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[MANAGER'S NOTES]

THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second of three big homes games in six days, with the visitors on this occasion being my old club Yeovil Town.

I would like to welcome everybody from Huish Park; their supporters, directors, officials, management and players, among whom I have many friends from my seven years in Somerset as a player and coach.

The manager Darren Way and his number two Terry Skiverton are really good friends of mine, so it will be great to catch up with them. They certainly have the team heading in the right direction.

Yeovil is the club where I cut my teeth in coaching. I started doing my badges early, while I was playing, and I was grateful to get the opportunity on my road to management. It's a club I have a real affiliation to and will always hold dear to my heart.

It's been a good week to start the campaign for us. Both of our wins have been nominated for



performance of the week, which is very pleasing.

Wednesday night was a nice distraction, but now we are back to the bread and butter of League football with two massively important games today and on Tuesday, when we welcome Newport County.

The fans were amazing in midweek. The atmosphere was up there with how I remember Kenilworth Road from great nights in the past, and it's what we want again.

It's the first time the ground's been really rocking since I took over, and I thank you for that.

FIRST CLASS

Our away form has been first class in my time here and we want to get on a run here at Kenilworth Road. With these three games, and now Leeds United to look forward to in the EFL Cup Second Round, we have a chance to do that.

It's another good draw against another massive club with a rich history, and a chance for us to test ourselves against higher-level opposition once again.

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The boys – whether young or older – will relish that, as we saw from James Justin's performance against Villa. For a teenager to come in for his first senior start, in a game like that, he was outstanding. Once again it's a credit to the work that's gone into the youth system here.

A lot has been made of me giving youth a chance, but it's talent that gets the opportunity, regardless of age. We just happen to have a real good group of youngsters here that have a desire to do well and have added a freshness to our squad.

Please get behind the team and enjoy the game this afternoon.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH VICE-CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON

Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for our first home league game of the season.

A special welcome to our visitors, the Officials, Players and Supporters from Yeovil Town.

We are pleased to see two of our former players Alex Lawless and Alex Lacey performing well with The Glovers and we have the opportunity, which we haven't had previously, to show them how we feel about them and their past service to the Club.

Many players have moved on since we became involved in the Club, but we always wish them well and I, for one, always follow their progress wherever it takes them, whether it be the two Alex's, Andre Gray at Burnley, Scott Rendell at Aldershot or any pick of those in between (including the few based in Dagenham).

Those mentioned of course were all a part of our underdog victory at Carrow Road three and a half years ago – a feat we seem to be making a habit of and oh, what a performance that was on Wednesday night!

It is always special to be at the Kenny under the lights with the away end full. The old girl was certainly rocking against Aston Villa.

The game itself was full of drama and excitement. The opponents

a big club just relegated from the Premiership with well-known and highly-paid players in the side. In fact, our entire squad salary budget is less than half the salary of one of their players, Micah Richards, on £65k a week! Our team, with a good number of young and inexperienced players understandably showed some early nerves, were saved by the woodwork on a couple of occasions and went behind to a scrappy goal. It looked as though the Championship Club might take control, but we fought back to get a deserved equaliser and from then on there was only one team in it.

IMPRESSIVE

It was tough to choose a man of the match because everyone played so well, but it was brilliant to see James Justin have such an impressive debut particularly as he was in an unfamiliar position. Well done JJ!

In the Aston Villa programme Gary provided a comprehensive review of all our exciting plans, activities, and proposed developments, which are the result of eight year's hard work and some very serious investment.

He told you that our planning application has been submitted and

you will probably have noticed that the Council have acknowledged receipt. We must now await confirmation from Luton Borough Council that the application has been formally validated.

Once this has been confirmed, the application then goes 'live' and a four-week period of public consultation begins. This is an absolutely key part of the process and it is very important that you as supporters – as well as everyone that lives, works and simply cares for Luton gets involved.

As I'm sure you know our proposals will not just see the regeneration of a 20-acre derelict site in the town centre but the development of a major new site at Newlands Park adjoining Junction 10 of the M1.

As well as a spanking new football stadium that could make us more of a top-dog than an underdog, our economic advisers KPMG estimate the two proposals could together bring in an extra £200m+ for the local economy as well as approximately 10,000 new full-time jobs.

These are truly exciting times both for the club and the town.

One of the most important aspects of 2020's cornerstones as detailed in the 2020 Mission prospectus used to attract investment back in 2008 was to finance, restructure and patiently nurture our youth development programme. Well, as long term fans of the Club, the entire Board is no less than blown away by the success of that strategy as we are all witnesses to that first crop of juniors reward us as talented, mature young adult footballers.

There were times when (only for a fleeting moment) we considered whether we should give up the academy – as some other clubs have – because it was an expensive battle to keep it going and it became a battle of where our money got invested; academy or first team?

However, when it came to it, we realised it was an essential part of what makes Luton Town so special. It now makes us proud that we survived the five years we spent in the Conference with no financial support from the football family and managed to keep so many great players and young men at our Club.

A few decided to leave, but with one or two exceptions they were lost in the system and disappeared without trace. It is tragic that so many young players get their heads turned by Premier league clubs only to end up being released at a time when they should be developing as footballers.

But for very exceptional circumstances it must be preferable for young players to have a defined pathway into the first team squad.

Last season the U18s won everything at their level and reached the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup, punching above their weight. They were unlucky not to reach the semi-finals as they

unquestionably gave as-good-as-they-got at Blackburn Rovers.

We are equally excited about this year's squad and wish them a successful season. For those of you who hadn't noticed they made a tremendous start by beating Dagenham 10-2 last Saturday.

What we all want as fans is to see players progress through the academy into the first team squad and everyone concerned is to be congratulated that a record number have been offered professional contracts in the last year.

The average age of our first team squad this year is a very young 22.9 years and it may surprise you to learn that Zane Banton is our longest serving player having been with us for ten years. In fact, most of the other academy products elevated to the squad have been at the Club for nine or ten years. Indeed, some you will remember being members of the squad that beat Bayern Munich in the final of the Aarau Masters in February 2009 as under 11s.

It is great to see Zane, Tyreeq, Craig, James, Frankie, Alex, Akin and Liam in the squad and we wish them well in their efforts to become first team regulars as they join our new recruits Christian Walton, Johnny Mullins, Danny Hylton, Jordan Cook, Glen Rea, Alan Sheehan, Isaac Vassell and Jake Gray. Young and not so young, we all hope they have an enjoyable and successful time with us.

Despite Nathan accepting his recruitment for the season is done, we would like to welcome one more addition to the team, Happy Harry's new friend Harriett. I am not sure yet what their relationship is – watch this space.



Today's quote re teamwork:-

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit." – Harry S Truman

Enjoy the game

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GREAT SCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's opening home league game of the Sky Bet League Two campaign.

If we can reproduce anything like the atmosphere, performance and event as a whole that took place here on Wednesday night against Aston Villa, we'll be in for some afternoon!

I'd better start by go back four days to Saturday though, and one of the most bizarre days of my football career. There I was, having just put my backside on the bench, when Alan Sheehan came over with an injury and I was called into the side seconds before kick-off.

It has never happened to me before and it'll probably never happen again, but I did have an inkling that all wasn't well with Sheez after he'd had a word in the warm-up, so I was half-prepared to play.

UNBELIEVABLE

On behalf of the players I'd like to thank the supporters for travelling all that way. To take almost 1,100 fans on a 500-mile round-trip was unbelievable, and the noise you made helped us produce the kind of performance we did.

It was a great start to the season against a side I fully expect to be up there next May. We weren't getting carried away by that one result though, and we certainly won't be after what transpired on Wednesday.

When a cup tie like that is selected for live TV coverage, you know the cameras are only looking for one thing. Thankfully we managed to give them their story on this occasion and take full advantage of the opportunity to showcase all that is good about Luton Town to the nation.

PHENOMENAL

No-one watching would have been anything less than impressed with young James Justin. For an 18-year-old to come into the team for his full senior debut, in a position he doesn't normally play, was phenomenal.

He fully deserved the man-of-the-match award and round of applause he received in the dressing room afterwards, and it underlines once again that the youth system at Kenilworth Road has plenty of talent to push towards the first team.

The fact that we came from behind against a side that were in the Premier League last year shows how far we've come in a relatively short space of time under Nathan's management.

Doing it while resting a few players and bringing others in from the bench, as he did, shows the strength in depth we've got here and emphasises that no-one is guaranteed a starting shirt.



In every position there are players who can come in and do just as good a job as the last man.

This afternoon it's back to league action, and as the manager keeps reiterating, this is our priority this season. Aston Villa and Leeds are nice distractions, but we need your backing on afternoons like today.

Please get right behind us and generate an atmosphere like on Wednesday night. Your support was magnificent and all the lads commented on it. We'll try to give you plenty more to cheer this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.

LATEST NEWS

BIENVENIDO JOAQUIN AND JARED!

It's not just on the pitch that Hatters manager Nathan Jones has strengthened this summer.

You'll read an introduction to the new boys from page 36 of today's Talk of the Town, and how Nathan's description of players coming from "above the level".

His backroom staff has also had an injection of higher-level experience with Paul Hart's appointment at the end of last season followed by the arrival of head of sports science Jared Roberts-Smith and first-team coach Joaquin Gomez, who were both working in the Sky Bet Championship last term.

Jared came from Charlton Athletic in time for the start of pre-season, and you'll read the first of what will be a regular column from the 26-year-old on page 47 of this issue.

Thirty-year-old Joaquin arrived at the end of July from Derby County as replacement for Kevin Nugent, who moved to Charlton to become assistant-boss to Russell Slade.

The Spaniard had been working as the Rams' head of tactical analysis, but previous to that had worked his way through the academy at Brighton to coach alongside Nathan in his last job at the Amex.

One of the youngest men in Spain to gain his UEFA Pro Licence coaching qualification, Gomez was assistant-manager at fifth-tier club C.P. Parla Escuela in Madrid before joining the Seagulls at the age of 24.

When he initially came over to England, he worked in a Brighton coffee shop, telling lutontown.co.uk: "I couldn't speak any English – not that I can now! I had to do what I had to do until I could get the coaching going again.

"It's what we want from the players as well, to be grafters and hard workers. It doesn't matter what your role is at that moment in time – you've just got to get your head down and get working, and opportunities will come, whether for us as coaches or the players."



Having been given his chance to get on the training pitch with Brighton's youngsters, Joaquin impressed to quickly work his way up to first-team level, as performance coach, when his compatriot Oscar Garcia was appointed the Championship club's boss in 2013.

The following season Joaquin became first-team coach under Sami Hyppia, with Jones as assistant-manager, before leaving at the end of the 2014-15 season to join Derby.

On joining the Hatters, he added: "I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at Derby, but when Nathan gave me the call, I couldn't say no. Coaching is my passion.

"Nathan has put a very good team together on and off the field. With the stadium plans and the announcement of the new training facility, it's such an exciting time to be joining a great club like Luton Town."

EFL CUP ROUND-UP AND DRAW

The League Managers Association's five-man panel – comprising LMA chairman Howard Wilkinson, Sir Alex Ferguson, Joe Royle, Dave Bassett and Barry Fry – chose the Hatters' 3-1 midweek victory over Aston Villa as the first LG Performance of the Week Award.

Boss Nathan Jones received a celebratory bottle of champagne, courtesy of Tanners Wines, in a presentation to commemorate the award at Ely Way on Friday afternoon.

The Hatters were the fifth League Two club to knock out Championship

opposition in midweek, and the draw that followed the live Sky game produced another home tie against Championship opposition, with Leeds United pulled out of hat after the Whites avoided a shock by coming through a penalty shoot-out against Fleetwood.

Four League Two clubs knocked out Championship opposition on Tuesday, where the biggest scalp was at Cambridge where Sheffield Wednesday were beaten 1-0 with a Luke Berry goal. Stevenage won 1-0 at Ipswich through Ben Kennedy's



second-half strike, whilst Ryan Harley's 100th-minute strike meant Exeter put out Brentford and Jack Dunn's hat-trick led Morecambe through against Rotherham in a 5-4 epic that was 3-3 after 90 minutes.

ROUND TWO DRAW:

Queens Park Rangers v Rochdale
 Scunthorpe United v Cardiff City/
 Bristol City*
 Watford v Gillingham
 Peterborough United v Swansea City
 Everton v Yeovil Town
 Millwall v Nottingham Forest
 Sunderland v Shrewsbury Town
 Luton Town v Leeds United
 Chelsea v Bristol Rovers/Cardiff City*

Burton Albion v Liverpool
 Blackburn Rovers v Crewe Alexandra
 Accrington Stanley v Burnley
 Crystal Palace v Blackpool
 Morecambe v AFC Bournemouth
 Preston North End v Oldham Athletic
 Oxford United v Brighton & Hove
 Albion
 Reading v Milton Keynes Dons
 Fulham v Middlesbrough

Newcastle United v Cheltenham Town
 Exeter City v Hull City
 Derby County v Carlisle United
 Northampton Town v West Bromwich
 Albion
 Wolverhampton Wanderers v
 Cambridge United
 Stevenage v Stoke City
 Norwich City v Coventry City

*Bristol Rovers v Cardiff was being played on Thursday night, after Talk of the Town went to print

NEW SHOES FROM LEVEL TRUST

Do you remember that new shoes feeling at school? Squeaky clean, slightly uncomfortable because they needed to wear in. Or perhaps those new football boots or trainers?

The pride you felt at having the just out Nike Hypervenoms in the latest scarlet. 7-year-old Lutonian Jake had not owned a new pair of shoes before. He always had hand-me-downs that didn't fit properly giving him sore feet. It stopped him having a kick about

with his friends. Jake often looked a bit grubby, couldn't afford school trips and acted up in class.

Luton Charity, Level Trust gave Jake a brand new pair of shoes. 'Jake has low self esteem and doesn't think himself worthy of nice things' said his teacher, 'When he got his new shoes, he kept staring at them, beaming and showing them to other children.'

Now Jake fits in with the rest of his

class and knows he is worthy of nice things too.' Jake's behavior settled down after that.

Level Trust help thousands of children like Jake by reducing the impact poverty has on their experience of school. Level Trust are LTFC's charity this year. To find out more about your Club's Charity visit us at www.leveltrust.org

What's happening with Happy Harry's shoes? See p61

UP NEXT

Our third home match in a row and one of Wales' few representatives in the Football League, Newport County make the 300-mile round trip to Kenilworth road

NEWPORT COUNTY

FORMED: 1912/1989 | NICKNAME: THE EXILES | LAST SEASON: 22ND IN LEAGUE 2
FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @NEWPORTCOUNTY | COLOURS: ORANGE SHIRT, BLACK COLLAR
GROUND: RODNEY PARADE | MANAGER: WARREN FEENEY

WHO? Nicknamed 'The Exiles', they comfortably avoided the drop points wise last season, but finished in 22nd. Formed originally in 1912, before going out of business in 1989 and then reforming in the same year, Newport are managed by former Hatters and Northern Ireland international, Warren Feeney. He guided the club to safety last season, finishing with 43 points. Promoted to the Football League in the 2012-13 season for the first time since the club's reinvention in 1989, the club has its eyes firmly set on staying in the division this season. Newport have brought in a couple of players with a lot of Football League experience, including 34-year-old striker Jon Parkin and defender Paul Bignot.

TICKETS A game that falls into the Category C price bracket, details of which can be found on the page opposite.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Our last meeting, a 1-1 draw in April, with a very late equaliser from Souleymane Coulibaly for Newport all but ended any hopes of the Hatters going up, whilst the point earned secured the Welsh side's League status for another year. The clubs actually met for the first time in 1921 and have played each other 45 times since, so it is fair to say the Exiles are a familiar foe, although we have come out on top 22 times, drawing 11 times.

IN CHARGE Warren Feeney began at Newport County as the assistant boss at the start of last season, but took over the helm after John Sheridan's departure in January earlier this year. You may well remember Feeney was a striker in his playing days and made 77 appearances in a Luton



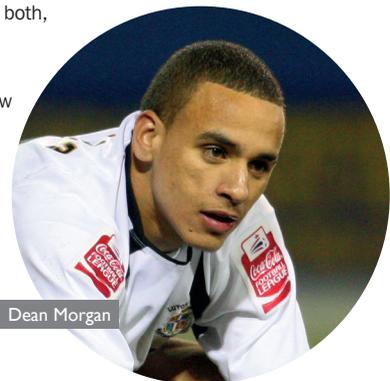
Warren Feeney

Town shirt after we signed him from Stockport County for £150,000. He was a regular in the Northern Ireland international set up and was four appearances short of half a century of caps. The man from Belfast has only ever had one other full season in charge at a club, Linfield.

PREVIOUS FORM Newport have suffered two home 3-2 defeats to start the season, going down in the last minute in both after taking the lead against Mansfield and holding a 2-0 lead against MK Dons in the EFL Cup.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Well, it seems there is a slight anomaly here. There are no current players from either team that have represented the opposite club. Only Warren Feeney can claim to have represented the Hatters, who now manages the club. Had Dean Morgan extended his stay with Newport from the end of last season, we would have had somebody to have played for both, but the 32-year-old Montserrat international is now playing in the Icelandic Premier League.

BY CHARLIE HANSON



Dean Morgan

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NEWPORT COUNTY

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

TUESDAY 16th AUGUST 2016 | 7.45pm

Tickets are now on sale at Category C prices and are available from the Ticket Office or online.



STEVENAGE

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST 2016 | 3pm

We will receive an allocation of 1388 South Stand tickets and 515 tickets for families in the West Stand for this fixture. From Thursday 4th August until close of business on Wednesday 10th August, tickets will be available to Diamond Season Ticket holders at one ticket per Season Ticket Holder. Tickets can be purchased in person or via phone from the Ticket Office. From Thursday 11th August until close of business on Tuesday 16th August, Season Tickets holders will be able to purchase one ticket each in person or by phone. From Wednesday 17th August, subject to availability, tickets will be available on general sale. At this time tickets will also be available on line. One Ticket in the South Stand will be processed for Away Season holders on Friday 5th August unless advised otherwise. **Prices:** Adults £24, Concessions £21, Under 22s £16, Under 16s £12, Under 12s £10, Concessions are Over 60, Full time Students, UB40 holders, ambulant disabled and members of the armed forces/emergency services. Proof of these is required when purchasing tickets. Wheelchair tickets need to be booked in advance from Stevenage on 01438 223223 (x 62)

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Senior (65+)	£18	£15	£13



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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 27th AUGUST 2016 | 3pm

We have received an allocation of 1433 South Stand tickets plus 10 wheelchair spaces. From Friday 5th August until close of business on Wednesday 10th August tickets will be available to Diamond Season Ticket holders at one ticket per Season Ticket Holder. Tickets can be purchased in person or via phone from the Ticket Office.

From Thursday 11th August until close of business on Monday 22nd August Season Tickets holders will be able to purchase one ticket each in person or by phone.

From Tuesday 23rd August, subject to availability, tickets will be available on general sale. At this time tickets will also be available on line. One Ticket in the South Stand will be processed for Away Season Ticket holders on Thursday 11th August unless advised otherwise. **Prices:** Adults £20, Concessions £15, Under 18s £10, Under 5s FOC, Concessions are 64-plus, Full time Students, Young Adults 18-21. Proof of these is required when purchasing tickets. Wheelchair tickets £15, Carer free of charge.



WYCOMBE WANDERERS

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2016 | 3PM

Tickets are now on sale at Category B prices and are available from the Ticket Office or online.

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The Hatters are part of his DNA. He is sponsoring today's match to mark 50 years as a fan – he saw his first game in August 1966 – and as a tribute to his father John, who died in January this year having supported the club for 81 years.

MASCOT PLUS:

Due to print deadlines for the pre-season programme covering the visits of Brighton & Hove Albion and Walsall to Kenilworth Road, we couldn't introduce the mascot for the game against the Seagulls on July 23rd.

The mascot was 10-year-old Madison Borino, whose favourite player is Cameron McGeehan. Madison's hobbies include playing football and supporting the Hatters, and she is accompanied to games by her dad.



TODAY'S MASCOTS

We have the pleasure of welcoming two mascots to Kenilworth Road this evening for the first home league game of the 2016-17 campaign. They are...

GEORGE LEWINGTON – AGE 5

Favourite players are Zane Banton, Glen Rea & Alan Sheehan



FIN STAPLES – AGE 12

Favourite player is Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu



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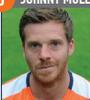


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[WELCOME YEOVIL TOWN]



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WELCOME YEOVIL TOWN



Darren Way
Photo credit: Pinnacle

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Yeovil Town to Kenilworth Road for what is our first home game of the new Sky Bet EFL League Two season.

Last season saw Yeovil play in League Two after consecutive relegations from the Championship and League One. Expectations would have been high at the start of the season, with fans hoping for an immediate return to the third tier.

However, they finished in 19th place – 22 points behind the Hatters. This final position was mainly due to a poor run at the start of the season, having only won two matches by the end of November. Yeovil were in relegation danger anchored to the bottom of the table, leading to the departure of manager Paul Sturrock and subsequently, the appointment of first team coach Darren Way. There followed a vast improvement in performance, the evidence of this being a run of four consecutive wins in March.

Way eventually guided the Glovers to safety with four matches remaining, and they have kept the majority of the management team for the coming season with Way signing a new three-year contract in April.

Yeovil found goals hard to come by last year, with Ryan Bird – who left the club recently to join Eastleigh – the top scorer with just eight. They eventually finished joint lowest scorers in the league with only 43. On the other hand, they did not concede many, and their defensive record was one of a team that finished much higher in the league. They finished the season only conceding 59 goals – two less than the Hatters, who finished eight places above them.

Kevin Dawson scored against Notts County in their 2-0 victory last weekend. Photo credit: Pinnacle

Since the end of last season Yeovil have made a number of signings, not least our former midfielder Alex Lawless, who joined the Somerset club in late July. Alex needs no introduction to the home crowd this afternoon, of course, after clocking up 203 appearances for the Hatters up to the end of last season, and he will undoubtedly be given a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road.

They have also brought in striker Tom Eaves, who played five games for the club whilst on loan during the 2014-15 season, former Barnsley midfielder Otis Khan and ex-Leicester City goal-keeper Jonny Maddison, both on one-year deals. However, Yeovil released no fewer than ten players in the off-season, including experienced striker and former England Under-21 international Leroy Lita.

The Glovers have opened the current campaign in good form, beating Notts County 2-0 in the league and beating Walsall by the same score in the EFL Cup.

Last season, the Glovers beat the Town 3-2 at Huish Park in August, after the Hatters led 2-0 inside 20 minutes. Ryan Bird scored the winner in the 73rd minute. The second fixture was in February and ended with both sides taking a point each after Alan Sheehan scored a late equaliser for the Hatters. Luton's last win over Yeovil came in 2008, when the two sides met at Kenilworth Road in League One, striker Calvin Andrew scoring the game's only goal just after half-time.



HATTERS V GLOVERS

LUTON WINS: 2 | DRAWS: 2 | YEOVIL WINS: 1

LAST MEETING

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TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE GLOVERS | GROUND: HUISSH PARK | LAST SEASON: 19TH LEAGUE TWO
 MANAGER: DARREN WAY | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: YEOVIL TOWN 2 : 0 NOTTS COUNTY

MEET THE VISITORS

THE BOSS

DARREN WAY

The Glovers' boss was a mainstay in the Yeovil team whilst a player, but since hanging up his boots, he has been promoted through the coaching ranks at the Somerset club and is now the main man.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

ARTUR KRYSIAK

Since arriving in England from his native Poland in 2008, the keeper standing at 6ft 4ins started off at Birmingham City, before enjoying good spells at Exeter and Burton. He signed with the Glovers in 2014.

IN DEFENCE

DARREN WARD

Yeovil are the tenth club captain Ward has played for in his professional career. The 37-year-old joined the Glovers in 2015, and his brother Elliot plays for Blackburn Rovers.

NATHAN SMITH

A Jamaican international, Smith's solid full-back performances could cause the Hatters real problems on the right hand side. The 29-year-old is now in his second spell with Yeovil.

RYAN DICKSON

Dickson has played for a couple of big clubs in his career, including Southampton and Brentford. The defender had a loan spell with the Glovers in 2012, but signed permanently last year.

ALEX LACEY

A familiar face in these parts, Lacey was with the Hatters for eight years but left for Yeovil in the summer of 2015. A cool head in defence, he should prove to be an important player this season.

LIAM SHEPHARD

Currently on loan from Swansea for the third time with the Glovers, this time for a six-month period, the 21-year-old has made a handful of appearances for the Wales U21 side.

BEVIS MUGABI

The 21-year-old centre-back, who can also play right-back, signed a one-year deal in pre-season after making nine appearances for Southampton's development squad last season.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

ALEX LAWLESS

Another man who needs no introduction. Lawless joined the Hatters from York in 2010 and went onto make over 200 appearances for the Town to the end of last season. Joined Yeovil this summer.

KEVIN DAWSON

The Dubliner joined Yeovil in 2013, after starting his career in his homeland with League of Ireland side, Sporting Fingal. The 26-year-old has now made 84 appearances for the Glovers.

MATT DOLAN

A vital cog for Yeovil last season, Dolan is a good utility player.

The 23-year-old joined the Glovers in 2015 from Bradford City, after a loan spell back in 2013.

RYAN HEDGES

Another Swansea loanee, Hedges' previous clubs he has joined on loan include Leyton Orient and Stevenage. Like Shephard, he is also in the Wales U21 side.

OTIS KHAN

Having just signed from Barnsley in the summer, the 20-year-old's youth career at Manchester United puts him in a good place to be a hit with the Glovers.

UP FRONT

TOM EAVES

The target man is already playing for his eighth club at just 24 years of age. Now permanently at Yeovil, he made his first professional appearance for Oldham, before joining Bolton in 2010, where he went out on loan six times.

FRANCOIS ZOKO

The Ivorian netted eight times last season for Yeovil. Having joined in 2015, Zoko has played all over, having had spells for clubs in France, Turkey and Belgium.

OLLIE BASSETT

Only 18 years old, Bassett was the club's youngest ever player in the football league when he played Crawley Town last September. This could be his year.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH
MARTIN
McCONACHIE



Martin McConachie, a Yeovil Town supporter of 45 years, freelance writer and author of books on the club, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

▶ THE SEASON AHEAD

After two successive relegations, how important was it just to survive last season?

It was massively important, vital even. Football is all about momentum, either positive (Fleetwood, Bristol Rovers) or negative (Blackpool). The rot had to be stopped, whatever it took and thankfully it was. A third relegation would have been a step too far for many fans and maybe even the club.

You managed to stay up comfortably in the end, so what are the expectations at Huish Park at the start of this season?

A season looking upwards with optimism would be nice rather than looking downwards and sweating

all season. Being realistic, Yeovil is a geographical backwater and unattractive for many players so we need to get every ounce of oomph from the ones we have. I'd take flirting with the playoffs if offered now.

Darren Way was a popular player at the club for several seasons after helping the Glovers win promotion into the League. How has he been received as manager?

Obviously very well, seeing how he has started his managerial career. There were a lot of dissenters in the beginning, saying he was the cheap option, but they're quiet now. Lots of managers seem to manage their teams in their own image and if he does that, we will be fine.

He's made several new signings this summer. Which one are you most looking forward to seeing in the green and white?

If I can include his loan signings then without doubt Ryan Hedges. He looked an exciting prospect when I saw him against Bristol City in pre-season and he's among the goals already. Swansea have an enviable conveyor belt of attacking talent and he's impressed me very much so far.

Which one of the players who have left the club this summer were you most disappointed to lose?

I'd have to say, being an old softie, Chris Weale. A joint role as sub keeper and goalie coach seemed to work and with 222 appearances (AND A GOAL!!) to his name, he was a bona fide legend. But he's gone now, and that makes me a little sad.

▶ SEASONS PAST...

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

I'm 48 years old and went to my first match, aged two, in January 1971 – a 3-0 loss to Barnet. It was the match after Arsenal had beaten us at Huish in the FA Cup, so I wasn't even a glory hunter. Been following them ever since and all four of my children support them too.

What do you love so much about Huish Park?

The fact that after having followed them for 45 years, I can't walk more than a few yards without bumping into someone who has done the journey I have. Not sure you get that in big grounds but at HP, it can take me half an hour to walk half the ground!

Who's your favourite Yeovil player of all-time?

Easy one. Gavin "Supergav" Williams. A mercurial, magical talent who could conjure up a goal, a killer pass



One to watch: Ryan Hedges.
Photo credit: Pinnacle



Gary Johnson and his 2002-03 Conference champions.

from nowhere and one of the best players ever to play for us. Brilliant in the dressing room, a lovely guy off the pitch and shouldn't have been released when he was.

Which is your favourite season following the Glovers and why?

2002-03, the Conference winning season. That year, we played arguably the best football seen in Non-League and went unbeaten from Boxing Day onwards. Big wins, sexy football, large crowds, great atmosphere... what wasn't to like? And to top it all, we reached the Football League!!

If you could invite five former Yeovil players and managers to a dinner party, who would they be?

Oof, that's a hard one. Sir Gary Johnson would be there to keep order... Gavin Williams for the entertainment and the atmosphere.... Warren Patmore, the legendary striker from the Conference days... Andrejs Stolcers who is one of the nicest human beings I've ever met, and Hugo Rodrigues to bring some Portuguese flair to the party.

▶ LUTON AND YEOVIL...

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

The best is last season's fantastic 3-2 win after being two goals down. Ryan Bird was an inspired

substitution that day, scoring twice in 12 minutes after coming on. Worst is losing 4-1 in the League Cup in 2003-04. You even scored our goal that night, we were that bad. Outclassed and it came three days after our Football League debut at Carlisle.

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

I think it will be tight as your gaffer won't want to lose to his old mate. Sitting on the fence, I'll back a scoring draw, probably 1-1. Sadly, I won't be able to make it but I will be there in spirit.

Our boss Nathan Jones had a lengthy spell with you as player and coach. Any special message for him?

I hope he continues to show the honesty and commitment he showed at Yeovil because if he does, he will go on to coach at the highest level. Lovely guy, meticulous and driven but decent with it. A special message? Hope he's still playing the Killers album I gave him.

You've signed one of our fan favourites of recent seasons this summer. What have you made of Alex Lawless so far?

Although Alex is only 31, it looks like he has been brought in to provide

some much needed experience to the team. Looks solid, strong and hard-working and his scoring record suggests he could also come up with a goal or two. This will be vital this season given that our strikers need more goals from other areas in the team to support them. He's got a decent beard too.

▶ QUICK-FIRE:

Terrace or seats?
Seats

Who are your rivals?
Bristol Rovers

Favourite all-time manager?
Sir Gary Johnson

Predict your player of the season?
Artur Krysiak

If you could bring one player from the past back in the Yeovil team, who would it be?
Gavin Williams

Most treasured Yeovil piece of memorabilia?
My book, "10".

What league will Yeovil be in next season?
Two

Who will win promotion from League Two?
Portsmouth, Plymouth, Doncaster and Crewe.

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN BIG-NAME YEOVIL TOWN PLAYERS NOT USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB

SAUNDERS LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN BIG-NAME YEOVIL TOWN PLAYERS NOT USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB

RON SAUNDERS

Ron Saunders had a spell as Yeovil Town's player-boss. He was a centre-forward with Everton, Tonbridge, Gillingham, Portsmouth, Watford and Charlton Athletic, then Yeovil's player-manager from April 1967 until leaving in February 1969 to take charge of Oxford United. Appointed Norwich City's manager in July 1969, he plotted their 1971-72 Second Division title triumph, then led the Canaries and Manchester City to League Cup finals. He became Aston Villa's boss in June 1974, taking them to promotion, two League Cup final triumphs and the League Championship in 1980-81, then managed Birmingham City and West Brom.

IAN BOTHAM

England cricket captain Ian Botham played for Yeovil Town during the 1984-85 campaign. 'Beefy' had appeared in the Football League as a striker with Scunthorpe United before joining Yeovil in January 1985. He scored twice in 12 Conference games for the Glovers during the closing weeks of that season, including a goal in their 3-0 victory at Wealdstone. A genuine all-rounder with Somerset, Worcestershire and Durham, with 14 centuries and 383 wickets in Test cricket, his charity walks in aid of Leukaemia Research attracted much publicity. Awarded the OBE in 1992 and knighted in 2007, he is a cricket commentator.

JOHN MCGINLAY

Versatile striker John McGinlay was capped 13 times by Scotland after leaving Yeovil Town. Initially with Nairn County, he joined Yeovil in March 1985 and was leading marksman in 1985-86.



He starred in their 1987-88 Isthmian League title triumph and netted 56 goals in 147 games, moving via Elgin City to Shrewsbury Town in February 1989. After spells with Bury and Millwall, he joined Bolton Wanderers for £125,000 in September 1992, helping to win promotion three times and reach the League Cup final in 1995. He played for Bradford City and Oldham Athletic, then managed Ilkeston Town and Gresley Rovers.

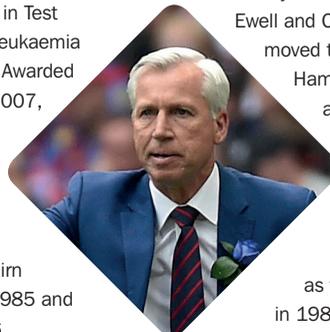
KEVIN REEVES

Ex-England international striker Kevin Reeves briefly played for Yeovil Town in 1985-86. Starting with AFC Bournemouth, he was top scorer in 1975-76 and joined Norwich City in January 1977. He moved to Manchester City for £1,000,000 in March 1980, scoring in the 1981 FA Cup final replay. Following John Bond to Burnley, his League career was ended by an arthritic hip and he joined Yeovil in November 1985, netting three goals in eight games. He coached under Bond at Burnley and Birmingham, then assisted Brian Flynn at Wrexham and Swansea, since scouting for Roberto Martinez at Swansea, Wigan and Everton.

ALAN PARDEW

Influential midfielder Alan Pardew helped Yeovil Town to finish Isthmian League runners-up in two consecutive seasons.

Previously with Whyteleafe, Epsom & Ewell and Corinthian Casuals, he moved to Yeovil from Dulwich Hamlet in March 1986 and netted 16 goals in 61 games for the Glovers before joining Crystal Palace in March 1987. He starred as they won promotion in 1988-89, were FA Cup





finalists in 1989-90 and lifted the ZDS Cup in 1990-91. Moving to Charlton Athletic in November 1991, he played for Barnet, since managing Reading, West Ham, Charlton, Southampton, Newcastle United and Palace.

GUY WHITTINGHAM

Much-travelled striker Guy Whittingham was Yeovil Town's leading marksman in 1988-89. Initially with Oxford City and Waterlooville, 'Corporal Punishment' joined Yeovil in November 1988 and netted 18 goals in 23 games for the Glovers prior to joining Portsmouth in June 1989 after buying himself out of the Army. He was top scorer as Pompey were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1991-92 and qualified for the play-offs in 1992-93. Sold to Aston Villa for £1,200,000 in August 1993, he played for Wolves, Sheffield Wednesday, Pompey and Wycombe. He managed Newport (IW), Newbury and Pompey, then coached Crawley Town.

JOHN MCCLELLAND

One-time Yeovil Town central defender John McClelland gained Northern Ireland 53 caps. Initially with Portadown, he had spells with Cardiff City and Bangor City before joining Mansfield Town in May 1978 and was ever-present in 1980-81. He moved to Glasgow Rangers in May 1981 and helped twice win the Scottish League Cup. Joining Watford in November 1984, he faced the Rest of the World in the Football League's centenary match. then played for Leeds United. He was St Johnstone's player-manager and joined Yeovil in March 1994. Scoring twice in 33 games for the Glovers, he has since held various coaching posts.

GRAHAM ROBERTS

Ex-England international central defender Graham Roberts managed Yeovil Town's 1996-97 Isthmian League title triumph. He impressed with Weymouth prior to joining Spurs in May 1980, helping twice win the FA Cup and captaining their 1984 UEFA Cup triumph. Moving to Glasgow Rangers in December 1986, he helped win the Scottish League title, then skippered Chelsea to the Second Division title in 1988-89. He had spells with West Brom, Enfield, Slough and Stevenage before becoming Yeovil's player-boss in February 1995. Scoring once in 60 games for the Glovers, he then managed Clyde, Pakistan and Nepal.

KEVIN DILLON

Former England U-21 midfielder Kevin Dillon made over 550 League appearances before joining Yeovil Town. Starting with Birmingham City, he helped win promotion in 1979-80 and moved to Portsmouth in March 1983. He starred in their 1986-87 promotion success and reunited with Jim Smith at Newcastle United in July 1989. Moving to Reading in July 1991, he appeared in their 1993-94 Second Division title triumph and joined Stevenage in October 1994. He followed Graham Roberts to Yeovil in February 1995 and scored twice in 51 games. Later at Fareham Town, he then coached Reading and managed Aldershot.

MARCUS STEWART



Ex-England Schoolboy striker Marcus Stewart starred as Yeovil Town reached the 2006-07 League One play-off final. Initially with Bristol Rovers, he joined Huddersfield for £1,200,000 in July 1996 and was twice top scorer, moving to Ipswich for £2,500,000 in February 2000. Starring as they won

promotion, then qualified for the UEFA Cup in 2000-01, he joined Sunderland for £3,250,000 in August 2002 and helped win the Championship title in 2004-05. He moved via Bristol City to Yeovil in August 2006, netting 12 goals in 67 League games before joining Exeter City in July 2008. Now Bristol Rovers' assistant-boss.

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ROGER'S ON THE BALL FOR THE HATTERS

To mark the start of the new football season, the EFL has launched its #EFLStories campaign to tell the stories of all the people who help make the EFL what it is – a football experience for everyone.

Over the course of the 2016-17 season, the EFL will share individual accounts from a plethora fans, players, managers, club staff and a club mascot or two, with each person sharing the reasons why they love football via their favourite memories, tales and feelings about the wider game.

Across the opening two weekends of the season, the first 72 people featured on the #EFLStories website will have the privilege of delivering their club's new Mitre match ball to the pitch at the first home game of the season.

At Kenilworth Road this afternoon, you will notice club historian Roger Wash leading the teams out with the matchball in his hands. Roger travelled down to Fulham's Craven Cottage ground last week to take part in the EFL official team photo, featuring representatives from all 72 Football League member clubs.

We nominated Roger to represent the Hatters as, being born in the shadow of the stadium in Ivy Road, he has rarely missed a Hatters home game in almost 60 years and has seen all of the ups and downs the club have experienced in that time. We felt there was no better person to talk about the club's progress under the custodianship of the 2020 group.

All #EFLStories – including Roger's – can be viewed at eflstories.com and EFL fans at home and abroad are being invited to submit the reasons why they love the game to the site. With the

campaign continuing throughout the 2016-17 season, the EFL will be sharing a variety of the stories, photos and videos across social media.

"Everyone who attends an EFL game or works behind the scenes at one of our 72 clubs has a story to tell about what football means to them," said EFL marketing director Drew Barrand.

"Following this season's rebrand to the EFL, the #EFLStories campaign has been created to demonstrate the breadth and depth of what the EFL offers. Be it high drama, great games, communities uniting or innovating the game, the EFL really does offer something for everybody as this collection of captivating stories show."





David Pleat sets off on his dance of joy across the pitch after seeing his side escape relegation at Maine Road

AS OTHERS SAW US

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH LOOKS AT PAST GAMES FROM THE EYES OF THE OPPOSITION AND THE 'NEUTRAL' NATIONAL PRESS...

MANCHESTER CITY 0 LUTON TOWN 1 | 14TH MAY 1983

As a season that had swung from high to low and back again several times, drew to a close, the final game of the campaign came into sight and it all boiled down to simple maths.

The Town needed to win at Maine Road, Manchester against City with any other result condemning us to relegation from the top flight, only twelve months after a glorious promotion, with the Citizens securing safety from the drop.

It was a shame that it was to end like this as the Hatters had made many friends along the way with their cavalier football under manager David Pleat but the table did not lie. Many of us feared that relegation would mean the break up of a squad that included the likes of Brian Stein, Ricky Hill, Mal Donaghy and Paul Walsh and around 5,000 Luton

supporters made their way up to Manchester, swelling the crowd to 42,843, to make sure that this did not happen.

Injuries to both winger David Moss and defender Richard Money meant a reshuffle of the side and a recall for the barely fit Stein as the Town gambled in the hope of rekindling the Stein/Walsh partnership that had been so successful earlier in the season.

Only needing a point, City instinctively sat back throughout a sterile first half while the Town huffed and puffed to make a breakthrough. Chances were at a premium with Walsh firing into

the side netting and Donaghy blasting a shot just over the bar.

The Town knew that they needed to attack with more purpose in the second half and so they did, pushing City further and further back at the same time. Several half chances went begging as the game drew closer and closer to a goalless stalemate and in another bold gamble Pleat withdrew the tiring Wayne Turner and replaced him with the unpredictable Yugoslav Raddy Antic.

With four minutes left, Stein got the ball out on the right wing and with tired legs tried a cross which came

[ROGER WASH]

MANCHESTER DAY FOR THE BLUES

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edgy and uncertain, though Luton were beginning to lose the more composed Williams finished the brass puncher after a brief challenge, while Power remained still dimming painfully from a knock left side and continued to wobble on the line. Power was clearly in a hurry, for he had no time to check Stronach. And the River skipper was also in making up ground as he hurried on the left. But Luton continued to look the more panicking side, and City fans had mouths agape as they saw Ranson and Williams attack drive that came into the side netting. City on the other hand remained a ship on the left of touch side. The most composed of Luton's players appeared to be the goalkeeper, who was clearly not match fit after a three-month injury absence. Even when Golden in the middle of the net, the River goal dropped a left, there was no one rushing in the way of the ball. The River penalty area carried a free kick under intense pressure. But the Blues still looked in as McDonald, Turner and Rennie all failed to connect from the six-yard area. Goodyear next offended Baker in a similar position, but this time Hartford, who was clearly headed clear by Elliott.



All action as Manchester City and Luton Town battle it out at Maine Road with players from both sides going in hard.

Williams failed to get the ball, but after a three-month injury absence, he was clearly not match fit after a three-month injury absence. Even when Golden in the middle of the net, the River goal dropped a left, there was no one rushing in the way of the ball. The River penalty area carried a free kick under intense pressure. But the Blues still looked in as McDonald, Turner and Rennie all failed to connect from the six-yard area. Goodyear next offended Baker in a similar position, but this time Hartford, who was clearly headed clear by Elliott.

PANIC
So far it had hung a sad, gloomy and sorry story for City, with Luton snoot and hand during the game. The minutes from the break it was absolutely panic up for Luton as they saw the Blues defence at the time Asstott had driven in

Those four minutes seemed like forty

The 'Manchester Evening News' was scathing in its appraisal of City, 'Manchester City are relegated to the Second Division for the first time in 20 years following today's disgraceful home defeat by Luton Town at Maine Road. City needed only to draw to save themselves but they could not achieve even this in yet another pathetic performance by a team who were well and truly buried after years of lavish spending and outrageous wages to so-called star players. Luton, it has to be said, were the better side and deserved their victory.'

COMPOSED

Colin Malam in 'The Times' confirmed, 'There is no doubt that Luton were the better side. Although the pressure on them was greater, in that they needed to win, while City could have afforded a draw, Luton always looked the more composed team. They certainly played what little imaginative and coherent football a poor match contained.' Spare a thought (only a brief one though) for City youth coach and former Hatter John Ryan, "I love Luton but wanted City to win. I'll probably get the sack now."

87th-minute Antic goal puts Benson men in Division Two

DOOM FOR CITY

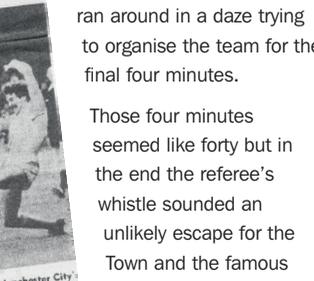
FACE THE TIGHTS

MANCHESTER CITY are relegated to the Second Division for the first time in 20 years following today's disgraceful home defeat by Luton Town at Maine Road.

A dramatic only goal came three minutes from the end with substitute Raddy Antic scoring with a powerful drive. City needed only a draw to save themselves, but they could not manage it. Luton were the better side and deserved their victory. Although the pressure on them was greater, in that they needed to win, while City could have afforded a draw, Luton always looked the more composed team. They certainly played what little imaginative and coherent football a poor match contained.

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Mike A sliding tackle from Manchester City's Paul Power on Luton Town's Clive Goodyear

back to him off City defender Tommy Caton. Stein tried another cross which was pushed out to the edge of the area by goalkeeper Alex Williams straight to Antic.

Antic fired the ball straight back with the goalkeeper deflecting the shot past a defender on the line. The players went wild and smothered Antic while Pleat ran around in a daze trying to organise the team for the final four minutes.

Those four minutes seemed like forty but in the end the referee's whistle sounded an unlikely escape for the Town and the famous victory jig across the pitch by Pleat.

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Cameron McGeehan puts the Hatters ahead

STORY OF THE MATCH:

BY HARRY WRIGHT

Luton and Aston Villa continued their very different starts to the season as the Hatters built on Saturday's opening day win at Plymouth by knocking the Championship giants out of the EFL Cup live on Sky Sports.

The Hatters rode their luck early on as Villa stuck the woodwork twice, and the visitors finally got the breakthrough after Jordan Ayew found space in the box to slide in the opener. But Luton's character and spirit under Nathan Jones showed as they grew into the game minute by minute, and had the equaliser before the break as Jake Gray fired home with a superb finish on his home debut.

Cameron McGeehan put Town 2-1 up in the second half before a Jonas Okore own goal sealed it for the Hatters as they dominated proceedings.

Jones can only be proud of his young squad as Gray and James Justin starred on their home debuts, whilst the developing partnership up front between Jack Marriott and Danny Hylton was clear to see.

McGeehan typified Luton's performance in the centre of midfield and if he and the Town carry on the way they're going, a memorable season seems on the cards at Kenilworth Road.





JONES:

The place was rocking out. The atmosphere was outstanding.

"I'm very, very proud. I thought we were excellent. We started very slowly, but once we realised that we could affect a football match against Aston Villa, we really got going and I thought we were excellent, especially second half.

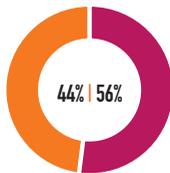
"We showed we could compete first half, but then second half we showed a real desire to win a football match. We had a little bit of fortune at times with them hitting the woodwork, but that's thin margins.

"It took us a little bit of time to get going because I think we showed them a little bit too much respect, but in the second half we were outstanding and it could have been more. We missed chances in the second half.

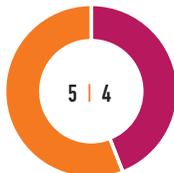
"The place was rocking out. The atmosphere was outstanding. I haven't had a night like that here, where there's been relentless rocking like that. The fans were amazing.

"Proud is the word. I live my life for this and when your team and a group of people go out and give you that kind of performance, the pride comes through. We've got a good staff here, we work hard and all that came to fruition tonight."

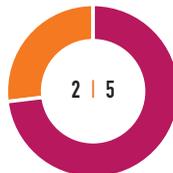
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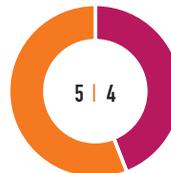
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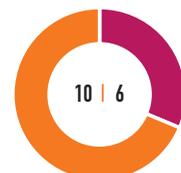
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DREAM DEBUT

First-year pro James Justin made a dream first senior start in an unfamiliar left-back role against Aston Villa, filling in for the suspended Dan Potts.

The teenager turned in a sponsors' man-of-the-match winning performance against the Villans, earning high praise from manager Nathan Jones, who said: "Outstanding doesn't do him justice. I thought he was superb. He got a clap off everybody in the dressing room."

"For an 18-year-old kid coming in for his full debut, playing against Aston Villa, up against someone like Andre Green who's got a reputation like he has...and he was proactive, he was on the front foot."

UNBELIEVABLE

"He went down with cramp after 60-odd minutes and showed absolute strength of character to keep playing. A lot of people would have thought 'No, I've done enough here, but he didn't. Unbelievable.'"

Local lad Justin, who joined the Hatters as a seven-year-old, said: "It's definitely a night I'll remember for the rest of my life. It was just excellent, the atmosphere was crazy, the lads dug in deep. It was just crazy."

"I knew I was playing early in the week. You kind of suss it out because Pottsy was suspended and I was filling in at full-back, and I kind of knew a bit about Aston Villa because we might have played them last year in the FA Youth Cup, but it never came round to it. But I had some knowledge around there, so it helped me in the game."

Asked whether he felt the TV cameras and big crowd would affect him, Justin added: "I thought about it a lot before the game, but when you're out there, you're focussed and the lads help me, they bring me up to their level, because I've been training with them."

"They know your strengths, they know your weaknesses and we help each other out because we're all a team. That's the thing with training with them for a few months now. Pre-season was great, we bonded well and it shows on the pitch for the first few games. Hopefully it can continue."

On the bout of cramp, he explained: "I've never had it before in a match, and as soon as my leg locked up, I didn't know what had happened! But I got the supplements from the side and kept on going. I just had to get through it."

"I wouldn't have liked to come off, even though I was struggling. It was my full debut and you like to get through it and play well. I think I did that."

He certainly did, as portrayed by the sponsors' MOM award. "It's always great to get individual honours, but in the end it's all about the team and as long as we're through to the next round, that's all that matters," added the level-headed youngster.



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JAKE ENJOYS GRAY-T NIGHT!

Jake Gray has played against Luton before when on loan at Cheltenham and Hartlepool, and growing up relatively close by in Aylesbury, he knew a bit about what the Kenilworth Road crowd were like.

But after making his full debut in front of almost 7,500 on Wednesday night, and scoring the equaliser that dragged the Hatters back into the game after falling behind to a 13th-minute Jordan Ayew strike, the recent signing from Crystal Palace admitted he was blown away.

The outstanding 20-year-old midfielder received a standing ovation when substituted in the 87th minute, and he said: "At full-time when I was walking off, and when I was subbed as well, I was just taking it all in. It was unbelievable.

"The fans were incredible and when we were playing, they were just keeping you going. If that can carry on through the whole season it'll be brilliant.

"I've heard of the Luton fans. I don't live too far away so I know how good they can be. I've played in front of them before, so I know what they are about. But tonight was a different level.

"If we can do that on the pitch and they can do that in the stands, then hopefully we can have a great season. I couldn't have wished for a better home debut."

With Villa having been relegated from the Premier League last season and having lost their Championship opener at Sheffield Wednesday last Sunday, Gray says the Hatters sensed claret and blue blood.

"That was something we said before the game," he said. "After last season, when they didn't do too well, we thought that if we could get ahead and put on the pressure, they might crumble. Maybe they did that tonight and we took full advantage of that, and we're really happy about that."

Gray's goal came soon after the Town began to gain a foothold in the game after intense early pressure from Villa. The Hatters had put together a couple of patient passing moves and when Jack Marriott, Cameron McGeehan and Pelly-Ruddock

Mpanzu combined to play him into the box, Gray finished coolly with his right foot.

I couldn't have wished for a better home debut.

"It was one of the first times we actually put our foot on the ball and caused them problems with our shape and how we played, and it was a great finish," said boss Nathan Jones. "We've brought Jake here because we know he can do that. He's a forward runner, we know he gets in the box and scores goals, and he did exactly that."

Gray reckons it could have been a rout. "I think everyone sensed at half-time that we had a real chance of winning and we came out of the blocks quickly. It could have been a load more. We just couldn't get it over the line as maybe we should have."

MEET THE

NEW=BOYS

HATTERS BOSS NATHAN JONES STRENGTHENED HIS SQUAD WITH EIGHT SIGNINGS DURING THE CLOSE SEASON, MAKING PERMANENT THE LOAN MOVES OF ALAN SHEEHAN AND GLEN REA AS WELL AS INTRODUCING HALF-A-DOZEN COMPLETELY NEW FACES.

Oxford pair Danny Hylton and Johnny Mullins, Brighton's England Under-21 keeper Christian Walton, Jordan Cook from Walsall, ex-Plymouth striker Isaac Vassell and Crystal Palace midfielder Jake Gray complete the set.

The gaffer told Mark Sagggers and Danny Murphy on talkSPORT radio last week: "I think we've recruited very well this year. We looked above the level for players, and we think we have a good environment now with a hungry squad of different ages, with a lot of youth, a lot of talent. We've taken people from Premier League, Championship and League One clubs, and we feel we have a real good environment where people want to come in every day and learn. They are technically very good players and that was a big bonus."

Here we introduce you to the new recruits...

ALAN SHEEHAN

POSITION: DEFENDER | AGE: 29

CHECK-IN DATE: 25TH MAY

JOINS FROM: BRADFORD CITY



Left-sided centre-half or full-back Sheehan penned a two-year contract after making 20 appearances, and captaining the Hatters in the absence of Scott Cuthbert, while on loan last season.

The Irishman said: "I have really enjoyed my football since being at Luton Town. For me it's all about enjoying the football. The manager was a huge factor in me coming to Luton.

"There was a good couple of clubs, but I wasn't really interested, I enjoyed playing for Luton and under Nathan Jones, so for me it's all about enjoying my football.

"We'd been speaking for a bit but it wasn't difficult at all. I let my agent deal with everything. We knew there was a bit of interest there, but I said, 'Look,

just get the Luton thing sorted.' I really enjoyed it. I played 20 games in a row which was good. I was happy with how it went and the fans have been great to me, so I didn't really see a reason to go anywhere else.

"Nathan is so hungry and passionate. The style he wants to play is night and day. It's pass, pass, pass. It's about being patient and trusting exactly what the manager wants to do."

JOHNNY MULLINS

POSITION: DEFENDER

AGE: 30

CHECK-IN DATE:
31ST MAY

JOINS FROM:
OXFORD UNITED

Centre-half Mullins signed a two-year deal with the Hatters after leaving Oxford, who he helped to promotion from League Two and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy last season.



The Londoner said: "I'm over the moon to be here. When a club like Luton gave me a call, it was a no brainer – I wanted to join. I'm here to achieve promotion, and hopefully to play in League One with Luton in front of some top-drawer fans. That's the number one objective. Hopefully come the end of the season we'll all be smiling.

"I enjoyed it last season, and it's just given me an extra incentive and a burning desire to go and do it again. Coming in and seeing the quality of the players we have here, I don't see any reason why we can't do that.

"Take the Brighton game and the first half against Walsall, a League One club, when we move the ball and get it in good areas, team struggle to live with us.

"At the back, we're gelling well. We've got real competition so no-one can have a day off in training. Everyone has got to be right at it, which is only a good thing for the football club and the team."

DANNY HYLTON

POSITION: STRIKER | AGE: 27

CHECK-IN DATE: 31ST MAY

JOINS FROM: OXFORD UNITED

Striker Hylton was offered a new deal to stay with Oxford as they moved up to League One, aided by his 15 goals, but he opted to join team-mate Mullins at Luton!

The ex-Aldershot hitman said: "It's an honour to join Luton. It's a massive club. Obviously last season I was playing against Luton, they've got a fantastic style of play, especially since Nathan came on board. I'm excited to be here.

"There are some great players here and the boys who have come in have fitted in well, it's not just me. The lads make it really easy to settle in

and I think you see the benefits of that in training and in games because people aren't in their shells.

"People play with freedom and the boys that were here last year, I know what they are capable of because we played against them and we got the run around during the game at times, so I'm looking forward to a successful season.

"I like to think that I bring more than just goals to the team, I like to work hard and try and create goals for other players too. If other plays are scoring and we're winning games, then that's perfect."

GLEN REA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER | AGE: 21

CHECK-IN DATE: 27TH JUNE

JOINS FROM: BRIGHTON

Holding midfielder Rea made his loan move a permanent one in June when he joined on a two-year deal. The Republic of Ireland Under-21 international, who can also play centre-back, became the second player to join the Hatters from Brighton after Christian Walton.

Rea said: "I'm absolutely buzzing, I couldn't have wanted anything else. I'm just happy to be back. I can't wait to get going again.

"I know all the lads and they are great lads, that was partly the reason I wanted to come back and obviously the manager as well. I want to work for the gaffer here because I really like him and I think we'll do well this season.

"I had a really good time here last season, we didn't finish where we wanted to finish, but my time here was such that I wanted to come back and push for promotion, and try to help the team out this year. In my mind there was only one place I was going to come, and that was here."



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BACK ROW (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Johnny Mullins, Tyreeq Bakinson, Stephen O'Donnell, Akin Famewo, Glen Rea, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, Frankie Musonda, Alex Atkinson, Isaac Vassell, Zane Banton.

MIDDLE: Peter Booker (Performance Analyst), Kevin Dearden (Goalkeeper Coach), Jared Roberts-Smith (Head of Sport Science), Craig Mackkail-Smith, Jake Gray, Danny Green, Olly Lee, Liam Gooch, Christian Walton, Craig King,



Jordan Cook, James Justin, Jonathan Smith, Danny Hylton, Mick Harford (Chief Recruitment Officer), Simon Parsell (Physiotherapist), Dr Paul Dealey (Club Doctor), Darren Cook (Kitman/Masseur).

FRONT: Cameron McGeehan, Dan Potts, Scott Cuthbert, Paul Hart (Assistant-Manager), Nathan Jones (Manager), Joaquín Gomez (First-Team Coach), Alan Sheehan, Jack Marriott, Josh McQuoid.

[PROFILING THE NEW SIGNINGS]



CHRISTIAN WALTON

POSITION: GOALKEEPER | AGE: 20

CHECK-IN DATE: 24TH JUNE

JOINS FROM: BRIGHTON

Keeper Walton joined on a year-long loan deal from Championship side Brighton in June.

Manager Nathan Jones worked with the England under-21 stopper at Brighton, whom he signed for from Plymouth when he was just 17.

The 20-year-old said: "My good friend Glen Rea was here on loan last season and he spoke highly of the club and Nathan's enthusiasm for the game, which I know all about.

"When I found out about Luton's interest in me, I was more than happy to sign and continue learning my trade as a goalkeeper under Nathan's guidance.

"I know from following the game for so long how big a club Luton is and how they fell into the Conference, but thankfully managed to get back into the league and re-establish themselves in League Two.

"My aim now is to push on and please the fans who have been so loyal and have always turned up in great numbers every week.

"I've been told how passionate they are, both by Nathan and Glen, and I am looking forward to playing in front of them."



JORDAN COOK

POSITION: FORWARD | AGE: 26

CHECK-IN DATE: 5TH JULY

JOINS FROM: WALSALL

Forward Cook flew out to join the squad at the pre-season training camp in Hungary at the start of July, signing his two-year contract after rejecting a one-year deal to stay at League One side Walsall.

The forward worked with manager Nathan Jones at Charlton Athletic in 2012-13, and he said: "Nathan kept in touch with me for a while, and I've always respected him for what he did with me at Charlton. When I came back from injury and I played in his Under-21s team they always played really good football.

"When I first spoke to him about coming to Luton, he was telling me what he wants to do, and how he wants to get out of this league playing a different brand of football. He wants to play proper football – intense pass and move – and that's what I enjoy most.

"I don't really see it as dropping down because with the squad Nathan's got together, I think we could really push on and do well this season and get promoted.

"I like to be through the middle, playing up front with somebody, or in the hole, running in behind, either one of those is probably my most effective position."



ISAAC VASELL

POSITION: STRIKER | AGE: 22

CHECK-IN DATE: 23RD JULY

JOINS FROM: TRURO CITY

The cousin of former England striker Darius Vasell signed for the Hatters on the morning of our pre-season friendly with Brighton after an impressive couple of years with Non-League Truro City following his release by Plymouth Argyle.

The Cornish striker said: "I'm delighted to sign for a club as respected as Luton Town. The manager has taken a chance on me and I hope to repay the faith he has shown.

"I've been fortunate to have been given a lengthy spell on trial and the players here have made me feel part of the team already. They are a great bunch of lads.

"I've been out of the professional game for two years and I've worked on a building site while playing for Truro, but this has been a great opportunity for me to get my fitness back. With sustained full-time training again I hope to prove I can play in the Football League.

"It's a big move for me. I like to think it's my second chance at it, and it's been a lot of hard work and hopefully I can make good of the chance and make good of the people who have given me this chance."



JAKE GRAY

POSITION: MIDFIELDER | AGE: 20

CHECK-IN DATE: 1ST AUGUST

JOINS FROM: CRYSTAL PALACE

Attacking midfielder Gray joined the Hatters on a free transfer from Crystal Palace just five days before the season opener against Plymouth, signing a two-year deal after making 33 league appearances for Hartlepool on loan last season.

Gray, who made his League debut for Cheltenham on loan against the Hatters, said: "I'm delighted to get it done and I'm looking forward to pulling on the Luton Town shirt.

"Nathan showed me the plans for the club with the new training ground, and he said how good it was to play in front of these fans – how it's always packed.

"He explained the pressures of the fans and how much they get behind you, so I'm looking forward to getting out on the pitch and scoring goals and getting assists.

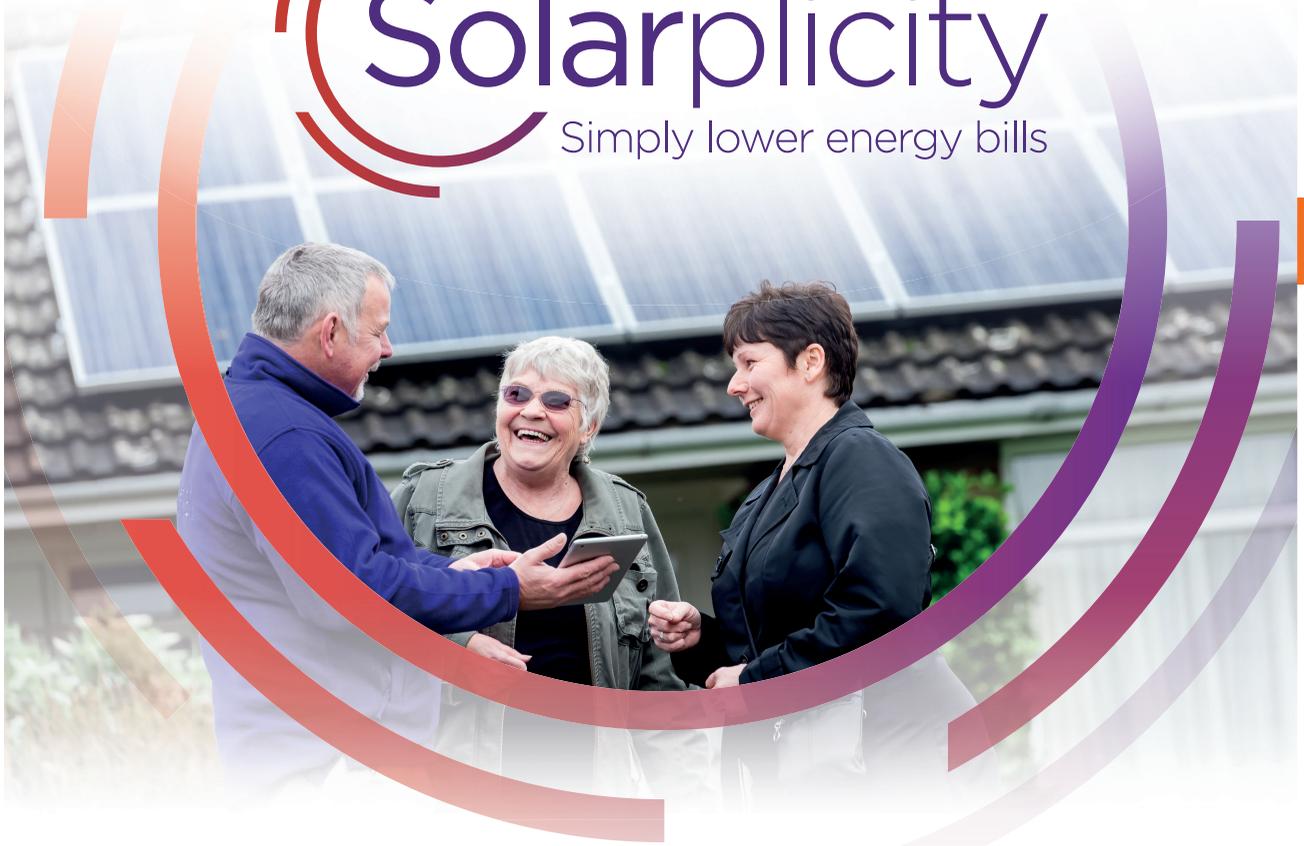
"Nathan's got a lot of good plans for the club and he showed me how he wants me to play. It really opened my eyes to think this is the right place for me.

"I remember that on my debut were more Luton fans in the away end than Cheltenham fans, and they certainly made a big noise. It's weird how it's all turned around."



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NAMES: CAMERON MCGEEHAN & PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU

POSITION: MIDFIELD & DOOR, MIDFIELD & WINDOW | **AGES:** 21 & 23

How long have you known each other?

CM: We used to play against each other when I was at Norwich and he was at West Ham, then I signed here on loan in the Conference winning season just after Pelly had joined permanently.

When did you first room together?

CM: Ibiza – for the last two summers!

PRM: Club wise, we've roomed together on odd occasions but I'm usually with Dan Potts.

CM: And I'm normally with Olly Lee!

What's the best thing about rooming together?

PRM: No fights, no qualms. Just chilled.

CM: Speakers, decent music. We've known each other longest at the club really.

What's your roomie's worst habit?

CM: He's a bad snorer.

PRM: Combing that long blond hair in the morning after he showers. It takes him five minutes and he's looking in the mirror like he's Goldilocks!

Who makes the tea?

PRM: We don't really drink tea.

CM: I have green tea, but I didn't have it in Hungary.

First up in the morning?

PRM: Him, I'm not a morning person.

CM: I wake him up every day, about 8-8.30am.

Who decides when to turn the light out at night?

PRM: Him, because he's closest to the door.

CM: He doesn't sleep. If the lights weren't turned off he'd still be up at three, four in the morning.

Who's the tidiest?

PRM: Neither of us!

Unpack or live out of your bag?

CM: Unpack...but all over the floor!

PRM: Everything is here, there and everywhere – all over the place.

Who takes the longest to get ready?

CM: Him, because he has to put his cream on.

PRM: I take the longest, yes, but he's longest with his hair.

What's most likely to be on the TV?

PRM: Sport. We had the tennis on while we were in Hungary.

CM: It was Wimbledon, wasn't it?

Games console or TV?

PRM: TV, definitely. We were series

watching as well while we were out there, weren't we?

CM: Love Island catch-up!

Who would you rather room with?

PRM: Nobody, I'm happy.

CM: Same. Why change?

Who would you least like to room with?

(Danny Green pokes his head around the corner)

CM: What was the question again?

Who would I least like to room with? Greeny!

PRM: Stephen O'Donnell because he doesn't stop talking. SODS would keep you awake all night chatting.

Who is most likely to gatecrash your room?

CM: Josh McQuoid, to watch Love Island. That was it.

And who do you lock the door to?

CM: No-one really.

PRM: No-one got us in Hungary, we were safe. Actually, Hylts and Mulls – they are suspects to gatecrash your room!

Finally, if your roomie was a hotel, how many stars would you rate him?

CM: Five-star.

PRM: I'd give him a five to be honest. He's a good room-mate and I can't compliment him any more.

CM: Mayfair! Mayfair!

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BATH TUB CHALLENGE

Loyal Luton fan Mark Brockway will be sailing a bath tub from the West to the East coast of Scotland in order to raise money for charity.

Mark's father Richard was a Luton fan since the 1950s and attended the 1959 FA Cup final, in which the Hatters lost to Nottingham Forest.

Richard Brockway was unfortunately diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and son Mark was his carer for five years. Understandably, Richard's health meant it became difficult for him to attend matches.

The Alfreton game in the year Luton got promoted from the Conference was the last game Richard was able to attend, when John Still invited himself and Mark into the team huddle.

Richard attended the MS therapy centre in Bedford, a 100 per cent non-government funded, charity based centre until he sadly passed away in May of this year, aged 69. The centre provides a service where MS sufferers can seek treatment, advice, relaxation or socialise with fellow sufferers. To raise money for the invaluable service



the centre provides, Mark, 28, a season ticket holder since he was just 11, will be paddling a bath tub 77 miles across Scotland in an attempt to raise £5,000 with his friend Jack Burrows.

The journey across the Caledonian Canal will take in several lochs, including the infamous Loch Ness. After starting at Corpach near Fort William yesterday, the bathtub duo aim to finish at Loch Lochy near Inverness on 20th August. The bath tub has just minor modifications such as some piping for buoyancy and resin to prevent rot as they prepare to encounter up to three foot waves on their journey.

The cause has already raised over £4000, but Mark will be grateful for any donations from Luton fans throughout his eight-day sail across the highlands.

The JustGiving page can be found at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-bathtub-challenge

SARAH JAFFRAY



We were saddened to hear of the passing of Luton Town supporter Sarah Jaffray on 21st July.

Sarah had been a Hatters season ticket holder for 25 years since meeting Town fan Chris Oddy, who she married on her 49th birthday, the day before she died after a 14-month battle with lung cancer.

Together with Chris and his son Joe, Sarah would travel up from Balham in south London for each home game and would sit in the Kenilworth Lower.

"We experienced promotions, relegations and the JPT win together," Chris told Talk of the Town. "Sarah realised from the very beginning that supporting Luton wasn't going to be an easy ride, but we travelled home and away together and loved following the Hatters."

Chris will be hanging their 'South London Hatters – Chris, Sarah & Joe' flag up on the water tank in the corner of Kenilworth Road in tribute to his wife this afternoon.



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JARED ROBERTS-SMITH JOINED NATHAN JONES' BACKROOM STAFF THIS SUMMER FROM CHARLTON ATHLETIC. HERE THE NEW HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE GIVES US AN INSIGHT INTO HIS WORK WITH THE HATTERS LADS...

Afternoon Hatters fans and welcome to the first EFL League Two game of the season here at Kenilworth Road.

Welcome also to the new sports science low down feature, which will be alternating with Simon Parsell's physio column you got a peek at on Wednesday night. Hopefully you've all been stitched back up after reading it!

I'm absolutely buzzing to be here at Luton and experience my first competitive league game here at Kenilworth Road. It's been a great first six weeks at the club. Everyone's made me feel really welcome and I've settled in well.

The lads have been great and worked hard in all elements of the pre-season programme. The on-field sessions have been intense and I can get a good gauge of how hard they have been working depending on how annoyed Danny Hylton gets with me within the session.

We have picked up minimal injuries over the six-week period, and those who have picked up niggles, including the likes of Scott Cuthbert, have been excellent to work with and have returned in a good state of physical readiness.

This left us with 21 players fit, ready and raring to go for the big kick-off at Plymouth last Saturday – which provides the gaffer with a headache, but one I'm sure he is pleased to have.

The gym-based training aimed at injury prevention and enhancement of the lads' physical competencies has been excellent. The lads have applied themselves really well

and players such as Johnny Mullins, Dan Potts and Stephen O'Donnell, to name but a few, have really pushed these sessions on, creating a strong working environment.

Other lads such as Jonathan 'Smudge' Smith, who haven't really experienced such strength and conditioning training before, have adjusted really well to the program and made a real effort to get involved and push on their strength and power qualities which has been great to see. This has been assisted by Simon, who has been excellent and supported me greatly over the six-week period.

The sessions have been driven by the 'block rocker' music system, from which the lads have put together a playlist. The top three songs during pre-season feature a rather eclectic taste:

DANNY HYLTON & GLEN REA: JUMPER – 1998 EDIT VERSION

ALAN SHEEHAN: TIESTO – RED LIGHTS

ME & CAMERON MCGEEHAN: DJ MUSTARD – WHOLE LOTTA LOVIN

Another customary day-to-day activity includes a competitive game of two touch keepy-ups after our pre-training activation sessions. The loser receives ear flicks from all the lads. Twenty ear flicks hurt – and I should know as Glen Rea and Pelly-Ruddock often lead a witch hunt for myself. Cheap shot if you ask me!

I hope you enjoy the game and that we are able to get the win and move forward to Newport County on Tuesday evening.

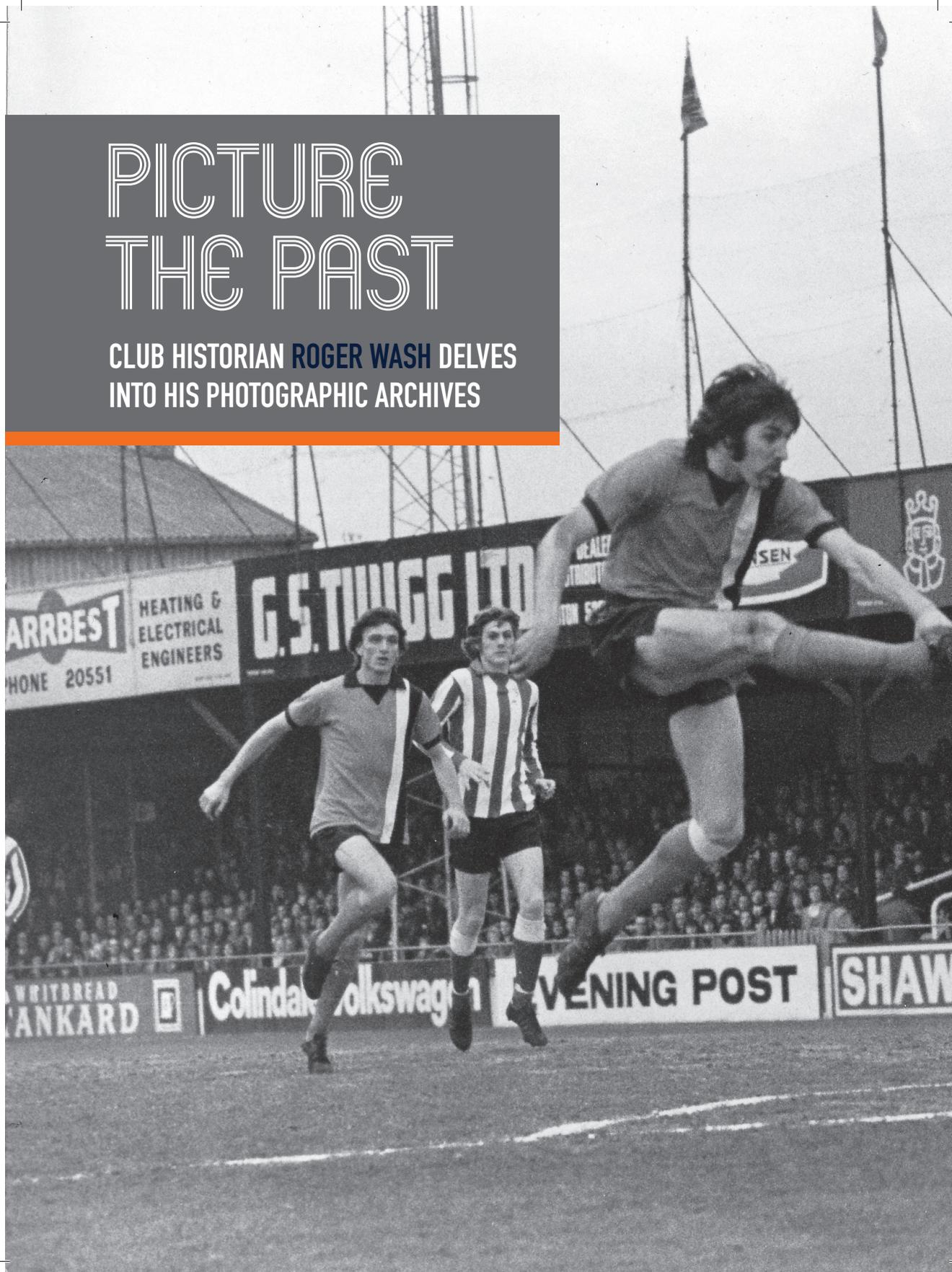
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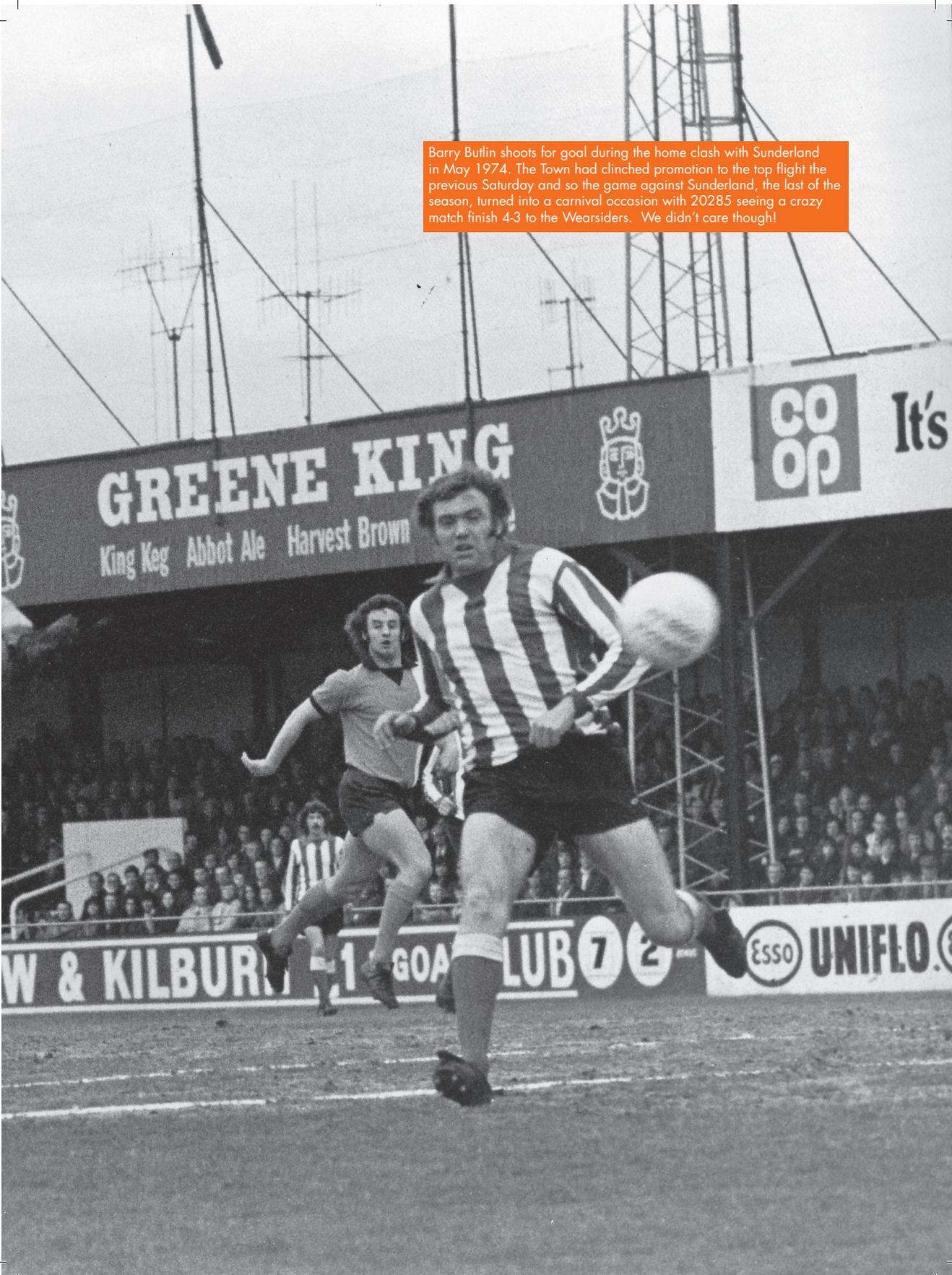
Steven O'Donnell is put through his paces

PICTURE THE PAST

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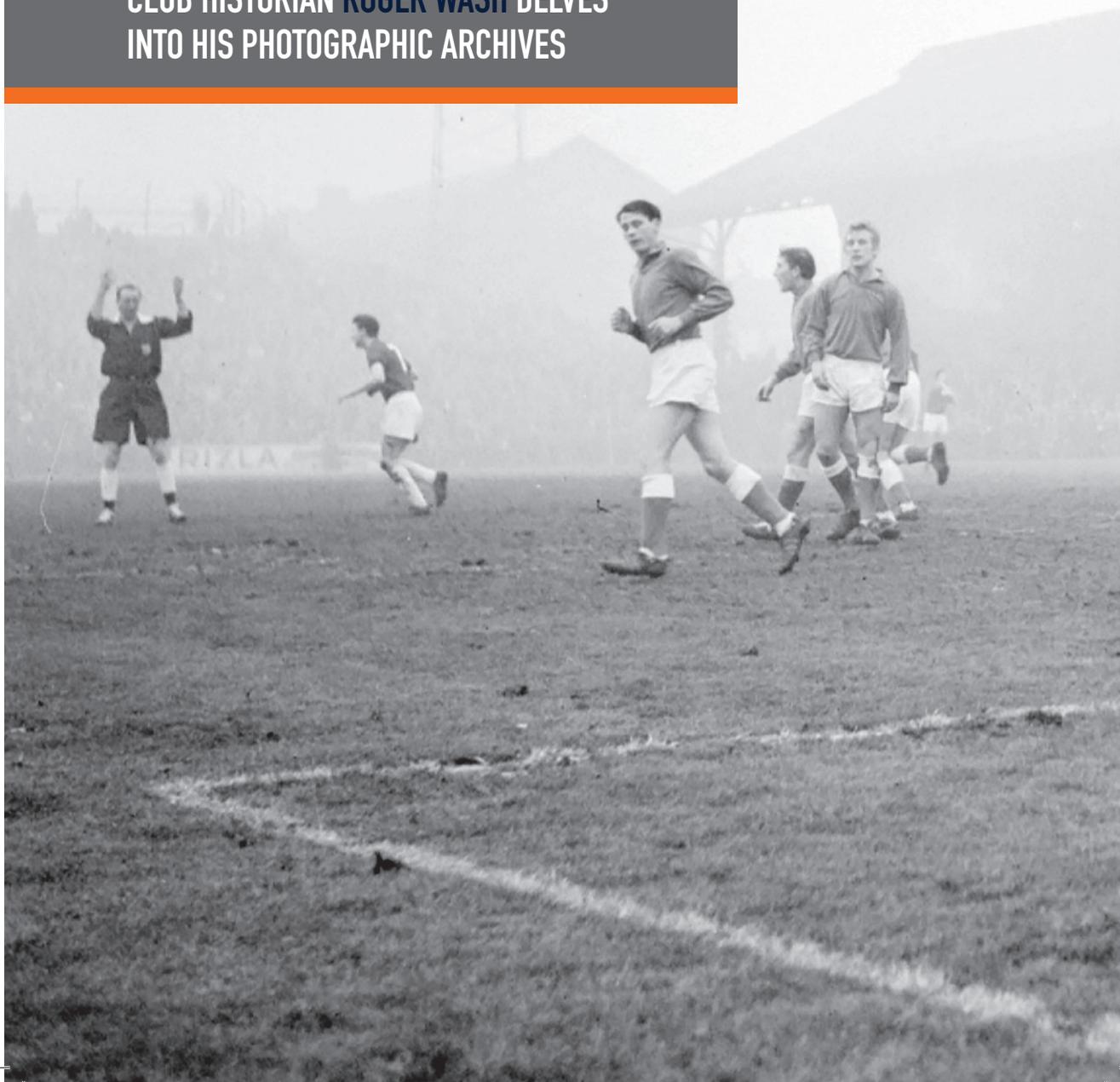


Barry Butlin shoots for goal during the home clash with Sunderland in May 1974. The Town had clinched promotion to the top flight the previous Saturday and so the game against Sunderland, the last of the season, turned into a carnival occasion with 20285 seeing a crazy match finish 4-3 to the Wearsiders. We didn't care though!

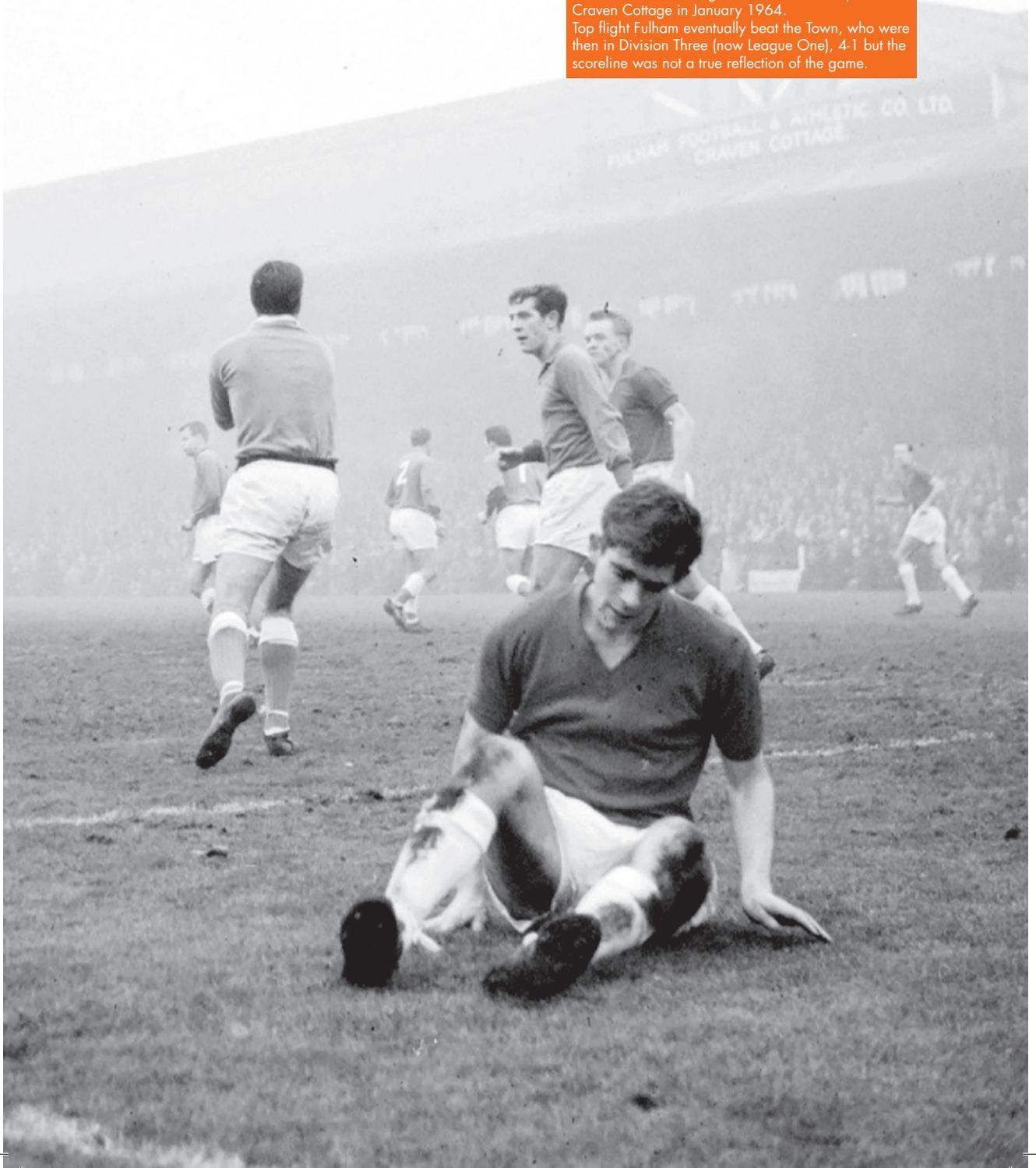


THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES
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John O'Rourke, who sadly passed away this summer, cuts a forlorn figure as he fails to break down the Fulham defence during a third round FA Cup tie at Craven Cottage in January 1964. Top flight Fulham eventually beat the Town, who were then in Division Three (now League One), 4-1 but the scoreline was not a true reflection of the game.





LUTON TOWN IN THE

COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Today we are continuing to look at the activities of the Trust over the summer months, starting with our regional Football League walking football tournament held in June down at Venue 360 (now The Brache!) for gentlemen of a certain vintage!

WALKING FOOTBALL

Last summer we received a request from the Football League Trust to see if we could host the first regional walking football tournament for men over the age of 50. We agreed but had one problem – we didn't have a team! This year, however, when we got the call it was a different story thanks to our regular weekly sessions at V360, we had a pool of over 20 players all eager to relive their playing days and have a shot at pulling on the famous Hatters shirt.

We sent out invitations to last year's competitors and eventually finished with 13 other Football League teams on the day from Crawley Town, Leyton Orient, Stevenage, Oxford United, Peterborough, Reading, Southend United, Barnet, Colchester United, Wycombe Wanderers, AFC Wimbledon, Northampton Town and Charlton Athletic.

What a great effort – double the teams from last year (must have heard what a great venue V360 is!) which meant on the day we had over

100 over 50s taking part. The big prize on the day was not 'walking' away injury free, but progressing to a national Football League finals day at the FA's St George's Park.

So with the mantra 'It's the taking part that counts', the various teams all took to the pro zones down at V360 and began what turned out to be a serious competition with a couple of teams certainly looking to progress.

The gents representing the Hatters didn't let us down with one of our teams making the semi-finals but unfortunately losing out to eventual winners Colchester United, who ran out eventual competition winners progressing to St George's Park.

The biggest winners on the day were, of course, all of the competitors who took part and as well as lots of great banter during the afternoon, we had great feedback from those who took part. Arthur Mason tweeted 'had a fantastic afternoon – great to meet new guys and make the semi'.

Interested and over 50?

We meet every Wednesday at 6pm on the pro-zones down at V360 and all comers are welcome. It's £5.00 per session pay and play – you don't have to come every week. If you want to join in the fun (and banter!) just give us a call on 01582 737568 at the Community Office or drop us an email at community@lutontown.co.uk

WOMEN AND GIRLS FOOTBALL

From V360 to Wembley Stadium – now there's a leap! Well it was a journey Year 10 and 11 girls from Chalk Hills Academy made on the same day as our walking football tournament (great planning by the Football League by the way!). The girls travelled to take part in a joint Premier League and Football League Women and Girls football festival before the FA Women's Cup Final between Chelsea and Arsenal.

Overall, 28 teams took part on the day and the Chalk Hills Academy girls were drawn in a group along with Man City, Oldham Athletic, Huddersfield Town and Barnet.



First up was Premier League Tottenham Hotspur and a narrow 3-2 defeat, but this was followed up with victories against Barnet and Huddersfield and defeat against Oldham Athletic. Those two victories were enough to qualify the girls for the Cat 5 final against Shrewsbury Town, which the girls finally won in extra time 5-4 having been behind all of the way through the match – what a great effort!

It was then onto the FA Women's Cup Final next door to watch Arsenal FC defeat Chelsea FC 1-0 in a close game with a 'worldy' finish by Danielle Carter to win it. As part of the day we learnt that the Premier League will be taking over the Female Football Development programme from the FA.

This is a fund that will directly benefit all female players over the age of 11 in Luton and Bedfordshire through our involvement in the programme, and we will be promoting all of our venues and activities early next month once all of our schools and colleges return from their summer break.

It's an exciting time for the female game and we are delighted as a Trust and Club to be involved in growing the game and bringing it to lots of new participants – both casual and for those looking for a regular game.

Further news to follow in Tuesday's programme.

COMMUNITY DISABILITY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

As well as the massively popular Hatters Youth Cup in May, we also invited the Bedfordshire FA's Ability Counts SEN School League down to the stadium for the afternoon to play out their monthly schedule of fixtures. Our relationship with the Bedfordshire FA's Disability Football has been developing for some time now and the league was temporarily relocated for the day onto the main pitch.

Six local school teams participated; Cedars Academy, Chiltern, Gateway, St Johns, Weatherfield and Woodlands. A total of 70 young footballers graced the hallowed turf. The stuff of dreams.

Whilst fixtures were played in the usual format, the fact that everybody was smiling proved this was a special occasion worth cherishing. The SEN School League runs across the academic year and from this September, we will see our very own FA People's Cup U16 Disability Champions Grange Academy from Kempston joining the league.

The Ability Counts Leagues have been building for several years now with the support of teamBEDS&LUTON (No Limits) and the amazing opportunities to play Disability Football in Luton & Beds would not be possible without such support and the efforts of all involved at the Beds FA, especially Disability Officer Josh Spavins.





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CAMBRIDGE

The Bobbers Travel Club will, as always, be running to this game from their normal pick-up points. The fare is £18 for adults and £16 for concessions (Under 16 and Over 60) and they will be leaving bus stop LS12 at the Bus Interchange at Luton Railway Station at 12 noon. To book, please ring 01234 856542.

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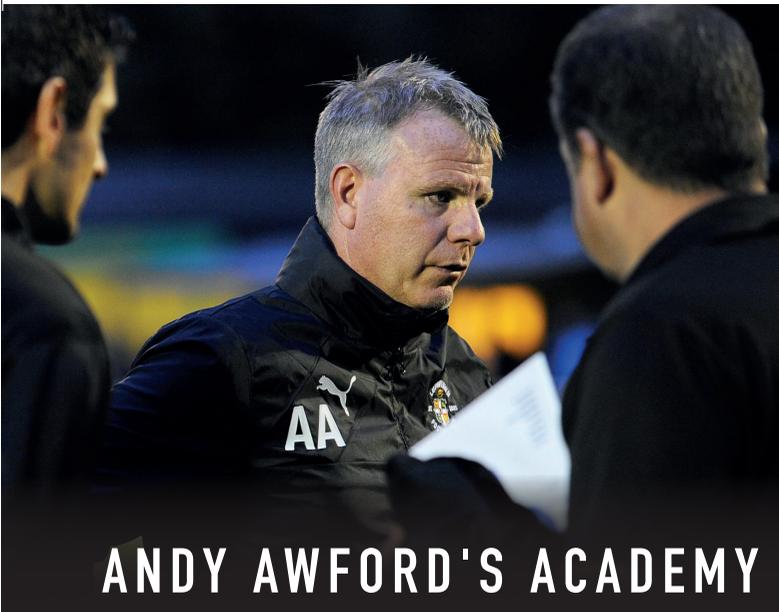
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ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY

UPDATE

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game versus Yeovil Town.

U18S

Paul Driver's Under-18s Youth Team got off to a fantastic start last weekend with a 10-2 demolition away at Dagenham & Redbridge. Obviously, we were all very pleased with the result, but more importantly the players' desire, application and willingness to continue to try and do the right things right throughout the game right to the final whistle. We were a little disappointed to concede two goals, when in total control of the game, and as always the players will have learnt from this particular experience. MK Dons were this morning's opponents and hopefully we have again been able to win, but more importantly continue to improve the players individually, and as a group as we try and push players closer to the first team squad.

U16S

The Under-16s faced Tottenham Hotspur at Ely Way on Saturday morning. Normally, the U16s Saturday morning fixtures 'mirror' those of the U18s, but unfortunately Dagenham & Redbridge have decided not to run a schoolboy programme this season and only operate an U18s team. Therefore, we were extremely grateful to Spurs for accepting the offer of a cross category friendly. Although we were on the wrong end of a 5-0 scoreline, as is the case with the U18s and all Academy age groups, winning is not the most important objective. Of course, we want to win and breed a positive, winning environment and mentality. However, the overall learning experience that the players received against a strong and talented Spurs side will benefit them greatly in the long run.

[ACADEMY UPDATE]

QUICK TALE

Whilst watching the U16s play Spurs on Saturday morning, I asked one of our schoolboy coaches, Paul Reed to politely ask a few parent stragglers, who had taken up camp on the same side of the pitch as the coaches and the substitutes, to kindly move to the 'spectators' side of the pitch to watch the second half (The Football League insist on this rule at all Academy Fixtures). Paul went about his task in a professional, respectful manner, asking the four or five small groups that had congregated to observe from the opposite side, only to realise belatedly that one of the group was the first team manager, Mauricio Pochettino, who was in attendance to watch his Son play for Spurs.



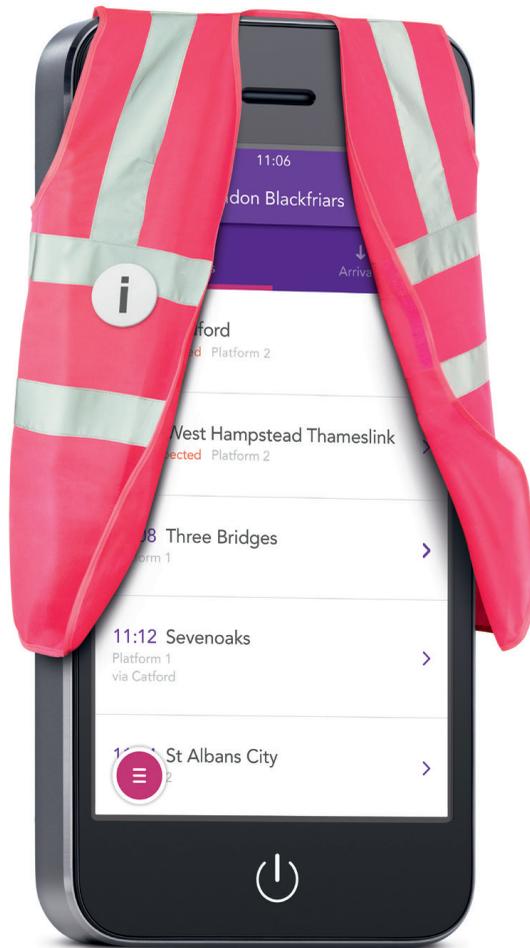
Mauricio Pochettino

Typically, Mr Pochettino, in his parental role for the day, was more than happy to adhere to Paul's request, but the look on Paul's face was a picture for all to see as he realised whom he had just addressed. Good work Reedy!!

Enjoy the game. COYH!!

ANDY

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HATTERS LADIES

A DEFEAT FOR THE TOWN AT CHARLTON

After drawing 1-1 with Nottingham Forest and beating Nuneaton Town 6-1, a young Luton Town Ladies side travelled to Southern Premier league side Charlton Athletic last weekend, where they suffered a 4-1 defeat.

Striker Jo Rutherford has scored in all three pre-season games so far, netting four in three, after suffering an injury-hit campaign last year.

She joined the Hatters at the beginning of last season but badly broke her arm in August in the League Cup at Lowestoft. She then suffered other injury problems and only really came back into form right at the end of the season, so she has started how she finished and hopefully that will continue.

There have been some new additions to the squad, some from other clubs and some progressing their way through from the Development and U16/18 squads. Dionne Manning made her debut against Charlton after signing from Spurs close season. An attacking midfielder/ striker, Dionne will be a welcome addition to the squad. Youngsters Lucy Webster and Jodie Southby have been ever present throughout pre-season so far having joined from local clubs. Versatile and technically good, they add youth, pace and composure on the ball.

We have also added another goalkeeper in Jess Devoti, who has played at a high level for several clubs. She adds that bit of experience

to the very young squad that we have. Mollie Robinson is a young, pacey defender with enormous strength and desire, who adds something going forward as well.

On pre-season so far and the upcoming season, first team manager Nikki Baker said: "It has been a strong pre-season so far. The first two games, I was really happy with. We kept our shape well and moved the ball well.

"Against Charlton I wasn't as happy, but we made lots of changes, had players making debuts and lots of youngsters in the team. I still saw a lot of positives and was happy with a lot of things. I deliberately chose three games against teams in the league above us to try and push us physically and mentally as well as football wise, and I am pleased overall with the outcome so far. I have especially been impressed with the younger players coming into the first team.

"Going forward, we have looked really good on the ball and the goals have come from all over. We look fitter and better than last season.

"I don't think Nottingham Forest or Nuneaton, who both play in the



New signing Lucy Webster had a promising pre season

Northern Premier League above us, expected us to play as well as we did, especially Nuneaton. We were unlucky not to beat Forest and we fully deserved the battering we gave to Nuneaton.

"We did get pulled apart in the second half a bit against Charlton, as well as gifting them a penalty. But we still had 12 attempts on goal over the 90 minutes and missed two very good chances.

"We now have one friendly left against local side Offley and Stopsley, and the season starts on 21st August where we kick off against Gillingham."

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Matthew Crawley Esq @dmattcrawley · 2h
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David James @damosfoundation · 13h
Great win for @LutonTown 3-1 v @AVFCofficial in the league cup. #COYH

Stuart Sinclair @Sonic_Sinclair · 2h
@LutonTown Congratulations LTFC for your performance with Aston Villa. Frides-Passion all the way. Well done lads. #AstonVilla... Who...

EFL @EFL · Aug 8
A late call-up to the @LutonTown starting XI, but a cert in our #EFL Team of the Week...



Joe Kinnear @Joe_Kinnear2 · Aug 8
@Carweeds thanks. Loved my time at @LutonTown. Great club and great people! JK

Luton On Sunday @LutonOnSunday · 6m
@LutonTown submit planning application for new 17,500 seater stadium at Power Court - bit.ly/2bitTml

Cameron McGeehan @CamiMcGeehan · 58m
Great night last night... what an atmosphere... team and fans were superb again 🙌🙌🙌 bring on Leeds #camoon @LutonTown

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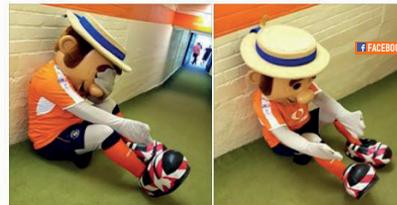
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Published by Siobhan Kos (2) · 12 hrs · 🌐
Full gallery from tonight right here >> <http://www.lutontown.co.uk/.../gallery-luton-3-1-aston-villa-...> #COYH #Camoon



David Bray Well played Luton, I'm a ST holder at Villa and you deserved your v win. Had some good times down Kenilworth Road when I was at Uni there between 1993 and 96. Good luck for the rest of the season [] []

Peter Appleyard Superb performance from the whole team, but James Justin, Ruddock, Hilton, Marriot, Gray and McGeehan were all outstanding tonight. Well deserved win against opposition 2 leagues above us. Keep it up lads.....COYH

Poor old Harry's shoes are looking the worse for wear this evening. He'll need some new ones for Saturday...



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It's our great privilege to be able to support Luton Town Football Club in the 2016-17 season.



I'd like to take this chance to introduce myself and Spire Harpenden Hospital. Of course, Harpenden was home to one of the Hatters' most avid fans and its most lively promoters – Eric Morecombe!

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The only thing that remains for me to say is... **COYH!!**

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DEBUTS DON'T COME MUCH BETTER THAN GRANT WARD'S SPECTACULAR SECOND-HALF DEMOLITION OF BARNSELY LAST WEEKEND.

Signed from Spurs on August 1, the 21-year-old stepped off the bench and opened the scoring with his first touch after just 39 seconds.

Thirty-eight minutes later, he's netted two more to earn himself the matchball and the Tractor Boys a 4-2 opening day victory.

"I wanted my midfielders to score more and I thought Grant had a goal in him," said manager Mick McCarthy. "I didn't just know he had three in 45 minutes!"

Ward, though, isn't the first man to hit a hat-trick on debut. Here are some other in that elite group...

FREDDIE EASTWOOD - SOUTHEND

Hardly the biggest name, but perhaps the most impressive debut in the history of the Football League.

Released by West Ham as a teenager, Eastwood hadn't kicked a single ball in League football when he joined League Two Southend on loan from Grays in October 2004.

He then scored just 7.7 seconds into his first match - an English record for a debut that still stands today - before adding two more in a 4-2 victory over table-topping Swansea.

Southend hastily handed over £50,000 to make the switch permanent and, by the end of the season, the Eastwood had plundered 24 goals and the Shrimpers were in League One.

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI - MIDDLESBROUGH

The 'White Feather' became England's highest-paid player when he joined Boro for £7m in the summer of 1997 - an outlay he immediately began to repay.

Amid raucous scenes at the Riverside, the 28-year-old rattled three past highly-fancied Liverpool to leave gaffer Bryan Robson and his boys dreaming of silverware.

Alas, it was all downhill thereafter. Though Ravanelli netted 31 goals - the best single season of his career - he wasn't at all pleased at swapping Turin for Teesside.

He publicly criticised the food, his teammates, the staff and manager. "The English have tons of money but no organisation," he said. "The training facilities are not adequate. There are no gyms. I am forced to train by myself, using charts that the Juve trainer faxes to me."

Boro were relegated, and Ravanelli swiftly escaped to Marseille.

MARTIN FENIN - EINTRACHT FRANKFURT

Breakout star of the 2007 U-20 World Cup, Czech striker Fenin rejected a big-money offer from Juventus to make a £3.5m switch to Eintracht in 2007.

A treble on his debut left the Old Lady ruing their luck and the German side salivating at the birth of a superstar.

It was, though, a false dawn - Fenin's other 11 goals for Frankfurt would come at a rate of one every three months. Released in 2011, he now plays for FC Chemnitzer in the German third division.

WAYNE ROONEY - MANCHESTER UNITED

Signed from Everton for £26m, Rooney's big moment was tantalisingly delayed by recovery from THAT injury at Euro 2004.

Was it worth waiting for? You bet. The 18-year-old marked his United and Champions League debut by belting three screamers past Fenerbahce, the last a beauty of a free-kick.

These days, the feints, shoulder drops and quick feet that lit up that Old Trafford night are a thing of the past. But if you want to know just how good Rooney was back then, bear in mind that he was supported against the Turks by a midfield of Kleberson, Eric Djemba-Djemba and David Bellion.

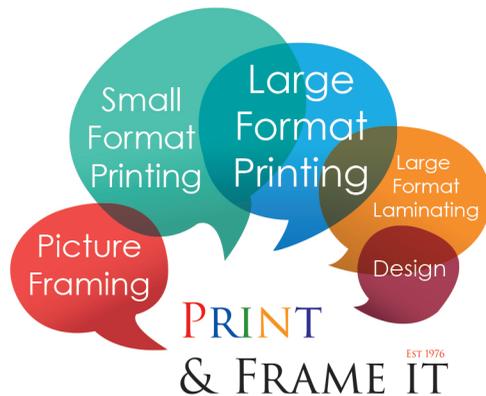


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LEAGUE LOOK

Luton sit pretty at the top after our 3-0 demolition of last season's play-off finalists Plymouth whilst Blackpool, fresh off successive relegations, earned a 2-0 home win over Exeter.

Blackpool claimed their first league win since the first week of April as Kyle Vassell's debut goal opened the scoring for the Tangerines before an own goal from Troy Brown sealed the win.

Grimsby had a perfect return to the Football League after six seasons away as they beat Morecambe. Kayden Jackson got the Mariners off to a perfect start just six minutes in and Ben Davies finished the job with a superb free-kick.

Our visitors today, Yeovil, got off to a good start at home to Notts County, winning 2-0 thanks to first-half goals Kevin Dawson and Otis Khan.

There were thrillers at Accrington Stanley and at Newport where Stanley and Mansfield came out on top in five-goal encounters.

Down in Wales there was a lightning start as Jack Compton's free-kick put County ahead on 12 minutes before Matt Green equalised six minutes later. Mansfield took the lead for the first time with just under 25 minutes left through Danny Rose, but Joss Labadie pulled it back to 2-2 for the home side before Kevan Hurst proved to be the match winner, netting a debut goal in the 93rd minute to clinch it 3-2 for the Stags.

Rommy Boco put Accrington 1-0 up after Andy Williams' second-minute penalty miss for Doncaster, but Matty

Pearson's 35-yard stunner regained Accrington's lead. Williams managed to get on the scoresheet to level it at 2-2, but Sean McConville's 91st-minute volley earned Accrington a 3-2 win.

Crawley got their campaign off to a winning start thanks to Jimmy Smith's winner against Wycombe, whilst Crewe took three points on the opening day as Ryan Lowe and Alex Kiwomya put the visitors 2-0 up at Stevenage before Charlie Lee's 92nd-minute consolation meant it finished 2-1.

League Two favourites Portsmouth got off to a frustrating start at home to Carlisle as they fell behind to Reggie Lambe's opener before Carl Baker levelled just before half-time. Jamie Devitt was sent off on 28 minutes for the Cumbrians, but Portsmouth couldn't grab a winner.

Two second-half goals meant there was a 1-1 stalemate at Cambridge where Piero Mingoia's strike was matched by Barnet's Alex Nicholls, meanwhile Colchester's fourth-minute opener at Hartlepool from Tom Eastman was cancelled out by Billy Paynter's penalty.

Grant Massey scored the first League Two goal of the season after just three minutes for Leyton Orient, but National League champions Cheltenham equalised 14 minutes from time on their return to the Football League through Billy Waters – meaning no games finished goalless in League Two on the opening weekend.

FIXTURES

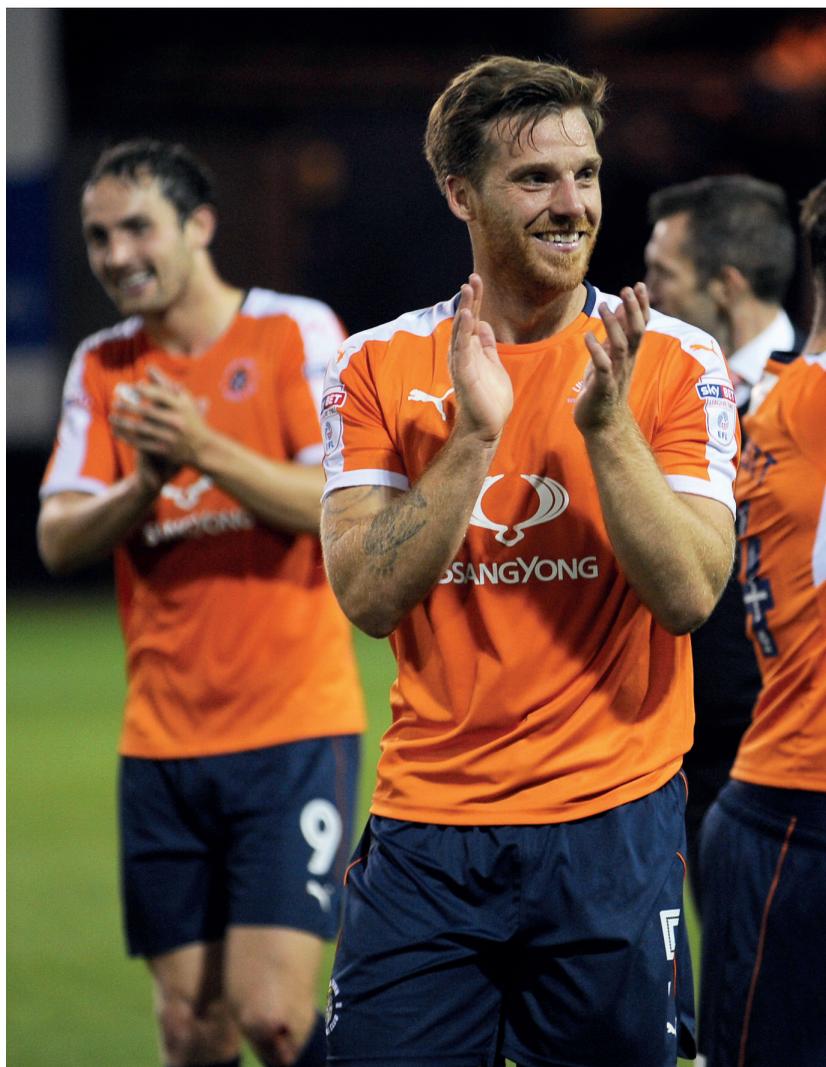
Barnet v Accrington	Leyton Orient v Newport
Carlisle v Plymouth	Mansfield v Cheltenham
Colchester v Cambridge	Morecambe v Blackpool
Crewe v Portsmouth	Notts County v Stevenage
Doncaster v Crawley	Wycombe v Grimsby
Exeter v Hartlepool	

RESULTS

Accrington 3-2 Doncaster	Hartlepool 1-1 Colchester
Blackpool 2-0 Exeter	Newport 2-3 Mansfield
Cambridge 1-1 Barnet	Plymouth 0-3 Luton
Cheltenham 1-1 Leyton Orient	Portsmouth 1-1 Carlisle
Crawley 1-0 Wycombe	Stevenage 1-2 Crewe
Grimsby 2-0 Morecambe	Yeovil 2-0 Notts County

FIXTURES PILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
AUGUST								
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Rea Justin Lee Mpanzu
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town					
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County					
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage					
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United					
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town					
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers					
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United					
OCTOBER								
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town					
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient					
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Notts. County					
NOVEMBER								
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley					
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Morecambe					
Tue 22	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth					
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Exeter City					
DECEMBER								
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool					
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United					
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Barnet					
JANUARY								
Mon 2	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth					
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town					
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United					
FEBRUARY								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town					
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town					
Tue 14	7.45pm	H	Hartlepool United					
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers					
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle					
Tue 28		A	Newport County					
MARCH								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town					
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Stevenage					
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United					
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Exeter City					
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Colchester United					
APRIL								
Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Blackpool					
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Barnet					
Fri 14	3.00pm	H	Leyton Orient					
Mon 17	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town					
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Notts. County					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley					
MAY								
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Morecambe					



WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

SUBS

McGeehan **COOK 1** • **HYLTON 1** **MARRIOTT 1** ♦ Smith • Lee ♦ Gray ▲ Justin Vassell Vassell McQuoid McQuoid King King
MCGEEHAN 1 **GRAY 1** ♦ Hylton Marriott ▲ Smith ♦ Smith ♦ Cuthbert • Cook Vassell ▲ King Fawcett



MEET THE REF: NICK KINSELEY

This afternoon we welcome referee Nick Kinseley, who will be making the trip from Essex. Nick will be refereeing his first ever Luton league game in just his second season as a Football League referee after making the step up from Non-League in 2015. Last season Nick took charge of Town's Johnstone's Paint Trophy first round win over Leyton Orient in which he awarded Orient a penalty and later sent off Jack Marriott, one of ten red cards and nine penalties he awarded last season. Today's man in the middle also took charge of the Hatters' FA Cup win against Crawley in early November.

LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 LUTON TOWN	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
2 Blackpool	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	2
3 Grimsby Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	2
4 Yeovil Town	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	2
5 Accrington Stanley	1	1	0	0	3	2	3	1
6 Mansfield Town	1	1	0	0	3	2	3	1
7 Crewe Alexandra	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	1
8 Crawley Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1
9 Barnet	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
10 Cambridge United	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
11 Carlisle United	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
12 Cheltenham Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
13 Colchester United	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
14 Hartlepool United	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
15 Leyton Orient	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
16 Portsmouth	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
17 Doncaster Rovers	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	-1
18 Newport County AFC	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	-1
19 Stevenage	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	-1
20 Wycombe Wanderers	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-1
21 Exeter City	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	-2
22 Morecambe	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	-2
23 Notts County	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	-2
24 Plymouth Argyle	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	-3

PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON								LTC			
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT			
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS		
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	10	0	
Jordan Cook	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	1	(0)	0	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	42	0
Jake Gray	0	(1)	0	(0)	1	1	(1)	1	0	0	2	1
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	30	6
Danny Hylton	1	(0)	1	(0)	0	2	(0)	1	2	0	2	1
James Justin	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Olly Lee	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0	41	3
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	34	4
Jack Marriott	1	(0)	1	(0)	0	2	(0)	1	0	0	46	17
Cameron McGeehan	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	2	(0)	1	1	0	80	21
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	35	5
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	1	0	68	5
Johnny Mullins	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Stephen O'Donnell	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	35	1
Dan Potts	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	1	17	0
Glen Rea	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	12	0
Alan Sheehan	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	20	1
Jonathan Smith	0	(1)	1	(0)	1	0	(2)	1	0	0	143	10
Isaac Vassell	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Christian Walton	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0

[SIMON PITTS]

HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH JAMES CUNLIFFE – LUTON ON SUNDAY

Hands up who didn't get much sleep on Wednesday night? Magnificent wasn't it?

As I alluded to in my match report, I don't believe that the feeling of euphoria was just down to a cup shock against Aston Villa. I think it was a combination and the culmination of a series of positive things.

More often than not in football it's the hope that kills you, so it's only right that we should get excited when hope becomes so tangibly realised, even this early in the season.

Of course, this feel-good factor will be put to rigorous test with today's visit of Yeovil as, if their game plan mirrors their last visit to Kenilworth Road, they'll aim to be difficult to beat, first and foremost.

That is uncharted territory for this new-look Town as, impressive though they were, victories against Plymouth and Villa were against sides expected to fight fire with fire. Town simply devastated them on the counter.

Today I expect will be a test as to whether Nathan Jones' men can be equally as deadly against resolute and - no disrespect to the Glovers - less fancied opposition.

However, their statement of intent has, so far, been very promising.

Free from excuses about slow starts, they've hit the ground running with instant intensity, while new signings have gelled. Progress.

They've stood up resiliently in the face of defensive pressure, been clinical at the other end and, at the first attempt, come from a goal down to triumph - a vast improvement on the two years it took Town to previously achieve the feat by the time they beat Oxford in April. A continued sign of progress.

IMPRESSIVE

All clubs crave that homegrown connection. Luton now have it with huge progress from their impressive crop of Academy graduates-turned fully-fledged first team squad members, to the new stadium plans and new training headquarters.

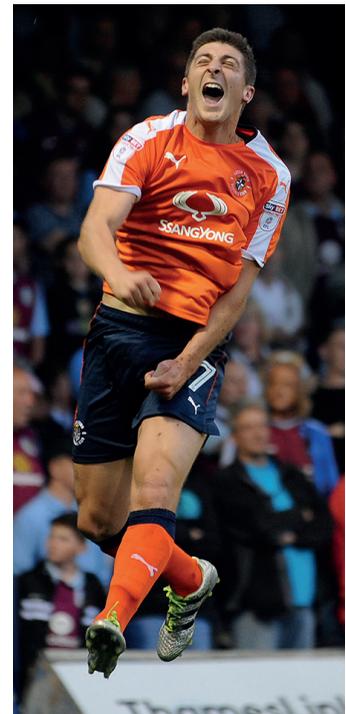
But the most impressive thing that ties all of this positivity and ambition together is a clear plan for success, on and off the field.

Whether it be from club infrastructure, through to an instantly identifiable playing philosophy, it feels like a no-stone-unturned approach. It won't guarantee success, but the building blocks are there. And since I covered my first Hatters game, more

than a decade ago, I can't think of a time when the club's vision has been so wholly conceived.

It made the rout of Villa all the sweeter and it has raised further the anticipation for today and beyond. And that's just in the press box. I can only imagine what it's like in the stands.

As for sleep; who needs it anyway? There's way too much to be excited about.



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- 38 Alex Atkinson
- 39 Akin Famewo
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- 44 Alan Sheehan

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