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JOHN STILL

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE WEEKS AS WE ENTERTAIN ONE OF MY OLD CLUBS, BARNET.

Welcome to everyone associated with the Bees, including Martin Allen and his staff and players plus the directors and supporters.

Many congratulations are in order for their fine title success in the Conference last season. After a tough start to this campaign they are now showing how much of a good side they are.

Their last three wins have been against Oxford, Exeter and Blackpool so we know we face a test this afternoon.

Our form here at Kenilworth Road remains frustrating. Our last home fixture here against Plymouth optimised that when we fell to yet another last-minute goal in the defeat against the league leaders. Having gone down to 10 men I still thought we were the better team but one lapse of concentration was enough for Argyle to pinch all three points.

That was hard for us to take but we have picked ourselves up and bounced back in fine style on the road over the past two weeks. Having had such a long association with Dagenham & Redbridge over the years I never relish going back despite the many friends I have there. As it turned out I felt a bit ill at the start of the second half but everything was ok, and thankfully we were able to record a victory to get back to winning ways in the league.

Last week we followed that up with an even better result at Crawley in the first round of the FA Cup. I felt we played well and fully deserved our place in the next round. I must touch on the performance and goals of Josh McQuoid, whose double made it three goals in as many games following his strike against Plymouth. He also set-up Luke Guttridge's goal at Dagenham and it's great to see his hard work bearing fruit. Josh has had to be patient for goals and now we're all hopeful he can continue that level of form in front of goal.

Our reward for that victory is a second round date with Peterborough in a few weeks' time. They are another former club of mine and the tie promises to be a very entertaining one.

Both teams are capable of scoring goals while there are a number of connections at the two clubs, including Mark Tyler and Craig Mackail-Smith. However, there are plenty of matches to play between then though, and all we hope is that we can build up a solid run of form going into that tie at London Road.

Since my last notes we were also delighted to secure the futures of two rising stars from our youth team by signing Frankie Musonda and James Justin on professional contracts following their excellent displays for the Under-18s and the development squad. On Tuesday we were also thrilled to extend the contract of Nathan Doyle, who has been an instrumental part of our squad since we brought him to Kenilworth Road last season.

Finally, a big thank you to all those supporters who backed us at our last two away matches. We are now entering an important phase of the season as we approach the busy December and January period so results and performances are vital. Remember the players out there in orange are representing YOUR club so please get behind them – it truly makes a difference.

Enjoy the game.

From the BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN **NICK OWEN**

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THE FIRST HOME GAME HERE SINCE THAT DISAPPOINTING MATCH AGAINST PLYMOUTH ARGYLE.

That particular day we did so well to pull it back before the fiasco surrounding Ryan Hall's sending off and subsequent killer goal in the 95th minute, which originated from the very space he'd just been forced to vacate. An absolute sickener, and a typical example of how cruel fate can be when things aren't going your way.

I am sincerely hoping that the tide has turned now after our two excellent away wins on the last two Saturdays. What's more, our FA Cup winner at Crawley came right at the death so could this really be the beginning of better things? Confidence and momentum are so vital in professional sport and now seems a great time to cash in and head for the heights. Certainly morale is high amongst the players and competition for places is fierce.

I would like to welcome Barnet, their manager Martin Allen, directors, players and fans today and congratulate them on winning the Conference last season. We know only too well just how hard that can be. And talking of hard, what vivid memories we have of our last two meetings with them in our own title winning season!

You may remember our 2014 New Year's Day victory here at Kenilworth Road in appalling conditions when the pitch was under water, totally submerged in some places. How it ever started, let alone finished, is a matter of sheer wonder, but the presence of the television cameras may have had something to do with it! All credit to the players of both sides on the day for making the best of it and creating such a decent game. I am not sure our head groundsman Richard Bird was quite so appreciative!

Six days earlier, of course, we'd played at the Hive and poor Jonathan Smith suffered a dreadful double break of his leg which could be heard around the ground. A poorly-timed tackle, but not malicious, which effectively finished Smudger's season. It could have ended his career but he was up and running before the season's end and made that emotional little cameo appearance in the final minutes of the final game at Hyde as we celebrated our promotion back to the Football League. That was a fabulous touch by John Still and an amazing recovery by Jonathan. I have to say I was glad that he didn't have to put in any tackles!

While we're talking about Barnet, I must mention their most illustrious former player, a certain Jimmy Greaves. He played for them in the late seventies at the end of his brilliant career when he'd already scored hundreds of goals for Chelsea, AC Milan, Spurs, West Ham and England. I worked with Jimmy from the seventies, through the eighties and into the nineties at ITV Sport and on breakfast television with TV-am. He became a great friend and a joy to work with. He was one of my panellists, alongside Geoff Hurst and Gordon Banks, for England's epic World Cup semi-final in 1990 against West Germany when we lost on penalties. Sadly, as I am sure you know, Jim suffered a severe stroke in May this year which nearly killed him and he is now greatly debilitated.

Thank you for your continued support of the team home and away

He can't walk and can barely do anything for himself but there is cause for cautious optimism ahead of some hospital treatment coming up later this month. All the best, Jim.

One random piece of trivia about Jimmy's Barnet career: He actually played alongside a young loanee from Brentford who's gone on to become a much loved television personality - Bradley Walsh!

CONFIDENCE

Back to the present and what a draw in the FA Cup. Peterborough away, a tough one I know, but not too far away and one we'll face with confidence and optimism. The connections between Peterborough and ourselves at the moment are remarkable, aren't they? First of all, there's Barry Fry who has always admitted he's basically a Luton fan, having played for the club and lived in Bedfordshire for years. Now Director of Football at Peterborough, he's father in law to our own Craig Mackail-Smith, who scored 99 goals for the Posh and describes this as a dream tie. It's even true to say that Barry was actually there and helped with the delivery when his daughter Amber and Craig had baby Isla a couple of years ago. Craig said at the time he'd never seen Barry move so fast!

Then there's Mark Tyler who played no fewer than 486 times for Peterborough over 15 years. What service and he's now heading for 300 with us! What a fantastic day it'll be for him if he plays in the Second Round at London Road. I am sure he will get a phenomenal reception when he runs out for the game.

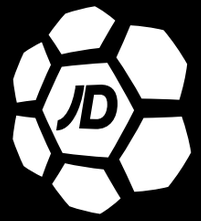
On top of all that, of course, Josh McQuoid and Scott Griffiths played there and John Still is a former Peterborough manager - who actually gave Mark Tyler his debut!

That intriguing match is yet to come in three weeks' time. Today is all about the league and the quest for a victory to take us up the table. Despite our indifferent form to date, we are still a mere six points behind the automatic promotion places and there's a long way to go. We are confident we can win promotion and, as always, your backing is paramount. Please continue with your terrific support which means so much to the players, both home and away. It's the envy of other clubs, as I am sure you know.

Finally, a word about our wonderful youth team. They are now through to the Second Round of the FA Youth Cup and remain unbeaten in 17 games this season - a brilliant achievement. Many congratulations to them and to two youngsters who have signed professional contracts, James Justin and Frankie Musonda. They've come through the system, Luton Town is in their DNA and I hope they both have a glorious future with the club.

Enjoy the game today, bye for now.

Nick Owen



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A WORD FROM THE CURRENT CAPTAIN

It's been an honour to act as captain of this club since the departure of Steve McNulty and it's an experience I am really enjoying at the minute.

I've previously captained teams before and as a centre-back I think being a vocal figure is something that just comes naturally. I would be delighted to continue to lead the team out for the rest of the season but we'll have to wait and see.

In our last home game we were frustrated by another last-minute goal which was massively hard to take because I thought our second half performance in that game was excellent. However that counts for nothing when you switch off like we did in the 90th minute.

As players we know our form here at Kenilworth Road hasn't been good enough. We know that any team who has aspirations for promotion needs to have a good home record, so at this stage of the season to have only won twice at home in League 2 we really do need to improve that record starting today. We know you come and pay good money to be entertained but unfortunately things are not going to plan. We're working hard to ensure we get better and I do think we have shown an improvement in the last seven or eight games – apart from the second half at Crawley.

Away from home, however, our results have been kinder, as our last two results show. There have been a high number of away wins throughout the division so far and I'm not surprised. The onus is always on the home team to come out and attack and I think the bigger clubs especially find it difficult to break teams down at home against sides who are intent on giving nothing away and sitting behind the ball.

After a positive result at Dagenham it was great to add another away win at Crawley last weekend in the FA Cup. We've conceded a few late goals this season so to score one ourselves to win the tie was obviously very pleasing. I think we showed great character to go on and win that game because after they equalised they had a dangerous spell and looked like scoring again. But we rolled our sleeves up and went for the win and all the lads were delighted for Josh to get on the scoresheet twice. His first goal was a superb hit. We now head to Peterborough next month to take on a side from a higher level. They are a physical and fit side and have plenty of goals in them so it promises to be a great tie. Potentially drawing a Premier League club in the third round is a massive incentive so it goes without saying that we'll be going there to win.

Today, however, the focus is on Barnet and important League 2 points up for grabs. They are going to arrive here full of confidence after a great win in the cup last week so we know it is going to be a competitive and hard-fought 90 minutes. Although they will be in high spirits they must remember that we are confident too following our last two results.

Your support continues to astound me. Although I have not been at the club for a long time I am still blown away by your level of backing home and away. As a team we need to start using your vocal support to our advantage so please keep it going for 90 minutes this afternoon. Enjoy the game.

BOBBERS HELP TOWN MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

The Bobbers Travel Club are delighted to continue the joint partnership with the Hatters' medical department and have developed this further this season by sponsoring physiotherapist Simon Parsell's kit as well as making a donation to purchase special recovery 'boots', as worn here by Jonathan Smith.

It is the members that are responsible for enabling the Bobbers support Simon and his department in this way by travelling with them. If you travelled with Bobbers Travel last season give yourself a pat on the back, you certainly deserve it.

Parsell said: "I would like to thank Bobbers Travel for their continued support of the medical department. Over my time at the club their support has allowed us to introduce a whole range of procedures that have benefitted the club and players, allowing great recovery protocols and rehab programmes that enable us to get players back quicker. I believe this season we are seeing the fruits of our joint partnership. Thanks Bobbers Travel."

Midfielder Smith, who has already benefited from the Bobbers' support during his rehabilitation from a broken leg, added:

"The recovery legs are fantastic and helped me get through pre-season feeling fresh. It's great because you can use the equipment on the bus after games, as well as at the training ground."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We have three birthday shouts to put out to ardent Hatters supporters who are celebrating at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Happy 40th birthday to Michelle Walton – love from Debbie, Ian, Alex and Leila.

A very happy birthday to Chris Barnes who turns 76 on 19th November. Chris travels to all the home and away games.

Happy 75th birthday to Roger Clark who celebrated his birthday on 12th November. Roger is a life-long fan who first attended a game with his uncle Stan on August 21st 1948 when the Town played QPR in a 0-0 draw. One of his proudest moments watching the Hatters came when his son Paul was mascot for the Sunderland home game in 1973, a 1-0 victory for Luton making it more memorable. Roger still attends Kenilworth Road and a few away games whenever possible, travelling from the Forest of Dean to do so with his wife.

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FA CUP SECOND ROUND DRAW

The Town's reward for beating Crawley is a trip to League 1 side Peterborough United in the second round of the FA Cup.

The tie will be played over the weekend 5th December. Dates, times and ticket information to be confirmed in due course. Posh, 13th in the third tier, progressed to the second round after a 3-0 victory at Burton Albion last weekend. It will be the second time the Hatters have played Posh in the competition, having won 3-0 at Kenilworth Road in a third round tie in 1983.

There are plenty of connections between the two clubs with manager John Still, goalkeeper Mark Tyler, defender Scott Griffiths and strikers Josh McQuoid and Craig Mackail-Smith all previously with Peterborough. The Hatters' last visit to London Road was a 2-2 draw in the League 1 title season of 2004/05 - Tyler played in that game but couldn't keep out goals from Steve Howard and Kevin Nicholls.

DUO TURN PRO

Youth team regulars James Justin and Frankie Musonda signed professional contracts with the club last week.

The 17-year-old pair have put pen to paper on deals which will keep them at Kenilworth Road until the end of the 2016/17 season.

Both players have risen through the academy ranks together and were instrumental in the Hatters' Under-11 side that won the Aarau Masters tournament in Switzerland in 2011 after beating Bayern Munich in the final.

Luton-born Justin is a defensive midfielder who is also capable of playing at right-back. The youngster joined the academy in 2005. After breaking into the Town Under-18s he has also made a number of appearances for the Hatters' development squad.

Musonda is a centre-half by trade. Like Justin, he has been a permanent fixture in the Town's youth team and, more recently, development squad. The Bedford-born defender joined the Hatters academy in 2006.

Academy boss Andy Awford added: "I'm delighted for both boys. They've shown real potential and now the hard work starts for them: to grasp this opportunity and go on and make a name for themselves in the professional game."

Everyone at Kenilworth Road would like to congratulate James and Frankie and wish them all the best success in their professional career at Luton Town.

ORIENT TEST FOR UNDER-18s IN YOUTH CUP

The Town Under-18s' FA Youth Cup second round tie against Leyton Orient has been scheduled for Monday 16th November with a 7pm kick-off.

The tie will take place at Orient's main Brisbane Road Stadium and entry is £5 adults and £3 concessions. As a result, the development squad's fixture with AFC Wimbledon on 17th November will be rescheduled. A new date for this match will be arranged in due course.

BOND-THEMED DINNER WITH DAVID JAMES

The annual Luton Town Christmas Dinner is always an event to remember and this year's dinner is guaranteed to please as we welcome former England goalkeeper David James as our guest speaker.

The very special James Bond themed evening, sponsored by A Plan Insurance, takes place at The Auction House on Wednesday 9th December.

The night is hosted by Chairman Nick Owen you can 'ex-Spectre' a fabulous three-course dinner in the company of the Hatters management team.

So join us, From Luton with Love, for an unmissable night to get your Christmas celebrations underway. Tickets are £65 per person, including dinner. They're already selling fast, so don't let the 'Skyfall' - book yours now by calling the Commercial team on 01582 411622, or emailing commercial@lutontown.co.uk.

LET'S GO

THE TOWN MAKE THEIR SHORTEST TRIP OF THE SEASON NEXT SATURDAY WHEN THEY TAKE ON STEVENAGE AT THE LAMEX STADIUM

WHO? Stevenage FC, aka Boro, although the club dropped the 'Borough' from their name following their promotion to the Football League at the end of the 2009/10 season. The club were promoted in their first season in the League, beating Torquay in the League 2 Play-Offs. Boro then reached the League 1 Play-Offs in their first season at that level, only to lose to Sheffield United. In 2013/14 they were relegated back to League 2 and last term they lost in the Play-Off semi-finals to Southend.

WHERE? Boro play their home fixtures at Broadhall Way, aka The Lamex Stadium and have done since it was opened in 1980. The ground failed to meet Football League capacity requirements when the club won the Conference title in 1996 and were subsequently denied promotion. These days the stadium holds 6,722 – half of which is seated. Town supporters have been allocated just under 2,000 seats for this match, the majority of which are behind the goal in South Stand which offers an unobstructed view of the action.

HOW TO GET THERE. Town followers' shortest trip of the season consists of half-an-hour journey – some 16.4 miles from Kenilworth Road to the Lamex Stadium car park. For the sat-nav savvy the postcode is SG2 8RH. There is a large car park at the ground, whilst the adjacent Roaring Meg retail park only offers parking for 90 minutes, otherwise you could face a £100 fine. For those catching the train, the ground is a mile walk from the station. You can also go by coach, with the Bobbers, who depart Luton train station at 1pm. Fares are £12 for adults and £10 concessions. Call 01234 856542 to book.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? The Town travel to Broadhall Way aiming to preserve a 100 per cent winning record at the Hertfordshire venue having won on all four of their previous visits. A Matthew Barnes-Homer goal gave the Hatters all three points in the two clubs' Conference meeting in April 2010. The Town also won twice in the LDV Vans Trophy in successive seasons in 2002 and 2003. Ahmet Brkovic netted a five-minute hat-trick in the 4-3 win in 2002. Last season the Town maintained that winning record with a 2-1 victory with Luke Wilkinson and Alex Wall on target.

OLD BOYS NETWORK. Boro have ex-Town defenders Ronnie Henry and Fraser Franks in their ranks, the duo who lifted the Conference title for the Town in 2013/14. Right-back Henry is in his second spell at Broadhall Way having left Boro for Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2012, while Franks joined this summer. Former Town midfielder and coach Kevin Watson and goalkeeper coach Dimitri Kharine are also on the Boro coaching staff.

THIS TIME ROUND. Graham Westley left in the summer and former England striker Teddy Sheringham took control at Broadhall Way. Boro, however, have struggled so far this season, winning just three of their opening 16 fixtures in League 2. Sheringham's side have lost six of their last nine league games. Their home form has been better than their results on the road – Boro have yet to win on their travels so far this season.

STEVENAGE FACTFILE

Formed: : 1976
Nickname: Boro
Last season: 6th League 2
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Colours: Red and white
Ground: Broadhall Way
Manager: Teddy Sheringham

To get clued up on Stevenage before Saturday visit www.stevenagefc.com

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TICKETS FOR HOME MATCHES

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

Home ticket prices for the 2015/16 season

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

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STEVENAGE

Saturday 21st October 2015, 3pm

This match is all-ticket for Luton Town supporters and all tickets have now been sold.

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CARLISLE UNITED

Tuesday 24th November 2015, 7.45pm

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

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NEWPORT COUNTY

Saturday 28th November 2015, 3pm

Tickets are available from the ticket office and on the day at Newport, but are cheaper if bought in advance from the ticket office.

We have received an allocation of 1,066 seats, 421 in the Bisley Stand beside the pitch and 645 in the Sytner End behind the goal. Tickets are now on sale to Diamond Season Ticket holders at two per person until close of business today. Tickets will go on sale to Season Ticket holders at two per person from Monday 16th November until close of business Friday 20th November. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from Saturday 21st November online and from the Ticket Office in person or via phone. They will remain on sale until 2pm Friday 27th November. Subject to availability tickets will be available at Newport on the day, however there is a price increase for these tickets.

Bisley Stand advanced prices: £19 adults, £15 seniors (65+) and young adults (under-21), £9 under-16s, £7 under-12s, under-6s free.

Matchday prices: £21 adults, £17 seniors (65+) and young adults (under-21), £9 under-16s, £7 under-12s, under-6s free.

Sytner End advanced prices: £17 adults, £13 seniors (65+) and young adults (under-21), £7 under-16s, £6 under-12s, under-6s free.

Matchday prices: £19 adults, £15 seniors (65+) and young adults (under-21), £9 under-16s, £7 under-12s, under-6s free.

Those supporters under 16, 12 or six on 1st August must be accompanied by a full paying adult or senior. Ambulant Disabled tickets are available with a Carer for those receiving Higher or Middle rate disability. Wheelchair tickets need to be purchased in advance from Newport directly on 01633 674963.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED

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Weekend of 5th December 2015

We are awaiting for confirmation of the date and time of this tie. Ticket information from Peterborough will follow in due course.

COMMERCIAL TALK...

WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER **DAVID HOSKINS**

MATCH SPONSOR AND MASCOTS

THE WILSON FAMILY

Today's match sponsor and mascots come courtesy of the Wilson family to celebrate the 40th birthday of Kevin Wilson, who has always wanted to lead out the club he has supported since his first match back on Boxing Day 1980 against Chelsea! Memories are plenty in the family who are now into their fifth generation of Town support, with Great Grandad Duff starting the ball rolling back in the 1930s! Today Kevin's fellow mascots are his children Jude, Lewis and Samantha, who are our next generation of support.

Asked for his most memorable game both Kevin and his father singled out the 1988 Littlewoods Cup against Arsenal, as for favourite players Kevin is undecided between Paul Elliot and Steve Foster – both centre-halves played in a position he played during his career at Borehamwood, Stafford Rangers and Nantwich Town.

Eldest son Jude opts for Mark Tyler and Lewis Alex Lawless. Samantha just loves them all! Father Graham feels John Moore deserves special mention for his loyalty as a player, manager and coach, and of course to 2020 for saving our club and giving us a future. Finally, come success or failure, win or lose, Luton Town is in their blood – enjoy the ups and give support in the downs!

COYH

MATCHBALL SPONSOR

BEN WRIGHT & FAMILY

Myself and Jane have been running a small business, Edlesborough Autos, for many years and we have many Luton Town supporters as customers. I have supported the Hatters for some 50 years and in celebration of my 60th birthday I decided that match ball sponsorship would make for a special day.

The picture above shows me and Jane with Sam and Ben, Emma, Laurence, Bernie and Elouise Freed preparing to leave for Wembley a few years ago.

The children are grown up now and although spread out a bit still follow Luton and never miss a chance to come to Kenilworth Road with us!

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Welcome to Kenilworth Road

BARNET

TEAM PROFILE BARNET

Nicknames: The Bees
Ground: The Hive
Last season: 1st Conference
Manager: Martin Allen
Last match: Barnet 2-0 Blackpool

HATTERS v BARNET

Luton wins 3
Draws 1
Barnet wins 0

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Barnet to Kenilworth Road this afternoon for the first time since our eventful meeting here on New Year's Day 2014.

That victory, together with the win at the Hive on Boxing Day, were hugely important results in our Conference winning campaign and are sure to live long in the memory of the Hatters fans. You can read more about those fixtures on the following pages.

The following campaign – last season – our visitors were celebrating as Martin Allen guided the Bees back to the Football League in his first full campaign back in charge of the club, in what is his fourth spell at Barnet.

Allen's Bees were top of the Conference table for virtually the whole campaign and eventually fought off the late challenges of both Bristol Rovers and Grimsby to secure the title and with it end a two-year Football League exile.

This season the Bees started slowly but have gradually acclimatised to life back in the League and they arrive here at Kenilworth Road as one of the form teams in the division having taken 10 points from their last four matches in League 2. Even more impressively the Bees dumped League 1 Blackpool out of the FA Cup first round last weekend following a 2-0 win at the Hive.

In League 2 Allen's side had struggled at the beginning of the campaign but their recent run has lifted them away from the relegation zone up to 17th place and 11 points away from trouble.

Despite their good run of form the Bees actually hold the joint-worst away record in the division having taken four points from their eight matches on the road. However be warned…their sole away win so far came in their last away match and that victory ended Oxford's unbeaten home record!

Following promotion, Allen has kept the faith with a number of the side that helped the Bees to glory, spearheaded by strikers John Akinde – who netted 30 goals last term – and Michael Gash, whose goals so far this season have earned him the player of the month award for September.

Akinde and Gash have plenty of experienced competition also vying for a place in the starting XI with Kevin Lisbie and Aaron McLean also on the books at the Hive.

Our visitors today are looking for their first victory against the Hatters in competitive action. The Town have won three of the four meetings, drawing the other.

The two sides first met in our minus-30 season of 2008/09, with the Town winning 3-1 at Kenilworth Road before a 1-1 draw later on that season at Underhill.

It wasn't until Boxing Day 2013 that the clubs would meet again with Paul Benson and Alex Lawless on target at the Hive in a 2-1 victory before Benson and Andre Gray scored the goals in a win by the same scoreline on a particularly damp New Year's Day meeting live on BT Sport on 1st January 2014.

LAST MEETING

Luton 2-1 Barnet 1/1/14

Meet the VISITORS

OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM THE HIVE

THE BOSS

MARTIN ALLEN
Now in his fourth spell at the club, the Bees boss secured the Conference title last season. A player at West Ham and QPR, he has also managed Brentford, Leicester, Gillingham, Cheltenham and Notts County.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

JAMIE STEPHENS
Summer arrival from Newport, goalkeeper Jamie has deputised superbly in goal since an injury to Graham Stack. The youngster began his career as a trainee with Liverpool.

IN DEFENCE

BIRA DEMBELE
Former French Under-21 international Bira signed for the Bees this summer from Stevenage. The centre-half came through the ranks with Rennes in his homeland before moving to the UK.

GAVIN HOYTE
Right-back Gavin joined the Bees this summer from Gillingham. Began his career in the Arsenal academy and, although he has represented England at youth level, he is a Trinidad & Tobago international.

ELLIOT JOHNSON
Left-back Elliot has come through the Bees' academy to become a regular in Allen's squad. Able to chip in with the odd goal, the youngster can also operate in midfield.

MICHAEL NELSON
Hugely experienced centre-half who began his career in non-league circles before moving to Bury and then Hartlepool. Michael spent six seasons with Pools before moving to Bradford, Hibs and Cambridge.

BONDZ N'GALA
Powerful centre-half Bondz is now in his second season at the Hive having joined from Portsmouth. Came through West Ham's youth ranks before spells out on-loan. Helped the Bees to promotion last term.

ANDY YIADOM
Current captain Andy has been converted from a winger into a right-back. A former Watford trainee he moved to Hayes & Yeading and then Braintree before arriving at Barnet. An England C international.

THE MEN IN THE MIDDLE

TOM CHAMPION
Barnet-born Tom made a handful of appearances for the Bees at the start of his career before moving to Bishop's Stortford and Dartford. He then joined Cambridge and helped the U's to promotion.

LUKE GAMBIN
Young left-winger Luke has come through the Bees' academy to be a first team regular. A scorer and creator of goals he scored the first competitive goal at the Hive three seasons ago.

SAM TOGWELL
Central midfielder Sam joined the Bees last year from Chesterfield. Started his career at Crystal Palace before moves to Barnsley and Scunthorpe, where he won promotion.

MAURO VILHETE
Lisbon-born Mauro became the youngest-ever Bees player when making his debut as a 16-year-old in 2010. A versatile player able to play on either wing, as a striker or at full-back.

CURTIS WESTON
Influential central midfielder Curtis has over 250 senior appearances under his belt. He came through the ranks at Millwall before spells with Swindon, Leeds and Scunthorpe.

UP FRONT

JOHN AKINDE
Powerful and prolific striker John was the Bees' leading goalscorer last term with 33 goals, firing the Bees to the Conference title. Joined the club from Alfreton and has also played for Bristol City.

AARON McLEAN
Vastly experienced forward who joined in August, Aaron has been a prolific goalscorer throughout his career during spells with Grays, Peterborough, Hull City and, most recently, Bradford.

MICHAEL GASH
Current leading goalscorer Michael signed for the Bees in January from Kidderminster. An experienced striker, he was named League 2 player of the month for September.

From the OAK ROAD

After just two seasons back in the Conference the Bees were buzzing again last term as Martin Allen masterminded a Championship-winning campaign. What's the expectation at the Hive this time around? We asked Barnet fans and brother and sister Phil Masmuth and Jeanette Cluff to answer our questions...

THE SEASON AHEAD...

After returning from Conference at the first time of asking what are supporters' expectation back in League 2 this season?

P: A good season with no relegation worries.

J: And the possibility of making the Play-Offs!

Like ourselves you've experienced playing in the Conference. What was it like to begin with and what are the things you'll miss – and not miss! – now that you're back in the Football League?

P: We came from non-league so know how hard to get out it is. Non-league is a friendlier place but the league has more TV coverage.

J: I agree, non-league is very friendly, and it is good to go to unsegregated matches, but it is so hard to get out of. It's great to be back – especially as Champions!

You flew out of the blocks last season and were top for virtually the whole season. What was the expectation before that campaign started? Did you think you were genuinely title contenders?

P: Personally I did not think we could do it, but was pleasantly surprised.

J: I was confident throughout the majority of the season especially after talking to Martin Allen and several of our players.

What changed from the previous season? At which moment did you think promotion could be a realistic possibility?

P: The team had been settled in and round Christmas we were looking strong.

J: The positivity around the team and The Hive; the Martin Allen effect kicking in and winning matches! Although we had a couple of blips, the majority of the season was fantastic.

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

P: Michael Gash

J: I agree, Michael Gash. And beware of our "secret weapon"

Martin Allen took over for the fourth time at the back end of the 2013/14 campaign. Tell us about the job he's done at the Hive. Have you had a greater manager?

P: He has done a great job and has given the players belief. Barry Fry is the legend.

J: Martin has definitely installed confidence and brought out the ability in our squad. He is a great character and really knows football and how to get the best out of our players.

The Bees celebrate their Conference title success last season

SEASONS PAST...

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

P: It was fairly local, and we could go on the bus so as kids it made us independent. My first game was against QPR in an FA cup replay in the 70s.

J: Mine was through Phil, being a supporter and playing for the supporters' team, and taking me to my first game against Maidstone United on Boxing Day 1976 (I think that was the year!).

We've already touched last season. What are your memories of last season's campaign? Is this up there in your all-time favourite Barnet season?

P: It looked like we were going to get caught by Bristol Rovers, so it was nervy. But the last home game was a day I will always remember.

J: It was just amazing; some nail-biting moments, but so exciting. And that moment when we knew we were Champions was just fantastic, brilliant, the culmination of the season

Give us your all-time Barnet XI

1. Lee Harrison
2. Paul Wilson
3. Nicky Baily
4. Marvin Hinton
5. Mick Bodley
6. Phil Gridelet
7. Kenny Lowe
8. Robert Codner
9. Gary Bull
10. Guiliano Grazioli
11. Andy Clarke
12. Nicky Evans

LUTON AND BARNET

What are your best and worst memories of Barnet v Luton clashes?

Both: The worst was the game over Christmas that should have been abandoned due to the completely waterlogged and unplayable pitch. They only played on because of the TV cameras!

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?

P: I'd be happy with a draw, we will be standing!

J: A 3-1 win…and we will be standing up!

QUICKFIRE

Terrace or Seats?
(P) Terrace **(J)** Terrace away; Seats at home

Who are your rivals?
Stevenage

Martin Allen or Barry Fry?
(P) Fry / **(J)** Allen

Underhill or the Hive?
(P) Underhill **(J)** No-one likes to change grounds but The Hive is now our home

Guess your player of the season
Michael Gash

If you could bring one player from the past back in the Barnet team who would it be?
(P) Kenny Lowe
(J) Nicky Bailey – oh wait ...

Most treasured Bees piece of memorabilia?
Barnet v Man City League Cup 1st leg ticket

What league will Barnet be in next season?
(P) League 2 **(J)** League 1

Who will win promotion from League 2?
(P) Portsmouth **(J)** Barnet (and the others can fight it out amongst themselves!)

COVER STORY

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

LUTON TOWN 2 BARNET 1

1st January 2014

The summer of 2013, as so often in the past, was a period of change. John Still, appointed the previous February, used the summer to refine his squad in an attempt to put the Town back where they belonged – in the Football League.

Again, as so often happens, good pre-season results did not transfer easily to the campaign proper and early performances were workmanlike rather than scintillating.

After eight games, and following a 2-0 defeat at Wrexham, the Hatters were down to 14th place which with hindsight was the low point in the season. Gradually though, the new players began to gel and with it came the start of a long unbeaten run which pushed the team up the table closer to runaway leaders Cambridge United.

During this period the players showed they would not be beaten as evidenced by overcoming Halifax at Kenilworth Road 4-3 after being 3-1 down, winning at Braintree under their lights (something I never thought would happen) and a perfect 5-0 win at Alfreton where the football played was worthy of a much higher division.

As Christmas approached the Town were up to second spot, hot on the heels of Cambridge, and were due to play Barnet home and away, with a home clash with Kidderminster sandwiched in between.

The game at Barnet on Boxing Day saw a hard fought 2-1 victory which was overshadowed by the broken leg suffered by Jonathan Smith.

Paul Benson splashes through the mud to put pressure on the Barnet goalkeeper

Two days later another nigh on flawless display saw Kidderminster put to the sword and following the 6-0 win it was realised that we had gone top of the table for the first time – Cambridge had only managed a draw at Nuneaton.

In truth, the return game against Barnet on New Year's Day should not have started due to the state of the Kenilworth Road pitch but with the TV cameras present for this mid-day kick-off, every effort was made to get the match underway.

Heavy rain had reduced the pitch to a lake and from the start the contest was a lottery with the ball not bouncing or running true.

It soon became apparent that short passes were unlikely to reach their destination so hoof and chase became the order of the day. This tactic soon paid off with the lightening quick Andre Gray outpacing three Barnet defenders to slam the ball past Graham Stack in the Bees' goal.

SMASHED

Stack then retired injured to be replaced by Nick Jupp who was beaten by Paul Benson who smashed the ball home from close range following a cross from Jake Howells.

The conditions hardly improved in the second period and at one stage the referee called both captains together to presumably discuss abandonment.

Town skipper Ronnie Henry soon put him right by pointing out that the conditions were the same as they had been at the start and that the game should be seen through to its rightful conclusion – if you start the game you should finish it.

Barnet probably saved the game by scoring 20 minutes from the end through Jake Hyde leaving the Bees with something to fight for and the remainder of the contest became rather fraught from a Luton point of view as the opposition fought for an equaliser. The final whistle sounded to great cheers from the crowd of 7,543.

With Cambridge's game at Braintree being postponed we were now four points clear at the top, a position we kept hold of until the end of the season.

THE PROGRAMME

The Town produced a 68-page colourful issue for the visit of Barnet with everything updated following our win over Kidderminster and therefore proudly showing us top of the table.

Manager John Still had missed the Kidderminster clash through illness and it was only mentioned afterwards that Terry Harris, in charge for the day, had never before won when standing in as assistant in all the years he had worked with John. What a way to break your duck!

It was announced that John Still and Paul Benson had won the manager and player of the month awards respectively for December. Normally the kiss of death but this season was proving to be very different.

A two-page spread detailing the previous 12 months at Kenilworth Road showed all the highs and lows of a football club. Losing at Woking in the first game of the year, winning at Norwich in the FA Cup, losing 5-1 in front of 382 spectators to Gateshead in a game played at Carlisle to sitting top of the League as the new year dawned.

DEFINING MOMENTS

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

1966 HIGH-FLYING BEES

Les Eason was leading marksman as Barnet stormed to the Southern League First Division title in 1965/66. The Bees had turned professional that summer after winning the Athenian League title in the two previous seasons and kicked-off with an incredible 10-1 victory over Hinckley Athletic. They dropped just one point in their opening ten games and remained in pole position with a 5-2 win at Gravesend & Northfleet, then a 7-1 victory at Sittingbourne. Dennis Roach was ever-present, while other key players included John Barr, Roger Figg and Barrie King. Barnet won the title by five points, finishing with a 5-0 win over Hillingdon.

1972 FA TROPHY FINALISTS

Tommy Coleman guided Barnet to the FA Trophy final in 1971/72. Notable newcomers included Dickie Plume and Colin Flatt, with Barnet winning their first three Southern League games. They slammed five goals past Margate and Gravesend, finishing in fourth place after trouncing Cambridge City 8-3. Barnet lifted the Southern League Cup, beating Hereford on penalties after a 2-2 draw in the final replay, but lost 3-0 to Stafford Rangers in the FA Trophy final at Wembley: Jack McClelland, Jimmy Lye, Peter Jenkins, Gerry Ward, Ben Embery, Barrie King, Colin Powell, Gordon Ferry, Colin Flatt, Les Eason, Dickie Plume.

1977 RUNAWAY CHAMPIONS

John Fairbrother scored 27 goals as Barnet swept to the Southern League First Division (South) title in 1976/77. The Bees were early pace-setters after winning six of their opening nine matches and beat holders Wimbledon 3-2 in the Southern League Cup second round. John Fairbrother netted four times in a 6-1 demolition of Poole Town and Barnet completed the double over nearest challengers Hastings United. They finished the season with a thrilling 20 match unbeaten run, winning the championship by a seven point margin. Billy Meadows' side included former First Division defenders Bob McNab and Marvin Hinton.

1991 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Barry Fry managed Barnet to the Conference title in 1990/91. The Bees had finished runners-up in three of the previous four seasons and hammered Slough Town 6-1 in their opening home match. They maintained their title challenge with seven successive wins and beat Northampton Town en route to the FA Cup third round. Andy Clarke was sold to Wimbledon in February but Barnet went top after winning 2-0 at home to Runcorn and pipped Colchester United to the title with five wins in their last six matches. Gary Bull was leading marksman with 30 goals, while other stars included Gary Phillips, Gary Poole and Roger Willis.

The Bees' former home, Underhill

Former Barnet boss Barry Fry and chairman Stan Flashman

1992 INTO FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Barnet qualified for the Fourth Division play-offs under Barry Fry in 1991/92. Gary Bull and Mark Carter scored two goals apiece as Barnet began life in the Football League with an amazing 7-4 defeat at home to Crewe Alexandra, then lost 8-4 to Brentford in the Rumbelows Cup. The Bees triumphed 6-0 at Lincoln City and soared to the top of the table by mid-November after just two defeats in 15 matches. They beat Scarborough 5-1 and remained in the promotion race for the remainder of the season, finishing in seventh position. Barnet defeated Blackpool 1-0 in the play-off semi-final first-leg but lost 2-0 in the second-leg.

1993 PROMOTION WINNERS

Gary Bull and Mark Carter netted 28 goals between them as Barnet won promotion in 1992/93. The most notable newcomer was former England international Brian Stein and the Bees were early pace-setters with just one defeat in their opening 11 games. They went top of the Third Division with a 2-0 victory at home to Rochdale in mid-December, then gained a thrilling 5-4 win over Torquay United during a 12-match unbeaten run. Colourful chairman Stan Flashman resigned and Barry Fry left to manage Southend United at the end of March, but the Bees gained four straight wins and finished third under player-boss Gary Phillips.

2000 PROMOTION PLAY-OFFS

John Still guided Barnet to the Third Division play-offs in 1999/2000. The Bees kicked off with a 2-0 victory at Chester and trounced York City 6-3, storming to the top of the table with six straight wins. They remained in pole position with a six match unbeaten run and won 5-3 at home to Lincoln in late January, but then slipped down the table after five successive defeats. Ken Charlery was leading marksman and other notable players included Mark Arber, Darren Currie, Greg Heald, Lee Harrison and Scott McGleish as Barnet finished in sixth position. The Bees lost 5-1 to Peterborough United in the Play-Off semi-finals.

2005 FOOTBALL LEAGUE RETURN

Giuliano Grazioli scored 29 goals as Barnet stormed to the Conference title in 2004/05. Richard Graham, Dwane Lee and Dean Sinclair made their debuts as Paul Fairclough's side began with a 3-1 victory over Forest Green Rovers, racing to the top of the table after winning seven of their first eight games. Ian Hendon netted twice as Barnet trounced Dagenham & Redbridge 5-0, then they won 3-1 at rivals Carlisle United. The Bees extended their lead at the top with five successive three-goal wins and hammered Farnborough 7-1. They clinched the title with a 3-1 victory at home to Halifax and finished 12 points clear.

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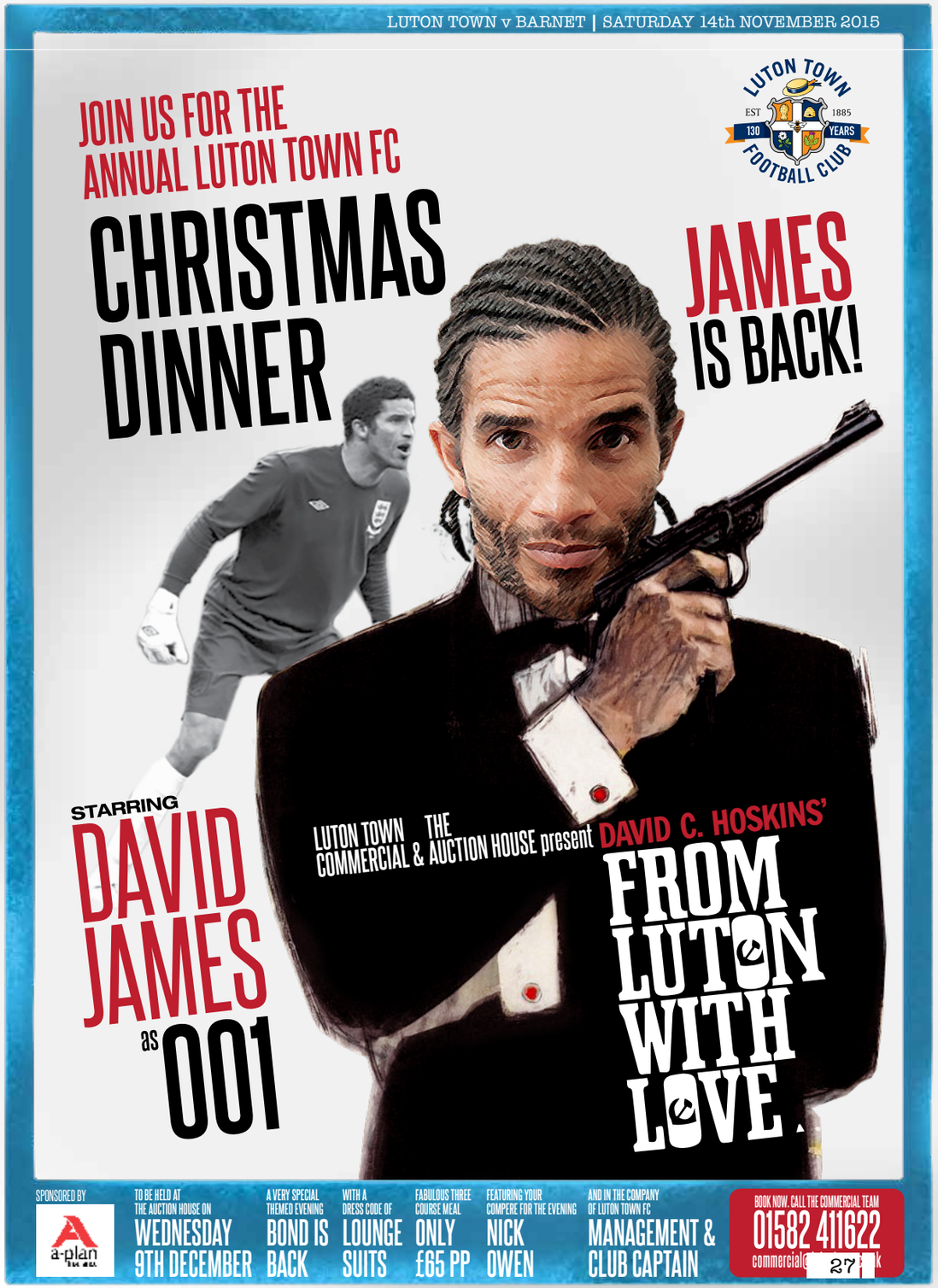

TOWN 1 2 PLYMOUTH

Josh McQuoid nods home his first goal for the club to bring the Town level against Argyle

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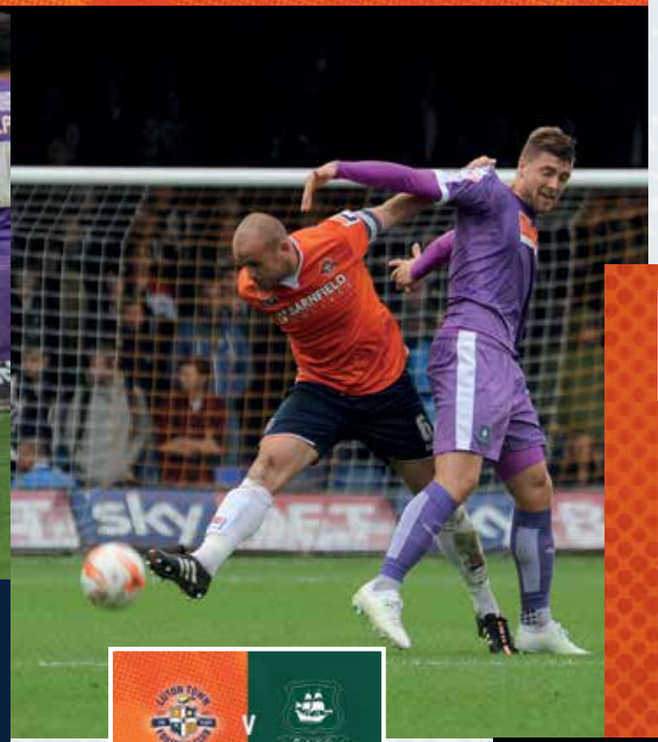

STILL SAID:

"Everything went against us today, the three substitutions, player sent off. We came from a goal down, we've tried to win, I didn't want to try and draw. "I have no complaints about the late goal, the players have done fantastic. In the other games I would have complaints because they were different situations, we had a proper, up and at them, let's try and win this game attitude. "It's a penalty, we've seen it, with the greatest of respect the assessor said it was a penalty, no doubt about it, but there's nothing we can do about that."

WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Town slipped to an injury-time defeat to league leaders Plymouth as Ryan Brunt's 95th-minute winner gave Argyle all three points.

Josh McQuoid had earlier netted his first Town goal, nodding into an unguarded net to equalise with just 14 minutes left to play.

It had looked as if the Town would push on for all three points, but Ryan Hall's sending off gave the impetus back to Argyle, who eventually nicked the winner.

The visitors had earlier led through Carl McHugh, but the Hatters conceded their fifth last-minute goal in League 2 this season to ensure Plymouth returned to Home Park with the points when Brunt poked home from close range.

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2015

TYLER	McCORMICK
POTTS	MELLOR
CUTHBERT(C)	SAWYER
DOYLE	McHUGH
WILKINSON	NELSON (C)
McGEEHAN	HARTLEY
SMITH	CAREY
LONG	WYLDE
RUDDOCK MPANZU	BRUNT
GUTTRIDGE	BOATENG
MARRIOTT	TANNER

SUBSTITUTES

ATTENDANCE 8,703
745 PLYMOUTH

DAGENHAM 0 2 TOWN

HAKAN SAID:

"It was a good, team performance where everybody worked industriously hard to do things when we didn't have the ball and to nullify what they had, apart from once where they nearly scored, but then we went up the other end.

"We are scoring and we want to keep that good run of form going. The gaffer has always said we can score, but we've just got to tighten up at the back. Maybe it's a starting point that we kept a clean sheet."

The Hatters celebrate Luke Guttridge's opener at Victoria Road

WHAT'S THE STORY?

Goals from Luke Guttridge and Alex Lawless gave the Hatters a priceless win on the road with a convincing victory over struggling Dagenham and Redbridge.

Guttridge opened the scoring on the cusp of half-time, poking home following good work from Josh McQuoid to give the Town the advantage at the interval.

The midfielder then turned provider, teeing up Lawless to tuck in his first goal of the season to confirm a first league win in five outings.

It was no more than the Town deserved as they dominated against the lowly Daggers with Jack Marriott unlucky not to walk away with a goal having been denied three times by the home goalkeeper.

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SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2015

O'BRIEN	TYLER
HOYTE	LONG
PASK	WILKINSON
OBILEYE	CUTHBERT
CONNORS	GRIFFITHS
JONES	LAWLESS
DUNNE	DOYLE
LABADIE	GUTTRIDGE
HEMMINGS	SMITH
CHAMBERS	McQUOID
CURETON	MARRIOTT

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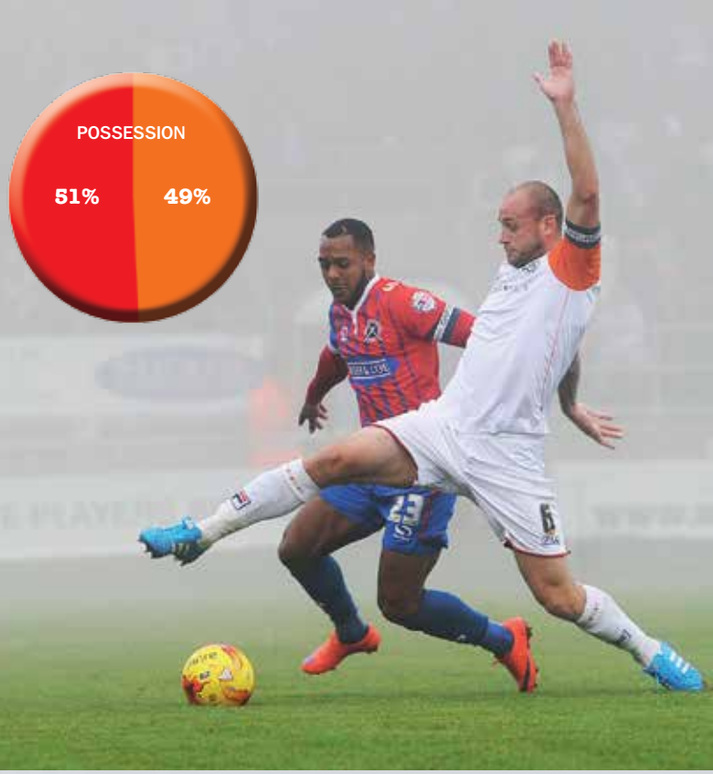

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Traveller's TALES

ARDENT HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER CONTINUES TO DOCUMENT HIS TRAVELS AROUND THE COUNTRY FOLLOWING THE TOWN. HERE'S HIS TAKE ON OUR WIN AT DAGENHAM.

The journey

After a disappointing defeat in our last away game at Crawley, two Bobbers coaches full of fans set off for Dagenham for a rare Sunday afternoon game hoping that this could be the match our season kicked back into life.

The coaches left Luton interchange just after 10.30am on what was a foggy day and the fog never really relented at any stage on the way down to Dagenham. Despite that we arrived just before 12.30 and had 90 minutes to kill before kick-off so we headed inside where we knew there was a bar to grab a pre-match pint.

Rating: ⚽⚽

The ground

Dagenham are a bit like Cambridge in that they give the nicest stand in the ground to the away fans. Unlike Cambridge you're not 20 yards from the nearest goal in this ground though, and actually apart from the fog, the view of the pitch was really good from the stands. There was a nice bar under the ground which did a good trade.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

The food

As well as the bar there was a decent refreshment kiosk with burgers, pies, hot dogs, bacon rolls, sausage rolls and chips and all the usual confectionary so the Town fans were well catered for on the day.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽

The programme

This one was a 64-page edition where as you would expect John Still and his staff were given warm welcomes. There were half-a-dozen pages dedicated to the Town mixed in with plenty of adverts and the usual stats pages. It made for a fairly decent read on the way home.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽

The match

At times it was hard to see with the fog but one thing which was obvious was how much the Town dominated the game. We had early chances with Dagenham's keeper saving well from Jack Marriott and Jonathan Smith fired just wide from distance then we took the lead on 41 minutes when a Long pass was flicked on by Josh McQuoid and Luke Guttridge hammered home.

It was largely one way traffic after half-time too, although Dagenham missed a huge chance to equalise when the winger went through one-on-one with Mark Tyler but shanked wide. We went down the other end and after a mix up between keeper and defender Guttridge squared to Alex Lawless to seal a 2-0 win.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

Man-of-the-Match

Only one choice for this one and that is Luke Guttridge. Not just for his goal and his assist but also because everything that was good about us on the day tended to involve him. He was calm on the ball and showed for the ball all the time which was exactly what we needed against an opponent visibly short on confidence.

Summary

We had to wait an extra day for our game this weekend but it was well worth the wait as the Town got back to winning ways in comfort. Even better was that we were back in Luton by 6pm so there was plenty of time for a few celebratory drinks before the day finished. All in all this was a decent day all round.

OVERALL RATING
18 out of 25

MILES TRAVELLED THIS SEASON
2,183.1

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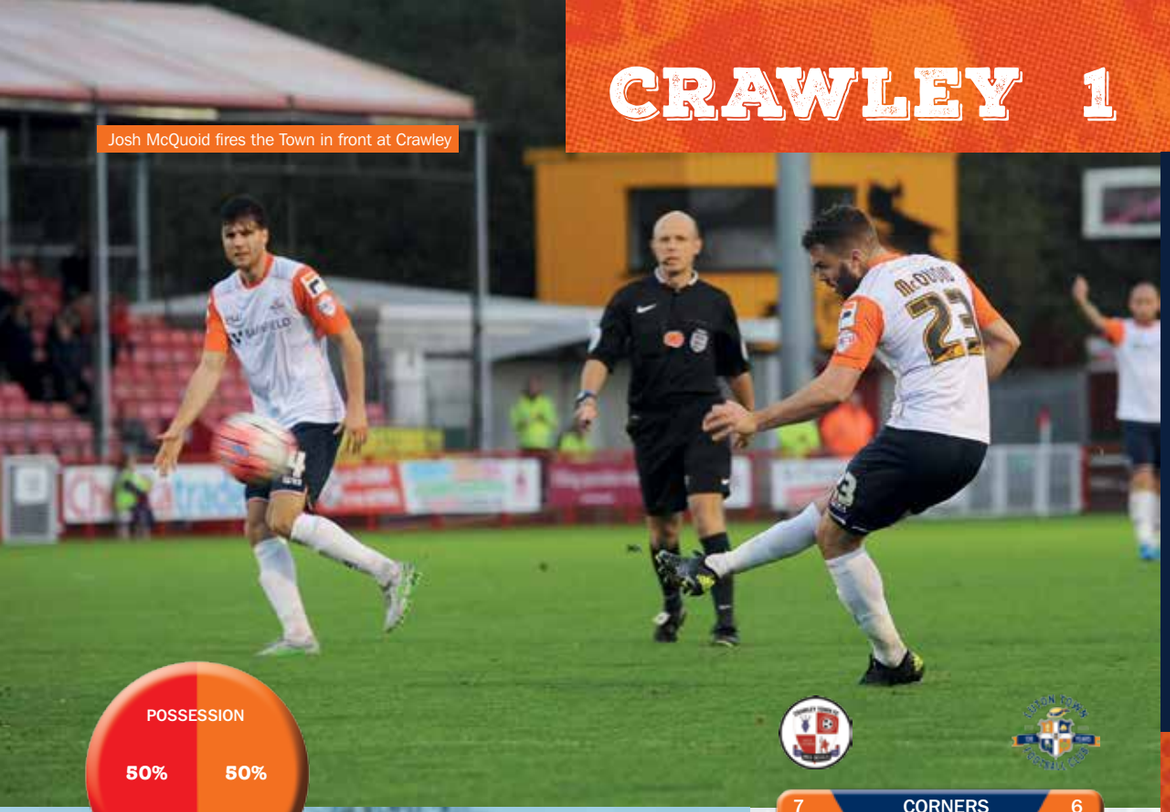

Josh McQuoid fires the Town in front at Crawley

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WHAT'S THE STORY?

Josh McQuoid's last-gasp winner put the Hatters into Round Two of the Emirates FA Cup after a 2-1 victory at the CheckATrade.com stadium.

McQuoid took advantage of a missed-clearance from the home defence to slot in his second goal of the game after excellent work from substitute Paul Benson down the right-hand side.

Matt Harrold had earlier levelled the game from a corner, which cancelled out McQuoid's superb curling effort 10 minutes after the break which put the Town in front.

The win gave the Town their second successive win, and their first in their history at Crawley after losing at the same ground a couple of weeks ago.

STILL SAID:

"Second half I thought we were good. Certainly in the first 20 minutes they had the ascendancy, but we were solid and didn't give them too many opportunities. Second half we were good, I thought we played very well in the second half.

"Paul Benson has been a big miss. One thing we've lacked in the last few games is a bit of experience up-front. When he plays we've got a little bit of experience and knowledge.

"Our cup form this year has been very good. We beat Bristol City, we held Stoke 0-0 for 120 minutes, and we beat Leyton Orient. So I've been really, really pleased with our cup form. This is a massive competition, we're an established Football League side now, so we can have a go at it."

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The journey

After the win at Dagenham it was a break from league action for an FA Cup tie at Crawley. Having been there only three weeks previous this wasn't the most inspiring draw in the world but I always get excited on FA Cup day and this was no different.

Just the one Bobbers coach made it down to Sussex for this game. It left Luton shortly after 11am and was in the vicinity of Crawley by around 12.45 so we hit the services for 30 minutes before completing the short journey to the ground.

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

The ground

Obviously nothing was going to have changed in the three weeks since we last went there but I decided to stand this time rather than risk the dodgy seating area again. In truth the ground is nothing special and the view isn't great from anywhere but the terrace behind the goal was as good a place as any really.

Rating: ⚽

The food

Having not been too impressed with the food on our last visit I decided to grab a Burger King from the service station but I did get a hot chocolate at half time which wasn't too bad in fairness. It was still hideously priced though.

Rating: ⚽

The programme

A knock down £2 programme was produced for this cup tie. To be fair the 48-page booklet still had half-a-dozen pages on the Town in it, where Cameron McGeehan was labelled the star man and the one to watch. He never actually got on the pitch unfortunately! Other than that it was much the same as when we were there in the league.

Rating: ⚽⚽

The match

In dank and damp conditions the first half lived up to the atmosphere in that it was a non-event really. Jonathan Smith forced a great save out of the keeper from fully 35 yards but the rest of the half went by unnoticed.

The second half sprang to life from the off though and was so open you'd be forgiven for thinking it might end 6-4. The game was crying out for a moment of quality and 10 minutes after half time Josh McQuoid provided it.

Alex Lawless fed him down the left and McQuoid cut inside and unleashed a 25 yard curler into the top corner.

The lead only lasted 10 minutes before Crawley equalised from a corner when Harrold got a run on Scott Cuthbert and headed home but we snatched the win in the last minute when great work from the returning Paul Benson saw his cross cleared by the defender straight into his own man. The ball fell for McQuoid and he couldn't miss. And didn't!

Rating: ⚽⚽⚽⚽

Man-of-the-Match

Josh McQuoid. To be fair he was my MOM before he scored the winner. Most of our attacking play involved him at some point and he covered Scott Griffiths well too when he was down the left. A very promising performance from him.

Summary

Happy days. We're into the hat for the next round and that's two wins on the trot so we're building some momentum. We were back in Luton shortly after 6.30pm and I was home by 7 on what was another good away day.

OVERALL RATING
12 out of 25
MILES TRAVELLED THIS SEASON
2,339.7

CENTRE SPOT

The Town players congratulate Alex Lawless on his goal at Dagenham two weeks ago. It was the midfielder's first start of the season on what was his 180th appearance in Luton colours

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REACTION

McQUOID AT THE DOUBLE

Hatters forward Josh McQuoid feels the encouragement from manager John Still has been an instrumental factor in the striker's profitable goal-scoring streak in recent weeks.

Hatters' passage with a 2-1 win at the CheckATrade.com stadium.

And McQuoid believes his manager's influence has had a profound effect after also netting against Plymouth a few weeks ago.

"The gaffer had a word, saying I need to shoot more, instead of trying to be too clever or trying to pass, so I've taken that on board, and luckily it's paid off as it did today," McQuoid told Hatters Player.

"It's always tough waiting for the first one, which took about 10 games, but three in the last couple of weeks is a nice way to get going."

McQuoid's first goal was considered to be one of the goals of the round, coming as a turning point for his own form in the contest just after the half-time interval.

"I was pretty angry before the goal because I wasn't playing particularly well, so I just got the ball and looked up, and thankfully it went in.

"I felt I had the opportunity, so I just took it on. I've had a few more chances to shoot in recent games, and they've either been saved or blocked, so I've tried to place it a bit more, and it paid off."

The 25-year-old has been used in various positions this season, and began the Crawley game out wide before being moved up front as support for Jack Marriott, another promising young striker for the Hatters.

With Paul Benson and Craig Mackail-Smith also on their way back from injury, there is once again a plethora of attacking options at Kenilworth Road.

It was Benson himself who provided McQuoid with the final opportunity, as the Hatters snatched victory in the last minute to advance to the next stages of the competition.

McQuoid added: "I don't think I've ever seen Benno move so fast! It was a great run and a great ball in from him, and I maybe should have run towards the front post, but luckily it rebounded off the defender and I could just knock it home.

ENJOY

"But wherever the manager puts me I'm happy with. I wasn't having the best of the games out wide today, but I think moving up top worked well, but I enjoy playing in both positions.

"It's always good for the team having all those strikers. If one isn't doing it, you know you've got another one waiting there, so it always spurs you on to do better."

The Hatters suffered disappointment from their last visit to Crawley, going down 2-1, but McQuoid praised the much improved performance from his side, setting up a difficult visit to League One outfit Peterborough in the second round. We had a bad performance on the day last time, we were disappointed.

"But I was very pleased, especially after the performance from myself and the team in that first half. We were nowhere near good enough in that first period, but to come out in the second half to give it a real go, and get that late goal is really pleasing for us.

"The league is our main priority, but whatever game we play we need to put the performance in. We've had two wins in the last two games, so we'll be looking to take that on and get on another run again."

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REACTION

JUSTHAM PLEASED WITH CUP START

Goalkeeper Elliot Justham is hopeful his appearance in the first round of the FA Cup can lead to him becoming a more permanent fixture in the Town's starting line-up.

Justham featured with a solid performance in the Hatters' 2-1 victory over Crawley, earning them a trip to League 1 Peterborough – the old club of fellow stopper Mark Tyler.

And the 25-year-old is looking to put the disappointment of a place on the Hatters bench behind him in a bid for more frequent appearances behind the sticks.

WINNER

He told Hatters Player: "It was lovely to get a start today. It's been frustrating waiting, but I was glad to come in today and glad that we were on the end of a 90th minute winner.

"Mark's been on good form so I can't grumble too much.

"You want to play every match, but it was nice to get the opportunity and nice to be in the next round.

It was far from an ideal scenario for Justham, with wind and rain swirling around the CheckATrade.com stadium. With the Hatters having lost at the same ground just three weeks previous, the smaller shot tally from the home side was a welcome relief to the defensive unit.

"The conditions were tough, but I thought we dealt with it well and it was a good cup tie in the end. I thought we were solid, able to restrict them to a few half-chances, but I wouldn't say I was fully stretched today," Justham added.

"You can only do what you can. I had tidy hands in the first half but I didn't have too much to do in the opening period, but I really enjoyed getting back out there and doing what I do.

"We did a lot of work on the conditions in the warm up – you have to watch everything when it's like this, respect every ball, and thankfully they stuck"

There was one blot on the Hatters' copybook, with a header from a corner putting Crawley back on parity.

"It's disappointing to concede that goal, but other than that I think we defended well," said Justham. "I think we were in control, and hoped we can go on and get another one. The clean sheet wasn't to be, but we're delighted with the win.

MOMENTUM

"It would be good to string a few wins together, pushing back up the table and try to get that momentum going heading on."

Before last week, Justham's last appearance in a Town shirt came back on 29th August due to Tyler's return from injury.

Speaking before the second round draw was made, and feeling pleased with his game as a whole, Justham feels the competition for the one spot can only benefit the team as he looks to make the cup competitions his own heading through the rest of the season.

"It's very frustrating, especially when I felt I was doing quite well, but I am the number two at the moment, and Tyles is playing very well so I can't grumble.

I've just got to put in the performances when I get the opportunity like today.

"I'd like to stick with the competition if I can, get some more competitive games under my belt and push as hard as I can.

"We're delighted to be in the next round, and we're going to go there believing we can win it and see how far we can go.

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Hatters through the GENERATIONS

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

They say laughter is the best medicine but it's Luton Town which is Spencer Jenkins's remedy of choice.

Having caught the Hatters bug as a teenager when his godfather – Jack Ball no less, a striker who knocked in 49 goals in 74 games for the Town in the 1930s – took him to his first game in 1976, Spencer says supporting the Town has been the ideal tonic to help him through the ups and downs in his life.

"I first started going with my godfather," says Spencer. "He owned the Midland pub in Luton town centre. I used to sit there on matchdays in a little room at the back and used to watch people coming in before and after the game.

"They were all in scarves, talking about football and I looked at them and thought 'I've got to go' and that's how it started. Jack took me to a game against Fulham. We lost 2-0 and I remember George Best, Rodney Marsh and Bobby Moore were all playing for Fulham. We lost but I was hooked and I wanted to go every week."

But his burgeoning passion and love for the Town would go on and help him come through what he describes as some dark days in his life.

"My mum, Vera, was ill but my enthusiasm for the Hatters got me through it," says Spencer, now 51. "She was housebound and I had to look after her more and more but I couldn't have got through that period without Luton Town.

"Watching Luton gave me something else to focus my mind. If I hadn't, I think I would have gone crazy. It acted as a huge release. When you care for a person 90 per cent of the time and get the chance to go out for a few hours you are able to let everything out, all the emotion. I couldn't show that kind of emotion to my mum. Being able to let it all out, good or bad at the football, was important."

Growing up in the 1980s, Spencer embraced the terrace culture at Kenilworth Road. And with a love for music his fashion sense saw him don winklepicker shoes. Why are we mentioning this, we hear you ask. Well it led to a surreal exchange with a fibbing doctor and a sore 90 minutes spent standing on the Oak Road terrace.

If you thought following the Hatters was a painful experience, think again.

"The winklepickers made me get in-growing toenails," explains Spencer as our conversation takes a seemingly unexpected turn.

SPENCER JENKINS

DATE OF BIRTH: 15/4/1964
FAVOURITE GAME: Luton 1-0 Watford FA Cup replay 9/3/85
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kirk Stephens
FIRST GAME: Luton 0-2 Fulham 18/9/76

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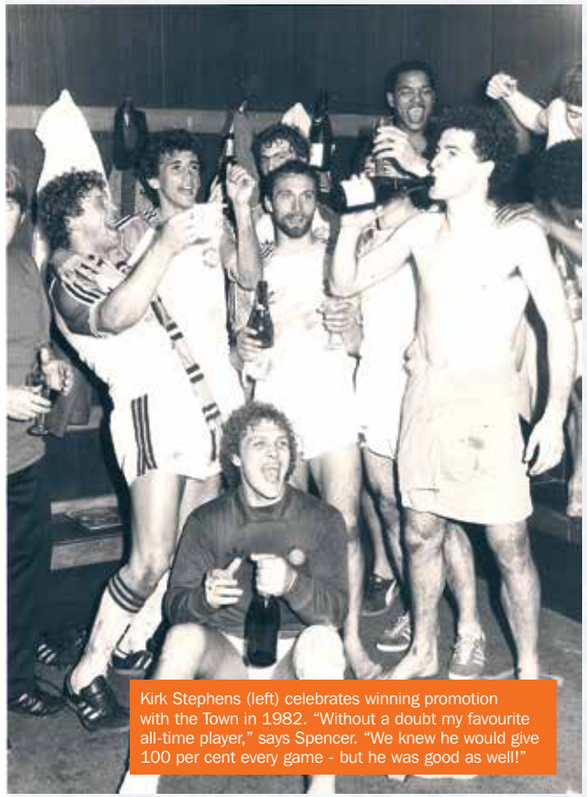


Kirk Stephens (left) celebrates winning promotion with the Town in 1982. "Without a doubt my favourite all-time player," says Spencer. "We knew he would give 100 per cent every game - but he was good as well!"

"One day I had to go to hospital to have them checked out. The doctor told me that they would have to be removed but I said to him that can't happen because Luton were playing that night.

"The doctor told me he was also a Luton fan but said, don't worry, he'd heard that the game that day had been postponed due to cold weather. I didn't know anything to contrary so agreed to have my toenails removed, only for the doctor to then tell me afterwards he was joking! He said sorry and told me I couldn't go to the game. I couldn't believe it but still told him I was going to go to the game, thinking nothing of it.

WINKLEPICKERS

"I remember it vividly…I stood at the back of the Oak Road end for a goalless draw against Watford in the FA Cup. I was trying desperately not to get my toes stepped on, but that was impossible and come the end of the game I could see a lot of blood coming out through my winklepickers. The replay at Watford was two days later but I never considered missing that either."

But sometimes the pain – that's physical pain, not the emotional discomfort of a home defeat – can be too much – even for a dedicated Spencer.

"I once got run over by a car before a game against Brighton in September 1982, fracturing my skull," says Spencer – almost blasé. "The first thing I said when I came round was 'I need to go to the game'.

"We won 5-0 and I missed the game. I was off work for 10 weeks. One day when I was off work my boss came round to see if I was okay. He actually caught me leaving the house. I was on my way to watch a Luton game. He said, 'if you're well enough to go and watch football you're well enough to go to work'."

MAGICAL

It's the dedication and feeling of belonging that gets Spencer every time. It also makes him feel better.

"There's nothing that would stop me going," he says.

"I always think of Luton as a family. I think what this club has been through over the years means the fans will always have a united spirit.

"When I first went to watch Luton games it was always a magical experience. Walking up to the ground and seeing the pitch is still something I enjoy now. That feeling, the noise, the colour, it's so strong.

"Win, lose or draw Luton Town can make me feel better. If I'm feeling bad, or if I've got the flu, I'll still get down to Kenilworth Road and still have the energy to celebrate.

"I took a lot of stick at school for supporting the Town but never considered changing allegiance. Even in the dark times in the Conference and during administration."

Spencer says his infectious enthusiasm for the Hatters has helped convert friends and family in to Town supporters.

"I don't have any children but when I lived with my ex-partner I took her nephew along to a few matches," he says. "He wasn't originally interested in football but, last year, I saw him at a game around Christmas and we got talking. He said to me he doesn't often get to watch us because he has to work but when he's in the area he tries to take in a game. He told me it was my enthusiasm for football that got him into football which is great."

Even this small glimpse into Spencer's Luton Town story shows how important the role of a football club can be in shaping someone's life.

"The club has done so much for me," he says. "Luton is in my blood. No matter what they put me through, or what has happened in my life, it is all worth it to belong to the Hatters family."

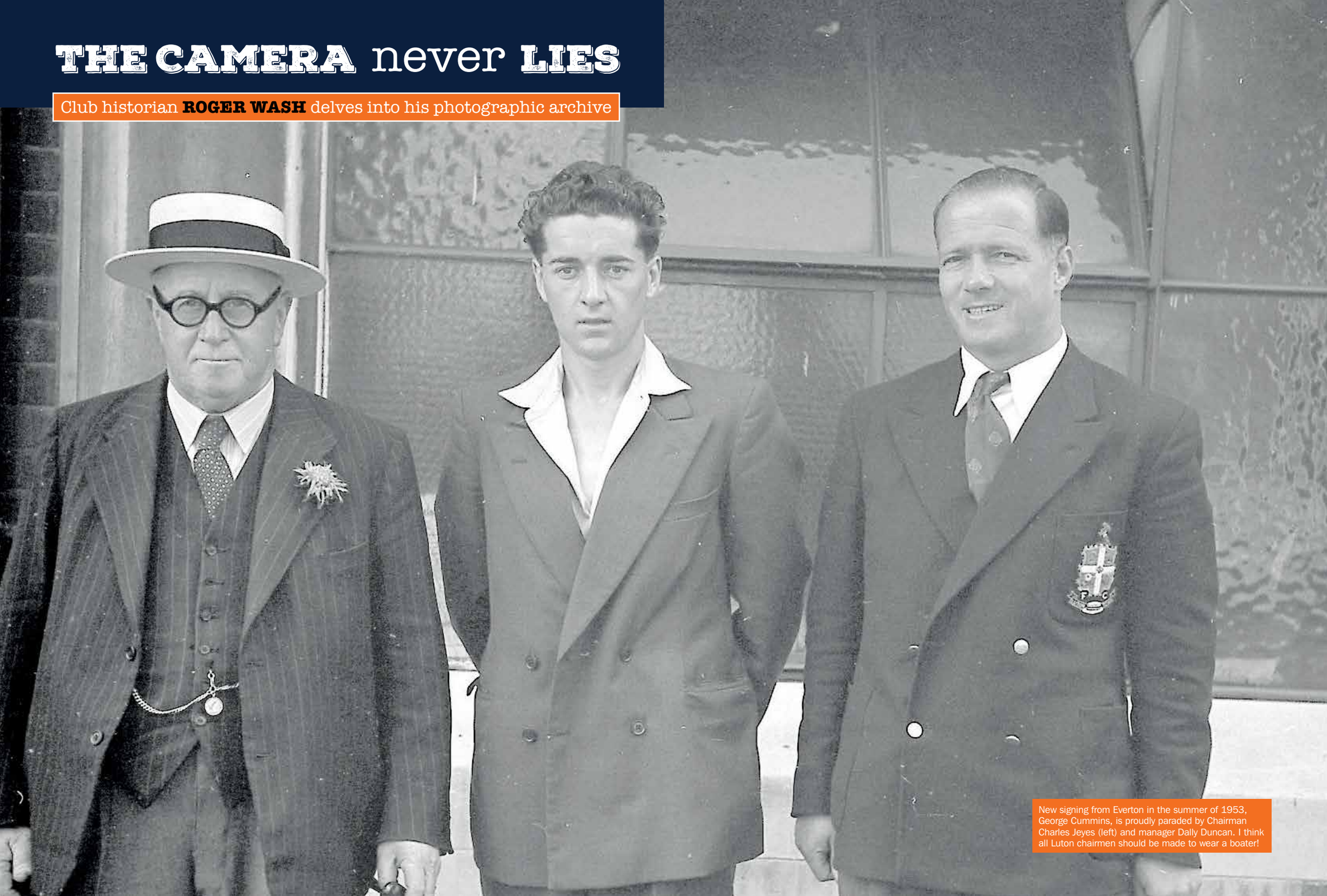
PICTURE the PAST

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

John Groves nets for the Town during the 4-1 home win over Newcastle in February 1957. Gordon Turner scored the Hatters' other three that afternoon on his way to bagging 30 top flight goals for the season.

THE CAMERA never LIES

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



New signing from Everton in the summer of 1953, George Cummins, is proudly paraded by Chairman Charles Jeyes (left) and manager Dally Duncan. I think all Luton chairmen should be made to wear a boater!

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Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

October half-term week 2015 turned out to be probably the Trust's busiest week on record with 47 development fixtures and assessment games for over 450 of our young recruited players against teams from Ipswich Town, Northampton, MK Dons and Stevenage together with over 300 boys and girls attending our soccer camps.

Football Youth Development

As a Community Trust we regularly coach over 3,500 children each week through our various schools and coaching programmes and while our main objective remains encouraging healthy lifestyles and spreading the name of the Club as far and wide as we can we do use our activities as an important talent identification tool for the Academy

Like many other Football League clubs, our fully integrated development structure at the Club is run by the Community Trust. It starts with players as young as four years old who simply 'pay and play' each week through to our TIPs (Talent Identification Coaching Programme) for boys up to 16 years of age who train on our 10-week coaching programme. In total over 20 of these centres run all year around through our development programme.

All of these boys, together with recruited boys, continue their journey for an academy place at our Centre of Excellence Centres in Luton, Dunstable and Kempston which have over 300 boys who we see long term development potential with a further 140 boys signed at our Luton pre-Academy level for boys with shorter term potential..

The pre-Academy boys train with the Club twice a week and remain with their local club sides, while the boys at Centre of Excellence train once a week while remaining with their local club. At the same time all of the boys play around 10 games a season mostly during school holidays for the Club against other professional clubs - the boys have already held fixtures this season with Wycombe Wanderers, Cambridge and Walsall.

Currently around eight out of every 10 boys signed full-time to our Academy come through our development system and these games are invaluable in assessing which boys are ready for progression.

This season already over 20 boys from our development centres have played for the academy with around eight having been signed. It is a huge pool of local talent supporting the Academy making sure our youth talent identification programme works effectively for the Academy and for local boys playing in local leagues.

Pre-season now seems a long way away as we now enter the business end of the season with games arranged for the rest of the season with Oxford, Colchester, Norwich, Southend and Coventry City swiftly followed by over 300 boys going on tour to Holland and Belgium next year and a further 300 visiting Stowe School in Buckingham for a three-day residential training camp at Easter. It's a big operation involving all of our community coaches as well as full-time Academy staff as we look at assessing all boys who we feel are capable of playing at academy level or at the older age groups of gaining a youth scholarship with the club's youth team.

Talent Identification Programme

Term 2: November to February

Next week we start Term 2 of our TIPs programme which feeds into our development programme. We have 14 regional football development centres, with three in Luton, open to all youngsters aged from school year 2 up to year 11. The TIPs coaching centres offer a nine-week programme ending with a trial match for everyone. Successful boys then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-Academy development centres with eventual pathways into our youth Academy. The centres are open to all abilities and below we have listed all of our weekly centres.

WHAT IS TIPs ALL ABOUT?

The successful TIPs Development programme is now in its ninth year of operation. The purpose of the TIPs Development Centres are to provide high quality coaching for up and coming footballers.

Whether you are an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a new-comer, wanting to develop the basics, the TIPs programme has something to offer you. To date over 70 players have been signed by our Academy through our TIPs programme.

The cost is £45 per term, which includes nine practical sessions and one assessment. In addition to the trial match, players will receive a report on their personal development during the nine-week programme. If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Centre of Excellence/pre-Academy. Players who display talent can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate. All players receive a written player assessment towards the end of the nine-week term. You will also have the opportunity to discuss the assessment with your coach at the end of the term as part of our continual assessment process.

Our weekly centres run in Bedford, Biggleswade, Dunstable, Flitwick/Ampthill, Harpenden, Hitchin, Kempston, Leighton Buzzard, Luton, Milton Keynes, Shefford and St Albans, and if you would like further information on the programme starting next week simply ring the Community Trust office on 01582 737568 or email us at tips@lutontown.co.uk.

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UNDER-18s

The U18s have had a hectic, but successful couple of weeks since the last first team home game. The league form has continued to be pleasing with away wins over Barnet (5-0) and AFC Wimbledon (4-1).

We now sit four points clear at the top of the table with a game in hand. The Barnet victory was extremely comfortable, although the AFC Wimbledon game was far trickier and played in treacherous conditions. For the first time this season, the lads were really tested in a league game and came under heavy pressure. The game was poised at 1-1 with 15 minutes to go, and in all honesty we had not played to our usual standard. Thankfully we went on to win it with three late goals. What we witnessed, during this game, was the boys' desire to dig in, stay in shape, and absorb pressure. This is another element that is vital for them to experience and will aid their overall development.

In between the league games we progressed to the semi-final of the League Cup with a victory at home to Leyton Orient. The game finished 0-0, with us winning the resulting penalty shoot-out 4-3. This game provided us with an opportunity to play some of our promising under-16 players, as we rested some regular under-18s with an eye on the upcoming FA Youth Cup fixture. Again, the players experiencing a penalty shoot-out is invaluable and will only benefit them in the long term. AFC Bournemouth await in the semi-final which will be played down on the South Coast in the New Year.

FA YOUTH CUP

What a night! Colchester United arrived at Kenilworth Road as firm favourites to progress into Round 2 as they are a Category 2 academy who play a stage higher than we do as a Category 3 academy.

The players delivered a fantastic performance and ran out worthy 3-1 winners. The approach play and finishing in the first half was clinical and saw us deservedly 3-0 up at the break. The manner in how we saw the game out in the second half was very professional and allowed us to progress to the next round.

Paul Driver, the players and all the staff involved deserve huge credit for the display and now we hope we can repeat the same level of performance when we travel to Leyton Orient on Monday in Round 2. The big boys enter at Round 3 - the same as in the senior competitions - so the 'carrot' is huge - fingers crossed!

PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS

Finally, I would like to congratulate both Frankie Musonda and James Justin who both signed their first professional contracts with us recently.

Both boys have progressed through our Academy system, having joined the club at a very young age, and credit is due to all the staff who have aided their development over that period. This is a great achievement by them both, although the real hard work starts now as they go from the top of one ladder to the bottom of the next. Hopefully exciting times ahead for them both, as they look to progress through the development team and into the first team squad. Well done lads!

YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1 Bristol Rovers (Cup) A W 2-0
Sat 5 Cambridge United A W 2-0
Sat 12 Leyton Orient H W 3-0
Sat 19 Dag & Red H W 4-0
Sat 26 Northampton Town A W 1-0

OCTOBER

Sat 3 Dag & Red (Cup) W 2-0
Sat 10 Southend United A W 2-1
Sat 17 Peterborough United H W 4-1
Fri 23 Barnet A W 5-0
Fri 30 Leyton Orient (Cup) H W 4-3 pens)

NOVEMBER

Mon 2 Colchester Utd H (FAYC1) W 3-1
Sat 7 A.F.C. Wimbledon A W 4-1
Mon 16 Leyton Orient A (FAYC2)
Sat 21 Gillingham A
Tue 24 Milton Keynes Dons H
Sat 28 Stevenage H

DECEMBER

Sat 5 Cambridge United H
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FRANKIE MUSONDA

Name:
Frankie Musonda

Date of birth:
12/12/1997

Birthplace:
Bedford

Position:
Centre-back

Year joined Luton: 2006

WHY DID YOU JOIN LUTON TOWN?
I joined Luton because it's a big club. When I first came to the club they were in the Championship.

WHAT WAS THE BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP?
To treat every game as if it's your last.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL SO FAR?
Winning the Aarau Masters in Switzerland, beating Bayern Munich in the final.

WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A KID?
Chelsea.

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND?
Patrick Vieira

WHAT OTHER SPORTS ARE YOU GOOD AT?
Tennis

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT?
PE

WHO IS YOUR MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE?
James Justin

WHICH MEMBER OF THE FIRST TEAM DO YOU LOOK UP TO THE MOST?
It was Steve McNulty

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB APART FROM BEING A FOOTBALLER?
Debt collector

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF MUSIC?
Hip-hop, rap, R&B, grime.

WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION FOR THIS SEASON?
To get a pro contract.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS

Under-18s boss Paul Driver on Frankie:

"Frankie's is another lad who we have had in the system for a long while.

"We try not to pigeon-hole players into a position when they are younger – we want to see what they are like in different positions.

"In 2013 Frankie played up front for me – he was initially labelled as a 'striker' but we took into consideration his attributes and thought he would be a good fit for a centre-half. And that's what he is: a centre-back. He's strong and very vocal; he's a leader.

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YOUTH UPDATE

The Hatters Under-18s reached the second round of the FA Youth Cup following an excellent 3-1 win over Colchester United in the first round of the FA Youth Cup at Kenilworth Road.

The visitors, playing a level above the Hatters as a Category 2 academy side, had the first chance of the game only for Town goalkeeper Liam Gooch to deny Tariq Issa with a smart save.

Colchester had shaded the opening 15 minutes but slowly but surely the Town grew in stature and on 20 minutes they took the lead. Alex Atkinson seized on a poor defensive clearance to slide a clever pass through to Freddie Hinds who held off the attentions of several Colchester defenders to fire home a composed finish.

All of a sudden the confidence began oozing through the Town youngsters with George Murray and Kavan Cotter testing the visitors' defence.

But then came a turning point just after the half-hour. Colchester striker Eion McKeown fired a decent opportunity into the side netting on 31 minutes and 30 seconds later the Town raced up the other end and doubled their lead. A terrific passing move led to Kavan Cotter delivering a teasing low cross from the right and Colchester centre-half Joe Tennent could only divert the ball past his own goalkeeper.

It then got even better for the Hatters five minutes before half-time when Atkinson made it 3-0. Cotter was the architect, racing down the right flank to deliver a pass into the dangerzone and Atkinson was there to sweep home from six yards.

Five minutes after half-time Hinds rattled the woodwork for the Town when fashioning a chance by himself, but on 59 minutes Colchester got one goal back when Louis Dunne raced through and slipped the ball past the onrushing Gooch to make it 3-1.

Colchester pushed for a way back into the game but as time ticked down the more the Town dug in, and Driver's side almost scored a fourth with six minutes left when Cotter volleyed over at the back post from six yards.

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Luton LADIES

The Town Ladies moved into the First Round Proper of the FA Cup with a well-earned victory away to Marlow, conquerors of Norwich City in the previous round.

Luton were awarded a penalty as early as the fifth minute when Natasha Fensome surged past her marker and was brought down. Zara Carroll's spot kick was too close to the keeper though and she grabbed her shot at the second attempt.

HEADER

To add to Luton's woes the hosts took the lead after 12 minutes finishing off a fine move with a low shot into the corner of the net. An equaliser arrived when Carroll's corner was headed in at the near post by Shannon Pratt for her second goal of the campaign. Pratt almost added a second from another corner but this time her header flashed narrowly wide of the far post.

The Hatters continued to dominate the game and an overhead kick from Erica Byron was pushed onto the crossbar and over by the overworked Marlow goalkeeper.

The keeper then did superbly to claw away two corners from under her crossbar when Luton seemed destined to take a lead.

Luton started the second half at a high tempo and Fensome's cross was met by Byron whose effort again struck the woodwork and flew wide for a goal kick.

The Town continued to lay siege to the home goal with a 25-yard strike from skipper Shanice Jiminez flying just wide of the target. The Marlow defence failed to learn from their mistake as they gave Jiminez room to fire in another shot from distance and this time it was too hot for the keeper to handle as she was only able to parry the ball into the net.

Soon it was 3-1 when Carroll swung in a cross shot which dipped in at the far post to make it 3-1. A fourth soon followed via Jiminez whose 20-yard effort was fumbled by the keeper and rolled across the line.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "This was always going to be a potential banana skin but the players showed great character to fight back and overwhelm their opponents.

"It is always important to respect your opponents and we were determined not to become another victim of a lower placed team. We went on the attack from the beginning and totally dominated the game apart from the ten minute spell around them scoring."

The Town now face the short trip to Bedford in the next round to be played on 6th December

Meanwhile the Development side were also in cup action away to Godalming Town. The hosts took a first half lead in an end to end cup tie but the Town fought back during the second half and goals from Morgan Patterson and Phoebe Brown were enough to progress into the next round.

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PLAYER PROFILE

JOSH McQUOID

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 DECEMBER 1989
FROM: SOUTHAMPTON
HEIGHT: 5ft 9
POSITION: FORWARD

IN-FORM JOSH McQUOID SENT THE HATTERS STEAMING THROUGH TO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE FA CUP LAST WEEK WITH TWO GOALS AGAINST CRAWLEY. PRIOR TO JOINING THE HATTERS, HE SPENT MANY YEARS AT BOURNEMOUTH WITH SPELLS AT MILLWALL, BURNLEY, PETERBOROUGH AND COVENTRY. McQUOID HAS ALSO BEEN CAPPED SEVERAL TIMES AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

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MARK TYLER: LUTON'S NUMBER ONE AT 38

Before the season is out Luton Town's Mark Tyler will turn 39 years of age. 21 years, or a Cameron McGeehan-and-a-bit ago, he made his senior debut. Picture the scene...

18th September, 1994: Birmingham City vs. Peterborough United. 10,000 fans look on as a 17 year old boy takes his first tentative steps onto the St Andrews turf and into the professional game. Up front for Posh stands Sean Farrell, a one-time bit-part Luton forward with an unhealthy Watford habit, best known for skipping around in his trainers during *Soccer Six* tournaments.

Maybe he offered a word of encouragement to young Tyler, we'll never know; just as the boy between the sticks could never know, as he picked the four Birmingham goals out of his net that day, how his and Farrell's histories might one day intertwine again.

1994! Wet look gel, psychedelic Keepers' tops and Bon Jovi on Top of the Pops. A train ride away on the very day of our future number one's Brummie debut Luton fans were recovering from the derby day before where a Paul Telfer double gave a Barcode-kitted Town a 4-2 win at Vicarage Road. I was 11; god knows how old you were, mate.

Mark Tyler may have lived an entire Steve McNulty's worth of life before Luton (involving an unbecoming and appearance-less loan stint at the allotments down the M1), but watching him stride out today in front of the same fans that once berated Farrell for his yellow-leanings decades earlier, he looks as part of the Kenilworth Road furniture as the creaking ladder to the TV gantry.

Arriving in 2009, Tyler's Luton tenure has coincided with our least glamorous hour. While there may have been less flash bulbs in the last six years than once lit up Kenilworth Road during Pleat's Cup run in '94, the professionalism that emanates from Luton's current safest pair of hands harks back to those players that got me hooked as a kid.

While he might have a haircut you can set your watch by and the trustiest boot a back-pass could ever wish to meet, don't assume this East Anglian to be unspectacular, far from it. Tyler is a bona fide match winner. He's the came-out-of-nowhere bottom corner shot-stopper of a centre half's dream. He delivers clean sheets to Cockneys like a steely-eyed Dot Cotton in unseasonably short sleeves and tips more shots over the bar than a pogo-ing publican on a P&O Ferry.

I know he won't be around forever but, while Elliot Justham has looked more than capable as he waits in the wings to begin his own Luton glove affair, Tyler's continuing knack for rescuing a point for us here or three for us there is unstinting at 38.

A look around the world at who else is still doing it every week at any kind of level at his vintage tells the tale of Tyler's achievement. Buffon's a mere baby.

Totti? Alright, I'll give you that one (and definitely Google 42-year-old Rogério Ceni while you're here) but the Knocking-on 40 Club is a pretty exclusive one for footballers these days, and for me he's still first name on the team sheet.

The thing I'll miss most of all, should Mark ever become mortal like the rest of us and pack it in, is that little goalkeeping tick of his. You know the one.

Before he rolls the ball to his feet, Mark Tyler spins 360 degrees like an eager dog chasing its elusive tail, just to check no opportunistic striker is lurking behind to ruin his day.

Presumably that once happened to Luton's number one. I'd wager only once. Maybe it was that pesky Sean Farrell in training.
A McGeehan-and-a-bit ago.

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The Football League Paper

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

Karl Robinson was steaming after the officials conspired to deny his side a cast iron penalty last weekend.

A fifth official watches on during a UEFA Cup tie at Goodison Park

MK Dons were 2-1 down when Brighton's Lewis Dunk clattered Samir Carruthers but the referee waved play on and the scoreline remained unchanged at full-time.

"I'm a massive advocate for video footage to aid referees' decisions in the final third of the football pitch," said Robinson.

"What happens in the middle third, as much as it frustrates us as fans, we've got to have some freedom and human error. But in the final third, something's got to be done about it, because the one against us on Saturday, it baffles me how they got that wrong."

So could technology be introduced without wrecking the spectacle? Here are the main options.

Timeout

In rugby and cricket, the officials can voluntarily send a decision 'upstairs' - in other words, to be reviewed by a bloke watching the telly. Known as the DRS in cricket and TMO in rugby, it involves watching ultra-slow replays from multiple angles to determine marginal decisions. Generally viewed as a positive step, opponents cite the lengthy stoppages - up to five minutes in some cases - and the perceived tendency of refs to rely on replays rather using their own judgement. Darren Bailey, the FA's chief of governance, said earlier this year: "I remember rugby that was spontaneous, swift and re-set very quickly. Now it is bedevilled by delays. Most rugby fans are now asking to go back to the old days."

Challenge system

Basically, a manager would be given a number of challenges (probably one) per match, allowing him to stop play and send a referee's decision to video review. If he is unsuccessful, he cannot challenge again.

This is already the case in tennis (three incorrect challenges per set) and cricket (two challenges per 80 overs in Test matches, one for a One Day game) and has gone down well with fans.

Fifth official

Not used anywhere but a regular talking point amongst fans and managers. Basically, a fifth official would watch a monitor in real time - with access to instant replays - and be miked up to the man in the middle. Right now, punters can watch a live Sky game and know within ten seconds whether a ref has dropped a clanger. Unfortunately, he's stuck with his duff decision.

This way, his pal could say 'Er, you've got that one wrong mate, it wasn't a goal' before the celebrations had even died down, causing no delay whatsoever.

In truth, it's already been done - just look at Zinedine Zidane's red card in the 2006 World Cup final.

So what would work? Not Timeouts. Too slow and too frequent, they would destroy football's greatest attribute - the pace of play.

Challenges would be great fun, as long as they were kept to a minimum - no more than one per game. Personally, I'd like to see them, mainly to see Jose Mourinho take the huff when he lost.

But the cheapest and most sensible solution would surely be the fifth official. All he needs is a telly and a microphone and you've suddenly got an extra pair of eyes and no breaks in play.

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LEAGUE LOOK

It's been a while since our last home league fixture at Kenilworth Road, but one thing remains the same: Plymouth Argyle are still top of the League 2 table.

Since Argyle's last-gasp 2-1 win here three weeks ago, Derek Adams' side have extended their advantage at the top to five points following a 2-0 win over Morecambe two weeks ago.

Oxford remain in hot pursuit of the Devon club and moved into second place with a thumping 5-1 win over nine-man Stevenage a fortnight ago.

Michael Appleton's United have a two point cushion over third-placed Portsmouth following Pompey's 2-1 defeat at Notts County.

Accrington continue to defy the experts' negative opinion of them by climbing to fourth place and level on points with Portsmouth. John Coleman's side have won seven of their last 10 matches and last time out in League 2 recorded a fine 1-0 win away at Leyton Orient.

The division is becoming increasingly tight with three points separating Portsmouth in third and AFC Wimbledon in 10th.

Northampton might be struggling to pay their players but on the pitch Chris Wilder's Cobblers continue to put those off-the-field problems behind them. The Sixfields outfit are up to fifth in the table, and leapfrogged Mansfield who lost at home to Wycombe.

Our next visitors to Kenilworth Road, Carlisle, remain on the heels of the top seven after coming from two early goals down to beat Yeovil 3-2 at Brunton Park in their last league fixture.

At the other end Dagenham & Redbridge sunk to the bottom of the table after our own 2-0 win at Victoria Road. The Daggers haven't won in 11 games now.

Yeovil are in just as bad form – without a win in eight games – and have lost their last four in League 2 to drop into the relegation places.

There was one managerial casualty since our last home game with York axing Russ Wilcox. The Minstermen appointed Jackie McNamara in a bid to arrest a slide towards the bottom two which had seen City win just twice in 16 league games.

Resurgent Newport under new boss John Sheridan continue to inch away from the relegation zone. The Exiles have taken seven points from their last three matches and now sit in 21st place – four points above the relegation zone.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Accrington v Newport
Bristol Rovers v Carlisle
Exeter v Crawley
Northampton v Mansfield
Oxford v Cambridge
Yeovil v Stevenage
York v Plymouth
Hartlepool v Orient (Sunday)
Portsmouth v Wimbledon (Sunday)

Newport boss John Sheridan has quickly guided the Exiles away from the relegation zone

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Roofe (Oxford) 7
Sercombe (Oxford) 7
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Carey (Plymouth) 6

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Tue 18	**7.45pm**	**H**	**Bristol Rovers**	**L 0-1**	**8,061**	**553**	**18**	**Tyler**	**Cuthbert**	**McNulty**	**Wilkinson**	**Griffiths**	**O'Donnell**	**Doyle ●**	**McCourt**	**McGeehan ◆**	**Benson**	**Mackail-Smith ▲**	**Potts**	**Smith ●**	**Lawless**	**Ruddock ◆**	**Marriott ▲**	**McQuoid**	**Justham**
Sat 22	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	L 2-3	3,830	820	22	Tyler	Cuthbert	Griffiths	McNulty ●	Wilkinson	Smith	McGeehan	Green ▲	Hall ◆	BENSON 1	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	O'Donnell	Lawless ◆	McCourt ▲	Ruddock	McQuoid	O'Brien ●	Justham
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**	**Lee**	**Green ◆**	**Ruddock ●**	**McQuoid ▲**	**McNulty**	**Hall ●**	**McGEEHAN1 ◆**	**Benson ▲**	**Guttridge**	**Mackail-Smith**	**Tyler**
Sat 29	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Portsmouth**	**L 1-2**	**9,083**	**1,032**	**22**	**Justham**	**O'Donnell**	**Griffiths**	**Wilkinson**	**Cuthbert**	**O'Brien ●**	**Smith**	**McGeehan**	**Hall ▲**	**McQuoid**	**MACKAIL-SMITH 1 ◆**	**Tyler**	**McNulty**	**Green**	**Marriott ◆**	**McCourt**	**Ruddock ▲**	**Lee ●**
SEPTEMBER																									
Tue 1	**7.15pm**	**H**	**Leyton Orient (JPT1)**	**W 2-1**	**1,953**	**300**	**-**	**Tyler**	**O'DONNELL 1**	**Griffiths**	**McNulty**	**Cuthbert ●**	**Lee**	**Smith**	**Ruddock ◆**	**GREEN 1 ▲**	**Guttridge**	**Marriott ▬**	**Hall ◆**	**Justham**	**Okuonghae ●**	**Mackail-Smith**		**McQuoid ▲**	
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-1	6,298	1,425	19	Tyler	O'Donnell	Griffiths	WILKINSON 1	Cuthbert	Lee	Smith	GREEN 1	McQuoid	GUTTRIDGE 1	Mackail-Smith	McNulty	Hall	Justham	Ruddock	Okuonghae	Williams	O'Brien
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Notts County	L 2-3	5,820	1,689	20	Tyler	O'Donnell	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert ▬	Lee	SMITH 1	Green ●	McQuoid	Guttridge ◆	Mackail-Smith	McNulty ▲	McGEEHAN 1 ◆	Hall ●▲	McCourt	Ruddock	Williams	King
Sat 19	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Mansfield Town**	**W 1-0**	**7,939**	**262**	**18**	**Tyler**	**O'Donnell**	**Griffiths**	**Wilkinson**	**McNulty**	**Lee**	**Smith**	**McCourt ▲**	**McQuoid ●**	**McGeehan ◆**	**MACKAIL-SMITH 1**	**Lawless ▲**	**Hall**	**Green ●**	**Marriott**	**Williams**	**O'Brien ◆**	**Justham**
Sat 26	**3.00pm**	**H**	**AFC Wimbledon**	**W 2-0**	**8,415**	**588**	**16**	**Tyler**	**O'Donnell ●**	**Griffiths ▲**	**Wilkinson**	**McNulty**	**Lee**	**Smith**	**McCourt**	**Guttridge ◆**	**McGeehan**	**Mackail-Smith**	**Potts**	**Lawless ●**	**Hall ▲**	**Green**	**MARRIOTT 2 ◆**	**O'Brien**	**Justham**
Tue 29	7.45pm	A	Morecambe	W 3-1	1,388	295	11	Tyler	Cuthbert ◆	Griffiths	WILKINSON 1	McNulty	Lee	SMITH 1	McCourt ●	McQuoid	McGEEHAN 1	Mackail-Smith ▲	Potts	Lawless ◆	Green	Marriott ▲	Guttridge	Doyle ●	Justham
OCTOBER																									
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Hartlepool United	W 4-1	3,876	406	19	Tyler	Cuthbert	Griffiths	Wilkinson	McNulty	LEE 1	SMITH 1	Guttridge	McQuoid ◆	McGeehan	Mackail-Smith ●	Potts	Lawless	Hall	Green	MARRIOTT 2 ●	Doyle ◆	Justham
Tue 6	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (JPT2)	L 1-2	3,428	tbc	-	Tyler	Lawless	Potts	O'Brien	Okuonghae	Lee ●	Doyle	Guttridge ◆	McQuoid	McGEEHAN 1 ▲	Marriott	Hall ●	Green ◆	Griffiths ▲	Wilkinson	Justham		
Sat 10	**3.00pm**	**H**	**York City**	**D 1-1**	**8,612**	**222**	**10**	**Tyler**	**Cuthbert**	**Potts**	**Wilkinson**	**McNulty**	**Lee**	**Smith ◆**	**Guttridge ▲**	**McQuoid**	**McGEEHAN 1**	**Mackail-Smith ●**	**Lawless ◆**	**Hall**	**Green**	**Marriott ●**	**Ruddock**	**Doyle ▲**	**Justham**
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 1-2	3,335	1,412	12	Tyler	Long	Potts	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Doyle	Smith	Lee ●	McGEEHAN 1	Marriott ◆	Mackail-Smith	Lawless	Hall	McCourt ●	Ruddock	McQuoid ◆	O'Brien	Justham
Tue 20	**7.45pm**	**H**	**Leyton Orient**	**D 1-1**	**8,022**	**638**	**12**	**Tyler**	**Long**	**Potts**	**Wilkinson**	**Cuthbert**	**Lee ●**	**Smith**	**McCourt ◆**	**McGeehan**	**MARRIOTT 1**	**Mackail-Smith ▲**	**Lawless**	**Ruddock**	**Guttridge ◆**	**McQuoid ▲**	**O'Brien**	**Doyle ●**	**Justham**
Sat 24	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Plymouth Argyle**	**L 1-2**	**8,703**	**745**	**15**	**Tyler**	**Long ◆**	**Potts ●**	**Wilkinson**	**Cuthbert**	**Doyle**	**Smith**	**McGeehan**	**Ruddock ▲**	**Guttridge**	**Marriott**	**Lawless ●**	**Hall ◆ ▬**	**McCourt**	**Lee**	**McQUOID 1 ▲**	**O'Brien**	**Justham**
NOVEMBER																									
Sun 1	2.00pm	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	W 2-0	2,773	1,083	13	Tyler	Long	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Doyle	Smith	LAWLESS 1 ◆	McQuoid	GUTTRIDGE 1	Marriott ●	Potts	McGeehan ◆	Green	McCourt	Lee	Mackail-Smith ●	Justham
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town (FAC1)	W 2-1	1,929	487	-	Justham	Long	Griffiths	Wilkinson	Cuthbert	Lee	Smith	Lawless ◆	McQUOID 2	Guttridge	Marriott ●	Potts	McHeeham	Benson ●	Green ◆	McCourt	O'Brien	Tyler
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																									
Sun 6	2.00pm	A	Peterborough Utd (FAC2)																						
Sat 12	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Northampton Town**																						
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Exeter City																						
Sat 26	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Wycombe Wanderers**																						
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth																						
JANUARY																									
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Bristol Rovers																						
Sat 9	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Yeovil Town**																						
Sat 16	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Cambridge United**																						
Sat 23	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town																						
Sat 30	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Notts County**																						
FEBRUARY																									
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers																						
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	AFC Wimbledon																						
Sat 20	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Hartlepool United**																						
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	York City																						
MARCH																									
Tue 1	**7.45pm**	**H**	**Morecambe**																						
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient																						
Sat 12	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Crawley Town**																						
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle																						
Fri 25	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Dagenham & Redbridge**																						
Mon 28	3.00pm	A	Barnet																						
APRIL																									
Sat 2	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Stevenage**																						
Sat 9	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Accrington Stanley**																						
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Oxford United																						
Tue 19	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United																						
Sat 23	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Newport County**																						
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Northampton Town																						
MAY																									
Sat 7	**3.00pm**	**H**	**Exeter City**																						

*Lost 8-7 on penalties

MEET THE REF
ROSS JOYCE

Today's referee Darren is making his first visit to Kenilworth Road and is overseeing a Town game for the first time.
Darren has risen up through the refereeing ranks and this season is his first in the Football League.
So far this season, in the 10 games he has taken charge of, he has shown 46 yellow cards and four red cards.
Please give Darren and his officials a warm welcome this afternoon.

LUTON TOWN
1885-PRESENT DAY THE FULL RECORD

PLAYED: **5283**
WON: **2109**
DRAWN: **1284**
LOST: **1890**
GOALS SCORED : **8391**
GOALS CONCEDED: **7602**

LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Plymouth Argyle	16	11	2	3	25	11	14	35
2	Oxford United	16	8	6	2	27	15	12	30
3	Portsmouth	16	7	7	2	23	14	9	28
4	Accrington Stanley	16	8	4	4	24	17	7	28
5	Northampton Town	16	8	4	4	26	21	5	28
6	Mansfield Town	16	7	5	4	22	13	9	26
7	Leyton Orient	16	7	5	4	26	20	6	26
8	Carlisle United	16	7	5	4	29	28	1	26
9	Wycombe Wanderers	15	7	4	4	20	13	7	25
10	AFC Wimbledon	16	7	4	5	24	23	1	25
11	Morecambe	16	7	2	7	31	29	2	23
12	Bristol Rovers	15	7	2	6	19	18	1	23
13	**LUTON TOWN**	**16**	**6**	**4**	**6**	**27**	**21**	**6**	**22**
14	Exeter City	16	6	4	6	21	23	-2	22
15	Notts County	16	6	4	6	21	23	-2	22
16	Crawley Town	16	6	3	7	19	24	-5	21
17	Barnet	16	6	2	8	23	26	-3	20
18	Cambridge United	16	5	5	6	21	24	-3	20
19	Hartlepool United	16	5	2	9	15	24	-9	17
20	Stevenage	16	3	5	8	19	30	-11	14
21	Newport County AFC	16	3	4	9	15	26	-11	13
22	York City	16	2	6	8	18	26	-8	12
23	Yeovil Town	16	2	3	11	17	29	-12	9
24	Dagenham & Redbridge	16	1	6	9	17	31	-14	9

PLAYER STATS 2015/16

	THIS SEASON										LTFC CAREER TOT	
	LEAGUE			CUP			TOTAL			DISIP			
	APPS		GLS	APPS		GLS	APPS		GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Paul Benson	3	(1)	1	1	(2)	1	4	(3)	2	0	0	69	22
Scott Cuthbert	14	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	18	(0)	0	0	1	18	0
Nathan Doyle	6	(4)	0	1	(1)	0	7	(5)	0	2	0	43	0
Danny Green	4	(1)	1	2	(2)	1	6	(3)	2	1	0	9	2
Scott Griffiths	12	(0)	0	3	(2)	0	15	(2)	0	0	0	108	3
Luke Guttridge	6	(1)	2	3	(0)	0	9	(1)	2	1	0	73	19
Ryan Hall	2	(3)	0	0	(3)	0	2	(6)	0	0	1	14	0
Elliot Justham	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	0	0	27	0
Alex Lawless	1	(6)	1	2	(0)	0	3	(6)	1	1	0	181	22
Olly Lee	9	(1)	1	4	(0)	0	13	(1)	1	2	0	14	1
Sean Long	4	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	5	0
Craig Mackail-Smith	14	(1)	3	0	(0)	0	14	(1)	3	0	0	15	3
Jack Marriott	4	(8)	5	4	(0)	2	8	(8)	7	0	1	16	7
Paddy McCourt	7	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(2)	0	2	0	9	0
Cameron McGeehan	12	(2)	5	2	(1)	2	14	(3)	7	2	0	50	13
Steve McNulty	9	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	11	(1)	0	3	0	125	2
Josh McQuoid	10	(3)	1	3	(2)	2	13	(5)	3	0	0	18	3
Mark O'Brien	1	(2)	0	3	(0)	0	4	(2)	0	1	0	6	0
Stephen O'Donnell	7	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	10	(0)	1	0	0	10	1
Magnus Okuonghae	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	2	0
Dan Potts	4	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	1	0	6	0
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	1	(4)	0	3	(0)	0	4	(4)	0	0	0	50	3
Jonathan Smith	14	(2)	4	3	(0)	0	17	(2)	4	4	0	119	9
Mark Tyler	14	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	17	(0)	0	0	0	283	0
Luke Wilkinson	16	(0)	3	3	(0)	0	19	(0)	3	3	0	67	7

Key: ● First Substitute | ◆ Second Substitute | ▲ Third Substitute | ▬ Sent off | GOALSCORER

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WITH BILL COLE

Now that the league tables are, by general consent, beginning to reflect realistic standings, the managerial merry-go-round is in full swing. It could be said that bosses have been falling like swatted flies in the past few weeks.

Nothing new in that you may think, but a couple of victims last week had the papers announcing a blow to racial diversity in the dismissals of black coaches Chris Powell and Chris Ramsay from Championship clubs. Powell has been unlucky to lose jobs in the past and again from Huddersfield, where, just the day before his sacking, the Yorkshiremen led high flying Reading at the Madejski Stadium until the dying minutes – a pretty good performance you would have thought.

On the other hand perhaps Ramsay going has been a sacking waiting to happen for some months now. Chris has had a chequered past as a coach. He was much appreciated at the FA for his work with the England under-20 and under-16 groups in the late nineties, before being snaffled by Ricky Hill to take the post of his assistant when he took over from Lennie Lawrence at Kenilworth Road in 2000.

Ricky, one of life's gentlemen, had a well-documented period as Luton Town boss of course; starting badly after a great hoo-haa of an introduction to the Hatters' faithful. As the losses mounted a situation developed that he just couldn't redeem.

His plight, brought about by a record of just two wins in 17 games, was not helped by the sacking of Ramsay part way through his short tenure for an alleged training ground indiscretion. Ricky was greatly saddened by the removal of his friend and right hand man and went himself soon after, doomed by a crushing 3-0 defeat at home to Danny Wilson's Bristol City.

And did you see who has taken over from Ramsay at QPR - 'Uncle' Neil Warnock no less. What price on Harry Redknapp getting another job soon?

It will not have escaped Town fans' notice that another with past Luton Town affiliations has fallen in the last few days – Richard Money of course. He has helped to build up quite a rivalry with the Hatters during his spell at Cambridge United, fostered by his refusing to name his old club and referring to Luton only as "the team from up the Road" and other rather childish epithets.

This attitude was prevalent right from the very beginning of his tenure when the Town were the visitors to the Abbey Stadium the day after Money was appointed, illustrated at his rather tetchy post-match press conference on the Abbey pitch following Luton's win.

Another club that has been at odds with the Hatters in recent years and has become a bit of a bogey team in that time, York City, have also made a change by sacking someone they had high hopes of - Russ Wilcox. It remains to be seen if the change there has an effect on performances, it certainly seems to have at Newport County where Terry Butcher's dismissal last month has seen something of a resurgence under the experienced John Sheridan.

One thing is for sure – the managerial merry-go-round will continue to revolve, with variable consequences!

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TEAMSHEET

LUTON TOWN

1 Mark Tyler
2 Stephen O'Donnell
3 Dan Potts
4 Jonathan Smith
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
20 Sean Long
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

BARNET

1 Graham Stack
2 Gavin Hoyte
3 Elliott Johnson
4 Bira Dembele
5 Bondz N'Gala
6 Michael Nelson
7 Andy Yiadom
8 Curtis Weston
9 John Akinde
10 Kevin Lisbie
11 Mauro Vilhete
12 Luke Gambin
14 Sam Togwell
15 Ben Tomlinson
16 Tom Champion
17 Sam Muggleton
18 Michael Gash
19 Shaun Batt
20 Fumnaya Shomotun
21 Jamie Stephen
22 Mathew Stevens
24 Aaron Mclean
26 Hakeem Odoffin
27 Josh Clarke
28 Justin Nwogu
31 Kai McKenzie-Lyle

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