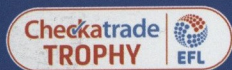


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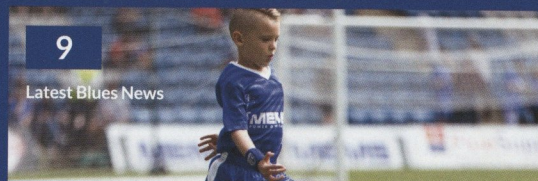
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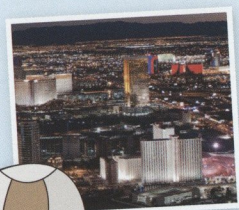


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PAUL
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Good evening everybody,
and welcome to the MEMS
Priestfield Stadium for tonight's
Checkatrade Trophy fixture
against Luton Town.

I'd like to offer an extended
welcome to the management,
directors, players and supporters
of tonight's visitors to Kent, and
hope that they have an enjoyable
evening in Kent, apart from the
result come 9.15pm.

Tonight is the first of three
group-stage games in the
newly-restructured Checkatrade
Trophy; following this game we
will be on the road to local rivals
Millwall in early October, and
then visit the Midlands to face
West Brom's Development Team
at the start of November.

I have made my thoughts clear
on the amount of strain these
additional games will place on
the squads of every EFL club,
owing to the introduction of a
group stage and the addition of
development teams from Premier
League and Championship clubs.
But now that it is here, we have to
give it our best shot to progress.

They say a week in politics is a
long time but, in the crazy world
of football, the fluctuations and
changes that can happen in four
days can be quite unbelievable.
From the low of an extremely
difficult afternoon at Glanford
Park, where we way off-colour
against a strong Scunthorpe side,
to the high of an unforgettable
evening at Vicarage Road that
saw us pull off a stunning team
effort to register a win against



Premier League Watford in the
second round of the EFL Cup,
the past few days really did
encapsulate the emotional roller-
coaster we all have to subscribe
to when following a team we love.

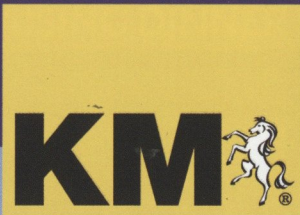
Off the back of the Scunthorpe
result, it would have been easy
for the players and management
team to look fearfully at the trip
to Watford, a side who have
Premier League status and all
the trimmings that now go with
the top level of the English game.
But people have to either shy
away or stand up to the situation
in times of adversity, and our
boys came good on all fronts
to pull off an incredible victory
in their gruelling 120-minute
contest with the Hornets.

Writing these notes ahead
of Saturday's game against
Shrewsbury Town, the Watford
win was the fourth time in six
matches this season we have
come from behind to avoid defeat
(three wins against Southend
twice and Watford, and a draw).
That says a lot about our team's
abilities, both physical and mental.

The memorable win against
Watford took us through to the
third round of the EFL Cup for
the first time in 11 years, and
the draw against Tottenham will
give us another chance to write a
new chapter of the club's proud
history. I have no doubt that we
will sell out our allocation at
White Hart Lane, and that our
supporters will make as much
noise as they did at Vicarage
Road.

Our next home game takes
place on Sunday against Sheffield
United, and will be broadcast
live on Sky Sports, with a 2.15pm
kick-off. I have made this the first
Kids 4 A Quid game of the season,
and I do hope we have a lot of
our young supporters attend.
We will be promoting the launch
of our Junior Gills Membership
Clubs, as well as reintroducing
a very important member of the
Gills Family back to the MEMS
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CUP HEROES TO FACE SPURS

Mark Byrne, one of Gillingham's EFL Cup heroes in last Tuesday's victory against Premier League side Watford, celebrates his goal at Vicarage Road – a strike that helped the club earn a third-round away game against Tottenham Hotspur.

Gills manager Justin Edinburgh will take his team to White Hart Lane on Wednesday, September 21 (TBC at the time of print), a ground that is

extremely familiar to him: Edinburgh played over 200 times for Spurs between 1990 and 2000.

Assistant manager David Kerslake also spent four years as a player at Spurs, Gills midfielder Jamie O'Hara came through the north London club's ranks and made 56 professional appearances for them, while left-back Paul Konchesky had a four-month loan spell there in 2003.

Goals from Byrne and Bradley Dack saw the Gills progress to the third round of the EFL Cup for the first time since 2005 – it was also the club's first away win against a Premier League side since 1996. Ticket details for the Gills' first visit to White Hart Lane were yet to be confirmed at the time of print; full information and sales procedure will appear on the GFC website and social media channels in due course.

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Our Viva Las Priestfield-themed night will provide a fantastic evening of entertainment while

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BOND JOINS ON LOAN

Gillingham have signed goalkeeper Jonathan Bond on loan until the beginning of January.

The 23-year-old, who has made nearly 40 Championship appearances during his career, joined from Reading on Friday.

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THE MANAGER



JUSTIN EDINBURGH

After three consecutive away games, it is nice to return to action at the MEMS Priestfield Stadium for tonight's fixture against Luton Town.

The two weeks since our last match here (a hard-fought but resilient draw against Swindon Town) have gone quickly and have shown the ups and downs of being a manager. Winning away at Watford in the EFL Cup second round was a fantastic achievement for everybody involved with Gillingham Football Club. I was so proud of the players, who produced a tireless performance.

They knew that they'd have to run faster, harder and longer to get anything out of the game – yes, Watford made changes, but we still faced a team full of international players who cost several million pounds. We needed to have the desire to be better than Watford, and we did. Bodies were put on the line to

stop shots, we took the game to them and we played with no fear.

I'm delighted for the club and the players that we've been drawn against Tottenham in round three. It's a great reward, and I'm sure this game will be even better for everybody involved with the club, from the chairman to the staff, the players and the fans, because of the size, stature and history of Spurs. It's not a bad one for me, either! I had 10 great years at Tottenham, they're a huge part of my footballing life, and it'll be a proud moment when I take Gillingham Football Club to White Hart Lane next month.

Response

We all know that the defeat at Scunthorpe United was a bitterly disappointing result, one that no football manager, player or staff member wants to be involved with. It was a freak result, and I still think we've

played worse during my time in charge and got a better result. But we've analysed and reflected upon it, and that showed in the togetherness and performance at Watford. It is out the way now, and we'll try our very hardest to make sure it never happens again.

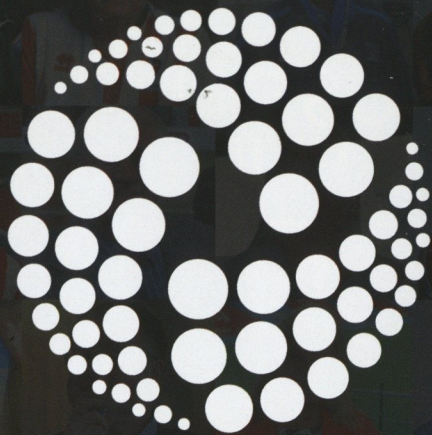
There was a desire to respond immediately. The players were determined to answer the questions that had been put upon them from the staff and I, and collectively they did that against Watford. I was pleased for Stuart Nelson; his performance against Scunthorpe wasn't at the high level he has set himself, but he responded in the way that everybody wished of him.

Tonight sees us involved in our third cup game of the season to date, albeit in the Checkatrade Trophy, a competition that's been transformed. Whether or not the new format is successful, we'll have to wait and see, but we'll prepare properly for it and look to win, as we do for every match. It's a good opportunity for us to give minutes to those who haven't had as much football as they'd have liked so far this season, too.

Nathan Jones has done a good job at Luton since he took over, and I wish him, his staff and players, and the club's directors and supporters an enjoyable visit to the MEMS Priestfield Stadium.

Enjoy the game,
Justin





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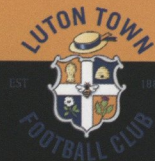
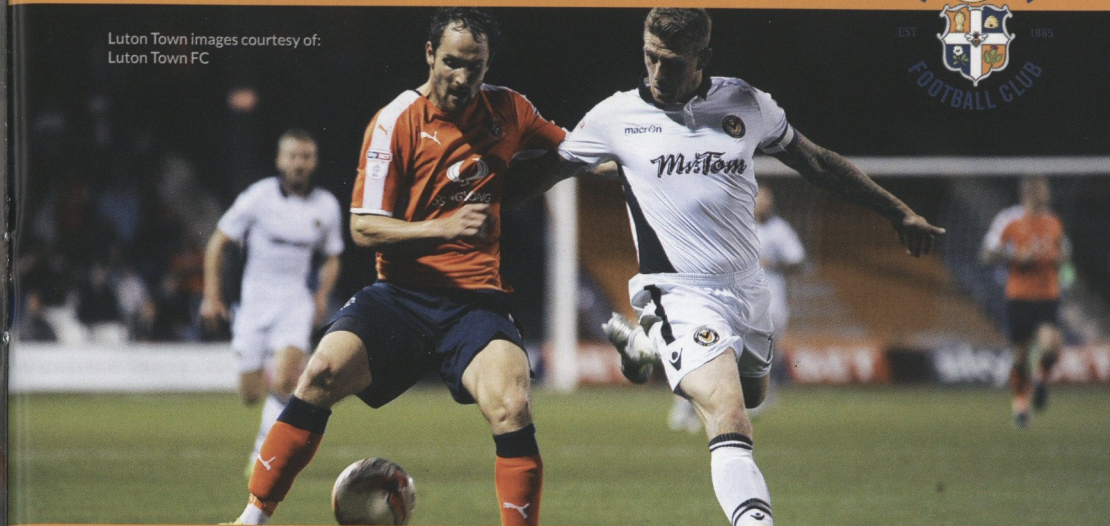
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LUTON TOWN

Having won two Sky Bet League Two games and claimed a memorable EFL Cup victory over Aston Villa within their opening six matches of the 2016/17 season, Luton Town arrive at the MEMS Priestfield Stadium this evening in good form.

Ahead of Saturday's fixtures, the Hatters sat third in League Two, thanks to a fantastic 3-0 opening-day victory away to last year's losing play-off finalists Plymouth Argyle, and a 2-1 win against Newport County at Kenilworth Road. The highly-rated Cam McGeehan, who came through the ranks at Chelsea, scored a 96th-minute penalty to win the latter game. McGeehan also scored in Town's EFL Cup first-round victory, as the Hatters hit the headlines thanks to a 3-1 win over Aston Villa. However, a number of missed chances saw Leeds United knock

them out of the competition in last week's second-round fixture at Kenilworth Road, but manager Nathan Jones was proud of his players' performance in their 1-0 defeat.

"The way we went about our work was superb, we were excellent. I wouldn't go as far to say outplayed, but we weren't far off outplaying a Championship side," he said.

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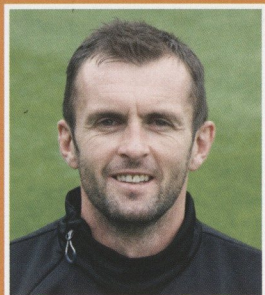
Following three successive relegations down the EFL, Town spent four years playing non-league football, before returning to League Two in 2014. Having placed eighth two seasons ago, and then 11th at the end of the 2015/16 campaign, Jones (who replaced John Still in charge in January) is hopeful that the Hatters can push for promotion this time around.

"I think we're third favourites [to go up]," he said. "OK, I'd like to win the league so my ambitions are slightly bigger than the bookies' ones. That kind of pressure comes with being a club of this size in this division - Portsmouth will have to do it, Doncaster [will, too,] because they came down, Plymouth are among it, Leyton Orient have spent money. It goes along with the territory, but this league is such an unpredictable one and what we have to do is be consistent in the results that we get. They have to be positive ones."

Town's last visit to the MEMS Priestfield Stadium came in this competition last October, as the Gills came from behind to beat them 2-1, thanks to goals from Max Ehmer and Bradley Dack. They won on their most recent league visit to Kent, a 1-0 victory in August 2008.

NATHAN JONES

Manager

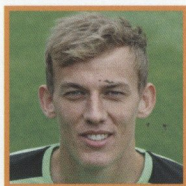


Jones, who turned professional with the Hatters in 1995 but left a year later without making a first-team appearance, was appointed Luton Town boss on January 6, 2016.

The 43-year-old Welshman gained his first coaching experience while at Yeovil Town, where he served as player/assistant manager under Terry Skiverton. Upon his playing retirement in 2012, he was appointed Charlton Athletic's Under-21 professional development coach, before joining Brighton & Hove Albion as their assistant head coach the following year.

He had a two-game run as caretaker manager for the Seagulls at the end of 2014, and held the roles of first-team coach and assistant manager as part of Chris Hughton's backroom staff.

A devout Christian, he signed a two-and-a-half year contract upon taking over at Kenilworth Road earlier this year. Town sat 15th in League Two when he replaced John Still, and moved them up the table to finish 11th.



CHRISTIAN WALTON

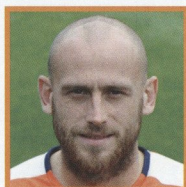
Position: GK

Age: 20

Date of Birth: 09/11/95

Previous Clubs: Plymouth Argyle, Brighton & Hove Albion, Bury (loan)

Walton came through the ranks at Plymouth Argyle, but made his professional debut for Brighton in a League Cup game against Tottenham in October 2014. Following short spells at Bury and Plymouth last season, he joined the Hatters from the Seagulls on a season-long loan in June. The Cornwall-born goalkeeper has been capped by England at under-19 and 20 level.



SCOTT CUTHBERT

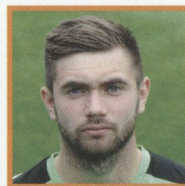
Position: CB/RB

Age: 29

Date of Birth: 15/06/87

Previous Clubs: Celtic, Livingston (loan), St Mirren (loan), Swindon Town, Leyton Orient

Club captain Cuthbert, who started his career at Celtic, joined the Hatters from Leyton Orient in May 2015. After loans at Livingston (December 2006 to January 2007) and St Mirren (August 2008 to May 2009), the 29-year-old entered the EFL with Swindon Town, for whom he made 96 appearances. He also spent four years at Leyton Orient.



CRAIG KING

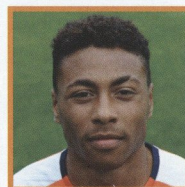
Position: GK

Age: 19

Date of Birth: 01/07/97

Previous Clubs: Bishop's Stortford (loan), Met Police (loan)

Teenage goalkeeper King signed his first professional contract last summer, having impressed with his performances in the youth and reserve teams during the 2014/15 campaign. To aid his development, King was sent on loan to Ryman Premier side Met Police last season, for whom he made 23 appearances between August and mid-January.



AKIN FAMEWO

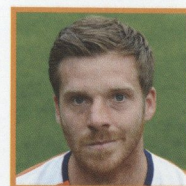
Position: CB/LB

Age: 17

Date of Birth: 09/11/98

Previous Clubs: N/A

A strong, left-sided player, Famewo joined the Hatters at under-10 level and signed his first professional contract in July. A key part of Town's league and cup-winning under-18 side last season, he made his first-team debut as a substitute in their 2-1 victory over Newport County in August.



JOHNNY MULLINS

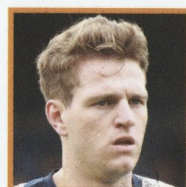
Position: CB/RB

Age: 30

Date of Birth: 06/11/85

Previous Clubs: Reading, Kidderminster (loan), Mansfield Town, Stockport United, Rotherham United, Oxford United

Experienced centre-half who started out at Reading, but left in 2006 without making a single first-team appearance. Spells with Mansfield and Stockport followed, before he helped Rotherham gain promotion to League One in 2012/13, and did the same with Oxford United last season. He joined Town in June 2016.



GLEN REA

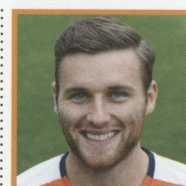
Position: DM/CB

Age: 21

Date of Birth: 03/09/94

Previous Clubs: Brighton & Hove Albion, Southend United (loan)

Rea, who spent the last two months of the 2015/16 season with the Hatters, joined on a two-year deal in June. Born in Brighton, he turned professional with his home city club in 2013, and made two first-team appearances for the Seagulls. Capped by the Republic of Ireland's under-21s, he spent the first half of last season at Southend.



STEPHEN O'DONNELL

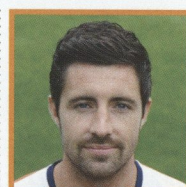
Position: RB

Age: 24

Date of Birth: 11/05/92

Previous Clubs: Aberdeen, Celtic, Partick Thistle

Scottish defender O'Donnell joined the Hatters from Partick Thistle in 2015, having helped his former club gain promotion to the SPL and earned a place in the PFA Scotland First Division Team of the Year. Capped by Scotland's under-21s, he made 33 appearances for Town last season, scoring one goal.



ALAN SHEEHAN

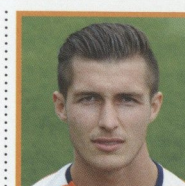
Position: LB

Age: 29

Date of Birth: 14/09/86

Previous Clubs: Leicester City, Mansfield Town (loan), Leeds United, Crewe Alexandra (loan), Oldham Athletic (loan), Swindon Town, Notts County, Bradford City, Peterborough United (loan), Notts County (loan)

Experienced defender Sheehan was Nathan Jones's first signing upon his arrival at Kenilworth Road, initially on loan from Bradford. The Irishman, who started at Leicester, has made over 300 career appearances, and signed a two-year deal with the Hatters in July.



DAN POTTS

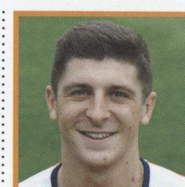
Position: LB/CB

Age: 22

Date of Birth: 13/04/1994

Previous Clubs: West Ham, Colchester United (loan), Portsmouth (loan)

The 22-year-old joined the Hatters from West Ham, for whom he made 13 appearances after between December 2011 and August 2014. During his time with the Hammers, he also represented the USA at under-20 level and England's under-18, 19 and 20s squads. Potts gained valuable Football League experience on loan at Colchester and Portsmouth before joining Luton in May 2015.



JAKE GRAY

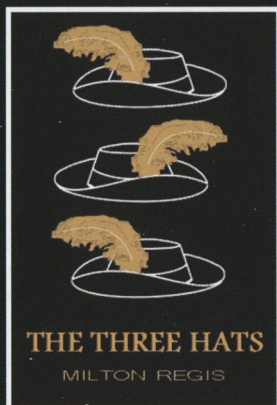
Position: AMC

Age: 20

Date of Birth: 25/12/95

Previous Clubs: Crystal Palace, Cheltenham Town (loan), Hartlepool United (loan)

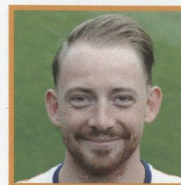
Summer signing Gray turned professional with Crystal Palace, whom he joined in 2012 when Wycombe Wanderers closed their academy. He made his Palace debut in a League Cup tie against Walsall in 2014, but never made a Premier League appearance for the Eagles. The Aylesbury-born player scored six times in 30 starts and three sub appearances during a loan spell with Hartlepool last season.



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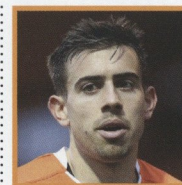
Position: AM/RM

Age: 28

Date of Birth: 09/07/88

Previous Clubs: Nottingham Forest, Bishop's Stortford, Dagenham & Redbridge, Charlton Athletic, MK Dons

Green is back in training after suffering a broken leg in last April's match against Northampton Town. Former Hatters boss John Still signed Green from non-league club Bishop's Stortford while at Dagenham & Redbridge, and the winger went onto help the Daggers win the League Two play-offs in 2010. He later won promotion to the Championship with Charlton Athletic.



OLLY LEE

Position: CM

Age: 25

Date of Birth: 11/07/1991

Previous Clubs: West Ham, Dagenham & Redbridge (loan), Gillingham (loan), Barnet, Birmingham City, Plymouth Argyle (loan)

Lee initially joined the Hatters last summer, on a season-long loan from Birmingham City, before signing permanently in August. A West Ham trainee, he made seven appearances for the Gills between February and April 2012, and played 20 times for Championship club Birmingham City during the 2013/14 season.



CAMERON MCGEEHAN

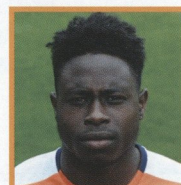
Position: CM

Age: 21

Date of Birth: 06/04/95

Previous Clubs: Norwich City, Cambridge United (loan)

Capped by Northern Ireland's under-17, 19 and 21s, McGeehan had two loan spells with the Hatters (January to May 2014, and February to May 2015) prior to signing permanently from Norwich City in June 2015. He scored 14 times last season for Town, second only to striker Jack Marriott.



PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU

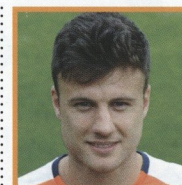
Position: CB/DM/LM/RM

Age: 23

Date of Birth: 17/07/93

Previous Clubs: Boreham Wood, West Ham

Pacey winger Ruddock Mpanzu was an instant hit when he joined Town on loan midway through their Conference title-winning campaign of 2013/14. He signed permanently from West Ham in January 2014, but made just 59 appearances in the following two-and-a-half seasons because of injury. Capable of playing in central defence, midfield or on the wing, Pelly started Town's opening six 2016/17 fixtures.



JONATHAN SMITH

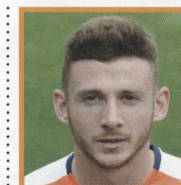
Position: CM

Age: 29

Date of Birth: 17/10/86

Previous Clubs: Morecambe, Forest Green, York City, Swindon Town, York City

Having joined the Hatters from York City in January 2013, Smith is the longest-serving player in Town's squad. Part of the team that won the Conference title in 2013/14, the Preston-born player fought back from a broken leg sustained on Boxing Day 2013 and has now made almost 150 appearances for the club. He was voted the club's Players' Player of the Year in 2015.



JORDAN COOK

Position: ST

Age: 26

Date of Birth: 20/03/90

Previous Clubs: Sunderland, Darlington (loan), Walsall (loan), Carlisle United (loan), Charlton Athletic, Yeovil Town (loan), Walsall

A summer signing from Walsall, the 26-year-old began his career in the Premier League, making his Sunderland debut as a substitute against Manchester United on Boxing Day 2010. Cook first worked with Town boss Nathan Jones at Charlton, whom he joined in 2012, and reunited with his old Addicks coach this summer.

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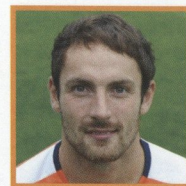
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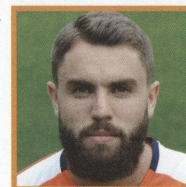
Position: ST

Age: 27

Date of Birth: 25/02/89

Previous Clubs: Aldershot, Rotherham United (loan), Bury (loan), AFC Wimbledon (loan), Oxford United

Hylton joined Town this summer, and scored on his debut as the Hatters beat Plymouth on the opening day of the EFL season. He scored 48 times for Aldershot during a seven-year spell at the Hampshire club, and played 52 times last season to help Oxford United gain promotion to League One and progress to the fourth round of the FA Cup.



JOSH McQUOID

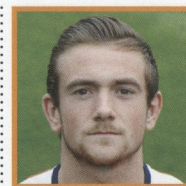
Position: ST/RM/LM

Age: 26

Date of Birth: 15/12/89

Previous Clubs: AFC Bournemouth, Millwall, Burnley (loan), Peterborough United (loan), Coventry City (loan)

McQuoid, who joined the Hatters in July 2015, scored Town's winners in the victories over Carlisle United and Crawley Town last season. The Northern Irishman previously had two spells at Bournemouth, interrupted by an unsuccessful 17-month stint with Millwall, before being released at the end of the 2014/15 season.



JACK MARRIOTT

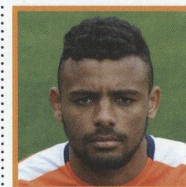
Position: ST

Age: 21

Date of Birth: 09/09/94

Previous Clubs: Ipswich Town, Woking (loan), Gillingham (loan), Carlisle United (loan), Colchester United (loan)

Marriott, who made one sub appearance for the Gills in 2014, signed for Luton from Ipswich (whom he joined aged 15) in May 2015. He made just three appearances for the Suffolk club, but made his name scoring 17 goals across three loan spells at Woking between November 2013 and January 2015. He won Town's Player of the Year prize last season.



ISAAC VASSELL

Position: ST/RM/LM

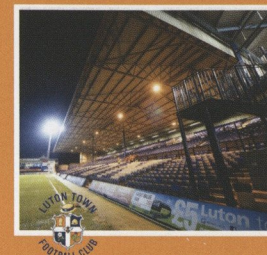
Age: 22

Date of Birth: 09/09/93

Previous Clubs: Plymouth Argyle, Truro City, Bideford (loan), Weymouth (loan)

Former Plymouth Argyle forward became manager Nathan Jones' seventh signing of the close season, signing a one-year deal at the end of a successful two-week trial in July. A cousin of former England international Darius Vassell, for the past two seasons he combined working on a building site with playing part-time for Truro City.

LUTON TOWN At a Glance



Founded: 1885

Nickname: The Hatters

Ground: Kenilworth Road

Chairman: Nick Owen

HONOURS:

Division Two Champions
(currently known as the
Championship): 1981/82
Division Three Champions
(currently known as
League One):

1936/37 (south), 2004/05

Division Four Champions

(currently known as

League Two): 1967/68

Conference Premier

Champions: 2013/14

League Cup Winners:

1987/88

Football League Trophy

Winners: 2008/09

Division Two Runners-up

(currently known as the

Championship):

1954/55, 1973/74

Division Three Runners-up

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League One):

1935/36 (south), 1969/70

Division Four Runners-up

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League Two): 2001/02

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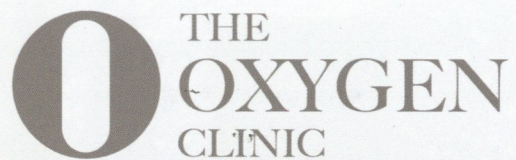
Runners-up: 2009/10

FA Cup Runners-up:

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League Cup Runners-up:

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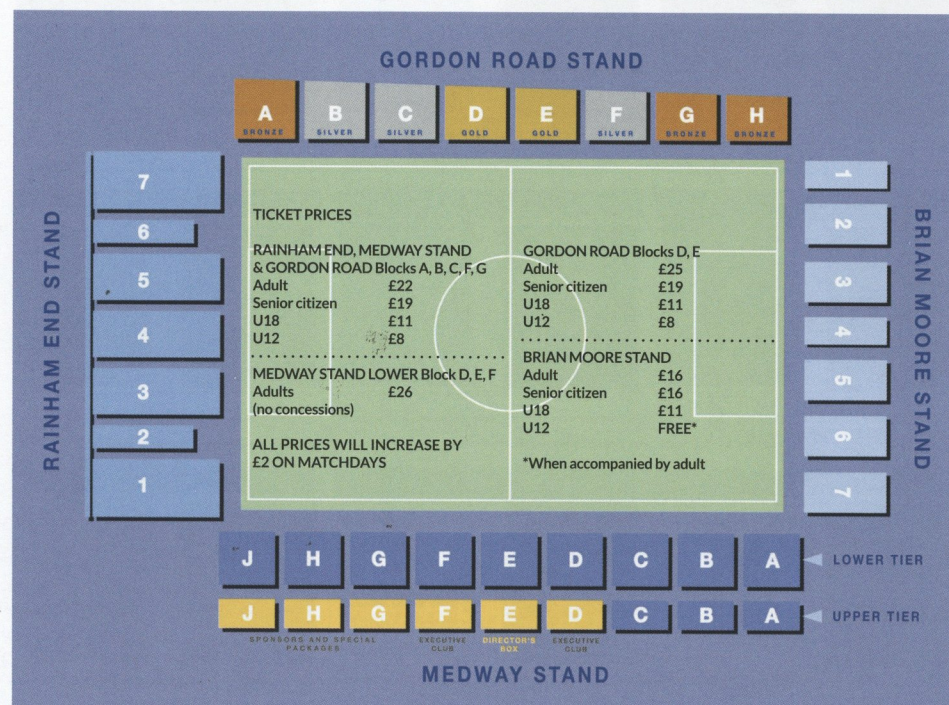
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FIXTURES

Southern Group A
Bristol Rovers v Reading
Yeovil Town v Portsmouth

Southern Group B
AFC Wimbledon v Swansea City
Plymouth Argyle v Newport County

Southern Group C
Oxford United v Exeter City

Southern Group D
Coventry City v West Ham United
Northampton Town v Wycombe Wanderers

Southern Group E
Charlton Athletic v Southampton
Crawley Town v Colchester United

Southern Group F
Peterborough v Norwich (7.30pm)
Milton Keynes Dons v Barnet

Southern Group G
Southend United v Brighton & HA
Leyton Orient v Stevenage

Southern Group H
Millwall v West Bromwich Albion

All fixtures are 7.45pm KOs
unless otherwise stated.

TABLE



Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Bolton	4	4	0	0	7	3	4	12
2 Scunthorpe	4	3	1	0	12	4	8	10
3 Bradford	4	3	1	0	6	2	4	10
4 Chesterfield	4	2	1	1	7	4	3	7
5 Charlton	4	2	1	1	6	4	2	7
6 Port Vale	4	2	1	1	3	1	2	7
7 MK Dons	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
8 Millwall	4	2	1	1	8	8	0	7
9 Swindon	4	2	1	1	4	0	7	
10 Gillingham	4	2	1	1	6	4	-2	7
11 Peterborough	4	2	0	2	9	6	3	6
12 Fleetwood	4	1	2	1	6	5	1	5
13 Oldham	4	1	2	1	1	3	-2	5
14 Bury	4	1	1	2	3	3	0	4
15 Northampton	4	0	4	0	2	2	0	4
16 Southend	4	1	1	2	5	6	-1	4
17 Walsall	4	1	1	2	4	5	-1	4
18 Bristol Rovers	4	1	1	2	5	7	-2	4
19 Oxford Utd	4	1	1	2	4	6	-2	4
20 Shrewsbury	4	1	1	2	2	5	-3	4
21 Coventry	4	0	2	2	1	4	-3	2
22 Rochdale	4	0	1	3	3	6	-3	1
23 Wimbledon	4	0	1	3	3	7	-4	1
24 Sheff Utd	4	0	1	3	2	7	-5	1

League table and GFC roll call as of 26/08/16



ROLL CALL

PLAYER	D.O.B.	LEAGUE		CUPS		TOTAL		CARDS		GFC CAREER	
		APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS	APPS	GOALS			APPS	GOALS
Mark Byrne	09/11/1988	4		1	1	5	1	1		5	1
Greg Cundle	20/03/1997										
Bradley Dack*	31/12/1993	1		1 (1)	1	2 (1)				113 (36)	33
Mitchell Dickenson	14/09/1996										
Rory Donnelly	18/02/1992	1 (3)				1 (3)		2		29 (16)	11
Max Ehmer	03/02/1992	3	1	2		5	1			66 (1)	3
J Emmanuel-Thomas	27/12/1990	4	1	1 (1)	2	5 (1)	3			5 (1)	3
Bradley Garmston	18/01/1994									31 (16)	1
Tom Hadler	30/07/1996										
Jake Hessenthaler	20/04/1994	(1)		1		1 (1)		1		90 (18)	7
Ryan Jackson	31/07/1990	3	1	1		4	1	1		42 (3)	3
Billy Knott	28/11/1992	3 (1)		2		5 (1)				5 (1)	
Paul Konchesky	15/05/1981	4		2		6		1		6	
Elliott List	12/05/1997	(1)		(1)		(1)				(8)	
Lee Martin	09/02/1987										
Cody McDonald	30/05/1986	3 (1)		2	1	5 (1)	1			150 (29)	70
Aaron Morris	30/12/1989									54 (8)	1
Stuart Nelson	17/09/1981	4		2		6		1		185	
Jamie O'Hara	25/09/1986	(1)				(1)				(1)	
Darren Oldaker	04/01/1999	(1)		(1)		(2)				(2)	
Emmanuel Osadebe	01/10/1996	4	1	1 (1)		5 (1)	1			17 (10)	3
Adedeji Oshilaja	02/03/1993	3 (1)		1 (1)		4 (2)		1		28 (3)	3
Josh Pask	01/11/1997	3		2		5				5	
Joe Quigley	12/10/1996	(2)		1		1 (2)				1 (2)	
Scott Wagstaff	31/03/1990										
Josh Wright	06/11/1989	4		2		6		3		56 (2)	1

FIXTURES & RESULTS

SEASON 2016/17

Stuart Nelson
Ryan Jackson
Bradley Garmston

				Referee	F	A	Att	Pos	
Southend United	Sat Aug 6	A	3.00pm	Whitestone	3	1	8,141	2	● ●
Southend United (EFL C1)	Tue Aug 9	A	7.45pm	Robinson	3	1	3,175	-	● ●
BURY	Sat Aug 13	H	3.00pm	Malone	2	1	5,324	1	● ●
SWINDON TOWN	Tue Aug 16	H	7.45pm	Stroud	1	1	5,512	3	● ●
Scunthorpe United	Sat Aug 20	A	3.00pm	Webb	0	5	3,718	10	●
Watford (EFL C2)	Tue Aug 23	A	7.45pm	Linington	2	1	7,004	-	●
Shrewsbury Town	Sat Aug 27	A	3.00pm						
LUTON TOWN (EFLT)	Tue Aug 30	H	7.30pm						
SHEFFIELD UNITED	Sun Sep 4	H	2.15pm						
BRADFORD CITY	Sat Sep 10	H	3.00pm						
Port Vale	Sat Sep 17	A	3.00pm						
Tottenham Hotspur (EFL C3)	Wed Sep 21	A	TBC						
COVENTRY CITY	Sat Sep 24	H	3.00pm						
Chesterfield	Tue Sep 27	A	7.45pm						
AFC Wimbledon	Sat Oct 1	A	3.00pm						
Millwall (EFLT)	Tue Oct 4	A	TBC						
OLDHAM ATHLETIC	Sat Oct 8	H	3.00pm						
Bristol Rovers	Sat Oct 15	A	3.00pm						
WALSALL	Tue Oct 18	H	7.45pm						
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	Sat Oct 22	H	3.00pm						
Fleetwood Town	Sat Oct 29	A	3.00pm						
West Bromwich Albion (EFLT)	Tue Nov 8	A	TBC						
NORTHAMPTON TOWN	Sat Nov 12	H	3.00pm						
Walsall	Sat Nov 19	A	3.00pm						
Oxford United	Tue Nov 22	A	7.45pm						
ROCHDALE	Sat Nov 26	H	3.00pm						
Bolton Wanderers	Sat Dec 10	A	3.00pm						
MILTON KEYNES DONS	Sat Dec 17	H	3.00pm						
Peterborough United	Mon Dec 26	A	3.00pm						
Millwall	Sat Dec 31	A	3.00pm						
OXFORD UNITED	Mon Jan 2	H	3.00pm						
AFC WIMBLEDON	Sat Jan 7	H	3.00pm						
Oldham Athletic	Sat Jan 14	A	3.00pm						
Sheffield United	Sat Jan 21	A	3.00pm						
SHREWSBURY TOWN	Sat Jan 28	H	3.00pm						
Bradford City	Sat Feb 4	A	3.00pm						
PORT VALE	Sat Feb 11	H	3.00pm						
CHESTERFIELD	Tue Feb 14	H	7.45pm						
Coventry City	Sat Feb 18	A	3.00pm						
SOUTHEND UNITED	Sat Feb 25	H	3.00pm						
Swindon Town	Tue Feb 28	A	7.45pm						
Bury	Sat Mar 4	A	3.00pm						
SCUNTHORPE UNITED	Sat Mar 11	H	3.00pm						
BOLTON WANDERERS	Tue Mar 14	H	7.45pm						
Rochdale	Sat Mar 18	A	3.00pm						
PETERBOROUGH UNITED	Sat Mar 25	H	3.00pm						
Milton Keynes Dons	Sat Apr 1	A	3.00pm						
MILLWALL	Sat Apr 8	H	3.00pm						
BRISTOL ROVERS	Fri Apr 14	H	3.00pm						
Charlton Athletic	Mon Apr 17	A	3.00pm						
FLEETWOOD TOWN	Sat Apr 22	H	3.00pm						
Northampton Town	Sun Apr 30	A	12.00pm						

KEY ● STARTING XI ● FIRST SUB ● SECOND SUB ● THIRD SUB U UNUSED SUB

Max Ehmer	Deji Oshilaja	Scott Wagstaff	Jake Hensenthaler	Rory Donnelly	Cody McDonald	Billy Knott	Paul Konchesky	Tom Hadler	Lee Martin	Aaron Morris	Emmanuel Osadebe	Joe Quigley	Darren Oldaker	Elliott List	Mitch Dickenson	Bradley Dack	Greg Cundle	Mark Byrne	Josh Wright	Jay Emmanuel-Thomas	Josh Pask	Jamie O'Hara	Jonathan Bond	Goal Scorers
● ●	● ●	U	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	U	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	● ●	JET, Ehmer, Osadebe
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NELSON'S column

IN THE LATEST INSTALLMENT OF HIS NEW COLUMN, GOALKEEPER AND VICE-CAPTAIN STUART NELSON LOOKS BACK AT THE FAMOUS EFL CUP VICTORY AGAINST WATFORD AT VICARAGE ROAD.

Knocking a Premier League club out of a cup competition is one of the best feelings in football.

Our win away at Watford was the first time I'd achieved that with the Gills, although I'd had similar results at other clubs. With Notts County, I'd also beaten Watford in the second round of the League Cup before, too. I think Premier League teams always underestimate lower league sides; their players don't see the games as glamour ties, so if you take your chances and stick together throughout, you can cause an upset.

Winning a cup game like last Tuesday's is a different feeling to claiming a league title. In a way, the roller-coaster of a cup game is like a condensed season; there are times when your backs are against the walls (being 1-0 down and missing a penalty), then others when it's brilliant (Mark Byrne's great equaliser, then Dack's winner).

Everybody knows that the Scunthorpe game wasn't one of my better performances, so I needed to come back strongly against Watford, and put in a good

performance. I felt like I did. I think you can tell from my response when I make either a good or an important save - it's something I learned in an earlier part of my career with an old club, who got all the players working with a sports psychologist. Capturing strong moments (big saves, good catches) is a good device, so you can go back to them when in need of a confidence boost. Next time you see Andy Murray fist pump after winning a point, you'll understand why.

Appreciation

The fans were fantastic throughout the Watford game. They're one of the biggest reasons I stayed with the club, and they backed me after the Scunthorpe match. We all know you spend your hard-earned cash coming to games, so regardless of me having a good, average or bad performance, I'll always come over to show my appreciation.

For our first home game against Bury, the Rainham End was loud, but the group of fans in the Brian Moore Stand against Swindon were excellent. Having a good atmosphere inside the stadium will only help us try and better our home record from last season. Hopefully, the two groups of fans in each stand can push each other on every week to make the MEMS Priestfield Stadium a fortress - louder singing and banging, more flags etc. Right now though, it's **Rainham End 1-1 Brian Moore Stand.**

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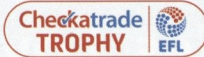
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