



TALK OF THE TOWN

LUTON TOWN v WYCOMBE WANDERERS

SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2016 | KICK OFF 3pm

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME | ISSUE 5 | PRICE £3



Tivoli from
£12,950*



Tivoli XLV from
£18,250*



Turismo from
£18,995*



Korando from
£15,995*



Rexton from
£22,995*



Korando Sports from
£14,495
ex. VAT



Hatters sign South Korean stars

SsangYong. Proud sponsors of Luton Town FC.
Proud providers of outstanding value for money.



SSANGYONG
Est. Korea 1954
5 YEAR WARRANTY

Fuel consumption figures in mpg, Urban 27.7 – 43.5, Extra Urban 41.5 – 72.4, Combined 35.3 – 65.7. CO2 emissions in g/km: 212-139. Models featured are a Korando 2.2 ELX4 at £21,495, a Rexton 2.2 EX at £25,995, a Turismo EX at £21,495, Korando Sports EX at £17,495, Tivoli ELX at £16,500 and a Tivoli XLV at £18,250, all including optional metallic paint priced at £500. *Korando 2.2 SE, Rexton 2.2 SE, Turismo 2.2 SE, Tivoli SE and Tivoli XLV all including VAT, delivery charge, Road Fund Licence & first registration charge. Prices are correct at the time of going to print, but may be modified or changed at any time.

[WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN v NEWPORT COUNTY AFC]

WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 2020 LTD

Kenilworth Road Stadium, 1 Maple Road,
Luton, Bedfordshire LU4 8AW
Switchboard: 01582 411622
Ticket office: 01582 416976
info@lutontown.co.uk | www.lutontown.co.uk

CLUB OFFICIALS

CHAIRMAN: Nick Owen
VICE CHAIRMAN: David Wilkinson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Gary Sweet
DIRECTORS: Paul Ballantyne, Bob Curson,
Mike Herrick.
ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS: Stephen Browne,
Mick Pattinson
FINANCE DIRECTOR: Simon Gibb
VICE PRESIDENTS: Richard Banks, Doug
Knight, Cliff Bassett, Jack Sapsworth, Rob
Stringer, John Buttle (Honorary), Gary
Chamberlain, Ian Gazeley
FIRST TEAM MANAGER: Nathan Jones
ASSISTANT MANAGER: Paul Hart
FIRST-TEAM COACH: Joaquin Gomez
GOALKEEPER COACH: Kevin Dearden
HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE:
Jared Roberts-Smith
PERFORMANCE ANALYST: Peter Booker
CHIEF RECRUITMENT OFFICER: Mick Harford
PHYSIOTHERAPIST: Simon Parsell
KIT MAN/MASSEUR: Darren Cook
ACADEMY & DEVELOPMENT MANAGER:
Andy Awford
YOUTH TEAM MANAGER: Paul Driver
HEAD OF YOUTH OPERATIONS: Dan Walder
SENIOR OPERATIONS MANAGER: Kevan Platt
CLUB SECRETARY: Mark Dennis
COMMERCIAL MANAGER: David Hoskins
STADIUM MANAGER: Peter Kemp
HEAD GROUNDSMAN: Richard Bird
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS
MANAGER: Ed Smith
DIGITAL MARKETING EXECUTIVE:
Siobhan Kos
PRESS & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER:
Stuart Hammonds
TICKET OFFICE MANAGER: Mike Hooker
CATERING MANAGER: David Romans
FINANCIAL CONTROLLER: Tania Buonpane
SUPPORTER LIAISON OFFICER: John Miller
SAFETY OFFICER: Leon Blackburn
CLUB DOCTOR: Dr Paul Dealey
CLUB CHAPLAIN: Alan West

OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

Made in Luton.
Printed by Bartham Press.
Edited by Stuart Hammonds.
Design by Heather Ellis, Relish Design.
Photography by Gareth Owen.

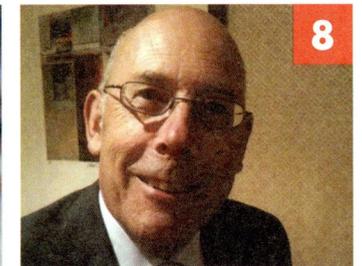
Thanks to contributors: Roger Wash, Ed Smith,
Charlie Hanson, Leigh Edwards, Simon Parsell,
Faye Carruthers, Harry Wright, Kevin Harper,
Phil Catchpole and the help of the media
department at Wycombe Wanderers.

Thoughts, feedback and announcements are
welcome by post, phone or email #COYH
The views in this programme are those of the
contributors and not necessarily those of the
editor and/or Luton Town.



NATHAN JONES

The boss welcomes Wycombe
Wanderers to Kenilworth Road



FROM THE BOARDROOM
With Town director Mike Herrick



10 PLANNING AHEAD

A look at Power Court and
the need for your support



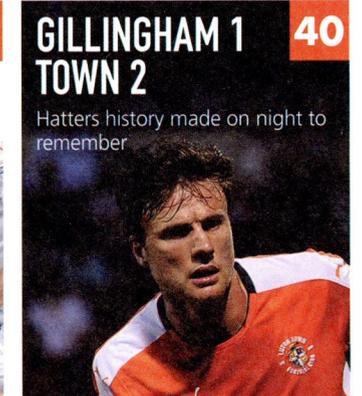
18 WELCOME WYCOMBE

All you need to know about the
boys from Adams Park



CAMBRIDGE 0 TOWN 3

Relive the terrific Town
win at the Abbey



GILLINGHAM 1 TOWN 2

Hatters history made on night to
remember

LET'S GET CONNECTED

FACEBOOK:
www.facebook.com/lutontown
TWITTER:
www.twitter.com/lutontown
YOUTUBE:
www.youtube.com/lutontown

INSTAGRAM:
www.instagram.com/lutftc_official
GOOGLE+:
www.google.com/+lutontown
OFFICIAL WEBSITE:
www.lutontown.co.uk



COME ON YOU HATTERS #COYH

COME ON YOU HATTERS #COYH

SEASON TICKETS

K E N I L W O R T H R O A D

BOOK

2016-17
SEASON

TODAY

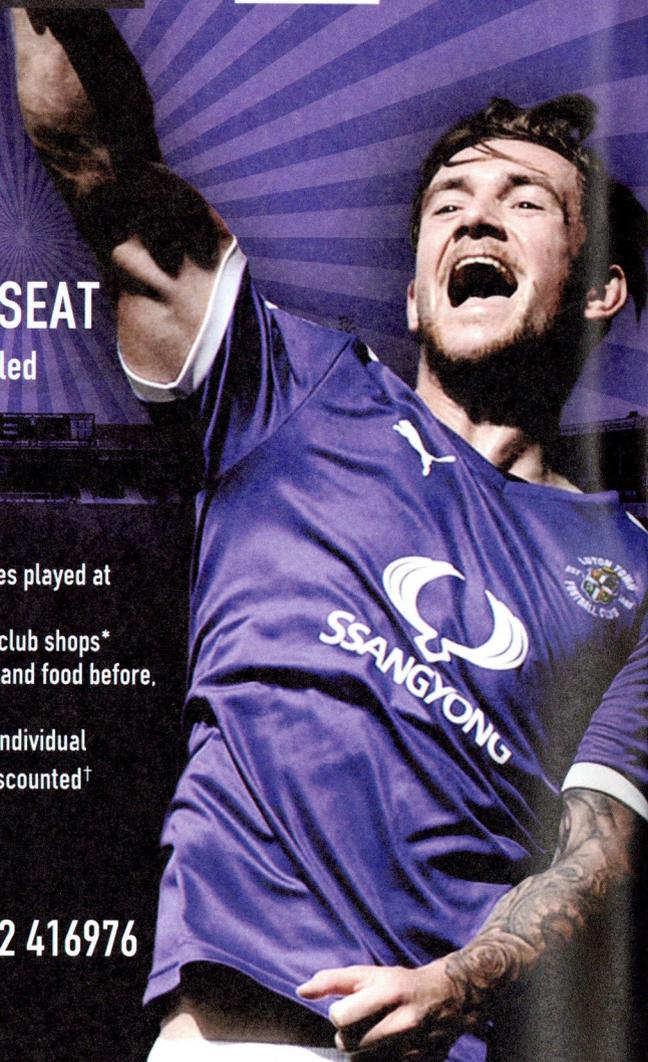
IT'S MORE THAN JUST A SEAT

As a season ticket holder - you're entitled to loads of great extra benefits:

- Guaranteed seat for all home league matches
- First option on your seat for all cup games
- Priority booking for all-ticket away games
- Free entry to all reserve and development games played at Kenilworth Road
- 10% discount on full-price merchandise in our club shops*
- Entry to the Eric Morecambe Lounge for drinks and food before, during and after games†
- The chance to upgrade to hospitality areas for individual matches, with the cost of a match day ticket discounted†

* On production of your season ticket | † Subject to match availability

Call the ticket office now: 01582 416976



[MANAGER'S NOTES]

THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this Sky Bet League Two fixture with Wycombe Wanderers.

I would like to welcome everybody from our visitors – supporters, directors, staff, manager Gareth Ainsworth and his squad – who have made the relatively short trip from Buckinghamshire.

We now start a new month with two home games and we want to maximise that opportunity, but today's game is going to be a very difficult one against a good Wycombe side who prove themselves at this level, year in year out. They have an excellent manager who has added stability to the club.

I said last Saturday's game at Cambridge was an ugly one and I was less concerned with how we played as long as we got the win. Of course, how we play is important but there are games in which you are going to have to battle and dig in, and it was so important to get the three points to keep to our target of two points per game.

Apart from the odd niggle we've been relatively injury free during this

really busy opening spell, which is a blessing. Gillingham on Tuesday was a glorious night for the football club because we were able to demonstrate the depth of squad we have. We are able to do that because we have very talented youngsters who can play at not only League Two level, but they have now proved themselves against a very good League One club.

DEBUT

We have to give a special mention to Connor Tomlinson who came on for his debut at 15 for his place in Luton Town history. I want to maintain the traditions of the club in giving young players a chance, and when it's a case of talent and opportunity meeting like that, we'll always try to give lads their break. It was a night for Connor to remember.

I'd like to welcome Alex Gilliead and Jack Senior to the club after Gary and the board backed me with some great business on deadline day. The two lads tick all the boxes for us and will only enhance the group.

Mick Harford has been wonderful in helping recruit them and the board have been fantastic in resisting interest in our current players, too.

They witnessed something special

I am really looking forward to the atmosphere inside Kenilworth Road again this afternoon. The crowd have been outstanding at every game. The fans who travelled to Cambridge filled me with real pride and those at Gillingham on Tuesday were amazing. They witnessed something special.

I hope we can give you another performance to be proud of this afternoon so please get behind the lads again.

Enjoy the game.

Play loud in evoTOUCH. Get yours at PUMA.COM



evoTOUCH

Made for the creative. Engineered for playmaking.

[SCOTT CUTHBERT]

GREATSCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's Sky Bet League Two match against Wycombe Wanderers.

It's fair to say since our last match at Kenilworth Road, the loss to Leeds at home in the EFL Cup, we have realised what a good side we are. It was a great performance against a Championship side full of quality, but I felt we were dominant throughout the game and were unfortunate to be knocked out.

We wanted to put things right straightaway, and we did just that against Cambridge. You're going to get games like that in this league when you go away and they play the long balls over the top.

They put their big guys up for every set piece they get and you have to roll your sleeves up and play the ugly side of the game. We certainly showed we are capable of that and for us to win there was fantastic. For it to finish 3-0 was even better!

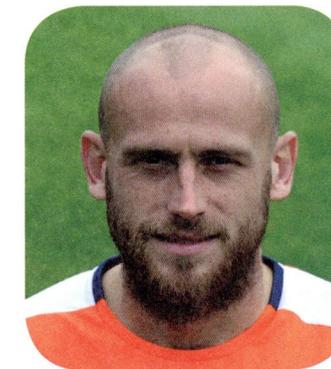
We've had a ridiculous amount of games at the start of the season and a lot of us had little niggles and felt drained, so the manager gave us the night off for the Checkatrade Trophy trip to Gillingham on Tuesday night. It's great to have players who can come in who haven't played much and still get a positive result and put in a good performance.

TALENT

With such talent coming through the youth set-up, the Gaffer decided to give them a chance. I think people saw the team sheets and thought 'Gillingham could win this comfortably', but it showed how much quality we have coming through the ranks at Kenilworth Road.

When I checked the teams I thought it was a really strong Gillingham side, so to not only come out of the game with a result, but to win was such a fantastic achievement.

I only have one real tie to today's opponents Wycombe, and that's my good friend Stephen McGinn. I made



my professional debut alongside him eight years ago when I went on loan to St Mirren from Celtic, and we are both from the Clydebank area, although he is a year younger than me.

It makes me feel very old to think that our new youngest ever player to make an appearance for the first team, Connor Tomlinson, was only seven at the time I made my pro bow!

It was great that the club had to ask for permission off his school to let Connor play. It's a lovely story and he will never forget it. Hopefully it is the first of many appearances for him.

So this afternoon please get behind the boys as we try and continue our excellent start to the season.

I hope you enjoy the game.

It makes me feel very old to think that our new youngest ever player to make an appearance for the first team, Connor Tomlinson, was only seven at the time I made my pro bow!



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR MIKE HERRICK

Good afternoon to all at Kenilworth Road for our SkyBet League Two encounter with Wycombe Wanderers. Hopefully the atmosphere today will reflect the noise and passion which is generated in games between near neighbours.

The end of the transfer window is a time where we see many clubs change their personnel – sometimes in a great rush.

It's always best to have clear targets well in advance and we've been able to do this in such a way that nearly all of our new recruits have been with us for the whole of the pre-season. Sometimes, however, further possibilities become available at the end of the window and, like any forward-thinking club, we may still make a move if we feel we can improve the squad.

Even 'last minute' signings, though, have been fully researched and scouted over a long period. In this position are Alex Gilliead from Newcastle United who we are delighted to welcome on loan until January, and Jack Senior who has signed from Huddersfield Town. They will give competition in areas that needed a little more depth. We're very pleased to have them both and hope their stay with us will be fruitful.

In addition we have rebuffed interest from a number of clubs higher up the pyramid (currently) who covet several

of our first team squad. On the other hand, we received a very good offer from Stoke City for Cameron McJannett, who played a big part in the youth team's successful run in last season's FA Youth Cup. With the wealth of talent at our disposal, however, we had so far not been in a position to offer him a professional contract and not wishing to stand in his way, we agreed to let him go.

Cameron leaves with our very best wishes and we shall benefit from and watch his future development with interest. Also leaving is Magnus Okuonghae, who has unfortunately been unable to make the impact that we had all hoped for. The termination of his contract leaves him free to find a new home. A true gentleman, we will remember his smile which brightened the lives of all with whom he came into contact.

We still have an outstanding crop of youngsters here at present, and this is evidenced by the gradual inclusion of several into the first team squad. During our days in the Conference it would have been easy to dispense with the youth set-up. Instead, we

wanted to maintain a longer-term view and so helped set up SoLYD with the aim of increasing funding of this vital work. To all those who have contributed we hope you derive great pleasure from watching our youths of all ages progress. Without your support it would not have been so easy and we really are now beginning to reap the benefits. Our grateful thanks also go to the whole of the Academy staff for their dedication and perseverance.

MAGNIFICENT

What delight our youngsters brought to everyone with their magnificent performance at Gillingham on Tuesday in the EFL Trophy. This competition was designed (apparently) to give opportunities to young players from EPPP1 academies. The EFL recognised that giving them exposure in more meaningful competitive games would be important to their development. That is a sentiment with which we agree – in fact we see this competition as an ideal introduction to first team football for those who we feel are ready. The trouble is that



if we were to follow the rules of the competition to the letter by including at least five of the team who played in the previous or next league fixture then these opportunities would be severely limited. I think we were all secretly delighted that Nathan felt able instead to give so many their first taste of football at this level, with the board's full blessing, of course.

Playing against a strong Gillingham side who not only had many League One starters in their side but who also brought on two more first teamers at half-time in a bid to counter our tempo, quick feet and pressing, our young team took the game by the scruff of the neck and set about them with incredible energy, enthusiasm and ability.

We started with no less than seven youths and brought on more during the match – culminating in a debut for Connor Tomlinson who, at the tender age of 15 years and 199 days, became the youngest ever player to represent us in a first team fixture. To quote our CEO: '[Tuesday's] game was possibly one of the proudest moments of my involvement at the club.' High praise indeed.

It may be, however, that we'll now be fined for fielding such a 'weakened' team, even though they battered a strong League One opposition. If so, then we'll just hold our heads up high and look at it as a very worthwhile investment in our future. What a strange world we live in!

All of this brings us, inevitably, to the most important time in the history of our club. During the next two-and-a-half weeks we have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to change the

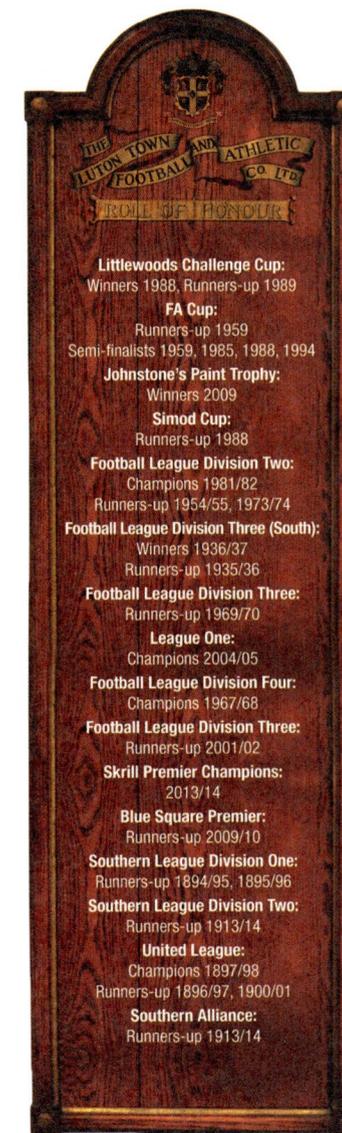
face not only of Luton Town Football Club but also of Luton the town itself. Despite the years of preparations, however, this will not just happen by itself. It really does need every single supporter to invest just ten minutes and respond to the Council's public consultation for the proposed developments at Power Court and Newlands Park.

SUPPORT

Not only that, but after you have had your say we need you to talk to friends, neighbours, work colleagues, anybody, about the enormous benefits that these plans can bring to club and town. But don't just talk to them – insist that they make their views known as well (standing over them if necessary).

We'd like you to each aim to reach 10 other people who, without you, might not otherwise respond. We know that there is overwhelming support but this MUST be translated into actual responses to Luton Borough Council. Please let's not allow apathy to limit our progress.

The methods by which you can do this are described on page 11 in this programme and in the leaflet left on your seat but rather than just taking the word of others perhaps the best overview of the proposals can be found in the Design and Access Statements for each application. If you look at nothing else try and find time to read these. They can be found on the internet at <http://goo.gl/uVmBzC> and <http://goo.gl/4TndLh>. You'll then be in a better position to explain to others the game-changing enhancements to our club and our town.

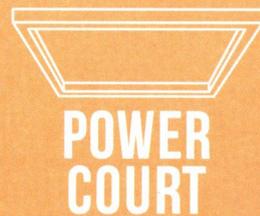


- Littlewoods Challenge Cup:**
Winners 1988, Runners-up 1989
- FA Cup:**
Runners-up 1959
Semi-finalists 1959, 1985, 1988, 1994
- Johnstone's Paint Trophy:**
Winners 2009
- Simod Cup:**
Runners-up 1988
- Football League Division Two:**
Champions 1981/82
Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74
- Football League Division Three (South):**
Winners 1936/37
Runners-up 1935/36
- Football League Division Three:**
Runners-up 1969/70
- League One:**
Champions 2004/05
- Football League Division Four:**
Champions 1967/68
- Football League Division Three:**
Runners-up 2001/02
- Skrill Premier Champions:**
2013/14
- Blue Square Premier:**
Runners-up 2009/10
- Southern League Division One:**
Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96
- Southern League Division Two:**
Runners-up 1913/14
- United League:**
Champions 1897/98
Runners-up 1896/97, 1900/01
- Southern Alliance:**
Runners-up 1913/14

You can comment on Power Court here <http://goo.gl/ffvjP1> and Newlands Park here <http://goo.gl/uUvhjQ>

Remember – THIS IS OUR TOWN. THIS IS OUR TIME.

Mike



NEWLANDS PARK



2020 DEVELOPMENTS



IN NUMBERS

- CAPACITY STARTING AT 17,500 FROM DAY ONE
- PERMISSION FOR 22,500 AS LONG AS WE DON'T CREATE TRAFFIC CHAOS
- SCALABLE TO 22,500 AS WE GROW AND AS WE NEED
- MINIMISE EMPTY SEATS
- AWAY END TO HOLD 10-15% OF CAPACITY
- ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE AREAS OVER 2% OVER CAPACITY
- PITCH DIMENSIONS 115 YARDS X 75 YARDS

FANCY TAKING YOUR SEAT IN THIS NEW STADIUM?

YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO DO YOUR BIT TO MAKE SURE THERE IS A SEAT WITH YOUR NAME ON IT.

HERE'S YOUR STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO HELP MAKE POWER COURT AND NEWLANDS PARK A REALITY...

IN DESIGN

- FOUR SEPARATE STANDS
- TWO UPPER TIER SIDE STANDS
- LOW ROOFS
- CLOSE TO THE PITCH
- STEEP RAKED STANDS
- LOWER TIER CORNERS AT 45 DEGREES
- PEDESTRIAN PODIUM LEVEL ENTERS ABOVE LOWER TIER
- UNIQUE 'HALO' FLOODLIGHT STRUCTURE CELEBRATING OUR FAMOUS HAT INDUSTRY

IN FEATURES

- OPENING THE PITCH AS AN URBAN SQUARE
- CAFÉS, BARS AND RESTAURANTS OPEN EVERY DAY OVERLOOKING PITCH
- HOTEL WITH 1,000 SEAT BANQUETING OVERLOOKING PITCH
- CONNECTED LIVE MUSIC VENUE TO HOLD 1,800
- FIRST CLASS BRASSERIE OVERLOOKING THE PITCH OR RIVER AND CHURCH
- AMPLE HIGH QUALITY MATCHDAY CONCESSIONS, HOSPITALITY AND CONVENIENCES
- ACCOMMODATION SPACE FOR CLUB OFFICES, SUPERSTORE, MUSEUM, EDUCATION, MEDICAL, MEETING ROOMS, GYM, SERVICED OFFICES.



1. Take a look at our plans.

Visit www.2020developments.co.uk/application and follow a link to the Council's website to view the supporting plans and documentation. They're both big applications so the best document to read is the Design & Access Statement for both sites.

2. Write to Luton Borough Council.

There are three routes by which you can provide your comments. Just choose one, either:

- Send an email to: developmentcontrol@luton.gov.uk;
- Write a letter to: Development Control, Luton Borough Council, Luton, LU1 2BQ; or
- Register and complete the form at the Council's website here for Power Court <http://goo.gl/6fk4ww> and here for Newlands Park <http://goo.gl/gEXQlz>

3. Remember to:

- Include your name and address;
- Quote both planning reference numbers:
 - Power Court - 16/01400
 - Newlands Park - 16/01401
- State the reasons you support both applications clearly, remember one can't happen without the other;
- Copy others. Comments from all are valuable wherever you live. If you live in Luton or in the region please copy in or forward to your local MP and Councillor (and you can always copy us - info@2020developments.co.uk or your Supporters' Trust - admin@lutontownst.co.uk) too;
- Tell other people..

DON'T JUST BE SATISFIED YOU'VE DONE YOUR BIT BY THIS POINT. IF OTHERS LIVE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD THEY CAN DO THE SAME. AND PLEASE TELL ALL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS, COLLEAGUES TO COMMENT TOO.

UP NEXT

GRIMSBY TOWN

FORMED: 1878 | NICKNAME: THE MARINERS | LAST SEASON: 4TH IN NATIONAL LEAGUE (PROMOTED THROUGH THE PLAY-OFFS) | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @OFFICIALGTFC
 COLOURS: BLACK AND WHITE STRIPES | GROUND: BLUNDELL PARK | MANAGER: PAUL HURST

WHO? The Mariners came into existence a whole seven years before the Hatters, in 1878. The Blundell Park outfit are managed by Paul Hurst. After relegation to Non-League football in 2010, the club made a return to the EFL through the play-offs in the summer. Former Solihull Moors forward Omar Bogle now tops the scoring charts this season for Grimsby, notching four so far in the league this season, including a hat-trick against Stevenage last Saturday.

TICKETS: Fancy coming to the game? The match is a category B game, so check out the prices on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Well yes, yes we have. If you were there the first time the Hatters played Grimsby, we want to hear from you, as the match took place in December 1897! If you were there, then you would know it was a comfortable 6-0 victory for Luton in front of a 5,000 strong crowd. Since then we have met a further 49 times, our most recent game in 2014 resulting in a 2-1 win for Luton Town with Paul Benson getting in on the goals that day. Of those 50 encounters, Luton have won 16 times.

IN CHARGE. A Rotherham United legend, Paul Hurst made over 430 appearances for the Millers as a full-back. He had a short loan spell at Burton Albion, before calling



Paul Hurst, pictured right

After promotion from the National League last season, Grimsby Town make the long journey south to Kenilworth Road on the back of a slow start back in League Two.

time on his playing career. Hurst made his way up the football pyramid of management, starting off as boss of Ilkeston, who were in the Northern Premier League, then moving on to Boston United in the Conference North, before joining Grimsby in 2011, with Rob Scott his co-manager at all the clubs. Hurst has been in sole charge since September 2013, when Scott was sacked.

PREVIOUS FORM. A slow start to life in League Two came to an abrupt end last Saturday, when Grimsby fired five past Stevenage in a comprehensive 5-2 victory. It was their first victory since the opening day of the season, when they defeated Morecambe 2-0. Sandwiched in between those two victories is three consecutive league defeats, but the Mariners look to be on the up, as they sit in mid-table on six points.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU. Although no current players have represented either side in this fixture, the two clubs have had a fair few pull on both a Luton and Grimsby shirt. Kingsley Black, Arnaud Mendy, Scott Neilson and Paul Wilkinson have played for both the Hatters and the Mariners. Brian Stein made 496 appearances for the Town in the late seventies and eighties, and was assistant manager at Grimsby as recently as 2011.

GET YOUR TICKET

TICKETS FOR HOME MATCHES

You can buy tickets for games here at Kenilworth Road in three simple ways. You can either pop into our ticket office in Kenilworth Road, or alternatively at our club shop in the Mall; telephone our ticket office on 01582 416976; or purchase tickets online at our online ticket website www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown.

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.

HOME TICKET PRICES FOR THE 2016/17 SEASON

	CAT A	CAT B	CAT C
Adult	£23	£20	£18
Young Adult (18-21)	£18	£15	£13
Senior (65+)	£18	£15	£13
Golden Senior (75+)	£15	£12	£10
Youth (10-17)	£11	£8	£6
Acc. Junior (U10)	£8	£5	£3



GRIMSBY TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2016 | 3pm

This game is currently on sale at Category B Prices.



CRAWLEY TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER | 3PM

We have received an allocation of 606 Seats in the Checkatrade Stand and an initial allocation of 685 Terrace tickets for this fixture. (Further Terrace space is available). Tickets will be on sale at two tickets per Diamond Season Ticket holder from Wednesday 31st August. They will remain on sale until close of business on Saturday 3rd September. Season Ticket Holders will also be able to purchase two tickets from Monday 5th September until kick off on September 10th (Grimsby Home fixture). Tickets will be available on General Sale after this fixture and remain on sale until 3pm on Friday 16th September. Away Season Ticket holder will be issued one seat for this fixture



DONCASTER ROVERS

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016 | 3pm

This game is currently on sale at Category A prices.



CREWE ALEXANDRA

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2016 | 3PM

This game is currently on sale at Category A prices and are available from the Ticket Office or online.

SPEAKING COMMERCIAALLY

MATCH SPONSOR: COUNTRY PROPERTIES



We've chosen to sponsor today's match as a 60th Birthday present to our Dad and Husband, Steve Wilks. He has followed Luton Town since he was born, taken to his first game by his Dad, our Grandpa Bernard Wilks on 13th May 1963 vs Sunderland standing on a Babycham wooden crate so he could see over the crowds. Unfortunately we lost 3-0. Our family have always had an involvement with the club, from our Grandpa supplying the club with drinks for over 40 years to our Dad now doing the odd bit of scouting. Our family will always remain loyal Hatters. COYH!!

MATCH BALL SPONSOR: JOHN & ANN CHATTERLEY



Ball sponsors this afternoon are John and Ann Chatterley – They have supported the club through the highs and lows over the years and are Club Members in the John Moore Lounge. Over the past years John, has been Match and Ball sponsor many times as well as Mascot sponsorships. John and Ann welcome their guests from Wycombe and hope they have an enjoyable afternoon but leave the three points behind at Luton.

TODAY'S MASCOTS: JAMES AND KEIRAN

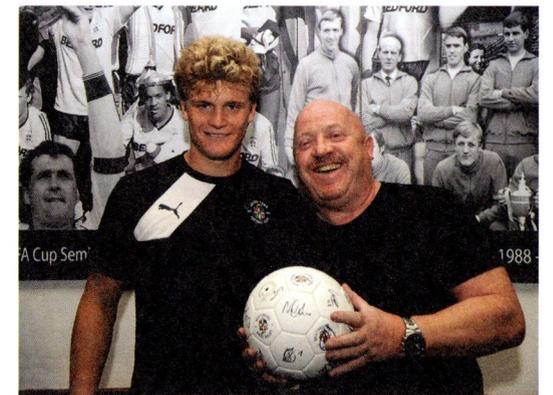
JAMES HYDE

Age: 8
School: Putteridge Primary School
Hobbies: Football and bike rides
Favourite Player: All of them
Attends matches with: His dad George Hyde



KEIRAN NORRIS

Age: 9
School: Aston Clinton School
Hobbies: Football and Luton Town
Favourite Player: Jack Marriott
Attends matches with: His mum, dad, sister and brother



EXECUTIVE BOX HOLDERS

4: Diverse Sreed & Resin Contractors Ltd

5: Gibbs and Dandy Ltd

6: GP Quorenton Ltd

7: Keith Elkington Transport Ltd

8: Melvyn Westwood

9: Pictons Solicitors

10: Fascel Mechanical

11: Crosso Luton Ltd

12: Bedford Electrical Ltd

13: Bartham Press

14: TJ Aldridge Builders

15: Taylor French Developments Ltd

16: Prestige Design

17: Fanfare Ltd

18: CME Heating Ltd

19: Markyate Precision Machining Co Ltd

20: IBC Vehicles

21: The Automated Technology Group

22: Dot Group International

23: Rob Hall

24: Workflow Group

25: Shelley Sandzer & Tiro Partners

26: G Owen Ceramic Tiling Ltd

27: SKF UK Ltd

CATCH ALL THE GOALS FROM THE SKY BET EFL



Every Saturday, 9pm on Channel 5

Watch the best of the action from the Sky Bet Championship on Football on 5: The Championship at 9pm, followed by every goal from Sky Bet League One and League Two on Football on 5: Goal Rush from 10pm.



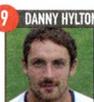
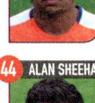
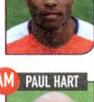
#FootballOn5



[COMMERCIAL]

KIT SPONSORS 2016/17

TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KIT SPONSORSHIPS, CONTACT OUR COMMERCIAL TEAM ON 01582 411622

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <p>1 CHRISTIAN WALTON
H: Tim Fordham
A: Les Miller</p>  | <p>2 STEPHEN O'DONNELL
H: Dean Kemp
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>3 DAN POTTS
H: Maddie Knight
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>4 JONATHAN SMITH
H: Solyd Gold Hatters
A: AVAILABLE</p>  |
| <p>5 JOHNNY MULLINS
H: Community Interest Luton
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>6 SCOTT CUTHBERT
H: Whosh
A: Genting Casino Luton</p>  | <p>7 JAKE GRAY
H: Tradeline Recruitment Ltd
A: Ben Gray</p>  | <p>8 CAMERON MCGEEHAN
H: Ben and Richard Banks
A: Simon Pitts and Rick Hooper</p>  |
| <p>9 DANNY HYLTON
H: Emma Banks
A: The Mad Hatter</p>  | <p>10 JORDAN COOK
H: AVAILABLE
A: Richard Tilley</p>  | <p>11 DANNY GREEN
H: Emma Sanders
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>12 CRAIG MACKAIL-SMITH
H: Mark Warne
A: Tom</p>  |
| <p>14 JACK MARRIOTT
H: Jonathan Perry
A: Tommy Lennon</p>  | <p>16 GLEN REA
H: AVAILABLE
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>17 PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU
H: Liz Herrick
A: Ray Williams</p>  | <p>18 ZANE BANTON
H: AVAILABLE
A: Kelly Knight</p>  |
| <p>19 OLLY LEE
H: Whosh
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>20 ISAAC VASSELL
H: AVAILABLE
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>23 JOSH McQUOID
H: Peter and Linda Little
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>27 TYREEQ BAKINSON
H: Mad Hatter
A: Neil Ehrenzweig</p>  |
| <p>31 CRAIG KING
H: AVAILABLE
G: AVAILABLE
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>36 JAMES JUSTIN
H: Freed (Veneers Ltd)
A: Bobbers Travel</p>  | <p>37 FRANKIE MUSONDA
H: Sports 262
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>38 ALEX ATKINSON
H: Whosh
A: AVAILABLE</p>  |
| <p>39 AKIN FAMEWO
H: Bobbers Travel
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>42 LIAM GOOCH
H: AVAILABLE
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>44 ALAN SHEEHAN
H: Sarah
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>M NATHAN JONES
H: Thompsons Accountants
A: Country Properties</p>  |
| <p>AM PAUL HART
H: Doug Knight
A: Colne Consulting Ltd</p>  | <p>C JOAQUIN GOMEZ
H: AVAILABLE
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>GC KEVIN DEARDEN
H: AVAILABLE
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | <p>P SIMON PARSELL
H: Bobbers Travel
A: AVAILABLE</p>  |
| <p>YM PAUL DRIVER
H: Doug Knight
A: AVAILABLE</p>  | | | |

KEY H: HOME | A: AWAY | G: GLOVES



WELCOME

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

BY HARRY WRIGHT

This afternoon sees us welcome the staff, players and fans of Wycombe Wanderers, who make the short trip from Buckinghamshire.

Wycombe have enjoyed their visits to Kenilworth Road since Town's return to the Football League, winning on both occasions that we have played them here.

The Chairboys' 1000th game in the Football League saw them come out on the right side of a five-goal thriller at Kenilworth Road in front of the Sky cameras in 2015.

All five goals came in the first half as Sam Saunders, Paul Hayes and Alfie Mawson scored in the first 31 minutes, whilst Elliott Lee netted a brace for the Hatters in a 3-2 defeat.

Hayes was at it again at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day last year as he netted the first of Wycombe's two goals in a 2-1 victory.

Hayes, however, has a new striking partner in the familiar face of Adebayo Akinfenwa for this season, as well as exciting young talent Paris Cowan-Hall, who re-signed on loan from Millwall in the summer.

Akinfenwa was not the only striker to join the club as Dayle Southwell arrived from Boston after scoring 54 goals in two seasons for the National League North outfit, whilst winger Myles Weston, Max Müller and Nick Freeman also signed this summer.

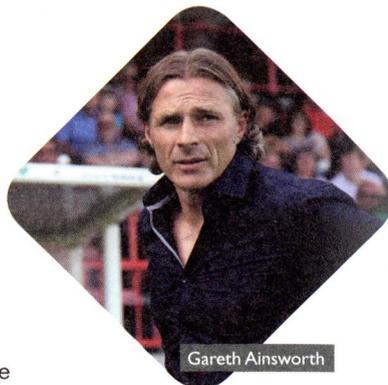
Today sees the return of defender Michael Harriman, who played 39 games for the Hatters on loan from QPR in 2014/15 and scored two goals, including the second in Luton's 2-0 win at home to Stevenage in his last game in a Luton shirt.

HATTERS V WYCOMBE

LUTON WINS: 9 | DRAWS: 8 | WYCOMBE WINS: 4

LAST MEETING

TOWN 1 WYCOMBE 0 – FEBRUARY 6TH 2016



Gareth Ainsworth

Wycombe are managed by the familiar face of Gareth Ainsworth, who suffered a broken leg against the Town whilst playing for QPR in April 2007. He went on to sign for the Chairboys in 2010 after a loan spell and made 117 appearances, scoring 17 goals.

He took over as manager of Wycombe as interim coach in September 2012 after the departure of Gary Waddock, and was then appointed player-coach before becoming full-time manager in July 2013.

Ainsworth guided Wycombe to a 15th-place finish in League Two before the Buckinghamshire club escaped dropping out of the Football League on the last day of the 2013/14 season as they won 3-0 at bottom club Torquay on the final day.

Wycombe surprised many the season after that as they went on to finish fourth in 2014/15, including 23 league wins, before losing to Plymouth in the play-offs.

A frustrating, injury-plagued season followed last year as inconsistency plagued Ainsworth's men, winning consecutive games on just four occasions all season and winning just one of their last 11 league games, leaving them 13th in League Two.

In charge for a shade under four years, the Lancashire-born boss is the seventh longest-serving manager in the Football League.

It has been a mixed start to the new season for the Chairboys, as they sit mid-table with five points after five games. A win, two draws and two losses and the joint lowest amount of goals scored is not the start Ainsworth would have hoped for, but with the likes of Akinfenwa on board, he would appear to have the firepower in his ranks.



The familiar face of Michael Harriman

TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE CHAIRBOYS | GROUND: ADAMS PARK | LAST SEASON: 13TH LEAGUE TWO
MANAGER: GARETH AINSWORTH | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: WYCOMBE 0 COLCHESTER 2

MEET THE VISITORS

THE BOSS

GARETH AINSWORTH

The former winger played for a host of clubs such as Preston, Wimbledon, Cardiff, QPR and Wycombe before making his managerial bow with the Chairboys in 2012.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

JAMAL BLACKMAN

The Chelsea loanee made his second consecutive league appearance for the Chairboys in the 2-0 loss to Colchester after joining in August. The 22-year-old has had previous loan spells with Middlesbrough and Swedish side Östersunds FK.

IN DEFENCE

MICHAEL HARRIMAN

Former Town loanee who made 39 appearances for us two seasons ago before spending the first half of last season at Adams Park. He made the move permanent in January and played 49 games last term.

ANTHONY STEWART

Centre-back, 23, who spent two years in the first team before spending 2014-15 with Crewe in League One. He rejoined Wycombe last season and made 31 appearances in defence.

AARON PIERRE

The highly-rated young centre-back helped Wycombe stave off relegation in 2013-14 on loan from Brentford before signing a three-year deal from

the Championship club in 2014, playing 94 times in the last two seasons.

JOE JACOBSON

The defender has plenty of experience of the lower leagues with spells at Bristol Rovers, Oldham, Accrington and Shrewsbury before joining Wycombe in 2014 and scoring five goals in two years from left-back.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

SAM WOOD

Tricky winger entering his fifth season at Adams Park after four years at Brentford. Wood is a near-ever present for Wycombe, appearing 171 times in the last four seasons.

LUKE O'NEIL

The energetic young midfielder penned a new three-year deal this summer after a fantastic debut season in 2015/16. The 21-year-old joined from Watford last summer and scored five goals last season, winning young player of the year at Adams Park.

MATT BLOOMFIELD

The Wycombe stalwart enters his 14th season with the Chairboys after joining in 2003. He failed to make an appearance for boyhood club Ipswich, but has gone on to play 372 times for Wycombe, winning two promotions and reaching the League Cup semi-final.

MARCUS BEAN

Tenacious midfielder who became an important part of the squad after

joining from Colchester in January 2015. Before Colchester, Bean played for the likes of Portsmouth, Brentford, Rotherham, Swansea and QPR.

GARRY THOMPSON

Scored the second in Wycombe's win at Kenilworth Road last season, one of eight goals he scored last season. Thompson is entering his second season with Wycombe after joining from Notts County, who he scored 12 goals for in 2014-15.

PARIS COWAN-HALL

The winger joined Wycombe from Plymouth in 2013 and starred for Ainsworth's men as he scored 11 goals in 53 games, earning him a move to Millwall. It didn't quite work out for the 25-year-old, who rejoined on loan this summer.

UP FRONT

ADEBAYO AKINFENWA

'The Beast' joined Wycombe on a one-year deal from AFC Wimbledon in the summer after leaving the play-off winners. The London-born striker had played for Gillingham and Northampton previously, scoring 50 goals in the last five seasons.

PAUL HAYES

Striker who has been a thorn in Luton's side over the last two seasons as he's netted in both of Wycombe's wins against the Town. Hayes' 15 goals powered Wycombe to the play-offs in 2014/15.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH PHIL CATCHPOLE



Phil Catchpole, a Wycombe Wanderers supporter of 29 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

► THE SEASON AHEAD

After coming so close to promotion in the 2014/15 season, but then finishing in mid-table last term, what are Wycombe fans expecting from their side this season?

The play-offs are the realistic aim for most of the fans I think, although the poor end to the last campaign may have helped temper these a bit. The lack of goals is a real concern and the current injuries are certainly not helping the situation. There is not a lot between the teams in this league, so if Gaz can sort out the lack of goals whilst maintaining the mean defence, then a lofty position is achievable.

It has been a bit of a mixed start for the Chairboys, but who in your eyes has hit the ground running in a Wanderers shirt?

Adebayo Akinfenwa has shown his worth in the quarters early on. His attitude to the game is spot on and he is great value all round. At the other end, centre-back Anthony Stewart, is getting better and better and is one to watch...

Gareth Ainsworth is a former player for Wycombe and now manager. How has he impressed you since taking over in 2012?

Gareth has been great and is a real character. He has had to deal with an incredible amount of issues in his time at Wycombe. Gaz has always been balanced in his views, realising his shortfalls and always working hard to improve himself as a manager and subsequently the team, too. His bromance with the chairman has really helped steady the ship at Adams Park. This is a big season for him though.

Matt Bloomfield made his 400th appearance for Wanderers recently. How important has he been to your cause over the past 12-and-a-half years?

In this day and age, it's a fantastic achievement to reach this milestone at just one club. Blooms is Mr Wycombe and you'll struggle to meet a nicer bloke in the game. He is a shining example to the younger players and I've never seen him give anything less than 100 per cent. He is the one remaining link to the team that reached the League Cup semi-final in 2006.

Ainsworth has made a few new signings this summer. Who were you most excited by when they put pen to paper in this transfer window?

Dayle Southwell and Nick Freeman. Unless you have been in a very deep coma for the past few seasons, you'll know that Wycombe have had money worries for a while now. Dipping into Non-League to bring on young hungry talent is an exciting strategy.

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

Max Kretschmar. A product of the prolific, but sadly now defunct youth system, Max broke through in the season that the Chairboys nearly got relegated from the Football League, scoring six goals in a struggling side. He never got to fulfil his obvious potential at Adams Park though. He is currently at Woking.

► SEASONS PAST...

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

I moved to High Wycombe when I was five and went to my first game in January 1987. It was a 3-0 victory over Bromley in the Isthmian League at Loakes Park and I remember it being a fiery encounter with a red card. I also remember that the fans changed ends at half-time,

something that I missed being able to do when the club moved to Adams Park.

Has the Supporters' Trust takeover been a success for the Chairboys?

By the fact that the club is still in existence, then I would say it's a yes. It does appear to be a long road to recovery though and some more money for players would be nice so that we don't have to turn to coaching staff to make appearances well into their forties!

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

Steve Guppy, he was a truly wonderful footballer. A tricky winger with an excellent cross that saw him deservedly rise to the very top. He scored one of my all-time favourite Chairboys goals too, taking the ball pretty much the length of the pitch and flicking it over the keeper in a game that pretty much sealed Wycombe's promotion to the Football League. Tremendou



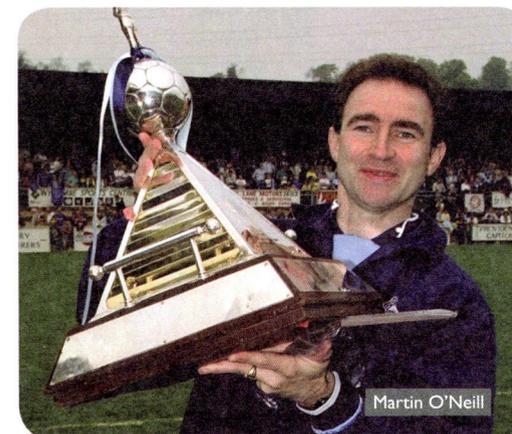
Steve Guppy

Which is your favourite season following the Chairboys?

92/93. Wycombe Wanderers won the Non-League double and were simply magnificent. Under Martin O'Neill, the Chairboys played some great stuff too and Adams Park was absolutely rocking in those days.

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

Martin O'Neill, Simon Garner, Jason Cousins, Chuck Moussadik and Dennis Greene. Now that would be an entertaining evening. I'd also insist that former Wycombe manager, Alan Smith, gave everyone a lift home is his flash motor too.



Martin O'Neill

► LUTON AND WYCOMBE...

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

The 3-2 game to Wycombe the season before last at Kenilworth Road was a great encounter. Under the floodlights and in front of the cameras, it was an excellent advert for League Two with a fantastic goal from Alfie Mawson too. I also remember a 0-1 defeat at Adams Park, way back in the awful reign of Alan 'Bald Eagle' Smith. Ray Wilkins played for Wycombe that day in what appeared to be a mini dress in the club's colours.

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

I think it will be a gritty draw. Wycombe do not let too many goals in, but they also don't tend to score many either. I'll be in the press box alongside Geoff Doyle commenting on the game for BBC Three Counties. I don't miss the away end as I'm over four foot in height.

Michael Harriman, Matthew Spring and Dean Morgan are just three former Luton players to sign for Wycombe in recent years. Who's been your best ex-Hatter?

Alfie Mawson. Although he only played 45 minutes for Luton, young Alfie was offered more of chance at Wycombe which he grasped with both hands. Since moving on from Adams Park, his rise has continued all the way to the Premier League. A calm and authoritative ball playing centre back, he was a fantastic player for Wycombe Wanderers.

► QUICK-FIRE:

Terrace or seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Colchester United

Favourite all-time manager? Martin O'Neill

Predict your player of the season? Anthony Stewart

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

Most treasured Wycombe piece of memorabilia? My WW shirt from 1992/3

What league will Wycombe be in next season? League Two

Who will win promotion from League Two? Luton, Pompey, Plymouth and Carlisle

www.philcatchpole.com

BBC3CR commentator & reporter. | @bluntphil

HENDRIX & CREAM

PERFORMED LIVE BY

WOODOO ROOM

Sat 24 Sep, 8pm
Luton Library Theatre
£15

'WALL TO WALL CLASSICS PLAYED BRILLIANTLY 10/10'
-BLUES IN THE SOUTH MAG

PUNK 1976

Celebrating
40 years of Punk.

This November at
The Hat Factory



UK Subs

Thu 10 Nov
Doors 7.30pm / £12.50



The

Vibrators

Sat 26 Nov
Doors 7.30pm / £8

Also: Film Double Bill *The Clash: West Way to the World / Dump it on Parliament*, Spoken Word *The Revolution will be Vocalised* and Talk *Luton: Centre of the Punk Rock Universe with Abbo & Spon from UK Decay*. See website for details.

lutonculture.com

Box Office: 01582 878100

@WeAreLutonCulture

@lutonculture

Luton
Culture

2016-17 STAT PACK

sky BET
LEAGUE TWO
EFL



LUTON TOWN

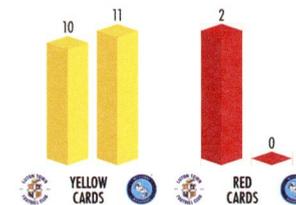
v

WYCOMBE WANDERERS



MATCH FACTS

Luton have lost three successive league encounters against Wycombe at home, failing to score on two of these occasions.

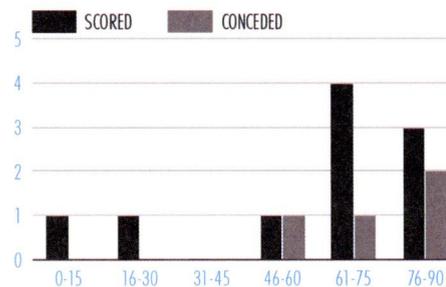


MATCH FACTS

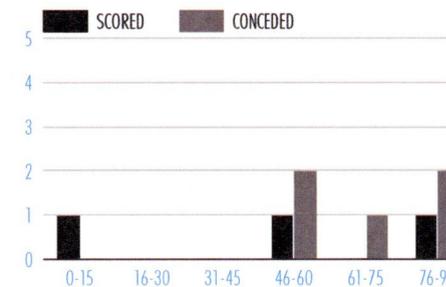
The Chairboys have lost just once in seven league clashes with the Hatters (W3 D3), although, that was in their most recent league meeting in February – losing 1-0.



GOAL TIMES



GOAL TIMES



INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

INVESTING FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Brochures	Manuals	Menus	Posters	Programmes	Calendars
Leaflets	Catalogues	Point-of-sale	Banners	Outdoor display	Invitations
Stationery	Logos	Exhibition	Mailshots	Design	Tickets

FASTER. SLICKER. BETTER PERFORMANCE.

When you need a full print service that's truly prepared for the future; when you need a print partner who you can trust to deliver the best product; when you need show-stopping, attention-grabbing printed collateral deployed quickly, efficiently and to the highest standards, there's only one name you need to know.

THE TECHNICAL BIT:

Our investment:

Ryobi 755G(B) LED UV Press: LED drying Faster folding process. No sealer. Cheaper to run.

Cron 36 UV platesetter with G&J processor

Heidelberg CH56 fully automated folding machine.



bartham group
media • design • print

01582 573471 • www.barthamgroup.com • info@barthamgroup.co.uk

PROUD TO PRINT THE LUTON TOWN MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

LESS MISSED OUT MORE IN THE MONEY

sky BET

£5 FREE BET 
EVERY WEEK

WHEN YOU BET £25

NEW & EXISTING CUSTOMERS

BETTING, BETTER



WHEN THE **FUN** STOPS 

gambleaware.co.uk

18+

18+ only. Eligibility restrictions and further Ts&Cs apply. Log in and opt in to Sky Bet Club and you have until midnight each Sunday to place £25 of qualifying bets to earn your weekly £5 FREE Bet. Odds must be Evens (2.00) or greater and Cashed Out bets are excluded. £5 FREE Bets will be credited by 7pm on Monday and will be valid until midnight the following Sunday to use on any sport.

AS OTHERS SAW US



The players salute the 5,000 supporters who flocked to the Baseball Ground, Derby in 1990.

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

DERBY COUNTY 2 LUTON TOWN 3 | 5TH MAY 1990

With only three games to go at the end of the 1989/90 campaign, the Town looked certain to lose the top flight place that they had clung on to since winning promotion in glorious style in 1982. With only nine points to play for and six points from the safety spot of fourth from bottom, it looked a hopeless task.

Of the three remaining games two were at home with, first up, the previous season's champions, Arsenal. Manager Jim Ryan had a simple message for the players, telling them that they must win at all costs and hope that somehow fourth from bottom Sheffield Wednesday would slip up along the way.

Surprisingly, given the circumstances, the Town tore into Arsenal from the start and were well worthy of their eventual 2-0 victory. With Wednesday losing at QPR, the gap at the bottom suddenly closed to three points.

Wednesday were due to be playing already-relegated Charlton at Selhurst Park on the following Saturday, while the Town were down to meet FA Cup finalists Crystal Palace at Kenilworth

Road. With 89 minutes and six seconds on the clock, an amazing late goal from Iain Dowie secured a 1-0 win but with the Owls also winning, the final day show down was set up. We, with our poor away record, needed to win at Derby while Wednesday needed three points at home to Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest. Thankfully our goal difference was superior.

Over 5,000 Luton supporters converged on the Baseball Ground on a glorious sunny day to see the Town take the lead in sensational fashion after only 66 seconds.

Ignoring all the set piece routines drummed into him, full-back Tim Breacker cracked the ball into the net from a free-kick taken fully 30

yards out. This was followed by a cool Kingsley Black finish to a Danny Wilson cross after 18 minutes, and with news filtering through that Forest were winning at Hillsborough, the Baseball Ground became the place to be.

Unfortunately, this feeling of euphoria was not allowed to last as by half-time Derby had pulled back the two-goal deficit through goals from Mark Wright and Paul Williams, and only brilliant goalkeeping from Alec Chamberlain prevented the Rams from moving into the lead.

The supporters all feared that the Town would cave in, but to their surprise the players completely dominated the second half with a brand of attacking football that had

HATTERWAY



By Trevor Scafron
DERBY 2 LUTON 3
LITTLE Kingsley Black sensationally shot the Hatters to First Division safety.
Brilliant Black - one of the youngest men on the park - defied the tension to grab a goal straight out of Roy of the Rovers.
Luton's First Division life was ebbing away when Black tried a shot from the edge of the penalty box.
It was blocked, but as the ball bounced back to him, Black took the touch and coolly curled the ball past Shilton.
In that moment, Luton had amazingly saved themselves. Ron Atkinson's Wednesday were down, and didn't Luton owe him? No team could have fought and played more bravely.
Luton opened a pulsating first half by sweeping into a sensational 2-0 lead. They were down a man, then, but Luton lifted almost from the back off by a wonder from Kingsley, all people.
A few days on the edge of this box was tagged to Breacker. He fired in a shot and it didn't matter if it found its way into the top corner of the net.
Chipped
Luton's 5,000 travelling fans went wild - but they were in utter ecstasy when their team went even further ahead.
Wilson chipped the ball in from the right and Black beat Hindmarsh in the race to get lower first and make it past Shilton.
But Luton's glow evaporated in the face of Derby's power on high crosses - attacked by Hartford, the man who had been hit in a long, high pass.
Hartford added, it, down and Brian

Kingsley the king saves it FROM THIS

Luton facing the drop in February TO THIS



Luton defy probability and critics

By John Ley

Derby County 2 Luton Town 3
ON A BALMY afternoon in Derbyshire it was difficult to understand the apparent hostility towards a team who overcame enormous odds to complete a great escape from relegation which appeared well beyond the realms of possibility.

If no-one likes Millwall then few have time for Luton. Millwall have long since been consigned to Division Two, yet this was Luton's chance to antagonise further those who have built a strong dislike for the club who have dared to tamper with tradition.
The probability of both Luton winning and Wednesday, who occupied 13th place just 41 days earlier, losing were minimal.
Breacker repaid the votes of team-mates who last week awarded him their players' player of the year trophy with a goal after 66 seconds and Kingsley Black, outstanding on the wing, increased the visitors' reason for wondering: "Can we do it?" Derby offered a negative answer with first-half responses from Wright and Paul Williams but Black completed a deserved win with a 74th-minute goal.
That gave Luton another year to use their plastic pitch in the First Division, while fans who follow their team around the country must once again have at least one Saturday off because of the club's unpopular away-fan ban.
I have never seen a good game on plastic and the day they are dug up will be good for the First Division. Yet one cannot argue with the financial benefits for a club who, unlike Liverpool, Arsenal and the other bigger teams, do not bring in their revenue from the weight of their crowds.
That does not happen at places such as Wimbledon and Luton, making their continued survival in the same division so commendable. Luton's other rule gives them another advantage. One wonders whether Wednesday might have complained if the final game had been at Kenilworth Road.
Danny Wilson, once of Nottingham Forest and an inspiration in Luton's midfield on Saturday, said: "I cannot understand why people wanted us to go down.
"We are not a physical team, we don't hump the ball for-

ward. When Jimmy Ryan became manager he said he wanted to get back to playing the way the fans want, to return to the way David Pleat played."
Luton's short-passing, positive approach, both against Crystal Palace a week earlier and at the Baseball Ground, was good to watch.
Luton were 30 seconds away from going down. Dowie's last-minute winner against Palace had allowed the dream to live. Even Wednesday's fans, watching their team against Charlton, had danced a jig of delight when, a week ago, false information suggested Luton had only drawn.
Mr Ryan, who replaced Ray Hartford as manager in January, is expected to sign a new contract on returning next weekend from a club holiday in Spain. He added: "Ron Atkinson is one manager I know and I had a moment to think about what he must be going through.
"But there is a body of negative opinion within the League and amongst fans because of our ban and our pitch. They don't take into account what a smashing little club this is. Our aims have often been miscommunicated but on Saturday we did it on real grass."
Wilson offered an interesting image: "Brian Clough has been kissing a few people in recent weeks. I wish he'd been here so I could plant a kiss on his cheek!"

On a great day for the club, John Ley in the Daily Telegraph put a dampener on things when saying: 'If no-one likes Millwall, then few have time for Luton. This was Luton's chance to antagonise further those who have built a strong dislike for the club who have dared to tamper with tradition. I have never seen a good game on plastic while fans who follow their team around the country must once again have at least one Saturday off because of the club's unpopular away fans ban.'

Derby on the back foot throughout. Despite all the attacking, the winning goal would not come and with the minutes ticking away those on the terraces were chewing their fingernails down to the knuckle.

As great escapes go, this was one of the most heart-stopping

The winner finally came from local boy Black with 16 minutes remaining, after his shot rebounded back to him off a wall of defenders, and he gratefully thumped the ball home with his 'wrong' foot.
The players then sensibly shut up shop and the abiding memory is of hard man midfielder, Mick Kennedy, setting off on a tremendous jinking run to nowhere in particular and eventually ending up at the corner flag, where his bulk shielded the ball for a few more valuable seconds.

By the time of the final whistle, everyone knew that Wednesday had lost 3-0 to Forest and after the most improbable and impossible of escapes, the celebrations went on long into the night.
As Derby had little riding on the result The Derby Evening Telegraph were highly praising of the Hatters, calling it a 'gutsy' performance.

Trevor Scafron, in the Daily Mirror, said: 'Little Kingsley Black sensationally shot the Hatters to First Division safety. Brilliant Black - one of the youngest men on the park - defied the tension to grab a goal straight out of Roy of the Rovers.'
The Daily Mail's Trevor Haylett brought the fantastic escape home to us when saying: 'As great escapes go, this was one of the most heart-stopping. Not only had Luton to win - and they had done that away from home only once in the League in 17 months - but they had also to rely on Sheffield Wednesday stumbling at home.'

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

THE SUNDERLANDS

KENNY SWAIN

Former Wycombe Wanderers right-back Kenny Swain was a European Cup winner with Aston Villa in 1982. He scored once in six Isthmian League games for Wycombe before joining Chelsea in August 1973, starring in their 1976-77 promotion success. Moving to Aston Villa in December 1978, he was an influential figure as they won the League Championship in 1980-81. He joined Nottingham Forest in October 1982, then Portsmouth in July 1985. Ever-present as they won promotion to the top-flight in 1986-87, he later reunited with Dario Gradi at Crewe Alexandra and managed Wigan Athletic. He became technical director of the FA National School.

STEVE WICKS



Former England U-21 central defender Steve Wicks appeared for Wycombe Wanderers during the 1989-90 season. Initially with Chelsea, he starred as they regained top-flight status in 1976-77, then had spells with Derby County, QPR and Crystal Palace before returning to QPR in March 1982. Helping them win the Second Division title in 1982-83, he was a League Cup finalist in 1986 and rejoined Chelsea for £450,000 in July 1986. His top-flight career was ended by back trouble and he coached Tampa Bay Rowdies and Portsmouth before joining Wycombe in August 1989, making seven Conference appearances. He managed Crawley and Lincoln.

SIMON GARNER

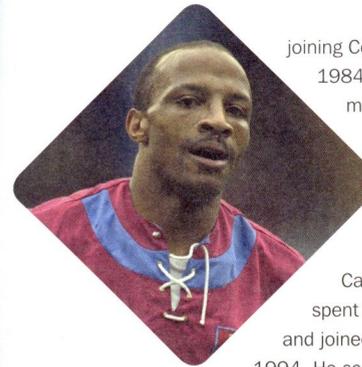
Experienced striker Simon Garner scored in Wycombe Wanderers' 1993-94 Third Division play-off final success. Signing professional for Blackburn Rovers in November 1977, he starred as they won promotion in 1979-80 and the Full Members Cup in 1987, scoring a club record 168 League goals prior to joining West Brom in August 1992. He featured in their 1992-93 Second Division play-off final triumph and moved to Wycombe in February 1994. Joint top scorer in 1994-95, he netted 15 goals in 66 League games before joining Woking in July 1996, then Wealdstone and Windsor & Eton. He has since been a painter and decorator in Cookham.

NICKY REID

Former England U-21 central defender Nicky Reid featured in Wycombe Wanderers' 1993-94 Third Division play-off final triumph. He turned professional with Manchester City in November 1978 and was an FA Cup finalist in 1981, then helped them regain top-flight status in 1984-85. Moving to Blackburn Rovers in July 1987, he featured in their 1991-92 promotion campaign and joined West Brom in November 1992. He scored in their 1992-93 Second Division play-off final triumph, reuniting with Martin O'Neill at Wycombe in March 1994. Making eight League appearances, he later played for Bury and Witton Albion before managing Sligo Rovers.

CYRILLE REGIS

Ex-England international striker Cyrille Regis was Wycombe Wanderers' joint top scorer in 1994-95. Initially with Hayes, he moved to West Brom in May 1977 and was leading marksman in three successive years prior to



joining Coventry City in October 1984. He was an important member of their 1987 FA Cup winning side and twice top scorer before moving to Aston Villa in June 1991. Capped five times, he spent a year with Wolves and joined Wycombe in August 1994. He scored nine goals in 35 League outings prior to joining Chester

City in August 1995, then returned to West Brom as a coach. Awarded the MBE, he has since become a football agent.

DANNY WALLACE

Ex-England international winger Danny Wallace appeared as a substitute in Wycombe Wanderers' 0-0 draw at home to Crewe in March 1995. He turned professional with Southampton in November 1980 and was their leading marksman in 1982-83. Scoring on his England U-21 debut, he repeated the feat on his full international debut in January 1986. He appeared in the same Saints team as his younger brothers Rod and Ray. Sold to Manchester United for £1,200,000 in September 1989, he starred in their 1990 FA Cup final triumph and joined Birmingham City in October 1993. He was briefly loaned to Wycombe and now suffers from multiple sclerosis.

RAY WILKINS

Former England international midfielder Ray Wilkins featured in Wycombe Wanderers' 1-0 defeat at home to Luton in September 1996. 'Butch' was Chelsea's youngest-ever captain and twice 'Player of the Year' including their 1976-77 promotion success. Sold to Manchester United for £875,000 in August 1979, scoring in their 1983 FA Cup final triumph, he later starred for AC Milan, Paris St Germain, Glasgow Rangers and QPR. Gaining 84 caps and awarded the MBE, he briefly joined Wycombe after his dismissal as QPR's player-boss, then had spells at Hibernian, Millwall and Orient before coaching Fulham, Chelsea, Watford, Millwall and Chelsea again.

GARY ABLETT

Former England U-21 left-back Gary Ablett had a loan spell at Wycombe Wanderers during the 1999-2000 season. He turned professional with Liverpool in November 1983, helping twice win the League Championship and FA Cup in 1989. Sold to rivals Everton for £750,000 in January 1992, he was an FA Cup winner again in 1995 and joined Birmingham City for £390,000 in June 1996. He was loaned to Wycombe in December 1999 making four League appearances, then played for Blackpool, Long Island Rough Riders and Stockport County. Later coaching at Everton, Liverpool and Ipswich Town, he managed Stockport and died in January 2012.

STEVE CLARIDGE

Much-travelled striker Steve Claridge played for Wycombe Wanderers during the 2004-05 campaign. He had spells with several clubs before featuring in Cambridge United's meteoric rise, then moved to Birmingham in January 1994 and was top scorer in their 1994-95 Second Division title and Auto Windscreens Shield 'double' success. He joined Leicester City in March 1996, helping win promotion and the League Cup, then Wolves, Portsmouth, Millwall, Weymouth, Brighton and Brentford. Moving to Wycombe in January 2005, he netted four goals in 19 League games, then assisted numerous other clubs. He has since worked as a football pundit.

ROB LEE



Former England international midfielder Rob Lee helped Wycombe Wanderers to qualify for the League Two play-offs in 2005-06. Initially with Hornchurch, he moved to Charlton Athletic in July 1983 and featured as they won promotion to the top-flight in 1985-86. He was a Full Members Cup finalist in 1987 and joined Newcastle United for

£700,000 in September 1992. Starring in their 1992-93 First Division title triumph, he appeared in two FA Cup finals and was capped 21 times before sold to Derby County for £250,000 in February 2002. He moved via West Ham and Oldham to Wycombe in March 2005, playing 38 League games for the Chairboys.

TOWN 0 : LEEDS UNITED 1

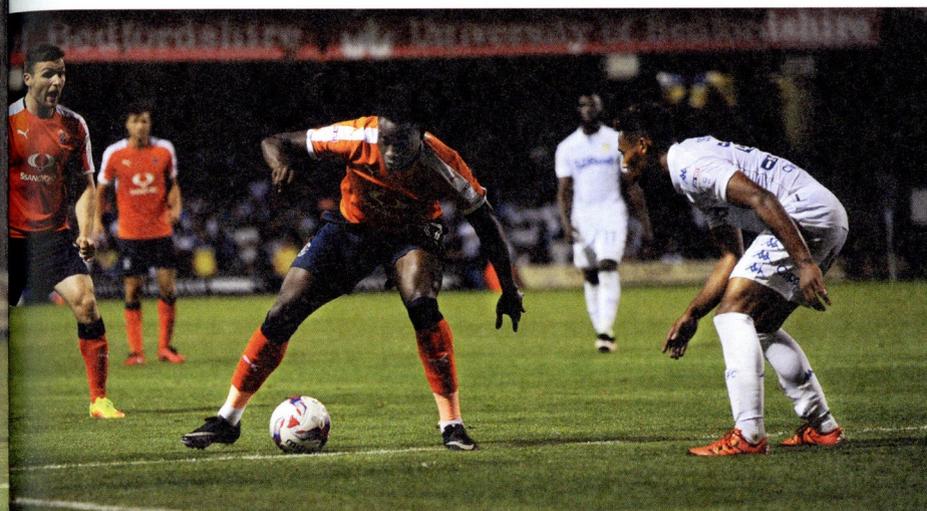


TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 7,498 | AWAY: 1,510

LEEDS GOAL: DENTON 23'

TOWN: WALTON, O'DONNELL, MULLINS ©, REA, POTTS, LEE (VASSELL 75), MCGEEHAN, SMITH, GRAY (COOK 56), HYLTON (MPANZU 66), MARRIOTT. **SUBS NOT USED:** CUTHBERT, MCQUOID, KING (GK), JUSTIN. | **YELLOW CARDS:** LEE

LEEDS: SILVESTRI, DOUKARRA, MURPHY (PHILLIPS 58), ROOFE, JANSSON (COOPER 74), GRIMES, DENTON, HERNANDEZ (MOWATT 68), BAMBA ©, COYLE, DALLAS. **SUBS NOT USED:** SACKO, ANTONSSON, GREEN, AYLING. | **YELLOW CARDS:** GRIMES, COYLE



JONES:

The fans were phenomenal, they drove the players on

"I wouldn't go as far as saying outplayed, but it wasn't far off outplaying a Championship side. I thought first half we moved the ball really well, we just lacked a bit of cutting edge. We had the best chance of the first half. We had the chance to go in level at 1-1, but we didn't take it.

"Jack Marriott in those positions is dangerous. His movement is so good, he has got Championship movement, Championship sharpness, he just lacked that finish. It is a shame because I think at that time we were rocking, but he did magnificently and was a threat all night.

"Sometimes I am disappointed, but I just thought that was an excellent team performance. I am proud of them. They did what I wanted them to do tonight. They moved it quicker than a Championship side, we had a cutting edge to us. We want to end up in the Championship in three years' time, we want to be here playing them regularly.

"The fans were phenomenal, they drove the players on, the players gave them a little bit back, I am so proud of the team, so proud of the club, we have got to keep moving forward."

STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters crashed out of the EFL Cup last Tuesday after being defeated by Leeds, but the Hatters counted themselves slightly unfortunate as they went toe-to-toe with the Yorkshire side.

Nathan Jones made two changes from the side that lost to Stevenage, with Jonathan Smith and Johnny Mullins coming in for Scott Cuthbert and Jordan Cook.

Tyler Denton struck superbly for the visitors after 23 minutes, firing into the top right hand corner for what was the only goal of the game, although Luton went close on more than one occasion.

The goal came as a bit of a sucker punch, as Luton had looked fairly in control up until that point. The ball was laid off for Denton on the edge of the Luton box, the 20-year-old struck the ball with the outside of his left foot, curling it beyond Walton and into the net to give his side a 1-0 lead.

Jack Marriott had two golden opportunities to equalise, both times he was one-on-one with Silvestri, the first he sent the ball just over, and the second was just wide of the post.

It was a strong performance from the Hatters, who were somewhat unlucky to have gone out.

600 ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCHES

Since 2000, the Football Foundation has invested in £1.3 billion of grassroots sports projects and has developed more than 600 artificial grass pitches, 1,000 changing pavilions and 3,000 natural grass pitches.

Find out more at:
footballfoundation.org.uk



www.footballfoundation.org.uk
 @FootballFoundtn
 Youtube.com/Footballfdn
 flickr.com/footballfoundation
 linkedin.com/football-foundation
 instagram.com/footballfoundation

Charity No: 1079309 Company No: 3876305

The Football Foundation is the UK's largest sports' charity. It is funded by the Premier League, The Football Association and the Government, via Sport England.

REACTION

A STRONG PERFORMANCE FROM THE HATTERS WASN'T QUITE ENOUGH TO OVERCOME LEEDS UNITED IN THE EFL CUP, BUT TWO STAR PERFORMERS ON THE NIGHT SAID THEY CAN TAKE A LOT POSITIVES FROM THE EXPERIENCE

Captain on the night Johnny Mullins and right-back Stephen O'Donnell both said after the game last Tuesday how impressed they were with their team mates, as well as pointing out a need to be more prolific in front of goal.

The Hatters fell behind to United after a wonder strike from Tyler Denton midway through the first half, but created several good opportunities and took the game to their Championship opponents.

Mullins was proud of his team and he thinks the performance can really drive them on for the rest of the season.

He said: "I think we more than matched them and they have got some quality players.

pleased by how strong the Luton squad is looking.

O'Donnell said: "Smudger was like Xavi threading passes left, right and centre, so it shows the quality we have.

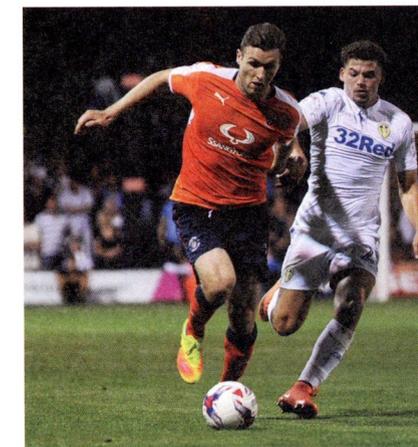
"We really just need to get a consistency together. We know we are a good side. Every team we have played against apart from Leeds today has changed shape to match us up, which is a huge compliment."

On the night two good opportunities fell Jack Marriott's way after some wonderful movement from the 21-year-old, but he was unable to find the back of the net.

Mullins said: "We have got to be there to take the chances and the way we created them was good, come Saturday I am sure Jack will stick them away (*Ed - He certainly did at Cambridge!)

"We had the better chances, so there are many positives to take out of the game, disappointing as it is. We have to look forward towards Cambridge United."

O'Donnell, or as he is affectionately known 'SODS', said that even though



Jonathan was like Xavi threading passes

"It is good to play against them. You want to test your wits against the best players, they are two divisions above and well thought of.

"The confidence is high. I thought Leeds showed us a lot of respect the way they came here and didn't just think 'they are a poor side'. I think the fans will have seen how good we are tonight."

O'Donnell was impressed by one of his team-mates especially - Jonathan Smith, who made his first start of the season - and he is also equally

it was a frustrating result he is really happy with the progress he and the club are making since Nathan Jones took charge.

He said: "I am enjoying my football so much. If you had asked me last Christmas how things are, I would have been down, I wouldn't have been excited.

"I am down tonight, but it is an exciting time to be a part of the club because of the style of football the gaffer is trying to bring."

CAMBRIDGE 0 : TOWN 3



SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST | THE ABBEY STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 5,606 | AWAY: 1,690

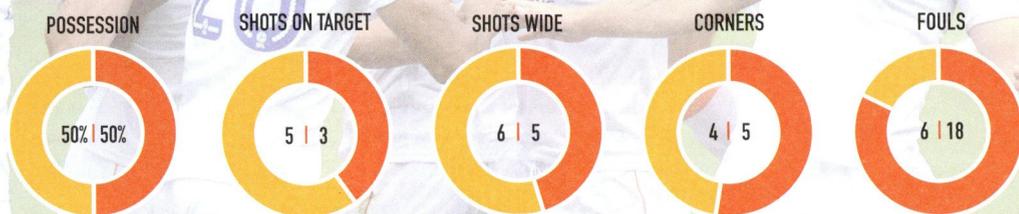
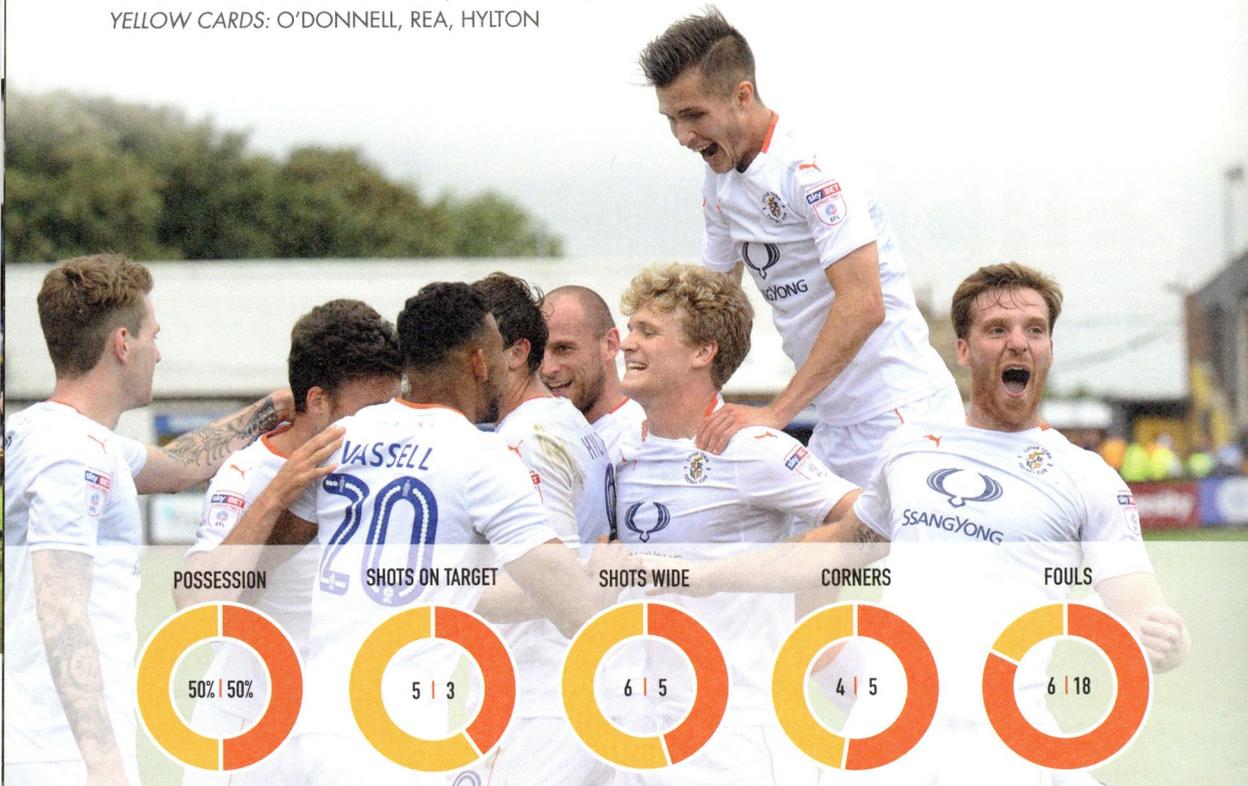
TOWN GOALS: COULSON OG 62' MARRIOTT 64' HYLTON 90'+6'

CAMBRIDGE: NORRIS, TAYLOR, ADAMS (GOSLING 80), DUNNE, LEGGE, MINGOIA, BERRY, WILLIAMSON (PIGOTT 65), COULSON, CLARK (IKPEAZU 65), ELITO. **SUBS NOT USED:** GREGORY (GK), LONG, DALLISON, NEWTON. | **YELLOWS:** CLARK

TOWN: WALTON; O'DONNELL, POTTS, MULLINS, REA, LEE (CUTHBERT 28), MPANZU (SMITH 86), COOK, MCGEEHAN, HYLTON, MARRIOTT (VASSELL 90+3). **SUBS NOT USED:** GRAY, MCQUOID, KING, JUSTIN. | **YELLOW CARDS:** O'DONNELL, REA, HYLTON



Danny Hylton slots home the third goal



JONES:
If I have a kid that's what I want, hopefully he's not as dull as him

"The second half was outstanding. Scott Cuthbert came on, won every header and he was immense. Our midget centre half, Mullins, was brilliant. Glen Rea, I love that kid. If I have a kid that's what I want. Hopefully he's not as dull as him, but he's right up there! We have had a good day today, we have had a real good second half performance.

"I was delighted at half-time that we weren't behind, I said to them in the dressing room 'well done, we are level'. Our pre-match meeting was, 'I don't care how we play, I want to make sure we win', because we are now on points that will get us promotion. We say two points a game and we needed that win. We have played so much better than that and not won the game

"I changed it early on as I needed someone who is going to win headers in midfield, get on seconds and nullify their threat. Oilly Lee has to get better at that because he is a wonderful footballer, but when sides put someone on him, then he has to get himself in the game and he didn't do that. So I am claiming one brilliant tactical change there."

STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters moved up to second place in Sky Bet League Two with a clinical second-half performance to beat Cambridge United at the Cambs Glass Stadium last Saturday. Three goals after the break secured all three points for the Hatters which followed an incredibly open first half, in which either side could have quite easily taken the lead.

Jordan Cook hit the post, whilst Cambridge forced keeper Christian Walton into a number of brilliant saves in the opening 45 minutes, before the visitors broke the deadlock just after the hour mark.

Cook sent a cross in from a free-kick, Glen Rea headed the ball down in the area and a Cambridge United big toe put it beyond Will Norris in the Us' net. Three minutes later and Jack Marriott had doubled his side's lead for the day, with a fantastic curling effort cutting in from the right, flying over the keeper and into the back of the net from 20 yards. With the game deep into injury-time, Jonathan Smith belted down the right hand side of the pitch and found Danny Hylton stood on United's penalty spot. The striker coolly side-footed the ball into the bottom right corner for 3-0.

CHRISTIAN WALTON

I am absolutely loving it, it's a great club

The Town were up against it in the first half of the 3-0 win at Cambridge, but a mature performance from goalkeeper Christian Walton helped keep the Hatters in the game.

Since joining on loan from Brighton & Hove Albion for the season, the 20-year-old has been a reliable man between the sticks.

At the Cambs Glass Stadium it was no different as he made a string of excellent saves that, should he not have made, could have seen the Hatters out of the game before the half-time whistle.

Speaking to Hatters Player after the game, Walton was more than happy with his and the team's performance as he continues his development with the Hatters.

"I am absolutely loving it, it's a great club and great team, I am really enjoying my football at the moment," said Walton. "It was a good game for me in the first half. That's what I am there for, it kept us in it. We knew it was going to be a difficult game with the pitch being dry and the windy conditions, and they looked to pump the ball into our box as much as they could.

"I thought we weathered that first half, we weren't at our best, but second half we came out and showed a strong heart and got the three points which is the most important thing to be honest."

A half-time rethink seemed to solve the Town's defensive frailties, as Walton, in comparison to the first half, seemed to have little to do in the second 45 minutes apart from command his area by claiming several crosses.

He said: "It's nice to make some saves. We went into the break and rethought how we were going to play in the second half, I thought we evaluated our performance really well at half-time.

"Everyone got behind each other, the gaffer got behind us and said we've just got to keep weathering the storms, the balls they're hitting into the box, that's where I had to come in."



"I think maybe we were a bit surprised with what they did out there in the first half. You can't get the ball down and play with the pitch being as dry as it was. It was a difficult first half, but second half it was a great team performance."

With a defensive reshuffle early on in the first half to cope with the Us' attacks, Glen Rea moved from centre-back to holding midfield. Walton, as you'd expect, has been nothing short of impressed by his good friend and former Brighton team-mate since he followed him to Kenilworth Road in the summer.

"Glen has been tremendous in the first five games he has played, he plays that defensive role brilliantly," said the keeper. "The gaffer wanted to change the game tactically with the amount of long balls they were playing and Glen was a screen in front of the defence. He did a great job."

JACK THE LAD!

After having two clear cut chances against Leeds United and missing both, Jack Marriott immediately bounced back with a wonder strike against Cambridge United last Saturday.

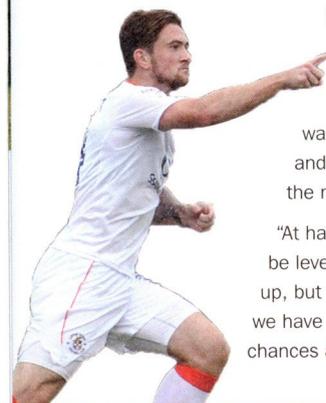
For the first 60 minutes, the game really could have gone either way as both sides pushed for the opening goal at the Cambs Glass Stadium. But two strikes in the space of two minutes essentially saw off the Us before Danny Hylton added a third late on.

Marriott netted the second, after he cut in from the right hand side and curled the ball over the keeper and into the top corner from 20 yards out.

The goal was the striker's second of the season, but it was certainly up there with his top strikes in a Hatters shirt.

He said: "One of their players was saying 'get him on his left!' It was one of those where I thought the keeper was going to come out of nowhere and tip it over the bar, but to see the net rustle was the best feeling.

"At half-time we were fortunate to still be level. We could have come in 2-0 up, but they could have also. Thankfully we have come out second half, taken our chances and won the game.



Mentally I was looking to bounce back today and I have done.

"That knocked them, to not only score but to score twice in quick succession. Next thing you know we are 2-0 up and it would be quite mentally tough on them."

The fantastic win came on the back of the Town being knocked out of the EFL Cup, after being defeated by Leeds United 1-0 at Kenilworth Road.

Marriott was keen to put the game behind him, as his crafty movement got him in goal scoring positions against the Championship side, but he was unable to convert.



He said: "Tuesday was a difficult game for me. I would back myself to score them, so mentally I was looking to bounce back today and I have done and it was quite a good goal as well.

"It wasn't a pretty game, but they're the ones you have got to win, so to come away with a 3-0 win is delightful."

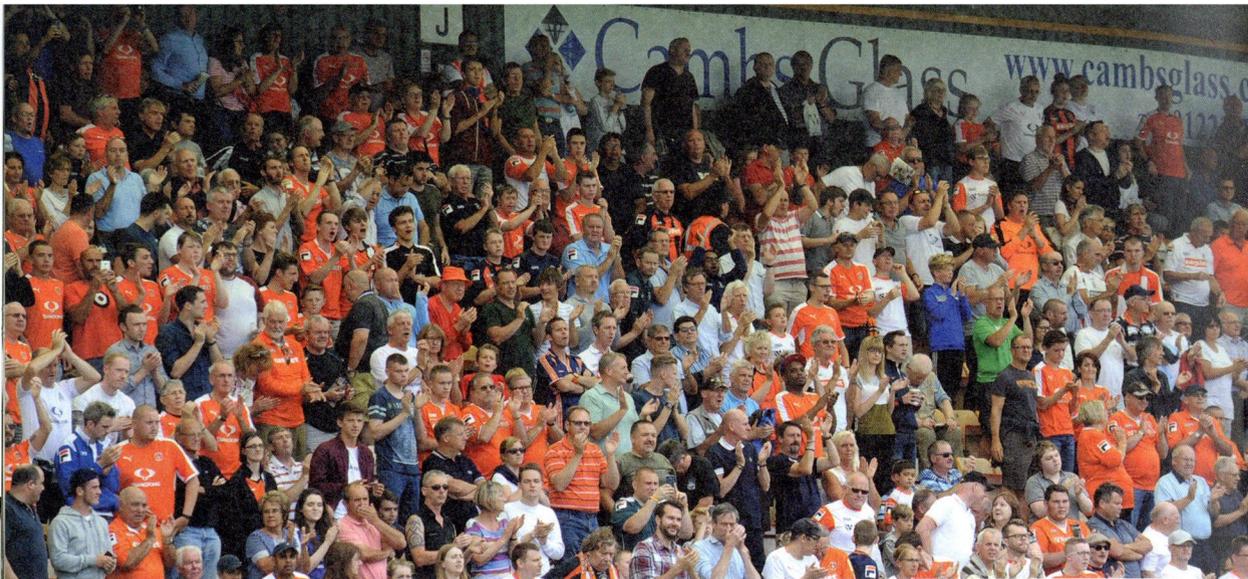
The game was end-to-end in every sense of the word, as both team desperately went about their work looking for a goal.

TACTICAL

That led to an early change from Nathan Jones, taking off Olly Lee after 25 minutes and putting Scott Cuthbert in central defence alongside Johnny Mullins, pushing Glen Rea into a holding midfield position.

It was a tactical change that Marriott thinks is an excellent sign of how the Town can adapt to any game.

"It all depends on how the game is going, whether we need to be strong or whether we just need to keep doing what we are doing and eventually break teams down," he added. "But we have been strong in the second half, that just shows our character and our team togetherness. We are willing to do anything for each other."



TRAVELLER'S TALES

HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER ONCE AGAIN WAS ABLE TO ENJOY THE CRICKET AS HE TRAVELLED TO CAMBRIDGE UNITED, BUT UNLIKE THE TOWN'S TRIP TO STEVENAGE, THREE POINTS CAME BACK HOME ON THE COACH...

THE JOURNEY

11.00am – It was a late morning start for a second away game in a row with me leaving the house at 11am for the relatively short trip to Cambridge. It is usually an enjoyable day at Cambridge with our recent record there which is much needed given the two losses last week.

11.20 – The coach leaves Ampthill to pick up passengers through the villages on the way to Luton on what is another really sunny day. The cricket fan in me means my attention turns to the England vs Pakistan ODI for much of the rest of the journey. I stick it on my iPad to watch.

12.10pm – Shortly after midday, after hitting a bit of traffic on the M1 getting to Luton, we leave Luton Station. England are totally in control of the cricket. A great start to the day.

1.25 – We arrive in Cambridge after a smooth journey without hitting any traffic, which is always good. The coach is made to park on the other side of the ground to where

the pubs and things are, so rather than the long walk, I carry on watching the cricket for a bit!

2.00 – Half-time in the cricket so now is a good time to take the 10-15 minute walk through the cow field to the ground. No sign of any rain which is good. After a leisurely walk I finally make it to the ground.

THE GROUND

2.15 – In the ground now and not much has changed apart from a new burger bar has been added to the away end. Everything else is the same as seasons gone by with the Town fans having most of the seated stand behind the goal, which is where my ticket is, and we also have half the terrace down the side to our left.

THE FOOD

2.25 – After a late night, which meant skipping breakfast, I grab some food from inside the ground. Not too bad if a little pricey, but having eaten that while waiting for friends



to get into the ground, it is then time to find some seats. Players going through their warm ups.

2.50 – Players finish their warm ups and are clapped up the tunnel by a very large Town contingent, which is getting bigger with every minute.

2.57 – The players come out on a day which is starting to get a little gloomy. Hopefully the match doesn't follow the same suit!

THE MATCH

3.02 – We're underway. Two changes for the Town from the Leeds defeat. Jordan Cook and Pelly-Ruddock come in for Jonathan Smith and Jake Gray.

3.05 – Town in all white and nearly ahead in the third minute. An awful punch from Cambridge's keeper goes to Jordan Cook, but he hits the post. Unlucky!

3.17 – All Cambridge since that early chance. Christian Walton has already made three saves and crosses keep coming into our box and causing danger. Jack Marriott goes close with a shot to relieve some of the pressure.

3.22 – Golden chance! An excellent little move sees Danny Hylton send Pelly-Ruddock through in the box, but the midfielder misses the target from 12 yards out.

3.30 – Early substitution for the Town. Scott Cuthbert comes on to deal with the aerial bombardment. Olly Lee the man to go off. Glen Rea into midfield. Immediately looks more solid.

3.48 – Half-time. 0-0. Not much has happened since that substitution but although we had two great chances, we're a little lucky to go in all square. Hopefully we can find our feet in the second half. We usually go better shooting at the goal where the Town fans are behind. Quick check of

the cricket score in the break. England in control. That's good.

4.03 – Back underway after an entertaining half-time competition on the pitch where the Town representative went close, but not close enough. Hope that isn't a trend!

4.20 – GOAL! After a quiet start to the second half a Jordan Cook free-kick is headed at goal by Glen Rea. Danny Hylton would have tapped it in but the defender did it for him! Get in!

4.22 – GOAL!! London buses style this. A game that looked to be heading to a 0-0 is suddenly 2-0 to the Town thanks to a Marriott corker. He cut in from the right touchline, past two defenders and unleashed a curling 20-yarder into the top corner. Superb strike!

4.54 – GOAL!! It has been an easy second half since that goal burst and the Town wrap up victory in style when Jonathan Smith intercepts a pass on halfway and powers forward, before rolling the ball across to Danny Hylton to side foot home from ten yards to seal a wonderful 3-0 win!

MAN OF THE MATCH

5.20 – After the celebrations and the 15-minute walk back to the coach, it is time for the man of the match vote. Landslide victory for Christian Walton who got my vote too. Kept us in the game with some fine saves in the first half. Already proving quite an acquisition.

THE PROGRAMME

5.25 – England have just about won the cricket so no need to watch the end of that, so time for a look at the programme. Not the worst one in the world but not fantastic either. Few nice bits about the Town, but that's about it.

SUMMARY

6.35 – Back in Luton after another smooth journey back which went even quicker after an excellent win! England won the cricket too so all good!

7.10 – I get home after what turned into an excellent away day. If you'd said to me at half-time we were going to win 3-0 I'd have been worried about your wellbeing. But once the first goal came we were clinical, which is what we've needed. Hopefully much more of the same to come. Nice to be home in plenty of time before the League Two goals on the TV, where I'll look forward to watching that Jack Marriott strike again!



GILLINGHAM 1 : TOWN 2

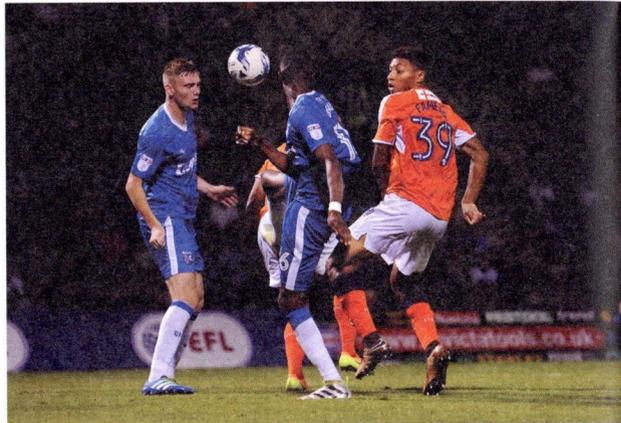
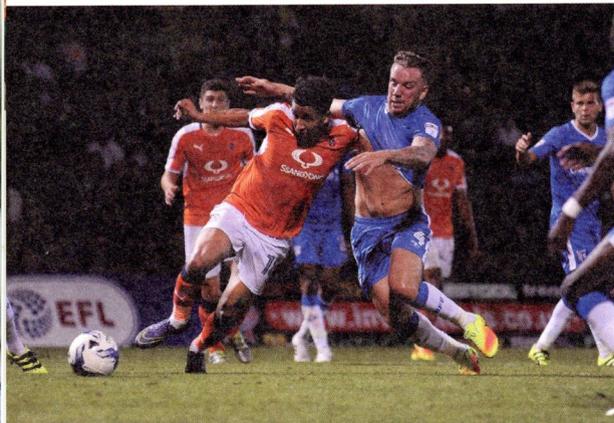


TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST | PRIESTFIELD STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 2,128 | AWAY: 137

GILLINGHAM GOAL: OLDAKER 90'+1' | **TOWN GOALS:** MUSONDA 10' SMITH 22'

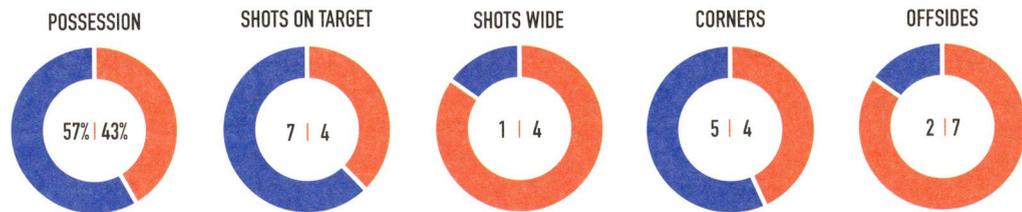
GILLINGHAM: NELSON, EHMER, HESSENTHALER, MCDONALD, OSADEBE, PASK, OLDAKER, LIST, DICKENSON (STEVENSON 61), DACK (O'HARA 46), EMMANUEL-THOMAS (DONNELLY 46).
SUBS NOT USED: BOND, OSHILAJA, CUNDLE, WRIGHT. | **YELLOW:** LIST

TOWN: KING, COTTER, MUSONDA, FAMEWO, JUSTIN, BAKINSON, SMITH, GRAY, BANTON (TOMLINSON 90+2), VASSELL, MCQUOID (ATKINSON 84). **SUBS NOT USED:** GOOCH (GK), READ, HINDS, BEAN, SNELUS. | **YELLOW:** BANTON, MCQUOID



Frankie Musonda give the Hatters an early lead...

... 12 minutes later Jonathan Smith makes it 2-0



STORY OF THE MATCH:

A youthful Hatters side pulled off a Checkatrade Trophy shock at Gillingham on Tuesday with goals from Frankie Musonda and Jonathan Smith enough to secure the victory.

Nathan Jones' side outplayed their League One opponents for long parts of the first match of the new group stage, as the manager made eleven changes to the side that beat Cambridge a week ago.

Musonda headed home ten minutes into the first half, after he found himself unchallenged from a Jake Gray free-kick by the halfway line.

The lead was doubled just 12 minutes later when Smith blasted the ball into the Gills' net from close range, after some smart play on the right by Gray.

The visitors were fantastic throughout, coming up against a strong Gillingham side that saw the likes of Bradley Dack and Jay Emmanuel-Thomas start. But it was the performance of the Town that really caught the eye.

With the game a minute into time added on in the second half, Darren Oldaker pulled one back for the hosts, but it wasn't enough as the Hatters emerged triumphant in the first Checkatrade Trophy game of the season.

JONES: Putting one hell of a strong side out to win a game



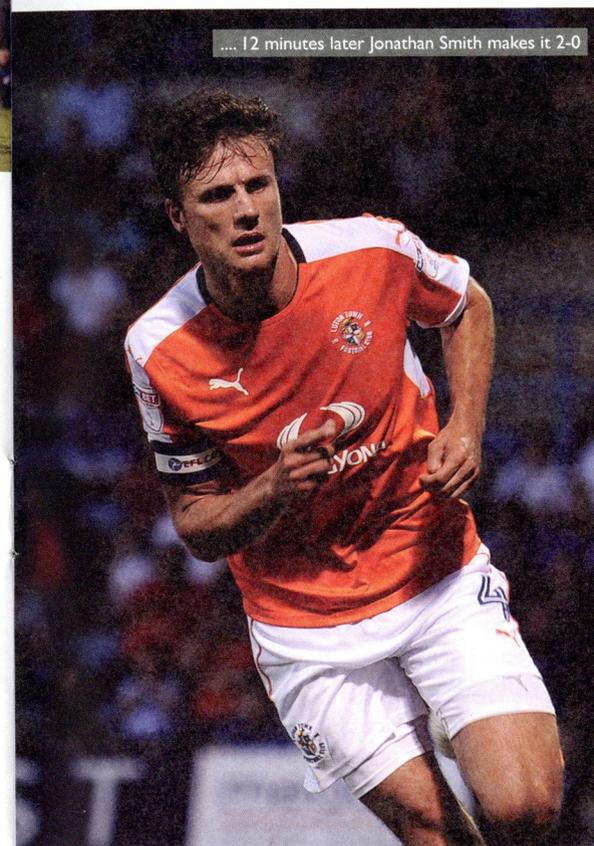
"I don't know where to start; the performance, the result, it was a really good night for the football club and I am delighted.

"Since I have been here we have worked really hard on our recruitment. We have to make sure the players we brought in this summer we were going to use them, because they are all good enough. It's not taking the competition lightly in anyway, it's using our squad because they are all good enough.

"I could see it in the players' eyes in the changing room that they had a real desire about them. A special mention to the senior players in the squad – the attitude they showed, they were just immense.

"I have no problem with putting these young players in because they are good enough. When people look at the team sheet and say 'what is he doing?' Well, what he is doing is putting one hell of a strong side out to win a game.

"I was praying we still had a two -lead going into injury time and I was going to give Tomlinson his debut – and then they scored! I thought 'no, we can't not let him on'. He has been a real bright spark."



Solarplicity

Simply lower energy bills



Solarplicity energy solutions. Our transfer window never closes

Solarplicity are proud to be the **Official Energy Partner of the EFL**. Our aim: to provide clean, affordable, renewable energy solutions for everyone. We'd like to wish the players, staff and supporters of Luton Town all the best for the new season.



To find out more, visit
www.solarplicity.com



[FRANKIE AND ISAAC ON GILLINGHAM]

CHECK THESE BOYS OUT!

YOUNGSTERS STAR IN CHECKATRADE TROPHY WIN

Making their full debuts for the first team, Frankie Musonda and Isaac Vassell starred as the Hatters trumped Gillingham in the Checkatrade Trophy in a landmark victory for the Town.

Centre-back Musonda, 18, scored his first goal in professional football after ten minutes, while Vassell tormented his markers with his outstanding strength and pace all night.

The game also recognised the youngest ever player to make an appearance for the Town, with Connor Tomlinson, at 15 years and 199 days old, coming on as a late sub to beat the previous record held by Jordan Patrick who debuted at the age of 16 years and nine days.

Musonda wasn't surprised by the youngster's appearance, as he said part of Nathan Jones' ethos means if you're good enough, you're old enough.

He said: "We knew the team a couple of days ago. We had an idea of who might be playing, but even the starting 11 down to the first year scholars, we all know the gaffer is willing to give us a chance.

"There was no surprise to see Connor Tomlinson come on as he's been doing well. The gaffer doesn't care what age you are, if you're good enough you'll play."

Equally impressed, Vassell thought

it was the perfect time to bring Tomlinson on, as the 15-year-old has netted seven goals in six appearances for the U16s so far this season.

Vassell said: "I was buzzing for Connor. These are the games you love to play in, with no pressure and you can express yourself. It's a Luton record and I am delighted for him."

Starting in defence alongside many of his old youth team colleagues, first-year pro Musonda gave a mature performance on Tuesday night and he thinks Jones' faith in the younger players helped bring home the result.

Musonda said: "When you're young and looking at players my age playing in League Two, there's not a lot. Most managers want to go with experience, but the gaffer believes in all of us, he trusts us all the time. It teaches us to be patient and when we get our chance, we take it."

After making a number of substitute appearances for the first team in

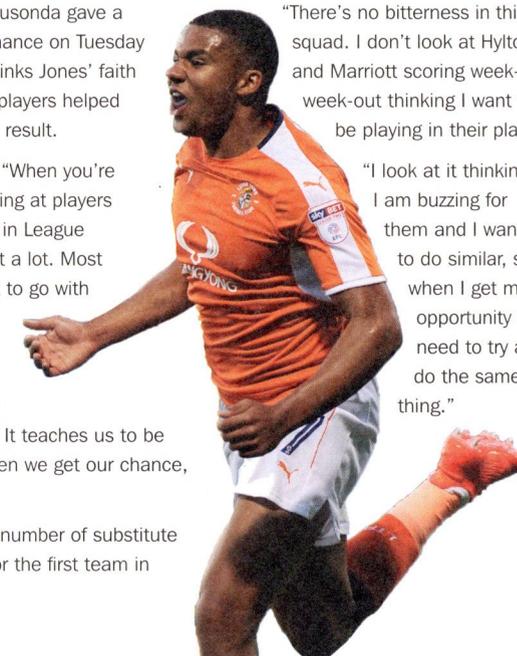


recent weeks, Vassell was more than pleased to play from the start, but he was also keen to point out he is willing to bide his time to earn his place in the first 11.

The summer signing from Truro City said: "I always love to make any form of appearance. A start is a bit of a bonus for me coming where I have come from.

"There's no bitterness in this squad. I don't look at Hylton and Marriott scoring week-in, week-out thinking I want to be playing in their place.

"I look at it thinking I am buzzing for them and I want to do similar, so when I get my opportunity I need to try and do the same thing."





Roberto's

Italian Restaurant

www.roborestaurant.co.uk

01462 45 00 70

87 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1NQ

20% OFF

a la carte menu

ALL LUTON TOWN FC

MEMBERS & SEASON TICKET HOLDERS !

TIGER CARS

01582

72 72 72

OPEN 24 HOURS

Professional Airport &
Local Private Hire Service.
Including Corporate Accounts

www.tiger-cars.com

booking@tiger-cars.com

HYPERION

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Independent Financial Planning
to individuals,
their families,
businesses and trustees.

Specialising in:

Estate Planning;
Pensions;
Investments;
Life Cover for Companies & Individuals.

01582 434288

advice@hyperionfp.co.uk

www.hyperionfp.co.uk

Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

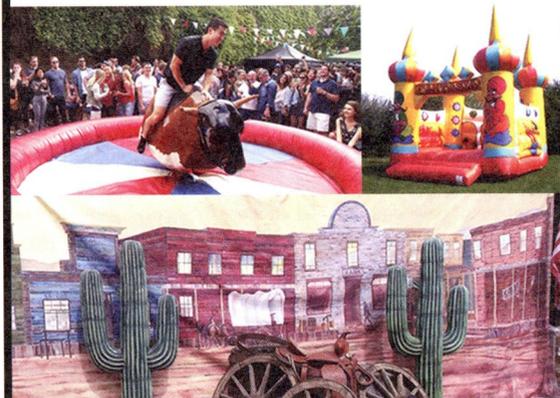


Black Horse Events

Your Event Entertainment Covered !

20 years Experience in Event Hire:

Call 01582 730000



Full List Of Our
Bespoke Products & Services:
www.blackhorseeventsuk.co.uk



Full Time



THE NATION'S FAVOURITE*

Proud partner of





Helping your business move forward through Facilities Services and Management

- Building Maintenance
- Office Fit out and Refurbishment
- Flooring
- Electrical contractors and engineers
- Air conditioning and plumbing
- Site Pathway and Parking Maintenance
- Industrial Steelwork



FPM Facility Services Ltd

Send us an email
service@f-p-m.co.uk

or call our team today
01582 484020

www.f-p-m.co.uk



TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK



What a week it has been. A great battling performance at Cambridge and then to see the youngsters with some added old heads play so well at Gillingham. Well, it warms the cockles of an old physio's heart.

Mind you, after the Gillingham game we did have to use new recovery strategies and make sure the young ones were in their pyjamas and having a story on the way back.

To me it was what the competition was all about young players getting their chance to perform. So many debuts and they were buzzing when the gaffer told them to keep their shirts. The kitman was treated for shock after that gesture.

On the injury front, Craig Mackail-Smith and Danny Green have been using an Alter G running machine (thanks to the BMI Hospital at Hendon) which allows them to run at a percentage of their body weight, getting them back into the routine whilst not putting full weight through the leg. It's difficult to put time scales on things but we hope Craig will be back on the grass doing functional work next week. Alan Sheehan has been training all this week and should be back in the fray very soon. In fact, he has been moving that quick I think it must have blown the hair off his head. Sharp haircut! He is probably our worst patient as he is so keen to get back involved.

Unfortunately, one of our youth players Michael had to have an operation on his knee but it was interesting when he highlighted the fact he doesn't like injections and could he have an injection to get over that fear! He also found that hospital gowns are like insurance policies – they don't cover everything you think they do!

THE ROCK

This time around I would like to mention another of our back room team. Mr David Leu, the club chiropractor – or as we call him, The Rock. He is a cracking guy and strangely a good lookalike for Hakan Hayrettin. Rock visits us weekly from his Back to Back practice and helps with spinal manipulations plus advice on other back/neck issues. The lads find him quite humerus. You'll have to forgive that joke, his help is invaluable.



I leave you with my mate Craig King, who left the stadium saying his farewells only to return to the stadium a little while later. I said what are you doing back here. He replied I followed the diversion signs round Luton and they brought me back here. At least he follows instructions!

PICTURE THE PAST

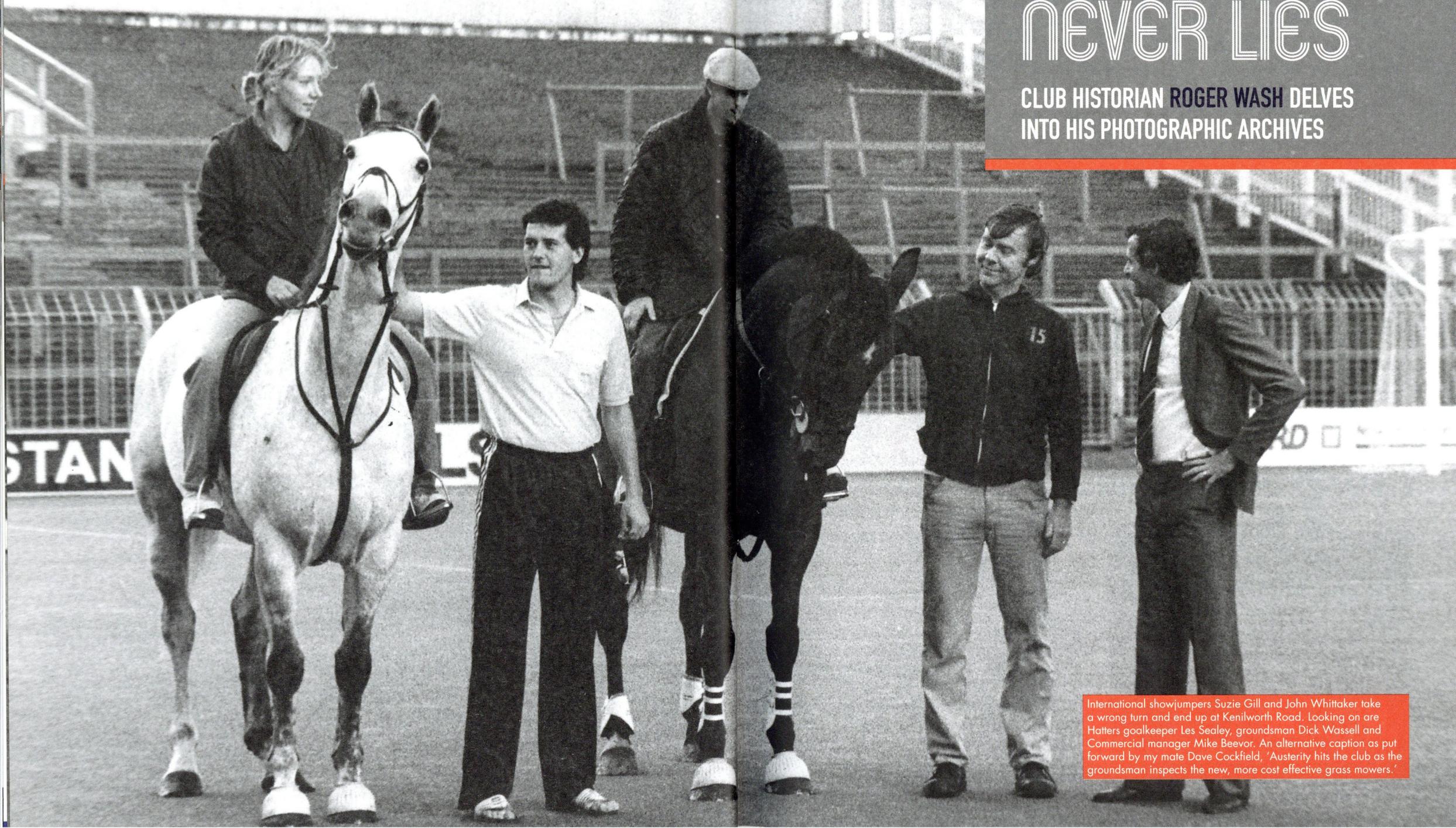
CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES

Bobby Brennan heads home during the FA Cup fifth round replay at Filbert Street, Leicester in February 1949. The first game, at Kenilworth Road, finished 5-5 after extra time while the clash at Leicester ended up in a 5-3 victory for the home side who were to go all the way to Wembley that season before losing to Wolves in the final.



THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES



International showjumpers Suzie Gill and John Whittaker take a wrong turn and end up at Kenilworth Road. Looking on are Hatters goalkeeper Les Sealey, groundsman Dick Wassell and Commercial manager Mike Beevor. An alternative caption as put forward by my mate Dave Cockfield, 'Austerity hits the club as the groundsman inspects the new, more cost effective grass mowers.'

Contact us now

**01582
870870**

pictons.co.uk
info@pictons.co.uk



residential + property
personal injury wills
divorce
estates
family
law employment
injury & business
dispute resolution
commercial property
trust & probate

WELCOME ALEX & JACK!

Transfer deadline day was a busy one at Kenilworth Road, with manager Nathan Jones adding Newcastle United attacking midfielder Alex Gilliead and young Huddersfield Town left-back Jack Senior to his squad.

Alex, 20, is an England Under-20 international who spent most of last season on loan in League Two with Carlisle United, including scoring in the Cumbrians' 4-3 win at Kenilworth Road.

Nathan told lutontown.co.uk: "Alex ticks every box for us. He's young, hungry and wants to do well. He's technically very good, he's fit and he fits in nicely with our group."



Alex Gilliead

Jack, 19, won the double with Huddersfield's Under-21 team last

season but has yet to make his professional debut.

"Jack is a player we've been aware of for a long time and Mick Harford gave him the rubberstamp when he went to watch him the other day," said Nathan. "He's one we're excited about and that's why we've allowed Cameron McJannett to join Stoke, because he'll be closer to the first team than Cameron was."



Jack Senior

As Nathan mentioned, 17-year-old Cameron was the only player to be

sold by the Town, stepping up to the Premier League Potters having been a major part of Paul Driver's youth team's success last season.

Paul said: "I am really pleased for Cameron. He thoroughly deserves this chance with a top club like Stoke. He is one of the most organised and professional lads I have had the pleasure to work with – a great role model in how to carry yourself if you want to improve and succeed."

Magnus Okuonghae was the only other player to leave, with the 30-year-old defender's contract cancelled by mutual consent.

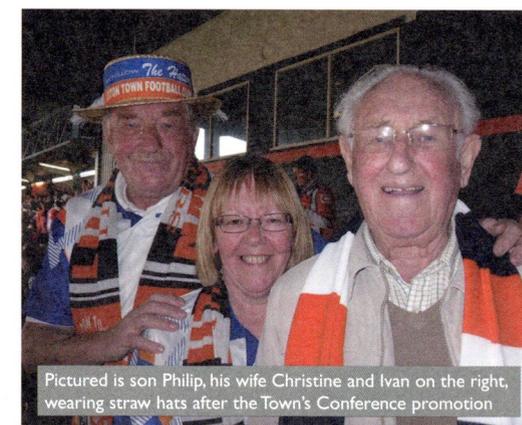
We welcome Alex and Jack every success with the Hatters – there'll be more to come from them in the Grimsby programme – and wish Cameron and Mark every success in their future careers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IVAN!

Everyone at Luton Town would like to wish loyal supporter Ivan Howard a very happy birthday for Monday.

Born and bred in Letchworth, Ivan saw his first game at the age of 11 when his father took him to see a 3-3 draw between Luton and Blackpool in January 1937, and he still has the rosette he bought at the 1959 FA Cup final!

Together with his three children, Ivan will be in his usual seats in Block B of the Main Stand at today's game and we all hope Nathan and the boys deliver him the perfect present of three points!



Pictured is son Philip, his wife Christine and Ivan on the right, wearing straw hats after the Town's Conference promotion

LUTON TOWN IN THE

COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

SKILLS PERFORMANCE CENTRES – TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME 2016-17

Next week we start our annual search for young talent for our youth development system through the Community Trust's Skills Performance Centres talent identification programme. This season we will be running 12 regional skills performance centres with 3 centres now established in Luton.

The programme is open to all youngsters aged from school year 2 up to year 11 (u7 up to u16's) and our skills centres offer a 9 week programme ending with a trial match for everyone. Successful boys can then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-academy development centres with eventual pathways into our schoolboy youth academy. The skills centres are open to all abilities and below we have listed all of our centre details as well as answering frequently asked questions about how it all works.

WHAT ARE SKILLS PERFORMANCE CENTRES ALL ABOUT?

The successful skills performance programme is now in its 11th year of operation. The purpose of the Skills Centres are to provide high quality coaching for up and coming schoolboy footballers. Whether you are an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a new-comer, wanting to develop the basics, the skills performance programme has something to offer everyone.

WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE SKILLS PROGRAMME?

LTFC's Youth Section prides itself on the high calibre of

its coaching team. By signing up you will receive the same standard of coaching that has helped produce players such as Curtis Davis, Leon Barnett, Kevin Foley, Matthew Taylor and Jack Wilshire. No other football club in our region can claim the same level of success in terms of youth development - three England youth Internationals in the last three years: Cauley Woodrow (now Fulham); Jay DaSilva and Lewis Baker (now both Chelsea). In addition, over 75 players have been signed by our schoolboy academy through our skills performance programme.

GOALKEEPERS

We haven't forgotten the most important player on the pitch and have two dedicated goalie centres in Flitwick and Dunstable.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST & HOW WILL MY PROGRESS BE MONITORED?

The cost is still only £45 per 9 week term, which includes nine practical sessions and one assessment game. In addition to the assessment match, all players receive a classification indicating their personal development over the term and will receive one of our new player classifications of Bronze, Silver Gold or Platinum academy player to chart their progress over the season.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO WELL?

If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Centre of Excellence/Pre-Academy. Players who display outstanding talent can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate.



SKILLS PERFORMANCE CENTRES – VENUES , DAYS AND TIMES

ARLESEY/STOTFOLD

Etonbury Academy, Stotfold Road, Arlesey, SG15 6XS
Fridays: School Years 2-4 17.00 to 18.00
School Years 5-7 18.00 to 19.00

BEDFORD

Bedford Modern School, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NT
Tuesdays: School Years 2-7 18:00 - 19:00

BLETCHLEY

Powerleague, Fyfield Barrow, Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes MK7 7WH
Tuesdays: Years 2-6 18:00 – 19:00

DUNSTABLE

Creasey Park Stadium, Dunstable LU6 1BB
Fridays: 17:30 – 18:30

FLITWICK/AMPTHILL

Redbourne Upper School, Flitwick Road, Beds MK45 2NU
Mondays: 17:00 - 18:00

HARPENDEN

Sir John Lawes School, Manland Way, Harpenden AL5 4QP
Fridays: 18:00 – 19:00

KEMPSTON

AFC Kempston Rovers FC, Hillgrounds Leisure, Hillgrounds Rd, Kempston, Bedford MK42 8SZ
Mondays: School Years 2-6 17:00 - 18:00

LEIGHTON BUZZARD

Cedars High School, Mentmore Rd, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2AE
Thursdays: 17.00 – 18.00

LUTON – STOPSLEY

Playfootball.net Stopsley High School St Thomas' Rd LU2 7UX
Mondays: School Years 2-6 17:00 - 18:00
School Years 7-11 18:00 - 19:00

LUTON – SUNDON PARK

Lealands High School, Sundon Park Road, LU3 3AL
Thursdays: School Years 2-6 17:00 to 18:00

LUTON – VENUE 360

Gipsy Lane LU1 3JH
Wednesdays: 17:00 - 18:00

ST ALBANS

Nicholas Breakspear School, Colney Heath Lane, St. Albans Herts, AL4 0TT
Wednesdays: 17:00 -18:00

To receive further details you can download our TIPS leaflet from the Club's main website at www.lutontown.co.uk or to book a place from next week you can simply email tips@lutontown.co.uk or call the community office on 01582 737568 and don't forget to look out for our Skills Performance leaflets in school from next week.



GIRLS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Don't worry girls – we've not left you out! Far from it if you have already read our programme notes in the Newport programme you will know we now have a Girls Player Development Centre (PDC) which is back up and running after the summer break. The Girls PDC is open to all girls in School Year 3 to 11 (U8 to U16) and trains every Thursday 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm at Stockwood Park Academy, Rotherham Avenue in Luton. If you would like to join in the sessions, please either phone the Community office on 01582 737568 or drop us an email at LYTD@lutontown.co.uk and we will send you all the details.



YOUTH TEAM KIT SPONSORS 2016/17

- | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| <p>1 HARRY BEAN
 
 H: Middleton Bespoke Joinery
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>2 SCOTT BELGROVE
 
 H: AVAILABLE
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>3 JOSH BROWN
 
 H: AVAILABLE
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>4 KAVAN COTTER
 
 H: Andrew J Finch
 A: Loyal Luton Supporters Club</p> |
| <p>5 GEO LUCA CRAIG
 
 H: Jane Davies
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>6 CIARAN GORDON-STEARN
 
 H: AVAILABLE
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>7 FREDDIE HINDS
 
 H: Jacqui Peacock
 A: Bobbers Travel</p> | <p>8 JACK JAMES
 
 H: Ben Wright
 A: AVAILABLE</p> |
| <p>9 CIAREN JONES
 
 H: AVAILABLE
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>11 JOE MEAD
 
 H: AVAILABLE
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>12 GEORGE MURRAY
 
 H: Andrew J Finch
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>13 ARTHUR READ
 
 H: AVAILABLE
 A: AVAILABLE</p> |
| <p>14 MICHEL SHAMALO
 
 H: AVAILABLE
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>15 JACK SNELUS
 
 H: Groundcare Machinery Services Ltd
 A: Bobbers Travel</p> | <p>16 OLAOLUWAKITAN SORUNKE
 
 H: AVAILABLE
 A: AVAILABLE</p> | <p>17 JAMES VERNEY
 
 H: AVAILABLE
 A: AVAILABLE</p> |

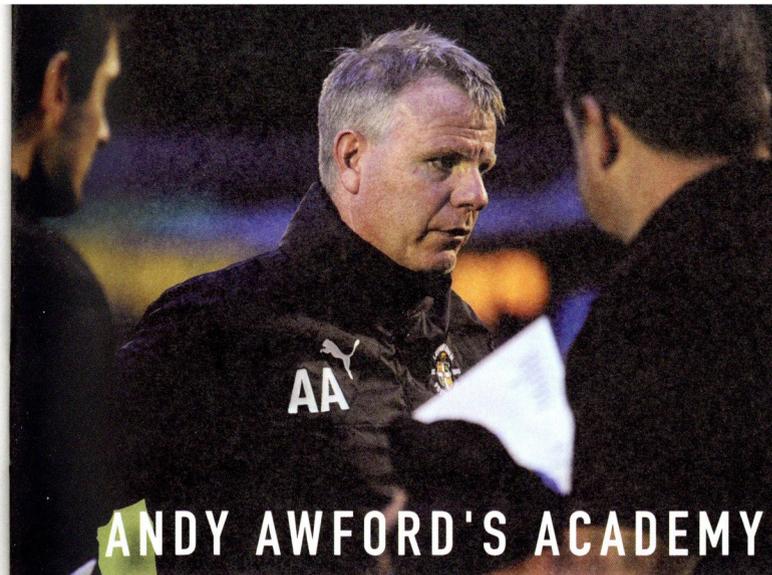
TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KIT SPONSORSHIPS, CONTACT OUR COMMERCIAL TEAM ON 01582 411622



There is simply no equal,
Wear the best.

www.premiersocktape.co.uk
PREMIER SOCK TAPE

f www.facebook.com/PremierSockTape t @PremierSockTape



ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY

UPDATE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Wycombe Wanderers.

U18S

The Youth team have had two league games since my last notes, the first being a 3-1 home victory versus Cambridge United at the training ground.

After an untidy first half, in which both teams struggled to find any fluency, we found our feet around the hour mark with three quick strikes – Arthur Read hitting a double and James Verney grabbing his first of the season.

Although Cambridge scored a late consolation we ran out comfortable winners in the end, without really hitting the high standards we had set in the previous game against MK Dons.

However, as always we are looking at the bigger picture and it was pleasing

that we still managed to find a way through, without being at our best, and the team involved three players from the U16s.

The second game, away at Peterborough, saw us on the end of a 3-0 defeat. Unfortunately and unusually, we switched off at two set pieces and gifted Peterborough two goals within the first half-hour.

From then on we were pleased with the way we played and moved the ball, but regrettably we couldn't convert our dominance and missed chances that would have got us back into the game. With us pressing to get back into the game we were caught with a sucker punch third goal late on.

With the success and positive exposure the Youth team have

[ACADEMY UPDATE]

received in recent months, it will do the boys no harm whatsoever to suffer a defeat. The challenge now is to respond positively and bounce back in the next game which was earlier today at home to Northampton Town.

UNDER-9S

At half-time today you will see our new U9s on the pitch. They and their parents are VIP guests of the club today after signing their first Luton Town FC contracts in the summer. I am sure you will show them your support and give them a clap and a cheer as they take in the fantastic atmosphere that Kenilworth Road creates and dream of one day playing on the hallowed turf themselves.

CAMERON MCJANNET

All of us at the Academy would like to wish Cameron McJannet the very best of luck after he completed his move to Stoke City this week.



Cameron has been with the club since Under-9s and has shown a fantastic attitude to improve and learn over that period. This has resulted in him being offered a wonderful opportunity at a Premier League Club and we wish him well for the future.

Enjoy the Game. COYH!!

ANDY

HATTERS LADIES

LUTON TOWN LADIES 1-1 GILLINGHAM LADIES

After a tough and promising pre-season that had seen plenty of changes in the Hatters camp, the first game of the campaign was to be a tough test at home to last season's runners-up Gillingham.

The town had five new recruits in the squad, and some key players missing including Zara Carroll who was still suspended from a red card at the end of last season. Experienced keeper Jess Devoti was making her debut as well as 16-year-old right-back Lucy Webster. Another debutant was Dionne Manning in attack, as well as a whole bench of new additions.

Early in the game the away side tried to take control, but Town kept their shape and won the ball back continually. Devoti was called into action as she saved with her legs at her near post after the Gillingham right winger went on a tricky run.

Soon after, the Town were unlucky not to take the lead as there was a scramble in front of goal, Jo Rutherford trying her luck with a header before it was cleared, and Erica Byron following up with an overhead kick that was blocked. It was end-to-end stuff as the game started to open up, and Devoti tipped a shot from distance over the bar.

Rutherford was working hard at the other end to bring players into the game, and debutant Manning played a good ball into the box that was unable to be converted by Byron.

Early in the second half, Gillingham again tried to pile the pressure on, but the Hatters kept their composure and started to ask questions. Nicola Henman found some space and tried to play in Rutherford but the ball was cleared.

Jess McKay then found herself in some space at left-back and picked out Byron, before she fed the ball superbly into the path of Manning, who outpaced her marker and finished well past the oncoming keeper into the bottom corner to put the Town ahead.

Shannon Pratt then made a good challenge and carried the ball forward, before shooting from distance. Byron and



Celebrating Michelle Byrne's goal last Sunday

Manning were causing further issues and linking up well with Rutherford, Manning sending another shot just wide.

Byron nearly doubled the lead as she closed down the Gillingham keeper and got in the way of a clearance, only for the ball to ping off of the post and cause another scramble on the goal line.

Eventually it was cleared but it was a big let off for the away side, who then started to throw players forward in search on an equaliser and midway through the half they got it following a good move down the right.

Both teams then went in search of the winner. Town kept their shape excellently, frustrating Gillingham and restricting them to shots from distance.

The Hatters' Henman had a shot saved and Byron curled just wide of the post, then the away side had a couple of chances but some excellent defending kept the score even, including a goal line clearance from Byron.

The last chance for the Town fell to Michelle Byrne as Henman threaded a ball through, but she just couldn't unravel her feet and get a proper shot off and the keeper saved with ease.



HELPING YOU JOURNEY ON



When unplanned disruption threatens to slow you down, just tap our handy On Track app for live updates to your favourite journeys.

Download the Thameslink On Track app FREE today  

ThamesLink/

Start a course this September at Barnfield College

Places are limited so visit us at a campus to secure your place for September.

If you're still deciding on what to do after school, we have places available for courses in the following subjects:

- Accountancy & Bookkeeping
- Art, Design & Fashion
- Beauty & Hairdressing
- Business & Legal Services
- Childcare
- Computing, Programming & Networking
- Construction
- Engineering
- ESOL
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering
- Media
- Music
- Public Services
- Sport & Fitness

NEW courses for September 2016

Level 2 Pharmaceutical Science - For those interested in working in the Pharmaceutical industry and wishing to progress to higher level studies.

Level 3 Theatre Technology - For students interested in technical support for all forms of theatre events.

To apply visit us at New Bedford Road or Enterprise Way campus
Call: 01582 569569

HAPPY HARRY NEEDS A HELPER...IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S AGED 18+, WITH A FUN, BUBBLY PERSONALITY AND AVAILABLE ON MATCHDAYS, EMAIL INFO@LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

COME ON YOU HATTERS! COME ON YOU HATTERS! COME ON YOU HATTERS! COME ON YOU HATTERS! COME ON YOU HATTERS!

JUNIOR HATTERS

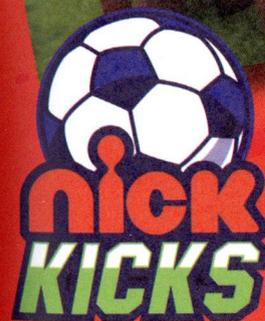


NICK KICKS IS ZANE'S FAVOURITE

Nick Kicks recently came to the Luton Town training ground Ely Way, to say hello to some of the players and test out their tricks. One player who seemed to love the limelight a little more than the rest though, was Zane Banton. Whilst brushing his hair to look cool and showing off a strange arm shuffle he called a dance, the 20-year-old did an excellent impression of a cow for the cameras!



LTFC RECORD BREAKER



On Tuesday, a Luton Town record was broken! The youngest player to ever represent the Hatters before the match between the Town and Gillingham was Jordan Patrick aged 16 years and nine days. This was beaten though by Harlington Upper School pupil Connor Tomlinson, who came on as a late sub against the Gills in our 2-1 win at the Priestfield Stadium. Well done Connor, what an achievement!

BE A FRONT RUNNER



Creating the next generation of performers, bright sparks and game changers.

GRADUATE AS A PROFESSIONAL

Career focused

Our courses are delivered with your employability in mind. With access to cutting-edge equipment, opportunities to undertake work placements, and the chance to gain additional recognised professional sports qualifications alongside your degree, we prepare you for the world of work.

CLEARING 0300 3300 073 / BEDS.AC.UK/MAKEITHAPPEN



[OUR OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNER]

LEVEL TRUST'S LUTON LAUNCH

Luton Town were delighted to confirm at a special launch event at Kenilworth Road that Level Trust, the local charity that supports children living in poverty in Luton, is the football club's charity of the year for 2016-17.

This is the second season the Hatters have selected an official charity partner, and after tying joint-first in the inaugural selection process, it was agreed that CHUMS would be the Town's charity for 2015-16 with Level Trust automatically taking over for the current campaign.

Level Trust seeks to remove the barriers that poverty brings to a child's education by providing children with everything they need to thrive.

Level Trust Director Jane Malcolm said: "I am delighted that we have been chosen as Luton Town Football Club's charity of the year. Luton is lucky enough to have a football club that cares deeply about its town and the people who live in it. This is clearly demonstrated in their decision to support Level Trust.

"In Luton 14,000 children and young people live under the poverty line. Shockingly, poverty in Luton stops children from wearing a good school uniform, going on school trips and having warm clothing in the winter.

"By supporting us, Luton Town Football Club will be helping us put a stop to the damage that this can do to a child's experience of school and growing up. We are so grateful for all they are planning to do for the children we work with."

We are equally pleased to announce that as part of the arrangement, our main sponsors SsangYong Motor UK Ltd have generously donated their front-of-shirt space to Level Trust for the Sky Bet League Two match against Crawley Town at Kenilworth Road on Saturday 11th February.

Paul Williams, CEO of SsangYong Motor UK Ltd, said: "It's a shocking statistic that as many as 14,000 children in Luton are living below the poverty line, and we are delighted to support this extremely worthwhile cause."

Luton Town Chief Executive Gary Sweet said: "Level Trust is a fantastic local charity and when we started this process as an extension of our community involvement last year, were

were pleased and astounded to see Level Trust and CHUMS come joint top in the vote we put out to staff.

"We had dialogue with Jane about us partnering with CHUMS for a year, and then working with Level Trust in year two, and it all fitted together with one or two things she had going on.

"This is the official handover and we hope that the coming year can be as profitable for Level Trust as it was for CHUMS – not just in terms of cash raised by the club, but through the huge amount of exposure Level Trust will gain off the back of initiatives like auctioning the shirts that SsangYong have kindly donated, after they've been worn in the Crawley match. The publicity and awareness sparks new donations and interest in the charity.

"Level Trust's reason for existing is to remove the barriers that poverty brings to a child's education in Luton. We fully support that as a football club, through our staff and as players."

*Please visit www.leveltrust.org for more information.



Don't forget...

LTFC season ticket holders travel at child rate on match days.



Don't worry about parking, connect with the Busway at Luton Station and get dropped off right outside the ground.

 **ARRIVA**
a  company

 /arrivatheshires

 @arrivatheshires



HATS TO CAP IT ALL!



FROM JUST
£5

AVAILABLE IN-STORE & ONLINE AT HATTERSWORLD.CO.UK

LONDON
£10
ONE WAY

Catch the Green Line 757 for an easy way to get from Luton to London

Visit greenline.co.uk to find out more

FREE

ON BOARD

greenline

WILSON'S CAR SALES

Check Out Our Current Stock Plus
Featured Stock & Car Of The Week, on:

www.wilson-carsales.co.uk

- Family Owned
- HPI Checked
- Part Exchange
- Cars Bought & Sold
- **Cars Wanted For Cash!**



101-102 High Street, Houghton Regis,
Bedfordshire, LU5 5BJ
T: 01582 867755 M: 07711 231 055



CLASS 4



CLASS 7

01582 456 455



0793 130 3887

www.UKMOTS.co.uk info@UKMOTS.co.uk

Unit 19, Flowers Ind. Est., Latimer Rd, Luton LU1 3XA

extrastaff

the driving and industrial specialists.

Extrastaff is a high profile, high quality, professional supplier of blue collar temporary staff. Operating from 13 profitable locations throughout the South East, we have won numerous awards and supply 2500 temps to over 400 clients each month. Working exclusively in the logistics and industrial sectors and operating from prominent high street shop fronted offices, we are directly contactable via the office number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

01582 606666

Dunstable Branch: 8-10 High Street, Dunstable, Beds LU5 4RU

01727 810000

Head Office: Unit 1 Sandridge Park, Porters Wood, Valley Road, St Albans Herts AL3 6PH

Offices also at:

- * Ilford * Hanger lane * St Albans * Enfield * Dartford * Northampton
- * Watford * Maidstone * Basildon * Harlow * Heathrow * Crawley

- LGV Drivers
- Non GV Drivers
- Forklift Drivers
- 7.5T Drivers
- Production Staff
- Drivers Mates
- Warehouse Ops

HATTERS ONLINE

A ROUNDUP OF THE BEST ONLINE CONTENT FROM TWITTER, FACEBOOK, THE WEBSITE, INSTAGRAM, HATTERS PLAYER, YOUTUBE AND MORE



FACEBOOK

Heads held high post Leeds....

Luton Town Football Club
August 23 at 10:56pm · €

THE GAFFER. Nathan proud of his "outstanding" Hatters
[#COYH](http://bit.ly/2qgSDWN)

66 Top Comments

Steve Guard Shame not to get through but looks like we've given higher level opposition a real test which shows there is quality here at Luton and every chance to progress now under NJ!

Agreement Evidence: Zhaia You have bred your best lads. Will always remain a Hatter Proud Luton Town FC Fan from Zimbabwe

Louis Storgaard-Jensen The lads can hold their heads up high. Not the easiest of opponents. Great campaign. Both eyes on the league now!

Stephen Hunter Very impressed with your lot last night certainly deserved ex some of not a win. Leeds fan.

Jon Henri Michael Hayden Chin us last! Important thing is to remain positive drive forward and hopefully win the league! #COYH

FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/lutontown

TWITTER:

www.twitter.com/lutontown

YOUTUBE:

www.youtube.com/lutontown

...And Happiness happening post Cambridge

Luton Town Football Club
August 27 at 6:59pm · €

NATHAN JONES: Hear what the gaffer thought of the 3-0 win at Cambridge
[#COYH](http://bit.ly/2bt12qk)

Like Comment Share Buffer Top Comments

John Lawson Coyh. Great result lads. Cambridge fan at work will get some 1500 this week!

Ross Priden If any one get a video of Nathan Jones at the end please pull it up- please!

TOP TWEETS

Love for the Town and record breaker
Connor... Follow us @LutonTown #COYH

Luton Town FC

On the bench for the Hatters is 15 year old striker Connor Tomlinson, for whom we had to ask permission from his headteacher to play #COYH

2,911 2,912 TOP TWEET!

peter stevenson

@LutonTown To the players. Cherish these days. Enjoy the ride. You are writing tomorrows memories. LTFC. More than just a football club COYH

34 TOP TWEET!

NEW AND IMPROVED

Hatters Player HD

FROM ONLY £4.49 PER MONTH

INSTAGRAM:

www.instagram.com/ltfc_official

GOOGLE+:

www.google.com/+lutontown

OFFICIAL WEBSITE:

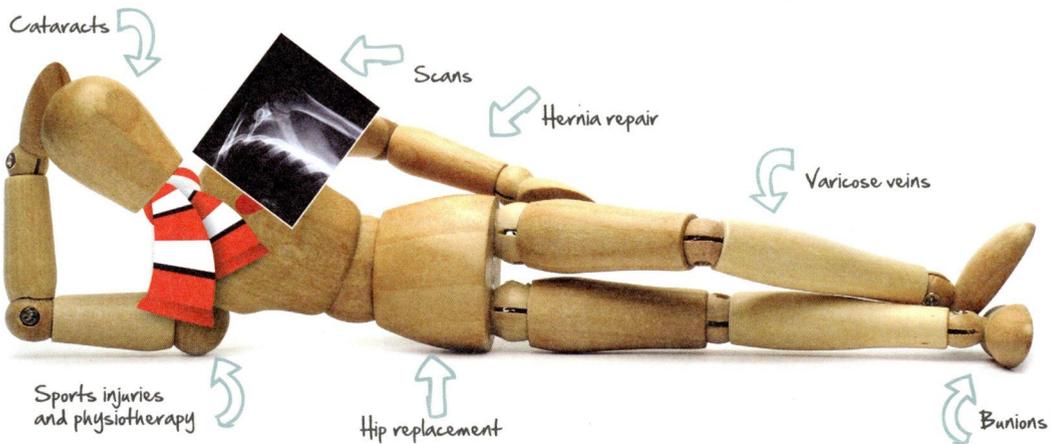
www.lutontown.co.uk



Spire

Harpenden Hospital

Did you know you can **choose to pay** for private hospital treatment or scans?



To be treated at Spire Harpenden Hospital you don't need medical insurance.

We offer:

- A fixed price with no hidden costs or unwelcome surprises
- No waiting lists
- Private en-suite rooms
- Expert consultants and highly trained clinical staff
- Free car parking

Book an appointment today on
01582 714 420

Looking after you.

www.theleaguepaper.com
Buy it every Sunday at your Newsagent



www.latetacklemagazine.com
In Newsagents Now



CHRIS DUNLAVY

OLIVER BURKE'S £13M MOVE FROM NOTTINGHAM FOREST TO BUNDESLIGA SIDE LEIPZIG SHOCKED FOOTBALL - MAINLY BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE HADN'T EVEN HEARD OF HIM.

The 19-year-old forward made his Championship debut only last year but is now Scotland's most expensive player and the 16th costliest teenager of all time, one place ahead of Cristiano Ronaldo.

Yet for all the raised eyebrows, the Football League has always proved a fertile hunting ground for young talent. Here are some other big-money teenagers plucked from its ranks - and how they fared.

JERMAIN DEFOE



To be fair, West Ham didn't think they were paying big money when they controversially lured Defoe from Charlton at the age of 16.

The Addicks - who had paid to enrol the striker at Lilleshall - saw things differently and, after an appeal to the FA, the Hammers were ordered to cough up fees totalling £1.4m.

It was big money for an untested kid, but the outlay would prove an almighty bargain. After a prolific loan spell at Bournemouth, Defoe returned to net 41 goals in 105 for the Irons, then joined Spurs for £7m in 2004. He's not done too badly since, either.

JERMAINE PENNANT

Why did the FA decide West ham had to pay up? Because just a few months earlier, Arsenal had paid Notts County £2m for 15-year-old Pennant - a record fee for a trainee. Sadly, subsequent years saw not the flowering of a prodigious talent but drink drive charges, disciplinary problems and the opprobrium of manager Arsene Wenger.

"You can understand that young boys make mistakes," said the Frenchman. "But if they don't learn, there's no future for them."

Pennant didn't learn. Though he would go on to forge a solid top flight career and even play in a Champions League final for Liverpool, the 33-year-old played just 12 Premier League games for the Gunners.

GEORGE GREEN

Who? You could be forgiven for not knowing the name - after all, the midfielder hasn't seen the light of day since Everton paid Bradford City £300,000 for him in 2011.

Depressed and suicidal after falling out of favour, Green briefly joined Oldham before abandoning professional football altogether, spending much of last season playing for £75-a-week at Non-League Ossett Albion.

Subsequently offered a trial at Burnley, he scored a hat-trick on his debut and was offered a contract by Sean Dyche in January 2016. Now on loan at Kilmarnock, the playmaker is slowly rebuilding his career. Bradford, though, will never see the £2m they were due in appearance money.

THEO WALCOTT

It's testimonial year for Walcott. Yes, it really has been ten years since Arsene Wenger paid Southampton £5m to sign the baby-faced 16-year-old winger.



By then, he already had a boot deal with Nike and four goals in 21 games for Saints. Progress hasn't retained the same rapid pace - largely due to frequent injuries - but the 27-year-old has 43 England caps and 86 goals in 347 games for the Gunners. Mind you, he still doesn't know what his best position is.

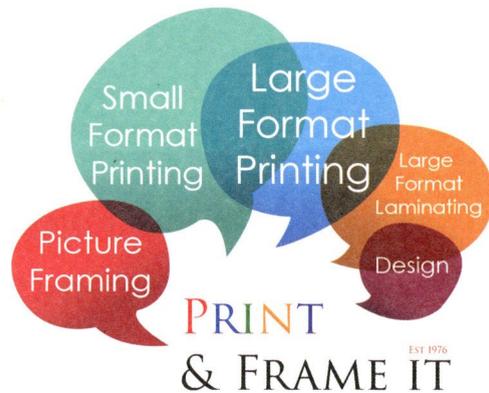


ONE STOP VAN SHOP
Sales - Service - Hire

All Makes & Models

GREAT OFFERS
FOR ALL FOOTBALL FANS!
(Please bring programme with you)

Vanwise Dunstable
1-11 London Road, Dunstable
Bedfordshire, LU6 3EA
01582 788000
www.vanwisegroup.com



01582 481848

10 Flowers Industrial Estate, Latimer Road, Luton,
Bedfordshire, LU1 3XA

LEAGUELOOK

BY HARRY WRIGHT

With the fifth round of EFL League Two games taking place last weekend, the Hatters' 3-0 win over Cambridge saw us move into second, just two points behind leaders Morecambe.

The Shrimpers sit on 12 points after making it four wins from five at Accrington Stanley, who led 2-0 thanks to a brace from Billy Kee before Mark Hughes was sent off.

Morecambe got one back through Cole Stockton in first-half stoppage time and were level when Kevin Ellison equalised a minute after the restart. Stockton grabbed the winner just before the hour to complete a dramatic turnaround at The Crown Ground.

Doncaster, Colchester and Mansfield also sit on ten points with the Hatters after wins last weekend. Andy Williams' hat-trick gave Doncaster a third win on the bounce - 4-1 win over Yeovil - with James Coppinger netting the other. Ryan Hedges momentarily pulled it back to 2-1 for the Glovers before Bevis Mugabi's red card. Yeovil slipped to 21st after losing for the third time in four outings.

Second half goals from Chris Porter and Sammy Szmodics gave Colchester a 2-0 win away at Wycombe, whilst Matt Green's 89th-minute strike gave Mansfield a win at Leyton Orient. Michael Rose put the Stags a goal up before Liam Kelly's equaliser, but Green's late strike earned Mansfield the three points.

Cheltenham earned their first win of the season as first-half goals from Robert Dickie and James Drayton completed a 2-0 win over Crewe. Carlisle remain the only unbeaten team in the Football League as Jabo Ibehre's 21st-minute

effort condemned Barnet to their first defeat of 2016-17. Like Doncaster, Plymouth made it a hat-trick of wins with a narrow win over Blackpool. Nauris Bulvitis' second-half goal gave Plymouth all three points against the Tangerines as Jack Payne saw red for the hosts at Bloomfield Road.

Grimsby broke a run of three straight defeats by emphatically beating Stevenage 5-2, Omar Bogle bagging a hat-trick with Luke Summerfield and Dominic Vose also on the scoresheet.

Portsmouth earned their second win of the season thanks to Gary Roberts' penalty five minutes from time to leave Exeter second bottom.

Notts County's comeback win over Crawley saw them move into the top half after Enzo Boldewijn put Crawley a goal up. An own goal from James Collins levelled things up before Adam Campbell put the Magpies ahead and Jon Stead finished the job with a penalty.

First half drama saw Hartlepool draw 2-2 at Victoria Park with Newport. Nicky Featherstone put Hartlepool a goal up on three minutes before Aristote Nsiala was sent off for the hosts a minute later and Sean Rigg equalised in the fourth minute. Jon Parkin's strike put Newport 2-1 up before the half-hour, but Padraig Amond earned the home side a point before half-time.

RESULTS

Accrington 2-3 Morecambe	Doncaster 4-1 Yeovil
Barnet 0-1 Carlisle	Exeter 0-1 Portsmouth
Blackpool 0-1 Plymouth	Grimsby 5-2 Stevenage
Cambridge 0-3 Luton	Hartlepool 2-2 Newport
Cheltenham 2-0 Crewe	Leyton Orient 1-2 Mansfield
Crawley 1-3 Notts County	Wycombe 0-2 Colchester

SATURDAY LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

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

ENROLMENT @ The Shared Learning Trust SIXTH FORM



- Excellent teaching and student support
- State-of-the-art £30m buildings
- A wide selection of level 3 qualifications
- Seamless progression routes into Further Education and University

THE STOCKWOOD PARK ACADEMY (FORMERLY SOUTH ACADEMY)

26TH, 30TH & 31ST AUG 2016
9:00 - 13:30

Rotheram Avenue
Luton LU1 5PP

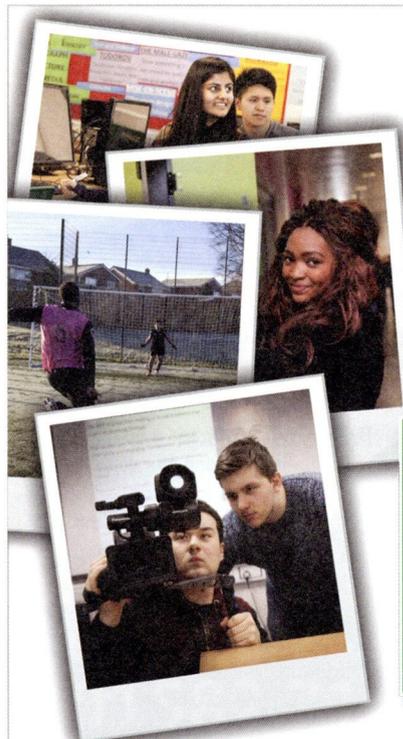
Phone: 01582 722 333

THE CHALK HILLS ACADEMY (FORMERLY WEST ACADEMY)

26TH, 30TH & 31ST AUG 2016
9:00 - 13:30

Leagrave High Street
Luton LU4 0NE

Phone: 01582 884 100



FIXTURESPILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
AUGUST								
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Rea Justin Lee Mpanzu
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton Cuthbert O'DONNELL 1 Potts Cuthbert Rea Cook
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton O'Donnell Potts Cuthbert Rea Lee Mpanzu
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)	L 0-1	7,498	1,510	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Rea Potts Lee Mpanzu
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 0-3	5,606	1,690	2	Walton O'Donnell Potts Mullins Rea Mpanzu
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King Cotter MUSONDA 1 Famewo Justin Bakinson SMITH 1
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town					
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers					
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United					
OCTOBER								
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town					
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					
NOVEMBER								
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					
DECEMBER								
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool					
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United					
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Barnet					
JANUARY								
Mon 2	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth					
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town					
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United					
FEBRUARY								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town					
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town					
Tue 14	7.45pm	H	Hartlepool United					
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers					
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle					
Tue 28	7.45pm	A	Newport County					
MARCH								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town					
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Stevenage					
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United					
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Exeter City					
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Colchester United					
APRIL								
Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Blackpool					
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Barnet					
Fri 14	3.00pm	H	Leyton Orient					
Mon 17	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town					
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Notts. County					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley					
MAY								
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Morecambe					



WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

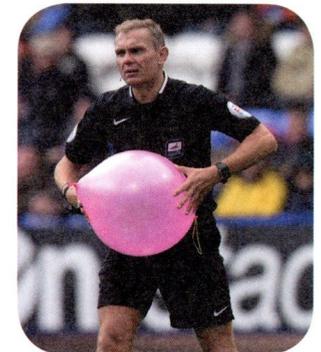
SUBS											
McGeehan	Cook •	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1 •	SMITH 1 •	Lee •	Gray ▲	Justin	Vassell	McQuoid	King	King
McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1 •	Hylton	Marriott ▲	Smith •	Cuthbert •	Cook	Vassell ▲	McQuoid	King	Famewo	
McGEEHAN 2 •	Ruddock •	Hylton	Marriott ▲	Gray •	Smith •	Vassell ▲	Lee	McQuoid	King	Justin	
Cook •	Marriott •	Mpanzu	Lee	Famewo •	Vassell •	Smith	Gray	McQuoid	King	Justin	
McGEEHAN 1 ▲	Cook	Marriott •	Hylton	Mpanzu •	Vassell •	McQuoid ▲	Smith	King	Justin	Famewo	
Smith	Gray •	HYLTON •	Marriott	Cook •	Mpanzu •	Vassell ▲	Cuthbert	McQuoid	King	Justin	
Cook	McGeehan	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1 ▲	Cuthbert •	Smith •	Vassell ▲	Gray	McQuoid	King	Justin	
Gray	Banton •	Vassell	McQuoid •	Atkinson •	Tomlinson •	Gooch	Read	Hinds	Bean	Snelus	

MEET THE REF: GRAHAM SCOTT

Today we welcome experienced Oxford-born referee Graham Scott to Kenilworth Road.

Scott was promoted to the select group of referees in 2015 after joining the national list in 2008 and last season took charge of four Premier League and 11 Championship games. He awarded 63 yellow cards in those 15 games, with two reds. That included eight yellows at Leeds home match against Huddersfield and seven in Norwich's win over Aston Villa.

Scott last refereed Luton in March 2015 when we lost 2-1 to Northampton, issuing yellow cards to four Luton players. Scott has taken charge of two games this season, both in the Championship, issuing seven yellow cards in the process.



LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17

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

PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										ITFC CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		ITFC		CAREER TOT		
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	
Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	0	11	0
Jordan Cook	5	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	5	(1)	0	0	0	6	0
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	4	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	4	(2)	0	0	0	46	0
Akin Famewo	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	2	0
Jake Gray	1	(2)	0	3	(0)	1	4	(2)	1	0	0	6	1
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	30	6
Danny Hylton	5	(0)	2	2	(0)	0	7	(0)	2	4	0	7	2
James Justin	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Craig King	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Olly Lee	3	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	5	(1)	0	3	0	45	3
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	34	4
Jack Marriott	5	(0)	2	2	(0)	0	7	(0)	2	1	0	51	18
Cameron McGeehan	5	(0)	3	2	(0)	1	7	(0)	4	1	0	85	24
Josh McQuoid	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0	37	5
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	4	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	5	(2)	0	1	0	73	5
Johnny Mullins	4	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	0	1	6	0
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0	4	1
Stephen O'Donnell	5	(0)	1	2	(0)	0	7	(0)	1	1	0	40	2
Dan Potts	5	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	1	1	22	0
Glen Rea	4	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	1	0	16	0
Alan Sheehan	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	20	1
Jonathan Smith	0	(3)	1	2	(1)	1	2	(4)	2	0	0	147	11
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Isaac Vassell	0	(4)	0	1	(2)	0	1	(6)	0	0	0	7	0
Christian Walton	5	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	7	0

[FAYE CARRUTHERS]

HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH FAYE CARRUTHERS (ABSOLUTE RADIO, BBC SPORT, PREMIER LEAGUE PRODUCTIONS)

So back to League matters again and a chance to extend our winning run to three games in a row. Plus some revenge to be had after Wycombe beat us here 2-0 last December.

This is a different Luton Town side though. I can feel a change. I am optimistic every season, but this term, it feels a bit different. I can't put my finger on it, it's just a feeling. I was here for our EFL Cup match against Leeds, and usually come away from a defeat feeling downcast. Not that Tuesday though. I felt lifted by a fantastic Hatters performance – and I sensed that around Kenilworth Road too.

I was asked to voice the highlights for Football on Five the day after. Initially I was told it would just be a Leeds chance and the goal. I protested... that was not a fair representation of what had been a cracking game of football. It was played at such a high intensity, 20 seconds wouldn't do it justice! I was so proud of our effort, I was desperate to show the team off.

We won't be going on a League Cup run this season, but we more than held our own against a Championship club – and at times, made them look like the League Two side. The team played as a unit, created chances, supported each other and the players projected so much confidence.

The roar inside the ground as we pushed for the equaliser was immense, and although this time it wasn't meant to be, I didn't hear anyone complaining about that performance, there were so many positives to take from it.



It may be a while until I can get back to Kenilworth Road, but I'm always listening and Saturday's victory over Cambridge followed by the win at Gillingham fired me up again. What a group of youngsters we have coming through – we should all feel proud and excited. Just look at the work Paul Driver has done, with 17-year-old left-back Cameron McJannett joining Stoke and other Premier League interest in our players. The future is most definitely bright.



I interviewed Nathan at the end of season dinner and I could see he meant business. The passion, drive and ambition he shows has filtered down to the team and you can tell they believe we can do something special this season. I hate talking about promotion this early – but why the hell not?

UPWARD

My letter of support for Power Court & Newlands Park to Luton Borough Council was submitted this week and I found myself writing an essay! I could have gone on for hours about why it would be so good for the town and how Luton Town FC is on an upward curve. Promotion takes time, passion and hard work – this club has that in spades. Please make sure you – and everyone you know with Luton in the hearts – write with your support too.

Positivity behind the scenes, on the pitch and in the stands will power this club to bigger and better things, so as we always do, let's get behind the team, I know we won't need much encouragement against Crawley!
#COYH

LESS
TAKE
MORE
GIVE



sky BET

£20 FREE BET

WHEN YOU BET £5

NEW CUSTOMER OFFER

BETTING, BETTER

WHEN THE FUN STOPS STOP

gambleaware.co.uk

18+

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
- 15 Alex Gilliead
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Zane Banton
- 19 Olly Lee
- 20 Isaac Vassell
- 21 Jack Senior
- 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 Scott Brown
- 2 Sido Jombati
- 3 Joe Jacobson
- 4 Stephen McGinn
- 5 Anthony Stewart
- 6 Aaron Pierre
- 7 Garry Thompson
- 8 Marcus Bean
- 9 Paul Hayes
- 10 Matt Bloomfield
- 11 Sam Wood
- 12 Paris Cowan-Hall
- 13 Barry Richardson (GK)
- 15 Dayle Southwell
- 16 Michael Harriman
- 17 Luke O'Nien
- 18 Danny Rowe
- 19 Myles Weston
- 20 Adebayo Akinfenwa
- 21 Max Müller
- 22 Nick Freeman
- 23 Will De Havilland
- 27 Jamal Blackman
- 43 Gareth Ainsworth
- Dominic Gape
- Scott Kashket

MATCH OFFICIALS

- GRAHAM SCOTT
- RICHARD WEST
- DAVID BRYAN
- OLIVER LANGFORD

