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The boss welcomes Grimsby Town
to Kenilworth Road



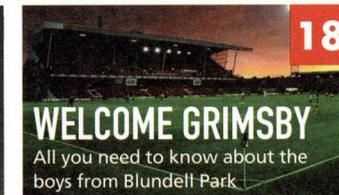
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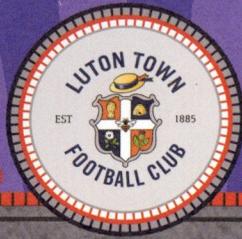
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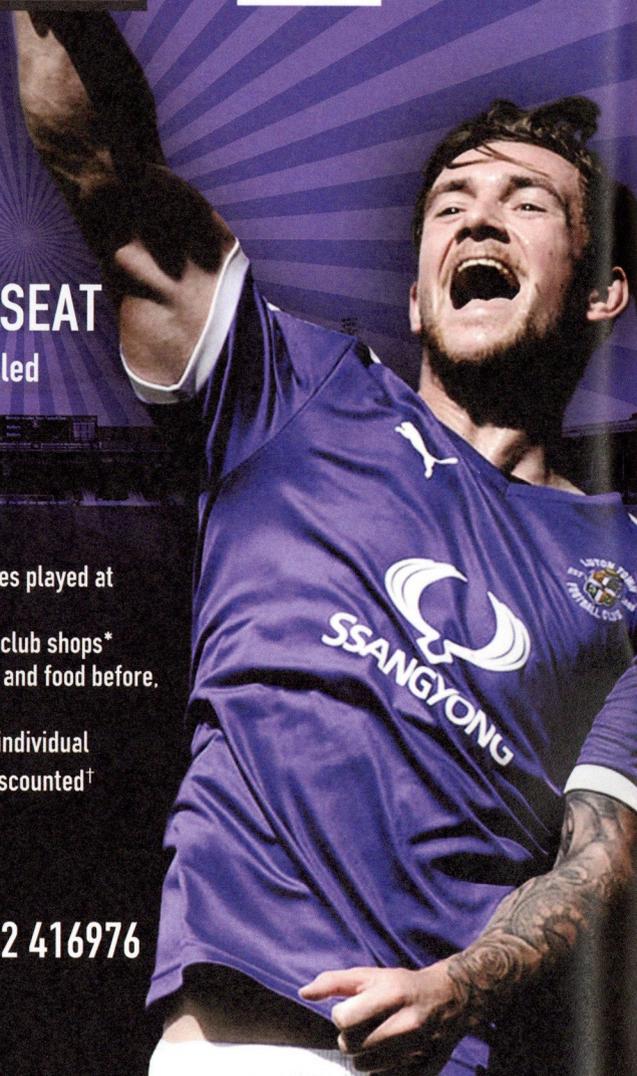
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[MANAGER'S NOTES]

THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



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

I would like to everybody from our visitors – supporters, directors, staff, manager Paul Hurst and his squad – and hope they have a safe trip back to Lincolnshire this evening.

We received many plaudits for the 4-1 win over Wycombe last Saturday and I can look back on it and say it was the best performance in my time here. It is important that we back that up now with another result this afternoon.

I've already spoken in my notes this season about the atmosphere at Kenilworth Road under the floodlights in night matches against Aston Villa, Newport and Leeds. But last Saturday your support was equally magnificent, if not more so. You really got behind the players and drove the team on, and we need that again this afternoon.

Everyone associated with the club knows we've got a host of talented youngsters coming through the ranks here, as the youth team's league and couple double success last season shows.

The youth team and the development squad have both had tough games in the last few days and come through them very well.

We are always looking to push younger players on to play above their level, so the Under-16s have been featuring in the Under-18s' games and the Under-18s, of course, have been playing development and first-team games.

It's all with the aim of pushing them towards senior football and we saw at Gillingham last week, and against a strong Northampton team on Tuesday, that they are making great progress.

CRUCIAL

Hopefully you will have read my letter to Luton Borough Council in the leaflets on your seat inside last Saturday about the wonderful new ground planned for Power Court and the Newlands Park development. This is a crucial time for the club to gather as much support for the projects as possible, and it's your chance to have a say in the future of the club and the town as a whole.

The new stadium was one of the big things that attracted me to Luton Town and it will take the club and the local area to another level, so I urge you to look at the plans on the council

website and write in with your own views to developmentcontrol@luton.gov.uk or Development Control, Luton Borough Council, Luton, LU1 2BQ.

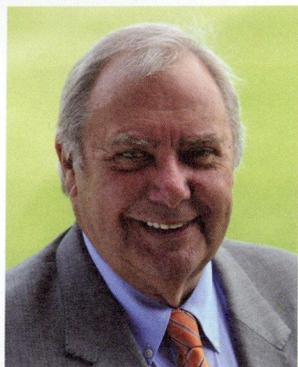
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The players have been writing their letters too, some of which you'll read in the centre of today's programme. Please follow our lead.

Finally, the manner of last week's win over Wycombe was superb. We were fluid in attack and hard-working, showing great resolve at times when we had to. I want more of the same today and hope you can get behind the lads to inspire them to another three points.

Enjoy the game.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON

Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road to you all and especially to our visitors, the Officials, Players and Supporters from Grimsby Town, who we also welcome back into the Football League.

The Mariners have a long, proud and eventful history as a Football League club, having been founded in 1878. They, like us have spent time in all the top five divisions and, like us, have had their share of pain and glory. Over the years we have played each other 50 times, having won 16, drawn 16 and lost 18, so not much of a trend there then.

Most recently, last season, they managed to gain promotion to League Two via a National League play-off final victory against Forest Green Rovers to end a six-year absence. We wish them well, back where they belong, if for no other reason than their history and longevity.

We have talked a lot about our hopes and plans for the future in recent programmes and other media, and have stressed the importance not just to the Club and its fans, but even more so to the Town, its environs, and all its residents, whether they have an interest in football or not. So, having been privileged to be invited to one of their meetings this week, I thought perhaps I could talk a bit about an

unsung, but increasingly valuable and successful venture, the Luton Town Community Trust (the Trust).

The Trust is a fast growing charity with the following aims:-

1. To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health.
2. To provide and assist in providing facilities for sport, recreation or other leisure time activities for people who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances.
3. To advance the education of children and young people.

A rather long winded way of saying that the Trust is set up to help all people, but with an emphasis on those disadvantaged in some way, to get the benefits associated with involvement in sport.

Recently an independent report was commissioned to investigate the work of the Trust and assess the difference it makes to the lives of thousands

of children, young people and young adults. The research covered the period between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016 and amongst its findings were:-

1. The Trust delivered almost 60,000 hours of activities
2. There were over 1000 individual sessions
3. There were over 3500 regular individual participants.

The report concluded that the community activity, that they could analyse, delivered a minimum cost saving to local communities of over £2.5 million meaning that every £1 invested in the Trust delivered nearly £5 in annual cost savings.

The Trust's core project currently provides 70 free PE lessons every week in Luton and Beds, which reach nearly 2,000 children. The Trust has been building a significant presence in girls and women's football with their new player development centre, and is growing its disability football projects.

The Trust generates all its own funds through either football coaching



activities or attracting grants from awarding bodies such as the Premier League Charitable Fund, the EFL Trust and the PFA.

Recently a three-year grant of nearly £30,000 was awarded by the Wembley National Trust to help expand the disability sport and football activities, which will mean at least two sessions each day somewhere in Luton and Beds to over 200 children and adults providing an opportunity to improve or even change their lives.

The new Girls Player Development centre opened in June in partnership with Luton Town Ladies FC, which means girls can now be offered the same opportunities as have previously only been able to be offered to boys. There are currently 60 girls in training at the centre between the ages of 8 and 16.

ISSUES

An area of the Trust's work which is often overlooked is 'community cohesion'. It is not glamorous and involves late night sessions in Marsh Farm, Lewsey Farm and Farley Hill for young men from the estates. The Trust partners with Active Luton, Luton Borough Council and Beds Police, who highly value the projects as a way of helping to address some of the fairly serious gang crime issues in these areas. Each week over 100 young men attend the Centres with the police sometimes joining in, which can help to tackle anti-social behaviour at a very local level.

The trust also runs a mentoring service to help children at risk of permanent exclusion from mainstream education as well as running literacy and numeracy



HOWZAT! At last week's game with Wycombe David received the matchball from the LTFC corporate cricket league match against Vocalink for taking five wickets for 21 runs against a strong team, with the game ending in a draw

educational programmes around football in lots of local schools.

Last but by no means least is the talent identification programme for the academy and it is the case that the majority of boys who are signed into the academy progress through the Trust's Youth development system.

The Trust is a separate entity to the Club, but they do run side by side and it is proven that the better the football club does the more the Trust will be able to grow so the more people can then benefit and so on. It is a virtuous circle.

The Club's plans will benefit the town in lots of ways. If we can see such growth in community support and cohesion in a couple of years in the bottom division of the football league just imagine what we can do higher up the pyramid in new facilities.

The Trust are justifiably proud of the work they do and clearly have a positive effect on many of the people they work with.

Here are a couple of the many quotes in the aforementioned impact assessment, which sum up what many people said about their involvement.

"LTFC Community Trust have brought enthusiasm and passion for learning to programmes targeted at those from the most deprived communities in Luton. Their programmes have helped us to reach learners who would not have engaged with learning through traditional teaching routes."

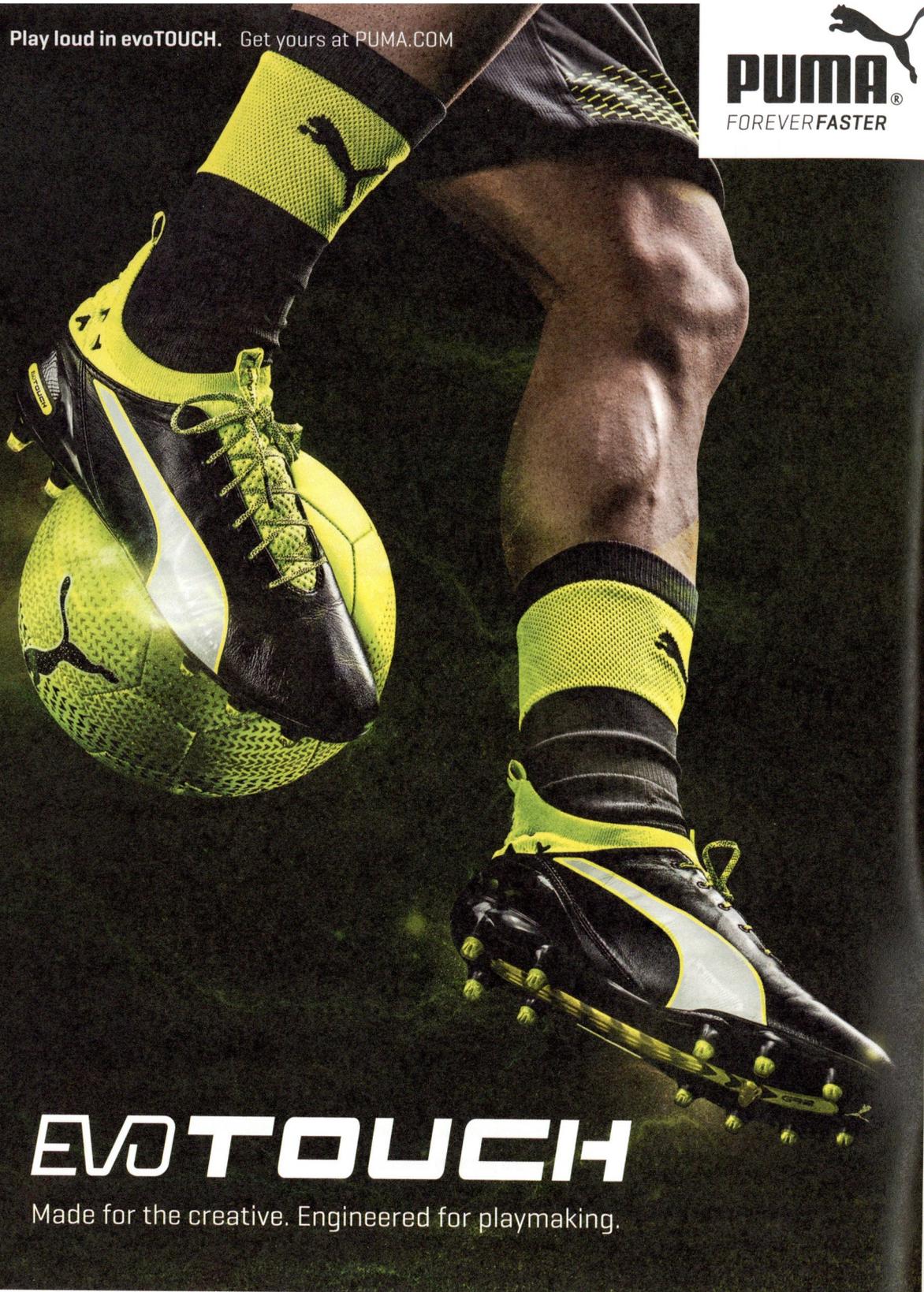
And: "The work is largely unseen by members of the public and is actually very valuable and quite extensive. They need to shout about the good work they are doing much more than they currently do."

Here is a little shout. Thank you.

Enjoy the game

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[SCOTT CUTHBERT]

GREAT SCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's game against Grimsby – a team I've never faced before.

I was delighted with the result against Wycombe Wanderers last week, which sent us top of League Two. We knew they would come to Kenilworth Road and try to frustrate us as we continue to buy into the way the gaffer wants us to play.

They were a big and direct team so they had a lot of threat throughout the game, but the crowd were massive for us in keeping the players' heads focussed when we came under pressure.

It's our job as defenders and Christian's in goal to try and keep the ball out of the net, so I was disappointed to lose the goal we did.

But overall we managed to hold firm and we know with the quality of players we have at the attacking end of the pitch, if we kept it tight it would help see us through in the end. One man in particular played a major part in that last Saturday though.

I was absolutely delighted for Danny Hylton getting his hat-trick. He works his backside off every day in training and in games.

There were a few questions from the boys in the dressing room as to whether or not he got the touch on the ball for the first goal – but he's claiming it so we will give it to him I suppose. He deserves it.

Pelly-Ruddock deserves a mention too for the succession of nutmegs he pulled off, the first leading to the opener.

It puts a little smile on my face every time I see him put the ball through a player's legs. He's got the knack for doing it.

TALENTED

He is just the sort of player who can produce something from nothing and he is one of many talented youngsters at this club who continue to grow quickly under the gaffer.

The result was brilliant, but what has really impressed me since the game is people's response to the leaflets put on seats about Power Court and Newlands Park.

It's massively important that people send emails off to Luton Borough Council. The club is unbelievably ambitious, we want to be promoted and to be progressing up the Football League, so we want a stadium that fits that.

I think everyone who is associated with the club wants this move, it will certainly move us on to the next level. It's very important everyone just takes a couple of minutes and sends off their letters to the council. The future of this club is in your hands.



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Looking to today's opponents, I have never personally played Grimsby but they've had a couple of good early results since winning promotion back up from the National League. Hopefully though, with your backing – which was unbelievable again last Saturday – we can replicate our last couple of performances and get another three points today.

Enjoy the game.

CHRIS CROSSES THE COUNTY BORDER

We have a debut-maker off the pitch today with Chris Clark attending his first match as the Town's new club secretary.

Replacing Mark Dennis, who has left Kenilworth Road to work for the Football Association as the England Teams Operations Co-ordinator U17s, Chris joined the Hatters from Stevenage, where he had spent the past two-and-a-half years working as the Hertfordshire club's football secretary.

Prior to that Chris had worked as Charlton Athletic's training ground administrator from February 2011 to March 2012, and as QPR's head of academy operations for 15 months before joining Stevenage.

Speaking to lutontown.co.uk this week, Chris said: "I would like to thank the staff and Board for the warm welcome I have already

received. I am privileged to have joined the club and at such a promising time, with the off-pitch developments of the training ground and new stadium, to the strong start to the season on the pitch.

"I previously worked with the manager, and Paul Hart and Jared Roberts-Smith, at Charlton Athletic. That backroom team was successful and the opportunity to work with them again was a further appeal to join."

Currently studying for a masters (LLM) in Sports Law & Practice, Chris added: "I am grateful for the opportunity and development Stevenage gave me and I hope to continue the excellent work that Mark Dennis has prepared in the



football administration department here. I now look forward to the new challenges, opportunities and successes with the club."

Everyone at Kenilworth Road would like to welcome Chris to Luton Town, while wishing Mark every success at St George's Park in the national set-up hoping he'll make sure a few Luton youngsters are given a chance.

BRIAN'S ON HIS BIKE FOR CHARITY

Luton Town legend Brian Stein sets off on a 54-mile London to Brighton bike ride in the name of charity tomorrow – and he needs you to donate!

Brian will be accompanied by host of former players; his brothers Mark and Edwin, Mike Newell, Kingsley Black and Mitchell Thomas, as well as Les Ferdinand and Steve Lomas.

The Stein Foundation was set up in the name of the Steins' parents, Lillian and Isaiah, who Brian said without their support, his and his brother's lives could have turned out very differently.

He said: "My father was a freedom fighter during the apartheid in the 1950s and 60s in which a lot of

people died, but they managed to get us to England.

"Had they not done that, I could have ended up being a fighter. They dedicated their lives to giving us a good upbringing and so my family could have an opportunity in life."

The charity works alongside the Bedfordshire FA in helping promote sport for young children in South Africa, by providing equipment and clubs, in the hope that sport can have a positive influence on their lives.



"If Luton Town fans were to donate, it would make a huge amount of difference to a lot of people's lives."

Donations can be made at www.doitforcharity.com/bstein

DAVE PACEY 2nd OCTOBER 1936 – 6th SEPTEMBER 2016

Everyone at Kenilworth Road has been saddened to learn of the death of Dave Pacey a true 'local boy makes good' and who scored the Town's goal in the club's only, so far, visit to Wembley for an FA Cup final.

Born in Luton, Dave stood on the terraces at Kenilworth Road as a boy and, after starring for Luton Schoolboys, was developed by Hitchin Town where he made their Athenian League side as a wing-half, whilst also being on the Town's books as an amateur.

Whilst serving in the Army on National Service, Dave was stationed with someone on Arsenal's books who recommended him to Gunners manager Jack Crayston. This led to a trial at Highbury but when the Hatters found out they immediately sent director Tom Hodgson to Newton Abbot, where Dave was stationed, to ensure he signed professional forms for his hometown club on leaving the services.

Dave duly signed for Luton and made his League debut in a 3-0 defeat at Old Trafford against Manchester United on Christmas Day 1957. He held his place in the return at Kenilworth Road the following day and by the middle of February 1958,

such was the Town's belief that a diamond had been unearthed, Reg Pearce the regular number six was allowed to move to Sunderland for a big fee.

The highlight of Dave's career came the following season when the Town fought through to the FA Cup final at Wembley where they took on Nottingham Forest. Sadly, the Hatters failed to find anything like their normal form on the day although Dave could take small consolation when scoring the Hatters' goal in the 2-1 defeat.

Although Dave was still a youngster by comparison, the rest of the side had aged together and the team plummeted down the divisions to reach today's equivalent of League Two by 1965.

Dave then decided to call it a day at Kenilworth Road after 280 first team appearances and 19 goals before enjoying three seasons at Kettering, followed by a regular game with



Electrolux for whom he worked for many years.

Dave was a welcome honoured guest at Kenilworth Road on the occasion of the club's '100 years at Kenilworth Road' celebration in 2005, as well as the earlier gathering of the 1959 legends on the 40th anniversary of the FA Cup final appearance before during and after the home game against Macclesfield in 1999.

Our thoughts and condolences go out to all Dave's family and friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROY!

On the 31st August, Hatters fan Roy Wightman celebrated his 100th birthday – and all at Kenilworth Road want to offer Roy our congratulations.

Roy contacted the club to see if he's the oldest fan following the Town. So do you know anyone who has been a Hatters supporter who was born before August 31st 1916?

The club was only 31 years old when Roy was born, with his first memory of Kenilworth Road when he was stood in the Kenilworth End with his dad in 1921!

If you know anyone who beat Roy to amazing achievement, please get in touch.



UP NEXT

CRAWLEY TOWN

BY JOE BALL

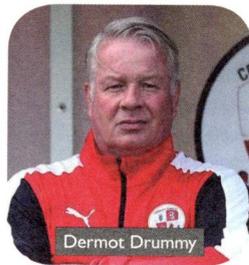
After back-to-back home games, we're on the road again to take on Crawley Town as we look to continue our strong start to the season.

FORMED: 1896 | NICKNAME: THE REDS, RED DEVILS | LAST SEASON: 20TH LEAGUE TWO
 FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @CRAWLEYTOWN | COLOURS: RED AND BLACK
 GROUND: BROADFIELD STADIUM | MANAGER: DERMOT DRUMMY

WHO? The Reds, founded in 1896, were promoted to the Football League for the first time after securing the National League title in 2011. Promotion to League One was confirmed in 2012, but were relegated back to League Two in 2015. The Sussex side, managed by Dermot Drummy, have had a busy summer with 20 new arrivals at the Broadfield Stadium as they look to get back in to the third tier of the Football League.

TICKETS Details on how to obtain your ticket for the trip to Sussex can be found on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Yes we have. Nine times in fact. Our first meeting came back in 2009 with the Hatters claiming a convincing 3-0 win. We met three times last season, with Crawley winning both league games 2-1 and 1-0. The Hatters won the FA Cup first round tie 2-1 thanks to a double from Josh McQuoid. In the nine meetings between the sides Crawley have won five, Luton have won two and there has been one draw.



Dermot Drummy

IN CHARGE Dermot Drummy took charge at the Broadfield stadium in April this year after three years as manager of Chelsea's reserves. Drummy's playing career started at Arsenal in the youth team before a brief loan spell at Blackpool and then moving into Non-League with Hendon, Wealdstone, Enfield, Ware and St Albans City. A five-year spell in West London as manager of Chelsea's academy and reserves came to an end when he was offered the chance to replace Mark Yates at the Sussex club.

PREVIOUS FORM After two 1-0 wins at home to Wycombe Wanderers and away to Exeter City in their first three league games, Crawley have lost two of their last three including a heavy 3-0 defeat at Portsmouth last week. Two wins, two defeats and two draws means it has been a mixed start to their 2016/17 campaign.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Although no players have represented both sides in this fixture, the two clubs have had players to have worn the shirt of both teams. Luke Rooney had a spell at Kenilworth Road in 2014 and had two stints at Crawley. Midfielder Andy Drury had a loan spell with the Reds in 2011 and then signed permanently for 2013-14, before returning to the Hatters for his second stint at Kenilworth Road a couple of summers ago. Another player to have experienced both clubs is Keith Keane. The midfielder was at Luton for nine years between 2003 and 2012, of course, and had brief loan spell at Crawley in 2014.



Andy Drury

GET YOUR TICKET



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) Season Ticket Holders will 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. Prices: Seating - Adults £18, 65 and over £14, 18-21 £14, Under-18s £10, Under 16s £8, Under-11s £1, Family Ticket (2 Adults, 2 Under 16s) £44, Family Ticket (1 Adult, 1 U16) £22. Terrace - Adults £16, 65 and over £12, 18-21 £12, Under-18s £10, Under-16s £8, Under-11s £1, Family Ticket (2 Adult, 2 Under-16s) £38, Family Ticket (1 Adult, 1 U16) £19



DONCASTER ROVERS

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016 | 3pm

This game is currently on sale at Category A prices.



HARTLEPOOL UNITED

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER | 7.45pm

We have received an initial allocation of 220 seats for the match, plus 6 wheelchair spaces in the Smith and Graham Stand. Further tickets are available to pre-sell in advance if required. Pay on the day is also available from Hartlepool's Ticket Office (although Cash Turnstiles will not be available on the day). Tickets will be available to Diamond Season Ticket holders from Thursday 8th September at 2-person and remain on sale until 5pm on Monday 12th

September. Season Ticket holders will be able to purchase two tickets per person from Tuesday 13th September until 5pm on Monday 19th September. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from Tuesday 20th September until 5pm on Monday 26th September. Away Season Ticket holders will receive one seat for this fixture, this will be processed on Monday 12th September. If you do not require a ticket for this fixture or want to take up your option of an additional ticket please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. Prices: Adults £20, Senior £10, Student/Under-19 £10, Armed Forces £10, Under-16 £10. Ambulant Disabled tickets are available at same rates with a Carer free of charge for Higher rate DLA.



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.



MANSFIELD TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2016 | 3PM

This game is currently on sale at Category B prices.

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Acc. Junior (U10)	£8	£5	£3

SPEAKING COMMERCIALLY

MATCH SPONSOR: PAUL JOBLING



My name is Paul Jobling and I live in the Turks & Caicos Islands with my wife Elaine and currently work as the Finance Director of the Seven Stars Resort and Spa in Providenciales. Born in Luton, and having been a Town fan all of my life, I thought it would be great to have a trip to Kenilworth

Road with my family as my Mum, Dad and brother are all fans. It just so happens that a good friend from Turks is also a Lutonian, and he has come over for the game too. It's about a 10,000 mile round trip but as I rely on the Internet now for games and news, what better than a trip at the start of a new Luton Town era, particularly as I am also celebrating my 60th birthday.

MATCH BALL SPONSOR: FRED TUCKER



Today's ball sponsor is Fred Tucker, a lifelong Hatters supporter. His (advanced) age is undisclosed, but he is the same age as Robert Redford (image to the left is Robert, not Fred) and Ursula

Address, being born in the year that the first Butlins was opened in Skegness, sunscreen was invented and Fred Perry won his third Wimbledon title. Fred remembers the 1959 FA Cup final and lives in hope that the glory days can return for Luton Town. He is watching the match with his children and grandchildren, two of whom, Nancy and Ted, are mascots. Come on you Hatters!



STEVE WILKS

Last Saturday we mistakenly printed the name of the previous match sponsor, instead of STEVE WILKS, who

was celebrating his 60th birthday by sponsoring the game against Wycombe. Talk of the Town apologises to Steve and are grateful that Nathan and the lads gave him a terrific present with the 4-1 win and sensational performance!

TODAY'S MASCOTS: EDWARD, NANCY AND HARRISON

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WELCOME GRIMSBY TOWN



This afternoon sees us welcome the staff, players and fans of Grimsby Town, who have made the long trip down from the east coast in Lincolnshire.

Like ourselves, the Mariners became trapped in the top division of Non-League football for several seasons after suffering relegation from League Two in 2009-10.

Over the following four seasons we enjoyed several tough encounters with the men from Blundell Park as both clubs battled to regain League status, which thankfully the Town managed in 2014 and the Mariners followed suit this year.

Paul Hurst took over as manager, initially with Rob Scott as his joint-manager, in 2011. The pair led their team to the play-off semi-finals and the FA Trophy final in 2012-13, but two months into the following season, Scott was sacked and former Rotherham defender Hurst has been in sole charge ever since.

In fact, the 41-year-old Yorkshireman's first game on his own came at Kenilworth Road in September of our title-winning campaign, when he steered his side to a vital point in a goalless draw.

Grimsby reached the play-offs again that year, losing to Gateshead in the semis, and then they went one step further in 2014-15, but still suffered heartache at Wembley when Bristol Rovers beat them on penalties.

Hurst battled against criticism from some of his own fans at times last season to finally end the Cleethorpes-based club's six-year exile from the top 92, when they beat Forest Green in their second successive play-off final – and fourth end-of-season shoot-out in a row – at Wembley in May.

HATTERS V GRIMSBY

LUTON WINS: 16 | DRAWS: 16 | GRIMSBY WINS: 18

LAST MEETING

GRIMSBY 1 HATTERS 2 – MARCH 25TH 2014

The Mariners lost Pdraig Amond – last term's Non-League player of the year and golden boot winner – to Hartlepool United, where he has linked up with another key member of the promotion-winning squad in centre-half Toto Nsiala.

Amond scored 37 times last season and they also waved good bye to one of their Wembley goalscorers, Nathan Arnold, during the close season. Their two-goal hero from that day, Omar Bogle, remains however.

The 23-year-old striker has trodden a similar path to former Hatter Andre Gray, in dropping into Non-League with Hinckley United after failing to make the grade at Birmingham City and Celtic, and he bagged 19 goals last season after Grimsby snapped him up from Solihull Moors. He has started this season in good form too, netting a hat-trick in the 5-2 win over Stevenage a fortnight ago and Bogle sits joint-top of the League Two scoring charts with our own Danny Hylton on five goals.



That win over Boro was Grimsby's first since their 2-0 opening day success over Morecambe. Last Saturday they looked odds on for a third win of the season when they went 2-0 ahead at Notts County with goals from Shaun Pearson and Bogle, only for the hosts to peg them back to a draw with two late goals, leaving them in 14th place at kick-off this afternoon.

Of the 50 games between the clubs, Grimsby hold the upper hand to date with 18 wins to the Hatters' 16, although the last encounter in March 2014 saw the Town triumph 2-1 at Blundell Park en route to the title with goals from Matt Robinson and Paul Benson.

TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE MARINERS | GROUND: BLUNDELL PARK | LAST SEASON: 4TH NATIONAL LEAGUE
MANAGER: PAUL HURST | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: NOTTS COUNTY 2-2 GRIMSBY TOWN

MEET THE VISITORS

THE BOSS

PAUL HURST

After spending 15 years with Rotherham United and making over 400 appearances as well as a brief loan spell with Burton Albion, Hurst has gone on to manage Ilkeston Town and Boston United, before taking over at Grimsby in 2011.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

JAMES MCKEOWN

After joining in 2011, the keeper forced his way into the side and has been a constant for the Mariners ever since. McKeown was also consecutive player of the year between 2012-14.

IN DEFENCE

SHAUN PEARSON

A mainstay in the Grimsby defence, Pearson has been signed twice by manager Paul Hurst, once at Boston and once again for the Mariners.

JOSH GOWLING

After spells in Denmark and across the Football League with clubs such as Bournemouth and Gillingham, the 33-year-old joined Grimsby From Kidderminster in 2015 whilst the side were in the National League.

ANDREW BOYCE

Boyce joined in the summer on a two-year deal. He had two loan spells last season, one with Notts County and the other with Hartlepool, before being released by parent club Scunthorpe at the end of the 2015/16 season.

DANNY ANDREW

The 25-year-old counts Grimsby as his tenth club after previous spells with teams such as Macclesfield Town and Fleetwood Town. Andrew joined the Mariners on a one-year deal in the summer.

ZAK MILLS

Mills joined the Mariners in the summer from manager Paul Hurst's former side, Boston United. After impressing for the National League North side, he signed a two-year deal with Grimsby.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

CRAIG DISLEY

Captain Disley has been at Blundell Park since 2011, and has stuck with the side through thick and thin after he left Shrewsbury Town five years ago.

BEN DAVIES

Also capable of playing in defence, Davies made over 40 appearances last season for Portsmouth. He joined Grimsby on a one-year deal and scored on his debut from a free-kick against Morecambe.

DOMINIC VOSE

Credited with scoring one of, if not the best goal in Wrexham's history during his spell there last season, Vose arrived on loan at the Mariners from Scunthorpe for the season and has netted two goals so far.

LUKE SUMMERFIELD

Another summer signing, Summerfield joined the Mariners from York on a two-year deal and has already notched two goals for his new side.

SEAN MCALLISTER

McAllister makes Grimsby his eighth club, after he left Scunthorpe United in the summer. A former Manchester United youngster, the 29-year-old has gone on to play for the likes of Port Vale, Shrewsbury and Mansfield Town.

UP FRONT

OMAR BOGLE

Climbing through the ranks of English football, the 23-year-old won Conference North Player of the Year and the Golden Boot award in the 2014/15 season after he notched 29 goals for Solihull Moors. He is joint top scorer in League Two alongside Hatter Danny Hylton, with five goals.

KAYDEN JACKSON

After joining Barnsley in the summer from Wrexham, the 22-year-old was immediately loaned out to the Mariners. His former sides include Oxford City and Tamworth.

ASHLEY CHAMBERS

The youngest player to ever start for Leicester City, Chambers is now in his second spell at Grimsby after a loan spell there in 2010. The 25-year-old joined from Dagenham & Redbridge in the summer after his contract expired.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH **KRISTINE GREEN**
MARINERS TRUST BOARD MEMBER AND GRIMSBY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPORTERS LIAISON OFFICER



Kristine Green, a Grimsby Town supporter of 24 years, gives us her thoughts on what lies in store for her team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

► THE SEASON AHEAD

We've had some battles in the Conference in recent years and can now renew acquaintances in League Two. How are you enjoying being back in the top 92?

The thought of being back after six long and hard years brings a smile to many a Mariner's face. So far we're scoring plenty of goals but conceding some too. All adds to the excitement I suppose!

After three successive play-off losses, how good did it feel on that day at Wembley last May?

Joy and relief I would say were the main emotions. Having been so, so close the previous season and a spot kick away from being back in the holy land that is the Football League, it was a relief. Barely a dry eye in the house when that third goal went in.

After six years out of the Football League, what are the expectations at Blundell Park at the start of this season?

Expectations this season are to stay in this league. We've started well and haven't been outplayed by anybody, playing some good stuff ourselves. If we keep the back door shut and

continue to score goals I think a comfortable mid-table finish is the minimum aim.

Which of Paul Hurst's new signings have you been most impressed with so far?

I've mentioned him a few times but Luke Summerfield impresses me a lot. Players such as Ashley Chambers and Dominic Vose are starting to show why they are here. Add to that Kayden Jackson and Shaun Tuton among others and I think the gaffer has done well.

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

I suppose we were always going to be disappointed to lose any of the squad that finally got us where we wanted to be. For me though Richard Tait was a loss as he's a solid player, for obvious goal scoring reasons Padraig Amond, and for talent on the day, Nathan Arnold. Hopefully though Hurst has found suitable and able replacements for them all.

And which of the promotion-winning stars of last term were you most pleased to keep hold of?

Omar was still under contact but having impressed, I'm sure the club had enquires. After so many departing for various reasons it was important to keep the spine of the team and with James McKeown, Shaun Pearson and the skipper Craig Disley, we managed to do that.



James McKeown

► SEASONS PAST...

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

What do you remember about it? I can't really remember my first game in all honesty. I don't come from a football supporting family so it was up to my uncle to take me. I was around eight at the time I first went but got really hooked bizarrely enough during the relegation season of 1996/97. We beat Southend 4-0 at home last game of that season, but still went down!



Blundell Park under the lights

What do you love most about Blundell Park?

Two things: first is that the place and the people never seem to change. You can walk round all three stands and you know people either by sight or name. Second is a Tuesday night under the floodlights – can't be beaten!

Who's your favourite Grimsby Town player of all-time?

Tough, tough one!! For pure legendary status it'd have to be Sir John McDermott. One club man, record appearance holder enough said really.

Which is your favourite season following the Mariners?

The 1997/98 season was an epic campaign with so many games played and two wins in two at Wembley within weeks. I'd also have to say 2015/16 because this time I got to share it with the kids, visiting some friendly clubs and finally got out of Non-League!

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

- 1 Alan Buckley – Living legend in these parts
- 2 Dave Moore - Great event speaker
- 3 Bill Shankly – To see how he'd compare my little club to the might of Liverpool in those days
- 4 Ivano Bonneti – I put £5 into his fund when I was at secondary school!
- 5 Clive Mendonca – He was the first 'legend' in my living memory and difficult to replace!

► LUTON AND GRIMSBY...

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

I remember the 4-1 win at BP on a Friday night in the 2012/13 season. Lots of banter flying about as Luton were again title favourites, kept that quiet for a bit that season. I also remember losing at home to you guys in the 97/98 season which then dipped our form!

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

I expect probably the toughest game we've had so far and less of the ball too. We're going to have to tighten up at the back but could do well with the pace we have going forward. I'll go for a 1-1 however. I've been a couple of times before, visited worse away grounds but can't say as I'm looking forward to that stand in particular.

Paul Wilkinson, Kingsley Black, Scott Neilson – and Brian Stein as assistant-manager. Who's been the best former Luton addition to your club over the years?

Kingsley Black I liked a lot during the 97/98 season, but for pure talent you can't look beyond Paul Wilkinson for me.

► QUICK-FIRE:

Terrace or seats?

Terrace

Who are your rivals?

Alan Buckley

Predict your player of the season?

Omar Bogle

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

Right now? Andy Todd

Most treasured Grimsby piece of memorabilia?

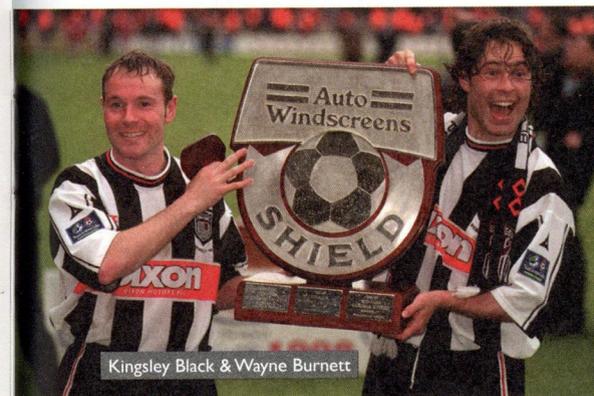
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What league will Grimsby be in next season?

League 2

Who will win promotion from League Two?

Luton, Colchester and two from about ten teams



Kingsley Black & Wayne Burnett

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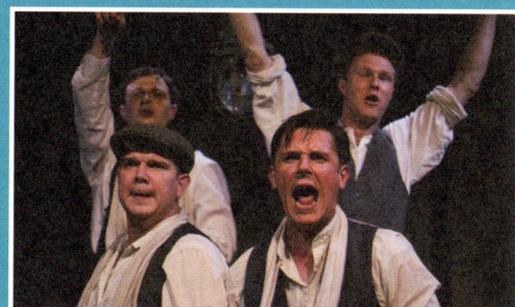
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FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN BIG-NAME GRIMSBY TOWN PLAYERS NOT USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB

THE SUNSHINE BOYS

ALLENBY CHILTON

Ex-England international centre-half Allenby Chilton guided Grimsby Town to the Third Division (North) title in 1955-56. Initially with Seaham Colliery, he joined Manchester United in November 1938 and starred in their 1948 FA Cup final triumph. He was ever-present in the 1951-52 League Championship success and captain at Old Trafford before becoming Grimsby's player-manager in March 1955. Plotting a dramatic upturn in the Mariners' fortunes, he made 63 League appearances and remained in charge at Blundell Park until April 1959. Later managing Wigan Athletic and Hartlepool, he died in June 1996.

JEFF WHITEFOOT

England U-23 left-half Jeff Whitefoot appeared for Grimsby Town in 1957-58. A former 'Busby Babe', he was given his First Division debut for Manchester United against Portsmouth eight months before turning professional in December 1950. He helped to win the League Championship in 1955-56 and reunited with Allenby Chilton at Grimsby in November 1957. Scoring five times in 26 League games, he moved to Nottingham Forest in July 1958 and featured in their 1959 FA Cup final triumph. His career was ended by injury in November 1968 and he later ran the Wheatsheaf Inn in Oakham, settling in Burton Lazars.

TREVOR WHYMARK

Ex-England international striker Trevor Whymark featured in Grimsby Town's 1982 Football League Group Cup final success. Initially with Diss Town, he moved to Ipswich Town in May 1969 and was top scorer four times. He missed their 1978 FA Cup final

triumph through injury, joining Vancouver Whitecaps in February 1979. Featuring in that year's Soccer Bowl success, he played for Sparta Rotterdam and Derby County, moving to Grimsby Town for £80,000 in December 1980. He scored 16 goals in 93 League games, joining Southend United in January 1984, then Colchester United, becoming a sales rep for Buxted Poultry.

CHRIS NICHOLL

Northern Ireland international central defender Chris Nicholl gained the last two of his 51 caps while at Grimsby Town. A former Burnley apprentice, he joined Halifax Town in June 1968 and starred in their 1968-69 promotion campaign. He won promotion with



Luton Town in 1969-70 and Aston Villa in 1974-75, also featuring in two League Cup final triumphs, moving to Southampton in June 1977. Helping win promotion in 1977-78,

he was a League Cup finalist again in 1979 and joined Grimsby in August 1983. He made 70 League appearances, then rejoined Saints as manager in August 1985 and later managed Walsall.

MICK LYONS

Former England U-23 central defender Mick Lyons had a spell as Grimsby Town's player-manager. He turned professional with Everton in July 1969 and was twice ever-present, featuring in the 1977 League Cup final. Also appearing for the Toffees in two

FA Cup semi-finals, he moved to Sheffield Wednesday in August 1982, skippered them to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1982-83 and promotion in 1983-84. He became Grimsby Town's player-boss in November 1985 and scored four times in 50 League games before sacked in June 1987. Later reserve team boss back at Everton, he has held various coaching and managerial posts.

GARRY BIRTLES

Ex-England international striker Garry Birtles helped Grimsby Town to win promotion in two consecutive seasons. He impressed with Long Eaton prior to joining Nottingham Forest in December 1976 and featured in two European Cup final triumphs. Sold to Manchester United for £1,250,000 in October 1980, he rejoined Forest for £250,000 in September 1982 and moved to Notts County in June 1987. He starred as they qualified for the Third Division play-offs in 1987-88. Joining Grimsby in July 1989, he scored nine times in 69 League games for the Mariners. He has settled back in Nottingham, working in the local media.

DAVE BEASANT



Ex-England international goalkeeper Dave Beasant had a loan spell at Grimsby Town in 1992-93. Initially with Edgware, he joined Wimbledon in August 1979 and was ever-present throughout their meteoric rise. He skippered their 1988 FA Cup final success and moved to Newcastle United for £850,000 in June 1988, joining Chelsea for £750,000 seven months later. Loaned to Grimsby in October 1992, he made six League appearances. He joined Southampton in November 1993, then reunited with Dave Bassett at Nottingham Forest in August 1997 and later played for Portsmouth, Bradford City, Wigan, Brighton and Fulham.



IVANO BONETTI

Italian U-21 winger Ivano Bonetti had a loan spell at Grimsby Town during the 1995-96 campaign. Helping his country to win the World Youth Cup in 1981, he had spells with hometown Brescia, Genoa, Juventus (1984-85 Serie A title), Atalanta, Bologna, Juventus again, Sampdoria (1990-91 Serie A title and 1992 European Cup finalist), Bologna again and Torino before loaned to Grimsby in September 1995. He scored three times in 19 League games until a dressing room incident involving Brian Laws led to his exit. Later with Tranmere Rovers, Genoa and Sestrese, he then managed Dundee and Hungarian side FC Sopron.

NEIL WEBB

Midfielder Neil Webb was capped 26 times by England before joining Grimsby Town. The son of former Reading favourite Dougie Webb, he turned professional with the Royals in November 1980 and moved to Portsmouth in July 1982. He helped win the Third Division title in 1982-83, then moved to Nottingham Forest in June 1985 and scored in their 1989 League Cup final triumph. Sold to Manchester United for £1,500,000 in June 1989, he was an FA Cup winner in 1990 and rejoined Forest in November 1992. He reunited with Brian Laws at Grimsby in August 1996 and made four League appearances for the Mariners.

PAUL WARHURST

Former England U-21 midfielder Paul Warhurst briefly played for Grimsby Town. Initially at Manchester City, he joined Oldham Athletic in October 1988 and helped win the Second Division title in 1990-91. He moved via Sheffield Wednesday to Blackburn for £2,700,000 in August 1993 and starred in their 1994-95 Premiership title triumph. After a spell at Crystal Palace, he joined Bolton for £800,000 in November 1998 and was a promotion winner in 2000-01. He played for Chesterfield, Barnsley and Carlisle United, joining Grimsby in March 2004. Making seven League appearances, he moved to Blackpool in November 2004.

AS OTHERS SAW US

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

BOURNEMOUTH 0 LUTON TOWN 2 | 8TH FEBRUARY 1969

Following an extremely bright start to the 1968/69 season the Town's form began to dip as autumn turned to winter due, in the main, to a woeful away record.

After avoiding defeat in the first three away games of the campaign the Hatters then proceeded to lose the next seven, scoring only one goal in the process. It was only the home form that kept the Town up with the leaders over this period.

After yet another away defeat, at Hartlepool just before Christmas 1968, the news swept through the town that manager Allan Brown had resigned although, as it was later revealed, he had been asked to leave for 'disloyalty' after failing in an interview for the vacant manager's job at Leicester.

The Luton directors lost no time in appointing a successor and the following day Alec Stock, recently deposed at QPR, was sitting behind the manager's desk at Kenilworth Road. "I am a man of no opinions until after the game tomorrow," said Stock as he prepared for the next day's home game against Plymouth.

Although the Town won comfortably 2-0, it could have been a lot more, as Argyle goalkeeper Pat Dunne played a blinder in front of the TV cameras, and kept the score down to a realistic figure. Stock was happy with the start.

The real test of the new man's ability, however, was required in away games where confidence needed to be instilled

immediately. Stock's first opportunity to see his team in action on foreign soil came just after Christmas at Northampton. In the first trip to the County Ground since 1936, a large Luton following boosted the attendance to 15,161 and they were not disappointed when two goals from Bruce Rioch secured the points. This Alec Stock is some manager, the supporters all thought!

Unfortunately, the honeymoon period did not last too long with the Hatters suffering defeat at lowly Shrewsbury and Crewe bringing gloom and doom back to Kenilworth Road as even the most ardent supporter gave up any hopes of promotion.

In view of the away record, Luton supporters saw the next game on their travels as a formality for the home side. Bournemouth were challenging strongly for promotion, had led the table for a spell and had won 13 of their 15 games at Dean Court that season.

Snow had covered Luton the day before the game and we were surprised to hear, on turning up for the Bobbers coach, that the game was still on. I remember it took ages for the coach to get as far as London due to the number of abandoned vehicles on the snowbound M1, but on

Luton strike twice out of the blue

By Pat Collins

BOURNEMOUTH 0 LUTON 2

LUTON'S big worry yesterday was getting to Dean Court for this promotion battle. And how Bournemouth must be wishing now that they hadn't made it.

For the Luton team, which turned up with just 11 players—skipper Terry Branston arrived later—and an injury list that meant recalls for Sheffield and full-back Jardine, put a big hole in Bournemouth's promotion hopes.

Jardine, a makeshift winger, finally finished the home side with the second goal.

Luton struck twice out of the blue in the second half, when Bournemouth came out to win back command from the more polished Luton team of the first half.

Great save

Davie dived to save splendidly from East, and then Dougan kicked off the Luton line. If a goal was to come, it seemed certain to come from Bournemouth.

Instead, a quick Luton break as French saw Lewis put a clever pass to the lively Sheffield, who turned and whipped it home in one movement.

Luton banked on skipper Branston in that prolonged Bournemouth siege. The big centre-half was strong and decisive, but even he was overshadowed by the tireless Allen, who shunted back and forth, making his mark in attack and falling back to cover.

When Jardine struck that second goal—again Lewis and French did the spade work—there was never any danger of Luton losing their grip.

BOURNEMOUTH: Jones 6; Gulliver 7; Miller 6; White 6; Stocks 5; Bumstead 5. ***LONGHORN 8,** Bolton 5; Pound 6; East 6; Peters (withdrawn) 5. **Subs:** Burns 6.
LUTON: Davie 7; Dougan 7; Moore 6; Branston 8; Bannister 6; French 6; Slough 6. ***ALLEN 9,** Jardine 6; Lewis 7; Sheffield 7.
Referee: J. R. Osborne (Ipswich) 8.

GRATEFUL LUTON SNATCH THE POINTS



Luton defender Terry Branston kicks clear from the challenging Keith East during a Boscombe attack. — Echo picture.

BOSCOMBE 0. LUTON TOWN 2

WITH snow and frost cutting the Football League programme to only four matches, Boscombe were grateful to get in their Dean Court fixture on a pitch only a little affected by the frost and bathed throughout by bright sunshine. The result, however, was not so bright for the Cherries, who after holding promotion co-challengers Luton fairly comfortably in the first half, conceded two goals after the interval.

This defeat, which followed a fine run of five points from three matches, means that Boscombe are now only two points ahead of Luton, who have a game in hand.

Boscombe were unchanged for the third successive match, after making a quick break, ending only when Jimmy White stepped in from the edge of the penalty area.

Then, the visitors made another right-wing forage. White once more showed how to tackle, and win possession.

Now it was Boscombe's turn again, with Gulliver trine to

White landed on the head of Ken Pound.

SLIPPERY

Here again, the ball was inches away from Bolton's control. Luton similarly suffered on the slippery surface as they tried to make a way through on the left.

Miller twice found himself sliding on his bottom towards the side-lines as he tried to check a threatened Luton raid. On the sunny side of the ground there was more reliability in the players'

leaving the capital behind, the weather got better and we arrived in Bournemouth to find bright sunshine, although the pitch was bone hard.

The players had a harder time of it, having been told at one stage that the game was off and eventually battling their way through by train. Skipper Terry Branston and forward Brian Lewis arrived for the kick-off with only minutes to spare, having left their Midlands homes the previous evening!

With an injury weakened side, a horrific journey and a terrible away record you can probably work out what happened next!

With Fred Jardine and Laurie Sheffield recalled to the side because of the injury situation, the Town attacked with a purpose from the start and showed a determination that had been lacking from most of their away performances that season. Most of the first half saw the Town pressing forward,



None of the local photographers managed to make it to Bournemouth so shown instead is action from the Cherries visit to Kenilworth Road earlier that season. Keith Allen fails to connect with the ball during the 1-1 draw.

and it was a minor miracle that the Bournemouth goal had remained intact when the interval whistle sounded.

The Cherries were obviously given a talking to by manager Freddie Cox at half-time and they came out with all guns blazing, but the Luton defence stood firm. The Town attacked on the break and were rewarded when Sheffield was set free by a clever Lewis pass on the hour, and his shot was in the net before Bournemouth goalkeeper Roger Jones could move.

The lead was doubled ten minutes later when Jardine was on hand to knock the ball home after a Lewis header had hit the bar. The game was out of Bournemouth's reach and the crowd of 9,253 was streaming out long before the final whistle.

The 'Southern Evening Echo' praised the Town for their second half performance especially given the travelling problems. 'Their anxieties were allayed by a phone call on their behalf from British Rail at Winchester which confirmed that all was well in Bournemouth.' Hard to believe that we got by in the days before mobile phones!

The 'Sunday Mirror' (no reporter noted so there wasn't one present) said 'Luton tarnished Bournemouth's promotion chances and added lustre to their own with two goals from players on the comeback trail.' Pat Collins in the 'People' commented, 'once Luton scored their second goal there was never any danger of them losing their grip.'

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THE TOMLINSON CONNECTION

BY ROGER WASH



In October 1960 bad injuries to the Town's two main goalkeepers Ron Baynham and Alan Collier forced the club to select Mike O'Hara in a Division Two (now Championship) game at Stoke.

O'Hara, in making his debut at the Victoria Ground, became the Hatters youngest ever player in a first team competitive game at the age of only 16 years and 32 days.

This record stood until October 2008 when Jordan Patrick at 16 years and seven days came on as substitute in a League Two fixture at Grimsby. Would that record ever be broken? The short answer is...yes with Connor Tomlinson taking to the field as a late substitute in the recent EFL Trophy game at Gillingham at the age of 15 years 199 days thus completely shattering the record.

The Hatters needed permission from Harlington Upper school to play Connor at Priestfield, and after the game manager Nathan Jones said: "It's the best decision that headmaster has ever made, I think. You've got to make sure you do all your due diligence for these young players but I doubt he'll forget tonight in a hurry."

Connor is the son of Graeme Tomlinson who made eight appearances for the Town at the back end of the 1995/96 season after coming on loan from Manchester United.

Dad Graeme, although born in Watford, started his playing career as a youth trainee at Bradford City and burst onto

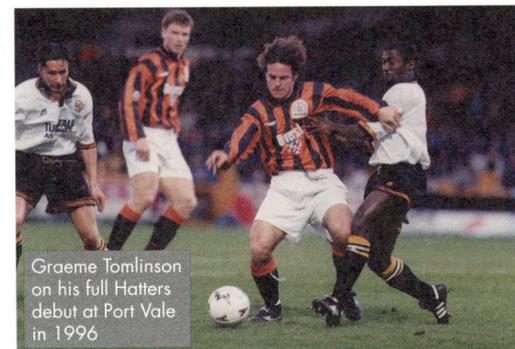


the scene in 1993/94 scoring six goals in only two months leading to a dream £100000 move to Old Trafford.

At United he was limited to a couple of League Cup appearances and was allowed out on loan to the relegation threatened Hatters. A quick and clever striker, Graeme was initially used as a substitute at Kenilworth Road but on his full Hatters debut, at Port Vale, he badly broke a leg.

Taking a long time to get over the injury, Graeme was eventually released by Manchester United and moved firstly to Macclesfield (for whom he scored against us) and then Exeter before finishing his career at a variety of local Non-League clubs including Stevenage, St Albans and Dunstable.

For the record the youngest ever player to take part in a first team competitive game was Reuben Nobel-Lazarus who was 15 years 45 days when he turned out for Barnsley against Ipswich in the Championship in 2008. Our own Andy Awford holds a unique record when he became the youngest FA Cup appearance holder when playing for Worcester City against Boreham Wood in the third qualifying round in October 1987 at 15 years and 88 days!



Graeme Tomlinson on his full Hatters debut at Port Vale in 1996

TOWN 4 : WYCOMBE 1



SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 8,097 | AWAY: 530

TOWN GOALS: : HYLTON 10, 56, 88, COOK 90 | **WYCOMBE GOAL:** BLOOMFIELD 63

TOWN: WALTON, O'DONNELL, MULLINS, CUTHBERT (C), POTTS, LEE, MCGEEHAN, MPANZU (SMITH 68), COOK, HYLTON (FAMEWO 90+2), MARRIOTT (VASSELL 82). **SUBS NOT USED:** GRAY, GILLIEAD, KING (GK), JUSTIN | **YELLOW CARDS:** MCGEEHAN, COOK

WYCOMBE: BLACKMAN, JOMBATI, MCGINN (GAPE 54), STEWART, HAYES (C), BLOOMFIELD, SOUTHWELL (AKINFENWA 72), HARRIMAN, ROWE, FREEMAN (THOMPSON 72), DE HAVILLAND. **SUBS NOT USED:** RICHARDSON, PIERRE, WOOD, KASHKET | **YELLOW CARDS:** BLOOMFIELD, MCGINN, HAYES



Jordan Cook slots home the fourth goal

STORY OF THE MATCH:

A five-star Hylton performance shot Luton into top spot of the Sky Bet League Two, as Danny's hat-trick helped Luton to a fourth victory in six games.

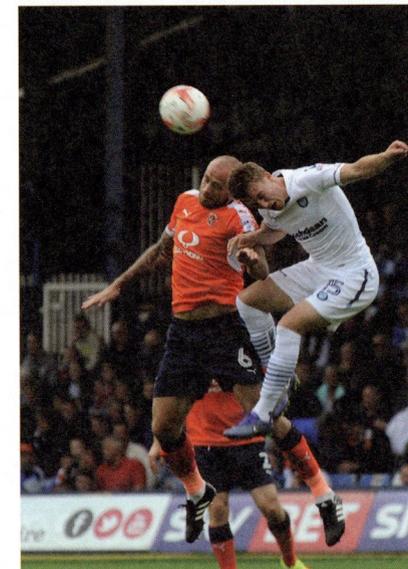
Hylton scored an early opener, then – after Cameron McGeehan had missed a first-half penalty – bagged a simple second and took responsibility himself for a penalty he won to claim the matchball, before teeing up Cook for an injury-time fourth.

The performance highlighted the quality of the squad from front to back, as Wycombe didn't go without creating chances, but every time they did, a Luton defender or the safe hands of Christian Walton seemed to break down any attack.

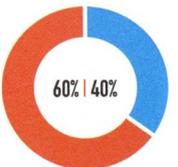
With the Hatters 2-0 up, Wycombe exposed the home side's defence once, and they managed to score, with Matt Bloomfield latching onto Paul Hayes' lay-off before firing past Walton from 16 yards.

From then on Town absorbed a spell of pressure, but were able to repel every attack before Hylton won a penalty late on, which he converted.

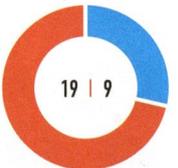
He then broke from a corner in the last minute of normal time, threading the ball through for Jordan Cook, who slid it past Jamal Blackman in the Wycombe goal to cap off a wonderful performance from Nathan Jones' men.



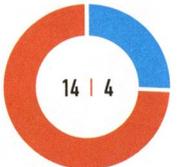
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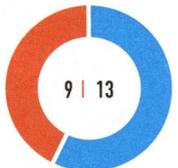
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JONES: That was probably our best home performance since I have been here

"For the first 30 minutes we were fluid, we were slick and we should have been out of sight by then.

"We started the second half well and should have been further ahead. We did eventually, but then they pulled one back, we were clinical late on though. It was a wonderful atmosphere, wonderful result and a great day for the club.

"The movement from our frontmen was excellent, they were a constant threat. They were relentless in their work-rate and the danger they created. That was probably our best home performance since I have been here and

without being disrespectful to anyone, it could have been a lot more. We are built of better stuff now, we are a resilient team. I was disappointed with the goal, because it was exactly what we have worked on as a team. Apart from that we were excellent from start to finish.

"The new stadium is one of the reasons I came here. I saw the ambition of the club, they want to take it forward. There are great things happening on and off the pitch. Everyone will have opinions, but as fans, this is the best thing for your football club."

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DANNY THE CHAMPION

HAT-TRICK HERO DANNY HYLTON SPOKE OF HIS DELIGHT AFTER THE MATCH AGAINST WYCOMBE, BUT THERE WAS ONE PLAYER IN PARTICULAR THAT IMPRESSED THE FORMER OXFORD STRIKER.

Two tap-ins and a penalty for Hylton was more than enough to secure a win for the Hatters, with a Jordan Cook goal icing the cake, and Danny was more than happy with his side's performance on the day.

He said: "It was a great afternoon. Olly Lee said to me before the game 'you're going to get a hat-trick', so he's psychic I think. I will have to get him to predict the Lottery numbers!"

"Obviously I am happy with the hat-trick and I know it sounds boring, but I am happier with the three points and the performance."

Hylton's first goal was somewhat unclear as to who it last came off, but in typical striker fashion, Danny was certain it came off him last.

Hylton said: "I am definitely claiming the first goal. It touched me, I am not sure where or how, but I was there, it's hit me and it's gone in, so I am delighted."

With the score at 1-0, Cook was brought down in the penalty area, giving the referee no choice but to point to the spot, giving the Hatters the chance to go three goals up. Town's penalty taker, Cameron McGeehan, was denied though by his former team mate Jamal Blackman, who dived the right way.

The Hatters' new top scorer for the season Hylton is certain McGeehan will get over it quickly, as he is just as goal hungry as he is.

Danny said: "He missed it and it gave them a lift, thankfully it didn't cost us today. Cam will get it out of his system pretty quickly though. He is a goal scoring midfielder. It wasn't to be today, but I am sure he will go on and score many goals this season."



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With the game still 2-1 after 88 minutes, Hylton was brought down just inside the box after a smart turn. McGeehan was ready to take the penalty, but he and Hylton had a discussion and it was the number nine standing over the ball when the referee blew his whistle for the kick to be taken.

"Cam wanted the second penalty, he is the first penalty taker and I am second," said Hylton. "He said that he wanted it, I was on two goals and I didn't want to pass up the chance of getting a hat-trick."

"I don't hold a grudge or anything because he offered to take it. It is great that he is confident after missing the first one so he can put it right. I just felt confident that I could score. We all celebrate together in the end. It doesn't matter who scores."



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COOK'S HAD ENOUGH OF CHIPS

A FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE FROM JORDAN COOK WAS REWARDED WITH A GOAL IN THE LATE STAGES OF THE GAME AGAINST WYCOMBE, BUT HE COULD HAVE HAD ONE A LOT EARLIER ON.

After he was put through on goal midway through the first half, Cook opted to try and chip the Chairboys' keeper, Jamal Blackman, but he got a firm hand to it and stopped the Hatters doubling their lead.

In his post-match interview with Hatters Player, manager Nathan Jones said he had a go at the attacking midfielder, but was impressed with how the former Walsall man responded.

The 26-year-old said: "It started a bit dodgy for me. After I had attempted the chip, it took me about ten minutes to even look at the bench because I knew I would be getting a bit of stick! But the gaffer likes me trying different things to excite the fans. It was just the first thing that came to my head. I saw him running off the line, I just didn't realise he was about six foot eight!"

"It was probably the worst chip I have ever done as well. I am just glad the second time round I was able to put it into the net."

Cook had a great chance to atone for his earlier miss when the ball fell nicely to him on the edge of the box, but he elected to pass to Cameron McGeehan whose shot was palmed by Blackman into the feet of Hylton, who was able to tap in his second on 56 minutes.

Without Cook's quick thinking in that moment, the attack may have broken and the Town would have still been looking for their second goal.

Cook said: "It popped out nicely for me, but I was in an awkward stance and I have seen Cameron make a very good run and I know at times I'm greedy and I want to shoot all the time, but Cameron is greedier than me!"

"But he was in a better position and had a better angle than me and luckily the keeper has parried his shot into the feet of Danny and we got the goal which killed the game a tiny bit."

Jordan is one of many talented attacking players in the Hatters squad, something he has been impressed by since he joined the club in the summer.

He said: "We have got goals everywhere. We were saying to the lads before we will get chances. There is going to be a time when a team is going to take a big beating."

"It could have been one of those today if we had taken our chances in the first half. It could have been six or seven, but the three points is the main thing and the goal difference is looking very healthy at the moment."

He added: "This was my best day in a Luton shirt, my first goal, I can't ask for much more!"

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Ref: Power Court Application 16/01400 and Newlands Park Application 16/01401

Dear Sir/Madam,



I recently signed a new three-year contract to play for Luton Town and one of the major incentives in me doing that was all the positivity around the possibility of the new stadium at Power Court.

All footballers aspire to play at the best grounds in the country and for me, the Power Court stadium design will be right up there - maybe not the biggest but surely the best.

I don't live in Luton but not far away, but I speak to the fans all the time and like to think I understand what they want for the club and town. I've not heard one person say anything negative about the possibility of moving ground - it's something the whole fanbase seems to want, and from what I hear, the entire local population does too.

The Newlands Park plans also look stunning. Somewhere like that would encourage players like myself to spend more time and money there, rather than heading into London or the big shopping complexes near me after a hard day training.

I know this has been a long time coming so it seems to be like this is a one in a million opportunity for everyone, so I hope the council recognises that and pushes the planning applications through.

Yours faithfully,
Jack Marriott

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Dear Luton Borough Council



I live with my family in Luton and for personal and professional reasons hope you approve the plans lodged by Luton Town Football Club, my employer.

Since I left Crawley Green FC as a young 7 year old I've played for Luton Town's academy. This summer when I was given a professional contract, recently making my debut against Aston Villa. It was a night I'll never forget. Wearing the colours of my home club and winning man of the match on live TV.

I have a lot of local friends in the squad, academy and at home and we always complain about the lack of things to do in the town. Luton is a great town but we've never been able to socialise with each other unless we travel. Both sets of plans give us exactly what Luton is missing!

To have the chance to play at Power Court in four or five years is a massive inspiration for me to do well. But to my friends, to see these plans at Power Court and Newlands Park gives them an incentive to stay.

Features like the Crystal, the Imax, the grass roof, the open river Lea, the halo lights and the stadium itself can only be good for the town, so please pass the plans quickly.

Yours sincerely,
James Justin



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To Luton Council,



The new stadium for my club Luton Town has been talked about since I signed three years ago and now it seems like it could soon be truly for real. I can't wait for it to happen personally but neither can my family and mates in London who will get to games on the train. I would even journey with them and I think other players would as well.

All the players talk about now, other than getting another promotion or two or three is the new stadium and new training ground. We all chat to the fans as well and it feels like it's all they talk about too. Not just Power Court but Newlands as well.

Who don't like football, movies, live music and good cooked food?

Let's see it happen!
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu



Dear Sir/Madam,



Although I'm not originally from Luton since I joined the club a couple of years ago, I've moved to Bedfordshire and tried to fully embrace the area I live in.

I was brought up in London where there's something to do on virtually every street. The fact there is going to be a live music venue and restaurants and bars next to the ground will give people around Luton places to visit in their spare time, which they might travel into London for or, dare I say, out to Milton Keynes or Watford at the moment.

I drove into Power Court as part of the filming for the club's new sponsorship launch video recently and I didn't realise how a bleak place right in the middle of town can be left derelict for so long - over 12 years! It seems a real shame that a big part of the town, right next to the train station hasn't had anything built on it.

As you would expect me to say I love the stadium right in the middle of town and love the designs and images. But I also think all the other facilities would be great for everyone, football supporters or not.

We are all aiming for promotions this season and beyond and we are all wanting to progress in football. This new stadium could be a game-changer for us all - players and fans alike.

The facilities at Newlands Park on the M1 will also be a game changer for the area as well as helping the club to build the stadium. If it's true about a £250m boost to the economy every year I can't get my head round the difference that will make to people's lives. That positivity can't be ignored.

Kind regards,
Cameron McGeehan

Dear Luton Borough Council,



I only recently signed as a player for Luton Town at the beginning of the summer. One of the major reasons why I chose Luton is because of these ambitious plans. In fact when I visited the club to discuss my future I was shepherded through an exhibition of the plans round the corner from Kenilworth Road. Upon joining the buzz amongst the players and staff for these plans is immense and when I saw a couple of other players put pen to paper I felt compelled to do the same and share my experience. We don't often write letters but all feel moved to write for this purpose.

I write not only as a Luton footballer but as someone who has seen first-hand how a new stadium can bring a massive boost to a football club and a town as a whole. I was at Rotherham United when the New York Stadium was built. We'd been playing out of town at the Don Valley in Sheffield. As soon as the club moved to the new ground in 2012, it was like the blue touch paper had been lit. We won promotion from League Two in the first season and it seemed as if the ground acted as a catalyst for it because the whole community came together. I'd left the club by the time they won promotion again the following year to the Championship, but the extra finance involved as a result of the progress would have been vital for the well-being of the club and the town.

We all feel that Power Court and Newlands Park will do the same for Luton maybe even one step further as the fan-base here is much bigger. As players we can all see the difference a new stadium can make to the city's ambition and the way outsiders see it. A successful football club always brings a successful city.

Make these developments happen and let the eyes be on us!

Yours faithfully,

Johnny Mullins

Dear Council,



I am a young professional player for Luton Town. I live in Luton and would love to see myself playing in the new stadium at Power Court in front of 17,000 supporters. Not just that.

I support the plans for a new stadium at Power Court because the location is ideal to get people in and out because of the transport network and because I'd like to buy one of the apartments at some stage in the future.

I support the plans for shopping and jobs at Newlands Park because they're easy to get to and will encourage people to work and shop in Luton who wouldn't usually.

Please give them your approval.

Many thanks,

Tyreeq Bakinson

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HELPING LUTON'S POOREST CHILDREN

It's September again. Autumn has arrived and it signals the time for children to go back to school. Do you remember how it felt going back to school? After enjoying the sun throughout the summer, later bedtimes and long days with friends, it all comes to an end.



But for some children in Luton it isn't the transition from summer fun to school routines which is the concern. Instead their worry is whether or not they will have the essentials for school.

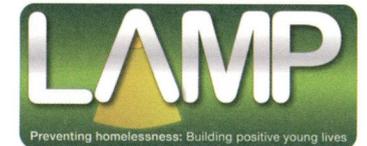
Fatima, 4, was worried about starting school. Her and her mum had left their last home in a hurry to escape domestic violence and had arrived in Luton with very little. Fatima didn't want to start school because she was worried that

she didn't have pens, crayons and books like other children did. Level Trust provided Fatima with a bumper pack of stationery, books and craft materials – everything she needed to kit her out for the start of school. She was so excited, she couldn't wait to start her new school in Luton!

Level Trust believe that poverty shouldn't stop children from loving to learn. That's why they are Luton Town's charity of the year; to find out more about their work, visit leveltrust.org.

SUPPORTERS' CHARITY OF THE YEAR

We are delighted to announce that after almost 2,500 votes were cast by Hatters fans, Autism Bedfordshire have emerged as the winner of the Supporters' Charity of the Year poll for 2016-17. Town supporters voted in great numbers with almost 2,000 more people having their say than last year, when LAMP were announced as charity partners.



This year it is Autism Bedfordshire, a charity that has been helping autism sufferers in Luton and Bedfordshire for a quarter-of-a-century.

The charity's chief executive Emma Reade told lutontown.co.uk: "We are over the moon to have been selected as Luton Town Supporters' Charity of the Year.

"Autism is an often misunderstood and isolating condition. Having the support of the loyal Luton Town fans will help to raise awareness of the condition in the local community and much needed funds for the services we run, to support those in need.

"Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for us, we look forward to an exciting year working together."

Luton Town Supporter Liaison Officer John Miller said: "We are delighted to welcome Autism Bedfordshire to the Luton Town family.

"Last year our supporters came up with some wonderful ideas to help raise funds and improve the profile of LAMP, and they benefitted greatly from their season-long association with the football club.

"We hope for the same this season with Autism Bedfordshire and look forward to meeting with them in the coming weeks to discuss ways in which we can help them."

Autism is a developmental disability which profoundly affects the way a person thinks, communicates and relates to the world around them.

It is a spectrum condition which means that, while all people with autism share certain difficulties, their condition will affect them in different ways. Some people with autism are able to live relatively independent lives but others may have accompanying learning difficulties and need a lifetime of specialist support.

Established for 25 years, Autism Bedfordshire is a local charity that aims to improve the quality of life of people with autism and their families in Luton and Bedfordshire. They currently support over 1,000 families across the county and run a number of services directly in the Luton including a social activity group for children with autism, a youth club for teenagers with the condition, a day time adult social group plus skills courses and employment support for adults with autism.

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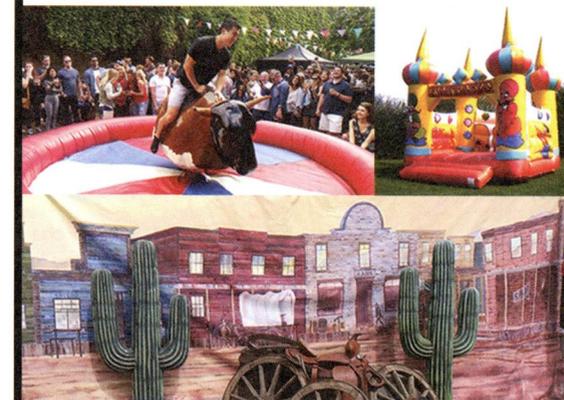
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TRAVELLER'S TALES

HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER THINKS A FIVER IS FINE VALUE FOR A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE AT GILLINGHAM... BUT HIS POOL TEAM ARE SNOOKERED WITHOUT HIM!

THE JOURNEY

3.00pm – After a morning of work and a bit of the latest cricket ODI on TV it was time to head off to get the coach to Gillingham. I was in two minds about going to the match partly because I'm not convinced about the competition changes and also because my pool team could be crowned league champions with a win tonight. But when I heard it was only £5 to get in, I made the effort.

3.20 – Coach leaves Ampthill on the way to Luton for a 4.00 pick up there. Glad we're not going north as the M1 is heaving going that way!

4.05 – We've picked everyone up at Luton. Just the one coach which wasn't completely full which I didn't mind as I could spread out and stick the cricket on my iPad as ever!

4.45 – Touch wood the M25 looks quite clear for this time of day. Hopefully it is clear when we get down to Dartford too.

5.55 – All clear right the way down to Gillingham and we get parked up after a great trip considering it was at rush hour time. England have broken all sorts of records in the cricket so a very nice journey indeed!

6.25 – Time to make the 15 minute or so trip to the ground. Get chatting to some Gillingham fans along the way. They're not sounding optimistic. Encouraging!

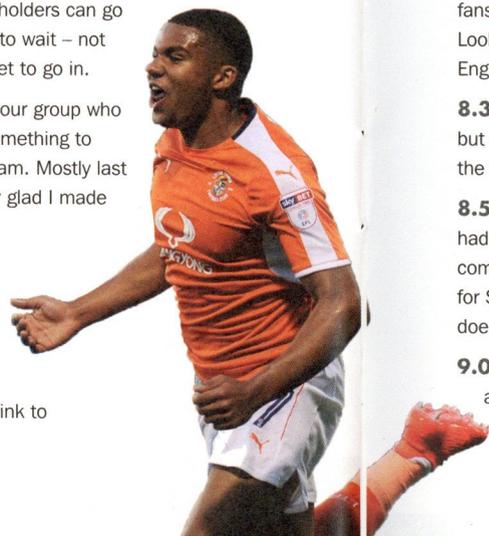
THE GROUND

6.40 – Get to the ground and the gates aren't open and nobody from Gillingham knows what's going on. Eventually a turnstile opens and ticket holders can go in but those with cash have to wait – not great! I've got a ticket so I get to go in.

6.55 – Waiting for those in our group who were paying cash so I get something to eat. I've already seen the team. Mostly last year's youth team. Definitely glad I made the effort to come.

THE FOOD

7.00 – Decide to get a burger which was pretty expensive but then I saw a meal deal thing and got a drink to



go with it which balanced the cost out a little bit. Not too bad having saved £5 by getting a ticket in advance. Burger was pretty good too.

7.10 – Everyone else is in now so it is time to go and find some seats in the stand opposite the dugouts. We wander up to the halfway line where the view is pretty decent. Only our stand and the main one opposite are open. Nobody behind either goal. Game has a pre-season friendly feel to it as the players come out.

THE MATCH

7.30 – The game kicks off. The Town have made 11 changes but I recognise a few names in the Gillingham side. Could be a tricky test for the youngsters. We've named a 15 year old on the bench. He must be absolutely buzzing.

7.40 – We've made a good start. We've got a free-kick right in front of us after Jake Gray is fouled. He takes it and GOAL!!!! His cross finds Frankie Musonda in acres of space. He beats the keeper to the ball and nods home. Get in!

7.52 – Is this actually happening!? We've doubled our lead! More excellent play down the right from Jake Gray sees him waltz past the defender and cross the ball in. Zane Banton takes a swipe at it and misses but Jonathan Smith doesn't. He hammers home and we're 2-0 up away to a League One side!

8.05 – It is all Luton this. I saw a lot of this side in the FA Youth Cup last season so I knew they were special, but even so this is fantastic. So good to watch. Really enjoyable.

8.17 – Half-time and we go in 2-0 up. All 150 or so Luton fans stand up and applaud the team off. Deservedly so. Look at the cricket score on my phone at half-time. England have won by hundreds. Good night so far!

8.32 – Second half begins. No changes for the Town but Gillingham have made some and they start off on the front foot.

8.50 – Much of the play is in our half but King hasn't had too much to do in goal. A golden chance for 3-0 comes and goes as Vassell's cross is inches too high for Smith to head down into an empty net. Hope that doesn't come back to haunt us.

9.07 – Into the last 10 minutes and Town are getting a bit leggy. Don't need Gillingham to score anytime soon!

9.17 – Injury time begins and we're still 2-0 up. Fifteen-year-old Connor Tomlinson is ready to come on. What a moment! Gillingham score while he's waiting but Nathan Jones still sends the youngster on. Fair play. He gets a couple of touches of the ball and soon after, the full-time whistle blows. What a win that is!

MAN OF THE MATCH

9.30 – Back on the coach and it is man of the match time. Frankie Musonda gets the overall vote but Akin Famewo got mine. In fairness it was hard to pick between the centre backs. Both were exceptional on the night.

THE PROGRAMME

9.35 – Quick look at the programme before I stick my other sporting love besides football and cricket on my iPad – the tennis! Only cost £2 and isn't the greatest, but I didn't expect too much.

SUMMARY

11.00 – We pull up in Luton after another smooth journey home. News comes through that my pool team have lost so we'll have to wait until next week to secure the league.

11.50 – Getting a lift home from Mr Les who runs the coach. He gets a phone call from the coach driver saying he's just been scared alive by someone who was asleep on the back seat who we'd thought had got off! That produced much laughter and was a funny way to end a really enjoyable night – and one for us Town fans to be proud of both for the present and the future.





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THE TOWN'S HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE, JARED ROBERTS-SMITH, GIVES US AN INSIGHT INTO HIS WORK WITH THE HATTERS LADS...



Afternoon Hatters fans,

I'm pleased to say it's been another good week to be a Hatter, especially being behind the scenes with the team. There's a real good atmosphere buzzing around Ely Way and it's great to see that being transferred on to the pitch, with the performances the lads are putting in.

This has been further boosted with a couple of new arrivals in Alex and Jack, who are both great lads and have cracked on really well this week, working hard both in training as well as our gym work.

Back-to-back wins in the league is great and this has seen us rise to the summit of League Two again. It was also great to get a win last time out in the EFL trophy at Gillingham. This was particularly pleasing especially from a conditioning aspect as a lot of those boys hadn't played significant match minutes this season. This shows our depth as a squad and our hard working identity as a team.

I thought we were excellent and everyone put in a real shift resulting in a really great result for the club, and well done to the young pros who made their debuts...fully deserved.

After a four-week block of successive Saturday/Tuesday fixtures, this week gave us the opportunity to get in

some constructive training and gym work with the boys again. We have had a real good balance of emphasis on recovery and regeneration as well as intensive training. The lads have been great as always and for this stage of the season I think we are looking in really good shape....long may it continue!

I'd like to say this is partly due to our improved performance nutrition strategies, which include the new NutriBullets we now have in the canteen. However, whilst making one for Joaquin and Nathan after a morning gym session, I somehow managed to break it...they should be designed to be put in the washing up bowl surely????

Sheezy is now back in full training and has worked like a true pro to get back into shape following what's been a really frustrating injury. Macca and Greeny are also working hard and pushing on. Macca has now ventured on to the pitch whilst Greeny is still working hard on the anti-gravity treadmill Simon mentioned last week. We've been getting through rehab sessions with a bit of musical top trumps...it has to be said Macca has put us all to shame and usually comes through on top!



Before I wrap up this week I also need to give a big shout on to my man Cameron McGeehan. He was a bit annoyed at me a couple of weeks ago when I didn't mention him in the column. He's been great to work with and has been smashing his pitch work, gym work and extra conditioning elements. Hope that's ok for you Cam!!!

Keep getting behind the boys. They mention your support every time they come back into the changing room.

COYH..... Jared

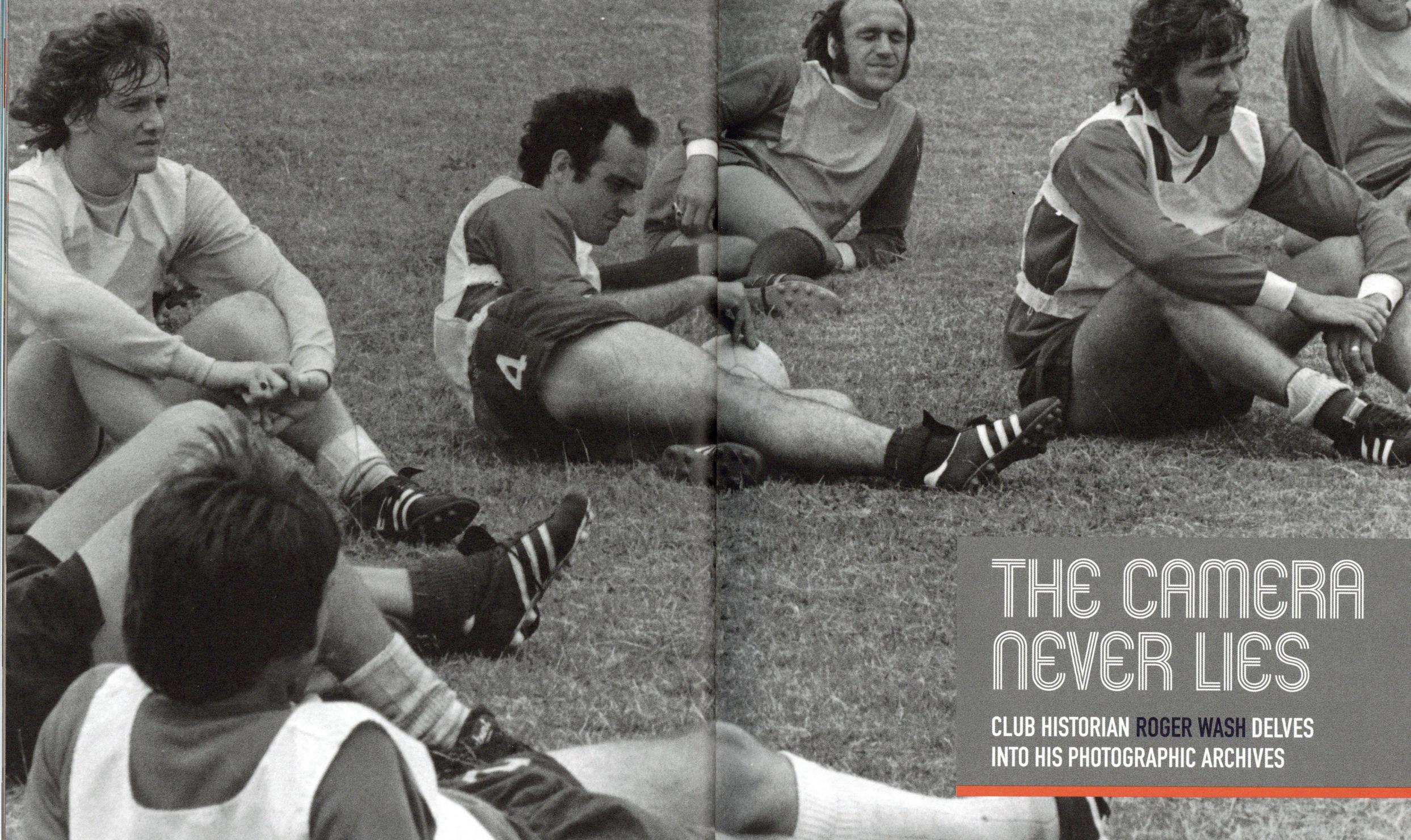
PICTURE THE PAST

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



Brian Stein steams through the Grimsby defence during the Town's 6-0 win at Kenilworth Road in October 1981. A split second later, Stein is upended by Mariners defender Dean Crombie (right) with David Moss netting the resulting penalty.

In a break from pre-season training in 1972, some of the players listen intently to the pearls of wisdom coming from the coach's mouth. John Aston, however, appears to be counting the panels on the ball while Rodney Fern takes a nap.



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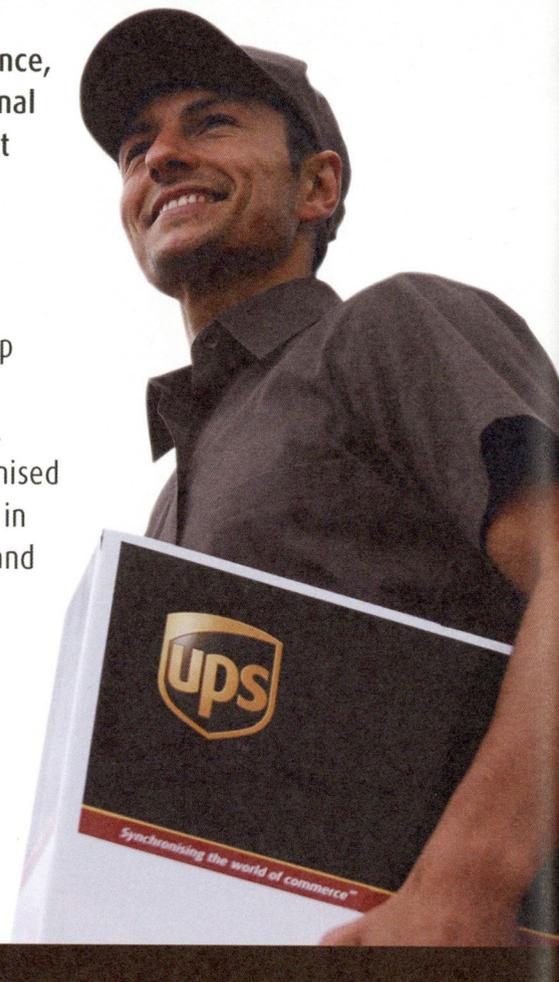
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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

PRINCE'S TRUST GET INTO SPORTS LEADERSHIP WITH LUTON TOWN FC

The Hatters Community Trust are teaming up with the Prince's Trust once again to run a Get Started into Sports Leadership programme next month for local 16 to 25 year olds who are currently out of work and not in training or education. If that describes you, then we are holding an open day on Tuesday 27th September here at the stadium to give you the chance to find out more about the programme.

The Get Started programme is a short and hopefully, inspiring course designed to help young people move forward with their life and have a go at fun activities and with the help of the Hatters Community staff the participants will also take their Level 1 Sports Leaders Award as part of the programme.

The Sports Leaders course provides an introduction to the organisation and delivery of safe and enjoyable coaching sessions for young players and includes an introduction to practical games to develop players' technical ability, balance and co-ordination and is ideally suited to those who want to work with groups of young players and has been designed to help those who are new to sports coaching and working with young people to understand more about coaching and the role of the coach.

As well as gaining some new coaching skills the course will also include and FA Emergency Aid course and the FA

Safeguarding Children in Football workshop allowing our new coaches to put their new skills to good use straight away and during the week lots of activities are offered which offer participants the chance to develop new skills, confidence and motivation as well as the opportunity to make new friends within the group.

So - how will it work and is it for you or someone you may know who is up to a challenge and looking to get their life back on track? You'll take part in lots of activities during the week and work towards a fun group challenge. The Prince's Trust also gives you the chance to get one to one support to help you think about what you want to do after the course finishes and at the end of the course there'll be an event to celebrate your achievements. It's a great way to finish the course, and you'll be able to invite family and friends to join in with you!

The best part is it costs participants absolutely nothing and we even provide you with free lunch and drinks as well as all of your daily travel expenses.

To register your interest on our Get Started with Sports leaders programme or for more information call the community office on 01582 737568 or email anna.crump@princes-trust.org.uk





HATTERS MATCH DAY CLUB

Our 2016-17 Hatters Match Day Club is now up and running for the season and open to all local youth grass root clubs. The Match day Club which involves watching a Luton Town home league game, enjoying a training session with our coaches before the game and lunch at the football ground followed by a quick behind the scenes tour – it's a chance for all our local young players to take part in a great day out with the Hatters.

The day begins with an hour's training session from our coaching staff which is held in Luton 11.30 am to 12.30 pm on the astro at the Dallow Community Learning Centre just a 10 minute walk from the Stadium. Our coaches will then take you into the main stadium through the main player's entrance. It's then burger and chips and a behind the scenes mini tour, maybe grab a couple of autographs



while the players warm up on the pitch and then the main game – and three points for the Hatters!!

If you would like further information on our Hatters Match Day Club please contact Luke Hyde in the community office by phone on 01582 737568 or email at community@lutontown.co.uk

FOOTBALL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The last week of the holidays turned out to be one the Trust's busiest week on record with over 40 development fixtures and assessment games for over 500 of our young recruited players against teams from Norwich City, MK Dons and Cambridge together with over 150 boys and girls attending our soccer camps.

As a Community Trust we regularly coach over 3,000 children each week through our various schools and coaching programmes and while our main objective remains encouraging healthy lifestyles and spreading the name of the Club as far and wide as we can, we do use our activities as an important talent identification tool for the Academy

Like many other Football league Clubs, our fully integrated development structure at the Club is run by the Community Trust. It starts with players as young as four years old who simply 'pay and play' each week through to our TIPs (Talent Identification Coaching Programme) for boys up to 16 years of age who train on our 10 week coaching programme. In total over 12 of these centres run all year around through our development programme.

All of these boys, together with recruited boys, continue their journey for an academy place at our Centre of Excellence Centres in Luton, Dunstable, Kempston and our new Player Development Centre in Stotfold which have over



350 boys who we see long term development potential with a further 140 boys signed at our Luton Pre-Academy level for boys with shorter term potential.

The pre-academy boys train with the Club twice a week and remain with their local club sides while the boys at Centre of Excellence train once a week while remaining with their local club.

At the same time all of the boys play around 10 games a season mostly during school holidays for the Club against other professional Clubs - the boys now have fixtures coming up in October with Oxford United, Ipswich Town, QPR and Cardiff City.

Currently around 8 out of every 10 boys signed full time to our academy come through our youth development system and these games are invaluable in assessing which boys are ready for progression. It is a huge pool of local talent

supporting the academy making sure our youth talent identification programme works effectively for the academy and for local boys playing in local leagues.

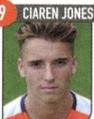
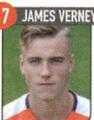
Pre-season in July now seems a long way away as we now enter the local grass root football leagues kicking off over this week-end with all the excitement that brings for all of our development boys.

We now have to wait a few weeks until the next half term and then into next year when over 300 boys will go on tour to Holland and a further 350 visiting Stowe School in Buckingham for a 3 day residential training camp at Easter.

It's a big operation involving all of our community coaches as well as most full time academy staff as we look at assessing all boys who we feel are capable of playing at academy level or at the older age groups of gaining a youth scholarship. with the club's youth team.



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TOWN DEVELOPMENT 2 NORTHAMPTON TOWN 2

Andy Awford and Paul Driver's development squad fought back from 2-1 down to level an entertaining game with an experienced Northampton Town side at Hitchin Town's Top Field on Tuesday.

A youthful Town XI more than matched a side featuring no fewer than seven first-team regulars for the reigning League Two champions this season and last.

The Hatters were the brightest from the kick-off and deservedly went ahead within three minutes, when Zane Banton tapped in from close range after some good work on the right by Freddie Hinds.

The excellent defensive cover from Tyreeq Bakinson sitting in a holding

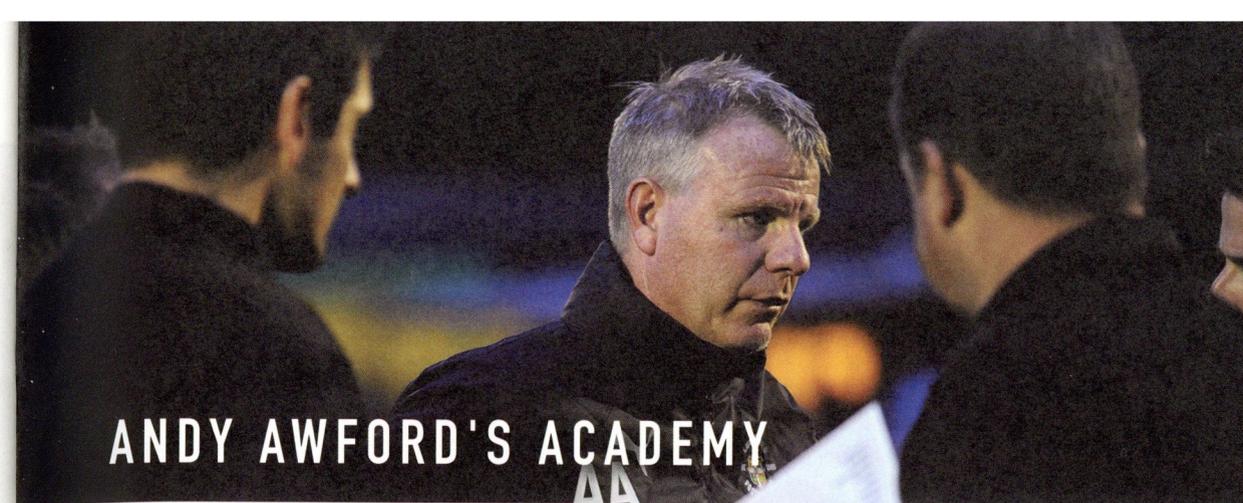
midfield position gave the more creative attacking players a licence to get forward regularly and more than once they threatened to score.

However, the Cobblers found a way back into the game when Emmanuel Sonupe crashed home an equaliser, and shortly after the 50 minute mark they took the lead through a Lawson D'Ath header.

TOWN: GORDON-STEARNS, JAMES, O'BRIEN (MEAD 60), FAMEWO ©, JONES, BAKINSON, COTTER, ATKINSON (READ 64), SNELUS (MURRAY 70), HINDS, BANTON.



The Town went in search of an equaliser, and five minutes from time, substitute Arthur Read dribbled in from the left side of the Northampton box and shot, with the ball ricocheting in off the near post.



UPDATE

Good afternoon all and welcome to today's game versus Grimsby Town.

U18S

The Youth Team got back to winning ways with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Northampton Town last Saturday. Second half strikes from Scott Belgrove & Connor Tomlinson did the damage.

The game itself saw us again field a young side, with three of our U16 players getting valuable match minutes, as we took the opportunity to allow some of the older Apprentices to recover from their fantastic exploits at Gillingham in the Checkatrade Trophy a few days before.

Interestingly, the attendances at Ely Way for our U18s fixtures are rising significantly. It is great to see more of our supporters coming along to see our youngsters perform. Please feel free to come and watch. All kick offs are 11.00am and a full fixture list is available on the club website.

Today, the U18s play away at Swindon Town in the First Round of the Youth Alliance Category 3 League Cup.

After winning the competition last season, we will be a scalp for any club, and the boys will have to overcome the challenge of being 'favourites'. This will again provide them with another vital learning experience and one which will no doubt enhance their overall development as they continue to improve.

U21S

The Development Squad have had a lively start to the season. With the majority of the players playing in the CheckaTrade Trophy victory away at Gillingham last week we have supplemented their games programme with recent fixtures against AFC Wimbledon & Northampton Town.

Both of these games provided them with totally different challenges, as the Wimbledon game was very even in terms of age, and one that we dominated and ran out worthy 3-0 winners.

The Northampton game was totally different in that they selected eight senior first team players and obviously were a stronger, more physical outfit. I was delighted that our players more than matched them, played some fantastic football, and fully deserved the 2-2 draw.

Over the next month we have organised a good diversity of games for the Development Squad, lined up are Wolverhampton Wanderers & Birmingham City U21s, Southend United Reserves and Barton Rovers First team.

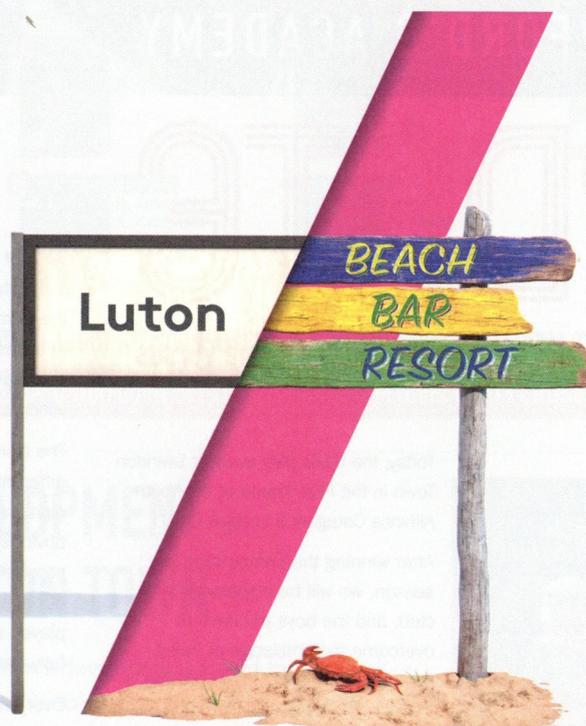
All these games will give the players vital match minutes in case they are called upon by the Manager and will also allow them to keep improving and developing.

Enjoy today's game.

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[LUTON TOWN LADIES]

HATTERS LADIES

OLD ACTONIANS 0 LUTON TOWN 1

The Town travelled to Old Actonians in West London for their first away game of the season after drawing 1-1 with Gillingham last weekend.

The Hatters started brightly and striker Jo Rutherford combined well with Nicola Henman, but the keeper was able to save with ease.

Skipper Rachel Carter cleared two excellent corners away as they dropped into the box dangerously, and the home side were unlucky not to take the lead as they hit the underside of the bar and the follow up hit the post.

Dionne Manning was soon played in by Henman, but her shot was wide and Rutherford hit a free kick into the wall after Michelle Byrne was tripped, then had a shot saved before half time, but the score was goalless at the interval.

After making a tactical change at half time, the Town started stronger and the impact was almost instant.



Erica Byron gets on the ball first

Byrne looked bright at the top end and substitute Zara Carroll got into the game straight away.

Carroll swung a corner in, which was originally headed out, but Henman put it back in and Byrne was first to react, poking the ball into the net from five yards.

Five minutes later Byron put another good cross in and Henman made a darting run to the back post and slid in, but managed to pass it backwards off of the line and it was cleared! Rachel Kosky was then introduced and was involved straight away combining with Carroll. She played Byrne in but her shot was blocked. At the other end and getting later into the game, Actonians were starting to press for the equaliser and leaving more players forward, but the Hatters stood strong and defended well to gain their first win of the season, with 16-year-old Jodie Southby being brought on for her debut.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "We were made to work hard for the three points and the game was really stretched for long periods of time. In the first half it was so scrappy and we weren't getting much luck playing the way we wanted to.

"We made a slight tactical change at half-time and this had almost an instant impact.



Pre-match huddle

"I said to the girls to be patient and to stop forcing the ball into areas. Our work rate was a lot higher in the second half and it suited us better playing uphill."

Baker was full of praise for her defenders, adding: "I thought the back four were excellent again. Defensively we were tested in the last 20 as they were under pressure as they went three up. But we coped excellently, especially again as we had a 16-year-old in the back four as well as other inexperienced players who are just finding their feet at this level.

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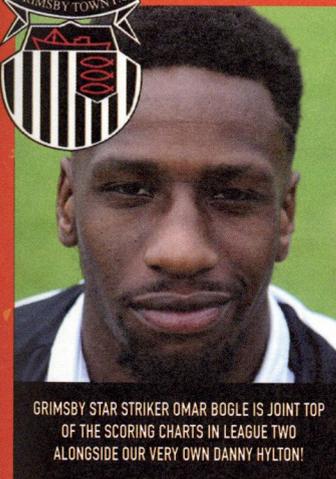
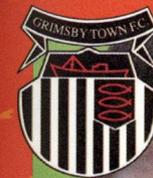
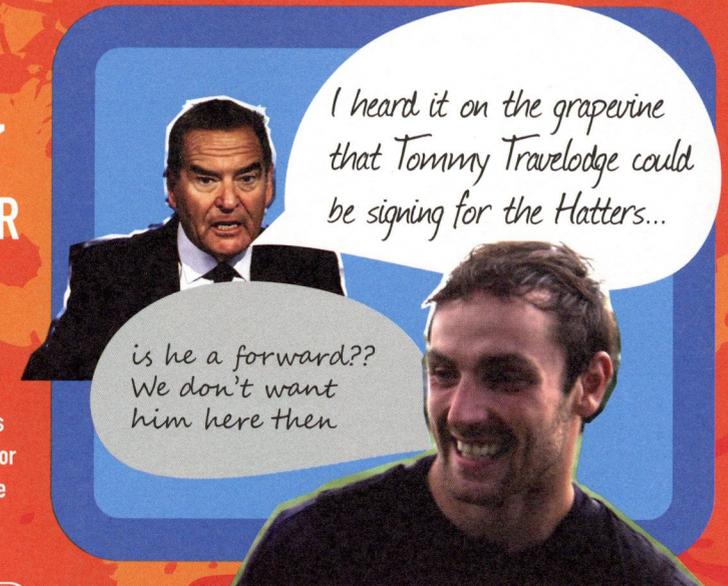


JUNIOR HATTERS



LAST WEEK ON OUR JUNIOR HATTERS PAGE, WE HAD NICK KICKS, THIS WEEK IT'S SOCCER SATURDAY!

Commenting on the 'Hatters Hotel' duo of Jack Marriott and Danny Hylton, Sky Sports News anchorman Jeff Stelling was disappointed that his made-up player Tommy Travelodge doesn't play for us, although with the rate that Jack and Danny are scoring, we don't think we'll need Tommy!



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OMAR BOGLE

Both forwards are joint top with five goals and two assists each, so today could prove important in the race for the League Two's Golden Boot. How much do you know about the strikers though? Try and answer the following questions about the pair!

QUIZTASTIC

- 1 - Which club did Danny Hylton leave to join Luton Town?
- 2 - Which Club did Omar Bogle leave to join Grimsby?
- 3 - Danny scored a hat-trick last week against Wycombe Wanderers, but who did Omar score his first hat-trick against this season?
- 4 - Who is older, Omar or Danny?

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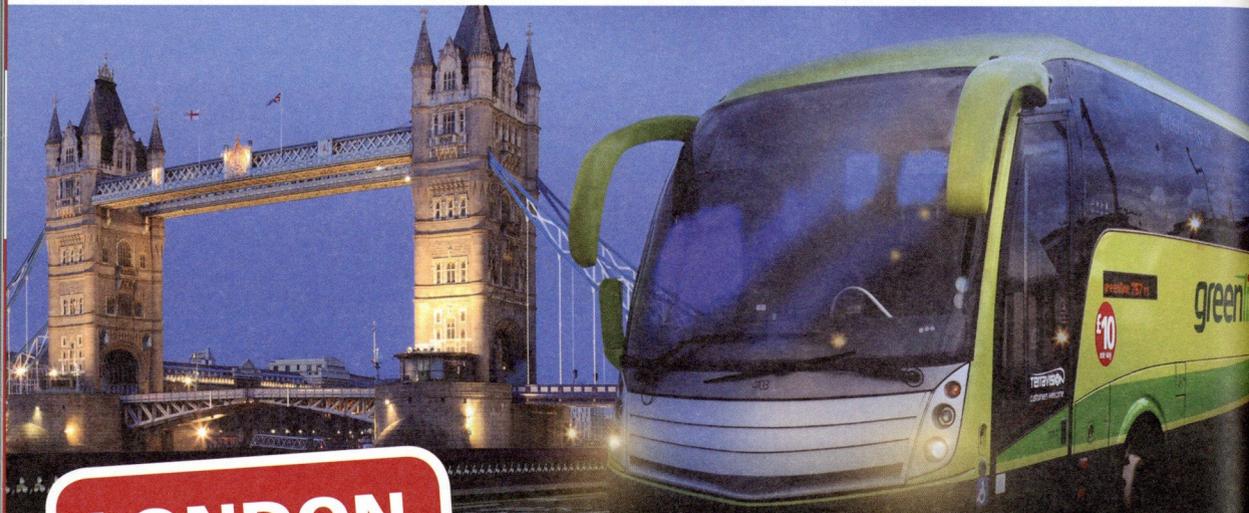
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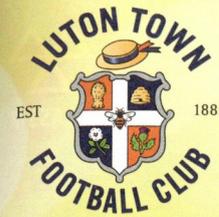
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Stuart Sinclair Speechless... I hope the Confidence builds among the team, more positive vibes throughout, and the fans, absolutely cracken fans of Luton Town... Well done Nathan and gather Nathan Jones...

Like Reply Message 1 20 hrs Edited

Neil McGuinness Love Jones passion for Luton well done all the lfc lets keep showing the fa and Co what Luton is all about

Like Reply Message September 3 at 7:02pm

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FT LUTON TOWN 4-1 WYCOMBE WANDERERS

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Agreement Zhiru Great play Luton Town Fc Keep up the good work, We will surely get there Proud Luton Town Fan from Zimbabwe #COYH

Like Reply Message 21 September 3 at 11:20pm

Peter Appleby Great performance from the lads especially Hynton who was unplayable. Best performance for a long time, even though we had a bad 20 minute spell in the 2nd half. Imagine what we can do if we put it together for a full 90 minutes. The lads showed some of the gaffer's passion today. COYH

Like Reply Message 1 September 3 at 7:10pm Edited

David Higley best home league performance for years, should have been 3-0 at half time

Like Reply Message September 3 at 6:35pm

Cyril Whitewood Fantastic win, Top of the league. Not bad 6 games in.

Like Reply Message 1 September 3 at 5:11pm

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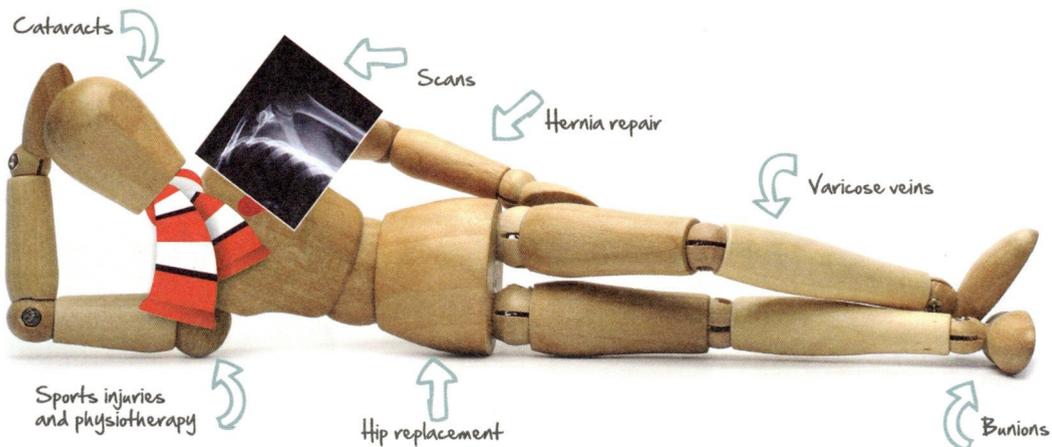
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LATE TACKLE

CHRIS DUNLAVY

DEPRESSING NEWS FROM EL SALVADOR, WHERE IT APPEARS A MURKY GANG OF HONDURANS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE THEIR WAY TO THE CONCACAF CUP.

At a dramatic press conference, the Salvadoran squad aired a recording of an 11-minute conversation with an alleged match-fixer offering players \$3,000 a head in "incentives". El Salvador cannot qualify but must beat Canada in their final game for Honduras to progress.

Mercifully they refused, but others haven't been quite so honourable...

LU JUN

Once dubbed 'The Golden Whistle', Lu Jun was China's most eminent referee. Twice voted Asian ref of the year, in 2002 he became the first Chinese man ever to officiate at a World Cup, a feat which bestowed near celebrity status.

Unfortunately for him, a government crackdown on corruption later unearthed proof that Jun had accepted bribes totalling \$128,000 to fix seven games between 1999 and 2003 - the majority involving Shanghai Shenhua.

As a state employee, he could have faced the death penalty. Instead, he was ordered to repay all the money and sentenced to five-and-a-half years in jail. These days, Jun is known as the Black Whistle.

STANDARD LIEGE

On the final day of the 1981-82 season, Standard Liege led nearest rivals Anderlecht by two points.

Squeaky bum time? Not if Goethals could help it. The Liege manager suggested his men offer their win bonuses (roughly 400,000 Belgian Francs) to the players of opponents FC Waterschei.

After all, with a Cup Winners' Cup final to contest against Barcelona three days later, a tough title-decider was the last thing they needed.

Handily, Standard skipper Eric Gerets lived next door to Waterschei's Pierre Plessier; arrangements were made and the title duly arrived.

When the affair came to light during a match-fixing investigation two years later, Liege were allowed to keep their title but fined three millions francs. Gerets was sacked by new club AC Milan and Goethals handed a life ban from managing in Belgium. Still, he did manage to get a job with Marseille...

MARSEILLE

Well, what a coincidence. Shortly after their Champions League success of 1993, it emerged that Marseille's president Bernard Tapie had offered three Valenciennes players 250,000 Francs to "take their foot of the gas" the weekend before their historic victory over AC Milan.

Further digging revealed a litany of bribes and backhanders stretching back six years, both at home and abroad. Marseille were stripped of their 1992-93 title, relegated to the second tier and chucked out of Europe the following season. Goethals resigned, whilst Tapie was sentenced to two years in prison, eventually serving six months.

ESMOND MILLION

When Million joined Bristol Rovers from Middlesbrough in 1962, he bought a new house on the assumption that buyers would queue round the block for his old bungalow in Boro. Only they didn't. As the debts piled up, the goalkeeper became desperate, finally accepting £300 to throw a match against Bradford Park Avenue in April 2003.

What followed was a fiasco. Attempts to recruit co-conspirators largely failed, resulting in only two reluctant comrades. Opponents Avenue were terrible; Rovers were 2-0 up within 20 minutes, meaning Million had to resort to blatantly chucking one in.

Having already asked several team-mates if "they wanted to make £100", most guessed what was up and reported their suspicions to gaffer Bert Tann. A day later, Million and his comrades were sacked on the spot. The FA then handed out life bans.

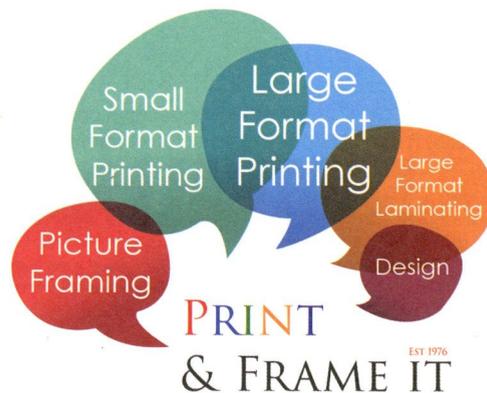


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LEAGUELOOK

BY HARRY WRIGHT

Luton's excellent 4-1 home win over Wycombe saw the Hatters regain their position at the top of League Two after Morecambe lost at home to Leyton Orient.

Liam Kelly gave the O's a first half lead before Kevin Ellison struck just after half time, but Jordan Bowery's 55th-minute effort proved to be the decider.

Plymouth made it four wins on the bounce to move to third with a slender win against Cheltenham, Sonny Bradley's 92nd-minute header claiming all three points for the Pilgrims.

Portsmouth sit fourth after their third win in four games. Two goals in the first 12 minutes from Curtis Main and Gary Roberts put Pompey 2-0 up at Fratton Park against Crawley. Main then added his second on 37 minutes and Portsmouth held out the rest of the game to claim a 3-0 win.

Mansfield dropped to fifth after a 0-0 draw at home to Cambridge, who sit bottom as the only team yet to win a game in the league this season.

One of the results of the weekend came at Stevenage as they came from a goal behind to thump Hartlepool 6-1.

Nathan Thomas put the Pools up on four minutes before Tom Pett equalised just before the half-hour mark. Tyler Walker, the son of former England defender Des, put Stevenage a goal up a minute before half-time and Dean Wells doubled the lead on 53 minutes. Walker got his second four minutes later before Michael Tonge's 69th-minute penalty and Matty Godden finished the rout with 12 minutes left on the clock.

Exeter got just their second win of the season in a topsy-turvy game at Colchester. Robbie Simpson set Exeter on their way on eight minutes, but Sammy Szmodics pulled Colchester level just five minutes later. The U's were to go in ahead at the break thanks to Kurtis Guthrie until Ollie Watkins levelled things once again on 51 minutes. Joel Grant won it for Exeter with 23 minutes to go, leaving Colchester just outside the play-off places.

Yeovil were beaten comfortably at home by Blackpool as Colin Daniel opened the scoring at Huish Park on 59 minutes and he doubled his tally on 83 minutes. Armand Gnanouillet added the third three minutes from time to send the Tangerines home happy. Grimsby were two goals up at Notts County thanks to Shaun Pearson and Omar Bogle, but Jonathan Forte and Aaron Collins dragged County level after Michael O'Connor missed a penalty for the Magpies just after Forte's strike.

Doncaster suffered just their second loss of the season at Crewe as they went a goal behind to Ryan Lowe's effort before Tommy Rowe's 82nd-minute penalty for Rovers. James Jones popped up three minutes from time to seal it for Crewe.

Barnet's trip to Newport was abandoned at half-time with the Bees leading 1-0. "There were three puddles," said Barnet manager Martin Allen, "but none of them bigger than the paddling pool I have in the garden for my dog!"

TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

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

RESULTS

Newport v Barnet (Abandoned)	Colchester 2-3 Exeter
Carlisle 1-1 Accrington	Notts County 2-2 Grimsby
Crewe 2-1 Doncaster	Plymouth 1-0 Cheltenham
Luton 4-1 Wycombe	Portsmouth 3-0 Crawley
Mansfield 0-0 Cambridge	Stevenage 6-1 Hartlepool
Morecambe 1-2 Leyton Orient	Yeovil 0-3 Blackpool

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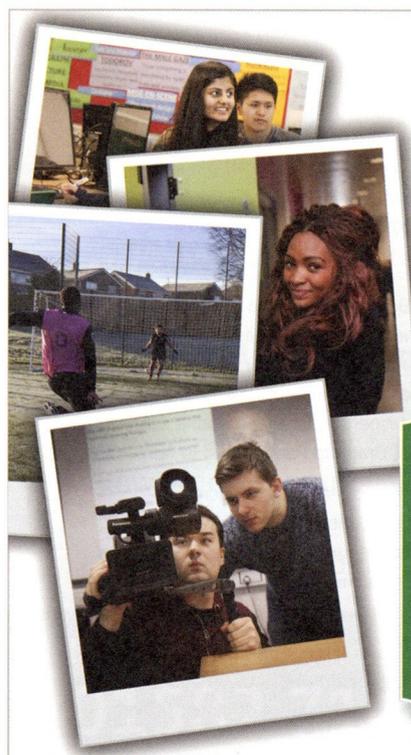
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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
AUGUST								
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Rea Justin Lee Mpanzu
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton O'DONNELL 1 Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Cook
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts 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 Smith
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 0-3	5,606	1,690	2	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Rea Potts Lee Mpanzu
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King Cotter MUSONDA 1 Fawcett Justin Bakinson SMITH 1
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 4-1	8,097	530	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Lee Mpanzu
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								
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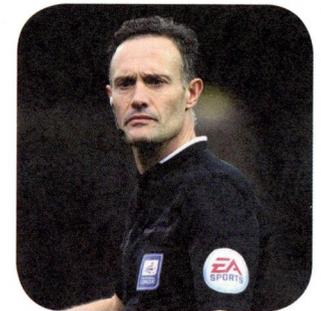
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									Justin

MEET THE REF: DARREN DEADMAN

Experienced Darren Deadman takes charge of his first League Two game of the season when he makes the short trip from Cambridgeshire for this afternoon's tie.

Deadman has been an EFL referee since 2005 and has taken charge of five Luton games since, the Hatters winning two of those. The last time Mr Deadman travelled to Bedfordshire was in March, when Jack Marriott earned us a 1-0 win over Morecambe.

Today's man in black has taken charge of four games to date this season, the latest being Exeter's 3-2 win at Colchester. Mr Deadman has issued ten yellows and no red cards in his four outings this season.



LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	
1 Luton Town	6	4	1	1	14	5	9	13	
2 Morecambe	6	4	0	2	9	7	2	12	
3 Plymouth Argyle	6	4	0	2	6	5	1	12	
4 Portsmouth	6	3	2	1	7	3	4	11	
5 Mansfield Town	6	3	2	1	7	6	1	11	
6 Doncaster Rovers	6	3	1	2	10	7	3	10	
7 Leyton Orient	6	3	1	2	9	6	3	10	
8 Colchester United	6	3	1	2	10	8	2	10	
9 Carlisle United	6	2	4	0	7	5	2	10	
10 Crewe Alexandra	6	2	3	1	8	8	0	9	
11 Blackpool	6	2	2	2	7	4	3	8	
12 Notts County	6	2	2	2	9	9	0	8	
13 Crawley Town	6	2	2	2	5	8	-3	8	
14 Grimsby Town	6	2	1	3	13	11	2	7	
15 Stevenage	6	2	1	3	12	13	-1	7	
16 Barnet	5	1	3	1	5	4	1	6	
17 Cheltenham Town	6	1	3	2	5	5	0	6	
18 Exeter City	6	2	0	4	6	9	-3	6	
19 Hartlepool United	6	1	3	2	10	15	-5	6	
20 Newport County AFC	5	1	2	2	7	8	-1	5	
21 Accrington Stanley	6	1	2	3	8	11	-3	5	
22 Wycombe Wanderers	6	1	2	3	4	9	-5	5	
23 Yeovil Town	6	1	1	4	4	10	-6	4	
24 Cambridge United	6	0	3	3	3	9	-6	3	

	PLAYER STATS 2016/17									
	THIS SEASON									
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT	
APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS	
Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	1	0
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	2
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	1	0	11
Jordan Cook	6	(0)	1	(0)	0	(1)	1	1	0	7
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1
Scott Cuthbert	5	(1)	0	(1)	0	(5)	(2)	0	0	47
Akin Fawcett	0	(2)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(2)	0	0	3
Jake Gray	1	(2)	0	(3)	0	(1)	(4)	(2)	1	0
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	30
Danny Hylton	6	(0)	5	(2)	0	(8)	(0)	5	4	8
James Justin	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	(0)	0	0	3
Craig King	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(0)	0	0	1
Oilly Lee	4	(1)	0	(2)	0	(6)	(1)	0	3	46
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	34
Jack Marriott	6	(0)	2	(0)	0	(8)	(0)	2	1	52
Cameron McGeehan	6	(0)	3	(0)	1	(8)	(0)	4	2	86
Josh McQuoid	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(1)	0	1	37
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	5	(1)	0	(1)	0	(6)	(2)	0	1	74
Johnny Mullins	5	(0)	0	(2)	0	(7)	(0)	0	1	7
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(0)	1	0	4
Stephen O'Donnell	6	(0)	1	(2)	0	(8)	(0)	1	1	41
Dan Potts	6	(0)	0	(1)	0	(7)	(0)	0	1	23
Glen Rea	4	(0)	0	(2)	0	(6)	(0)	0	1	16
Alan Sheehan	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	(0)	0	0	20
Jonathan Smith	0	(4)	1	(2)	(1)	(2)	(5)	2	1	148
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(0)	0	0	1
Isaac Vassell	0	(5)	0	(1)	2	(0)	(1)	7	0	8
Christian Walton	6	(0)	0	(2)	0	(8)	(0)	0	0	8

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WITH STUART HAMMONDS

PRESS AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER



My first experience of Grimsby (or Cleethorpes, to be more precise), other than fish and chips on day trips there as a kid, came in my final game as a 'northern' Non-League player before moving south.

It was May 2000 and I was playing for Lincoln United, of the Northern Premier League First Division, against the Mariners. It was a Lincolnshire Senior Cup final that finished 3-3, with the hosts winning on penalties. In the Grimsby side that night was a certain Kingsley Black!

As a Non-League player it was always a great experience to play against guys who'd been there and done it at the very highest level.

It's even better when you meet these people and it turns out that they are genuinely good people, too, as I have with Kingsley in recent years.

As I was putting in the coaching hours towards my Level 2 qualification in 2013-14 (putting the bibs, balls and cones out for the boys on the football education programme at Baldock!), I got to know his boy, Charlie, and seemingly wherever I went on my travels for The Non-League Paper that season I bumped into them both, whether here at Kenilworth Road or up at Blundell Park.

When I interviewed Kingsley in the main stand here this summer, to announce his return to the Hatters as a coach down at the Arena, we could have chatted for hours. I'm sure he will be here today and I hope he'll have his Luton gear on rather than the 20-year-old Grimsby shorts he was wearing when Gary Sweet saw him running around Bedford earlier this summer!

DAUNTING

My first experience of a Luton-Grimsby encounter was the Friday night game in the Conference years when Tommy Wright scored his only Hatters goal in a 1-0 win. As well as my NLP report, I was working for Premier Sports that night and watched the game from the gantry at Blundell Park. Climbing across the top of their Findus Stand when the wind is blowing in from the North Sea is pretty daunting, I can tell you!

The other clash between the two clubs that stands out was Andre Gray's debut for the Hatters.

Sat in the Kenilworth Road Press box I witnessed the first of 57 goals Andre scored in a Luton shirt. It was memorable because Brian Stein, another with strong ties to both clubs, was sitting next to me working for the Press Association, and it's fair to say he hadn't been too impressed.

On the hour mark, a corner came in from the right and Andre threw himself through the air to score a spectacular volley. The pillar obscuring his view, Brian hadn't seen who'd got it, so it was with great delight that I nudged him to point out his was the new signing who until that point had looked like he couldn't trap a bag of cement!

I'm not quite sure what became of the lad Gary Brabin plucked from Hinckley...but he did send a letter to Luton Borough Council this week showing his support for the Power Court and Newlands Park planning applications.

Please follow Andre's lead and send yours in, too. Enjoy the game.

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- 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 James McKeown
- 2 Ben Davies
- 3 Danny Andrew
- 4 Sean McAllister
- 5 Shaun Pearson
- 6 Josh Gowling
- 7 Ashley Chambers
- 8 Craig Disley
- 9 Omar Bogle
- 10 Dominic Vose
- 11 Rhys Browne
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- 14 Kayden Jackson
- 15 Harry Clifton
- 16 James Berrett
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