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# WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD



The boss welcomes Newport County to Kenilworth Road



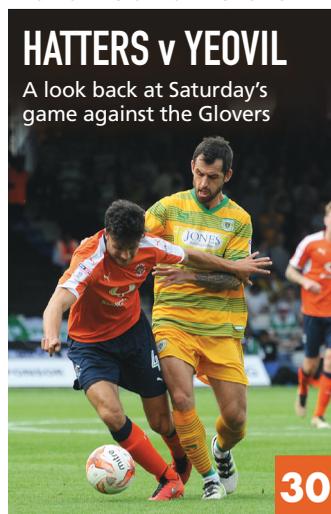
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With Town chairman Nick Owen



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[MANAGER'S NOTES]

# THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this Sky Bet League Two fixture against Newport County AFC.

I would like to welcome everybody from our visitors – supporters, directors, staff, manager Warren Feeney and his squad – and I hope their journey up from south Wales has been a good one.

After a real positive opening week to the season in which we had three games against very difficult opposition in Plymouth, Aston Villa and Yeovil, we now embark on another run of very tough fixtures in which we're looking to continue our good start.

Following on from two really big games which took a lot out of the players, I felt we lacked a little bit of spark on Saturday against Yeovil and in hindsight, it turned out to be a decent point for us.

We aren't always going to get things going our own way, and Yeovil are a good side with an excellent manager.

Credit to them for their performance and it was important for us that we didn't lose the game.

In the end, the point was good enough to keep us top of the league going into tonight, and that is a massive positive for us to take from Saturday.

No team won back-to-back games in League Two over the first week, which shows what a competitive division it is and emphasises how important it is to put a good run of results together.

Our first two wins resulted in us being nominated for the League Managers' Association's Performance of the Week, with the Aston Villa one earning us the award.

It reflected the effort put in place by all the staff, so it was important to share it together and good recognition for everyone involved.

Working together is a big thing for a football club, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your support in the opening three games of the season and reiterate how important you are going to be to our chances of success this season.

We want to get a real strong run of home form going and it's important we pick up points when we're not at our best, like Saturday.

You stuck behind us then, so please support the team once again tonight and let's have Kenilworth Road rocking under the lights once more.

Enjoy the game.





# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHAIRMAN **NICK OWEN**

Good evening all and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for our first evening league game of the season.

Welcome also to our visitors Newport County, their officials, players and supporters.

It's always good to see their manager Warren Feeney again. As many of you will remember, Warren was with us for a couple of seasons in our Championship days from 2005 to 2007.

An extremely hard working player, capped 46 times for Northern Ireland, he was a lively character off the field with his bubbly personality, but I can't help remembering what a barren spell he had in front of goal.

He went almost a complete calendar year without scoring at one stage, but I was actually there when he slotted one into the back of the net away to Birmingham City on the evening of December 29th 2006 to make sure he hadn't had a totally goalfree year! Our other scorer in that two all draw, incidentally, was Rowan Vine.

Little did we know then that Luton Town FC was about to enter freefall, but we don't need to dwell on that now as we stand on the threshold of some phenomenally exciting times. More on that later.

I know Saturday's draw against Yeovil was slightly disappointing, but there's no doubting the flair, the organisation and determination we are showing on the pitch at the moment.

I thought we played some lovely stuff, particularly in the first half, and should really have been further ahead by the interval. There's always that danger, isn't there, that after being on top for so long in a game, a one goal lead isn't enough and one little moment from the opposition can undermine all our efforts.

It certainly felt as if we had run out of steam as the game wore on, which is a reminder of what a whirlwind start it is with matches coming thick and fast. By the time we leave the field at Cambridge on August 27th, we'll have played no fewer than seven matches in 21 days! I call that intense!

So it is vital we pace ourselves, be aware that key players need a bit of breathing space and utilise our fabulous squad to the full. I cannot remember a time when every single player who's pulled on the shirt has performed so well so quickly – the players we all know from last season

have had an excellent start and already the new recruits have all shown just how good they are, from goalkeeper ( what a game Christian had on Saturday!) to the front. They've already had a significant impact.

And let's remember we are unbeaten, we have beaten Aston Villa convincingly in the EFL Cup AND we are top of the table.

## RECEPTION

One footnote about the Yeovil match. I was delighted to see the reception Alex Lawless received as he ran around the pitch acknowledging our fans afterwards – it was good to see Alex Lacey too, but a pity he suffered an injury which meant he only played for a short time. He seemed happy enough with life when I spoke to him later.

It's been a frustrating start to the season for me personally. I was in the air flying across Europe to Heathrow during the Plymouth game, but what a wonderful feeling it was when I got the result seconds after landing! And then last Wednesday I had to work on my day job presenting the BBC TV news in the Midlands.

There's enormous attention there focused on Aston Villa, as they begin their new life in the Championship after their relegation from the Premier League and, as you can imagine, there was a load of banter coming my way in the newsroom and on air, going into the EFL Cup tie. However, on the night itself, it was my task to broadcast the news and show the goals at 10.30. I had to be extremely careful to keep a poker face and play it straight down the line. I couldn't risk alienating tens of thousands of Villa fans for all time!

### OPTIMISM

As ever, I am bursting with optimism as this new season gets into its stride. For my friend and colleague in the boardroom David Wilkinson and myself, this is our 58th season supporting the Town. Rarely have we been more positive about our prospects than we are now. They say it's the hope that kills you as a football fan and we all know what they mean. I think Luton fans have probably seen more highs and lows than any other.

David and I went to our first matches at Kenilworth Road in the very same week. I saw the one all draw with Leeds United midweek in September 1958, he watched us thrash West Ham 4-1 on the Saturday to put us top of the table in the old First Division. We remained unbeaten until October.

Things fell away a bit later in the season because we finished up 17th, but we did reach the FA Cup Final.

We are both still as entranced, enraptured and excited about our football club as we were then, when we just wide-eyed schoolboys.

And we are entering a period now that's probably more important than any in the club's history and things are developing all the time

After the welcome and long-anticipated news that we have submitted two planning applications for Newlands Park and Power Court we were pleased to see Luton Borough Council acknowledging their receipt just before we kicked off against Villa.

Not only has the need for a new football stadium been long-awaited but so too has the need for aspiring redevelopment in Luton, which both of our ambitious plans would deliver.

Alongside our desire to cultivate a new perception for the Town it's encouraging to see other developers investing in Luton's growth.

### AMBITIONS

When the Club and Town share ambitions the potential for a serious game-changing vision for supporters and residents is boundless, and there's certainly no lack of ambition.

Imagine that £1.5bn of investment in Luton building a new landscape around town at the same time as our footballing success sees us cemented to the top two Leagues by the time Power Court opens?

This isn't just a dream anymore – this could be a reality within four years and we can all help.

This week the Council will validate our applications which then means all the documentation will be uploaded to their website for public scrutiny giving you all the opportunity to have your say; and it's important you do.

Please remember Local Councils want to hear residents' opinions and, clearly, the more residents and supporters who provide feedback on these plans the more informed they can be.

Milestones of a similar nature throughout our history have defined our Club's future and our supporters have never been quiet – this milestone is unquestionably the most critical.

### FUTURE

If our applications are declined the outcome for our Club is unthinkable. It is becoming ever more apparent that football clubs will find it harder and harder to survive in the lower leagues – as they are now. Over time, our club needs to elevate its place in the pyramid in order to secure our future and these are the foundations that should guarantee that rise.

Please recognise the part every single one of you can play in our future. As custodians we have always felt supporters are the lifeblood of football. We also believe the football club can be the lifeblood of the town.

As supporters, you all want to have a say in how your Club is shaped in the future and this is your opportunity.

So back to today's game. The players, to a man, continue to be amazed at our wonderful support, please keep it up and let's hope for three points this evening to cement our place at the top of League Two. Enjoy the game, bye for now.



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# GREAT SCOTT

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the third time in a week for our second Sky Bet League Two home game against Newport County AFC.

The big games are coming thick and fast in this busy opening period, and that's been added to with Leeds in town a week tonight in the EFL Cup second round. But this game is just as important – if not more so – than that.

We've had a great start to the season and even though we didn't make it three wins out of three against Yeovil on Saturday, it was definitely a point gained. Yeovil are a good side who I expect to do well this year. They worked hard to restrict us and in the end, we'll look back at the fact we did well to take a point.

I've got to mention Stephen O'Donnell's goal – and what a strike it was! It's about time he registered on official goal for the club after his only goal of last season came in the JPT. I room with SODS on away trips, so I anticipate some long nights ahead reliving it.

Maybe the long trip to Plymouth and then the effort that had to be put in to beating Aston Villa caught up with us. We were a little bit leggy and jaded, but that can happen when it's the majority of the same players who played both games – especially when the Villa one was on a Wednesday, and you have a day less to recover.

We'd certainly have taken progress in the EFL Cup and four points from a possible six before a ball was kicked. No club has taken maximum points, which is an indicator of how tight the league is going to be, and the fact we go into tonight's game sitting on top is something we should be positive about.

There was a poignant moment in the 21st minute of Saturday's game that all the players noticed, and that was the minute's applause in memory of supporter Brett Webb. It's a tragedy for anyone to pass away at the age of 21, and the whole squad send their sympathy and condolences to Brett's family and friends.



Finally, Match of the Day on Saturday wasn't only memorable for Gary Lineker presenting in his pants.

I didn't play with Andre Gray here, but I did have the misfortune of having to mark him in a pre-season friendly for Leyton Orient. His rise to the Premier League with Burnley should serve as a great example to the young players here of what they can go on to achieve if they keep working hard, and what he's done reflects extremely well on Luton Town.

Please get behind the lads again this evening and enjoy the game.

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# LATEST NEWS

## MULLINS REVIEWS VICTORY ON talkSPORT

BY HARRY WRIGHT

The Hatters' EFL Cup first round win over Aston Villa produced another home draw with the Town a second tie against Championship opposition with Leeds United due at Kenilworth Road a week tonight.

Ticket prices for the Category C game and how to obtain them are on page 13.

The media coverage that followed the Villa win was far-reaching, with captain on the night Johnny Mullins answering the call from radio station talkSPORT the following morning to reflect on the 3-1 win and the Leeds tie ahead.

Johnny told the nation: "Having what we had against Villa, you only want that again and Leeds will bring a massive following. It's another game we're looking forward to. We've got some big games coming up between now and then, though, but hopefully we can recreate what we did on Wednesday."

The summer recruit was captain on the night for Luton at Kenilworth Road and explained how manager Nathan Jones geared up his troops at half time.

Mullins said: "At half time the gaffer said they came down last season and we need to capitalise on them not winning that many football matches recently.

"In the second half we really put them to the sword and the way we went about it we could have had a few more.

"It certainly wasn't easy, especially not the first 20 minutes when they seemed to have 14 players popping up everywhere! But I thought once we got back on level terms and especially the second half we really put them to the sword."

The 30-year-old summer signing from Oxford added: "The main objective coming from Oxford and being promoted last year was coming here and doing it again. The gaffer knows what he wants and at the minute it's working, we've just got to make sure we carry it on and finish what we've started.

"We've had a really good start to the season but we want to kick on now."



## OPEN TRAINING

Nathan Jones and his squad will hold an open training session at Kenilworth Road next week where supporters will be able to see the Hatters lads at work – and get their autographs afterwards.

The team will be training at the stadium on Thursday, August 25th with the session due to commence at 10.30am.

Diamond Season Ticket holders get to attend for free as part of their entitlement for the season, while other fans are welcome to watch in return for a £1 donation to the club's charity partner for 2016-17, Level Trust.

Entrance will be via the Kenilworth Road gates and spectators will be seated in the Main Stand only. Refreshments will be available on the day.

# UP NEXT

Our second away game of the season after three consecutive matches at Kenilworth Road, just a short drive down the road to our league rivals, Stevenage.

## STEVENAGE

FORMED: 1976 | NICKNAME: THE BORO | LAST SEASON: 18TH IN LEAGUE 2  
FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @STEVENAGEFC | COLOURS: RED AND WHITE STRIPES  
GROUND: THE LAMEX STADIUM | MANAGER: DARREN SARLL

**WHO?** The Boro have only been around for 40 years, but their presence is well known in the Football League having played in League One for two years to 2014, when they were relegated down to League Two. Managed now by Darren Sarll, who took over from Teddy Sheringham, the club had a rough ride last season, winning just six of the former England striker's 29 games in charge. That led to his removal as boss, with Sarll originally taking over as caretaker, before guiding Stevenage to safety and gaining the reward of the permanent role.

**TICKETS** We have been allocated 1,905 tickets, for what will be a category A priced match. Ticket prices are available on the page opposite and the club website.

**HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?** This match shall mark our seventh outing against Stevenage. Gone are the days of the LDV Vans Trophy fixtures though, in which we beat Stevenage twice – 4-3 in 2002 and again in 2003, but with a solitary goal scoreline that time. The Boro got the better of the Hatters overall last season, claiming four points from a possible six off us. A draw at the Lamex Stadium in November and a 1-0 loss at Kenilworth Road back in April is a stark contrast from the six points the Town took off Stevenage in the 2014-15 season.

**IN CHARGE** Well, Darren Sarll is very much a local boy, having played for a majority of the bigger Non-League clubs in the surrounding area, including Dunstable Town and Bedford Town. Since hanging up his boots as a player, Sarll has worked at quite a few Football League clubs. He worked his way up the chain of command, from youth team manager at Brentford to Rotherham as Head of Player



Darren Sarll

Development, before returning to Stevenage, having worked there at the start of his post playing days as a youth coach. He eventually became first team coach under Teddy Sheringham at the start of last season, but his departure as manager opened the door for Sarll, who led the Boro to an 18th placed finish last season.

### PREVIOUS FORM

Stevenage had a mixed first week to the season, losing 2-1 at home to Crewe before pulling off an EFL Cup giantkilling at Ipswich, beating the Championship club 1-0 on their own Portman Road pitch. On Saturday they drew against Notts County.

**KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU** Stevenage have a trio of former Hatters defenders in Fraser Franks, Luke Wilkinson and Ronnie Henry. Wilkinson was best known for the partnership he had with none other than Steve McNulty, whilst Franks joined the Town from Welling midway through the Conference-winning season and stayed until last summer.

Ronnie Henry left Stevenage for Luton in 2012, but returned to the Lamex Stadium outfit in 2014, after two seasons with the Hatters, including captaining the side to the Conference title.



Ronnie Henry

# GET YOUR TICKET



## 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 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)



## LEEDS UNITED

### EFL CUP ROUND TWO

#### TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST 2016 - 7.45PM

Season Ticket holders are able to purchase their own seats for this fixture from the Ticket Office. Tickets can be purchased in person, via phone on 01582 416976 or by e-mailing ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk with a contact number for a Call Back. Seats will be reserved until close of business on Thursday 18th August. At this point they will be released for general sale (data base only). Season Tickets holders housed in the Oak Road will need to purchase seats in other areas of the ground as Leeds United will be given the full Oak Road Stand. Non Season Ticket holder seats are also available online and from the Ticket Office in person, via phone or via a Call Back to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk. **\*\*THIS GAME IS ONLY ON SALE TO SUPPORTERS ON THE CLUB'S DATABASE WITH A TICKET PURCHASING HISTORY. ANY TICKETS**

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## CAMBRIDGE UNITED

### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

#### SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2016 | 3pm

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## 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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[WELCOME NEWPORT COUNTY AFC]



# WELCOME NEWPORT COUNTY AFC

Good evening to players, fans and staff alike of Newport County and welcome to Kenilworth Road this evening after making the trip across from South Wales for the Town's first evening league home clash of the season.

With the season just underway, both teams will be going into this clash looking to build momentum for the marathon ahead.

The Hatters certainly started off their campaign in emphatic fashion as they earned a fantastic 3-0 win away at Plymouth, whilst the Exiles went down to a 93rd-minute winner to lose 3-2 against Mansfield despite going a goal ahead after just 12 minutes.

Former Luton and Northern Ireland striker Warren Feeney has been in charge of the Welsh club since January this year after stepping up from the assistant-manager's role following the departure of John Sheridan to League One Oldham.

Feeney, who scored eight in 77 for the Hatters across two seasons and five in 46 appearances for Northern Ireland, steered the Rodney Parade outfit clear of danger last term despite winning just five of his 21 league games.

He was handed a tough start at home to Blackburn in the FA Cup after Sheridan had guided them to the third round, before picking up ten points from a possible 12 after beating Morecambe, Carlisle and Mansfield – Newport's best run of form last season.

Feeney's half-season tenure included a tough end to the campaign that saw a run of no wins in the last 11 games of the season, featuring eight losses.

That meant Newport finished just nine points clear of the drop in 22nd place in League Two, but moved swiftly to secure the signings of 15 players over the summer to try and avoid any similar relegation threat this season.

Those signings included Jack Compton and Joss Labadie, who both scored on their league debuts against Mansfield, former Arsenal midfielder Mark Randall, journeyman striker Jon Parkin, Sean Rigg, Premier League youngsters Josh



Warren Feeney



Jack Compton

Sheehan and Jordan Green on loan and a host of others.

They will be looking to improve on just ten league wins last season, one of which came against the Hatters at Rodney Parade in November.

Second-half substitute Oliver McBurnie bagged a 23-minute hat-trick for the hosts on that occasion to give them their first home win of the campaign.

County's last point of last season came in Bedfordshire at the home of the Hatters as Souleymane Coulibaly gave the Exiles an 88th-minute equaliser secured Newport's League status after Jack Marriott opened the scoring nine minutes from time.

Newport County were originally founded in 1912 and since that date, Luton have earned 29 wins against their Welsh counterparts from 59 meetings, whilst the Exiles have 15 wins, a record that also features 15 draws.

After being expelled from the Conference in early 1989 with debts of £330,000, Newport County AFC were formed later that year and since then Luton have four wins from nine games, whilst tonight's visitors have just two.

## HATTERS V GLOVERS

LUTON WINS: 29 (FOUR SINCE REFORM)

DRAWN: 15 (THREE SINCE REFORM)

NEWPORT WINS: 15 (TWO SINCE REFORM)

## LAST MEETING

HATTERS 1:1 NEWPORT (23/4/2016)

# TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE EXILES | GROUND: RODNEY PARADE | LAST SEASON: 22ND LEAGUE TWO  
MANAGER: WARREN FEENEY | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: LEYTON ORIENT 0-1 NEWPORT COUNTY

## MEET THE VISITORS

### THE BOSS

#### WARREN FEENEY

Former Northern Ireland international and Hatters striker, Feeney's only previous managerial experience was with Linfield in the Northern Ireland Premiership, before making a move to Newport County as assistant boss, then being promoted to manager in January this year.

### BETWEEN THE STICKS

#### JOE DAY

Day is a Newport regular, having made over 60 appearances for the Exiles. The keeper made his name at Rushden & Diamonds and then Peterborough, before signing permanently for County in January.

### IN DEFENCE

#### DARREN JONES

With an impressive amount of Football League experience under his belt, the 32-year-old signed a new one-year deal earlier in the summer and is now in his third spell with the club.

#### DAN BUTLER

After coming through the youth ranks at Portsmouth, Butler really made a name for himself last season at Torquay. His strong performances earned the 22-year-old a move to Newport on a two year contract.

#### JAMIE TURLEY

A sought-after man, the Exiles did well to land the former Eastleigh defender this summer on a two-year

deal. Turley is expected to be a big player for Newport this season.

#### JAZZI BARNUM-BOBB

The 20-year-old was released by Cardiff City earlier this year and was snapped up by Newport on a one-year deal after a loan spell with the Exiles in the 2015-16 season.

#### BEN TOZER

Also capable of operating in midfield, Tozer joined Newport in July. He brings with him a wealth of Football League experience, having previously played for Yeovil, Northampton and Newcastle.

### ACROSS THE MIDDLE

#### JACK COMPTON

Compton scored a free-kick on his League debut for the Exiles on the opening day of the season against Mansfield. The winger has also played in the Scottish Championship with Falkirk amongst other EFL clubs.

#### JOSE LABADIE

Relegated with Dagenham last season, and like Compton, he scored as one of the ten players to make their debut for Newport on the opening day. Labadie counts the Exiles as his eighth professional club.

#### MARK RANDALL

The 28-year-old made a handful of appearances for Arsenal in his early career, and has gone onto play for clubs such as MK Dons, Barnet and Italian side Ascoli.

#### JENNISON MYRIE-WILLIAMS

The winger was part of the Port Vale side promoted to League One in 2013, and was playing for Irish Premier League side, Sligo Rovers, last season. A dangerous player on his day.

#### TOM OWEN-EVANS

Making his appearances mainly from the bench last season, the 19-year-old could be a future Newport star, having come through their academy.

### UP FRONT

#### MARLON JACKSON

After spells with Tranmere and Oxford City last season, Jackson impressed whilst on trial in late July and earned himself a contract with the Exiles.

#### SEAN RIGG



Rigg made 44 appearances for Wimbledon last season as they were promoted to League One,

but was released. The forward has been a regular in League Two for the past couple of seasons, having also played for Port Vale and Oxford.

#### JON PARKIN

After two seasons with Forest Green in the National League, Parkin earned a somewhat surprise move to The Exiles at the age of 34. The journeyman makes Newport his 14th club.

# FROM THE

# OAK ROAD

WITH CHRIS SILVERTHORNE

Chris Silverthorne, a Newport County supporter of 7 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this evening on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

## ► THE SEASON AHEAD

You've been back in the Football League a year longer than ourselves, since our meetings in the Conference. Enjoying life back in the top 92?

It's great to be one of the 92 and we're glad we've been able to sustain ourselves within the Football League. Long may it continue.

After a difficult start to last season, how important was it just to survive? Football League status is our only real asset so it was paramount for the future of our club that we retain this. Relegation was simply not an option.

Even though you finished third bottom, you managed to stay up quite comfortably in the end with a nine-point cushion. So what are the expectations at Rodney Parade at the start of this season?

Our expectations need to be realistic and we understand that we may have a difficult season ahead. Saying that it looks clear that we have made some key signings and have

strengthened in many areas, so we have every reason to be optimistic.

You got through a few managers last season, then a former Hatter took over – how has Warren Feeney been received as manager?

He is likeable and to the point. No messing. His tactics have come under scrutiny, also his team selection. We are on a 13-game winless run but I think he will come good with his own team.

He's made a few new signings this summer. Which one are you most looking forward to seeing in an Exiles shirt?

I feel Jennison Myrie-Williams is going to excite crowds this season and will cause defences problems all year.

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

I'd say Scott Barrow as he had a great left foot and work rate. Saying that I think his replacement Dan Butler will do very well.

## ► SEASONS PAST...

Tell us about you.

Why do you support Newport?

When did it all start?

What was your first game?

What do you remember about it?

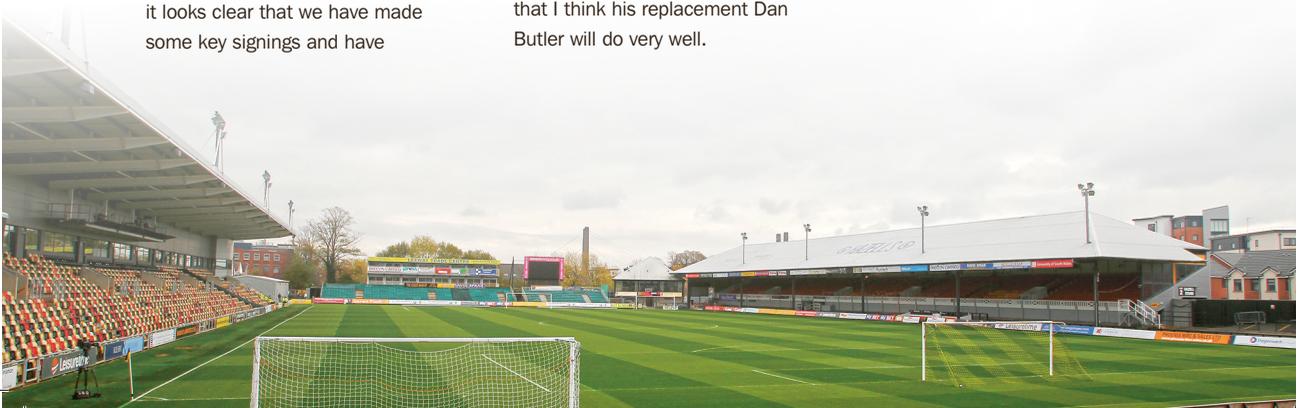
I was serving in the RAF and I decided to take in a County game after I came out and it was love at first sight really. I haven't looked back. The game was against Havant & Waterlooville and it was the game that clinched the Conference South title in 2010.

Has the move from Spytty Park to Rodney Parade been a success?

It effectively got us promoted to the Football League. If we had stayed at Spytty we could've gone the other way. It was that significant.

Who's your favourite Newport County player of all-time?

Christian Jolley. His signing promoted us in 2013. Legend





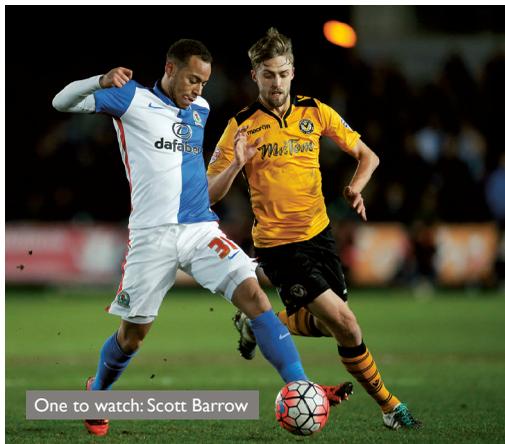
Christian Jolley

Which is your favourite season following the Exiles?

2012/13. Promotion from the Conference. Some unforgettable memories. Some which still bring a tear to the eye.

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

David Pipe, Michael Flynn, Christian Jolley, Sam Foley, Gary Warren. All my 5 favourite County men of all time. All gave so much to us.



One to watch: Scott Barrow

### ▶ LUTON AND NEWPORT...

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

Our 5-2 win at home during our promotion season was pleasing but I didn't enjoy our FA Cup 1st round exit at your place 2 years ago.

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

I unfortunately can't make the game but will be there in spirit. I'm hoping we can come away with a point but you look strong, so it will be a tough ask.

Aaron O'Connor, Robbie Wilmott and Dean Morgan are just three former Luton players to sign for Newport in recent years. Who's been your best ex-Hatter?

Top scorer in our promotion season Aaron O'Connor. You should have never let him go.

### ▶ QUICK-FIRE:

Terrace or seats?

Terrace

Who are your rivals?

Cardiff City

Favourite all-time manager?

Justin Edinburgh

Predict your player of the season?

Jennison Myrie-Williams

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

Sam Foley

Most treasured Newport piece of memorabilia?

Signed shirt season 2013/14

What league will Newport be in next season?

League 2

Who will win promotion from League Two?

You, Pompey, Doncaster, Orient

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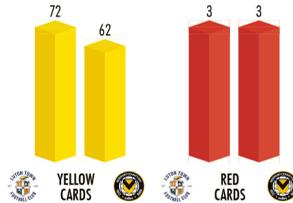
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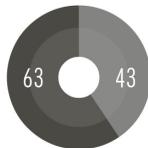
## MATCH FACTS

Luton have only won one of their last seven league games against Newport (D3 L3), conceding in all but one of those meetings.



## MATCH FACTS

Of the 22 league trips Newport have made to Luton, however, they are yet to record a victory and have conceded 67 goals at an average of more than three per game.



GOALS



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% SHOTS ON TARGET



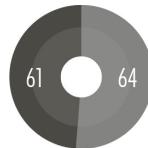
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% GOALS TO SHOTS



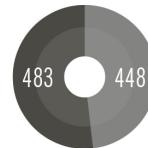
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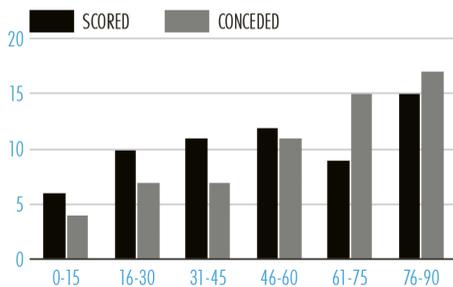


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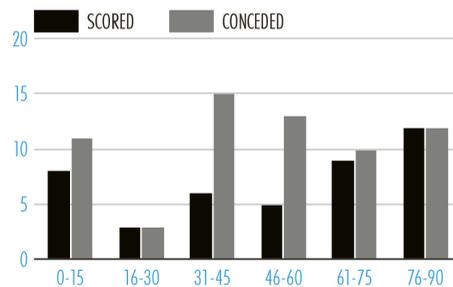
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## GOAL TIMES



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## LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

### GOALS



### ASSISTS



### SHOTS ON TARGET



### MINUTES PER GOAL



### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN



### MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED



### FOULS



### MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED



## LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Doncaster's Mitchell Lund scored his first senior goal in Doncaster's 3-1 win over Cambridge in last season's FA Cup.

## LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Leyton Orient striker Jay Simpson scored in both League Two games against Stevenage last season, bagging three goals.

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

# AS OTHERS SAW US

LUTON TOWN 3 SOUTHAMPTON 2 | 9TH AUGUST 2005



Ahmet Brkovic looks delighted after netting against the Saints.

Following a glorious and record breaking 2004-05 season when the League One title was won in style, Luton manager Mike Newell did not feel the need to tinker with the squad too much and only added Trinidad & Tobago international Carlos Edwards, Finnish international Markus Heikkinen and the supremely talented but enigmatic forward Dean Morgan, who had lost his way at Reading.

When the fixture list was announced we were all excited by the news that our first two games would be against sides relegated from the Premier League, Crystal Palace and Southampton.

Upsetting all the odds, and over 20,000 spectators at sun-drenched Selhurst Park, we won through 2-1 against Palace with goals from Steve Howard and Ahmet Brkovic – and could even afford to miss a penalty!

The players, nor the supporters, had little time to draw breath before Southampton were making the

midweek trip to Kenilworth Road for the Town's first home game back in the second tier.

The Saints, used to turning up at Old Trafford and Anfield, were probably wondering where they were when they ran down the tunnel at Kenilworth Road, but the noise from a capacity crowd of 9,447 put them in no doubt that they were in for a tough time.

The opening exchanges were end to end, but the breakthrough on 18 minutes went the way of the Saints with Danny Higginbotham laying the

ball on to Matt Oakley, who thrashed a shot past Dean Brill in the Luton goal.

The Town then laid siege on the Southampton goal with goalkeeper Anti Niemi making three outstanding saves before eventually being beaten by a precise Kevin Nicholls shot just before the interval.

The Saints looked shell shocked but were handed a goal out of nothing when, in stoppage time, Brill found himself in no man's land as he ran for a Dennis Wise cross, leaving Kenwyne Jones to head into an empty net.

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# HARRY'S MAD AT THE HATTERS

**Saints boss is furious with his side's 'hit and hope' tactics**

By **Jeremy Wilson**

**HARRY REDKNAPP** slammed his team's long-ball tactics in last night's 3-2 defeat at Luton Town.

The Saints boss has always prided himself on producing good footballing teams, but was deeply disappointed in his players' constant looking to find strikers Kenwyn Jones and Ricardo Fuller with direct passes.

"We didn't get it down and play," he said. "They have got to hold onto the ball and play. We were content to whack it forward, we were not content to pass it."

Redknapp called on his players to take more...  
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**GETTING TO GRIPS:** Dennis Wise in the thick of it at Luton last night.  
*Picture: Gordon Goodwin*

# We've got no balance - Harry

By **Jeremy Wilson**

WITH the transfer-window deadline looming and Saints looking short of quality, manager Harry Redknapp has admitted the club is "nowhere near" bringing in reinforcements.

Money is available following the £7m sale of Peter Crouch, but Redknapp is now struggling to find players who are available so close to the start of the season.

A left-sided player and a striker are understood to be the priorities.

Redknapp said: "It is finding players that is the problem. We are not getting anywhere near them."

"We need three players in. We are short of quality and balance. We have got no balance to the team, there is left side to the team."

"I've lost some good sided players in Graeme Saux and Olivier Bernard - Some of the players



**JUMP TO IT:** Ricardo Fuller goes for a high ball.  
*Order no: 100EA288*

**WISE WORDS:** Dennis confronts Robinson.  
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a tough task to qualify for the Champions League stages.

The former darling of St Mary's netted only his third Everton goal since last January's £6m move from Saints - and his first since scoring on his return to St Mary's in February.

But Everton were still beaten 2-1 at home by Villarreal in their qualifying round first leg tie.

Boss David Moyes was remaining hopeful, saying: "They scored two here so we have to believe we can score

"Wolves had a bit more quality than us and it is all about having good players - football has never been any different."

Redknapp has lost some 15 players from the squad which finished last season - banking £9m in the process - with the £50,000 for Ricardo

St Mary's colleague Neil McCann has not been included as he is out injured.

St Mary's opening Barclays Premiership reserve match of the season scheduled for tonight has been cancelled.

Saints were due to play Derby at Staplewood but the Rams yesterday had their

## The Town then laid siege on the Southampton goal

# Luton not overawed as Morgan seals win

**Luton Town 3**  
**Southampton 2**

By **Tom Dart**

SIX points from matches against two sides newly relegated from the top-flight suggests that Luton Town are not out of their depth at Coca-Cola Championship level. Worryingly for Southampton, they were twice pegged back after taking the lead and a superb late strike punished a lacklustre performance.

Luton had much the better of the first half, but a moment of carelessness gave Southampton the lead in the seventeenth minute. Danny Higginbotham should not have been allowed to get in a low left-wing cross, but he did and Matt Oakley guided the ball in past the stum-

The Town started the better in the second period and were level once more when Nicholls whipped in a left wing free kick, which was glanced in by Brkovic at the far post.

From then on it was the Hatters who enjoyed the better chances, but they could not find a way past a resolute Southampton defence. That is, until the final minute when Enoch Showunmi laid the ball off to Morgan, who curled a sublime 25-yard shot into the top corner for a goal which deserved to win any game.

In the Southampton-based Southern Daily Echo, Saints manager Harry Redknapp was praising of the Town when saying: "Luton are a good side and they did not surprise me. They have got some good players and enthusiasm. Mike Newell has done a great job."

Redknapp saved his vitriol for his own players, who he claimed resorted to long ball tactics, looking to find Jones and Ricardo Fuller at every opportunity rather than getting the ball down and passing it. "Lack of responsibility and poor defending cost us the game," was his parting comment.

The local scribe was not quite so gracious when he commented: "A small, dated ground, playing a team of modest quality but with lots of heart in a tight, fight of a match.' A win is always better when served with an after-match dish of sour grapes!

Although both John Ley in the Daily Telegraph and Tom Dart in The Times concentrated more on Southampton's failings rather than the Town's skill and ability, they both conceded that we had fully deserved the victory.

# FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN BIG-NAME NEWPORT COUNTY PLAYERS NOT USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB

## STARS

### OLLIE BURTON

Former Newport County central defender Ollie Burton starred in Newcastle United's 1969 Fairs Cup final triumph. Initially with Bulwark Youth Club, he joined Newport in December 1958 and netted eight goals in 53 League games before moving to Norwich City for £11,000 in March 1961. He was sold to Newcastle for £37,500 in June 1963 and helped them win the Second Division title in 1964-65, becoming the Magpies' first-ever substitute in September 1965. Capped nine times by Wales, his career was curtailed by a knee injury in May 1973. He settled in Diss, employed in public relations for Rothmans before running a catering business.

### JOHN ALDRIDGE

Striker John Aldridge was leading marksman in Newport County's 1979-80 promotion and Welsh Cup 'double' triumph. Initially with South Liverpool, he joined Newport in May 1979 and starred as they reached the ECWC quarter-finals in 1980-81, netting 69 goals in 170 League games before sold to Oxford United for £70,000 in March 1984. The Republic of Ireland international starred as they won the Second Division title in 1984-85 and League Cup in 1986, moving to Liverpool for £775,000 in January 1987. Helping them twice win the League Championship, he later played for Real Sociedad and Tranmere Rovers where he had a spell as player-manager.



### TREVOR FORD

Ex-Welsh international centre-forward Trevor Ford had a brief spell with Newport County in 1960-61. Signing professional for Swansea Town in December 1944, he joined Aston Villa for £12,000 in January 1947. He was leading marksman three times, moving to Sunderland for £29,500 in October 1950. Joining Cardiff for £30,000 in December 1953, he was top scorer in 1954-55 and helped them win the Welsh Cup in 1956, moving to PSV Eindhoven in November 1956. He joined Newport in July 1960, netting three goals in eight League games, then had a spell with Romford. Later working in the motor trade, he resided in Swansea until his death in May 2003.

### ROD THOMAS

Versatile left-back Rod Thomas was capped 50 times by Wales before joining Newport County. He was initially an inside-forward and impressed with Gloucester City, moving to Swindon Town in July 1964. Starring as they won promotion and the League Cup in 1968-69, then the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, he reunited with Dave Mackay at Derby County in November 1973 and helped win the League Championship in 1974-75. Moving to Cardiff City in November 1977, he had a spell with Gloucester again, joining Newport in March 1982, making three League appearances. He worked for Francis Lee's paper company, then was a publican in Cheltenham.

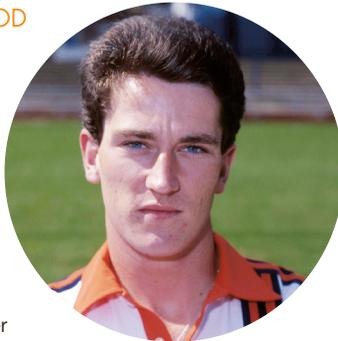
### LEIGHTON JAMES

Welsh international winger Leighton James played for Newport County during the 1985-86 campaign. Signing professional for Burnley in February 1970, he starred in their 1972-73 Second Division title

triumph and moved to Derby County in October 1975. He then appeared for QPR and Burnley again before helping Swansea City reach the top-flight in 1980-81. Following spells with Sunderland and Bury, he joined Newport in August 1985 and scored twice in 28 League games while at Somerton Park prior to rejoining Burnley in August 1986. He then managed Morecambe, Netherfield, Ilkeston, Accrington Stanley and Llanelli before working in the media.

### MARK AIZLEWOOD

Midfielder Mark Aizlewood was capped 39 times by Wales after leaving Newport County. Born locally, he joined his older brother Steve at Newport and turned professional in October 1977, scoring once in 38 League games prior to joining Luton Town for £50,000 in April 1978. He helped win the Second Division title in 1981-82 and moved to Charlton Athletic in November 1982, scoring the goal that clinched their top-flight return in 1985-86. Sold to Leeds United for £200,000 in February 1987, he moved via Bradford City to Bristol City in August 1990. He later played for Cardiff City and Merthyr Tydfil, since holding various management posts.



### BOB LATCHFORD

Former England international striker Bob Latchford played for Newport County in 1985-86. One of three footballing brothers, he turned professional with Birmingham City in August 1968 and starred in their 1971-72 promotion success. He moved to Everton for £350,000 in February 1974 and was a League Cup finalist in 1977, joining Swansea City for £125,000 in July 1981. Leading marksman in 1982-83, he helped them twice win the Welsh Cup and moved via NAC Breda to Coventry in July 1984, then had a spell with Lincoln City before joining Newport in January 1986. He netted five goals in 20 League games, then played for Merthyr Tydfil.

### DARREN PEACOCK

Former Newport County central defender Darren Peacock starred as QPR finished fifth in the Premier League in 1992-93. He turned professional with Newport in February 1986 and made 28 League appearances before moving to Hereford United in March 1989. Voted 'Player of the Year' as they won the Welsh Cup in 1989-90, he was sold to QPR for £200,000 in December 1990. He joined Newcastle United for £2,700,000 in March 1994 and featured in successive Premier League title challenges. Moving to Blackburn Rovers in July 1998, he later had a spell at Wolves before hanging up his boots in December 2000. He has recently managed Lancaster City.

### PAUL BRADSHAW

Former England U-21 goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw played for Newport County in 1987-88. Signing professional for Blackburn Rovers in July 1973, he quickly impressed and moved to Wolves for £140,000 in September 1977. He starred as Wolves were twice FA Cup semi-finalists and won the League Cup in 1980, then was ever-present in 1981-82. Moving to Vancouver Whitecaps in May 1984, he had spells with West Brom, Walsall and Bristol Rovers before joining Newport in July 1987. He made 23 League appearances, returning to West Brom in August 1988, then played for Peterborough and Kettering, becoming a security advisor in Wolverhampton.

### PAUL BODIN

Defender Paul Bodin gained 23 Welsh caps after leaving Newport County. A former Chelsea junior, he had spells with Newport and Cardiff City before moving to Bath City in July 1985. He was twice leading marksman prior to rejoining Newport in January 1988. Scoring once in six League games while at Somerton Park, he joined Swindon Town two months later and was sold to Crystal Palace for £550,000 in March 1991. He returned to Swindon in January 1992, helping them reach the Premier League in 1992-93 and win the Second Division title in 1995-96. Later with Reading, he returned to Bath as player-boss and has since coached back at Swindon.



# TOWN 1 : YEOVIL TOWN 1



SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 7,800 | AWAY: 303

**TOWN GOALS:** O'DONNELL 26' | **YEOVIL GOALS:** EAVES 78'

**TOWN:** WALTON, CUTHBERT, MULLINS, O'DONNELL, POTTS, REA, COOK, MCGEEHAN (SMITH 65) RUDDOCK (GRAY 58), HYLTON, MARRIOTT (VASSELL 86). *SUBS NOT USED:* LEE, MCQUOID, KING (GK), JUSTIN. | **YELLOW CARDS:** POTTS, MARRIOTT

**VILLA:** KRYSIAK, LACEY (CAMPBELL 33), MUGABI, DICKSON, LAWLESS, DAWSON, DOLAN, KHAN, BUTCHER, EAVES (SOWUNMI 83), HEDGES. *SUBS NOT USED:* SMITH, MADDISON, LEA, BASSETT | **YELLOW CARDS:** DICKSON, EAVES



## JONES:

### A pleasing point.

At the end of the day it's probably a decent point, it could have gone either way at the end.

"It was like a boxing match, two teams slugging away, but I think we lacked a bit of energy and the exertions of the week have told a little bit.

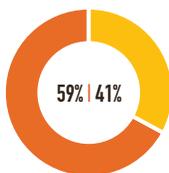
"We lacked a real spark today but that's understandable, with Plymouth and the journey and the euphoria of that great win and then Wednesday night would have taken a lot out of them and you could see that.

"The midfield players put in a real big shift, I just felt that it's been a big week so I'm happy with a point.

"We had opportunities first half and went in ahead, probably should have gone in slightly more ahead but they had one or two chances on the counter attack as well, so it's a pleasing point even if the performance wasn't."



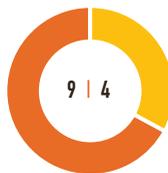
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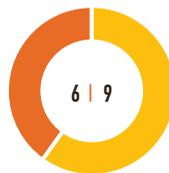
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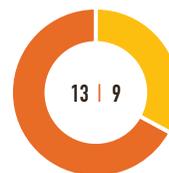
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## STORY OF THE MATCH:

BY HARRY WRIGHT

Luton were denied a second league win of the season by stubborn Yeovil side at Kenilworth Road on Saturday afternoon, but remained top of League Two as no teams in the league could win both of their opening league games.

Luton started on the front foot and had chances via Jack Marriott and Glen Rea, whose header was superbly saved by Artur Krysiak in the Yeovil goal.

Luton fans had a chance to pay their respects to supporter Brett Webb, who died a short time ago, with a minute of applause.

Just five minutes later, Stephen O'Donnell's thunderbolt from 25 yards rocketed past Krysiak to give Luton the lead. Luton were well on top for most of the game, until Tom Eaves' well-placed header drew Yeovil level on 83 minutes.

There were many positive signs for Town boss Nathan Jones however, as Christian Walton pulled off a number of smart saves in goal for the hosts, whilst Stephen O'Donnell and Pelly Ruddock also impressed.

The fledgling partnership up front between Marriott and Danny Hylton was once again there to see, as the pair linked up on several occasions in threatening positions but were unlucky not to give Luton another three points.

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The winning challenger's score from each match will also be registered on a league table to win 2 season tickets for the 2017-18 season. In the event of a tie at the end of the season, a tie breaker competition will be held to decide the winner.

Half Time Hot Shots is open to any ticket holder, ages 12 and over.

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# TRAVELLER'S TALES

AFTER A SHORT SUMMER BREAK, KEVIN HARPER IS BACK ON THE ROAD FOLLOWING THE HATTERS TO ALL FOUR CORNERS OF THE COUNTRY... STARTING WITH A DAY OUT IN DEVON. THE TEST MATCH AND OLYMPICS ARE BIG DRAWS, BUT NOTHING COMPARED TO THE TOWN ON TOUR...

## THE JOURNEY

**5.30am** – A very early alarm goes off for the opening day of the season ahead of the long trip to Plymouth, although having stayed up to watch far too much of the Olympics opening ceremony, I may as well have just kept going through. Not a perfect start to the day!

**6.30** – After a quick shower to wake myself up it was off to get the coach ready for the long journey. Already a bright, nice day. Hopefully it will be the same down in Devon.

**7.40** – Little bit of a delay getting going but we set off down the M1, M25, M4 and M5 towards Plymouth. As nice as it is to be back for the football season, sleep was very much the order of the day for the first part of the journey!

**10.20** – We stop off at the services at Bristol. Having not been awake enough to make breakfast it was time to grab a cheeky Burger King then back on the coach for the rest of the journey. Being a massive cricket fan I pop the cricket on



the iPad to make the last 2.5hrs travelling go a bit quicker.

**1.35pm** – Despite a bit of heavy traffic down on the M5 we make it to Plymouth in good time. Some people head to the pub and other places. I stay on the coach chatting to the usual gang before setting off for the ground around 2.15pm.

## THE GROUND

**2.20pm** – I get to the ground. We go in the same entrance as the last two seasons. Not much has really changed in fairness. After grabbing a quick bite to eat and chatting to a few people I'd not seen since the end of last season, I finally made it up into the stand and into the seats.

**2.45** – Warm-ups are over (and I avoided getting hit by stray shots – always an added bonus!). Atmosphere starting to build up nicely. Another season isn't far away from beginning.

**2.56** – Teams come out. Normal handshakes take place then Alan Sheehan goes to the sideline. He chats to Nathan Jones and what looks like the physio and the next thing Scott Cuthbert comes on in his place. So having come out with a starting XI, we kick the game off with a different one! Hope that isn't a sign of things to come.....

So we start with Walton in goal, Potts, Cuthbert, Mullins and O'Donnell across the back with Rea, Cook, McGeehan and Mpanzu in midfield with Hylton and Marriott up front.

## THE MATCH

**3.03** – Finally the season gets underway. Plymouth have much the better of the first 15 minutes – understandably given the late change. An injury to Dan Potts didn't help. Plymouth's number 7 dives right in front of us much to the annoyance of the Town fans.

**3.32** – First chance for the Town. Jordan Cook's corner from the left is powered at goal by Glen Rea but just misses the target. Two minutes later a lovely little move gets Pelly in at the by-line. His cut back reaches Marriott but his stab at goal is blocked.



**3.50** – Half time. 0-0. The whistle probably came at the wrong time for the Town although given the chaos before kick-off I would have settled for it if you had offered it to me. I spent the break checking the other scores and checking Twitter to see the general thoughts on the first half. Mainly positive. Good sign.

**4.06** – Second half underway and the Town nearly score immediately when Jack Marriott is put through down the left. His curled shot is brilliantly saved by McCormick. It doesn't matter though as four minutes later the Town are ahead. An excellent cross by O'Donnell presents Marriott with a great chance. He misses the header but the ball breaks to Hylton who nearly breaks the net with his strike! 1-0 – get in!

**4.20** – The Town are holding out quite comfortably. Christian Walton's wonderful debut continues as he claims a couple of crosses to ease the little pressure on the defence.

**4.36** – The second goal our performance deserves finally arrives. A pinpoint ball from Cameron McGeehan sends Jack Marriott through. He outpaces the defender and coolly slides home to send the 1100 travelling fans crazy!

**4.50** – Bad news. The Town are down to 10 after Dan Potts is sent off for a second yellow card. Six minutes is found from somewhere on the board. Nerves return!

**4.56** – No need to be nervous. Danny Hylton caps a superb debut by rolling the ball into Jonathan Smith on the edge of the box. Not the cleanest strike from the midfielder but it finds the net to send the Town top of the league with a 3-0 win!

## MAN OF THE MATCH

**5.15** – Back on the coach now and the MOM vote goes to Danny Hylton by a landslide. He was my choice. A perfect demonstration in leading the line. He hassled defenders all afternoon, opened the scoring and set another one up. A brilliant performance from the former Oxford man, the first of many hopefully!



## THE PROGRAMME

**5.20** – While keen to follow some of the Olympics on the way back I spend a few minutes looking at the programme. A scaled down version which was weird for the opening day. Not the greatest read. Plenty of optimism on the home pages. Three pages about the Town. Poor stuff really.

## SUMMARY

**5.45** – Having gone through the programme I stick some Olympics coverage onto the iPad for the journey back.

**10.20** – After a short stop at Leigh Delamare on the way back for a stretch of the legs and a comfort break we finally get back to Luton.

**11.15** – Having left at 6.30am I'm finally back in the house. Long day but well worth it. The Town were brilliant. It was the sort of performance that makes you feel good for a while. Hopefully we can keep it up for the season!  
An excellent day all round.



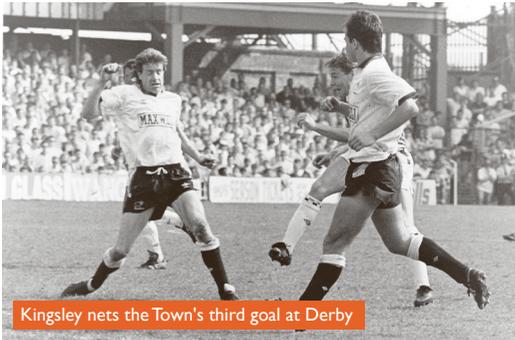


# WELCOME BACK KINGSLEY BLACK

**AFTER THE RETURN OF MICK HARFORD AS CHIEF RECRUITMENT OFFICER AT THE START OF THIS YEAR, WE WELCOMED ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE 1988 LITTLEWOODS CUP WINNING SIDE BACK TO THE LUTON TOWN FOLD THIS SUMMER WITH KINGSLEY BLACK JOINING THE COACHING STAFF ON THE FOOTBALL EDUCATION PROGRAMME AT THE ARENA IN BALDOCK.**

Not that the 48-year-old former winger has ever really been away. He may have played for Northern Ireland, but Kingsley is Luton born and bred and he has been a regular visitor to what remains his local club over the years.

As he told us when he came in with 19-year-old son Charlie, who currently coaches on the Hatters' community scheme, for pictures to announce his return to coach 16-19 year old boys every day throughout the week as part of Barnfield College's course – 'The Luton Town FC Football Programme'.



Kingsley nets the Town's third goal at Derby



"I've got wonderful memories from my time here as a player, and from playing against Luton Town for various clubs," said Kingsley, who made 156 appearances and scored 31 goals for the Town before being sold to Nottingham Forest for a fee of £1.5million in 1991.

"I supported Luton as a boy and it's the club that has a special place in my heart. I've always been amazed at how many people turn up whenever there is a reunion for various things at Luton.

"The reason they turn up is that everyone has fond memories of being here as a player and they know that the community and people behind the scenes are always so welcoming, and because their memories are so good, they want to experience coming back to see the people they've got affections for.

"To be back involved with Luton Town at the development stage for some of the young players who are doing the college course at Baldock is a big thrill for me, and hopefully I can help them to improve as footballers and people."

The programme run jointly with Hitchin Town allows 16-year-old school-leavers to participate in a BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport course, giving them a minimum of 16 hours of academic tuition per week plus 12 hours of football coaching each week from highly qualified Luton Town coaching staff. This includes studying for their FA Level 1 and Level 2 coaching badges.

The boys play in the Football Conference Youth Alliance against some of the top professional clubs in the country, and in recent seasons the team have won regional league and cup competitions.



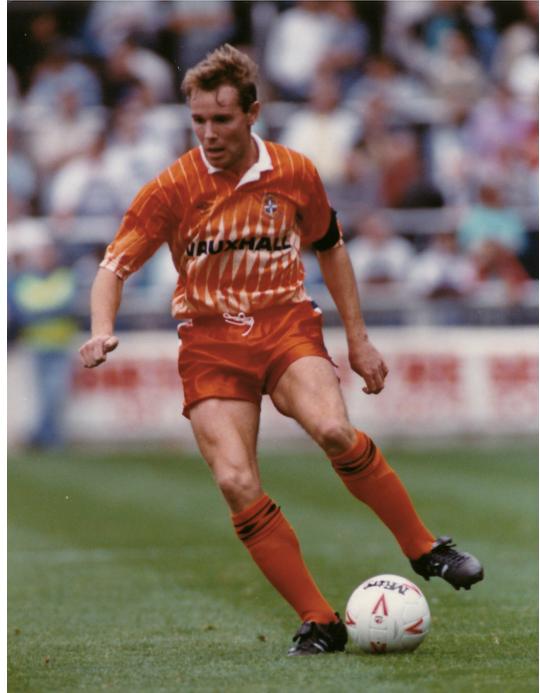
Kingsley himself knows the importance of education having studied for A-levels at Luton Sixth Form College while playing for the Hatters' reserve team from the age of 16, before turning professional at 18.

"I was on non-contract forms at 16 because I went to sixth-form," he adds. "I signed pro on my 18th birthday, but in those days, it was a slightly different set up. There weren't any development squads back then, it was the reserve league.

"I studied economics, maths and politics at A-level, and with football being a precarious occupation at the best of times, it is nice to get an education behind you."

Kingsley recalls that he was still playing representative football when he signed for the Town in 1984, playing in reserve games on a Saturday when there were more opportunities for youngsters than in midweek games, when first-teamers would often be given a run-out.

[KINGSLEY BLACK]



"I would have signed pro for David Pleat, but it was exactly the time he left to manage Tottenham and John Moore took over," he says. "John was manager for my first year, and he brought in Ray Harford as his assistant. Then Ray took over.

### PROGRESSION

"I actually joined the club on the same day as Jimmy Ryan, and he took over the reserves on the same day that I signed pro, so I was effectively in his reserve side. Then a few years later, he was the manager and I was in his first team, so progression for both of us went hand in hand."

Harford, of course, was manager on that glorious day at Wembley when Danny Wilson and Brian Stein got the goals and Andy Dibble saved a penalty to beat Arsenal, but he reserved special praise for his 19-year-old wideman.

"From Ray Harford, that was praise indeed," smiles Kingsley. Ray, apart from being an excellent man, and was very brave to play a young player like myself. Out of all the coaches I've worked with, I don't think there would possibly be a better one. One or two were very close, but he was exceptional.

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"His persona was good. He was criticised in the press for being dour, but he was far from that. He was quite charismatic in the changing room, and certainly charismatic on the training pitch."

On the 3-2 Wembley win itself, Kingsley says it didn't get much better as a Hatter.

"That has to be the highlight of my career at Luton," he says. "The second would be the Derby game in 1990,



when we had to win at the Baseball Ground and Nottingham Forest had to beat Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough, which they did, for us to stay up.

“At 3pm that afternoon, a betting man would have gone against it. But I happened to score two goals and we won, so that was an excellent memory too. But you’re quite right – the Littlewoods Cup Final has to be my number one.”

And finally, any chance of Kingsley and Big Mick getting their boots on again for a training ground reunion?

“We might have to try – we’ll see how the knees and the body are!” smiles Kingsley. “There was no better header of a ball than Mick. He was a fantastic guy to play with, one of the best. I don’t think there are too many strikers like that any more, and that’s to the detriment of the game because he was magnificent.”

Welcome back Kingsley!

## KINGSLEY AND PAUL HART

When Kingsley Black left the Hatters for Nottingham Forest, he first came across current Town assistant-boss Paul Hart, who was on Brian Clough’s coaching staff at the City Ground.

Kingsley recalled: “On my first day as a Nottingham Forest player, I drove up from Luton in the morning and they said ‘You’re in the third team this afternoon’, and Paul Hart was the manager.

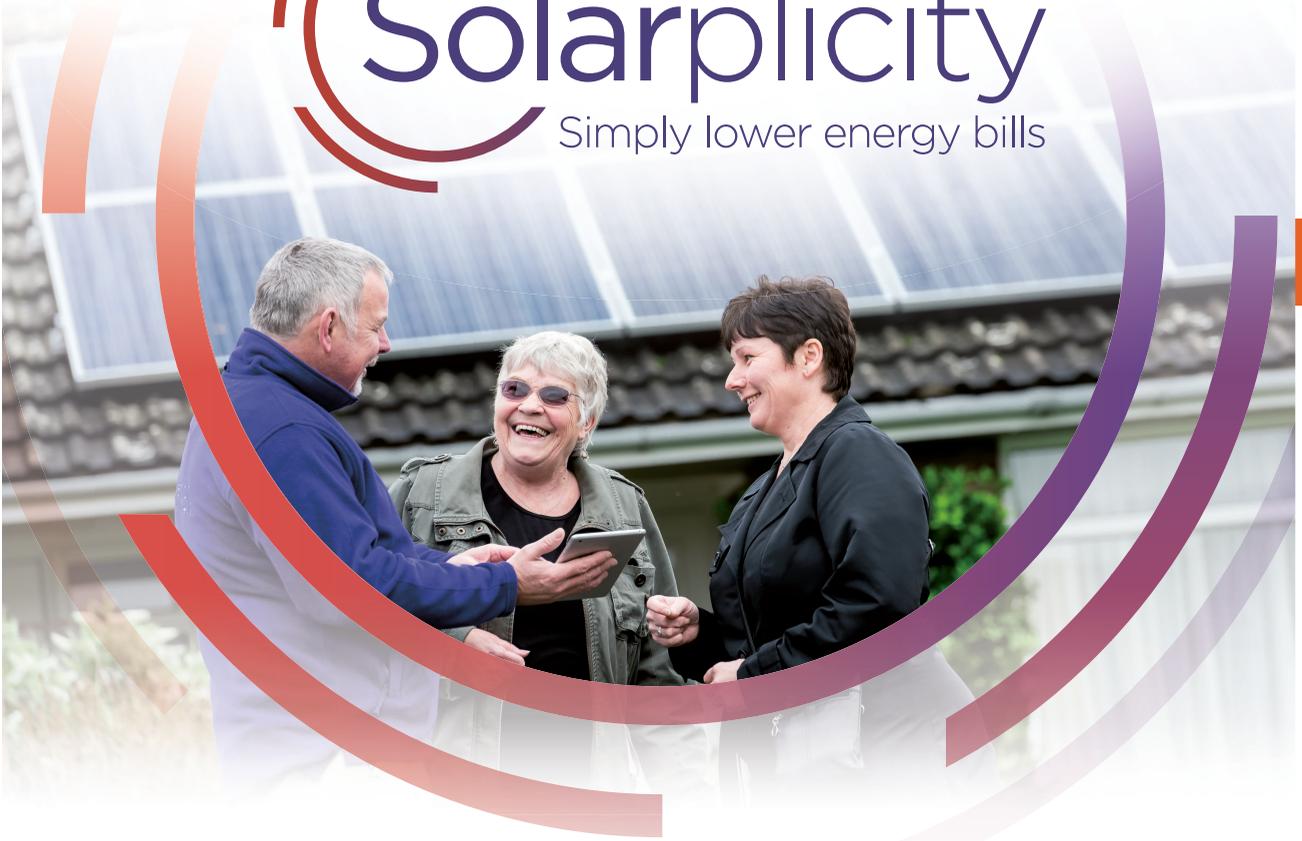
“So I travelled up to Doncaster, I played the first half of this match, then I was driven to Manchester, where the first team were playing City in the evening.

“I turned up at the hotel at about 5pm, and about this time I was getting a bit tired, because it had been a bit of a long day, and I was told I was sub.

“We lost and I didn’t actually step foot on the pitch in the game – I was shattered during the warm-up – but Cloughie still had a go at me! I made my debut on the Saturday at Sheffield Wednesday, so maybe the poor result helped me get in the team and the ticking off was worth it.”

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**NAMES:** JACK MARRIOTT & JONATHAN SMITH

**POSITION:** STRIKER/WINDOW & MIDFIELDER/DOOR | **AGES:** 21 & 29

**How long have you known each other?**

**JM:** A year and a bit, from when I joined.

**When did you first room together?**

**JS:** Hungary, we didn't room together last year.

**JM:** Smudge was with Luke Guttridge last year and I was with Howellsy.

**What's the best thing about rooming together?**

**JM:** I think we're both quite similar in the fact that neither of us snore.

**JS:** Jack's quite chilled out and it's not too stressful.

**JM:** Yeah, we're not too busy. We're not always chatting. We like to just get our own little bit of quiet time, but we have a laugh as well.

**What's your roomie's worst habit?**

**JS:** I don't think I've roomed with him long enough to find anything out.

**JM:** In a week in Hungary and a night in Plymouth, I haven't found any annoying habit yet.

**Who makes the tea?**

**JS:** I don't drink tea.

**JM:** And I'm a coffee man.

**JS:** I got the waters in in Hungary, if that counts?

**First up in the morning?**

**JM:** Smudge.

**JS:** Yeah, I'm used to getting up early with my little girl. I usually wake up around seven.

**Who decides when to turn the light out at night?**

**JS:** We switch them off quite early.

**JM:** I watch stuff on my iPad and he'll watch stuff on his DVDs, so we just turned the lights off early doors.

**JS:** I like it dark anyway.

**Who's the tidiest?**

**JM:** Definitely Smudge.

**Unpack or live out of your bag?**

**JM:** We both lived out of our bags.

**Who takes the longest to get ready?**

**JS:** Probably Jack, with his hair.

**JM:** Not by much though.

**What's most likely to be on the TV?**

**JS:** Mainly sport.

**JM:** If there's a football match on, we'll stick that on. If not we'll just watch our own TV series, if we're hooked on something like Arrow. You were watching Breaking Bad, weren't you?

**Games console or TV?**

**JS:** TV, definitely.

**Any other in-room activities?**

**JS:** We like our snacks.

**JM:** I like to listen to my music on my headphones, but that's about it.

**Who would you rather room with?**

**JS:** Guts was a top lad to room with, but I'm happy with Jack.

**JM:** No-one. Comfortable. Happy.



**Who would you least like to room with?**

**JM:** SODS (Stephen O'Donnell), because he talks a lot. I just like headphones and quiet. He likes a chat – which is not a bad thing, he's harmless. We're just opposites.

**JS:** I'd say Pelly because I've heard he snores. I can't deal with snorers!

**Who is most likely to gatecrash your room?**

**JM:** People steer clear of ours. In Hungary there was a bit of antics going on, but they steered clear of ours. We kept our room keys safe. We were quite clever. I reckon it'd be Mulls...

**JS:** Yeah, Mulls and Danny Hylton.

**And who do you lock the door to?**

**JS:** Everyone!

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

**JM:** Well, I'm a Marriott, so...

**JS:** Go on then, you can have five stars.

**JM:** Yes! Five-star Smudge too!

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# LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE

In Luton 1 in 4 children live under the poverty line. That works out at about 14,000 children and young people, 4000 more than Kenilworth Road can seat.

Shocking isn't it?

This season Luton Town Football Club are supporting Level Trust, a charity that helps children living in poverty in Luton by ensuring they have everything they need for school.

Level Trust's founder Jane Malcolm says 'Poverty is something we think happens to other people in other countries. It still shocks me when I think that 27% of children local to me are struggling with poverty.'

In the UK 1.7 million children are living in severe poverty. Poverty means that a child might not have the uniform they need for school, good food to eat at home or heating when it's cold.



Jane says 'I love working with Level Trust. I get to brighten up children's lives by giving them things most of us take for granted. The smile on a child's face when they have their brand new pair of shoes, warm coat or smart school uniform is rewarding, but when you know that they wouldn't have had it without our support, it's humbling.'

Find out more at [www.leveltrust.org](http://www.leveltrust.org).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Luton Town would like to wish a very happy birthday to loyal Town supporter Bryan Stillwell, who turns 80 today.

Bryan and his son Paul travel to every home game from Bournemouth and the pair also attend the majority of away games. This season is

Bryan's 70th as a Hatter, attending his first game in 1946.

Bryan attended the 1959 FA Cup final loss to Nottingham Forest at the old Wembley as well as watching Luton against the Busby Babes in 1958 and beat Stanley Matthews' Blackpool in front of 30,000 fans at Kenilworth Road.

The now 80-year-old attended the victorious League Cup final in 1988 and worked for the club from the early 70s to the early 90s, running the souvenir shop at the top of Oak Road alongside Bev Tyler and was one of the guardians of the Littlewoods Cup trophy at a public event in 1988.

Let's hope the lads give him three points as the perfect present tonight!

## GRAHAM WALKER



Many at Luton Town were saddened to learn of the death of loyal supporter Graham Walker towards the end of last season.

His friend Don Wheeler got in touch with Talk of the Town, writing:

"Graham and I moved to Westoning in 1973 and soon became good friends and Luton Town supporters. We experienced the days of Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, the Futcher

brothers, the infamous Millwall game, the rise to the old First Division and beating Arsenal at Wembley.

"I subsequently moved to Cardiff, but to the day he died Graham kept me up to date with the results and progress of his beloved Luton Town Football Club.

"In memory of my dear friend Graham Walker, aged 71 years, who died on 27th April 2016 at Willen Hospice."



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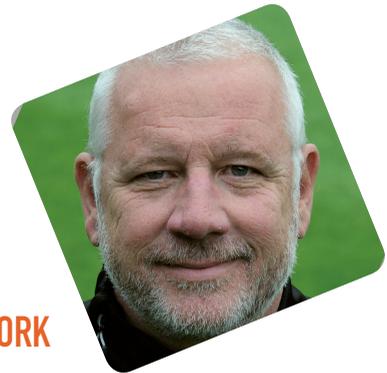
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# TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK



As is usual it's been a hectic start to the season. Seven hours on a coach to Plymouth, could have been anywhere in Europe by plane.

I got the same complaint from the good lady. She says I am obsessed with football, I said that's rubbish we've know each other 20 plus seasons.

It was the perfect performance at Plymouth and the lads were outstanding and so you have to enjoy those moments and celebrate.

That's where it all went wrong for me. The dugout celebration was very vigorous and somehow I managed to lose a tooth. Can't afford that every game, I've not got that many. The pain was eased by the fact I won two games of hearts on the way home, may I say, at a very competitive staff table.

## SWEAT

Greeny got the all clear to press on with his rehabilitation, which is good news. But I have never seen a man sweat so much when the consultant asked him to stand up and hop. Someone said to me what did he say. I said if I take out the swear words. Nothing!

Craig Mackail-Smith revisited the consultant and the good news is that we are now able to push on with his rehab as the bone has fully healed. He's got more metal work then British Steel.

Nathan Doyle has a long road ahead with his injury and it's going to be a real test of character for him as a ruptured Achilles is a nasty injury. Some would say the clinical boot he is in at the moment is probably his most stylish piece of attire.

As we do these articles I would like to introduce some of our helpers. We couldn't do what we do without Doctor



Paul Deeley. Not only is he a very knowledgeable medical man but an avid Luton fan. Anyone visiting his room at the surgery is left in no doubt with team pictures and one of a certain Mr Keith Keane looking very young being attended to by the Doc. I think he might have been a favourite.

## AC/DC

Paul's support is fantastic, visiting the training ground twice a week. If we provide coffee with two sugars and play some AC/DC he seems to diagnose things even quicker.

What a performance it was against Aston Villa.

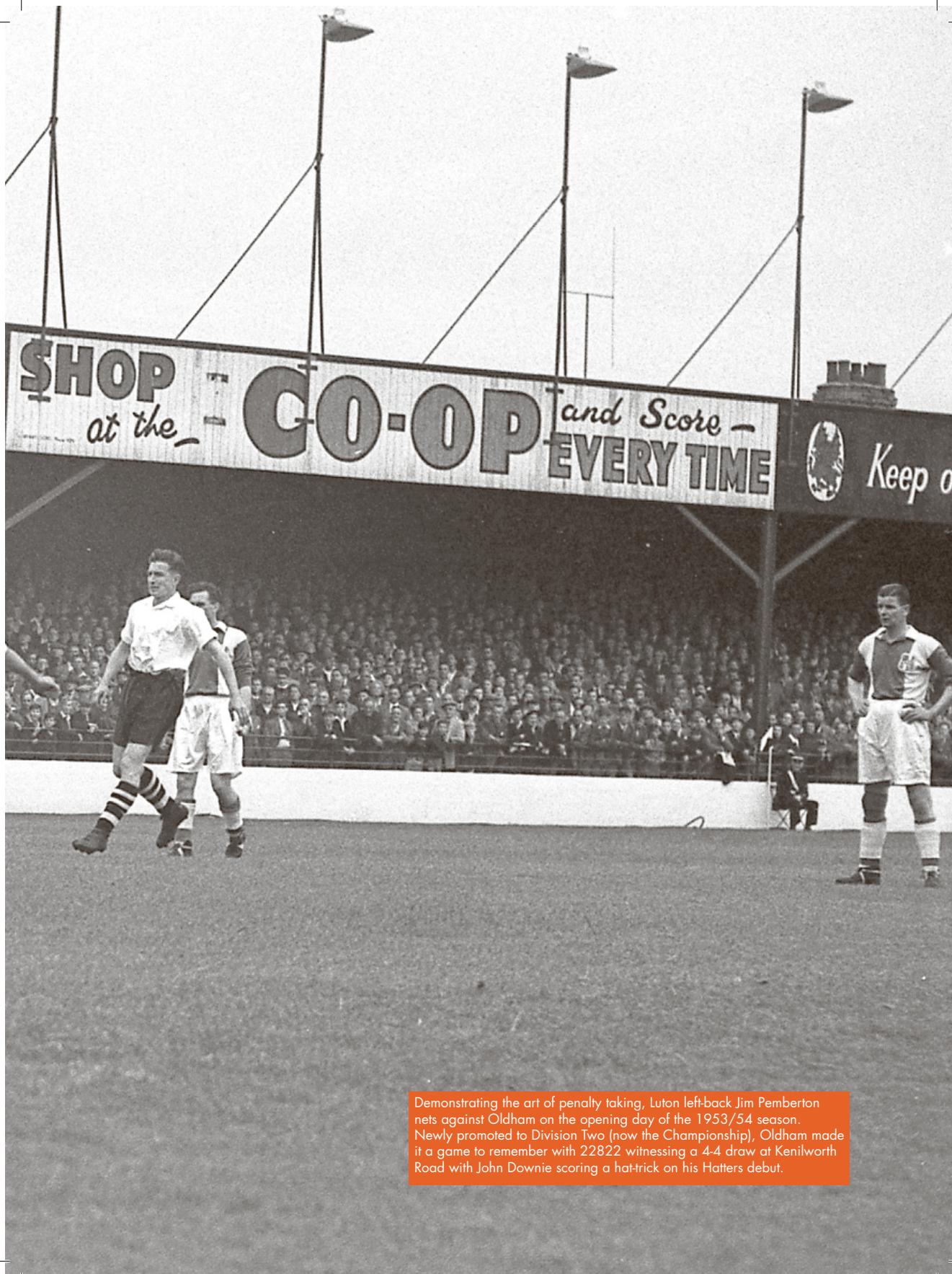
The boys were outstanding and I think it shows the work behind the scenes is paying dividends. Not only are we in the next round but I didn't loose anymore teeth.

Finally a big shout out to you the fans. The support is fantastic. Let's make Kenilworth Road a fortress.

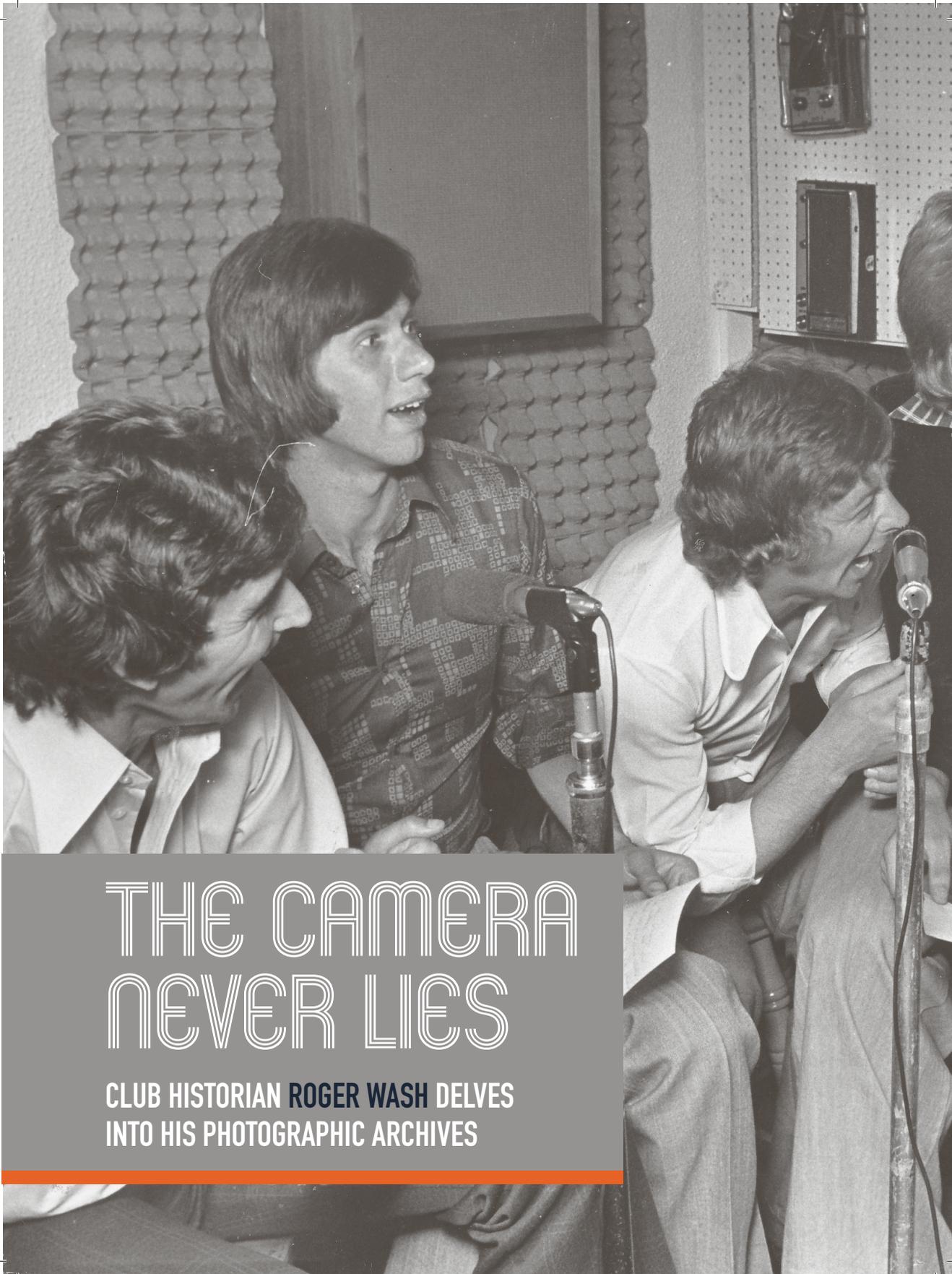
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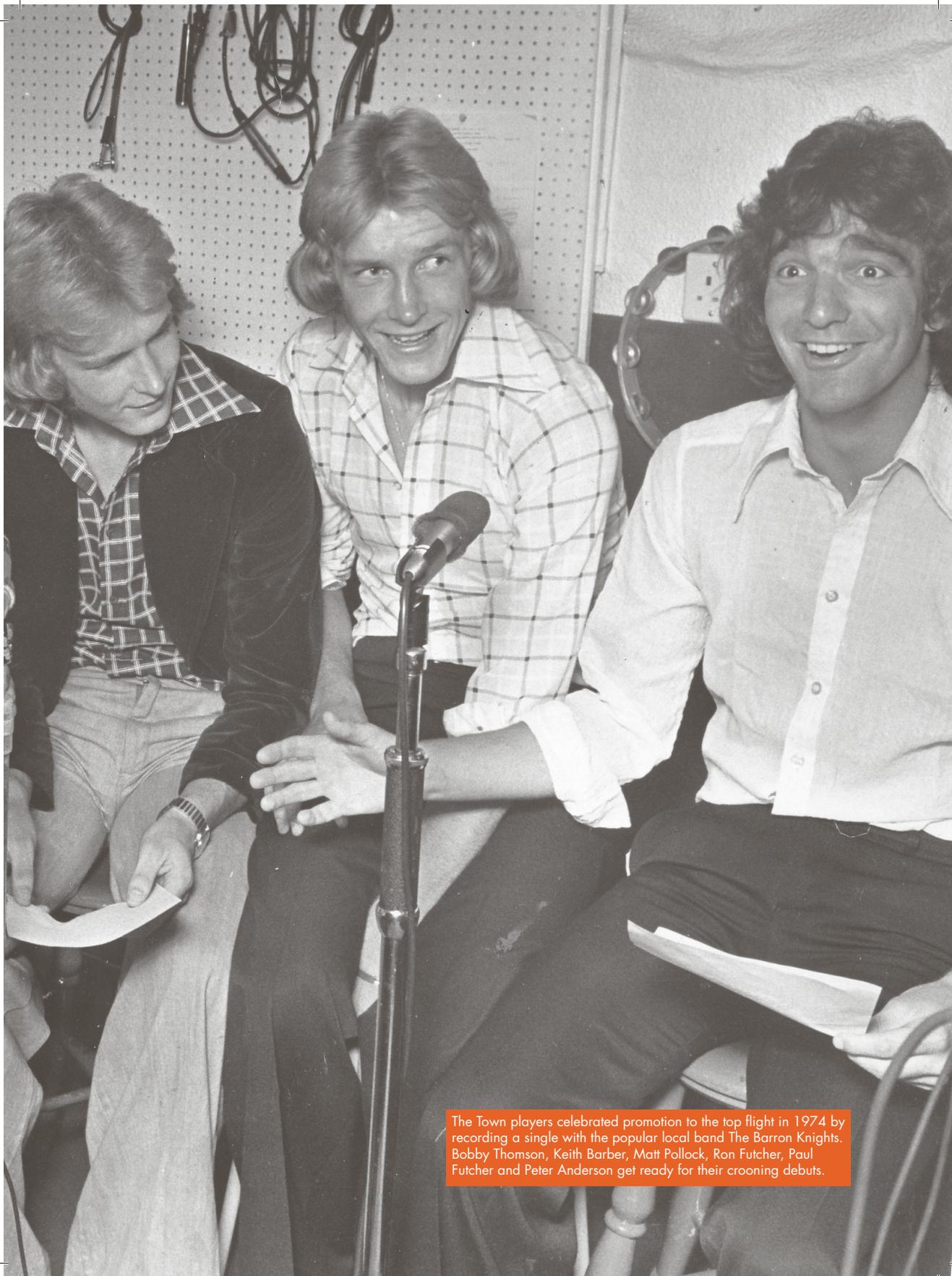


Demonstrating the art of penalty taking, Luton left-back Jim Pemberton nets against Oldham on the opening day of the 1953/54 season. Newly promoted to Division Two (now the Championship), Oldham made it a game to remember with 22822 witnessing a 4-4 draw at Kenilworth Road with John Downie scoring a hat-trick on his Hatters debut.



# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES  
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES



The Town players celebrated promotion to the top flight in 1974 by recording a single with the popular local band The Barron Knights. Bobby Thomson, Keith Barber, Matt Pollock, Ron Futcher, Paul Futcher and Peter Anderson get ready for their crooning debuts.



## LUTON TOWN IN THE

# COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Tonight, we take our third and final look at the Community Trust close season activities and we're starting with the exciting news of our very first Girls Player Development Centre established at the start of June in association with Luton Town Ladies FC.

### GIRLS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

At last we hear the girls cry! Well, these things do take time and the beginnings of the centre began at the start of last season as part of our Female Football Development Plan (FFD) which involved our coaching staff delivering sessions into every High school in Luton. The demand from local schools was fantastic and to increase our offer we organised a female only Level 1 coaching

course in association with Luton Adult Learning which saw 12 girls successfully qualifying and then joining our team to deliver female only sessions across the County.

We then sat down with Luton Town Ladies FC and quickly agreed what we needed was a Development Centre for all girls to initially establish training squads for U9/10 ; U11/12 ; U13/14 and U15/16 that would

eventually provide elite pathways for girls aged 16+ to Luton Town Ladies 1st team and Development squads. We agreed our aims would be to identify and recruit talented and enthusiastic local girls, provide quality coaching in a fun and friendly atmosphere and importantly provide playing opportunities against other professional Club's Development Centres (PDC's).



Between us we agreed that most importantly, we were making the commitment to all local girls to offer the same opportunities as we do for our boys – to wear the shirt and represent their local Club.

We also agreed girls currently playing for a local clubs could be offered a place at our PDC could remain with their local clubs as games for the Hatters against other professional club PDC's would take place in the school holidays to avoid clashing with week-end club fixtures.

### POPULAR

Very quickly the centre proved popular with over 60 girls attending the last session before the school holidays. With such a great attendance we decided to take the plunge and enter the PDC Girls League and our first fixtures are now planned for October half term against Swansea City and Peterborough United.

Nikki Baker, Head First team Coach at Luton Town Ladies was thrilled with the turnout and said ' from nowhere we suddenly have such great interest from local girls – I'm sure this is where the future first team players will come from over time. It's been a long time coming but we see this as a major step for the female game in Luton and Bedfordshire.

James Hatch, Football Development Officer at the Club responsible for overseeing both boys and girls Development Centres said 'Our ladies play in the fourth tier of the national Women's game – the same as our first team and finding elite girls to take this pathway will be a long process and is part of an overall five year development plan. We've finally made a start and as a Club we can now offer both boys and girls elite player pathways with the Club'.

The Girls PDC is open to all girls in School Year 3 to 11 (U8 to U16) and trains every Thursday 7.00 pm til 8.00 pm at Stockwood Park Academy, Rotherham Avenue in Luton. If you would like to join in the sessions please either phone the Community office on 01582 737568 or drop us an email at [LTYD@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:LTYD@lutontown.co.uk)

### LUTON JUNIOR EURO SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well the real Euro's may have been a disappointment (understatement of the century!) but our very own schools Luton Junior Euros was a great success.

We teamed up with the the Council's Strategic Community Services and Community Safety Partnership as well as team Beds@Luton School Games and Bedfordshire Police with

the theme of 'Bringing Communities together through Football'. The project was aimed at school children in year 5 and we delivered coaching sessions into local schools alongside the Police who held workshops around 'hate Crime' and bullying. Overall 19 schools took part with over 230 participants playing in the finals day football tournament.

### EXCITING

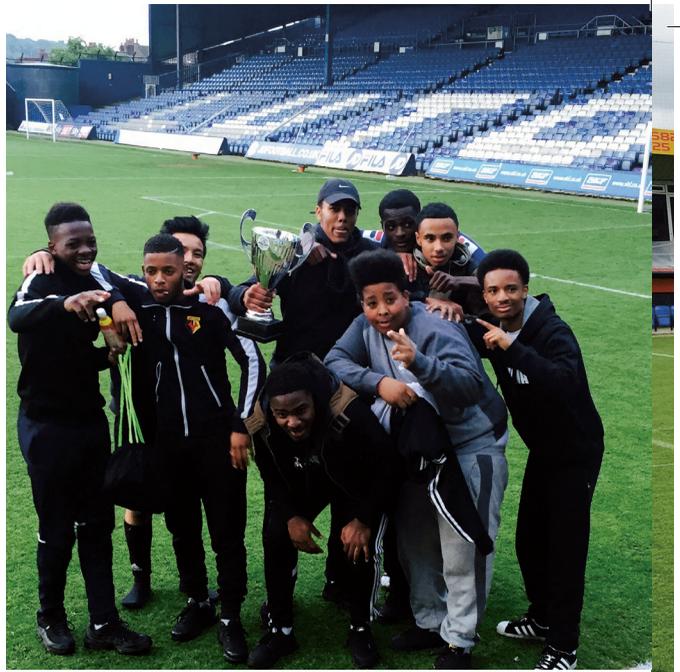
We held the draw at the final game of last season with each school in attendance being drawn a country to represent and learn about before finals day held at Lea Manor Recreation Centre. In the end Hillborough Junior School ran out winners representing the Czech Republic – don't ask where England finished please!!

Rachel Hopkins, Portfolio Holder for Community Development said: 'In addition to being fun, exciting and educational, the tournament is a brilliant way of bringing our different communities together'. Sandra Hayes, Strategic Community Services Manager at LBC said 'as well as bringing different communities together, the event highlighted how well people in Luton get on with each other and how football can help to create bridges across different areas of the town'.



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## COMMUNITY INTEGRATION THROUGH SPORT (KITS)

Staying with the community cohesion theme, we once again kicked off our community week-end at the Stadium back in May with our annual Kits football tournament on the pitch.

Every week, the Club's Community Trust, along with Active Luton, deliver football coaching using sport and our badge to engage with the lives of disadvantaged young men in the Marsh Farm, Lewsey Farm and Farley Hill areas of town. At the tournament over 180 boys from all three estates visited the stadium for the KiTS football tournament and played each other on the pitch in a fantastic competitive tournament. As part of the evening (and part of the deal for the boys playing on the pitch!) the boys also attended various workshops in the John Moore Lounge from Luton Borough Council Youth Services, Bedfordshire Police Cadets, Luton Live Well and Princes Trust as well as listening to an inspiring talk on hate crime from PC James Hart from Bedfordshire Police. The whole evening is designed to offer boys off the estates opportunities and pathways as well having a 'tear up' on the pitch! In the end the boys from Lewsey Farm finished up claiming the 2016 Integration Cup to retain bragging rights for another year!





The 3 integration projects run every Thursday at Lea Manor Recreation Centre from 8.30 pm and in Lewsey Farm at Chalk Hills Academy every Friday from 18.30 and Farley Hill at Stockwood Park Academy every Friday from 19.00. Boys aged 14-19 can simply turn up and join in for £1.00 pay and play sessions. The sessions are lively and the banter is even livelier - but so far no sign of trouble , so don't believe everything you read or hear about certain parts of town - there are far more good young people around than people would imagine .If you would like further information , or know someone who would be interested in coming along please call the community office on 01582 737568 or just turn up and join in.

## HATTERS ADULT DISABILITY FOOTBALL

To round off our big community weekend at the stadium we also managed to squeeze a training session on the pitch for our men's adult disability squads which went down a treat.

Young or old, able or not, the opportunity to walk down the tunnel and onto the famous turf is a magical moment for lots of our supporters and members of our wider diverse community.

Changing in the first team dressing room and getting out onto the pitch brings our supporters and the Club closer together and that's what makes our Club and this old stadium so special!

It was a great session and the fella's really appreciated the opportunity to show off their skills.

## WELCOME

Our two men's squads play competitive games on alternate weeks at the Beds FA PAN Disability Leagues and we've recently moved our alternating weekly training sessions for our disability squads up to Stockwood Park Athletics Track every Friday from 10.00 am to midday. Anyone with a disability is welcome to come along and join in every week even if you don't want to play in the competitive games. For more information, give us a call at the community office on 01582 737568 or drop us an email at [community@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:community@lutontown.co.uk)

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## ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY

# UPDATE

Good evening and welcome to tonight's game versus Newport County.

### U18S PRESEASON TOUR TO ITALY

This July our U18s were fortunate enough to be afforded the opportunity of a two week funded trip to Italy for Preseason courtesy of Erasmus + who provide European Educational Exchanges for students. The Youth Team travelled to Borgo Valsugana, a picturesque location in the mountains where they would be subjected to training at altitude and 3 preseason fixtures as well as having the opportunity to receive Italian tutored lessons, watch AS Roma train and visit the cities of Trento and Venice!

U18s Coach Paul Driver enthused "It was very rewarding for the boys to experience different cultures, Italian lessons, coaching sessions

and having the chance to visit places that they have never been. The accommodation, facilities and staff were superb throughout the two weeks. We as a staff learnt an awful lot about the boys, in the short time we were there, which helped us get a head start for the season."

#### SUCCESS

The trip was a resounding success, a huge thank you to all at Erasmus +, and we as an Academy will look to make this an annual event as the positives were there for all to see.

### U15 FLOODLIT CUP

Our U15s age group will experience a new competition this coming season as we have entered the U15 Floodlit Cup. This is a new initiative, led by

The Premier League and heavily supported by the English Football League. We will play Ipswich Town, Colchester United and Peterborough in the Qualifying

Group Stage away at Ipswich on Saturday September 3rd, with the winners of the group progressing through to the knockout Round 1, whereby all fixtures from that point will be played under lights. This will be a new experience for this particular age group, who normally play on a Saturday/Sunday morning and therefore will only enhance their overall learning experience.

Enjoy the game.

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# HATTERS LADIES

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE UPDATE

**Town Ladies are currently expanding its age range and is now in the position to run teams for girls aged eight to 14.**

Recruitment has been very successful underpinned by an exciting initiative within the Club and involving senior Hatters players as coaches.

Luton Town's first player development centre (PDC) for schoolgirls has proven to be very successful with the number of participants doubling from the first to last sessions during the summer. The PDC, which was introduced to give local school girls the same opportunities that are available to boys, now has over 50 young girls in attendance.

With training sessions taking place every Thursday night for girls currently in school years three up to school year ten, Town hope that the PDC can produce some elite football players for the future.

James Hatch, Luton Town Development officer, said: "It has gone very well so far, exceeded my expectations already, I am very pleased. It is a fun, friendly and professional environment for the girls to play in. It is educational and gives them the opportunity to play for a professional local football club and develop their social skills as well as their football ability.

"It keeps the girls active and we have the best female coaches providing a safe environment."

Nicole Robinson, PDC coach, explained the benefits of the programme: "It enables players, especially the older girls to have a stress release particularly away from school pressures.

"They can develop their football and social skills in a relaxed and safe environment. We work on different things each week and develop their skills, encouraging them to work together and play as a team.

"We want to provide an opportunity for the girls to learn something different and give them something to focus on."

The squads will be playing matches against other football league clubs and players are not required to leave their existing clubs if they have one.

Further details can be obtained for any girl interested by emailing the Community Department at the Club on [LTYD@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:LTYD@lutontown.co.uk) or call 01582 737568.



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# JUNIOR HATTERS



Many of you will have noticed that Happy Harry's shoes have been a bit the worse for wear since Wednesday evening. Poor old Harry! Luckily for Harry, the new Club charity of the Year 'Level Trust' were at Kenilworth Road on Saturday to bring him a new pair of shoes!

Level Trust help children in Luton get the most out of their education. They run special projects, like helping to provide vouchers for families to purchase new school shoes.

And to help bring Harry's shoes to him was a very special person - your brand new mascot Happy Hatty! Happy Hatty, (Harry's long lost sister) will be helping Harry on matchdays from now on, so be sure to say hello and ask for a photo!



## HATTY'S FACT FILE...

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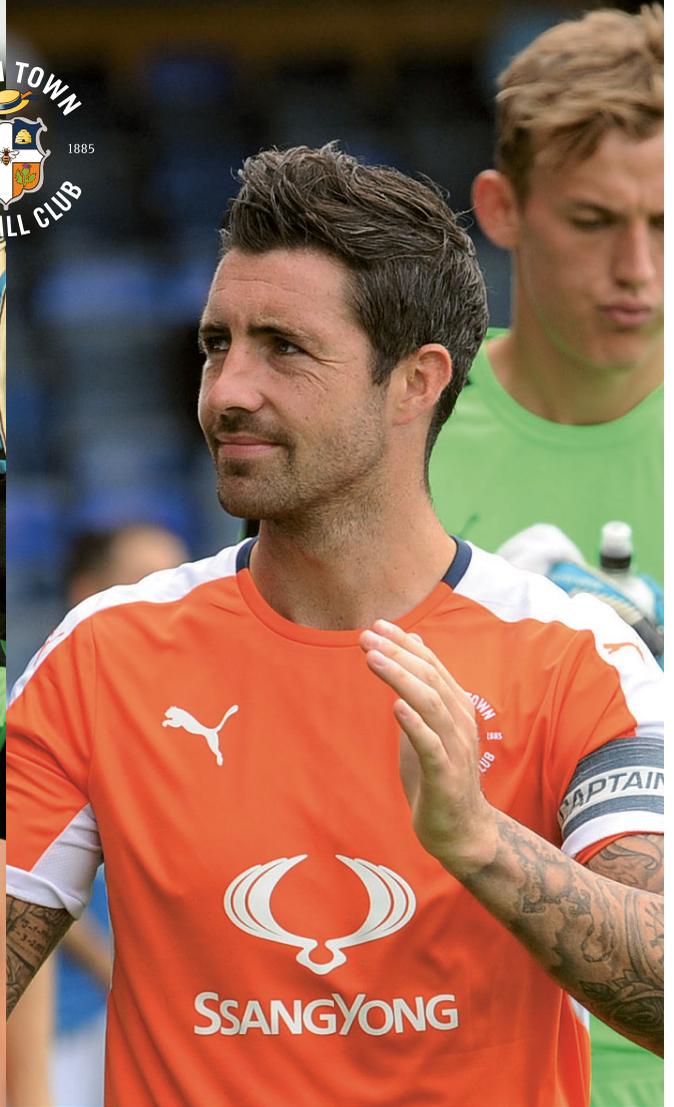
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JP Walker Unbelievable - we have just named our new puppy Hattie due to my Hatters obsession! What a 'Happy' coincidence.



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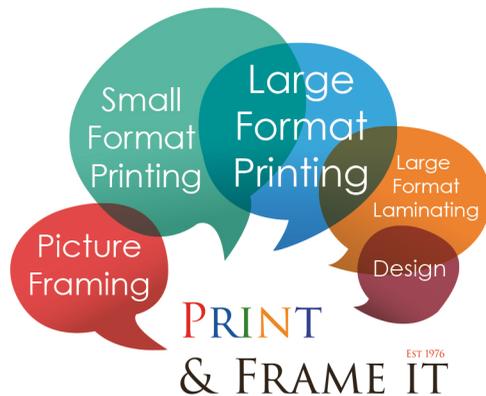


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# LEAGUE LOOK

Luton remained the early pace-setters at the top, but eight other teams are also on four points.

Plymouth and Exeter are the only teams with no points from their first two games after two goals in a minute from Michael Woods and Billy Payner, his second of the campaign, completed a second half comeback for Hartlepool against the Grecians after Liam McAlinden's first half strike.

Plymouth had the mammoth trip up to Carlisle and they were downed by a Reggie Lambe goal before half-time.

Barnet joined Hartlepool and Carlisle on four points as John Akinde slotted home his first goal of the season for the Bees on 33 minutes before Jean-Louis Akpa-Akpro scored from outside the box on the hour mark to claim a 2-0 victory.

Colchester also earned their first win of the season in comfortable fashion over Cambridge after home debutants Brennan Dickenson and Denny Johnstone netted in a 2-0 win.

Portsmouth made it two draws from two with a 0-0 stalemate at Crewe,

whilst Doncaster picked up their first points of the season thanks to a 1-1 draw at Crawley after James Coppinger's equaliser cancelled out James Collins' opener.

Wycombe picked up their first points of the season with a win over Grimsby as Anthony Stewart's 91st minute winner from close range followed Andrew Boyce's goal 11 minutes from time.

Sido Jombati's impeccable free-kick put Wycombe a goal up ten minutes after half-time, meaning Wycombe came out 2-1 winners.

Morecambe got off the mark for season against Blackpool as they fought from a goal down. Brad Potts put the visitors in front before goals from Jack Dunn on the stroke of half-time and Michael Rose gave Morecambe a 2-1 win.

After defeat last week, centre-back Jamie Turley earned Newport a win at Leyton Orient with a 34th minute strike from an acute angle after a corner.



Plymouth boss Derek Adams is battling with a slow start to the season.

Like Portsmouth, Cheltenham made it two draws from two as Daniel O'Shaughnessy's 30-yard strike matched Mitch Rose's opener for Mansfield, meanwhile, Stevenage and Notts County picked up their first points of the season as they drew at Meadow Lane, Jon Stead's 18th minute strike earning County a point after Ben Kennedy put Stevenage a goal up inside ten minutes.

## FIXTURES

Carlisle v Cheltenham	Luton v Newport
Colchester v Grimsby	Mansfield v Yeovil
Crewe v Hartlepool	Morecambe v Portsmouth
Doncaster v Cambridge	Notts County v Plymouth
Exeter v Crawley	Wycombe v Accrington
Leyton Orient v Stevenage	Barnet v Blackpool (8pm)

## RESULTS

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

# FIXTURES PILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI						
<b>AUGUST</b>														
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	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton	Cuthbert	Mullins	O'DONNELL	Potts	Rea	Cook
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County											
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage											
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Leeds United (EFL Cup 2)											
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United											
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)											
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>														
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											
<b>OCTOBER</b>														
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town											
Tues 4	7.45pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)											
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											
<b>NOVEMBER</b>														
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Millwall (EFL Trophy)											
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											
<b>DECEMBER</b>														
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											
<b>JANUARY</b>														
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											
<b>FEBRUARY</b>														
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	7.45pm	A	Newport County											
<b>MARCH</b>														
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											
<b>APRIL</b>														
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											
<b>MAY</b>														
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 ▲ Vassell ▲ Lee Vassell ▲ Lee Lee Lee Lee  
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## MEET THE REF: CHARLES BREAKSPEAR

Tonight's referee Charles Breakspear hails from Surrey and has been a Football League referee since 2013. Before that, Breakspear took charge of Luton's 2-2 draw at Cambridge in March 2013. Charles sent off Steve McNulty in the 2-2 draw with York in February 2015 and was in the middle for two 1-0 Town wins last season against Leyton Orient and Dagenham. Charles issued 142 yellow cards and just four reds in 37 games last term and has taken charge of two games so far this season including Stevenage's EFL Cup win at Ipswich, awarding seven yellow cards in his two games to date.



### LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17

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

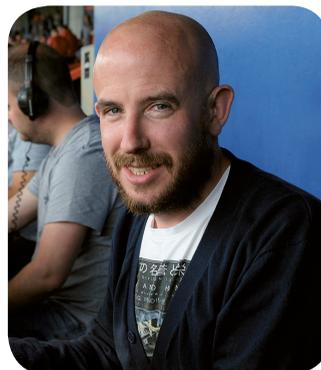
### PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										LFC CAREER TOT	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R				
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	1	0
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	10	0
Jordan Cook	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	2	0
Scott Cuthbert	2	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	43	0
Jake Gray	0	(2)	0	(0)	1	(2)	1	0	0	0	3	1
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	30	6
Danny Hylton	2	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	2	0	0	3	1
James Justin	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	2	0
Olly Lee	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	1	0	0	41	3
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	34	4
Jack Marriott	2	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	1	0	0	47	17
Cameron McGeehan	2	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	1	0	0	81	21
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	35	5
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	1	0	0	69	5
Johnny Mullins	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	3	0
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	3	0
Stephen O'Donnell	2	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	0	0	0	36	2
Dan Potts	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	1	1	1	18	0
Glen Rea	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	13	0
Alan Sheehan	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	20	1
Jonathan Smith	0	(2)	1	(0)	0	(0)	1	0	0	0	144	10
Isaac Vassell	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	2	0
Christian Walton	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	3	0

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As far as starts to the season go, it's definitely one that can be filed away as an incredibly promising one by the Hatters.

Although it was by no means a shock result on opening day to win at a Plymouth side who are playing with pretty much a new team this term, not many would have anticipated the 3-0 thumping and the manner in which Town dismantled their opponents during the second half.

Then came Aston Villa in the EFL Cup on Wednesday night, with an atmosphere inside Kenilworth Road that was easily one of the best in recent times.

Hatters once again had to weather an early storm, even going behind this time, before appearing every inch the Championship side that boss Nathan Jones is determined to turn them into, thoroughly deserving the 3-1 victory with a wonderful display after the break.

That of course meant the bar was then raised for Yeovil's visit on Saturday, with Hatters looking like they were going to make it the perfect treble once Stephen O'Donnell thundered them in front with his goal of the season contender.

However, as energy levels clearly took a hit after the monumental effort put in during midweek, Town were eventually pegged back towards the

end, but still made sure they left with what could be an excellent point come the end of the season.

The Glovers, like Luton, had won both previous games themselves, and it was the sort of match Hatters could have quite easily lost last year, normally conceding a late winner in which to do so.

Most pleasing was the number of chances created, something that proved particularly troublesome on home soil and had they taken just one of them, they might be sitting at the top with six points to their name. However, sit at the top they do though, which in itself is a refreshing change to last year.

Much was spoken about a slow start at the time, but it clearly hampered the club throughout the whole campaign, with Luton never able to really rise above the depths of mid-table.

Although we all know that nothing's ever won in August, tables don't take shape until Christmas, etc, etc, there's absolutely no harm in hitting the summit now and showing a sign of intent as early as possible.

Jones has made it clear he is targeting not just promotion, but the title, so the longer Town can remain there, the closer he will get to achieving his ambition.



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- 1 Christian Walton
- 2 Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Johnny Mullins
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jake Gray
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Danny Green
- 12 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Zane Banton
- 19 Olly Lee
- 20 Isaac Vassell
- 23 Josh McQuoid
- 27 Tyreeq Bakinson
- 31 Craig King
- 36 James Justin
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 38 Alex Atkinson
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 42 Liam Gooch
- 44 Alan Sheehan

- 1 Joe Day
- 2 Jazzi Barnum-Bobb
- 3 Dan Butler
- 4 Darren Carter
- 5 Jamie Turley
- 6 Joss Labadie
- 7 Jack Compton
- 8 Mark Randall
- 9 Jon Parkin
- 10 Lenell John-Lewis
- 11 Jennison Myrie-Williams
- 12 Ben Tozer
- 13 Marlon Jackson
- 14 Paul Bignot
- 15 Jordan Green
- 16 Josh Sheehan
- 17 Scot Bennett
- 20 Tom Owen-Evans
- 21 Liam Angel
- 22 Kieran Parselle
- 23 Lewis Bamford
- 24 Dafydd Jones
- 25 Ben Jones
- 26 Tom Meechan
- 27 Sean Rigg
- 30 James Bittner

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- IAN SMEDLEY
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