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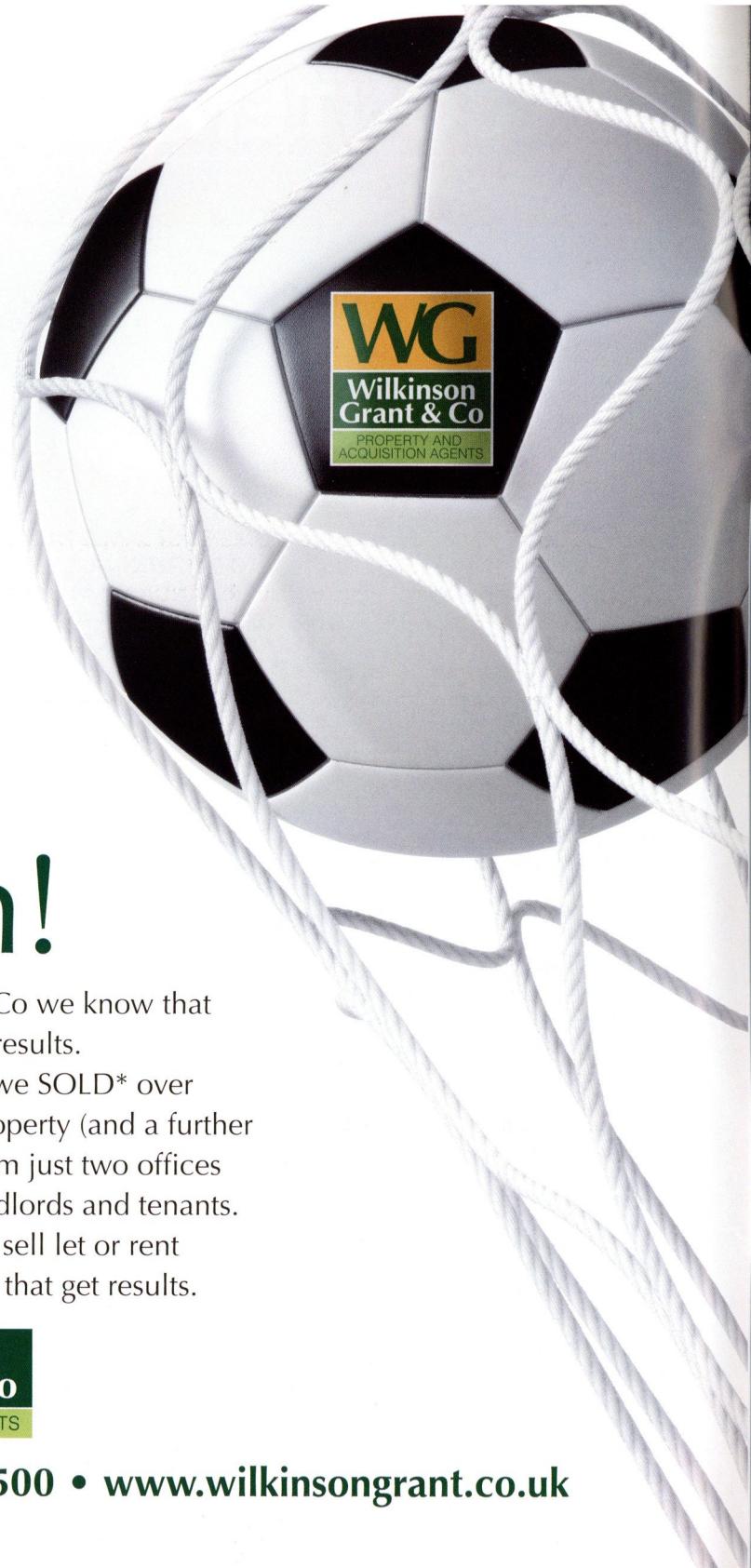
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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO ST JAMES PARK FOR TODAY'S GAME AGAINST LUTON TOWN. I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST HOME GAME AND THERE IS UNDERSTANDABLY A LOT OF EXCITEMENT AROUND THE CITY RIGHT NOW AFTER WE WERE PAIRED WITH LIVERPOOL IN THE FA CUP DRAW.

**H**owever, we have a lot of games before then, starting with today's visit of Luton, and we welcome them, the directors, supporters and the coaching staff to Devon and wish them a safe journey home. We have to make sure we keep our eye on the ball because our league form has been good of late, and we can't be distracted by what lies ahead.

The weather is certainly causing us a few issues at the moment, none more so than last weekend when we endured a fruitless trip to Morecambe. Unfortunately, it was one of those situations where the pitch was playable at 9am, but a downpour at lunchtime left it unplayable by 1pm and the referee has no alternative but to call the game off.

Closer to home, we have invested heavily in our pitches at both St James Park and at the Cliff Hill Training Ground, and while they are being severely tested with this spell of wet weather, they are generally holding up well and are a vast improvement on what we had before, certainly in the case of our main pitch at St James Park, which has held up really well. The problems haven't gone away, but it is an improvement, although the pitches are now being stretched to the max and have a long way to go to get through this winter.

It goes to show the benefit of investing in our infrastructure, which is why I think it is so important that, when we get a mouth-watering FA Cup tie like Liverpool at home, we really have to make the most of it.

Not only is it a fantastic opportunity for the players to play in a game of this magnitude, but there are financial opportunities for the club, which is invaluable for clubs like Exeter City, who rely on these type of windfalls.

It is going to be a lot of work all round and I know the scramble for tickets has already started. I just hope we can display the club in a very positive light on that Friday.

The issue on ticket prices is always going to upset some, but it should be remembered that Exeter City is unique in that we don't have a major benefactor investing vast sums of money, so we have to raise money in other ways if we want the club to thrive, prosper and keep moving forward.

An extra few quid on the ticket prices ultimately can get us a new player, some extra goalposts or even a new minibus. We get such little opportunity to create some kind of cash injection and this opportunity is very big for the club and we need to take it.

This is also a meaningful game; it is not a pre-season fixture. This is the Third Round of the Emirates FA Cup and a big, big game for the football club, where the eyes of the world are upon us.

With this being our last game before the festive period, I wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you back at the Park for the Dagenham game.

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### Supporting Community Ownership in Sport

New proposals have gone before MPs recommending the creation of a new tax status for democratically-owned clubs, which would help clubs like our own overcome many of the barriers they face. On Thursday 7th December, three of our Trustees - Paul Farley, Neil Le Milliere and John Kanefsky - attended talks at the House of Commons to represent Exeter City F.C. and Supporters Direct. More information is available on the Trust website.

Local M.P. Ben Bradshaw tweeted his support, saying:



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We would like to give our thanks to everyone who contributed to the Trust Bucket Collection at the Bristol Rovers match. You helped us raise £456.77, which has been allocated to the signage project that we are currently engaged in. We aim to identify all the old, out-of-date and badly-positioned signs and replace them with new ones emphasising our pride in being a Supporter-owned club.

### Looking for a Christmas Gift for a City Fan?

This year we have on offer a tea towel featuring the signatures of the entire City first-team squad. Priced at only £5, it's bound to be a talking point and is sure to provide great memories in the future. The tea towel is available from both the club shop and Trust stall.



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### Director for the Day – Port Vale

Kevin Gale and his wife, Karen, were our welcome guests at the successful Port Vale match. Unfortunately, we were unable to provide a photo on this occasion, but we hope they had a great time.

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Ollie Watkins celebrates the goal that sealed City's place in the FA Cup Third Round...



# EXEDITORIAL

OLIVER RODERICK

Welcome back to St James Park, and welcome to a very special festive edition of *The Grecian*.

Rather than a City player on the cover, today we issue an appeal for all City fans to step up and lend their support to the plans for the development of St James Park.

That very-attractive-looking image on the front cover could soon become a reality, but not without your help. There's a big feature on all you need to know with regards to the development starting on page 22, with club chairman Julian Tagg putting some frequently-asked-questions to bed.

I certainly have a personal vested interest in the upgrades to the Stagecoach Stand – as anyone who has sat inside it will attest, our press box is worse for wear, to be kind! For Exeter City to continue to look upward, as performances on the pitch so far this season have indicated that we do, we need to have a facility that the assembled press can be impressed (pardon the pun) with.

But most of all, it's a benefit for the supporters, the players and the staff. So make sure, if you haven't done so already, that you head online today and register your support!

Ordinarily, with our last two matches falling victim to

the weather, you'd be forgiven for thinking that we'd be strapped for content in this edition, but nothing could be further from the truth. This is the first issue of *The Grecian* since we pulled Liverpool out of the hat in the draw for the Third Round of this season's Emirates FA Cup.

Since then, City-Liverpool mania has been running wild throughout the city. With people I've never even met collaring me in the street and asking if I can get them tickets (I can't, by the way – I've not even managed to get hold of one!), it's clear that the magic of the Cup is still going strong in this part of the world.

Of course, we'll have a very special bumper edition of *The Grecian* for that one, such is the demand that we've already had to reserve copies. That's a collector's item to look forward to.

In today's programme, though, it's James Hamon taking on the Ten Question quiz, with David Noble's score of 7½ still to be beaten. Turn to page 69 to see whether the goalkeeper can post a decent return...

Elsewhere, there's all the Christmas news you need as we prepare to celebrate the holidays – and if you haven't done your shopping yet, make sure to hit the City club shop before it's too late!

Come on you reds!

The handshakes that came shortly before City put themselves into the Third Round



West Ham would overcome City in the Under-21 Premier League Cup, but an FA Youth Cup win would follow



Morecambe boss Jim Bentley surveys the pitch after City's trip to the Globe Arena was called off last week



Jordan Tillson is mobbed after his first Exeter City goal against Port Vale



## CITY DRAWN AT HOME TO LIVERPOOL IN FA CUP THIRD ROUND

EXETER CITY have been drawn at home against Liverpool in the Third Round of the Emirates FA Cup.

The Grecians have made it to this stage of the competition for the first time in a decade, and now the reward is a visit from Jürgen Klopp's Reds, a tie which looks to be the pick of the round.

Tickets immediately became the most-sought-after item in town as soon as the draw was made, and it looks likely that a full house will be in attendance to watch City go for an upset win.

The BBC will screen the match live from St James Park on Friday 8th January, with a kick-off time of 7:55pm.

## EAST DEVON GRECIANS PICK A GOOD NIGHT FOR A SOCIAL

SUPPORTERS GROUP the East Devon Grecians held their monthly social on December 7th, which coincided with the FA Cup Third Round draw.

BBC and ITV crews were on hand to record the evening, with the hope that they would see the Grecians get a big draw, and they were not disappointed.

Jordan Moore-Taylor and Ellesmere Port-born Tom McCready were the guests on the night, and Liverpool supporter Tom said: "I was hoping we would get a big team, but you don't have any expectation that you will. So when Liverpool came out I think I was jumping more than the rest of the fans."



"I had memorised the numbers of the two teams I wanted before the draw, so I knew that Liverpool were 23 and Everton were 16, and I was just praying for one of them. It's even better to get them at home."

## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AS BUBLÉ TRIBUTE HEADS TO SJP

THE PARK (Centre Spot welcome top West End star and Michael Bublé tribute Jamie Somers for a Christmas concert and party to remember this evening.

Jamie has played in the West End and all over Europe and brings his show to St James Park tonight.

The Park will be transformed from clubhouse to a Christmas-themed venue for what promises to be a fantastic night for the club.

There to support Jamie will be a resident DJ with a Christmas-themed disco and full lighting show.

There will also be a Christmas draw with some great prizes up for grabs.

Tickets are priced at £15, and these include a Christmas buffet which will be served between Jamie's two sets. Limited to 100 seats, no further tickets will be issued, as this is an all-seated event and everyone buying a ticket will be guaranteed a seat for the party.

For all enquiries regarding this Christmas party, please call in at reception.



## SENIORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE EXETER CITY SUPPORTERS CLUB held another successful Christmas party at St James Park on Monday December 7th, with a great turnout.

The event was attended by a number of first-team squad members, who waited tables, took part in discussions and enjoyed the activities of the afternoon.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Young City striker Cameron Gill joins Truro City on a one-month loan.

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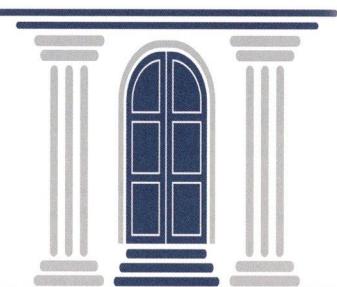
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## MATCH REPORT

EXETER CITY 2-0 PORT VALE

(Tillson 19' Watkins 88')

Sunday 6th December 2015, 2.00pm / St James Park / Attendance: 3,565  
(305 away)

Referee: Mr. T. Kettle



JORDAN TILLSON AND OLLIE WATKINS helped Exeter City into the Third Round of the FA Cup.

City took the ascendancy during the opening stages, and made their dominance pay in the nineteenth minute. Lee Holmes' corner from the right-hand side found its way to stand-in midfielder Jordan Tillson, who proceeded to stab the ball past Alnwick from close-range.

Joel Grant spun across the face of goal from Alex Nicholls' pass shortly after the break, though the Grecians could have - and perhaps should have - secured victory long before Watkins' arrival. But it was to be the City youngster that would have the final say, as he displayed composure beyond his years to roll the ball beyond the on-rushing Alnwick.

A two-nil win for the Grecians saw them bridge a gap of twenty-four league places between the two sides, setting up a lucrative home tie with Liverpool in the next round.

**Paul Tisdale:** "It was a fabulous performance and a great result. We had lots of challenges coming into the game with the, and the line-up was bit of a Rubik's cube, but whoever I selected had to

play their game. It is a really good result for us; it was the complete performance in many ways."

**Rob Page:** "Credit to Exeter in the first half, they were excellent and thoroughly deserved it, but we were as bad as they were good. I will take a defeat, but not that kind of defeat, not one when you question their attitude and effort. That is far away from what I stand for and I'm not going to accept it."

**Ollie Watkins:** "The team did all the hard work, and I really got it put on a plate for me to finish it off. We're a great team, and we're League 1 standard, so with the greatest respects to Port Vale, I didn't think there was much difference at all between us.

"I was hoping that I did get at least one chance after coming on, - otherwise it was about doing the defensive work and trying to see out the game. That proved when we went up the other end, and there was a lovely ball through to me and I thought I finished it nicely. You can't complain with that!"

Extended highlights of this game, on Grecian PlayerHD



SHOTS ON TARGET

9 v 3

SHOTS OFF TARGET

9 v 5



CORNERS

8 v 6

REDS

0 v 0

YELLOWS

2 v 2

Exeter City: Olejnik, Woodman, Holmes (Watkins 84'), Davies, Nicholls, Moore-Taylor (capt), Reid (Oakley 88'), Wheeler, Tillson, Grant (Nichols 90+3'), Brown. Not Used: Morrison, Hamon, Read, Egan.

Port Vale: Alnwick, Purkiss, Streete (Hooper 78'), McGivern, Duffy (capt), Birchall, O'Connor, Dodds (Ikpeazu 52'), Foley (Kelly 61'), Leitch-Smith, Grant. Not used: Neal, Daniel, Yates, Deen-Conteh.

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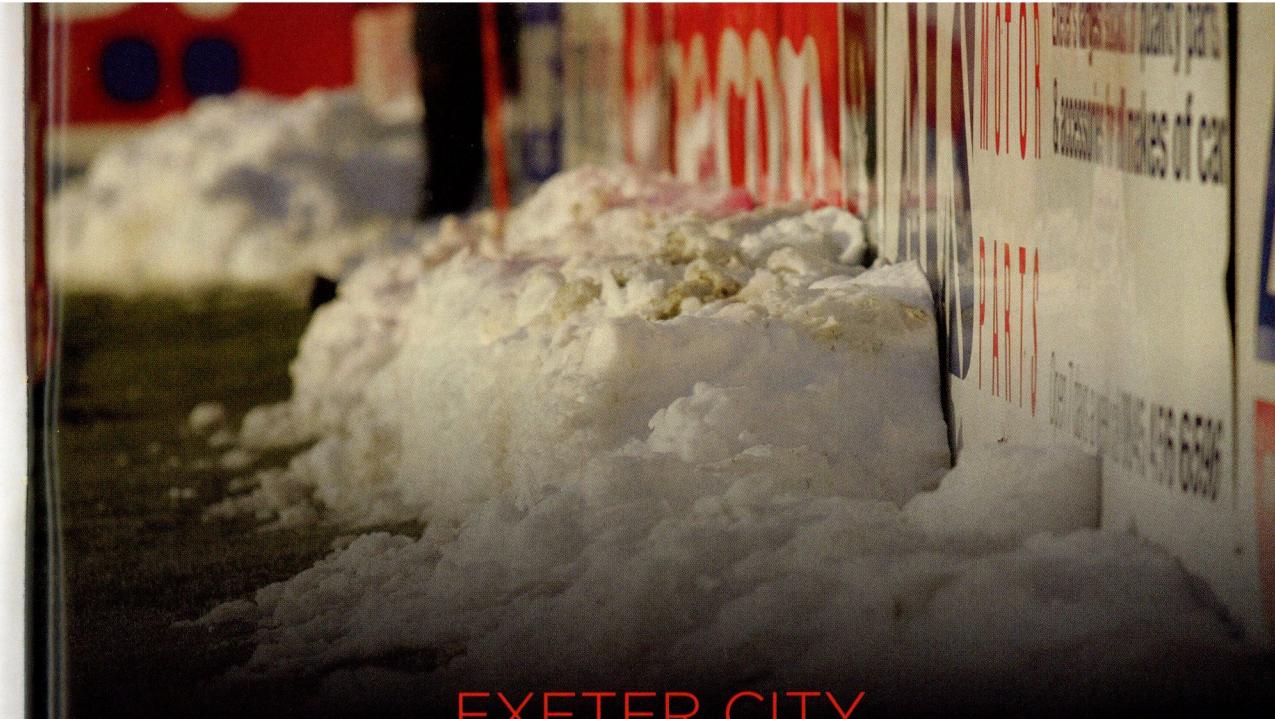
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## EXETER CITY AT CHRISTMAS

WITH CHRISTMAS DAY fast-approaching, Henry Justice provides a quick history of Exeter City connections with the Yuletide season.

The first professional match to take place at St James Park on Christmas Day was back in 1908, when Millwall were the visitors. For the many Devonians who went to bed that Christmas Eve dreaming of waking up to maximum points, they were to have the perfect red and white Christmas. James 'Daisy' Bell and Andy McGuigan played the part of Santa Claus that afternoon as they netted one each to leave City fans feeling spoilt rotten.

Christmas Day football was part and parcel of the business back then, but unfortunately for the Grecians this often meant an away trip. A remarkable twenty-three of twenty-nine Exeter games on Christmas Day since 1900 were played away from St James Park, with the points only returning home on four of those occasions. The 25th December 1946 saw Exeter travelling again, this time to the Goldstone Ground and Brighton & Hove Albion.

The formbook suggested City would have trouble with only one win in their last seven prior to kick off, and with their

traditionally poor Christmas form on the road, few would have predicted what would follow. Bill Owen went on to score a hat-trick as City gave the Seagulls a Christmas Day stuffing; 6-1, the hosts' heaviest defeat of their league campaign.

The remaining six fixtures Exeter partook in on Christmas Day were played at home, and City can boast an impressive record of having lost none of them, with five wins in the period. The picks of those were a pair of 4-0 wins in 1925 and 1951 when the Grecians beat old enemies Plymouth and Torquay respectively.

With the visit of Luton the final game before this latest festive period, City will be hoping to roll back the years to December 18th 2010 when they beat Sheffield Wednesday 5-1, courtesy of goals from Jamie Cureton, John O'Flynn, Liam Sercombe and Scott Golbourne. This was the last time City won their final game before Christmas Day; let's hope the boys can break that particular Christmas turkey when they take on the Hatters this weekend.

If not, of course there's always the visit of Liverpool to look forward to in what promises to be the perfect New Year's pickup.

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LUTON TOWN 2-3 EXETER CITY  
(Harley 51', Moore-Taylor 75', Wheeler 90+4')  
Friday 3rd April 2015, 2.00pm / Kenilworth Road / Attendance: 8,755  
(429 away)

Referee: Mr. R. Lewis

substitute Clinton Morrison, who laid the ball into the path of Jordan Moore-Taylor to steer into corner.

DAVID WHEELER'S last-gasp winner rounded off a magnificent second-half performance from the Grecians as they overcame a two-goal deficit last season at Kenilworth Road.

Luton opened the scoring, as after Lee Holmes was dispossessed, the Hatters broke forward quickly. Mark Cullen picked out Luke Guttridge, whose deflected strike found the corner of James Hamon's goal.

Cullen turned from provider to goal-scorer as he doubled the Hatters' lead just before half-time. The ex-Hull City striker controlled a long-ball played to him through the middle of the park, before he struck a firm shot past Hamon.

Despite trailing by two, the Grecians refused to let their heads go down. Within barely five minutes of play having been resumed, the Hatters' lead was halved, as Matt Oakley dinked the ball into the path of Ryan Harley, who proceeded to volley past Elliot Justham.

City were on level terms with fifteen minutes of normal time to go. A free-kick eventually found its way to

Just as it looked like the Grecians would leave Kenilworth Road with an equal share of the spoils, City sealed the most dramatic of late turnarounds. With seconds remaining, Christian Ribeiro's header rebounded off the post to Wheeler, who poked the ball past Justham for the dramatic conclusion.

#### WHAT HAPPENED NEXT

The result at Kenilworth Road left both sides on fifty-eight points, just three points off City's rivals Plymouth Argyle, who occupied the final play-off position in seventh.

City followed up their success at Luton with a victory at home to Newport County, but picked up only three points from their final five games as they finished the season in tenth. Luton gained four more points than the Grecians during the end of season run-in, but it wasn't to be for the Hatters either, as they finished eighth, just three points off the top seven.

Extended highlights of this game, on Grecian PlayerHD



#### SHOTS ON TARGET

3 v 6

#### SHOTS OFF TARGET

9 v 13

Luton Town: Justham, Harriman, Kinsella (Lacey 76), McNulty, Wilkinson, Smith (McGeehan 70), Doyle, Guttridge, Lawless, Cullen (Stockley 75), Benson. Not Used: Oduwa, Hall, King, Miller.



#### CORNERS

5 v 8

#### REDS

0 v 0

#### YELOWS

3 v 0

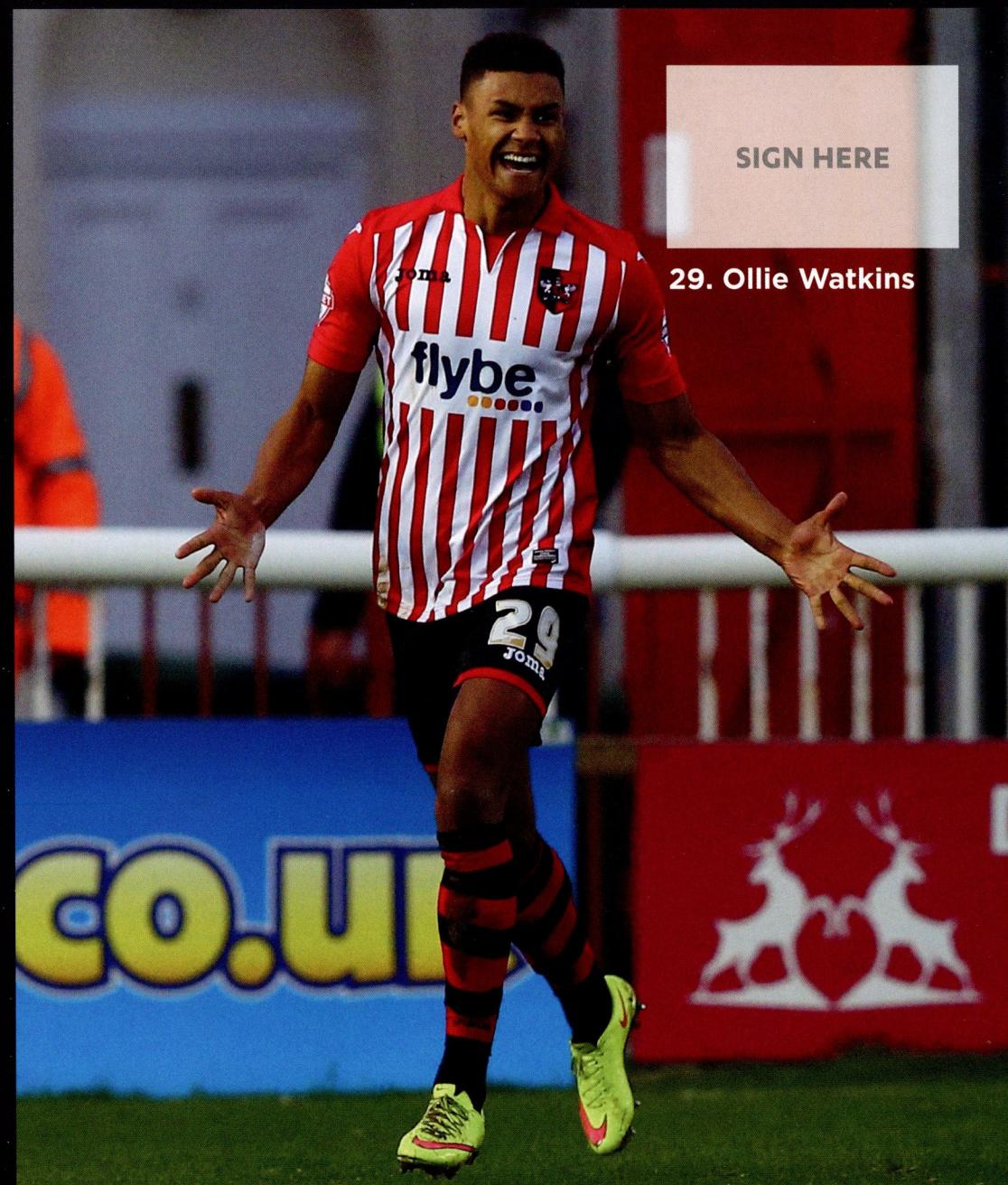
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## EXETER CITY FC CHRISTMAS VISIT TO BRAMBLE WARD

THE STARS of Exeter City Football Club brought some early Christmas magic to the children and teenagers on Bramble Ward at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital by paying them a special festive visit.

With the help of Build-a-Bear and WH Smith, the players gave out dozens of bears and toys, signed merchandise and other presents to the young patients, helping bring some Christmas cheer to the ward. The players who visited were Craig Woodman, David Wheeler, Will Hoskins, Alex Nicholls, Jamie McAllister, Lee Holmes and Arron Davies.

The players chatted with the children and their families about their time on Bramble and their plans for Christmas. Grecian the Lion was also on a hand to entertain patients and staff.

Exeter City Head of Commercial Mark Jenkins said: "We are very grateful to WH Smith and Build-A-Bear for helping provide the smiles on the day, and of course the players for their contribution. Most of all, though, our thanks go to the children, their families and Bramble Ward for allowing us into their lives at Christmas. The bravery of the children, the love of their families, the care and skills of the staff in Bramble Ward should inspire us all."

Bramble Play Specialist Cara Bennett added: "It's been brilliant having the players visit the Ward, and I think all of our patients and their families have enjoyed seeing them. Being in hospital at Christmas can be hard for children but special visits like this can make all the difference, so we'd like to thank the team for coming to see us again this year."

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With everyone's lists now sent off to Father Christmas, it's time to enjoy the run-in to the big day as we wait to see what will be under the tree.

As far as Exeter City are concerned, top of our list is the go-ahead for the proposed development of St James Park.

There has understandably been much excitement over the plans for upgraded facilities at St James Park and what it could mean for the Football club. Now that the planning applications have been submitted to Exeter City Council, we took a few moments to discuss the plans with club chairman JULIAN TAGG.

**THE GRECIAN:** "This development sounds very exciting indeed. What's the feeling at the club about how things are going?"

**JULIAN:** "The feeling at the club is very positive, and we're tremendously excited about what this could mean. Hopefully the Grecian community has had a chance to view the plans, either at our public events or online. Just a quick glance shows how much they could benefit the club."

"For example, we hope that these plans will inject a much-needed lease of life into a dilapidated part of St James Park. The project will also bring invaluable improvements to the experience of spectators and players. Most importantly, the development will allow Exeter City to maintain its good financial health, helping it to grow and progress as a community-owned club with huge potential."

**THE GRECIAN:** "Could you remind us of the basic elements of the proposals?"

**JULIAN:** "The plans for the St James Park Development will include the demolition and rebuilding of the ageing Stagecoach Stand. This will dramatically improve the club's dated spectator facilities and bring them up to modern standards,



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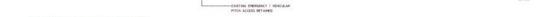
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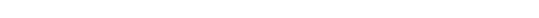
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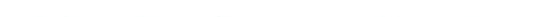
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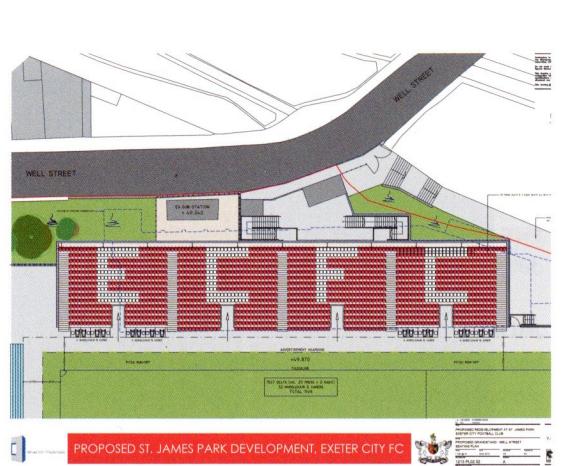
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**THE GRECIAN:** "How can club supporters help to make these plans a reality?"

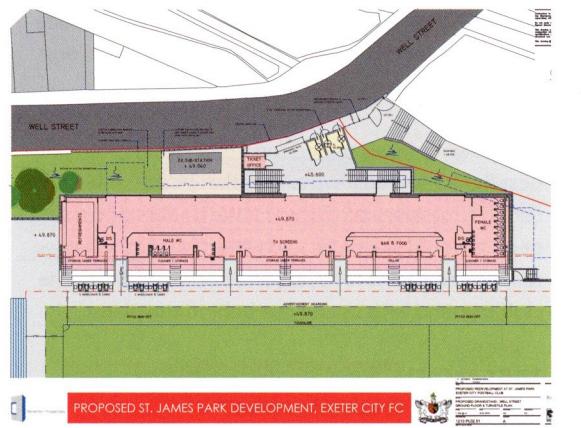
**JULIAN:** "These plans stand the greatest chance of success by each and every Exeter City fan supporting these planning applications. At the moment, the Council is gathering views from the public before deciding whether or not to allow the plans to go ahead."

"You can show your support for this project by contacting Paul Jeffrey at the Council. He can be reached by emailing [paul.jeffrey@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:paul.jeffrey@exeter.gov.uk). When you send that email, make sure that you mention the two application numbers in the subject or body of the email, which are [15/1275/03] and [15/1283/03].

"Please do get in touch with Paul. Every voice that is heard will increase the chance of the development



going ahead, because this is by no means guaranteed."



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# INTRODUCING LUTON TOWN

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This afternoon sees St James Park play host to Luton Town, with the Hatters having a point to prove after a tough run of recent results. Four defeats from four has seen their progress in the league stall, and they now sit in seventeenth, six places and four points behind the Grecians.

Luton's fortunes in recent years have been mixed. They achieved their highest-ever league position a little less than thirty years ago, finishing seventh in the old First Division in the 87/88 season, and were champions of the newly-rebranded League One in its inaugural season in 2004/05. Following serious financial troubles, they endured three quick-fire relegations and a five-year exile from the Football League. This only ended with their title win in 2014, after three unsuccessful play-off campaigns.

Luton parted company with the man who led them to the title this week. John Still's playing days were sadly curtailed by injury, but he forged a long and successful managerial career in the lower echelons of the Football League pyramid. He was the second-most-senior manager in the top four tiers of English football, behind only Arsenal's Arsène Wenger.

He was one of the most highly-regarded coaches in the Football League, renowned for his ability to scout and nurture talented young players from non-League football. One such player was Andre Grey, who notched thirty goals

for the Hatters in their Conference title-winning season, and who is now leading the Championship scoring charts for Burnley.

Last season was Luton's first back in League 2, and they secured a credible eighth-place finish, going all the way to the final day with a chance to make the playoffs. Their form hasn't been as consistent this term, but they are safely in mid-table points-wise, and have shown that they possess the quality to pose a real threat to any team in the division.

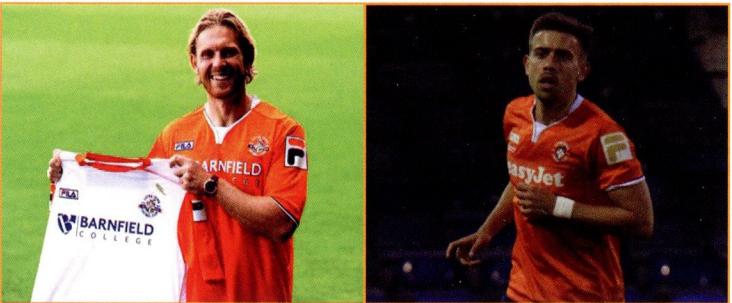
Outside of the League, the Hatters enjoyed a brief but thrilling run in the Capital One Cup. A 3-1 win in the First Round against Championship side Bristol City was rewarded with a home tie against Stoke City. The Potters were taken to extra-time at Kenilworth Road after a ninety-first-minute equaliser from Cameron McGeehan cancelled out Jonathan Walters' opener. There were no further goals in added time, and after a penalty taking masterclass defender Scott Griffiths smashed his spot-kick against the bar, allowing Geoff Cameron to convert his effort and hand the Premier League side an 8-7 shootout victory.

The Grecians are unbeaten in their last three matches against today's opposition. When the two sides last met, at Kenilworth Road in April, the Hatters took a 2-0 lead before half-time, but a resurgent Exeter side staged a magnificent fightback to win 3-2, with David Wheeler's scrambled injury-time strike securing the win.



# IN OPPOSITION

BY TOMMY JOHN



## MANAGER VACANT

Luton parted company with John Still this week. Still was the man who brought Luton back into the Football League, but unfortunately four successive defeats have led to his departure from the club.

## 1 GOALKEEPER MARK TYLER

Starting his career with Peterborough, experienced keeper Tyler amassed over four hundred appearances for the club, keeping a clean sheet in their play-off victory to the second tier back in 2000. The 38-year-old signed for Luton in 2009, and was named in the 2011-12 Conference team of the year.

## 16 GOALKEEPER ELLIOT JUSTHAM

Having come through the ranks at Kenilworth Road, goalkeeper Justham has shown serious promise in challenging for the number one shirt. Injuries to Mark Tyler last season saw the 25-year-old keep five clean sheets in fifteen appearances, and he was rewarded with a two-year contract extension in April 2015.

## 2 DEFENDER STEPHEN O'DONNELL

Defender O'Donnell won the Scottish Youth Cup for Celtic before moving to Partick Thistle in 2011. An engine-room-type player with an eye for goal, the right-back played a pivotal role for the club in gaining promotion to the Scottish Premiership. The 23-year-old signed for the Hatters in June 2015.



## 12 DEFENDER SCOTT GRIFFITHS

A fans' favourite for the Hatters, defender Griffiths has made over a hundred appearances for the club. The 30-year-old made his name at Dagenham & Redbridge under John Still, who brought him to Luton in 2013. A regular this season, Griffiths has been a part of five clean sheets thus far.

## 18 DEFENDER MAGNUS OKUONGHAE

Imposing defender Okuonghae was another to play under Still with the Daggers. The Nigerian centre-half spent two years at Victoria Road before becoming a crowd favourite during his two-hundred-game spell for Colchester United. Luton acquired the 29-year old this past summer, and he is currently enjoying a decent run in the team.

## 20 DEFENDER SEAN LONG

20-year-old full-back Long has recently seen his one-month loan deal at Luton extended, having impressed since his arrival from Reading in October. The Republic of Ireland Under-21 international made his debut in a 2-1 defeat against Crawley, setting up his team's only goal.

## 30 DEFENDER LUKE WILKINSON

Defender Wilkinson played under Still during the Daggers' spell in League 1. His exceptional leadership qualities and threat at set-pieces led to his current manager signing him in July 2014. The 25-year-old has been an ever-present thus far this season, scoring three goals for the Hatters in the current campaign.

## 37 DEFENDER FRANKIE MUSONDA

Defender Musonda has been identified as another potential leader at the back. The 17-year-old has been a regular fixture for the youth team, signing professional terms with the club in November 2015. Yet to appear for the first-team, the centre-half is ready to make a name for himself.

## 4 MIDFIELDER JONATHAN SMITH

Since his arrival from York City in 2011, midfielder Smith has won many plaudits through his exhaustive work rate and forward-like finishing ability. Despite breaking his leg in 2013, Smith has appeared over a hundred times for the club, with four of his nine goals coming this season.

## 7 MIDFIELDER ALEX LAWLESS

Another experienced player at the Hatters, Welsh midfielder Lawless was a trainee with Fulham before having an extended spell with Forest Green. Since arriving at Luton in 2011, the 30-year-old has refined his game, but his only goal this season came in a 2-0 victory at Dagenham.

## 8 MIDFIELDER CAMERON McGEEHAN

Having previously enjoyed two loan spells with Norwich, midfielder McGeehan put pen to paper permanently for the Hatters this past June. The Northern Irishman learnt his trade at Chelsea, and he has immediately excelled in Still's midfield, showing some real flair in the middle and netting an impressive eight times this season.

## 10 MIDFIELDER RYAN HALL

Injury has hindered Hall's progress so far, but the midfielder is showing signs of his potential this season. The 27-year-old has proven pedigree in League 2, scoring nineteen goals in two seasons for Southend. With nine appearances this campaign, Hall will be hoping to start again against the Grecians.

## 11 MIDFIELDER DANNY GREEN

Right-sided midfielder Green linked up again with Still in July. With twenty-seven goals in ninety-one starts for Dagenham, his goalscoring prowess already looks to be invaluable for the Hatters, hitting the back of the net five times so far this season. His last goal came in their 4-3 defeat to Northampton last weekend.

## 19 MIDFIELDER OLLY LEE

A graduate of West Ham's academy, midfielder Lee is on loan at the Town from Birmingham City. The 24-year-old can dictate the pace of a game, as he exhibited last season during his loan spell with Plymouth, and has picked crucial passes throughout his twenty appearances for Still's men this season.

## 9 STRIKER PAUL BENSON

Veteran centre-forward Benson spearheaded Still's promotion campaigns with the Daggers. Clinical in front of goal, he was also pivotal in Swindon's League 2-winning campaign in 2012. The 36-year-old signed for Luton in 2014, with two of his four goals this season coming in their defeat to Northampton last weekend.

## 14 STRIKER JACK MARRIOTT

After spending six years at Ipswich, striker Marriott was recruited by Still in May 2015. The 21-year-old only made two appearances at Portman Road, but scored goals during several loan spells with Woking Town. Enjoying his breakthrough season, he has eight goals already this campaign.

## 22 STRIKER CRAIG MACKAIL-SMITH

A proven finisher across the Football League, striker Mackail-Smith signed for the Hatters in the summer. The Scottish international is another who played under Still at Dagenham, but he is best-known for hundred-goal spells at both Peterborough and Brighton, joining the latter from the former for over £3 million in 2011.

## 23 STRIKER JOSH MCQUOID

Having scored goals wherever he's been, striker McQuoid has continued this habit with Luton Town. The Northern Irish international started his career with Bournemouth, scoring eighteen times for the Cherries. Several loan spells ensued, with Burnley and Coventry two of his destinations, before he joined the Hatters in June.

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## AROUND LEAGUE 2

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### Plymouth Argyle

Pilgrims boss Derek Adams took the uncommon step of blaming algae for his side's recent 2-1 defeat at home to Cambridge. In his post-match interview, the Scot said that the algae on the pitch made it difficult for his side to play, and led to a slip by a defender that gave Cambridge their winning goal.

Concerned Chief Executive Martyn Starnes told the BBC: "We've got to get some equipment on there to try to break the algae up, and then put some winter seed in to try to take over the growth of the grass. It'll be ready for the next game - whether we'll see a tangible improvement by then is doubtful as it takes some time, but the pitch will be playable by the time Yeovil come on Boxing Day."

Chief Executive Erik Samuelson said: "This is an important step in a journey we started some years ago. We have a long way to go and many major hurdles to clear, but we want to build a stadium that is embedded in the community and operate it in an inclusive way."



### AFC Wimbledon

The Dons have been approved permission by the local Council to go ahead with plans to build their new stadium in the spiritual home of the original Wimbledon FC at Plough Lane. The new stadium will be an 11,000 all-seater venue, with the option of increasing capacity to 20,000 should the club continue to show signs of success. If everything goes to plan, the team could be playing in their new ground from the start of the 2017/18 season.

Bentley said: "It's a shame, because we obviously really wanted to play but the referee had no choice. He was here early and the pitch was playable this morning, but the rain just didn't stop. You have to think about the safety of the players. We are obviously disappointed because we were looking forward to our first Saturday home game for quite a while, but it wasn't to be, and we have no complaints."



### Morecambe

Manager Jim Bentley has got no complaints after the game against the Grecians last weekend was called off because of bad weather. The rain has affected large parts of the country, with Carlisle in particular being forced to abandon their stadium and play at Preston, Blackburn and Blackpool whilst their pitch dries out. Referee Andy Haines originally said that Morecambe's pitch was playable, but changed his mind after continuous rain left large puddles of water around the ground. Bentley, though, has no complaints, as long as the players are safe.

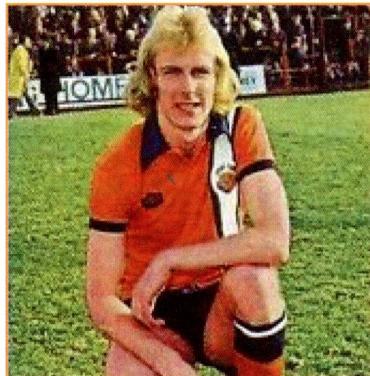


### Crawley Town

Goalkeeper Darryl Flahavan has defended smaller keepers as he continues to impress for Crawley at the age of 37. Flahavan believes that he would have gotten a chance in the top flight had he been taller, but was rejected because of his height. The keeper, who is 5ft-11, started his career at Southampton, and believes that there is a glass ceiling for anyone who is below 6ft-3.

He said: "I think that's a stigma that people in England have where they feel goalkeepers need to be 6ft-8. I've heard that for twenty-odd years now, and I'm still here, so I must be doing something right. I think I could have had more of a chance when I was at Southampton, but they looked at me and I hadn't got to the height they wanted; that weakened my chances of playing in the Premier League."

# LUTON TOWN'S TOP BOYS



FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN WINNERS OF  
LUTON TOWN'S 'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' AWARD

## MALCOLM MACDONALD

Striker Malcolm Macdonald was capped fourteen times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Luton in July 1969. He was twice top-scorer, including their 1969-70 promotion success when he was 'Player of the Year' and netted forty-nine goals in eighty-eight league games before sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974 and League Cup finalist in 1976, he joined Arsenal for £333,333 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield and now works in the media.

## CHRIS NICHOLL

Northern Ireland international central defender Chris Nicholl was Luton Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1970-71. A former Burnley apprentice, he moved via Witton to Halifax Town in June 1968 and starred in their 1968-69 promotion success. He joined Luton in August 1969 and was a promotion winner in 1969-70, netting six goals in ninety-seven league games before joining Aston Villa in March 1972. Helping win promotion in 1974-75, as well as featuring in two League Cup final triumphs, he joined Southampton in June 1977 and was a promotion winner again in 1977-78, then played for Grimsby before managing Saints and Walsall.

## PAUL FUTCHER

Former England Under-21 central defender Paul Futcher was Luton Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1976-77 and 1977-78. He turned professional with his twin brother Ron at hometown Chester in January 1974, moving to Luton in a joint £100,000 deal in June 1974 and scoring once in 131 league outings. Sold to Manchester City for £350,000 in June 1978, he then had spells playing for Oldham Athletic and Derby County prior to joining Barnsley in March 1984. He starred as they reached the FA Cup Sixth Round in 1984-85, moving to Halifax Town in July 1990. Later with Grimsby Town, he managed Darlington, Gresley and Southport.

## KIRK STEPHENS

Attacking right-back Kirk Stephens was ever-present in Luton Town's 1981-82 Second Division title triumph. Initially with Nuneaton Borough, he helped them finish Southern League runners-up in 1974-75 and followed David Pleat to Kenilworth Road in June 1978. He was voted Luton's 'Player of the Year' in 1978-79 and 1983-84, scoring twice in 227 league games for the Hatters before moving to Coventry City in exchange for Ashley Grimes in August 1984. Later rejoining Nuneaton as player-manager after a knee injury ended his top-flight career, he also had a spell at Barnet and has since run the family building firm.



## RICKY HILL

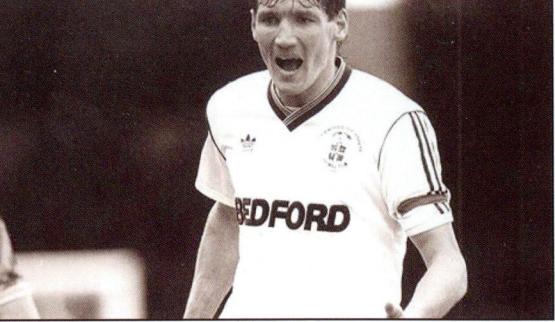
England international midfielder Ricky Hill was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was also 'Player of the Year' in 1980-81 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He also featured in two consecutive League Cup finals including the Hatters' 1988 Wembley triumph and netted fifty-four goals in 436 league games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

## PAUL WALSH

England international striker Paul Walsh was capped five times while at Luton Town. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in October 1979, he starred in their 1980-81 promotion success and moved to Luton in July 1982. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83 and leading marksman in 1983-84, netting twenty-four goals in eighty First Division games for the Hatters before joining Liverpool in May 1984. Helping to win the League Championship in 1985-86, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in February 1988 and was an FA Cup winner in 1991. He later played for Portsmouth, Manchester City and Pompey again until injury curtailed his career.

## MAL DONAGHY

Northern Ireland international central defender Mal Donaghy gained a club record fifty-eight caps while at Luton Town. He moved to Kenilworth Road from Larne in June 1978 and was ever-present as Luton won the Second Division title in 1981-82 and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 1985-86, he was an FA Cup semi-finalist again in 1987-88 and starred in that season's League Cup final triumph. He netted sixteen goals in 410 league games prior to joining Manchester United for £650,000 in October 1988, then returned on loan, moving to Chelsea in August 1992. He has worked for the Irish FA.



## BRIAN STEIN

England international striker Brian Stein was Luton Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1987-88, scoring twice in that season's League Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted 'Player of the Year' again in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 league games overall before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.

## MICK HARFORD

England international striker Mick Harford was Luton Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1988-89. Initially with Lincoln City, he played for Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were League Cup finalists in two consecutive seasons, including their 1988 Wembley triumph, also FA Cup semi-finalists on two occasions. Moving to Derby County in January 1990, he returned to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then appeared for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and manager of Luton.

## DAVID PREECE

England B international midfielder David Preece was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1993-94. Signing professional for Walsall in July 1980, he helped them reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1983-84 and joined Luton for £150,000 in December 1984. He appeared in two consecutive League Cup finals including the Hatters' 1988 Wembley success and was also 'Player of the Year' in 1991-92, netting 21 goals in 336 League games while at Kenilworth Road prior to joining Derby County in August 1995. Later player-coach at Cambridge United and Torquay United, he died in July 2007.



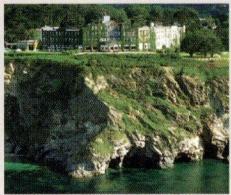
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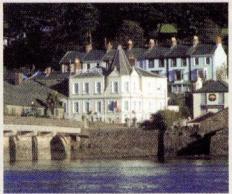
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We haven't had a game for a while after last weekend's game away at Morecambe was called off very close to kick-off. I was already well into my journey up to the Globe Arena, so it was disappointing not to be able to see the Grecians in action at the end of it!

Unless you've been living under a rock, you'll already be excited about our draw for the Third Round of the FA Cup – Liverpool will soon be coming to St James Park!

Jürgen Klopp and his Premier League stars will arrive on Friday 8th January, and you'll be able to watch it live on the TV too.

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The winners of the Championship, who received ten Big Bank Tickets for today's match were Strykers FC, while the team that were also promoted into the Premiership were Christow Palace.

The winners of the Premiership, who received ten Big Bank tickets for the game, are Black Snakes, with Allsorts coming in second place.

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We have now taken a break over Christmas but will be restarting on Monday 11th January.

For more information or to register your team, email [scott.walker@exetercityfc.co.uk](mailto:scott.walker@exetercityfc.co.uk) or telephone 01392 255611.

If we can direct your attention across the page, you'll see that it's your last chance to get involved with this year's FITC Christmas Courses. We're in Exeter, Cranbrook, Ilfracombe and Barnstaple, so there will be an event near you, wherever you are in Devon.

**Scott**

**Scott Walker is Assistant Manager of Exeter City Football in the Community**



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ALAN RICHARDSON

IT'S THAT time of year when we reporters like to have a look back at the sporting year – and a time when managers look at us as if we're slightly mad when we ask their thoughts about the previous twelve months.

The reason for that of course is that managers only really work from one season to the next – but that doesn't stop us from asking. We've got more than twenty-four hours of sporting output to fill, including a look back at 2015 for each club!

So far I haven't had a chance to sit down properly and collect my thoughts about City's 2015, but certainly my overall impression has been that it's been a great start to the year (the £1.75m sale of Matt Grimes to Premier League Swansea), a great finish to the year (the 2-0 FA Cup win against League One Port Vale and the resulting draw at home to Liverpool), and what went on between wasn't too bad either (the League

Cup trip to Sunderland and managing to beat three different League 2 leaders, with the 4-0 thrashing of Leyton Orient and the 2-1 win in front of five-figure crowds at Portsmouth and Plymouth Argyle).

Indeed, all the signs are there that the Grecians are ideally positioned for a late push for the play-off places – starting with the visit of Luton Town this afternoon. We at Radio Devon, of course, will be following their progress all the way.

Enjoy the game this afternoon, and if you can't make the trip to Oxford (who could be top by then) don't forget to follow it all the way on BBC Radio Devon.

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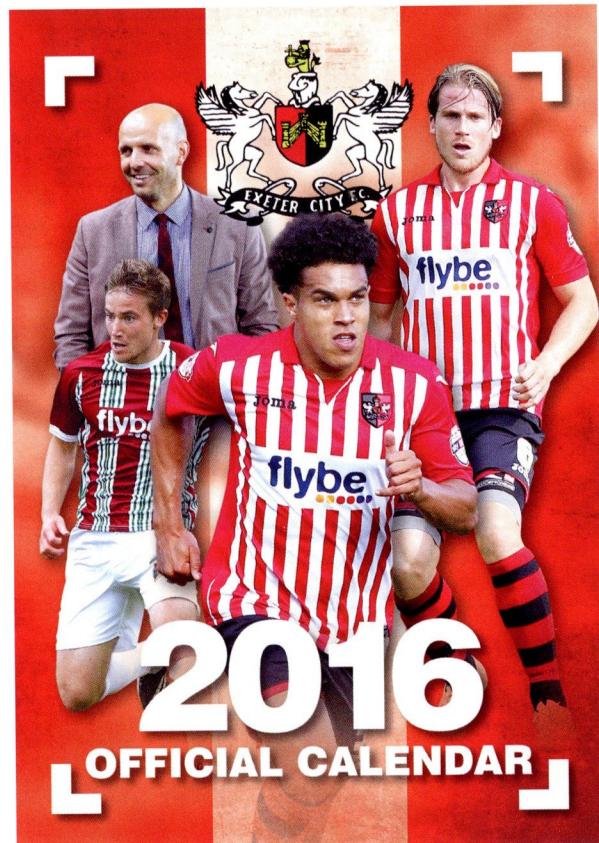
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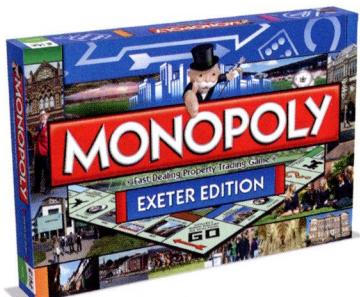
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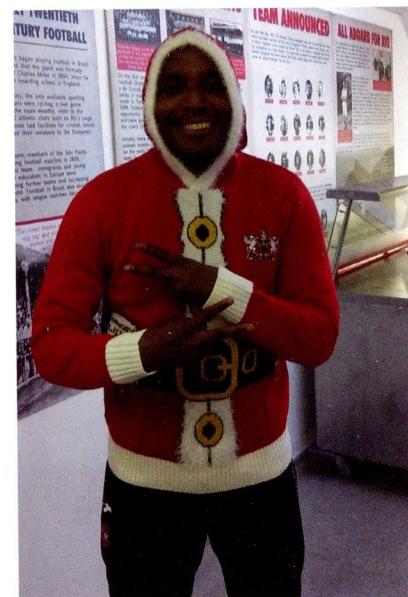
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# TONY MORRIS

IT'S that time of year again – a busy period which not only brings three games in ten days, but also traditionally requires us to dispense good will to all men. The latter, of course, will prove no problem, so long as we collect the nine points available and initiate another surge towards the top of the table.

After that we'll be into Auld Lang Syne, reflecting on another old year and blessing our cotton socks that we've survived to celebrate yet another new one. Everybody – even an Aston Villa supporter – will be able to look back on a highlight or two brought by 2015, and personally I can be in no doubt over what made this year great for me.

It came back in March, when, after ten years of internet dating, I finally met a woman who loved football. Filling out a personal profile for those sites was always tricky, and I reckoned that it probably wouldn't help if I were to include 'must understand the offside rule' among the requirements for my ideal date.

I can't say that the first nine years of my quest for a partner were entirely unsuccessful, because I did meet some quite charming women – well, charming in some respects. But there were some who couldn't care less about any kind of sport, and some, even worse, who expressed a preference for that game played with an oval ball.

All I wanted – and I didn't think I was asking too much – was a woman who would be passionate about football and equally passionate about me. That woman would have to recognise that Coronation Street, Masterchef and Strictly Come Dancing had been surgically removed from my television set, which showed nothing but sport, except for those occasions when it served as the screen for my collection of old movies, most of them in black and white.

It was on my third date with Pat that I knew I'd found that long-elusive perfect woman. Halfway through our main course in a restaurant ten minutes from home, she consulted her watch and asked anxiously: "Are we going to be back in time for kick-off?" I didn't have to suggest that we went without the pud; she made that decision for the pair of us.

It hardly mattered that she was the archetypal Manchester United supporter – born in North London and never having lived outside the home counties. She was shortly going to acquire a second team, and so she has. She has visited the Park and suffered a 0-0 draw with me. She knows that City's result is not a matter of life and death; it's much more important than that.

She has family commitments today, but she will be checking on the score and reacting appropriately, just as I will.

Come on you Grecians!

CHRIS DUNLAVY



UNBEATABLE Brighton's 2-2 draw at Derby means the Seagulls have not tasted defeat in their first twenty games - a new Championship record.

The Seagulls overtook Neil Warnock's QPR, who didn't lose a game until December 10th in their title-winning campaign of 2010-11.

Of course, football did exist before the division was rebranded in 2004. And while Chris Hughton's men are clearly a doughty lot, they've got a way to go before they can be called the second tier's most invincible side.

#### **Liverpool 28 games 1893-94**

Just two years old when they kicked off against Middlesbrough Ironopolis, Liverpool destroyed all and sundry as they finished the season unbeaten in twenty-eight matches.

In an era when the default formation was six up front and it was practically impossible to stay onside, their Scottish-themed side (two McQueens, McQue, McOwen, McLean, McCartney, McVean and McBride) won all but six of them.

Oddly, though, it still wasn't enough for promotion. In those days, the bottom three sides in the First Division played the top three in the second in a set of promotion 'Test matches'.

Liverpool were drawn away at Man United, where a 2-0 victory took their tally to twenty-nine, clinching a place in the top flight and sparking a rivalry that endures to this day.



#### **Reading 33 games 2006-07**

Arguably the greatest side the second tier has ever seen, Steve Coppell's Royals actually began the season with a dismal defeat at home to Plymouth.

It would be six months before they lost again, by which time they had overtaken Liverpool's benchmark and all but sewn up the easiest of titles.

Inspired by the goals of Dave Kitson and unknown £78,000-signing Kevin Doyle, the Royals were actually promoted on March 25th and, six games later, had notched a still-unbeaten Football League record of 106 points.

#### **Chelsea 27 games 1988-89**

On September 20th, 1988, Chelsea lay bottom of the Second Division. Six games had yielded no wins and just three points. Manager Bobby Campbell - who'd hung his hat on summer signings Graham Roberts and Peter Nicholas - was feeling the heat.

Then, out of the blue, everything clicked. For the next seven months, the Blues were unstoppable, their only other defeat - a 2-0 reverse at Filbert Street in April - punctuating a title-winning run of thirteen straight victories.

Chelsea finished seventeen points clear, Kerry Dixon won the golden boot with twenty-eight goals and, but for that sole defeat, the Blues

would have set that mark of thirty-three games two decades earlier.

#### **West Ham 21 games 1990-91**

Next up for Chris Hughton's boys is the record of Billy Bonds' Hammers - and it's one the Brighton boss should remember well.

Hughton played thirty-two times as West Ham finished runners-up to Oldham and, alongside fellow veterans Alvin Martin and Tony Gale, formed part of the division's meanest back four.

They conceded just thirty-four goals as Bonds guided the Hammers back into the first division, though it would prove a short-lived stay as they plummeted straight back down again.



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LUTON TOWN were narrowly beaten by Northampton Town in a seven-goal thriller at Kenilworth Road.

Veteran Paul Benson had given the home side an early lead with an overhead-kick, before a clever set-piece routine was finished off by John-Joe O'Toole to equalise. The away side then went in front through Lawson D'Ath's angled finish and Marc Richards made it 3-1 going into the interval.

The next goal was crucial, and it was Benson who struck again to reduce the deficit. Luton then pushed forward and on sixty-six minutes they were handed a lifeline as Brendan Moloney's innocuous-looking challenge was penalised in the box, leaving Danny Green to dispatch the spot-kick. However, just five minutes later, Northampton sub Ricky Holmes rifled a long-range shot into the top-left-hand corner to give his side all three points.

The defeat left Luton in seventeenth position, whilst Northampton's fifth successive win makes them League 2's new leaders.



**Luton Town first-team Coach Hakan Hayrettin:** "We gave away a sloppy free-kick and we got punished. We have got to do so much better in the final third. It's not for the lack of trying, desire and determination; we just need to get through this patch."

**Chris Wilder:** "I thought we were outstanding in the first half and we looked in control of the game going in at half-time, but I do know what John Still is all about, I wasn't surprised with Luton's reaction. We've had an outstanding first 21 games, it's a great effort and we've got momentum."

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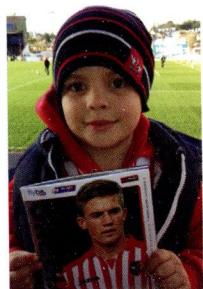
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**RILLEY HARRIS:** Riley is seven years old and loves everything football. He plays for his local Under-8 team and also trains with Exeter City Under-8s and at the Arsenal Development Centre. He supports Arsenal and of course Exeter City, and his favourite players are David Wheeler and Tom Nichols.



**LIAM CORNER:** Liam is a midfielder in his local Under-10 team and is an Exeter City and Arsenal fan. His favourite players are Mesut Ozil and Tom Nichols.



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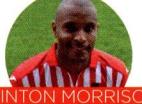
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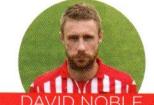
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# 20 QUESTIONS

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1. City's upcoming FA Cup tie against Liverpool will be the first time the Grecians have played Premier League opposition in the competition since facing which side in 2004/05?

2. Luton's last win here came in 2008; which striker – who went on to play for City in 2013/14 – scored the Hatters' winner in a 1-0 victory?

3. Which three nations have England been drawn against in the European Championships, which will take place in France next summer?

4. Which two players scored their first City goals this season in the 2-0 win over Port Vale in the FA Cup Second Round?

5. Luton have lost their last four matches in all competitions, including two matches by a 4-3 scoreline; against which two teams have they lost out to in those seven-goal thrillers?

6. Which Cornish club announced this week that they will play some of their home games next season at Torquay's Plainmoor ground?

7. The last time these two teams played each other was in April at Kenilworth Road, as Exeter staged a remarkable second-half comeback to win 3-2; who scored the last-gasp winner?

8. Which defender – currently playing for Hull in the Championship – holds the record for Luton's most expensive fee received after leaving Kenilworth Road to join West Brom for £3million in 2005?

9. What bizarre reason did Plymouth manager Derek Adams give for his side's 2-1 defeat at home to

Cambridge last weekend? A) Sun was too bright; B) Too much algae on the pitch; C) Goalkeeper forgot to bring a cap



10. City's last league win against Luton at SJP came in which year? A)1947; B)1967; C)1987; D)2007

11. Hatters striker Craig Mackail-Smith has seven international caps for which country?



12. European side Ludogorets have threatened to quit their league – of which they are reigning champions – in protest at so-called biased refereeing in favour of their rivals; which country do they play in?

13. Which player scored his final goal for the Grecians in the last home game before Christmas last season; a 2-0 win against Carlisle?



14. Luton midfielder Olly Lee was sent off here at SJP last season whilst playing for which team? A) Dagenham & Redbridge; B) Southend United; C) Plymouth Argyle

15. Which debt-ridden Championship club were served with a winding up order last week?

16. On Boxing Day, City travel to Oxford searching for their first win at the Kassam Stadium since 2012, when who scored a brace in a 4-2 win?

17. Which striker scored thirty-one goals for Luton between 2004 and 2007 before going on to have a less successful loan spell at Exeter, going goalless in five games in 2011?

18. Last weekend Petr Čech matched David James' Premier League record for clean sheets, but which five defenders lead the way for Premier League shut-outs?

19. In May, Eden Hazard became the tenth player with a surname beginning with 'H' to win the Premier League; how many of the previous nine can you name?

20. Tomorrow night sees the Sports Personality of the Year awards take place; can you name the five footballers to have won the award in its sixty-one-year history?

# EXETER CITY LADIES

HELEN KUKOR

EXETER & TEDBURN RANGERS LFC 1-7 EXETER CITY LFC



Joe Greenwood - Physio



Kelsey Le Maistre - Physio

THE GRECIANS are through to the semi-final of the Devon County Cup after beating Exeter & Tedburn Rangers LFC away. They ran out 7-1 winners in a game that had been postponed twice and on a pitch that was dodgy to say the least!

City started quickly and Vic Barter had a shot hit the crossbar in the first minute, but it was only four minutes in that they went ahead; a delightful ball from Dani Barr to Barter was fired in at the keepers' far post. The lead was doubled on twelve minutes when Helen Kukor was brought down in the penalty area by the Rangers keeper. Kirsty Caunter stepped up to make it 2-0. Rangers did create a couple good chances and managed to capitalise on one, bringing the score back to 2-1.

Kukor then got on the scoresheet herself, and it took the Grecians another thirteen minutes after the interval to score again, this time through midfielder Dani Barr. Scorer turned provider when Barr played a lovely ball through to Kukor, who was left with nothing to do beyond rolling it around the 'keeper.

Kirsty Caunter whipped a brilliant ball to the back post with Kukor heading the ball in the back of the net for number six, while City's final goal came as another cross by Caunter was knocked in by Kukor for her fourth of the match.

City will now play Plymouth Argyle in the semi-final at home on the 17th of January. Kick-off will be 2pm.

**NEXT MATCH:** St. NICHOLAS LFC vs EXETER CITY LADIES – SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD  
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AUGUST 23	SHANKLIN LFC (A)	WON 2-1
AUGUST 30	LARKHALL LFC (CUP, A)	LOST 6-1
SEPTEMBER 1	LARKHALL LFC (H)	LOST 2-0
SEPTEMBER 6	CHELTENHAM TOWN LFC (H)	WON 3-1
SEPTEMBER 20	SWINDON TOWN LFC (H)	LOST 2-1
SEPTEMBER 27	SHANKLIN LFC (H)	WON 7-0
OCTOBER 4	NORWICH CITY (PLATE, H)	LOST 2-1
OCTOBER 11	SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS LFC (A)	WON 3-2
OCTOBER 25	MAIDENHEAD UTD (H)	WON 4-0
NOVEMBER 1	ST. NICHOLAS (H)	WON 2-0
NOVEMBER 11	LARKHALL LFC (A)	LOST 4-0
DECEMBER 6	TEDBURN RANGERS (COUNTY CUP, A)	WON 7-1
DECEMBER 13	SOUTHAMPTON SAINTS LFC (H)	WON 3-0
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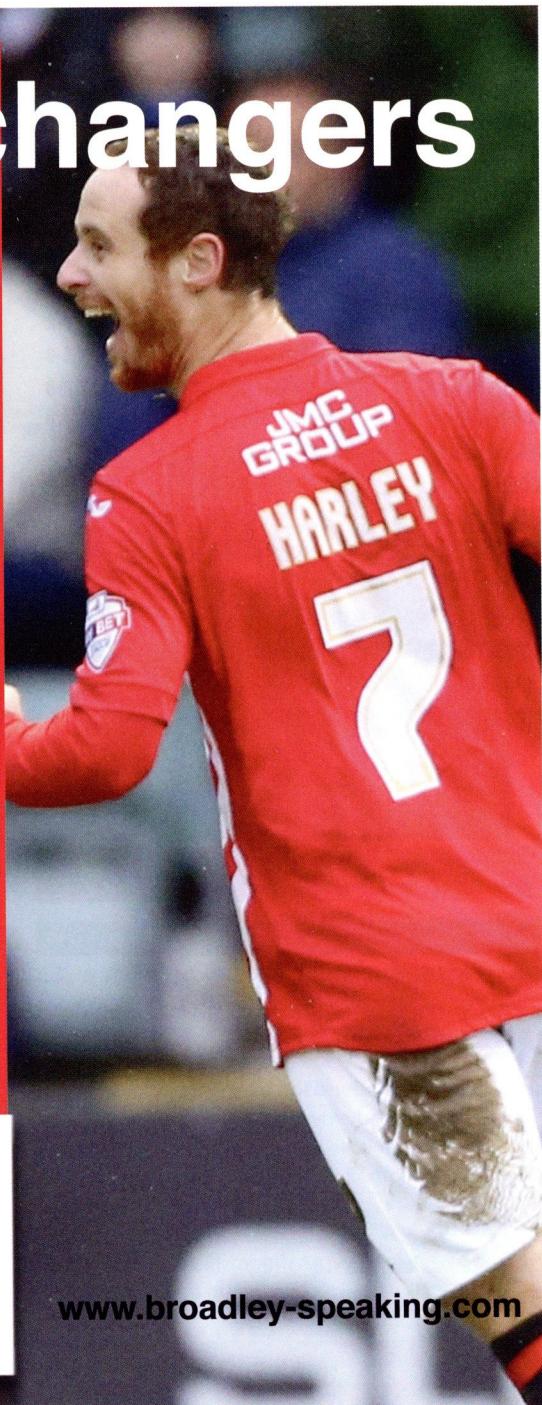
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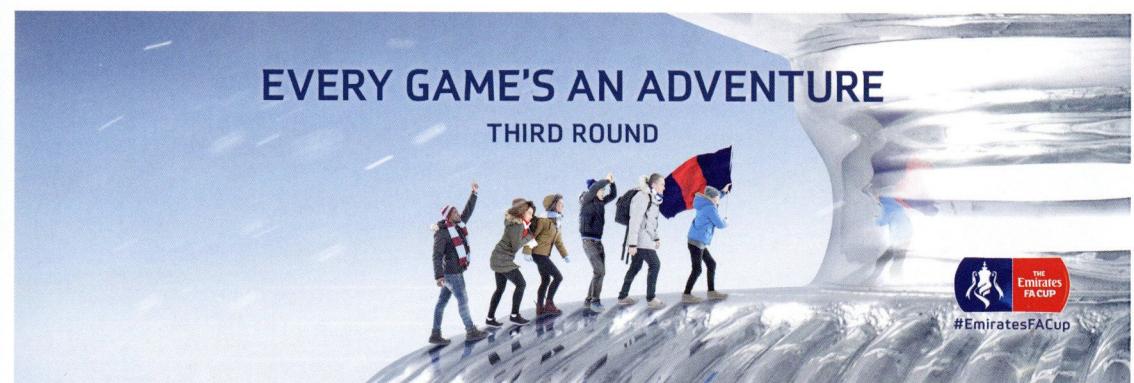
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## TEN QUESTIONS WITH JAMES HAMON

JAMES HAMON takes on today's Christmas special Ten Questions quiz with OLIVER RODERICK. He has David Noble's score of 7 1/2 to beat...

Q: Who is the only manager to have won the Champions League, the World Cup and the European Championships?  
James: Scolari?  
A: Vicente Del Bosque ✗

Q: Which Premier League manager's dad was sacked from his own job as a football manager during the family's Christmas dinner? Louis van Gaal, José Mourinho, Arsène Wenger or Ronald Koeman?  
James: Koeman? How am I supposed to know these?  
A: José Mourinho ✗

Q: In which decade was a Football League match last played on Christmas Day?  
James: Is it this century? The nineteenth century? I don't know... the fifties?  
A: The sixties (1965) ✗

Q: Which of the following pundits was born on Christmas Day? Phil Thompson, Alan Hansen, Chris Kamara or Jamie Carragher?  
James: I think it's Carragher, but I'm not sure [Clue – Soccer Saturday and Soccer AM have both done birthday features on him in their Christmas specials] oh, that narrows it down then! Chris Kamara?  
A: Chris Kamara ✗

Q: Which of the following teams has Roque Santa Cruz made the most appearances for – Manchester City, Bayern Munich, Blackburn Rovers or Málaga?  
James: Málaga or Blackburn... Blackburn?  
A: Bayern Munich ✗

Q: Who are the only two teams who were bottom of the Premier League at Christmas to have stayed up at the end of that season?  
James: Leicester... West Brom?  
A: Leicester City and West Bromwich Albion ✗

Q: The last Premier League Christmas Eve match was back in 1995, as which side beat Manchester United? Leeds United, Arsenal, Manchester City or Liverpool?  
James: I'm going to say Leeds?  
A: Leeds United ✗

**James scored 5 out of 10!**

Standing	Player	Score
1	David Noble	7 1/2
2	James Hamon	5
3	Connor Riley-Lowe	4
4	Danny Butterfield	3
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# EXETER CITY ACADEMY

DEREK BAKER

OXFORD UNITED 0-2 EXETER CITY UNDER-18s



EXETER CITY'S Under-18s bounced back from their 3-1 league defeat to Bristol Rovers with a 2-0 victory over Oxford United on Saturday.

Toby Down and Jamie Harkness grabbed the goals that sealed an impressive victory against a very good United side.

The Grecians took the momentum they gained from their midweek FA Youth Cup win over Bolton Wanderers – 4-3, with all the goals coming in the second half – into the start of the match at Oxfordshire as Lee Skyrme's men started well.

Just eleven minutes had been played before they had made the breakthrough. Toby Down slipped his marker from a corner, and headed in from a well-worked set-piece routine to give the away side the early initiative.

It was another bright start from the Devon club which led to one more goal at the beginning of the second period. After some intense pressing in search of the ball, the visitors won possession back in the United half. The ball came to Harkness on the edge of the penalty area, and the centre-

midfielder smashed home a thunderous effort to give the goalkeeper no chance.

In attack they were looking to kill the game off with a third, with substitute Ben Seymour perhaps having the best opening. The forward found himself 1-on-1 with the goalkeeper, but he was unable to take the chance.

But the missed opportunities didn't matter, because the full-time whistle sounded, with the Grecians recording an excellent victory from a tough away trip.

City will now meet Preston North End in the Fourth Round of the FA Youth Cup on Wednesday 13th January, with a 7pm kick-off at St James Park.

**ECFC Under-18s:** Kavanagh Keadell, Kyle Egan, Toby Down, Nick Grimes, Jordan Storey, Jamie Harkness, Max Smallcombe, Will Richards, Archie Collins, Mustafa Rehemi, Frank Rosenwald.

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Our picture shows the Unicorn Hotel party, who were our sponsors for that wonderful last game against Port Vale, which of course opened the door to the FA Cup draw against the mighty Liverpool. It was a super day and we hope their guests enjoyed it as much as our fans did!!

Today we welcome the Hatters, and our Match Sponsors are our great friends, David and Hilary Conn of Broadley Speaking, and today's Ball Sponsors are our new friends, SINIAT. We welcome both parties and wish them a great day.

As you can imagine, the Liverpool game has attracted enormous interest, with a quite incredible response from the business market - in fact far more than we can possibly handle. (If you were thinking of enquiring our advice is, at this stage, please don't!) The limited spaces we had available went in the first minutes and hours after the draw was made, with the first request coming five seconds after the Liverpool ball was drawn from the hat!

However, what we do have for everyone is a marquee at the club on the evening of Thursday 7th with Jan Mølby, the Danish Scouser legend. Prices are £37.50 or tables of 10 for £350, and this includes Jan, a meal and all the usual fare of auction items, games and prizes. If you are interested please contact [gary.moore@exetercityfc.co.uk](mailto:gary.moore@exetercityfc.co.uk) or call him on 07717 398102.

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# FIXTURES & RESULTS 2015/16

DATE	KICK-OFF	H/A	OPPOSITION	COMPETITION	F-A	ATTENDANCE	AWAY	PTS	POS	1	Bobby Olejnik	Danny Butterfield	Craig Woodman	David Noble	
Sat 8 Aug	15.00	H	Yeovil Town	Sky Bet League 2	3-2	5,659	1,247	3	8th	Full	U	U	R (87')		
Tue 11 Aug	19.45	A	Swindon Town	Capital One Cup R1	2-1	4,693	506	/	/	Full	R (72')	S (75')			
Sat 15 Aug	15.00	A	Northampton Town	Sky Bet League 2	0-3	4,313	316	3	13th	Full	U	S (73')			
Tue 18 Aug	19.45	A	Dagenham & Redbridge	Sky Bet League 2	2-1	1,567	320	6	9th	Full		U	R (76')		
Sat 22 Aug	15.00	H	York City	Sky Bet League 2	0-0	3,139	150	7	8th	Full		U	U		
Tue 25 Aug	19.45	A	Sunderland	Capital One Cup R2	3-6	14,360	495	/	/	Full	Full	U	R (67')		
Sat 29 Aug	15.00	A	AFC Wimbledon	Sky Bet League 2	1-2	3,803	467	7	13th	Full	S (50')	U	R (71')		
Tue 1 Sep	19.45	H	Portsmouth	Johnstone's Paint R1	2-0	2,323	515	/	/	Full	Full	Full			
Sat 5 Sep	15.00	H	Leyton Orient	Sky Bet League 2	4-0	3,648	505	10	6th	Full	U	S (80')	R (87')		
Sat 12 Sep	15.00	H	Hartlepool United	Sky Bet League 2	1-0	3,135	72	13	6th	Full		U	Full		
Sat 19 Sep	15.00	A	Accrington Stanley	Sky Bet League 2	2-4	1,403	201	13	9th	Full	U	Full	Full		
Sat 26 Sep	15.00	H	Wycombe Wanderers	Sky Bet League 2	0-2	3,639	360	13	14th	Full		R (63')	Full		
Tue 29 Sep	19.45	A	Portsmouth	Sky Bet League 2	2-1	15,822	313	16	9th	Full	S (46')		R (46')		
Sat 3 Oct	15.00	A	Newport County AFC	Sky Bet League 2	1-1	2,870	583	17	11th	Full	U		Full		
Tue 6 Oct	19.45	A	Plymouth Argyle	Johnstone's Paint R2	0-2	9,441	877	/	/	Full	Full				
Sun 11 Oct	12.15	H	Stevenage	Sky Bet League 2	3-3	3,235	97	18	11th	Full	U		Full		
Sat 17 Oct	15.00	A	Carlisle United	Sky Bet League 2	0-1	4,021	130	18	13th	Full	Full				
Wed 21 Oct	19.45	H	Cambridge United	Sky Bet League 2	1-0	2,883	123	21	11th	Full	Full		Full		
Sat 24 Oct	15.00	H	Notts County	Sky Bet League 2	1-1	3,429	299	22	11th	Full	Full		Full		
Sat 31 Oct	15.00	A	Barnet	Sky Bet League 2	0-2	2,105	610	22	13th	Full	Full		Full		
Sun 8 Nov	12.00	A	Didcot Town	Emirates FA Cup R1	3-0	2,707	600+	/	/	Full	U		Full		
Sat 14 Nov	15.00	H	Crawley Town	Sky Bet League 2	2-2	3,664	155	23	14th	Full	U		Full		
Sat 21 Nov	15.00	A	Plymouth Argyle	Sky Bet League 2	2-1	14,008	968	26	13th	Full	R (46')		Full		
Tue 24 Nov	19.45	A	Mansfield Town	Sky Bet League 2	2-0	2,435	140	29	10th	Full		S (77')	Full		
Sat 28 Nov	15.00	H	Bristol Rovers	Sky Bet League 2	1-1	5,548	1,559	30	10th	Full		R (87')	R (46')		
Sun 6 Dec	14.00	H	Port Vale	Emirates FA Cup R2	2-0	3,565	305	/	/	Full		Full			
Sat 19 Dec	15.00	H	Luton Town	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 26 Dec	15.00	A	Oxford United	Sky Bet League 2											
Mon 28 Dec	15.00	H	AFC Wimbledon	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 2 Jan	15.00	H	Dagenham & Redbridge	Sky Bet League 2											
Fri 8 Jan	19.55	H	Liverpool	Emirates FA Cup R3											
Tue 12 Jan	19.45	A	Morecambe	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 16 Jan	15.00	A	Leyton Orient	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 23 Jan	15.00	H	Accrington Stanley	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 30 Jan	15.00	A	Hartlepool United	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 6 Feb	15.00	H	Oxford United	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 13 Feb	15.00	A	Wycombe Wanderers	Sky Bet League 2											
Tue 16 Feb	19.45	A	York City	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 20 Feb	15.00	H	Newport County AFC	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 27 Feb	15.00	A	Stevenage	Sky Bet League 2											
Tue 1 Mar	19.45	H	Portsmouth	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 5 Mar	15.00	A	Cambridge United	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 12 Mar	15.00	H	Carlisle United	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 19 Mar	15.00	A	Notts County	Sky Bet League 2											
Fri 25 Mar	15.00	H	Barnet	Sky Bet League 2											
Mon 28 Mar	15.00	A	Crawley Town	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 2 Apr	15.00	H	Plymouth Argyle	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 9 Apr	15.00	A	Yeovil Town	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 16 Apr	15.00	H	Northampton Town	Sky Bet League 2											
Tue 19 Apr	19.45	H	Mansfield Town	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 23 Apr	15.00	A	Bristol Rovers	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 30 Apr	15.00	H	Morecambe	Sky Bet League 2											
Sat 7 May	15.00	A	Luton Town	Sky Bet League 2											

KEY: Full = Full Match R (number) = SUBBED OFF S (number) = USED SUB U = UNUSED SUB ■ = BOOKING ■ = SENT OFF [number] = GOAL

Jamie McAllister	Christian Ribeiro	Ryan Harley	Matt Oakley	Lee Holmes	Arron Davies	Clinton Morrison	Alex Nicholls	Jordan Moore-Taylor	Will Hoskins	Jamie Reid	Emmanuel Oyeke	Tom Nichols	James Hamon	David Wheeler	Tom McCreedy	Jordan Tillson	Matt Jay	Ollie Watkins	Christy Pym	Joel Grant	Josh Read	Troy Brown	
5	6	7	8	10	11	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	26	27	29	30	31	33	39	
Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	S (84')	R (73')	S (73')[1]	S (87')	R (84')[1]	U	Full [1]		U		U						Full	
Full	Full	Full	S (72')	Full	Full	U	R (80')[1]	S (80')	U	U	U	R (75')	U	Full [1]	Full							Full	
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Full	Full	Full [1]	S (76')	R (81')	S (81')	U	R (70')	S (70')	U	Full	Full	U	U	Full	U	Full	U	Full	U	Full	U	Full [1]	
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Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	S (78')	R (78')	Full [1]	Full	U	Full [1]	U	Full	U	U	Full	U	U	U	U	U	U	Full	
R (11')	S (11')	Full [2]	S (46')	U	Full	U	Full	U	Full	U	Full	U	Full	U	U	Full	U	U	Full	R (77')[1]	U	Full	
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## Player Appearances

	2015/16 Exeter City Games	2015/16 Exeter City Goals	Total Exeter City Games	Total Exeter City Goals	Career Games	Career Goals
1	Bobby Olejnik	26	0	26	0	328
2	Danny Butterfield	11	0	73	0	565
3	Craig Woodman	9	0	133	1	487
4	David Noble	19	0	123	3	362
5	Jamie McAllister	17	0	31	0	617
6	Christian Ribeiro	19	1	58	3	151
7	Ryan Harley	17	5	186	41	249
8	Matt Oakley	15	0	131	0	653
9	Lee Holmes	17	2	25	2	272
10	Arron Davies	20	1	134	10	358
11	Clinton Morrison	17	2	42	2	712
12	Alex Nicholls	20	5	62	10	324
13	Jordan Moore-Taylor	15	0	81	3	81
14	Will Hoskins	10	1	10	1	261
15	Jamie Reid	4	1	16	3	16
16	Emmanuel Oyeleke	10	1	10	1	65
17	Tom Nicholls	20	7	104	29	104
18	James Hamon	0	0	22	0	22
19	David Wheeler	24	7	109	17	109
20	Tom McCready	6	1	9	1	19
21	Jordan Tilloson	19	1	25	1	25
22	Matt Jay	1	0	7	0	7
23	Ollie Watkins	4	1	8	2	8
24	Christy Pym	0	0	36	0	36
25	Joel Grant	16	3	16	3	289
26	Josh Read	0	0	0	0	0
27	Troy Brown	23	1	23	1	193

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
1	Northampton Town	21	13	4	4	37	26	11	43	
2	Oxford United	21	11	8	2	32	17	15	41	
3	Plymouth Argyle	21	12	4	5	31	18	13	40	
4	Portsmouth	21	9	10	2	37	18	19	37	
5	Accrington Stanley	19	10	5	4	34	22	12	35	
6	Carlisle United	21	9	7	5	39	37	2	34	
7	Mansfield Town	21	9	6	6	29	19	10	33	
8	Bristol Rovers	21	10	3	8	29	24	5	33	
9	Leyton Orient	21	8	8	5	33	28	5	32	
10	Wycombe Wanderers	20	8	7	5	26	21	5	31	
11	<b>Exeter City</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	
12	Cambridge United	21	8	5	8	32	32	0	29	
13	Notts County	21	8	5	8	33	35	-2	29	
14	AFC Wimbledon	21	7	7	7	27	28	-1	28	
15	Crawley Town	21	8	4	9	28	34	-6	28	
16	Morecambe	20	8	3	9	37	37	0	27	
17	<b>Luton Town</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>	
18	Stevenage	21	6	7	8	29	37	-8	25	
19	Barnet	21	6	4	11	28	37	-9	22	
20	Hartlepool United	20	6	2	12	19	33	-14	20	
21	Newport County	21	4	7	10	24	33	-9	19	
22	Dagenham & Redbridge	21	2	7	12	21	37	-16	13	
23	Yeovil Town	21	2	6	13	21	36	-15	12	
24	York City	21	2	6	13	23	44	-21	12	

### Also playing today

(all 3.00pm)

- Barnet v Crawley Town
- Cambridge United v Mansfield Town
- Carlisle United v Notts County
- Dagenham & Redbridge v Bristol Rovers
- Hartlepool United v Plymouth Argyle
- Leyton Orient v Yeovil Town
- Newport County v AFC Wimbledon
- Northampton Town v Portsmouth
- Stevenage v Accrington Stanley
- Wycombe Wanderers v Oxford United
- York City v Morecambe

## 2015-16 STAT PACK



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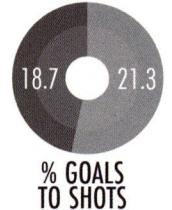
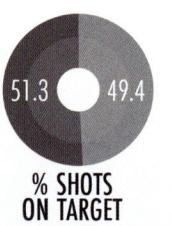
### MATCH FACTS

Exeter have won two of the last three encounters against the Hatters (D1), both wins coming by a one goal margin.



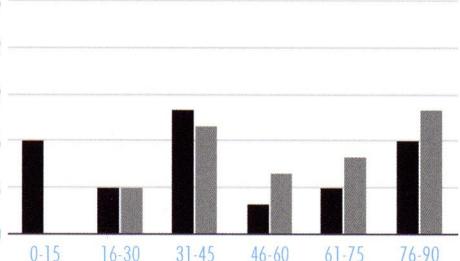
### MATCH FACTS

Luton are undefeated in their four league visits to St James Park (W2 D2), last losing in February 1967.



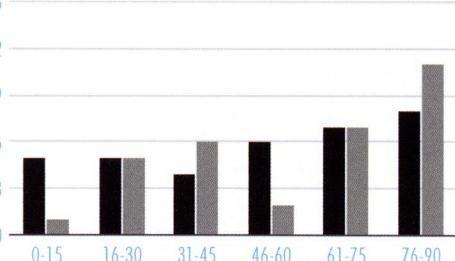
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# FA CUP CITY MEMORIES: 1959/60

BARRY WEDLAKE

BACK in September I was privileged to share my memories of my first visit to St James Park to support Exeter City, when they played Leyton Orient in November 1954.

Fast-forward five seasons to the 9th January 1960, and we reach another first for me. City had beaten Barnstaple Town 4-0, and then Brentford 3-1, to make it through to the Third Round of the FA Cup, and they were drawn to play Luton Town at home.

So what makes this a first? Well it is not the fact that City made it through to the Third Round of the Cup, as they had done that four seasons earlier when they would ultimately lose to Stoke City. It was because Luton Town were members of the old First Division, so it was my first opportunity to watch a top team who had, incidentally, been FA Cup finalists the previous season.

This was a season which started with an air of optimism around St James Park, as City had just missed out on promotion from the newly-formed Fourth Division by one point in the previous campaign. City's form had slipped a little since then, but Luton were struggling near the bottom of the First Division. So here was an opportunity - not only a chance to play a top division team, but also a real possibility of a giant killing.

I recall having to patiently queue to get tickets for my brother and myself for the Big Bank, and the air of expectation as we and the other 20,191 supporters (only 791 less than the record attendance) packed the ground on match day.

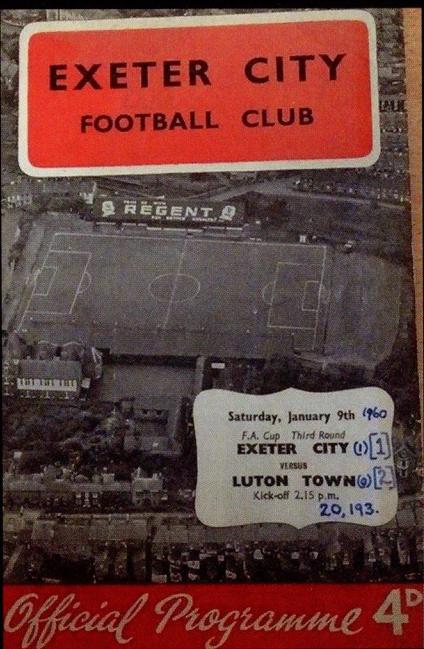
In goal for City that day was John Lobbett; the full-backs were Theo Foley and Les MacDonald, half-backs Arnold Mitchell, Ken Oliver and Jimmy Thompson, while the forwards were Nelson Stiffle, Graham Rees, Jack Wilkinson, Andy Micklewright and Gordon Dale.

The game is one, like many, that is difficult to remember in great detail, but I recall that the success City were enjoying during those few seasons stemmed mainly from the skill of one man: Gordon Dale. His skill was magical at times and he was a marvellous crosser of the ball.

With Dale playing well, City were more than holding their own against their First Division opponents, and went in at half-time 1-0 up, albeit courtesy of an own-goal by Luton's left full-back Daniel. However, during the second half Luton imposed themselves more on the game thanks in no small part to a dreadful tackle by Billy Bingham on Gordon Dale which effectively put him out of the game, and in turn took City down to ten men.

Luton went on to win the game 2-1. To the outside world it was an expected win, but I always believed the result hinged on that one incident, and that with a fit Gordon Dale for ninety minutes it may have been very different. However, City won their next three league matches, scoring four goals in each of the next two, so it was not as gloomy as it could have been in the weeks that followed...

So, up the City! Let's hope for a game with no bad tackles and a better scoreline!



City's two Jordans were both on top form as the Grecians dumped Port Vale out of the FA Cup



## LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

## GOALS

1	SIMPSON	16
2	TAYLOR	13
3	CORR	10
4	IBEHRE	10
5	RICHARDS	10

## ASSISTS

1	NICKY ADAMS	11
2	DEVITT	10
3	COX	7
4	AKINDE	6
5	FRANCOMB	6

## SHOTS ON TARGET

1	ROOFE	34
2	CAREY	30
3	TAYLOR	28
4	SIMPSON	26
5	CORR	22

## MINUTES PER GOAL

1	IBEHRE	102
2	MULLIN	103
3	SIMPSON	109
4	TAYLOR	109
5	MARRIOTT	121

## % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	SIMPSON	48
2	TAYLOR	48
3	AKINDE	43
4	KEE	41
5	CURETON	38

## MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	DEVITT	105
2	COX	151
3	NICKY ADAMS	154
4	POTTER	162
5	KEE	216

## FOULS

1	GREEN	53
2	AKINFENWA	52
3	HARROLD	40
4	CORR	38
5	RICHARDS	38

## MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	FLINDERS	43
2	ROCHE	47
3	JORONEN	47
4	GILLESPIE	51
5	CARSON	51

## LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Notts County defender Haydn Hollis scored a brace against Carlisle in March 2014, his only brace so far in his career.

## LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Adebayo Akinfenwa scored all three of AFC Wimbledon's goals against Newport last season.

\*Data doesn't include games played on Dec 15-18

## TICKET NEWS

## AWAY TICKETS: OXFORD UNITED

SATURDAY 26TH DECEMBER, 3:00PM

KASSAM STADIUM

Sky Bet League 2

CITY visit the Kassam Stadium for this season's festive fixture, and the game is NOT all-ticket - there are no advance discounts.

Pricing details are as follows:

Adults: £20

Over-65s/Students/Under-18s: £13

Under-13: £5

Under-7: Free

Wheelchair and ambulant disabled supporters pay the age-related price and receive a free ticket for their assistant.

City fans can pay on the day from the North Stand Ticket Office, but it's CASH-ONLY.

## AWAY TICKETS: LEYTON ORIENT

SATURDAY 16TH JANUARY 2016, 3:00PM

MATCHROOM STADIUM

Sky Bet League 2

There are advance discounts for this fixture.

Advance ticket details are as follows:

Adults: £22

Concessions: £14

Under-18: £5

Matchday ticket details are as follows:

Adults: £24

Concessions: £15

Under-18: £5

Concessions apply to over-65s, students with a valid ID card, current serving members of the Armed Forces with proof of affiliation and unemployed with proof of benefit receipt.

Wheelchair users and their carers are not charged for entry into the Matchroom Stadium - please contact the club once sales commence for details of these tickets.

## HOME TICKETS: AFC WIMBLEDON

MONDAY 28TH DECEMBER, 3:00PM

ST JAMES PARK

Sky Bet League 2

Christmas week sees one further festive fixture at the Park - we want a full house to see City go for three points against the Dons!

Tickets are now on general sale to supporters - online, by phone or in person in advance, or on the turnstiles and ticket booths on matchday. See the adjacent table of prices for details.

## BIG BANK

## TICKET PRICES

Ticket Type	Advance	Turnstile
Adult	£16	£16
Senior	£13	£13
Under-18/Student	£5	£5
Designated Area	£13	£13

## STAGECOACH FAMILY STAND

## TICKET PRICES

Ticket Type	Advance	Ticket Booth
Adult	£20	£21
Senior	£16	£17
Under-18/Student	£6	£6

## MAIN STAND

## TICKET PRICES

Ticket Type	Advance	Ticket Booth
Adult	£24	£25
Senior	£20	£21
Under-18/Student	£10	£10
Designated Area	£20	£21

## MAIN STAND (PREMIUM)

## TICKET PRICES

Ticket Type	Advance	Ticket Booth
Adult	£25	£26
Senior	£21	£22
Under-18/Student	£12	£12

## Grecian Travel

Date	Opponent	Departure (Unit 1 Nightclub)	Adult member	Adult non-member	Under-16/Student
Dec 26	Oxford United	09:30	£20	£24	£20
Jan 12	Morecambe	12:00	£31	£35	£27
Jan 16	Leyton Orient	08:00	£27	£30	£23
Jan 30	Hartlepool United	06:00	£37	£41	£33

Membership cards MUST be shown for all away matches to receive the discounted rate. You will need to be a member of one of the supporters' groups.

**Pick-up Points:** Unit 1 Nightclub (Summerland Street), Honiton Road Park & Ride (By the Barn Owl), Cullompton

Services (Junction 28), Tiverton (Junction 27), any other pick-ups en route by prior arrangement.

For more information or to book please telephone Chris Woolcott on (01392) 250250 / 07803 246593 or Mark Westcott at m.a.westcott@btinternet.com (After 6:00pm) or by email at Club Reception

Referee: Brendan Malone

Assistants: Mark Derrien, Brian Durie

Fourth Official: Ian Fissenden

EXETER CITY



Manager: Paul TISDALE

	1	Bobby OLEJNIK	
	2	Danny BUTTERFIELD	
	3	Craig WOODMAN	
	4	David NOBLE	
	5	Jamie McALLISTER	
	6	Christian RIBEIRO	
	7	Ryan HARLEY	
	8	Matt OAKLEY (captain)	
	9	Adam STANSFIELD	
	10	Lee HOLMES	
	11	Arron DAVIES	
	13	Clinton MORRISON	
	14	Alex NICHOLLS	
	15	Jordan MOORE-TAYLOR	
	16	Will HOSKINS	
	18	Jamie REID	
	19	Emmanuel OYELEKE	
	20	Tom NICHOLS	
	21	James HAMON	
	22	David WHEELER	
	23	Tom McCREADY	
	26	Jordan TILLSON	
	27	Matt JAY	
	29	Ollie WATKINS	
	30	Christy PYM	
	31	Joel GRANT	
	33	Josh READ	
	39	Troy BROWN	

# TODAY'S TEAMS

LUTON TOWN



Manager: VACANT

	1	Mark TYLER	
	2	Stephen O'DONNELL	
	3	Dan POTTS	
	4	Jonathan SMITH	
	5	Scott CUTHERBERT	
	6	Alex LAWLESS	
	7	Cameron McGEEHAN	
	8	Paul BENSON	
	9	Ryan HALL	
	10	Danny GREEN	
	11	Scott GRIFFITHS	
	12	Jack MARRIOTT	
	13	Paddy McCOURT	
	14	Elliot JUSTHAM	
	15	Pelly RUDDOCK MPANZU	
	16	Magnus OKUONGHAE	
	17	Olly LEE	
	18	Sean LONG	
	19	Luke GUTTRIDGE	
	20	Craig MACKAIL-SMITH	
	21	Josh McQUOID	
	22	Curtley WILLIAMS	
	23	Mark O'BRIEN	
	24	Nathan DOYLE	
	25	Luke WILKINSON	
	26	Craig KING	
	27	Luke TROTMAN	
	28	Mark ONYEMAH	
	29	Isaac GALLIFORD	
	30	Zane BANTON	

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