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**AUGUST 6**

**NATIONAL  
MUSTARD  
DAY**

CARROW Road, the home of Norwich City, was previously where the Colman's mustard company kept their horses. When Norwich City FC moved into this site in 1935 and built their present day

stadium at Carrow Road, the work only took 82 days and there was a suggestion that it was the largest building project in the city since the medieval period when Norwich Castle was built.



**ALSO TODAY**  
(3pm unless stated)  
Accrington v Doncaster  
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**RED HOT  
MUSTARD  
FACTS**

- 1** MUSTARD was one of the foods that was not rationed during the second world war because it was so good at livening up bland food.
- 2** YOU can eat every part of a mustard plant: the leaves can be put in salads and soups, and oil can be made from the seeds.
- 3** MUSTARD is healthy: its seeds are full of nutrients and antioxidants. They contain selenium, omega-3 and 6, potassium, magnesium and calcium, which have anti-inflammatory properties and are also supposed to speed up the metabolism and lower blood pressure.

**1939**

TONY Brimacombe, a Plymouth boy who, after a short career with Argyle, left to play for Cape Town, South Africa, was born on August 6, 1939. He later returned and took up teaching in schools at Plymstock.

**ALSO BORN ON THIS DAY...**



BARBARA WINDSOR (1937)



GERI HALLIWELL (1972)



ROBIN VAN PERSIE (1983)

**2005**

READING lost only two Championship matches in the 2005-06 season. Argyle became the only side to win at the Madejski Stadium all season when Michael Evans and Nick Chadwick gave them a 2-1 victory on August 6, while our visitors today - Luton Town - were the only other team to beat the Royals during the campaign winning 3-2 at Kenilworth Road in February.

**2016**

THE 2016 North American Scrabble Championships begins today in Indiana. Entrants must stump up \$162 and meet specific eligibility criteria for one of two divisions, the Tournament Word List and Collins Divisions.



TODAY, somewhere in the world, is also: Sandcastle Day, Fresh Breath Day, Mead Day, Root Beer Day, and Wiggle Your Toes Day



Plymouth Argyle v Luton Town

**P** *PRE-SEASON is important, prepping for the nine months ahead. Not just for Derek and the team, but also for what might loosely be termed the Argyle support network, including the Green Army. And the Argyle Media team who, this season, will bring you a unique perspective on life on the road with the Pilgrims. We could not do that without putting in a pre-season of our own. Which is why we sent ROB McNICHOL to Holland.*

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# ON THE ROAD AGAIN



**T** **HE round trip from Plymouth to Carlisle, which we undertake next weekend, is a little less than 800 miles. It is daunting, but it must be done – at least for us, the Argyle media team. It is our job.**

For the Green Army, there is no such compulsion – expect, perhaps in their hearts.

The hundreds that will head up the M5 and M6 (set off early, Pilgrims – it is a summer Saturday in the school holidays) will do so out of love, dedication and commitment. All clubs have that. I am just not sure any club has it more than Argyle.

We will go to Carlisle in impressive numbers, no doubt, but whatever the attendance, it will be difficult to top the effort that so many went to on Tuesday, July 26.

To get to Maastricht from Plymouth you need to get to Bristol, fly to

Amsterdam, then either catch another flight down to Maastricht, or undertake the 200-or-so mile drive to where it lies, in the south of the Netherlands. That, or you drive the whole way, under the channel, through parts of France, past Brussels and Liege in Belgium, before arriving at your destination. Then you remember you left your scarf behind.

Despite all that, around 80 or so Pilgrims rocked up in Maastricht, when we played there in a pre-season friendly. Just to be clear, that is a PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY. Not the fourth round of the Europa League. This was a friendly game that ultimately does not matter.

OK, not all of the Green Army present will have come from Devon and Cornwall, but even so, it is a fair effort for those coming from Amsterdam, parts of Belgium and beyond. Some made it into a holiday. Some made it a lads' trip to the continent. Some simply liked the idea of the adventure.

For ten Pilgrims in particular, the game was a high point of a unique week. These ten fans were part of a group alongside the official party of players and staff who attended training sessions, a lunch with the players, and a barbecue and quiz night in our base in Delden. They came along to the Maastricht game, and were also our guests at our home fixture against West Bromwich Albion.

Hopefully all concerned learned a lot from each other. From the fans' perspective, I hope they saw that our players and staff were courteous and humble – and, most importantly, worked very hard at their craft. From the management's point of view, planning was meticulous, and the players, in turn, put everything into every session, as well as the game.

The lazy cliché of footballers being money-driven posers is a fallacy – certainly at League Two level – and it was great for supporters to be able to note that it is not a culture we have at Plymouth Argyle.

At the same time, I hope the players learned from the supporters. Here were ten people, all ready to part with hard earned money in order to spend time watching them and interacting with them, purely because of the love for a football club.

At no point did I sense fans overstepping the bounds of familiarity, but they were curious, asked questions, requested photographs, and generally mingled with the players, who took it in their stride.

When we get to Carlisle, or Hartlepool, or any other place hundreds of miles from Plymouth, there will always be hundreds in the away end singing, cheering and willing their heroes to victory. Our ten guests are representative of the collective will, and for the players to meet them and understand their exceptional devotion to Argyle could go a long way.

Going a long way seems to be a theme of this piece. Let us draw to a conclusion by acknowledging that there is a long way to go until the end of the season. We will likely have our usual rollercoaster of emotions, taking in optimism, pessimism, frustration and elation. We will have magnificent comebacks, last-minute disasters, controversial decisions and lucky escapes.

As well as metaphorical journeys, there will be the actual ones. They begin with the longest, up to Carlisle, on August 13.

Load up the cameras, laptops, Irv-Brus, Ginsters, PodQuiz...

... we're on the road again.

"From the management's point of view, planning was meticulous, and the players, in turn, put everything into every session, as well as the game"





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**BSc (Hons) Business Management students** conducted research into digital communications to enhance the supporter experience



**BA (Hons) Business Studies student Sam Thomas** secured an internship with Plymouth Argyle Community Trust to assist fundraising

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*FOOTBALL these days is, we are increasingly reminded, a squad game. It is definitely a squad numbers game, too – for the third successive season, the Pilgrims' dressing-room does not contain a No.1 shirt. HADEN TYE remembers players who have been associated with a certain number during their time at Home Park. Today, No. 7.*

# Strength in Numbers

**KEVIN HODGES** HODGY is a true Argyle legend, and the Pilgrims' all-time club record appearance-holder after pulling on the Green shirt no fewer than 620 times. After playing a lot of his youth football as a winger at Bournemouth, Kevin signed professional terms with Argyle in 1978 at just 18 years-old. He made his debut in September 1978, but it was not until the following season that he was a regular on the Argyle team sheet; he remained there for 12 years. In that time, he was part of the Argyle team that reached the 1984 FA Cup semi-final and was Player of the Season in 1985-86 when the team won promotion from the Third Division. Kevin was a tireless winger who was good on the ball and made football look simple. At the beginning of the 1987-88 season, his decade of service was rewarded with a testimonial against the team he supported as a boy, West Ham United. In 1992, he was awarded a second testimonial and his commitment to Argyle did not end there when he hung up his boots: he

became Argyle manager in 1998 and is currently the head of the Home Park Academy.

**DAVID NORRIS** CHUCK, as he was known by the Green Army, or Nosher, to his friends, joined Argyle on loan from Bolton Wanderers in October 2002. He was an energetic midfielder who scored the winner on his debut at Crewe and then signed permanently two months later. David was a stand-out player in Argyle's Division Two title triumph in 2003-04 and continued his good form for the following three seasons until, on the final day of the 2008 January transfer window, he moved to Ipswich for a club-record receipt of around £2.25m.

**JASON PUNCHEON** BORN in Croydon, Punch played his youth football with Wimbledon before becoming a victim of the Dons' relocation to Milton Keynes. After spells in non-league, he then joined Barnet, and eventually Argyle, where

he made just six appearances in 2008. Jason struggled to cement a place in the Argyle team, and moved to MK Dons on loan three times. His time at Home Park came to an end in January 2010, when he moved to Southampton. After four seasons at St Mary's, Jason moved to Crystal Palace for £1.75m and has now scored in all of the top four tiers of English football, as well as last season's FA Cup final.

**TOMMY GROZIER** TOMMY was a late bloomer. His only senior club was Argyle, and he arrived at Home Park in 1926 at the age of 25. He was a nippy striker, and was a regular in the Argyle team for six of his nine seasons at Home Park. Although not known for being a goalscorer, he became one very few Argyle players to have scored four goals in one game, a 6-1 home win over Crystal Palace in December 1929. His last game for Argyle was in October 1935 and he retired from football at the end of that season with 223 appearances and 59 goals to his name.



## Ginsters are back

**A**RGYLE'S main sponsors Ginsters have become an Official Partner of the EFL.

The UK's Westcountry-based No. 1 savoury pastry brand recently agreed a deal with Argyle which will see Derek Adams' side wear Ginsters' distinctive logo on their shirts for the next three seasons.

Ginsters have now partnered with the EFL for the same period and will be offering tickets, cash prizes and VIP match-day experiences as part of the

deal, with more than 40 million packs of Ginsters products set to offer such prizes.

Ginsters previously sponsored the Pilgrims between 2002-2011, a period that saw the club promoted to the Championship for a six-season stint in the second tier of English football.

Ginsters employ hundreds of people – many of them Argyle supporters – in their Callington headquarters and have sponsored many local sports teams in recent years.



## GIFT FOR GARTH

**G**ARTH Wright has become the first person to take Argyle up on our offer of free Memberships to Home Park for second world war veterans.

Garth received his membership card and pack from Argyle Chief Executive Martyn Starnes when he visited the Home Park Ticket Office this week.

The club announced earlier this year that all veterans of the second world war would be admitted to Home Park for free for life. That was not the incentive for Garth to sign up – he is a long-term committed supporter – but the club were delighted to be able to recognise his distinguished service.

The sprightly Garth – 97 later this month – is originally from from Horndon, near



Tavistock. He was in the 153 battery of the 51st regiment of the Royal Artillery Territorials, who were sent to north-east France upon the outbreak of war.

After the German blitzkrieg of Spring 1940, British forces were forced to withdraw, via the extraordinary operation on the beaches of Dunkirk. Garth was there, helping to cover his comrades, as well as volunteering as a stretcher-bearer to assist the injured.

From there, Garth spent the whole war fighting on various fronts, until his merciful conclusion in 1945. Post-war,

working as a driver for Plymouth Corporation, Garth found it difficult to get to Home Park, but after retiring, he made sure that he devoted some time to the Greens.

"I couldn't get to the matches before, but used to follow it," he said. "When I retired, Peter Shilton was manager. When he came in, I thought 'I've got to go in and see this now'."

"That's when I started to take a regular ticket. I've not missed many games since. I bring my granddaughter, Lucinda, and we have a great time."

## EFL FANTASTIC

**O**N Tuesday, the EFL launched their new season at Fulham's Craven Cottage with a 'squad photo' comprising 72 representatives – one from each EFL club – each wearing their club's home kit. The 'squad' consisted of range of people who help to make up what the EFL is all about – including fans; club staff a range of roles; managers; players; coaches; and club mascots.

Representing the Pilgrims was Paul Richardson, who, along with son Harry, will present the match-ball to referee Lee Collins this afternoon.

For the last 30 years, Paul has been one of Argyle's most devoted Pilgrims. His passionate support of the club has been unwavering. This is his story...

"My first match was on August 20, 1985. It was at home to Exeter in the first round of the Milk Cup, a 2-0 win. I remember standing on the old Mayflower terracing for the first time, watching Argyle play in their green and black pinstripes.

"I have enjoyed some fantastic days supporting Argyle. I watched the promotion-winning team in 1985-86, with Dave Smith as manager; I remember watching us play Everton in the FA Cup in 1989, with over 27,000 people inside Home Park; I watched Peter Shilton's 1993-94 season, when we played fantastic football.

"The 1995-96 season was special, with Neil Warnock as manager as we reached Wembley and won promotion. I will never forget that day. Being crowned champions of Division Two against QPR was another special day, the second promotion under Paul Sturrock.

"Our play-off semi-final against Portsmouth was also a special night. Home Park was rocking unlike anything I'd ever seen in my life. The day out at the new Wembley Stadium, with 35,000 of the Green Army, was terrific, but it was one game too many.

"I introduced my son Harry to Argyle at a very early age. He proudly became an Argyle mascot in 2011 against



Crewe and is now in his tenth season supporting Argyle.

"My all-time Argyle hero is Tommy Tynan and playing on the same pitch as him with the Argyle Legends in 2011 was a dream come true. Paul Wotton is also one of my favourite players – a great captain – and Wembley '96 winning goalscorer Ronnie Mauge is another favourite.

"Why do I love following the Greens? When attending matches at Home Park, walking through Central Park from the train station, I still get the same buzz I always have. It's a special football club with fantastic supporters. I lived the dream playing charity football on the hallowed turf of Home Park in 2012 and enjoyed the Boardroom Director Experience in 2014.

"I'm ready for another season, and hopefully another promotion, in 2016-17.

"Come on You Greens!"

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THE Argyle match-day programme has, since the late 1960s, featured many interesting and varied photographs on its cover. This season, each game, we will tell the story behind a cover taken from a programme of a bygone era.

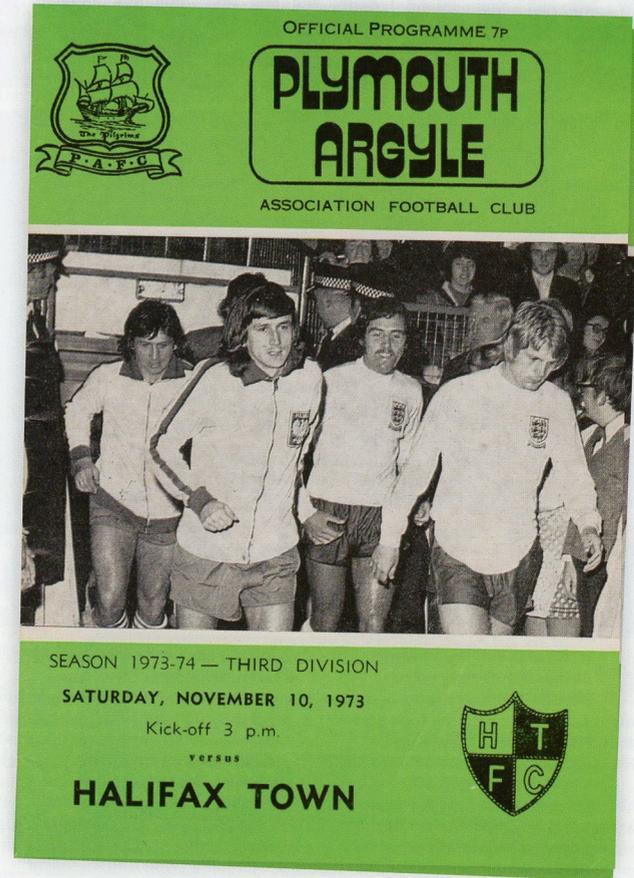
## Every Picture Tells a Story

**T**HE programme featured today is from season 1973-74 and is from a match at Home Park against Halifax Town on November 10, 1973. The cover photograph shows Argyle left-back Colin Sullivan coming out of the Home Park tunnel wearing an England shirt.

The match was an England Under-23 international against Poland in October 1973 which ended 0-0. The game was a major attraction as it was being played on the evening before the World Cup qualifier between the two nations at Wembley which England drew 1-1 and consequently missed out on a place in the finals in Germany in 1974.

An impressive crowd of 18,230 flocked to Home Park, with the main attraction being Plymouth-born Birmingham City striker Trevor Francis. Francis was a rising star, future full international (winning 52 caps), and would become the first English £1m player when he was transferred to Nottingham Forest in 1979 with who he won the European Cup.

Saltash-born Sullivan, a former England youth international, joined Argyle in 1968 and was the youngest player to appear for the club at 16 years, eight months and 23 days. He went on to make 251 league and cup appearances for the Pilgrims before his transfer to First Division Norwich City for £70,000 in the summer of 1974.



ENGLAND	
White shirts,	black shorts,
white socks,	
..... BARRY SIDDALL	(Bolton)
..... PETER LATCHFORD	(West Bromwich Albion)
..... JOHN McDOWELL	(West Ham United)
..... KEVIN LOCKE	(West Ham United)
..... KEVIN BEATTIE	(Ipswich Town)
..... COLIN SULLIVAN	(Plymouth Argyle)
..... TOMMY TAYLOR	(West Ham United)
..... LEN CANTELO	(West Bromwich Albion)
..... STEVE PERRYMAN	(Tottenham Hotspur)
..... DAVID JOHNSON	(Ipswich Town)
..... RAY KENNEDY	(Arsenal)
..... CHARLIE GEORGE	(Arsenal)
..... JOHN RICHARDS	(Wolves)
..... TREVOR FRANCIS	(Birmingham City)



DAN Whelan – @dannavaro5 – is a 24-year-old journalism graduate, born and raised in the Peak District and now working in Barcelona as an English teacher.

# SPANISH EYES



## The Recovery

**W**HEN I was six, my parents decided that they were bored of seeing me transport myself using my legs and decided it was about time that I learnt to ride a bike.

In hindsight, this decision strikes me as a strange one, given that they had spent a great deal of time and effort in promoting walking as my primary mode of transport and coaxing me out of that disgusting habit of crawling. I still remember my parents' looks of disappointment whenever I wobbled and toppled to the floor and resorted to scrabbling on all fours to wherever it was that I wanted to go.

There had been a time when walking was the pinnacle, the absolute height of childhood achievement, but now, just as I had finally begun to feel steady on my feet, I was being thrust onto a bike. There is no pleasing some people.

During the early stages of my quest towards two-wheeled autonomy, the small back garden of my parents' home provided the perfect place to hone my skills – with the aid of stabilisers, of course.

My mum kept a watchful eye on me

through the kitchen window – which was taking a welcome break from being pounded with a football – as I weaved shakily through her plant pots, occasionally ploughing into one and triggering an angry rap on the glass and an unnerving glare.

Then, one Sunday evening, my dad took me to the deserted car-park of the town's doctors' surgery with the aim of helping me to compete my transition from non-bike rider to budding Eddy Merckx. I rode there, trying to maintain a perfectly straight line as my stabilisers rattled their song of support, but when we arrived at our destination, my dad pulled a screwdriver from his pocket and proceeded to remove them.

After a few choice words for the manufacturers and with the help of a nearby brick, my bike was eventually shorn of its appendages and I was ready, or at least my dad thought so, to undertake the final stage of my apprenticeship.

Seated on my bike, my dad, still smarting from the aforementioned task, pushed me (a little too forcefully in my opinion) into the yawning abyss of the car park. I wobbled and gripped onto

the handlebars with such force that I could feel beads of sweat being forced out of every pore in my body.

Gingerly pressing the pedals, the tyres pawed nervously at the ground as I made my way forward. I stared at the mass of rutted grey beneath me, strewn with small stones ready to torment my unprotected elbows and knees.

I watched the stones skip and dance around my tyres, pinging occasionally off the spokes, and, a moment later, I could feel them shredding the palms of my hands; hear them scratching the paint off my bike; and taste them as they intruded into my mouth.

For a moment, I just lay there, completely oblivious that I was playing the starring role in a metaphor that would become relevant 18 years later.

**E**LIZABETH Kubler-Ross may not be a name familiar to many supporters but her theory lies at the heart of the psychological make-up of football fans. In 1969, Kubler-Ross published her theory on the five stages of grief and, 47 years later,

the model is still widely recognised as an accurate depiction of the processes of dealing with anything from the death of a loved one to, say, a play-off final defeat.

### Stage 1 - Denial

When Lyle Taylor swept the ball past Luke McCormick, I failed to accept what my eyes had just seen. At first, I convinced myself that what had just occurred was an optical illusion; when viewing events so far away it is surely possible, I thought, that one's vision can be compromised.

Or perhaps it was a cruel mirage; I was feeling dehydrated, having being unable to afford bottle of Wembley water (presumably served to you in a 24-carat goblet by your own personal Oompa Loompa) and the murk which had hung over London for most of the day was dissipating, allowing the sun to shine through.

Eventually, it became obvious from the incessant cheering of our blue and yellow clad neighbours that what I had seen had been neither of the above. But I had not given up hope. I looked over to the linesman hoping to see a raised flag but his arms remained by his side as if they had been superglued. I shot a glance at the referee, certain that he would have spotted some form of infringement that would deem the goal invalid, but his whistle remained redundant.

It wasn't until the game restarted that stage two kicked in.

### Stage 2 - Anger

As a young boy, watching Argyle was the only place where I could swear and not be admonished by a parent; my mother was not there and my father did not seem to mind.

In fact, I used to swear with such panache and ferocity that those around me – once they got over the shock of witnessing a foul-mouthed ten-year old berating the referee – would applaud my expletive-ridden observations.

These days, I am far less vocal. Mainly because I have realised that a swearing twentysomething is not quite as charming as a swearing infant and that those around me, who have paid good money to support their team, probably do not want the responsibility of having to perform CPR upon me when I lose consciousness as a result of my own over-exuberance.

Thus, as the opposition fans finally settled into a nervous simmer, I

delivered no throat-shredding tirades. Instead, I locked my anger inside, risking the rupture of any number of internal organs, my face shining like a red beacon in a sea of green and white woe.

### Stage 3 - Bargaining

It is often said that the walls of a hospital have seen more sincere prayers than those of a church, and the same can probably be said of a football ground.

As Argyle toiled on the turf below, I thrust my hands together and prayed for divine intervention as time dwindled. A strong gust of wind to wrong-foot Kelle Roos would do nicely. Or perhaps a floodlight failure, allowing us time to re-group and steal Wimbledon's momentum from them.

I thought of Uri Geller and the part he claims to have played in England's victory over Scotland at Wembley in 1996. In causing the ball to squirm ever so slightly on the spot as Gary McAllister struck his penalty, Mr Geller effectively propelled England to the semi-finals of that tournament.

However, as an Exeter fan, it was perhaps unlikely that he would be willing to take time out from warping his cutlery to help us in our hour of need.

Penalty to Wimbledon.

### Stage 4 - Depression

As Adebayo Akinfenwa hammered the final nail into Argyle's coffin, sparking delirium on the pitch and in the stands, stage four of the Kubler-Ross model hit the 35,000 strong Argyle contingent with equal force. The final whistle followed moments later and our fate was sealed.



What a contrast in emotions from our victory over Portsmouth two weeks previously when a goal in the dying moments had booked our place on the stage that was now the scene of our heartache. Players and fans, often perceived by the media to be different species, were joined by their collective misery and cried together as the pandemonium in the other half of the stadium completed a harsh juxtaposition.

Curtis Nelson could be seen consoling his distraught team-mates whilst his central defensive colleague, who had departed on a stretcher, lay somewhere within the bowels of Wembley, the dream that he had created lying in pieces.

### Stage 5 - Acceptance

I stood up slowly and assessed the damage; a pain in my head; a hole in my stomach; and an unmistakable ache somewhere in between. My eyes stung with tears as my dad put his arm around me: "Maybe next time, son."

The bike lay forlornly on the floor like a piece of abstract art. I picked it up with grazed hands and remounted, ready for another attempt.

Today signals the beginning of a new season and new hope. The pain of May 30 will remain with us until we can exorcise the demons with the antidote that only promotion can provide.

However, regardless of the outcome of last season, or the one that commences today, I would like to think that we, the Green Army, would always see fit to brush ourselves down, remount the bike and embrace the torment.

# THE Herald

## The Verdict

Monday morning review of Plymouth's weekend in sport [plymouthherald.co.uk/sport](http://plymouthherald.co.uk/sport)



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If the Greens on Screen website did not exist, someone would have to invent it. Its existence is the invention of STEVE DEAN who, for the first time ever, is revealing everything about the greatest fan website of them all, a work of art which redefines the term 'labour of love'. Today, Steve takes us back to the very beginning...

# Green Onions



Armed with a standard VHS recorder, the right cable and some software to create a basic website, I managed to publish Greens on Screen's first web page in early January 1999. Nearly two decades later, apart from a small and wonderful band of occasional helpers, it remains one man's hobby, pride and joy, responsibility, worry, monster. All those words apply, seemingly every day.

and had very few thoughts about what to do, how to do it and where it might lead. P@soti (as it was spelt then) had been running for a couple of years to provide a groundbreaking forum for a small number of Argyle fans, but there was nothing else of a green persuasion, and certainly no official site, social media or anything approaching what we take for granted today.

Greens on Screen's purpose was to provide a service for Argyle fans, bringing Home Park a little closer to those far away, free to access and stubbornly free from adverts. It is now a service for everyone, of course, and happily, although GoS and the club have generally maintained an arms-length approach, we have consistently enjoyed a respectful and problem-free relationship.

Whilst the aims remain the same, the services that Greens on Screen provide have come a very long way, and, in particular, have broadened to encompass the club's heritage: hundreds of thousands of lines of code, in fact, self-taught over the years and probably a horror show for the web technology purists, to bring us to where we are today.

### S O what shall I call it?"

I remember that question so well - Boxing Day 1998, the family around the table to face the left-overs, Christmas behind us, and a week before a return to work.

Howard Forinton had just grabbed a point at Barnet (pictured) and the thought struck me. I could do with a hobby, and this thing called the world wide web: might it be possible to share the local TV snippets with people far away?

"Greens on Screen," came the response from the three ladies in my life (wife and two daughters, I hasten to add). It was a good thought: Argyle snippets from TV to computer screens, in the days long before Argyle Player and YouTube.

They were very different times, of course. The Internet was young and the significance of ownership was vague in the online world. A word with Plymouth Argyle and Westcountry TV was enough to reassure me that that blind eyes would be turned, so why not give it a go?

It is proudly amateur and just a little bit quirky. I began with a blank canvas

*Next time: About me (much against my better judgement!)*





**ARGYLE  
LINE-UP**  
(4-3-3)

23 Luke McCormick  
(21 Vincent Dorel half-time)

2 Gary Miller  
(16 Ben Purrington 63)  
5 Nauris Bulvitis  
15 Sonny Bradley  
(4 Yann Songo'o half-time)  
3 Gary Sawyer

18 Oscar Threlkeld  
11 Ryan Donaldson  
(10 Graham Carey half-time)  
22 David Ijaha  
(24 David Fox half-time)

8 Jordan Slew  
(17 Jordan Bentley 85)  
9 Jimmy Spencer  
(20 Louis Rooney 79)  
14 Jake Jervis  
(7 David Goodwillie 45)



**WEST BROMWICH ALBION  
LINE-UP**  
(4-4-2):

1 Ben Foster  
25 Craig Dawson  
23 Gareth McAuley  
3 Jonas Olsson  
(49 Kane Wilson 63)  
6 Jonny Evans

10 Matt Phillips  
5 Claudio Yacob  
24 Darren Fletcher  
(8 Craig Gardner 66)  
14 James McClean  
(45 Jonathan Leko 56)

9 Salomon Rondon  
(7 James Morrison 68)  
18 Saido Berahino

**Substitutes (not used):**

4 James Chester  
38 Jack Rose  
47 Sam Field

# Saturday in the Park

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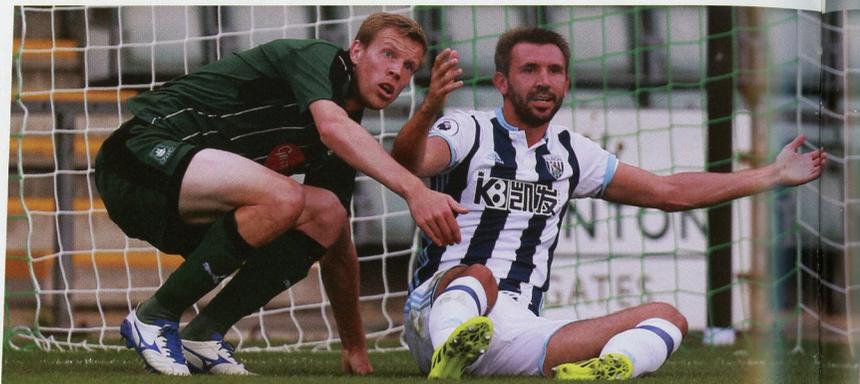
## ARGYLE 0 WEST BROM 0

*"It was a very good performance from us today - like all our pre-season games. We came through it with flying colours. Overall, it was another good workout for us."*

**Derek Adams**

*"The players' attitude and application was very good. We got what we wanted from the game. We came through it with no injuries and good minutes under the belt."*

**Ben Garner, West Brom coach**





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## Derek Adams

**P**RE-SEASON has gone exceptionally well. The players have looked fit; they have trained hard; and they have done very well in the nine games that we have played.

It has been a busy summer, with last season not finishing until May 30 and the play-off final. There has been a tight window in which to work, because of the play-off final, but being able to get a good number of players in on permanent deals has been important because you want to have strength in depth in your squad.

We had to re-sign players that were out of contract and we have signed 14 new players as well, which has taken the squad of permanent signings up to 22. That includes a couple of the younger players, as well as Ryan Brunt, who is still with us and progressing well from his injury.

We have taken in the nucleus of the

squad; we know the style of play that we want; and we have still got the possibility of taking in two more players on loan. That gives me the flexibility to look at how the squad is in the first few weeks of the season and then possibly take in players.

We went to Holland for a training camp, which was hugely successful. I think the staff combined well and so did the new players. It was a beneficial week for us and the fans that came with us enjoyed themselves.

We have got a team that can pass the ball well, and we have got a physical element to it as well. We have got running power; we have got goals in the team; we have got five strikers now that can all score goals.

I can sense optimism around Home Park and we need to carry this optimism forward. Nobody expected to have as big a crowd here against West Brom last Saturday as we did; it

was a fantastic turnout by Argyle supporters.

We had just returned from Holland on Friday and it was a good game for us. It took a very good week in Holland and moved it on to the next phase. This week has been about getting a wee bit of downtime, from the point of view that we were not travelling as much as we have done in pre-season, and preparing for today. You always want to do more, but you have always got to work within the time available to you.

We welcome Luton manager Nathan Jones to Home Park this afternoon, as well as his staff and the players, officials and supporters of the club.

I am really looking forward to this season. I always do look forward to the first weeks of the season. It is a busy period for us, but we have had a busy pre-season and we are more than capable of dealing with it.

Thank you.

“I can sense optimism around Home Park and we need to carry this optimism forward”



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# A Young Man's

## A Great Experience

**T**HE Milk Cup adventure for 2016 is complete and it was a really successful trip for our youngsters in the age groups from 14-16 year-olds.

We were challenged against teams we would not normally play in the regular games programme. We took on teams like Rangers and Middlesbrough, Category 1 clubs, and held our own in those matches.

It also demonstrated to the boys how thin the dividing line is to be successful in football. If we had got a result after the Rangers game, we would have been competing in the top four of the Milk Cup.

They play games every day and that does sap the energy of the boys. It is the same for every team and good for them to be tested, physically and

mentally. They have to deal with match preparation and overcoming disappointments if they arise.

We played a total of five games and it was a great experience for the boys fortunate enough to attend. As coaches, we are now looking to see how this opportunity reflects on their performances over the season.

We prepare for games properly in the same manner as the first team. We run through set-plays, give them information on how we want to play, and build up to a game. This year, for the first time, we took video analysis to give them feedback on individual and team performances.

The camaraderie that comes from representing the football club and how they behave is all monitored. The way they eat, recovery sessions, the whole

process is analysed. It is a tough week for players and coaches, but definitely worthwhile.

Every year, we also send different coaches to give them a new experience. I am delighted with how things went and congratulations to all involved.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have contributed financially and logistically to our continued presence at the Milk Cup. There are far too many to mention everyone but I would just like to pick out: PASOTI and Ian Newell; the Big Green Lottery; Ken Beale; the 50/50 Lottery; Senior Greens; the Green Taverners; Plymouth Argyle Supporters Club; and Saltash Youth FC.

Thanks to you all.

*Kevin Hodges  
Plymouth Argyle Academy Manager*

### ACADEMY PROFILE

**Name:** Kevin Hodges

**Age:** 56

**Position:** Plymouth Argyle Academy Manager

**Football Idol:** Bobby Moore

**Favourite Football Moment:** 1966 World Cup – I was six years-old and this was my inspiration to play the game.

**Career:** Hodgy is the record-appearance holder for Plymouth Argyle after spending 15 years as a Pilgrim. He finished his playing days at Torquay United, moving into management with the Gulls and then back at Argyle, where he is now our Academy Manager.



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# Game

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## NORTHERN IRELAND SUPERCUP

**A**RGYLE'S youngsters kicked-off their Milk Cup campaign for 2016 with an emphatic 10-1 victory over Colombian side Alset.

The Pilgrims were dominant from the start, racing into a two-goal lead with strikes from Mike Peck and an Isaac Burdon header. The South Americans then saw any hopes of an unlikely fightback dashed with the dismissal of their goalkeeper for handling outside the area.

It was ruthless stuff from Argyle, as Mani Skett and Peck doubled the lead. Alset did pull a goal back but Skett completed his brace before half-time.

Coach Kevin Nancekivell enjoyed the luxury of making several changes for the second period and the onslaught continued. Rubin Wilson scored twice and there were further goals from Kieran Rowe, Rio Garside and Tom Harris.

It was then on to a meeting with Scottish Premier League giants Glasgow Rangers and a game that was so close to a sensational scalp.

Argyle were brilliant in the early stages, racing ahead through a Peck penalty and the lead was doubled by Burdon. Rangers were rocking and it could have been even better for Argyle at half-time.

The second-half turned out to be a test of defensive endurance and, while Rangers scraped a 2-2 draw in the end, it was a well deserved point for the boys in Green.

The brutal scheduling of the Milk Cup forced weary young legs back out for another game just 15 hours later and the Pilgrims then had to recover from the mental disappointment of conceding on two minutes against County Armagh.

Peck did hit the bar in a gruelling first period and Green efforts were then rewarded with Burdon heading in the equaliser, but we were then struck by the hammer blow of two goals in as many minutes.

Burdon scored a second header after another fine delivery from Rio Garside but there was nothing left in the tank to find a leveller.

The Pilgrims moved forward to a game with Premier League Middlesbrough in the Bowl Semi-Final and it would be penalty heartbreak for the boys.

Wilson gave us the perfect start on two minutes but the North-East side soon struck back, and Argyle were left trailing 3-1 early in the second period.

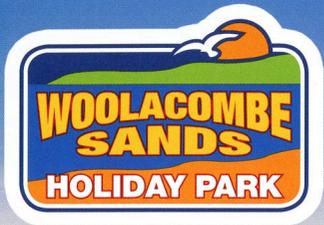
The response in those circumstances was superb, as a brace from substitute Jacob Evans took the game to penalties. Although the spot-kick lottery went against us, it was a terrific achievement to secure another draw against a Category 1 side.

The Milk Cup journey concluded with a 2-1 loss at the hands of USA team First Choice Soccer.

Argyle conceded two sloppy goals either side of half-time to give themselves a mountain to climb.

Isaac Burdone and Rio Garside





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# Games People Play

## CARLSBERG SOUTH WEST LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION 2016-17

### August

5 Cullompton  
9 Bodmin  
13 Callington  
16 Torpoint  
20 Exmouth  
23 St Austell  
26 Ivybridge

### September

3 Falmouth  
6 Witheridge  
10 Newquay  
13 Tiverton  
17 Totnes & D (Cup)  
20 Helston  
24 Saltash

### October

1 Godolphin  
4 Cullumpton  
8 Tiverton  
11 Plym Parkway  
22 St Blazey  
25 St Austell  
28 Tavistock

### November

1 Camelford  
5 Godolphin  
12 Helston  
18 Launceston  
26 Callington

### December

2 Plym Parkway  
10 Falmouth  
17 Exmouth  
27 Tavistock  
31 Torpoint

### January

7 Ivybridge  
14 Camelford  
21 St Blazey  
28 Newquay

### February

3 Witheridge  
11 Saltash

### March

3 Launceston  
25 Bodmin

Home matches are played at Coach Road, Newton Abbot.

## EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH WEST DIVISION 2016-17

### August

10 Newport (Cup) 1pm  
13 Portsmouth noon  
20 AFC Bournemouth  
27 Newport County  
30 Oxford United 1pm

### September

3 Cheltenham Town  
16 Swindon Town 1pm  
23 Bristol Rovers

### October

7 Exeter City 1pm  
15 Yeovil Town  
29 Oxford United

### November

12 Newport County  
19 Cheltenham Town  
26 AFC Bournemouth 11.30am

### December

3 Swindon Town  
17 Bristol Rovers

### January

7 Exeter City  
21 Portsmouth noon  
27 Yeovil Town 1pm

All games kick off at 11am unless stated. Home matches are played at Tavistock AFC.

## FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH WEST DIVISION ONE 2016-17

### August

21 Shanklin  
28 St Nicholas

### September

14 Exeter City 7.45pm  
18 Cheltenham Town

### October

2 Brislington  
5 Exeter City 7.45pm  
16 Basingstoke  
23 Chichester City  
30 Maidenhead United

### November

6 St Nicholas  
13 Basingstoke  
20 Shanklin  
27 Southampton Saints

### December

11 Chichester City

### January

8 Cheltenham Town  
15 Brislington  
22 Keynsham Town

### February

5 Maidenhead United  
12 Larkhall Athletic  
19 Southampton Saints

### May

7 Larkhall Athletic  
14 Keynsham Town 7.45pm

### September

4 AFC Wimbledon Ladies

All games kick off at 2pm unless stated. Home matches are played at Elburton Villa FC.

## UNDER-16s GAMES PROGRAMME 2016-17

### August

4 Oxford United 1pm  
13 Portsmouth noon  
24 Weston-Super-Mare 7.30pm  
27 Newport County  
31 Elburton Villa 6.30pm

### September

3 Cheltenham Town  
17 Swindon Town  
24 Bristol Rovers

### October

1 AFC Bournemouth 11.30am  
8 Exeter City 10.30am  
15 Yeovil Town  
29 Oxford United

### November

5 Somerset Schools 10.30am  
12 Newport County  
19 Cheltenham Town  
26 AFC Bournemouth 11.30am

### December

3 Swindon Town  
10 WBA Noon  
17 Bristol Rovers 10.30am

### January

7 Exeter City 10.30am  
21 Portsmouth noon  
28 Yeovil Town

All games kick off at 11am unless stated. Home matches are played at Tavistock Community College

## DEVON ST LUKES CHALLENGE CUP

### First Round

Bideford v Torquay United  
Buckland Athletic v Exeter City  
Tiverton Town v Tavistock  
Barnstaple Town v Willand Rovers  
Exmouth Town v Argyll  
(Wednesday, September 28, 7.45pm)  
Plymouth Parkway v Witheridge  
(Tuesday, September 13, 7.30pm)  
Byes: Ivybridge Town, Cullompton Rangers

### Quarter-Finals

(Matches to be played by December 31)  
Barnstaple or Willand v Buckland or Exeter  
Cullompton v Exmouth or Argyll  
Plymouth Parkway or Witheridge v Ivybridge  
Tiverton or Tavistock v Bideford or Torquay

KEY BOLD = Home game REGULAR = Away game



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2015 - 2016

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JAMES BRENT



# The Grass is Green

**H**ERE we go again: a new season is upon us; new hopes and high expectations!

For me, it is important to see seasons as chapters in the Argyle book and not the book itself. Last season was a chapter of further significant improvement...but did not quite provide the finale we all hoped for.

For me, 2015-16 achieved many things both on and off the pitch:

- the recruitment of a new manager who has proven a favourite of fans... and for good reason;
- the third season of progression in our league position;
- our first ever trip to the (not so new!) Wembley – wow, what a sight that was with the motorways and trains turned green!;
- our average home gates further increased and are up by almost half since we took over the club;
- the introduction of a new investor and the addition of two directors to the Board, bringing, not only additional financial resource, but also new ideas and challenge;
- continued improvement in our Academy and in Argyle Community Trust;
- raising the cash required to repay the remaining football creditor and Argyle Trust debt, and invest in our club.

The management and staff have had a busy (and very short!) closed season. On the day after Wembley, I met with Martyn and Derek and the work for the new season began. A lot of preparation

had, of course, been undertaken before Wembley on both League One and Two scenarios.

Since then, we have:

- hosted a Rod Stewart concert – important for Plymouth but also generating incremental revenues for the club;
- recruited 14 new contracted players, expanding the contracted squad to 22;
- played nine friendlies, winning or drawing them all (including winning away against Maastricht and drawing at home against a strong West Brom team);
- replaced the surface of Home Park, adding 120 tonnes(!) of fibre elastic to the pitch;
- commenced the works on the two training pitches at Harpers Park (new drainage, surfaces and fencing);
- partnered with Ginsters as our new shirt sponsor for three years (my thanks to LTC for all they have done for Argyle).

“All of us at the club know that, while we have improved dramatically, there is much work left to be done”

• brought out our new home and away strips – the away strip being heralded as possibly the best ever;

The Green Army is responding. Compared to the corresponding stage of last season:

- Green Memberships are up by 13%;
- White Memberships are up by 17%;
- shirt sales have more than doubled.

Possibly the most important closed season activity, however, was the extension of Derek Adams' contract.

Much of what football clubs do is focused on the current season. Yet, to achieve sustainable success, we believe that plans need to be implemented for the medium-term as well.

Derek's contract extension to 2020 – when we and the rest of Plymouth will be celebrating 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower and the founding of modern America – will help enhance the club's focus on the medium and longer terms.

All of us at the club know that, while we have improved dramatically, there is much work left to be done as we endeavour to improve each and every year. My thanks to our staff, management and sponsors but, most of all, to the Green Army.

So none of us know what the 2016-17 chapter holds for us – but we look forward with great excitement and expectation!

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James



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FOOTBALL clubs often employ a chaplain who is involved at all levels of their club, offering pastoral and spiritual support to people of any faith and of no faith. This could mean supporting a player with a long-term injury; aiding a youngster through the disappointment of being released; or helping with bereavement. The spiritual aspect of the chaplain's role is sometimes embraced, with coaches seeing that this dimension is important for players, whatever their faith. ARTHUR GOODE is the Argyle chaplain.

# I BELIEVE Have Faith

**M**Y head is not in football. My head is not in anything. A week camping in a field at the Christian version of Glastonbury has left me addled. "Just give us last Sunday's sermon, then" comes the advice from the Argyle Communications Office.

Sunday's sermon was from the parable of the talents – three chaps given cash to invest as the master heads off for his sabbatical, and they do well except the third one. Fearing the master, he panics, buries it and gives it back intact but with no return on the investment. The master is not happy and there is much wailing and gnashing of teeth.

It is a great story and we think it is all about using your talents and doing more, but that misses the point. What makes us use our talents, and get out there and give something a go? A sermon from the likes of me? Not likely. What drives our actions is our core beliefs about the world – in this case, our beliefs about God. Is he vengeful and angry, ready to tell us off if we go wrong? The third servant thought so and it paralysed him into inaction and failure. The other chaps took considerable risks in order to make a 100% return on their investments and the master was pleased. What he was most pleased about was their willingness to have a go.

In our church, 'faith' is spelt 'T-R-Y'. We want to be people that have a go, maybe mke mistakes, but never stop trying. We can do this because we know that God loves us and is cheering us on, and we try to remind each other of this when our faith dwindles and we get discouraged.

When Peter saw Jesus walking on water and called to him: "Master, if it is you, call to me and I will come!" Jesus replied: "Come!" and Peter did just that, but, halfway there, he lost his courage and went under. His faith let him down. Faith in Jesus? I think it was more like faith in himself. However, when he got back in the boat and stood there dripping and pathetic, rather than being viewed a failure, he was the envy of everyone else for actually having a go.

Faith and trying are key elements in football, and we saw both in evidence in the very creditable and encouraging

"The players need to believe in each other and trust the manager and his instructions."

draw against a full strength West Brom last week. The players need to believe in each other and trust the manager and his instructions. They need, too, the courage of their convictions to have a go and commit.

We all love to see players who do not hold back, something more likely to happen if they think the manager believes in them – encouragement is such a powerful motivator.

Faith is often misunderstood as certainty. If you believe, you do not doubt. The opposite is, in fact, true – faith is created by doubt and uncertainty. Without it, there is no need for faith.

Perhaps faith should be better described as choosing to believe, something the players do as they step across the white line, something we have all done this afternoon by trooping up to Home Park for another season full of possibilities. If you want to walk on water, you need to get out of the boat...



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ADORABLE Charlie Rose – @pafccharlie – thought that, this season, it would be fun to wander through the Argyle alphabet with you. Today, naturally, he analyses an amalgam of A's.

# The Letter A

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**ARNASON. KARI**

AFTER arriving at Argyle in 2009 following his release from Danish club Aarhus, little did Kari Arnason know that he would play during Argyle's darkest days. Despite being part of a team that suffered back-to-back relegations, Kari always gave his all on the pitch and was appreciated by the Home Park faithful.

Arnason will be remembered by the Green Army as the second player from Iceland to represent the Pilgrims – Bjarni Gudjonsson was the first, five years earlier – and for a special goal at Milton Keynes.

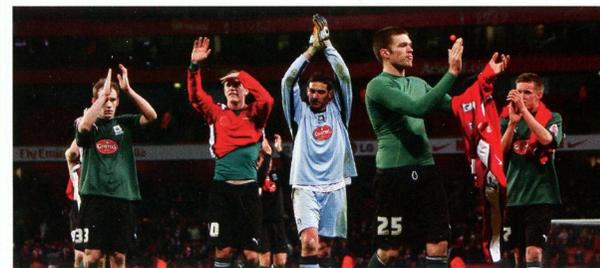
Life after Argyle for Kari saw him ply his trade at Aberdeen and Rotherham United, and he is currently at Swedish

club, Malmo. Oh, and he also played the full 90 minutes in Iceland's 2-1 shock win over England in the last 16 stage at EURO 2016.

**ARSENAL**

IT is fair to say that, despite Plymouth's geographical location, Argyle travel in good numbers for away matches – a record-breaking number actually, as the Green Army provided the biggest attendance by away fans at the Emirates Stadium: 9,000 for an FA Cup tie in 2009.

This is not the only record linking Argyle with Arsenal. The Pilgrims also have the unwanted record of being on the receiving end of Arsenal's biggest away win in the League Cup, a 6-1 victory at Home Park in 1989.



**ADAMS. STEVE**

EVERY football-mad Janner child dreams that, one day, he will play in the famous Green and White of Argyle. Well, Steve Adams achieved that very dream. He did not play for Argyle on just one occasion as a cameo, however – he represented the Pilgrims on 179 occasions.

After breaking into the first team from the youth squad, Steve was a solid ball-winning defensive midfielder who did a lot of unnoticed work. Something that did not go unappreciated, however, was when he played a vital cog in Paul Sturrock's 2001-02 Division Three winning side, again, fulfilling a further dream that many Janners had, or still have.

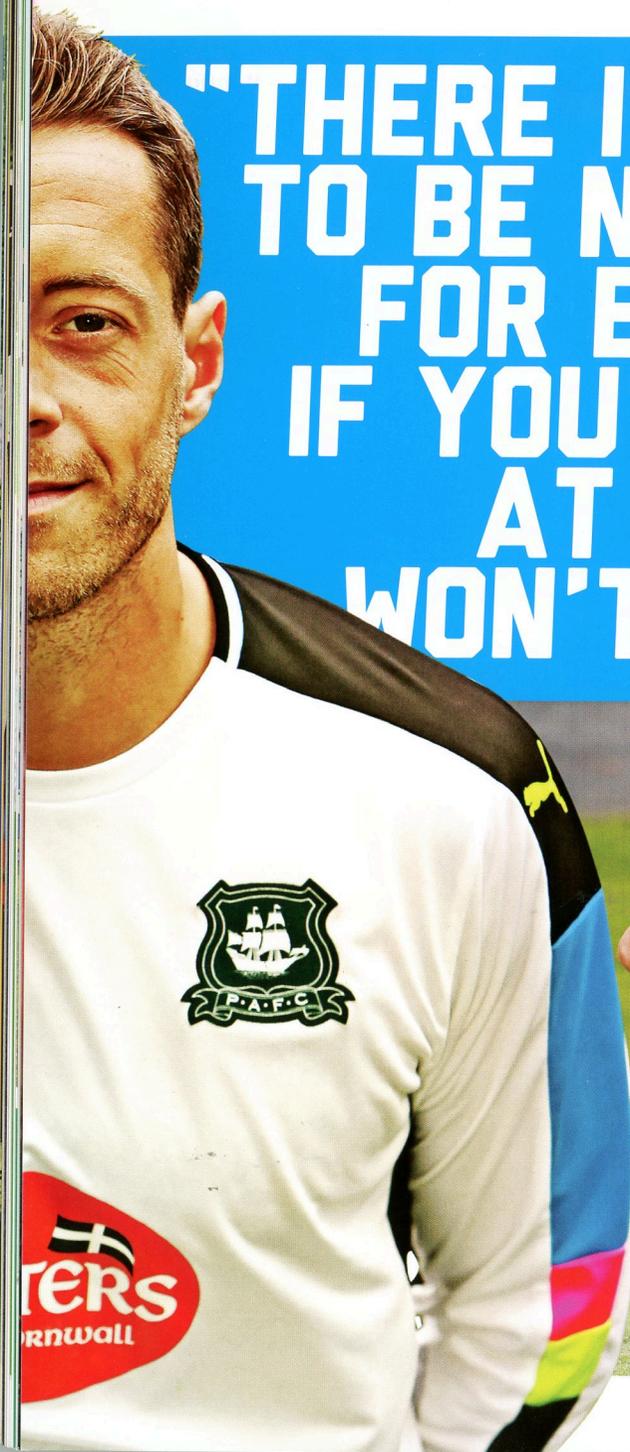
Steve Adams – a prime role model for the current crop Argyle youngsters.



**ALEX BRAY**

A PLAYER whose Argyle career lasted for just 12 minutes, the young Swansea loanee came on as substitute away to Luton in the 2014-15 season, was booked, and picked up a serious knee injury which resulted in him being sent back to his parent club and put the winger in contention for the shortest ever Argyle career.

**"THERE IS GOING TO BE NO ROOM FOR ERROR - IF YOU'RE NOT AT IT, YOU WON'T BE IN"**



**Y**OU have spent the best part of the last three seasons staring at the back of the heads of Kelvin Mellor, Curtis Nelson, Peter Hartley and Carl McHugh and, suddenly, they are all gone. It is some change.

It's just football. That happens. People come and go. Fourteen new signings is a lot but I see it as a good opportunity to get to know some new players, some new friends, and hopefully we will be more successful with this group of players than we were with the last one. It will keep me on my toes because I can't take for granted that Pete will come across at this point or Nelse is definitely going to win that header. You get to know players' games after playing with them for so long, so it's a case of learning about the new lads. It's been good for me and I'm enjoying it.

**Your last match together was at Wembley - how long did it take you to get the defeat by Wimbledon?**

It was difficult to get your head round. I went on holiday shortly after the final and you find yourself thinking about it. A lot of the time. Even now, you think about it, refer to it. It'll probably be something that will stay with us for quite a while but I certainly came back for pre-season thinking 'I don't want to feel like that again'. Hopefully, myself and the lads that went through it will be able to use it as a tool to push on past the play-offs this season.

**Have you tried to put your finger on why the play-off final performance was so under par?**

To be honest, I thought we started the game well. In the first 15-20 minutes, we looked positive, we attacked Wimbledon, we had them pinned in a few times, but we just didn't get that break. If the ball had dropped for us in those opening stages, you would have got a totally different game. As it happened, Wimbledon got into the

game. We know we didn't play as well as we could have but credit has to go to Wimbledon for how they played. They stopped us from doing what we wanted to do and played to their strengths. It was effective and, in the end, I don't think we can have too many complaints about the result.

**From the sidelines, this season's squad looks appreciably bigger than previously - and last season's players were not exactly seven stone weaklings. Do you think the gaffer has deliberately set out to do that?**

I think the gaffer will have gone away and thought a lot about how we did and how we can improve. He's identified those areas and brought in players to fill that gap. We're big and we're strong and we'll be fit. I think we'll be successful.

**Why?**

On the first day of pre-season, looking around the changing-room, it was really evident that, this season, we are a team of men. That's no disrespect to anyone who was here last year but we're an older group this time, there's lots of experience. As the oldest member of the squad, I really like the look of having older heads in the team. There were times when we were naive last year, particularly late on in games when we couldn't quite see things through. That comes with having games under your belt. That's one area where we will hopefully be strong this year.

**One of the new boys is another goalkeeper - Marc McCallum. After several seasons of essentially working in a pair - with Jake, Bitts, and Vinny - is that going to be strange?**

We seem to be really, really competitive in every area. I'd say the goalkeeping area is the strongest it's ever been in my entire time at the club. We have got three 'keepers vying for one position; nobody is here to make up the numbers. There is going to be no room for error - if you're not at it, you won't be in.

**You have captained the side quite often in pre-season - what has that been like, leading from the back?**

I've really enjoyed the responsibility of it. It's helped me, as well, given me a bit of a push.

**It has been very noticeable that, during pre-season, neither you nor Vinny have punted the ball. That must be a deliberate tactic?**

Only if it's on. We've got a back three or four that are comfortable at having the ball to feet and look for the ball to feet. Vincent and I are comfortable with the ball at our feet, as well, which helps so that, if we give it out, we can get it back and not feel under pressure. We haven't been told we have to do it - it's down to us to manage the situation - but I think it's worked and I've enjoyed trying to work the ball out from the back because I think it's beneficial for the creative players we have got. >>

# LUKE MCCORMICK



>> **To be unbeaten in pre-season, including last week's clean sheet and a draw with West Bromwich Albion, must breed confidence?**

There are loads and loads of positives to come out of pre-season. We have scored lots of goals and it's been useful, having the number of friendlies we have had. You can do what you like in training but you can't replicate a match situation. The squad is full of confidence and ready to take all the things we have worked on into the game against Luton.

**Black, white or pink?**  
Black.

## LUKE'S GUIDE TO GOALKEEPING

**What one quality above all others marks out a good goalkeeper?**

Everyone thinks you have to be a really good shot-stopper, which is true. However, there is something that is forgotten about a lot in goalkeeping and that is that you can have the best hands in the world but, unless you can move your feet to get your hands in position to make a save, it's pointless.

**What provokes a decision of whether to punch or catch a cross or a shot?**

The initial decision is whether you come or stay. Then, when the ball is in flight, you can make the decision to catch or punch. That depends

on who's around in your vicinity. If you are coming through a crowd of players, I was always taught to punch. Take no chances.

**How should you prepare to face a penalty?**

I've tried everything over the last 12-18 months and it hasn't helped. Last season, we did a lot of work on opposition penalty-takers and their penalty-taking history, and it didn't really help, to be honest. This season, I'll probably work more on instinct.

**How do you deal with a one-on-one?**

Stand up and be big as you possibly can for as long as you can. When someone comes through on goal with you, the pressure is on them to score. If you go down or spread too early, you are making up their mind for them, making it easy for them. The longer you stand and the bigger you appear, the harder it is for them.

**Can you do anything to improve concentration?**

You can be quite far away from the action at times, and it could be easy for your mind to drift, but concentration is something that you can develop as you get older. Talking helps, even if the person you are talking to is 30 yards away from you. It means you are involving yourself in the game. It doesn't matter if the person you are talking to doesn't hear you – just by talking, you are keeping focused.

## WORD ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

Please respond to the following words by saying the first thing that comes into your head:

Rio  
De Janeiro



Brickfields  
Track

Strong  
Greg

Green  
Blue

Punch  
Judy



Holland  
Austria

Today  
Tomorrow

Relaxation  
Sea



Joe Root  
Who?

Annoying  
Graham Carey



Hotel  
Bed

Leader  
Me

Happy  
Sad

Wimbledon  
Tennis



Money  
Not important

Risk  
Minimal

Summer  
Sun

Danger  
Red

## DRESSING-ROOM DILEMMAS

**Q. Which of your team-mates was once described as a "young Wayne Rooney?"**

Jimmy Spencer  
Correct answer: David Goodwillie

**Q. Which of your team-mates has won the League of Ireland?**

Connor Smith?  
Correct answer: Graham Carey

**Q. Which of your team-mates has played alongside Troy Deeney?**

That's Connor Smith!  
Correct answer: Connor Smith

**Q. Of the players that played in the Wycombe play-off matches two seasons ago, which one is still a team-mate of yours?**

Ryan Brunt  
Correct answer: Ryan Brunt

**Q. Who was the first to score their debut EFL goal – Karleigh Osborne or Gary Sawyer?**

Karleigh  
Correct answer: Karleigh Osborne

**Q. Whose Tweet is this? "Feel cheated out of my £45 a month Sky bill watching Papiiss Cisse try and control a football for 90 minutes."**

Sonny?  
Correct answer: Ryan Donaldson

## FIVE FOOTBALLING INFLUENCES

FIRST off is **my dad**, who used to work very long hours and then be forced to go out and kick a ball around with me. He did that for my entire childhood in Coventry. He played a huge, huge part in me getting towards being a professional.

When I came to Argyle as a 15 year-old, away from home for the first time, **Geoff Crudgington and Kevin Summerfield**, who signed me, were father figures. They were important in the early years of my development at an early age here.

I learnt a lot off **Romain Larrieu**, who was always very good to me as



a youngster, coming up through the ranks. It's vitally important to have someone to look up to. I was lucky – when I was younger at this club, every older goalkeeper that I worked under was really helpful to me and I've tried to be the same for 'keepers who are younger than me and up and coming. I can't describe how important it is. Ro was a massive influence on me.

There is always more to football than training and match-days. There's a lot to be said for how you live your life off the field. **Paul Connolly** and I teamed up from a very young age and helped each other through. We were both young lads, living away from home – we depended on each other off the pitch. We're still the best of friends to this day.

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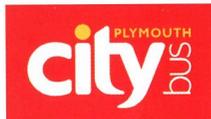
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ANDREW GRILLO - @a\_j\_grillo - is a man in his 30s. After 25 years of watching, playing and talking about football, it took arguably the least inspiring international tournament in recent history to make him put thoughts into words, write them on a screen, and to query the once (and hopefully still) Beautiful Game.

## More Questions than Answers



**A** THE start of the football season is one of the magical Saturdays of the year. Alongside the Grand National, FA Cup third round and the FA Cup final, it will forever evoke memories of a full whole day spent watching Grandstand while the sun blithely beats in through the living room windows (although maybe not for FA Cup third round).

Sunshine, blue sky, green pitches and hope go hand in hand at 3pm on the first Saturday of the football league season. The tail end of summer and the likelihood that it will be a boiling hot test of close-season fitness regimes somehow can lead thoughts astray to greater hope: "The weather is good for a change; what could go wrong?" - how very British of us.

"A warm Saturday afternoon at the start of the August" is perhaps the antithesis of the "cold, wet Tuesday night in Stoke", but that is not to say the myriad exotic signings of the Premier League will get off to a flying start.

This is the moment of truth, when all those pre-season friendlies, those

signings, those rumours of signings, boil down to 90 minutes of football (for now at least). Managers will no doubt draw a tense first breath at grounds around the country in the moments before kick-off.

More than anything though, a new season offers a chance for redemption.

For those who fell by the most painful of margins, be it a loss in a play-off final for the Pilgrims, Spurs failing to hold on to Leicester's coat tails, or Brighton,

"Sunshine, blue sky, green pitches and hope go hand in hand at 3pm on the first Saturday of the football league season"

essentially denied a promotion on goal difference - for one and all, this is a chance to start again.

Of course, for those not interested in redemption, there should hopefully be an opportunity for good old fashioned revenge (AFC Wimbledon in the rebranded EFL Trophy anyone?).

Signings could click, refereeing decisions might go 'the right way' this year, eyes will be peeled for omens - good or bad. Concerns will abound over whether the team will gel, or how those loan signings will work out.

Forget last season's psychological scars - for now, it is just one game, maybe even the most exciting game of the season, where a whole untarnished season of possibility lays ahead.

There there is even still some way to go before Gary Lineker marks the first Match of the Day of 2016-17 with the (hopefully brief) appearance of him presenting in his briefs.

Let us enjoy it while we can.



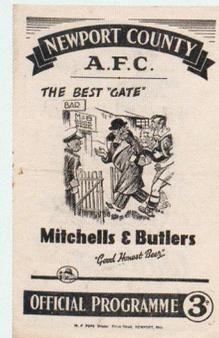
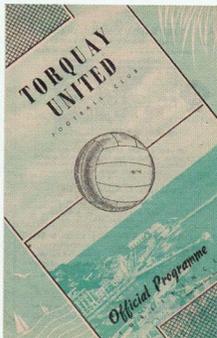
Plymouth Argyle v Luton Town

# Remember When

# 1950-51

ARGYLE are travelling to Australia this season. Well, not your actual Australia, but by the time the Target Travel team coach limps back into Home Park sometime in the wee small hours of May 7, the Pilgrims will have covered the same distance as a one-way trip Down Under. This season, we are again remembering some of our past campaigns by looking at the match-day programmes of the clubs to which we journeyed.

Today, we revisit the visits we made in the 1950-51 Third Division South season.



- Away days**
- 1 Aug 24 Walsall
  - 14,278 D 1-1
  - 2 Aug 26 Ipswich Town
  - 13,000 L 0-2
  - 3 Sep 6 Nottingham Forest
  - 17,596 L 1-4
  - 4 Sep 16 Southend United
  - 14,500 L 0-1
  - 5 Sep 30 Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic
  - 14,878 W 2-0
  - 6 Oct 7 Torquay United
  - 17,000 W 3-1
  - 7 Oct 21 Swindon Town
  - 16,783 W 2-1
  - 8 Nov 4 Bristol Rovers
  - 29,654 L 1-3
  - 9 Nov 18 Brighton and Hove Albion
  - 8,000 W 6-0
  - 10 Dec 2 Norwich City
  - 26,841 L 0-1
  - 11 Dec 25 Bristol City
  - 19,948 L 0-1
  - 12 Jan 13 Reading
  - 17,298 L 0-4
  - 13 Jan 27 Watford
  - 9,107 D 1-1
  - 14 Feb 3 Exeter City
  - 20,000 L 2-3
  - 15 Mar 3 Aldershot
  - 8,500 D 2-2
  - 16 Mar 5 Port Vale
  - 5,000 L 1-2
  - 17 Mar 17 Colchester United
  - 8,746 L 0-3
  - 18 Mar 23 Millwall
  - 23,000 D 1-1
  - 19 Mar 31 Crystal Palace
  - 10,461 W 1-0
  - 20 Apr 14 Newport County
  - 11,967 L 0-2
  - 21 Apr 26 Leyton Orient
  - 8,092 W 2-1
  - 22 Apr 28 Northampton Town
  - 6,297 W 3-1
  - 23 May 5 Gillingham
  - 13,000 W 2-1

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SOPHIE CLEMENS looks at some of this summer's Pilgrims' movers and shakers.

# WHAT'S GOING ON?

**T** HIS summer has been busy with transfer activity as clubs in Sky Bet League Two look to bolster their squads ready to challenge for the league title or possibility of promotion in 2016-17 season.

Argyle were one of the clubs seeing lots of action take place as 12 players under contract at the start of the previous season moved on, whilst the eight players loaned to the club either moved back to the parent clubs or moved on.

Right-back **KELVIN MELLOR** completed a move to fellow League Two club Blackpool on July 6, after the 25-year-old turned down a new deal with the Pilgrims. Linking up with Mellor once more this season will be ex-Argyle loanee **JAMILLE MATT**. Jamille helped send the Green Army to Wembley with two impressive goals against Portsmouth during the 2015-16 League Two play-off semi-final but returned to his club Fleetwood Town once the season was over. However, Fleetwood released the striker in the off season, paving the way for the Seasiders to snap him up to boost their attacking options.



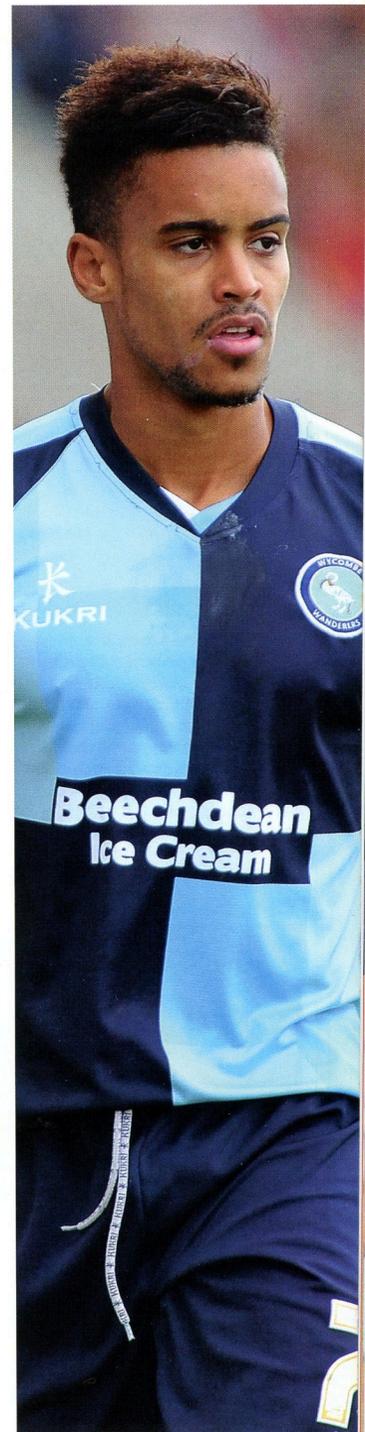
The 2015-16 season had seen goalkeeping **JAMES BITTNER** sign a new contract with the Pilgrims as a player-coach who would provide competition for Luke McCormick whilst taking on the role of goalkeeping coach. However, James decided against staying in Devon and moved back to Newport County with who he had once previously signed a short-term contract. Whilst with the Exiles, Bitts will again take the role of player-coach and might feature against his former employees during the forthcoming season.

Former Argyle striker **LEWIS ALESSANDRA** has made the move back to League Two football after limited chances to show his ability with League One club Rochdale. Hartlepool United signed Lewi in June after his contract with the Dale was cancelled by mutual consent and he joins former Pilgrims winger Nathan Thomas at the Pools.



Wycombe Wanderers have managed to secure former Argyle forward **PARIS COWAN-HALL** (right) for a third time. Paris first signed for the Chairboys in June 2013 following his departure from Home Park. He then moved to League One club Millwall in 2015 but was loaned back to his former employees this January until the end of the season. As one of Blues' manager Gareth Ainsworth's main summer targets, Paris returns to Adams Park for a third stint after agreeing a loan deal that will keep him there until January.

Another ex-Pilgrim also on loan to League Two opposition is **CHRISTIAN WALTON**. The 20-year-old goalkeeper is currently on loan to today's visitors Luton Town from his parent club, Championship side Brighton Hove & Albion. Christian began his career with Argyle at the age of 10 and signed for Brighton at 17, completing his scholarship in West Sussex and signing professional. In November last season, Christian returned to Home Park to cover for the injured Luke McCormick. He now links up with his former Brighton first-team coach Nathan Jones during his season long loan at Luton.



Plymouth Argyle v Luton Town



# A Matter of Trust

Argyle in the Community

## LADIES SHOWING INTENT

**ARGYLE Ladies are rivalling their male counterparts in terms of new recruits after an extremely busy summer of recruitment.**

The Ladies have retained 12 members of the squad from last season, including talismanic captain Katie Middleton and vice-captain Becky Atkins, who scored in the win over Marine Academy Plymouth to secure the Devon FA County Cup back in May.

Mollie Taylor and Dani Salt also scored in that thrilling 3-2 victory at Coach Road, and both players are among those staying for the new campaign. Goalkeeper Michaela Phillips has also signed and we are boosted by the return to fitness of Kayley Lane.

We are also very excited to have signed Dani Barr from Exeter City Ladies and four former Yeovil Town players: Nicola Brown, Jessie Boston, Ebony Dover and Amber Guy-Kemp.

Manager Dave Leonard said: "I am delighted in the signings I have made, it shows the intent and how serious we are in being successful.

"The new signings have already shown in pre-season training what they can bring to this football club and I am very excited to get started."

Officials from Argyle Ladies are in further discussions with a number of other players, as we build our squad to represent the club in the FA Women's Premier League and Devon Women's League.

The club has placed an ethos in youth, as five of the 15 signed are aged between 16-21 and the creation of our new reserve squad provides these talented footballers with regular football, and a clear pathway to the top.

If any player aged between 16-21 would like to attend training as we continue to formalise our squad, please contact club secretary Andrew Bellamy on [andrewbellamy68@me.com](mailto:andrewbellamy68@me.com).



## Picture OF THE DAY

The Football Roadshows arrive at Argyle for the summer.



## Staff PROFILE

**Name:** Mark Lovell

**Position:** Argyle Community Trust Manager

**Age:** 32

**Career:** After graduating from the University of Winchester with a degree in Sports Development, Mark joined Reading Football Club as a Community Coach. Brixham-born Mark then moved to Argyle in 2008 to join the Trust as Social Inclusion Officer, progressing to Trust Manager in 2010.



## THERAPY COURSE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER



**ARGYLE Community Trust are launching a fantastic new educational programme based at Argyle – a brand new BTEC course in Sports Therapy in a professional sporting environment.**

the course will become part of the Argyle family, learning their trade in the real-life environment of a professional football club."

Course Director Adam Slater said: "The course will be a great insight into what it's actually like to work for a professional sports team. Students will gain new skills and apply them in real world situations, which will set them up for future work and their careers within sport."

Home Park will be the main campus for students enrolling on this course and we are restricting the programme to a maximum of 10 people, enabling those selected to experience the first-hand benefits of modern sport in the competitive world of English football.

This course is the first of its kind in our region to be based exclusively at a professional club. The programme will include a mixture of theoretical content, such as anatomy and physiology, as well as practical elements in sports massage, injury assessment and sports taping.

You will be given exclusive access to the wide-ranging facilities at Home Park, gaining skills and knowledge from experienced practitioners in the field of sports therapy, all of which will enhance your future prospects in higher education and employment.

"We are very proud to introduce this exciting new programme to the education provision at Plymouth Argyle Football Club," said Chief Executive Martyn Starnes.

The course will allow students the opportunity to work with professional athletes and gain valuable work experience, all of this alongside gaining additional essential qualifications in the field, such as First Aid.

"It is a little known fact that we operate a number of educational courses at Argyle through our Community Trust, offering students a chance to pursue a multitude of careers in the sports industry.

The course requirements include a minimum A-C GCSE in English, Maths and Science, although we do have provision for retakes if required. To express an interest or find out more about the course, please contact [adam.slater@pafc.co.uk](mailto:adam.slater@pafc.co.uk) or call Argyle Community Trust on 01752 562561, option four.

"We have the ideal setting for potential graduates in sports therapy, the facilities are here and participants on

## Did you KNOW?

Argyle Community Trust will welcome a total of 380 youngsters on our National Citizen Service programme this summer.



# Argyle Football Roadshows Summer Holiday 2016

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## PLYMOUTH

**AUGUST 8 - 12 (£40)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
FIVE-DAY SOCCER ROADSHOW

**AUGUST 10 (£5)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
TINY TOTS (10AM - 12PM)

**AUGUST 11 (£8)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
PAN DISABILITY SOCCER ROADSHOW

**AUGUST 15 (£12)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
GOALKEEPERS DAY

**AUGUST 16 (£12)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
SEARCH FOR A STAR

**AUGUST 17 (£8)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
+ SPORT MOVE AND LEARN

**AUGUST 18 (£8)**  
BRICKFIELDS  
MULTI-SPORTS

**AUGUST 18 (£8)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
PAN DISABILITY SOCCER ROADSHOW

**AUGUST 19 (£5)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
GIRLS ONLY

**AUGUST 22 - 24 (£30)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
THREE-DAY SOCCER ROADSHOW

**AUGUST 24 (£5)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
TINY TOTS (10AM - 12PM)

**AUGUST 25 (£8)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
PAN DISABILITY SOCCER ROADSHOW

**AUGUST 26 (£12)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
STRIKERS AND GOALKEEPERS

**AUGUST 30 (£12)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
MATCH-DAY SPECIAL

**SEPTEMBER 1 (£8)**  
BRICKFIELDS  
MULTI-SPORTS

**SEPTEMBER 2 (£15)**  
HOME PARK, PLYMOUTH ARGYLE  
END OF SUMMER PARTY

## BODMIN

**AUGUST 15 (£12)**  
BODMIN YOUTH FC (COLDHARBOUR)  
STRIKERS AND GOALKEEPERS

**AUGUST 16 (£12)**  
ST NEOT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SOCCER ROADSHOW

**AUGUST 17 (£12)**  
WADEBRIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB  
SEARCH FOR A STAR

**AUGUST 23 (£12)**  
BODMIN DRAGON LEISURE CENTRE  
MATCH-DAY SPECIAL

**AUGUST 25 (£12)**  
ST TEATH YOUTH FC  
STREET SOCCER

**AUGUST 30 (£12)**  
BODMIN YOUTH FC (COLDHARBOUR)  
SOCCER ROADSHOW

## BUDE

**AUGUST 10 (£12)**  
BUDE YOUTH FC  
MATCH-DAY SPECIAL

**AUGUST 23 - 24 (£24)**  
BUDE YOUTH FC  
TWO-DAY TRAIN LIKE A PRO

**AUGUST 31 (£12)**  
BUDE YOUTH FC  
SOCCER ROADSHOW

## IVYBRIDGE

**AUGUST 18 - 19 (£24)**  
IVYBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
TWO-DAY SOCCER ROADSHOW

## LAUNCESTON

**AUGUST 9 (£12)**  
LAUNCESTON COLLEGE  
GIRLS ONLY

**AUGUST 15 (£12)**  
SOUTH PETHERWIN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEARCH FOR A STAR

**AUGUST 18 - 19 (£24)**  
LAUNCESTON FC, PENNYGILLAM  
TWO-DAY SEARCH FOR A STAR2

**AUGUST 26 (£12)**  
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL  
SEARCH FOR A STAR

**SEPTEMBER 1 - 2 (£25)**  
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL  
TWO-DAY END OF SUMMER PARTY

## LISKEARD

**AUGUST 9 - 10 (£12)**  
LUX PARK LEISURE CENTRE  
TWO-DAY SEARCH FOR A STAR

**AUGUST 25 (£12)**  
LUX PARK LEISURE CENTRE  
MATCH-DAY SPECIAL

**SEPTEMBER 1 - 2 (£12)**  
LUX PARK LEISURE CENTRE  
TWO-DAY END OF SUMMER PARTY

## OKEHAMPTON

**AUGUST 22 (£12)**  
OCRA PAVILLION  
STREET SOCCER

**AUGUST 30 (£12)**  
OCRA PAVILLION  
SOCCER ROADSHOW

## REDRUTH & CAMBORNE

**AUGUST 10 (£8)**  
CARN BREA LEISURE CENTRE  
MULTI-SPORTS

**AUGUST 12 (£8)**  
TRELLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MULTI-SPORTS

**AUGUST 12 (£8)**  
TRELLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MULTI-SPORTS

**AUGUST 17 (£12)**  
CARN BREA LEISURE CENTRE  
SOCCER ROADSHOW

**AUGUST 22 (£8)**  
CORNWALL COLLEGE, CAMBORNE  
MULTI-SPORTS

**AUGUST 24 (£12)**  
CARN BREA LEISURE CENTRE  
TRAIN LIKE A PRO

**AUGUST 31 (£12)**  
CORNWALL COLLEGE, CAMBORNE  
SEARCH FOR A STAR

## SALTASH

**AUGUST 18 - 19 (£24)**  
SALTASH.NET COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
TWO-DAY STRIKERS & GOALKEEPERS

**AUGUST 26 (£12)**  
SALTASH.NET COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MATCH-DAY SPECIAL

**AUGUST 31 (£12)**  
SALTASH.NET COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STREET SOCCER

## ST AUSTELL

**AUGUST 8 (£12)**  
CHARLESTOWN FC, NANPHYSSICK  
TRAIN LIKE A PRO

**AUGUST 9 (£12)**  
POLKYTH LEISURE CENTRE  
SEARCH FOR A STAR

**AUGUST 10 (£8)**  
CARLAZE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MULTI-SPORTS

**AUGUST 16 (£12)**  
POLKYTH LEISURE CENTRE  
TRAIN LIKE A PRO

**AUGUST 23 (£12)**  
POLKYTH LEISURE CENTRE  
SOCCER ROADSHOW

**AUGUST 24 (£12)**  
CHARLESTOWN YOUTH FC,  
NANPHYSSICK  
TRAIN LIKE A PRO

## TAVISTOCK

**AUGUST 11 (£12)**  
KELLY COLLEGE  
STRIKERS & GOALKEEPERS

**AUGUST 24 (£12)**  
KELLY COLLEGE  
MATCH-DAY SPECIAL

## TRURO

**AUGUST 11 (£8)**  
TRISPEN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MULTI-SPORTS

**AUGUST 15 (£12)**  
RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL  
SOCCER ROADSHOW

**AUGUST 18 - 19 (£24)**  
FALMOUTH SCHOOL  
TWO-DAY SOCCER ROADSHOW

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## TATT WHO?

Which Argyle player sports this impressive ink?



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## Pursuing Pete

PILGRIM Pete has lost his pasty and is looking for it somewhere in the pages of this edition of the Pilgrim. Can you find him?



## Young Turk

HERE is a photograph of a current Argyle player in his younger days. Can you recognise him?



## MAD HATTERS

Unscramble these anagrams to find three players who have played for both Argyle and Luton.

- 1 Hags Halt Mr Wild
- 2 Seven Ears
- 3 Profitable Shrimp Lessons

## ANSWERS

Young Turk: Jimmy Spencer  
Mad Hatters: 1 Dwight Marshall, 2 Sean Evers, 3 Forbes Phillipson-Masters.

# HAT FACTS



• Luton Town are nicknamed the Hatters because of the town's historical association with the hat-making industry.

• Contrary to popular belief, Abraham Lincoln's stove pipe hat did not contain an actual stove. But he did have a family of pigeons live in the top of it for four months in 1862.

• Warning: the following should not be eaten - beanie, raspberry beret, pork pie hat, kippah.

• After his encounter with Alice, the Mad Hatter opened a tea room in Twyford. It was largely unsuccessful, as the general public were uneasy at being served by a lunatic who hung around with a witless rabbit and seemed to encourage dormouse infestation.

• There was outrage in 2004 when the EU issued a directive that the ten-gallon hat should be renamed a 45.4609 litre hat. However, as for every other 'EU Make Barmy Law' story it was completely untrue. John Wayne, who made the hat famous, was said to be largely ambivalent to the news, but this was possibly because he died in 1979.

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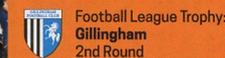


11<sup>TH</sup>

**TOP  
SCORER**  
Jack  
Marriott



**CUPS**



BEST OF BOTH



PATSY  
CORCORAN



PAUL  
CONNOLLY



RYAN  
BRUNT

HEAD TO HEAD

23 WINS 21 DRAWS 30 WINS



RIVALRS



Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS highlights leading Luton Town figures and achievements from 70 post-war League seasons

# Back In Time

## Fab Four

### MALCOLM MACDONALD

STRIKER Malcolm Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Luton in July 1969. He was twice top scorer including their 1969-70 promotion success when Player of the Year and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974 and League Cup finalist in 1976, he joined Arsenal for £333,333 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield and now works in the media.

### ◀ RICKY HILL

ENGLAND international midfielder Ricky Hill was Player of the Year when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was also Player of the Year in 1980-81 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He also featured in two consecutive League Cup finals including the Hatters' 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. After reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

**"HILL ALSO FEATURED IN TWO CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE CUP FINALS INCLUDING THE HATTERS' 1988 WEMBLEY TRIUMPH"**

### BRIAN STEIN

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

### MICK HARFORD

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

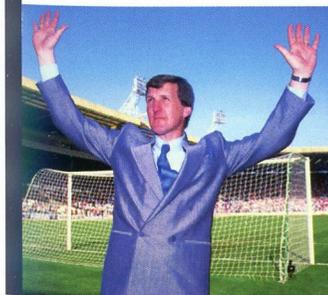
## It Takes Two

### DAVID PLEAT

David Pleat managed Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before appointed Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as coach in July 1972, becoming manager in January 1978, guiding them to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. After taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1993-94 before leaving in June 1995, then was Sheffield Wednesday's boss and Spurs' director of football.

### RAY HARFORD

RAY Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 League Cup final triumph. A centre-half with Charlton Athletic, Exeter City, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester, he was appointed youth-team coach at Layer Road. He joined Fulham in a similar capacity in June 1981 and was manager for two years before moving to Luton as assistant-boss in July 1986. After becoming manager in June 1987, he also guided them to the Simod Cup final and FA Cup semi-finals in 1987-88, then the 1989 League Cup final. Sacked in January 1990, he later had spells managing Wimbledon, Blackburn Rovers, West Brom and QPR. He died in August 2003.



## All Those Years Ago

### 1954-55

GORDON Turner scored 32 goals as Luton Town won promotion to the top-flight for the first time in 1954-55. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to Nottingham Forest and soared up the Second Division table with six straight wins. Gordon Turner grabbed a hat-trick as Luton trounced Blackburn 7-3 and they triumphed 5-1 at Nottingham Forest. Dally Duncan's side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past Hull City, Rotherham United, Liverpool and Port Vale. Tom Aherne and Shay Dunne were ever-present as Luton pipped Rotherham to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at Doncaster.

### 1973-74

LUTON Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973-74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.

### 1981-82

DAVID Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Grealish was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby. Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

### 1987-88

RAY Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 League Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win in the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.



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# WATCH THAT MAN

L T  
F C

**GK**  
**Christian Walton**

Height: 6ft 5in  
International youth apps: 12  
Age: 20  
Argyle apps: 4  
Shot stopping: 7/10  
Born: Truro

**DF**  
**Alan Sheehan**

Nationality: Irish  
Weight: 12st 11lbs  
Clubs played for: 11  
Attacking: 7/10  
Debut venue: Home Park  
Honours: Ireland Under-21

**MF**  
**Cameron McGeehan**

Born: Kingston-upon-Thames  
First club: Chelsea  
Honours: FA Youth Cup, Conference Premier  
Career goals: 23  
Creativity: 7/10  
Joined Luton: January 2014

**FW**  
**Jack Marriott**

Age: 21  
Awards: Luton Player of Year 15-16  
Finishing: 8/10  
2015-16 goals: 16  
Born: Beverley  
First club: Ipswich

AFTER making 10 appearances in spells for Argyle and Bury last season, Christian Walton looks set to get a full season of EFL experience in 2016-2017. The former Pilgrim has been snapped up by Luton Town on a season-long loan from Brighton & Hove Albion, with manager Nathan Jones – a former Brighton youth coach – knowing just how talented Christian is. A good shot stopper, Christian has played 12 times for the England youth sides and is highly regarded in the national set-up.

EXPERIENCED Irishman Alan Sheehan is another new player through in the in-door at Kenilworth Road, joining the Hatters on a two-year deal this summer. Alan, who had been on loan at Luton last season, is an attack minded full-back who has played across all three divisions of the EFL. He made his professional debut in 2005, when Craig Levein handed him a start in Leicester's 0-0 final day draw with Argyle. Since then, Alan has played for clubs including Leeds, Swindon, Peterborough and Bradford, and has been described as "Premier League quality" in the past.

AFTER failing to make the grade at Chelsea, it is safe to say Cameron McGeehan is beginning to match some of the potential he showed during his youth. A player with creative flair, Cameron bagged an impressive 14 goals last season for Luton whilst playing in midfield, more than doubling his career tally to date. As a result, he won the 2015-2016 Young Player of the Year award in a joint success with Jack Marriott. Like Christian Walton, Cameron has also been called up to play international youth football, and has represented Northern Ireland twice.

YOUNG hitman Jack Marriott had a season to remember last year, as he finished the season as the club's top scorer with 16 goals in all competitions for Luton Town. Jack, who is just 21, was on fire throughout the season, which culminated in him bagging both the Player and Young Player of the Year awards (jointly with Cameron McGeehan) at the end of the season. Jack's form appears to have continued over the summer, too, with him bagging a number of goals in pre-season, including a brace against Championship side Brighton & Hove Albion.



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AS we all know, SAM BARKER gets about a fair bit. And he has seen a fair few players. We thought it only fair that he told you what he knows about one of today's opponents. Fair enough?

# STORY OF MY LIFE



**T**HE 2009-10 season is not one that is remembered with any fondness by Argyle fans, a 23rd-place finish in the Championship leading to a thoroughly miserable few years for the club.

On the last day of the season, Argyle, long since relegated, met bottom club Peterborough United, even longer since relegated. The sun shined on Home Park as Argyle took the lead but then lost to the Posh, whose second-half comeback was executed almost single-handedly by Craig Mackail-Smith – the scorer of 45 goals over the two previous seasons which had fired his club to back-to-back promotions.

Fast forward through the summer of 2010 to August and Peterborough were back at Home Park, the opposition in only our second home match of the season.

The home crowd could be forgiven for thinking of déjà vu as, on another sunny day, Mackail-Smith again struck twice midway through the second half to hand the visitors the points as they ran out 3-0 victors.

Argyle were still without a win at Home Park since March that year, when they had beaten Gary Johnson's Bristol City thanks to a last-minute Carl Fletcher strike. Plot twist: Johnson had since

taken charge of Peterborough and guided them to their two victories in Devon. Revenge adequately gained.

As the 2010-11 season wore on, the fortunes of relegated Argyle and Posh continued to head in opposite directions. Peterborough, now under the charges of Darren Ferguson, were headed for the League One play-offs; Argyle to administration, League Two and genuine uncertainty about the future of the club.

Argyle, now with -10 points on their bottom line, headed to London Road in April to face the totally free-scoring Posh. The Pilgrims bossed the first half and deservedly led going into half-time but were to suffer more torment in a season of misery in the second half, with tormenter-in-chief Mackail-Smith scoring the second as the home side won 2-1.

The Pilgrims were relegated again but conceded fewer goals than Peterborough – a certain Graham Carey scored a couple against them that season – who went up through the play-offs and scored an incredible 106 goals that campaign. Thirty of those were scored by Mackail-Smith.

Since then, Mackail-Smith was sold to Brighton for £2.5m in the summer of 2011 and set himself about scoring goals for the Seagulls in the

Championship as freely he did the Posh. Injuries and multiple changes in management led to the striker never quite hitting his previous heights before he signed for Luton Town last summer.

In truth, he did not quite hit the heights again last season, but, a few years ago, there were few lower-league strikers that sent shivers down fans backs when they lined up against their team quite like Craig Mackail-Smith.

Especially Argyle fans, who he certainly has a fondness of scoring against in second halves of games.

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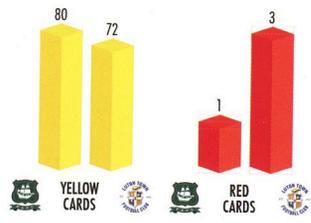
Plymouth Argyle v Luton Town



**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE** V **LUTON TOWN**

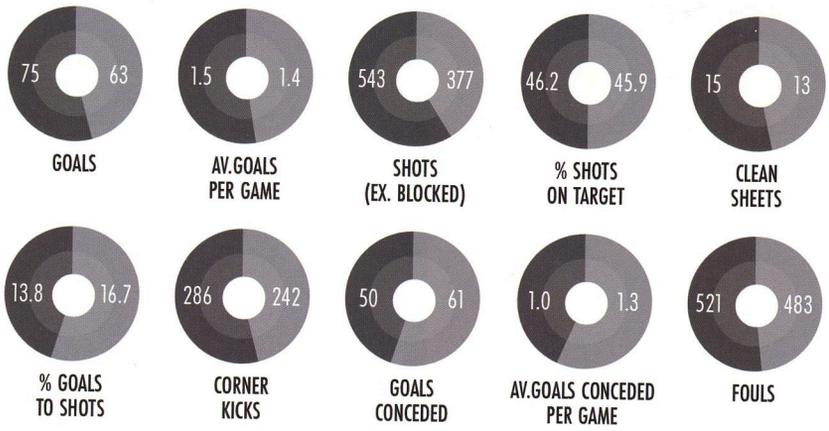
**MATCH FACTS**

Plymouth have won four of their last six league meetings with Luton, though they lost the other two.

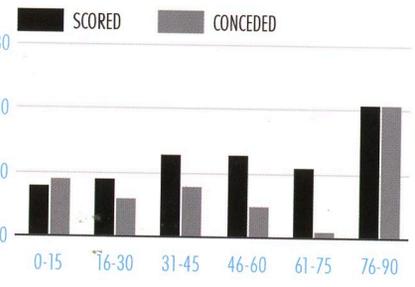


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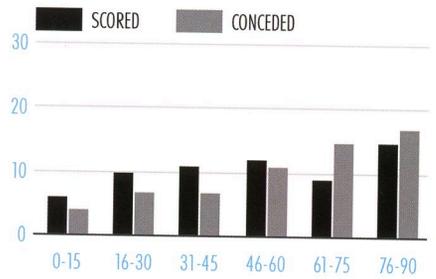
Luton have been victorious in their previous two games against the Pilgrims at Home Park, both 1-0 wins.



**GOAL TIMES**



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# 2016-17 STAT PACK



## LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

### GOALS

1	TAYLOR	27
2	SIMPSON	25
3	AKINDE	23
4	TAYLOR	22
5	ROOFE	18

### SHOTS ON TARGET

1	ROOFE	60
2	TAYLOR	59
3	SIMPSON	57
4	CAREY	55
5	TAYLOR	52

### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	SIMPSON	47
2	AKINDE	46
3	TAYLOR	42
4	KEE	41
5	TAYLOR	41

### FOULS

1	GREEN	96
2	AKINDE	92
3	AKINFENWA	89
4	PIERRE	73
5	HARROLD	72

## LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Wycombe scored 45 league goals in 2015/16, the lowest number in their 23 previous Football League seasons.

### ASSISTS

1	DEVITT	16
2	KEE	14
3	FRANCOMB	12
4	NICKY ADAMS	12
5	CAREY	11

### MINUTES PER GOAL

1	TAYLOR	125
2	CORR	146
3	MARRIOTT	147
4	SIMPSON	153
5	MCNULTY	154

### MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	CAREY	168
2	DEVITT	175
3	KEE	212
4	NICKY ADAMS	226
5	MCNULTY	242

### MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	COUSINS	48
2	ROCHE	49
3	FLINDERS	49
4	DAY	52
5	CARROLL	52

## LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Stevenage used 47 players in League Two in 2015/16, five more than any other side in the top four tiers of English football.

\*2015/16 league data (incl. play-offs)



# DAY TRIPPER



**CARLISLE UNITED**  
Saturday, August 13, 3pm  
Sky Bet League Two

Brunton Park  
Warwick Road  
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ARGYLE fans will be seated in the Story Homes Stand towards the Petterill End terrace. There are approximately 2,000 seats in this section and, if need arises, the Petterill End terrace can be used. The stand is a modern cantilever stand so there are no restricted views but be

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### Car-parking

THE club has a large car-park at the ground but make a charge of £2.50. Alternatively, there is plenty of street parking nearby.

### Local Pubs

THE Carlisle Rugby Club next to Brunton Park admits visiting supporters. Additionally, there is the *Beehive on Warwick Road* or the *Howard Arms on Lowther Street*, both of which are Theakstons pubs.



**NOTTS COUNTY**  
Tuesday, August 16, 7.45pm  
Sky Bet League Two

Meadow Lane  
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### Away End

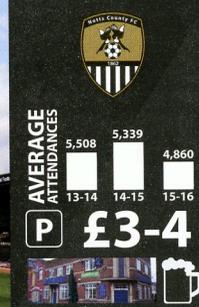
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### Car-parking

PARKING is available at the Cattle Market opposite the away end at a cost of £3.50, or at the Nottingham City Council's Eastcroft Depot for £4. The depot is a five-minute walk from Meadow Lane and is just off London Road. The entrance is signposted with banners and is manned by security guards. There is also limited street parking around the ground.

### Local pubs

THE Southbank bar is on the opposite bank of the Trent. It offers three real ales, including one from the local Mallards brewery. A little further on, near to the cricket ground, is the Trent Bridge Inn and is a Wetherspoons Pub. The *VAT and Fiddle* is next to the railway station and near to the Castle Rock micro-brewery which is listed in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide.



"Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis," as the classic Roma star Ovid once said. This season, we are peering through the mists of time to remember some great – and not so great – grounds to which we once made faithful pilgrimages.

Today, the Dell, home of Southampton for 103 years.

# When The Crowds Have Gone

**O** PENED in 1898, two years after Home Park, the Dell was home to Southampton until its closure in 2001.

During this time, Argyle played 48 matches at the Dell. They were regular visitors until the mid-1960s when the two club's fortunes went in opposite directions with the Saints reaching the top flight for the first time in 1966.

Argyle's first ever game at the Dell was in October 1903 in the Southern League during the Pilgrims' inaugural season as a professional side, when they won 5-3. Argyle also played a Western League match in the same season which was also a first-team competition.

The first Football League meeting between the sides was at the Dell in March 1921. Both sides had been elevated to the Football League Division 3 the previous year for the start of the 1920-21 season.

The Saints won that first game 1-0 but there have been many high-scoring matches between the two sides over the years.

In season 1931-32, Argyle won 6-0 at the Dell, with the Pilgrims goals being scored by the legendary Ray Bowden (3), Jack Vidler (2) and Sammy Black.

In 1945-46, the first season after the second world war, Argyle travelled to



the Dell for a Football League (South) match and drew 5-5.

In the Third Division promotion season of 1958-59, Argyle visited the Dell in late November, top of the league and having lost only one game all season. However, the Greens were well and truly hammered 5-1.

The highest attendance at the Dell to see Argyle was in November 1949, when a crowd of 25,129 saw a 3-3 draw in Division Two. The all-time record attendance at the Dell was achieved in October 1969, when a crowd of 31,044 saw the Saints play Manchester United.

The Pilgrims' last visit to the Dell was in April 1977, when the Saints, who were FA Cup holders at the time, beat Argyle 4-1 in front of a crowd of 20,914. The home side were on their way to promotion to the top flight and could boast England internationals Mike Channon, Peter Osgood and Alan Ball amongst their ranks.

The Dell continued to be home to the Saints until the end of 2000-02 season, when the club moved to their current St Mary's.

One interesting fact about the Dell is that it was the first ground in England to have permanent floodlighting, which was installed in 1950.

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Many of the Pilgrim's features down the years have looked back on Argyle's history, but what happens if we try to look into the future? We sent an email through the time-space continuum to CHRIS GROVES who, with a little help from Sports Interactive's Football Manager, gives us a review of Argyle's seasons yet to come.

THIS WEEK: the 2023-24 campaign...

# Seasons in the Sun

Bobby Reid, £325,000 well spent



**A**RGYLE'S 2023-24 season, which commemorated the club's 120th anniversary, will not be forgotten by fans in a hurry – especially considering scientific advances now allow us to store all of our thoughts in a cloud drive and download them whenever we want.

Much of the season had the Green Army thinking back to the 2019-20 campaign, when the return of Curtis Nelson catalysed a run to automatic promotion and an unfortunately brief stint in English football's second tier. Under the stewardship of Mark Cooper, following Swansea City's decision to swoop in and make Derek Adams their manager, the Pilgrims are establishing themselves as regular contenders for promotion – much like tiddlywinks has now established itself as a key event of the Olympic Games.

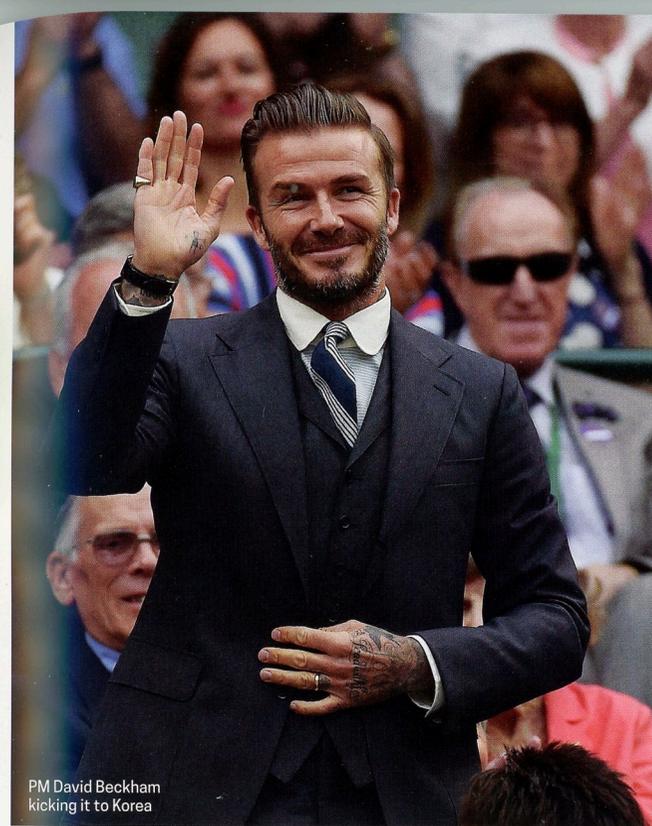
Four wins out of four to start the season set the tone for Argyle, and victories like the 4-0 victory against Luton Town and

2-0 win away to eventual league winners Reading helped them to a spot in the top three for most of the season. A 4-0 drubbing at White Hart Lane against Spurs in the FA Cup third round sparked a slump in form for the lads, who won one game out of nine before turning things around from February onwards.

The winter transfer window signing of Burnley's Bobby Reid for £325,000 began to pay dividends as he became the main support line for striker Chris Wood. Following in the footsteps of fellow target man New Zealander Rory Fallon, Wood netted 19 times in all competitions – the third-most of any League One player. The performances of left-back Archie Edwards have been catching the eye of many, playing behind winger Demetri Mitchell, who many are tipping to be arriving via monorail at a Premier League club soon.

For a lack of a better footballing cliché, Home Park is once again a fortress, with Cooper's men losing

Keytar aficionado King Harry, Lord of the Synthys



PM David Beckham kicking it to Korea

only two home matches all season. This is thanks in no small part to the atmosphere at the Theatre of Greens, created in tandem by the club's fans and match-day staff. Argyle now walk out to an electronic, techno-house version of Semper Fidelis; once a memorable marching band song for the United States Marine Corps, Argyle's famous theme tune now has a modern edge, inspired by King Harry's decision to expand our country's Armed Forces bands to include keytars and synthesisers.

After dramatic 3-2 wins over Burton Albion and Doncaster Rovers, Argyle finished third in League One, earning them a play-off tie against an MK Dons featuring a familiar face in goal: Ryan Allsopp, who played for Portsmouth against Argyle in the play-offs eight years previously. Feels so long ago now, doesn't it?

Despite a goal from Wood in the first leg, Argyle lost 2-1 on aggregate to the Dons, leaving the Pilgrims a short off-season to sort out contract offers, sign new players, and relay the 9G playing surface that glows in the dark during evening games.

Away from Argyle, much of the off-field business making headlines this year has involved managers, none more so than Jose Mourinho's stunning decision to switch from Manchester United to Manchester City – not that it stopped the Red Devils from winning the Premier League and FA Cup.

Legends Phillipe Cocu and Iker Casillas have begun their off-field careers, managing Coventry City and Huddersfield Town, respectively, whilst Leeds United's attempts to avoid insanity and be a little more boring have seen them appoint James Milner as the gaffer.

England, under the management of Ronald Koeman, are preparing to defend their European Championship crown after overcoming the Icelandic humiliation of 2016 to win the tournament in 2020. Fans could not believe that England not only won a major tournament; they did so via a penalty shoot-out, leading hospitals to be brought to a stand-still the following day with sore heads and heavily-pinched arms across the nation. Maybe it was not such a good idea to privatise the NHS, after all...

## 2023-24 FOR...

### ...ARGYLE

Manager: Mark Cooper  
Division: League One  
Position: Third  
Points: 83  
Top Scorer: Chris Wood (19)  
Player of the Season: Archie Edwards



### ...MAJOR WINNERS

Premier League: Manchester United  
FA Cup: Manchester United  
League Cup: Tottenham Hotspur  
Champions League: Liverpool  
World Player of the Year: Lionel Messi

### ...NEWS

THE latest update for hugely successful mobile game Pokemon Go brings it back into the pop-culture spectrum. The new features include better graphics, more characters, and the ability to literally capture your defeated opponents in battles and store them in your phone.



ADVANCES in teleportation have not assisted just Pokemon Go. In the space of three hours, Prime Minister David Beckham travels to North Korea, resolves political tensions towards the West, and curls a free-kick over the North/South Korea border to signify a new era of peace.

MATCH of the Day host Gary Lineker is joined by a new set of pundits on the football highlights show: a talking robot, Paul the Octopus, and, quite incredibly, Robbie Savage.



REALITY show Big Brother receives its best ever ratings for this year's final. Viewers are enthralled by the show's contestants being forced to perform incredible acts, such as conversing with each other and not checking Twitter every five seconds.

SPEAKING of social media, new platform InstaSmell has caught the imagination of the masses. Users can submit pictures of their meals that allow their followers to smell the food they can see. Predictably, sub-sections form on InstaSmell, including a group of instant mash potato lovers that call themselves Smashtag.

# BALLS TO ALL OTHER SPORTS!

IT'S THE START OF THE SEASON!



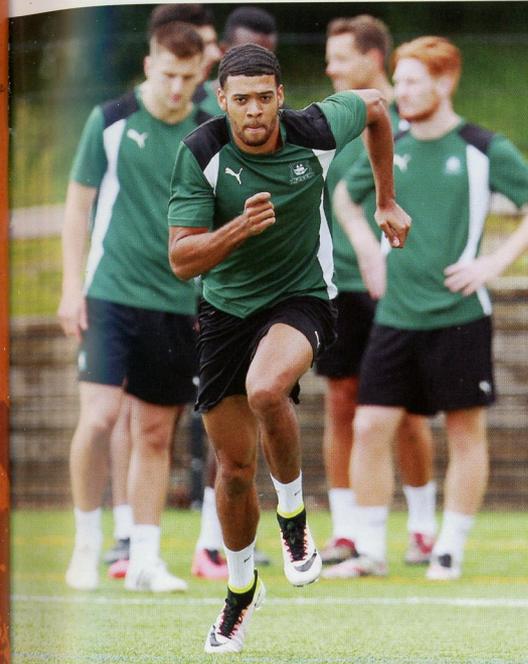
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# More than Words



## FINAL LEAGUE TABLE 2015-16

P	Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Northampton	46	29	12	5	82	46	36	99
2	Oxford	46	24	14	8	84	41	43	86
3	Bristol Rovers	46	26	7	13	77	46	31	85
4	Accrington	46	24	13	9	74	48	26	85
5	Plymouth	46	24	9	13	72	46	26	81
6	Portsmouth	46	21	15	10	75	44	31	78
7	AFC Wimbledon	46	21	12	13	64	50	14	75
8	Leyton Orient	46	19	12	15	60	61	-1	69
9	Cambridge	46	18	14	14	66	55	11	68
10	Carlisle	46	17	16	13	67	62	5	67
11	Luton	46	19	9	18	63	61	2	66
12	Mansfield	46	17	13	16	61	53	8	64
13	Wycombe	46	17	13	16	45	44	1	64
14	Exeter	46	17	13	16	63	65	-2	64
15	Barnet	46	17	11	18	67	68	-1	62
16	Hartlepool	46	15	6	25	49	72	-23	51
17	Notts County	46	14	9	23	54	83	-29	51
18	Stevenage	46	11	15	20	52	67	-15	48
19	Yeovil	46	11	15	20	43	59	-16	48
20	Crawley	46	13	8	25	45	78	-33	47
21	Morecambe	46	12	10	24	69	91	-22	46
22	Newport	46	10	13	23	43	64	-21	43
23	Dag and Red	46	8	10	28	46	81	-35	34
24	York	46	7	13	26	51	87	-36	34

## FINAL 2015-16 PLAYER STATS

### APPEARANCES

	League Cup	PO	Total
Nelson	46	5	54
Hartley	42	5	50
Sawyer	43	4	50
McCormick	39	5	47
Jervis	37(4)	5	45(4)
Mellor	37(3)	5	45(3)
Carey	34(5)	4	41(5)
Wylde	33(10)	4(1)	34(11)
McHugh	32(3)	4	39(3)
Boateng	22(2)	3	28(2)
Tanner	22(20)	3(2)	25(25)
Reid	21(5)	2	23(6)
Brunt	17(17)	2(3)	19(20)
Threlkeld	18(7)	1(2)	19(9)
Simpson	15(9)	2(2)	17(11)
Matt	9(2)	0	12(2)
Houghton	10	0	10
Forster	8(4)	0	8(5)
Purrrington	6(7)	1(1)	7(8)
Walton	4	0	4
Croll	3	0	3
Bittner	1	0	1
Harvey	1(5)	0(2)	1(7)
Cox	0(4)	0(1)	0(5)
Nardiello	0(4)	0	0(4)

### GOALS

	L	C	PO	T
Jervis	11	3	0	14
Carey	11	1	0	12
Brunt	9	1	0	10
Matt	5	0	2	7
Reid	7	0	0	7
Wylde	7	0	0	7
Tanner	4	2	0	6
McHugh	3	1	0	4
Nelson	3	0	0	3
Hartley	2	0	1	3
Boateng	1	1	0	2
Harvey	2	0	0	2
Rooney	2	0	0	2
Houghton	1	0	0	1
Mellor	1	0	0	1
Own goal	1	0	0	1
Simpson	1	0	0	1
Threlkeld	1	0	0	1
Total	72	9	3	84

### ASSISTS

	League Cup	PO	Total	
No Assist	14	2	0	16
Carey	13	0	1	14
Jervis	8	0	0	8
Wylde	5	1	1	7
Mellor	3	2	1	6
Tanner	4	1	0	5
Brunt	3	1	0	4
McHugh	3	1	0	4
Reid	4	0	0	4
Sawyer	2	1	0	3
Boateng	2	0	0	2
Hartley	2	0	0	2
Matt	2	0	0	2
Nelson	2	0	0	2
Harvey	1	0	0	1
Houghton	1	0	0	1
McCormick	1	0	0	1
Purrrington	1	0	0	1
Walton	1	0	0	1
Total	72	9	3	84

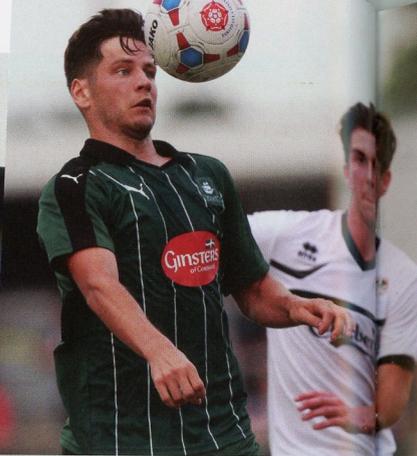
### MAN OF THE MATCH AWARDS

Graham Carey	7
Carl McHugh	6
Curtis Nelson	6
Gregg Wylde	5
Ryan Brunt	4
Hiram Boateng	3
Luke McCormick	3
Craig Tanner	3
Jake Jervis	2
Jamille Matt	2
Reuben Reid	2
James Bittner	2
Peter Hartley	1
Tyler Harvey	1
Jordan Houghton	1
Kelvin Mellor	1
Gary Sawyer	1
Josh Simpson	1
Oscar Threlkeld	1



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# Time for Action



**Saturday July 9**  
**ST BLAZEY 0**  
**ARGYLE 9**

Jervis 15, 17, 31, Slew 20, 44 Goodwillie 60,89, Purrington 62, Spencer 70

Argyle (4-3-1-2): 21 Vincent Dorel (23 Luke McCormick 60); 3 Gary Sawyer (capt), 5 Nauris Bulvitis, 4 Yann Songo'o, 22 David Ijaha (2 Gary Miller 60); 16 Ben Purrington, 15 Trialist (18 Oscar Threlkeld 60), 6 Connor Smith (11 Ryan Donaldson half-time); 10 Graham Carey (20 Louis Rooney half-time); 14 Jake Jervis (7 David Goodwillie half-time), 8 Jordan Slew (9 Jimmy Spencer 45).

**Tuesday July 12**  
**TAVISTOCK 2**

Glyn Hobbs (pen), Jack Crago

**ARGYLE 7**

Battle 20, 70, Spencer 36, Goodwillie 41, Rooney 65, Jervis pen 75, Carey 84

Argyle (4-4-2): 23 Luke McCormick (capt, 21 Trialist half-time), 2 Gary Miller (5 Nauris Bulvitis 63), 19 Jordan Bentley, 15 Sonny Bradley (4 Yann Songo'o 63), 16 Ben Purrington (3 Gary Sawyer 63); 11 Ryan Donaldson, 22 Trialist, 18 Oscar Threlkeld (10 Graham Carey 63), 8 Alex Battle, 7 David Goodwillie (14 Jake Jervis 63), 9 Jimmy Spencer (20 Louis Rooney 63).

**Wednesday July 13**  
**BOVEY TRACEY 0**  
**ARGYLE 6**

Carey 19, Rooney 35, Jervis 38, Goodwillie 51, own goal 60, Spencer 86

Argyle (3-5-2): 21 Vincent Dorel (23 Trialist half-time); 5 Nauris Bulvitis, 4 Yann Songo'o, 15 Sonny Bradley; 2 Billy Palfrey, 8 Ben Steer (22 Trialist half-time), 10 Graham Carey (capt, 11 Ryan Donaldson 74), 16 Ben Purrington (Jack Calver 63), 3 Gary Sawyer; 14 Jake Jervis (Jimmy Spencer 70), 20 Louis Rooney (David Goodwillie 70).

**Saturday July 16**  
**TORQUAY UNITED 1**

Blissett pen 54

**ARGYLE 1**

Goodwillie 43

Argyle (3-5-2): 23 Luke McCormick (capt, 21 Vincent Dorel 84); 5 Nauris Bulvitis (8 Jordan Slew 72), 4 Yann Songo'o 15 Sonny Bradley (16 Ben Purrington 81); 2 Gary Miller, 11 Ryan Donaldson (6 Connor Smith half-time), 10 Graham Carey, 18 Oscar Threlkeld (22 David Fox half-time), 3 Gary Sawyer; 7 David Goodwillie (14 Jake Jervis 66), 9 Jimmy Spencer (20 Louis Rooney 81).

**Tuesday July 19**  
**TRURO CITY 0**  
**ARGYLE 2**

Spencer 69, Ijaha 71

Argyle: 21 Vincent Dorel; 18 Oscar Threlkeld (2 Gary Miller half-time), 5 Nauris Bulvitis (4 Yann Songo'o half-time), 15 Sonny Bradley (17 Jordan Bentley half-time), 3 Ben Purrington; 11 Ryan Donaldson, 24 David Fox (3 Gary Sawyer 78), 6 Connor Smith (22 David Ijaha half-time); 20 Louis Rooney (10 Graham Carey 63), 14 Jake Jervis (capt), 7 David Goodwillie (9 Jimmy Spencer half-time).

**Wednesday July 20**  
**ELBURTON VILLA 0**  
**ARGYLE 12**

Spencer 15, 36, Carey 34, pen 62, Songo'o 41, Goodwillie 47,66,72,85, Bradley 49,55, Jervis 75

Argyle: 23 Luke McCormick (capt); 5 Nauris Bulvitis (6 Connor Smith half-time), 4 Yann Songo'o, 15 Sonny Bradley (17 Jordan Bentley 75); 2 Gary Miller (11 Ryan Donaldson 63), 18 Oscar Threlkeld, 22 David Ijaha (19 Trialist A half-time), 3 Gary Sawyer (16 Ben Purrington 75); 10 Graham Carey (20 Louis Rooney 75); 7 David Goodwillie, 9 Jimmy Spencer (14 Jake Jervis 63). Substitute (not used): 21 Vincent Dorel (gk).

**Saturday July 23**  
**WEYMOUTH 1**

Shephard pen 57

**ARGYLE 1**

Slew 53

Argyle (4-3-3): 21 Vincent Dorel (Luke McCormick 66); 2 Gary Miller (17 Jordan Bentley 90), 4 Yann Songo'o (15 Sonny Bradley 66), 5 Nauris Bulvitis, 16 Ben Purrington (3 Gary Sawyer 66); 11 Ryan Donaldson (18 Oscar Threlkeld 66), 24 David Fox (10 Graham Carey 66), 6 Connor Smith; 14 Jake Jervis (capt, 22 David Ijaha 66), 8 Jordan Slew (7 David Goodwillie 66), 20 Louis Rooney (Jimmy Spencer 66).

Tuesday, July 26

**MVV MAASTRICHT 1**

Verheydt 11

**ARGYLE 2**

Goodwillie 19, Songo'o 86

Argyle (4-3-3): 23 Luke McCormick (capt); 2 Gary Miller, 4 Yann Songo'o, 15 Sonny Bradley, 3 Gary Sawyer; 24 David Fox (16 Ben Purrington 84), 10 Graham Carey, 18 Oscar Threlkeld; 14 Jake Jervis, 9 Jimmy Spencer (8 Jordan Slew 72), 7 David Goodwillie (11 Ryan Donaldson 72). Substitutes (not used): 5 Nauris Bulvitis, 6 Connor Smith, 17 Jordan Bentley, 20 Louis Rooney, 22 David Ijaha.



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SL2 SAT AUG 13	CARLISLE UNITED
SL2 TUE AUG 16	NOTTS COUNTY
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SL2 SAT AUG 27	BLACKPOOL
SL2 SAT SEP 3	CHELTENHAM TOWN
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SL2 SAT SEP 17	EXETER CITY
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SL2 SAT MAY 6	GRIMSBY TOWN



Gary Miller	2
Gary Sawyer	3
Yann Songo'o	4
Nauris Bulvitis	5
Connor Smith	6
David Goodwillie	7
Jordan Slew	8
Jimmy Spencer	9
Graham Carey	10
Ryan Donaldson	11

Jake Jarvis	14
Sonny Bradley	15
Ben Purrington	16
Ryan Brunt	17
Oscar Theilfeld	18
Karligh Osborne	19
Louis Rooney	20
Vincent Dorel	21
David Jaha	22
Luke McCormick	23
David Fox	24
Mark McCallum	25



**THE KEY**

G = Goalkeeper,  
 RB = Right-Back,  
 LB = Left-Back,  
 RCB = Right Centre-Back,  
 LCB = Left Centre-Back,  
 RM = Right Midfield,  
 RCM = Right Centre Midfield,  
 DM = Defensive Midfielder,  
 CM = Centre Midfield,  
 LCM = Left Centre Midfield,  
 LM = Left Midfield,  
 LF = Left Forward,  
 RF = Right Forward,  
 CF = Centre Forward,  
 F = Forward,  
 Sub = Unused Sub,  
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# Everyone's a Winner



**G**OOD afternoon all and welcome to your 50/50 Lottery brief. Hopefully most of you will have had your summer holiday so it is now back to supporting the Greens and getting behind the lads to cheer them on and hopefully get that automatic promotion spot this time around. Judging by the look of the squad that the gaffer has put together, we are pretty strong and Argyle fans will be crossing everything this season. So, Come On You Greens.

The 50/50 team always like to keep you all updated and, last season, our takings were up by almost £3,000 which was a terrific effort from our brilliant sellers and, most of all, from you, our loyal supporters. The extra income we received enabled us to again support the Youth Academy for their trip to Ireland; to purchase essential equipment for various parts of the stadium; and to pass cheques to the Ladies and Disabled groups. Thank you, supporters, from the 50/50 team.

Talking of cheques, at last season's play off semi-final against Portsmouth, Ian Brett won a massive first-prize payout of £1,116 which was a very welcome bounty indeed. Ian told me he goes 50/50 with his daughter Helen. The good thing was that the money was well spent as they went to Wembley in style, with all the trimmings. Unfortunately, as Ian said, the game was a big disappointment

and he longs for the day when we get a striker like his idol Mike Bickle back in the team. Now, there is a legend from the past.

This season, we are busy working on getting some new sponsors on board as well as the ones who always keep helping us out season after season. First back are our friends from Plymouth Speedway. Speedway takes place at St Boniface Arena at Marsh Mills, Plympton, with free parking at Coypool Park & Ride. Refreshments and licensed premises are available so go along for a great Friday evening's entertainment - these mean machines can do 0-60mph in three seconds and have no brakes. Check the website for fixtures.

We welcome Target Travel on board this season as a new sponsor. Target Travel supply regular coaches to away matches for the team and supporters throughout the season.

The prizes for today are:

- First** - cash;
- Second** - voucher for four adults plus children under 12 to a Plymouth Devils Speedway Meeting;
- Third** - £25 M&S voucher, courtesy of Target Travel.

Thanks for supporting the 50/50 Lottery and - remember - you have to be in it to win it!

Enjoy the game, Ken Beale and our great 50/50 team



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# MASCOTS

**GEORGE FOSKETT. 7**  
 LIVES: Callington  
 LIKES: Football, karate and maths  
 DISLIKES: Mushrooms and Exeter City  
 FAVOURITE ARGYLE PLAYER: Graham Carey  
 SCORE  
 PREDICTION: 3-0 to Argyle



**HARRY FOSKETT. 5**  
 LIVES: Callington  
 LIKES: Football, karate and Ninja Turtles  
 DISLIKES: Bumblebees  
 FAVOURITE ARGYLE PLAYER: Luke McCormick  
 SCORE  
 PREDICTION: 1-0 to Argyle



**MCKENZIE SHEERAN. 7**  
 LIVES: Plymouth  
 LIKES: Football and playing with friends  
 DISLIKES: None  
 FAVOURITE ARGYLE PLAYER: Graham Carey  
 SCORE  
 PREDICTION: 2-1 to Argyle



**OLIVER GREEN. 8**  
 LIVES: Plymouth  
 LIKES: Football and FIFA 16  
 DISLIKES: Broccoli and girls (apart from mum!)  
 FAVOURITE ARGYLE PLAYER: Ryan Brunt and Louis Rooney  
 SCORE  
 PREDICTION: 2-1 to Argyle



# Sleeve Notes



**COVER**  
TODAY'S cover of the Pilgrim pays homage to the shirt being worn by Argyle at Home Park this season. The PUMA kit sees stripes feature on the classic green shirt for the third successive season.



**CONGRATULATIONS...**  
...to Tash Ford on your new job after 11 years solid service to the Pilgrims. Good luck from all your friends at Home Park, Tash - you will be missed.

**BIRTHDAY**  
HAPPY birthday to Ben Robinson, from Darwen in Lancashire, who is 11 on Wednesday, and his brother Tom, who was nine last Wednesday. From Mum, Dad and younger brother Max.

**BLOSSOMS (ABOVE)** have been carefully carving out their position in the canon of Great British Rock'n'Roll ever since the start of the year, when they were listed as No. 4 on The BBC Sound Poll list and tipped as 'ones to watch' on countless other lists.

Their self-titled album was recorded at Liverpool's Parr Street Studios, produced by the Coral's James Skelly and Rich Turvey. The pair produced early EPs Blown Rose and Charlemagne; their first release of 2016, the dark future-glam of At Most A Kiss; and current radio hit 'Getaway'.

We have some copies of Blossoms' new album up for grabs, thanks to our good friends at Shoot! Music. To stand a chance of winning a copy, simply answer the following question:

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- a. Wigan
- b. Bolton
- c. Stockport

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**WELCOME**  
TWO gorgeous girls - Sophie and Emma Devlin - are here today from Florida, spending time with their families. The last time they were in Plymouth, they were too young to attend any matches, and were not really interested in the game. However, with family being fans, dad Nick having played, and Auntie Mandy working at Argyle, they were soon hooked on the game.

Sophie and Emma have now been playing for about nine years, training twice a week and playing for FC Tampa Lutz Rangers (Sophie) and West Pasco (Emma). Travel to and from games can be up to a six-hour round trip. It must be worth it, though, as both teams recently won their league.

Welcome, Sophie and Emma.

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