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NATHAN JONES

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO KENILWORTH ROAD FOR THE FIRST OF TWO IMPORTANT HOME GAMES IN LEAGUE 2 IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Jamie Fullarton and everyone associated with Notts County to Bedfordshire for what I know will be another tough game.

Since my last notes I have been pleased with the small progress we have made in the last two matches, at home to Cambridge a fortnight ago and last weekend away at Mansfield. One of the most pleasing aspects has been keeping two clean sheets and everybody involved in the two matches deserves credit for restricting both of our opponents to limited chances.

SATISFYING

The backing we had from you the supporters was also a hugely satisfying aspect of our last two matches. Your support is going to play a vital role as we look to improve.

Today we host Notts County and on Tuesday we are back here again to entertain Yeovil so this mini-spell of home games is crucial. At Mansfield your support was tremendous, and it certainly lifted the players to produce what I thought was a very good performance.

There were many encouraging points to take from both of the last two matches but it is important not to get carried away with what we have seen.

There is still a lot of hard work to be done, but so far the players have worked tirelessly in training and really brought into what we're asking them to do. When you have players willing to do that then you're winning half of the battle.

I said recently not to expect too much too soon and that remains the same now, even after four points from two games.

IMPORTANT

We will continue to take small steps forward because it is important not to get too carried away. Things will take time and one good performance doesn't automatically mean that we have arrived at where I think we should be.

In the past week I have been fortunate to have been able to bring two additions to the squad

in Alan Sheehan and Joe Pigott. Alan contributed well to a fine team performance on his debut at Mansfield last weekend and, like Joe, I am happy to have both on board. Joe is a young striker that I know well following my time at Charlton and he is a player I have always rated extremely highly. I hope he now repays the faith we have shown in him by bringing him to the club by scoring goals for us. I'm confident he will.

As I have already touched on your backing is very important. Please get behind us this afternoon and thank you for your continued support.

Enjoy the game.



From the BOARDROOM

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR **RAY WILLIAMS**

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE OFFICIALS, PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS OF NOTTS COUNTY. IT IS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING, THAT AT THIS TIME OF THE SEASON WE FIND BOTH COUNTY AND THE TOWN IN THE LOWER HALF OF THE LEAGUE TABLE.

The game last September at Meadow Lane was a close affair and I recall the Town battled back from being two goals down to equalise, only then to go in search of the winning goal but get beaten on the break by firstly a last-ditch sending off challenge and then secondly from the resulting free-kick an injury time County winner.

I am not a fan of celebratory music to goals but the playing of the excellent White Stripes track Seven Nations Army at a time of such disappointment will remain with me for a while. I am not advocating in any way we play our favourite Jam track, you know the one, when we score, but I do hope for another great game and of course we reverse fortunes from that day.

Following the arrival of our new manager Nathan Jones we have had two encouraging results. Firstly the home draw against Cambridge where we looked disciplined and organised and then our excellent away win at Mansfield last week. This was arguably our best performance of the season to date. Two excellent goals, one from Paddy and one from Pelly that lay to rest the seemingly bizarre statistic that we have never won a league game at that particular ground. Furthermore two clean sheets and, as a glass half-full supporter, we have reason to be optimistic going forward into these next two home games and beyond.

A warm welcome to Alan Sheehan and Joe Pigott who have joined us on loan until the end of the season from Bradford and Charlton Athletic respectively. Alan made his debut last week at Mansfield and had a great game slotting seamlessly into the back four. Joe joined us on Thursday and will no doubt bring us more exciting attacking options.

Whilst writing of new players to join the Town, two have left us. I would like to take the opportunity of



thanking both Luke Guttridge and Luke Wilkinson for their services to the club and wish them well at their respective new clubs. I have enjoyed watching them play over the past few seasons and both of them also leave with us memorable goals they have scored for the Town.

It is also great to welcome back to Kenilworth Road Mick Harford as our new chief recruitment officer. Mick needs no introduction to us lifelong supporters and he returns principally to establish a new scouting network for Luton Town. We wish Mick every success and his network of scouts for finding future talent at Kenilworth Road.

Talking of future talent, this brings me nicely on to our Academy and their further progress to the last 16 of the Under 18s FA Youth Cup following an excellent win at Oldham last Wednesday evening. Now I have waxed lyrical in my previous notes about these young players. We witnessed yet another mature performance in difficult,



wet and windy conditions and on a heavy and sanded pitch. It required a gutsy performance and they gave it against a strong and physical Oldham team. The winning goal from young Cameron McJannet was a cracker from outside the penalty box. This following winning their respective league and reaching the final of the Southern League Cup is a fantastic achievement and again gives every reason to be optimistic and sincerely hope a few of those players will be wearing a first team shirt in the future. Congratulations to Paul Driver and all the Academy team both on and off the pitch.

VISION

Future Luton Town talented players in a new stadium are certainly the Club's exciting vision for the future. Following the announcement just before Christmas that our preferred location for this stadium is Power Court, we have received positive feedback from residents and supporters alike. We asked you to send in any questions that you may have on these plans and I can report that we have had a fantastic response.

We will be covering these points over the course of the next few

months in the programme and on the website. The project is progressing well and our intention remains to submit a formal planning application by August 2016.

At our last game, and with thanks to Barnfield College, the team performed in CHUMS shirts. CHUMS are one of our three official charities and the day was a resounding success. Following an auction of these shirts, signed by the players, which closed today, it is expected that a considerable sum, to be announced, will have been raised for this excellent charity. Thank you to all those who donated on the day of the game and to those of you who have since bid in the auction.

Back to this afternoon – which promises to be a great game between two historic teams of the Football League. May we see plenty of Luton goals (without the music!).

I hope you enjoy it. COYH.





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GREAT SCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

It's been a solid start to life under the new boss and last weekend's win at Mansfield was the result of a lot of hard work in training and in the game itself.

The win came after the goalless draw against Cambridge two weeks ago, a game in which I felt we ended the game really strongly and were unlucky not to win. We created several clear-cut opportunities but couldn't quite find that clinical finish which would have made the difference. We had conceded four times in our previous two home matches against Carlisle and Northampton so, as you can imagine, keeping a clean sheet was a big bonus. But Cambridge didn't give us many moments of real concern and I don't recollect Tyles or Elliot being called into any meaningful action in the 90 minutes.

The clean sheet, given our defensive record, was a massive confidence boost and one of the big positives and a definite step in the right direction. The only frustrating aspect – other than not winning the game – were the injuries sustained to Tyles, Greeny and Hally. To make enforced changes is never ideal, especially two of them in the first half. The stoppages in the first 45 minutes meant we could never really get going.

However, there were small but encouraging signs in the final stages of the Cambridge game and after another good week's training we took that confidence into the Mansfield game. The gaffer made six changes to the side that played the previous week and the end

result was an excellent 2-0 win.

Just like we were against Cambridge we were solid and denied Mansfield time and space in our half. We limited them to half chances, and again I can't recall Elliot being

properly tested throughout the 90 minutes. But unlike the Cambridge game we did take our chances and the lads were delighted for Paddy and Pelly to find the target. It goes without saying that they are two very talented attacking players, but I think the gaffer said afterwards that their contributions went beyond their offensive jobs as they defended superbly. I lost count of how many times the pair of them tracked back to help the defence.

Overall it was a hugely satisfying game in all areas. As a group we know we have underachieved this season but we also know there are plenty of games left between now and May to put things right. We won't be thinking we're world beaters after just one result but it showed, like we have done a few times this season, what we are capable of. Consistency has been a big problem for us this season



and it's fair to say we've never got properly going on a run which you feel could put us in a strong position.

Today we host Notts County. The game up there typified our season. 2-0 down we rallied, showed our quality to level at 2-2 and looked likely winners before we conceded an injury-time free-kick. This afternoon's game is the first of two home games in quick succession so we have a great opportunity to use home advantage and put some much-needed points on the board.

Finally, a big thank you to those who made the trip to Mansfield last weekend. It was hugely appreciated. Get behind us again this afternoon!

HELLO AND GOODBYE

Since our last home game here against Cambridge, manager Nathan Jones has been busy making changes to his squad.

The new boss has moved quickly to secure the signatures of Alan Sheehan and Joe Pigott on loans which will run to the end of the season, while Luke Guttridge and Luke Wilkinson have both left Kenilworth Road, joining Dagenham and Stevenage respectively.

Defender Sheehan became the first player to arrive, signing on-loan from Bradford City.

The 29-year-old can play at centre-half or left-back, but has found opportunities limited at Valley Parade since joining the Bantams in 2014.

However Sheehan joins the Town after a successful five-month loan spell at Notts County this season. He clocked up his 300th senior career appearance in December while back at Meadow Lane. It was his second spell with the Magpies having previously made 127 appearances for Notts in three years between 2011 and 2014.

A Republic of Ireland Under-21 international, Sheehan began his career at Leicester City – where he won academy player of the year – and then moved to Leeds and Swindon before his first spell at Notts County.

A free-kick specialist and capable of spectacular goals from distance, Sheehan has netted 20 goals in his career so far – including two this season for Notts County, against Portsmouth and Barnet.

On his first signing, Jones told lutontown.co.uk: "He's a player I've known for a long time and a player who I earmarked to join us.

"Alan will bring quality, balance and experience to our squad and I'm really looking forward to working with him."

Charlton Athletic striker Pigott, meanwhile, was the second player in a week to sign on-loan when arriving on Thursday.

Maidstone-born Pigott has spent the last 12 months on loan at Southend, who he helped win promotion from League 2 via the Play-Offs last season.

The young forward scored the Shrimpers' last-gasp extra-time equaliser against Wycombe in May and found the target in the shootout victory against Wycombe which saw Phil Brown's side promoted.

Having scored seven goals for Southend last season, Pigott returned to Roots Hall in August for a second loan spell and this season, despite being limited to just 12 starts, he still found the net five times, all of which came in a four-match spell with braces against Crewe and Crawley.

A product of the Charlton academy, Pigott rose through the ranks when Jones was in charge of the Under-21 side at the Valley, and he scored on his Addicks debut in a 4-0 League Cup win over Oxford in 2013.

Pigott has also enjoyed time out on loan at Bromley, Gillingham and Newport.



On his latest signing, Jones said: "I've worked with Joe before. He's an excellent young striker who has scored goals wherever he has been."

"He's been brought into the Club because he is the type of player we want here. He fits all of our criteria and adds competition to an area we are already very strong in."

"I'm delighted to have been able to bring Joe here and the fact we have been able to beat other clubs to his signature speaks volumes about this Club."

KIDS FOR A QUID FOR CRAWLEY!

Know a young Hatters fan who hasn't been to a game yet at Kenilworth Road? Or want to take them along again?

Well now's your chance: For our home game against Crawley Town on 12th March all adults purchasing full-priced tickets can bring an under-18 into the ground for just £1.

Season ticket holders can also take advantage of this offer and all you have to do is contact the ticket office in the same way.

The £1 tickets* need to be purchased directly from the ticket office before the game with the Red Devils, but there are no restrictions on where you can sit – the offer is available anywhere inside Kenilworth Road – excluding hospitality areas, of course!

If you're interested in this offer, or a season ticket holder who would like to change seats to sit with additional children as part of the deal, all you need to do is contact the ticket office or drop in for further information.

*A maximum of three £1 tickets can be purchased per full-priced ticket.

THREE GAMES FOR £30 IN THE OAK

Adults will be able to watch all three of the Town's home games in March in the Oak Road end for just £10 per match.

The Hatters take on Morecambe (1st), Crawley (12th) and Dagenham on Good Friday

(26th) and we're offering fans the opportunity to watch all three games in the Oak Road end of Kenilworth Road for a combined £30.

OFFER

The offer saves up to £28 on usual ticket prices and must be purchased together at the same time from the ticket office before

2pm on 1st March*. Town fans in the Oak Road end will also be able to use a newly-installed bar area.

So what are you waiting for? Get down to the ticket office this weekend or call them now on 01582 416976.

*Part-packaged tickets will not be refundable after the first fixture takes place.

WELL DONE BOYS!

Please remain in your seats at half-time today to show your recognition to the Town Under-18s who will receive the Youth Alliance League winners' trophy and medals.

Paul Driver's side have blown all before them on their way to success this season so please give them a massive round of applause. You can read more about their exploits elsewhere in today's programme.

CAMBRIDGE GAME RAISES OVER £1,300 FOR CHUMS

A huge thanks to everyone who dug deep at our last home game with Cambridge, and put money into the CHUMS buckets.

Thanks to your generosity, the ground collection raised over £1,300 for our Club Charity of the Year.

Also, in the run-up to last weekend's match, Nathan Jones' signed shirt sold on ebay for a massive £460, and the short film featuring Ruby Preece, David Preece's daughter, helped raise a further £298.

In the past fortnight alone you've helped us to raise over £2,000, an incredible step forwards towards our goal of £10,000 for this season.

Meanwhile over 100 bids have been placed on the match-worn CHUMS shirt auction, where supporters have had the chance to win one of the player's shirts from the Cambridge game. Bidding closed at 1pm today and we will contact all the winning bidders in due course.



UP NEXT



THE HOME MATCHES HERE CONTINUE TO COME THICK AND FAST AS ON TUESDAY THE HATTERS WELCOME YEOVIL TOWN TO KENILWORTH ROAD

WHO? Yeovil Town, aka the Grovers, from Huish Park, Yeovil in Somerset. The club were formed 120 years ago in 1895 as Yeovil Casuals. Now managed by Darren Way, the Grovers were promoted to the Football League in 2003 and have twice been promoted as a League side. They won the League 1 title in 2004/05 and then won promotion to the Championship through the Play-Offs in 2012/13. Two successive relegations, however, followed and now the club find themselves back in League 2 for the first time in 10 years.

TICKETS. Fancy coming to the game? Well, tickets for the match against the Grovers are now on sale at the ticket office at category C prices, details of which can be found on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Tuesday's encounter will be only the fifth meeting between the two sides. The Hatters won the first-ever meeting here at Kenilworth Road 4-0 in the League Cup in 2003. The clubs met in League 1 in 2007/08 with a goalless draw at Huish Park, before a Calvin Andrew goal gave the Hatters a 1-0 win in what was

the last meeting here at Kenilworth Road on New Year's Day 2008. Yeovil hadn't beaten the Town before August's meeting, and it looked as though that would continue as the Hatters led 2-0. But the Grovers came back to triumph 3-2 to record their first win of the season.

IN CHARGE. Darren Way took over from Paul Sturrock on New Year's Eve. The 36-year-old spent almost 10 years as a player at Huish Park making over 250 appearances and helped the Grovers win the Conference, FA Trophy and League 2. Way won his first match in charge against York and has only lost once at the helm so far – a 2-1 defeat at Morecambe two weeks ago.

PREVIOUS FORM. Yeovil travel to AFC Wimbledon today one place outside the League 2 relegation zone following last weekend's 2-1 win over Crawley. The Grovers have only lost twice in the last nine games – both by the odd goal. However Yeovil go into their game today with the joint-worst away record in League 2, having won just once on the road in 13 attempts. That win – 1-0 at Crawley – came back in September and since that victory they have

drawn four and lost six of the next 10 matches on their travels, scoring just seven times.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU. There will be plenty of pre-match pleasantries exchanged between the two clubs on Tuesday with Town boss Nathan Jones a former Yeovil player and coach. He played over 200 times for the Grovers. Jake Howells spent a short spell on loan at Huish Park earlier this season, while the Grovers' Alex Lacey came through the Town academy and was part of the Conference-winning side of 2013/14. Yeovil striker Francois Zoko was on trial at Kenilworth Road earlier this season before joining the Grovers in November.

YEOVIL TOWN FACTFILE

Formed: 1895
Nickname: The Grovers
Last season: League 1 24th
Follow them on Twitter: @YTFC
Colours: Green and white hoops
Ground: Huish Park
Manager: Darren Way

To get clued up on Yeovil Town before Saturday visit www.ytfc.net

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YEOVIL TOWN



Tuesday 2nd February 2016, 7.45pm

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

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**WYCOMBE
WANDERERS**



Saturday 6th February 2016, 3pm

This match is all-ticket for Luton Town supporters with none available on the day at Adams Park.

The Luton Town ticket office has received an initial allocation of 1,000 reserved seats in the Panache Stand for this fixture. If required the full allocation of 1,800 will be made available.

Tickets are now on general sale online and from the Ticket Office in person or via phone. They will remain on sale until 2pm Friday 5th February.

Prices: £20 adults (26-59), £17 seniors (60 and over), £15 young adults (19-25), £11 juniors (8-18), children under 8 free.

Wheelchair tickets are available in the Panache Stand. These need to be ordered directly from Wycombe. Please call them on 01494 441118.

Ambulant disabled tickets are available through the Luton Town ticket office with a Carer free of charge with proof of medium rate disability or above. f of medium rate disability or above.

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.

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**AFC
WIMBLEDON**



Saturday 13th February 2016, 3pm

We have received a full allocation of 750 terrace spaces and 152 seats in the John Green Stand for the fixture. **Sales plan:** Tickets are on sale to Diamond Season Tickets at one per person until close of business on Monday 1st February. They will be on sale to Season Ticket holders at one person from Tuesday 2nd February until close of business on Monday 8th February. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from Tuesday 9th February online and from the Ticket Office in person or via phone. They will remain on sale until 2pm Friday 12th February. Due to the limited number of tickets available it may be necessary to revise the sales plan before tickets go on general sale to include an additional sales period for supporters that have previously attended a certain amount of away fixtures this season. Away Season Ticket holders' tickets will be processed on Friday 29th January. One seat will be allocated unless advised otherwise. Due to the limited number of seats, please advise if you would be happy with a terrace ticket for this fixture. Please advise by emailing ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. **Prices:** John Green Stand seats: £20 adults, £13 seniors over 65 and students with ID, £9 under-18s. Terrace: £16 adults, £10 seniors over 65 and students with ID, £4 under-18s. Two pairs of wheelchair tickets are available and can be purchased from Luton Town ticket office. Ambulant Disabled pay their age related price with a Carer free of charge.

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**HARTLEPOOL
UNITED**



Saturday 20th February 2016, 3pm

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WITH COMMERCIAL MANAGER
DAVID HOSKINS

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Joe is match ball sponsor today to celebrate his 18th birthday. He has strong family connections with Luton Town. His great grandad was brought up in Maple Road and was an avid fan of the club. Joe's great uncle on the other side

was a programme seller at the club for over 20 years. He's supported the club for as long as he can remember and rarely misses a game: even delaying a flight to go on holiday to watch Luton at Wembley. Hopefully he can celebrate a good win today with a drink at the bar.

TODAY'S MASCOTS



We have the pleasure of welcoming two Luton mascots to Kenilworth Road this afternoon. They will get to meet manager Nathan Jones, all the Town players and Happy Harry before leading the team out on the pitch prior to kick-off. We hope you have a great afternoon with us! Our first mascot is 10-year-old Josiah Poulter. Josiah's favourite player is striker Jack Marriott.

Harrison McGinley-Power is our second mascot. Harrison is 16 and his favourite Hatters player is goalkeeper Mark Tyler.

We also have Adam Laird-Smith here with us this afternoon who is the Notts County mascot. Adam is 12 and his favourite County players are Alan Smith, Roy Carroll and Stanley Aborah.

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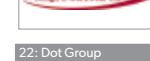
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Welcome to Kenilworth Road

NOTTS COUNTY



It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Notts County to Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

Like ourselves, County have recently appointed a new manager with Jamie Fullarton taking over in January following the departure of Ricardo Moniz.

Moniz had only joined County last April but after signing 17 new players in the summer following their relegation from League 1, the Dutchman was sacked in December after a poor run of results.

Former Bolton Under-21 boss Fullarton got off to the perfect start in management when County recorded a 1-0 win at Crawley in his first game in charge two weeks ago. However, the Magpies were beaten last time out, 2-0 at home to AFC Wimbledon.

Much was expected of County this season after the Meadow Lane outfit dropped out of League 1 on the final day of last season. However the Magpies have struggled for consistency and arrive at Kenilworth

Road two places and one point below the Town in the League 2 table in 17th.

Meadow Lane has been a happier hunting ground for County this season with seven wins, but it's been their performances and results on the road where the Magpies have struggled. The Notts faithful have only won twice on their travels this season. The win at Crawley a fortnight ago was their first away from Meadow Lane since the opening day at Stevenage. In among their disappointing results on the road was a defeat at non-league Salford in the FA Cup.

The County squad certainly doesn't lack quality or depth. 31 different players have represented the Magpies in League 2 this season. With a huge influx of players at Meadow Lane over the summer, the pick of the high-profile arrivals were strikers Izale McLeod and Jon Stead. The pair have scored 16 goals between them so far this season. Stead memorably netted for Bradford in their win at Chelsea in the FA Cup last term, while McLeod has enjoyed a long career in which he has scored over 150 goals.

TEAM PROFILE

NOTTS COUNTY

Nicknames: The Magpies
Ground: Meadow Lane
Last season: 21st, League 1
Manager: Jamie Fullarton
Last match: Notts 0-2 Wimbledon

Notts fans in the Oak Road end today will be hoping to see their side win at Kenilworth Road for the first time since 2000 this afternoon. In fact County have only won six times in all against the Town on Bedfordshire soil and only 15 times in the 68 previous meetings between the two clubs. The Hatters certainly enjoy playing County, winning exactly half of the meetings down the years which have also included three 6-0 wins over the Magpies at Kenilworth Road.

Whether or not there'll be more of the same for the Town this afternoon remains to be seen, but both sides with bosses new to full-time management will be eyeing a second win in what is their third matches at the helm which makes for a real competitive and intriguing 90 minutes ahead.

HATTERS v NOTTS

Luton wins 34
Draws 19
Notts wins 15

LAST MEETING

Notts 3-2 Luton
12th September 2015

Meet the VISITORS

OUR GUIDE TO THE MEN FROM MEADOW LANE



ROBERT MILSOM

Summer arrival at Meadow Lane, Robert joined the Magpies having been released by Rotherham. Started his career at Fulham before enjoying a two-year spell north of the border with Aberdeen.

UP FRONT



IZALE MCLEOD

Experienced striker Izale signed for Notts in August. The forward scored twice against the Town earlier this season and is one goal away from 160 in a career which began at Derby in 2002.

JON STEAD

Former England Under-21 forward Jon also joined the Magpies this summer. Shot to prominence at Huddersfield before spells at Blackburn, Sunderland, Sheffield United, Ipswich, Bristol City and Bradford.

ADAM CAMPBELL

Young North Shields-born striker or winger Adam signed for Notts this summer following his release from Newcastle. Played three times for the Toon but has spent the majority of his career out on-loan.

FILIP VALENCIC

Slovenia Under-21 international Filip joined County this summer from Italian side Monza. Started his career in his homeland with Interblock before moving to Olimpija.

THE BOSS

JAMIE FULLARTON

Former Scotland Under-21, St Mirren, Crystal Palace and Brentford midfielder Jamie took over at Meadow Lane on 10th January. Previously in charge of Bolton Under-21s, this is his first step in management.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

ROY CARROLL

Hugely experienced goalkeeper Roy joined County in 2014 having spent three years in Greece. The Northern Ireland international is now 38 and made his name in spells at Hull, Wigan and Manchester United.

IN DEFENCE

ELLIOTT HEWITT

Speedy right-back or winger Elliott signed for the Magpies this summer following his release from Ipswich. A Wales Under-21 international he began his career at Macclesfield.

BLAIR ADAMS

Left-back Blair joined County from Coventry in 2014 and has

recently returned from a loan spell at Mansfield. Began his career at Sunderland where he came through the Black Cats' academy.

HAYDN HOLLIS

Nottinghamshire-born defender and graduate of the Notts youth-set-up, the towering centre-half has previously spent time out on loan at Barrow, Hinckley and Darlington.

SCOT BENNETT

Devon-born centre-half Scot joined County this summer after making



From the OAK ROAD

IT'S FAIR TO SAY IT'S BEEN A DISAPPOINTING AND UNDERWHELMING RETURN TO LEAGUE 2 FOR NOTTS COUNTY FOLLOWING RELEGATION LAST SEASON. RICARDO MONIZ PAID THE PRICE FOR SOME POOR PERFORMANCES WITH HIS JOB - BUT HOPES ARE NOW HIGH THAT COUNTY HAVE TURNED THE CORNER UNDER NEW BOSS JAMIE FULLARTON. MAGPIES FAN JURGEN GALLIGANS GIVES US THE LOWDOWN

THE SEASON AHEAD...

After relegation last season what were expectations at Meadow Lane at the start of the season?

Our minimum expectations following relegation was to get into the Play-Offs.

What did you think of Ricardo Moniz? Were you happy with the job he did with Notts and were you surprised by the board's decision to let him go?

Ricardo brought some good players in but the problem was he didn't know his best four in defence. I wasn't surprised to see him go with the amount of goals we were leaking in.

Like Luton, you've hired a first-time boss in Jamie Fullarton. What have you made of Jamie so far and what is the expectation between now and the end of the season?

It's still early days yet, but we started well winning at Crawley. Jamie has a lot of work ahead of him, but our expectation for me is just top 10 now.

What's it like being back in the basement division? Have

you been surprised by the quality of the division?

It's not been great. To be honest I haven't been surprised with quality, I think all of the teams are a bit more physical in this league than they are in League 1.

While it's fair to say it's been a disappointing season so far for Notts, what has been the bright spot and who in the County squad has impressed you?

The plus points have definitely included having a quality strike force of Izale McLeod and Jon Stead. We've also seen youngsters like Elliott Hewitt and Adam Campbell come through the ranks into the side.

SEASONS PAST...

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

Notts were the first football team I went to see back in 1974/75 season and we beat Oxford 4-1. All I can remember is Ian Scanlon scoring twice.

Which is your favourite season following the Magpies and why?



Kasper Schmeichel celebrates after County secured promotion at Darlington in 2010

It has to be the 1997/98 season under Sam Allardyce. We secured promotion in mid-March and won the league by 17 points.

LUTON AND NOTTS

What are your best and worst memories of Notts v Luton clashes? Do any games in particular stick out?

The worst came in 1976/77 when we lost 4-0, but probably

the best came this season with Liam Noble scoring in the last minute to win the game 3-2.

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

I envisage a very tight game and I'll go for a 1-1 draw. Being 6ft 4in this is the worst ground for leg room!



QUICKFIRE

Terrace or Seats? Terrace
Who are your rivals? Forest or Mansfield.

Favourite all-time manager? Jimmy Sirrel.

Favourite promotion season? 1997/98

Guess your player of the season Stanley Aborah

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

Most treasured Notts piece of memorabilia? Framed picture of Charlie Palmer celebrating scoring the winning goal against Forest.

What league will Notts be in next season? Two
Who will win promotion from League 2? Oxford, Northampton, Portsmouth and Plymouth.



COVER STORY

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

LUTON TOWN 3 NOTTS COUNTY 2

Canon Division One. 21st April 1984.

The Hatters escaped relegation from the top flight by the skin of their teeth at the end of season 1982/83 following a glorious win at Manchester City on the final day but was that victory merely covering up the cracks?

Manager David Pleat certainly did not think so and felt that his existing squad was good enough to compete without the need to bring fresh players in – not that we were in a position to splash large amounts of cash in any event.

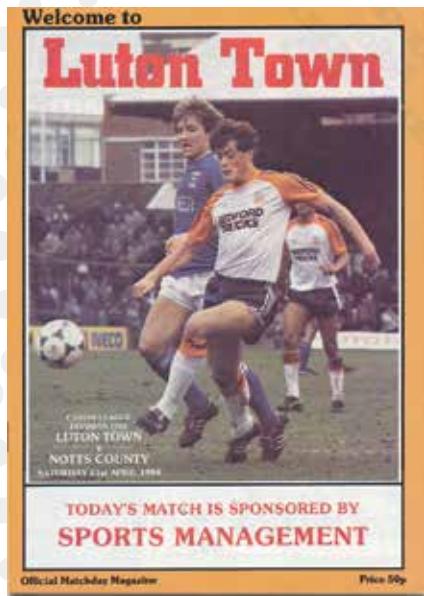
With Brian Stein and Paul Walsh up front, Ricky Hill in midfield and Mal Donaghy partnering Paul Elliott at the back we had a strong nucleus and with promising youngsters coming through from John Moore's successful youth team it was hoped that we would not have to struggle at the wrong end of the division again.

Although we lost our first game, at Arsenal, a string of early victories saw us up to fourth in the table by late October following a brilliant 3-1 home win over Southampton on a day when we would have beaten anybody.

This rich vein of form continued until on Boxing Day following a 3-0 win at Notts County we actually touched third spot and the dreamers amongst us thought that we may



Paul Elliott attempts to win the ball with three Notts defenders around him



even challenge Liverpool at the top. That was as good as it got though.

Lots of reasons have been put forward as to why we collapsed so spectacularly in the second half of that season.

Demonstrations against a proposed move to Milton Keynes were proving a distraction on the pitch, long-term injuries to Hill and mercurial winger David Moss had an obvious impact, while Walsh was subject to much press gossip about a move to Liverpool or Manchester United which affected his form.

Between Boxing Day and the return clash with Notts County in April we played 18 games with a record of won two, drew six and lost the rest which was relegation form in anyone's eyes. It was always regarded that 50 points was the safety bar but we were stuck on 47 unable to see where the next win was coming from after suffering four straight defeats leading up to the visit of the Magpies.

Notts were second bottom but had gone seven games unbeaten at the time of their visit to Kenilworth Road where a crowd of 8,181, the lowest of the season, turned up. The Town were without Donaghy, serving the first of a two match suspension after being dismissed in a 3-0 home defeat at the hands of Everton two weeks before but Moss, now back from injury, was

showing signs of a return to full fitness.

During the first period the Town had the upper hand but were indebted to goalkeeper Les Sealey who tipped a John Chiedozie shot around a post after the fleet footed Magpie had got clear of the Luton defence.

After the interval the game certainly livened up. Both Stein and youngster Frankie Bunn saw efforts well saved by Mick Leonard in the Notts goal before the away side took the lead against the run of play when Trevor Christie neatly headed home a cross from Ian McParland.

Stung by this the Town re-doubled their efforts and were rewarded a minute later when a low hard cross from Stein was met by Moss for his first goal since his long lay-off.

Leonard then produced a fantastic reflex save to keep out Walsh before the giant Magpies defender Ken Armstrong shoved Stein in the area with skipper Brian Horton making no mistake from the spot.

That looked like the decider but with five minutes to go a long punt from Leonard was mis-headed by Elliott leaving Chiedozie free on goal. Clive Goodyear, deputising for the suspended Donaghy, did not have a hope of catching Chiedozie who hammered a shot past Sealey for the equaliser.

County seemed to have snatched an undeserved point but in the final minute Bunn latched on to a poor clearance and hammered the ball home from 20 yards to ensure top flight survival for another year.

THE PROGRAMME



The Town produced a 32-page programme for 50p for the visit of Notts County.

In his notes, manager David Pleat was anxious to get the win to preserve Division One status and hoped 'that the clouds' would soon be lifted and that with promising youngsters coming through the system the future of the club looked bright.

On the subject of youngsters, there was mention of Rob Johnson who had just fought his way back after a year out with a cruciate injury only to do the same damage to his other knee whilst on loan at Lincoln. That Johnson eventually came back from this second set-back and win a place in the Luton side and pick up a Littlewoods Cup winners medal in 1988 is testament to his perseverance. He is now a qualified physio!

DEFINING MOMENTS

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

1947 LAWTON'S RECORD TRANSFER

England international centre-forward Tommy Lawton joined Notts County from Chelsea for a British record £20,000 on 13th November 1947. Top scorer in Everton's 1938/39 League Championship success, he had joined Chelsea in November 1945. It was an audacious move by Notts, then in the Third Division (South), but Lawton's debut was a sell-out and County's attendance record was broken within a few weeks. He was the first Third Division (South) player to appear for England and starred in Notts' 1949/50 Third Division (South) title triumph. Scoring 90 goals in 151 League games, he joined Brentford in March 1952.

1950 HIGH-FLYING MAGPIES

Tommy Lawton scored 31 goals as Notts County stormed to the Third Division (South) title in 1949/50. The Magpies kicked off with a 2-0 win over Southend and recovered from a 4-3 defeat at Norwich to soar to the top with a 16-match unbeaten run that included a 7-1 demolition of Leyton Orient, culminating in a 2-1 victory at rivals Nottingham Forest. Injuries at the turn of the year led to three successive defeats but Notts remained in pole position and Jackie Sewell grabbed a hat-trick in a 7-0 win over Newport County. They clinched promotion with a 2-0 victory over Nottingham Forest at Meadow Lane on 22nd April 1950.



1960 GOALSCORING RECORD

Notts County scored a club record 107 goals as they regained Third Division status at the first attempt in 1959/60. Frank Hill's side started with a 2-1 victory over Chester and Bobby Forrest grabbed a hat-trick in a 4-0 trouncing of Gateshead that heralded a run of 11 wins in 14 matches. Bert Loxley became the regular centre-half and winger Peter

Bircumshaw netted 17 goals in the space of 12 games, including two in a 7-1 victory over Crystal Palace. Tony Hateley replaced injured top scorer Stan Newsham and netted the goal that clinched promotion with a 1-1 draw with Aldershot at the Recreation Ground on 23rd April 1960.

1971 FOURTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS

County clinched the Fourth Division title with a 1-0 victory at home to Grimsby Town on 17th April 1971. Richie Barker missed two excellent chances during a

disappointing first half. Jimmy Sirrel's side did not show their normal form and were often rushed into mistakes by Grimsby. Alan Woodward created two fine chances for the visitors before the interval. Stuart Brace almost scored from Bill Brindley's weak back pass early in the second half but Barry Watling managed to clear. The decisive goal came on 65 minutes when Harry Wainman failed to hold Jon Nixon's cross and Don Masson headed home the loose ball.



Remember when Sven took over at County?
That happened seven years ago

1981 FIRST CLASS RETURN

Notts County secured promotion back to the top-flight after a 55 year absence with a 2-0 Second Division win over Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on 2nd May 1981. Chelsea were unlucky not to score when Clive Walker's shot hit the far post and bounced across the line to strike the opposite post before coming out. Notts took the lead on 15 minutes when Rachid Harkou crossed and Trevor Christie fired past Petar Borota. County continued to push forward and Iain McCulloch and Tristan Benjamin missed good chances. Jimmy Sirrel's side doubled their lead in the 75th minute when Harkou scored with a low 20 yard shot.

1990 FIRST WEMBLEY FINAL

Neil Warnock plotted Notts County's 1989/90 Third Division Play-Off final win. The Magpies stormed to the top by New Year with just one defeat in 18 matches. They were overtaken by the two Bristol clubs but maintained their promotion challenge with newcomers Kevin Bartlett and Dean Thomas helping Notts to remain unbeaten in their last 12 games. Tommy Johnson netted 18 goals as they qualified for the Play-Offs in third place. Notts beat Bolton Wanderers 3-1 on aggregate in the semi-finals and Tommy Johnson and Craig Short scored as they defeated Tranmere Rovers 2-0 in their first Wembley final on 27th May 1990.

1991 WEMBLEY WINNERS

Notts County defeated Brighton 3-1 in the Second Division Play-Off final at Wembley Stadium on 2nd June 1991. Brighton started well but Notts went ahead against the run of play on 30 minutes. Phil Turner's shot was returned by Dean Thomas and the captain crossed for Tommy Johnson to glance in a header. Brighton were unlucky not to equalise when Clive Walker headed against the post, then Dean Wilkins' free-kick clipped the bar. Johnson scored his second goal from Dave Regis' pass on 59 minutes, then Regis made it three on 71 minutes after a Mark Draper free-kick. Wilkins drilled home an injury-time consolation goal.

1998 RECORD BREAKING CHAMPIONS

Gary Jones scored 28 goals as Notts County won the Third Division title with a record 99 points in 1997/98. The Magpies had been relegated the previous season and kicked off with a 2-1 victory at home to Rochdale, emerging as early pace-setters with just one defeat in their opening 15 matches. Sean Farrell replaced Devon White in attack and scored in the 5-2 victory over Doncaster Rovers in mid-December as Notts regained pole position after a lean spell. They remained top of the table for the rest of the season, losing just twice in their last 28 games and also slammimg five goals past Lincoln, Exeter and Rotherham.

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Numbers GAME

NOTTS AND THE HATTERS IN NUMBERS

DID YOU KNOW?

2000

The Hatters have beaten Notts County 6-0 three times. The first thrashing came at Kenilworth Road in an FA Cup tie in 1947 with Hugh Billington scoring five of them in front of over 21,000. Four years later the Town were at it again, hitting six past the Magpies without reply in a Division 2 (now Championship) fixture. The most recent 6-0 win for the Hatters came in 1978 at Kenilworth Road. Brian Stein scored twice while Bob Hatton, Alan West, David Moss and Lil Fuccillo were all on target.

You have to go back to the opening day of the 2000/01 season for the last time the Magpies recorded a win at Kenilworth Road. The game was also Ricky Hill's first game in charge of the Town but, in front over 7,000, Notts secured a 1-0 win.

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Notts have won only six times in 35 attempts at Kenilworth Road. As well as the defeat in 2000, a Kevin Rapley goal gave the Magpies all three points on a vividly depressing Tuesday night in 1999. Only 4,021 turned up to witness it – the lowest post-war attendance to watch a League game at Kenilworth Road.

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In 1993 then-Town boss David Pleat signed young Arsenal striker Paul Dickov on-loan. And the pint-sized forward scored a superb diving header on his home debut to give the Hatters a 1-0 win over County in front of 6,366 at Kenilworth Road.

DID YOU KNOW?

County, already relegated from the top-flight in 1992, helped relegate the Hatters and deny us a place in the first season of the Premier League by recording a 2-1 win at Meadow Lane in May 1992. The Town took the lead through Julian James but two goals from future Hatter Rob Matthews secured the win for County and condemned the Hatters to the second tier.

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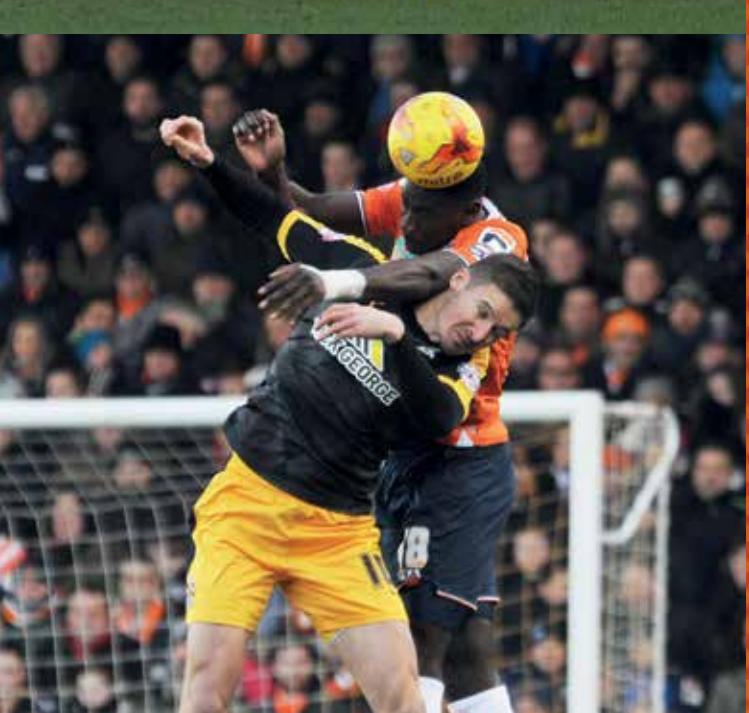
Between October 1993 and February 1997 the Town won six successive games against Notts County, winning 10-2 on aggregate.

9,000+

The Hatters have had 9,000-plus crowds in each of their last two home matches this season. But you have to go back to 13 games for the last 9,000-plus attendance at Kenilworth Road against County. That day, in September 1982, the Town beat Notts 5-3 in the top-flight with Paul Walsh scoring a memorable hat-trick.

NOTTS COUNTY TROPHY CABINET

FA CUP WINNERS:	1894
FA CUP RUNNERS-UP:	1891
SECOND TIER CHAMPIONS:	1897, 1914, 1923
SECOND TIER RUNNERS-UP:	1895, 1981
THIRD TIER RUNNERS-UP:	1973
THIRD DIVISION SOUTH CHAMPIONS:	1931, 1950
FOURTH TIER CHAMPIONS:	1971, 1998, 2010



TOWN 0 0 CAMBRIDGE

WHAT'S THE STORY?

Nathan Jones got his first point at the Hatters helm as his maiden game ended goalless after a stalemate with Cambridge at Kenilworth Road.

The Town pushed in the late stages, but without success to go four games without scoring a goal despite Paul Benson going close in the first half.

The game was also marred with a trio of injuries, as Mark Tyler, Danny Green and Ryan Hall were all forced off with injuries.

The Hatters almost stole the points in the final minute, Jake Howells' shot forcing an excellent save from Cambridge keeper Norris before Elliott Justham was forced to scramble behind Ryan Donaldson's distance shot as both teams were forced to settle for a share of the spoils.



JONES SAID:

"I felt that we contained their attacking threat and as a team they worked superbly well.

"I would have liked us to be more positive at times, but we had a real discipline and work rate and that's what we're going to build on.

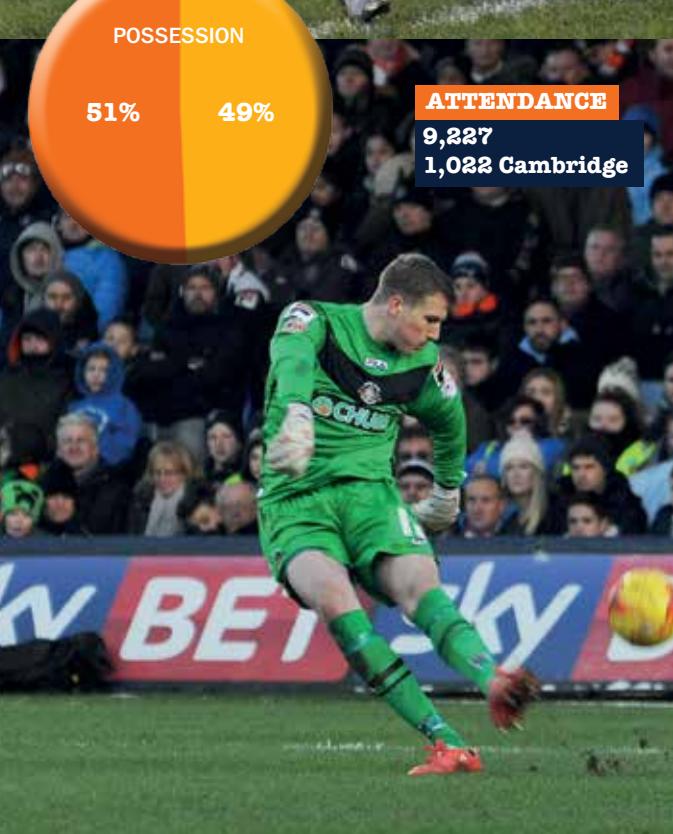
"Today it wasn't quite there, but it's only been six days. The work rate from every single one of them was excellent. Cambridge have an aerial threat and we defended that really well.

"I would have loved the euphoria of going on and winning. I said we would go and build on the hard work with the way we play. I want us to be better in possession, which we will be, but it's a positive point.

"It gives everyone that belief we can get clean sheets, and become a more fluent team."

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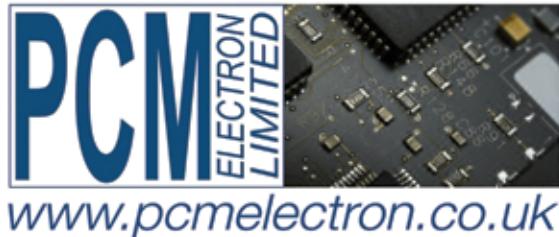
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REACTION

MIDFIELDER DESPERATE TO CONTINUE PLAYING FOR THE CLUB HE LOVES

Town midfielder Alex Lawless was pleased to have been trusted with a place in midfield in Nathan Jones's first game in charge – and now hopes he can continue to impress the new boss.

Welshman Lawless made his 192nd appearance for the Hatters in the goalless draw against the U's last time here, with Jones the fifth different manager the 30-year-old has played under during his time at Kenilworth Road.

"Whatever made him decide to play me, it's up to me to prove him right and make sure that he hasn't got that decision to make because I love playing for this club," said Lawless.

"I'm desperate to carry on playing for this club regularly, especially now with the new gaffer. Hopefully I'll keep getting opportunities and that can happen."

"It's a huge confidence booster for me and I just want to do my very best to make sure that I prove him right for giving me that chance."

With competition for places even more fierce as the players do their best to impress Jones for a place in the Town squad, Lawless admitted he doesn't envy the new manager's task.

"I think it's difficult to keep players happy," said Lawless. "It's up to players to be professional and do right, but there are different personalities in the squad. The more different ones you've got, the harder it becomes. If I was a manager I wouldn't want to have to deal with that."

Lawless has experienced plenty of highs and lows during his time at Kenilworth Road, which began back in 2010 when he was signed by Richard Money.

And although the Town have disappointed this season, Lawless knows he is playing for his future under Jones.

"It might be my sixth season here now but I'm just as eager to play and just as excited to play. I'm desperate to play for this club as I was when I first came. I'm just glad to be playing now."

HUGE

"It's a huge thing for a new manager when he comes in and you play the first game, because I've seen players, and it happened to me a long time ago, where sometimes if your face doesn't fit."

"It's a difficult thing to swallow, so hopefully I've got off to the right start with him."

"Especially now the new gaffer is here, hopefully I'll keep getting opportunities and that can happen."

After working with Money, Gary Brabin, Paul Buckle and John Still, Lawless says Jones's approach in training has been good.

"It's been great," he said. "The direction he has given us has been really good and I'm looking forward to getting more and more of it."

"Everyone's got a point to prove because everyone wants to play."



LAWLESS IN NUMBERS

- Played under five different Town managers
- Made his debut in 1-0 defeat at Wrexham in November 2010
- Scored his first goal two days later in 1-0 win at Altrincham
- Has made 193 appearances for the Club
- Scored 22 times
- Suffered two successive Play-Off final defeats with the Town
- Played in 1-0 FA Cup win at Norwich in 2013
- Won Supporters and Players' player of the year in 2012/13

"Training's been challenging; we've had to think a lot and take a lot of information in – but they're the kind of logical things you want to listen to."

"It's similar to some methods I've seen before with previous managers but all of the lads have really taken to it and we all believe we can improve as a result of it."



MANSFIELD 0 2 TOWN

WHAT'S THE STORY?

Two goals from two players making their first starts in League 2 since October – Paddy McCourt and Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu – gave Town boss Nathan Jones his first win in charge.

The pair combined to set each other up for a goal in each half to give the Hatters their first ever league win at Field Mill at the 14th attempt.

It was nothing more than the Hatters deserved for a bright and determined performance against the Stags.

McCourt scored his first for the Town after seven minutes, rounding off a fine team move by side-footing home from Ruddock's pass.

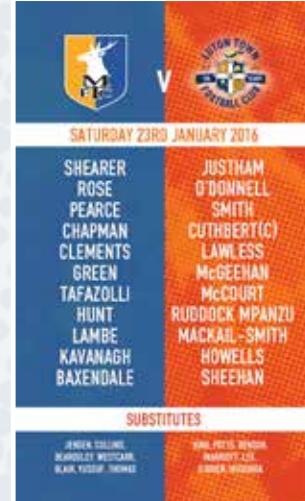
And nine minutes after the break McCourt turned provider when his cross found Ruddock who turned and belted home a stunning second to seal all three points and a sixth away win of the campaign.



1	CORNERS	5
2	SHOTS ON TARGET	1
5	SHOTS WIDE	1
7	FOULS	11
3	OFFSIDES	1

ATTENDANCE

4,245
739 LUTON



JONES SAID:

"I think we can play better than that. I thought we could have passed it better and could have been a bit more fluent in our play.

"We won't get carried away, it's only been two games. We know in ourselves what we want to achieve and we have to build on it. "We've had two games and picked up four points. We still have to get better...and I think we will.

"I'm a really proud manager. It's a start. I'm happy with that start and we want to build on that.

"I thought we were excellent, the work rate and endeavour and everything we did I thought was top notch.

"We scored two superb goals but won't be carried away. Paddy should be doing that week in, week out. The wide position isn't a luxury position, you have to put in a shift and both players did that. They scored and set one up."



Traveller's TALES

ARDENT HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER CONTINUES TO DOCUMENT HIS TRAVELS AROUND THE COUNTRY FOLLOWING THE TOWN. HERE'S HIS TAKE ON THE HATTERS' FIRST-EVER LEAGUE WIN AT MANSFIELD

The journey

The latest away game saw the Town travel to Mansfield. As ever I was on the coach which left Luton shortly after 11.30 once everyone was on.

I can't say I ever look forward to going to Mansfield. It isn't my favourite place for a variety of reasons not least our awful record there but with the current form the way it was it became an even less appealing prospect!

Two coaches left the Luton interchange and made it to Mansfield safely enough just after 1.45pm. The turnstiles were open and most people made their way in but we went to get something to eat.

Rating: 

The ground

Field Mill, or the One Call Stadium as it is called, is one of those strange grounds. It has three really nice stands including the North Stand which the Town fans were sat in, and then there was an aging decapitated area which stood out down the side to our left. It looked like it hadn't been touched in 20 years and clearly isn't ever fit for use again!

We had the whole stand behind the goal which thankfully being in the north had a roof but the

weather wasn't too bad so all the roof did was aid the acoustics of the voices of the Town fans throughout the game!

Rating: 

The food

Having been to Mansfield a few times the hot food hasn't always been cooked when we've arrived so as we got there with a bit of time to kill myself and a couple of others went down the bottom of the retail park across the road from the ground for a Burger King.

I did get a drink at half-time which was pretty extortionately priced. While queuing, I saw people drinking beer so there was a bar there! People were coming away with pies and sausage rolls and things which seemed to go down well.

Rating: 

The programme

Mansfield are one of those sides that try as I might I can never find much of an interest for so the programme was largely of little interest to me. There was the usual welcomes in the 76-page book-type programme. Along with that there were half a dozen or so pages on the Town past and present, which were the interesting bits, and while I'm sure the rest would have



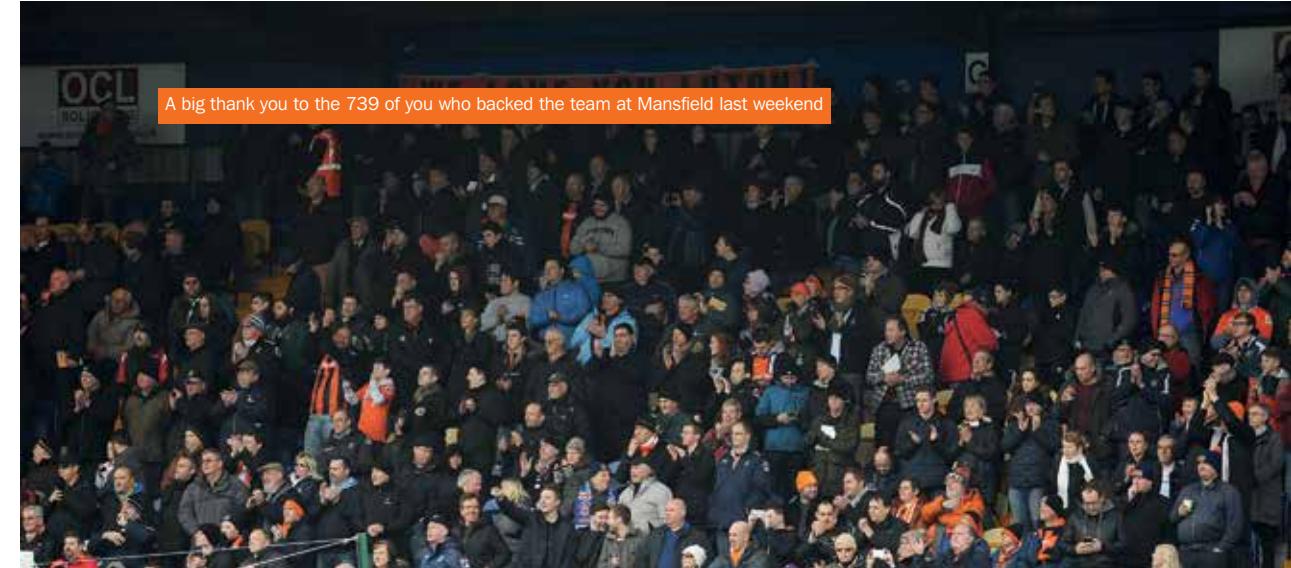
been very appealing to a Stag (the Mansfield fan variety not the animal kind!) – it wasn't to me.

Rating: 

The match

Before I saw the team I was only 50/50 about how appealing the match would be to me but while necking a Burger King the team came through and all of a sudden I perked up massively!

In came Paddy McCourt, Pelly Ruddock and Cameron McGeehan to a much more attacking side while there was a debut for the new boy Alan Sheehan. I went from an indifferent feeling about the game to a very positive one! Game on!



A big thank you to the 739 of you who backed the team at Mansfield last weekend

It was clear right from the off that the changes were working. Ruddock was involved from the start as the Town won their battles and played some lovely football and before you could say 'four games without a goal' we were in front! Alex Lawless found Pelly down the right. He got to the byline and cut it back to the penalty spot where Paddy met it perfectly in his stride and side-footed into the bottom corner. A goal well worth waiting for!

In truth Mansfield were lucky to go in at half-time just 1-0 down. McGeehan twice came close. The first came when he stole the ball on the half-way line before driving forward and seeing a fierce shot tipped over and then again when McCourt slid him in on the edge of box but saw his shot again well-saved.

Apart from a couple of tame shots straight at Elliot Justham, and a couple of wild efforts, Mansfield offered little as we went in at half-time in front.

The second half was much the same. We played really

lovely football in a style that was wonderful to watch and it was soon 2-0. Roles reversed for this one: McCourt crossed over to Pelly who turned the left-back and fired into the roof of the net in the one movement. A lovely finish!

Mansfield still never really offered anything and only a last ditch block stopped Craig Mackail-Smith making it 3-0 late on. As the game was winding down, Nathan Jones brought on youth team captain Frankie Musonda for his senior debut. His first appearance of many I'm sure. Shortly after the whistle blew on a much needed and really good Town win.

Rating: 

Man-of-the-Match

For the first time in a few weeks there were a number of candidates for this. I thought Scott Cuthbert and Sheehan were flawless at the back while Stephen O'Donnell and McCourt had good games but in the end I gave it to Pelly Ruddock.

He had the Mansfield left-back on toast all day and set one up and

scored the other on a wonderful return to the team. He provided solid cover for O'Donnell all day and caused no end of problems the other way. It was great to have Pelly back doing what he does. Long may it continue!

Summary

It was a long time in coming but an away win that was well worth the wait. From feeling uninspired when I left Luton I returned buzzing from such a good performance and the way we played. There were some really positive signs which were good. What was also good was being home just before 8.30. After a slight delay in leaving after one of the members on the coach had to go to hospital unwell. That aside it was a really good day and one which has upped my enthusiasm again!

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For Club and COUNTRY

MIDFIELDER EYEING SUCCESS FOR THE TOWN AND HIMSELF

Paddy McCourt is hoping his contribution to the Hatters' 2-0 victory at Mansfield last Saturday can help rejuvenate his side's season and his own personal form.

McCourt opened the scoring after just seven minutes, and also provided an assist for Pelly Ruddock for the side's first victory since the last-gasp 3-2 win at Exeter on 19th December.

And the Northern Irishman is now looking to play his part in a Town recovery amidst his aims for a place at Euro 2016.

"The more games I play here, where we are now, the more chances I have of playing in the Euros, so that's my only focus at the minute," said McCourt.

"If we can keep the clean sheets, keep winning games then maybe we can get up there. We've a lot to do, eight points is a lot, but if we get the performances first and foremost and get a few results together then we'll be up there.

"Nathan knows it's going to take time, he's not stupid, we're nowhere near where we want to be, but the only way we're going to do that is by playing together, trying to do these things, and hopefully it will come together over time."

"We've got a very big squad, and I think the manager wants to trim it a bit. No easy games in this division, probably expecting them to be higher up the table too."

McCourt's trip to Mansfield marked his first start in a Hatters

shirt since October, and he admitted his frustrations and not getting a proper run in the team.

But the midfielder is hopeful that the switch to Nathan Jones, who McCourt knows from his stint at Brighton, will allow him to flourish on the pitch, as shown in his display at Field Mill.

He said: "It's been very frustrating, playing three or four games in a row and then only one after that."

"It was disappointing because we won some games, then I went away for an international double-header, came back and sat on the bench, played one game and then that was that.

"The gaffer was a big say on me going to Brighton. I spoke to him a few times in the summer and he was sort of pushing it. Sami Hyypia wasn't quite sure who I was because I'd spent a lot of my career in Scotland. I don't think he knew, but Jonesy – the manager now – pushed him and got me in the door.

"He's come here now and I know a lot about him.

"He's a very, very good coach as I'm sure you've probably read. I think we'll get better. It's only been two or three weeks since he's come in but two clean sheets



and four points is not a disastrous start."

Speaking specifically on the performance at Mansfield, McCourt was pleased with the on-field display, and hopes it can be continued for the rest of the season.

"It's been a good day. Getting a goal nice and early set the tone and we defended well and got the second just after half-time.

"We were able to see it out well also which we probably haven't done this season. Sometimes when we've gone in front we've let a goal in to put ourselves under pressure, so it's pleasing, and the most important thing is getting three points after a decent draw last week."



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Sheehan ALL SMILES

Defender relishing prospect of success at Kenilworth Road

New Hatters signing Alan Sheehan has revealed it took a matter of minutes for him to be convinced to agree a loan switch to Kenilworth Road.

The defender joined the Town on loan from League 1 outfit Bradford City until the end of the season, making his debut in the 2-0 victory at Mansfield last Saturday.

And Sheehan has put the move down to new Town manager Nathan Jones, and his future plans for the club.

"I had a conversation with the manager, and he told me he wanted me to be the first signing and after 15 minutes I knew that I wanted to come here," said Sheehan.

"There has been a lot of talk of where I was going to go. Nathan Jones is an ambitious manager, and it's been a great start and I believe that we've got something good here to work with."

"The work rate was outstanding for everybody, so now we have a big week of training ready for Notts County and Yeovil which are coming up."

"Neither the manager or I want to be in this league, and he has a big plan for the club. It will take time for any manager to implement their style, but when everyone gives 100 per cent like they did today it will come together."

The Hatters became the 10th club Sheehan has turned out for in a career spanning almost 13 years already, but the 29-year-old was

thrown straight into the Mansfield trip, partnering Scott Cuthbert at centre-half.

And the defender was pleased to contribute to a strong performance after hearing of the Town's winless record at Field Mill.

"I think I've settled in well. Not really had a lot of time, but went straight in with the lads yesterday and obviously the match today, and I'm delighted to get the three points to start everything off," he added.

"We've put in a great performance and I'm really happy with the debut. A clean sheet, a good performance and a win, you can't really ask for much else!"

"It was a hard game, a battle, they had lots of possession without really creating much. I didn't feel as if they were going to break us down which is a good sign. It's a good start, but it's only one game and we move on."

"I played with Scotty with Swindon. He was as solid as a rock today. We've never played centre back together but it felt quite natural to be honest."

"I've played left back, centre midfield and a bit of time at centre back. I'm not the biggest, but I'm not too bad in the air, and there's not too many left-footed centre backs out there."



The Irishman is also looking forward to making his Kenilworth Road debut this afternoon, against one of his many old clubs in Notts County, but insists he knows where his loyalties lie.

He said: "I'm looking forward to it. I've never played at Kenilworth Road."

"Luton's a big club with a big fanbase, the people involved in the club, like Mick Harford, are legends. You look up to people like him."

"Notts County are a team I think of very dearly – I was captain there for a long time amidst three seasons at the club, but I'm a Luton Town player now and I'll be giving everything I can in every game."



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MICK IS BACK!

LEGEND RETURNS AS CHIEF SCOUT

We were delighted to announce the appointment of a new chief recruitment officer last week: **Mick Harford**.

The former Town player, coach and manager needs no introduction to Kenilworth Road and has returned to work alongside manager Nathan Jones and chief executive Gary Sweet to principally establish a new scouting network for Luton Town.

Reporting to the CEO, Mick will be responsible for building a database of players to identify and help recruit talented players who will match and fit into Club's football philosophy stewarded by Nathan Jones.

"This is a brand-new role and one that we feel is perfect for Mick and for Luton Town," Sweet told lutontown.co.uk.

"I don't know anybody better to identify talent for this Club than Mick.

"Very few people know more about the footballing traditions of this Club than Mick following his two successful spells as a player in the top-flight for us – and we feel he knows the right players and characters we need to aspire to where we want to be.

FUNDAMENTAL

"As a Board we felt we could have performed better on the pitch and could have provided more entertainment to our supporters since our promotion back to the Football League, and feel that together with Nathan – whose appointment is fundamental and crucial in our bid to re-establish our footballing DNA – Mick will play an important role in the future of our Club.

"It's the first time we have specifically placed emphasis on such a role at Kenilworth Road. It will be Mick's task of growing his own scouting network and recommending players he believes match Nathan's thinking.

"We feel given Mick's previous experience and success in identifying players will be of great use to us and Nathan - and who better than a person of Mick's ilk?

"Nathan will, of course, have his own targets but we see Mick supporting him from now in attracting the best and most appropriate for this Club. There is a responsibility for looking after our long-term objectives with thorough research and due consideration made on all signings."

On his return to Kenilworth Road, Harford exclusively told our YouTube channel: "It's an absolute pleasure to be back. I'm looking forward to the challenge."



"I've come in with a blank sheet of paper to come in and restructure the scouting network, i.e. get scouts in and around the country, profile players and identify the type of player Nathan wants.

"The way he wants to play his football is going to be a different philosophy to past managers who have been here and myself, Nathan and Gary are all of the same thinking.

"We're looking to bring in young, hungry and energetic players, hopefully people with value, players who are on their way up rather than on their way down – and who'll fit into the ethos of what Nathan wants to build and the ethos of the way Luton Town want to play their football."

ONE MICKY HARFORD

- Capped twice for England
- Won the Littlewoods Cup with the Town in 1988
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A WORKING RELATIONSHIP

JONES AND HARFORD ON BIG MICK'S NEW ROLE

Nathan Jones and Mick Harford are both looking forward to working with one another following the latter's appointment as chief recruitment officer last week.

Harford says he will be led by what the new Town boss wants as they work together in a bid to revive the Hatters fortunes this season and beyond.

"I'm guided by Nathan by what type of player he wants, what profiles we're trying to build for players who we can hopefully attract to the football club and add to the quality that's here," said Harford.

"I just see myself as part of a new management team that's trying to get Luton back to a better level and in terms of getting to a better level, you need to progress with better players.

"It's going to be difficult, it's going to be hard – we know that it's going to be a slow process and I've been very impressed with Nathan and the way he's gone about his business.

"He's very patient and I know for a fact that he'll make sure, if and when we do bring players in that they'll be the right ones."

Alan Sheehan became Jones's first signing when arriving on-loan from Bradford last week.

And, ahead of Monday's transfer deadline, Harford isn't ruling out more new faces at Kenilworth Road.

"We'll try and improve the squad and make it better," he said. "It's a difficult window, at this time of the year, so you're best to wait until the summer to bring in players you want long-term.

"But anything can happen in football. Nathan has been coaching the lads and if he gets a couple of back-to-back wins, he'll start climbing up the league and confidence grows. We haven't given up on this season, absolutely no way."

Jones, in his first full-time managerial role, realises the importance of Harford's role at the club.

"It's not just what he's done for the club, it's what he can do now for the club is what we've brought him in for," said the Town boss.



"I know he's a club legend and not only that but a legend of football, but it's what Mick brings to use now that's the important thing. He's a real good worker, he knows players, he knows Luton Town as well, so knows what we're looking for."

"I had a relationship with Mick before I came here, before Mick came here. He was at Millwall, me and Mick spoke quite often, I know Mick, it's a good appointment we feel, again in the ethos of what we're trying to do to take us forward. Mick's going to be part of that, and we're delighted to have him on board."

"Of course the manager picks the side and the manager will pick the players, but me and Mick work closely together so we won't be far out, we won't be go too far wrong on who we bring in."

"Mick knows me, I'll get very, very close to Mick, I'll get even closer to him in the coming weeks and months and hopefully years."

"Then we'll move forward together and whatever players we bring in will be for the good of Luton Town. He thinks like me anyway does Mick, he sees the same kind of stuff, has the same work ethic so anyone who comes in will have to fit all those bills."



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ON THIS DAY

THE RECORD

The Town's overall record on this day reads eight wins from 18, five draws and five defeats. The Hatters have scored 29 and conceded 25. With 54 goals scored across those games that's exactly three goals scored per match. The Hatters' home record on 30th January is five wins, four draws and two defeats.

THE LAST TIME

You have to go back six years to find the last time the Town played on this day – and it wasn't one to remember. The Hatters, then playing their first season in the Conference, were beaten 3-2 at home to Ebbsfleet United at Kenilworth Road. Strikers Liam Hatch and Tom Craddock found the net but the Town couldn't prevent the visitors from running out winners. Richard Money was not happy post-match, delivering a damning assessment of his side's performance.

THE FIRST TIME

Just like the last time, the Town's first match on this day in history also ended in defeat. Back in January 1897 the Hatters bowed out of the FA Cup at the first round stage following a 1-0 home defeat to West Bromwich Albion.

THE LAST WIN

It's been 16 years since the Hatters tasted victory on this day. It was January 2000 and Lennie Lawrence had to make do with blooding a number of young players on a shoestring budget.



Brian Stein was on target the last time the Town won at Kenilworth Road on this day

at Kenilworth Road. Two of those players, Matthew Spring and Liam George, were on target as they helped the Town to a 3-1 win at Ninian Park against Cardiff. Julian Watts netted the Town opener.

THE LAST HOME WIN

It's an even longer wait for the Hatters' last win on this day at Kenilworth Road: 28 years to be precise. That day, 30th January 1988, saw Ian Allinson and Brian Stein find the target as the Hatters beat Southampton 2-1 in an FA Cup fourth round tie. That season the Town would go onto reach the semi-finals of the cup, where they would eventually lose to eventual winners Wimbledon.

FOUR IN A ROW

Between 1909 and 1932 the Town won four successive matches when played on this date in history. The Town beat West Ham 1-0 in the Southern League at Kenilworth Road in 1909 and six years later

Gillingham were seen off 3-1 here. It wasn't for another 11 years that the Town would win next on this day in 1926 when QPR were beaten 4-0 – the Hatters' biggest margin of victory on 30th January. In 1932 the Town then won away to Thames in Division 3 (South).

ONE TO FORGET

The Hatters were thumped 5-0 by West Ham at Upton Park in an FA Cup replay on this day in 1991. That defeat eclipsed the 3-0 defeat suffered by the Town at Barnsley in 1965.

TWO-TWO

The Hatters twice drew 2-2 in successive home fixtures on this day in the space of two years. In 1935 the Town were held by Crystal Palace in Division 3 (South) before the Hatters then drew by the same scoreline against Sunderland in an FA Cup fourth round tie in 1937. The Town would go onto lose the replay 3-1 in front of over 50,000 at Roker Park.



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Jesse Pye attempts to go around Magpies England international defender Leon Leuty during the 5-1 win at Kenilworth Road in September 1952.



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



Unusual angle shot of the alert John O'Rourke (centre) netting for the Town during the 5-1 home win over Notts County in November 1965.

Although O'Rourke was the top scorer for the Town that season, the day belonged to goalkeeper-turned-striker Tony Read who slammed in an improbable hat-trick and went on to net 12 goals that campaign. He was, however, back between the posts by the end of the season and where he remained until 1972.



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Their last-16 game took the group to Walthamstow to play Rushcroft High School a school who run a Football Development programme in conjunction with Colchester United. The Cedars lads returned home with a comfortable 4-1 victory against a very good Rushcroft group.

Cedars took the lead on 22 minutes through Michael Fullerton who smartly finished after the goalkeeper parried a powerful Ezra Forde shot into his path. Forde was a thorn in the side of Rushcroft throughout as they struggled to deal with his power, pace and technicality.

Rushcroft were always a threat with a front three that contained frightening pace in wide areas. In the main the Cedars defensive unit dealt with this threat very well and limited Rushcroft to just a couple of serious shots on Ed Davey's goal. One of these gave Rushcroft the equaliser on 46 minutes when a pulled back cross from the left was deftly finished into the top right corner.

Cedars were on the back foot for the next 15 minutes and some extremely brave defending kept the score level. Then a characteristic Chris Gosling dribble into the penalty area saw him tripped and the resultant penalty converted with

aplomb by Paolo Bagatti.

From this point on Cedars controlled the game with two further goals from Ezra Forde, the goals were virtual carbon copies of each other with clever line breaking passes setting him in behind the Rushcroft back-four where he finished calmly one-v-one, sliding the ball past the goalkeeper.

With the score 4-1, the Cedars lads managed the game superbly for the last 12 minutes and with a little more composure around the edge of the opposing penalty area might have added further to the scoreline.

Head Coach Stuart Smith told lutontown.co.uk: "Joe Deeney and I could not have asked for any more from the lads. They performed like a proper football team, passed the ball quickly and cleverly, didn't resort to smashing it long when we were on the back foot, defended bravely and properly, understanding when they could play out of trouble and when they needed to put a foot through it and reorganise and



in the last 10 minutes didn't resort to taking the ball into corners but managed the game through maintaining possession of the ball.

"It was really pleasing to see how the lads are developing technically and tactically whilst also starting to understand how to close games out and win them, which ultimately will be the aim of any first team manager they play for in a year or two time.

"The only negative on the whole was the unfortunate injury to Paolo Bagatti who broke his wrist in a fall as his far post header was cleared off the line. Fortunately, it seems to be a standard break and the fact there are no complications mean he could be back in around four weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery."

Luton Town in the COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Hatters Men's Disability Team win the FA People's Cup

Hot on the heels of our Under-18s' league success we have another proud team of cup winners at the Club as our Men's Disability team lifted the FA People's Cup in a competition hosted by Bedfordshire FA at Skimptot Lane in Dunstable last week.

The FA People's Cup was a joint initiative between the BBC Get Inspired project and The FA for all categories of the game, and last week our Hatters disability team competed with teams from all over Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire to finish outright winners.

It finished up as an all-Luton Final with both the Hatters and Boaters teams contesting the Cup with the Hatters coming out on top. The players are putting their victory down to super keeper Nicky Toone who was sporting Mark Tyler's first team match shirt. Nicky is an avid Town season ticket holder and spends a couple of days working at the Club. When Mark heard of his goalkeeping exploits was happy to donate his shirt for Nicky to wear. Looks like it did the trick, Mark!

Nicky wasn't the only Club employee in the team with

Zac Tafader, who works for the Trust, chipping in with a couple of assists during the tournament. The whole event was captured by local BBC TV cameras and action and interviews were due to be broadcast today on BBC Football Focus and local news programmes. So keep an eye out for our very proud players who wear the Luton Town shirt with such pride. We're sure the team will also be showing off their cup down the Kenny very soon!

While most of the team attend the Luton Borough Council-run New Horizons work placement scheme in Farley Hill, players of all abilities take part from all over the Luton area and we are always happy to welcome new players into the squads. The teams currently train with our coaches every Friday morning during the winter at Dunstable Leisure Centre from 10.30am to midday in the sports hall.

If you know of anyone who might want to get involved then please ring the community office on 01582 737568 or send an email to community@lutontown.co.uk. Alternatively, why not simply turn up at the Leisure Centre and watch a session or two before deciding if you want to join in.



Kids Cup Under-11s and Girls Cup Under-13s regional knockouts

More congratulations go to two of our local schools who have made the regional final in the Kids and Girls Kinder+Sport Cup.

Arnold Middle School from Barton successfully defended their title from last year, finally defeating St Martin de Porres from Lewsey Farm on penalties after a replay. The first match took place at half-time during the Northampton game last month but was undecided on penalties and a swiftly arranged replay in Lewsey Park saw another closely-fought game finishing all square at 2-2 which Arnold final won 5-4 on penalties.

Arnold now progress as Luton Town into the Division 2 South Play-Offs next month down at Portsmouth's training ground against other regional winners Wolves, QPR, Swindon, MK Dons, Oxford, Plymouth, Stevenage and Reading. If successful, the boys could proceed to the regional North v South final with the eventual final to be played at Wembley Stadium before the League 2 Play-Off final at Wembley in May. Last season the Barton boys finished a fantastic third place and narrowly missed out on the national semi-finals. Let's hope they can go one better this time!

The Girls Cup was a more open affair with Challney Girls School defeating Cardinal Newman year 9s by 2-0 in our all-Luton Final at the Stadium.

They then proceeded to the regional final representing Luton Town to play the winning schools from Charlton Athletic, Stevenage, Dagenham, Leyton Orient, Millwall, Southend and Gillingham.

The girls did magnificently well to reach the regional knockouts but found the competition really tough, only managing a couple of draws and three defeats.

Overall, in both the Kids Cup and Girls Kinder+ Sport, we had 36 local schools involved in our finals which was up on last year and, with the boys still to play their regional finals, we haven't given up yet on even more silverware for the Club!

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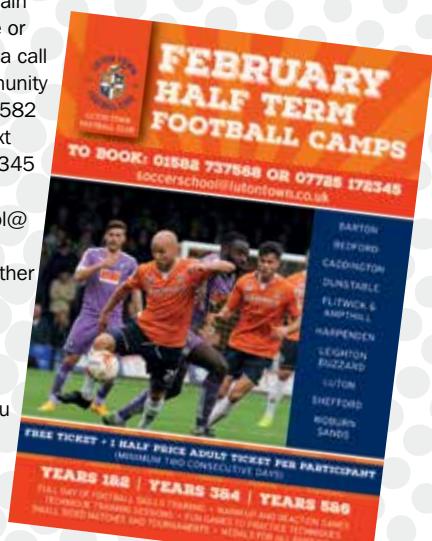
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ACADEMY UPDATE

WITH DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMY MANAGER ANDY AWFORD

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Kenilworth Road.

FA Youth Cup

A huge well done to Paul Driver and the Under-18s after the fourth round 1-0 victory at Oldham Athletic on Wednesday night.

The boys showed some flashes of what they are truly capable of on a very heavy pitch in difficult windy conditions, but got the job done thanks to a wonderful strike from Cameron McJannet. The qualities of professionalism, work ethic and team spirit were there in abundance and saw us comfortably protect our half-time lead and see the game out with relative ease, to set us up for another long trek up North to play Preston North End in round five (date to be confirmed).

Aston Villa or Blackburn awaits the winners in the quarter-finals - fingers crossed, well done everyone!

I would like to thank our good friends from the Supporters of Luton Youth Development (SoLYD) for their fantastic gesture of covering the costs of the travel expenses for the game. This allowed the boys to travel the day before, stay overnight in a local hotel and ensure that the preparation was as thorough and as professional as possible.

The opportunity to do this also enhances the players' overall education and I am pleased to report that their conduct (as we would expect) was exemplary from start to finish. Sincere thanks from all at the club to SoLYD for their continued support of the Academy.

Under-16s

Congratulations to the following Under-16 Schoolboys, who have been offered apprenticeships from next season with the Academy: Michael Shamola, Jack James, Ciaran Jones, Joe Mead, Ciaran Stern-George, Scott Belgrave, Kitan Sorunke and Arthur Read.

These eight boys will now join us in July and start their two-year apprenticeship with us after completing their GCSEs at school this May/June.

It is a great achievement for them individually as they have climbed another small rung on the treacherous and difficult ladder towards their overall aim of becoming first team players.

There's still a long way to go, but we will continue to nurture our young talent and hopefully see some of them on the hallowed turf in a few years' time. Well done boys!

Enjoy today's game.

Andy

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) W 1-0
- Sat 21 Gillingham A D 1-1

TUE 24 Milton Keynes Dons H W 2-0

DECEMBER

- Sat 5 Cambridge United H W 3-0**
Tue 15 Notts County A (FAYC3) W 3-1
- Sat 19 Dagenham & Redbridge A L 1-3

JANUARY

- Sat 2 Leyton Orient A W 1-0
- Tue 12 Stevenage A W 2-0
- Sat 16 Bournemouth A (Cup) W 4-2
- Wed 20 Southend United H W 1-0**
- Sat 23 Stevenage H L 0-1**
Wed 27 Oldham Athletic A (FAYC4) W 1-0
- Sat 30 Northampton Town H

FEBRUARY

- Wed 10 Preston North End A (FAYC5)

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Youth PROFILE



TYREEQ BAKINSON

Name: Tyreeq Bakinson

Date of birth:

10/10/1998

Birthplace: London

Position:

Central Midfielder

Year joined Luton:

As an Under-10

WHY DID YOU JOIN LUTON TOWN?

To fulfil my dream of becoming a football player.

WHAT WAS THE BEST BIT OF ADVICE WHEN GROWING UP?

Talent only gets you so far. Always have the correct attitude and willingness to learn.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST MOMENT IN FOOTBALL SO FAR?

Being in the starting line-up for the Under-18s in an FA Youth Cup tie as an under-16.

WHICH TEAM DID YOU SUPPORT AS A KID?

Barcelona.

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU PRETEND TO BE IN THE PLAYGROUND?

Ronaldinho and Eto'o.

WHAT OTHER SPORTS ARE YOU GOOD AT?

Tennis and table tennis.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SCHOOL SUBJECT?

English.

WHO IS YOUR MOST TALENTED TEAM-MATE?

Cameron McJannet.

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

Nathan Doyle.

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM JOB APART FROM BEING A FOOTBALLER?

Sports lawyer.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TYPE OF MUSIC?

Hip-hop and r&b.

WHAT'S YOUR AMBITION FOR THIS SEASON?

To have a good relationship with the youth team and the first team players. Also to be on the bench for the first team.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS

Under-18s boss Paul Driver on Tyreeq:

"Tyreeq is a local boy. He walks in to training every day and has been with the academy since he was an under-10.

"I coached him when he was an under-15 and his strengths are his athleticism, speed and quality on the ball, all of which are tremendous.

"His younger brother, Jaheim, is in the academy too, and they are Luton through and through.

"Tyreeq is a respectful kid, he's always smiling and always instigates conversation with first team players and staff.

"This season he has continually improved and recently made some telling contributions. He was the only player to emerge with any credit from our defeat at Dagenham; he made the difference when coming on against Southend and he was probably the best player on the pitch in our League Cup win at Bournemouth.

"We now expect him to kick-on. We want him to improve his awareness in tight situations when he has the ball and that's what we want him to work on. We know he has the pace and quality so if he can add that to his game then we have a player on our hands."

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YOUTH TEAM THROUGH TO LAST 16

HATTERS YOUNGSTERS TO FACE PRESTON FOR PLACE IN YOUTH CUP QUARTERS AFTER OLDHAM WIN

A stunning goal from Cameron McJannet earned the Town Under-18s a 1-0 win at Oldham to book their place in the last 16 of the FA Youth Cup on Wednesday night.

The left-back struck a sweet half-volley past Latics goalkeeper Chris Renshaw two minutes before half-time and the goal was enough for the Town youngsters to set-up a fifth round tie away to Preston.

It could have been even better for Paul Driver's side as midfielder Alex Atkinson missed a second-half penalty.

But the miss mattered little and another solid defensive display – their 17th clean sheet of the season – kept the Latics at bay.

Chasing a place in the fifth round for the first time since 2003, the Hatters began well and Freddie Hinds was thwarted by Renshaw after just eight minutes.

George Murray was then denied by a last-ditch Oldham tackle on the quarter-hour mark before the home side began to dominate as the first half wore on.

There were hearts in Town mouths on 35 minutes when goalkeeper Liam Gooch dropped a high ball but thankfully the Hatters were relieved to hear the whistle of the referee for a foul.

However, the moment the Hatters had been waiting for came two minutes before the break. James Justin's forceful run forward from central midfield was ended when he was fouled on the edge of the area. McJannet's resultant free-

kick hit the wall but, from the rebound, the ball sat up perfectly for the defender to slam home a superb half-volley. It was his third goal of the season.

A minute after the break Jack Snelus' shot was saved by Renshaw as the Hatters looked for an early second, but moments later Oldham missed their best chance of the night when Jake Hargreaves shot over the crossbar when well-placed.

Oldham's Ryan Leonard shot wide shortly before the hour, but, on 63 minutes, the Town missed a glorious chance to make it 2-0 when Hinds was tripped in the box. However Redshaw guessed right to keep out Atkinson's spot-kick.

That missed spurred both sides into action: Gooch saved well from Alex Read's deflected shot before Akin Famewo headed over for the Town with two minutes to play.

As time ticked down the Town had one final nervy moment to overcome when Gooch did well to react to Lee Knight's shot in the first of four added minutes – but the Hatters held on to celebrate another gutsy performance on the road and book a fifth round trip to Deepdale.



A delighted Driver said: "The heavy pitch and conditions worried me beforehand – last season at Oxford City we went out after playing on a similar surface – but as usual the boys grafted, worked hard for each other and got their rewards.

"It was a typical performance from us this season in that respect.

"It wasn't pretty – not in terms of hoofing the ball forward. Our decision-making was key right the way through the team."

Town U18s: Gooch; Bean, McJannet, Famewo, Musonda; Justin, Bakinson, Snelus, Atkinson, Murray, Hinds.

Subs not used: Gordon-Stearn, Brown, Verney, McGhan-George, Shamola.

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Luton LADIES



DOUBLE FIGURES FOR THE LADIES!

The Ladies breezed into the County Cup semi-finals after defeating Icknield Ladies 10-0 last week.

It was a sign of things to come when Zara Carroll's corner was headed powerfully into the roof of the net by Rachel Carter early on.

Natasha Fensome then broke into the box to pull her cross back and the ball was tucked into her own net by the recovering defender after just six minutes.

Fensome continued to cause problems and her pass was taken round the keeper by Sam Khan and she unselfishly played the ball across goal for Erica Byron to score to make it 3-0.

Fensome got on the scoresheet herself finishing neatly from close range before Byron added her second to make it five.

Just before the break, Kezia Hassall opened her account for the Town in style – surging forward before unleashing a 25-yard strike into the bottom corner to make it 6-0 half-time lead for the Hatters Ladies who were good value for it.

Fensome then bagged her second, skipping past her marker at speed and beating the onrushing keeper to the ball following a fine pass from Michelle Byrne.

The Town then went through a sloppy period in the game firing shots from distance and it wasn't until the 73rd minute that Shanice



Rachel Carty opens the scoring in the 10-0 win

Jiminez surged into the box and smashed her shot into the net off the underside of the crossbar to make it 8-0.

There was still time for Fensome to complete her hat-trick and for Abbie Luby to smash her strike into the top corner to register her first Luton goal.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "It is never easy to play these ties and I was pleased with the way the players set about the task and generally kept their foot to the floor.

"Icknield stuck to their gameplan right through the game and made it difficult for us in spite of the scoreline.

"We did lose our way a bit midway through the second half until we clicked back into gear and finished strongly.

"We now have the draw that we were hoping for in the semi-final at home to Bedford which is always a hard fought encounter."

Meanwhile the development team went down 3-1 away to Hampton & Richmond Borough with Morgan Patterson scoring the Town's goal.

The Under-13 squad returned to winning ways in despite trailing 1-0 to Flitwick at the break. Goals from Hannah Major and Abigail Walker rounded off a second half comeback in a fine 2-1 win.

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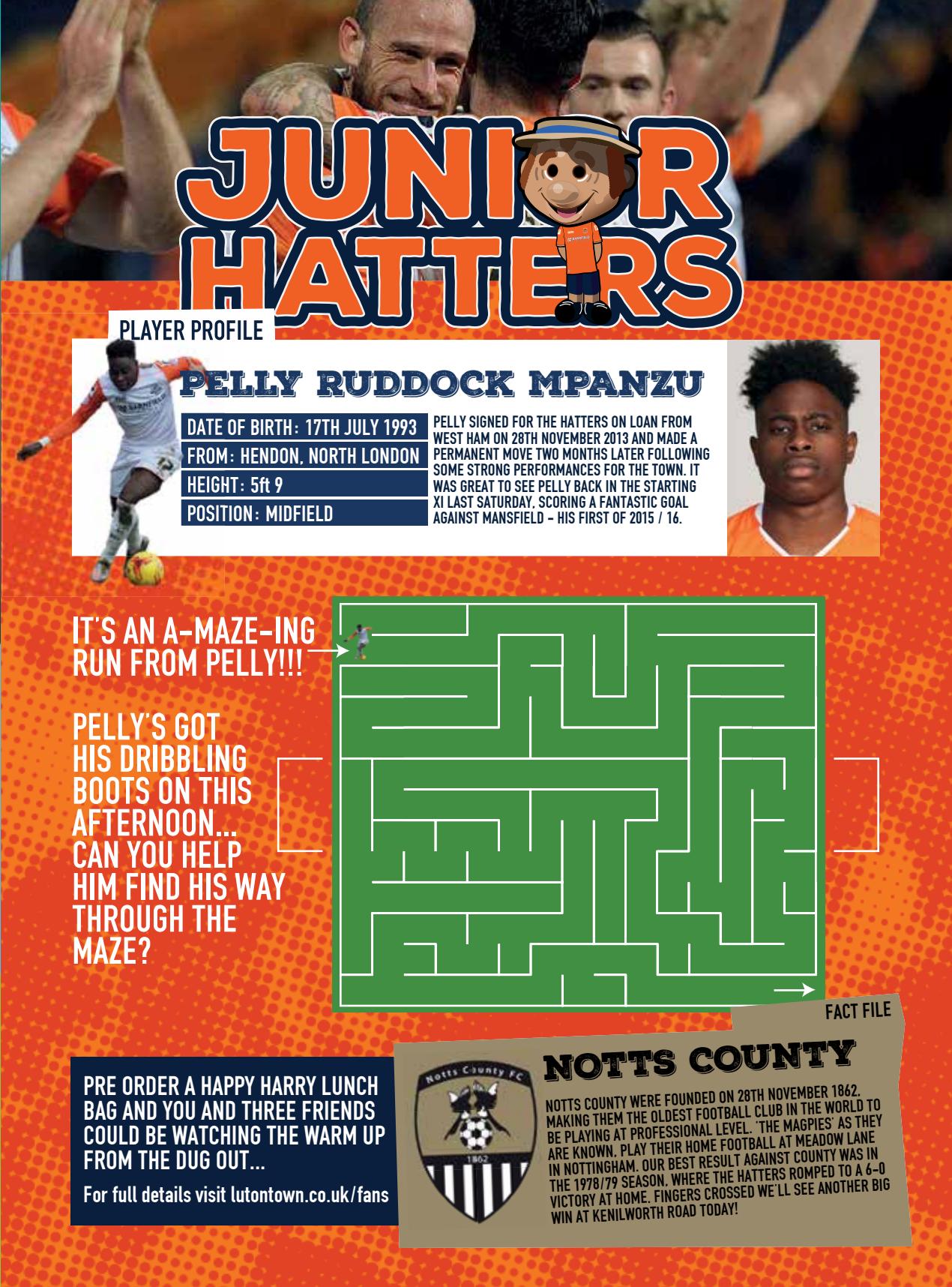
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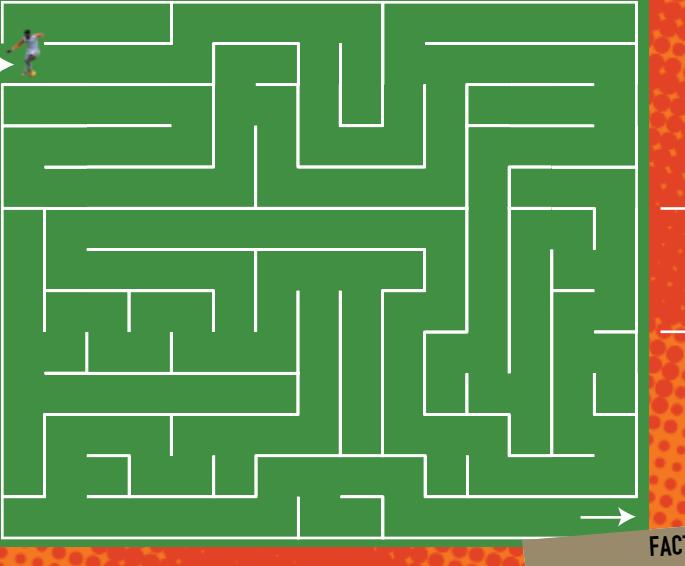
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THE FUTURE

JONES AIMING TO BENEFIT FROM YOUTH SUCCESS

New Hatters boss Nathan Jones is hoping to benefit from the youth team's success this season under Paul Driver.

The Town Under-18s have lost just twice in 29 matches in all competitions this season on their way to securing top spot in the Youth Alliance South East section, which was secured thanks to a 2-0 win at Stevenage earlier this month.

And Jones expressed his desire of bringing through players from the youth set-up at Kenilworth Road.

"We've got good people here and Paul Driver is doing a wonderful job with the group he's got," said the manager.

"Luton is synonymous with young, talented players.

"I played with them throughout my career and I keep in touch with

people like Matty Upson, Chris Willmott, and Johnny Hartson.

"Luton is a developing club and I think if we're going to be a successful team, we're going to need to do that because we're not just going to go out and buy a load of good players.

"We want to produce them and we've got good people here who can produce them and then it will give the people of Luton something to get behind.

"We want home-grown players. We want ones we've developed that have our DNA and our ethos built into them."

And Driver believes the Town youngsters can take confidence

from the new manager's interest in them.

"It's been a big boost," said Driver, whose side have only lost twice in all competitions this season. "The boys aren't stupid. Nathan watched their session on Friday and Mick Harford spent time watching their session on Tuesday.

"It makes them feel as though people care about them. Nathan and Mick watching them is important. It not only makes them more confident but it makes them work harder.

"Frankie Musonda's appearance as a substitute at Mansfield on Saturday shows there is a path to the first team."

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The Football League Paper

BY CHRIS DUNLAVY



Referee Anthony Taylor incurred the wrath of Leeds boss Steve Evans

Poor Anthony Taylor faced the wrath of Steve Evans after his blunder in the big Yorkshire derby between Sheffield Wednesday and Leeds.

The Whites appeared to have scored a perfectly good goal, only for ref Taylor to chalk it off after realising that Wednesday substitute Fernando Forestieri was still dawdling off the pitch.

Though he'd whistled to restart play, the law states that a substitution is not complete until the replacement has entered the field - forcing Taylor to reverse his decision and disallow the goal.

"He's a Premier League ref come down to do a derby," said Evans. "After that performance, his next game should be on the parks with the Under-9s."

Still, Taylor can at least console himself that he eventually made the right call - unlike these poor saps.

Karl-Josef Assenmacher

Otherwise known as the last person on Graham Taylor's Christmas card list. At 0-0 during a do-or-die qualifying clash against the Netherlands in Amsterdam, England's David Platt raced through on goal, only to be felled by a blatant tug from Ronald Koeman. The location of the foul - inside or outside the box - may have been in doubt but Koeman's status as last man was certain. He had to go. Only Assenmacher didn't think so, awarding a free-kick and a yellow card. Koeman then scored the

winner from a free-kick (exploiting David Seaman's bizarre starting position which left an entire goal to hit), England missed USA 94 and Taylor was sacked. Did he not like that.

Simon Mann

In the final knockings of an FA Vase game between Cullompton Rangers and Willand Rovers in 2008, Mann spotted a handball and blew for a penalty to Rangers.

Striker Marc Simic slotted it away for 1-0, yet Mann blew his whistle, shouting 'No goal, encroachment - restart with a goal-kick'. The game continued and eventually finished 0-0.

Unfortunately for Mann, FA rules state that encroachment from the takers' side should result in a re-take, not a goal kick. Because this was a breach of rules and not a matter of opinion, the game was declared null and void and eventually replayed - costing a furious Willand thousands in lost revenue.

Genaro Cirillo

Staying at the lower end of the spectrum, Cirillo was refereeing a ninth-tier match in Italy when a player for SSD Castello sparked a ten-man brawl.

Cirillo broke up the melee, then dismissed the instigator, a big midfielder by the name of Matteo

Rossi. What he didn't realise was that poor Matteo was nowhere near the incident - it was his identical twin brother Michele who'd kicked everything off.

After a complaint to the league, the game was replayed in its entirety.

Charles Corver

Everyone has seen the horrible, head-high challenge by German keeper Harold Schumacher that left France defender Patrick Battiston in a coma during the 1982 World Cup. Yet few remember the man who, incredibly, failed to even award a free-kick for what was essentially GBH. That man was Dutch referee Corver, who later explained that he'd been so transfixed by the ball that he missed the incident completely. By day, Corver worked as the national sales manager for Heineken, so perhaps he'd simply enjoyed too many perks.

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LEAGUE LOOK

Northampton returned to the top of League 2 last weekend following their 3-1 win over Morecambe.

Chris Wilder's Cobblers leapfrogged Plymouth, who were held to a 1-1 draw at fourth-placed Bristol Rovers.

Oxford kept up the pressure on the top two and put distance behind Portsmouth thanks to a 1-0 win at Fratton Park.

Accrington remain fifth despite a 2-1 defeat at Exeter while AFC Wimbledon – who the Town visit in a fortnight's time – jumped into the final Play-Off spot thanks to a 2-0 win at our visitors today, Notts County.

At the other end of the table, York remain three points adrift even though they earned a point from a 1-1 draw at Carlisle in what was the



Northampton boss Chris Wilder

Cumbrian's first home game back at Brunton Park following the December floods.

Dagenham & Redbridge slipped into the bottom two after surrendering a 2-0 lead to draw 2-2 at Newport. Yeovil, who come to Kenilworth Road on Tuesday, recorded a 2-1 win over Crawley to leap over the Daggers in the table.

In the pick of today's matches it's fourth versus sixth as Accrington host Bristol Rovers at the Wham Stadium.

FIXTURES

Accrington v Bristol Rovers
AFC Wimbledon v Yeovil
Crawley v Mansfield
Hartlepool v Exeter
Leyton Orient v Cambridge
Morecambe v Newport
Plymouth v Wycombe
York v Stevenage

LEAGUE TABLE 2015/16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Northampton Town	27	18	4	5	49	31	18	58
2 Plymouth Argyle	28	17	5	6	43	25	18	56
3 Oxford United	27	14	9	4	42	23	19	51
4 Bristol Rovers	28	14	5	9	39	28	11	47
5 Portsmouth	26	11	11	4	44	23	21	44
6 Leyton Orient	28	11	10	7	44	38	6	43
7 Accrington Stanley	24	12	6	6	42	29	13	42
8 AFC Wimbledon	27	11	9	7	40	32	8	42
9 Mansfield Town	28	11	8	9	38	31	7	41
10 Wycombe Wanderers	26	11	7	8	32	27	5	40
11 Carlisle United	25	10	9	6	43	40	3	39
12 Cambridge United	28	10	8	10	40	40	0	38
13 Exeter City	27	10	7	10	37	40	-3	37
14 Morecambe	27	10	5	12	47	48	-1	35
15 LUTON TOWN	27	9	7	11	40	38	2	34
16 Crawley Town	28	10	4	14	34	47	-13	34
17 Notts County	26	9	6	11	38	46	-8	33
18 Barnet	28	9	6	13	36	44	-8	33
19 Stevenage	28	6	10	12	37	50	-13	28
20 Newport County AFC	27	5	9	13	30	42	-12	24
21 Hartlepool United	24	7	3	14	23	39	-16	24
22 Yeovil Town	27	4	8	15	26	41	-15	20
23 Dagenham & Redbridge	27	4	8	15	29	49	-20	20
24 York City	26	3	8	15	27	49	-22	17

PLAYER STATS 2015/16

LEAGUE	THIS SEASON				LTC CAREER TOT						
	APPS	GLS	CUP	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	6	0
Paul Benson	11	(1)	4	1	(2)	1	12	(3)	5	1	27
Scott Cuthbert	24	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	28	(0)	0	1	28
Nathan Doyle	6	(5)	0	2	(1)	0	8	(6)	0	2	45
Danny Green	12	(1)	5	2	(3)	1	14	(4)	6	6	18
Scott Griffiths	17	(1)	3	3	(3)	0	20	(4)	0	1	115
Luke Guttridge	6	(2)	2	3	(0)	0	9	(2)	2	1	74
Ryan Hall	5	(4)	0	0	(3)	0	5	(7)	0	1	18
Jake Howells	6	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	1	323
Elliot Justham	3	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(1)	0	0	29
Alex Lawless	12	(6)	1	3	(0)	0	15	(6)	1	4	193
Ollie Lee	16	(2)	1	5	(0)	0	21	(2)	1	4	23
Sean Long	7	(2)	0	2	(0)	0	9	(2)	0	2	0
Craig Mackail-Smith	19	(4)	3	1	(0)	0	20	(4)	3	0	24
Jack Marriott	8	(15)	6	4	(0)	2	12	(15)	8	1	27
Paddy McCourt	8	(7)	1	1	(0)	0	9	(7)	1	3	16
Cameron McGhee	20	(3)	7	2	(2)	2	22	(5)	9	2	60
Steve McNulty	9	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	11	(1)	0	3	125
Josh McQuoid	15	(7)	2	4	(2)	2	19	(9)	4	1	28
Frankie Musonda	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	1
Mark O'Brien	2	(4)	0	3	(0)	0	5	(4)	0	1	9
Stephen O'Donnell	11	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	14	(0)	1	2	14
Magnus Okungbhe	6	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	8	(1)	0	2	0
Dan Potts	4	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	0	6
Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu	2	(4)	1	3	(0)	0	5	(4)	1	0	51
Alan Sheehan	1	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	0
Jonathan Smith	23	(2)	4	4	(0)	0	27	(2)	4	5	129
Mark Tyler	24	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	28	(0)	0	0	294
Luke Wilkinson	20	(0)	3	4	(0)	0	24	(0)	3	3	72

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OUR 130TH YEAR

*Lost 8-7 on penalties

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WITH
SIMON PITTS

We're back at Kenilworth Road today for the third match with Nathan Jones as manager.

The opening fixture saw a draw with Cambridge, and last Saturday it was maximum points with victory at Mansfield.

They say that records are there to be broken, and the victory at Field Mill was the first in 14 visits for a league match.

If this wasn't impressive enough two consecutive clean sheets have also been recorded, after 17 goals were conceded in the previous seven league matches.

DIFFERENCE

In post-match interviews after both fixtures players have mentioned the changes made in training and those at Field Mill last Saturday, or indeed listening on Hatters Player, certainly saw or indeed heard for themselves a noticeable difference in the style of play. It was a joy to watch some of the football played, and two great goals were scored.

The pass from Alex Lawless to Pelly Ruddock was sublime, and the finish from Paddy McCourt was something special too. Scorer turned provider, and vice versa, in the second half as two players who hadn't started in the League since October got their names on the scoresheet.

The players' celebrations showed real passion, and pride, in wearing the Luton Town shirt...mind you it had been over six hours since the last goal (Paul Benson at Exeter) so there was also a huge sense of relief too!

It's always difficult to look at historical statistics when reviewing the current squad and fixtures. That long run without a league win at Mansfield was certainly a strange one, especially given the number of different players and managers that have made the trip to Field Mill.

REPUTATION

In the same way some supporters don't take too much notice of managerial statistics, but given the recent changes at the Club and my reputation for providing such facts and figures it'll probably come as no surprise to you that it's exactly what I'm going to provide now!

If you only look at League and Conference Premier fixtures then Richard Money leads the way with an average of two points per game, with managers from our non-league years Paul Buckle (1.706) and Gary Brabin (1.673) also in the top five. Second place overall goes to



Allan Brown who, from 95 league matches and 767 days in charge, secured 1.737 points per game (assuming three points per win).

John Still had a successful campaign in 2013/14 and coupled with more than a season in League 2 secured 1.695 points per game from 128 matches and 1,024 days in charge.

RECORD

With just under three years in charge, John was the ninth longest serving manager in the Club's history, although some way behind Dally Duncan's record of 4,143 days (over 11 years in charge).

I'm fairly sure that new manager Nathan Jones won't be looking at that record just yet, but instead he'll be hoping that his record reads "DWW" after today's result.

Simon is the official commentator for Hatters Player for Town games home and away this season



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TEAM SHEET



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
- 22 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 23 Josh McQuoid
- 24 Curtley Williams
- 25 Mark O'Brien
- 26 Nathan Doyle
- 31 Craig King
- 32 Luke Trotman
- 33 Mark Onyemah
- 34 Isaac Galliford
- 35 Zane Banton
- 36 James Justin
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 40 Jake Howells
- 44 Alan Sheehan
- 45 Joe Pigott

TODAY'S OFFICIALS



Keith Hill



Akil Howson



Darren Blunden



David Avent



NOTTS COUNTY

- 1 Roy Carroll
- 2 Mawouna Amevor
- 3 Blair Adams
- 4 Alan Smith
- 5 Scot Bennett
- 6 Haydn Hollis
- 7 Will Hayhurst
- 9 Jimmy Spencer
- 10 Ronan Murray
- 11 Genaro Snijders
- 12 Robert Milsom
- 13 Scott Loach
- 14 Taylor McKenzie
- 15 Curtis Thompson
- 16 Liam Noble
- 17 Rhys Sharpe
- 18 Elliott Hewitt
- 19 Colby Bishop
- 21 Lartey Sarpong
- 22 Jordan Richards
- 23 Filip Valencic
- 24 Adam Campbell
- 25 Kyle De Silva
- 26 Graham Burke
- 27 Julian Jenner
- 28 Gill Swerts
- 29 Wesley Atkinson
- 30 Jon Stead
- 31 Thierry Audel
- 32 Civard Srockel
- 33 Stanley Aborah
- 35 Mike Edwards
- 39 Izale McLeod
- 40 Kevin Pilkington

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