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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO ALL OUR FANS FOR TODAY'S GAME AGAINST LUTON TOWN. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WELCOME NATHAN JONES AND HIS STAFF ALONG WITH THE VISITING DIRECTORS AND SUPPORTERS.

DARREN SARLL

THE GAFFER

It has been an up and down start to the season for us. After a disappointing start here at home to Crewe, we bounced back well with a brilliant win at Ipswich in the Cup and a really good point at Notts County. Unfortunately, Tuesday night's defeat to Leyton Orient was a disappointing way to end our mini-road trip and it was an uncharacteristic performance from us.

After such good games against Ipswich and Notts County, where I thought the players were magnificent we were confident going into the game at Orient and hungry to build on our recent successes. You could see that from the way we started the game and on another day we would have been 2-0 up after only five minutes.

Goals change the way the game's pan out and if we had gone ahead early, I am sure the game would have gone in a different direction. Once Orient got on top and went ahead, it rocked us and coming back into the game was always going to be difficult. Aside from anything else, we had nine goalscoring opportunities and weren't able to take one. No team can afford to do that. We lost

out in both boxes, were a little bit soft at the back and overall it was a bad night. We have to live with it though and it is now firmly in the rear view mirror.

Moving onto today's game, everyone knows the significance of playing Luton and we have been doing everything possible this week to bring joy to the terraces on Saturday. They have had a strong start to the season and I went to watch them beat Aston Villa the other week where they were very impressive indeed.

It is the perfect opportunity to remind everyone who we are, what we are capable of and why we believe we have a good team this season. The players will give their all this afternoon; I can assure you of that.

Finally, I would like to thank our fans for their support over the past three away games. It isn't very often that you play three away on the bounce and your support has been terrific. On Tuesday night you never stopped singing and we applaud you for that.

So let's get behind the boys and make today a special atmosphere and occasion.

Come on You Boro!

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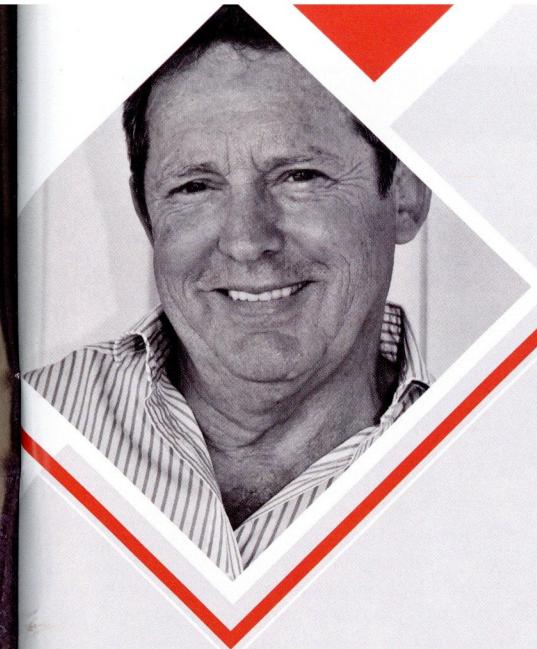
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VISITING DIRECTORS
AND FANS.

Our opponents today have started the season brightly and currently top the Sky Bet League 2 table after three games. We all know it's a long hard road to next May and I'm certainly hoping that we can climb the table during the next few months and get around the top seven places.

Last Tuesday wasn't a good night, after a bright start where we could, and should, have been 2-0 up inside 15 minutes we instead fell 1-0 behind and it was all downhill from there as far as the performance was concerned. We can do much better than that, which we showed in the impressive 1-0 away win against a strong Ipswich side. It's work in progress and we need to find the right balance that will produce the consistent wins we seek. That will mean an opportunity for some young lads to make a name for themselves as the season progresses. As the window draws to a close we'll be assessing what we need for the next five months and you may see some more loans and/or new signings arriving before the end of the month.

Off the pitch, I've actively returned to the North Stand project and we met with the council a few weeks ago to see if we can find a way forwards. We've made it clear to the council that unless we are able to find a way

to develop the North facilities and improve the visual image of the club from the main road, there is little point in Stevenage competing as a professional club in the Football League. That's a bit draconian, but it's now six years since I sent the first letter to the council about the awful facilities at the North end and at some point you have to draw a line and accept there is no desire to grow and develop. I don't think we're at that point because the council are trying to find a way through the complications of the lease, but that can't go on forever. I'm hoping to bottom this out during the next month or two and then we'll know where we're going.

Back to the football, we always look forward to welcoming our neighbours to The Lamex Stadium for a local derby. It's a shame that the police insist this is an all ticket match as I'm convinced that greatly reduces the numbers of genuine walk up fans who fancy seeing a game by paying on the day. The games are always great entertainment and good value for money, which is what we're supposed to be delivering.

It's going to be a noisy affair today, let's hear you from the start get behind The Boro and, please, enjoy the game!

SARLL WANTS IMPROVEMENT DESPITE ANOTHER GOOD AWAY SHOWING

Stevenage boss, Darren Sarll, was left frustrated to only come away from Notts County with a point last weekend after his side put in a superb away performance for the second time in a week.



Boro got off to a hot start and Ben Kennedy scored his second goal in as many games after Jobi McAnuff laid it on a plate for the striker.

The home side came back into the game and equalised 18 minutes in through Jon Stead and Darren Sarll wasn't happy with the way the team conceded to let Notts back into the match.

"It was a foul on Matt Godden, but saying that, I am absolutely furious with the way we defended the long ball into Stead," he said. "We could have done a little bit more about that."

"We still had 90 per cent of the game to play and they were on the ropes. Anyone who knows that analogy, when you have got an opponent on the ropes, you keep punching until the fella goes down and doesn't get back up."

"That little moment had a big sway in things and that is what is really disappointing; the goal we conceded is the disappointing aspect of coming home with a draw."

Overall, the manager was pleased with the team's performance and says that although there is plenty of room for improvement, he likes what he is seeing.

"We are a good side," he added. "Defensively we are decent - we look solid; we don't look like we are soft or have a soft underbelly. We are strong, we are organised and people know their roles and responsibilities."

"Can we get better? Absolutely. I want that first 20 minutes for 44 more games. That is where we have to improve, being able to handle being a good side. We should be looking to do that every week and giving, what was a fantastic travelling support, that entertainment on a Saturday afternoon."

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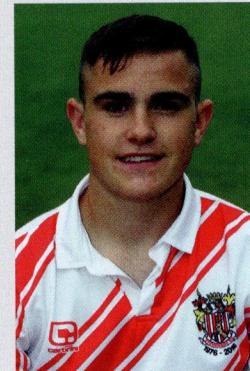
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SCHOLAR SIGNS PRO DEAL

18-year-old Jamie Gray has signed a three-year deal at Stevenage FC.

The young striker joined Boro as a scholar last summer from the Republic of Ireland and has impressed in first team friendlies this summer.

Gray is the latest talented youngster to turn professional after coming through the Stevenage FC Academy in recent years and becomes the seventh Academy graduate in the current first-team squad.



ARDILES AND HAZARD TO FRONT NEXT SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

Stevenage FC is delighted to announce the line-up for the next of the popular Sportsman's Dinner series.

Former Tottenham stars, Ossie Ardiles and Micky Hazard, will be visiting Stevenage on Thursday 29th September for another great night of entertainment in the Broadhall Suite.

World Cup winner Ardiles has some fascinating tales to tell from his career, playing with and against all of the biggest names in football, and being managed by some of the top coaches we've known.

Meanwhile Hazard played in over 100 games for both Chelsea and Spurs and for the last few years has built himself a reputation of being one of the most sought after speakers on the circuit, entertaining football followers up and down the country.

As with all our Sportsman's Dinners, we will be serving a three course meal, expertly prepared in house by our resident chef Tony Start.

Tables of eight or ten are available, as are individual tickets, priced at £55 per person plus VAT.

To book please contact Clive Abrey on 01438 223223, or email him at clivea@stevenagefc.com.

Space is limited and tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis so please book early to avoid missing what promises to be a highly enjoyable evening for all.

FOOTBALL KEEPS UP THE FIGHT AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER

Prostate Cancer UK thank Stevenage FC and their supporters for helping raising over £2m to help stop prostate cancer being a killer.

A massive thank you and congratulations goes to all our Football to Amsterdam riders after they raised over £9,500 this summer and over £25,000 across the past three years.

Since Prostate Cancer UK's official charity partnership with The EFL was announced back in 2012 the charity has raised over £2m to help stop prostate cancer being a killer, and raised the profile of a disease not really spoken about.

The money raised via the EFL partnership is funding innovative research projects to make a step-change in the scientific knowledge of prostate cancer.

Prostate Cancer UK's aim is to make sure men with aggressive prostate cancer are diagnosed early, before it spreads outside the prostate, so that fewer slip through the net with advanced disease.

Scientists are working on a simple genetic test for aggressive prostate cancer to help assess which men will respond best to a certain treatment. This project will make significant steps towards tailoring prostate cancer treatments towards the individual man and his cancer. It will help work out the best treatment for each man to have, or to avoid, and the right time to have it.

The money raised focuses on three key areas Prostate Cancer UK believes can make the biggest difference: prostate cancer diagnosis; treatment; and prevention. Our Men United March started in Hartlepool and finished in Wembley, but the charity's march on prostate cancer has only just begun.

To find out more about Prostate Cancer UK and their work in football visit prostatecanceruk.org/ football.





COME WATCH US IN ACTION AGAINST PREMIER LEAGUE STOKE CITY ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Tickets remain on sale for Tuesday Night's EFL Cup tie against Stoke City at the Lamex Stadium.

With Boro's rich history of giant killing still very fresh in the memory, Darren Sarll will be hopeful of plotting the clubs next great cup upset under the lights on Tuesday night.

The game kicks-off at 7.45pm and tickets are priced at Category B match day prices that range from £5-£22.

If not already purchased, season ticket holder seats in the West Stand have now been released for general sale so it is now first come-first serve to get the best available seats.



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Fans can buy tickets inside the club shop, online at www.borotickets.co.uk or by telephone on 01438 223223.

We are open from 10am-5pm on Monday, 12pm-7:45pm on the day of the game and we anticipate that tickets will be available from the turnstiles on Tuesday evening.

NEW KIT AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER

Unfortunately, due to delays out of our control, the brand new home and away kit won't be available for fans to get their hands on until late August.



However, you can now pre-order either in-store or from www.stevenagefcshop.com to make sure you're amongst the first to wear our new shirts.

The new home and away kits for the forthcoming 2016/17 season have been revealed to a fantastic reception from Boro fans.

Modelled by Dean Wells, Fraser Franks and Charlie Lee, the design of the new high risk red and white home kit from Carbrini celebrates the club's 40th anniversary and is based upon the classic 1996-1998 shirt, which supporters had previously chosen as their favourite ever Boro home kit.

The new shirts are built with X-Tech fabric that wicks away sweat to keep you cool, dry and comfortable even when the temperature is heating up. The home kit features a concealed button placket, turn down collar and mesh panels at the side and underarm to keep players cool.

Meanwhile the away shirt has a fresh new design featuring black iris with cyber yellow and is again built with X-Tech fabric.

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RONNIE HENRY



After the excellent pre-season there were a lot of expectations put on us, but once the points were up for grabs we have failed to produce the same sort of form. One point from the first three matches can best be described as a sloppy start.

It is something that we need to address as soon as possible. There is no need to panic because we still have 43 games left of the season, but there is no doubt that it needs to turn around as soon as possible. We are all working really hard on the training ground. We know what we have to do to put this right. At the moment we are letting in a few sloppy goals which is totally out of character for this side as everyone saw in the second half of last season. While at the other end of the pitch, we are not putting away the many chances that we are creating.

Today's game gives us the perfect opportunity to change things around. It's the best game you could wish for in this situation; a local derby against a team that is top of the league and flying. We will be looking to knock them off that perch, but to do that we will have to be right at the top of our game as they are full of confidence at the moment. We will look forward to it and I'm sure the fans will too. There will be no need for a team talk for this game as we all know what we have got to do, everyone should be right up for it and if we can get the three points it will put us in a great position to go to Grimsby next week and hopefully get something there.

The positive from the opening three league fixtures has been the way that we have started the games. The way we started for the first 30 minutes at Notts County, the way we started at Orient on Tuesday evening, we could have been three up early on. If that happens their heads will drop, the crowd will turn against them and it will be a completely different game. But the fact is that we haven't managed to take those chances and that has come back to bite us. We are playing some good football in patches but we just need to lock the door on other teams like we did for the second half of last season. We need to stay solid and attack at the same time.

It has been a tough start to the season against one of last season's relegated clubs in Crewe and then away to two teams with high expectations in Notts County and Orient, followed by Luton at home. It is not an easy start on paper but we have played these teams now and can see there is nothing to fear. Slightly better performances from ourselves, that we are capable of, would have seen us pick up more points. It wasn't to be so we need to learn from that for the rest of the season. As soon as we can get some points on the board we will start showing what we can do and move up the table.

The mood in the camp this week has been good despite the disappointing results. It is hard to take when you lose. The lads don't like it and we expect more from each other but the mood is good. We all stick together and we are very positive about what we can achieve this season. We obviously review the things we have done wrong in the same way as we review that things that we do well. It is not going to change the way we play; we will still be trying to pass the ball; we won't start lumping it up the field just because we are not getting the points we want. We have got a way of playing and we are going to stick by that because we believe in it.

Finally, a word about the support. It is unusual to have three away games on the bounce but over the seven days, the support at Notts County, Ipswich and Orient has been great. Keep up that support today as it is bound to be a cracking atmosphere and your noise will drive us on.

Enjoy the game

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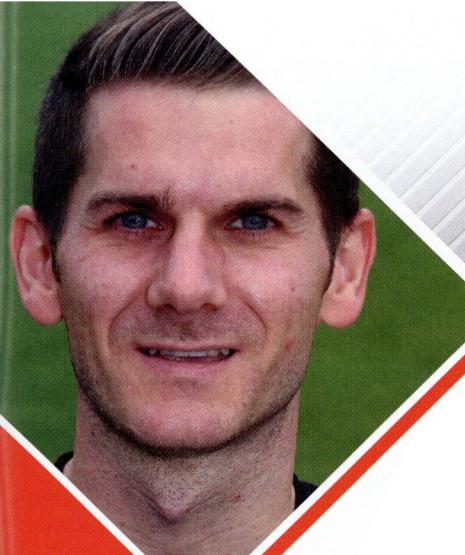
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PAUL DANDO

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THIS AFTERNOON'S GAME AGAINST LOCAL RIVALS LUTON TOWN. THIS IS ALWAYS ONE THAT DRAWS ATTENTION ON FIXTURE RELEASE DAY, AND I'M SURE IT WILL NOT DISAPPOINT WHEN IT COMES TO ENTERTAINMENT AND PASSION.

I'm pleased to be writing these notes trying to find things to fill the column - it usually means it's quiet in the treatment room and happens very seldom indeed.

We returned from trips to both Notts County and Leyton Orient with only a few minor knocks and no new serious injury concerns. I have to say that your support at both games was tremendous.

**"WE LOST
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FOR THE BALL"**

We lost Wellsy (hamstring) in the second half against Ipswich after an overstretch for the ball. He suffered grade one damage, which ruled him out at Notts County. However, his progress into pitch based work has been pleasing and he was due to increase the late stage work

midweek, giving him an outside chance for today.

Schuey (knee) is continuing his integration back into training, which so far has been problem free. He is gaining fitness as well as building much needed confidence as he works towards a full return in the next week or so. The next phase will be a consistent period of training, followed by a progressive exposure to match minutes alongside this.

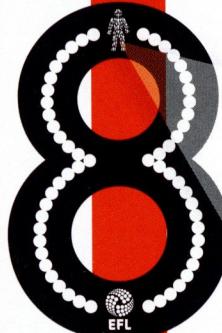
I'm glad to say that's it from me! Keep up your fantastic support and cheer the lads on to a big three points.

Enjoy the game and good health to you all

Paul

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MATCH REPORT



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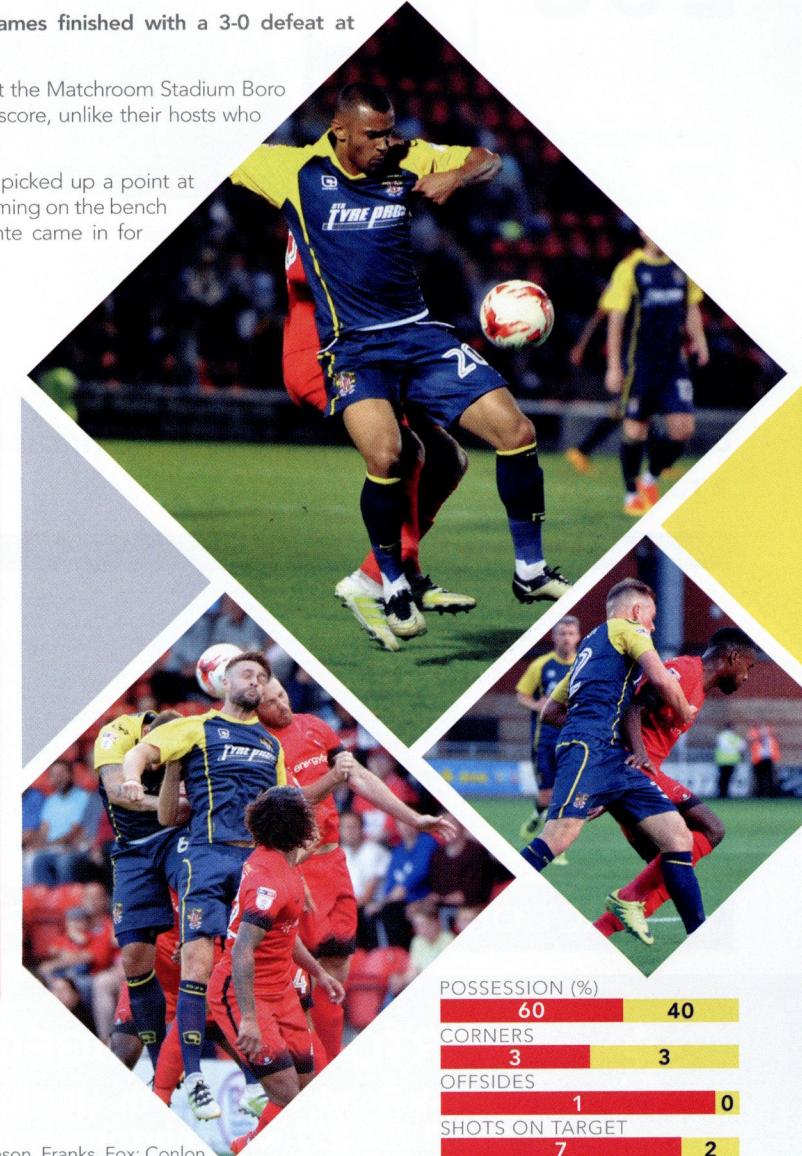
Stevenage's recent run of away games finished with a 3-0 defeat at Leyton Orient this week.

In a repeat of last season's scoreline at the Matchroom Stadium Boro created chances, but were unable to score, unlike their hosts who were clinical in front of goal.

Darren Sarll named the same XI that picked up a point at Notts County with the only change coming on the bench where new loan signing Connor Hunte came in for Nathan Kerr.

THE GAFFER

Their opening goal rocked us. I think that's natural. Goals change the psychology of the game. After two really, really early opportunities, if you take them the game is completely different. Away from home, you slow down rather than speed up, you become controlled rather than desperate and at 1-0 you think to yourself 'no problem, we'll get back into the game' and that lead to a bit more desperation. I felt after we conceded that first goal, tactically we came away from what we are and that's what left us vulnerable.



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NOTTS COUNTY

Stead (18)

1

Saturday 13th August
Meadow Lane

STEVENAGE

Kennedy (9)



11 THE GAFFER

We are a good side. Defensively we are decent; we look solid, we don't look like we are soft or have a soft underbelly. We are strong, we are organised and people know their roles and responsibilities.

“Can we get better? Absolutely, I want that first 20 minutes for 44 more games. That is where we have to improve – being able to handle being a good side. We should be looking to do that every week and giving what was a fantastic travelling support that entertainment on a Saturday afternoon.

LINE-UPS

STEVENAGE: Jones, Henry, Wilkinson, Franks, Fox, Conlon, Tonge, Lee, McAnuff, Kennedy (Sub: Hyde 76min), Godden. Substitute not used: Day, Pett, Liburd, Gorman, Donnellan, Kerr

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POSSESSION (%)	42	58
CORNERS	2	5
OFFSIDES	2	1
SHOTS ON TARGET	4	5
SHOTS OFF TARGET	8	5
FOULS	17	9
YELLOW CARDS	13	1
RED CARDS	0	0

IPSWICH

0

Tuesday 9th August
Portman Road

1

STEVENAGE

Kennedy (53)

Stevenage knocked out Championship side Ipswich Town out of the EFL Cup with a fine 1-0 victory at Portman Road.

Ben Kennedy's second half goal was the difference between the two sides but this was an excellent performance by Boro who combined great defending with some promising forward play to shock their more illustrious hosts.

Darren Sarll made three changes from the weekend defeat to Crewe with Dale Gorman replacing Michael Tonge in midfield and Ben Kennedy and Rowan Liburd slotting in up top in place of Matt Godden and Jake Hyde, both of whom were among the subs.

POSSESSION (%)

54	46
CORNERS	
6	6
OFFSIDES	
2	2
SHOTS ON TARGET	
4	4
SHOTS OFF TARGET	
13	9
FOULS	
16	11
YELLOW CARDS	
1	2
RED CARDS	
0	0



11

THE GAFFER

It was nice to get that performance out of them after Saturday and I think you saw that disappointment turn into motivation tonight. The players really wanted to put in a gritty, determined performance against obviously a top club. "They answered every critic tonight so fair play to them. I like the resolve in that group and it is a happy dressing room. It was a good night; everyone was very good.

LINE-UPS

STEVENAGE: Jones, Henry, Wilkinson, Wells (Sub: Fox 60min), Franks, Conlon (Sub: Tonge 87), Lee, Gorman, McAnuff, Liburd (Sub: Godden 71), Kennedy. Substitutes not used: Day, Pett, Hyde, Donnellan

IPSWICH TOWN: Gerken, Knudsen, Chambers, Smith, Digby, Bru (Sub: Bishop 69), Ward, Sears, Douglas, Dozzell (Sub: McGoldrick 46), Grant. Substitutes not used: Bialkowski, Berra, Skuse, Kenlock, Morris

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STEVENAGE

1

Saturday 6th August
Lamex Stadium

2

CREWE

Lowe (64)

Lee (90+3)

Kiwomya (80)

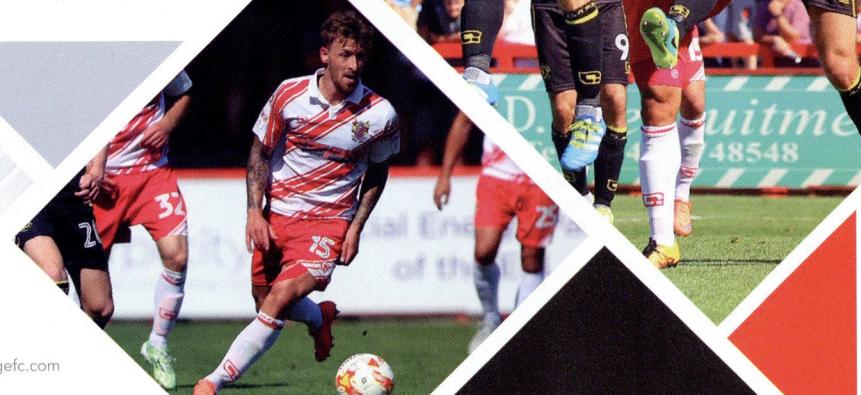
Stevenage fell to an opening day defeat in Sky Bet League Two as second half goals from Crewe Alexandra secured a 2-1 win for the Railwaymen.

Veteran Ryan Lowe and youngster Alex Kiwomya did the damage for the visitors as Boro failed to show the kind of promising form they had displayed throughout pre-season, despite Charlie Lee firing in a late consolation.

After the previous weekend's convincing 4-1 win over MK Dons it was unsurprising to see Darren Sarll named an unchanged starting XI. The only change came on the bench where Rowan Liburd returned from injury to replace Nathan Kerr.

POSSESSION (%)

41	59
CORNERS	
3	9
OFFSIDES	
5	2
SHOTS ON TARGET	
2	7
SHOTS OFF TARGET	
5	9
FOULS	
15	4
YELLOW CARDS	
2	1
RED CARDS	
0	0



LINE-UPS

STEVENAGE: Jones, Henry, Wilkinson, Wells, Franks (Sub: Fox 80min), Conlon (Sub: Kennedy 69), Lee, Tonge, McAnuff, Hyde (Sub: Liburd 59), Godden. Substitutes not used: Day, Pett, Gorman, McKee

CREWE: Garratt, Turton, Guthrie, Davis, Lowe (Sub: Ray 82), Jones, Dagnall, Cooper (Sub: Kiwomya 62), Bakayogo, Bingham, Kirk (Sub: Ainley 62). Substitutes not used: Richards, Saunders, Udoh, Ng



11 THE GAFFER

It certainly was not a performance we are used to and it was not something I want to get used to.

The ability to think clear under the occasion (wasn't there). It was pretty evident that we didn't stick to who we have become and the organisation that we have had moving forward wasn't there today.

A Stevenage side without organisation isn't a Stevenage side and that is my biggest disappointment today.

Q&A

Every week we ask a Boro star **what is your favourite ...**

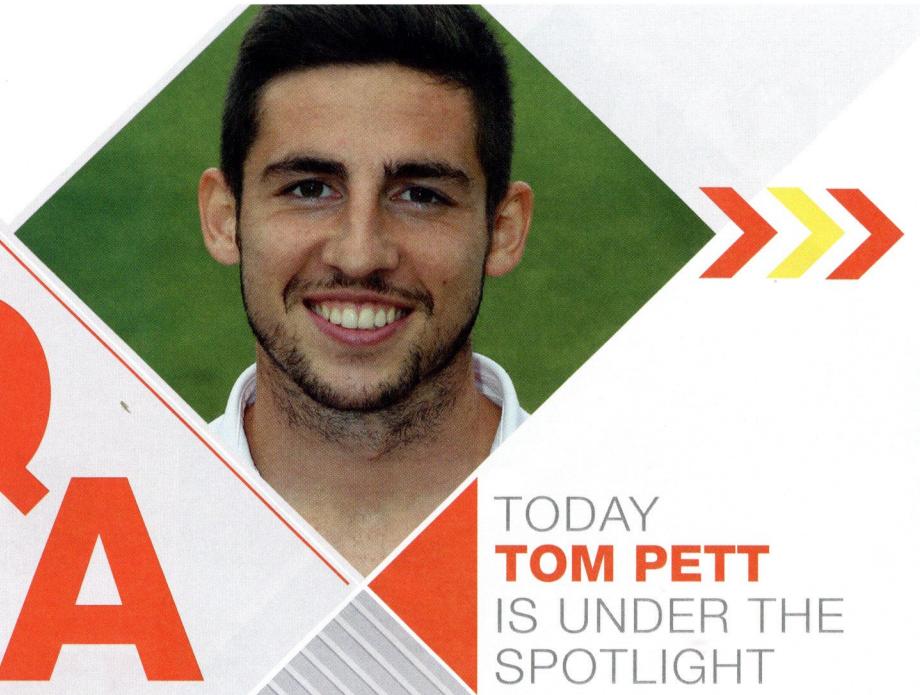
VITAL INFO

NAME:
TOM PETT

DATE OF BIRTH:
30TH NOVEMBER 1991

PLACE OF BIRTH:
POTTERS BAR, HERTS

NICKNAME:
PETTY



TODAY
TOM PETT
IS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

FOOD AND DRINK

- Petrol station snack
Reece's Peanut Butter Cups
- Takeaway
Chinese
- Roast Dinner
Turkey
- Type of pizza
BBQ chicken
- Healthy dish
Chicken and sweet potato mash
- Non-alcoholic drink
Fanta Fruit Twist
- Alcoholic drink
Disaronno and cranberry

- Day of the week
Saturday
- Month of the year
December

ENTERTAINMENT

- Character from Friends
Joey
- Comedy film
Step Brothers
- TV series
Prison Break
- Radio station
Capital Extra
- Simpsons character
Don't like the Simpsons
- Comedian
Lee Evans
- Musical artist of all time
Michael Jackson
- Album you've bought
Chris Brown, Royalty

SPORT

- Stadium you've played at
Fratton Park, Portsmouth
- Football team other than Stevenage
Arsenal
- Player in the world
Messi
- Part of your job
Match days
- Part of the game
Scoring a goal
- Sport other than football
Cricket
- Sportsman outside of football
LeBron James



TRAVEL

- Country in the world to visit America
- City in the world
Seattle or Las Vegas



LIFESTYLE

- Car you've owned
BMW 1 Series
- Car you want
Range Rover
- Fragrance
Paco Rabanne, Invictus
- Type of holiday
Sun, beach, beers
- Gadget
Apple Watch
- Pair of boots you've owned
Nike Total 90 Lasers
- Book you have read
I don't think I have ever read a book (!)

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NEW GROUP OF PROFESSIONAL MATCH OFFICIALS CONFIRMED

IN A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT FOR ENGLISH FOOTBALL, THE EFL AND THE PROFESSIONAL GAME MATCH OFFICIALS LTD (PGMOL) HAVE ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF A NEW GROUP OF PROFESSIONAL MATCH OFFICIALS WHO WILL OFFICIATE ACROSS THE SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP AND SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF REFEREEING STANDARDS ACROSS THE REST OF THE SKY BET EFL.

Known as Select Group 2, the introduction of 18 new contracted Referees and 36 Assistant Referees has been made possible thanks to financial investment from all 24 Championship clubs which will enable officials to meet regularly, share learning, and improve consistency on the pitch.

This investment to support development of match officials in the EFL follows the recent launch of a new joint initiative adopted across English football that aims to promote honesty, integrity and positive behaviour across the game. Backed by the EFL in conjunction with the FA and the Premier League, from the start of the 2016/17 season PGMOL will apply the laws of the game to rigorously manage players' and coaches' behaviour towards match officials, as well as conduct in the technical area.

This initiative has been introduced alongside a revision of the game's laws designed to make them more easily understood by all and to ensure there is greater consistency in application by officials.

"The job of a referee has always been an unforgiving one and today, more than at any other point in the history of our competitions, they face increasing scrutiny over how they perform and the split second decisions they make," Shaun Harvey, EFL chief executive said. "Therefore, there has to be a collective responsibility between The EFL and PGMOL to ensure we prepare our officials in the most appropriate way. The introduction of Select Group 2 will do this as we continue to look at ways of improving officiating standards.

"The expectations that were being placed on some of our officials were exceptionally unfair, given the fact they may have been holding down a demanding full-time job during the week and then being asked to referee a game at the weekend that could have significant consequences for managers, players and supporters. Now, they will have the opportunity to meet regularly, share learnings and devote more time to their profession that will only serve to improve consistency on the pitch.

"The move to full time officials also presents us with a more long-term opportunity of supporting our ex-players and getting them back into the professional game by training as a match official. We all want refereeing to become a career and not just a job.

"It's also important to stress that it's our Clubs who have driven forward this initiative and they deserve great credit

for identifying an issue and then being prepared to find - and fund - a solution that will have a positive impact on the game for many years to come. Each Championship club has committed to £50k worth of additional investment, meaning there is no requirement to find this money from our central funds.

"The 18 Select Group 2 officials will predominantly work across the Championship, but as part of the new PGMOL development programme it will allow an enhanced training programme for officials in League One and Two, ensuring all 72 of our clubs benefit."

Commenting on the introduction of Select Group 2, Mike Riley said: "The PGMOL Board and management team are delighted that the introduction of Select Group 2 next season will assist in the development of officiating standards in the Championship and have a positive effect across the rest of the EFL competitions.

"The continued support from the EFL will allow us to improve our development programme and referees will now be able to meet every two weeks during the season. Those officials selected to form SG2 have been put through one of the most intensive and challenging evaluations in PGMOL history and since their selection earlier this year have been working towards ensuring they are fully prepared for the rigorous demands placed upon them as soon as the first ball is kicked this weekend.

"The Group will continue to benefit from the experience and leadership of David Allison. Dave will be supported by former SG1 referee Alan Wiley as senior coach. Alan will be able to share his vast expertise in helping develop a new generation of officials and this increase in commitment to the enhanced training programme will, over time, deliver the improvements that are required by clubs, managers, players and supporters."

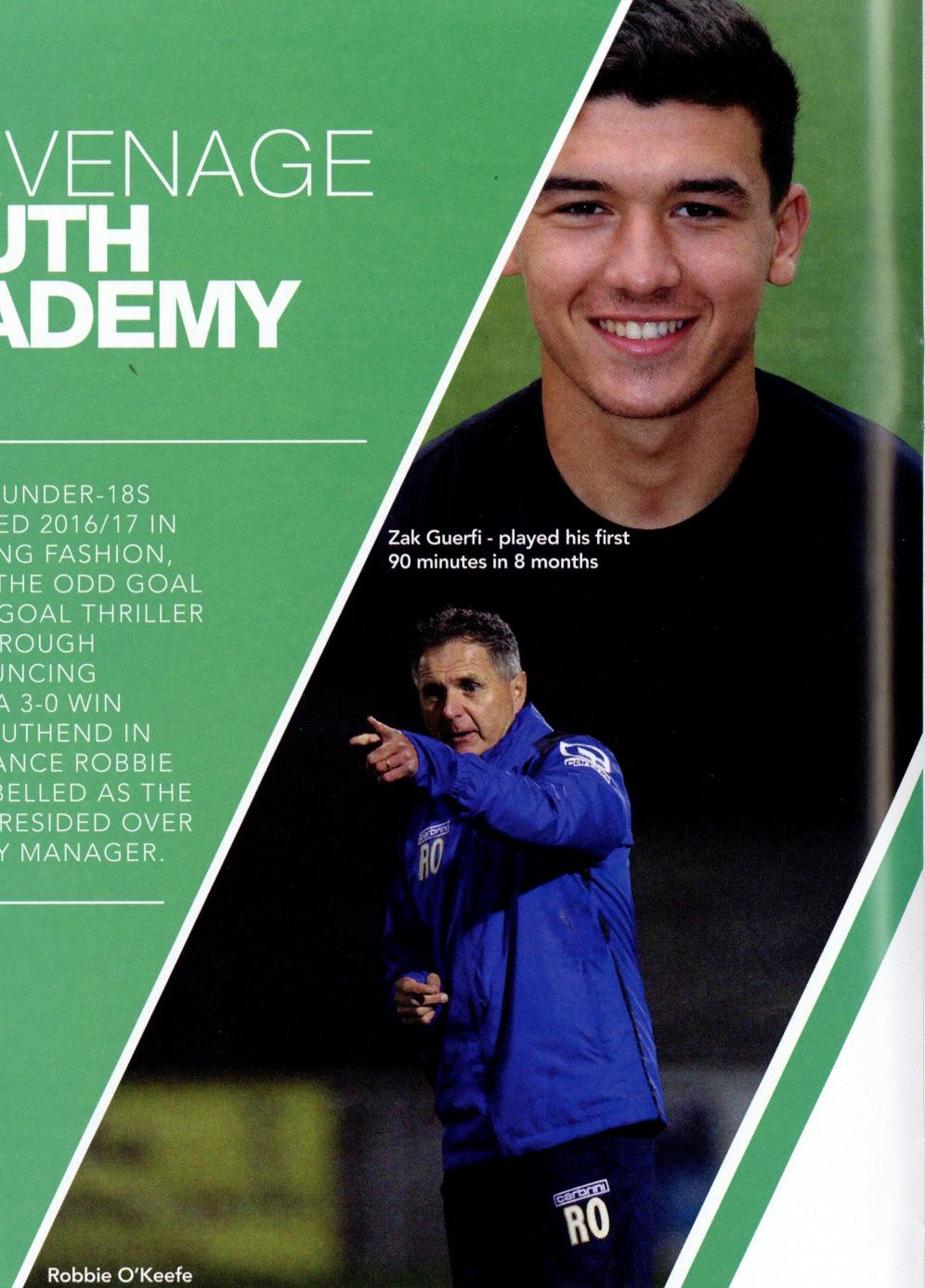
Alongside the announcement of Select Group 2, the EFL has clarified its referee and assistant appointment policy for season 2016/17. The restrictions mean match officials will not be eligible to participate in certain games if they: reside in the same town or city as either club; have played for any of the participating clubs at youth, under-21 (reserve) or senior level; take an active interest in a club (season/match ticket currently or previously); or have personal connections with a participating club.

STEVENAGE YOUTH ACADEMY

STEVENAGE UNDER-18S HAVE STARTED 2016/17 IN GOALSCORING FASHION, LOSING TO THE ODD GOAL IN A SEVEN-GOAL THRILLER AT PETERBOROUGH BEFORE BOUNCING BACK WITH A 3-0 WIN AGAINST SOUTHEND IN A PERFORMANCE ROBBIE O'KEEFE LABELLED AS THE BEST HE'D PRESIDED OVER AS ACADEMY MANAGER.

Robbie O'Keefe

Robbie O'Keefe – Academy Manager
Stephen Payne – Head of Coaching
Glenn Quirke – Academy Operations Manager
TBC – Lead Youth Development Coach
Adam Ballotta – Lead Foundation Coach
Jorden Gibson – Head of Education & Academy Goalkeeping Coach
Aaron Ajibawo – Academy Lead Physiotherapist
Ieuan Lewis – Lead Strength & Conditioning Coach
Ian Morris – Head of Academy Recruitment



Zak Guerfi - played his first 90 minutes in 8 months

It marks a promising start to the Youth Alliance campaign for Stevenage's youngsters who are keen to improve on last year's performances and catch the eye individually in their quest for professional contracts.

Speaking about his side's start to the league campaign, Robbie told us, "We travelled to Peterborough for the first game of the season on the back of a really good week's training and we started well. We went 1-0 up through Jamie Gray after 10 minutes but despite going 2-1 down and then 3-2 down, we kept fighting back and equalised with three minutes' left, only to concede a last minute penalty.

"We were light on scholar numbers, so had a trialist goalkeeper and a trialist right-back featuring and without trying to lay the blame on them, all four goals came from errors from those positions. Having said that I thought we played really well in this game. We went away from home and scored three goals. We looked like a Stevenage team, we covered an awful lot of ground, we worked really hard to stay in the game and there was some really good play and good goals. It was disappointing to lose but the performance was really good and over the course of the season those sorts of performances will even out and we'll get the result we deserve.

"Last week we then had a friendly on the Tuesday against the Non-League Footballers Association Under-18s. We won that game 5-2 and there were some really good performances in there. We put a lot of the Under-16s in the team, the scholars again got 45 minutes and we also featured a number of trialists.

"Nathan Kerr (90 minutes) and Mark McKee (80 minutes) also showed their love of football by having a choice of travelling with the first team squad to Ipswich or playing this game and they chose to play. They showed us their commitment by swapping a 'glory' day at Ipswich for a friendly with the scholars, so unbeknown to them at the time we arranged transport to get them to Ipswich anyway after this game, as a reward.

"We then went into last Saturday's game against Southend, who finished second in the league last season. We won 3-0 with probably the best performance I've had as an Academy manager. They were excellent from start to finish. Luke Slater was virtually unplayable on the right-hand side, Macsen Fraser scored an opening goal which we're putting in for LFE Goal of the Month and we dominated the game from start to finish. Zak Guerfi scored and completed 90 minutes for the first time in 8 months after injury, so that was great to get him on the pitch and he covered 11km in the game which is a really good standard. Zak and Liam Brady in the middle were exceptional and everyone reached the standard on the day.

"We gave Under-16 Sammy Willis his full debut after an outstanding week of training with the Under-18s. He's a central midfielder but we put him in at right-back and he looked like he'd played there all his life. It was a really great debut by him. We created 41 chances during the game and were so pleased with our attacking play. We bottled it up at the other end too, where we've been working hard on shutting gates to avoid being hit on the counter-attack and it all came off. It's really set the standard.

"Two of the three goals on Saturday came from actual play we'd be working on during the week, so



they've seen the video clips in training, they can see the correlation and that's really pleasing. There's a real sense of togetherness at the moment. Last year I was quite critical at times of their attitude but I can't fault them this year and can't speak highly enough of them. I've got a really good feeling about the group."

Get a copy of Tuesday's programme against Stoke to hear Robbie's thoughts on scholarships, Jamie Gray and a big success story for the club's Elite Development Programme at Marriots School.

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1	Luton Town	2	2	0	0	12	3	9	6
2	Leyton Orient	2	2	0	0	7	0	7	6
3	Gillingham	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6
4	Stevenage	2	1	0	1	6	4	2	3
5	Southend United	2	1	0	1	5	3	2	3
6	Northampton Town	2	1	0	1	5	4	1	3
7	Peterborough United	2	1	0	1	4	5	-1	3
8	AFC Wimbledon	2	1	0	1	5	7	-2	3
9	Barnet	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3
10	Milton Keynes Dons	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
11	Cambridge United	2	0	0	2	0	5	-5	0
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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

John Akinde has scored three league goals in just two games against Crawley for Barnet.

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

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Danny Rose has netted three times in as many league games against Plymouth but this will be his first appearance against them for Mansfield.

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BORO BEAR'S JUNIOR PAGES

Today's Mascot

A warm welcome to our Supporters Association mascot for this afternoon's game. Reece Sullivan is 12 years old and lives in Stevenage. He attends Barclay School and his favourite player is Jamie Jones. Have a great day out Reece!



Guess Who

Oh no, Boro Bear has been playing around with some of our squad photos again! Can you guess who this is?



Mascot Memories

Here are last weekend's mascots William Reynolds and Jonny Parker having a great time during our opening fixture against Crewe Alexandra.

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ANSWERS: Guess Who: Ronnie Henry

Name Formation

Which Stevenage players can you find if you follow the arrows below?

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Ronnie's Riddles

Can you work out more of Ronnie Henry's maths riddles below?

- 1) A game is **90 minutes** long. The referee looks at his watch and sees that **an hour** has been played. How many minutes are left?
- 2) There are **66 pages** in the programme. If I read **33** of them, how many pages have I still got left to read?
- 3) It takes **1 minute** to serve a burger at the tea bar and **30 seconds** per portion of chips. If Keith orders **one burger** and **two portions of chips**, how long will it take him to be served?



Headshots

Ben Kennedy has lost his hair. Can you help him find it from the hairstyles below?



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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!



ANSWERS: 1. BORO BEARS SHIRT 2. BADGE IN PILE OF CLOTHES 3. FOOTBALL BOOT 4. WATER BOTTLE 5. FRANKS' SHIRT 6. GODDEN'S SHIRT



MY FIRST MATCH REPORT

STEVENAGE V



date: / /

Fill out your match report by writing in the boxes or circling the pictures!

NAME:

AGE:

THE FINAL SCORE

STEVENAGE
VISITOR

THE GOALS WERE SCORED BY:

THE WEATHER WAS:



I SAT/ STOOD IN THE:

East Terrace
North Terrace
Main Stand



MY FAVOURITE
PLAYER WAS:



I'D RATE THIS GAME:

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ALL-TIME

XI



Next in line to pick his all-time Stevenage starting line-up is Simon Montgomery a Social Media manager now living in Harlow who has been watching Boro from the East Terrace since 1994

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A TEAM FULL OF LEADERS, FLAIR, GOALS AND PRIDE FOR THE SHIRT. PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE BUT FULL OF TALENT AND EXCITEMENT.

MANAGER:
GRAHAM WESTLEY
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LM - **GEORGE BOYD**

We knew at 17 that he would make it to the Premier League. Made me cry when he left.

CM - **SAM MCMAHON**

Marred by injuries but when fit, he was a class above.

CM - **DEAN PARRETT**

Naturally gifted, classy on the ball and should play at a higher level.

RM - **LEE HARVEY**

An assist machine.

FW - **BARRY HAYLES**

No words needed.

FW - **CARL ALFORD**

Fat and slow (as his song went) but loved getting on the end of a Lee Harvey cross. Goal machine.



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LEAGUE TWO

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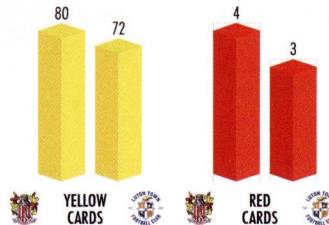
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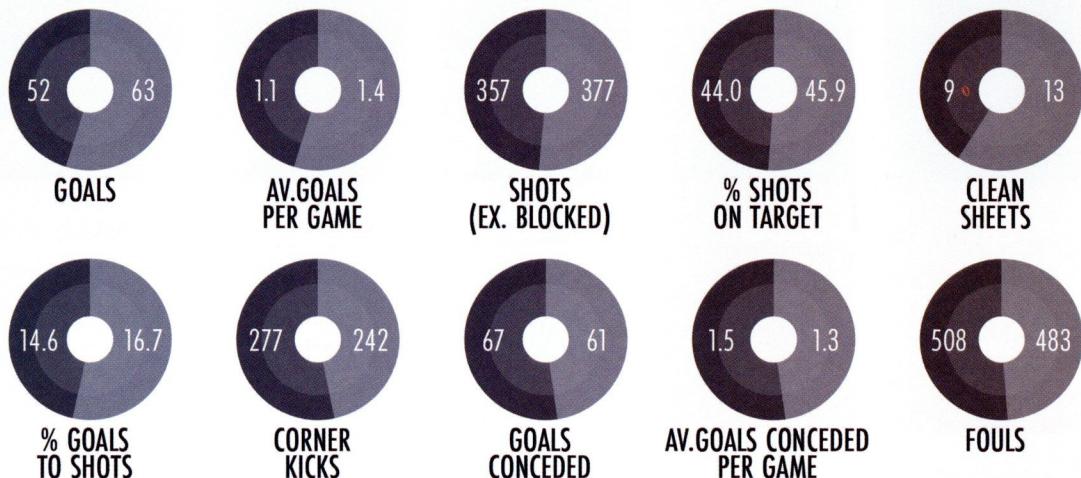
MATCH FACTS

These two sides have met four times in league competition, with Stevenage unbeaten in both clashes last season (W1 D1), keeping a clean sheet in each.



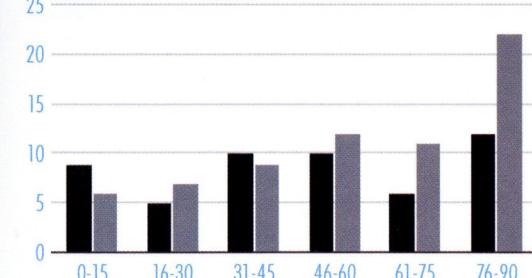
MATCH FACTS

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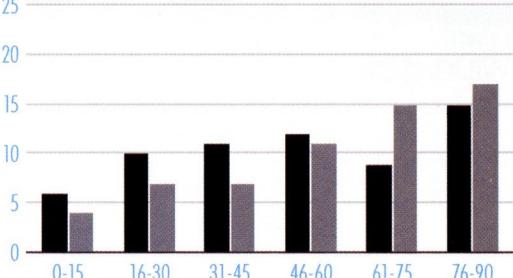
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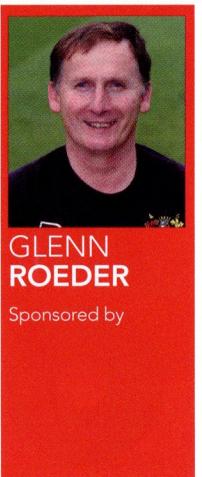
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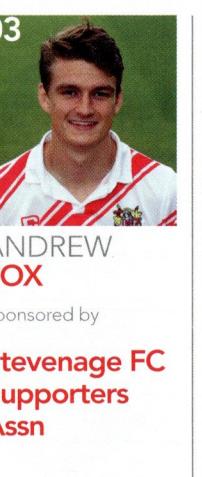
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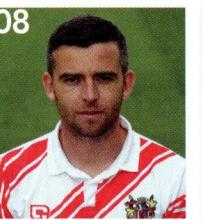
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LUTON TOWN

A warm welcome to The Lamex Stadium to the players, officials and supporters of Luton Town for our second home Sky Bet League 2 fixture of the season.

Fixtures against our Bedfordshire rivals are usually exciting affairs. The sides have met four times in league competition with Stevenage unbeaten in both clashes last season; winning 1-0 at Kenilworth Road back in April thanks to a late Michael Tonge penalty after being held to a goalless draw here earlier in the season. Our visitors however won the first two encounters in the 2014-15 season and have never lost at The Lamex Stadium in the Football League.

OPPOSITION NEWS

For Luton it has been a highly encouraging start to the new campaign. A splendid 3-0 victory at Plymouth on the opening weekend was followed by a home draw against Yeovil and a 2-1 victory in midweek where two Cameron McGeehan penalties were enough for the ten men of Luton Town to see off Newport County in a match full of drama. A goalless first half was a stark contrast from an eventful second, with Luton awarded two penalties, one in the dying moments of the game, as well as a Newport goal sandwiched in between from a Myrie-Williams goal direct from a corner.

In amongst the league action The Hatters also saw off Championship side Aston Villa in the first round of the EFL Cup to earn another home tie against Leeds United in the second round next week.

As for the strength of his squad Luton manager Nathan Jones has said that the final two weeks of the transfer window will not be dramatic at Kenilworth Road, but refused to rule out signing anyone else if the right player becomes available.

The Hatters signed eight players in the summer and Jones also gave an update on the status on transfer listed players Magnus Okuonghae and Mark O'Brien.

"It won't be dramatic, we managed to do our business quite early and we're happy with the squad we've got, but if someone becomes available that would really improve our



squad then maybe, but at the moment I don't envisage anyone coming in," Jones said.

The Welshman also said that Okuonghae and O'Brien are not close to finding clubs, whilst there are no plans to loan out the younger members of the squad. "The likes of Tyreeq are fundamental parts of our squad and they'll be used and get games because we've got a mad amount of games coming up, they'll get opportunities and if they weren't going to we'd be looking to bring people in.

"At the minute Okuonghae and O'Brien are not close to finding new clubs, we've had a few enquiries and they are available, they're keeping fit and they're good lads but nothing's come about yet."

Jones also said that he is not complaining about the number of games his squad is being put through with seven games in the first 21 days of the new season. "It's very relentless really, but we're not complaining at the minute because we've added another game because we were successful in the cup, so it's not proving a problem at the minute.

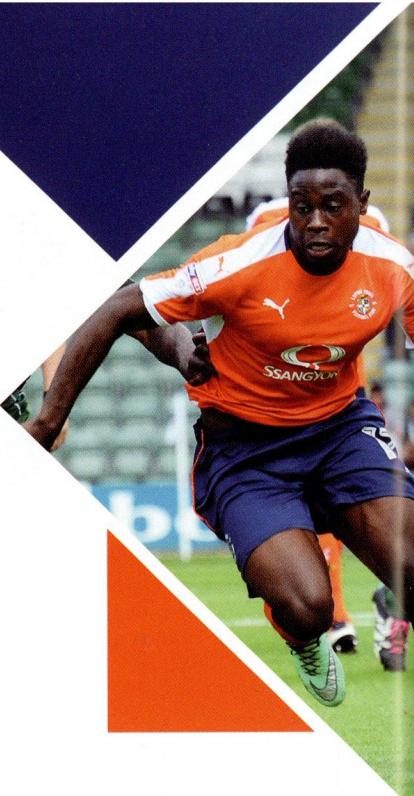
"We've rotated a little bit to freshen people up because certain players didn't quite get the pre-season they wanted like Jake Gray and Scotty were injured and it's difficult to push them too hard. Sometimes you like to plan but you never know what sort of injury or suspensions you're going to pick up so your plans don't always come to fruition."

THE GAFFER **NATHAN JONES**

Welshman Nathan Jones was appointed as John Still's successor in January 2016. A former coach and assistant-manager at Brighton & Hove Albion, Charlton Athletic and Yeovil Town, he was a player at Kenilworth Road in 1995 but left without making an appearance. Jones spent a year in Spain before returning to the UK and playing for Southend, Brighton and Yeovil, making over 500 appearances. The 43-year-old began his coaching qualifications while still a player with Yeovil, initially coaching the Ladies team, and achieved his UEFA Pro-Licence in 2014.

BETWEEN THE STICKS **CHRISTIAN WALTON**

Young England keeper who came through the ranks at Plymouth Argyle, making the bench for the first-team three days after his 16th birthday, before Brighton swooped for him as a 17-year-old in February 2013. Made his Seagulls debut at Tottenham in a Capital One Cup tie in August 2014 and went on to make three Championship appearances before being loaned to Bury and Plymouth last term. Capped by England at Under-19 and 20 level, Walton was called up to the Under-21 squad by Gareth Southgate and will hope to gain further international honours during his season-long loan at Kenilworth Road.



ONE TO WATCH **DANNY HYLTON**

London-born forward who joined the Town this summer alongside Oxford United team-mate Johnny Mullins, after the pair had helped the U's to promotion to League One and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final. Hylton started his career with Aldershot Town, where he made over 200 appearances in the Conference and League Two before joining Rotherham United in 2013. He played just one game for the then-League One club, however, and was loaned out to Bury and AFC Wimbledon prior to his move to Oxford two years ago. While at the Kassam Stadium Hylton hit 30 goals in 84 starts, but turned down the offer of a new contract in order to pen a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road.



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DEFINING MOMENTS

Football historian **Leigh Edwards** selects ten key matches and events that have shaped **Luton Town's** post-war era

1955

TOP-FLIGHT HATTERS

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

1959

FA CUP FINALISTS

Luton Town were FA Cup finalists for the first and only time in 1958-59. The Hatters were unbeaten in their opening ten First Division games, trouncing Manchester City 5-1 and scoring four goals past West Ham and Preston. They recovered from a lean spell to beat Arsenal 6-3 and Burnley 6-2, then top scorer Allan Brown netted four goals in a 5-1 demolition of Nottingham Forest but poor results over the closing weeks saw them finish below mid-table. Luton defeated Leeds 5-1, Leicester 4-1, Ipswich 5-2, Blackpool 1-0 and Norwich 1-0 in the FA Cup before Syd Owen's side lost 2-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

1968

FOURTH DIVISION TITLE

Bruce Rioch netted 24 goals as Luton Town won the Fourth Division title in 1967-68. New captain Terry Branston made his debut as the Hatters kicked off with a 1-1 draw at Wrexham and Ian Buxton arrived from Derby in September. Luton lost just two of their first 18 matches and beat Charlton in the League Cup first round, scoring 27 goals in a run of eight successive wins. Allan Brown's side went top of the table with a 2-0 win at Brentford in February and Keith Allen, Max Dougan, Fred Jardine, John Moore and Ray Whittaker also starred as they remained in pole position, clinching the title with a 4-0 victory over Crewe.

1970

PROMOTION WINNERS

Malcolm Macdonald scored 25 times as Luton Town won promotion in 1969-70. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion the previous season and Bruce Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for a record fee, with Alec Stock signing Malcolm Macdonald, John Ryan and John Collins. Luton were early leaders after remaining unbeaten in their opening 13 matches, recruiting Chris Nicholl from Halifax and Matt Tees from Charlton. Malcolm Macdonald grabbed hat-tricks in 5-0 wins over Bradford City and Reading, with Luton unbeaten in their last six matches and clinching promotion as Third Division runners-up with a 0-0 draw at Mansfield.

1974

FIRST CLASS RETURN

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

1982

SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONS

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



1988

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

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

1989

WEMBLEY FINALISTS AGAIN

Luton Town were League Cup finalists for the second consecutive season in 1988-89. Departures were Brian Stein, Mark Stein and Andy

Dibble, while newcomers included Roy Wegerle, John Dreyer and Steve Williams. Luton's first home win was 1-0 against Liverpool and they beat Southampton 6-1 in January but First Division form was generally disappointing, with the Hatters narrowly avoiding relegation by winning three of their last four games. Luton defeated Burnley 2-1, Leeds United 2-0, Manchester City 3-1, Southampton 2-1 and West Ham 5-0 in the League Cup before losing 3-1 to Nottingham Forest in the final.

2002

THIRD DIVISION RUNNERS-UP

Steve Howard scored 24 times as Luton Town won promotion in 2001-02. Joe Kinnear's side were early leaders after winning their opening two matches and newcomer Carl Griffiths netted a hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Torquay. The Hatters briefly regained pole position after beating Darlington 5-2 in October, signing Chris Coyne from Dundee, Jean-Louis Valois from Lille, Dean Crowe from

Stoke, Ahmet Brkovic from Orient and Dave Bayliss from Rochdale. A run of 12 successive wins, slamming five goals past Halifax and Mansfield, took Luton back to the top with two games remaining but they finished runners-up to Plymouth.

2005

RECORD POINTS TOTAL

Mike Newell managed Luton Town to the League One title in 2004-05. The Hatters stormed to the top of the table, winning 10 of their first 12 games before three successive defeats. They beat Bradford City 4-0 and Wrexham 5-1, then Steve Howard netted a hat-trick in a 4-1 win at MK Dons. The 1-0 victory over Port Vale in December heralded a 14 match unbeaten run and Luton bounced back from a 3-1 defeat in the return fixture to hammer Bristol City 5-0. Briefly displaced as leaders by Hull, they triumphed 4-1 at Torquay and secured promotion with four games remaining. Luton won the title with a record 98 points.

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Conlon	Tom	4	0	0	313	0	0	1	0
Day	Chris	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Donnellan	Shaun	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Fox	Andrew	2	2	0	218	0	0	0	0
Franks	Fraser	4	0	0	351	0	0	1	0
Godden	Matt	3	1	0	288	0	0	1	0
Gorman	Dale	1	1	2	135	0	0	0	0
Gray	Jamie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henry	Ronnie	4	0	0	360	0	0	1	0
Hunte	Connor	0	1	0	24	0	0	0	0
Hyde	Jake	1	1	2	72	0	0	0	0
Johnson	Ryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Kennedy	Ben	3	1	0	233	2	0	0	0
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Lee	Charlie	4	0	0	315	1	0	1	0
Liburd	Rowan	1	2	1	148	0	0	0	0
McAnuff	Jobi	4	0	0	360	0	1	0	0
McKee	Mark	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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Schumacher	Steven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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As this season marks the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the club back in 1976, in each programme Lloyd Briscoe will look back at one of the key events that have shaped the club. This time he looks back at promotion to the Football League

For 34 years Stevenage was a non-league club. For almost half of that time, they were in just one league, the Football Conference. For 16 years, 16 long years, the supporters of Stevenage assumed their club to be an appendage of the league, often threatening to challenge for honours, but seemingly stumbling at many of the hurdles on the way. We had become accustomed to journeying to the likes of Woking, Kidderminster, Altrincham and other old traditional non-league clubs. Many friendships were made between rival supporters, some of which still probably exist to this day.

However, as a stabilising influence within the club gradually established itself, it was evident to all that something major was just over the horizon.

By 2009, the club had gradually built up a portfolio of achievements which caused the traditional footballing world to raise an eyebrow and cast a jaundiced eye over this affluent outfit from North Herts.

Within just two years of joining the Conference, they had already won the league as champions, but had failed to gain promotion to the Football League scalp to go out of the competition to the Boro.

Stevenage gained notoriety as giant killers in the FA Cup during this time.

Paying no respect to the history or eminence of Football League opposition, it was Leyton Orient in 1997 who were the very first League scalp to come to grief at Broadhall Way after a replay on a bitterly cold night in December 1997. Other big names in the world of English football were also afforded the shock treatment by Stevenage.

We remember them well – with great affection. However, it was the season 2009-10 which was to have the biggest impact in the club's history.

The previous season (2008-09) Stevenage had concluded a very satisfying campaign finishing fifth in the Conference after going out to Cambridge United in the play-offs. Boro also appeared for the second time at Wembley, beating York City 2-0 in the FA Trophy competition.

Striker Steve Morrison had scored 34 goals in 53 games for the club and was sold on to Millwall for £130,000. Manager Graham Westley elected to retain the majority of his squad who had performed so well the previous season. Newcomers into the Boro' included Charlie Griffin, Yemi Odubade, Chris Beardsey, Joel Byrom and Stacy Long. Each of these young men would play their part in what was to become Stevenage's maturation in the annals of this game we love.

Borough's very last season in the Conference kicked off at home against Tamworth on August 8th. A Lee Boylan penalty afforded us a 1-1 draw, a game in which newcomer Joel Byrom was sent off. Our second game, away to Hayes & Yeading, also resulted in a draw. So did our third. Our fourth, a 0-0 away to Barrow. Three points out of a possible nine, was this the form of a championship winning club?

However, something must have been said or something put in the tea in the Boro's dressing room because the club then went on a spree. From the defeat at Oxford on August 22nd, right up to the end of November, Stevenage Borough went on to win 12 games and draw another five. They lost none.

In the entire campaign for that season, Stevenage only lost five games. An amazing achievement. Stevenage went on to win the championship of the Football Conference on April 17th 2010 when Boro beat Kidderminster Harriers 2-0 at Aggborough, two games before the season concluded.

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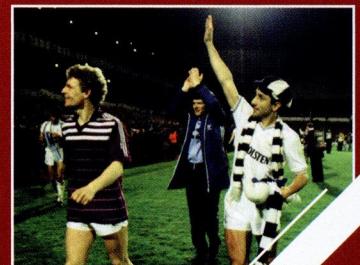
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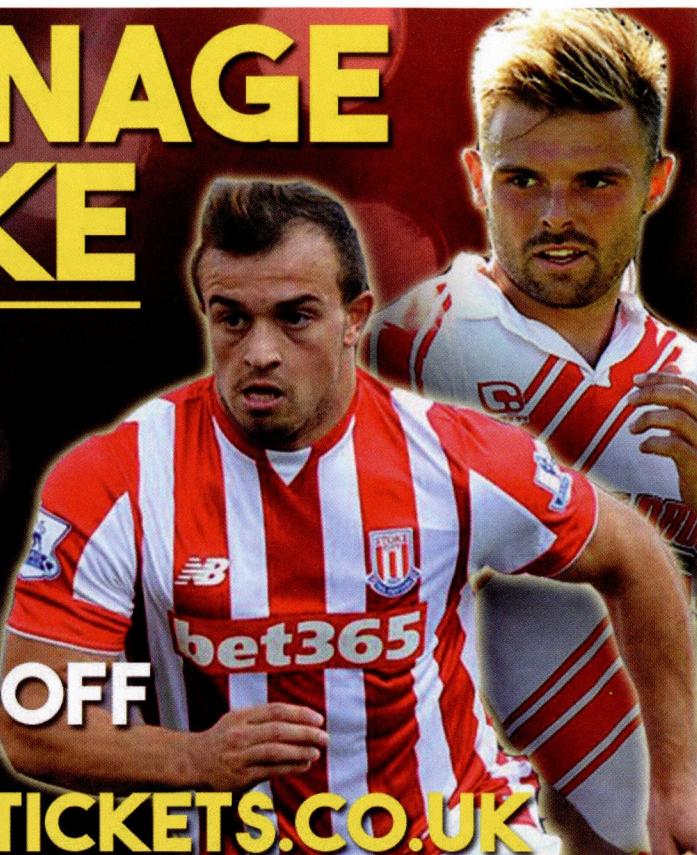


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Our National Citizen Service summer programme may have come to an end but over the past two weeks, the 73 young people involved in the programme have completed six social action projects to give back to their local community.

Working with charities including Epilepsy UK, Herts Young Homeless, Willow Foundation, Child UK and Garden House Hospice, a number of events have taken place ranging from a 12-hour football marathon, community day in Great Ashby, sponsored swimming, car washes at



The Lamex, quiz nights, bake sales and even refurbishing the pavilion at King George V playing fields in the town.

The NCS programme is a fantastic way for 16-17 year olds to meet new people, develop new skills and learn how they can play a positive role in their community. If you know someone that would like to take part in the NCS programme, we have an Autumn wave taking place in October half-term. To register your interest please email ncs@stevenagefc.com

PRIMARY STARS COMING TO STEVENAGE

The Foundation is delighted to be launching a new educational programme for primary schools in partnership with the Premier League and English Football League Trust.

Primary Stars is a yearlong programme for primary schools, offering support and training for teachers along with a wide range of multi-sport themed teaching resources based around PE, PSHE, numeracy, literacy and more.

If you'd like to know more about Primary Stars, please contact the Foundation's school sport manager Lewis Endacott via lewise@stevenagefc.com

Come on the Boro

Joe Goude

Head of Foundation

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SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

THE SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME ALL FANS TO THIS AFTERNOON'S SKY BET LEAGUE 2 FIXTURE AGAINST LUTON TOWN. WE DO HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY THE GAME, AND YOUR VISIT TO THE LAMEX STADIUM.

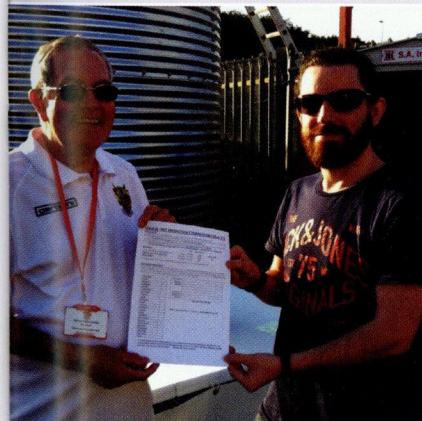
SA TICKET WINNERS

Today's lucky ticket winners are Anthony Ford from Welwyn, and Stuart Harrison from Stevenage. At half time today, SA secretary Geoff Gibbs will be drawing two lucky ticket winners for our next home game against Hartlepool.

IT'S PREDICTION TIME

The SA are once again running the highly success L2 prediction competition. It's run on a 50/50 basis with cash prizes for the top three at the end of the season, and hospitality at The Lamex Stadium for the top five at a December fixture. It's £5 to enter, and entry forms are available at the SA points or in the club shop. The closing date for entries or amendments is next Sunday 28th August, so not much time to get your entries to us. There's more information in the competition section at www.sfcfa.co.uk.

Last season's competition winner Chuds, is pictured here



collecting an entry form for this season from Mervyn our SA administrator.

DON'T FORGET

SA members can collect their free 2016/17 SA pin badge from the SA point or club shop, along with an SA sponsored fixture card for this season. The SA point also has old pin badges and match day programmes on sale, along with a selection of club shop merchandise, which is discounted for SA members.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN TRIBUTE BAND

SA Member Michael Herbert is the keyboard player in a Bruce Springsteen tribute band called Bootleg Boss that has hired the Broadhall Suite for a gig on Saturday 10th September.

All profit from this gig is being donated to the East & North Herts Hospitals Forget-Me-Not charity appeal, which is aiming to raise £275k to create a dementia friendly environment at the Lister Hospital. Tickets are available now directly from Michael Herbert email him at m.herbert@btinternet.com for £10. Any tickets not sold before the night will be made available on the door for £12 with doors opening at 8pm.

MORE FEATURED FANS WANTED

We urgently need more featured fans for this page in programme. Email us with some information on how long you've followed the Boro, your most memorable fixture, and your favourite Boro

players past and present, and why you join the SA. We will also need a photo, but we can take one for you at the ground, or use the one that's on your SA membership card. So, if you would like to be our featured fan in a future match day programme, please email the SA's administrator Mervyn@sfcfa.co.uk

SA COACH TRAVEL

Next Saturday we travel to Grimsby with a 9.00am departure, costing members £25 and non-members £30. You can book your seats at the SA point on the East Terrace, or after today's game at the north end of the Main Stand. For all the latest travel information please visit the SA website, where you can also book a seat.

TODAY'S SA MASCOT

The SA mascot for today's game is 12-year-old Reece Sullivan from Stevenage. We hope he enjoys the afternoon, and leading out the Boro for today's local derby.

For more information about the SA, visit our website at www.sfcfa.co.uk.

co.uk. You can also telephone Mervyn our administrator on **07909 697129**, or visit the SA points at the Broadhall Way end of the ground.

2016/2017 FIXTURES & RESULTS

KEY: ● Booked ○ Sent-Off Scorer 1 Sub (1) (2) (3) HOME FIXTURE

	DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	K/O	RES	ATT				
AUGUST	Sat 6th	Crewe	H	3pm	1-2	2544	Jones	Henry	Wilkinson	Wells
	Tues 9th	Ipswich Town (EFLC)	A	7.45pm	1-0	6858	Jones	Henry	Wilkinson	Wells
	Sat 13th	Notts County	A	3pm	1-1	3987	Jones	Henry	Wilkinson	Franks
	Tues 16th	Leyton Orient	A	7.45pm	0-3	3779	Jones	Henry	Wilkinson	Franks
	Sat 20th	Luton Town	H	3pm						
	Sat 23rd	Stoke (EFLC)	H	7.45pm						
SEPTEMBER	Sat 27th	Grimsby Town	A	3pm						
	Tue 30th	Leyton Orient (EFLT)	A	7.45pm						
OCTOBER	Sat 3rd	Hartlepool Utd	H	3pm						
	Sat 10th	Crawley Town	H	3pm						
	Sat 17th	Wycombe Wand	A	3pm						
	Sat 24th	Exeter City	H	3pm						
	Tues 27th	Cheltenham Town	A	7.45pm						
NOVEMBER	Sat 1st	Newport County	A	3pm						
	Tues 4th	Brighton U21 (EFLT)	H	7.45pm						
	Sat 8th	Plymouth Argyle	H	3pm						
	Sat 15th	Morecambe	A	3pm						
	Sat 22nd	Carlisle Utd	H	3pm						
	Sat 29th	Mansfield Town	A	3pm						
DECEMBER	Sat 5th	FA Cup 1								
	Tues 8th	Southend Utd (EFLT)	H	7.45pm						
	Sat 12th	Yeovil Town	H	3pm						
	Sat 19th	Accrington Stanley	A	3pm						
	Tues 22nd	Doncaster Rovers	H	7.45pm						
	Sat 26th	Portsmouth	A	3pm						
JANUARY	Sat 3rd	FA Cup 2								
	Sat 10th	Blackpool	H	3pm						
	Sat 17th	Barnet	A	3pm						
	Mon 26th	Cambridge Utd	H	3pm						
	Sat 31st	Colchester Utd	H	3pm						
FEBRUARY	Mon 2nd	Doncaster Rovers	A	3pm						
	Sat 7th	Newport County	H	3pm						
	Sat 14th	Plymouth Argyle	A	3pm						
	Sat 21st	Hartlepool Utd	A	3pm						
	Sat 28th	Grimsby Town	H	3pm						
MARCH	Sat 4th	Crawley Town	A	3pm						
	Sat 11th	Wycombe Wand	H	3pm						
	Tues 14th	Cheltenham Town	H	7.45pm						
	Sat 18th	Exeter City	A	3pm						
	Sat 25th	Crewe	A	3pm						
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	Mon 17th	Carlisle Utd	A	3pm						
	Sat 22nd	Mansfield Town	H	3pm						
	Sat 29th	Yeovil Town	H	3pm						
MAY	Sat 6th	Accrington Stanley	H	3pm						

ON THE ROAD WITH... LIAM GOVEY



Each week we will have one of our most loyal fans review our latest away day... this week student at the University of Portsmouth, Liam Govey gave us the low down from Ipswich Town

THE GROUND: 8/10

A ground with character, located very nicely near the city centre. Last season, parking was an absolute nightmare. It took us forever to get out of there, but now it seems to have improved. The ground was nowhere near capacity, but I can only imagine the atmosphere is very good with a larger crowd. The away end was very good for celebrations too, which is of course the most important thing!

THE GRUB: 4/10

A sausage roll cost £3, which you could knock back with a Sprite, Fanta or a Coke for £2. Even in spite of my recent 'Through the Tyre Challenge' win (I don't like talking about it really), I still didn't really want to pay that much just for a snack. From memory, the pie last season wasn't too bad. You can also get alcohol here, which is a nice touch.

THE JOURNEY: 6/10

Remarkably similar to last season's League Cup first round journey. Despite arriving just after kick-off, we didn't miss anything major. Having arrived late for the play-off final at Old Trafford, the first trip to Brentford in League One and now Ipswich on the second visit, I'm starting to think I should miss kick-off more often.

THE GAME: 10/10

A real special performance that I'll certainly savour for a long time. The likes of Ben Kennedy and Dale Gorman really put a strong Ipswich side to the sword with some terrific displays that suggest both have really come of age in the last twelve months. Rowan Liburd also linked up superbly with Kennedy and showed just what he was capable of with the right strike partner alongside him. Charlie Lee and Tom Conlon also put in a fantastic shift, with the defence looking unbreakable all night.

OVERALL: 9/10

Despite paying £2 for a Sprite, even that wasn't enough to stop me enjoying one of the best cup nights for Boro in a long time. Thanks to Ben Kennedy, we all went home very happy. Now we eagerly anticipate the second round draw... Liverpool away anyone?

A DAY OUT IN... GRIMSBY

AFTER TODAY'S SKY BET LEAGUE 2 ENCOUNTER, STEVENAGE TRAVEL NORTH TO NEW PROMOTED GRIMSBY FOR THEIR NEXT LEAGUE ACTION NEXT WEEKEND

WHAT IS BLUNDELL PARK LIKE?

At one side of the ground is the Findus Stand, which is the tallest stand and is two tiered and covered. The lower tier, which was originally terracing, has only seven rows of seating whilst the upper tier is much larger. However, this stand only runs half the length of the pitch, straddling the half way line. Running in-between the two tiers is a row of executive boxes. Opposite is the old Main Stand, which is small covered all seated stand and has a large number of supporting pillars running across the front of it. Part of this stand dates back to 1901. This possibly makes it one of the oldest surviving stands in the country.

Both ends are small covered affairs. The Pontoon Stand is the traditional home end, whilst the away fans are housed in the Osmond Stand opposite. The corner between this stand and the Main Stand is also filled, as the stands are joined at this point, though this is unused for supporters. For big games the Club increases the capacity of the ground by 500 by installing blocks of temporary seating in the open corners of the ground.

WHAT CAN BORO FANS EXPECT?

Away fans are located in one corner of the Osmond Stand, at one end of the ground, where just under 600 supporters can be accommodated. For teams with a larger following then the whole of the stand can be given to away fans increasing the allocation to 2,200. One downside of this stand is that there are a number of supporting pillars which could impede your view of the game. Blundell Park is a rather small ground and sometimes gets over criticised by



HOW TO GET THERE AND WHERE TO PARK?

First thing to remember is that the ground is not actually in Grimsby, but the neighbouring town of Cleethorpes. The ground is on the A180 which runs between Grimsby & Cleethorpes. Cleethorpes is well signposted from Grimsby town centre.

At the end of the M180 continue along the A180 towards Grimsby. After around 14 miles you will near Grimsby town centre. Continue along the A180 following signs for Cleethorpes. On reaching a McDonalds sign on your left and the Blundell Park Hotel on your right, turn left into Imperial Avenue for the Club entrance.

There is no car park at the ground, therefore only street parking. As you drive along the A180 towards the ground, the home end appears first, then after the McDonalds is the away end. From there, continue towards Cleethorpes and try any of the side streets to the left or preferably the right and you should find a parking spot okay.

Post Code for SAT-NAV: DN35 7PY

VIEW FROM THE PRESS BOX

I got into a (brief) discussion on Twitter the other day about pies. Well, I am northern. But it got me thinking about food in general, specifically at football grounds, before that extended out to the life of a sports reporter. These trains of thought often happen to me, so let me explain.

You see although journalists train hard to get to the position of reporting on sporting occasions (we do!) many of us still consider the job a bit of a privilege.

We know that fans shell out for tickets, food, shirts, cuddly bears, caps, stationery and even, at the likes of Notts County, tape measures emblazoned with club badges – all of which helps towards the running of their club.

Now us reporters, well we have our football clubs and we're still fans, but in our line of work we do get the odd perk. And when you turn up to a ground, such as Meadow Lane last weekend or Stevenage

today, and there is a bite to eat and a hot drink waiting for you well it makes the world of difference after a long trip. Especially in the dead of winter. Even if the pie does have 'L' on top, and you can't for the life of you work out what's inside until you crack it open and are disappointed to find leek and potato oozing out.

So while there is a whole conversation to be had about the contents of pies and the colour foil they come in, they should be universal to distinguish between types, like crisps, I wanted to take a minute to just say a word about club volunteers, who quite often are the people who dish out teas, coffees and press passes to us hardy band of travellers.



While some clubs, including one I've visited numerous times down the years, could do with a few lessons in how to deal with people, the majority of folk at the majority of clubs such as at Stevenage and Carlisle United last season are just so hospitable and friendly.

So I thought I'd give a shout out to a couple of unheralded so-and-sos here at Boro who are just two out of tens of people who give up their time to help people like me, and

you, have as good a match day as possible.

They are Carole Venables and Claire Hickey, and both have been terrific over the years.

Now I can't make today's game as I'm at a wedding, but I am disappointed to be missing this particular fixture. They're usually full of incident, but I don't want to be looking on Twitter later to hear about on-the-field shenanigans involving fans. Please, leave that to the players.

MAN OF FEW WORDS

Mick McCarthy was a man of few words last week as Boro beat his Ipswich Town side.

The consummate professional Tony Incenzo cracked on with a couple of questions, and eventually got the Ipswich boss to open up about the game.

Darren Sarll is different from Mick; the Boro boss can talk, and you won't hear any journalists, or fans, complaining. Graham Westley was the same, when he eventually came out of the dressing room.

Teddy Sheringham was more like Mick. I'll never forget Barnet away, when Steve Watkins asked him a question after a 3-2 defeat and he replied with a one-word answer. I can still feel Steve's pain; as a radio man he needs quotes so it doesn't help when a manager's answer is shorter than the question. It was probably the last time that Steve ever started a post-match interview with a closed question.



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