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# THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big EFL Cup tie against Sky Bet Championship opposition, with Leeds United in town for this second round clash.

I would like to welcome everyone who has made the journey from Yorkshire tonight; their supporters, directors and officials, management, staff and players.

That especially goes to manager Gary Monk, who is someone I know well, and several members of his squad who are former team-mates of mine.

It's hard to believe the season is only 18 days old and this is our sixth game already. We've been playing twice a week, which will continue to the end of August, and we can reflect on it as a good start so far, our injury-time defeat at Stevenage on Saturday the only hiccup.

We dominated the game at the Lamex Stadium, especially in the first half when we should have been more comfortably in front. Once Stevenage equalised soon into the second half, we tried everything to win it.

The good thing for me was that even after half-time when they were more in the game, we created lots of opportunities but we got caught with

a late counter, which was heart-breaking.

Now we come to the start of another big week, however, where we want to bounce back from that set-back. That kicks off tonight with another massive test against Leeds.

After facing the highest ranked club in the competition in Aston Villa last time out, we now welcome another of the biggest clubs in the country, let alone the Championship, for what we hope will be a famous cup night under the Kenilworth Road lights.

As I've already mentioned, it's been a very busy time and we've had to use most of our squad in the games so far.

I'm looking forward to being getting to the stage where I'm able to pick a settled team while getting some important time with the players on the training ground, as it seems we're playing, recovering and then preparing for game after game at the moment.

I'm not complaining though as we wouldn't have this tie to look forward

to without having experienced the euphoria of the Villa win, and success in the cups will always bring extra matches.

We really tried to get the win we felt you deserved

Finally, your support at Stevenage was awesome once more and we really tried to get the win we felt you deserved.

Please get behind us again tonight as I'm sure there will be a magical atmosphere like we had a couple of weeks ago, and at the end of our own last-gasp win over Newport last Tuesday.

Enjoy the game.



# FROM THE BOARDROOM

## WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE GARY SWEET

Good evening and welcome to Kenilworth Road everyone!

Who said they were missing live football in the close season? From a footballing void to a fast and gruelling schedule taking on seven games in 22 days is a hectic schedule to kick the season off, to say the least. And even though it's tough on our small, young squad in some ways (and tough on the pocket for many supporters, too) football at Kenilworth Road is just as welcome as you are, especially under the floodlights and especially hosting Leeds United.

May I ask you to join me in welcoming Garry Monk with his staff and players and the 1,500 Leeds supporters making the long midweek journey. After an eight-year fixture gap, it's good to have the Yorkshiremen back.

We now know what Leeds went through that season we last played each other, 2007-2008. After joining us in relegation from the Championship the previous season, the Whites were issued a 15-point deduction by the Football League for exiting administration without a CVA in the same period we entered administration and got ourselves relegated again before we, 2020, took custodianship.

Our own 40-point fate is scorched markedly in our souls, not just the record books. Whilst neither club has fully recovered from that hapless era, our punishment (or "sanction" as the League put it) and the resultant forfeiture of enduring five years of rehabilitation in the Conference has since well and truly defined us. Moreover, it has fiercely ignited a purpose within our culture which fuels our ambitious desire and our current resurgence.

### DRUBBING

In October that prior season, I remember taking my usual seat in the enclosure to witness a magnificent 5-1 drubbing of Leeds putting us in a strong play-off position vying for Premier League membership. Within days, Sol Davis suffered a stroke en route to our 5-0 battering at Ipswich and our erstwhile chairman put our Club into administration leading to a continued positional decline for six seasons.

Tonight will be different, of course. In fact, we're hoping that another victory over Leeds tonight and an inspiring cup run may help springboard a continued six-year rise up the football pyramid. There's no reason why we

shouldn't adopt such an optimistic outlook with a new training ground just around the corner, a new stadium in planning, Nathan Jones at the helm and the best crop of young talent our club has probably ever seen, is there?

Of course, this next period of growth isn't just about one result but the recent histories of our two Clubs – along with significant games between us – tell a poignant story. Football is a cyclical game. Clubs fall and, if steered properly, clubs rise again.

The impetus around Luton Town right now has a solid momentum which is recognised by many. Even Ladbrokes – after our 3-1 victory over Villa in the last round – offered a special on us to become Premier League members by 2021 at ridiculously short odds of 7-2. Amazing!

As you know, as a board, it isn't our style to promise Premier League football within five years; not even ironically. But we do take encouragement by the examples set by other clubs, such as Bournemouth, Swansea and Hull, who were all Football League Two competitors of ours since we last played tonight's opponents.



It's fair to say that much of the confidence in our progress originates from our sound plans for our relocation to Power Court being facilitated by our development at Newlands Park; not just the plans but the designs, detail and the noteworthy fact that our planning applications will be validated by Luton Borough Council before the end of this week.

### NOTEWORTHY

The validation of a planning application is noteworthy because, not only does it mean the Town Hall's planning department recognise that our applications contain all of the necessary reports and assessments for them to consider an approval but, more pertinently, both applications will be uploaded to the Council's website kicking-off their four-week public consultation process.

During these two fortnights you will have the opportunity to give your considered opinions to the Council based upon your considered review of our applications. Ultimately, do you think both applications together are good or bad for Luton?

Last Thursday I was asked to attend a joint supporters club meeting to explain this process and establish the best way they could give their support, if they decided that's what they would do.

It became absolutely clear that the organisations that represent your views understand the critical importance to act during this period as representatives of no less than six groups were active at the meeting.

Whilst we naturally think our own applications are both painstakingly ingenious, detailed and flawless and will regenerate our Club and our town, it is not the Club's remit to petition public support for the two applications as it wouldn't be fair to do so.

It is important to note that the extent of public opinion will ultimately help define the outcome of our relocation. If the weight of support is overwhelming, Power Court will be our new home, hopefully, by 2020. If, however, the balanced weight of public opinion is more negative than positive, Kenilworth Road will remain our home for the foreseeable future.

We know we will have strong opponents to the scheme; primarily we think from commercial objectors whose remonstrations will be professional and polished, as one would expect.

### EAGER

Supporters groups, including Luton Town Supporters Trust, Loyal Luton Supporters Club, Luton Town Disabled Supporters Club and even Bobbers Travel, Hatters Talk and Luton Outlaws, are more than eager to make their positions known and will be urging you to avoid apathy and make your thoughts known to the planning department once you can review the applications on the Council's website.

Once the material is in public domain you are free to support or object to our plans, and we would strongly encourage you to do exactly that. This is our Town, this is our time; don't waste the opportunity to make a difference.



Please make a difference tonight too by giving the lads your positive support!

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*Gary*

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# GREAT SCOTT

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the fourth time inside a fortnight for what promises to be another cracking EFL Cup tie against Championship opposition.

We've been fortunate to have some big teams come here since I came here last summer, with Bristol City and Stoke last season and Aston Villa already in this year's competition.

That's one of the great things about the cup – the chance to pit your wits against bigger clubs from a higher level, and you don't get much bigger in the Championship than Leeds United. Our visitors tonight are a massive club and their history speaks for itself. It should be another great occasion.

### It's all set up for another cracker

One of the positives of playing Saturday-Tuesday, Saturday-Tuesday, as we are in this busy opening period, is that if you do pick up a bad result along the way, another game coming so quickly can help take your mind off it.

The boys were still positive in the dressing room after our first defeat of the season at Stevenage on Saturday. It's just a little knock, and we are going to get them along the way. There are 46 league games and it's almost impossible to win them all.

On another day, we'd have won that game 2-1 rather than lose it if we'd taken our chances, so we are all still positive. Of course, we'd experienced the exact opposite last Tuesday against Newport, when we got the penalty late on. It was a great feeling to win that game and we felt we deserved it.

It was different class going down the tunnel, hearing the fans singing and clapping us off. It's amazing how football can turn in a matter of days, with that sinking, gutting feeling of losing with the last kick of the game at Stevenage.

There are highs and the lows in football and I suppose that's what makes football so exciting. It's still early in the season though, so there is no point getting carried away either way. Hopefully we can get on another run and stay up at the top of the table.

### ROCKING

In the meantime, tonight is a chance to claim another scalp in the cup and progress in the competition. If we can get Kenilworth Road rocking like it was for the Villa game and at the end of the Newport match, then it's all set up for another cracker and a chance for us to get the disappointment of Saturday out of our system.



Your support at Stevenage was once again immense. To take 1,600 and have almost half the crowd made up of our fans at an away game in League Two is something else.

Please get behind us again tonight and hopefully together we can make it another famous night under the Kenilworth Road lights.

Enjoy the game.

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# LATEST NEWS

## SELECT GROUP TWO MATCH OFFICIALS

The EFL and the Professional Game Match Officials Ltd (PGMOL) have announced details of a new group of Match Officials who will officiate across the Championship and support development of refereeing standards across England

The new group will be known as Select Group Two and include 18 referees and 36 assistants. The move has been made possible due to investment from all 24 Championship clubs as part of a new initiative in England that looks to promote honesty, integrity and positive behaviour across football from players and staff alike.

This initiative has been introduced alongside a revision of the game's laws, designed to make them easier to understand and to ensure greater consistency by officials.

Shaun Harvey, EFL Chief Executive said: "The job of a referee has always been an unforgiving one and today they face increasing scrutiny over how they perform.

"The expectations that were being placed on some officials were exceptionally unfair given that they may have been holding a full-time job during the week before being asked to referee a game at the weekend. 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 an official."

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

The EFL has also 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);
- Have personal connections with a participating club.

## LOOKING OUT FOR LUTON'S CHILDREN

BY MILES PEART

If you're anything like us, you spent most of August getting really excited about sports which you wouldn't normally care about; only during the Olympics does anyone care about diving ("how big was the splash?"), gymnastics ("did they fall over?") and dressage ("that horse is dancing!").

Like many sporting events, the build up for the games in Rio was peppered with controversy, perhaps most notably the possible ban of all Russian athletes and the impact of the Zika virus. One that snuck under the radar however, was the economic issues surrounding the population of Rio living in poverty. Many children within these communities don't get the best start in life. They are not given a chance to attend school and gain an education, stunting their future prospects.

We know that the conditions for children here in Luton aren't always perfect, but we're lucky to have a close community which looks to help and provide for each other. This is why Level Trust continues to ensure all children in Luton have the basic essentials while in school, in the hope this increases their involvement in education and gives them the best chance to stride towards a brighter future.

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[OUR NEXT OPPONITION]

# UPNEXT

## CAMBRIDGE UNITED

FORMED: 1912 | NICKNAME: THE U'S | LAST SEASON: 9TH IN LEAGUE 2

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GROUND: ABBEY STADIUM | MANAGER: SHAUN DERRY

**WHO?** Cambridge were formed in 1912 as Abbey United before becoming Cambridge United in 1951. The U's have played at their current home, the Abbey Stadium, since 1932 and adopted their amber and black colours in 1920. Cambridge won promotion to the Football League the same year as Town in 2014, and current manager Shaun Derry took over from Richard Money in November 2015 after the former Town boss had guided the U's to an FA Cup replay at Old Trafford.

**TICKETS** This local clash always has some added spice and you can still buy tickets for the short trip to East Anglia (See details on opposite page).

**HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?** Town and Cambridge have become familiar with each other over the past seven seasons, facing up 19 times. Luton have enjoyed the experiences, winning seven, whilst Cambridge have beaten the Hatters on just four occasions. With 14 of those meetings coming in the league, Town have earned three points on six occasions with seven draws, Cambridge winning just one game.

**IN CHARGE** Shaun Derry took charge at the Abbey Stadium six months after leaving his first managerial job at boyhood club Notts County. Derry was in charge at Meadow Lane for 16 months and left in March 2015. He won 25 of his 76 matches in charge of County with 14 draws and 37 losses, but won 13 of his 31 matches in 2015/16 with Cambridge, including a 7-0 demolition of



Shaun Derry

Our third Saturday away trip out of four sees us make another relatively short journey to East Anglia next week to take on Cambridge United for the 20th time in seven years

Morecambe in April. As a player, Derry was a tough-tackling central midfielder, playing over 650 career games for the likes of County, Sheffield United, Portsmouth, Crystal Palace, Nottingham Forest, Leeds, QPR and Millwall.

### PREVIOUS FORM

The U's finished the 2015/16 season on a high note as they lost just one of their last 11 games last season, winning four and drawing six. They conceded just eight times in those 11 outings. Cambridge are still waiting for their first league win of the current campaign, having drawn both home games with Barnet and Carlisle, but losing on their trips to Colchester and Doncaster. They did pull off one of the shocks of the EFL Cup first round, however, beating Championship club Sheffield Wednesday in extra-time to book a trip to Wolves.

**KNOWNG ME, KNOWING YOU** Town star Cameron McGeehan spent time on loan at Cambridge from Norwich in 2013/14 before rejoining the Hatters, scoring three goals in six appearances. Two Cambridge players used to ply their trade in Luton colours as defender Greg Taylor, who spent a season-and-a-half with the Hatters after joining from Darlington in November 2011, is now a member of Shaun Derry's side. And one of the Hatters' 2015/16 loanees now wears the amber and black of Cambridge in the form of Joe Pigott, who scored four goals in 15 games on loan from Charlton last season before his free transfer to the U's in the summer.

# GET YOUR TICKET

## TICKETS FOR HOME MATCHES

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Matchday tickets vary slightly depending on categorisation of matches this season. Each match will be assigned a category A, B or C and are outlined on this page and on our websites.

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## CAMBRIDGE UNITED

### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

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### EFL TROPHY

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### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

**SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2016 | 3pm**

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# WELCOME LEEDS UNITED

BY HARRY WRIGHT



Garry Monk

This evening we welcome the second Championship side of the season to Kenilworth Road as Leeds United make the trip south for this EFL Cup Second Round match.

Leeds reached the second round after avoiding a shock against Fleetwood after they went a goal behind as Marcus Antonsson netted his first goal in England to draw Leeds level.

Chris Wood put Leeds in front four minutes into extra time but they were pegged back once again before coming through 5-4 in a penalty shootout.

Since returning to the Championship in 2010, the Elland Road faithful have had to settle for mid-table finishes five seasons on the bounce, finishing between 13th and 15th for the previous five campaigns.

It will be the first time Town have played Leeds since the 2007/08 season, when Leeds earned four points over the Hatters en route to the play-offs, whilst Town were condemned to relegation to League Two.

Leeds scraped a 1-0 win at Elland Road thanks to a Tresor Kandol first-half strike before Sam Parkin earned Luton a point at Kenilworth Road in March 2008 with a 90th-minute equaliser after Paul Huntingdon had opened the scoring.

In charge then was Dennis Wise, but the Whites have had 14 managers in just eight and a half years since the former Chelsea and England midfielder left the Yorkshire club.

Leeds' current boss is former Swansea manager Garry Monk, who joined the club in the summer after owner Massimo Cellino chose not to extend Steve Evans' contract.

Monk was sacked by Swansea in December after a 12-year affiliation with the Welsh club, but after 270 appearances and 77 games in charge, Monk was dismissed after a run of one win in 11 that saw the Swans drop to 15th in the Premier League.

But after six months away, Monk had a new role at Elland Road.

He decided to strengthen all over the pitch this summer as former England goalkeeper Rob Green joined from QPR, whilst Monk used his contacts at Swansea to bring in Kyle Bartley and Matt Grimes on loan deals.

Former Swansea winger Pablo Hernandez also arrived on loan from Qatar club Al-Arabi, who once cost the Swans £5.5 million.

Leeds fourth loan signing was striker Hadi Sacko who was borrowed from Bordeaux, but Leeds splashed out £5 million this summer on attackers Kemar Roofe and Marcus Antonsson, who scored 40 goals between them last season.

Leeds have only come out victorious in Bedfordshire on three occasions and not since 1991, when Gary Speed and Rod Wallace goals gave the visitors a 2-0 win.

Since then, Luton have won one and drawn two of the three games at Kenilworth Road, including the 5-1 demolition of Leeds in October 2006. Carlos Edwards netted a brace and Rowan Vine and David Bell scored in consecutive minutes before Markus Heikkenen also got on the score sheet. Hayden Foxe scored Leeds' consolation.



Kemar Roofe and Fulham's Denis Odoi

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## HATTERS V LEEDS

LUTON WINS: 14 | DRAWS: 15 | LEEDS WINS: 17

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# TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE WHITES, UNITED | GROUND: ELLAND ROAD | LAST SEASON: 13TH CHAMPIONSHIP  
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# MEET THE VISITORS

## THE BOSS

### GARRY MONK

The managerial merry-go-round reared its head at Leeds once again this summer and Bedford-born Garry Monk finds himself in charge at Elland Road after leaving Swansea last season.

## BETWEEN THE STICKS

### ROBERT GREEN

Former England international Green beat off competition from Marco Silverstri and Ross Turnbull for the number one spot at Elland Road after arriving on a free transfer from QPR this summer.

### LUKE AYLING

Versatile defender Ayling joined from Bristol City earlier in the season on a three-year deal. Ayling was promoted from League One with Bristol City in his first year after moving from Yeovil, who he played 185 games in just four seasons.

### SOL BAMBA

At the heart of Leeds' back four is captain Bamba, a man mountain standing at 6ft 3in and over 14 stone. He spent a year at Leicester in 2011/12 before moving to Leeds in 2014, and scored four goals in 30 games last season.

### KYLE BARTLEY

Garry Monk used his Swansea contacts to secure a loan spell for Bartley from the Welsh club. Bartley was an Arsenal academy product before dropping down to play for

Sheffield Wednesday, but has only managed 26 appearances since 2012 for the Swans.

### CHARLIE TAYLOR

Leeds staved off interest for sought-after the left-back, who came through the club's academy. The 22-year-old made his debut in 2011 and has gone on to make 65 appearances.

## ACROSS THE MIDDLE

### STUART DALLAS

The Northern Ireland international is one of two former Brentford men in the Leeds ranks. Winger Dallas can play on either flank and scored five goals last season.

### TOUMANI DIAGOURAGA

The second ex-Bee at Elland Road is workhorse Diagouraga, who joined for an undisclosed fee in January. The central midfielder played 246 times in six years for Brentford, scoring seven times.

### PABLO HERNANDEZ

Former Swansea winger Hernandez arrived in Yorkshire after spending two seasons alongside manager Monk. The Spaniard cost Swansea £5.5 million and scored five league goals in 57 Premier League appearances.

### ALEX MOWATT

Exciting young talent who is another product of the Leeds academy. Mowatt signed his first contract in 2013, playing 101 games in three seasons since, scoring nine goals in 2014/15.

### KEMAR ROOFE

The Yorkshire club won the race to sign Oxford forward Kemar Roofe for £3million this summer after scoring 18 goals in 40 league games last season. He joined from West Brom after scoring six goals in 16 games on loan before firing Oxford to promotion last season.

## UP FRONT

### MARCUS ANTONSSON

Leeds splashed a reported £2million on striker Marcus Antonsson, who scored 22 goals for Swedish side Kalmar last season. The Swedish striker had scored just ten goals in four years prior to last season, but netted his first Leeds goal in the EFL Cup game against Fleetwood.

### CHRIS WOOD

The New Zealand international has finally found a home after spells at Brighton, Birmingham, Bristol City, Millwall, Leicester and Ipswich. Wood is in his second season at Elland Road, scoring 13 times in his first year.

### HADI SACKO

The 22-year-old is in his second loan spell away from boyhood club Bordeaux, spending the 2014/15 season at Sporting Lisbon without making an appearance. The Frenchman had never made a professional start until this season, when he started in the previous round at Fleetwood.

# FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH ANDREW  
DALTON

Andrew Dalton, a Leeds United supporter of 25 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet Championship and this evening on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

## ► THE SEASON AHEAD

**You've got through a few managers in recent seasons...which one's been your favourite?**

Has to be Neil Redfearn for me and that's not because I now work with him on Radio Yorkshire! I just felt we had a period of stability and some of the youngsters performances were really encouraging, especially the likes of Charlie Taylor, Sam Byram, Lewis Cook and Alex Mowatt. I just now hope Garry Monk is given the opportunity to stamp his authority on the side.

Monk seemed to be harshly treated at Swansea not long after seeing his name touted as a potential England manager. How has his appointment gone down?

It seems to have gone down really well, he is a passionate guy and seems to be able to talk the talk, I just now hope he can walk the walk. As a central defender I am hoping the can sort out the leaky defence! If he can do that, we may have a chance this time around.

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

Having watched his debut at Fleetwood in the last round of this competition, it has to be Pablo Hernandez. He looks to have everything in his locker and I am hoping that he can be an important cog this season. His movement and neat little touches and his passing range were superb.

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

Has to be Lewis Cook. It always disappointing when you lose a player that's been brought through the academy and I have to admit will only get better with age. He may have lacked the final ball, but some of the stuff that he did last season was superb for a 19 year old.

**This is the seventh season Leeds have been in the Championship, and 13th outside the Premier League. Could this be the one in which you break back into the top-flight?**



Pablo Hernandez

That's the million dollar question, following the opening day defeat to QPR, I would have said no, but the season is still in its embryonic stage and the Championship is such an unpredictable league, I will say I hope that we can sneak into the top six providing Monk is given time to do the job.

## ► SEASONS PAST...

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

My first game was way back in Season 1990-91 when the then Champions came to Elland Road and were four up at half-time! Leeds fought their way back to end up losing 5-4 thanks to a Lee Chapman hat trick. As for why I support Leeds, I think it was drummed into me from a very young age! My mum use to go in the sixties and her uncle Sidney Simon was on the board during the 1960s.

**What do you love most about Elland Road?**

I think it's the atmosphere when you have big games and Elland Road when its packed to capacity can be



a fearful sight. If we start winning games, the crowds can be like the 12th man for the side and a can create a really unique sound and can frighten the life out of sides.

**Who's your favourite Leeds United player of all-time?**

Gary McAllister, had everything as a central midfielder and won the First Division title in 1992 in the fantastic quarter of a midfield with Gary Speed, Gordon Strachan and of course David Batty. He actually turned down Brian Clough at Nottingham Forest to join Howard Wilkinson's revolution at Elland Road.

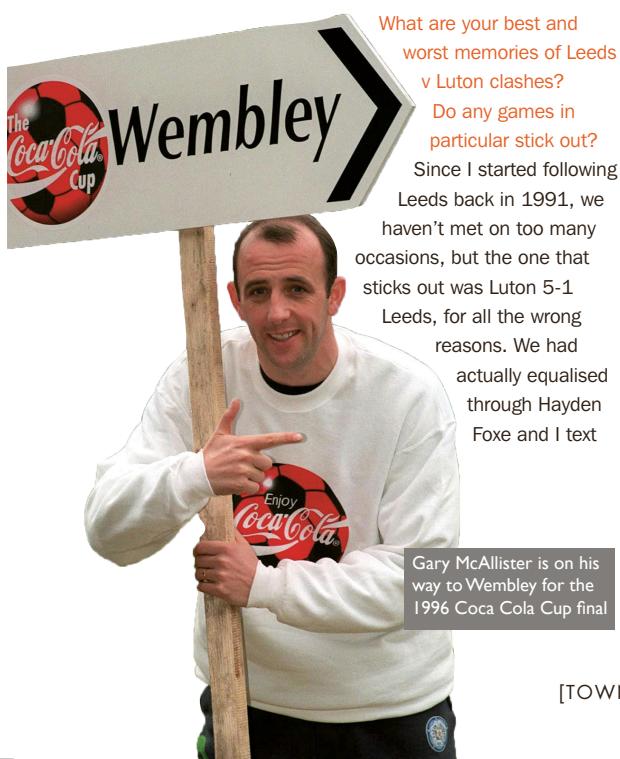
**Which is your favourite season following Leeds and why?**

As strange as it sounds our first ever season in League One, in 2007-08. When we had the 15 points deducted, it really did feel like a siege mentality and to see those points wiped out in the first five games was some achievement, it was just a shame we couldn't cap it off with promotion.

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

Nigel Martyn, Lucas Radebe, Gary McAllister, David Batty and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, I think that would make a cracking five a side team and some of the stories that could be told from the different eras would be interesting to say the least.

**► LUTON AND LEEDS...**



my mate at half-time, saying we can win this. Little did I know what was in store! Two days later caretaker manager John Carver was sacked and Dennis Wise installed as the new manager.

**What do you expect from tonight's game? What's your prediction?**

I think I will a tight game and Luton are improving under new boss Nathan Jones, but would expect Leeds to have that extra bit of quality to book a place in round three.

**Our assistant-manager Paul Hart has a strong connection with your club. Which of his youth team graduates did you most enjoy watching in a Leeds shirt?**

Jonathan Woodgate, Alan Smith, Paul Robinson - it was great to see so many of his kids come through the academy and too win the FA Youth Cup twice in 1993 v Manchester United and v Crystal Palace in 1997, shows how highly Paul Hart is regarded at Elland Road.

**► QUICK-FIRE:**

**Terrace or seats?**

Seats

**Who are your rivals?**

In the Championship, has to be Huddersfield Town.

**Favourite all-time manager?**

David O'Leary

**Predict your player of the season?**

Pablo Hernandez

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

Gordon Strachan

**Most treasured Leeds United piece of memorabilia?**

Signed Leeds United shirt from promotion winning campaign of 2009-10

**What league will Leeds be in next season?**

Championship

**Who will win the EFL Cup?**

Tottenham Hotspur

You can follow Andrew on Twitter @lufcstats or visit his website [www.facts&stats.co.uk](http://www.facts&stats.co.uk) or even buy his books, *Leeds United Top 100* or the *Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Leeds United* in the 1980s

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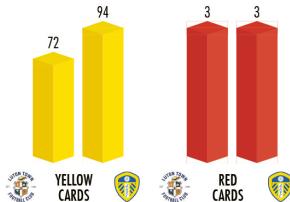
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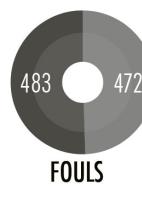
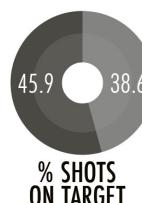
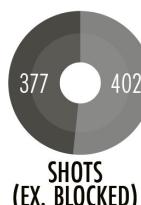
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This will be the fourth meeting between these sides in the League Cup, with Luton winning the most recent clash 2-0 back in November 1988, en route to reaching the final (L2).

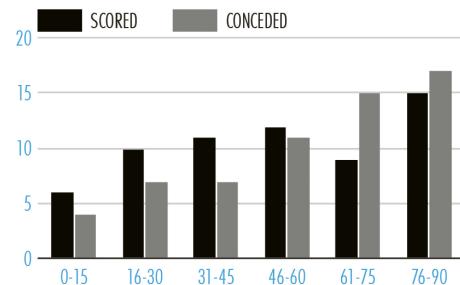


## MATCH FACTS

Leeds haven't won at Kenilworth Road since December 1991, in a top-flight clash the season Leeds were crowned champions (D2 L1 since).

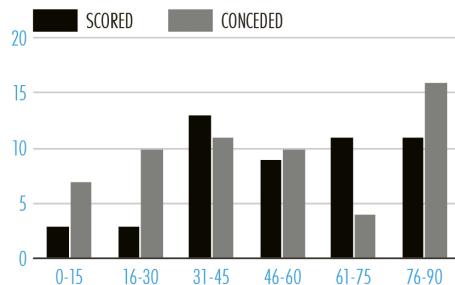


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# DON'T FORGET! – OPEN TRAINING SESSION

Nathan Jones and his squad will hold an open training session at Kenilworth Road this Thursday 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 from 9.45am and spectators will be seated in the Main Stand only. Refreshments will be available on the day.

## EFL CUP ROUND 2 FIXTURES

### TONIGHT:

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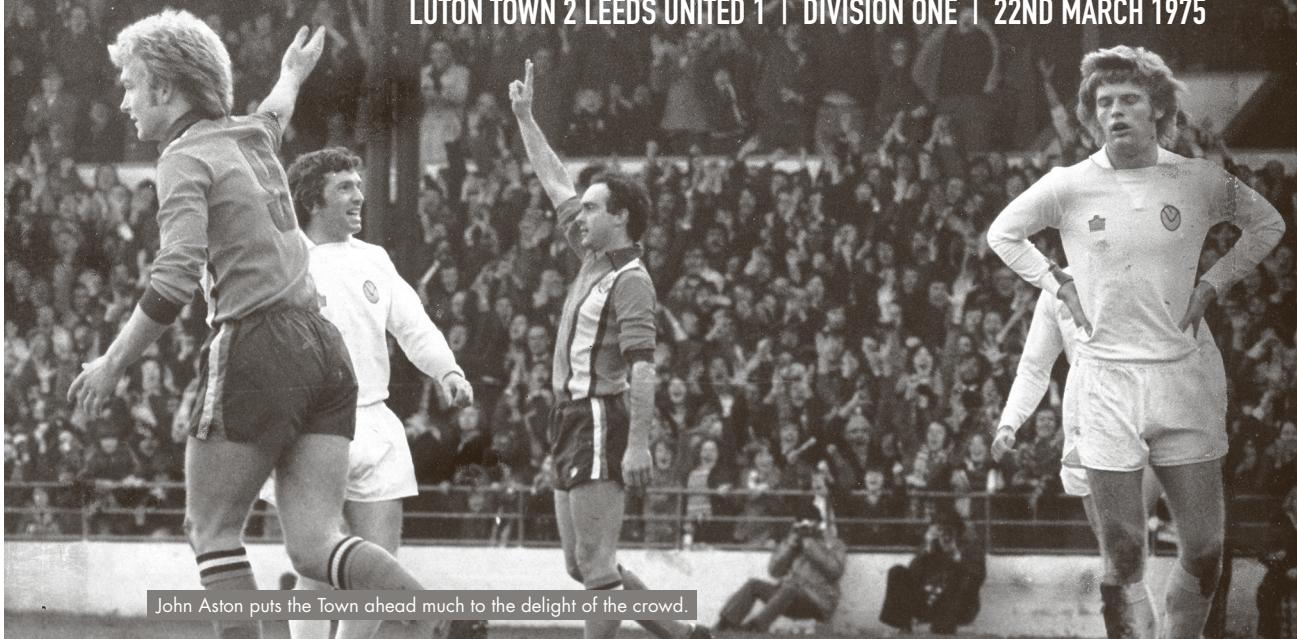
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# AS OTHERS SAW US

LUTON TOWN 2 LEEDS UNITED 1 | DIVISION ONE | 22ND MARCH 1975



John Aston puts the Town ahead much to the delight of the crowd.

When the Town were promoted back to the top flight in 1974 for the first time in 14 years, the fans were looking forward to rubbing shoulders with the big boys once more, none more so than Leeds United who had been at the pinnacle of English football for a decade.

As Christmas approached, the Town were all but relegated with a sorry total of only nine points, in the days of two points for a win, at that stage in the campaign. In desperation manager Harry Haslam decided to throw in the youngsters and to hell with the consequences.

Teenagers Paul Futcher and his twin brother Paul, who had been signed from Chester pre-season, together with ex-Burton Albion full-back Steve Buckley were blooded and with three straight wins over the holiday period

perhaps there was glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel.

Playing open, attacking and sometimes naïve but ultimately exciting football, the Hatters were now winning as many games as they lost and had managed to pull themselves up by the bootstraps and move off bottom place by the time of the visit of mighty Leeds in March.

Leeds, the reigning champions, had lost their manager Don Revie to England duties in the summer of 1974 and had suffered a traumatic

44 days under the management of Brian Clough as the season opened.

Ominously, they had bounced back and were now within striking distance of the top of the table following a run of 18 games without defeat and were also about to win through to the final of the European Cup.

A crowd of 23048, the second highest of the season, gathered at Kenilworth Road and were treated to an amazing opening with the Town going two up inside the first 13 minutes.



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



## JOHN MCGOVERN

Former Scotland U-23 midfielder John McGovern briefly played under Brian Clough at Leeds United. He was Hartlepool's youngest League player at 16 years 205 days old in May 1966 and featured in their 1967-68 promotion success before reuniting with Clough at Derby County in September 1968. He starred in their 1971-72 League Championship triumph and followed Clough to Leeds in August 1974, making four League appearances, then to Nottingham Forest in February 1975. Skipping two consecutive European Cup final triumphs, he became Bolton Wanderers player-boss and has since held various coaching and managerial posts.

## JOHN O'HARE

Scotland international centre-forward John O'Hare was a Brian Clough signing for Leeds United. Turning professional with Sunderland in October 1963, he became Clough's first signing for Derby County at £20,000 in August 1967 and was a key figure as they won the Second Division title in 1968-69 and League Championship in 1971-72. Twice leading scorer for the Rams, he reunited with Clough at Leeds in August 1974 and scored once in six League games while at Elland Road, then followed Clough to Nottingham Forest in February 1975. He helped win the League Championship and League Cup in 1977-78, then retain the European Cup in 1980.

## FRANK WORTHINGTON

Ex-England international striker Frank Worthington was capped eight times before joining Leeds United. Initially with Huddersfield, he starred in their 1969-70 Second Division title triumph and joined

Leicester City in August 1972. He was top scorer four times before reuniting with Ian Greaves at Bolton Wanderers in September 1977. Helping win the Second Division title in 1977-78, he moved via Birmingham to Leeds United in March 1982. He netted 14 goals in 32 League games prior to joining Sunderland in December 1982, then played for Southampton, Brighton, Tranmere Rovers, Preston and Stockport before several non-League clubs.

## TERRY PHELAN

Republic of Ireland international left-back Terry Phelan was capped 42 times after leaving Leeds United. He turned professional at Elland Road in August 1984 and made his League debut in Leeds' 3-1 win at Shrewsbury in September 1985, playing



14 League games before moving to Swansea City in July 1986. Sold to Wimbledon for £100,000 in July 1987, he starred in their 1988 FA Cup final triumph, following Keith Curle to Manchester City for £2,500,000 in August 1992.

Appearing for his country in the 1994 World Cup, he joined Chelsea for £900,000 in November 1995, then played for Everton, Fulham and United States side Charleston Battery.

## JOHN McCLELLAND

Northern Ireland international central defender John McClelland gained the last of his 53 caps while at Leeds United. Initially with Portadown, he had spells with Cardiff City and Bangor City, moving to Mansfield

Town in May 1978. He was ever-present in 1980-81 and joined Glasgow Rangers for £90,000 in May 1981. Helping twice win the Scottish League Cup, he joined Watford for £225,000 in November 1984 and played for his country in the 1982 and 1986 World Cups. He moved to Leeds for £110,000 in June 1989 and made 24 League appearances, becoming St Johnstone's player-manager in June 1992, then assisted several non-League clubs.

### MICKEY THOMAS

Welsh international midfielder Mickey Thomas briefly appeared in Leeds United's 1989-90 Second Division title campaign. Initially with Wrexham, he starred in successive Cup runs and was a key figure in their 1977-78 Third Division title triumph. He moved to Manchester United for £300,000 in November 1978 and featured in the 1979 FA Cup final, joining Everton in August 1981. Following spells at Brighton, Stoke City, Chelsea, West Brom and Shrewsbury Town, he moved to Leeds United in June 1989 and made three League appearances before rejoining Stoke in June 1989. He then played for Wrexham again, becoming a match summariser.

### ERIC CANTONA

French international striker Eric Cantona helped Leeds United to clinch the League Championship in 1991-92. Initially with Auxerre, he also played for Bordeaux, Marseille, Montpellier, Nîmes and Sheffield Wednesday prior to joining Leeds United for £900,000 in February 1992. He scored nine times in 28 League games before his £1,200,000 transfer to Manchester United in November 1992, becoming the catalyst for Alex Ferguson's

young team. Starring in four Premier League title triumphs and two FA Cup final wins, he was PFA 'Player of the Year' when Manchester United won the 'double' in 1993-94 and 'Footballer of the Year' in 1995-96.



### DAVID ROCastle

Former England international midfielder David Rocastle was capped 14 times before joining Leeds United. Signing professional for Arsenal in December 1984, 'Rocky' was their 'Player of the Year' in 1985-86 and featured in two League Cup finals, including the Gunners' 1987 Wembley triumph, before starring in their 1988-89 and 1990-91 League Championship successes. He joined Leeds United for £2,000,000 in August 1992 and scored twice in 25 Premier League games prior to joining Manchester City in December 1993, then had spells with Chelsea, Norwich City, Hull City and Sabah before his tragic death from cancer in March 2001.

### DAVID O'LEARY

One-time Leeds United central defender David O'Leary holds Arsenal's appearance record. Signing professional for Arsenal in July 1975, he was an important figure as they reached three successive FA Cup finals, including their 1979 Wembley triumph. The Republic of Ireland international also featured in the 1980 ECWC final and 1987 League Cup final success as well as the Gunners' 1988-89 and 1990-91 League Championship triumphs. Capped 68 times before moving to Leeds United in June 1993, he made ten League appearances and later succeeded George Graham as their manager from October 1998 until July 2002, then managed Aston Villa.

### IAN RUSH

Welsh international striker Ian Rush played for Leeds United in 1996-97. A former Chester apprentice, he turned professional in September 1979 and was sold to Liverpool for £300,000 in April 1980. He was leading marksman in successive seasons and amassed a vast collection of honours, moving to Juventus for £3,200,000 in June 1987. Returning to Liverpool a year later, he moved to Leeds United in May 1996 and netted three goals in 36 Premier League games while at Elland Road before reuniting with Kenny Dalglish at Newcastle United in August 1997. Ending his playing career at Wrexham, he has since held various coaching and managerial posts.



# TOWN 2 : NEWPORT COUNTY 1



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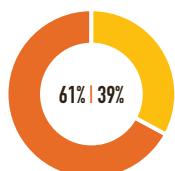
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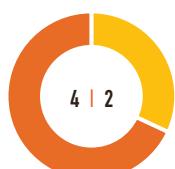
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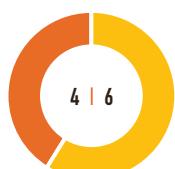
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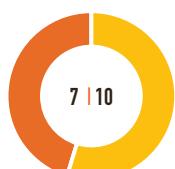
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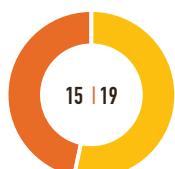
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## STORY OF THE MATCH:

BY CHARLIE HANSON

A cool head from Cameron McGeehan was all Luton needed as he scored twice from the penalty spot, the winner coming in the 95th minute against Newport County AFC on Tuesday night.

Luton looked the better side for most of the game, as the midfield quartet of Lee, Pelly-Ruddock, Cook and McGeehan bounced off each other in a way that can only have impressed manager, Nathan Jones.

A cagey first half saw the Hatters have the better chances, but were unable to beat Joe Day in between the sticks for the visitors, as Cook and Marriott had multiple efforts saved.

With 62 minutes gone, Hylton was brought down in the box and referee Charles Breakspear had no choice but to point to the spot. McGeehan put the ball down and sent the keeper the wrong way, smashing it into the bottom right hand corner.

The Exiles equalised through Myrie-Williams, as his corner from the right hand side evaded everyone, including Walton, and went straight into the top left corner of the net.

Mullins received two yellow cards in the space of ten minutes, leaving the Hatters a man down with 85 minutes on the clock.

In the dying moments, Pelly-Ruddock was adjudged to have been brought down inside the Exiles' box, with McGeehan the man to fire it home for the Hatters to keep them top of the table.

## JONES:

### I love my players, I love them



"I am really proud of my team. From start to finish, we went about our business how I want us to go about our business. We out passed, we out played, we kept on knocking on the door and we didn't change for anyone, we went down to ten men and we kept trying to win the game.

"Of course, you want to get the first goal, you have to bring them out to make gaps and when gap appear you can exploit them. The longer it is 0-0, the longer you give them something to cling on to and the threat they have with the size, aggression and antics that they have, they will cause teams problems, we stood up to that and we kept going.

"Cameron is a very good penalty taker, he doesn't normally miss, I would like to say I have every faith in him, I probably did, I just couldn't watch the second!

"I could have made changes, but I felt we had goal scorers on the pitch, I just felt with Pelly's driving runs and so on. He should've scored tonight, if he had just had a little bit more composure, he would have scored. Look, I think it ended slightly controversially, but I thought we were very good tonight."





# SPOT ON!

Two penalties were awarded to Luton Town against the Exiles last Tuesday, one for a foul on Danny Hylton after 62 minutes, and another after Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu was brought down in the dying moments of the game.

Both times, Cameron McGeehan stepped up and scored, sending the keeper the wrong way twice, but he said after the match it is something he prepares for every day.

"I was pretty calm, I practice them a lot so the first time especially I know where I am going. I have got a process, I do a bit of work with the psychologist as well that helps to deal with the pressure.

I was just trying to calm it down in my mind

"The second one I had a lot more to deal with, the fans, it being the 95th minute, their team telling me 'you're going to miss' and calling you names, so with all that I was just trying to calm it down in my mind and take

deep breaths and deal with it in my mind because it was just another goal."

It wasn't just the fans though who had to watch the 21 year old take the second through their fingers.

In fact, Nathan Jones couldn't watch the second goal at all!

## CHARACTER

He said after the game: "Cameron is a very good penalty taker, I would like to say I have every faith in him, I just couldn't watch!

"He showed real character after he scored the first pen, it is difficult to score two, I couldn't watch it.

"I had a go at him at halftime because I felt he could give more and he did, he came out with two goals and he was brilliant."

McGeehan was pleased to add two goals to his haul this season, after notching one against Aston Villa in the cup.

But he was keen for Luton to get the job done earlier in future against Stevenage, instead of leaving it as late as they did against Newport.

"Hopefully we can kill games off earlier, if we score earlier that helps, we can't let them get back into it like we did, obviously a win is a win, but we can do it in a bit more style maybe."

The three points earned against Newport kept us top of the table, and that tied in with the EFL Cup victory over Aston Villa, optimism for this season seems to be at an all-time high.

It appears though that McGeehan and the dressing room are keen to just focus on the next game.

"The gaffer just said, we keep going, keep winning and at the end of the season we can see where we are, hopefully we shall still be at the top, but you don't win the league after three games."

MIDFIELDER ON  
NEWPORT AND HIS  
HOPES FOR THE  
SEASON AHEAD

[PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU ON NEWPORT]

# PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU

All things seem to be swell in the world of Pelly-Ruddock after the midfielder's Man Of The Match performance against Newport County

After being in and out of the team last season because of injury, Pelly-Ruddock has been in fine form this term, with his strength and forward runs causing our opponents all sorts of problems, as we continued our unbeaten start with a victory over the Exiles last Tuesday.

The 23 year old, who joined from West Ham permanently in 2014, seemed disappointed he had missed some good scoring opportunities, but he couldn't hide his delight at a hard fought three points for the hatters.

"I think I should have scored two, it was a very tough game and even the gaffer was saying that, but it was a good three points for us and keeps us top of the table."

## ► I feel great, I feel fit

With his injury problems seemingly behind him for now and the draw against Yeovil last Saturday, the midfielder said he is in good shape, as we took the short journey east to Stevenage on Saturday.

He said: "I feel great, I feel fit, obviously Saturday [against Yeovil] was a dip for us, but we came back, the gaffer said we'd be fresh for the game, and it showed, we made

chances and came away with the three points so that's good for us."

The start the Hatters have made this season is a huge improvement on last year, as Luton only won two of their opening seven fixtures.

Pelly-Ruddock puts that down to good signings and a friendly rivalry between the players for places in the starting eleven.

He said: "The past few years we have struggled at the start, but with everyone below us, we can only move forward during the season.

### COMPETITION

"Everyone has gelled well, obviously Hylton has come from a promoted side, Oxford, so he has got a lot of experience getting out of this league. Everyone is playing well, so it's a good healthy competition for places."

Luton's performance against Newport was brilliant, however the Hatters were unable to convert many of the host of chances they created.

With the local derby against Stevenage on Saturday, Pelly-Ruddock was hoping his side could capitalise on a couple more of those opportunities.

"It was frustrating, obviously we are creating the chances we have just got



to put them away against Stevenage at the weekend, so at least we are creating them.

"I think as a team we need to be more clinical against Stevenage to get the three points, put the game to bed early, but if it's a 1-0 win, then it's a win."

"Obviously our main objective is to get promoted, but it's going to be difficult, we have got to keep going step-by-step, game by game and hopefully promotion is the key for us at the end of the season."

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# STEVENAGE 2 : TOWN 1



SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST | THE LAMEX STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 3517 | AWAY: 1674

**STEVENAGE GOALS:** HUNTE 54', GODDEN 90'+6' | **TOWN GOAL:** MCGEEHAN 15'

**STEVENAGE:** JONES, HENRY, WILKINSON, WELLS, FRANKS, MCANUFF (PETT 46), TONGE, LEE, HUNTE (CONLON 76), GODDEN, HYDE (KENNEDY 57) SUBS NOT USED: DAY, FOX, LIBURD, GORMAN, | YELLOWS: WELLS, WILKINSON

**TOWN:** WALTON, O'DONNELL, POTTS, MULLINS, CUTHBERT, MCGEEHAN, HYLTON, COOK (FAMEWO 86'), MARRIOTT (VASSELL 90'+1'), MPANZU, LEE. SUBS NOT USED: SMITH, GRAY, MCQUOID, KING, JUSTIN, | RED CARDS: MULLINS



## STORY OF THE MATCH:

BY CHARLIE HANSON

After a four match unbeaten run, Luton were defeated in the final moments of Saturday's game against Stevenage, knocking the Hatters off top spot in League Two.

Cameron McGeehan's deflected effort gave Luton the lead in the first half before Connor Hunte headed in for the hosts after the break and Matt Godden fired home the winner in the 96th minute.

Luton started brightly and were rewarded for their efforts in the 15th minute with a deflected McGeehan strike wrong-footing Jamie Jones in the Stevenage goal, leaving the ball to bounce into the bottom left hand corner, which gave the visitors a lead they carried into half-time.

Nine minutes into the second half and Stevenage had found their equaliser. A smart break from the Boro saw Godden cross into the Luton box, with Hunte waiting at the back post to head home unmarked.

As the game entered the final moments, Olly Lee cracked an effort against the hosts' crossbar, Stevenage's Tom Pett picked up the loose ball, went straight down the other end and passed the ball across the Hatters' penalty area to Godden, who smashed it into the top corner of the net to earn his side all three points.



## JONES:

### We kept pushing and pushing



"I thought we did everything possible to try and win the game away from home. First half I felt we should have been out of sight, much more comfortable, but we missed chances. You have to take them and be clinical."

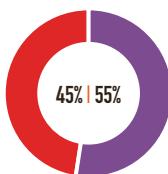
"The second half was a little bit more even. They had to change to handle us. They came out better than us and then got the goal, which was disappointing."

"We kept pushing and pushing, both sides hit the post and bar, so it was end to end. We went to try and win the game but ended up losing it, so it's a little bit disappointing."

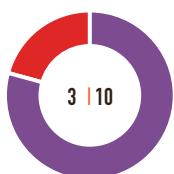
"We were going for it and we wanted to win the game. If you want to do something, you've got to win games. They've caught us with a sucker punch right at the end, and we've got caught out by it."

"To come away from home and dominate like we did in the first half, I was really pleased. I just felt that we weren't really at it in the second half and that's what has cost us, but we still had chances and enough shots on goal to get something out of the game."

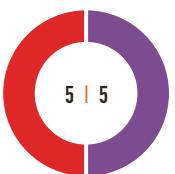
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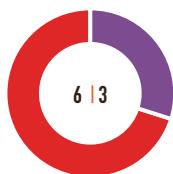
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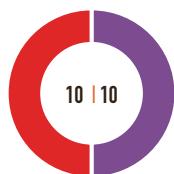
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# LESSONS LEARNED AT LAMEX SAYS LEE

Midfielder Olly Lee says he and his Hatters team-mates have learnt vital lessons from Saturday's last-gasp defeat at Stevenage.

The Town had several chances to wrap up the game before half-time, and even in between the hosts' equaliser and late winner, Nathan Jones' lads were on the front foot trying to take all three points.



Lee came as close as anybody, rattling the woodwork seconds before Boro broke to net six minutes into injury-time. "I couldn't believe it," said the former West Ham man. "I hit it sweetly and I thought 'That's in the top bag', but it wasn't to be. It hits the bar and we go again. It summed a frustrating day up for us.

"It was ridiculous. The ball just didn't seem to want to go in for us. I think their lad was lying on the line with the ball underneath him, it just wouldn't go in.

"It was one of those frustrating days for us where we should have been more clinical to win the game, but we've got to move onto the next one, learn a lesson from this and not let it happen again."

Lee says the team were trying to carry out Jones' instructions to go and try to win the game, even when time was running out.

"The gaffer is always positive and the lads are always positive," he said. "We'll always try to go and win the game whatever happens. We've been shot in the foot, but we've got to learn from it and move on to next week."

"We felt we had more than enough chances to win the game. We got a bit of a lucky one with Cameron, with a

few deflections in there. We just needed that second and third to kill the game off.

**It's one game,  
it's still early doors**

"It's one game, it's still early doors and we've got to remain positive. We won't let one defeat get us down. Hopefully there'll be more ups than downs over the season."

## PRAISE

The 25-year-old was full of praise for the travelling support at Broadhall Way, adding: "I can't speak highly enough of the fans. There are no other fans like them in League Two. Hopefully come the end of the season we can make them very happy."

Glen Rea returned to the squad, and starting line-up, after missing last Tuesday's win over Newport through illness.

The Republic of Ireland Under-21 international has played in the holding midfield role so far this season but dropped into central defence with Johnny Mullins suspended, and he added: "I don't mind playing wherever the gaffer wants me to play, I'm just happy to be on the pitch.



"Everyone is bitterly disappointed with the way it ended, but we'll dust ourselves off and go again, because we've got another big test on Tuesday and we'll be ready for that one."



BY CHRIS DUNLAVY

# THE HART BEAT OF BOTH CLUBS

HATTERS NO.2 PAUL ALWAYS IN LEEDS FANS' HEARTS FOR PRODUCING ELLAND ROAD HEROES

Paul Hart will always have a special place in the hearts of Leeds fans. He was, after all, the man who delivered the legendary Blueprint. Drawn up by Howard Wilkinson in the early nineties, the plan was to nurture a generation of homegrown superstars fit to conquer Europe.

**Ambitious? Yes. But boy did Hart deliver.** Jonathan Woodgate, Harry Kewell, Ian Harte, Paul Robinson, Alan Smith - by the time he left in 1998, the 63-year-old had bequeathed over £50m worth of talent and the guts of a side that came within 90 minutes of a Champions League final.

"They were great players and top lads," says Hart, now No.2 to Nathan Jones at Kenilworth Road after a management career taking in Nottingham Forest, Barnsley and Portsmouth. Of course, Kewell and Woodgate became the poster boys but they were just the tip of the iceberg really.

"Paul Robinson had a fantastic career. He was England's No.1 for donkey's years. Stephen McPhail was a fantastic player, regarded by all his team-mates as a dream to play alongside. I could name so many others.

"In fairness, it all started before I arrived. I came in to a ten-year plan that had already been set up by Howard and I was hired to carry on the work of a guy named Dick Bate. We won the Youth Cup against Man United in my first year. It was televised by Sky for the first time ever and

that exposure allowed us to recruit better, stronger, more talented lads.

"We had Andy Gray, Ian Harte, Mark Jackson, Mark Forde and Mark Tinkler came through. They all played in the Premiership. But it was the last group we felt could be something special and it eventually turned out that way. You can never categorically say that someone is headed for stardom but everyone could see those lads were a cut above."

Every club has tales of prodigiously talented kids whose talent at youth level failed to translate into success as a pro. So how did so many of Leeds' youngsters make it to the side that notched a third-place finish in the Premier League, reached the 2001 Champions League semis and won hundreds of international caps?

"I think we had a programme," explains Hart. "Everybody was treated the same. No favourites, no favours. If you stepped out of line, the discipline was the same."



"We ran a tight ship with clear boundaries so that everybody knew what was acceptable. The same standards applied on the pitch, too. We had very few bookings. I can't remember anyone ever getting sent off, bar Stephen McPhail in the youth cup final which was ridiculous."

"Myself, Eddie Gray, Peter Beaglehole, Pete Gunby - we all worked on the ethos that behaviour was paramount and everything grew from that."

Sadly, Hart wouldn't be around for those crowning moments having left to join Nottingham Forest in 1998. By then, his frustrations with manager George Graham had begun to boil over and he felt that his young side's chances would be better served if he hit the road.

"The truth is, I left because I didn't feel the management at the time were going to push our players forward," he explains. "If anything, they seemed to rail against me."

"I actually like George Graham very much. He's someone I've got a lot of

time for. But I wasn't too impressed with anybody else. It just wasn't working. Nobody came to any of the youth cup games, which told me a lot.

"I don't like working in an unhappy environment and I didn't want our players to be in a situation where my relationship with the first team staff was holding them back. That's why I left."

"Obviously David O'Leary put them in and they became known as his babies. But it wasn't a difficult decision to make because they were great players by then."

#### PLEASURE

"I was sad to leave, but it stopped me enjoying their progress. I actually watched them play Lazio in Rome, the night Alan Smith scored and they won 1-0. I took pleasure in seeing how far they'd come that night."

"And when everything went wrong, those players saved the club in many ways. Even though it was a fire sale, they had those players to sell and it brought in something like £50m at time when the club could have gone bust."

Hart's memories of tonight's opponents go even further back. As a player, he spent five years in the Leeds back four, scoring 16 goals in 191 games.

"My last memory of playing is actually very sad," says Hart, who also spent last season working as academy director at Elland Road. "We'd just been relegated and to be part of that was an awful experience. But I do retain great memories and great friendships. Eddie Gray is a very good friend of mine. Paul Madeley too, who is sadly very ill. Norman Hunter wasn't someone I played with but



I got to know him and still keep in touch.

"Leeds United is a massive club. Until you've worked there, you don't appreciate quite how big it is. Never mind all this talk about how much they need the Premiership. The Premiership needs Leeds. You're talking about a club that take 8,000 people away from home. It's an amazing experience being part of that."

#### PROUD

"The last ten years have been hard to swallow for everybody, with the different owners and the way things have gone. You have to be disappointed. But even now, walking into Elland Road lifts you straightaway. I'm so proud to have been part of it and it'll be wonderful to welcome them here."

So would Hart rather the Hatters had come out of the hat second?

"No, much as I love being there," he says. "It's would be a difficult game wherever it was played but it's better for us at Kenilworth Road."

"The place will be full. The atmosphere will be electric. I've talked about the Leeds fans but ours are every bit as noisy and passionate. It'll be a great night against a club that's been a big part of my life."

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Harry Kewell



# TRAVELLER'S TALES

HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER MAKES THE SHORTEST AWAY TRIP OF THE SEASON, JUMPING ON THE COACH TO CROSS THE COUNTY BORDER INTO HERTFORDSHIRE. IT'S A GOOD DAY FOR HIS CRICKET TEAM IN THE T20, BUT SADLY NOT FOR THE TOWN AT STEVENAGE...

## THE JOURNEY

**12pm** – After taking advantage of the later start to the footballing day to catch up on some last minute work it was time to set off for the shortest journey of the season.

I must admit I can get used to leaving for an away game at lunchtime!

**12.20** – Get on the coach in Ampthill on what is a sunny day. I'm reminded that we're sat in Row A today and the forecast is for showers during the match. All I'm wearing is jeans and Town shirt with no coat. Uh oh. I soon forget that as it is T20 Finals Day in the cricket and Northamptonshire are in the first semi-final. Although they're not my team two of my best mates are Northants fans so I have an interest in it so I stick the game on the iPad to watch.

**1.05** – After a bit of a hold up on the M1 between J12 and J11 we finally get to Luton Station for the final pick up shortly after 1pm. Stevenage is pretty easy to get to so there is only one coach today rather than the two which went to Devon two weeks ago. Shortly before 1.10pm we set off on the 16.5 mile trip to Stevenage.

**1.40** – Traffic was pretty heavy all the way to Broadhall Way but we finally get parked up in the car park opposite the ground in good time. Northants going well in the cricket. Good start to the day!

**2.05** – Walk around to the away end at Broadhall Way. Looks like Northants are going to win the cricket so friends (and the many Town fans inside Broadhall Way who I'm sure support Northants) will be happy!





## THE GROUND

**2.20** – After being searched and a bit of a queue to get inside the ground I'm finally in. Fairly long queue for the refreshments which I join.

**2.35** – Time to find my seat. For the first time since we returned to the league I'm in the stand behind the goal. Front row just to the right of the goal as we look at it. Perfect. Sun is still shining – even better! Northants have won their semi-final so everything is good.

**2.50** – Players finish their warm up. I sense an extra excitement around the place from the PA and their fans to our right. This isn't one of my favourite games or places. I keep hearing how it is a local derby. I don't consider it as that. It is a game which isn't very far away that's all.

## THE MATCH

**3.01** – All the handshakes are done. Scott Cuthbert and former Town captain Ronnie Henry lead the two sides and the game kicks off. Town make two changes. Jake Gray in for Pelly-Ruddock and Glen Rea in for the suspended Johnny Mullins.

**3.16** – Town lead! After a fairly quiet start to the match Cameron McGeehan goes past a man on the edge of the box and hits a shot which takes a couple of deflections and wrong foots the keeper and finds the net. A very ironic goal given the comments in the lead up about the Town being lucky so far!

**3.35** – The inevitable shower arrives and I get soaked. I was warned! Schoolboy error.

**3.47** – Half-time. Stevenage not in the game at all. Probably our most dominant half of the entire season. How we're only 1-0 up I'm not entirely sure. Hylton and Cook both missed good chances to extend the lead. Hope we don't live to regret those misses.

**4.02** – Second half is underway. Stevenage have made a sub and begin the half brighter. Hopefully we can get our dominance back.

**4.10** – Ouch. 1-1. It was coming in truth. A cross from our left makes its way across to an unmarked left winger who would do well to miss from six yards out. He doesn't. He finds the corner and it is all square. Then comes the worst thing about modern football – goal music. Just no need for it!

**4.47** – Not sure how this is still 1-1. Both sides have hit the woodwork. Stephen O'Donnell smashed the bar for us while Stevenage have hit bar and post with the same shot



and another header has looped up onto our bar and away. Five minutes of stoppage time is signalled. Stevenage have an injured player and have used all three subs. We'll finish with an extra man.

**4.53** – Oh no. Heartache at the end. Just when Olly Lee looks to have nailed another injury time winner he sees his 25 yarder thump the bar and come clear and Stevenage are two on two on the counter. They work it well and the ball is lifted into the top corner and we're 2-1 down. Lee nearly equalises but another 20 yarder goes inches wide and our first defeat of the season is confirmed.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

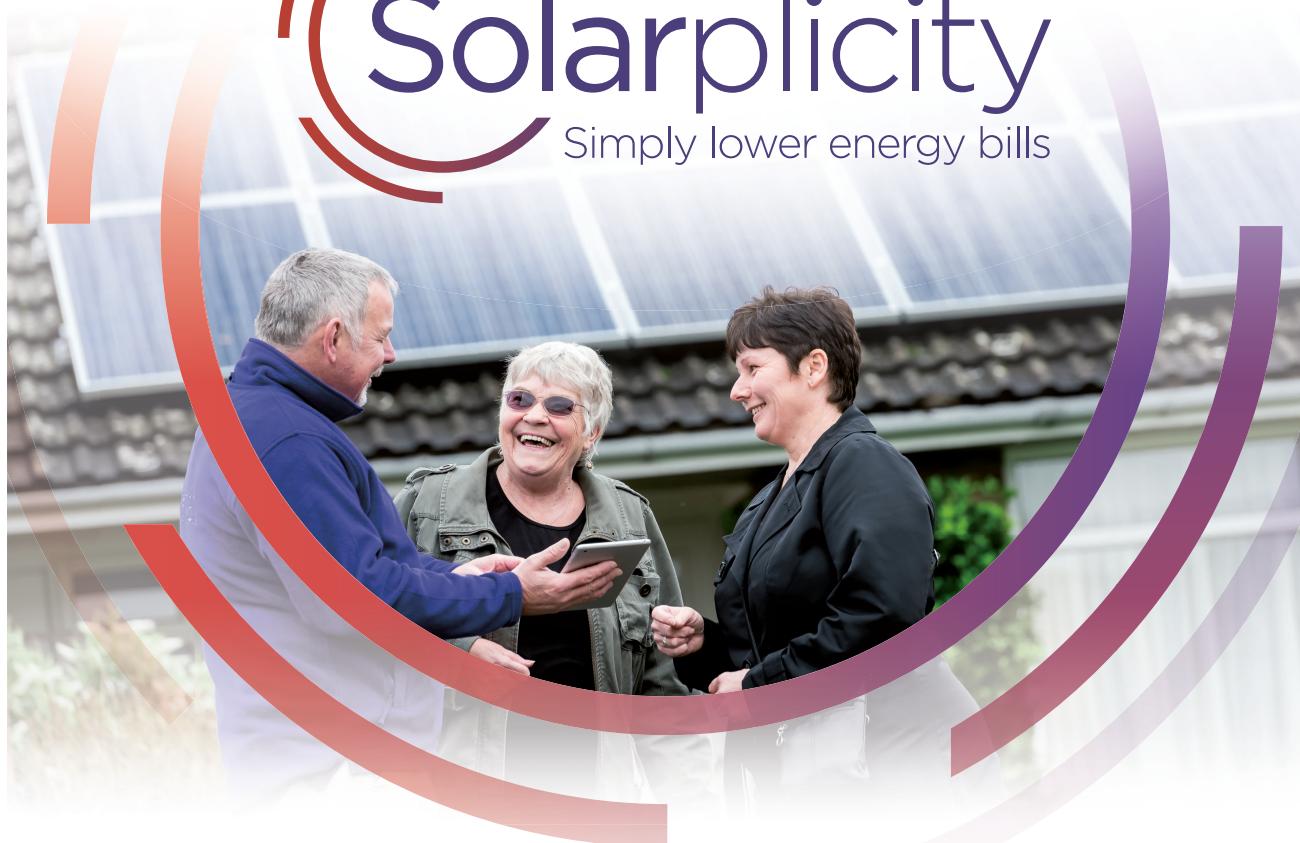
**5.25** – Everyone is back on the coach in sombre mood. The man of the match vote is done. Cameron McGeehan gets it. I gave it to Glen Rea who I thought was excellent in a central defensive role. He cleared danger well and was solid in possession and didn't deserve to be on the losing side.

## THE PROGRAMME

**6.00** – We've made it back to Luton and all those who got on there have got off. Time to have a look at the programme. Not bad at all actually. Sixty-six pages which includes half a dozen pages on the Town and four pages for the youngsters with puzzles and things for them to do. A decent effort.

## SUMMARY

**6.40** – After the trip through the villages to Ampthill I'm finally back home just after 6.30pm in plenty of time to write this piece! Never nice to lose especially in injury time but I'm proud that the team tried to win at the end despite eventually losing. We'll win more than we lose doing that. All in all an ok day apart from the result.



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**When did you first room together?**

**DH:** About four years, isn't it?

**JM:** Yeah, since a brief spell together at Rotherham.

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

**DH:** Not until this pre-season when we went to Hungary.

**JM:** Dan was a bit worried about coming to a new club so he needed someone to look after him.

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

**JM:** His music. It's totes emosh with Dan – he knows exactly what to play at the right time.

**DH:** You've got to, haven't you?

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

**DH:** Nothing really stands out. He's all right is Mulls.

**JM:** Well, you might have noticed that young Daniel is losing a little bit off the top of his head, so there's always hair everywhere.

**Who makes the tea?**

**JM:** I don't drink tea, but if I did, it'd be Dan making it.

**DH:** You've seen the picture (*TOTT – Johnny sent a picture of Danny making a cuppa in his pants in Plymouth last week!*)

**First up in the morning?**

**DH:** We've both got kids, so usually we wake early around the same time. Early!

**JM:** You had to wake me up last week though, didn't you? I try to take advantage of some extra time in bed when we're away.

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

**JM:** Well, I've got this thing where we can be lying in bed having a chat and suddenly I'm gone. Fast asleep. Narcolepsy! So it's Dan.

**Who's the tidiest?**

**JM:** That's Dan as well.

**DH:** I've got OCD. Have to have everything neat and tidy.

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

**JM:** Out the bag, definitely.

**DH:** No point in unpacking and creating a mess for one night.

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

**JM:** We're both pretty quick.

**DH:** Probably Mulls though with his barnet.

**JM:** That's because I've got more to do!

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

**DH:** A mixture really. Whatever's on.

**JM:** Last week it was Big Brother.

**Games console or TV?**

**JM:** TV. We're too old for

PlayStations!

**DH:** We've usually just got music on though.

**Any other in-room activities?**

**JM:** There's usually a few wrestling moves going on in our room.

**DH:** Or watching a film.

**JM:** With the beds pushed together... nice and cosy!

**Who would you rather room with?**

**DH:** No-one, I'm happy with Mulls.



**JM:** Marriage made in heaven, isn't it? I'll stick with Hylts.

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

**DH:** SODS. Lovely bloke but I'm not sure how much sleep I'd get with his ability to chat!

**JM:** I'd be happy to share with any of the lads.

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

**JM:** They wouldn't dare! I know that our names have cropped up a bit in this interview already, but I think young Alex messed about with his own room in Hungary and tried to make it look like it was us.

**DH:** We didn't know what he was talking about, did we?

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

**DH:** Our door is always open. We're sociable.

**JM:** Anyone is free to come in – so long as they don't mess it up. Dan gets upset by things like that.

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

**JM:** He's a Hylton isn't he? Got to be five stars.

**DH:** Cheers Mulls. Same with you mate!



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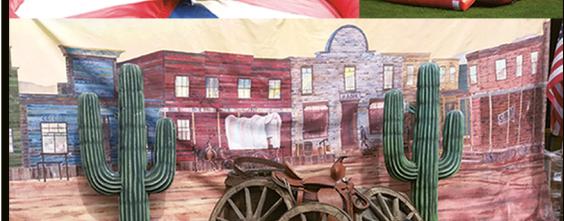


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# HOW THE FOOTBALL FAMILY IS UNITING AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER

Prostate Cancer UK thank Luton Town and their supporters for helping raise over £2m to help stop prostate cancer being a killer.

Since Prostate Cancer UK's Official Charity Partnership with The EFL (formerly The Football League) 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.

Clubs and fans from across the EFL have walked, run, cycled, collected at match days and donated in the fight against prostate cancer. Over four years nearly 800 fans have put on the pitch rivalries aside cycling to Amsterdam with former England internationals Terry Butcher, Viv Anderson and Luther Blissett – who has joined the ride every year. And back in March 2016, it was difficult to ignore Sky Sports presenter Jeff Stelling marching 262 miles to Wembley from his beloved Hartlepool United to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK.



Fans from across the EFL join the biggest ride in football

## HOW CLUBS AND FANS ARE HELPING FUND A NEW ERA OF RESEARCH

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.

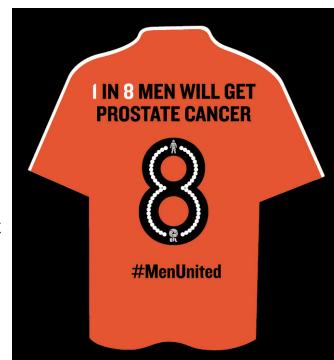


Jeff Stelling visits a Prostate Cancer UK funded laboratory in Newcastle

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](http://prostatecanceruk.org/football)





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# THE SCIENCE OF EVERYTHING LUTON

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

Evening Hatters fans,

Another night under the lights here at Kenilworth Road, and let's hope the lads can put in another performance like the one that got us here against Aston Villa.

Villa was my first evening game here at Kenilworth Road and with over 7000 fans in attendance, a great performance and a big win against championship opposition... it was certainly one to remember. I thought the night was summed up by JJ's (James Justin's) performance. It was great to see and I was really pleased for him as he is a top lad and performs really well in training, and especially in my work with the players. You may have seen me hopping around on the touchline shouting at him, this was a mixture of encouragement as well as dishing him an energy gel and electrolyte/isotonic drink to help stop the onset of cramp that he had started to suffer from. This seemed to help until he got in the ice bath at the end of the game and was stranded in there as his legs started to seize up... followed by a lot of hobbling around the changing room... welcome to first team football JJ.

The boys have got off to a great start and with fixtures in abundance, the emphasis around the training ground has been focused on recovery and working on patching the lads up... ready for the next big effort! Such work consists of Daz and Simon doing a top job focused around massage and muscle release before they are handed over to me. We then do some low intensity off feet work in the gym. This ranges from active recovery work on our new spin bikes to some foam rolling, activation and mobility based exercises. We then generally head out to the pitches for some light work with either the coaches or myself focused on technical football aspects. After this it's on to the lads' favourite activity of contrast bathing (ice bath to hot bath). We actually often end up having a good laugh in there

with conversation ranging from – reflection of the game to past football memories – games, players, coaches etc and as always having a good old laugh at Glen Rea. This also serves as a window of opportunity to probe the boys on their recovery strategies and give some advice on nutrition, hydration and off feet activities.

As the manager's backroom staff we have managed to create a really good atmosphere around the training ground, which the lads have really bought in to. We are constantly looking to improve things and drive the professionalism around the building. Sports science wise, we have improved the gym facilities, the performance nutrition mindset and food served to the lads as well as our monitoring strategies such as GPS and physical tracking. We also now have a pre training preparation room where the lads do a lot of stretching and foam rolling after breakfast to set them up for the day. This has been really well supported by a lot of the good people behind the scenes who often don't get a mention (Peter Kemp – Site manager, Dickie and Roger – Groundsman, David Romans and his staff – Catering, as well as all academy staff).

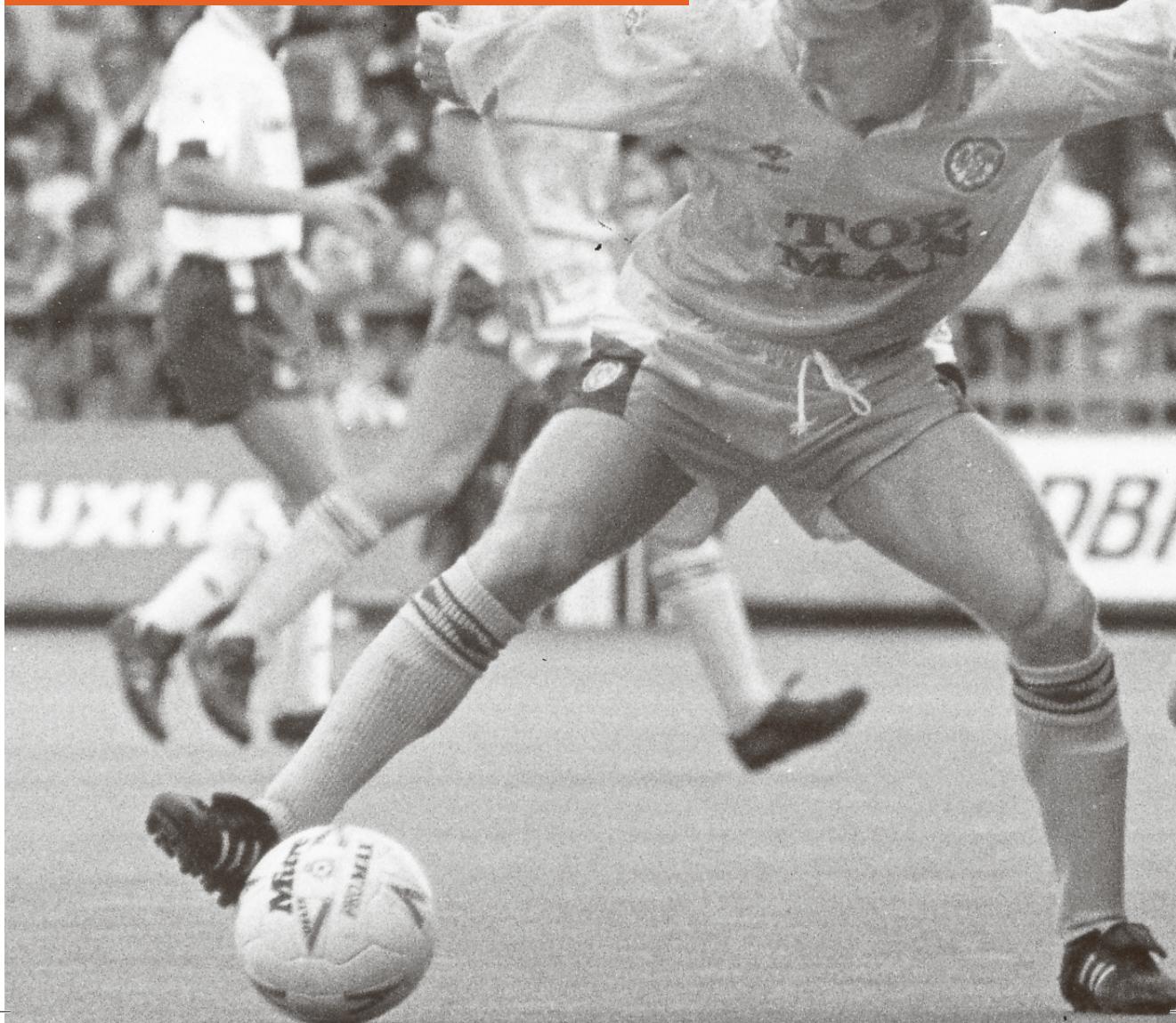
Just to make you all aware as well if you hadn't noticed already the facial hair is getting a tad long. This is because me and Josh McQuoid have got a little 'battle of the beards' bet going on. He didn't think I had it in my locker but as time goes on he is getting more and more worried, and I am confident I've got the bet in the bag. I'm going to see if I can get Sheezy in on it too during his rehab. He has worked really hard to bounce back from his pre-Plymouth injury and has been really good to work with.

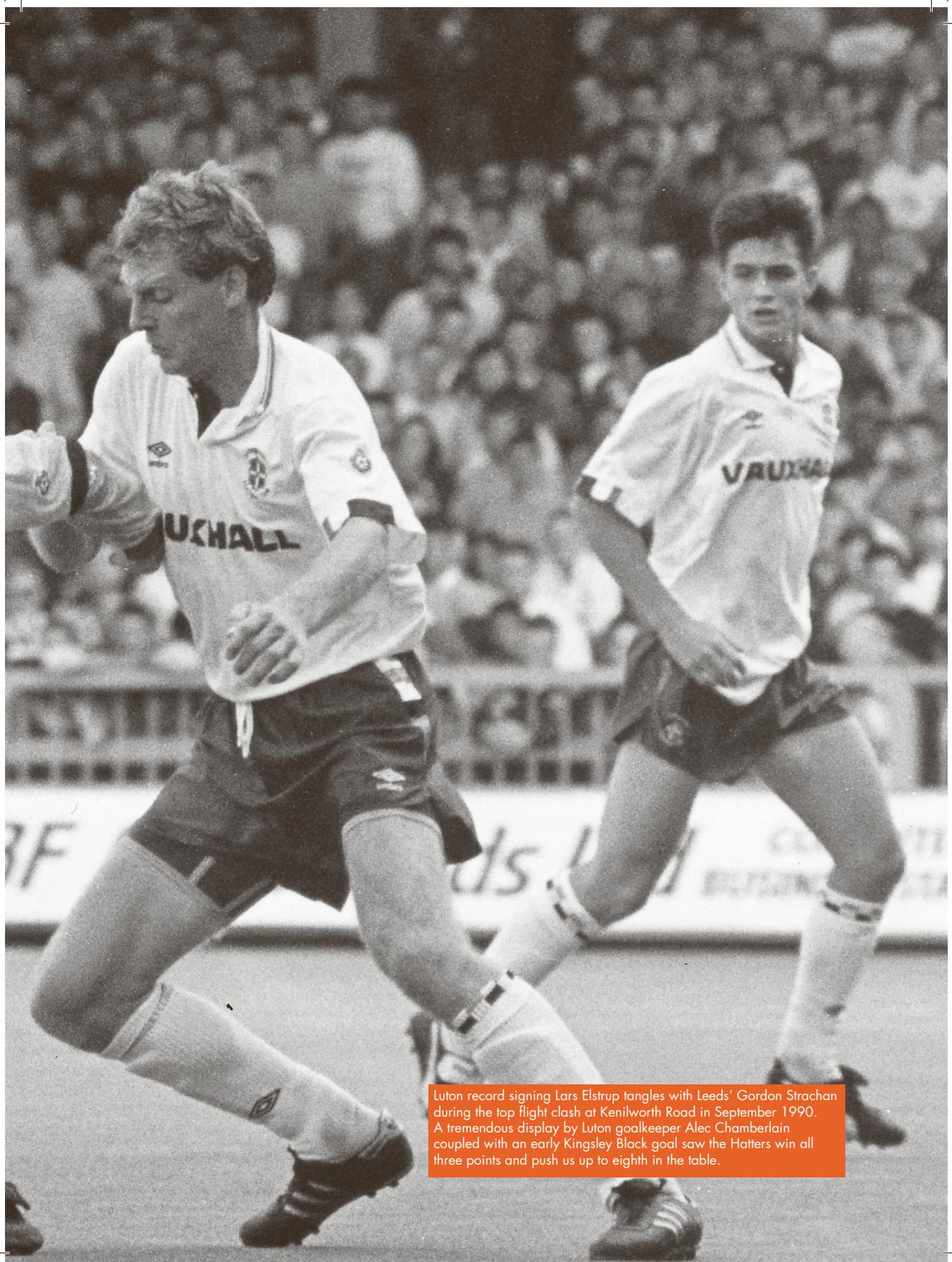
I hope you all enjoy the game, get behind the boys as you always do. Raise the roof and drive them onto the third round where we belong. #COYH



# PICTURE THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES  
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES



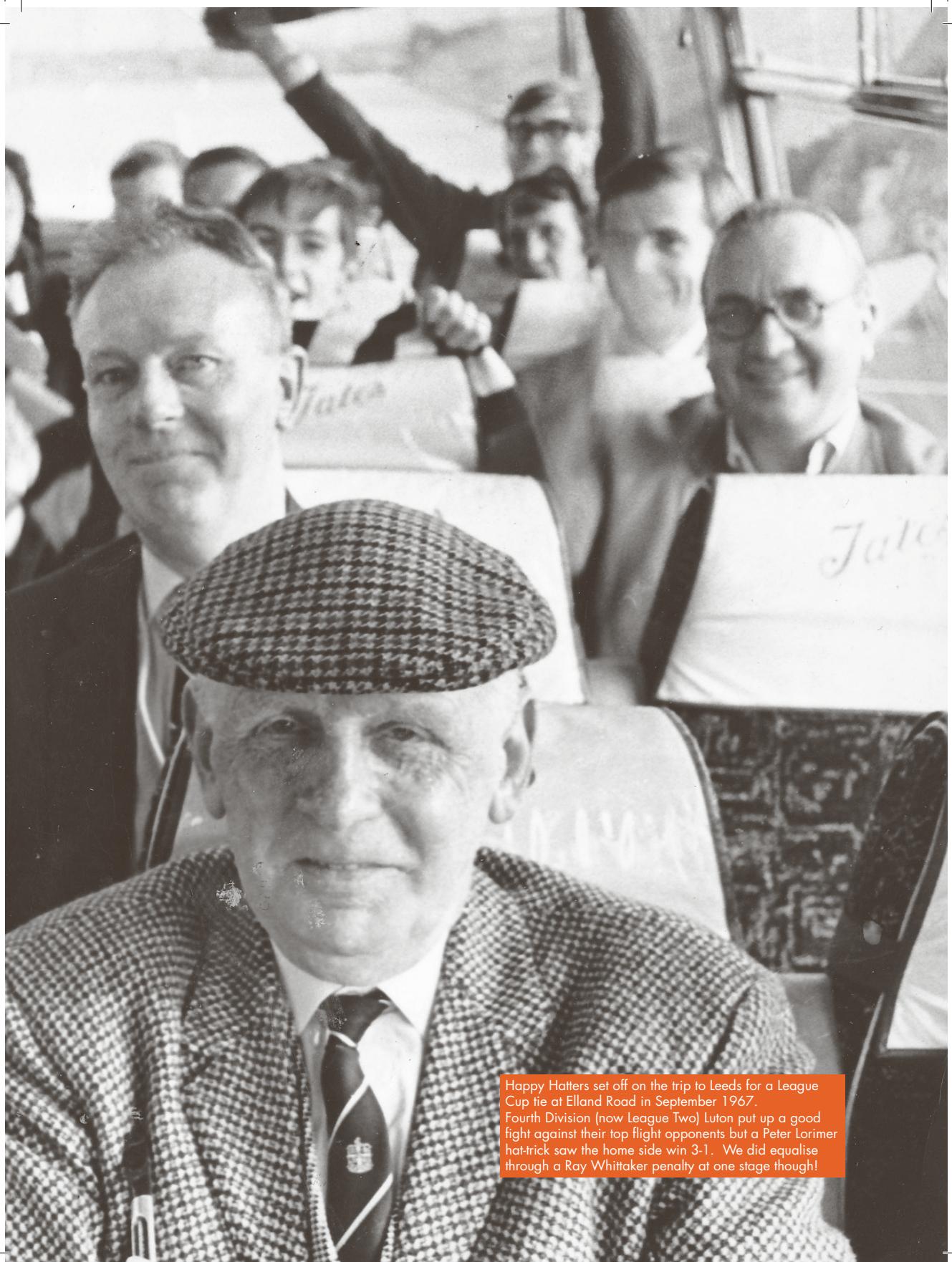


Luton record signing Lars Elstrup tangles with Leeds' Gordon Strachan during the top flight clash at Kenilworth Road in September 1990. A tremendous display by Luton goalkeeper Alec Chamberlain coupled with an early Kingsley Black goal saw the Hatters win all three points and push us up to eighth in the table.



# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES  
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES



Happy Hatters set off on the trip to Leeds for a League Cup tie at Elland Road in September 1967.

Fourth Division (now League Two) Luton put up a good fight against their top flight opponents but a Peter Lorimer hat-trick saw the home side win 3-1. We did equalise through a Ray Whittaker penalty at one stage though!



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# LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Disability Football in Luton and Bedfordshire received a massive boost earlier this month with news that the Hatters Community Trust has been awarded in excess of £25,000 over the next three seasons from the Wembley National Stadium Trust (WNST) Every Player Counts programme with the EFL Trust to increase our provision of PAN Disability football coaching and multi-sports sessions for adults and children across the County through our new 'Achieving Your Goal' project.

WNST is an independent grant-making trust funded by Wembley National Stadium Ltd that makes grants to clubs and other organisations to improve the range and quality of sporting opportunities available to increase sporting opportunities for disabled people through the EFL Trusts Every Player Counts programme.

When the new stadium was built in 2007, out of the total rebuild cost for the stadium close on £800 million; a sum of £120 million was lottery funding provided through Sport England. In recognition of this generous award, a legal agreement was put in place whereby after five years of operation, the Stadium would donate 1% of its gross annual takings

into an independent charitable grant-making trust. The five year 'grace period' expired in 2012 during which time the WNST has supported a wide range of community sports activities including disability sports programmes for London's Premier League and Football League clubs to deliver a range of disability football activities.

From 2016 the focus of the WNST will be on a more England wide basis and all of the EFL Clubs were invited to apply for grant funding for the next three years. As with most grant applications the process is competitive and having met with the WNST the Hatters Trust has been chosen as one of 25 nationwide projects to receive a 3 year funding deal.

It's recognition of the work we have done over the last two years with PAN Disability football and in simple terms will allow the Trust to appoint a dedicated part-time Disability Officer to oversee and deliver football and multi-sport coaching sessions across the County every single day of the week!

Looking back over the last two years it is amazing to see how much the Trust's work has grown in the PAN Disability field. We now coach three of our very own Luton Town FC adult disability teams on a weekly basis and they are either involved in the Beds FA Disability League on Fridays or being coached on Friday mornings up at Stockwood Athletics track, depending on fixtures.



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In addition, we also coach two other school teams every week at Woodlands Middle SEN School in Luton and Grange SEN Academy in Kempston. Both teams play in the Beds FA County SEN School Leagues every month and finished off last season playing their league fixtures here at the Kenny. That's five disability teams all wearing Hatters kits donated by the Trust playing regular football and experiencing the highs and lows of victory and defeat that all regular players experience.

For many football and sports an escape from daily frustrations and challenges and in particular The Trust are extremely proud of how our entire coaching staff have embraced our disability projects from the get go along with our first team playing staff with Stephen O'Donnell, Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu, Jack Marriott and Craig Mackail-Smith all taking time out to present kits to the various teams and what an inspiration the players have proved It's been a real joint Club effort to support our internally funded programme to date and our new WNST funding deal will now allow the Trust to do so much more in the next three seasons. Who can forget that last season our Kempston boys won the national (yes national!) FA Peoples Cup and in a strange quirk of fate we also took our men's disability squads

down to Wembley Stadium this time last year for a tour of the iconic national stadium without ever thinking the stadium would return our trip with financial support for the next 3 years. Our funded WNST project will be called 'Achieving your Goal' and is essentially a new multi-sports project delivered by the Trust adults and children with learning disabilities and will increase our provision with an additional 3 adult and 2 school children sports sessions each week from next month.



There are many different types of learning disability (classed together as PAN disability) but all include the presence of a significantly reduced ability to understand new or complex information, to learn new skills and with a reduced ability to cope independently. Individuals with learning disabilities find it harder to learn, understand and communicate which affects their health and wellbeing with the impact increasing with the severity of the person's disability. Individuals with learning disabilities are also more likely to experience common social

characteristics of poor health including poverty, poor housing, unemployment, social isolation and discrimination.

In running a wide range of coaching programmes across Luton and Bedfordshire, The Hatters Trust recognises the importance of offering, wherever possible, provision that is fully inclusive - adapting the content of sessions where necessary to ensure that everyone can take part. This provides an important learning element for all participants, understanding each person's contribution and working as a team. Our current coaching team sessions offer structured coaching for large groups of young school children and older adults with lower levels of learning disability or physical impairment, helping develop their personal as well as footballing skills.

We are now contacting various groups to make sure we share our grant funding is distributed as wide and fairly as we can over the next 3 years and in particular consulting Luton Borough Council and Bedford Borough Council who supported our bid for funds. If you would like us to run a PAN Disability session for a group you work with or you would like to find out where our sessions will be taking place please contact the Community Trust office on 01582 737568 or by email on [community@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:community@lutontown.co.uk)



## COMMUNITY COACHING PROGRAMME – ARE YOU A POTENTIAL LUTON COMMUNITY CHAMPION!

The Hatters Trust are once again searching for Luton 'community champions' and have again been awarded funding from Luton Adult Learning and the Skills Funding Agency to provide 18 free spaces to local adults to learn coaching skills through successful completion of our coaching learning programme. Our champions will then aim to deliver sports activities to members of our local community and try make a real contribution at local level to the sports provision in Luton.

If you've just been reading about our disability programme then you may be wondering who delivers all of our sessions – well that person could be you. The Trust now employs around 40 full time, part time and apprentice staff to deliver the ever increasing number of social, health and educational projects we are involved in each week. Not all of our staff are simply focused on our youth development or talent identification centres which feeds our schoolboy academy – many are focused on their community contribution through school work with mentoring and educational projects as well as the increasing social cohesion work being done in some of our more deprived estates. The type of 'coaches' we need for this kind of work don't need to budding Mourinho's or a Nathan Jones' (although it would help!) – but local people who really care about Luton and the community they live and work in and who recognise the power of football to be at the heart of all Luton's communities.

The course we are running will include the new FA Level 1 coaching certificate and Sports Leaders Award as well as First Aid and Child Safety qualifications and aims to provide training to new coaches to enable them to deliver football and multi-sport activities which will improve their health and activity levels as well as offering them genuine future work opportunities with the Trust through formal sport qualifications gained on the project. To achieve this aim, the overall project is looking to increase awareness of the benefits of sporting activity together with the benefits of increased physical fitness and healthy lifestyle choices and also deliver this message over a period of time in our local communities through becoming community role models for their local communities.

In particular (but not exclusively) we are looking for our 'community champions' from specifically targeted estates in Dallow and Biscot, Marsh Farm, Lewsey Farm and South Luton to work in areas which have large pockets of social deprivation with hard to reach young individuals

and particularly, have significant issues around crime and anti-social behaviour. These estates already benefit from our weekly late night coaching sessions as part of our KiTS community integration project run in conjunction with Active Luton and the community learning project will look to feed coaches into this project to increase the Club's presence on the estates as we look to support the sports provision and cohesion activity at a very local level.

The course is open to men and women who live in Luton (LU1 to LU4) and particularly those who are unemployed or part-time employed and we also positively welcome BAME candidates who can easily represent and connect with their community group. So, If you are reading this and reckon you could become a 'Luton community champion' and want to know more about our community coaching opportunities and would like to get involved then why not give the community office a ring on 01582 737568 for a chat or email our community operations manager daniel. douglas@lutontown.co.uk

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- gaining the FA Level 1 Award in Coaching Football & Sports Leaders award
- obtain the FA Safeguarding Children in Football & Emergency First Aid Award
- the chance to develop existing and new skills, confidence, and motivation
- opportunities to make new friends
- ongoing support from Luton Town FC during the programme
- help to become a Luton 'community champions'.
- opportunities to volunteering and employment projects with the Hatters Community Trust.
- We particularly encourage applications from the BME community and females as they are under-represented in this area

To register your interest or for more information call Daniel Douglas on 01582 737568 or email daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk



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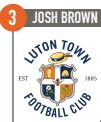
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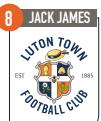
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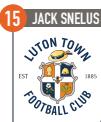
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[ACADEMY UPDATE]

## ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY

# UPDATE

Good evening and welcome to tonight's game versus Leeds United.

## U18S

Paul Driver's Youth Team continued their winning start to the season with a hard earned 2-1 home victory last Saturday over MK Dons. Ciaren Jones and Kavan Cotter were the goalscorers in a highly entertaining game, played in great spirit by both sides, that provided our boys with numerous challenges throughout. The fact that we had three U16s on the pitch at the end of the game bodes well as we look for them to make an impact on the U18 group.

It was pleasing to see Geo Craig start his second competitive game, after being out injured for pretty much the whole of last season, after damaging his knee in pre-season.

Geo has worked extremely hard, under the guidance of our Physiotherapist Dan Simm, and it is great to see him back out on the pitch. Obviously, when serious injuries occur, there is not only the physiological barriers to overcome but also the psychological hurdles are also huge. Geo (and Dan Simm) deserves high praise for the way he has attacked his rehabilitation and now hopefully, step by step, he can increase his match minutes as the weeks go by.

## YOUTH TEAM - LEVEL 2 COACHING

The U18s, as part of their programme, also have the opportunity to get their foot on the ladder from a 'Coaching' point of view. This week the 2nd year apprentices completed their FA Level 2 Coaching award after being assessed by former Tottenham Hotspur and Leeds United defender Chris Fairclough at Ely Way on Wednesday.

The boys completed 10 days of coach education which was provided by the PFA and delivered by Chris Fairclough throughout last season. The FA Level 2 course is a nationally and internationally recognised qualification which goes hand in hand with the education side of their apprenticeship.

Along with completing a BTEC Level 3 in Sports Performance and an NVQ in Sporting Excellence, each apprentice will be fully equipped to make the transition into further education should the opportunity to sign professional forms doesn't materialise.

Enjoy the game. COYH!!

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# HATTERSLADIES

**Town played their last pre-season friendly this weekend away to Offley, before starting the Premier league season next week at home to Gillingham.**

We previously played Offley in the Bedfordshire County Cup Final in April where the Hatters came out on top, winning 8-1.

With a few youngsters again in the line-up, the Town started off well moving the ball around and were unlucky not to go ahead as Erica Byron took on her defender with ease and flashed a ball across the goal, but no one was there to deflect the ball into the net. The home side then had a chance to take the lead, but some good defending from youngsters Jemma Moore and Lucy Webster made sure Jess Devoti didn't have a save to make.

Offley goalkeeper Kelly Moss then made a good save as Michelle Byrne tried her luck, and Zara Carroll saw her header just go high over the bar. Eventually the Town took the lead as Byron finished coolly from ten yards after the initial shot from Jo Rutherford was saved. Jodie Southby had an excellent shot saved on 35 minutes as she got the ball out of her feet and smashed it low into the corner but Moss came out and saved well.

Just before half time, the Hatters doubled their lead as 16-year-old Southby sailed in a perfect corner and Nicola Henman just got her head on it to poke it over the line.

In the second half the Town changed formation and went more attacking with wing backs. Offley continued to try and frustrate the away side and not give us any space in behind, but



eventually Shannon Pratt played a perfect pass into Jess McKay, and she rounded the keeper and finished well into the bottom corner to make it 3-0.

Byrne then added the fourth as she dropped her shoulder and sent the defender the wrong way, shifted the ball from right foot to left and hit a curling shot into the roof of the net on her weak foot.

Pratt then found Byron with a similar reverse pass to earlier but this time she could only hit the side netting.

## CLEVER

New signing Dionne Manning was causing the Offley defence problems with her clever movement and pace, and she linked up well with Rutherford and again forced Moss into a good save. Henman then chased what looked like a lost cause, kept the ball in, and hit a pass at pace across goal, and Rutherford cleverly back heeled it sending it flying into the goal to make it five.

Youngster Lucy Webster then had a good effort saved late on, before Zara Carroll found a bit of space just outside the box and drilled the ball low into the bottom corner with an excellent finish to end the game 6-0.

## PLEASED

Manager Nikki Baker said "I am really pleased with how pre-season has gone. We have only lost once and we have played some really good football.

"It has been good to give the youngsters lots of minutes and be able to see how they cope in adult football. I am looking forward to next week now.

"We move to our new training ground this week for the season and we have to thank Luton Town for sorting that out for us. It will make a difference to have a realistic surface to train on and myself and the girls can't wait to get started against Gillingham next Sunday".

# WHO'S THE MAN?

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# JUNIOR HATTERS



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## DID YOU KNOW...?

Luton Town haven't played Leeds United since 2008 – where the Hatters drew 1–1 in front of the Kenilworth Road crowd, with Sam Parkin on the scoresheet for the Town.

Luton's biggest scoreline between the two teams came 69 years ago, when the Hatters thrashed the whites 6–1 in front of almost 17,000 fans.

## CAM'S THE MAN!

CAMERON McGEEHAN HELPED THE HATTERS TO THEIR DRAMATIC LATE VICTORY ON TUESDAY NIGHT AGAINST NEWPORT COUNTY AFC WITH NOT ONE, BUT TWO PENALTY KICKS! WE THINK CAM HAS NERVES OF STEEL!

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-  Dale Sinfield Shame this amazing attendance did not get to see a win. Well done fans  
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-  Steve James Smash and grab win that's football that's what makes the game great  
Well done Stevenage revenge will be ours at the kennel  
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Keeping the faith! Follow us: @LutonTown

 Benet @benet22  
Gutted @LutonTown lost to @StevenageFC but have faith. @cocowasp says right things and very impressed with squad he put together. #COYH

12:16 PM · 21 Aug 2016



 Rob Lee @57RobLee  
@LTFC Tix Exchange @Richbow79 @LutonTown should have been out of sight in first half! Have to Forget it and move on !

7:11 PM · 20 Aug 2016



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 Zamin Khan 1 week ago  
Coyh now we got leeds we should play like what we did today in every match we play and hopefully we can win league and hopefully we win the cup

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 John Shorey 1 week ago  
I hope we keep this manager for a long time cause it seems he has a good head on his shoulders, COYH

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## THE DAYS OF JAMIE VARDY SNARLING IN FURY AND CHELSEA PLAYERS SWARMING REFEREES COULD BE A THING OF THE PAST.

A new zero-tolerance crackdown on abusing officials will see players shown a straight red card for dissent, intimidation and physical contact.

Cautions will also be dished for a series of lesser offences, such as running towards a referee to contest a decision.

The move comes after research revealed 60 per cent of grassroots officials had suffered some form of abuse - with mimicry of the pros a leading cause.

So will it work? Former Premier League referee Keith Hackett isn't convinced. "If they can stop it, that would be good for the game," he said. "But what we have seen in the past is a six week blitz and then it weakens."

The so-called clampdown on penalty-box grappling is a classic example. Announced in 2014, the initiative has gradually evaporated with defenders routinely unleashing armlocks, headlocks and even full-on rugby tackles.

Various attempts to combat diving have hit similar problems. The key to success is serious punishment even for single offences.

I've got no time for those who exalt the values of rugby over football. You don't, after all, see footballers trying to gouge each other's eyes out, tip people onto their necks or rake studs down necks and faces.

Nevertheless, when it comes to protecting officials, the 15-man game has it nailed. Zero tolerance means zero tolerance.

Examples abound. Earlier this year, Silvere Tian, an Ivorian full-back who plays for French Top 14 side Oyonnax, was sent to the sin bin for a minor offence.

When he reacted by aiming a volley of verbal abuse at ref Romain Poite, the punishment was upgraded to a red card. Tian continued hurling insults as he left the pitch, and again as Poite left the pitch at full time.



In football, such a case would be serious but not extreme. You'd imagine a 2-3 game ban. Yet governing body the Ligue Nationale de Rugby was furious and hit Tian with a 14-month ban for bringing the game into disrepute. Aged 35 and with his contract expiring, the LNR effectively forced him into retirement.

Closer to home, perennial bad boy Dylan Hartley was sent off and banned for 11 weeks after calling referee Wayne Barnes a "cheat" in the 2013 Aviva Premiership final, losing his place on the Lions tour to Australia as a result.

Even for the most minor offences, the RFU 'entry point' for abusing an official is currently six weeks. That is a serious deterrent and something the FA would do well to heed if it is serious about improving standards.

Right now, though, what we need are regular dismissals. Football referees argue - as Howard Webb has this week - that a red card frenzy would ruin the spectacle, but this is a depressingly short-term view.

In the odd match, it would. The stick from the terraces would be savage. But just as with leading elbows and tackles from behind, old habits would quickly die.

Why? Defeat hurts and injustice rankles but not being on the pitch is the worst feeling for any player. They'd soon get the message



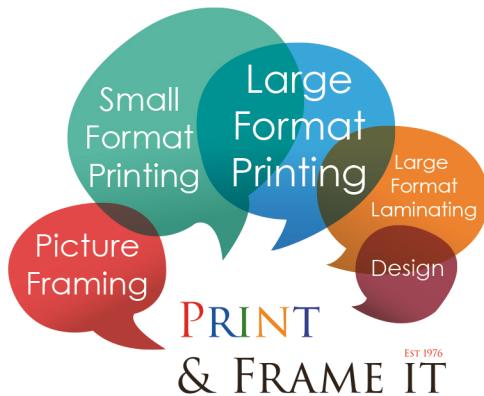
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# LEAGUE LOOK

**The Hatters' injury-time loss to Stevenage saw the Town drop to third in Sky Bet League Two, behind Morecambe and Crawley.**

Morecambe moved onto nine points after beating Yeovil with Kevin Ellison scoring the only goal ten minutes after half-time to give Jim Bentley's men a 1-0 win at Huish Park.

Crawley sit on eight points after they came from a goal down against Barnet to draw 1-1. John Akinde gave the visitors the lead at his old club after just three minutes, before Joe McNerney equalised with a quarter of the game to go.

A closely fought week in League Two saw the biggest wins come at Plymouth and Portsmouth, where both home sides won 2-0.

A Graham Carey first half brace gave Plymouth their second win in a row at home to Mansfield, while Gary Roberts grabbed both Pompey foals to see off Colchester at Fratton Park.

Doncaster joined the Hatters on seven points with their second 1-0 win in a row, both netted by John Marquis. The former Millwall man scored the winner eight minutes after half time, leaving Cheltenham one of just two teams without a win.

The other is Cambridge, who sit bottom after taking the lead twice against Carlisle but were pegged back twice.

Leon Legge put Cambridge ahead before Jason Kennedy's equaliser, but the U's went in at the break a goal to the

good after Luke Berry's penalty. Charlie Wyke cancelled out the lead once again just over half an hour from full time.

Leyton Orient moved to fourth with a win over Grimsby, leaving the Mariners with just one win from four games.

Second half strikes from Liam Kelly and Ollie Palmer put Orient out of sight, meaning Dominic Vose's 92nd-minute strike was just a consolation.

Exeter's first points of the season came after three goals in six minutes at Accrington. Ryan Harley put City a goal up on 66 minutes before Arron Davies equaliser for Accrington on 70 minutes. Jon Taylor popped up two minutes later to seal a 2-1 win for the Grecians.

Notts County came from a goal behind to beat Hartlepool as goals from Louis Laing and Jon Stead cancelled out Toto Nsiala's opener.

Newport drew 1-1 with Crewe as Alex Kiwomya's superb effort for the Alex was matched by Sean Rigg's leveller nine minute from time, whilst Blackpool and Wycombe played out a 0-0 draw at Bloomfield Road.



Morecambe's Kevin Ellison scored the only goal against the Grovers

## SATURDAY LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

Accrington v Morecambe

Barnet v Carlisle

Blackpool v Plymouth

Cambridge v Luton

Cheltenham v Crewe

Crawley v Notts County

Doncaster v Yeovil

Exeter v Portsmouth

Grimsby v Stevenage

Hartlepool v Newport

Leyton Orient v Mansfield

Wycombe v Colchester

## RESULTS

Accrington 1-2 Exeter

Blackpool 0-0 Wycombe

Cambridge 2-2 Carlisle

Cheltenham 0-1 Doncaster

Crawley 1-1 Barnet

Grimsby 1-2 Leyton Orient

Hartlepool 1-2 Notts County

Newport 1-1 Crewe

Plymouth 2-0 Mansfield

Portsmouth 2-0 Colchester

Stevenage 2-1 Luton

Yeovil 0-1 Morecambe

# 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 1	Potts	Rea	Cook
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Potts	Mullins	Cuthbert	McGeehan	Hylton
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	L 2-1	3,517	1,674	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Rea	Potts	Lee	Gray •
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											
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<b>MAY</b>														
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Morecambe											



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## MEET THE REF: KEVIN JOHNSON

Tonight's referee Kevin Johnson hails from Weston-Super-Mare and is entering his third season as a Football League referee after a number of seasons spent in non-league.

Johnson hasn't taken charge of a Town game since February 2015 when tonight's man in the middle booked two players in a 1-0 defeat at Mansfield. In our promotion winning season, Johnson refereed three Hatters games, two of which were wins, the other being a draw. Johnson has already taken charge of four games this season, issuing 12 yellow cards, including Exeter 1-0 Brentford in the EFL Cup first round.

Could he be in charge of another cup upset tonight?



## LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17

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

## PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON						LTC CAREER TOT			
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		APP	GLS
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APP	GLS
Tyreeq Bakinson	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	1	0
Zane Banton	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	10	0
Jordan Cook	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	0	0	4	0
Scott Cuthbert	4 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	4 (1)	0	0	0	45	0
Akin Famewo	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	1	0
Jake Gray	1 (2)	0	1 (0)	1	2 (2)	1	0	0	4	1
Danny Green	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	30	6
Danny Hylton	4 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	5 (0)	1	3	0	5	1
James Justin	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	2	0
Olly Lee	2 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	2	0	43	3
Craig Mackail-Smith	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	34	4
Jack Marriott	4 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	5 (0)	1	1	0	49	17
Cameron McGeehan	4 (0)	3	1 (0)	1	5 (0)	4	1	0	83	24
Josh McQuoid	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	36	5
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	3 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	1	0	71	5
Johnny Mullins	3 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	0	1	4	0
Frankie Musonda	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	3	0
Stephen O'Donnell	4 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	5 (0)	1	0	0	38	2
Dan Potts	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	1	1	20	0
Glen Rea	3 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	0	0	14	0
Alan Sheehan	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	20	1
Jonathan Smith	0 (2)	1	0 (1)	0	0 (3)	1	0	0	144	10
Isaac Vassell	0 (3)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (4)	0	0	0	4	0
Christian Walton	4 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	0	0	5	0

# HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH ROSS LAWSON (SPORTSBEAT NEWS ASSOCIATES)



For the second time this season, we welcome EFL Cup visitors to Kenilworth Road this evening – a habit the Hatters are very close to turning into a trend!

After hosting Bristol City and Premier League side Stoke City to Bedfordshire last term, Leeds United mark a fifth successive home tie in the competition for a Town side looking to go one better than their second round exit 12 months ago.

It was a defeat coming in heart-breaking fashion too. Few gave the Hatters a prayer when the Potters came calling, but from Cameron McGeehan's last-gasp equaliser, the visitors edged through, 8-7 on penalties. But not without a fight.

Wind the clock on a year – 363 days to be precise – and cup optimism could hardly be any higher.

With work commitments plaguing my Saturday afternoons for much of the season, chances to visit 'home' will unfortunately not be too forthcoming this season. But in the Town's 3-1 victory over Aston Villa, there was certainly enough to satisfy supporter (and my) tastes for a while yet.



That said, the game didn't start in the best way for the Hatters, going a goal down early on. But the determination to come back perhaps shows the greatest quality of all – a side with great resolve who don't know when they're beaten (Newport, anyone?)

## JOY

There had been a lot of talk from Nathan Jones before the start of the season, and with that came a level of football which was a joy to watch at times. The passing between Jack Marriott, McGeehan and Pelly-Ruddock

Mpanzu was intricate, with the way the latter slipped in Jake Gray for the opener befitting a side well-drilled and intelligent. And the finish wasn't too bad either – welcome to Kenilworth Road, Mr Gray.

While trying not to exaggerate too much, at times you wondered which side was the Championship club, such was the nature of the Town play

although Villa, the highest-profile club at that stage of the competition, were far from their own best.

It created a rocking second half which the Hatters fans responded to in their usual emphatic manner. Cam was there in the right place at the right time to give the Town the lead before Jores Okore – with misfortune and hilarity in equal measure – provided a two-goal cushion from which Jones & Co looked assured.

## POTENTIAL

So, onto tonight. While not getting too carried away, and with the league a more realistic aim, there is the potential of a cup run to look forward to. 1988 seems rather too distant in the past, and being a Norwich resident during the Hatters' success there in 2013 has created a desire for history and heroics to be repeated.

But before we get too ahead of ourselves, thoughts first turn to Leeds United, set to provide another benchmark to see how far this Hatters side have really come.

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# TEAMS



- 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** Rob Green
- 2** Luke Ayling
- 3** Sol Bamba
- 4** Toumani Diagouraga
- 5** Kyle Bartley
- 6** Liam Cooper
- 7** Kemar Roofe
- 8** Luke Murphy
- 9** Chris Wood
- 10** Marcus Antonsson
- 11** Souleymane Doukara
- 12** Marco Silvestri
- 15** Stuart Dallas
- 16** Matt Grimes
- 18** Pontus Jansson
- 19** Pablo Hernandez
- 21** Charlie Taylor
- 22** Ross Turnbull
- 23** Kalvin Phillips
- 24** Hadi Sacko
- 25** Ronaldo Vieira
- 27** Alex Mowatt
- 28** Gaetano Beradi
- 30** Bailey Peacock- Farrell
- 31** Lewis Coyle
- 33** Tyler Denton



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