 14th October 2015.

MEET THE MANAGER!

You can get the chance to meet John Still and his coaching staff at Trust in Luton's meet the manager evening at Kenilworth Road next Monday.



The event will be held in the Eric Morecambe suite on 21st September and will kick-off at 7.30pm.

Tickets are now on sale at the Luton Town ticket office at £5 per person. This is an event for Trust members, but non-members can also purchase tickets and join the

Trust on the night. Annual Trust in Luton membership is £10, or £5 concessions.

For more information on the Trust visit www.trustinluton.info.

ARMED FORCES DIAMOND PACKAGE

Are you or a family member in the Armed Forces? Well we're delighted to launch a new Diamond ticket package aimed specifically at Hatters fans in the Armed Forces at the Luton Town ticket office.

As a Club we have consulted with a number of supporters from the Forces, and it was agreed that a package should be made to suit the needs of fans who serve their country but can't always get to Hatters matches on a regular basis.

Priced at £100, the list of benefits include:

- One replica first team shirt of your choice OR a £20 club shop voucher
- Priority access to purchase away tickets and cup match tickets
- A five-game match ticket booklet voucher allowing you to attend any five homes games in one season
- Free admittance to the next home cup game

- The chance to vote in the Diamond Player of the Month award, and be drawn out to present the Trophy. An adult winner will receive two hospitality tickets for the Eric Morecambe Lounge for the game presenting the Diamond Trophy after the match
- Opportunity to attend the meet the manager event

Armed Forces Diamond package holders who are also members of Trust in Luton will also be able to vote on next season's kit designs

In addition to the Diamond Forces Package, the Club will continue its work with the Tickets for Troops charity.

Members of the armed forces will be able to apply for tickets for advertised home games at www.ticketsfortroops.org.uk.

For more information on the package, either pop into the ticket office, call 01582 416976 or email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.



UP NEXT



THE HOME MATCHES HERE CONTINUE TO COME THICK AND FAST AS NEXT SATURDAY THE HATTERS WELCOME AFC WIMBLEDON TO KENILWORTH ROAD

WHO? AFC Wimbledon, aka the Wombles, the club which formed as recently as 2002 following the 'old' Wimbledon's decision to move to Milton Keynes. Their rise through the pyramid has been one of football's success stories. They began life in the Combined Counties League and won five promotions in eight seasons to reach the Football League.

DON'T REMIND US.

Their final promotion came at the hands of the Hatters in 2011 when they defeated us on penalties in a shootout at the City of Manchester Stadium in the Conference Play-Off final.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

The Town and the former Wimbledon were adversaries in the top-flight during the 1980s, including a FA Cup semi-final meeting which the Dons won on their way to lifting the trophy in 1988. However, against AFC Wimbledon, the Hatters have only won one of the seven meetings. That came at Kenilworth Road in a 3-0 win in September 2010 with George Pilkington, Zdenek Kroca and Matthew Barnes-Homer on target. The first meeting between the two clubs was the Hatters' first in the Conference (a 1-1 draw at Kingsmeadow in August 2009),

while last season the Wombles did the double over the Town; winning 1-0 at Kenilworth Road and 3-2 at Kingsmeadow.

IN CHARGE. At the helm for his second season in charge is former Wimbledon defender Neal Ardley. An England Under-21 international, Ardley played over 300 times for the old club before going onto play for Watford, Cardiff and Millwall. He took charge of AFC in October 2012, and last season he guided the Wombles to their highest Football League position of 15th.

PREVIOUS FORM.

Wimbledon go into their home game against Notts County this afternoon in 13th place in the table having won two, drawn three and lost two of their first seven games this season. Ardley's side lost two of their first three matches (both at home to Plymouth and Cambridge). The Dons are, therefore, unbeaten away from Kingsmeadow. Last Saturday they drew 1-1 at Yeovil.

ONE TO WATCH.

The Wombles' talisman is none other than striker Adebayo Akinfenwa, who gave the Hatters defence a torrid time in two matches last term. He scored 15 goals in his debut season at Kingsmeadow, including a goal

against Liverpool in the FA Cup. He has two goals to his name already this season and is now just 11 short of 150 goals in the Football League in his career.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our visitors next weekend hold the record of the longest unbeaten run of league matches in English senior football, having played 78 consecutive league games without a defeat between February 2003 and December 2004.

TICKETS. Fancying coming the game? Well, tickets for the match against the Wombles are now on sale at the ticket office at category B prices, details of which can be found on page 12. Last season the fixture at Kenilworth Road attracted a crowd of 9,101 so remember to purchase your tickets quick to avoid disappointment.

AFC WIMBLEDON FACTFILE

Formed: 2002
Nicknames: The Wombles
Last season: 15th, League 2
Follow them on Twitter: @AFCWimbledon
Colours: Blue and yellow
Ground: Kingsmeadow
Manager: Neal Ardley

TICKET OFFICE

TICKETS FOR HOME MATCHES

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

Home ticket prices for the 2015/16 season

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

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AFC WIMBLEDON



Saturday 26th 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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MORECAMBE



Tuesday 29th September 2015 7.45pm

This match is pay on the night at the Globe Arena for Luton Town supporters. Seating only.

Prices: £21 adults, £17 over-65s, students with ID, disabled spectators, £6 14-18-year-olds. Children aged 13 and under can gain free entry with a full-paying adult (max of three children).

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HARTLEPOOL UNITED



Saturday 3rd October 2015, 3pm

The Luton Town ticket office have received an initial allocation of 300 seats in the Smith and Graham Stand for this fixture.

Tickets are now on sale to Diamond and regular season ticket holders at two per person. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale on Monday 21st September.

Subject to availability, tickets will also be available on cash turnstiles on the day at Victoria Park. However, on the day under 19s and students would need to purchase their tickets from the Hartlepool ticket office showing proof of age.

Prices: £20 adults, £10 students, over-60s, under-19s, under-16s.

Wheelchair and ambulant disabled tickets are priced as determined by age, and a carer is available if higher rate disability applies. Proof will be needed on the day.



GILLINGHAM



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Tuesday 6th October 2015, 7.45pm

The Luton Town ticket office have received an initial allocation of 200 seats in Block F of the Gordon Road Stand for this tie.

Tickets are now on sale to Diamond and regular season ticket holders at four per person. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale on Monday 21st September.

Subject to availability, tickets will also be available on cash turnstiles on the night at Priestfield.

Prices: £10 adults, £5 seniors over 65 and under-18s, £1 under-12s.

Wheelchair and Ambulant Disabled tickets will be sold at the relevant price band with a Carer Free of Charge if Higher rate DLA applies.



COMMERCIAL TALK...

WITH COMMERCIAL
MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the first of two successive Saturday home matches. A big welcome to all of our commercial partners, sponsors, and the family of our

mascots, as well as all of our guests in our suites and boxes today. Remember if you would like to be a matchball sponsor at any of games this season please do get in touch with us here at Kenilworth Road.

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HATTERS TALK



Since its inception, Hatters Talk has seen its membership rise to over 3,000 people. Whilst it's "only a Facebook group", it continues to be a place

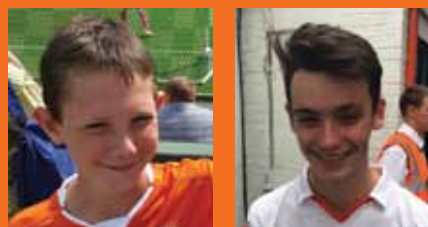
where supporters can debate and discuss the issues and topics surrounding our wonderful club with like-minded fans from all over the world. Australian Hatters, USA Hatters, Norwegian, Scottish, Irish...worldwide Hatters all congregating to talk Hatters (although not always at the same time!). As well as talking we have raised over £3,500 for SoLYD through fundraising football matches and auctions. We are very much looking forward to supporting the official supporters Charity once it is announced over the next few weeks; and we have already begun planning the next Mark Ovendale charity match with Macmillan FC, due for next summer. We'll talk anything Luton Town related (and occasionally unrelated) so come and join in, wherever you are around the world! Search Hatters Talk on Facebook and Twitter! COYH!

MASCOTS

JOEY REDDIN & JAMES CONWAY

We have the absolute pleasure of welcoming two mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Both 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 the pitch prior to kick-off. We hope you all have a day to remember with us!

Joey Reddin. Age: 9. From: Street in Somerset. Comes to matches with: Dad and grandad. Hobbies: Swimming, cycling, football and video games. Favourite Luton Town player: Jack Marriott.
James Conway. Age: 14. From: Dunstable. Comes to matches with: Uncle. Hobbies: Football and music. Favourite Luton Town players: Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu and Josh McQuoid.



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Welcome to Kenilworth Road MANSFIELD TOWN



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Mansfield Town to Kenilworth Road for our fourth home League 2 fixture of the season.

Tipped for a season of struggle by the bookies and pundits following a poor season last term – that saw them score just 38 goals, the fewest in the division – our visitors arrive in Bedfordshire buoyed by a fantastic start to the new campaign.

Manager Adam Murray, who spent a short spell here at Kenilworth Road in 2010, is, at 33, one of the youngest managers in the Football League. And his side have started the season in flying form, with the Stags currently occupying seventh place in the League 2 table.

Our visitors have only tasted defeat once so far this season and make the trip down the M1 today buoyed by a fantastic 4-0 win over Crawley in their last match last week. Their sole defeat so far was a 1-0 defeat at Accrington, but two of their three wins this season have been on their travels, with a 2-0 win at local rivals Notts County a 2-1 victory at York City.

Murray and the Field Mill faithful have every reason to be

optimistic of a better campaign this time around following the club's recruitment in the summer. The most exciting face to move to Mansfield over the close season was Matt Green. The prolific striker rejoined the Stags from Birmingham having left in 2013 after scoring the goals that helped the club win promotion from the Conference. He's got three goals in six games so far and was instrumental in their win over Crawley last weekend.

Green isn't the only former Stag to return to the club before this season began with midfielder Adam Chapman signing from Newport and experienced forward Chris Beardsley also back for a second spell.

With the presence of hugely experienced goalkeeper Brian Jensen between the sticks and with Green working in tandem in attack with Craig Westcarr, the Stags' confidence of a better season this time around is justified.

And the visitors in the Oak Road end this afternoon will be hoping

TEAM PROFILE MANSFIELD TOWN

Nickname: The Stags
Ground: Field Mill
Last season: 21st League 2
Player/Manager: Adam Murray
Last match: Crawley W 4-0

HATTERS v STAGS

Luton wins 33
Draws 14
Mansfield wins 30

their side can continue their decent record against the Hatters. The Town beat the Stags in the corresponding fixture at Kenilworth Road last season, but that Hatters victory is only our win in nine matches against Mansfield.

The Town have won only eight of 30 matches against the Stags in all competitions, but prior to their defeat here last year our visitors won on their previous visit back in February 2013. A late winner gave Mansfield a 3-2 win which went a good way towards them lifting the Conference title that season.

Of course the Stags won the last meeting between the two clubs at Mansfield back in February with a 1-0 victory. The Town have never won a League fixture at Field Mill in 13 attempts (six draws, seven defeats).

LAST MEETING

Mansfield 1-0 Luton 17/2/15

Meet the VISITORS

OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM FIELD MILL

THE BOSS

ADAM MURRAY

At 33, one of the youngest managers in the Football League, player/boss Murray took charge in 2014. A midfielder as a player, he played for a dozen clubs, including a short spell here at Kenilworth Road.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

BRIAN JENSEN

'The Beast' joined the Stags this summer as player/goalkeeper coach. The 40-year-old spent a decade at Burnley, playing in the Premier League, and also played for West Brom.

IN DEFENCE

MALVIND BENNING

Left-back Malvind joined from Walsall, where he had risen through the Saddlers' academy. Spent last season on loan at York before arriving at Field Mill this summer.

LEE COLLINS

Versatile defender Lee signed for the Stags in May this year. Played over 300 times in his career following spells at Wolves, Hereford, Port Vale, Barnsley and Northampton.

RYAN TAFAZOLLI

Fans' favourite Ryan began his career in the academy at Southampton but joined the Stags in 2012. With now over 100 appearances under his belt he is a key man in the Mansfield defence.

NICKY HUNT

Experienced right-back Nicky joined this summer. Best remembered for his 10-year spell at Bolton, but

he also appeared for Bristol City, Preston, Rotherham and Accrington.

KRYSTIAN PEARCE

Another experienced defender, Krystian began his career at Birmingham before moves to Port Vale, Scunthorpe, Peterborough, Huddersfield, Notts County and Torquay.

MITCHELL ROSE

Young utility man Mitchell became the Stags' second summer signing when making the move from Evo-Stick Premier side Ilkeston.

THE MEN IN THE MIDDLE

JAMIE MCGUIRE

Tenacious and combative midfielder Jamie made his name at Fleetwood, who he helped win the Conference. The Liverpoolian started his League career with Tranmere.

CHRIS CLEMENTS

Creative playmaker Chris is now approaching the 100-appearance mark for the Stags since joining from Hednesford three years ago. A graduate of the Crewe academy.

ADAM CHAPMAN

Summer arrival from Newport who is another player back for a second spell at Field Mill. Helped the Stags win the Conference in 2013 and has also had spells at Oxford and Sheffield United.

REGGIE LAMBE

Versatile playmaker Reggie came through the youth ranks at Ipswich but has played in Canada and Sweden. Made his Stags debut in September last year and is a Bermuda international.



NATHAN THOMAS

Summer arrival Nathan signed for the Stags on a free transfer from Motherwell. The youngster began in Sunderland's academy before a spell at Plymouth.

UP FRONT

CHRIS BEARDSLEY



Another former Stag who has returned following a previous spell, experienced forward Chris has enjoyed

spells at a host of clubs including York, Stevenage, Preston and Bristol Rovers.

ADI YUSSUF

Striker Adi arrived at Field Mill this summer having scored 26 goals for Oxford City in Conference North last season. A graduate of the Leicester academy he has also played for Burton.

CRAIG WESTCARR

Experienced striker Craig joined the Stags this summer from Portsmouth. Came through the ranks at Nottingham Forest before spells at Notts County, Cambridge, Chesterfield and Walsall.

MATT GREEN

Yet another ex-Stag back at Field Mill, prolific striker Matt hit 25 goals to help the Stags to win the Conference title. Joined Birmingham but after an injury-hit spell he rejoined this summer.

From the OAK ROAD

Fancied for a return back to the Conference after a disappointing campaign last season, Mansfield Town are fast becoming a team to watch. Stags club historian **Paul Taylor** reveals why there's a buzz at Field Mill

THE SEASON AHEAD...

The Stags are tipped to struggle this season by the experts and bookies. But forget that, what's the supporter expectation at Field Mill this season?

Considering the way we finished last season, eight defeats in the last nine games, it came as little surprise when we were tipped to struggle this time around. However in the close season Adam Murray has built a new squad with the arrival of 15 new players and, particularly as one of them is Matt Green, this has buoyed the supporters' confidence. In general the performances so far this season would indicate that we will not be near the foot of the table and a much better season lies ahead.

Adam Murray is one of the youngest managers in the Football League. What's he like, what do you expect from him and, having done so well as a player, is there less pressure on him to succeed?

Adam is a hero in Mansfield, having played a crucial part in our promotions in 2002 and 2013. Perhaps because of this the fans have been more tolerant particularly when we were struggling towards the end of last season. However the pressure is still on to succeed, particularly now that he has brought in his own players. His post-match

interviews show that he is as disappointed as any fan when the team performance is not up to scratch but equally elated when we do succeed.

This is your third season back in the Football League following promotion from the Conference. How happy are you to be back in among the League, and what do you miss – if anything – from playing in non-league?

It was one of the greatest days of my life when the whistle blew at the end of our last game in the Conference and the realization that the Stags were back. On the playing side I have not missed much about non-league, even when we were at the wrong of the table last spring. However, the Conference's idea of playing back-to-back local derbies over Christmas was a good one, particularly when I look at this year's fixture list and on Boxing Day we have a long trip to Morecambe and I don't say that with any disrespect for Morecambe.

Matt Green scored the goals that fired you to promotion that year but left to join Birmingham. He's back now, though...is he the same player? Do you have high hopes of more goals this season?

Matt is back and is looking more like the player we had two years

ago with every game. Due to serious injury he played very little football during his two years away. A player of his quality will always score goals, this is something we sorely missed last season as our 'goals for' column showed (38 goals from 46 matches, the leading goal scorer has a meagre total of seven goals). Yes, hopes are high!

Apart from Green, who is the one player in the Stags ranks to keep tabs on this year?

Jack Thomas is the one to watch. The 19-year-old local lad came through the youth ranks and into the side towards the end of last season and was a breath of fresh air. He plays in centre midfield, tackles well, can pass the ball and is not afraid to take opponents on. He scored our goal of the season in the last home game of 2014/15 against Portsmouth.

You've started the season well, winning at Notts County must have been a real confidence booster? Has that result risen expectations going forward? Can the Stags surprise the so-called experts and mount a promotion challenge?

The win at Notts County was exceptional, particularly for me as I live in Nottingham and some of my mates are County fans so I have the bragging rights at the moment.



Matt Green is back at Field Mill after scoring the goals that helped the Stags to promotion in 2013

We dominated the game from start to finish and over 2,700 Stags fans were there to see it too. That game certainly raised expectations as we now know what the team is capable of but we were brought down to earth the following game with a poor performance in a 1-0 defeat at Accrington. It is too early to talk of promotion or promotion challenges but in this game anything can happen so who knows...

SEASONS PAST...

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

Although I have lived in Nottingham for the last 40 years I am Mansfield born and bred and have been travelling back for matches over that time. I first went to Field Mill in 1968 and saw a 1-1 draw with Tranmere Rovers. I don't remember too much of the game itself but what I do remember the admission price was two shillings (10p) and the programme was 9 pence (about 4p), bring back the old days I say! My first professional game was a week earlier when my uncle took me to watch Nottingham Forest play at home to Leeds United, that was more memorable but

also not for the football, the game was abandoned at half-time when the main stand at the City Ground burnt down. Fortunately no-one was injured.

Give us your all-time Mansfield XI

Rod Arnold, Sandy Pate, Barry Foster, Peter Morris, Stuart Boam, Kevin Bird, Liam Lawrence, Ray Clarke, Dudley Roberts, Gordon Hodgson, Jim McCaffrey.

LUTON AND MANSFIELD

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

I remember Luton coming to Field Mill in 1970 for our last home game of the season needing just a point to win promotion, you secured that with a not too entertaining 0-0 draw. Luton have never won a league game at Field Mill, so most of those games have been enjoyable to me. Two games at Kenilworth Road stand out, the hard fought 3-2 win in our Championship season in 2013, we were just getting into gear at that time. A couple of years earlier a 1-1 draw in the FA Trophy semi-final took us to Wembley which was brilliant too, a much better game that the final as it turned out!

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? At the moment I would take a point. Luton have not made a good start but I think you will soon be rising up the table. Of course I am predicting that Mansfield will win 2-1, it will be a hard fought game. The seating in your away end is not the most comfortable but having sat in Accrington's visitors seats it is not the worst either! When I stood up there after last season's visit there I had forgotten I had a left leg. This year I stood behind the goal, at least I could still walk when I left.

QUICKFIRE

Terrace or Seats? Seats

Chesterfield or Notts County?

Notts County, I will not use the 'C' word!

Matt Green or Chris Greenacre? Matt Green

Guess your player of the season

Jack Thomas

Promotion of 2013 or promotion of 2002? 2013

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

Dudley Roberts

Most treasured Mansfield piece of memorabilia?

1928/29 Arsenal vs Mansfield Town programme

What league will Mansfield be in next season? League 2

Who will win promotion from League 2? Portsmouth, Plymouth Argyle, Leyton Orient and Wycombe Wanderers

COVER STORY

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

LUTON TOWN 4 MANSFIELD TOWN 2

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE
18TH SEPTEMBER 1968

Newly promoted Luton Town started the 1968/69 season just as they had finished the previous campaign – in winning form.

The huge sum of £90,000 had been spent that summer on Mike Harrison, Laurie Sheffield and Brian Lewis and the new boys made their debut in a 4-0 hammering of Oldham on the opening day. The sun shone down on the 14,747 crowd who watched Harrison, Lewis, Keith Allen and Fred Jardine score the goals that brought about a good humoured pitch invasion at the end.

A hard fought 0-0 draw at Barrow followed, which set up a home game against relegated Rotherham. Another sun drenched crowd saw Bruce Rioch score twice in the first 15 minutes to set up a sparkling 3-1 win as the Hatters became early season League leaders.

With the Town support at fever pitch the lead at the top was consolidated the following Wednesday night when Barnsley were seen off 5-1 before a crowd of 15,899. The game included a goal from Rioch, who beat four men in a run from his own half, which will be fondly remembered by those fortunate enough to be there.

The good form continued with a 3-1 win at Gillingham, a 0-0 draw at Orient and another home victory, this time against Tranmere, leading up to the long awaited home clash with second placed Mansfield.

Enthusiasm had reached a high point and a crowd of 19,315 was present to see the game open in amazing fashion when golden boy Rioch was dismissed for allegedly striking an opponent following a goalmouth melee.



Bruce Rioch, who was dismissed after three minutes

The local evening newspaper carried a series of photographs in its next edition in an attempt to vindicate Rioch, but a simple reference to the 5,000 behind the Oak Road goal would have saved all the bother!

BELLIGERENT

The sense of injustice felt by the team and the crowd, who were to be deprived of a player for 87 minutes, meant that the rest of the match was played in an unreal atmosphere which bordered on the belligerent.

As so often happens in these cases, the 10 men fought like 12 and their sheer persistence was rewarded by a doubtful penalty duly tucked away by Harrison midway through the first half. The second period opened with Mansfield

determined to make the extra man tell and with the Town tiring, Doug Jones netted an equaliser. With the Town down to nine men for periods when both John Moore and Terry Branston had to leave the field for running repairs, they were beginning to look a sorry sight, but were than thrown a lifeline by the inconsistent referee.

Mansfield's Phil Waller was sent off for an innocuous tackle on Lewis and it appeared at the time that the official was attempting to level the sides up once more.

The Hatters now found fresh reserves of energy and four minutes later Sheffield headed home a Harrison cross before Lewis scored a solo goal to put the game beyond doubt.

The drama was not yet over, though, with French collecting the

ball in his own penalty area and then proceeding to lope the length of the pitch, beating three players and the goalkeeper in the process before firing home. A fantastic goal on a fantastic evening.

Many say that the goal was the finest seen on the Kenilworth Road pitch and that if the cameras were there they would still be replaying it today. Certainly I have never seen a better goal but credit should be given to Lewis who took defenders with him on a mazy decoy run.

LUTON TOWN: Read, Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston (McDerment), Moore, French, Lewis, Sheffield, Rioch, Harrison.

MANSFIELD TOWN: Hollins, Roberts, Hopkinson, Quigley, Boam, Waller, Frude, Partridge, Ledger, Goodfellow, Jones.

THE PROGRAMME



Nothing much to write home about with the Town's 20-page programme which was merely an elongated version of the offering that had grown steadily worse over the previous eight years.

In the Club Notes section it is mentioned that the Town players were travelling to Brighton the following day for a bit of rest and recreation before their clash with Albion at the weekend – it did not work as we lost!

Attempts were also being made to screen the forthcoming League Cup tie at Goodison Park against Everton by closed circuit television. If it did become a definite then a 15,000 crowd would be needed to break even. In the event it was not screened and we went down 5-1 to one of the best sides I have ever seen.

One of the adverts offered the new Vauxhall Viva at £650 including purchase tax. With 'space – curve' styling and coil spring suspension, how could you refuse?



DEFINING MOMENTS

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

1969 FA CUP GIANTKILLERS

Mansfield Town swept to a 3-0 FA Cup fifth round victory over West Ham in front of 21,117 at Field Mill on 26th February 1969, the first time the Stags had ever defeated a top-flight side. The Hammers, including World Cup trio Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters, missed several chances before Dudley Roberts gave Mansfield the lead after 22 minutes. Ray Keeley doubled the Stags' advantage on 37 minutes and Nick Sharkey killed off the opponents four minutes into the second half. The match had been postponed five times because of heavy snowfalls and because of this the Stags appeared for the first and only time so far in the semi-final draw.

1975 STAGS IN SEVENTH HEAVEN

The Stags clinched the Fourth Division title with a thrilling 7-0 victory over Scunthorpe United at Field Mill on 21st April 1975. Dave Smith's side had lost only six games all season and went ahead with goals by Ray Clarke and Gordon Hodgson in a seven minute spell midway through the first half. Terry Eccles made it three on 49 minutes and John Lathan added another in the 73rd minute. Clarke scored Mansfield's fifth on 77 minutes and Lathan netted his second before Kevin Bird rounded off the historic occasion in the 86th minute. The Stags were the highest scorers in the Football League that season with 90 goals, gaining a then club record 68 points.

1977 THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Mansfield secured the Third Division title with a 1-0 victory over Wrexham in front of 20,706 at the Racecourse Ground on 14th May 1977. Wrexham desperately needed a win to clinch promotion at Crystal

Palace's expense and piled on the pressure but leading scorer Billy Ashcroft missed two great chances, while 'Player of the Year' Rod Arnold made brilliant saves to deny Graham Whittle and Ashcroft. Mansfield snatched the winner just 90 seconds from time when Kevin Randall crossed for his striking partner Ernie Moss to score his 20th goal of the season. The Stags had reached the Second Division for the first time in the club's history.

1986 PROMOTION WINNERS

Our visitors clinched promotion back to the Third Division with an emphatic 4-0 victory over Hartlepool United at Field Mill on 22nd April 1986. Ian Greaves' side attacked from the start and broke the deadlock on 18 minutes when Keith Cassells glanced in Paul Garner's free-kick. Mansfield doubled their lead after 29 minutes as Cassells' cross was deflected by Tom



Stags fans celebrate promotion in 2013



Adam Murray lifts the Conference championship trophy aloft

Kelly into his own net. Paul Dobson and Tony Smith went close to reducing the deficit before Cassells scored his second goal in the 68th minute. Neville Chamberlain made it four on 81 minutes with his 20th goal of the season to wrap up promotion and start the celebrations on the terraces.

1987 WEMBLEY WINNERS

The Stags defeated holders Bristol City in the Freight Rover Trophy final watched by 58,586 at Wembley Stadium on 24th May 1987. The Stags went ahead through Kevin Kent in the 57th minute and almost scored again soon after when substitute Ian Stringfellow headed against the bar. Keith Cassells and Mark Kearney also went close, while Kevin Hitchcock brilliantly palmed away a David Moyes header. Glyn Riley snatched an equaliser with only three minutes remaining and the match went to penalties after no further goals in extra-time. Hitchcock made two great penalty saves and Tony Kenworthy's spot-kick clinched a 5-4 win in the shoot-out.

1992 FOSTER'S FAVOURITES

George Foster's side clinched promotion with a 2-1 Fourth Division victory at home to Rochdale on 2nd May 1992. The visitors started well and Jason Pearcey had to save bravely from ex-Stags midfielder John Ryan, then Gary Ford cleared Alan Reeves' header off the line. Wayne Fairclough headed against the bar at the other end. Mansfield broke the deadlock on 48 minutes when Phil Stant's shot was hacked off the line but Ian Stringfellow followed up to score. Stant rounded off a sweet four man move to double the Stags' advantage

after 73 minutes. Ford cleared a Mark Leonard shot off the line, then Mark Payne scored Rochdale's last-gasp consolation goal.

2002 WATKISS' WONDERS

Stuart Watkiss' Mansfield side secured promotion with a 2-0 Third Division win over Carlisle United at Field Mill on 20th April 2002. The Stags attacked from the start in front of 8,638, their biggest crowd of the season, taking the lead after five minutes when Wayne Corden scored following a corner. Ian Stevens fired over the bar at the other end before Mansfield doubled their lead on 30 minutes when Andy White blasted the ball home after another corner. The Stags were well on top and strolled through the second half amid a party atmosphere. At the end, thousands of fans ran onto the pitch to celebrate promotion as the defeat of rivals Cheltenham at Plymouth was confirmed.

2013 FOOTBALL LEAGUE RETURN

Mansfield regained Football League status after an absence of five years by winning the Blue Square Premier title in 2012/13. Paul Cox's side suffered a surprise defeat at Braintree with just one week of the season left which enabled Kidderminster Harriers to go a point clear at the top of the table after winning at Wrexham. But Mansfield had a priceless game in hand at Hereford United on 16th April 2013 and the chance to regain pole position. The Stags fought back to force a 2-1 victory with leading scorer Matt Green netting a late winner, giving them a two point advantage on the final day. They clinched the title with a 1-0 win at home to Wrexham.

The Stags were outside the Play-Off places at Christmas time in 2012 before a strong second half of the season saw them surge to the top to win the title

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Numbers **GAME**

MANSFIELD AND THE HATTERS IN NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

The League Cup win in 1989 is the one and only time the Hatters have won a game at Mansfield. In 15 visits the Hatters have lost eight. In 13 League meetings at Field Mill the Town have not tasted victory, drawing six and losing seven.

7-2

The Hatters' biggest win over Mansfield came in League Cup second round second leg tie at Kenilworth Road in 1989. Danish international striker Lars Elstrup scored a hat-trick, while Roy Wegerle scored twice. David Preece and John Dreyer were also on target.

HEAD 2 HEAD

30 PLAYED

8 LUTON WINS

11 DRAWS

11 MANSFIELD WINS

51 LUTON GOALS SCORED

49 MANSFIELD GOALS SCORED

1932 YEAR OF FIRST MEETING

The Hatters ran out 3-1 winners in the first match between the two sides in a Division 3 (South) fixture in 1932.

16

The total amount of goals scored across the two legs of the League Cup ties in 1989. The Town also won the first leg at Field Mill 4-3 with Wegerle and Elstrup both scoring twice.

6.28

In seven matches between the two clubs between 1989 and 2009 each game averaged an incredible 6.28 goals per game. As well as the 11-5 aggregate win in the League Cup, the following five meetings saw the following scorelines: 1-4, 5-3, 2-3, 2-3 and 4-1.



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In the 15 matches played at Kenilworth Road against the Stags, the Town have only failed to score once – in a goalless draw in front of the live television cameras in January 2012.

DID YOU KNOW?

Both sides played out five successive draws between March 2011 and November 2012 during both clubs' tenure in the Conference. One of those was a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in an FA Trophy semi-final second leg that saw the Stags win on aggregate to reach the Wembley final.



19,315

The largest attendance to watch a Luton versus Mansfield game came in September 1968. This game, that the Town won 4-2, is best remembered for the wonder goal scored by Graham French.

2009

Following their relegation to the Conference, the Hatters' first match at Kenilworth Road in the division came against the Stags. The Town also recorded their first in the competition by winning 4-1.

MANSFIELD TOWN TROPHY CABINET

Division Four Champions **1975**

Division Three Champions **1977**

Football League Trophy Winners **1987**

Football Conference Champions **2013**

ATTENDANCE

6,298

1,425 Luton

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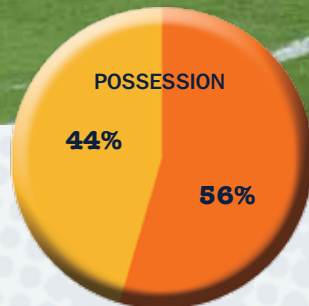


WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters picked up their first League 2 win of the season with victory at 10-man Cambridge. Luke Guttridge swept the Town ahead with a stunning lofted finish from 30 yards in the 21st minute, but the lead only lasted seven minutes when Leon Legge headed the hosts level.

The home side had missed a number of decent first half chances but the Hatters were handed a route into the game on 64 minutes when United midfielder Harrison Dunk was sent-off for a second bookable offence.

Straight from the free-kick that led to the dismissal the Hatters took the lead when Luke Wilkinson nodded home Danny Green's free-kick. With their man advantage, the Town held the home side at bay and Green added a third goal with six minutes left to seal their first win in League 2 at the sixth attempt.



STARTING XI - 5TH SEPTEMBER 2015	
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SUBSTITUTES	
DODDSON, BLAKE, BLITHE, BEAGANT, COULSON, TAPP, NEWTON	INGHAM, MALL, RYDERICK, BRADANT, WELLS, BAKER, BENTON



STILL SAID:

“My teams take a while to get going, are we there yet? No. This is a good win and a very good performance but I believe we'll get stronger and stronger and better and better. I know what my teams are like, I've been doing it a long while and if you can just be patient then gradually it will come round. I was pleased for the boys. I think they've come in for some unfair criticism but I know what they can do. I thought we controlled the game in the second half regardless of the red card.”



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REACTION

DUO REFLECT ON CAMBRIDGE VICTORY

Luke Guttridge played down his wonder strike at Cambridge after helping the Town to their first win of the season two weeks ago.

The 33-year-old former United man put the Hatters on their way to victory with a sublime 30-yard shot in the first half.

"Luckily, it has dropped kindly and I've seen the keeper backtracking," explained Guttridge to Hatters Player afterwards. "Sometimes you hit them and they go in and other times they don't. Today it has gone in.

"Instinct took over and I knew the goalkeeper was off his line so I addressed it and tried to get as solid a connection as I could.

"Thankfully I've caught it sweet as a nut and it's gone in. I don't know why the keeper bothered diving!"

Having played an instrumental role in the Hatters' 2-1 win over Leyton Orient in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in our last home match, and with Paddy McCourt and Cameron

McGeehan unavailable, Guttridge kept his place in the starting XI at the Abbey Stadium.

The appearance was the midfielder's first League start of the season and the Town goalscorer hopes his

performances can lead to a regular place in John Still's side.

"From a personal point of view it's just nice to get out and play some games," Guttridge said. "It has been frustrating. I've been 100 per cent fit, training really well and I'm disappointed I've had to wait as long as I have.

"An opportunity has arisen. Cam has been suspended, Paddy is on international duty and I've gone from being in the stands and nowhere near the team to being given a chance and hopefully it give the manager a bit of food for thought."

KICK-START

But three points were the most important aspect of the afternoon and Guttridge believes the Town can now climb the table after recording their first win in League 2.

"It's been what we've needed this season. Something to kick-start us," he said.

"Performances have been better than where the league position puts us but it's a first league win and now we've done that hopefully we can kick on."

Meanwhile, fellow goalscorer Luke Wilkinson hopes the Hatters can build on the win at the Abbey.

The 24-year-old centre-half restored the lead with a bullet header after the home side had cancelled out Guttridge's stunning early strike, before the



GUTTRIDGE'S GOALS

Luke Guttridge scored his 18th goal in Luton colours in what was his 65th appearance for the club. It was just the third time the midfielder had scored a goal away from Kenilworth Road. His two previous strikes on the road came in 5-0 wins at Alfreton and Nuneaton during 2013/14.

Hatters went onto wrap up all three points late on thanks to Danny Green's finish.

"The most disappointing thing about waiting this long for a win is knowing what talent we've got in the squad," Wilkinson told Hatters Player after the win.

"Like the gaffer says, we do tend to start a bit slowly but now's the time to pick it up, there's no more excuses. We've got to push on and climb the league now.

"This first win has been a long time coming. In the second half we came out and really showed what we're made of."



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Traveller's TALES



HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER RECALLS HIS AND THE TOWN'S TRIP TO THE ABBEY STADIUM

The journey

On a reasonably sunny day a couple of Bobbers coaches left the Interchange just after 12pm to head to Cambridge hoping to see the Town's first league win of the season. The journey was a relatively simple one going up the A6 and the A1 to Cambridgeshire and we got to the drop off point just after 1.30. After a 15-minute walk we were inside the ground well before kick-off.

Rating:

The ground

Nothing has changed at the Abbey Stadium since our last trip there. Town fans were given the seated stand behind the goal which has a decent view, although you're about 20 yards from the nearest goal which isn't ideal. As stands go it wasn't a bad one and we were able to create a decent atmosphere

Rating:

The food

The usual burgers, hot dogs and bacon rolls were available at their tea bar behind the stand along with the regular crisps, chocolate

and hot and cold drinks. It was all reasonably priced and the queues went quickly so all good there.

Rating:

The programme

A 62-page programme was produced for this match with the now traditional welcome from Richard Money where he never refers to us as Luton. This time we were 'old adversaries'. There were two pages on the Town's current squad and one on our former players and that was it in terms of interest for Hatters fans.

Rating:

The match

This was one of the better games of the season – and not just because of the result! We started well and were ahead after 20 minutes when a loose ball broke to Luke Guttridge 35 yards out and he delightfully lobbed the keeper on his former home ground. The lead didn't last two long as Cambridge scored from a header from a free-kick so we were level at the break.

The second half was all us. Cambridge were reduced to 10

men when Harrison Dunk went for a second yellow. He could've gone for his first booking really. Straight after the red Luke Wilkinson powered a header home and we wrapped up the match with a terrific team goal finished by Danny Green to crown a really good away performance.

Rating:

Man-of-the-match

Craig Mackail-Smith was different class in this match. He may not have scored but he did everything else. He hassled the defenders all day long and played significant parts in the first and third goals. His work-rate was amazing and a real reason why the game was played mostly in Cambridge's half.

Summary

Our best day of the season so far. It is always good to put one over Richard Money and even better to be back in Luton as early as 6.30 which was the case here. All in all we travelled 102.5 miles on a day which will hopefully have launched out league campaign into life!

OVERALL RATING

16 out of 25

**MILES TRAVELLED
THIS SEASON**

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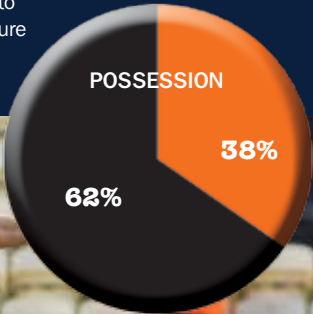
WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters' conceded another last-minute goal as they fell to a fourth defeat this season despite rallying from two goals down to level on a dramatic afternoon at Meadow Lane.

With 20 minutes to play the Town looked down and out after two goals from Notts striker Izale McLeod had given County a 2-0 lead. But substitute Cameron McGeehan halved the deficit on 71 minutes and five minutes later

Jonathan Smith's stunning low effort completed the comeback to restore parity.

However, for the fourth time this term, the Town were sunk by a late goal when, after Scott Cuthbert was sent-off for bringing down McLeod in injury time, Liam Noble curled home the resultant free-kick to break Hatters hearts and secure all three points for County.



		
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STILL SAID:

“I thought we played OK in the first half, we were a bit unfortunate to be behind. Second half we got killed early on at 2-0. We kept playing our football, kept attacking and we got back in it. Two goals away from home should get you something from the game, but our defending is disappointing.”



REACTION

SMITH REFLECTS ON LAST-GASP NOTTS LOSS

Midfielder Jonathan Smith was left disappointed after another late goal cost the Hatters dearly in their 3-2 defeat at Notts County last week.

It was the fourth time the Town had conceded a goal in the 90th minute this season, which sunk the Hatters to a fourth defeat of the campaign.

The set-back was hard to take for Smith with County's last-minute winner harsh on a Town side who had dominated the second half.

"I'm just really disappointed," said Smith afterwards. "We've got to at least take a draw out of that, and even getting a point would have left us wanting more."

An end-to-end first-half left the Hatters going into the break one down, with Izale McLeod getting the first of his two goals just after the half-hour mark, but Smith was confident of a Town fightback.

STRONG

"We were unhappy to go into the break a goal down, but we had the confidence that we were going to be strong enough to come back – just like we did against Cambridge last week. I had a feeling we would, and we proved that, but unfortunately right at the death we've been done."

"Conceding just after half-time is not ideal, but like I said we came out stronger and fought hard to get it back to 2-2 and we were still pushing. Craig [Mackail-Smith] was running them ragged and I thought we were going to find a winner, or at least take something out of the game."

Two goals in the space of five minutes had the Town back on level

terms, with Cameron McGeehan continuing his fine goal-scoring before Smith himself fired home from 25 yards on 76 minutes to make it all square.

Smith insists, however, that he would have traded in his goal for some points from the trip to Meadow Lane.

WORKING

"That goal means nothing now that we've lost – at the time I was happy, obviously, but I would have taken not scoring and for us to have gotten something out of the game," admitted the 28-year-old. "I know I can play a lot better myself so I've got to keep trying and working hard on my game."

"It was a great lay-off from Ryan [Hall] – it set me up perfectly and it was just there to be hit really, and fortunately I caught it right and it went right in the corner. I took a chance and thankfully it paid off."

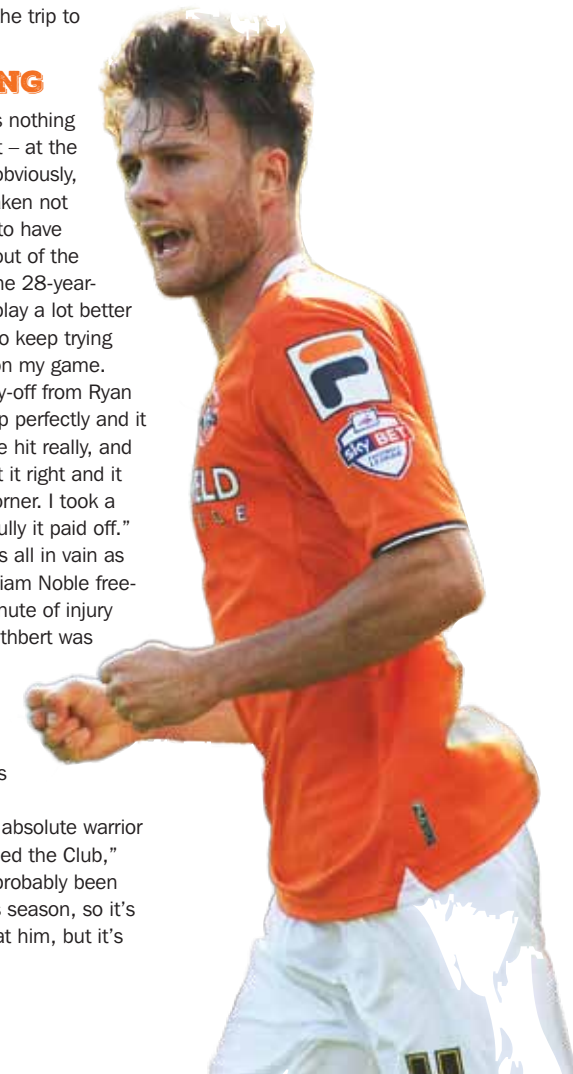
Smith's strike was all in vain as the Town fell to a Liam Noble free-kick in the third minute of injury time after Scott Cuthbert was sent off.

But Smith insists the centre-back is not the sole cause of the Town's loss.

"Scott's been an absolute warrior for us since he joined the Club," Smith said. "He's probably been our best player this season, so it's hard to have a go at him, but it's

not just down to one player, it's the team too."

"I felt the red card was harsh – there was a tangle of legs and I'm not sure what the rules exactly are, but I felt it was a bit tough."



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Traveller's TALES



TOWN FAN KEVIN HARPER CONTINUES HIS AROUND-THE-UK ADVENTURE FOLLOWING THE HATTERS ON THE ROAD. HERE'S THE STORY FROM LAST WEEKEND'S TRIP TO NOTTS COUNTY

The journey

If our journey last week was simple this one wasn't! I was on one of two Bobbers coaches which left Luton interchange just after 11.30am but just as we set off news came through of a couple of accidents on the M1.

We tried to get on the M1 at Junction 11 and 13 but both were well clogged up and in the end we had to abandon the M1 route and take the A1 and A52 to Nottingham. That all added time on the journey but we made it to Meadow Lane just before 2.30pm.

Rating:

The ground

I hadn't been to Meadow Lane for a while and I had forgotten just how nice a ground it is. It is all-seater with four big stands on each side of the pitch. The Town fans had the Jimmy Sirrell Stand down one side of the pitch and almost 1,700 of us embarked on it.

The view from the stand was good and the stand was good for creating a decent atmosphere which on the back of two wins going into this game we made sure we did!

Rating:

The food

There were only a couple of kiosks under the stand so the queues were fairly long but the usual burgers, hot dogs and pies were available along with the regular confectionary you see at football grounds. Hot and cold drinks as well as alcohol were also on offer so there was something for everyone.

Rating:

The programme

For this game it was a small 68-page book that was produced. Town were welcomed in the chairman's page. There was an interview with their manager about 'football philosophy' whatever that is (!) and four pages on the Town including highlighting Craig Mackail-Smith as our 'marquee signing'. To be honest it was pretty average fare.

Rating:

The match

A neutral would have enjoyed this but in the end Town fans not so. We started it quite well, enjoying plenty of possession and playing some nice stuff but just before half-time County went ahead through a close range header. Straight after the break Izale McLeod made it

2-0 to the home side but the Town stayed patient and drew level thanks to goals from Cameron McGeehan and a superb Jonathan Smith strike from long range. Ultimately it was heartache in injury time as a ball over the top wasn't dealt with. Scott Cuthbert saw red for a professional foul and the resulting free kick ended up in our top corner to confirm a 3-2 defeat.

Rating:

Man-of-the-match

Scott Griffiths for me here. The Hatters left-back had a hand in our opening goal and he got forward quite well throughout and did his best against a tricky winger.

Summary

A disappointing day in the end. Thankfully the journey home was better than the one there and I was back home before 8pm. Hopefully we can bounce back with a win against Mansfield. Total miles: 203

OVERALL RATING
14 out of 25
MILES TRAVELLED
THIS SEASON
1,023.5

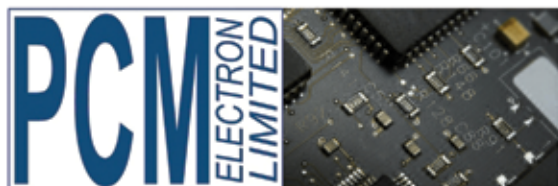
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Our Official CHARITY



**Child Bereavement
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Luton Town are delighted to announce that Friends of CHUMS, the Child Bereavement, Trauma and Emotional Wellbeing Service will be our official Club charity for the 2015/16 season.

Friends of CHUMS exists to support the work of CHUMS - the Bereavement, Trauma and Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and Young People in Bedfordshire. The charity initially raised funds to support the Trauma Service, as well as some of their workshops and the annual Remembrance Service.

In response to local need, the charity has expanded its role to support a new non-bereavement trauma service (for sexual abuse and witness to domestic violence), a recreational therapeutic service for children who can't readily engage in talking therapies and is currently raising funds to launch an emergency suicide response service so that families are not alone in the aftermath of this devastating event.

Friends of CHUMS Chief Executive Dawn Hewitt said: "I am absolutely delighted that 'Friends of CHUMS' has been chosen by Luton Town as their charity of the year. It is a fantastic boost to us as a children's mental health and emotional wellbeing service. We very much look forward to working alongside the Club to improve the lives of vulnerable children and young people across Luton and Bedfordshire who struggle with compromised mental health."

Luton Town Chief Executive Gary Sweet said: "A local Football Club has a unique opportunity to support its community, and this is particularly true of Luton Town. In



recent months we've introduced a number of initiatives which we will continue to have an impact locally - including our link-up with Prostate Cancer UK last season, our commitment to paying the Living Wage and our continuing support of Luton Foodbank.

"The Club has a long history of supporting local organisations wherever possible. This season we decided that in choosing a smaller number of 'official' charity partners we would be able to offer the maximum possible impact both through fundraising and awareness. We are delighted to welcome Friends of CHUMS as our first official charity. It's an organisation that was set up locally, and through its vital work, supports many young people and families among whom I know there are Luton Town supporters."

Level Trust

The final staff vote was tied between Friends of CHUMS and Level Trust so their tenure as Club

charity of the year will be deferred until the 2016/17 season.

Jane Malcolm, Director at Level Trust said: "Level Trust are delighted to have been chosen as Luton Town Football Club Charity of the Year for 2016/17."

"Like us, the Club are passionate about supporting the community in Luton, so we are very excited about developing a partnership with them which we know will enable us to help many more local children who are struggling with the effects of poverty."

The announcement that Friends of CHUMS are our official Club charity of the year will be followed in the coming weeks with news of the Players' selection and then a public vote online to choose the supporter's charity of the year.

The Club's charity committee will be meeting with Friends of Chums in the coming days, and we will publish further details as to how we will be supporting them as soon as possible.

PICTURE the PAST

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

Bruce Rioch attempts to head goalwards during the clash against Mansfield at Field Mill in April 1969. We went down 1-0 which more or less put paid to our hopes of promotion for that season. There were happier times 12 months later though as a 0-0 draw at Field Mill confirmed that we would be going back to Division Two (now the Championship).



THE CAMERA never LIES

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



Steve Buckley blasts an indirect free-kick into the wall during the meeting with Mansfield at Kenilworth Road in December 1977. The game finished 1-1 with Ron Fletcher heading home the Town's goal. An odd spot from that match was that Mansfield had to use the Hatters' second strip due to a clash of colours.

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PLAYER PROFILE

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POSITION: WINGER

NUMBER 11 DANNY GREEN SIGNED WITH THE HATTERS THIS SUMMER. GREEN'S CAREER BEGAN AT CHARLTON ATHLETIC, THEN COMING THROUGH THE RANKS AT NORTHAMPTON, AND NOTTINGHAM FOREST. GREEN MADE A BIG IMPACT AT DAGENHAM BETWEEN 2009 AND 2011 APPEARING 88 TIMES AND SCORING 24 GOALS BEFORE RETURNING TO CHARLTON WHERE HE MADE 62 APPEARANCES BETWEEN 2011 AND 2014



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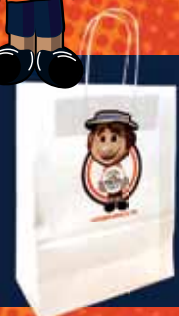
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MANSFIELD TOWN

The Stags play their home football at Field Mill - which is also known as the 'One Call Stadium' and play their home games in a blue and yellow kit. Manager Adam Murray is one of the youngest in the Football League at just 33 and made seven appearances as a Luton Town player in 2010.

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Luton LADIES

The Town Ladies have continued their impressive start to the season climbing into second place and remaining unbeaten in the league.

The first of three away trips brought a 3-0 away win over Bedford. Shanice Jimenez opened the scoring in the second minute with a dipping 25-yard effort with Michelle Byrne adding a second with an assured finish after just 18 minutes. A 48th-minute run and chip from Natasha Fensome made the game safe.

A Zara Carroll penalty and a 30-yard strike from Erica Byron gave the Town a 2-2 draw at Cambridge United. The U's were very happy with their point which was almost taken from them when Carroll's shot was flying into the top corner only to be clawed away by the impressive Cambridge keeper.

POWERFUL

Last weekend the Hatters completed their first league double of the season with a comfortable 2-0 win over Lowestoft Town. The first half was goalless with Town winger Abbie Luby coming closest to opening the scoring with a powerful strike which the keeper tipped onto the crossbar and over.

The opening goal finally arrived from a far post corner which dropped to Rachel Carter who smashed her shot into the roof of the net. Luton continued peppering the visitors' goal with shots from both Michelle Byrne and Luby again striking the woodwork. The second

goal finally arrived when Carroll struck a perfectly-flighted free-kick onto the head of Byrne who finished with a powerful header.

Hatters manager Nikki Baker said: "We've had a great start to the season, especially considering we have been plagued by serious injuries so early on.

PLEASING

"The point at Cambridge should have been three but we paid the price for some poor play at both ends of the pitch. Lowestoft was a pleasing result as we changed formation and dominated the game and a 5-0 win would not have flattered us. Upcoming games against Milton Keynes and Gillingham will be much sterner tests, however."

The Development squad were off the mark very quickly storming into a 3-0 first half lead hosting Comets with goals from Jodi McClelland and first senior goals for Phoebe Brown and Rosie White-McColl. The second half was a much sterner test with the visitors pulling back two goals but, in spite of a few nerve jangling moments, the Town held on for all three points.

Meanwhile the Under-16s kicked off their season with season with a 2-1 win over Bury Rangers. Chloe Fitzsimmons and Jodie Brooks were the goalscorers.

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23 Lowestoft Town (A) W 3-1

SEPTEMBER

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6 Cambridge United (A) D 2-2
13 Lowestoft Town (H) W 2-0
20 MK Dons (A)

23 Bedford (H)
27 Gillingham (H)

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)

Perhaps most pleasing was the newly-formed Under-13 squad's 3-1 win over Biggleswade United. Brooklyn Morgan-Lindemann, Ellie Perkins and Shanice Thompson were the scorers in their first victory in Town colours.

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

Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

easyJet Free Schools Visit Project & School Sport Programme

Thanks to continued support from easyjet our free schools visit project, which provides free curriculum time football coaching and PE lessons to all schools within Luton and Bedfordshire, kicked off last week for another season.

In fact this year the project is going from strength to strength thanks to our continued two year funding from the Premier League school sport programme as a result of our Football League status. With easyJet remaining as Community Trust sponsor and the additional Premier League funding this season, Luton Town Community Trust will be visiting over 40 schools and coaching over 1,500 local school children every single week during term time free of charge. That adds up to over 55,000 kids a year and over 1,500 free PE lessons for local schools!

Our free school visit project and school sport programme is designed to provide primary schools with support in improving

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the provision of PE and sport and physical activities, both during curriculum and extra-curriculum time. The aim is to provide higher quality, positive experiences for the pupils, enabling positive teaching and learning, alongside increased participation opportunities and playing pathways. This support to schools includes PE curriculum lessons, planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) activities, enrichment sessions, through to breakfast clubs, lunch-time activities and after-school clubs and also a range of competitive opportunities for children, helping inter-school and district schools football programmes.

Football development officer

James Hatch, who oversees the project on behalf of the Community Trust said: "We always have a great response from local schools who have asked us to come in and help with all kinds of requests from running lunch time clubs to coaching the schools' football teams.

"This season with the continued funding from easyJet and the continued grant from the Premier League we will be able to go more schools than ever each week to promote the Club to the next generation of supporters."

"The funding is great because we can now get all of our local schools involved with the Club at no cost to them."



"We hope this project will not only help schools with providing quality PE lessons but also by getting the children involved with Luton Town provide future supporters of the Club and as well as maybe even future academy players who come in as part of our school talent identification programme.

For any schools looking to be involved in the project you can contact James Hatch or Kyle Durcan at the Club on 01582 737568 or via email at schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk.

Female Football Development

Another major Trust initiative that easyKet are supporting is our Female Football Development Programme (FFD) in partnership with the Football League Trust and both the FA and Bedfordshire FA. The FFD programme was launched in 2014 in England with a goal to inspire the future female game, aiming to play an integral role in the progression of the women's and girls' game and drive participation growth and retention through the delivery of sessions built around fun, friends, and fitness.

Last season we joined nearly every other Football League club in delivering FFD sessions aimed at 14-25 year-olds in and around Luton and South Beds. Such was the success of our project and the take up from local high schools and colleges that this season our funding has been increased by the FA which will allow us to set up new centres in local schools and colleges to engage with fresh participants in Bedford and Mid-Bedfordshire as part of the new FA women's and girls' programme.



It's a big national programme and overall £2.4m will have been invested over a three year period via Sport England in an attempt to make Women's football the second-most played team sport in England with a target of 40,000 new players.

We hope to play an important part along with all other Football League clubs in helping to account for over a third of the national target, firstly by breaking down elite barriers, so our FFD will offer the opportunity for players of all abilities to join the female football revolution. We hope many participants will be enjoying their first real kicks, whilst for others, the sessions will aim to reignite a sporting passion, by easing back into playing - but pressure free! Through our proposed different approaches, such as incorporating music and allowing participants ownership of sessions, we aim to bring the beautiful game to life for women and girls, taking players from disengagement to playing for a team maybe within the space of few weeks.

Of course, new participants falling in love with the game for the first time, or all over again, have numerous pathways to graduate beyond grassroots at the Club through our pro-active partnership with Luton Ladies and whether participants wish to excel in playing, become a coach that inspires the future generation, or maybe combine education with playing in the future, then we now have the opportunity to offer the same through this partnership.

Our first session kicked off last week at Challney Girls' School and Central Beds College, and if you want to take part in any of our FFD centres then give us a call at the Community office on 01582 737568 or email Matty Collett at schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk for more information.





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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMY
MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

Afternoon all, it has been a busy couple of weeks since the last update, so here goes on the current progress and latest news from within the Academy.

Under-18s

It is encouraging to see the Under-18s continuing their impressive start to the season. Recent league victories away at Cambridge United (2-0) and at home to Leyton Orient (3-0) have been really pleasing for our Under-18s coach Paul Driver. We showed great professionalism and controlled the game away at Cambridge and followed that up with a comprehensive performance against the O's. Freddie Hinds deserves a special mention for two fantastically taken goals during the Orient game. Both goals were wonderful strikes, one left-footed and the other with his right, and they set us on our way before the interval.

The lads followed up their fine league start with a well-deserved 2-0 victory away at Bristol Rovers in the first round of the League Cup. We have been drawn at home to Dagenham & Redbridge in the next round.

Schoolboys

The Academy schoolboy fixtures are under way, with us starting off with a round of Sunday morning matches a couple of weeks ago versus Dagenham & Redbridge, followed by fixtures the following week against Barnet.

Both Ross O'Kane (Lead Foundation Phase Coach – Under-7s-Under-11s) and Jordan McCann (Lead Youth Development Phase Coach – Under-12s –Under-16s) were highly impressed with the boys' effort, application and attitude.

Staff

I have been busy making small changes to the Academy staff structure recently. This has seen us recruit Carl Craner (Head of Education and Welfare) from Northampton and Paul Reed has joined us as our new Under-11 Coach.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to them both and I am sure, as I have found, they will enjoy working at Luton Town.

In addition we have strengthened the Academy recruitment department with Lee Cowley now heading up that area and working closely with Kevin Thoburn from our Community department, as we continue to try and unearth the next batch of local talent.

Lastly, but most importantly, I am absolutely delighted to inform you that our Under-16 Coach, Joe Deeney, has been given really positive news as he continues to recover from his recent battle with cancer. Joe is now back in coaching

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 D 1-1

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1 Sep Bristol Rovers A W 2-0
Sat Sep 5 Cambridge United A W 2-0
Sat Sep 12 Leyton Orient H W 3-0
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

the boys in the evenings and on Sundays. Everybody connected with the Club is delighted to see him back in at work. Good to have you back in the thick of the action Joe!

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Youth PROFILE



FREDRICK HINDS

Name: **Fredrick Hinds**

Date of birth: **28/1/1999**

Birthplace: **Ilford**

Position: **Striker**

Year joined Luton: **2006**

WHY DID YOU JOIN LUTON TOWN?

Because I wanted the best chance of becoming a professional footballer.

WHAT WAS THE BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP?

Always believe in yourself.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL SO FAR?

Being named player of the tournament in Germany.

WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A KID?

Tottenham

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND?

Ronaldinho

WHAT OTHER SPORTS ARE YOU GOOD AT?

None.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT?

PE

WHO IS YOUR MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE?

Jack Snelus

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

Craig Mackail-Smith

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB APART FROM BEING A FOOTBALLER?

Professional gamer!

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF MUSIC?

Rap and hip-hop.

WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION FOR THIS SEASON?

To win the Under-18s league, go as far as we can in the FA Youth Cup and score 25+ goals.

FREDDIE ON TARGET

Hinds has got three goals to his name for the Hatters' Under-18s already this season, including a brace in last Saturday's 3-0 win over Leyton Orient. His first goal was another goal of the season contender, which you can watch on our YouTube channel at youtube.com/lutontown.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS

Under-18s boss Paul Driver on Fredrick:

"Freddie's been with us a long time, but this is his first year as a scholar. He is one of the four boys we've got from the Sandy area.

"As a player he's a rapid goalscorer who works hard. He's got pace and has a lot of strength despite his small size.

"As he has grown up we have had to be careful with his development and monitoring his work-load, but he's got all the attributes you want in all your strikers.

"Like all of the new first years, Freddie is keen to learn and doesn't like getting things wrong. He has listed some very lofty ambitions, and like us all he will need a bit of luck, but they are still very achievable.

"His ambitions typify Freddie as a character and that's what I like about him.

"Freddie is also a deep thinker, he's a well-measured, rounded lad with a good sense of humour and the only thing that scares him is swimming.

"His biggest fear is being sent on another swimming trip with our sports scientist Ali!"

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YOUTH UPDATE

The Town Under-18s made it seven wins in eight games as they extended their unbeaten start to the season with a fine 3-0 victory over Leyton Orient last Saturday.

Since our last programme update the young Hatters saw their winning run ended by Gillingham three weeks ago but have since won their last three matches without conceding a goal.

Against Cambridge two weeks ago – the same day the Town senior side also won in Cambridge – the Town went ahead 15 seconds after the restart when James Justin latched onto a James Verney

throughball and slotted home. The Hatters youngsters dominated the second period and made all three points safe with 25 minutes left when Kavan Cotter turned home a cross to make it 2-0.

Against Orient last weekend, both sides came close in the first 15 minutes but the Town broke the deadlock when Freddie Hinds' cross-cum-shot found the top corner on 20 minutes.

The Hatters and Hinds then doubled their tally when he raced onto a through ball to tuck home to make it 2-0 shortly before the half-hour.

George Murray hit the bar and Alex Atkinson struck the post as the Town ended the first half well in control. After the break Murray was denied by the woodwork again but

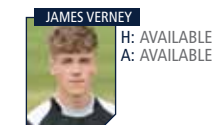
the Hatters did make it 3-0 when Cotter ran onto Kyran McGhan-George's pass to slot home.

Delighted youth boss Paul Driver told lutontown.co.uk: "It was an excellent performance against the best team we have faced so far this season.

"It's all well and good getting the results but it is important to play well and we are now getting results and performances together. The first 15 minutes could have gone either way but once we were ahead we looked really comfortable. I'm really, really pleased."

This afternoon the Town youngsters entertained Dagenham & Redbridge at Ely Way and next week they are away to Northampton.

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Defenders Dan Potts and Magnus Okuonghae completed 90 minutes for the development squad in their 1-0 defeat at Leyton Orient on Tuesday afternoon.

Potts has been on the sidelines with a hamstring injury while centre-half Okuonghae has been continuing his steady comeback from an Achilles injury. Alex Lawless, Mark O'Brien, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu, Jack Marriott and Zane Banton also played the whole game.

After scoring seven without reply against Gillingham in their opening match of the Final Third Development League campaign last week, the Town were guilty of not taking a host of chances and Orient secured victory thanks to a first-half goal from striker Ollie Palmer.

POSITIVES

Development and academy manager Andy Awford told lutontown.co.uk: "Although we lost the game there were a lot of positives to take, especially the amount of minutes some of our players got under their belts.

"The only negative would be that we couldn't convert the many chances we created. Against Gillingham we did that, but this week we didn't.

"Overall it was a good exercise, we controlled the game for long

periods, worked their goalkeeper but could not find a way through.

"You always want to win but sometimes you have to look at the bigger picture and 90 minutes for the likes of Dan, Magnus and Alex are a bonus.

"Winning isn't the only thing that matters in these types of games."

FOR THE RECORD...

As mentioned above, the previous week an experienced development squad breezed past a youthful Gillingham side with seven unanswered goals at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters starting XI included Stephen McNulty and Okuonghae at centre-half, while Lawless and Jake Howells operated in central midfield.

The Town, who won the South East title last season, were 4-0 to the good at half-time thanks to goals from Zane Banton, Jack Marriott, Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu and Curtley Williams.

After the break Marriott and Ruddock added to their tallies to make it six before substitute George Murray sealed the win with a seventh late on.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD FIXTURES

SEPTEMBER

Tue 8 Gillingham H 1pm W 7-0

Tue 15 Leyton Orient A 2pm L 0-1

Tue 22 AFC Wimbledon H (Cup) 1pm

OCTOBER

Tue 6 Southend United A (Cup) 12 noon

Tue 13 AFC Dunstable A
(Beds Senior Cup 1) 7.45pm

Tue 27 Southend United H 1pm

NOVEMBER

Tue 3 AFC Bournemouth A 1pm

Wed 11 MK Dons A (Cup) 1pm

Tue 17 AFC Wimbledon H 1pm

DECEMBER

Wed 2 Cambridge United A 1pm

Wed 9 Gillingham A 1pm

JANUARY

Tue 5 Leyton Orient H 1pm

FEBRUARY

Tue 9 Southend United A 12 noon

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MARCH

Mon 14 AFC Wimbledon A 7pm

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FROM LEFT MIDFIELD

WITH KEVIN CROWE

NOT GOING

Life has conspired against me. It's mid September and I am yet to see Luton Town Football Club kick a ball in actual real life this season. I can't speak to anyone about anything. I sit alone, a worthless armchair bore. As empty inside as a Watford trophy cabinet; smelling only slightly less of hollow, synthetic, production-line pizza. So here follows 500 words on what I think is going wrong on the pitch.

Not really, obviously.

It's tempting though you know, in this world of click-bait and cat videos, to just fire out a slurry-load of Townsend into the air based on other people's rants and tweets about our slow start.

I could fill these pages ten times over with third-hand opinions on formations and overheard line-ups, like a smug music scene think-they-are-regurgitating-a-snide-two-star-review-of-a-gig-they-never-saw-as-if-it's-their-own.

Until you've felt the punch in the stomach of a last minute goal for a third and fourth time, and seen with your own eyes who of the eleven is *really* hurt at the sound of the final whistle; who is feeling the defeat like the rest of us; who has given every last drop of sweat to make your journey home bearable. Until you've seen that, you can never really form a proper opinion can you?

So as I haven't been yet, I can't really write about all that.

If you've ever had a little sabbatical from *going* whether by choice or by circumstance you might recognise this brief pool of impotence from which I currently write.

From here, moaning about the result feels like it's the private right of those trudging back towards town through the constantly confused Hazelbury Crescent traffic in the cold September rain. And equally, from here, distant internet goal celebrations never fully uncoil the mess of intestines that tangle during a tight game as well as those where you can hear the net ripple with your own ears.

"You ain't missed much so far, Kev," I hear you cry; sweet naive friend I haven't met.

The league table screams that this has not been a vintage start to the season, but it doesn't make

you miss it or envy the rest of you any less.

For us jealous souls, the agonising post match interviews and occasional outraged internet scoundrels are like the muffled sounds of your parents arguing in the next room. And I'm going to pretend I didn't see the flouncy e-petition (1,000 Arsenal Fan TV Points to that man if he's reading by the way, please proceed directly to the Emirates).

So like me, at the moment this season is not going. But it's not because it's thousands of miles away on the other side of the world like it has been in the past. And it's not like it's never going again. It just needs a weekend when Homebase is shut and no one's getting married and...oh forget it.

In the hopeful words of John Still I'm currently about two weeks away, so come Saturday, if you can bring yourself to get behind them should we go a goal behind, please give 'em a shout from me.

...but not if the final whistle then immediately sounds. If that happens for a fifth time in eight games don't worry lads, there's a fairly good chance this has all just been a ridiculous dream.

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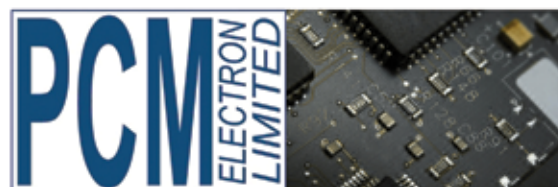
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BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

Poor Luxembourg. As if spending life as the punchbag of European football wasn't bad enough, during the international week their players were battling food poisoning after a dodgy bolognese at the team hotel in Minsk.

Forget Delhi Belly - this was Belarus Bowel, with the minnows even contemplating calling off their European Championship qualifier after 16 players were laid low.

Of course, the Luxemburgers aren't the first to suffer at the hands of a malevolent meal. Just ask Spurs, who famously succumbed to a bad batch of lasagne and subsequently lost out on a Champions League place.



A sewage problem prevented Kenny Dalglish's Liverpool from playing at Anfield until September back in 1987

TORQUAY v PORTSMOUTH (1999)

Despite several hundred years' worth of advance warning, police in Torquay had forgotten that August 11th 1999, would see Britain's first total eclipse of the sun since 1927.

It was also the date of Torquay's Worthington Cup first round match against Portsmouth. Alas, with national media broadcasting that Torquay was THE place to see the eclipse, the local constabulary decided they simply didn't have the manpower to deal with expected crowds and, unable to halt the eclipse, told Pompey to stay at home. There really was nothing they could do.

HANAU 93 v VIKTORIA BERLIN (1894)

Before the rise of Bayern Munich and Dortmund, Hanau and Viktoria were the powerhouses of German football. And on the final day of the 1983/84 season, they faced each other in a title showdown.

Except they didn't. Unable to afford the 1000 km round trip to the German capital, Hanau wrote to say they would not be coming, thus handing the title to Viktoria by default.

Over a century later, the two teams (by then playing in the amateur divisions) reconvened, using old fashioned kit and the same leather balls as their predecessors, to settle it once and for all. Berlin won again.

EXETER v SCUNTHORPE (1974)

With just seven players and two goalkeepers fit to play ahead of a trip to Scunney in 1974, Exeter

applied to have the tie postponed. When the Football League - pretty harshly - turned the request down, the Grecians simply refused to travel. Hit with a £5,000 fine and ordered to pay Scunthorpe over £1,000 in expenses, Exeter never did make the trip and Scunney were awarded the points. Until Blackpool's pitch invasion debacle on the final day of last season, it was the only fixture in Football League ever to remain unfulfilled.

LIVERPOOL v EVERYONE (1987)

Fresh off the back of signing John Barnes from Watford, Liverpool fans couldn't wait to see Kenny Dalglish's boys kick off the 1987/88 campaign.

Unfortunately, Anfield didn't want to play ball. The ground's antiquated sewage system collapsed on the eve of the season, flooding the pitch and forcing Liverpool to play their first three matches away from home.

Supporters had to wait until mid-September to see Barnes in action but it was worth the wait - the England winger netted 37 minutes into his home debut as Liverpool beat Oxford 2-0 - the fourth game of a 29-match unbeaten start to the season.

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LEAGUE LOOK

Leyton Orient remain top of the League 2 table despite taking one point from their last two matches.

Ian Hendon's side, who the Town beat the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, lost their unbeaten record when hammered by Exeter 4-0 two weeks ago, and the O's were held to a 1-1 draw at Cambridge last weekend to stay top of the pile.

The division's top three is complete with another two fancied sides this season – Plymouth and Portsmouth. Argyle sit in second spot after a 2-1 win at Wycombe last weekend. The Greens, who come to Kenilworth Road in October, have won five of their seven matches so far.

One of Argyle's two defeats this term has come against Pompey, who sit third and remain unbeaten after coming from behind to defeat Barnet 3-1 at Fratton Park last weekend. Teenage forward Conor Chaplin scored twice.

Morecambe are up to fifth in the table and just three points off top spot after registering a third successive win. Jim Bentley's Shrimps scored a last-minute winner to secure a 2-1 win at Newport, who remain bottom of the table on just one point. Terry Butcher's Exiles have now lost five matches on the spin.

Exeter followed up their 4-0 win over Orient to win at St James Park for the second successive week with a 1-0 win over Hartlepool. Paul Tisdale's side are now sixth in the table and a point ahead of our visitors Mansfield who occupy the final Play-Off place.

LEADING

Oxford lost their unbeaten record at Northampton last weekend to slip out of the top seven, while Carlisle are up to ninth after recording their third successive win with a 2-1 victory at home to Dagenham & Redbridge with Jabo Ibhre on target once more. The Cumbrians' summer signing is League 2's leading goalscorer with eight goals.

Elsewhere, Accrington lifted themselves to 10th in the table with a 1-0 win at Bristol Rovers, while Stevenage were held to a 2-2 draw at home to York. Yeovil had to settle for a point in a 1-1 draw at home to AFC Wimbledon which saw Jake Howells make his debut for the Glovers.

In the pick of this afternoon's fixtures, unbeaten Portsmouth travel to Oxford in the game of the day, while leaders Orient take on fourth placed Wycombe at Brisbane Road. Plymouth host Bristol Rovers in a West Country clash, while Newport will be aiming for their first victory of the campaign when they make the trip to Dagenham.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Accrington v Exeter
Wimbledon v Notts County
Barnet v Stevenage
Crawley v Yeovil
Dag & Red v Newport
Hartlepool v Cambridge
Orient v Wycombe
Morecambe v Northampton
Oxford v Portsmouth
Plymouth v Bristol Rovers
York v Carlisle



Derek Adams has guided Plymouth into second place in League 2

LEADING SCORERS

Ibhre (Carlisle) 8
Corr (Cambridge) 5
Simpson (Orient) 5
Carey (Plymouth) 4
Jervis (Plymouth) 4
Roofe (Oxford) 4
Bird (Yeovil) 3
Edwards (Crawley) 3
Green (Mansfield) 3
Roberts (Portsmouth) 3

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Tue 11	7.45pm	H	Bristol City (Capital One Cup 1)	W 3-1	3,948	427	-	Tyler	Cuthbert	McNulty	Wilkinson	Potts	O'Donnell •
Sat 15	3.00pm	H	Oxford United	D 2-2	8,877	781	15	Tyler	Cuthbert	McNulty	WILKINSON 1	Griffiths	O'Donnell •
Tue 18	7.45pm	H	Bristol Rovers	L 0-1	8,061	553	18	Tyler	Cuthbert	McNulty	Wilkinson	Griffiths	O'Donnell
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	L 2-3	3,830	820	22	Tyler	Cuthbert	Griffiths	McNulty •	Wilkinson	Smith
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
Sat 29	3.00pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-2	9,083	1,032	22	Justham	O'Donnell	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	O'Brien •

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1	7.15pm	H	Leyton Orient (JPT1)	W 2-1	1,953	300	-	Tyler	O'DONNELL 1	Griffiths	McNulty	Cuthbert •	Lee
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-1	6,298	1,425	19	Tyler	O'Donnell	Griffiths	WILKINSON 1	Cuthbert	Lee
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Notts County	L 2-3	5,820	1,689	20	Tyler	O'Donnell	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Lee
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										
Tue 6	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (JPT2)										
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										
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SUBS

SMITH 1	Green ▲	McCourt •	McQuoid •	Mackail-Smith	Tyler	Potts	McGeehan	Benson•	Marriott▲	Ruddock •	Guttridge
O'Brien •	Ruddock	McGeehan	BENSON 1	MARRIOTT 2 ▲	Justham	Lawless	Hall	Griffiths •	Guttridge	McQuoid ▲	Doyle •
Doyle	McCourt ▲	McGEEHAN 1	Benson	Mackail-Smith •	Justham	Lawless	Ruddock •	Potts	McQuoid	Smith ▲	Marriott •
Doyle •	McCourt	McGeehan •	Benson	Mackail-Smith ▲	Potts	Smith •	Lawless	Ruddock •	Marriott ▲	McQuoid	Justham
McGeehan	Green ▲	Hall •	BENSON 1	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	O'Donnell	Lawless •	McCourt ▲	Ruddock	McQuoid	O'Brien •	Justham
Smith	Lee	Green •	Ruddock •	McQuoid ▲	McNulty	Hall •	McGEEHAN 1 •	Benson ▲	Guttridge	Mackail-Smith	Tyler
Smith	McGeehan	Hall ▲	McQuoid	MACKAIL-SMITH 1 •	Tyler	McNulty	Green	Marriott •	McCourt	Ruddock ▲	Lee •
Smith	Ruddock •	GREEN 1 ▲	Guttridge	Marriott ■	Hall •	Justham	Okuonghae •	Mackail-Smith	McQuoid ▲		
Smith	GREEN 1	McQuoid	GUTTRIDGE 1	Mackail-Smith	McNulty	Hall	Justham	Ruddock	Okuonghae	Williams	O'Brien
SMITH 1	Green •	McQuoid	Guttridge •	Mackail-Smith	McNulty ▲	McGEEHAN 1 •	Hall ▲	McCourt	Ruddock	Williams	King

MEET THE REF

ROB LEWIS

Experienced whistler Rob made his Football League debut as a referee in October 2005 having made the step-up from the Conference.

It's Rob's second visit to Kenilworth Road already this year - he oversaw the Hatters' 3-2 home defeat to Exeter on Good Friday. So far this season the Shrewsbury-based official has taken charge of four matches to date - three of which have come in League 2. Across those matches he has booked 18 players and has yet to send any player off. Please give a warm welcome to Rob and his fellow officials this afternoon.

LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

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

PLAYER STATS 2015/16

	THIS SEASON										LIFC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		CAREER TOT				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R					
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	6	0		
Paul Benson	3	(1)	1	(1)	1	4	(2)	2	0	68	22		
Scott Cuthbert	7	(0)	0	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	0	1	10	0	
Nathan Doyle	3	(0)	0	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	35	0	
Danny Green	4	(0)	1	2	(0)	1	6	(0)	2	1	6	0	
Scott Griffiths	7	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	9	(1)	0	0	101	3	
Luke Guttridge	2	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	0	66	17	
Ryan Hall	2	(1)	0	0	(2)	0	2	(3)	0	0	11	0	
Elliot Justham	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	26	0	
Alex Lawless	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	173	21	
Ollie Lee	2	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	4	(1)	0	1	5	0	
Craig Mackail-Smith	7	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	2	0	7	1	
Jack Marriott	0	(4)	0	2	(0)	2	2	(4)	2	0	1	6	2
Paddy McCourt	3	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	1	4	0	
Cameron McGeehan	4	(1)	2	1	(1)	1	5	(2)	3	1	40	8	
Steve McNulty	4	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(1)	0	2	0	120	2
Josh McQuoid	4	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	5	(2)	0	0	7	0	
Mark O'Brien	1	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	1	0	4	0
Stephen O'Donnell	5	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	8	(0)	1	0	0	8	0
Magnus Okuonghae	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Potts	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	0	(4)	0	3	(0)	0	3	(4)	0	0	0	49	3
Jonathan Smith	5	(2)	2	2	(0)	0	7	(2)	2	3	0	109	6
Mark Tyler	5	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	273	0
Luke Wilkinson	7	(0)	2	2	(0)	0	9	(0)	2	2	0	57	5

*Lost 8-7 on penalties

Key: • First Substitute | • Second Substitute | ▲ Third Substitute | ■ Sent off | GOALSCORER



HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH MIKE SIMMONDS

How Hatters boss John Still will be wishing that his customary slow start to the season is replaced with a similar run of form that saw Luton rocket up the table as they did last term.

The beginning of the 2014/15 campaign saw Town with two wins, two draws and three defeats from their opening seven games at the same stage, giving them just three points more than they have now.

However, it was at this point where Luton finally started to click into something like top gear as a stalemate at York City preceded a stunning run of seven straight league wins, propelling Still's men into top spot.

CAPABILITIES

There's no doubting that Hatters have the capabilities of producing something similar this time around, especially with the much-improved squad in place at Kenilworth Road this time round, but as always, talk is cheap.

Although it's fair to say performances are definitely going in the right direction, with some lovely football on display at Cambridge and Notts County, the inability to keep the back door shut, most notably in injury time, is proving a major irritant.

Five points have already been frittered away in stoppage time already, with Hatters tasting that all-too familiar feeling after what had been a fine comeback at Meadow Lane last weekend.

Putting a finger on just why it's been such recurring theme is a hard one, with individual errors and a lack of concentration at crucial times looking the main issue.

Speaking to the players, they are all too aware it needs to be stubbed out if Luton are going to justify their tag of promotion favourites, something they all believe remains well within their grasp.



One pleasing aspect so far this campaign is Hatters' improved goal threat, particularly away from home.

There was no doubting some of last season's trips were a tough watch for Luton's fantastic and loyal travelling army of supporters, with a meagre return of 17 strikes in 23 games, including 10 matches in which Hatters failed to hit the net in.

HEALTHY

However this term they are already almost half way to that tally, notching a healthy eight in four fixtures thus far, while the win at Cambridge was the first time Hatters had scored three goals in an away game since their return to the Football League.

As the manager is well aware though, keeping it tight at the other end is just as an important facet of the game, so he'll be desperate for his side to record a first clean sheet of the campaign, and with that a first home win, this afternoon.

Mike is the sports editor of the Luton News and Dunstable Gazette

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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 Ollie 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



MANSFIELD TOWN

- 1 Scott Shearer
- 2 Liam Marsden
- 3 Malvind Benning
- 4 Mitchell Rose
- 5 Krystian Pearce
- 6 Lee Collins
- 7 Adam Chapman
- 8 Chris Clements
- 9 Chris Beardsley
- 10 Matt Green
- 11 Craig Westcarr
- 12 Brian Jensen
- 14 Nathan Thomas
- 15 Ryan Tafazolli
- 16 Nicky Hunt
- 18 Adi Yussuf
- 19 Reggie Lambe
- 20 Jack Thomas
- 24 Jamie McGuire
- 26 James Caton
- 27 Danny Fletcher
- 30 Joe Fitzpatrick
- 35 Corbin Shires

TODAY'S OFFICIALS



Rob Lewis



Colin Lymer



Ian Smedley



4 Nick Hobbis