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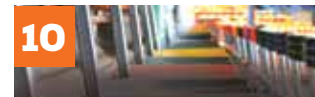
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Throughout the 2015/16 season our programme covers will be a nod to the covers of yesteryear. Today's cover is based on a York City fixture from November 1975. To find out more, turn to page 22.



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JOHN STILL

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER



GOOD AFTERNOON AND A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THIS SKY BET LEAGUE 2 ENCOUNTER WITH YORK CITY.

I'd like to welcome Russ Wilcox, his staff, players, plus the directors and supporters of the Minstermen to Bedfordshire. They arrive here confident after an excellent win in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy over Doncaster. Like all clubs they will offer us a stern test.

After three successive away fixtures I would like to begin by saying a huge well done to the players, staff and, especially, you the supporters for the effort and determination which has seen us take six points and put in a decent display in the JPT in the last week.

TRICKY

We went to Morecambe, which now seems an eternity ago, buoyed by another win and clean sheet against Wimbledon and returned from a tricky Tuesday night trip with a fully-deserved 3-1 victory. I felt on the night we played some excellent football and restricted tough opposition to very few chances. Last season saw us beaten 3-0 there so it is heartening to see the kind of progress we are making to gain three points at a difficult place to go.

Four days later at Hartlepool we made it four wins in a row with another decent display on the road.

To score four goals away from home is tremendous at any level and we're delighted that we are now creating chances and taking them on our travels.

Hartlepool came into that game having lost their previous home game 3-0 so we knew they would be up for it and in fairness they will probably be wondering how they've lost a game 4-1 after missing a host of chances.

THRILLED

Mark Tyler made a number of good saves to keep them out while at the other end we were thrilled to take the chances that fell our way. The only dampener of the day was to see Craig Mackail-Smith pick up a slight hamstring injury.

I'm hopeful that he can return this afternoon, but Jack Marriott has shown in recent matches that he is more than capable of stepping up to the plate with four very well-taken goals.

We surpassed 1,000 miles in a week on Tuesday just gone at Gillingham where we exited the JPT. I have to admit that despite the result I was delighted with the performance, especially of those players who haven't had a lot of game time so far this season. The likes of Dan Potts and Magnus Okuonghae are going to be benefit immensely from a full 90 minutes and slowly but surely we now have a squad fully fit that are competing fiercely for a starting place. That is exactly the kind of competition I wanted this summer and I am convinced this will stand us in good stead in the coming months.



Turning attention back to this afternoon we face a York team who we know are going to make things difficult for us.

However, we have won our last two matches here at Kenilworth Road without conceding a goal and that kind of solidity is what we need.

I'm delighted that we are scoring goals and happy that our defensive frailties which were highlighted earlier in the season have subsided.

The key now is to keep that going and do that on a consistent basis.

As ever, please get behind your team today. This is your club and believe me when I say the players which make up Luton Town Football Club are 100 per cent committed to bringing this club the success it craves.

Enjoy the game.

John

From the BOARDROOM

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR **RAY WILLIAMS**

GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU ALL, IT'S GREAT TO BE HOME AT KENILWORTH ROAD AFTER THREE LONG AWAY TRIPS. WE WELCOME THE OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS OF YORK CITY AND IT IS GOOD TO HAVE THIS FIXTURE ONCE AGAIN IN ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AFTER SOME GREAT COMPETITIVE TUSSLES AGAINST THE MINSTERMEN DURING OUR CONFERENCE DAYS.

Well they say that the tables do not lie and therefore it is most pleasing to see the progress and quality of football our team is playing over the past five weeks or so.

I recall at the end of August, after conceding a late goal at home to Portsmouth, we slipped to 22nd in the league. Prior to our game today, after four wins on the bounce we have moved up to 10th, just four points off one of the automatic promotion places.

It is of course a long and exciting season ahead, and the many optimists among us with a view of both the strong and the depth of squad available, always knew that a winning run was just around the corner that would see us climb the table.

It's remarkable that the Football League computer sent us on two

such long away trips amounting to almost 900 miles in a space of four days. Surely a software glitch but never mind because our amazing support has cheered on the team and seen the players perform admirably with cracking wins at Morecombe and Hartlepool.

SWEETER

These are indeed long journeys on darkening nights, but they are always sweeter with three points in our collective back pockets.

It is also said that good results become a habit and instil confidence. Well it's certainly true having witnessed some of the free flowing passing movement throughout the team at those games.

The icing on the cake was Olly Lee's goal from 25 yards in the dying moments of last Saturday's match. His Dad was in the stands to witness it and I am sure there was much discussion and banter on the journey home.



There was another tricky trip on Tuesday, this time the 150 miles around the M25 to Gillingham.

This may have been a bit of an anti-climax after our good run recently. Although we lost 2-1 it was good to see more of the full squad in action and in the end the game could have gone either way. At one time it looked as though we were destined for penalties but a Gillingham goal near the end decided it.

ENJOYED

We have of course enjoyed the ultimate in success in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy and, while disappointed to lose, am I the only one if given a choice to take the three points today?

I mentioned in my first programme notes for the Bristol Rovers game back in August that much of my working career has been in property finance. However, regardless of business sector, cash flow is the undoubted king.



A big thank you to all of those supporters who made the trips to any of our last three away fixtures your loyalty is, and always has been, hugely appreciated

Following Andre Gray's transfer to Burnley the club received a most welcome sell on sum of £1,130,000 which is payable over three seasons and will be paramount in contributing to budgeting for the Club's football and property commitments.

In cash flow terms there is perhaps not surprisingly a strong correlation between results on the pitch and income generated within the Club's operations.

COMMITMENT

Luton Town Football Club places much emphasis on its commitment to and working with the local community and indeed has a history of supporting numerous charitable causes throughout our 130 year history.

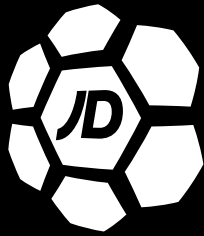
It is indeed therefore a pleasure to announce another exciting initiative that the Club, our players and you the supporters, have chosen Chums, Happy Days and Lamp respectively and we will work closely with them during the course of the season.

All are wonderful local charities; Chums supports bereaved children and young people who may have had a traumatic event, Happy Days is a children's charity that provides short breaks to some of the UK's most vulnerable families, and Lamp, which is also a small local charity, provides accommodation and support to homeless young people.

We wish each charity every success working in partnership with the Club and we trust that this initiative raises their awareness in the local community and makes a real impact in their fundraising activities.

So, back to the game in hand and fingers crossed for another good match and a continuance of our good run of form with another three points. Let's all make an encouraging and confidence inspiring noise and as always get behind the lads. COYH!





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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...

I knew it was only a matter of time before we turned the corner and started showing our quality with results and the past couple of weeks have now shown that.

Since I last sat down to write my notes for this page we have picked up a further three league victories to move us further up the League 2 table.

I've said all along, even in times when results weren't the best, we had the belief in the squad that this would be a successful season. Promotion has always been the aim and now it's great to see that we're slowly improving. The corner has been turned and all we hope now is that it continues.

PREDATORY

Our last home game here against Wimbledon was settled by two predatory strikes from Jack Marriott. That was a tough match made tougher by a sending off which meant Wimbledon sat back and made it difficult for us to break them down. In games like that it is always important to get the first goal and, although we left it late, it was a good result to take into two tricky long-distance away fixtures.

What can I say about those two? The trips to Morecambe and Hartlepool would have tested any team in the division so to arrive back in Bedfordshire after each with victories is a fantastic achievement by the whole team and management, and you the fans who went to them.

We perhaps rode our luck at Hartlepool, but we took our chances in clinical fashion and

were indebted to some great goalkeeper from Tyles to keep us in it at the other end. Playing away from home has seemed to suit us a little better because teams are coming at us and allowing us a little more freedom to play and to attack them on the break. It's great to see so many goals flying in on our travels as that was something we struggled for last season.

These recent games, including Tuesday's JPT tie at Gillingham, have also shown how strong our squad is and how vital that strength in depth is going to be as the season progresses. We couldn't field Paddy at Hartlepool so Guts came in and he created two goals, and after Macca came off in the first half the gaffer sent Jack on again and he scored twice. We've just got to keep going and that healthy competition is going to be a major help to us.

Confidence will be high once more this afternoon as we entertain a York side who beat Doncaster on Tuesday.

PREPARED

At home we know every game is a tad more testing because visiting teams aren't just going to roll over and let us beat them. However, you can be rest assured that we will have prepared properly and rested suitably enough to keep our winning league run going. The gap between ourselves and the top isn't



"The corner has been turned and all we hope now is that it continues"

as much as it was a few weeks ago so three points again today can help us close that further.

Finally I must end by thanking any of you who went to any of the last three games in the past week. We've stressed before the importance that if we're to be successful we need everyone to be as one: players, management, staff and fans, so to see so many of you making the long trips north it really does help. Remember we all want the same thing as you, so please continue to get behind us!

HERE TO HELP

Pictured are some of our Here To Help volunteers before the recent match with Portsmouth.

As part of a new innovation this year, the Hatters-supporting volunteers are here to meet and greet fans, and to assist with any matchday queries at Kenilworth Road.

So far this season they've answered questions on seat locations, directions to the station, bus timetables and a lost ticket stub – amongst other requests.

Pictured here are Liz Evans, Alan



Scott, June Bayer and Warren Hawes. Keep the good work folks and remember to keep an eye out for them and their fellow helpers around the ground.

For more information about joining our volunteer team, please see the Fans Zone at on the official website at www.lutontown.co.uk.

BEDS SENIOR CUP TIE NOW AT KENILWORTH ROAD

The Hatters' Beds Senior Cup tie away to AFC Dunstable has been switched to Kenilworth Road.

The tie was originally scheduled to be played at Dunstable's Creasey Park ground but due to a fixture involving Dunstable

Town, the two clubs have agreed that the Hatters host the match. It remains a 7.45pm kick-off on Tuesday 13th October and entry to the stadium will be at the press gate in Kenilworth Road. Admission will be £4 for adults and £2 for concessions.

NORTHERN IRELAND CALL FOR PADDY

Town midfielder Paddy McCourt has been called up to the Northern Ireland squad for their Euro 2016 qualifiers against Greece and Finland.

It meant the 31-year-old missed the Hatters' JPT clash at Gillingham on Tuesday and he is also unavailable this afternoon.



The Irish are currently top of Group F with 17 points – one point clear of Romania and five points ahead of third-placed Hungary. A successful series of results in the upcoming international round of matches could see McCourt and co qualify for the finals tournament in France. Good luck Paddy!

DIAMOND VOTING NOW OPEN

Voting is now open for the Diamond player of the month award for September.

Defender Scott Cuthbert scooped the August award and was presented with the trophy by Diamond season ticket holder Steve Bloomfield at our last home game.



Diamond season ticket holders have until Friday 15th October to cast their votes. Those supporters who have voted for the overall winner will be entered into a draw to receive two tickets for hospitality at our home match with Leyton Orient on 20th October. Junior winners will receive a Diamond mascot package.

To find out more about the perks of being a Diamond season ticket holder contact our ticket office on 01582 416976 or email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A happy 50th birthday to Mark Collier.

A man who always knows how to show the lighter side of life no matter the day. A man who is by every means the life of the party. A man who proves the saying 'you are only as old as you act' Lots of Love from your friends and family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A happy 50th birthday to Hatters fan Charlie Southwell who is here at Kenilworth Road celebrating with family and friends this afternoon.



As well as the many happy returns from us all here at Kenilworth Road, best wishes also come from Tracey, Katie, Dave, Carl and Martin. Have a great day, Charlie! COYH!

HATTERS HOST LADIES DERBY MATCH

Kenilworth Road will host the Luton Ladies' local derby against Bedford Ladies next week.

The date has been set for the eagerly awaited clash between the Town Ladies and Bedford which will take place here at the stadium on Wednesday 14th October with a 7.45pm kick-off. The clash between the two Bedfordshire sides forms part of the support towards the FA Girls' Football Week between 5th to 11th October, which promotes the female game.

Entry is free to all supporters for this match with entrance via the press gate in Kenilworth Road. So why not come along and get behind our Ladies' side?

ANTHEMS – HAVE YOUR SAY

The Luton Town Positive Engagement Group (PEG) have met on two occasions now, and a topic for conversation that has come up often is that of Club Anthems.

Looking up and down the football pyramid, there are a number of Clubs that have a specific song which the crowd sing, galvanising them in support of their teams on the pitch.

But what songs do you think would represent the Hatters? Is it "The Boys are Back in Town" by Thin Lizzy, or "Come on Feel The Noize" by Slade. Perhaps "Dirty Old Town" by the Pogues would fit, or even



"Wake Up" by Arcade Fire.

Whatever your thoughts on the subject, we'd like to know. So we've set up a quick poll on our official website to gauge supporters' opinion, let us know what you think and we'll publish the results in due course.

CHRISTMAS AT KENILWORTH ROAD

It might seem a long way off, but Christmas will soon be with us. And if you're looking for a unique place to host your Christmas party, look no further than Kenilworth Road.

We're now taking bookings for our Christmas Parties, with availability on the 4th, 5th, 17th and 18th December 2015. Held in the Eric

Morecambe Lounge, you and your friends or colleagues will enjoy a three-course dinner, followed by a party disco for just £25 per head. There's plenty of room to party in the Eric, and a fully licensed bar to make sure things go with a bang!

Don't miss out, book your Christmas Party today. Contact David Romans, Catering Manager on 01582 411622 or email david.romans@lutontown.co.uk.

IT'S PANTO TIME!

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

THE HATTERS HIT THE ROAD AGAIN NEXT SATURDAY AS THEY MAKE THEIR FIRST TRIP TO CRAWLEY SINCE THE CONFERENCE MEETING IN APRIL 2011.

WHO? The Hatters' next port of call in League 2 is to Crawley Town, aka the Red Devils, from Crawley, West Sussex. Crawley lifted the Conference title in 2011 under Steve Evans to win promotion to the Football League for the first time in their history. The Red Devils subsequently then won promotion to League 1 the following season, but last term the club were relegated back to League 2 for the first time since 2012.

WHERE? Crawley play their home games at the Broadfield Stadium, which is also known as the Checktrade.com Stadium. It's a 6,134 capacity ground which was opened in 1997. Hatters fans making the trip can choose from a covered, shallow terrace behind the goal, or covered seats beside the pitch. The stadium's record attendance stands at 5,880 when the Red Devils took on Reading in the FA Cup in 2013.

HOW TO GET THERE. It is 78.3 miles from the Maple Road car park to the Broadfield Stadium which should take you just under an hour-and-a-half by car.

Take the M1 south and M25 anticlockwise. From the M25 then take the M23 southbound towards Gatwick Airport and Brighton. At the end of the M23 (before it becomes the A23) leave the motorway at the last exit, Junction 11 (sign-posted A264 Horsham, Pease Pottage Services). At the roundabout at the end of the motorway slip road turn right onto the A23 going towards Crawley. The ground is down on the left just before the next roundabout. Turn left at the roundabout and then left again for the stadium car park. The postcode for the ground is RH11 9RX.

THIS TIME ROUND.

Since their relegation from League 1 the Red Devils have continued to struggle this season under manager Mark Yates. Crawley have yet to win at the Broadfield Stadium this season, scoring just once on home turf. They go into their home game with Leyton Orient today in 21st place in the table with just nine points from 11 games. Yates' side lost 2-1 at Plymouth last weekend which was their fifth defeat in six League 2 games.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Next Saturday's game will be the sixth meeting between the Town and Crawley. The Hatters haven't won their last four games against the Red Devils, with their sole victory coming at Kenilworth Road in September 2009 in the Conference. That night two goals from George Pilkington and one from Tom Craddock sealed a 3-0 win. Since that victory the Hatters have drawn one and lost three. At the Broadfield Stadium the Town lost 2-1 in February 2010 before earning a 1-1 draw on the night Crawley were presented with the Conference championship trophy in April 2011.

CRAWLEY FACTFILE

Formed: 1896
 Nickname: The Red Devils
 Last season: 22nd League 1
 Follow them on Twitter: @crawleytown
 Colours: Red and white
 Ground: Broadfield Stadium
 Manager: Mark Yates

To get clued up on Crawley Town before Saturday visit www.crawleytownfc.com

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

A CRAWLEY TOWN

Saturday 17th October 2015, 3pm

We have received an allocation of 1,706 tickets for this match, made up of 606 seats and 1,100 terrace tickets. Tickets are on sale to all season ticket holders at two per person until close of business today.

Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from 6pm online tonight and from the Ticket Office on Monday 12th October (subject to availability).

Prices: Checktrade.com Stand seating: £20 adults, £16 65 and over, £16 young adults (18-21), £10 under-18s, £8 under-16s, £6 under-11s. Family ticket of two adults, two under-16s £44, Family ticket of one adult and one under-16 £23.

The KR-L Stand terracing: £16 adults, £12 65 and over, £12 young adults (18-21), £10 under-18s, £8 under-16s, £6 under-11s. Family ticket of two adults, two under-16s £38, Family ticket of one adult and one under-16 £20.

H LEYTON ORIENT

Tuesday 20th October 2015, 7.45pm

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

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Saturday 24th October 2015, 3pm

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

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

Sunday 1st November 2015, 2pm

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

Tickets are now on sale to all season ticket holders at one per person until close of business today. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from 6pm online tonight and from the ticket office on Monday 12th October (subject to availability).

Tickets will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 30th October.

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



COMMERCIAL TALK...

WITH COMMERCIAL
MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

Welcome back to our all our corporate guests and partners to this afternoon's game against York City in the Sky Bet League 2, in particular our match sponsors and mascot.

We will notify supporters of any availability of packages on a match-by-match basis via the official website and in forthcoming programmes. Further details of three of our popular packages are listed below.

ERIC MORECAMBE LOUNGE

Seating in the directors' box with an pre-match two-course meal, waiter service and cash bar available before, during and after each game. Team sheets and programmes are included and you'll get to meet and have photographs with the the man-of-the-match.

MASCOT

ZACH ROBINSON



We are honoured to welcome our mascot this afternoon who is eight-year-old Zach Robinson. Zach, who attends Caddington Village School, comes to games here at Kenilworth Road with his dad. His favourite player is Town goalkeeper Mark Tyler, and Zach will get to meet Mark and the rest of the squad in the dressing room and then he game lead the team out onto the pitch before kick-off. We hope you have a thoroughly enjoyable day, Zach!

MATCHDAY MASCOT

Treat your child to a matchday mascot experience at Kenilworth Road this coming season. The mascot package is a day to remember for any young fan wanting to meet their heroes and lead Luton Town onto the Kenilworth Road pitch.

MATCHBALL SPONSORSHIP

Matchball Sponsorship offers a unique opportunity for guests to sponsor the matchball at Kenilworth Road - and then keep it afterwards with the players' autographs. Hosted in our Eric Morecambe Lounge, you will enjoy a two-course meal before being seated in the directors' box to watch the match. To top off a great day, you will get the chance to enjoy our post-match presentation and receive your signed ball from the man-of-the-match.

MATCHBALL AND MATCH SPONSOR

**MURPHYS, SHANLEYS,
BONNERS AND RICES**

We are delighted to welcome four families of Hatters supporters who are jointly sponsoring our match and matchball this afternoon.

The Murphys, Shanleys, Bonners and Rices are here at Kenilworth Road to show their support for the side. All of the group will get to choose a man-of-the-match and then meet him afterwards, as well as enjoying a full tour of the stadium before the game. We hope you all have a great afternoon with us.



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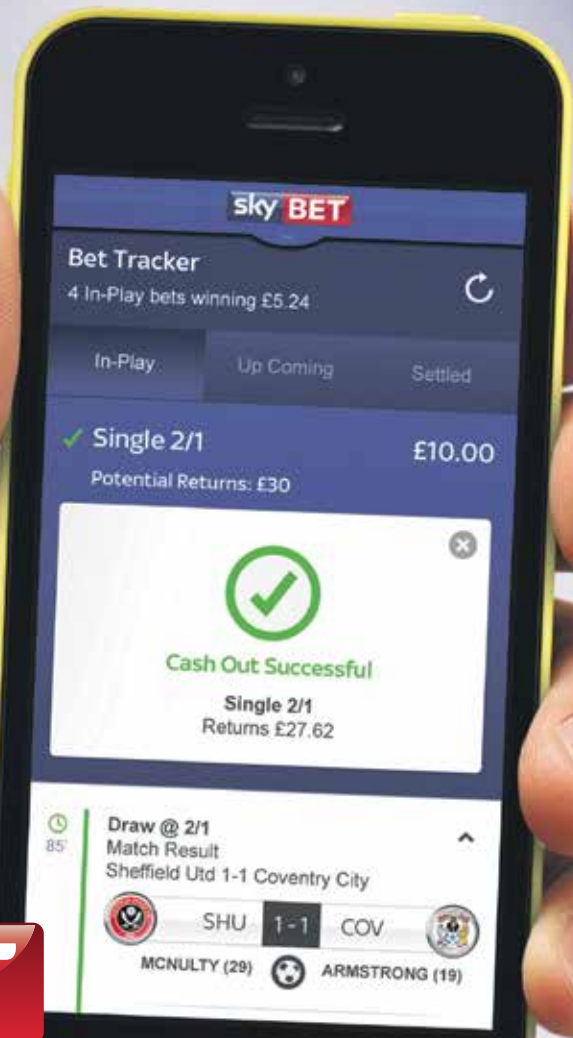


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Welcome to Kenilworth Road YORK CITY



TEAM PROFILE YORK CITY

Nickname: The Minstermen
Ground: Bootham Crescent
Last season: 18th League 2
Manager: Russ Wilcox
Last league match:
Cambridge (H) D 2-2

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with York City to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Russ Wilcox's side arrive in Bedfordshire in the bottom half of the League 2 table following an inconsistent start to the campaign. The Minstermen have taken 10 points from their first 11 games this season but haven't won in their last five matches in the league, taking just three points from the last 15 available.

However, if there's a team City would want to play to improve that record it is the Hatters. The Minstermen have enjoyed an excellent record over the Town in recent seasons, with today's visitors arriving in Bedfordshire unbeaten in eight matches in all competitions. The Hatters have only beaten York once in the last 13 games, and that came when the Minstermen had their goalkeeper sent-off!

Of course one of City's wins over the Town was particularly important as it saw the Minstermen win promotion back to the Football League. Their 2-1 win at Wembley in May 2012 Play-Off final meant York ended a six-

year spell in the Conference.

Since that fateful day in north London, Gary Mills, who guided the Minstermen back to the League, has departed. Nigel Worthington took over and steered City to the League 2 Play-Offs in 2013/14 but after a bad start to last season Worthington was axed and former Scunthorpe promotion winner Wilcox took over the reins.

Wilcox's side of 2015/16, however, have struggled so far this season. Last weekend they threw away a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 at home to Northampton. City have only chalked up two victories in League 2 so far this season, beating Yeovil 1-0 at Bootham Crescent before winning 3-0 at bottom-of-the-table Newport. City did knock out League 1 Bradford out of the Capital One Cup back in August but they were defeated in their last match on the road in

League 2 – a 1-0 loss at Notts County.

If City supporters in the Oak Road end this afternoon are worried about their position and form, they should take heart from Wilcox's squad which contains a number of experienced pros. Former Cheltenham trio Luke Summerfield, skipper Russell Penn and Keith Lowe are vital members of the side while there aren't many better midfielders in the division than Michael Coulson. In attack, meanwhile, Vadaine Oliver and former Barnet player of the year Jake Hyde are capable of firing the goals to get the Minstermen moving up the table.

Three points against the Town would certainly give City confidence for the rest of October which will seem take on struggling Barnet, Dagenham & Redbridge and Crawley before tricky November tests against teams at the top end of the table including Plymouth, Leyton Orient, Accrington Stanley and Portsmouth.

HATTERS v MINSTERMEN

Luton wins 11 • Draws 7 • York wins 9

LAST MEETING

Luton 2-2 York 4/10/15

Meet the VISITORS



OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM BOOTHAM CRESCENT

THE BOSS

RUSS WILCOX

Former Scunthorpe boss Russ took over at Bootham Crescent in October 2014 having previously led his former club to promotion from League 2. A defender as a player he made over 700 senior appearances.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

SCOTT FLINDERS

Former Hartlepool goalkeeper Scott arrived at Bootham Crescent this summer from Hartlepool. A former England Under-20 international he began his career at Barnsley.

IN DEFENCE

FEMI ILESANMI

Swash-buckling left-back Femi upped sticks from London having begun his career at QPR and then playing over 130 times for Dagenham where he was spotted by John Still.

EDDIE NOLAN

Experienced centre-half Eddie penned a one-year deal with City in the summer. A product of the Blackburn academy he has since enjoyed spells at Stockport, Hartlepool and Preston.

KEITH LOWE

One of three ex-Cheltenham men in the squad, Keith signed for the Minstermen initially on loan in 2013. The former Wolves defender is a key part of the City back-line and scores his fair share of goals.

MARVIN McCOY

Pacey full-back Marvin joined City in the summer of 2014 after leaving

Wycombe. He came through the youth ranks at Arsenal before joining Wealdstone where he was spotted by the Chairboys.

DAVID TUTONDA

Teenage defender David signed on loan from Championship side Cardiff. The Congo-born centre-half spent last season on-loan at Newport County where he made 12 appearances.

DAVE WINFIELD

Strapping centre-back Dave put pen to paper at Bootham Crescent in the summer of 2014 after leaving Shrewsbury. Began his career at Aldershot, playing over 100 times and then joined Wycombe.

THE MEN IN THE MIDDLE

JAMES BERRETT

Former Republic of Ireland youth international James arrived at Bootham Crescent this summer after a season in Somerset with Yeovil. Began his career at Huddersfield before a spell at Carlisle.

RUSSELL PENN

Club captain Russell joined the Minstermen from Cheltenham in January 2014. The influential midfielder began his career at Kidderminster before moving to Burton and then Cheltenham.

LUKE SUMMERFIELD

Stylish central midfield operator Luke is now in his second season at Bootham Crescent after joining City from Cheltenham. Began his career at Plymouth before a spell at Shrewsbury.

ANTHONY STRAKER

Versatile left-sided former England youth international Anthony joined York in the summer 2014. Began his career as a youngster at Crystal Palace before moving to Aldershot and then Southend.

JOSH CARSON

Fleet-footed midfielder Josh returned to action late last season after overcoming a cruciate ligament injury sustained in 2014. He joined City following a successful loan spell from Ipswich in March 2013.

UP FRONT

JAKE HYDE

Frontman Jake signed for the Minstermen in the summer of 2014 after leaving Barnet. Scored 11 times in his first season at Bootham Crescent and has also played north of the border in Scotland.

RHYS TURNER

Young forward Rhys joined City on loan from Oldham in mid-September. Made his debut in the 2-2 draw against Carlisle and opened his account in front of goal in the defeat to Oxford last week.

EMILE SINCLAIR

Flying frontman Emile signed for the Minstermen in January. A big threat in attack he has enjoyed spells with Bradford, Macclesfield, Mansfield, Peterborough and Crawley.

VADAINE OLIVER

Summer signing Vadaine began his career with hometown club Sheffield Wednesday before moving to Lincoln in 2012. He then moved to Crewe and then Mansfield who he scored seven times for last term.

From the OAK ROAD

HAVING REACHED THE LEAGUE 2 PLAY-OFFS IN THEIR SECOND CAMPAIGN BACK IN THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN 2013/14, LAST SEASON'S DISAPPOINTING 18TH PLACE FINISH WAS TOUGH FOR MINSTERMEN FANS TO TAKE. CITY FAN JOHN UTTLEY TAKES US THROUGH THIS SEASON'S EXPECTATIONS

THE SEASON AHEAD...

Russ Wilcox took control 12 months ago. How would you rate his first year in charge? What's he been like and is he the man to take York forward?

Russ inherited a poor squad on long-term contracts when he took over at Bootham Crescent. It has been difficult for him and his tactics have been questionable to say the least. In my opinion he is probably not the right man to take the club forward but I will support and encourage him while he is at the helm.

All clubs want to progress, so what's the real expectation at Bootham Crescent this season? Is it promotion? Or would you be happy with mid-table obscurity?

At this early stage of the season I will settle for mid-table obscurity.

How has your season been so far? Last week's draw with Cambridge must have been a bit of a kick in the teeth having been two goals up?

The League 2 campaign has been a disappointment so far but there is plenty of games to go for us to improve. The highlight so far has been knocking League 1 side Bradford City out of the Capital One Cup.

York have enjoyed the better of the results against Luton in recent years. Do you think there is a particular reason for it?

No, I just think we had better players when we have met previously! However I am sure Luton are due victory some time....!

SEASONS PAST...

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

My first game watching the Minstermen was a home game against Wrexham in April 1977. It was a 0-0 draw against a Wrexham team who contained the likes of Mickey Thomas and Arfon Griffiths. I loved the City and football, so the

two combine. Although I was living in Leeds I wasn't tempted to support them!

The promotion from the Conference in 2012. What are your memories of this season? Is this up there in your all-time favourite York campaigns?

Absolutely. Regaining our Football League status was paramount. As well as beating yourselves in the Play-Off final, the 'double' of winning the FA Trophy with victory over Newport made for a special season.



Goalkeeper Scott Flinders is John's player of the year hope for this season



York celebrate promotion back to the Football League in 2012

Give us your all-time York City XI

Kiely, McMillan, Hall, MacPhail, Warburton, McCarthy, Pepper, Walwyn, Byrne, Barnes, Staniforth.

LUTON AND YORK

What are your best and worst memories of York versus Luton clashes? We're sure we can guess the best...!

The incidents after our Play-Off semi-final win at Kenilworth Road in 2010 wasn't the best, neither was our 5-0 defeat here when we used three goalkeepers on a Tuesday night!

There are plenty of links between the two clubs, with Jonathan Smith and Alex Lawless former City men. What did they offer to York and did you miss them when they left?

Both players were known as tenacious midfielders during their time at Bootham Crescent. Smith was out of favour at the time of his departure, while Lawless I felt was always a consistent performer in City colours.

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

I've got past experience of the away end so I know it's a little cramped in the Oak Road stand. As far as the game is concerned I think it could be a time for a Luton victory, so I'll go 2-0.

QUICKFIRE

Terrace or Seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Now that Scarborough have gone, these days it's Hartlepool

Greatest York City hero? Keith Walwyn

Guess your player of the season Scott Flinders

Favourite York City moment Beating Manchester United 3-0 at Old Trafford

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

Most treasured York piece of memorabilia? An unused ticket stub from the 1954/55 FA Cup semi-final against Newcastle at Hillsborough.

Who will win promotion from League 2? Portsmouth, Oxford, Leyton Orient and Northampton through the Play-Offs.

COVER STORY

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

**LUTON TOWN 4
YORK CITY 0**

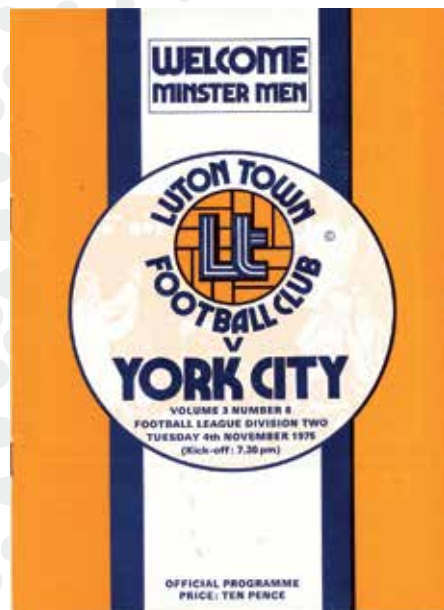
**FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO
4th NOVEMBER 1975**

"Back first time" screamed the headline of the short-lived 'Hatter' newspaper in the summer of 1975 as the Town embarked on their first season back in Division Two (now the Championship), following their relegation from the top flight.

The squad that was so unlucky to suffer the drop was still together, and early campaign results seemed to square with the optimism shown by the club publication. Hull were seen off in the Kenilworth Road sunshine on the opening day and, although the Hatters went down narrowly at West Bromwich in the next match, they bounced back with victories over Chelsea at home and away at Portsmouth to make it a happy start.

Injuries to John Aston, Ron Futcher and Alan West in quick succession then led to a loss of form with the result that a run of six games failed to produce a victory before Fulham were beaten by the slim margin of 1-0 at Kenilworth Road.

Another run of three winless games tried the supporters' patience to the full before York came to Kenilworth Road for the first time since 1967.



York had been promoted to Division Two for the first time in their history two years before and, although surviving fairly comfortably in their debut season, were finding the current campaign a bit of a struggle. With only two wins to their credit before their visit to Kenilworth Road, the Minstermen were propping up the table and looked destined for the drop.

The lowest crowd of the season of 7,982 turned up on a chilly November night to see the Town make heavy work of overcoming a York side obviously short of confidence. York had looked dangerous on the break in the opening period with Brian Pollard giving veteran Bobby Thomson, back in the side to cover for the injured Steve Buckley, a torrid time.

The Oak Road end crowd go wild as Peter Anderson nets the fourth goal against York



The breakthrough, and the Town's first goal in over six hours of play, finally came in the 40th minute when Jim Husband smashed the ball into the net after Peter Anderson dropped a delightful pass into space between him and the goal.

In the second half the Town's confidence surged with the fit again Aston running riot down the left flank and midfielders Brian Chambers, Andy King and Alan West providing the ammunition for Anderson and Husband. Anderson headed an Aston cross narrowly wide and then saw a fierce shot well saved by York goalkeeper Graeme Crawford.

Full-back John Ryan also joined in the attack to fire in shots that were somehow stopped by Crawford before the floodgates finally opened. West had plenty

of time and space to fire in goal number two just before the hour mark, following a cross from the dangerous Aston, and when King headed in an accurate Husband centre it began to look just a matter of how many they would score.

King had three more close shaves, and Anderson put one over the top before scoring the goal he so richly deserved thanks to an unselfish pass by Husband. Before the players went off to an understandable ovation West saw a shot cleared off the line and Chambers was desperately unlucky with an effort that rebounded off the bar.

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy was at Kenilworth Road ahead of the forthcoming clash between the Saints and the Hatters at the Dell and said that he had much to think about. "I saw

a lot there that could worry me. Admittedly York collapsed after a fair start but Luton showed they knew how to score goals. I still don't put them in my top eight clubs. I don't even put ourselves there at the moment. Our problem is that we can defend only when we are pushed into it. We can't do it to order. It should be one hell of a game on Saturday."

For the record it wasn't as Southampton ran out easy 3-1 winners and were rarely troubled defensively.

TOWN: Barber, John Ryan, Thomson, Chambers, Faulkner, Paul Futcher, Husband, King, Anderson, West, Aston.

YORK: Crawford, Oliver, Downing, Cave, Swallow, Topping, Pollard, Holmes, Seal, Jones, Wann.

THE PROGRAMME



For the visit of York to Kenilworth Road in November 1975 the Town produced their normal 16-page programme which was beginning to show signs of the financial pressures the club were under and which would be revealed to the shocked supporters within weeks.

Manager Harry Haslam, in his column, was hardly endearing himself to the Luton faithful by complaining of the lack of atmosphere at Kenilworth Road and then talking at length about the passion of all northern supporters in general and Sunderland in particular. I seem to recall this caused a bit of a storm at the time!

There was due to be a 'Gala Firework Display' at Kenilworth Road the following evening with special star attractions 'The Wombles!'



DEFINING MOMENTS

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

1959 YORK CALL THE SHOTS

York clinched promotion for the first time in their history with a 1-0 Fourth Division win over Aldershot in front of 2,862 at the Recreation Ground on 25th April 1959. Sam Bartram's side did well to survive a lively spell of Aldershot attacking in the first half and George Howe cleared the ball off the line with Tommy Forgan well beaten. York scored the vital goal after 46 minutes when Billy Hughes' centre was headed home by Terry Farmer, then Norman Wilkinson had an effort disallowed for offside a minute later. Tommy Humphrey missed a great chance to equalise for the home side as York held out to regain Third Division status at the first attempt.

1965 MARVELLOUS MINSTERMEN

The Minstermen made sure of promotion with an emphatic 4-0 Fourth Division victory over Halifax Town watched by 12,719 at Bootham Crescent on 24th April 1965. Championship hopes had been high following a stunning 4-0 win at home to promotion rivals Tranmere Rovers but disappointing defeats at Darlington and Newport County in the closing weeks proved crucial. Two goals by Paul Aimson plus others from Billy Rudd and Andy Provan swept aside Halifax in their final match and put York back on top of the Fourth Division, but with games in hand Brighton and Millwall overtook them. Tranmere, who had led virtually all the way, finished in fifth place.

1974 PROMOTION WINNERS

City secured promotion to the Second Division with a 1-1 draw with champions Oldham Athletic watched by 15,583 at Bootham Crescent on 27th April 1974. Tom Johnston's side forced a

succession of early corners but Oldham were dangerous in counter-attacks and Graeme Crawford had to make a brilliant save from George McVitie in the 24th minute. York broke the deadlock on 56 minutes when Chris Jones headed in Barry Lyons' free-kick. Ian Butler and Chris Jones hit the woodwork before Oldham equalised with Maurice Whittle's 65th minute free-kick. Crawford again saved well from McVitie as the visitors attacked strongly in the closing stages.

1974 CITY'S DREAM VILLA

The newly-promoted Minstermen began life in the Second Division with a 1-1 draw against Aston Villa in front of 9,396 at Bootham Crescent on 17th August 1974. York, with new signings Micky Cave and Peter Oliver, started well and took the lead after eight minutes



York fans celebrate winning promotion at Wembley in 2012

when, following a free-kick, Barry Lyons cracked a low shot through the defensive wall. Graeme Crawford twice saved well from John Gidman, then Jimmy Seal had a shot kicked off the line by Charlie Aitken at the other end. Villa drew level after 30 minutes as Ray Graydon headed in a cross from Chico Hamilton. Villa were destined to achieve a promotion and League Cup 'double' that season.

1984 FOURTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS

City clinched the Fourth Division title, the first major honour in the club's history, with a 2-0 victory over Hartlepool United watched by 6,063 at Bootham Crescent on 28th April 1984. Promotion had long since been assured and Denis Smith's side were seeking a club record 29th League win of the season. York were unlucky not to take the lead when John MacPhail headed a Brian Pollard corner against the bar. They broke the deadlock after 46 minutes as Keith Walwyn smashed the ball into the roof of the net. Walwyn doubled York's lead with a 56th minute header and City almost scored again when Eddie Blackburn turned a John Byrne shot onto the bar.

1985 ARSENAL ARE OUTGUNNED

Third Division giantkillers York gained a shock 1-0 FA Cup fourth round victory over Arsenal in front of 10,840 at Bootham Crescent on 26th January 1985. It was a match of very few chances on a bone-hard pitch liberally sprinkled with snow and looked a goalless draw all the way. But, with just seconds remaining, Keith Houchen was impeded in an off-the-ball clash with Steve Williams

as he tried to reach Martin Butler's cross and the referee pointed to the spot. Houchen stepped up, sent John Lukic to the right and coolly slotted the ball low into the opposite corner to give Denis Smith's side a dramatic last-gasp victory over the star-studded Gunners.

1993 WEMBLEY WINNERS

City defeated Crewe Alexandra in the Third Division Play-Off final watched by 22,416 at Wembley Stadium on 29th May 1993. The Minstermen had qualified for the Play-Offs in fourth place and defeated Bury 1-0 in the semi-final, with Gary Swann scoring the decisive goal in the 60th minute of the second leg to give York manager Alan Little the chance of a Wembley final along with his brother Brian, manager of Leicester City. Swann gave York the lead in extra-time but Dario Gradi's Crewe equalised through a Dave McKearney penalty in a 1-1 draw and it required a penalty shoot-out to gain promotion for York, with a 5-3 triumph on penalties.

2012 YORK'S WEMBLEY DOUBLE

Twice in a week in May 2012, York triumphed at Wembley, initially winning the FA Trophy then regaining Football League status after an absence of eight years. Gary Mills' side defeated Solihull Moors, Salisbury, Ebbsfleet United, Grimsby Town and the Hatters to face Newport County in the FA Trophy final on 12th May 2012. Second-half goals by Matty Blair and Lanre Oyebanjo gave York a 2-0 victory. City finished fourth in the Blue Square Premier and beat Mansfield Town 2-1 in the Play-Off semi-finals before Ashley Chambers and Matty Blair scored in their 2-1 win over the Town in the Play-Off final on 20th May 2012.

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Numbers **GAME**

YORK AND THE HATTERS IN NUMBERS

2 York have only won twice in 13 visits to Kenilworth Road, the last – a 2-1 victory – coming here in March 2012 in the Conference. Their first ever win on Bedfordshire soil came thanks to a 1-0 win in the Conference Play-Off semi-final second leg in May 2010. The Town had won the first seven meetings at home to York prior to a 1-1 draw in the Conference in October 2009.

5-0

The Town's biggest win over York came at Kenilworth Road in the Conference in January 2011. City goalkeeper Michael Ingham was sent-off in the first half and with no substitute keeper on the bench the Hatters took full advantage. Andy Drury, Claude Gnaka, Lloyd Owusu, Zdenek Kroca and Taiwo Atieno.

HEAD 2 HEAD

28 PLAYED

11 LUTON WINS

8 DRAWS

9 YORK WINS

45 LUTON GOALS SCORED

35 YORK GOALS SCORED

1967 YEAR OF FIRST MEETING

It wasn't a good one either for the Hatters as the Minstermen triumphed 5-1 at Bootham Crescent!

540

The Hatters travel to Bootham Crescent for the return game in February aiming to be the first time side since 2001 to score a goal at the Yorkshire venue. Not since a 2-1 win in September 2001 have the Town scored there – a run of six games without a goal: a run of 540 goalless minutes. Ian Hiller was the last Hatters player to net on Bootham Crescent turf.

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The Hatters have not won any of the last eight meetings with York, stretching back to the 5-0 win in 2011. The Minstermen have held the upper hand in the last eight games, winning five. Three have ended in draws. Including the 5-0 win for the Hatters the Town have only won once in their last 13 meetings against City.

2-1

The Hatters' last win at Bootham Crescent in 2001 is best remembered for a twice-taken penalty by striker Steve Howard. After missing the first one the referee signalled for a re-take. Desperate to score his first goal of the season Howard stepped up again despite protests from his team-mates and regular penalty taker Aaron Skelton. He missed again and was duly subbed by a rather peeved boss Joe Kinnear.

39,265

The largest gate to witness a Luton versus York fixture came in the 2012 Play-Off final at Wembley. A strong run of form saw the Hatters gatecrash the Play-Offs and after beating Wrexham on aggregate they met the Minstermen in the final. Andre Gray fired the Town in front after just 80 seconds but goals from Ashley Chambers and Matty Blair secured promotion for City.

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TOWN 2

0 AFC WIMBLEDON



ATTENDANCE 8,415
588 WIMBLEDON



WHAT'S THE STORY?

Two goals from substitute Jack Marriott in the final 11 minutes helped the Hatters grind out a second successive victory at Kenilworth Road over 10-man AFC Wimbledon.





The Hatters had been frustrated in their search for a breakthrough for 80 minutes against the Dons, who saw central defender Karleigh Osborne sent-off in the first half after picking up two yellow cards in the space of three minutes. But 63rd-minute introduction Marriott changed all that. His first goal arrived when sniffing in the penalty area to guide a finish into the corner on 79 minutes, before he grabbed his and the Town's second in the final minute of stoppage time to seal a victory and lift John Still's men up to within three points of a Play-Off place.



STILL SAID:

"I thought we was the real deal today we played it absolutely right. They're tough games, and I'm really pleased with how we played. We'll keep going, keep trying to improve and hopefully continue the winning run. When they went down to 10 men they played deep and narrow and made it really difficult. The crowd want the ball up there, sometimes you can go too long, I just felt if we can get the full backs pushed up high and open the game up an opportunity will come."



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REACTION

MARRIOTT AND GRIFFITHS CELEBRATE EMOTIONAL COMEBACKS

Both Jack Marriott and Scott Griffiths had extra reason to be cheerful following the home win against Wimbledon – the second for the Hatters in as many weeks.

Marriott's two goals proved to be the perfect comeback for the 21-year-old who had been sent off in the Johnstones Paint Trophy win over Leyton Orient.

But the striker is hoping to put the incident, which saw him making a gesture to the Orient fans, firmly behind him to strive for a spot in John Still's team.

"Everyone who knows me knows that the sending off was very out of character, but I served my suspension, which was rightfully so, and I'm just glad that that's over now and I can push on and keep my place in the team," he said.

Marriott highlighted disappointment at his actions after the Orient fixture, but reaffirmed his apology after his two goals helped the Hatters beat the 10-man Dons.

"I've been working really hard, trying to bounce back from it and hopefully I'm on the way to repaying the fans because of that," said Marriott.

"The three points is the most important thing, but to come on and do my bit for the team is great, and I'm really glad to have been able to do that and get the goals."

The youngster is now hoping that he and Craig Mackail-Smith can provide a decent long-term partnership, with Marriott emphasising appreciation for his team-mate's work ethic.

"Craig's work-rate today was absolutely outstanding.

"He's someone I really look up to, especially at the training ground, the way he conducts himself. He's really superb."

He added: "I think we can both play together up front. We're both willing, we both want to play, and we're both willing to do what it takes for the team, whether that means dropping off or supporting the midfield. We're both capable of doing that."

Griffiths, meanwhile, played his first game as a father against Wimbledon, and was left speechless following the Hatters' second clean sheet on the spin.

"It's been an emotional five days with the birth of my lad," said the Town left-back. "It's an incredible feeling, and I don't really know how to put it into words. The result wasn't bad either!"

The defender also reaffirmed the importance of the solid backline, which had previously been missing from the Hatters at the start of the season.

"Getting a clean sheet is the important thing, particularly for me as a defender, because all you need is one goal then, and we got that today. It means so much to all of us at the back, and that's what we've got to keep doing."

He added: "The late goals have been very disappointing, and not at all in our nature from last season and for whatever reason, we've been sloppy towards the end.

We don't believe in luck, and it's something we needed to nip in the bud quickly."

The Hatters were frustrated for most of the afternoon after AFC Wimbledon had been reduced to 10 men in the first half, but two late goals got the Town their third win of the campaign.

Griffiths almost made a goal himself, but after a busy week, came off the park to rapturous applause from the Kenilworth Road faithful.

"I came close to getting on the scoresheet, my effort was just sneaking in, but the keeper's done excellently to tip it away," Griffiths explained.

"I was getting ready to celebrate, but it wasn't to be unfortunately – that was one of a number of top saves he made in the afternoon.

"I didn't really want to be subbed off, but I definitely needed to. This week has been quite draining, but I thought I put a good shift in today and that clean sheet was a bonus for me."



MORECAMBE 1

3 TOWN



ATTENDANCE 1,338
295 LUTON

| STARTING XI - 29TH SEPTEMBER 2015 | |
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| ROCHE BEELEY (C) KENYON DUGDALE EDWARDS BARKHUIZEN MOLYNEUX MULLIN WILDIG FLEMING PARRISH | TYLER McNULTY (C) CUTHBERT WILKINSON McGEEHAN GRIFFITHS SMITH McCOURT LEE McQUOID MACKAIL-SMITH |
| SUBSTITUTES | |
| O'BARA, HADJIMAN, DEWITT ELIJAH, GORDALL MILLER, WATLEY | AUSTIN, PATEL, LAMBRELL JAMES, WOODROSE WATKINS, COYLE |

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| 5 | CORNERS | 3 |
| 3 | SHOTS ON TARGET | 2 |
| 6 | SHOTS WIDE | 3 |
| 7 | FOULS | 9 |
| 1 | OFFSIDES | 3 |

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters produced a fine away display to make it three wins on the spin with victory at Morecambe.

Luke Wilkinson's header put the Town in front, nodding home Paddy McCourt's left-wing corner, before the hosts levelled through Tom Barkhuizen close range effort.

However, the Hatters – who lost at the Globe Arena 3-0 last season – restored their advantage just two minutes after the Shrimps' leveller when Cameron McGeehan struck when following-up after McCourt's shot from the edge of the penalty area had been parried.

In the second half the Town defence held firm in the face of pressure from the home side and their endeavours were rewarded when former Shrimp Jonathan Smith made the game safe for the Hatters with three minutes to go when driving through the home defence to net from inside the six-yard box.

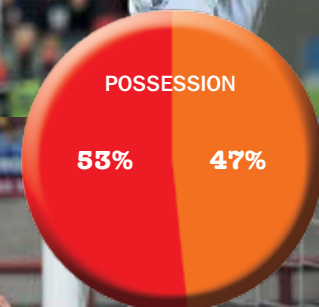


STILL SAID:

“I thought for the 90 minutes we were the best team and deserved to win against a good team.

My teams start slow, I can't do nothing about that, but we finish strong. I am really pleased with how we're going, will there be some slip-ups? Of course there will be.

Tonight was a tough, tough fixture, forget winning or losing we've played really well.”





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Traveller's TALES



**ARDENT TOWN FOLLOWER KEVIN HARPER RECALLS
HIS TUESDAY NIGHT TRIP TO MORECAMBE**

The journey

Buoyed from two solid home wins a Bobbers coach full of Town fans left Luton interchange at 1pm for the first of two long treks in a matter of days. Typical rush hour traffic around Lancaster, a short stop at the services and a bit of a backlog on the M6 delayed our arrival, but we eventually got to Morecambe at about 6.30pm on what was a lovely evening for football.

Rating: ⚽⚽

The ground

This was my second visit to the Globe Arena and I have to say I found it hard to fault the ground. The ground is new and there was plenty of space for the 300 Town fans to potter around under the stand and the seats provided a decent enough view of the game

when we were inside the ground. All in all no complaints here!

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

The food

If there was something wrong with the ground it would be the lack of food options and the extortionate prices for what was on offer. Just pies or hotdogs for hot food and the usual confectionary. Fair to say this wasn't the best.

Rating: ⚽

The programme

A decent sized programme was produced for this match with several pages on the Town in it. Cameron McGeehan, Jonathan Smith and Paul Benson were singled out as the key men and given that the two who played scored that was a fair assessment! There were plenty of other things of interest to Town fans in there so it gave us something to read on the way home!

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

The match

One of our better away performances in recent times. We were ahead fairly early on when Luke Wilkinson was unmarked to power a header home from a corner. We switched off to let Morecambe back into the match but McGeehan tapped in a rebound from Paddy

McCourt's shot to put us 2-1 up at half-time.

We held on fairly comfortably in the second half. We almost extended the lead when good work from Josh McQuoid set up Craig Mackail-Smith but he blasted over. Morecambe had a goal disallowed for offside but barely threatened apart from that and we sealed a 3-1 win with the last kick when Smith bundled his way through and tapped in for our third win in a row.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

Man-of-the-match

Paddy McCourt stood out like a beacon in this match. He always wanted the ball and when he got it he used it wisely and opened the defence up a few times. He set the first two goals up too so he was without doubt our best player.

Summary

The long journey was well worth making. The journey back was much smoother than the one there and we were back in Luton just before 2.45am. I was in my house just before 3.30am ready to do it all again on the Saturday!

OVERALL RATING

16 out of 25

**MILES TRAVELLED
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REACTION

McGEEHAN AND WILKINSON WELCOME RUN OF FORM

Town duo Cameron McGeehan and Luke Wilkinson told Hatters Player that the side's return to form was always to be expected at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters won 3-1 at Morecambe for their third victory in as many games, after winning just one of their first seven games in League 2.

But McGeehan in particular stressed the importance of getting back to victories ways following a disappointing start.

"We had a good performance and that's given us three on the bounce now. We knew it would take time, but the season is starting to come together," he said after the Morecambe win.

"We were too sloppy in the early stages of the season. We've got the players to win this league, and we're expecting to be right up there."

McGeehan also reflected on the difficulty when coming to the Globe Arena, praising the side for grinding out a result in a tricky Tuesday night fixture.

"It was a tough second half, and the first period was some of the best football we have played all season," said the former Norwich midfielder. "We were magic tonight, and should have been more comfortable in the second half."

"Morecambe isn't the easiest place to come to, so it was a great win."

"We created loads of chances, didn't really let them in the game too much. They had to resort to long balls in the second half, but the lads at the back dealt with it and they were excellent."

McGeehan himself has not been a stranger to the scoresheet, and has developed a strong partnership with Northern Irishman Paddy McCourt, with the international passing on his influences to McGeehan.

"I've got a good relationship with Paddy on the pitch," he said. "He's such a good player and I love playing alongside him, as I can feed off him, get some chances, get some goals."

"It's great to have him on the pitch and I'm getting a good rapport with him. He's teaching a lot of the boys with some of his experience."

"I'm a central midfielder, so that's obviously where I prefer playing but if the gaffer needs me out there with some goals then that's all the matters if the team wins."

McGeehan's goal-scoring prowess this year has been a feature of the Hatters' campaign, with defender Wilkinson believing there's more to it than the 20-year-old being in the right place at the right time.

Wilkinson said: "Cam's doing really well, he loves to attack, and he puts in that extra time shooting after training. He really deserves it, he's a great lad."

The trip to Morecambe proved fruitless last season, with the Town slipping to a 3-0 defeat in December, but Wilkinson feels John Still's team is a step up from that of 10 months ago.



"We came here last year and got played away, but we've probably got a better squad this year, no disrespect to the other lads. But if we want to be at the top, we have to come to places like Morecambe and get the points, and thankfully we have."

"We started slowly last season, too. We went on about eight or nine unbeaten, and this team is capable of doing more than that. We just have to take it game by game."

In McCourt and Craig Mackail-Smith, the Hatters have strengthened with players from higher leagues, a factor Wilkinson believes will push them right to the top of the league.

"You can see the quality in Paddy. He's a very good player, gets things going for us, and quality on the ball. He realises things on the pitch that other players at this level don't."

"I would hate to play against someone like Craig, he just never stops running. He deserved a goal tonight, and hopefully he can keep that up for the team. At the end of the day it doesn't matter who scores the goals so long as we score them and win games."

CENTRE SPOT



The Town players congratulate Olly Lee on his marvellous goal at Hartlepool last week. It was the midfielder's first goal in Luton colours, and what a way to do it! Well done Olly!



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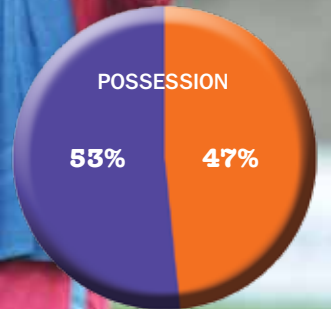
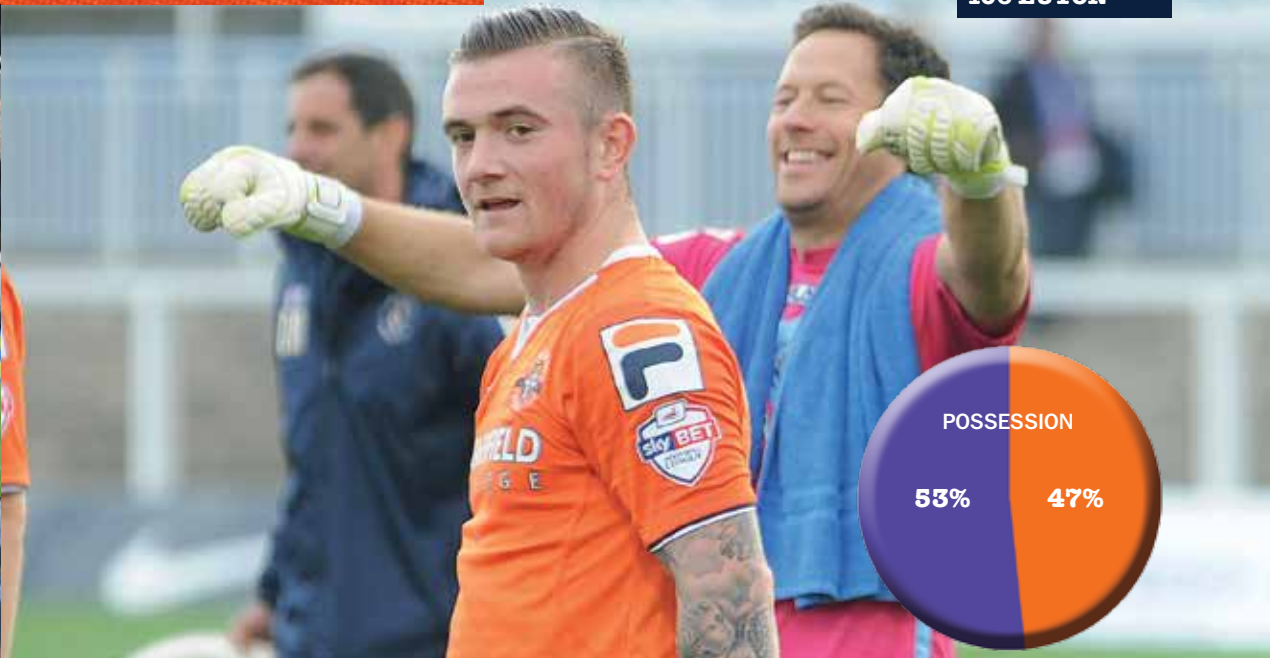
“It’s been a long week, a fair few miles, but a fantastic week. If somebody had said take six points and score seven goals, you’d have snapped their hands off. Jack’s come on and taken his opportunity, we’re absolutely delighted for him.”



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| 10 | CORNERS | 11 |
| 2 | SHOTS ON TARGET | 5 |
| 4 | SHOTS WIDE | 4 |
| 10 | FOULS | 13 |
| 0 | OFFSIDES | 2 |

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| STARTING XI – 3RD OCTOBER 2015 | |
| BARTLETT HALLIDAY HARRISON BOYCE CARROLL SMITH WOODS MAGNAY OATES PAYNTER BINGHAM | TYLER CUTHBERT GRIFFITHS McNULTY(C) WILKINSON SMITH LEE GUTTRIDGE McGEEHAN McQUOID MACKAIL-SMITH |
| SUBSTITUTES | |
| CARSON, NUTT, WALBY, DUNN, VLAARINGH, FERRELL, JONES | JOHN MARRIOTT, PETER LAMBERT, HILL, JOHN JOHNSON |

HARTLEPOOL 1 4 TOWN



WHAT'S THE STORY?

Two goals from substitute Jack Marriott and a string of fine saves from goalkeeper Mark Tyler helped the Hatters to their fourth straight League 2 victory. The Town led thanks to Jonathan Smith's fourth goal of the season in the 17th minute but the hosts levelled through Billy Paynter's header a minute before half-time. Marriott, who came on as first-half substitute for Craig Mackail-Smith, restored the Hatters' lead on 53 minutes

with a cool finish, but a number of superb saves from Tyler preserved the Town's advantage – keeping out home striker Rakish Bingham three times in the second period. Striker Marriott scored his second four minutes after his first to make it 3-1 when converting Luke Guttridge's pass, before Olly Lee crowned a fine week for the Hatters on the road with a stunning first goal for the club in the final minute when smashing home an unstoppable 25-yard shot.

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Traveller's TALES



HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER CONTINUES HIS AROUND-THE-COUNTRY MISSION TO WATCH EVERY HATTERS GAME THIS SEASON...

The journey

After the euphoria of an away win on the Tuesday night there were two Bobbers coaches that made the trip to Hartlepool. I was on one of them. Despite the early start which saw us leave Luton at 8.30am, everyone seemed chipper enough.

The journey went pretty smoothly. With a stop at the services along the way we made it to the ground just after 1.45pm on a cloudy but warm afternoon.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

The ground

After going to a brand new ground on Tuesday it was back to old school for this game. Victoria Park is very old but just like Kenilworth Road has that traditional attraction. The away end was good for creating an atmosphere but there were posts in the way which wasn't the best.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

The food

Much better food options here. There were burgers, jumbo hotdogs and chips which seemed to be

doing a good trade as well as the normal confectionary. It all seemed nicely priced too which was good. There was a bar inside the ground but most people went in the bar outside the ground which must have affected sales inside it.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

The programme

Just a 52-page programme was produced for this match which only had a couple of pages in it about the Town and the rest of the usual stuff you'd find in a programme. Not the best £3 ever spent sadly.

Rating: ⚽

The match

Probably the game of the season so far. It was end-to-end throughout and in the end our quality shone through. We had to weather an early storm but then Jonathan Smith scored his second in two matches to put us 1-0 up when he tapped in a rebound from a Luke Guttridge shot. Hartlepool got the equaliser they probably deserved just before half-time when a cross was powerfully headed in.

That was as good as it got for the home side though as a quick brace by Jack Marriott shortly after the break put us 3-1 up and after a couple of truly world class saves by Mark Tyler, Olly Lee wrapped up the game with a wonder strike from 30 yards in injury time.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

Man-of-the-match

I could understand why people would give it to Mark Tyler for his saves or Jack Marriott for his goals but for me Luke Guttridge ran the show. He set up two goals one and had a significant impact on most of our attacking moves. It was good to see him play so well.

Summary

The journey home went pretty quick – as it would after four wins in a row. I spent most of it listening to England in the rugby which put a slight dampener on things but we were back in Luton just after 9.30pm and I was home just in time for Match of the Day to start which rounded off a great away day.

OVERALL RATING
18 out of 25
MILES TRAVELLED
THIS SEASON
1,917.5





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REACTION

TYLER AND LEE PRAISE TWO-GOAL MARRIOTT

Both Mark Tyler and Olly Lee were full of praise for Jack Marriott after the striker netted a brace against Hartlepool last Saturday.

Marriott replaced the injured Craig Mackail-Smith in the first half, but scored twice in the space of five minutes to help the Town to a 4-1 win at Victoria Park.

While it was unfortunate for the Hatters to lose Mackail-Smith, Tyler has drawn a comparison between the two strike partners.

"The gaffer knew what Jack was about when he signed him. He's got his opportunity today, got his two goals," said the Town goalkeeper.

"You can tell with Jack that he's going to score goals, you can see him like that in training, you put the ball in the box and he'll be there to finish it, just like Craig."

The Town secured their fourth consecutive win in League 2, and their second on the road in a week, but they had their 38-year-old keeper to thank for a number of crucial saves to deny Pools forward Rakish Bingham.

"Personally I wouldn't want to have to make them saves and be able to have a quiet afternoon, but I think we were a little bit too open," said Tyler. "The gaffer mentioned that at the end, so we'll go and work on it in training."

"I'm there to make saves, and I'm playing well at the moment. Everyone's got to play well to keep their place, and we've got lots of competition for places. Every week you've got to be on top of your game."

The trip to Hartlepool proved a test for a Hatters side full of confidence, but Tyler was impressed by how

the team coped as their excellent league run continued in the North East.

He said: "We knew it was going to be a tough game. We've had a lot of travelling, but we've prepared well. We didn't start the best, they had a couple of opportunities early on but we weathered it. I'm there to save them, and Jack's there to score them, and it's not just me back there."

"We knew we could score goals and it's nice to come away with a victory. We knew that they would come out all guns blazing because they didn't have the best result on Tuesday."

Tyler is not going to rest on his laurels, however, as the Town look to build on their excellent defensive record which has seen them concede just two goals in their last four games.

"We know we're slow starters, but we're now realising what a good team we are. We put pressure on ourselves to win every game. Two away games and we're delighted to get six points."

"I'd want more clean sheets. We know we're going to score goals, and we've got a good spell of momentum at the moment. We won't take anything for granted."

Summer signing Lee also got on the scoresheet at Hartlepool, notching his first goal for the club with a stunning 25-yard strike in the closing moments of the match.

Lee said: "I was really pleased to get off the mark, a few of the



midfielders have been running away with the goals so it's time for me to try and catch them up!

"We knew it was just a matter of time before it all clicked together – we knew we were too good a team for that not to happen, and we're seeing that now, and we hope that kicks on."

The midfielder also reflected on the two-goal hero of the afternoon, as Marriott followed up his two goals against AFC Wimbledon to double his League tally for the season.

"The second half we weren't even at our best but we were clinical. Jack's been chomping at the bit to get his chance, and when he does he seems to score a brace, so it's nice to have that knack, and we're pleased he can come on and do the job," said Lee.

"It's nice to get the three points and a great performance to go with it. We knew this week was going to be a gruelling set of fixtures for the lads, but we've done really well to come out of it with six points."

After trips to Morecambe and Hartlepool in the space of five days, Lee was also quick to thank the Town support for their backing on the road.

"The fans have been magnificent in their numbers – I've not seen anything like it in the lower leagues," he said. "To bring almost 300 fans to Morecambe on a Tuesday night was brilliant, and then another 400 today is incredible."

GILLINGHAM 2

1 TOWN

ATTENDANCE 3,428

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Hatters bowed out at the second round stage of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy following a narrow defeat at League 1 Gillingham.

A much-changed Town side led at half-time thanks to Cameron McGeehan's goal four minutes before the interval. The midfielder got on the end of Dan Potts' deep left-wing cross to head home at the back-post. But after John Still made three half-time changes, the hosts took control and Max Ehmer levelled on 65 minutes moments after home goalkeeper Stuart Nelson had denied Josh McQuoid a second Town goal.

Having got themselves level the home side pushed forward and substitute Bradley Dack fired home the Gills' winner with seven minutes left. The Town rallied in search of a late equaliser to take the tie to penalties but the hosts held out to secure a place in the area quarter-finals.



STILL SAID:

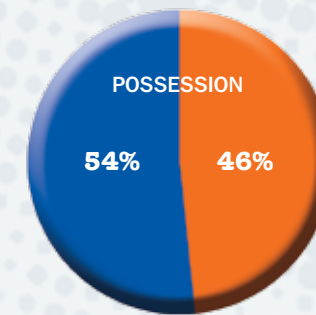
"I was delighted with our performance. I thought we controlled the first half. In the second half Gillingham have come into it a bit more but we've made some changes. "I was really, really pleased with the first half in particular football-wise. In the second half we've worked our socks off and one or two players got a bit tired towards the end but it was valuable game-time for them. "I was delighted overall with the group that have been involved. I thought we defended really well. "You're always disappointed when you lose, but I'm a realist, it was important that the people who played today got that game time because they have to show that they are ready to come in and play if they are needed for the regular first team."



| STARTING XI - 6TH OCTOBER 2015 | |
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| NELSON (C) | TYLER |
| EHMER | POTTS |
| HOUGHTON | O'BRIEN |
| HESSENTHALER | LAWLESS |
| McDONALD | OKUONGHAE |
| McGLASHAN | McGEEHAN |
| MORRIS | DOYLE (C) |
| OSADEBE | LEE |
| NORRIS | GUTTRIDGE |
| DICKENSON | McQUOID |
| LENNON | MARRIOTT |
| SUBSTITUTES | |
| MORRIS, BARNSTON | JUSTIN, HILL, OREA |
| WILLIAMSON, DACK, WRIGHT | BRIDGES, WILKINSON |

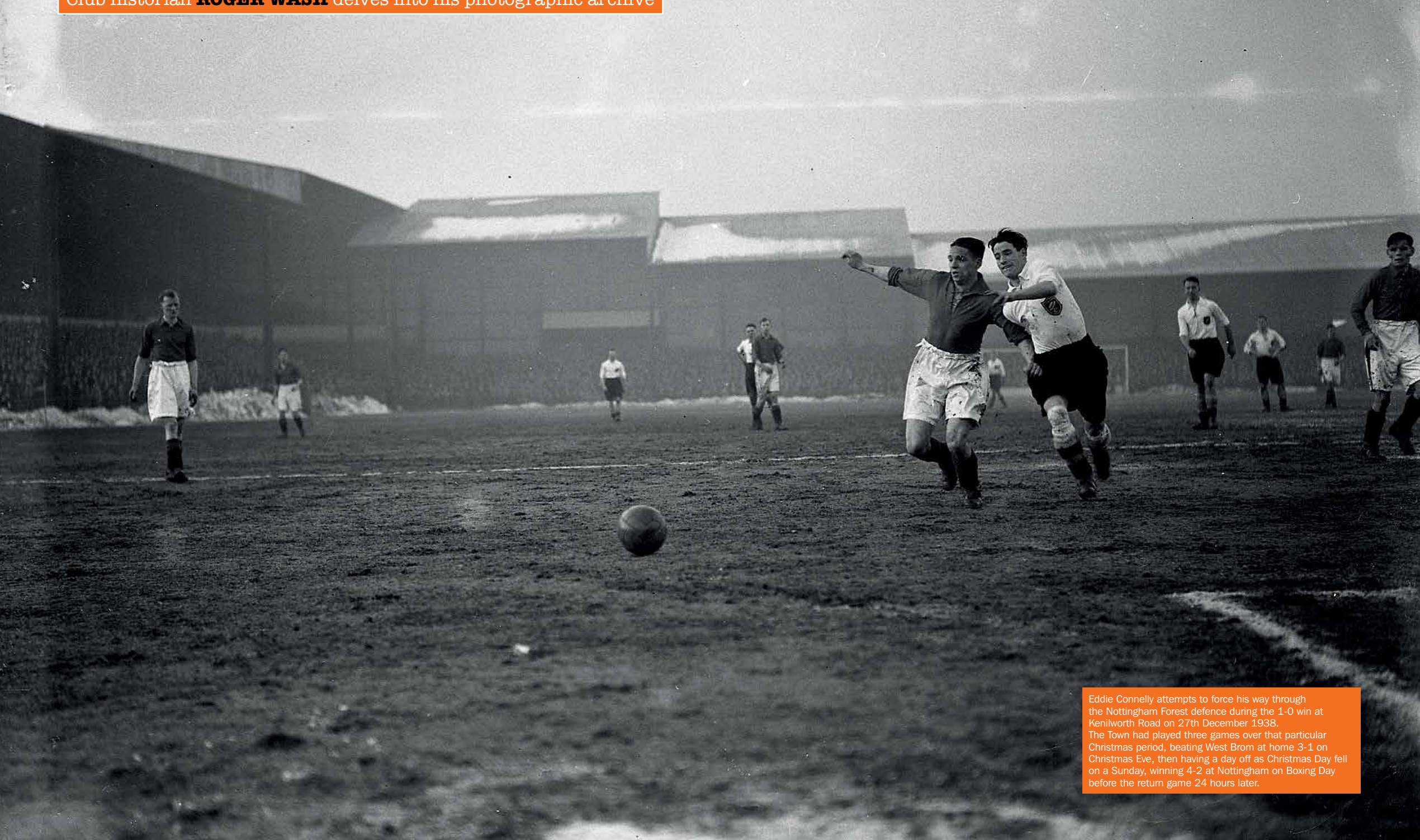


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| 12 | FOULS | 8 |
| 3 | OFFSIDES | 1 |



PICTURE the PAST

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



Eddie Connelly attempts to force his way through the Nottingham Forest defence during the 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road on 27th December 1938. The Town had played three games over that particular Christmas period, beating West Brom at home 3-1 on Christmas Eve, then having a day off as Christmas Day fell on a Sunday, winning 4-2 at Nottingham on Boxing Day before the return game 24 hours later.

THE CAMERA never LIES

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



The Town's bench looks very tense as the final whistle is awaited at West Brom in April 1974. The final result of 1-1 meant that the Hatters had returned to the top flight for the first time since 1960. Left to right: Reg Game (trainer and physio), John Aston (already changed after being subbed), Harry Haslam (manager), Roy McCrohan (assistant manager) and Danny Bergara (coach).



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BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

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When? Taster Day: Tuesday 17th November

Main Programme: 23rd -27th November 2015

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As well as gaining some new coaching skills, the course will also include a FA Emergency Aid course and the FA Safeguarding Children in Football workshop allowing our new coaches to put their new skills to good use straight away and during the week lots of activities are offered which offer participants the chance to develop new skills, confidence and motivation as well as the opportunity to make new friends within the group.



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Hatters Match Day Club

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The day begins with an hour's training session from our coaching staff. The training session is held in Luton 11.30am to 12.30pm on the astro at the Dallow Community Learning Centre just a 10-minute walk from Kenilworth Road. Our coaches will then take you into the main stadium through the main player's entrance.



It's then burger and chips and a behind the scenes mini tour, grab a couple of autographs while the players warm up on the pitch and then the main game – and hopefully three points for the Hatters!

If you would like further information on our Hatters Match Day Club please contact Luke Hyde in the community office by phone on 01582 737568 or email at community@lutontown.co.uk.

Luton Town Partner Clubs Scheme 2015/16

The Club are keen to strengthen its ties with local clubs and if you are one of our 50 member partner clubs from previous seasons you will know the agreement is a way for Luton Town Football Club and local grass root youth clubs to work closer together and benefit from a partnership arrangement.

The partner clubs scheme 'protects' local clubs' young players and gives your club access to free match tickets and regular coaching clinics at our academy. There is even a way to earn scouting bonus payments on players signed into our academy system as well as offering ambitious local FA Charter Standard clubs the pathway required into a professional academy system for their youth players.

A partner club can also appoint a liaison officer as their point of contact with us to simplify communication, and also to request assistance with things like coaching advice and help with fundraising activities and pre-arranged visits to first team league games during the season.

If you would like to have closer links with the Hatters and would like further information on our Partner Club scheme please contact Luke Hyde in the community office on 01582 737568 or at community@lutontown.co.uk.



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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMY
MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

Paul Driver's youth team continue to go from strength to strength with two fine victories over Northampton in the league and Dagenham & Redbridge in the League Cup.

Both were different - the Northampton win was a hard-fought battle, where we had to fight hard, roll up our sleeves and dig out a victory. We got our reward deep into injury-time with Tyreeq Bakinson heading home from a well-worked corner routine. The way the boys' celebrated the goal was great to see! They displayed great battling qualities on the day and the relief at securing a hard-earned away victory, was really evident.

The Dagenham match was more straight forward. We dominated and controlled the game for long periods and slowly wore them down, showing good patience and energy. Alex Atkinson opened the scoring from the spot after Freddie Hinds had won us a penalty. Freddie then finished a fine move off to give us a comfortable victory and a home tie against Leyton Orient in the quarter-finals on Saturday 31st October.

It was great to see a number of the Under-18s squad step up into the Development Team away at Southend United on Tuesday and earn a well-deserved 1-0 victory in the group stages of the cup competition.

Alex Atkinson notched the only goal, in a fiery encounter. Understandably, being a lot younger

than our opponents, we tired a little towards the end of the match, but this presented the lads with a great opportunity to manage the game and see it out in the closing stages, which to their credit they did with relative ease and comfort. This type of situation is vital for their ongoing football education and hopefully they will get more opportunities as the season now starts to take shape.

SCHOOLBOYS

The schoolboys have had a couple of rounds of matches against Portsmouth and Oxford recently. All age groups have acquitted themselves well and come out on top in the majority of the games.

Northampton are up next for the boys tomorrow. Some extra fixtures for the Foundation groups (Under-7-Under-1) away at Leicester City and Arsenal and the Youth Development Phase (Under-12-Under-16) away to QPR and Brentford have also taken place recently. The opportunity to play against higher category academies is always a stern test, therefore it is great to report that we more than held our own in all these games.

Enjoy today's game.
Up the Hatters!

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 (Cup) 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 Dag & Red H W 4-0
Sat Sep 26 Northampton Town A W 1-0

OCTOBER

Sat Oct 3 Dag & Red (Cup) W 2-0
Sat Oct 10 Southend United A
Sat Oct 17 Peterborough United H
Sat Oct 24 Barnet A
Sat Oct 31 Stevenage H

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

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

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Youth PROFILE



GEORGE MURRAY

Name: **George Murray**

Date of birth: **20/9/1998**

Birthplace: **Wimbledon**

Position: **Central midfielder**

Year joined Luton: **2006**

WHY DID YOU JOIN LUTON TOWN?

To play academy football and increase my chances of becoming a professional at a historic club.

WHAT WAS THE BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP?

As long as you believe, you can achieve.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL SO FAR?

Winning the Aarau Masters tournament in Switzerland in 2009 where we beat Bayern Munich in the final.

WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A KID?

Liverpool

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND?

Steven Gerrard

WHAT OTHER SPORTS ARE YOU GOOD AT?

Tennis and cricket

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT?

English

WHO IS YOUR MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE?

Jack Snelus

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

Jonathan Smith

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB APART FROM BEING A FOOTBALLER?

Sports journalist

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF MUSIC?

Hip hop/rap

WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION FOR THIS SEASON?

To win the Youth Alliance league and to score more than 20 goals.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS

Under-18s boss Paul Driver on George:

"A first year scholar, George is another player who has come through our centre of excellence having been with the club since 2006. He's an interesting one because at the start of the season we saw him as a central midfielder but because of an injury to Geo Craig he has been used in a more advanced role in the number 9 position.

"George has already made a good impression and he is currently our leading goalscorer so he has certainly taken his chance in a different position with both hands. An intelligent boy, George is one of the lads who is also studying for A-levels alongside the boys' usual Learning Football Education programme. He's a very organised person and that shows in his game; he is definitely a future contender for the captaincy, he's always encouraging his team-mates and barking out orders if somebody isn't pulling their weight.

"George has already impressed the staff enough to be included in a number of development squad matches, both in pre-season, at Lowestoft, and in Andy Awford's development league matches. He's been involved in the majority of these games in some capacity and came off the bench to score against Gillingham in September. He's a very bright player who has the knack of being in the right place at the right time to score goals which is a very important attribute for an attacking player to have."

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YOUTH UPDATE

Two second half goals secured the Hatters Under-18s' place in the quarter-finals of the Youth Alliance League Cup with a 2-0 victory over Dagenham & Redbridge at Ely Way.

Alex Atkinson and Freddie Hinds found the target to make it 10 wins in 11 matches in all competitions for the Town youngsters, who stay unbeaten this season.

The Hatters had the better of the chances in the first half and were denied the lead when Tyreeq Bakinson's back-post effort was saved brilliantly by the Daggers' keeper.

However, the Town gradually wore down the visitors and 20 minutes into the second half Hinds was fouled in the box and Atkinson slotted home the resultant penalty.

In front, the Hatters continued to dominate in search of a second, and that came on 80 minutes when Hinds raced through, beat the Daggers centre-half and finished well.

A pleased Driver told lutontown.co.uk: "It took us time to wear them down and I knew it would be a much tougher match than when we faced them two weeks ago [that the Town won 4-0].

"Defensively we were sound, that was our eighth clean sheet in 11



Alex Atkinson



Freddie Hinds

matches, but I would like us to be more clinical.

"We made a few changes too and I thought we coped well with that."

Town: Gooch, Atkinson, Hinds (sub Verney 85), McGhan-George, Famewo, McJannett, Cotter, Bakinson, Snelus (sub Dasilva 67), Bean (sub Bean 77), Justin. **Subs not used:** Petty, Murray.

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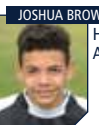
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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu got 90 minutes under his belt as the Hatters development squad made it two wins out of two in the Final Third Development League Cup thanks to a 1-0 victory at Southend on Tuesday afternoon.

Ruddock's last appearance for the Town first team came in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy win over Leyton Orient at the end of the August, but a niggling back problem has kept the former West Ham midfielder sidelined.

After beating AFC Wimbledon 3-0 two weeks ago in the same competition, a much younger dev squad saw off the Shrimpers thanks to a first-half goal from youth team midfielder Alex Atkinson. Atkinson raced onto Ruddock's pass to coolly slot beyond the Southend goalkeeper.

The Town controlled the first half against a much stronger and older Southend side but it was a different story after the break as the home side searched for an equaliser.

But the Shrimpers couldn't test Elliot Justham or his replacement Liam Gooch and the Hatters held on to secure a victory to the delight of

academy and development manager Andy Awford.

He told lutontown.co.uk: "It was a good result and a good performance from us. It was a much younger side that we have fielded in previous weeks with the first team involved at Gillingham, while Southend have a set Under-21 squad with some experienced players.

"We dominated the first half and could have scored a couple of more goals but Alex took his goal really well on the half-hour mark on the counter-attack.

"In the second period we came under a lot of pressure but we stood up to it really well. In the closing stages I thought we managed the game well. A number of the younger players will learn from an experience like this because we wanted to win and to do that we needed to be disciplined.

"It is vital for our younger players to learn this aspect of the game. When you're leading away from home with 10 minutes to go it's important to focus and manage the game.

"It's a good learning curve for all of the lads and what pleased me most was the way they all took on what we told them before the game.

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) W 1-0

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

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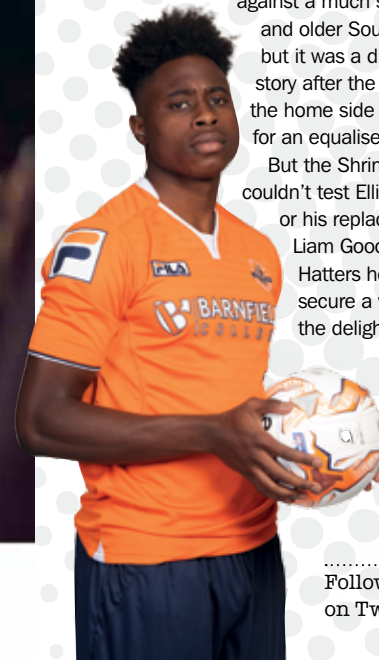
Mon 14 AFC Wimbledon A 7pm

Tue 29 Cambridge United H 1pm

"Pelly got 90 minutes under his belt which is great for him, but it was important we got minutes into a number of the youth lads and young pros because in previous development games we've chosen from a more experienced group."

Next Tuesday the Hatters dev squad entertain AFC Dunstable in the Beds Senior Cup at Kenilworth Road.

Town dev: Justham (sub Gooch 75), Trotman, Onyemah, Justin, Williams, Musonda, Cotter (sub Bakinson 65), Robinson, Atkinson (sub Famewo 80), Verney (sub Hinds 65), Ruddock (sub McGhan-George 90).



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JUNIOR HATTERS

PLAYER PROFILE

JONATHAN SMITH

DATE OF BIRTH: 17TH OCTOBER 1986

FROM: PRESTON

HEIGHT: 6FT 3"

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

JONATHAN SMITH FIRST PLAYED FOR THE HATTERS WHILE ON LOAN FROM TODAY'S VISITORS - YORK CITY - BACK IN 2012. SMUGGER STARTED HIS CAREER WITH MORECAMBE, BEFORE SPENDING THREE YEARS WITH FOREST GREEN WHERE HE MADE 107 APPEARANCES AND SCORED 15 GOALS. SMITH HAS ALREADY FOUND THE NET FOUR TIMES THIS SEASON, AND CONTINUES TO BE A FIRM FAVOURITE AT LUTON.



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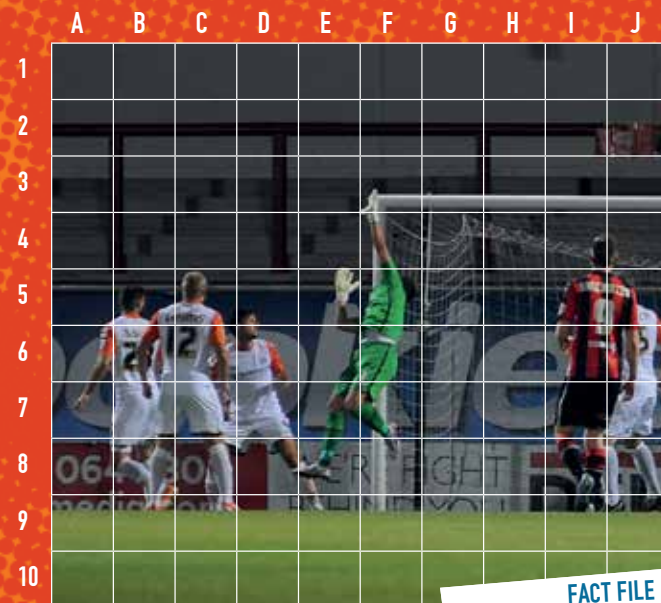
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Luton LADIES

This coming Wednesday, 14th October, Luton Town Ladies will be hosting their FA Women's Premier League fixture against Bedford Ladies at Kenilworth Road kicking off at 7.45pm. Entry is free to all spectators into the main stand via the Kenilworth Road entrance.

The clubs have met on three previous occasions in the League with the Town recording victories on all three occasions including a narrow 2-1 win last season which was also played at the Kenny. There have been several meetings in the County Cup with recent meetings ending up equal in terms of honours.

The teams met as recently as September in the League with Luton recording a 3-0 victory at Wootton Blue Cross. On that occasion early goals from Shanice Jiminez and Michelle Byrne gave the Town a 2-0 lead within 15 minutes and the points were sealed with a neat chip by Natasha Fensome early in the second half. However, for periods the game was end-to-end and the Hatters had to defend resolutely to retain their lead.

The Town will be hoping to repeat the feat on Wednesday and a victory will see them regain second place in pursuit of Crystal Palace.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "We are all looking forward to the game and as we know Kenilworth Road is a special place under lights.

"Form always goes out the window with Bedford and despite being less than 20 miles apart the

relationship between the two clubs has always been first class.

"Neither team could be described as being in form right now and we have certainly been severely tested in recent games against maybe the other three strongest teams in the Division.

"Our first league defeat to Gillingham could have been so different after we had drawn level from 2-0 down but they were able to rely on some clinical finishing to take the points. The Cup exit at Crystal Palace was not something that we were especially concerned about as that is not our priority and we learnt some useful pointers for our upcoming league encounter with them.

TOUGH

"We have managed to get through a tough period where we have suffered the loss of some experienced players and we would hope that our skipper Shanice will be in contention for a start having suffered a nasty head injury earlier in the season in the Bedford game. We hope that there will be a decent crowd on the night and that we can show those who do come to watch that Women's football is worthy of such a stage."

FA Women's Premier League

South East Division One

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

27 Gillingham (H) L 2-4

OCTOBER

4 Crystal Palace (Plate 1) (A) L 0-5

14 Bedford (H)

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)

In the interim Town host Norfolk club Acle United in the FA Cup tomorrow for the Clubs first ever meeting. The tie will take place at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium with a 2pm kick off and all are welcome along to support the Lady Hatters.



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WITH KEVIN CROWE

TURNING ONE WIN INTO TWO

Pub pundits and Twitter Tactics Truckers united in confusion this week as John Still's Luton Town returned from the road with nine league points in eight days.

Football supporters have moaned about the manager since it was all pigs' bladders and muddy, warring villages. It's a tradition as proud and ridiculous as any in this green and pleasant land, and in the broken English of Jean Louis Voltaire (la, la-la, la-la): "While I may not agree with your player ratings for Wimbledon at home, I'll defend to the death your right to post them on Luton Outlaws."

But in this feverish age of Facebook feedback and online polls, you've got to feel for a boss when it's not going his way. Even one with the thick skin of John Still.

For, equipped with little more than an email address and flare for comparing people to Hitler, the internet has given us villagers megaphones, a ladder to your bedroom window and the key to your subconscious.

Understandably he's looked a little bit frustrated at the muted criticism in recent weeks, and considering the adoration he's become used to and the circumstances surrounding last

season's spluttering end, he could be forgiven for quietly cursing his chosen profession. But as he does, Still settled his hand and got on with what he knows - shockingly, better than even me or you - and that is turning one win into two, two wins into three and so on and so on until the open top bus parade.

DIAMONDS

That's what he does best. Aside from being able to sign players that Richard Money can't buy and developing rough diamonds into polished pros with Premier League price tags, Still's real gift is to turn a winning streak into a movement - a precious possession for the players of Lutoopia to defend with their lives.

And you wouldn't bet against him doing it again this season would you? Would you...? (PUT THAT HASHTAG DOWN.)

The beauty of this little run so far and its familiar green shoots of autumnal recovery, is not only that it fits with Still's annual prophecy of brutal pre-season >

slow start > gradual improvement > stonking winter, it's that this past week of six points on the road has been a 900-mile Tuesday / Saturday ultra marathon the likes of which more often than not have spelled pointless despair for the Bedfordshire brethren.

As it is we've leap-frogged up the league and can once again see the Play-Offs glimmering in the middle distant sunshine like the Minarets of Bury Park.

BELIEF

And so we roll on into October not having really caught fire in the way that these players can yet, but with the hope that, with the help of a red card here and a 38-year-old goal-keeping messiah there, John Still has chiselled out enough of a start to get the belief streaming into the shaky early season legs of one or two of the new boys, and, as the temperature starts to drop, for the waters of doubt to recede and for the this little winning run of ours to really snowball.

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Carey (Plymouth) 5
Edwards (Crawley) 5
Roofe (Oxford) 5
Barkhuizen (Morecambe) 4
Bird (Yeovil) 4

There are new leaders of leaders of League 2 following last weekend's round of matches with Plymouth Argyle at the summit after their late 2-1 win over struggling Crawley.

The Pilgrims, who reached the Play-Offs last season, are unbeaten in five league games and have a two-point cushion at the top.

It was an 89th-minute goal from on-loan Hiram Boateng that put Crawley to the sword after the Red Devils had cancelled out Reuben Reid's first-half goal when Roarie Deacon levelled with five minutes to go.

Previous leaders Wycombe were knocked off top spot following a 3-2 home defeat to Northampton. The Cobblers, unbeaten in five, are up to ninth in the table.

Another team recently in pole position, Leyton Orient, got back to winning ways last weekend with their first win in five matches. After winning their first five League 2 games, Ian Hendon's side picked up just three points from their next five but ended that run with a comfortable 3-1 win over Notts County at Brisbane Road.

Portsmouth led the table two

games ago but saw their unbeaten run ended last Tuesday night against Exeter at Fratton Park. Last weekend they let two points slip at home to Yeovil, meaning Paul Cook's side drop to fourth place.

Oxford and Mansfield made headway into the top seven last weekend with two away wins in the space of four days. Oxford, up to fifth now, won at York in midweek and followed that up with a 3-1 victory at Accrington to inflict a first defeat in eight matches on Stanley.

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Mansfield meanwhile won at Stevenage on the night the Town won at Morecambe, and picked up another win on the road last Saturday when coming out on top in a seven-goal thriller against struggling Dagenham. Adam Murray's side were trailing 3-1 but fought back with two late goals to win 4-3 at Victoria Road.

Just outside the Play-Off places are Carlisle, who inflicted a second successive home defeat on Stevenage with a 1-0 win at Broadhall Way last weekend.

In total there were five sides in the division that won both of their successive away matches last week: the Town, Oxford, Mansfield, Carlisle and Bristol Rovers – who beat Hartlepool on the Tuesday and then beat Morecambe 4-3 on Saturday.

At the other end, bottom-of-the-table Newport changed manager, with former Chesterfield and Plymouth boss John Sheridan taking over from Terry Butcher last week. Sheridan saw his new side earn a point from a 1-1 draw with Exeter.

Today in League 2 Portsmouth go to Cambridge, Orient travel to Crawley and Oxford host Wimbledon. Leaders Plymouth make the trip to Notts County tomorrow.

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

OUR 130TH YEAR

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AUGUST

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|--------|--------|---|------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|----|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Sat 8 | 3.00pm | A | Accrington Stanley | D 1-1 | 2,359 | 1,175 | 13 | Justham | Cuthbert | Griffiths | McNulty | Wilkinson | Doyle | SMITH 1 |
| Tue 11 | 7.45pm | H | Bristol City (Cap One Cup 1) | W 3-1 | 3,948 | 427 | - | Tyler | Cuthbert | McNulty | Wilkinson | Potts | O'Donnell | O'Brien |
| Sat 15 | 3.00pm | H | Oxford United | D 2-2 | 8,877 | 781 | 15 | Tyler | Cuthbert | McNulty | WILKINSON 1 | Griffiths | O'Donnell | Doyle |
| Tue 18 | 7.45pm | H | Bristol Rovers | L 0-1 | 8,061 | 553 | 18 | Tyler | Cuthbert | McNulty | Wilkinson | Griffiths | O'Donnell | Doyle |
| Sat 22 | 3.00pm | A | Yeovil Town | L 2-3 | 3,830 | 820 | 22 | Tyler | Cuthbert | Griffiths | McNulty | Wilkinson | Smith | McGeehan |
| Tue 25 | 7.45pm | H | Stoke City (Cap One Cup 2) | D 1-1* | 6,099 | 823 | - | Justham | O'Donnell | Griffiths | Wilkinson | Cuthbert | O'Brien | Smith |
| Sat 29 | 3.00pm | H | Portsmouth | L 1-2 | 9,083 | 1,032 | 22 | Justham | O'Donnell | Griffiths | Wilkinson | Cuthbert | O'Brien | Smith |

SEPTEMBER

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|--------|--------|---|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|----|-------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----|---------|
| Tue 1 | 7.15pm | H | Leyton Orient (JPT1) | W 2-1 | 1,953 | 300 | - | Tyler | O'DONNELL 1 | Griffiths | McNulty | Cuthbert | Lee | Smith |
| Sat 5 | 3.00pm | A | Cambridge United | W 3-1 | 6,298 | 1,425 | 19 | Tyler | O'Donnell | Griffiths | WILKINSON 1 | Cuthbert | Lee | Smith |
| Sat 12 | 3.00pm | A | Notts County | L 2-3 | 5,820 | 1,689 | 20 | Tyler | O'Donnell | Griffiths | Wilkinson | Cuthbert | Lee | SMITH 1 |
| Sat 19 | 3.00pm | H | Mansfield Town | W 1-0 | 7,939 | 262 | 18 | Tyler | O'Donnell | Griffiths | Wilkinson | McNulty | Lee | Smith |
| Sat 26 | 3.00pm | H | AFC Wimbledon | W 2-0 | 8,415 | 588 | 16 | Tyler | O'Donnell | Griffiths | Wilkinson | McNulty | Lee | Smith |
| Tue 29 | 7.45pm | A | Morecambe | W 3-1 | 1,388 | 295 | 11 | Tyler | Cuthbert | Griffiths | WILKINSON 1 | McNulty | Lee | SMITH 1 |

OCTOBER

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|-------|--------|---|-------------------|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Sat 3 | 3.00pm | A | Hartlepool United | W 4-1 | 3,876 | 406 | 19 | Tyler | Cuthbert | Griffiths | Wilkinson | McNulty | LEE 1 | SMITH 1 |
| Tue 6 | 7.45pm | A | Gillingham (JPT2) | L 1-2 | 3,428 | tbc | - | Tyler | Lawless | Potts | O'Brien | Okuonghae | Lee | Doyle |

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

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| 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

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| 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

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|--------|--------|---|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 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

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|--------|--------|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Sat 7 | 3.00pm | H | Exeter City | | | | | | | | | | | |
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SUBS

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| Green | McCourt | McQuoid | Mackail-Smith | Tyler | Potts | McGeehan | Benson | Marriott | Ruddock | Guttridge |
| Ruddock | McGeehan | BENSON 1 | MARRIOTT 2 | Justham | Lawless | Hall | Griffiths | Guttridge | McQuoid | Doyle |
| McCourt | McGEEHAN 1 | Benson | Mackail-Smith | Justham | Lawless | Ruddock | Potts | McQuoid | Smith | Marriott |
| McCourt | McGeehan | Benson | Mackail-Smith | Potts | Smith | Lawless | Ruddock | Marriott | McQuoid | Justham |
| Green | Hall | BENSON 1 | MACKAIL-SMITH 1 | O'Donnell | Lawless | McCourt | Ruddock | McQuoid | O'Brien | Justham |
| Lee | Green | Ruddock | McQuoid | McNulty | Hall | McGEEHAN 1 | Benson | Guttridge | Mackail-Smith | Tyler |
| McGeehan | Hall | McQuoid | MACKAIL-SMITH 1 | Tyler | McNulty | Green | Marriott | McCourt | Ruddock | Lee |

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| Ruddock | GREEN 1 | Guttridge | Marriott | Hall | Justham | Okuonghae | Mackail-Smith | McQuoid | | |
| GREEN 1 | McQuoid | GUTTRIDGE 1 | Mackail-Smith | McNulty | Hall | Justham | Ruddock | Okuonghae | Williams | O'Brien |
| Green | McQuoid | Guttridge | Mackail-Smith | McNulty | McGEEHAN 1 | Hall | McCourt | Ruddock | Williams | King |
| McCourt | McQuoid | McGeehan | MACKAIL-SMITH 1 | Lawless | Hall | Green | Marriott | Williams | O'Brien | Justham |
| McCourt | McQuoid | McGeehan | Mackail-Smith | Potts | Lawless | Hall | Green | MARRIOTT 2 | O'Brien | Justham |
| McCourt | McQuoid | McGEEHAN 1 | Mackail-Smith | Potts | Lawless | Green | Marriott | Guttridge | Doyle | Justham |

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| Guttridge | McQuoid | McGeehan | Mackail-Smith | Potts | Lawless | Hall | Green | MARRIOTT 2 | Doyle | Justham |
| Guttridge | McQuoid | McGEEHAN 1 | Marriott | Hall | Green | Griffiths | Wilkinson | Justham | | |

MEET THE REF DARREN HANDLEY

We're pleased to welcome Bolton referee Darren Handley to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. Darren is making his first visit to Kenilworth Road since the Hatters' 7-0 win over Hereford United in February of our Conference title-winning campaign. Last season he oversaw one

game involving the Town, our 1-1 draw away at Cheltenham in January this year. So far this season Darren has shown 30 yellow cards and two red cards in the eight games he has taken charge of. Please give Darren and his fellow officials a warm welcome today.

LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

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

PLAYER STATS 2015/16

| | THIS SEASON | | | | | | | | | | LFC | | |
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| | LEAGUE | | CUP | | TOTAL | | DISP | | CAREER TOT | | | | |
| | APPS | GLS | APPS | GLS | APPS | GLS | Y | R | | | | | |
| Zane Banton | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | |
| Paul Benson | 3 | (1) | 1 | (1) | 1 | 4 | (2) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 22 | |
| Scott Cuthbert | 9 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | 12 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 | |
| Nathan Doyle | 3 | (2) | 0 | (1) | 0 | 4 | (3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 0 | |
| Danny Green | 4 | (1) | 1 | (2) | 1 | 6 | (2) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 2 | |
| Scott Griffiths | 11 | (0) | 0 | (2) | 0 | 13 | (2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 3 | |
| Luke Guttridge | 3 | (0) | 1 | (2) | 0 | 5 | (0) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 68 | 18 | |
| Ryan Hall | 2 | (2) | 0 | (3) | 0 | 2 | (5) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | |
| Elliot Justham | 2 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | 3 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | |
| Alex Lawless | 0 | (4) | 0 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 | 21 | |
| Ollie Lee | 6 | (1) | 1 | (3) | 0 | 9 | (1) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 1 | |
| Craig Mackail-Smith | 11 | (0) | 3 | (0) | 0 | 11 | (0) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 | |
| Jack Marriott | 0 | (7) | 4 | (3) | 0 | 2 | (3) | 6 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 6 | |
| Paddy McCourt | 6 | (1) | 0 | (0) | 0 | 6 | (1) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 | |
| Cameron McGeehan | 8 | (1) | 3 | (2) | 1 | 2 | (10) | 5 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 11 | |
| Steve McNulty | 8 | (1) | 0 | (2) | 0 | 10 | (1) | 0 | 3 | 0 | 124 | 2 | |
| Josh McQuoid | 8 | (0) | 0 | (2) | 0 | 10 | (2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | |
| Mark O'Brien | 1 | (2) | 0 | (3) | 0 | 4 | (2) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | |
| Stephen O'Donnell | 7 | (0) | 0 | (3) | 0 | 1 | (10) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | |
| Magnus Okuonghae | 0 | (0) | 0 | (1) | 0 | 1 | (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| Dan Potts | 0 | (0) | 0 | (2) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu | 0 | (4) | 0 | (3) | 0 | 3 | (4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 3 | |
| Jonathan Smith | 9 | (2) | 4 | (2) | 0 | 11 | (2) | 4 | 4 | 0 | 113 | 9 | |
| Mark Tyler | 9 | (0) | 0 | (3) | 0 | 0 | 12 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 278 | 0 | |
| Luke Wilkinson | 11 | (0) | 3 | (2) | 0 | 0 | 13 | (0) | 3 | 2 | 0 | 61 | 7 |

*Lost 8-7 on penalties

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



HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH MATT WRIGHT

I guess I should introduce myself. I recently began working for LSN Media, based in Bedford, covering sport across three local newspapers including Luton on Sunday.

It's fair to say Luton Town haven't been short of a story in the last decade. From giving Liverpool, European champions at the time, the fright of their lives in an FA Cup classic to the club's second spell in administration.

From relegation from the Football League brought about by their shockingly harsh 30-point deduction to the defiant triumph at Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in front of over 30,000 Hatters in that same season.

From becoming to the first non-league side to knock out a top flight club in 24 years in the Cup to their promotion from the Conference to right a five-year wrong. It certainly hasn't been dull!

There's been plenty of heartache on the way but the club is certainly looking upwards again.

Just before I took up my new role, I couldn't help but notice the quality of players that manager John Still was bringing into the club during the summer.

The names of Craig Mackail-Smith and Paddy McCourt jumped out due them having played at a higher level and them being capped by their respective countries.

Therefore, I was surprised to see the Hatters stutter as the campaign got under way with late goals conceded really hurting them. But then memories went back to the promotion campaign in what was Still's first full season in charge, where Luton also struggled to get going initially.

Still has been in football long enough that he knows how to play the long game and not press the panic button when a couple of results don't go his team's way.



It looks as if his patience has paid off again with the players putting together an excellent recent run of form that, happily, has coincided with me taking up my job.

It's been six wins in eight games since I started as the players brought in by Still have started to gel and some of them, such as Cameron McGeehan and Jack Marriott, have been taking League 2 by storm lately.

Still pinpointed a lack of goals as a problem last season and this looks to have been rectified with Luton top scorers in the division at the time of writing.

The Hatters fans following their team around the country have been treated to some screamers recently as well, from Luke Guttridge's lob at Cambridge to Olly Lee's thunderbolt at Hartlepool last week.

Being from Bedford, I've followed Luton's results for years with them flying the flag for Bedfordshire in the Football League in the majority of that time.

I covered a couple of games at Kenilworth Road in my days as a freelance and it's great to have the chance to now be more involved with them, with Still's press conferences proving to be a highlight so far - the man isn't short of a story or two!

Enjoy the game and here's hoping the goals keep on flowing.

Matt is a sports reporter for the Luton and Bedfordshire on Sunday

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



YORK CITY

- 1 Scott Flinders
- 2 Marvin McCoy
- 3 Femi Ilesanmi
- 4 James Berrett
- 5 John Mccombe
- 6 Eddie Nolan
- 7 Michael Coulson
- 8 Luke Summerfield
- 9 Vadaine Oliver
- 10 Russell Penn
- 11 Josh Carson
- 13 Anthony Straker
- 14 George Swan
- 15 Keith Lowe
- 16 Dave Winfield
- 17 Taron Hare
- 18 Tom Platt
- 19 Jake Hyde
- 20 Michael Collins
- 21 Ben Hirst
- 22 Reece Thompson
- 23 Rhys Turner
- 24 Michael Ingham
- 25 Callum Rzonca
- 26 Ben Godfrey
- 27 David Tutonda
- 29 Emile Sinclair

TODAY'S OFFICIALS



Darren Handley



Timothy Wood



Amy Fearn



4 Anthony Da Costa