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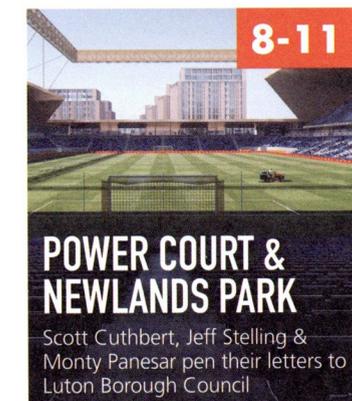


NATHAN JONES

The boss welcomes Doncaster Rovers
to Kenilworth Road



FROM THE BOARDROOM
With Finance Director Simon Gibb



POWER COURT & NEWLANDS PARK

Scott Cuthbert, Jeff Stelling &
Monty Panesar pen their letters to
Luton Borough Council



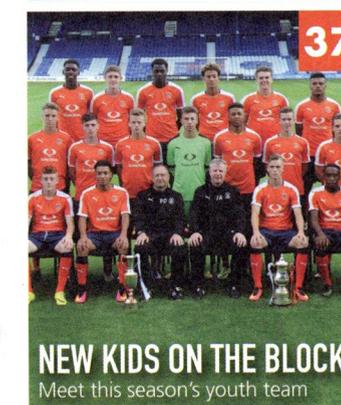
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All you need to know about the
boys from Blundell Park



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Andy Awford hails the development
squad's midweek success



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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 Doncaster Rovers.

I would like to welcome everybody from our visitors – supporters, directors, staff, manager Darren Ferguson and his squad – and I hope they have a safe trip back to Yorkshire this evening.

To all of our supporters, it's back to our home turf for another big fixture and after two disappointing results in the past fortnight, it's important that we get back on track today.

After an excellent start to the season, it's imperative that we don't now lose momentum as we head into another important group of fixtures.

Against Grimsby two weeks ago, we didn't reach anywhere near the levels of the game before that against Wycombe, and that was the disappointing factor from the game. Obviously we were disappointed with the result, but we are looking for a consistency in our performance.

Crawley was a different kind of fixture as we had to do a few things to see where we are as a group, and as I have stressed before, you usually learn more from defeats than victories.



The young Hatters with the Bedfordshire FA Premier Cup after a 4-2 win at Barton Rovers on Tuesday night.

In midweek, we had a great result in the Bedfordshire FA Premier Cup Final at Barton Rovers, which was a nice showcase game for the club. In a mixed group, it was an excellent performance with people enhancing claims for places in the team.

Well done to Andy Awford and Paul Driver for bringing silverware back to Kenilworth Road, and we hope it won't be the last we can place upstairs in the Trophy Room cabinet this season.

ASPIRATIONS

As we have mentioned today is a massive fixture against a team who, like ourselves, have aspirations of promotion to League One, so we know it's going to be a difficult game. But it's a game we are looking forward to. It's a game we have prepared well for, and it's a game in which we are going to need our fantastic support.

It's also been great to see how many people – whether they are ex-players, football personalities, supporters or Lutonians who still live in the town or have moved away – have shown their support for the club's planning applications for Power Court and Newlands Park.

With your fantastic backing we are stronger as a team on the pitch and off it, so please get behind the boys this afternoon and keep encouraging everyone you know to give their views to Luton Borough Council on two projects that will change this town, and this club, for the better.

Enjoy the game.

Nathan Jones is sponsored by: Thompsons Accountants and Country Properties (Hitchin) 01462 452951



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR SIMON GIBB

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the visit of Doncaster Rovers for our League Two encounter.

We welcome everyone who has travelled south with our opponents today, from the boardroom to the dressing room. I'm sure they will have journeyed in anticipation of adding to their recent run of six wins in seven matches, but we hope that we will be sitting level with them again on 16 points by the time the final whistle is blown.

I am a fairly recent arrival at Luton Town having joined the Club in May from Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) based at Lord's Cricket Ground, where I was the Assistant Secretary (Finance) for 15 years.

The finances of a League Two football club relative to those of the most prestigious ground in cricket are of course vastly different and the relative upsides and downsides of the numbers, heavily driven by performance on the pitch and transfer income, make football a vibrant, and sometimes challenging, arena in which to work.

It is nice to return to Luton having worked previously in the town with Whitbread, one of the major employers in Luton at the time. Indeed I was there at the time when the old Brache recreation

ground (partly now called Venue 360), opened for the exclusive use of employees of Vauxhall and Whitbread. It was slightly déjà vu then when one of my first jobs here was to pay for our lease and purchase of part of the site for our new training academy. Luton is also the nearest major town to where I have lived for many years and it is really exciting to feel I could do my part in creating a better future for both the town and this historical Club.

Since joining I have been very impressed with the people here. The Club has a very strong and visionary Chief Executive and existing Board, all of whom are die hard Luton fans. The Board, rightly, want to deliver the highest quality football team, facilities and support infrastructure to put us back in the top echelons of football but also, importantly, want the financial model on which these foundations are based to be a long term, sustainable, one. Given some of the history of the Club's financial woes in the early 2000's, that has to be the right approach!

You will all now be aware of the exciting plans we have for the Club in addition to the stadium

and training facilities that will add huge enhancements to the town around the new stadium site (currently derelict), and Junction 10 (designated for development) with significant, good quality, residential, office, hotel, as well as shops, cafes, bars and restaurants and other leisure/community facilities, all of which are essential to support the new developments.

The combined impact of the proposals has been independently estimated at 10,000 additional jobs for the town and annual incremental revenue of £250m. They will, of course, also provide a significant funding contribution towards the construction of our new stadium and facilities, but importantly also a longer term guaranteed income stream for the club, making it immune from the financial implications of performances on the field. This should give us long term advantages over many of our rival clubs.

We still need your support though, so if you haven't given your support to the council please do so in writing or electronically, and I would also please encourage you to talk to friends and



neighbours about our plans and hopefully persuade them to sign up to support them too! With your help we can make the dream a reality!

As FD, it becomes my responsibility to assess risk – not the most interesting of topics to be discussing on a matchday, maybe! In this case, not only the risk of proceeding with these plans but also the risk, for whatever reason, of not proceeding. Frankly, the stark thought of this possibility is not something I want to consider.

Should these plans not be successful, resulting in Luton Town remaining at Kenilworth Road, from my perspective, the future would look very bleak – not just for the sporting ambitions of the football club but also for the finances of the football club. It would certainly cap our ability to climb the leagues. Our generous shareholders simply cannot be expected to continue to contribute millions to keep the club afloat, and without a more aspirational destination at the end of it, who could honestly blame them?

However, we are all firmly focussed on succeeding with our applications and with over £2m now spent pulling together all the detailed and professional work that is being considered by the Council's planning officers, we remain reasonably self-

assured, as long as the public shows its unity and shows its support.

With all the excitement over the bigger vision and the additional costs related to a major planning application, it is also good to report that the Board have been keen to ensure we also continue to invest in enhancing our squad. Despite considerable interest and offers up to deadline day for both our senior and up and coming youth talent, we were able to resist these advances and strengthen further our squad and cover in key positions. This is essential if we are to sustain a promotion push to the end of the season. I hope this strong base provided by the Board, coupled with the commitment and passion of the squad and our young, talented manager and his hugely experienced support team including Paul Hart, Joaquin Gomez and Mick Harford, will provide the right mix to deliver success this season and in seasons to come.

We, as a Board, also believe passionately in the importance of bringing through young talent and the recent investment in new, high quality facilities at the Brache, can only enhance our already burgeoning reputation in this area and attract even more talent. Andy Awford and his team should be rightly proud of

the youngsters they have produced that are now in or on the verge of the first team squad. Long may these successes continue!

Financially we are very grateful to our key sponsors and our long term hospitality and advertising clients, who continue to provide the club with vital funds. I have been really heartened and grateful since I joined to see so many businesses and individuals who have supported the Club in this way for many consecutive years. This has to bode well for our future plans.

Finally, as the finance side of the Club, I would like to say thanks to you, the fans. This Club has a phenomenal fan base with regular attendances over 8,000. Your support every week both through tickets, and also in the bars, food areas and the shop, give us the strong financial platform on which to support a strong squad in this league.

So with your help let's cheer the boys on to victory today whilst looking forward to a hopefully successful season and an exciting future for the Club!

Come on the Hatters! Let's make Luton proud!

GREAT SCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what promises to be another tough test against a Doncaster Rovers side who have started the season in fine form.

This afternoon's match gives me a chance to catch up with my good friend Mathieu Baudry, who joined the Yorkshire outfit in the summer following their relegation from League One. We enjoyed some top times together at Leyton Orient and although he's yet to make his debut after picking up an injury in pre-season, I know he's nearing a return to fitness so if he travels, it'll be good to see him.

I've been on the bench for the past couple of games and while it's disappointing personally not to have been playing and helping the lads out on the pitch, it's part and parcel of having such a competitive squad. There are so many good players here. I'm patient and supportive of the lads who are playing, and when I get my chance I'll try and do as well as I can.

It's been a tough couple of weeks in terms of results, but training has been really good and we are working hard to try and correct things. There is a great team spirit amongst us all and there are another 38 games to go, so plenty more twists and turns.

We are all still focussed on remaining positive, getting behind each other and hopefully we can get a good result at home with a big crowd behind us, against a team I fully expect to be up there at the end of the season.

Equally important at this critical time in the public consultation period for the Power Court and Newlands Park planning applications is that you send your letters off to Luton Borough Council with your views. I've written mine, and thought I'd share it with you today to encourage you to do the same.

As you'll see, the letters can be short and to the point, so please do your bit on this (details of where to send them on the page opposite) and by helping us get back to winning ways this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.



Dear Luton Borough Council,
Power Court - Application 16/01400 and Newlands Park - Application 16/01401

Since joining Luton Town FC in the summer of 2015, I've remained living in the Essex home my wife and I bought when I was at my previous club. Moving to Luton isn't something we've considered, but having seen the fantastic plans the club's ambitious board have put forward for the new stadium at Power Court and the Newlands Park development by J10 of the M1, it is something that would certainly appeal more in the future, especially with our daughter not yet having started school.

Relocating is a big decision to take, but 10,000 new jobs and so many more things to do around the town would attract others to move to Luton. Not just footballers playing for the club, but other skilled workers who can help make the town great again.

We're trying to do that on the pitch, and I hope to still be around when Power Court is built so I can contribute to what will undoubtedly be a golden era for the town and the club. But for future generations more than myself, I really hope you pass the plans without hesitation.

Yours sincerely,
Scott Cuthbert



FANCY TAKING YOUR SEAT IN THIS NEW STADIUM?

YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO DO YOUR BIT

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

1 TAKE A LOOK AT OUR PLANS.

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

2. WRITE TO LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL.

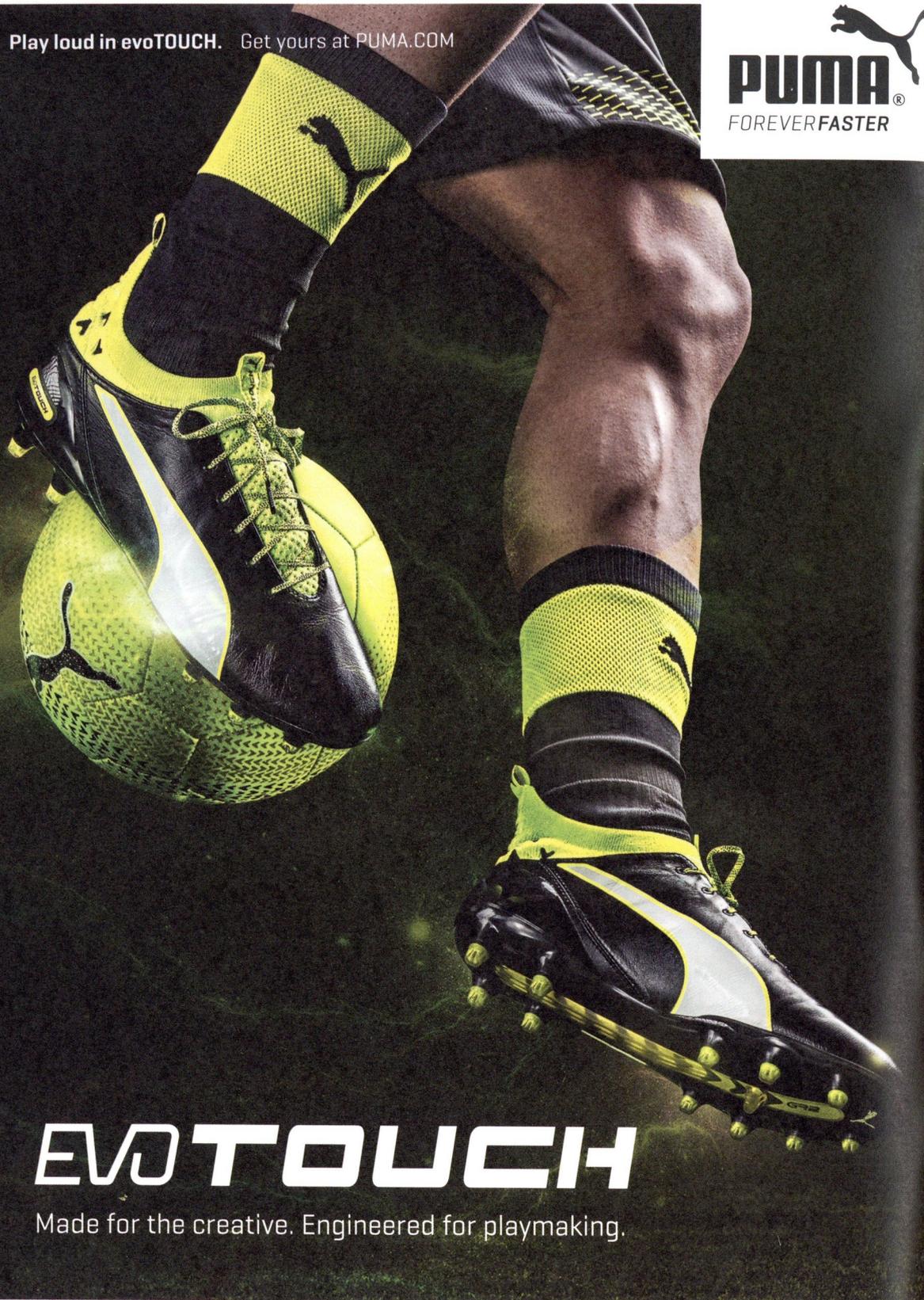
There are three routes by which you can provide your comments. Just choose one, either:

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

3. PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- Include your name and address. If you don't, your support will not be counted.
- Quote both planning reference numbers:
 - > Power Court – 16/01400
 - > Newlands Park – 16/01401
- State the reasons you support both applications clearly. Remember one can't happen without the other;
- Copy others in. Comments from all are valuable wherever you live. If you live in Luton or in the region, copy in or forward to your local MP and Councillor. You can always copy us info@2020developments.co.uk or your Supporters' Trust: membership@lutontownsupporterstrust.com
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[POWER COURT AND NEWLANDS PARK]

MONTY PUTS HIS SPIN ON POWER COURT

Famous names have been queuing up to throw their names behind the club's planning applications for a new stadium at Power Court and the Newlands Park mixed-use development – and they aren't just restricted to Nathan Jones, his current Town squad and Luton legends like Mick Harford.

From Raddy Antic to Andre Gray, Steve Foster to Curtis Davies and Kingsley Black to John Hartson, the Hatters' former stars have been writing their letters to Luton Borough Council in support of the plans that they all believe will change the town forever.

Ahead of Tuesday's trip to Hartlepool, we also had the Monkey Hangers' most famous fan – Sky Soccer Saturday presenter Jeff Stelling – putting club rivalries to one side to pen his own letter, which proved



tremendously popular on social media when we shared it on Tuesday.

Especially the last two paragraphs, which read: "Sadly, Luton doesn't have the greatest reputation and plans like this would help elevate it back to its rightful place as one of the country's better towns."

"In addition to this, my beloved Hartlepool have had a torrid time against the Hatters since they returned to the Football League, so the sooner they are out of League Two and climbing up the divisions, the better."

We also welcomed England cricketer Monty Panesar – born and bred in the town – to Kenilworth Road on Monday afternoon. The Northamptonshire spin bowler emailed his letter from the club's offices, and was clearly delighted to

be backing a stadium the 34-year-old believes will be "the centre for Luton in the 21st century".

Monty, who began his career playing for Luton Town & Indians in Wardown Park, spent time looking at the models of the new stadium and Newlands, planned for the land by Junction 10 of the M1.

REVENUE

"If Luton could get this stadium it would bring so much more revenue to the town and to the economy of the local people, it would create more jobs," Monty told lutontown.co.uk

"We've already got great transport links in Luton, so I think hopefully by 2020 we'll have a new stadium up and running, and – like we have Luton Airport and Vauxhall back in the day – this new football stadium will be the centre for Luton in the 21st century."

"I plead to everyone, let's get behind this campaign. Let's get this new stadium up and running and hopefully when it's 2020, I may just appear in the new stadium as the Hatters' mascot!"

Please follow Monty's lead, visit www.2020developments.co.uk/ application and follow a link to the Council's website to view the supporting plans and documentations. Then write your own views by registering and completing the form on the website, or send them by email to developmentcontrol@luton.gov.uk or by post to Development Control, Luton Borough Council, Luton, LU1 2BQ.



And if you've already done this, please encourage your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to comment too. As Monty says, it'll be "great for the town"!

UP NEXT

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

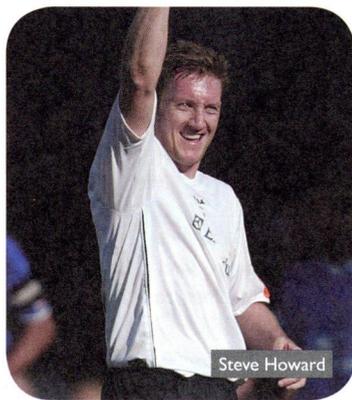
FORMED: 1908 | NICKNAME: POOLS, MONKEY HANGERS | LAST SEASON: 16TH LEAGUE TWO
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WHO? Based in County Durham are Hartlepool United, who were formed in 1908. The Pools are into their fourth season back in League Two after relegation from League One where they spent six seasons. United almost suffered relegation to the National League back in the 2014/15 season but Ronnie Moore turned their fortunes around and kept them in the Football League. Moore was replaced by current boss Craig Hignett in February.

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

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Yes we have – 21 times. Our first meeting was back in 1966 when the Hatters came out on top to win 2-1. Last season's fixtures were good reading for Hatters fans. A 4-1 win at Victoria Park in October with goals from Jonathan Smith, Jack Marriott and Ollie Lee was backed up with a 2-1 victory at home, with Cameron McGeehan and Craig Mackail-Smith on target that day. Of the 21 meetings, Luton have won 13, Hartlepool seven and there has been one draw.

IN CHARGE Craig Hignett is the boss at Victoria Park after replacing Ronnie Moore earlier in the year. Hignett had a lengthy career as a player with notable spells at Crewe Alexandra and Middlesbrough. He also had a brief spell at the Pools as a player. The former midfielder will be hoping to see his side move up the table after a start that sees them just three points above the bottom four.



Steve Howard

PREVIOUS FORM

Hartlepool have started their League Two campaign with ten points from eight games. Two wins, four draws and two defeats see them 17th in the table. After suffering a heavy 6-1 defeat away to Stevenage earlier in the month, they have tightened things up and recorded a 2-1 win at Yeovil and drew 0-0 at home to Mansfield Town last week.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Out of the current squads, Jake Gray is the only player to have represented both clubs. The young midfielder enjoyed a loan spell at Victoria Park, where he scored five goals in 29 appearances, last season before leaving Crystal Palace to move to Kenilworth Road this summer. Other players to have represented both clubs include Adam Boyd, who had two spells at the Pools, and JPT-winning striker Tom Craddock. One of the most notable names to have featured for both the Monkey Hangers and the Hatters is Steve Howard. The striker spent four years at Hartlepool and five at Kenilworth Road, with a two-year spell at Northampton sandwiched in between.



Craig Hignett

We're on the road again on Tuesday night as we make the long trip north to face Hartlepool United at Victoria Park.

BY JOE BALL

GET YOUR TICKET



HARTLEPOOL UNITED

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER | 7.45pm

Tickets for this fixture are now on general sale, and pay on the day is also available from Hartlepool's Ticket Office (although cash turnstiles will not be available on the day).

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.



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CHELTHENHAM TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER | 3PM

We have received an allocation of 991 seats in the Hazelwood Stand, plus 367 in the Wymans Road Stand (this is for families and concessions only.) Tickets are currently available to Diamond Season Ticket Holders and Season Ticket Holders at two per person. General sale for the tickets will be available after today's game.

Prices: Adults: £21, Senior (65-plus): £15, Under-19: £7, Full-time Student (with NUS Card): £7, Under-11: Free. Ambulant Disabled tickets are available at same rates with a Carer free of charge for Middle/Higher rate DLA. Wheelchair Disabled need to contact Cheltenham directly on 01242 588117.



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TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER | 7.30PM

Home supporters can purchase tickets in The David Preece Stand, The Main Stand and Enclosure and the Home area of the Oak Road Stand. Unreserved seating will apply and Home Cup Authorisation Forms will not be actioned.

Cash Turnstiles will also be available on the night of the game, however, U16s tickets need to be purchased from the Ticket Office directly. Adult tickets are priced at £5, whilst U16s can get in for free.



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.



LEYTON ORIENT

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER | 3PM

We have received an initial allocation of 777 seats, tickets are currently available to Diamond Season Ticket Holders at two-per-person until 5pm on Monday. Season Ticket Holders can purchase one ticket per-person from Tuesday 27th September until 5pm on Monday 3rd October. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from Tuesday 4th October until 3pm on Friday 14th October. At this time tickets will also be available online for the match at Brisbane Road. Away Season Ticket holders will receive one seat, this will be processed on Wednesday 21st September. If you do not require a ticket for this fixture or want to take up your option of an additional ticket please email the Ticket Office before this date on; ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk. **Prices:** Adults: £22, Senior (65+): £14, Full time Student (with NUS Card): £14, Serving Members of Armed Forces: £14, Unemployed (with proof): £14, Under 18's: £5. Ambulant and Wheelchair Disabled tickets are available free of charge from Luton Ticket Office (Middle/Higher rate DLA). If tickets are available on the day, there is a price increase of £2 for adults and £1 for concessions.

SPEAKING

COMMERCIAALLY

MATCH SPONSOR: FOOTBALL262



Football262 (<http://lutontown.football262.com>), formerly Sports262, is an online football forum where a large contingent of Luton fans enjoy their own dedicated pages of LTFC information and chat. As well as wide-ranging discussion on

all things Luton Town, Football262 hosts the Lansdowne Bobberman Prediction League, in which over 100 players compete in four divisions and a knock-out cup competition forecasting Luton results and scorers. Forum members also join forces each summer to raise money for the Club: we are in our eighth season as kit sponsors (currently maintaining our tradition of supporting young home-grown players by sponsoring the home shirt of Frankie Musonda), and we are also delighted to be sponsoring the game today.

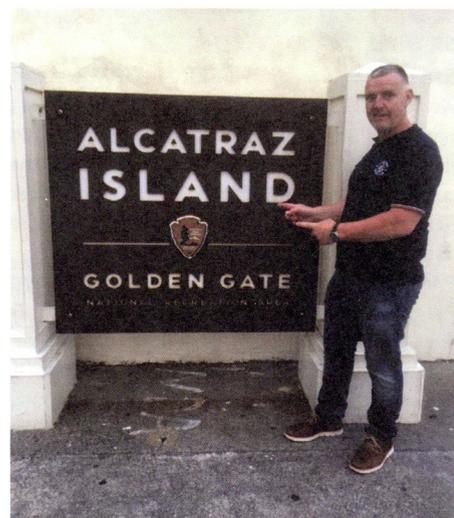
TODAY'S MASCOT: WILL STUBBS

Age: 10
School: Fulbrook Middle School
Hobbies: Football, playing X Box, Tennis
Favourite Player: Jack Marriott
Attends with: His dad and big brothers



MATCH BALL SPONSOR: ALAN SOPER

Alan is a lifelong Hatters fan, attending what he claims is "thousands" of matches home and away. So for his 50th birthday, being match ball sponsor of a Luton match is the only way to celebrate with his friends and family. Alan's favourite Luton moments are winning the Littlewoods Cup in 1988 and the promotion to League Two in 2014. Alan loves going on holiday almost as much as he loves the Hatters and his treasured Luton shirt is always in his suitcase.



DRIVE BY: Hatters fan Ian Anderson, the Finance Director of our main sponsors SsangYong Motor UK Ltd, took members of his team based at Airport Executive Park to meet the Town squad at a recent training session at Ely Way



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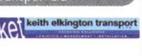
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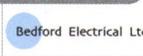
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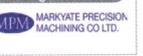
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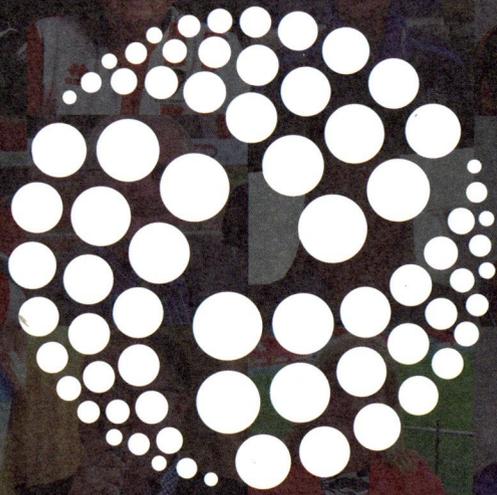


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WELCOME

DONCASTER ROVERS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the staff, players and fans of Doncaster Rovers, who have made the trip down from Yorkshire.

Doncaster have had a slightly topsy-turvy time in recent seasons, falling through the League One trapdoor last term.

Under Darren Ferguson's charge though, Donny have a manager who has a proven record of getting sides promoted. Peterborough United appointed Ferguson in the January of the 2010/11 season, with the club outside the League One play-off places. He guided them – via a play-off final victory – into the Championship, a division Rovers resided in as recently as 2014.

They were relegated in the 2013/14 season to League One, which was followed by a consolidation year, as they finished in 13th place. That was followed by an unexpected relegation last season, as Donny's form fell off the edge of the cliff in the second half of the season.

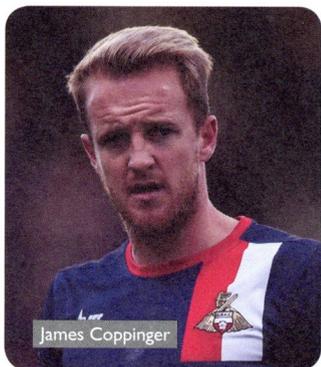
Ferguson has managed to keep hold of a couple of big names at the club, including James Coppinger, who – as you'll read on the opposite page – made his 500th appearance two weeks ago against Morecambe in a 5-1 victory. He also marked the game with a stunning strike from range, as his side look to make an immediate return to League One.

The likes of Andy Williams have stayed, whilst the acquisition of John Marquis has added even more

competition to those forward positions. It has shown as well, with Williams so far netting five goals, with Marquis and Coppinger tied on four each.

Rovers made easy work of early pacesetters Morecambe, putting five past the Shrimps, although they have come unstuck twice. On the opening day against Accrington Stanley, they conceded a 91st minute goal to lose 3-2, and then Crewe - who came down with Donny - beat them with an 87th-minute winner.

It was those kinds of results that Ferguson pointed to as being one of the main reasons his side was relegated last season, conceding late goals and throwing away valuable points, missing out on safety by four points.



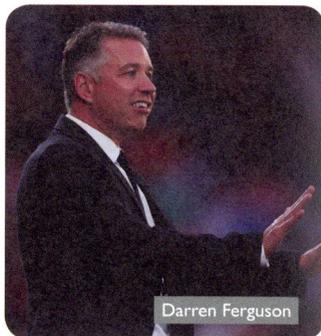
James Coppinger

With a history of playing in the lower reaches of the Football League, Doncaster's rise up the divisions was dramatic. Double promotion between 2002-04 from the Conference to League One, before earning another promotion the Championship in 2008, meant things were looking good for

Rovers. However, three relegations (and a promotion) in the past five years has seen them fall to the fourth tier of English football for the first time in 13 years.

Rovers returned to form last Saturday, as they won their fifth game out of their last six. Coppinger and Williams netted against Newport, as they moved into the automatic promotion spots. Alongside that, they also have the best goal difference in the league, currently plus nine.

Of the 22 games the Hatters have played against Rovers, the Town have come out on top ten times, five have been drawn we've lost seven.



Darren Ferguson

TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE ROVERS | GROUND: KEEPMOAT STADIUM | LAST SEASON: : 21ST LEAGUE ONE
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MEET THE VISITORS

THE BOSS

DARREN FERGUSON

Son of former Manchester United boss, Sir Alex Ferguson. Darren has carved a management career of his own off the back of his own merits, including promotion to the Championship in 2011 with Peterborough United. The 44-year-old was appointed Doncaster boss last October.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

MARKO MORASI

The Slovakian joined Rovers in 2014 after finding chances at his previous club Wigan Athletic hard to come by. The 23-year-old extended his contract for another season in the summer.

IN DEFENCE

ANDY BUTLER

Joining last summer permanently after an original loan spell from Sheffield United, Butler is edging closer to 500 career appearances. His former sides include Walsall, Huddersfield and Blackpool.

CEDRIC EVINA

A graduate of the Arsenal academy, Evina joined Donny from Charlton Athletic in 2014 and has been a mainstay in the team since.

JOE WRIGHT

After leaving Huddersfield Town in the summer, Wright joined Doncaster.

He had a loan spell with Accrington Stanley last season, for whom he made his professional debut against the Hatters.

MITCHELL LUND

Lund is a Yorkshire boy through-and-through. He came through Doncaster's youth system and earned his first professional deal in 2014.

TYLER GARRETT

The 19-year-old joined in the summer from Bolton Wanderers, after making three appearances for the Trotters. Garrett came through the youth system at Lincoln City.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

JAMES COPPINGER

Having joined the club in 2004, Coppinger made his 500th career appearance for the Rovers against Morecambe two weeks ago, a game he marked with a goal.

MATTY BLAIR

The winger has climbed up the Non-League ladder, having started with hometown club Racing Club Warwick. His previous clubs include Kidderminster Harriers and Mansfield Town.

RICCARDO CAULDER

On-loan until January from Aston Villa, Caulder had a three-month spell with

Rovers last season. The 20-year-old also had a spell with SPL side, Dundee FC last term.

TOMMY ROWE

The former Peterborough United, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Stockport County midfielder joined Donny in the summer after a loan spell last season.

JORDAN HOUGHTON

Similar to Caulder, Chelsea loanee Houghton joined Donny until January. The midfielder hasn't missed a game as the Keepmoat Stadium outfit fight for promotion.

UP FRONT

JOHN MARQUIS

After being in and out of the Millwall squad since he joined, as well as multiple loans away in the past couple of seasons, Marquis joined Doncaster in the Summer and has so far netted four goals in eight games.

ANDY WILLIAMS

The 30-year-old counts Doncaster as his fifth club, after spells with Hereford United, Yeovil Town, Bristol Rovers and Swindon Town.

LIAM MANDEVILLE

Used predominantly as a late substitute, the 19-year-old has progressed through the Rovers academy since joining in his mid-teens.



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FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH TOM BILTCLIFFE



Tom Biltcliffe, a Doncaster supporter who has seen Rovers play at 77 of the 92 Football League grounds over the past 20 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

▶ THE SEASON AHEAD

The fall from being in the second tier of English football has been quite a dramatic one, how are you finding life back in League Two?

Up until now it's been quite refreshing, there's a real 'feel-good' factor about the place right now. Winning is the easiest habit to lose and the hardest to find. We've already enjoyed the hospitality at some grounds like Accrington and Morecambe – which are new ones to tick off – so although it could be regarded as a culture shock as sometimes you have to go backwards to go forwards.

There's an expectancy, certainly from an outside view, that Rovers should be in and around the promotion places. Is that the minimum you are expecting from your side?

In a nutshell, yes. I'm not sure I can recall expectation around the club since maybe our seasons in the Conference, where we were relative big spenders. We've made a good start and the bookies fancy us. They're rarely wrong. We want to make our stay in this league as short and sweet as possible.

Which of Darren Ferguson's summer signings have you been most impressed with so far?

John Marquis – he's a throwback to a bygone era. He puts his body on the line, eases the pressure on the midfield and knows where the back of the net is.

Which player were you most disappointed to see leave in the summer?

Tommy Rowe – he was phenomenal on loan from Wolves despite relegation and it was galling to see him go back to Molineux...and then we signed him on a three-year deal. Marvellous! There must be a couple you are really pleased you kept hold of, apart from the obvious. Who were you most pleased to see stay at the Keepmoat Stadium?

Andy Williams is a proven goalscorer so keeping hold of him was vital if we want to be challenging at the right end of the table this term. Young Northern Ireland midfielder Luke McCullough went to the European Championships, signed a new contract and then did his cruciate in pre-season so will miss the campaign – you win some, you lose some.

▶ SEASONS PAST...

Tell us about you. Why do you support Doncaster? Where did it all begin? What was your first game? What do you remember about it?

I was born in Doncaster Royal Infirmary and a member of the Rovers Supporters Club just hours old! That was 26 years ago and it's snowballed from there. I think my first game was around the 96 season against Wigan (with Roberto Martinez in their ranks) at Belle Vue. The facilities were basic to say the least! I now work for the club in the media department so I've managed to make my hobby my job. What do you love most about the Keepmoat Stadium? Being in the press box! It's the best in the lower leagues and hosts some football and rugby games on a national scale.

Who's your favourite Doncaster player of all time?

Darren Moore – his sheer physical presence made him a fans' favourite during the mid-90s when there was little else to shout about around the club. We sold him on the cheap and he was a Premier League player in no time.



Belle Vue - the old Rovers home

What has been your favourite season following Rovers? 2008/09 when we were bottom of the Championship at Christmas and didn't just survive, but finished an incredible 14th. I honestly believe we were the best footballing side in that division.

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

So long as you don't mind skipping dinner and going straight for a pint, it would be: Charlie Williams, Billy Whitehurst, Billy Bremner, Colin Douglas and Ian Snodin.

▶ LUTON AND DONCASTER...

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

There was a 3-3 draw at Belle Vue after Luton had won promotion from League One, including a stunning strike from Kevin Nicholls. The reverse game had seen our Cameroonian substitute Guy Ipoua have a chance to win the game, but it was like he was running in treacle!

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

We've won two and lost two away, so I genuinely don't know. Considering where both teams are, a point wouldn't be a bad result at all. I will forgo the terraced house entrance and instead call the game for Rovers Player in the press box.

Michael McIndoe started his career with the Hatters and went on to have a fairly successful time with Doncaster. What are your memories of him? He made the PFA Team of the Year so he can't have been too bad!

McIndoe was fantastic for us and was one of the standout players as we took the Division Three title at the first time of asking in 2004. He more than repaid our investment and was instrumental in a League Cup run to the quarter finals. Regrettably, we were one of his many stepping stones to the Championship. Who knows where he is now?

▶ QUICK-FIRE:

Terrace or seats?

As a fan I like standing if given the choice, but understand the need for seating.

Who are your rivals?

Rotherham, Scunthorpe and Barnsley. To renew rivalries with Mansfield and Grimsby will be welcomed though.

Predict your player of the season?

John Marquis.

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

Midfielder Richie Wellens at his peak was the best player I've seen in the hoops.

Most treasured Doncaster piece of memorabilia?

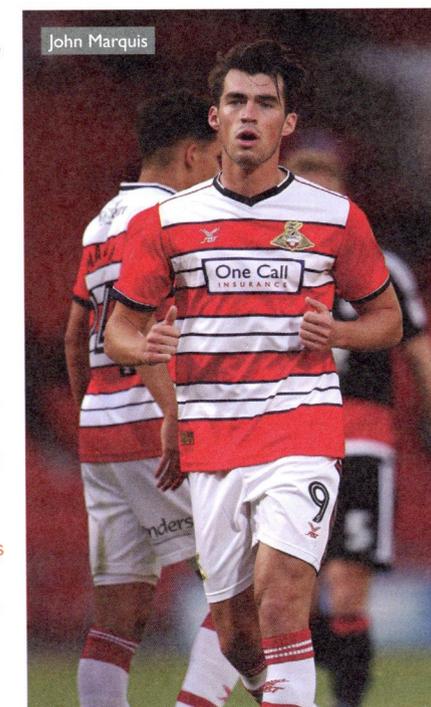
My Rovers Supporters Club certificate hand signed by Billy Bremner himself. It will go to the grave with me.

What league will Doncaster be in next season?

League One.

Who will win promotion from League Two this season?

In no particular order: Rovers, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Leyton Orient – sorry guys!



John Marquis

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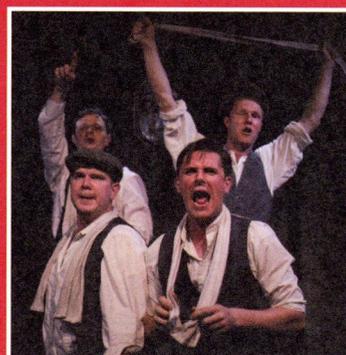
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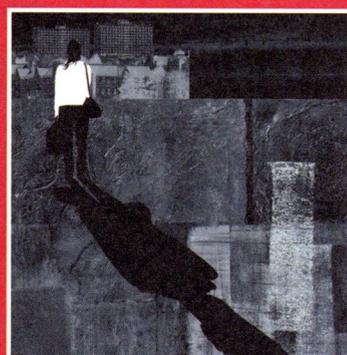
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FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN BIG-NAME DONCASTER ROVERS PLAYERS NOT USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB

THE UNRECORDED

HARRY GREGG

Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Harry Gregg was capped nine times while at Doncaster Rovers. Moving to Belle Vue from Coleraine in October 1952, he starred as Doncaster reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1955-56 and played 93 League games before sold to Manchester United for £25,000 in December 1957. He survived the Munich air disaster and appeared in the 1958 FA Cup final, then had a spell at Stoke City before managing Shrewsbury Town, Swansea City, Crewe Alexandra and Carlisle United as well as coaching in Kuwait. Awarded the MBE in 1995, he was a hotelier in Portstewart and settled in Coleraine.

TONY WOODCOCK

Doncaster Rovers' former loan striker Tony Woodcock gained 42 England caps. He turned professional with Nottingham Forest in March 1974 and was loaned to Doncaster in September 1976, scoring twice in six League games. Starting as Forest won promotion in 1976-77 and League Championship and League Cup in 1977-78, he helped retain the League Cup and win the European Cup in 1979. He joined Cologne in November 1979 and moved to Arsenal in July 1982. Leading marksman four times, he returned to Cologne in July 1986 and coached various German clubs. He now has a sports media business with Viv Anderson.

BILLY BREMNER

Former Scotland international midfielder Billy Bremner managed Doncaster Rovers to promotion in 1980-81 and 1983-84. Signing professional for Leeds United in December 1959, he skipped them to all three major domestic honours and was 'Footballer of the Year' in 1970. He



joined Hull City in September 1976 and became Doncaster's player-boss in November 1978. Making five League appearances, he rejoined Leeds as

manager in October 1985. Guiding them to the Second Division play-off final in 1986-87, he returned to Doncaster as manager from July 1989 until November 1991. He died in December 1997.

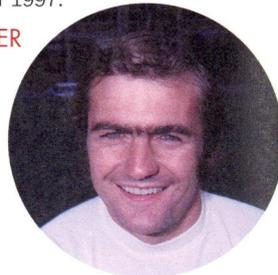
TERRY COOPER

Ex-England international left-back Terry Cooper played for Doncaster Rovers in 1981-

82. He starred in Leeds United's successes under Don Revie before following Jack Charlton to Middlesbrough in March 1975, then joined Bristol City. After a spell as Bristol Rovers' player-boss, he reunited with Billy Bremner at Doncaster in November 1981 and made 20 League appearances. He rejoined Bristol City as player-manager in May 1982, plotting their 1983-84 promotion success and 1986 Freight Rover Trophy triumph. Managing promotion with Exeter in 1989-90 and Birmingham in 1991-92, he then managed Exeter again.

GEORGE BERRY

Welsh international central defender George Berry had a loan spell at Doncaster Rovers in 1984-85. He turned professional with Wolves in November 1975 and featured in their 1980 League Cup final triumph, also helping twice the FA Cup semi-finals.



Reuniting with Richie Barker at Stoke City in August 1982, he was loaned to Doncaster in August 1984 and featured in that month's 2-0 defeat at Preston. He missed just one match for Stoke in 1985-86 and joined Peterborough United in July 1990. He helped win promotion in 1990-91, then had spells playing for Preston, Aldershot and Stafford Rangers. Now working for the PFA.

BRIAN DEANE

Striker Brian Deane gained three England caps after leaving Doncaster Rovers. Signing professional for Doncaster in December 1985, he was leading marksman in 1987-88 and netted 12 goals in 66 League games before moving to Sheffield United in July 1988. He starred in their rise under Dave Bassett and was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1992-93, then joined Leeds United for £2,900,000 in July 1993. Returning to Sheffield United in July 1997, he played for Benfica and Middlesbrough, reuniting with Bassett at Leicester in November 2001, then had spells with West Ham, Leeds, Sunderland, Perth Glory and Sheffield United.

GERRY DALY

Ex-Republic of Ireland international Gerry Daly was capped 48 times before joining Doncaster Rovers. Starting with Bohemians, he joined Manchester United in April 1973, featuring in their 1974-75 Second Division title triumph and the 1976 FA Cup final. He followed Tommy Docherty to Derby County in March 1977, then joined Coventry City for £300,000 in August 1980. Helping Birmingham City to regain top-flight status in 1984-85, he moved via Shrewsbury Town and Stoke City to Doncaster in July 1988. He scored four goals in 39 League outings while at Belle Vue, then became Telford United's player-manager.

KERRY DIXON

Ex-England international striker Kerry Dixon spent a year as Doncaster Rovers' player-manager. He had spells with Chesham United, Tottenham Hotspur and Dunstable before moving to Reading in July 1980 and was twice leading marksman, joining Chelsea in August 1983. Starring in their 1983-84 and 1988-89 Second Division title triumphs, he joined Southampton in July 1992, then played for Luton Town, Millwall and Watford. He was Doncaster's player-boss from August 1996 until August

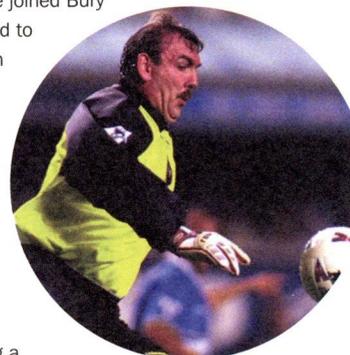
1997, netting three goals in 16 League games, then manager/coach at Basildon, Boreham Wood, Letchworth, Hitchin and Dunstable.

STEVE NICOL

Former Scotland international central defender Steve Nicol played for Doncaster Rovers in 1998-99. He impressed with Ayr United before moving to Liverpool for £300,000 in October 1981 and amassed a vast collection of honours while at Anfield. Voted PFA Player of the Year in 1989, he moved to Notts County in January 1995 and was caretaker-boss after Howard Kendall's dismissal. He joined Sheffield Wednesday in November 1995 and moved to Doncaster in June 1998. Making 25 Conference appearances, he then played for Boston Bulldogs and spent ten years as coach of New England Revolution, settling in the United States.

NEVILLE SOUTHALL

Former Welsh international goalkeeper Neville Southall briefly appeared for Doncaster Rovers in 1998-99. Initially with Winsford United, he joined Bury in June 1980 and moved to Everton for £150,000 in July 1981. He amassed a vast collection of European and domestic honours while at Goodison Park, including European Cup Winners' Cup and FA Cup final glory and two League Championships. Gaining a record 92 Welsh caps, he joined Stoke City in February 1998, then Doncaster in August 1998. He made nine Conference appearances before moving to Torquay United in December 1998, then played for Bradford City, since managing several clubs.





The Luton forwards put the Wolves defence under pressure.

AS OTHERS SAW US

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

LUTON TOWN 5 WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS 1 | 5TH NOVEMBER 1955

When he felt that the Town's forward line was not firing on all cylinders during the promotion season to Division One (now the Premier League) in 1954/55, manager Dally Duncan had moved wing-half Bob Morton to centre-forward where he proved a major success.

The trouble was that Morton was also needed in the half-back line and it was a constant source of discussion as to which was his best position.

Although the Town had performed rather better than he had expected on their baptism to the top flight, Duncan was slightly concerned after a couple of limp forward displays in October 1955.

His remedy was to move Morton back to the forward line to shake things up and his re-introduction coincided with the visit of Wolves to Kenilworth Road on Fireworks Day.

Amongst the record League crowd of 27,911, which has never been beaten since, were England manager Walter Winterbottom and the Moscow

Dynamo team who were due to play at Molineux the following week in the latest in a line of famous floodlight friendlies that made Wolves famous the world over in the 1950s.

Wolves thoroughly deserved this worldwide fame as they had finished as League Champions in 1954, were runners-up the following season and were making another bold bid for the title when they came to Kenilworth Road. On top of this they boasted the England captain in Billy Wright and every other member of their team was a household name, apart from Bobby Mason who was making his Wolves debut.

Morton's move up front was an instant success when he finished off

a slick movement involving the whole of the forward line in only the fourth minute to open the scoring.

Wolves equalised in the 18th minute when tiny winger Johnny Hancocks crashed in a tremendous shot which Luton goalkeeper Ron Baynham had no chance of stopping.

Gordon Turner put the Town back into the lead just before half-time when he turned in a George Cummins free-kick, but the real fireworks came in the second period when the Hatters scored three times without reply in 11 minutes!

The first came when Morton anticipated a back pass from Bill Shorthouse and had the ball in the net in an instant, quickly followed

Dynamo get lesson from Luton

By Bob Morley

LUTON 5, WOLVES 1

STERN-FACED Moscow Dynamo representatives watching this thrill-filled match must have visualised their own forwards riding the Wanderers' defence next Wednesday as easily as did the storming men of Luton Town. Ten-footed and so easily lured out of position, the defenders made to look foolish by the superb Luton forwards, who sped through the heavy going.

What an inspiration it was of Luton manager Dally Duncan to restore Bob Morton to centre-forward! Morton certainly added punch to the line, distributed the ball reasonably well and was on the spot to take goal shots.

It will be tragic if this swiftness ruins Morton's chances of making the England team at right-half. Even the Lasterly Billy Wright, so long the sole prop of his tottery colleagues, finally wilted under the strain of Morton's persistence. Then Wolves really collapsed.

If England's team manager Walter Winterbottom was there to compare the merits of goalkeepers Ron Baynham, of Luton, and Bert Williams, of Wolves, Baynham must have impressed him the more.

Though Williams brought off fine saves from Cullen and inside-right Gordon Turner, his handling of the ball was an uncertain Wolves' goal moves were handicapped by a early injury to centre-forward Roy Swinbourne

who pulled a thigh muscle when he stopped suddenly to avoid running into the youngsters lining the pitch.

But I believe that the solid Luton defenders would have held the line even with Swinbourne at full speed.

Wolves outside-left, Jimmy Mullen, was easy game for Luton's right-back Seamus Dunne. Inside-left Dennis Wishaw was closely marked by Jim Pemberton, yet he was unlucky with one late shot that hit a post.

Inside-right Bobby Mason showed neat touches on his first appearance.

SCORESHEET—Luton: Morton (4 and 70 min.), Turner (43 and 71 min.), Cullen (80 min.), Wolverhampton: Hancocks (19 min.).

[ROGER WASH]

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LIGHTNING LUTON STRIKE—5 TIMES

By FRANK BUTLER 5/56

LUTON 5, WOLVES 1

THE five members of the Moscow Dynamo party who saw this massacre of Wolves, returned to London suspicious that Wolves were hiding something up their sleeves for the match against the Russians on Wednesday. Believe me, Wolves had nothing to hide. They were soundly thrashed by as fine a forward line as I've seen this season.

Allow for the fact that Roy Swinbourne pulled a thigh muscle in his right leg after only two minutes, and was virtually a passenger for the rest of the match. He is a doubtful starter against Dynamo. Allow also for the fact that a linesman disallowed what looked like a Wolves equalising goal soon after half-time.

HIGH-GRADE

Then acknowledge that the happy Luton forwards were too fast, too deadly for the Wolves defence, which cracked wide open.

And how did Luton record their best win in the First Division? With exactly the same high-grade, fast-moving and sure-shooting soccer that made Wolves the team of last season when they boosted Britain's slumping prestige by tanning Spartak and beating Honved.

No Answer

Wolves had no answer to these tactics when used against them. Shorthouse and Showell were struggling long before the end. I have never seen Billy Wright and Bert Williams so harassed as they were under an almost incessant second-half bombardment.

Chief Luton hero was Bob Morton, a right-half playing centre-forward for the first time this season. He gave Wright plenty to think about and cracked in a couple of goals.

Inside-left Gordon Turner, who also scored twice, left-winger Adam and George Cummins just seemed to enjoy a November the Fifth party as they set light to the Wolves defence.

With wing-halves Shanks and Pemberton joining their forwards in attack, and a sound defence standing up to Wolves' breakaways, Luton had one of those days when they looked like the best team in the First Division.

Luton were a goal up in five minutes through Morton. Hancocks equalised for Wolves with a cracking drive in the 19th minute, but Turner made it 2-1 two minutes before half-time.

Luton's three second-half goals were scored by Morton (70min), Turner (71min) and Cullen (80min).



by another strike from Turner who ran through to beat England goalkeeper Bert Williams, despite the Wolves defenders' shouts for offside.

Right winger Mike Cullen completed the rout with a header, while Jim Adam on the left, who had the beating of Wolves full-back George Showell all afternoon, hit the woodwork.

The players went off to a standing ovation after what had been, given the quality of the opposition, one of the best displays ever seen by a Town team at Kenilworth Road.

PRAISE

'Chiltern' in the Luton News was not surprised to see that the national press had 'shaken the acid from their pens for once', and dished out lavish praise for the Hatters.

The newspapers were full of the Town's achievements for weeks afterwards and were especially glowing in praise of Morton, who had given Billy Wright the complete runaround.

The Daily Mail commented: 'Black-haired Bob Morton, with the build of a Dreadnought and the speed and manoeuvrability of a Corvette, was on the fringes of the England squad as a wing-half. He should now be a contender to lead the attack!'

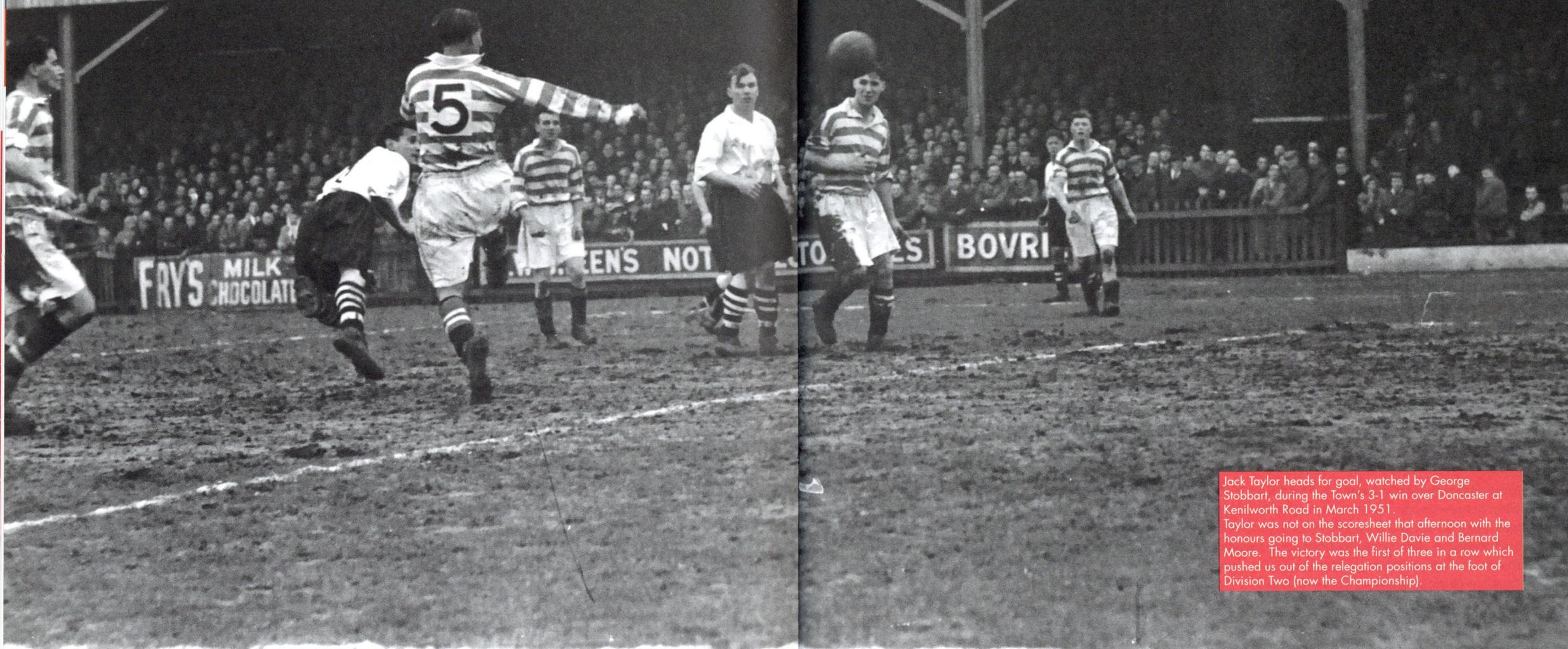
'How did Luton record their best win in the First Division?' said the News of the World, 'with exactly the same high-grade, fast-moving and sure-shooting soccer that made Wolves the team of last season...Wolves had no answer to these tactics when used against them.'

'Luton's victory,' said the News Chronicle, 'was the reward of swift and spirited football. They might have beaten any team in the country on the sodden Kenilworth Road pitch, the dainty tapping Dynamos included.'

The scribe from the Daily Express probably summed up everyone's views when saying: 'I have never enjoyed a game more.'

PICTURE THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES
INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES



Jack Taylor heads for goal, watched by George Stobbart, during the Town's 3-1 win over Doncaster at Kenilworth Road in March 1951. Taylor was not on the scoresheet that afternoon with the honours going to Stobbart, Willie Davie and Bernard Moore. The victory was the first of three in a row which pushed us out of the relegation positions at the foot of Division Two (now the Championship).

TOWN 1 : GRIMSBY 2



SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 8,005 | AWAY: 539

TOWN GOAL: : REA 60 | **GRIMSBY GOALS:** BOGLE 29, 82

TOWN: WALTON, O'DONNELL, MULLINS, SHEEHAN, POTTS, LEE (REA 46), MPANZU (GILLIEAD 85), MCGEEHAN, COOK, HYLTON (VASSELL 46), MARRIOTT. **SUBS NOT USED:** SMITH, CUTHBERT, GRAY, KING (GK). | **YELLOW CARDS:** SHEEHAN, COOK

GRIMSBY: MCKEOWN, DAVIES, ANDREW, PEARSON, GOWLING, CHAMBERS, BOGLE, VOSE (BERRETT 45+3), SUMMERFIELD, COMLEY, TUTON (JACKSON 80). **SUBS NOT USED:** DISLEY, BERRETT, BOLARINWA, BOYCE, VERNON, HENDERSON (GK). | **YELLOW CARDS:** TUTON, COMLEY, MCKEOWN, JACKSON



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Glen Rea's second-half goal draws the town level
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STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters suffered their first home defeat of the Sky Bet League Two season when Omar Bogle's double, either side of Glen Rea's first goal in professional football, earned Grimsby all three points at Kenilworth Road.

Nathan Jones' men slipped from top to third place in the table, as he made one change to the starting line-up that beat Wycombe 4-1, with Alan Sheehan coming in for his first appearance of the campaign. Luton made a sluggish start to the game, with Grimsby creating a host of chances through excellent wing play from Dominic Vose.

That hard work from the visitors paid off as they got the opener from a corner just before the 30 minute mark. The ball was swung in and wasn't cleared by the Hatters, it fell to Omar Bogle six yards from goal and he smashed it beyond Walton and into the net to give his side the lead.

Luton replied after the break, with substitute Rea firing home from 20 yards, but the Mariners got the winner late on as Bogle doubled his tally for the day, nodding in from close range after a pinpoint cross from Kayden Jackson.



JONES: We weren't sharp, we didn't win any battles we just looked a little bit lacklustre today

"That wasn't us in the way we played. We took so long to come out of the blocks, we weren't sharp, we didn't win any battles, we just looked a little bit lacklustre today.

"Maybe we got carried away after last week's result. We had enough chances to get something out of the game. I think it would be harsh on Grimsby to say we had enough to win the game.

"I am fed up of making early tactical decisions in the midfield position, so something has to change. I will probably beat myself up about it after today.

"They weren't great goals to concede. To allow them to win the header, it's a bad goal to lose.

"Bringing in Sheehan for Cuthbert is one of the most difficult decisions I have had to make since being here, but I felt it was right in terms of the balance.

"Credit to Grimsby though, I can't say they didn't deserve the victory. The game was too open for us, we want more control. Let's not be too down though, we have gone into the game top of the league, we've been in excellent form. It's just a disappointing result unfortunately."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Hatters fan Lee Pery (pictured left, with the best man at his wedding, Steve Turner).

Lee's wife, Mandy wrote into us to say: "Wishing my amazing Husband a very Happy 46th Birthday. I love you just as much as you love LTFC! Doing Eric and Ernie proud! Love Mandy x." We hope you have an excellent day and that Nathan and boys give you the perfect gift of three points, Lee.



GET WELL SOON

The Hatters would like to send their get well wishes to Gary Vincent, who recently suffered a heart attack.

The Snoxell family and all your friends at Luton Town hope you return to health soon.

GARY BROWES

We are sad to learn of the passing of lifelong Hatter, Gary Browes. Gary, who attended our Johnstone Paint Trophy Final win in 2009, passed away on the 13th September aged just 42.

Everyone at Kenilworth Road sends their condolences to Gary's friends and family at this difficult time.

RON COPE FOOTBALL REBEL

BY ROGER WASH

The club has received notification of the recent passing, at the age of 81, of Ron Cope who made 31 first team appearances for the Town in the early 1960s.

An England schoolboy international, Ron joined Manchester United in 1950 and signed a professional contract a year later. Due to the wealth of talent in central defence amongst the 'Busby Babes', he had to wait until 1956 before making his League bow.



to play for the reserves where his experience could assist the younger players coming through.

He refused to sign a new contract, but under the old 'retain and transfer' system his registration could be held by the club which effectively meant

that he was on strike, unable to play football and earning no money.

Ron became a regular at centre-half for United in unfortunate circumstances following the Munich air disaster and appeared in the 1958 FA Cup final when the Red Devils lost to Bolton. He eventually lost his place to Bill Foulkes and jumped at the chance to join the Hatters for £10,000 in August 1961.

His case hit the national press and Ron was interviewed while working on a building site in Crewe. The Town were highly miffed at being singled out and hauled over the coals in the national press for something that was commonplace at all clubs. As chairman Percy Mitchell said at the time: "Have not the employers any rights at all? Why is it the player is always right?"

The Town had never adequately replaced Syd Owen at centre-half and as the team was getting old together, and was about to plummet down through the divisions, the signing of a relative youngster with a good pedigree was seen as a major coup at Kenilworth Road.

With other celebrated cases of 'club versus player' about to come to the fore, Ron got his way and signed for Northwich Victoria, for whom he enjoyed various roles over the next 14 years including a spell as manager.

Sadly Ron did not prove to be the answer and by the end of the 1962/63 season, with the Town relegated to Division Three (now League One), he was a forgotten man at Kenilworth Road.

When chatting to him at his Crewe home in later years, Ron found it extremely amusing at all the furore he caused at the time when considering how things have moved over the years with regard to players rights.

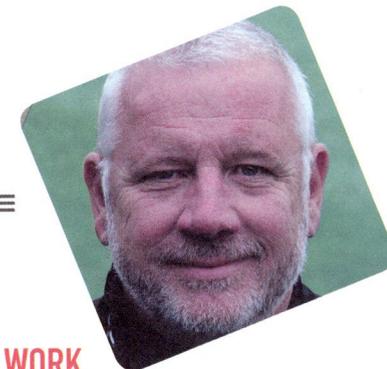
Ron wanted to move back nearer his home in Crewe and play Non-League football if necessary, but the Town were intent on retaining his services

Our condolences go out to all his family and friends.



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TRICK OR TREATMENT



[SIMON PARSELL]

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

Good afternoon and welcome to the Mighty Kenilworth Road.

I trust everyone has submitted their emails and letters to the council in support of Power Court and Newlands Park? May I say it's been a fantastic response and the letters have made great reading, showing what it means to people and how they love their club. The wheels are rolling and let's hope the dream comes true.

A big thanks to my sponsors Bobbers Travel. I got in touch with Sue and asked her to fund a new recovery system called Firefly. Within minutes Sue came back to me and approved the purchase. The system is one that we can use on away trips to stimulate recovery and with a trip to Hartlepool coming up, followed by Cheltenham, the system is perfect as we will be on coaches for a few hours. Hopefully it's something that can give us an extra advantage.

Most of you will have seen the mask that Hylts is now wearing. We had to go to a London workshop to have a 4D laser image done and the mask was made from that. The image was incredible.

A big thank you to the staff at Luton & Dunstable hospital for their help at the time of the injury and their later back up. The X-Ray of the head was interesting when they said it showed there was absolutely nothing there. For those of us who work with Danny, we can confirm there is nothing in that

head. The usual gags followed: 'Why does he need a mask? He is already wearing a scary one!'

Whilst on the subject of X-Rays, I have to mention part of our back up team at the Spire Hospital, Harpenden. Donna is amazing. She arranges scans and X-Rays for us at short notice. She gets X-Rays done even when they have a skeleton staff on. Thanks to everyone at the Imaging Department.

Glen Rea hurt his knee in training but the recovery has been good, despite him being our worst patient. It's like having the kids in the car: 'Are we there yet Dad?' He is working

hard to get back. Luckily his flat mate Christian Walton is looking after him. They are just like an old married couple.

Jack Senior (or is it Darren the Kitman in disguise?) damaged his ankle and will be missing for a couple of weeks.

Some of you might have seen the photo I tweeted of Macca with boots in hand heading towards some functional work on the grass. He is looking good at the minute and we are hoping to push him on now. Someone said Macca was running at pace. That's some operation he's had. It's good to see him back doing football activities and it will be a boost to the squad when he returns.

That's it for another programme. Hope you enjoy the game.





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MEET THE YOUTH TEAM

Paul Driver's Under-18 side won the Youth Alliance South-East Division league and cup double last season, as well as reaching the FA Youth Cup quarter-final, and several players have since gone on to make their senior debuts.

The Hatters' youth team have started this season in impressive fashion too, knocking ten past Dagenham & Redbridge on the opening day of the season and winning four and drawing one of their opening six league fixtures.

They also began their defence of their Youth Alliance League Cup in impressive style with a 4-1 win at Swindon Town a fortnight ago. Here we introduce the next generation of Town prospects, with their kit sponsors. If you're interested in sponsoring the lads with 'AVAILABLE' next to their profile, please contact our Commercial Team on 01582 411622.



CIAREN JONES Central defender from Luton in the first year of his scholarship. He joined the Hatters Under-12s having previously been with Brentford.

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HARRY BEAN The defender from Biggleswade is in the second year of his scholarship and can play at full-back or in the centre of defence. He joined the club as an Under-8.

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AKIN FAMEWO Powerful central defender from Beeston, near Sandy in Bedfordshire, who gained his first pro contract at the start of this season and made his first senior start at Gillingham in the EFL Trophy. Joined the club as an Under-11.

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MIDFIELDERS



KITAN SORUNKE Sorunke is a good ball playing midfielder from Luton in the first year of his scholarship. He can play in the centre of the park or out wide, but has done very well so far this season as a defensive midfielder. Joined the club as an Under-10.

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KAVAN COTTER Strong, hard-working midfield player from Hemel Hempstead in the second year of his scholarship. To show his flexibility, he made his full debut as a full-back in the EFL Trophy at Gillingham. Joined as an

Under-13 having previously been at Arsenal and QPR. KIT SPONSOR: H – ANDREW J FINCH; A – LOYAL LUTON SUPPORTERS CLUB

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**YOUTH TEAM MANAGER
PAUL DRIVER**

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GOALKEEPER



CIAREN GORDON-STEARN

The goalkeeper from Walthamstow is in the first year of his scholarship. He signed in December 2015 after a successful trial having been at Ipswich from Under-14s.

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DEFENDERS



JACK JAMES The full-back from Upper Caldecote near Biggleswade is in the first year of his scholarship. He has an excellent work rate to get up and down the pitch. Joined the club at Under-14s level.

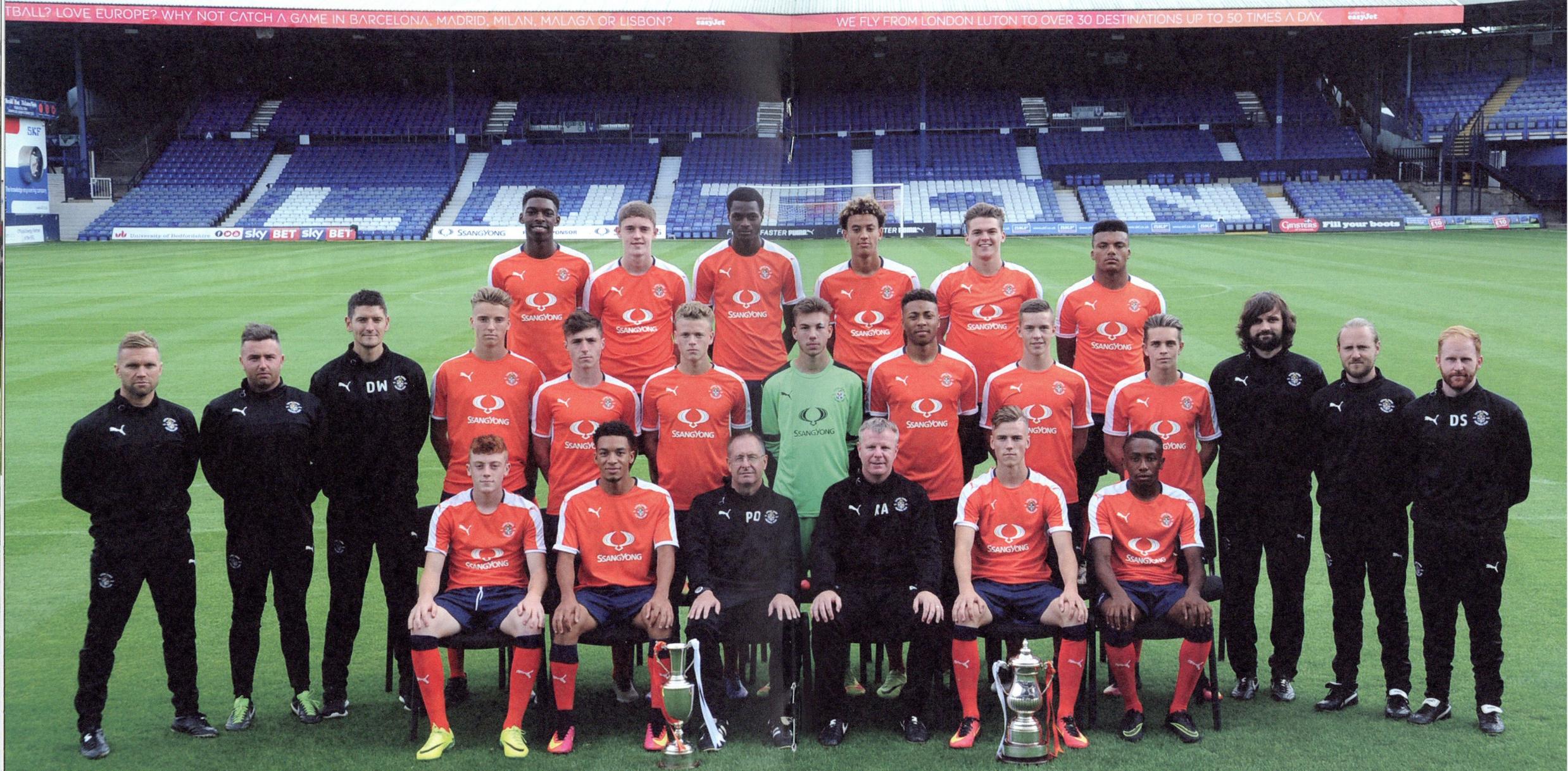
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JOE MEAD Mead is a versatile defender from Luton and is in the first year of his scholarship. Can play at full-back or in central defence and has been with the club since he was an Under-8.

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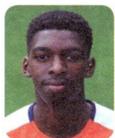


BACK ROW (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): Tyreeq Bakinson, George Murray, Michael Shamalo, Geo Craig, Harry Bean, Scott Belgrove.

MIDDLE: James Townsend (Youth Development Phase Lead Coach), Jordan Mccann (Head Of Academy Coaching), Dan Walder (Academy Operations Manager), Ciaren Jones, Jack James, Kavan Cotter, Ciaren Gordon-Stearn,

Akin Famewo, Joe Mead, Jack Snelus, Dale Brunton (Head Of Education & Welfare), Ross O'kane (Lead Foundation Phase Coach), Dan Simm (Lead Academy Physiotherapist).

FRONT: Arthur Read, Freddie Hinds, Paul Driver (Youth Team Manager), Andy Awford (Academy & Development Manager), James Verney, Kitan Sorunke.



TYREEQ BAKINSON

Ball-playing central midfielder from Luton who gained his pro contract at the end of the first year of his scholarship, and made his full debut at Gillingham in the EFL Trophy in August. Joined the club at Under-10 level. KIT SPONSOR: H – AVAILABLE; A – AVAILABLE



ARTHUR READ

Skilful, tricky midfield player from Leighton Buzzard in the first year of his scholarship who is comfortable playing on either side of midfield or off the front. Joined the club at Under-9s level. KIT SPONSOR: H – COYH; A – DAVE BAKER



JACK SNEBUS

Clever, attacking midfield player from Milton Keynes in the second year of his scholarship. He joined the club as an Under-8. KIT SPONSOR: H – GROUND CARE MACHINERY SERVICES LTD; A – BOBBERS TRAVEL



GEORGE MURRAY

Versatile midfielder/striker from Ampthill in the second year of his scholarship. He can play anywhere in the front six and had been with the club since Under-8 level. KIT SPONSOR: H – AVAILABLE; A – AVAILABLE

STRIKERS



SCOTT BELGROVE

Hard working, aggressive striker from Milton Keynes in the first year of his scholarship.

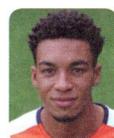
Joined the Academy as an Under-14, having previously trained with the pre-Academy squads.

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GEO CRAIG

Strong powerful striker from Barnet who had his scholarship extended by a year due to a serious knee injury at the start of his second year. Joined the club as an Under-15 from Wycombe Wanderers. KIT SPONSOR: H – JANE DAVIES; A – AVAILABLE



FREDDIE HINDS

Quick, skilful striker from Potton, near Sandy. He is in the second year of his scholarship having finished his first year as top scorer. Joined the club as an Under-8. KIT SPONSOR: H – JACQUI PEACOCK; A – BOBBERS TRAVEL



MICHAEL SHAMALO

Big, skilful striker from Luton in the first year of his scholarship. He can play as a striker or as a No.10 and joined the club as an Under-9. KIT SPONSOR: H – DM SPECIALISTS; A – AVAILABLE



JAMES VERNEY

Lightning quick striker from Tring who is in the second year of his scholarship. Joined the Academy group as an Under-16 having previously trained with the pre-Academy squads. KIT SPONSOR: H – BEN WRIGHT; A – AVAILABLE

2016-17 FIXTURES & RESULTS

AUGUST

Sat 6th	Dagenham	(A)	W 10-2
Sat 13th	MK Dons	(H)	W 2-1
Sat 20th	Cambridge	(H)	W 3-1
Sat 27th	Peterborough	(A)	L 0-3

SEPTEMBER

Sat 3rd	Northampton	(H)	W 2-0
Sat 10th	Swindon	(A) LC	W 4-1
Sat 17th	Gillingham	(A)	D 3-3
Sat 24th	Wimbledon	(A)	

OCTOBER

Sat 1st	Barnet	(H)	
Sat 8th	Stevenage	(A)	
Sat 15th	Southend	(A)	
Sat 29th	Leyton Orient	(A)	

NOVEMBER

Sat 5th	Dagenham	(H)	
Sat 12th	Cambridge	(A)	
Sat 19th	Peterborough	(H)	
Sat 26th	Northampton	(A)	

DECEMBER

Sat 3rd	Gillingham	(H)	
Sat 10th	Barnet	(A)	
Sat 17th	Wimbledon	(H)	

JANUARY

Sat 7th	Stevenage	(H)	
Sat 14th	Southend	(A)	
Sat 21st	MK Dons	(A)	
Sat 28th	Leyton Orient	(H)	



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CRAWLEY: MORRIS, YOUNG, CONNOLLY, BOLDEWIJN, SMITH, BANTON (ROBERTS 73), BLACKMAN (ARTHUR 64), CLIFFORD, COLLINS, MCNERNEY, DJALO. **SUBS NOT USED:** MERSIN (GK), DAVEY, BAWLING, TAJBAKSH, YUSSUF. | **YELLOW CARDS:** DJALO, BANTON

TOWN: WALTON, O'DONNELL, MULLINS, SHEEHAN, POTTS, LEE, SMITH (GILLIEAD 71), COOK, MCGEEHAN, VASSELL (HYLTON 61), MCQUOID (MARRIOTT 61). **SUBS NOT USED:** CUTHBERT, GRAY, MPANZU, KING (GK) | **YELLOW CARDS:** LEE, SHEEHAN, MCGEEHAN



Jack Marriott's efforts are in vain as he sees this goal disallowed

STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Town went down to a second successive league defeat as Crawley scored late in each half to win 2-0 at the Checkatrade.com Stadium.

James Collins and Enzo Boldewijk netted for the Sussex side as Nathan Jones' men couldn't bounce back from the previous week's 2-1 home reversal against Grimsby.

Josh McQuoid, Isaac Vassell and Jonathan Smith were all given their first league starts of the season, and the trio looked up for it, although were unable to create any clear-cut goalscoring opportunities.

The hosts took one of their few chances after 43 minutes, when a smart counter-attack was finished off by Collins heading in Lewis Young's right-wing cross.

The Hatters didn't go without having chances of their own, Johnny Mullins and Alan Sheehan both going close before Jack Marriott had the ball in the net late on, only for ref Gavin Ward to rule the effort out for an infringement by Danny Hylton when challenging keeper Glenn Morris.

With the Town in desperate search of an equaliser, the hosts countered and Boldewijk's deft chip over Walton two minutes into time added on secured the three points for Dermot Drummy's side.

JONES:

We didn't really look like scoring, we huffed and puffed a bit



"I know you need a bit of luck, but I don't want to rely on it. From the outside it looks like a convincing win for Crawley, with it being 2-0, so we need to be stronger and a little bit more clinical.

"We didn't play particularly well, but at the same time I don't think we were under any real danger. We controlled the first half without really having that cutting edge.

"Their first goal has come just before half-time, it was poor to concede a goal at that time and of that calibre. It then gives them something to cling on to.

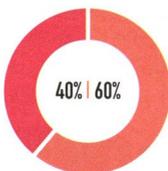
"We didn't really create enough second half and when we did, we didn't really look like scoring, we huffed and puffed a bit.

"We didn't look like we had anything real about us. It's difficult to play against sides who are content to sit back and play on the counter, which they did very well.

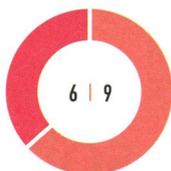
"It was sloppy of us to concede just after the 90th minute. I know we were chasing the game, but we keep conceding goals from that situation.

"For the disallowed goal, it looks a soft one. I have seen the replay, I cannot say it's definitely not a foul. It's just one of those things."

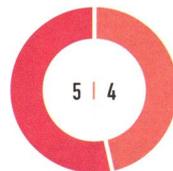
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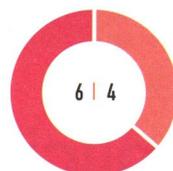
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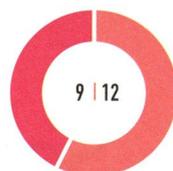
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[ALAN SHEEHAN ON CRAWLEY]

ALAN'S AIMING FOR IMPROVEMENT

Nobody trains as hard as us. Nobody is as hard working as the manager.

Positivity is the key, according to Town defender Alan Sheehan, as he hopes to help the Hatters turnaround their recent misfortunes with a result against Doncaster Rovers this afternoon.

The former Bradford City, Leeds United and Notts County defender was disappointed after the defeat to Crawley Town, as he made his second consecutive start after his return from a five-week lay-off with a calf injury.

Defeats to Crawley Town and Grimsby Town have seen the Hatters slip out of the automatic promotion places, although Nathan Jones' side are still within two points of today's opponents in second.

The two disappointing results have been challenging for the team according to Sheehan, but he knows that the squad is good enough to turn things around.

Speaking after the 2-0 loss at Crawley, the Irishman said: "I've come in for the last two games and we've lost, so I am gutted. You beat yourself up about it, it just didn't happen the way we planned it today.

"It's only two games out of 46, so we have to stay positive and stick together because this is a mentally tough time at the moment, but we have a great squad and the manager believes in us, so we have got to repay him."

Luton were top of the tree prior to the defeat to Grimsby a fortnight ago, but the two reversals mean they have ground to make up in order to move back into the top three.

CONCENTRATE

Sheehan hopes that the team are able to concentrate on football and not have to worry about people picking out individuals, as they look to get back to winning ways.

"We had a very good start," said Sheehan. "We have gone on to have a few hit and miss games, so the last two have been disappointing.

"Everything went so smoothly last season. I've been injured this time around and had to come back in and unfortunately we haven't played that well as a team.

"Fingers will be pointed and people will say 'it was that change', but that's the way it goes. It's a long season. Losing the game doesn't hurt anyone as much as it hurts me right now."

The Hatters take on a Doncaster side who are only being denied top spot by Plymouth Argyle, who are two points clear.

Donny are one of the bookies' favourites to be promoted to League One, a division that Sheehan has spent a lot of his career in.

SPRINGBOARD

The 30-year-old expects it to be one of his side's toughest matches of the season, but one that could work as a springboard for the rest of the season after they underperformed against Crawley.

He said: "It's a huge game against Doncaster. Nobody trains as hard as us. Nobody is as hard working as the manager. We just feel gutted that we have let ourselves down after the defeats, as well as the fans. If you don't get a result for them you just feel awful."

We have to stay positive and stick together because this is a mentally tough time





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STICK WITH US, CRIES OLLY

Two defeats on the spin have seen Town slip from the top of the table, but midfield ace Ollie Lee wants the Hatters faithful to stay strong and keep on singing from the terraces.

Disappointing results against Crawley and Grimsby have brought Hatters heads back down to earth after a brilliant start to the season.

Although the defeats were far from ideal, Lee believes that progress can be made after manager Nathan Jones gave Josh McQuoid, Isaac Vassell and Jonathan Smith their first league starts of the season.

Lee said: "It wasn't our greatest performance. The goal we conceded just before half-time killed us a bit, because we thought we had the game under control.

"Coming to a place like Crawley is hard. In the second half if we had got the equaliser I am sure we would have gone on to win, and I was adamant we were going to. Then they got us on the break in the last minute."



The Hatters thought they had scored a late equaliser against the Red Devils, but referee Gavin Ward penalised Danny Hylton for a foul on home keeper Glenn Morris. It was a decision that Lee thought was a little soft, but understood it was part and parcel of the modern game.

"We all thought it was a goal, I haven't seen it back but I didn't think there was much wrong with it." Lee said. "Goalkeepers tend to get a lot of protection now, sometimes the decision goes your way, sometimes it doesn't."

After being withdrawn midway through the first-half against Cambridge and at half-time against Grimsby, Lee was asked by the media if he had a point to prove.

Lee continued: "We have all got a point to prove. There is a lot of competition in the squad, the gaffer has taken me off early in some games, but that's part of football. I understand why he has made those decisions, I have got no problem with that.

"There is a lot of competition between me and Glen Rea and we both thrive on it. Certain games suit certain players. Glen's better at the defensive side and I like to think I am good at getting the play going."

The goal in the dying in the moments of the game saw off any hope the Hatters had of taking a point from the Checkatrade.com Stadium, however, when a team is looking to get back into a game when they're losing, there is always the risk you leave yourself exposed at the back, as Lee explained.

He said: "You would rather go for it and lose 2-0 than not go for it and lose 1-0. We are all just as gutted as the fans to have lost two in a row, but it is early days and we will get back on track, just stick with us!"

In the second half if we had got the equaliser I am sure we would have gone on to win, and I was adamant we were going to. Then they got us on the break in the last minute.

TRAVELLER'S TALES

BEERS, HOT-DOGS AND SAUSAGE ROLLS. BUT HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER SEES NO LUTON GOALS ON HIS TRIP TO CRAWLEY FOR THE TOWN'S 2-0 DEFEAT LAST SATURDAY



THE JOURNEY

10am – Another away journey begins with the short trip from my house to Ampthill to get the coach to Crawley. There is a bakery just by where I get the coach which does superb sausage rolls, so a quick stop in there is mandatory before getting on the coach!

10.20 – Everyone is on board and off we go on a typical September day.

11.00 – The usual trip through the villages get us to Luton where a second coach joins the one we're on. Everyone gets loaded onto their respective coach and off to Sussex we go.

11.45 – On the M25 and it is slow going. Plenty of time for us to get to Crawley but not the smoothest trip down.

1.35pm – Heading through the town of Crawley. Will be at the ground soon. Slow going for most of the way down but we are there with plenty of time to spare. As we get into the car park the turnstiles are yet to open.

THE GROUND

1.40 – It doesn't look the brightest day and with a bit of a chill in the air I stay on the coach until the turnstiles open.

2.00 – The team news comes through while I'm still on the coach. Some big changes to the side with Jack Marriott, Danny Hylton and Pelly-Ruddock all on the bench. My twitter timeline is already in meltdown! Good chance for the likes of Isaac Vassell and Josh McQuoid to impress.

2.15 – Time to go into the ground. Having experienced the temporary seating stand last season I've opted for the much safer feeling surrounds of the terrace behind the goal.

2.30 – Still taking in the team news. I get into the ground and all of the omitted players from the previous game are warming up together and looking in good spirits, so seems to be a tactical move. Quick bite to eat and off to find a spot behind the goal!

THE FOOD

2.40 – Food was pretty well priced. I grabbed a hotdog which was nice enough, although I did hear complaints from some that the food was cold. They might have gone to the other refreshment kiosk to me though.

THE MATCH

2.55 – The teams come out. The Town are in all white. Last time we wore this kit we beat Cambridge 3-0. I'll settle for the same result today!

3.01 – We're underway. Vassell and McQuoid up front. Smith on the right, McGeehan in the hole and Cook on the left of the diamond.

3.10 – First chance to Crawley. A move down our left gets Collins through in the box. Walton stands tall to deny him. Concerning how easily he seemed to get through. Fairly quiet in the Town end. All seems a bit flat.



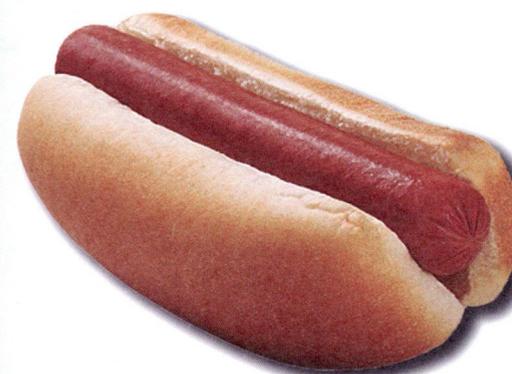
3.28 – First real chance for the Town. Vassell does brilliantly down by the byline. He gets the ball across but McQuoid just can't quite get enough on it to divert it into the net. Town getting into the game after a slow start.

3.44 – Against the run of play we go 1-0 down. Another cross is allowed into our box and Collins is quicker to react than Mullins. The striker gets in front of the Town defender and powers a header in at the near post. The score remains 1-0 at half time.

3.50 – After a quick check of the half-time scores and a few other things on the phone, I see Glen Rea going past on crutches with his knee braced. Doesn't look good. Manage to grab a quick word with him on the way back past. Doesn't sound good either!

4.04 – Second half is underway. No changes to the surprise of some around me, although nobody really looked like they were warming up at half-time with the intensity of coming on.

4.07 – Nearly 2-0. Mix up between Potts and Walton is nearly fatal but the keeper manages to deny Collins from close range. Shortly after the inevitable timewasting begins.



4.19 – The front two are changed. The crowd perk up with the arrival of Hylton and Marriott and the intensity seems to be as well.

4.23 – Half a chance for Cook but his chip barely gets off the ground and the chance goes.

4.44 – Real chance! Two of them in fact. Mullins gets a volley away at the far post after a corner and it is blocked. He recovers to cross to the back post. Sheehan heads it down but the keeper saves it.

4.47 – Chances really coming now.

Gilliead ghosts past the left back for the fourth or fifth time and the ball drops to Marriott who has a shot saved.

4.51 – GOAL!! Oh no it has been disallowed! A ball into the box sees Danny Hylton jump in front of the keeper who absolutely spills it like a poor cricketer under a skied catch. Marriott drills it in but the ref gives a foul on the keeper. Never was! Crawley break up the other end and put the game to bed. Town hard done by there.

MAN OF THE MATCH

5.05 – After a slow trudge back to the coach which luckily is just outside the turnstile, it is man of the match time. Alex Gilliead gets a resounding majority. No arguments there although I thought Jonathan Smith played well.

THE PROGRAMME

5.30 – Time to pass the journey with a check of the programme. Half a dozen of the 68 pages on the Town including a nice mention about Power Court which reminds me – if you haven't already, please send your support to the council and make a real difference.

SUMMARY

7.15 – The journey home is much better than the one there and we drop the Luton contingent off before heading to Ampthill where I get off the coach.

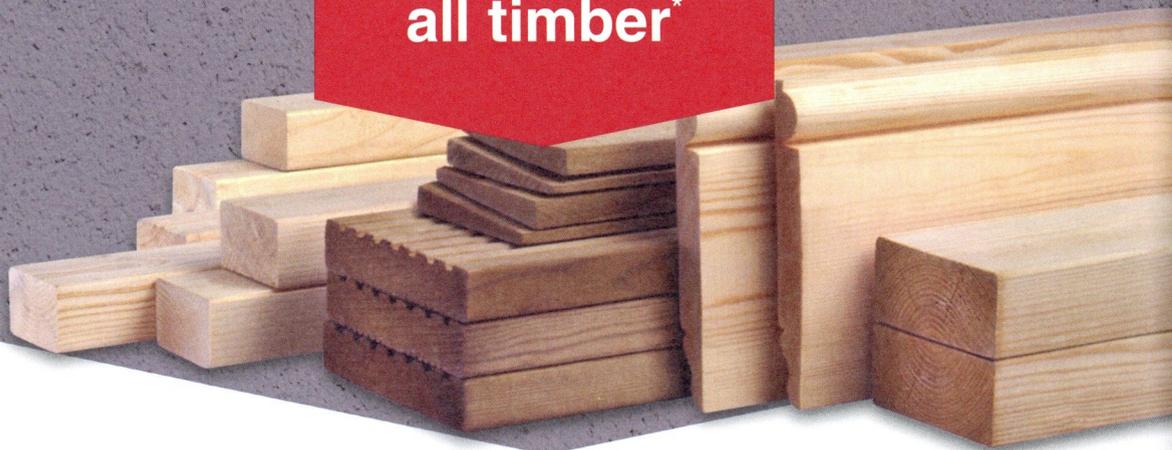
8.05 – Back at home after a pretty disappointing afternoon. Back to back defeats are never nice but that one felt worse than some. Luckily there is plenty of time for a couple of beers to drown the sorrows!

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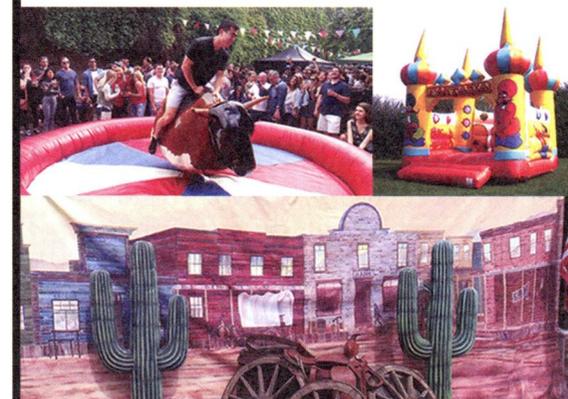
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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

It's competition time again for all of our footy mad youngsters, and today the Community Trust are launching our fantastic soccer competitions for boys and girls in Luton and Bedfordshire with the chance to play here at Kenilworth Road and Wembley Stadium!

This season the EFL are again running two national cup competitions for junior footballers from schools across the country, with the finals being played in the build-up to some of the biggest matches of the domestic season.

In conjunction with Ferrero and their Kinder+ Sport initiative which supports physical activity amongst youngsters, this season the EFL are running the U11 Kids Cup for U11 boys in Year 6 and the U13 Girls Cup for year 8 pupils.

Every Football League club is involved in organising their local Kids Cup competition for teams representing schools at U11 level, and a Girls Cup for teams representing schools at U13 level. In each of the last three years, nearly 2,500 schools and 20,000 children have participated in these competitions, giving them an incredible experience as well as encouraging them to maintain that elusive healthy lifestyle.

The winning school from our local competition will go on to represent Luton Town FC at the Regional and National finals should they progress. It's not just about the glory of playing at Wembley, although the EFL and Luton Town FC understands that the glory of appearing before a National Final is great for everyone involved. So, at every stage, there are some great prizes for schools to win, such as certificates, pennants, medals and trophies, to allow participants to remember their achievement of taking part in the country's largest national football competitions. We entered both the Kids Cup and Girls Cup for the second time last year, and every school in Luton and Bedfordshire is welcome to take part – so ladies first, here we go!



LUTON TOWN FC KINDER+SPORT U13 GIRLS SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP: YOUR CHANCE TO PLAY AT WEMBLEY STADIUM AND KENILWORTH ROAD!

The Football League Kinder+ Sport Girls Cup competition is six-a-side competition for U13 girls that culminates in a grand final prior to the EFL Trophy Final at Wembley in March. In addition to offering girls the chance to play at Wembley, we are also offering finalists of our local tournament the chance to play at Luton Town FC. Last season we held our final in front of a packed stadium at half-time of our home fixture with Northampton Town, between the girls from Chalney High School and Lealands High School. After a close fought game it was the Chalney girls who won 1-0 to progress to the regionals.

This years' tournament is open to all Luton and Bedfordshire schools to take part in the year 8 girls six-a-side football tournament, and our official Luton Town FC tournament will



again feature the two winning semi-finalists once again playing out the Bedfordshire final on the pitch. The winners of the final will then proceed to an area final to play the winning school from Charlton Athletic, Colchester, Leyton Orient, Millwall, Southend, Gillingham and Watford football clubs, with the overall winners proceeding to a regional North v South final with the eventual final to be played at Wembley before the EFL Trophy Final in March.

We only have a limited number of places available for the tournament which will take place at Redborne Upper School in Ampthill and V360 in Luton, so if you would like to enter please either email for an application form to schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk, or call the community office direct on 01582 737568 to register a place in the tournament which will take place during October.



LUTON TOWN FC KINDER+SPORT U11 KIDS SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP: YOUR CHANCE TO PLAY AT WEMBLEY STADIUM AND KENILWORTH ROAD!

The Kids U11 Cup is also a six-a-side competition for U11 school children and culminates in three finals across the EFL Play-Off weekends in May. In the Kinder+ Sport Kids Cup competition all 72 Football League clubs are first split into three divisions, in line with our divisional status we will compete in the League Division 2, before being again split into two groups, north and south. So our local winners will progress as Luton Town FC into the Division 2 South play-offs. The winners of the Div 2 North and Div 2 South finals will then qualify for the chance to play before the Sky Bet League Two Play-Off Final at Wembley in May.

then progressed to the regional finals down at Portsmouth FC's training ground, finishing a fantastic third place and narrowly missing out on the national semi-finals. Similar to the Girls Cup, the Kids Cup is open to all Luton and Bedfordshire schools to take part and our official Luton Town FC tournament will also take place at Redbourne Upper School and V360 here in Luton. Again, the two winning semi-finalists will play their final on the pitch at Kenilworth Road in front of a packed house to decide who progresses to represent the Hatters in the regionals.

Last season we held our regional final here at Kenilworth Road during the half-time break at our fixture with Northampton Town, with St Martin de Porres from Lewsey losing out to Arnold Academy from Barton-le-Clay. This was the second victory in a row for the Barton boys, who

Places will be at a premium for this tournament, so if you would like to enter please either email for an application form to schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk, or call the community office direct on 01582 737568 to register a place in the tournament which will take place during October.





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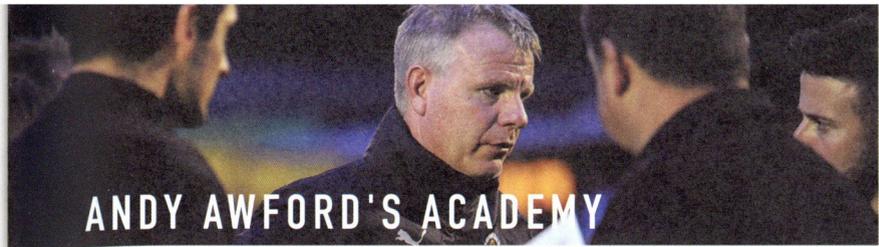
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UPDATE

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game versus Doncaster Rovers.

TIERNAN PARKER INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



Congratulations to Tiernan Parker, our U16 Goalkeeper, who made his debut for Northern Ireland U17s last week in a friendly versus Spain. We are all immensely proud of his achievements as he continues to show good progress under the experienced eyes of our 'qualified' goalkeeper coaches Albert Bell & Kevin Dearden. Well done Tiernan!

BEECHWOOD PARK SCHOOL

We have now had two Sunday morning schoolboy fixtures (U9s-U14s) at our new venue, Beechwood Park School in Markyate, versus AFC Wimbledon & Portsmouth. We are very grateful to the staff at Beechwood Park who have really worked hard to enable us to use their lovely school and first class facilities.

All of the games have been played in tremendous spirit, with plenty of skill, flair and passion displayed in abundance by our young Hatters. Tomorrow we welcome Barnet as our youngsters look to keep improving, learning and progressing.

U18S

Since my last programme notes the Youth Team have had two fixtures. The first saw them progress through to the quarter-finals of the Southern Alliance League Cup with a 4-1 victory away at Swindon Town. On a pitch that was like a 'bowling green' the lads were able to pass the ball crisply and quickly, enabling them to display some fine sweeping moves that saw us run out comfortable winners after a slightly tricky 15-minute spell before half-time.

During that difficult period, we did not manage the game as we would have liked and allowed Swindon back into it. Again, a fantastic learning curve for them all. However, we recovered very well second half and rightfully took our place in the hat for the next round.

The second fixture saw us fight out an entertaining 3-3 draw away at Gillingham. With one eye on the U21 games away at Wolves and Barton Rovers we took the opportunity to field four U16s in the starting line-up. This will be something that will regularly occur this season as we look to test and stretch the players. Having been 2-1 up, then 3-2 down with five minutes left, it was no surprise to see our coach, Paul Driver, imitate David Pleat's famous 'jig' up the touchline when Harry Bean slammed home our late equaliser. 'Strictly' next year Drives?!

U21S

Our U21s travelled to Wolves last week to take on their U23 side that was sprinkled with three first team players. I was delighted with the overall performance as we ran out 1-0 winners thanks to a first-half strike from Freddie Hinds. We had to 'dig in' for the last 20 minutes as Wolves put us under some pressure but we held strong and saw out the game quite comfortably in the end.

Last Tuesday saw us travel to Barton Rovers for the Beds FA Premier Cup Final. This local fixture provided the Gaffer with an opportunity to get minutes into a couple of first team squad players, which again was great experience for our younger players to play alongside them. We ran out 4-2 winners, however, after missing a string of chances in the first half, we made the game a lot harder than it should have been. Two-nil up at the break through Alex Atkinson and Isaac Vassell, we must credit Barton who had a real go at us after the break and scored two quick goals, both from set pieces, to peg us back level. Thankfully two late strikes, an own goal and another from Freddie Hinds, saw us win the trophy for the fourth year running. But more importantly, once again the young players have further added to their football education as they came up against a strong, physical, direct opponent.

Enjoy today's game. COYH!!

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HATTERS LADIES

TOWN TOP THE TABLE AFTER 4-1 LOWESTOFT WIN

The Hatters moved into the top spot in the FA Women's Premier League South East Division One after a 4-1 victory over Lowestoft FC on Sunday.

Second half goals from Rachel Carter, Michelle Byrne, Joanne Rutherford and Rachel Kosky ensured that Town continued their unbeaten league run.

Erica Byron had the first opportunity to put Town ahead after just four minutes when midfielder Byrne switched the ball out wide to the 18-year-old who struck at goal but her effort was pushed behind for a corner by Lowestoft goalie Eilish Brogan.

Ten minutes later, Rutherford missed the target after Nicola Henman curled a dangerous ball into the box, but the striker's volley went inches over the bar.

The Hatters, who had the majority of the possession, continued to create chances but saw their efforts go begging with Rutherford hitting the

post twice and an attempt from Byron rattling the bar.

When the two teams met last season in the league, Town were victorious in both games meaning that expectations for a win were high. But to their frustration, they couldn't find the net and Brogan did well to deny any attempts at goal.

They had another golden opportunity to take the lead just before the interval when Dionne Manning was fouled in the box, but, Zara Carroll's spot-kick was saved by Brogan.

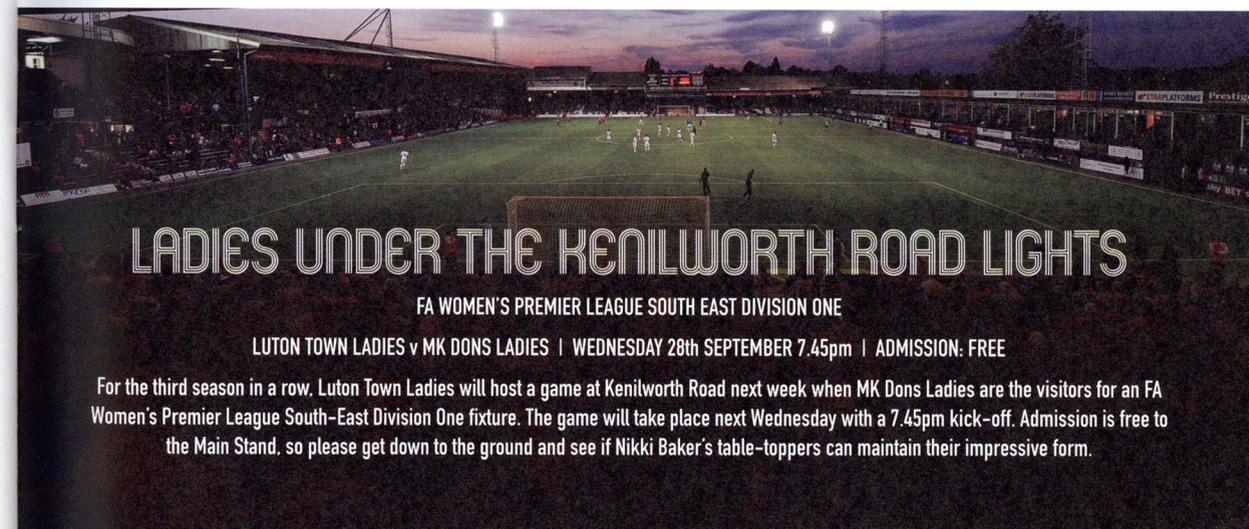
Town upped the tempo in the second half and after being made to wait, they eventually broke the deadlock just three minutes in through defender Carter, who nodded in from a Kosky free kick.

Despite offering little attacking threat, Lowestoft managed to find an equaliser eight minutes later when Gemma Moore squared to Aimee Durrant, who fired past Jessica Devoti.

Byrne put Town back in front in the 64th minute after she dribbled brilliantly past the keeper and shot into an open goal from a wide angle.

After an unsatisfying first half, Rutherford finally got on the scoresheet when she curled a glorious corner into the far post and scored her first goal of the season.

Kosky, who was back in the starting line-up, wrapped up the three points when she found herself free in the box to beat Brogan with a crisp strike for 4-1.



LADIES UNDER THE KENILWORTH ROAD LIGHTS

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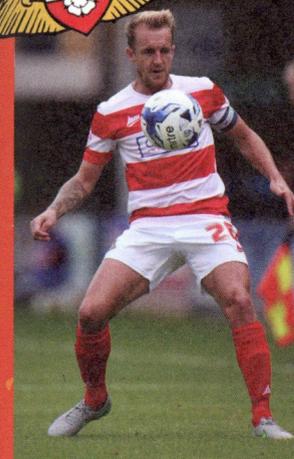
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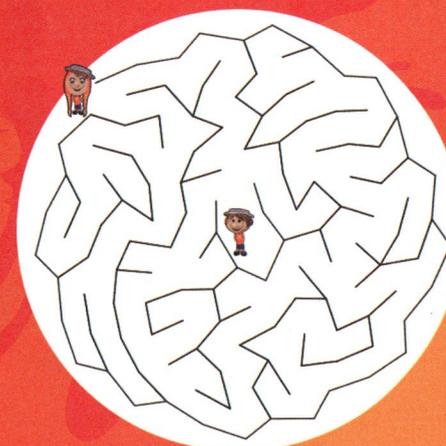
JAMES COPPINGER

THE HATTERS TAKE ON DONCASTER ROVERS THIS AFTERNOON, OR 'THE VIKINGS' AS THEY ARE ALSO KNOWN.

THE TEAMS HAVE MET 22 TIMES IN THE PAST, WITH THE HATTERS MARKING UP 10 WINS TO THE ROVERS 7, WITH 5 DRAWS.

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Luton Town Football Club added 3 new photos.
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Soccer Saturday's Jeff Stelling has written to Luton Borough Council to give his support of Power Court & Newlands Park! A huge thanks to Jeff for taking the time to write, make sure you do too! #COYH



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GO TIERNAN!

Hatters U16 keeper Tiernan Parker made his Northern Ireland U17 debut in midweek, aged 15



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A FINE WIN

News breaks of the Hatters' Beds FA Premier Cup Final win over Barton Rovers

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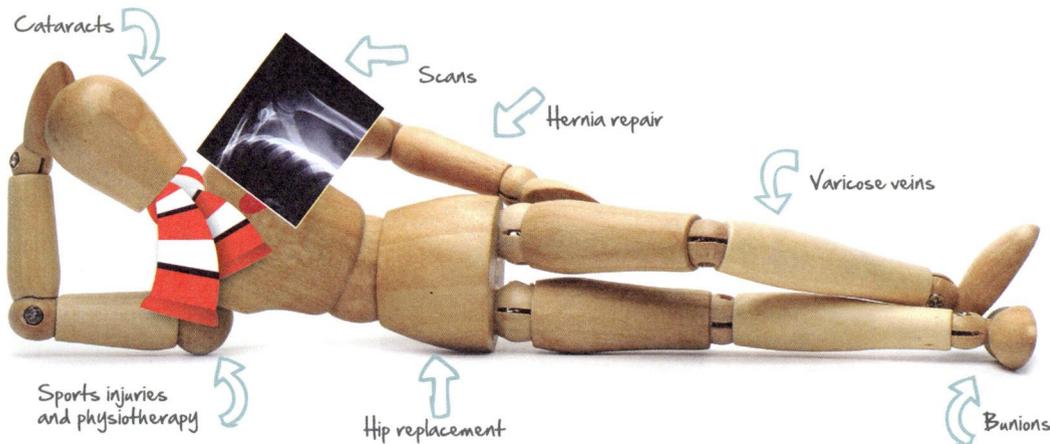
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[LATEST NEWS FROM KENILWORTH ROAD]

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! PAUL WATERFIELD

Since he is going on holiday whilst it's his Birthday (it's alright for some!), the Hatters – and in particular his hero, Mick Harford – would like to send their best wishes to Paul Waterfield, who is turning 50 next month. Bring the sun back with you, Paul. Please.



REBECCA DAY

A very big happy birthday to Town fan Rebecca Day. Rebecca turns 15 on Wednesday, and Aunty Allison and Steven send their birthday wishes. Have a great day, Rebecca.



OSCAR BROWN

Happy birthday to Oscar Brown, who is making the big step up to being eight tomorrow! We hope you have an excellent day, Oscar – and your favourite player Jack Marriott hopes he can help win the three points for you!



HATS OFF TO HYLTONS!

Well done to hot-shot Danny Hylton, who has picked up a couple of prestigious accolades since scoring a hat-trick in the 4-1 win over Wycombe.

First off, Danny was named in the EA Sports FIFA 16 Ultimate Team of the Week for his feat alongside the likes of Real Madrid's James Rodriguez, Barcelona's Javier Mascherano, Manchester City's David Silva, Liverpool's Adam Lallana and Leicester's Riyad Mahrez.

Then, this week Danny was confirmed as the Town's Diamond Season Ticket holders' player of the month for



August with 54 per cent of the vote.

Paul Randall was the successful Diamond Season Ticket holder to be drawn from the hat to present the trophy to Danny after this today's game. Paul will also receive two tickets for Corporate Hospitality in the Eric Morecambe Suite. Congratulations both!

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Sitting in the Oak Road End this afternoon are an odd couple – in a football-supporting sense at least!

Earlier this year, Tom Watts married his bride, Kita, on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius, and as you can see from the picture, the groom is a lifelong Hatters fan while, unfortunately the new Mrs Watts supports the team down the road whose name she has partly taken on!

Tom got in touch with Talk of the Town to explain: "I have been a Luton Town fan my entire life and Kita has been a Watford fan all hers. We met in 2008 and have been to watch each other's teams on many occasions home and

away over the years, even when both teams have made it to Wembley. We regularly attend Specs comedy events together, too."

We think the line-up of the wedding photo is just as funny as Specs, with supporters of our rivals Phil Winwright, Steve Winwright, Colin Prickett, Brian Abbott and Kita from the left to centre, and Hatters fans Tom, Dave Watts, Martin Watts, Ben Goodley, Simon Ellingham and his son Harley from middle to right. It's certainly one for the football family album!



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LEAGUELOOK

The Hatters slipped to seventh place in the table after a second consecutive defeat last Saturday at Crawley, but today's opponents Doncaster are building up some steam as they won their fifth game out of six goals with from James Coppinger and Andy Williams seeing off Newport County.

Donny boss Darren Ferguson was seemingly unimpressed with the 2-0 scoreline though, as he said: "We didn't get anywhere near the level we can."

Plymouth came out on top in their Devon derby against Exeter, with goals from Graham Carey and Paul-Arnold Garita giving Argyle a 2-0 win that took them to the division's summit, with the Grecians dropping into the relegation zone.

Still to win this season, bottom club Cambridge suffered their fifth loss at the hands of fourth-placed Morecambe, but boss Shaun Derry was in a defiant mood. "I hate seeing us at the bottom of the league, but I'm fighting," said the ex-Notts County manager after a Jack Dunn penalty and a Paul Mullin strike two minutes later cancelled out Piero Mingoia's opener for the U's.

Wycombe and Yeovil earned important wins over Stevenage and Leyton Orient respectively to pull away from the bottom two, with Dayle Southwell netting the Chairboys' solitary goal and Tom Eaves heading home in the Glovers' 1-0 success.

It's fair to say Grimsby were very good against the Hatters in their 2-1 win here at Kenilworth Road two weeks ago, but they couldn't build on that result as they were defeated 2-0 at Blundell Park by Crewe Alexandra - George Cooper

and James Jones netting to take all three points back to Cheshire.

Notts County shot up to mid-table after a classy away win against Cheltenham. Jon Stead netted twice in a 3-2 win for the Magpies in what was League Two's game of the weekend, as County took the lead three times throughout the game to ensure victory.

Draws at home for Hartlepool, Blackpool and Barnet ensured a mid-table stay for the trio for another week. Pools' opponents Mansfield found it was a point earned, as they climbed up the table into ninth place.

Blackpool came from two goals down against Carlisle at Bloomfield Road, whilst Barnet held Colchester with an equaliser from Curtis Weston after 82 minutes.

Meanwhile, Accrington Stanley moved up to 11th place by beating Portsmouth with a Paddy Lacey goal, consigning Pompey to their second defeat of the league season.



Cambridge boss Shaun Derry

TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

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

RESULTS

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

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FIXTURESPILE-UP

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

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 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 Famewo 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	L 1-2	8,005	539	3	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Sheehan Potts Lee • Mpanzu ▲
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 2-0	2,904	1,052	7	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Sheehan Potts Lee
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers					
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United					
OCTOBER								
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town					
Tues 4	7.45pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)					
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient					
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Notts. County					
NOVEMBER								
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Millwall (EFL Trophy)					
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley					
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Morecambe					
Tue 22	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth					
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Exeter City					
DECEMBER								
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool					
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United					
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Barnet					
JANUARY								
Mon 2	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth					
Sat 7	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town					
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United					
FEBRUARY								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town					
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town					
Tue 14	7.45pm	H	Hartlepool United					
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers					
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle					
Tue 28	7.45pm	A	Newport County					
MARCH								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town					
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Stevenage					
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United					
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Exeter City					
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Colchester United					
APRIL								
Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Blackpool					
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Barnet					
Fri 14	3.00pm	H	Leyton Orient					
Mon 17	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town					
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Notts. County					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley					
MAY								
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Morecambe					



Zane Banton in action during the Hatters' midweek win against Barton Rovers in the Beds FA Premier Cup Final

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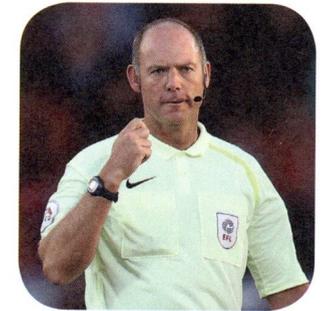
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MEET THE REF: ANDY HAINES

Although the season is still in its infancy, Andy Haines will be refing the Hatters for the second time this season. He oversaw the match in which Nathan Jones' side were defeated in the last minute at Stevenage in August.

Haines, who is from Sunderland, first became a Conference referee back in 2005, before being promoted to Football League duties in 2007. When he got the job 11 years ago, he was on a family holiday in the Dominican Republic and had to fly back early to take the job!

He has handed out two red cards so far this season.



LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17

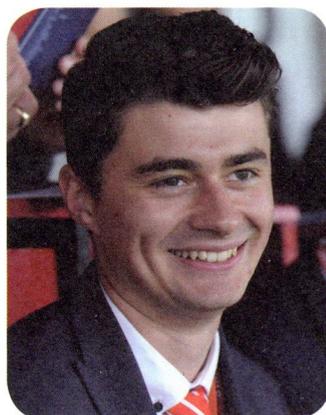
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2 Doncaster Rovers	8	5	1	2	17	8	9	16
3 Crewe Alexandra	8	4	3	1	12	8	4	15
4 Morecambe	8	5	0	3	12	13	-1	15
5 Portsmouth	8	4	2	2	11	6	5	14
6 Colchester United	8	4	2	2	14	11	3	14
7 LUTON TOWN	8	4	1	3	15	9	6	13
8 Carlisle United	8	2	6	0	11	9	2	12
9 Mansfield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

PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										EFLC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT		APPS	GLS	
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Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	11	0
Jordan Cook	8	(0)	1	(1)	0	(1)	8	(1)	1	2	0	9	1
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	5	(1)	0	(1)	0	(1)	5	(2)	0	0	0	47	0
Akin Famewo	0	(2)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(2)	0	0	0	3	0
Alex Gilliead	0	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0
Jake Gray	1	(2)	0	(3)	0	(1)	4	(2)	1	0	0	6	1
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	30	6
Danny Hylton	7	(1)	5	(2)	0	(0)	9	(1)	5	4	0	10	5
James Justin	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Craig King	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Oilly Lee	6	(1)	0	(2)	0	(0)	8	(1)	0	4	0	48	3
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	34	4
Jack Marriott	7	(1)	2	(2)	0	(0)	9	(1)	2	1	0	54	18
Cameron McGeehan	8	(0)	3	(2)	0	(1)	10	(0)	4	3	0	88	24
Josh McQuoid	1	(1)	0	(1)	0	(0)	2	(1)	0	1	0	38	5
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	6	(1)	0	(1)	0	(1)	7	(2)	0	1	0	75	5
Johnny Mullins	7	(0)	0	(2)	0	(0)	9	(0)	0	0	1	9	0
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(0)	1	0	0	4	1
Stephen O'Donnell	8	(0)	1	(2)	0	(0)	10	(0)	1	1	0	43	2
Dan Potts	8	(0)	0	(1)	0	(0)	9	(0)	0	2	1	25	0
Glen Rea	4	(1)	1	(2)	0	(0)	6	(1)	1	1	0	17	1
Alan Sheehan	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	0	2	0	22	1
Jonathan Smith	1	(4)	1	(2)	1	(1)	3	(5)	2	1	0	149	11
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Isaac Vassell	1	(6)	0	(1)	2	(0)	2	(8)	0	0	0	10	0
Christian Walton	8	(0)	0	(2)	0	(0)	10	(0)	0	0	0	10	0

HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH CHARLIE HANSON
PRESS AND MARKETING EXECUTIVE



Since the age of 16, when I decided the likelihood of me becoming an RAF Pilot had all but diminished, I have wanted to write about football. But I would never have thought that would have led me to Kenilworth Road.

Hailing from Warwick, Luton Town was never really on my compass. However, growing up an Aston Villa fan I can sort of relate to the hardship Hatters fans have experienced in recent times, kind of. Not really.

I have been at the club for just over a month now and every day is an education into Luton-life and how the club has 'risen from the ashes', but in the most incredible fashion.

FAMILY

With every Lutonian and Town employee I meet, each one scratches off another layer of the club's past and further teaching me how important this club is to the local area and its people. It's a big family. OK, like all families there is bickering and disagreements, but I certainly get the vibe that with all of the plans surrounding this club, it is very much heading in the right direction.

My girlfriend and I have recently agreed to rent a tiny flat by Wardown Park, so when I had to go into the

estate agents and explain what I did for a living, one agent in particular seemed amazed that I tweet the match details and get to spend some time up at the training ground with the players and staff.

He was even more pleased when I told him that I have never seen a group of people get on as well as the players.

They are genuinely a welcoming bunch, and although I hate the use of the word 'banter', the banter (sigh) is always flying and everyone seems incredibly motivated to prove their worth to Nathan Jones.

This is my first match encounter with Doncaster Rovers, but if they're anything like their Yorkshire counterparts, Leeds United, we are in for a difficult game. Having been relegated in surprising circumstances into the fourth tier of English football, Donny have done well to keep hold of a key bunch of players and have a very experienced manager in Darren Ferguson.

Part of my new role at the club is doing plenty of research into our upcoming opponents in order to put content together for the programme and the website, so if I were a betting man (I'm not, you'll be glad to know, as FA rules do not permit me to be now I'm employed by a football club) I would put money on the Hatters to get a goal after 85 minutes.

RELEGATION

This being down to the fact that both games prior to last Saturday that Rovers had lost this season were because of late goals conceded, and this was what Ferguson put part of their relegation from League One down to.

Finally, as a university graduate moving into the area, from my perspective, Newlands Park and Power Court have to happen. I am of the view that without these plans, the club and the town will suffer. It is time to act and write to Luton Borough Council.

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- 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 Ross Etheridge
- 2 Craig Alcock
- 3 Tyler Garratt
- 4 Luke McCullough
- 5 Mathieu Baudry
- 6 Andy Butler
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