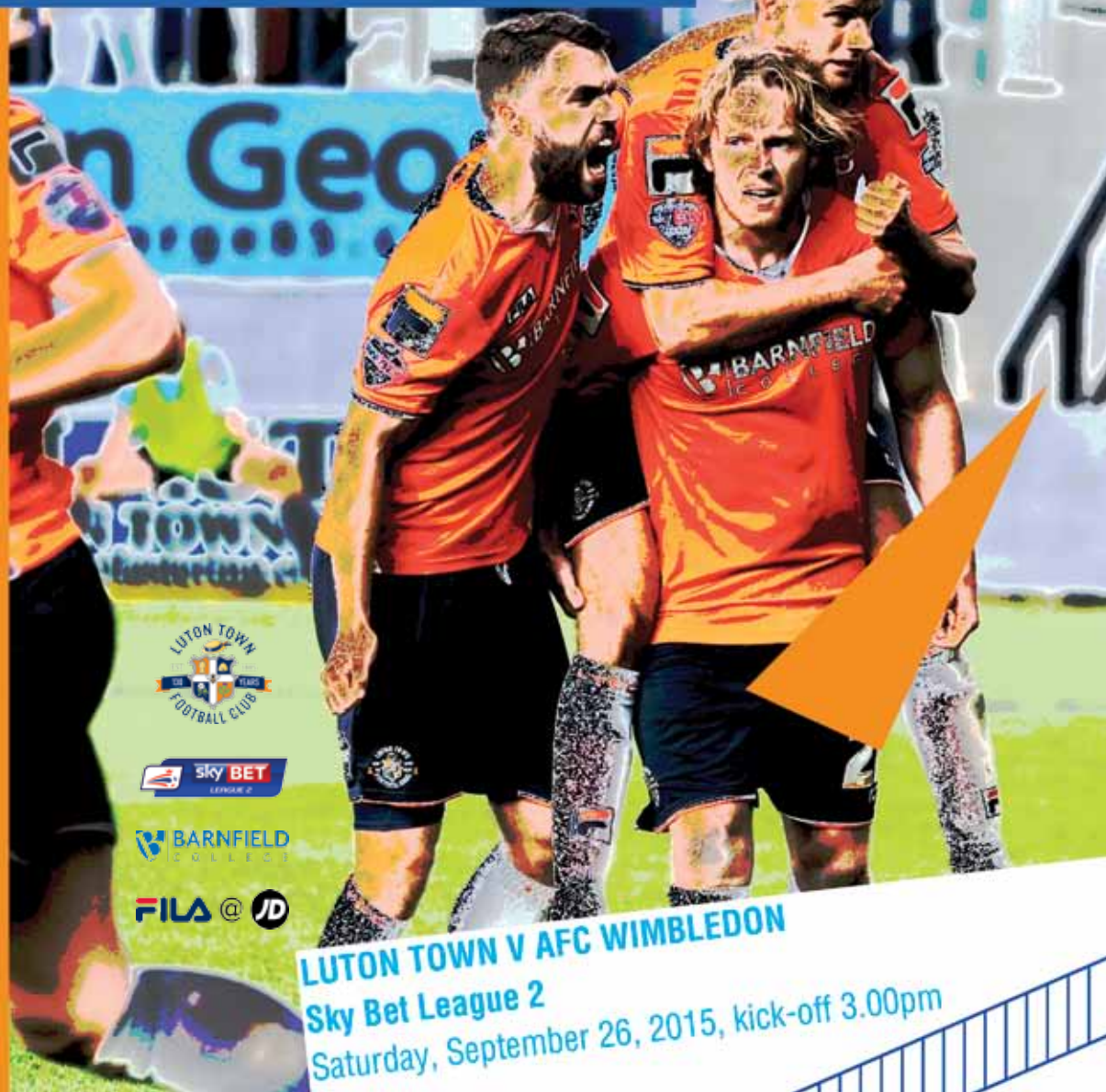


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JOHN STILL

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER



GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THIS SKY BET LEAGUE 2 GAME WITH AFC WIMBLEDON.

I'd like to extend that welcome to our visitors, their manager Neal Ardley, plus his staff and players plus the supporters and staff of the Dons. Their rise through the pyramid has been well documented but the club also deserve a lot of credit for more than holding their own in the Football League over the past four seasons.

Wimbledon come here unbeaten on their travels this season and Neal's recruitment over the summer of some experienced players will ensure today's game is a keenly contested one. We lost twice to them last season so hopefully we can turn the tables on them this year beginning this afternoon.

Last weekend I was delighted that we were able to pick up our first home league victory but more importantly it was great to see us keep an overdue clean sheet. I said in my last notes and in the lead up to last Saturday's game that it was vital that we begin to cut out the mistakes at the back and look to keep things tight.

There were a couple of nervy moments, especially towards the end but that was to be expected. Given our recent problem of conceding late goals there was

always going to be a certain amount of anxiety, but we saw it out and I am sure the victory and the manner in which we ground out the three points can give the players confidence.

As I've said before I don't think we are far away from clicking into the kind of form me and the staff know this group is capable of. Apart from the Bristol Rovers game I think we have played well in patches of all our matches. What we need now is to start doing that on a regular basis for longer spells in games. However, that will come, and as the players', especially our new lads, continue to get used to playing with one another and learning our style of play, the better we will become.

I was delighted to attend Trust in Luton's meet the manager night with Terry and Hakan on Monday. The events are always something I look forward to and I

hope the explanations to some of the questions asked were honest enough. I'm told you can read more about that elsewhere in today's programme.

After this afternoon's game we face three successive away matches at Morecambe, Hartlepool and Gillingham – the latter in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. This little series of matches away from Kenilworth Road is sure to test our mettle so it's important we give ourselves a positive result this afternoon to take to Morecambe on Tuesday.

With your help we can achieve another result this afternoon. Your support helped us get over the line against Mansfield last weekend – just going to prove how vital your backing from the terraces is. Honestly, it does make a difference and it is, as ever, greatly appreciated.

Get behind your team once more this afternoon. Remember this is YOUR club, and these players are doing everything they can to make you happy. Enjoy the game.

John Still



From the BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN **NICK OWEN**

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME ALL TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR OUR SECOND CONSECUTIVE HOME MATCH IN LEAGUE 2. THIS TIME WE ENTERTAIN OUR OLD FRIENDS AFC WIMBLEDON, WHO'VE MADE A SOUND START TO THE SEASON, CERTAINLY BETTER THAN OURS! A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THEIR DIRECTORS, PLAYERS AND, OF COURSE, SUPPORTERS.



Well, what a goal that wasn't last weekend against Mansfield! I have looked at it again and again, initially for the sheer pleasure of reliving its brilliance. It was superb, wasn't it?

Good work by Josh McQuoid out on the right wing, a delicate perfectly delivered chip from him and a thumping overhead blast from Craig Mackail-Smith. Back of the net. Crowd erupts. The flag of despair. How could it be?

I have studied the video and still pictures and, for the life of me and anyone else I've shown it to, I can't see how it was offside. Truly baffling and such an anti-climax! Thank goodness we managed to win after all. As for Craig, he's looked a real handful for defenders this season with his pace and skill. It's a delight to see him wearing a Luton shirt.

I thought we played some quality football last weekend and showed some excellent touches, but the

last quarter of the game was truly nailbiting, wasn't it? I think we're inevitably pretty nervous in the closing stages of any match at the moment after the cruel knockbacks we have suffered so far this season, but Saturday's result should go some way to ratcheting up our confidence and getting the momentum going.

I bumped into former Newcastle and England midfielder Rob Lee before the Mansfield game. He was here, of course, to see his son Olly in action, but what he said lifted my spirits. He has watched quite a few of our games this season and reckons we are the best side he's seen in League 2. He's confident we'll go up. Talking of Olly, we are delighted that he has agreed to a contract extension that keeps him here until 2017.

I know people frequently question team selection and tactics, but I think most of the fans respect and trust the experienced football men in charge, John, Terry and Hakan. We've come a long way with them from the day they started at

Kenilworth Road. We can't expect to go out and slaughter every team we face – there are 23 other sides out there with players who are paid to thwart everything we are trying to do. Having said that, we expect to be challenging at the top end and that is our unequivocal target.

John, Terry and Hakan, as I am sure you appreciate, are dedicated, honest and open professionals. They are totally accessible and happy to face the fans, as they did with Trust in Luton this week, and answer questions such as, why do we have all our men back for corners, why do we drop back so much and why do we always start so badly. I, for one, have absolute faith in their ability to send us storming up the table. The board has total confidence in them. I know it's been a wretched start to the season, but the signs are there that we are settling down and ready to go places.

Now to this afternoon. It is always a pleasure to play AFC Wimbledon because of their remarkable, albeit short, history. Just imagine how we'd have felt if we'd had our football club



Your support played a huge part in our 1-0 win last weekend. Thank you!

snatched from us and deposited some 50 miles to the north. It seems unthinkable, but it happened to the old Wimbledon about 13 years ago.

Their fans, though, were utterly fearless in starting a new club from scratch, staging open trials on Wimbledon Common for players and going on to win five promotions in nine seasons before reaching the Football League. The only downer being, as far as we are concerned, that they beat us on penalties in the Play-Off Final of 2011 to clinch it! Horrible for us, but you have to admire their massive achievements.

Before I go, I'd like to congratulate our two newest vice presidents, both long-time supporters of the Hatters and familiar faces at our games, home and away.

Gary Chamberlain was born in Luton and started watching the Town as a very young lad in the early sixties. He lives in St Albans and runs an interior design business. One fabulous fact about him: our League Cup winning captain Steve Foster introduced him to his wife Debbie on a blind date 25 years ago!

Ian Gazeley was born in Bedford and grew up in Flitwick. Like Gary, he started following the Town in the sixties, with his father first taking him to reserve matches (hardcore!). The highlight of his time following the Hatters, he says, was the Littlewoods Cup Final of 1988. I think thousands of us will agree with that! He works for an IT solutions provider.

A warm welcome to Ian and Gary – I know they are both proud to have become vice presidents of our wonderful football club and we are delighted they are officially on board.

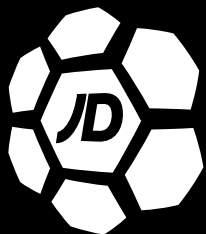
So to the business in hand. We've got the taste now – two league wins in three – let's carry on where we left off last week! Our support was phenomenal against Mansfield, even by our own high standards, when the team really needed lifting. Many, many thanks and let's have more of the same today.

Bye for now,

Nick Owen



Did you know? In 1988 the Hatters won the League Cup, the same year that Wimbledon won the FA Cup



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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...

Tense, nervy and anxious. Yes, that pretty much summed up the final 15 minutes against Mansfield last weekend.

Importantly we got through it. We won and the relief around the place was palpable. Our first home win in the league came with a clean sheet to boot – another first. Mansfield made it hard for us – in fairness they are a better team that we faced last season – but overall we deserved to win.

From a defensive point of view it was a hugely encouraging performance. It was by no means a perfect display and there is still plenty to learn from and improve on, but we need to start getting back into the routine of keeping clean sheets, just like we were used to doing in the past couple of seasons.

CAPABILITY

I've said it so many times in previous programmes notes, but I must say it again. If we can keep things tight at the back and not concede then we know we have the capability and quality going forward to hurt teams and score goals. We've shown enough in the early stages of this season that creating chances and converting them isn't going to be an issue. With a massive chunk of the campaign still left to play, we are confident of making this a successful season for this football club.

Against Mansfield again showed glimpses of quality going forward and Craig was hugely unlucky to see his incredible first-half goal chalked off for offside. It was an unbelievable effort and replays

showed he was probably just outside. Thankfully, his run on to Paddy's super throughball led to a penalty which he stuck away in style and we managed to see the game out despite those uneasy last few minutes.

Today we aim to build on that result against AFC Wimbledon. They showed against us last season they are tough opponents, but I'm confident we can take confidence from last weekend's result and performance against Mansfield. That little monkey we had on our back has now disappeared and I've got the utmost belief that you will see a different Luton Town this afternoon – and beyond.

HEARTENING

I popped into watch our development squad on Tuesday in their 3-0 win over today's visitors and it was heartening to see so many senior players returning from fitness and staking a claim for a place in the first team. The strength in depth we have available is frightening and this is only going to become more and more helpful as the season progresses. With Nathan Doyle, Paul Benson, Dan Potts, Alex Lawless and Magnus Okuonghae to name five players that played in that game alone, it is hugely reassuring to know the competition for places is fierce. Everyone wants to play. What better situation to be in. And when injuries and suspensions bite later in the season that's when we're going to be strong.



"With a massive chunk of the campaign still left to play, we are confident of making this a success season for this football club."

Also this week I was delighted to, on behalf of the lads, to lend our support to the players' chosen charity, Happy Days. They are a local charity who help make a significant difference to thousands of children each year. There are a number of dads in the dressing room, me included, so it was a no brainer that as a group we supported Happy Days.

Finally, a big thanks for your support so far this season. I know it must have been tough, especially those last-minute goals, but I think we turned the corner last weekend and you helped us in that. Get behind us again today. We all appreciated it.

LEE PENS EXTENDED CONTRACT



Hatters midfielder Olly Lee committed his future to the Club by signing a contract until June 2017 on Tuesday this week.

The 24-year-old originally penned a short-term deal in August but has since impressed in his six appearances in Town colours.

Lee made his Hatters debut in the 1-1 draw with Premier League Stoke City in the Capital One Cup, and scored in the shootout which the Town lost 8-7 on penalties.

He told Hatters Player: "I'm really pleased. I knew I had confidence in myself to do a good job and I'm glad the manager is pleased with my contribution.

"Now I'm looking forward to

the rest of this season and the seasons ahead."

Manager John Still added: "Olly has been excellent since his arrival. He did terrific on his debut to play 120 minutes against a strong Premier League side, and he has fitted seamlessly into our style of play.

"He gives us something different in the centre of midfield, a calm, composed head on the ball.

"It's a credit to Olly that he's worked hard and impressed us in such a short space of time for him to be rewarded for his efforts."

In other squad news, young professionals Zane Banton and Luke Trotman have been sent out on-loan for a month. Striker Banton has joined National League newcomers Boreham Wood, while Southern League side Histon is defender Trotman's port of call.

ON YOUR BIKE FOR PROSTATE CANCER UK!

You can represent the Hatters in Europe next year by taking part in Prostate Cancer UK's annual charity bike ride to Amsterdam.

Dust off those bikes, squeeze into some lycra and get your helmet on to represent the Town and Prostate Cancer UK's Men United in Europe on 3-5 June, 2016 for a 145-mile cycle ride in conjunction with the Football League.

For the first time, the event will have two start locations with

Barnsley's Oakwell aimed at those representing northern clubs and the iconic Olympic Park in East London will once again be utilised.

Last year over £350,000 was raised for Prostate Cancer – a disease that will affect one in eight men in their lifetime – and the aim for 2016 is to double the number of riders to 500.

Please e-mail info@lutontown.co.uk to sign-up or to find out more information.

The 250-strong peloton in 2015 included former international trio Terry Butcher, Matt Holland and Luther Blissett, together with Preston North End boss Simon Grayson. Yorkshireman Grayson is

making no promises, but there's strong suspicion that he'll be back in the saddle.

He said: "I think it's brilliant that the ride will cater for football teams both in the north and the south.

"It will make it easier for northerners like us to get our bikes over to the start point – although I hear the northern leg's terrain is much hillier!"

Registration fee is £149. Each rider will pledge to raise a minimum of £1,000 in sponsorship to help fight back against a disease that affects one in eight men in the UK.

To find out more about Prostate Cancer UK by visiting www.prostatecanceruk.org.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

We received the following email from Hatters fan Stephanie Skolsky:

On the 27th September 2014 I married my best friend. From



the day I met him football was in his life, firstly playing every other weekend and then onto watching. Stuart has been raised as a true Hatters fan resulting in him now being

a season ticket holder. My wifely duties are to accept that throughout the football season pretty much every Saturday and quite a few Tuesdays are totally off limits for other plans! I would like to say happy anniversary to my wonderful husband Mr Skolsky xx There you so, Stephanie! And many congratulations to you both.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A very Happy Birthday to Hatters fan Rebecca Day who turns 14 on 28th September!



Rebecca is currently enjoying her fifth season as a season ticket holder. We've been told she

doesn't have a particular favourite player but she does like Mark Tyler! Have a happy birthday, Rebecca – lots of love from Aunt Allison and brother Steven.

HAVE YOUR SAY

From Friday 2nd October, our Supporter Liaison Officer John Miller will be opening his door to welcome supporters who wish to discuss their thoughts and ideas in a weekly 'surgery'.

John came on board as SLO last December – a role which sees him act as an independent bridge between the Club and the supporters. Since starting, John has helped set up and run the 'Positive Engagement Group (PEG)', as well as working closely with Trust

in Luton and other Luton Town supporters groups as a supporters' voice within the Club. John would like to invite any supporters who would like to come to Kenilworth Road to discuss anything Luton Town related with him on a Friday between 12 noon and 2pm.

Appointments will be scheduled to last no longer than 30 minutes to try and give as many supporters as possible an opportunity each week.

For those supporters who cannot make it to the ground, John will also be happy to take telephone calls.

To make your appointment simply email john.miller@lutontown.co.uk for an appointment or call 01582 411622.

DAGENHAM MATCH MOVED

The Hatters' Sky Bet League 2 fixture away to Dagenham & Redbridge has been moved back 23 hours and will take place on Sunday 1st November, kick-off 2pm.

The original date and time of the match against John Still's former

club is the same day as the Rugby World Cup final.

Both clubs have agreed to the switch and permission has also been granted by the Metropolitan Police.

Ticket news for this match will be released in due course.

PANTO TIME AT KENILWORTH ROAD!

Do you help book Christmas entertainment for your school, scouts, guides or kids group? Well don't forget that our annual Christmas Pantomime will be on Thursday 3rd December from 5pm!

Once again, the lovely people from Chaplins Entertainment will be bringing their fantastic Pantomime show to the Eric Morecambe Lounge at Kenilworth Road and this year it's Beauty and The Beast.

The show is suitable for kids of all ages, and they'll love cheering on the heroes and booing the villains in this classic tale.

So if you're in charge of booking Christmas entertainment for your School, Club or Organisation, look no further. Call our commercial team now on 01582 411622, or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk for our group prices. Mums and Dads, why not bring your kids along too for a great family night out? Book now, and enjoy the rest of your year!



LET'S GO



AFTER TWO SUCCESSIVE SATURDAYS HERE AT KENILWORTH ROAD THE HATTERS HIT THE ROAD TO FACE THREE AWAY GAMES AT MORECAMBE, HARTLEPOOL AND GILLINGHAM

Hatters fans travelling to the next three away games over the next 10 days will clock up over 1,000 miles.

The Town make the 430-mile round-trip to Morecambe on Tuesday night in Sky Bet League 2 before then travelling 228 miles there and back to Hartlepool in league action a week today. The run of away fixtures will come to an end with a trip to Gillingham in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy a week on Tuesday. It may well be only 75 miles from Kenilworth Road to Priestfield but we've still got to negotiate the M25 during rush hour!

So the Town make the long Tuesday trek to the Globe Arena hoping to banish the memories of one of their worst performances last season that saw the Shrimps inflict a 3-0 defeat on the Hatters. That was the Town's first trip to the Globe Arena, Morecambe's home since 2010. As you'll see on the opposite page it is pay on the night for Town fans with seating beside the pitch.

Jim Bentley's side have started the season well and sit in seventh place in League 2 but lost 4-2 at home to Northampton last weekend. The Hatters will be aiming to record only their second win over the Shrimps in what will be with the fifth meeting between the two clubs who share one famous son in former Town director Eric Morecambe.

Four days later the Hatters head to Hartlepool, a 456-mile round-trip that has been kind to Town followers in the past.

The Town have on won four of their last six visits to Victoria Park, including a 2-1 win last season thanks to goals from Mark Cullen and Jim Stevenson. Previous Hatters promotion-winning campaigns have seen the Hatters win in the North East, in 2001/02 under Joe Kinnear and in 2004/05 under Mike Newell.

Last season's victory at Victoria Park came against a Pools side in disarray before the appointment of Ronnie Moore who guided United to safety. This time round Moore's side started the new campaign well, winning their first four matches in all competitions.

However, since then Pools haven't won in five league games and current sit in 14th place.

The Town then make the relatively short 150-mile round-trip to take on League 1 high fliers Gillingham the following Tuesday. Justin Edinburgh's Gills have only lost once in the league this season and sit in third place.

The Hatters' record down the years in Kent is reasonably good, having won 13 and lost 15 of the 34 games that have taken place at Priestfield.

The Town won 1-0 on their last visit thanks to a goal from Sam Parkin. That was our first win and points in the -30 season in 2008/09.

Believe it or not the two clubs have met before at Priestfield in the second round of the JPT, with the Gills coming out on top 4-3 in October 2007 before a crowd of just 1,417.

Remember if you don't fancy driving to these three games you can go on the Bobbers.

They are, as ever, running coaches to all of these matches. You can book your place by calling 01234 856542.

The Town's longest journey of the season is the 254-mile trip to Plymouth Argyle on 19th March

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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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 on general sale to all supporters. 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



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 general sale to all supporters. 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.



YORK CITY



Saturday 10th October 2015, 3pm

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

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COMMERCIAL TALK...

WITH COMMERCIAL
MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road. 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.

MASCOTS

KYLE, SAM & HARRY

We have the absolute pleasure of welcoming three mascots to Kenilworth Road today. All of them will get to meet their favourite players before the game, have a kick-around in the warm-up before the match and then lead the teams out on the pitch prior to kick-off. We hope you all have a day to remember with us! If you want to be a mascot for a future home game, please do get in touch with our commercial team on 01582 411622 or email commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

Kyle James. Age: 14. From: Caddington. Favourite Hatters player: Luke Wilkinson.

Sam Draper. Age: 13. From Paderborn, Germany. Favourite Hatters player: Stephen McNulty.

Harry Collins. Age: 10 today, happy birthday! From: Haynes. Favourite Hatters player: Mark Tyler.



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

We will soon be releasing details of our Christmas event which promises to be yet another fantastic trip down memory lane...so watch this space! Further details will follow in a forthcoming programme.

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Welcome to Kenilworth Road AFC WIMBLEDON



TEAM PROFILE AFC WIMBLEDON

Nickname: The Dons
Ground: Kingsmeadow
Last season: 15th League 2
Manager: Neal Ardley
Last match: Notts County W 2-1

HATTERS v DONS

Luton wins 5
Draws 7
Wimbledon wins 10

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with AFC Wimbledon to Kenilworth Road.

Neal Ardley's side arrive in Bedfordshire this afternoon slap-bang in the middle of League 2 in 12th place after a steady start to the season. In fact our visitors are protecting an unbeaten away record this season and make the short trip from Kingsmeadow without a defeat in four matches.

The Dons finished 15th in League 2 last term – the club's highest position as AFC Wimbledon – and hopes are high of an even better finish this time round. Results certainly suggest that is a possibility, with successive home victories over Notts County (last weekend) and Exeter a case in point.

On the road the Dons have won once – at Crawley – but drawn their last three all by 1-1 scorelines at Yeovil, Mansfield and Carlisle.

At the top of the Wombles' scoring charts is last-season's leading goalscorer Adebayo Akinfenwa with three goals already. The striker scored the all-important last-minute winner against Notts

County last weekend and the experienced striker will be aiming to repeat the influential performances against the Hatters last season once more this afternoon.

But the Dons are anything but a one-man team, with Ardley piecing together a squad full of experience and quality to mount a challenge for a place in the top seven come May. Two new faces in particular have added that, former Portsmouth duo Paul Robinson and Andy Barcham. Ardley has also recruited strikers Lyle Taylor, from Scunthorpe, and Tom Elliott from Cambridge, as well as former Brentford centre-half Karleigh Osborne on a season-long loan from Brentford.

The visiting Dons fans in the Oak Road end this afternoon will be hopeful of seeing yet another victory over the Hatters. Wimbledon have won the last two meetings between the sides, doing the double over the Town last season, winning 1-0 here thanks to a Matt Tubbs goal and a last-gasp 3-2 win at Kingsmeadow in February.

Their win at Kenilworth Road was AFC Wimbledon's second in three visits, having previously won 2-1 in February 2010. In fact the Hatters have only ever beaten AFC Wimbledon once in seven meetings. There have been many crucial games between the two clubs, none more so than the 2011 Conference Play-Off final at the City of Manchester Stadium which the Dons won on penalties after an excruciating goalless 120 minutes.

Games between the clubs of course go back further than the Conference years, with the original Wimbledon also holding sway against the Hatters down the years. The Town have only won five of 22 meetings against Wimbledon and AFC, with the Dons coming out on top 10 times.

LAST MEETING

Wimbledon 3-2 Luton 21/2/15

Meet the VISITORS

OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM KINGSMEADOW

THE BOSS

NEAL ARDLEY

The Dons boss was appointed in October 2012 following the departure of Terry Brown. Neal had previously been academy manager at Cardiff. As a player he appeared over 250 times for the original Wimbledon.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

JAMES SHEA

Former Arsenal academy keeper James joined the Wombles in July 2014. Won the FA Youth Cup in 2009 but left the Gunners and joined Harrow Borough before signing for Wimbledon.

IN DEFENCE

BARRY FULLER

Experienced right-back and club captain Barry signed from Barnet in May 2013. Won the FA Trophy with Stevenage before joining Gillingham, who he helped win promotion from League 2.

WILL NIGHTINGALE

Powerful young centre-half Will has been with the club since he was nine. Made his first team bow in a 2-1 win over Accrington in January this year.

PAUL ROBINSON

Hugely experienced defender Paul joined the Dons this summer following his release from Portsmouth. Started his career at Millwall where he went onto make over 300 appearances.



GEORGE FRANCOMB

Versatile right-back, who can also play in midfield, George first arrived at Kingsmeadow on loan from Norwich before he made the move permanent before the start of the 2013/14 campaign.

JONATHAN MEADES

Another versatile young defender, Jonathan joined the Dons from Oxford. Now in his second spell with the club having previously signed on loan in November 2012.

KARLEIGH OBSBORNE

Strong and experienced centre-half Karleigh signed on a season-long loan from Bristol City in July. Came through the ranks at Brentford where he made 200 appearances. Also played for Millwall.

THE MEN IN THE MIDDLE

DANNIE BULMAN

Central midfielder Dannie arrived at Kingsmeadow in June 2014. Played over 200 times for Wycombe before spells at Stevenage, Crawley and Oxford – twice winning promotion.

JAKE REEVES

Summer arrival from Swindon, Jake came through the ranks as a youngster at Brentford, where he made his debut as a 17-year-old. Previously spent a short spell on loan with the Dons in 2012.

SEAN RIGG

Winger Sean became Neal Ardley's first signing last season following his release from Oxford. Started his career at Bristol Rovers before moving to Forest Green, Port Vale and then Oxford.

ANDY BARCHAM

Speedy winger Andy arrived at Kingsmeadow this summer from Portsmouth. A Spurs academy product, the former England Under-16 international also served Gillingham and Scunthorpe.

UP FRONT

TOM ELLIOTT

Tall, pacy frontman Tom signed this summer following his release from Cambridge. Began his career as a youngster at Leeds before loan spells at Macclesfield, Bury and Rotherham.

ADEBAYO AKINFENWA

Powerful and experienced frontman now in his second season at Kingsmeadow after 15 goals last term. Previously been on the books



at Swansea, Torquay, Millwall, Northampton and Gillingham.

ADEBAYO AZEEZ

Forward Adebayo signed for the Dons in June 2014 from Charlton, where he had graduated through the youth system. Had spells on loan at Wycombe, Orient, Torquay and Dagenham.

LYLE TAYLOR

Greenwich-born striker Lyle signed in July following his release from Scunthorpe. Came through the ranks at Millwall before joining Bournemouth. Capped twice by Montserrat.



From the OAK ROAD

It's good to be an AFC Wimbledon fan right now. Fan-owned, plans afoot for a new stadium and the team on the pitch aren't doing too bad either. Oh - and they've got a good record against us! Dons fan **Ray Armfield** gives us the lowdown on today's visitors

THE SEASON AHEAD...

Last season Neal Ardley guided AFC Wimbledon to their highest Football League position - was that a success and did it meet expectations?

I don't think we had expectations set in stone. I'd have liked a place or two higher with the players we had available and, not for the first time, our Achilles heel was struggling to put away teams at the foot of the table, but if you compare positions to budgets, then we should usually finish something like fourth from bottom ourselves. Luckily football isn't as cold or predictable as a balance sheet though - as the likes of Wycombe Wanderers proved last season.

How has your season been so far? Last week you left it late to beat Notts County - do you think that could really kick-start your campaign?

We haven't lost for five games and are unbeaten away from home. Those statistics make us sound like league leaders, but equally we haven't kept a clean sheet to date and have lost twice at home - albeit to good sides like Plymouth and Cambridge (or they were when they beat us!) This afternoon's game, then at home to Northampton on Tuesday night and

Barnet next Saturday could give us a barometer of what's in store for us.

What is it like being an AFC Wimbledon fan? Do you still find yourself dreaming of the times the original Dons team played? Do you prefer supporting this version of the club or is that a question you can't answer?

It's like asking me to compare apples and oranges! I'm a Wimbledon fan and putting three letters at the front of our name in 2002 doesn't change that as far as I'm concerned, regardless of the well-documented circumstances that necessitated us having to do that. I'm old (and lucky) enough to have ridden the Dons' rollercoaster all the way from the Southern League to the Premier League and then from the Combined Counties back up to League 2 - there has rarely been a dull moment at this club!

SEASONS PAST...

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

How long have you got? I've lived in Kent for the past 28 years, but am a South Londoner from Clapham. My Dad took me to



a few top flight matches as a wide-eyed kid but nothing really struck a chord until I went with a mate to my first Wimbledon game aged nine in the autumn of 1971 against Folkestone. The afternoon itself is a bit of a blur now, but it was shades of last week's Notts County thriller as we were 1-0 down with five minutes left but came back to win 2-1. I fell in love with all things Plough Lane instantly and in goalkeeper Dickie Guy I found my first hero. 44 years later he's now Club President. And yes, he's still my hero. (And my mate and I still sit next to each other at Kingsmeadow!)

The promotion from the Conference in 2011. What are your memories of this season? Is this up there in your all-time favourite AFC Wimbledon campaigns?



Dave Beasant (Ray's favourite Dons keeper) holds the FA Cup after Wimbledon's 1988 FA Cup final victory over Liverpool

As you may recall, the regular season finished with both our clubs in the Play-Offs, after a moneyed Crawley Town cantered to the title by 15 points under the ever-popular Steve Evans, but I thought Terry Brown had done really well to get us that close as runners-up. Even when we demolished Fleetwood 6-1 at home to reach the Play-Off final, I travelled to Manchester more in hope than expectation. But there was a steely determination inside the club to 'right the wrong' of the FA commission that effectively told us "AFC Wimbledon would not be in the wider interests of football." It didn't actually sink in until Danny Kedwell's penalty hit the back of the net and the now famous "It only took nine years" chant began. And then the tears came. But you Hatters will also know about FA injustices of course...

Give us your all-time Wimbledon/AFC Wimbledon XI

I've been asked this a few times and it constantly changes, but today I'll go with;

Dave Beasant (sorry Dickie!)
Kenny Cunningham - Matt Everard
- Roy Law - Nigel Winterburn
Michael Hughes - Steve Galliers -
Robbie Earle - Dennis Wise
John Fashanu - Alan Cork

LUTON AND WIMBLEDON

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

I suppose Eastlands in 2011 is difficult to beat in terms of significance and emotion. I made my first-ever visit to Kenilworth Road the previous February when we won 2-1 with Danny Kedwell curling home a lovely winner from an acute angle. I suppose the worst ones were 3-4,000 of us rattling around in the comparative vastness of Selhurst Park in the early 90s and then when I couldn't go to the return games because of the ban on away fans. Without the saturation coverage of TV and social media in those days, it meant having to listen out for updates on the radio!

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?

For those old enough to remember Football Pools coupons, it's a real treble chance of a game. As one of the pre-season promotion favourites, Luton have started slower than many people (including me) expected. I'd certainly be happy with our first

clean sheet of the season this afternoon and then see how the heavyweight encounter between Steve McNulty and Bayo goes at the other end! Sadly, a family commitment means I can't be with you to inflict more damage on my aching knees by once again wedging them in the confines of the Oak Road Stand...

QUICKFIRE

Terrace or Seats? Seats

Who are your rivals?

The Bletchley Stealers

Greatest original Wimbledon hero? Dickie Guy

Greatest AFC Wimbledon hero?

My fellow club volunteers

Guess your player of the season
Jake Reeves

Favourite promotion as AFC Wimbledon? Eastlands, 2011

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

Most treasured Wimbledon piece of memorabilia?

My first WFC programme

Who will win promotion from League 2? Plymouth, Portsmouth, Leyton Orient - and AN Other in the Play-Off

COVER STORY

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

LUTON TOWN 2 WIMBLEDON 1

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
4th APRIL 1992

The Town's 10th season in the top flight was beset with problems from the start.

A summer of changes saw David Pleat return to Kenilworth Road after a five year absence to replace the popular Jim Ryan in the manager's chair, resignations at Board level and mutiny shown by record signing Lars Elstrup who wanted to return to Odense even though they could not afford him.

Out went promising youngsters Kingsley Black and Matt Jackson for big fees to be replaced by the likes of Phil Gray, who spent most of the campaign on the treatment table, and the veteran Trevor Peake.

The season started with no goals scored in the first four games and it was not until game six that a victory was recorded when 10-man Southampton were seen off at Kenilworth Road. Typical of the Hatter's luck at the time was loan signing from Nottingham Forest, Lee Glover, being injured in his first outing never to be seen again.

Recognising that something needed to be done to bolster the forward line, £325,000 was found to bring back Mick Harford and the 32-year-old with supposedly dodgy knees made his second debut against Oldham at Kenilworth Road scoring two late goals to secure a much needed three points.



This proved to be only a brief highlight in what was turning out to be a dismal season. Although the home record was reasonable, away from Kenilworth Road the number of times defeat was ripped from the jaws of victory with last minute goals conceded meant that it was no surprise the Town spent most of the season in the bottom three.

By the time of the visit of Joe Kinnear's Wimbledon in early April the Town stood in the third relegation spot with only Coventry above them realistically catchable.

A crowd of 7,754 turned up to see if the Town could maintain their unbeaten home record which stretched

Imre Varadi, who scored on his Hatters debut



back three months and also welcome loan signing from Leeds Imre Varadi who was set to take a place in the forward line. Varadi had started out at Luton but had been released as a schoolboy before going on to enjoy a good career with seven clubs.

Returning to the side was goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain who had been dropped the previous November. Chamberlain had been replaced by loanee Steve Sutton who the supporters had been desperate to keep but funds could not be found, then another loanee Mervyn Day who had suffered a finger injury.

Chamberlain's first real job was to pick the ball out of the net when, in the games' first attack of note Robbie Earle beat John Dreyer and Peake to a far post cross from Terry

Phelan to flick the ball on to John Fashanu who made no mistake.

In truth Wimbledon should have then gone further ahead but for the goalkeeping heroics of Chamberlain who pulled off tremendous saves from Earle and Fashanu before the Town hit back to equalise in the 27th minute completely against the run of play.

SCRAMBLED

A lovely passing move ended with Harford flicking the ball on to Varadi who scrambled it home from close range.

Just before the goal the game had become over heated with tackles and elbows flying in everywhere leaving referee Brian Hill to call both captains together to read the 'Riot Act'. This had the effect of calming things down

and the Town were all the better for it and proceeded to dominate the second period safe in the knowledge they were not going to be cluttered.

POWER

The deserved winner came on 64 minutes when Harford's reliable aerial power enabled him to flick on a diagonal cross from Chris Kamara. The bouncing ball was misjudged by Don's Warren Barton leaving David Preece to nip in on the blind side and carefully place a left footed drive into the far corner of the net.

For once there were no last minute dramas and the Hatters held on for a vital win which was made even better when it was learnt that Coventry had lost at home to Arsenal.

THE PROGRAMME



The Town produced a colourful 40-page programme for the visit of Wimbledon.

In his notes, manager David Pleat made mention of Mark Pembridge's decision to stay at Kenilworth Road rather than accept a big money move to Derby. What Pleat omitted to say though that he had taken the squad, including Pembridge, on a short break to Tenerife in the days before mobile phones just before the transfer deadline!

Pleat was hoping for four wins and two draws from the final seven games which would see us safe. As it turned out we needed to win our final game, away at already relegated Notts County, and hope that Coventry lost. Coventry duly obliged and were defeated – but two second half goals from future Hatter Rob Matthews put paid to our hopes of joining the new Premier League.

Managing director David Kohler reported that the Town were losing £1.6 million a year, a situation that could only be rectified by the selling of players or the move to a new stadium.



DEFINING MOMENTS

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

1975 FA CUP GIANTKILLERS

Southern League giantkillers Wimbledon made headlines with a shock 1-0 FA Cup victory over top-flight Burnley in front of 19,683 at Turf Moor on 4th January 1975. They had beaten Bracknell 3-1, Maidenhead 4-0, Wokingham 2-0, Guildford 3-0, Bath City 1-0 and Kettering 2-0 to reach the FA Cup third round for the first time. Mick Mahon scored the decisive goal against the Clarets after 49 minutes. Allen Batsford's side then held Leeds United to a 0-0 draw at Elland Road, with Dickie Guy saving Peter Lorimer's 83rd minute penalty, before narrowly losing 1-0 in the fourth round replay watched by 45,701 at Selhurst Park.

1977 ELECTED TO FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Wimbledon were elected to the Football League on 17th June 1977. The Dons had been Southern League champions in three consecutive seasons and FA Cup ties against top-flight Burnley, Leeds United and Middlesbrough had kept them in the national spotlight. League President, Lord Westwood, announced the voting figures at the Football League's AGM at London's Cafe Royal. Wimbledon, with 27 votes, replaced Workington, with 21, in the Fourth Division. Goals by Jeff Bryant, John Leslie and Roger Connell gave the Dons a 3-3 draw with Halifax Town at Plough Lane in their first-ever League match on 20th August 1977.

1981 BASSETT TAKES CHARGE

One of the most significant figures in Wimbledon's history, Dave Bassett became manager on 26th January 1981. The England

Amateur international midfielder had helped Walton & Hersham win the Amateur Cup in 1973 and followed Allen Batsford to Wimbledon in July 1974. He starred in three Southern League title triumphs and two epic FA Cup runs, then assisted Dario Gradi before replacing him in charge. Guiding the Dons to promotion in 1980/81, he then plotted the Crazy Gang's meteoric rise from the Fourth Division to First. Wimbledon finished sixth in the top-flight before he left in May 1987 to become Watford's manager.

1983 FOURTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Wimbledon stormed to the Fourth Division title under Dave Bassett in 1982/83. The Dons raced to the top of the table with a 12-match unbeaten start, including a 6-1 demolition of Aldershot. They overcame three successive defeats, with Mick Smith and Steve Hatter



Dons fans celebrate promotion



Danny Kedwell lifts the Conference Play-Off final trophy in 2011

starring in the heart of defence as Wimbledon lost just one of their last 25 matches. The Dons assured promotion with a 2-0 victory at Crewe Alexandra and clinched the title as Stewart Evans, Wally Downes and Paul Fishenden scored in their 3-1 win at Bury on 14th May 1983. John Leslie finished leading marksman as Wimbledon gained a club record 98 points.

1986 DONS REACH TOP-FLIGHT

The Dons completed a meteoric rise by winning promotion to the top-flight in 1985/86. Dave Bassett's side began with a 3-0 win over Middlesbrough and were early pace-setters after losing just one of their first seven games. The 'Crazy Gang' remained in the promotion race, hammering Sheffield United 5-0 in mid-December, then signing John Fashanu from Millwall for a club record fee. Lawrie Sanchez scored as Wimbledon clinched promotion to the top-flight with a 1-0 win at Huddersfield Town on 3rd May 1986 and they finished third in the Second Division. Dave Beasant and Lawrie Sanchez were both ever-present.

1988 FA CUP WINNERS

Wimbledon defeated double-chasing Liverpool 1-0 in the FA Cup final at Wembley Stadium on 14th May 1988. The Dons had beaten West Brom 4-1, Mansfield Town 2-1, Newcastle United 3-1, Watford 2-1 and ourselves 2-1 en route to their first FA Cup final. Peter Beardsley had an effort disallowed shortly before Wimbledon took the lead as Dennis Wise's 36th minute free-kick was glanced into the far corner by Lawrie Sanchez. Skipper Dave Beasant saved John Aldridge's

penalty on the hour, the first time a spot-kick was missed in the final. Wimbledon were triumphant and the FA Cup was presented by the Princess of Wales.

2002 AFC WIMBLEDON FORMED

AFC Wimbledon was formed in May 2002 after the existing Wimbledon had been given permission to move to Milton Keynes by an independent commission set up by the Football League. There has since, in effect, been two clubs operating with Wimbledon connections. MK Dons continued the club's Football League status, while AFC Wimbledon is the 'spiritual' continuation of the club as many fans opposed the 60 mile move. AFC Wimbledon held its first trials on Wimbledon Common and the first competitive game was a 2-1 Combined Counties League victory at Sandhurst Town watched by 2,449 on 17th August 2002.

2011 CONFERENCE PLAY-OFF WINNERS

AFC Wimbledon won the Conference play-off final at Eastlands on 21st May 2011. Terry Brown's side raced to the top of the table after winning all except two of their opening eight matches and triumphed 2-1 at home to title rivals Crawley watched by 4,018. They slammed five goals past Mansfield, Southport and Tamworth, then top scorer Danny Kedwell grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Altrincham. The Dons finished runners-up to Crawley and hammered Fleetwood 8-1 on aggregate in the play-off semi-final, then beat us 4-3 on penalties after a 0-0 draw in the Play-Off final to achieve Football League status.

Did you know? The Hatters kept three clean sheets against the Dons during the 2010/11 season but lost out to the Wombles in the Play-Off final on penalties.

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Numbers **GAME**

WIMBLEDON AND THE HATTERS IN NUMBERS

1 The Hatters have only ever beaten AFC Wimbledon once, but have drawn three and lost three. AFC have twice won at Kenilworth Road, securing a 2-1 win in February 2010 and a 1-0 win here last season thanks to a goal from Matt Tubbs.

3-0 The Hatters' biggest victory over Wimbledon came against the AFC variety in the Conference on 17th September 2010. In front of the Premier Sports cameras, goals from George Pilkington, Zdenek Kroca and Matthew Barnes-Homer gave Richard Money's side a comfortable victory. It remains the only time the Hatters have scored three or more goals in a game against Wimbledon.

HEAD 2 HEAD

22 PLAYED

5 LUTON WINS

7 DRAWS

10 WIMBLEDON WINS

20 LUTON GOALS SCORED

29 WIMBLEDON GOALS SCORED

1986 YEAR OF FIRST MEETING

The year of the first meeting. The Town ran out 1-0 winners courtesy of a Mark Stein goal in the top flight at Plough Lane.

12 12 of the Hatters' 15 meetings with the original Wimbledon came in the top flight between 1986 and 1996. However, the Town's final meeting with Wimbledon came in a League Cup third round replay which the Dons won 2-1 after extra-time.

20 The Hatters have only scored 20 goals in the 22 games with Wimbledon, failing to score on eight separate occasions. The Town have kept six clean sheets across these matches in which the Dons have held the upper hand.



3 Three spot-kicks were missed in the Play-Off final between the Hatters and the Dons in the 2011 Conference Play-Off final. Unfortunately for the Town they missed two and the Wombles celebrated promotion to the Football League.

DID YOU KNOW?

Jayden Stockley's goal at AFC Wimbledon last season ended a run of three games (and 30 minutes of extra-time) before the Town had previously scored against the Wombles after two goalless draws (including the Play-Off final) and a 1-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road here last term.



Photography by Stuart Butcher

25,963

The largest attendance to watch a Luton versus Wimbledon game came in the 1988 FA Cup semi-final at White Hart Lane. Mick Harford put the Town in front but the Dons came back to win 2-1 and secure a place in the final.

1990 The last time a Luton side won an away game against the Dons came in the top flight 25 years ago. Goals from Kurt Nogan and Iain Dowie secured a 2-1 win at Plough Lane.

WIMBLEDON TROPHY CABINET

FA Cup Winners **1988**

Fourth Division Champions **1983**

Southern League Champions **1975, 1976, 1977**

Combined Counties Champions **2004**

Ryman League Division One Champions **2005**

Conference South Champions **2009**

Conference National Play-Offs **2011**

TOWN 1

0 MANSFIELD



WHAT'S THE STORY?

Craig Mackail-Smith's second half penalty was enough for the Hatters to clinch a vital three points and a first home win of the season against Mansfield.

The striker was felled by Ryan Tafazolli just before the hour mark, but picked himself up to smash the spot-kick straight down the middle of Brian Jensen's goal for a 1-0 victory in front of almost 8,000 fans.

Mackail-Smith had already been denied an outstanding overhead kick by the assistant's flag in the first half, but was not to go without his third goal of the season to give Luton a deserved victory. It was by no means a clear-cut victory, with Mansfield pressing in the last 10 minutes, but despite a nervy finale the Town were able to hang on for a vital three points at Kenilworth Road.



HARRIS SAID:

“It's a relief, it was a little bit nervous at the end which is understandable as we've conceded four goals in the last minute over a period of time which is something I haven't experienced in my career.

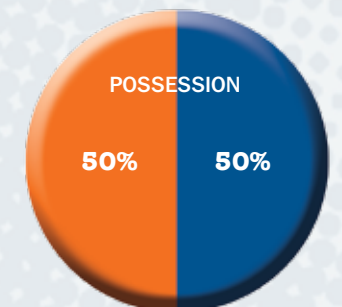
“So we said to the players, for 60 minutes it was excellent, for the last 30 it was nervous and it will be, but let's hope that 30 minutes gets a bit lower and lower as the games goes on now.

“It's a nice feeling, because you really, really can't get across to people how gut-wrenching those last minute goals are and it's the same for the fans as it is for us. We totally understand the fans' frustrations, because we know what we've got in the squad.

“We have to try and turn the negatives into positives. In our last three games, we've beaten Cambridge and the Orient, so stats would say we've won three out of four. Maybe we can make it four out of five and then all of a sudden it rolls and it rolls and it rolls.”



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TYLER O'DONNELL McNULTY (C) WILKINSON SMITH McGEEHAN GRIFFITHS McCOURT LEE McQUOID MACKAIL-SMITH	JENSEN BENNING ROSE PEARCE CHAPMAN CLEMENTS GREEN WESTCARR THOMAS TAFAZOLLI HUNT (C)
SUBSTITUTES	
LAMMIE, HALL, JONES MANNING, SMITH, TAYLOR WILLIAMS, COOPER	WATKIN, COLLINS, KIDSON LAMIE, THOMAS MILLING, BLAIR



ATTENDANCE

7,939
262 Mansfield

HOW IT HAPPENED

1' Annnnnnd we're off. Mansfield, in their change strip of black shirts, get us off and under way. Town attacking Oak Road end #COYH

8' Terrific move with pace, experienced keeper Jensen getting down well to deny Smith but no Town man there for the scraps. 0-0 #COYH

20' Big chance for the visitors, McNulty slip allows Green a chance, he pounces, low left-foot shot though brilliantly blocked by Tyler.

35' Be with you in a second after Mansfield have taken their time with their next set-piece/throw #zzzz

42' Oh my word the greatest goal ever scored that won't count has just gone in - or not - from Mackail-Smith...

42' Ball in from the right met by acrobatic bicycle kick from CMS, it finds the top corner but is ruled out for offside. Unbelievable! 0-0.

HT Town 0-0 Mansfield. Goalless here at half-time. Town been the better side, but both sides have had one decent chance apiece #COYH

46' Annnnnnnnnnd we're off for the second half. Town start us, now shooting towards the Kenny end. No changes for either side. 0-0 #COYH

52' End-to-end, Town almost in at the other end before Mansfield counter, Westcarr played in, low shot saved well by Tyler. 0-0 #COYH

57' PENALTY TOWN CMS FOULED

57' Pearce chops him down after racing onto McCourt throughball. Only a yellow card. He only had the keeper to beat... #COYH

58' **GOOOOOOOOOOAL Town 1-0 Mansfield** (Mackail-Smith pen) Straight down the middle thank you very much Craig Mackail-Smith. 1-0 Town! #COYH

82' Big chance for 1-1, Stags sub Yussuf races through but Tyler's out to narrow the angle and get in a block. Great save. Still 1-0 Town.

83' Attendance here this afternoon at Kenilworth Road is 7,939, including 262 shouting for Mansfield. Thank you for your support #COYH

88' Town man-of-the-match, chosen by match sponsors @HattersTalk is Mark Tyler #COYH

FT Town 1-0 Mansfield. IT'S ALL OVER. **WE'VE WON!** #COYH





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REACTION

STRIKER FEELING HIS BEST AFTER MANSFIELD WINNER

Craig Mackail-Smith told Hatters Player he's feeling at the top of his game after his third goal of the season secured Town's 1-0 over Mansfield last week.

The 31-year-old striker was felled early in the second half, but dusted himself down to smash home his second penalty of the season, as the Town earned their second win of the campaign.

since I've played in a consecutive run of games so I feel fantastic now.

"I need to keep pushing and keep setting the standards of doing what I'm doing at the moment."

Mackail-Smith is confident that the Hatters can string victories together, continuing against AFC Wimbledon today, with the squad coming together as a whole.

"It's been good," he said. "It's taken some time to get used to everyone – there's been a lot of new players and I think everyone in the team is getting used to how people play, the systems we use and for me it's nice to get back to proper fitness."

"We've got another home game and hopefully we can take another three points out of that and give ourselves the momentum to keep moving on and push ourselves up the division."

Despite being through on goal, the foul on Mackail-Smith to win the penalty was deemed not to be worthy of a red card, a decision perplexing the Town goalscorer both during the game and after the final whistle.

"I find it strange [that he hasn't been sent off] because I've taken a touch across him to open up to have a shot," admitted Mackail-Smith.

"I couldn't see anyone else getting back and getting around him, so I am surprised that he didn't get sent off, but it didn't come back to haunt us in the end – we got the goal and we got three points, so that doesn't matter now."

But that should have been the striker's second goal of the game after an acrobatic first half bicycle kick was harshly ruled out for offside.

"It probably would have been the best goal I've ever scored and I'm a bit disappointed," he said. "I don't think I was offside, and it's got to be one hell of a decision to say that I was, but obviously I can't do anything about it now."

"I did something similar a few years ago at Brighton and scored, so I knew that I was capable. It was a fantastic ball from Josh, just going away from me slightly, so I thought the best way of putting it towards goal was an overhead kick."

"When I saw it going into the back of the net I was over the moon, but to see the linesman's flag go up, I couldn't believe it. Disappointing, but these are the decisions that go against you and you just have to suck it up and get on with it."

VIEWING FIGURES

Craig's disallowed bicycle kick has now been viewed over 30,000 times on our official YouTube channel. Check it out at www.youtube.com/lutontown.



And Craig is confident that, with him at the peak of his fitness, the Hatters can get on a run of games to propel them up the League 2 table.

"Ever since the Cambridge game, I've felt good in myself and felt strong and sharp and the real me is coming out," said the Scotland international.

"The first five games have got me to this point, and it's been a while



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REACTION

MIDFIELDER LOOKING TO KICK ON AFTER INJURY

Town playmaker Paddy McCourt is hoping to keep his injury problems firmly in the past to put together a run of performances at Kenilworth Road.

The Northern Irishman suffered a niggle to his hip, but he's confident that he can kick on and help propel the Town up the League 2 table.

McCourt picked up the injury following the Bristol Rovers match, but trained through it, further aggravating the strain that put him out for a couple of weeks.

However, despite the stint on the sidelines, Paddy insists he has enjoyed his time at Luton to date.

"I've enjoyed it here, but obviously some results haven't gone the way we all expected," said the 31-year-old.

"It was pleasing to get the win, against Mansfield and even more so to get the clean sheet.

"As a team we've probably not defended well enough in the last few games, so to get the three points, the clean sheet and for me to get 90 minutes was a good day."

As the midfielder alluded to, many players have been disappointed with the start to the League 2 campaign, with the victory over the Stags just the second of the season after eight matches.

BUILDING

But McCourt feels that that win can be the building block for the Hatters to push on and put a string of results together in the upcoming weeks.

"We were desperate for that win. We had a great win against Cambridge two weeks previous and we were disappointed against Notts County to get back to 2-2 and then lose it," he said. "Today, we got to 1-0, but instead of kicking on we got a bit nervy, we were looking to get to the finish line as opposed to pushing on for another goal, but thankfully we hung on."

John Still elected to give the midfield trio of McCourt, Cameron McGeehan and Josh McQuoid some freedom to rotate their positions against Mansfield, a plan the former believed worked well throughout the game at Kenilworth Road.

"Today I started on the left, Cam was in the middle and Josh was on the right; but the gaffer gave the three of us a bit of freedom to change positions, and I think we rotated it well.

NERVY

"I think we all played well until about 65 minutes. Then, because of the way things have been going, we got a bit nervy and we dropped back a little bit and confidence probably isn't quite there at the minute because we haven't won enough games.

"But we dug in well and got the three points and we'll look forward to Wimbledon."

McCourt had a hand in the only Town goal of the game, playing the throughball to Craig Mackail-Smith for the penalty, but the midfielder was surprised to see just a yellow card brandished for the foul.

"I thought it was a sending off," admitted the midfielder.

"I asked the ref why it wasn't and he seemed to think his touch was taking him away from goal, but I thought the rules were that if you were the last man and it was a clear goalscoring opportunity then you would have to go."



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REACTION

STOPPER RELIEVED TO KEEP FIRST CLEAN SHEET

Town goalkeeper Mark Tyler was pleased to put the frustrating period to the past as the Hatters claimed their first clean sheet of the season in a 1-0 victory over Mansfield last Saturday.

The season hadn't begun in the best fashion for Tyler and co, but a first home win of the season coupled with a solid defensive display made for a good combination at home.

And Tyler is hoping similar performances will follow as Town look to climb the table.

"It's been a frustrating time for us all. You could see towards the end that we were a bit nervy, but we managed to grind it out and hopefully it will breed a bit of confidence going into next week," said the 38-year-old.

"Like the manager said, we need to get on a run now. With the quality of players we've got, we know we can put an unbeaten run together. We've got that first one now, we can build on that in training and go again against Wimbledon."

The number of late goals conceded in recent weeks has not escaped Tyler, but the stopper believes it was a man at the opposite end of the pitch who contributed to Luton's clean slate.

"Obviously with the amount of late goals we've conceded, we needed to remain calm, put the ball in the right area when we cleared it so we can get up the pitch and support Craig Mackail-Smith a bit more.

"He was fantastic again. It was nice to finally get over the line, but now we've got to keep working,



We restricted them to half chances really and it's nice to finally get that clean sheet. We could have won by more goals, certainly, but 1-0 will suit me any day."

Injury has kept the Luton number one out of the team on occasions this year, with Elliot Justham deputising in his place, and Tyler is pleased the two of them are competing for the one place between the sticks.

"It's been brilliant having that competition," he said. "Me and Elliot get on really well, he's going to be a top class 'keeper. I'm not guaranteed to play every week, so I've got to keep

working hard every day in training.

"We have banter, but we're both serious when it needs that. Craig [King] is up and coming too so we have a nice little unit forming. When Elliot plays, I back him 100 per cent and vice versa.

"We get on great and I love the competition, and we've just got to be on top of our games throughout."

keep training hard and hopefully take that forward into Saturday."

Despite going eight games in the season without keeping the opposition out, Tyler insists that it's just down to luck and individual mistakes that have cost them maintaining a deadlock on more occasions.

"We've been close to that clean sheet a few times, and the gaffer highlighted that missing out has been down to individuals rather than the team. I've been to blame on one occasion, others have stuck their hands up," he said.

"We've seen the videos and worked on it in training and the back four were solid today.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mark made his Town debut back in August 2009 against today's opponents AFC Wimbledon. If he's involved in any point today it will be his 275th appearance in Hatters colours.

CENTRE SPOT



Craig Mackail-Smith keeps his eye on the ball as he sets himself for an acrobatic bicycle kick. Unfortunately for Craig and the Hatters his sensational goal was harshly ruled out for offside. Thankfully the striker had the last word with the match-winning penalty in the second half.

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

HATTERS LEGEND **MICK HARFORD** TELLS THE LEAGUE PAPER THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF HIS CAREER



No-one can accuse target man Mick Harford of not packing enough into his career.

After leaving plumbing behind to sign for Lincoln City, the big striker went on to make more than 700 career appearances in two decades and notched more than 200 goals.

His strike rate of one goal in virtually every three games wasn't to be sniffed at as he made his mark north and south.

Luton is the club he's most remembered for as he was part of the great Hatters side of the mid to late-80s that took on the game's giants and gave them a run for their money. A League Cup winner for Luton against Arsenal in 1988, Harford also won two treasured England caps under Bobby Robson that same year.

Here, he looks back at the ups and down of his extensive career, including the story of the flying nun who caused a scene at a Luton Christmas-do:

FIRST CLUB

Lincoln City. It was a start with a difference – the day I signed, Graham Taylor left to become manager of Watford. Four of us from the north-east signed at the same time and it was a fantastic club to learn your trade. There were great role models like Sam Ellis, John Ward, Ian Branfoot, Alan Harding and Peter Grotier. I had been a plumber for three years so it was great to get the opportunity to play football. Glenn Cockerill was one of the young players at the club and we had a great mix of youth and experience. I finally got the chance to work with Graham Taylor about ten years later for England B.

BEST MANAGER

I played for a lot of different managers and they were all different. If I had to pick out a couple of favourites, I'd go for Ron Saunders at Birmingham and Arthur Cox, who signed me for Derby and Newcastle.

They taught me a lot about the game and life itself. They were hard taskmasters, but knew how to get the best out of you. Behind the hard facade, they had a fun side and were good men. I've also got to mention a few others – Bobby Robson with England was a genius coaching wise and a top-class man, David Pleat at Luton added flair and the expansive side to the game, and I knew Roy Hodgson and Bobby Houghton at Bristol City were going to have a fantastic career in the game.

BEST PLAYER

I was lucky enough to play with a lot of great players in my career. At Newcastle, Chris Waddle was world class. At Luton, we had a great team with players like Ricky Hill, Brian Stein and Mal Donaghy, but if I had to pick one player, it would be the Luton captain Steve Foster. You could rely on him week in, week out. He was a leader and got the best out of his team. I played with players technically better,

but Fozzie was an inspirational captain. Luton's success was a lot to do with him and he also played for England.

FIRST PROMOTION

I never got promoted, though I left a few clubs near the top of the league. As for my top league finish, I finished seventh with Luton in the top division in 86-87. That was massive. For three or four years it was a golden period for the club and we were very successful. For such a small club to do that well was a big achievement, and we also got to Wembley and won the League Cup in 1988.

FUNNIEST PLAYER

Goalkeeper Tony Coton at Birmingham. In and around the dressing room he was really good fun. He was a great joke teller and tickled me with his stories. I haven't got a story in particular I can recall, but in general he was just really funny – and a good keeper, too.

FUNNIEST INCIDENT

It was a Christmas-do from my Luton days. It was fancy dress and Steve Foster was dressed as a nun. We were in a Chinese restaurant and Fozzie fell against a plate glass window and smashed right through it. He got back up, went back to his seat and then picked up a glass of wine and carried on drinking as if nothing had happened.

BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT

Playing for England. I had played as a sub against Israel, but making my full debut against Denmark at Wembley in September 1988 is something I'll never forget. England had had a bad time at the European Championships that summer and Bobby Robson picked an experienced league team for the Denmark game. I remember standing next to Peter Beardsley,

a top England player, before the game and thinking 'this is what I really wanted'. I was just so proud to represent my country. I was quite happy with my performance and, to round it off, we won 1-0 with a Neil Webb goal.

LOWEST MOMENT

I've had a few in my career, including missing out on playing in Europe after Luton won the League Cup because English clubs were banned. I never had the opportunity to play in Europe and I would love to have tested myself at that level. But undoubtedly the lowest happened a few months ago. I lost my best friend Andy King. We were very close, and he was a smashing bloke and real football man. He was the life and soul of the party and one of the funniest guys I knew.

TOUGHEST PLACE TO GO

The Scousers always used to give me some stick and Liverpool was the toughest place to go. If you did manage to score there in the 80s, they would score a few more. I scored a long-distance goal, would you believe, in my second game for Birmingham at Anfield, but you hardly saw the ball for 90 minutes and had to take really good care of it when you had it. They had proper world-class players.

FAVOURITE PLACE TO GO

This might sound a little strange, but this was also Liverpool. I loved going to play there – the atmosphere, the noise were different class and you were playing against top-class players. You always knew you were up against it, but it was a brilliant place to play and the Scousers loved their football.



TOUGHEST OPPONENT

The best player I played against was Kenny Dalglish. He was the kingpin of Liverpool, world-class, mentally and physically very tough. As for direct opponents, you had battles with centre-back pairings every week whether it was Allan Evans and Ken McNaught at Aston Villa, Alan Hansen and Mark Lawrenson at Liverpool, Steve Bruce and Gary Pallister at Manchester United, Terry Fenwick and Alan McDonald at QPR or Alvin Martin and Tony Gale at West Ham. But if you were to pin me down to choose one defender, I would say Paul McGrath. You could never do him for pace, he was tough and a cultured defender. He was a fantastic footballer and a modern day centre-half.

AMBITION

I'm doing a bit of scouting and I'd never say never to going back into coaching, but my main aim is to make sure my family is happy and I live a fulfilling life whatever I do.

MEET THE MANAGER



Trust in Luton held their annual Meet the Manager night at the Eric Morecambe Suite on Monday night as Simon Pitts compered an evening of Trust members questioning John Still and his staff about various topics to do with the club.

John Still, Terry Harris and Hakan Hayrettin were on hand to answer any questions. We've picked out the main talking points of the evening.

Q. Sum up the season so far.

John Still: It has been disappointing. Our training programme means we get stronger and stronger as the season goes on. We've played better this season than the equivalent time last season. We're not at full sharpness but we're getting sharper but individual mistakes have cost us which has been disappointing. Hopefully we will finish strong and get promoted.

Q. Is the squad too big and is it hard to manage?

JS: No it isn't. When I sign players I tell them the competition for places is strong and they are all aware of that. Everyone wants to play games but they appreciate the strength of the squad. The size of the squad is good. Competition for places is where I want. We've just got to win more games!

Q. We've been on winning runs in previous seasons. Are we capable of that this season?

JS: I'd like to think so. We're not far away. If we hadn't conceded those late goals we'd be in a better position. Some of the goals were unfortunate. Some were individual errors. We will get better. Look at Chelsea. They started slow but now they're getting better.

Q. Why do we bring everyone back for corners?

JS: I was on a training course with Arsene Wenger and Alex Ferguson and others and we analysed why goals were conceded. The facts were that more goals were conceded when teams left men forward so I bring everyone back. Is it right? I don't know but we don't concede many from corners so it works for us.

Q. Why do we drop back so much?

JS: Fair question. We possibly defend too deep. We said between us [the coaching staff] that if we went 1-0 up against Mansfield we would drop deep. We knew we would. It wasn't a tactic it was just an anxiety.

Terry Harris: We were nervous against Mansfield. We needed someone to clear the ball into the stand so we could get out and re-organise but we weren't able to do that so we subconsciously dropped deeper.

Q. It is noticeable there is a lack of confidence on the ball. Why? Is it playing in front of a nervy crowd?

JS: We always appreciate our home and away support so it isn't the crowd. It comes back to last season and the season before. I don't see us playing worse now than then. We've just started slowly again.

Q. You've spoken about what others teams do but I think we should make teams worry about us. Attack is the best form of defence.

JS: The only time we focus on the opposition in training is on a Friday. Every day we do pass and keep the ball sessions. We also do defensive drills as well as crossing and attacking. For every 10 hours training we probably do one hour on the opposition.

Q. How long do you see yourself at Luton Town for?

JS: I keep saying I don't really know but while I'm fit and healthy and continue to enjoy it I'll be staying. I love what I do. The day will come when I no longer enjoy it and

when that day comes I'll pack it in but who knows when that will be.

Q. Do you get a chance to speak to the officials after the game?

JS: I do. I went into see the officials after the Mansfield game to query three decisions – the disallowed goal, the incident on Luke Wilkinson and the non-red for the penalty. They were adamant Craig was offside, fourth official said he was writing something down at the time of the elbow and ref said CMS was going away from goal hence no red. I disagreed with them on all three decisions. The problem might be there isn't enough refs for refs to be dropped.

Q. What is said in the huddle after a game?

JS: I don't talk in the dressing room I leave it until Monday so I give an overview of what I've seen in the game.

Q. Is there any truth in Elliot Lee coming back on loan?

JS: Not immediately. It isn't something we wouldn't do but it might block Jack Marriott's path and we don't want to do that.

Q. Is Lee Angol one that got away?

JS: We made him an offer and he chose not to accept it. He didn't want to play for Luton so I didn't want him here.

Q. You have a history of signing players you've managed before. Why?

JS: I know what I'm getting. I've signed good players before and they've not been what was on the tin. Look at Man Utd. They signed Veron. Good player but he was useless for them! I admire players who work their socks off.

Q. Talk about the commitment the board have given you particularly regarding Cameron McGeehan.

JS: They've been terrific. 100%. I saw Cam play in the FA Youth Cup final against Chelsea and I was impressed. He's the type of player I want playing for Luton so we invested in his future.

Q. Finally sum things up at the club.

JS: Remember this is YOUR club. I'm only guiding it. I can only be judged on progress. You have to judge what progress is. This is a fantastically run club which is improving and will continue to improve.

The Trust committee would like to thank John, Terry and Hakan for giving up their time and for being so open and honest as always; and thanks also to Simon for hosting the evening.

For more information on forthcoming events and to join the Trust, visit www.trustinluton.info.

PICTURE the PAST

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



Brian Stein fires in a shot against Wimbledon during their first ever visit to Kenilworth Road in April 1987. The game, watched by a crowd of 9729, finished scoreless although the point won kept the Town in third spot in the top flight.

THE CAMERA never LIES

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Happy Hatters fans are pictured here before the start of the FA Cup semi-final against Wimbledon at White Hart Lane in 1988. Sadly, a late winner from the Dons' Dennis Wise put paid to a fourth trip to Wembley that season, but we enjoyed our moment of glory in the Littlewoods Cup two weeks later. Wimbledon, meanwhile, went on to lift the FA Cup that season beating Liverpool in the final.

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NEW DEAL

MIDFIELDER'S DELIGHT AT EXTENDED CONTRACT

Olly Lee must have wondered what he'd got himself into when he walked into Kenilworth Road to sign a short-term deal after the 1-0 home to Bristol Rovers last month.

But even though he's seen the Hatters concede last minute goals to fall to further defeats to Portsmouth and Notts County, it hasn't put him off agreeing a new, extended contract with the Club to keep him on the books until 2017.

"I'm really pleased. I knew I had confidence in myself to do a good job and I'm glad the manager is pleased with my contribution," Lee told Hatters Player after putting pen to paper on the deal on Tuesday this week.

ONWARDS

"Now I'm looking forward to the rest of this season and the seasons ahead. We've conceded a few last minute goals but that's behind us now – it's onwards and upwards now."

Without wishing to keep going back to the Hatters' early season Achilles heel of conceding late on, the 24-year-old has still relished playing his part in the Town's last six matches that started with an eye-catching debut by playing two hours against Premier League Stoke City.

"I've really enjoyed it to be fair," he says. "I think we've played well. A few results haven't gone our way and if it wasn't for those last-minute goals we'd be right up there in the table."

"It has been hard to take, especially Notts County. We'd done so well to get back into the game from 2-0 down and at that time

there only seemed one winner. Then we fell for a sucker punch at the end.

"The players are just as frustrated as the fans but we've eradicated that now and I think we can start climbing the league now."

Last weekend's 1-0 win over Mansfield saw the Hatters keep their first clean sheet of the season and Lee believes the Town can take confidence from that success as he and his team-mates continue to mould into a force to be reckoned with in League 2.

"We've won three of our last four games now and we're definitely heading in the right direction now," says Lee. "Everyone is gelling more now; people are moving into certain positions on the pitch – those combinations are showing signs of improving and that will just get better and better as time goes on."

"It was important to beat Mansfield the way we did. It might have been a scrappy game but perhaps that's what we needed, a 1-0 win like that. We had to dig in and we kept a clean sheet. In previous games we'd played well and lost so to win an ugly game is really important. Hopefully that's the first of a lot more victories."

Having been a mainstay in the



Town side since his arrival, Lee is now eyeing improvement in his own game.

"I think there's still much more to come from me," says the midfielder, who is the brother of striker Elliot who the Town had on-loan last season. "Yes I like to get on the ball and get the team playing but it would be nice to nick a few goals to help."

PRACTISE

"I like to have a shot from distance, I am due a goal and I've been doing extra shooting practise in training so hopefully that happens sooner rather than later."

Promotion remains the Town's and Lee's aim despite just two wins from their first eight games.

"That is what we're all striving for," he says. "Let's see what happens this year...and then next year in League 1."

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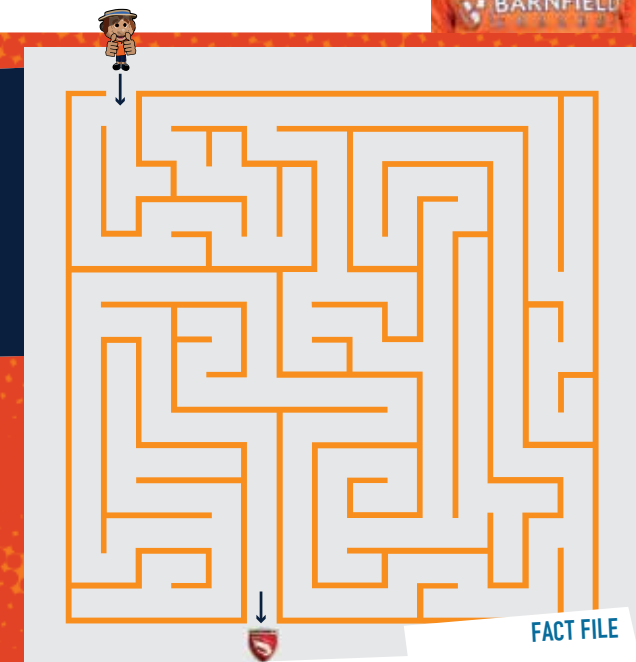
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Luton LADIES

The Town Ladies continued their impressive start to the season with a 1-1 away draw at Milton Keynes last weekend.

Luton started slowly and were under pressure from the start and were fortunate to not fall behind when the MK striker broke through and smashed her shot against the cross bar but the ball bounced down and was cleared.

Hatters goalkeeper Hollie Staples then had to be alert, rushing from her line to deny the same player with an excellent block on the edge of the area. And it was no surprise when the hosts took the lead following some indecisive defending from the Town. The ball was crossed into the area where the ball was swept into the net off the inside of the post.

The second half was a different story, however, as Hatters came out looking a different team following a change of formation and personnel. The hosts had a further opportunity to extend their lead but again the woodwork came to the Town's rescue as the ball rebounded off the post and was scrambled clear.

The threat to the Hatters' unbeaten start in the League stung the Town into action who pushed back the home defence for long periods which finally led to the equaliser, when Natasha Fensome struck the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

Level, the Hatters went in search of a winner. Further chances were created when Rebecca Kane twice carved out shooting opportunities

but she screwed her shots wide on both occasions. However, a point away to the third placed team was not a disaster and the result keeps the Hatters in second place.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "This was easily our most disjointed performance of the season and it's a credit to the players they still managed to gain a point.

"We have been hit hard with injuries in vital places and it is not easy to replace players of the quality of those we've lost.

PERFORM

"Many of our youth players have had to step up and it is s great to see players like 16-year-old Kezia Hassall step up and perform to that standard as she was probably our standout player today.

"We are hard on the heels of Crystal Palace who are very strong, and with the financial backing of a men's Premier League club it is very hard for us to compete with. However we certainly have the squad to do that and with a bit more good fortune who knows what we can achieve."

Meanwhile the Under-16s won again, this time defeating Hitchin 2-0 with goals from Jodie Bellinger and Chloe Fitzsimmons.

The Club continues to expand within the youth section and are actively seeking players Under-12 and below.

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AUGUST

16 Enfield Town (H) W 3-0
23 Lowestoft Town (A) W 3-1

SEPTEMBER

2 Bedford (A) W 3-0
6 Cambridge United (A) D 2-2
13 Lowestoft Town (H) W 2-0
20 MK Dons (A) D 1-1
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)

Any players interested should contact lutontownlfc@hotmail.co.uk in the first instance.

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

It's competition time again for all of our football-mad youngsters and today the Community Trust are launching four fantastic soccer competitions for boys and girls in Luton and Bedfordshire.

This season the Football League are running four cup competitions for junior footballers from schools across the country, with the finals being played in the build-up to some of the biggest matches of the domestic season. In conjunction with Ferrero and their Kinder+ Sport initiative which supports physical activity amongst youngsters, this season the Football League are running the Under-11 Kids Cup, The Under-13 Girls Cup and both a Boys and Girls Under-15/16 Futsal Cup.

Every Football League club is involved in organising their local Kids Cup competition for teams representing schools at Under-11 level and a Girls Cup for teams representing schools at Under-13 level and in each of the last three years, nearly 2,500 schools and 20,000 children have participated in these competitions giving them an incredible experience as well as encouraging them to maintain that elusive healthy lifestyle. This year we are adding Futsal competitions

for both Under-16 boys and girls with the aim of hitting 30,000 children involved nationally.

The winning school from each local competition will go on to represent Luton Town at the regional and national finals should they progress. It's not just about the glory of playing at Wembley, although the Football League and Luton Town understands that the glory of appearing before a National Final is great for everyone involved. So, at every stage, there are some great prizes for schools to win, such as certificates, pennants, medals and trophies, to allow participants to remember their achievement of taking part in the country's largest national football competitions. We entered both the Kids Cup and Girls Cup for the first time last year thanks to being back in the Football League - so ladies first, here we go!

Luton Town Kinder+Sport Under-13 Girls six-a-side Football League Cup

Your chance to play at Wembley and Kenilworth Road!

The Football League Kinder+Sport Girls Cup competition comprises of a six-a-side competition for Under-13 girls that culminates in a grand final prior to the Johnstone's



Paint Trophy Final at Wembley in March. In addition to offering girls the chance to play at Wembley, we are also offering finalists of our local tournament the chance to play at Luton Town! Last season we held our final in front of a packed stadium at half-time during our home fixture with Cambridge United and the girls from Linslade Middle and Alameda Middle fought out a close game with the Ampthill girls progressing via a penalty shoot-out.

This year's tournament is open to all Luton and Bedfordshire schools to take part in the year 8 girls six-a-side football tournament and our official Luton Town tournament will again take place at Redbourne Upper School with the two winning semi-finalists once again playing out the Bedfordshire final on the pitch. The winners of the final will then proceed to an area final to play the winning school from Charlton, Dagenham, Leyton Orient, Millwall, Southend, Gillingham and Watford the overall winners proceeding to a regional North v South final with the eventual final

to be played at Wembley before the Johnstone Paint Trophy Final in March.

We only have a limited number of places available for the tournament, so if you would like to enter please either email for an application form to schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk, or call the community office direct on 01582 737568 to register a place in the tournament.

Luton Town Kinder+Sport Under-11 Kids six-a-side Football League Cup

Your chance to play at Wembley and Kenilworth Road!

The Kids Under-11 Cup also comprises of a six-a-side competition for Under-11 school children and culminates in three finals across the Football League Play-Off weekends in May. In the Kinder+ Sport Kids Cup competition all 72 Football League clubs are first split into three divisions, in line with our divisional status we will compete in the League 2, before being again split into two groups, north and south - so our local winners will progress as Luton Town into the Division 2 South Play-Offs. The winners of the League 2 North and League 2 South finals will then qualify for the chance to play before the League 2 Play-Off Final at Wembley.

Last season we held our regional final here at Kenilworth Road during the half-time break at our fixture with Accrington Stanley, with St Matthews from Luton losing out to Ramsey Manor from Barton le Clay. The Barton boys then progressed to the regional finals down at Portsmouth's training ground, finishing a fantastic third place

and narrowly missing out on the national semi-finals. Similar to the Girls Cup, the Kids Cup is open to all Luton and Bedfordshire schools to take part and our official Luton Town

tournament will also take place at Redbourne Upper School and V360 here in Luton. Again the two winning semi-finalists will play their final on the pitch at Kenilworth Road to decide who progresses to represent the Hatters in the regionals.

Places will be at a premium for this tournament, so if you would like to enter please either email for an application form to schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk or call the community office direct on 01582 737568.

Luton Town FC Kinder+Sport Under-15/16 Boys and Girls Futsal Cup.

These two indoor tournaments are brand new this season and while the indoor sport can't offer a half-time local final on the pitch we'll still offer both the boys and girls winners the opportunity to come along to a game and take a bow as they go on to represent the Club in the regional finals.

The Kinder+ Sport tournament is a similar path to the Football League Kids and Girls Cup for each competition, however, four teams will ultimately progress to a National Finals Festival, following



the Regional Finals stage. We'll be holding our Bedfordshire competitions at the Bunyan Centre in Bedford and V360 in Luton, and whichever schools go on to represent the Club in both the boys and girls competition they will come up against Barnet, Cambridge, Colchester, Ipswich, MK Dons, Northampton and Stevenage in our regional finals before aiming for the Southern semi-finals and a place in the National Final. Stiff competition but we expect to be as competitive as we were in last year's Girls and Kids Cup!

Again we expect places will be at a premium for this tournament - so if you would like to enter please either email for an application form to schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk or call the community office direct on 01582 737568. We want as many of our Luton and Bedfordshire schools to take part in all four of these exciting national tournaments so please make sure you register your interest early!





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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMY
MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

It's been a busy week at the Academy since the first team's deserved home win against Mansfield Town here at Kenilworth Road last weekend.

Under-18s

The Youth Team again showed some fantastic attacking free-flowing football whilst disposing comfortably of Dagenham & Redbridge with a 4-0 home win. Tyreeq Bakinson notched a good couple of goals from midfield, finishing off some good fluent team play. Northampton are up next for the lads this afternoon as they continue their excellent winning run, but more importantly the individual improvement and the team work ethic is very evident at the moment.

The challenge for the lads is now to maintain the standards they have set and keep nudging the bar as high as possible.

It was also pleasing to see a number of the Under-18s squad step up into the development squad

during the 3-0 midweek victory over AFC Wimbledon. All the lads involved acquitted themselves well and hopefully we can involve them more as the season wears on.

Staff

I am delighted to welcome Dan Simm to the Academy at Luton Town. Dan has joined us in the role as head academy physiotherapist and will work closely along the first team physiotherapist Simon Parcell.

Schoolboys

Last Saturday our Under-16s followed the Under-18s' lead by dismissing Dagenham & Redbridge comprehensively 6-0 away from home. Joe Deeney was delighted with lots of individual performances and the team spirit the group showed.

The Schoolboy teams (Under-9-Under15s) played their latest round of games against Northampton's Academy. All the coaches reported more positives than negatives and therefore we were pleased with the overall displays. Next up for the schoolboys

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

are a round of fixtures against Portsmouth tomorrow.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this update and here's to some more positive news, in a couple of weeks in my next set of notes.

YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE TABLE SOUTH EAST										
		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1	Southend United	8	8	0	0	23	7	+16	24	
2	LUTON TOWN	8	7	1	0	30	4	+26	22	
3	Stevenage	8	5	1	2	17	14	+3	16	
4	Northampton Town	8	5	0	3	19	10	+9	15	
5	Leyton Orient	8	4	2	2	16	9	+7	14	
6	AFC Wimbledon	8	4	1	3	16	17	-1	13	
7	Barnet	8	3	1	4	16	14	+2	10	
8	Milton Keynes Dons	8	3	0	5	17	28	-11	9	
9	Gillingham	8	2	2	4	16	20	-4	8	
10	Peterborough United	8	1	1	6	4	19	-15	4	
11	Dagenham & Redbridge	8	1	0	7	7	24	-17	3	
12	Cambridge United	8	0	1	7	4	19	-15	1	

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Youth PROFILE



JOSHUA BROWN

Name: **Joshua Brown**

Date of birth:

31/10/1998

Birthplace: **Bedford**

Position: **Central
midfield**

Year joined Luton:
2008

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**WHY DID YOU JOIN LUTON
TOWN?**

To have a better chance of
becoming a footballer.

.....
**WHAT WAS THE BEST
BIT OF ADVICE WHEN
GROWING UP?**

Always be hungry and never
settle for what you have.

.....
**WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR
BEST MOMENT IN
FOOTBALL SO FAR?**

Finishing third in the Cordial
Cup.

.....
**WHICH TEAM DID YOU
SUPPORT AS A KID?**

Tottenham

.....
**WHICH PLAYER DID YOU
PRETEND TO BE IN THE
PLAYGROUND?**

Jermain Defoe

.....
**WHAT OTHER SPORTS ARE
YOU GOOD AT?**

Table tennis and pool.

.....
**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?**

Jake Howells

.....
**WHAT IS YOUR DREAM
JOB APART FROM BEING A
FOOTBALLER?**

PE Teacher

.....
**WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE
TYPE OF MUSIC?**

Rap and R&B.

.....
**WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION
FOR THIS SEASON?**

To have a good run in the FA
Youth Cup

WHAT THE COACH SAYS

Under-18s boss Paul Driver
on Joshua:

"Joshua suffered a badly broken leg
but he has made a full recovery and we
are now delighted to report that he has
now signed scholarship forms with us.

"I must say the work he has put in
to get over the injury has been nothing
short of marvellous. His work ethic and
desire to get back fully fit has been
terrific. He was in plaster for ages and
at one point it didn't look as though he
would recover.

"He has worked tirelessly day in, day
out to get fit and it is fantastic to see
him now involved in training sessions.
It won't be for a month or two until
he's ready to play for us. Six weeks
ago we were hoping that would be
after Christmas so that's the kind of
progress he's made.

"As a player he is very different
to what we have, he's a defensive
central midfielder who breaks up the
play, likes to get stuck in and does all
the 'horrible' things well. A Joshua-
type player is a bit of a rarity in youth
teams in this day and age: clubs tend
to either want a midfielder that can
just pass it or a big centre-half. When
Joshua comes back he will give us a
different dimension in the middle of
the park.

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new player when he returns – but he
deserves a lot of credit to get to the
point he is at now."

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YOUTH UPDATE

The Hatters Under-18s continued their unbeaten start to the season as a 4-0 win over Dagenham & Redbridge made it eight wins in nine matches in all competitions last weekend.

Two goals in each half did the damage against the Daggers as Paul Driver's side eased to a fourth straight win.

The Town took the lead in the 22nd minute when Kavan Cotter's shot rebounded off the crossbar and George Murray tucked home the rebound.

Three minute later it was 2-0 when Cameron McJannet's left-wing cross was headed home by Tyreeq Bakinson.

Two goals to the good the break, it was almost 3-0 shortly after the restart when Cotter saw a shot rattle the woodwork.

But the Hatters did score their third goal on 69 minutes when Bakinson drilled a shot from outside the box that flew past the Dagenham goalkeeper.

Three minutes later three became four when Cotter pounced on a loose ball in the six-yard box to finish neatly for his fifth goal in as many games.



Kavan Cotter

Bakinson came close to sealing his hat-trick when firing another shot from distance but it ended 4-0.

A delighted Driver told lutontown.co.uk: "It was a comfortable performance, from the first minute to the last.

"However we need to learn to play to the same intensity, standards and decision-making when we are in control of games when you are not in a comfortable position."

TOWN: King, Bean (sub McGhan-George 67), McJannet, Musonda, Famewo; Justin, Cotter, Bakinson, Atkinson (sub Snelus 71); Murray (sub Hinds 69), Verney. **SUB NOT USED:** Jones.

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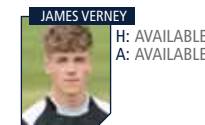
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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD FIXTURES

SEPTEMBER

- Tue 8 Gillingham H W 7-0
- Tue 15 Leyton Orient A L 0-1
- Tue 22 AFC Wimbledon H (Cup) W 3-0

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
- Tue 16 AFC Bournemouth H 1pm

MARCH

- Mon 14 AFC Wimbledon A 7pm
- Tue 29 Cambridge United H 1pm

Goals from Ryan Hall, Paul Benson and Alex Lawless gave a strong Hatters development squad a comfortable 3-0 win over AFC Wimbledon at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday.

Hatters development and academy boss Andy Awford named a side which had amassed 334 senior appearances between for the Club, including Nathan Doyle – who played an hour – and Benson, who completed 75 minutes.

Against a younger Dons side the Town almost went ahead inside the first 20 seconds when Doyle's volley from outside the box was kept out by visiting goalkeeper Will Mannion.

Wimbledon briefly threatened Elliot Justham's goal in the opening quarter-hour but the Town came close to taking the lead in the 26th minute when Hall rifled a low shot goalwards that was tipped over by Mannion.

Lawless came close with a curling effort with the outside of his boot on 32 minutes, but a minute later the Hatters did have the lead. Hall took Doyle's pass in a central position before rifling a low, swerving shot from 20 yards that pinged in off the post and into the back of the net.

As half-time approached the Hatters pressed for a second goal, and Lawless was denied by a save from Mannion on 42 minutes before Jack Marriott was denied space in the box after taking a pass from Lawless just moments before the break.

After the interval Hall came close to scoring an almost identical goal moments after the restart, only to see his effort clawed away by the visiting goalkeeper.

But after Doyle saw another long-range strike saved, the Town doubled their lead from the resultant corner on 50 minutes. The Dons only half-cleared the set-piece, allowing Lawless to curl the ball from the left to Dan Potts at the back post. His header back across goal was met by Benson who nodded home from close range.

Marriott then saw a goal ruled out for offside after Lawless' effort had come back off the post on 56 minutes, before the Town striker was denied by a fine full-length stop from the Wimbledon keeper six minutes later.

With Justham barely tested in the second half the Hatters confirmed their superiority with a third and final goal five minutes from time. Right-back James Justin's cross found Lawless and the midfielder had time and space in the penalty area to pick his spot to fire home – and that was that.

Town dev: Justham; Justin, Potts, Okuonghae, O'Brien; Green, Lawless, Doyle (sub Musonda 60), Hall; Marriott (sub Atkinson 83), Benson (sub Murray 74). **Sub not used:** King.



Paul Benson heads home to make it 2-0

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A WORD FROM

The Football League Paper

Diego Costa's weekend shenanigans against Arsenal reinforced the Chelsea striker's reputation as the Premier League's biggest wind-up merchant.

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

Whether it's yapping at refs, leaving a foot in or baiting opponents, the Brazilian's one-man mission to be the most player in the game is barrelling along at full pelt. Even his own team-mates are calling him a cheat, though Kurt Zouma later claimed his English wasn't the best. Yeah, right. Of course, Costa isn't the first to perfect football's dark arts - here are a few others who niggled their way into infamy.

SERGIO RAMOS

It's a shame Manchester United never got their hands on the Real Madrid defender, purely so we could watch him and Costa go hammer and tongs.

If there's anything the 29-year-old Spaniard likes more than a sneaky foul it's taunting opposition strikers. Constant chatter, blowing kisses, feigning injury - earlier this season he was given some verbals by Atletico Madrid's Jose Gimenez and responded by asking him to turn round.

'Why?' said the 20-year-old defender. 'Because I haven't got a clue who you are,' shot back Ramos.

Mind you, it's hardly a one-way street. With a staggering 19, hot-headed Ramos currently holds the record for the most red cards ever shown to a Real Madrid player.

DENNIS WISE

Wise was the sneakiest, dirtiest, yappiest member of Wimbledon's infamous Crazy Gang, which is a

bit like being the crookedest bloke at FIFA. The 5ft 6ins midfielder had a classic case of small man syndrome, compensating for any physical limitations with anger and aggression.

Most famous was his clash with Man United's Nicky Butt. Having cleaned the midfielder out, Wise then pinched his thigh, prompting Butt to slap him around the chops. Red card, job done.

But Wise was never content simply to wind up the opposition. During his time at Leicester, he presented fellow hot-head Robbie Fowler with a teddy bear impaled on a sex toy, complete with club colours. 'Well,' he said. 'We couldn't have you being the only p**** in a Leicester shirt. They, too, ended up scrapping.'

CRAIG BELLAMY

Bellamy was hated by referees, opponents and - frequently - his own team-mates too. On the pitch, he was a whingeing, moaning, acid tongued niggler who provoked violent reactions in others.

Off it, he was pretty much the same. From the famous text row with Newcastle skipper Alan Shearer (he told the Toon skipper his legs were shot), to chucking a chair at



Former Dons midfielder Dennis Wise

John Carver in an airport departure lounge and swinging a golf club at John Arne Riise, the Welshman never went out of his way to be liked.

NEIL RUDDOCK

While no stranger to a red card himself - he once broke both of Andy Cole's legs in the same challenge - Ruddock was equally capable of buying one.

He famously earned Patrick Vieira a four-match ban after being spat on by the Arsenal skipper and attempted to get under the skin of Eric Cantona by repeatedly turning down the Frenchman's trademark collar. It didn't work - despite Cantona threatening to 'fight' Ruddock, the pair ended up having a pint after the match!

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LEAGUE LOOK

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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

Despite taking two points from their past three games, Leyton Orient remain in pole position in League 2.

Ian Hendon's Orient came back to earn a point in a 1-1 draw with Wycombe last Saturday to stay one point clear of Portsmouth and Plymouth, who also failed to win.

Pompey also fought back from a goal down to draw at fellow promotion chasers Oxford at the Kassam Stadium, while Plymouth were held at home to newly-promoted Bristol Rovers. All of the top five clubs drew.

Accrington, who drew with the Hatters on the opening day of the season, are up to sixth place in the table after a Josh Windass hat-trick inspired Stanley to a 4-2 win over Exeter. Morecambe make up the top seven despite losing 4-2 at home to Northampton, a result which moved the Cobblers up to eighth in the table. Only three points separates Bristol Rovers in 15th and Oxford in fifth.

Elsewhere in League 2 last weekend, our visitors this afternoon scored two late goals to come back from one down to beat Notts County at Kingsmeadow with Adebayo Akinfenwa scoring an injury-time winner. Former Town defender Fraser Franks put

Stevenage in front at Barnet but the Bees rallied to a 3-2 win having trailed twice. Boro manager Teddy Sheringham described the performance as "woeful".

Yeovil picked up their second win of the season with a 1-0 win at Crawley while Newport are still looking for their first three points of the campaign after a goalless draw away to Dagenham. Terry Butcher's side remain rooted to the bottom of the table on two points with a minus 10 goal difference. The Exiles are already four points adrift of the Daggers.

TARGET

League 2's leading marksman Jabo Ibehre was on target once more in Carlisle's 2-2 draw at York. The Cumbrians' summer signing scored his eighth goal of the season to put Keith Curle's side 2-0 up but the 10-man Minstermen came back to earn a point.

In the pick of this weekend's fixtures, Portsmouth aim to keep their unbeaten record intact away at Bristol Rovers while Newport will be hoping for their first win at Carlisle. Leaders Orient go to Northampton, Mansfield host Plymouth and Oxford welcome Morecambe to the Kassam Stadium. Don't forget there is a full programme on Tuesday night too, with the Town heading to Morecambe.

LEADING SCORERS

Ibehre (Carlisle) 8
Simpson (Orient) 6
Corr (Cambridge) 5
Jervis (Plymouth) 5
Carey (Plymouth) 4
Roofe (Oxford) 4
Windass (Accrington) 4
Akinfenwa (Wimbledon) 3
Bird (Yeovil) 3
Mackail-Smith (Luton) 3



Terry Butcher's Newport are still looking for their first victory of the season

For more information on League 2 visit www.football-league.co.uk

OUR 130TH YEAR

DATE TIME H/A OPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	D 1-1	2,359	1,175	13	Justham	Cuthbert	Griffiths	McNulty	Wilkinson	Doyle
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	W 1-0	7,939	262	18	Tyler	O'Donnell	Griffiths	Wilkinson	McNulty	Lee
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										

NOVEMBER

Sun 1	2.00pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge										
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
Smith	McCourt ▲	McQuoid •	McGeehan •	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	Lawless ▲	Hall	Green •	Marriott	Williams	O'Brien •	Justham

MEET THE REF

BRENDAN MALONE

Wiltshire whistler Brendan is making his first ever visit to officiate a game here at Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Today's referee has taken charge of only one game involving the Hatters in the past, last season's 1-0 defeat at Newport County.

So far this term Mr Malone has shown 16 yellow cards and one red card in the six matches he has overseen. Please give Brendan and his fellow officials a warm welcome this afternoon.

LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

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

PLAYER STATS 2015/16

	THIS SEASON										LIFECAREER TOT	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP					
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS		
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	6	0		
Paul Benson	3	(1)	1	(1)	1	(4)	2	0	68	22		
Scott Cuthbert	7	(0)	0	(0)	0	(10)	0	0	1	10	0	
Nathan Doyle	3	(0)	0	(1)	0	(3)	1	0	0	35	0	
Danny Green	4	(1)	1	(2)	1	(6)	1	2	1	7	2	
Scott Griffiths	8	(0)	0	(2)	1	(10)	1	0	0	102	3	
Luke Guttridge	2	(0)	1	(1)	0	(3)	0	1	0	66	18	
Ryan Hall	2	(1)	0	(2)	0	(2)	3	0	0	11	0	
Elliot Justham	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(3)	0	0	0	26	0	
Alex Lawless	0	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	0	0	174	21	
Olly Lee	3	(1)	0	(2)	0	(5)	1	0	1	6	0	
Craig Mackail-Smith	8	(0)	3	(0)	0	(8)	0	3	0	8	3	
Jack Marriott	0	(4)	0	(2)	0	(2)	2	0	1	6	2	
Paddy McCourt	4	(1)	0	(0)	0	(4)	1	0	1	5	0	
Cameron McGeehan	5	(1)	2	(1)	1	(6)	2	3	1	41	9	
Steve McNulty	5	(1)	0	(2)	0	(7)	1	0	2	121	2	
Josh McQuoid	5	(0)	0	(2)	0	(6)	2	0	0	8	0	
Mark O'Brien	1	(2)	0	(2)	0	(3)	2	0	1	5	0	
Stephen O'Donnell	6	(0)	0	(3)	0	(9)	0	1	0	9	1	
Magnus Okuonghae	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(0)	1	0	0	1	0	
Dan Potts	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	0	(4)	0	(3)	0	(3)	4	0	0	49	3	
Jonathan Smith	6	(2)	2	(0)	0	(8)	2	4	0	110	7	
Mark Tyler	6	(0)	0	(2)	0	(8)	0	0	0	274	0	
Luke Wilkinson	8	(0)	2	(0)	0	(10)	0	2	2	58	6	

*Lost 8-7 on penalties

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



HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH
BILL COLE

I find when going to games at Kenilworth Road these days there are increasingly reminders of former favourites echoing around the place.

Perhaps it's the promise of the new stadium that will supersede a venue I have been coming to almost all of my life, or the presence of faces from the past in the press room before games.

One such occasion, to my great delight, came to pass last Saturday. When I signed in, Dave at the press gate told me that Mike Saxby was down on his media list to attend. The old memory burst into life to recall a solidly built man-mountain of a centre-half with a remarkably full head of hair that was put to good use in the air both at the back and in attacking set pieces.

Mike was virtually ever-present in the Town's second tier (now the Championship) seasons in the late 1970s and early 80s, culminating in a wonderful promotion season to get into the top-flight as champions of Division 2 in 1981/82. That was the team of Ricky Hill, David Moss, Raddy Antic, Steve White and Brian Stein – where Saxby formed a formidable central defensive partnership with Mal Donaghy – in a side that finished a clear eight points above Watford in second place.

Mike asked if we saw any of the players of that era now and was delighted to hear that Brian is a frequent visitor, providing the Press Association with match statistics. Their heartfelt reunion when Steiny turned up moments later, was something to behold.

Sadly a serious knee injury effectively put paid to Mike career part way through that promotion campaign, after a solid foundation for that success had been established, but he played a full part in the victory celebrations the following May, he told me.

Of interest to our Wimbledon visitors may be that fact that a young Clive Goodyear, a hero of their 1988 FA Cup final win over the mighty Liverpool, succeeded Saxby in that Hatters side.



Other memories of past promotions to the top flight came on Saturday when the widows of Bob Morton and Wally Shanks were guests of the club. Those of us with more miles on the clock than we would care to admit will remember those two with great affection.

Bob Morton was my childhood hero. Not only was he a brilliant right-half, but pressed into service up front in Luton's first ever season in the First Division, he scored in the 5-0 demolition of a Billy Wright led, all-star Wolverhampton Wanderers team. Another legend of English football, Len Shackleton featured in the next home game and received an 8-2 drubbing for his trouble, Morton scoring a well-deserved hat-trick in the process. His 495 appearances are a club record that is destined to live forever.

Wally was also a regular in that 1954/55 promotion side, a solid wing-half and another great club man, making 264 appearances for the Town and going on to be a resolute member of Luton's equivalent of the Liverpool Boot Room in the following years.

I never thought that Town would get a new stadium in my lifetime. Now that it looks likely that we might, sadly, days of pure nostalgia at The Kenny will be despatched to history, but won't a new ground be nice? COYH.

Bill is a former journalist for the Beds on Sunday and is now a press steward here at Kenilworth Road on matchdays

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



AFC WIMBLEDON

- 1 James Shea
- 2 Barry Fuller
- 3 Callum Kennedy
- 4 Dannie Bulman
- 5 Will Nightingale
- 6 Paul Robinson
- 7 George Francomb
- 8 Jake Reeves
- 9 Tom Elliott
- 10 Bayo Akinfenwa
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