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THE GAFFER

# CRAIG HIGNETT



THE POOLS BOSS REFLECTS ON THE WEEKEND DRAW AT PLYMOUTH AND LOOKS AHEAD TO THIS EVENING'S ACTION.

Hello and welcome back to The Northern Gas and Power Stadium for tonight's game against Luton Town in Sky Bet League Two.

We're coming in to the game on the back of a very good result at Plymouth Argyle on Saturday – though admittedly we were quite disappointed to say the least that we didn't come home with all three points.

Before the game I said we would go there with a plan and we did. The lads worked terrifically hard and put in what I would describe as the perfect away performance that was taken away from us with a very debatable penalty award near the end.

In the first half we really frustrated Plymouth by controlling the game and creating numerous chances going forward. I felt we were the only team really likely to score and we were perhaps a little frustrated we weren't leading by more than the one goal at half time. However, we definitely deserved that advantage because the work ethic and the quality the players showed on the ball was superb.

The goal itself was excellent from Nathan Thomas. I have spoken to him about it and he ensures me that he meant to shoot – I suppose we just have to take his word for that though he has been known to tell little fibs in the past! He's in great form and I'm sure it was a great moment for him to score against his former club so hopefully he can continue that kind of form tonight too.

In the second half Plymouth changed the way they played and went a little bit more direct, pushing an extra man in to attack to try and cause us some problems. I felt like we dealt with that really well though and still maintained a really strong threat on the counter-attack and had a couple of really decent opportunities to have made it 2-0.

Then to have the three points taken away from us by a decision like that was a real kick in the teeth for the players, the staff and the supporters. Toto was making a genuine attempt to clear the ball and actually got something on it before he made contact with their player who was rushing in there. I think it's a really harsh penalty and I felt for the lads because it wasn't what they deserved.

It felt a little

bit like the game had descended in to farce for the last fifteen minutes with the amount of cards that were flying about and some of the decisions that were difficult to fathom.

At the end of the day, we came away from the home of the league-leaders with a very well-deserved point which ended their run of seven consecutive wins so, on reflection, we've got to be happy with our weekend's work.

However, now that work must start again because we're quickly back in action tonight and I know the lads are determined to follow up what they did on Saturday with a strong performance here tonight.

We know that Luton are another side who are near the top of the table and had a good result on Saturday but we're in good spirits right now and I know we're a match for anyone in this division. Tonight we need to prove that again by going out and working as hard as we did on Saturday and showing our quality again.

I would like to end by thanking the 69 fans who made the trek to Plymouth on Saturday. To spend that amount of time and money coming to support us is magnificent and I want you to know how much we all appreciate it.

Enjoy the game tonight.

**Craig.**

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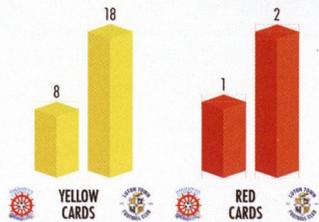
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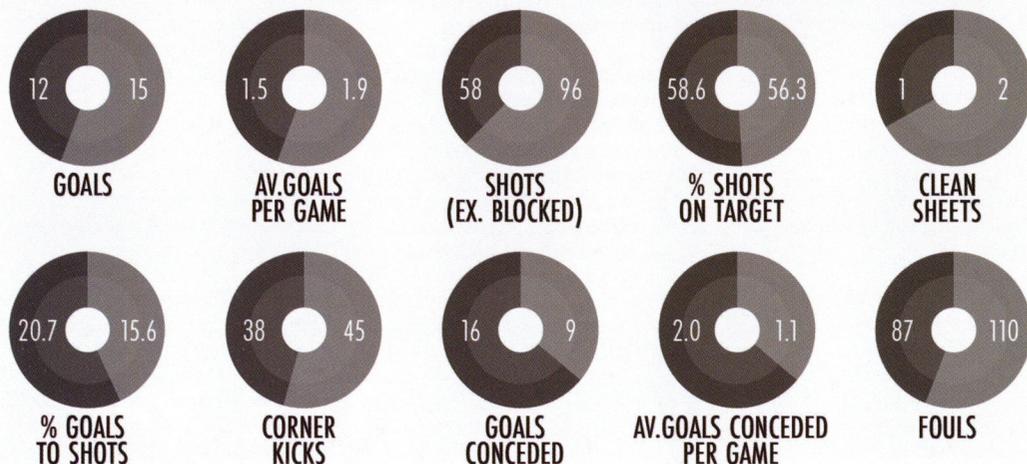
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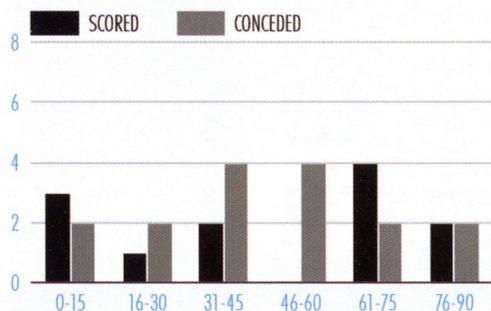


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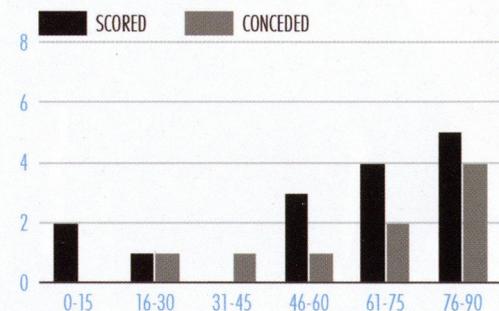
Luton are on a run of four successive league wins against Hartlepool, netting 11 goals (2.8 goals).



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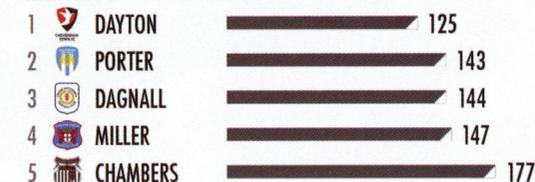
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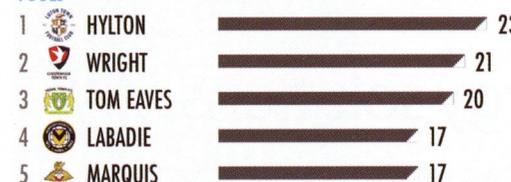
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LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Grimsby's Omar Bogle has scored more goals in League Two this season than any other player (7).

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Jon Stead has scored six goals in his last seven league games for the Notts County.

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### THE SKIPPER

## BILLY PAYNTER

WE GET THE THOUGHTS OF THE CLUB CAPTAIN AHEAD OF THIS EVENING'S GAME AGAINST LUTON TOWN.

Good evening everyone and welcome to The Northern Gas and Power Stadium for our League Two game against Luton.

On Saturday I felt like we were very unfortunate not to get all three points from our trip to Plymouth Argyle, especially after controlling the game and looking quite comfortable throughout the majority of the afternoon.

We went there with a game plan; we slowed the game down when we needed to and frustrated them but we also attacked well when there was the opportunity. It was a typical away performance and it looked as though it was going to be rewarded with a victory until the late penalty award which went against us.

I have to say though, if Plymouth are supposed to be one of the top teams then I wasn't very impressed with them. I remember their manager Derek Adams suggesting we were one of the worst side they had come up against last season – well I think they were one of the worst we've played so far this term.

They had no real idea how to break us down; they tried a number of different personnel and formations but it took a bit of a lucky break for them to get back in the game and, by then, we could and probably should have been more than one goal in front.

It happens at all levels of football that so-called lesser teams go away to those near the top and make sure they're organised defensively – though we still looked more likely to score all afternoon in my opinion. What would they expect us to do instead? Play two at the back and go and play it like a five-a-side game? We were professional, disciplined and organised, whilst our front three continuously found space to cause problems for their back four. It looked like a pretty good away performance to me.

I think the crowd played a part in Plymouth getting the penalty decision near the end.

They had been appealing for everything and Nicky Deverdics had been booked for a challenge that didn't even look a free-kick to me yet their players and fans were wanting him sent-off!

I got the quickest booking I've ever had when I came on as a substitute – and I honestly thought he was going to show me a red card at one point. I challenged for the ball and I didn't even think it was a foul either way, just two players battling for possession, but as I passed it out wide the whistle went and he's booked me for kicking the ball away! I was flabbergasted and tried to explain that but he then looked like he was about to send me off so I had to walk away!

That said, it's extremely important that we maintain that standard for this evening's game because we really need to kick things off on home soil now. I have been saying for a few weeks that we need to get that first home win under our belts because, although the away form has been good, we know that regular results on our own patch will be crucial as the season progresses.

At the end of the day, we've still come away with a very good point and now we can build on that against a Luton side who were many people's favourites for promotion at the start of the season. We will only concentrate on what we need to do though and if we play like we did on Saturday hopefully we get the three points.

A big thanks to the 69 fans who made the long trip on Saturday; it's remarkable that you followed us all that way and hopefully the performance and result was a good reward for you all.

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Billy

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## POOLS STARS BACK SCHOOL FASHION SHOW

JAKE CARROLL AND JOSH LAURENT TOOK TIME OUT LAST WEDNESDAY TO SUPPORT A LOCAL SCHOOL'S FASHION SHOW WHICH RAISED OVER £600 FOR THE BRITISH RED CROSS.

The event at St Bede's Comprehensive and Byron College in Peterlee was organised by student Megan Armstrong who, along with friends and teachers, took part in the charity fashion show.

Pools stars Carroll and Laurent popped along to officially kick-off the cat-walking, while they also posed for pictures and signed autographs for the students, their families and staff at the school.

Donations and raffle money helped Megan and her friends raise a whopping £635 for the British Red Cross, which helps people in crisis across the UK and overseas.

"We were happy to go along and support Megan's fashion show," said Carroll.

"Everyone taking part and in the audience seemed to have a great time so it was brilliant to get along there and give them all our backing.

"It's a great effort to raise such a big amount for the charity so fair play to all the students and their families for putting in the hard work to organise it."

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## COMMUNITY CORNER



## FLEMING JOINS DRIVE AGAINST YOUTH RACISM

CURTIS FLEMING GAVE UP SOME OF HIS TIME RECENTLY TO HELP A NEW PROGRAMME DEvised TO ENCOURAGE COHESION ACROSS MULTI-ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTH-EAST.

The Pools Assistant Manager spoke to Challenging Youth Racism about his experiences of discrimination and his ongoing work with the Show Racism The Red Card campaign.

Working in partnership with Teesside University, Challenging Youth Racism is aiming to reduce hate crime and the prevalence of youth racism in the region by providing education and support.

"For me, football was brilliant because it broke down a lot of barriers, but sometimes people don't have football or sport," Fleming explained.

"By talking about my experiences of racism I don't think I have set out to change the world. I just want to change the life of one person.

"If just one kid can hear that we've experienced problems and had to deal with them, and then realises they have a voice and can talk to someone about it then it's very important and it inspires me."



# MATCHDAY CENTRE



**LAST TIME OUT**  
vs PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (A)



## POOLS TEAM NEWS:

Craig Hignett will be without Scott Harrison following his red card in the game at Plymouth Argyle but will be hoping Matthew Bates and Rob Jones could return after injury. Carl Magnay is out long-term with a knee injury but Michael Woods is moving closer to fitness following a calf problem.



**LAST TIME OUT**  
vs DONCASTER ROVERS (H)



## HATTER'S TEAM NEWS:

Luton Town boss Nathan Jones will be unable to call upon top scorer Danny Hylton after he was sent-off in the closing stages of Saturday's win over Doncaster Rovers. Skipper Scott Cuthbert is unlikely to feature against Pools after being stretchered off with a neck injury at the weekend. Glen Rea is sidelined after injuring his knee in training recently.

## FORM GUIDE: THE POOLS' LAST FIVE OUTINGS

 <b>D 1-1</b> PLYMOUTH ARGYLE SKY BET LEAGUE TWO 24/09/16 AWAY	 <b>D 0-0</b> MANSFIELD TOWN SKY BET LEAGUE TWO 17/09/16 AWAY	 <b>W 2-1</b> YEovil TOWN SKY BET LEAGUE TWO 10/09/16 AWAY	 <b>L 1-6</b> STEVENAGE SKY BET LEAGUE TWO 03/09/16 AWAY	 <b>L 1-2</b> NOTTS COUNTY EFL TROPHY 31/08/16 AWAY
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## FORM GUIDE: THE HATTER'S LAST FIVE OUTINGS

 <b>W 3-1</b> DONCASTER ROVERS SKY BET LEAGUE TWO 24/09/16 HOME	 <b>D 0-2</b> CRAWLEY TOWN SKY BET LEAGUE TWO 17/09/16 AWAY	 <b>L 1-2</b> GRIMSBURY TOWN SKY BET LEAGUE TWO 10/09/16 HOME	 <b>W 4-1</b> WYCOMBE WANDERERS SKY BET LEAGUE TWO 03/09/16 HOME	 <b>W 2-1</b> GILLINGHAM CHECKATRADE TROPHY 30/08/16 AWAY
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## ON THE WHISTLE:

Seb Stockbridge will make his first trip of the season to The Northern Gas and Power Stadium but his name may be familiar to Pools fans from last term.

The official was the man in charge for both of our 2-1 triumphs over York City – both at Bootham Crescent in the opening month of

the campaign as well as the return fixture here in April.

However, prior to that he hasn't brought us much luck, overseeing defeats to Oxford United, Shrewsbury Town and Bristol Rovers.

## RECENT POOLS GAMES OFFICIATED:

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	SCORE	Yellow	Red
16/04/16	York City (H)	League Two	2-1	3	1
28/11/15	Oxford United (A)	League Two	0-1	2	0
15/08/15	York City (A)	League Two	2-1	4	0

## STAT ATTACK:

- Today's game will be the 22nd competitive meeting between the two sides.
- Luton Town have done the league double over Pools in each of the last two seasons.
- Pools' last win was in February 2008 when they thumped Town 4-0 at The Vic thanks to a double from Richard Barker and goals from Alan Thompson and Joel Porter.
- There has been only one draw in the previous 21 meetings – it came when the sides were locked at 2-2 in a December 2001 game at Kenilworth Rd.
- The fixture averages just over three goals a game with the highest-scoring encounter coming at The Vic in April 2004 when Pools ran out 4-3 winners.

## LAST MEETING

SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2016

**LUTON TOWN 2 POOLS 1**

Craig Mackail-Smith struck late as Luton Town registered their first home win of 2016 at Pools' expense in this meeting at Kenilworth Road.

The Hatters had earlier gone in front through Cameron McGeehan's penalty following a harsh handball award given against Nicky Featherstone.

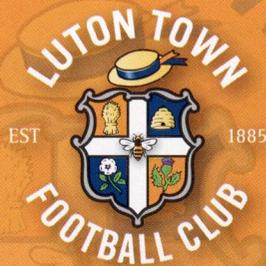
However, that advantage was wiped out almost immediately when Adam Jackson forced the ball over the line for an equaliser when he got on the end of a Jake Gray delivery.

It looked as though the sides would share the points until four minutes from the end when Mackail-Smith burst through and finished with a neat lob over Trevor Carson to make it 2-1.



**LUTON TOWN:**  
Tyler, O'Donnell (Ruddock 85), Cuthbert, Sheehan, Lawless (Hall 72), McGeehan, Green, Lee, Howells, Marriott, Pigott (Mackail-Smith 80).  
**SUBS NOT USED:**  
Jutham, Okuonghae, Smith, McCourt.

**POOLS:**  
Carson, Magnay, Bates, Jackson, Carroll, Featherstone, Walker, Hawkins, Gray, Thomas (Oates 85), Paynter.  
**SUBS NOT USED:**  
Bartlett, Harrison, Richards, Laurent, Bingham, Fenwick.



# INSIDE LINE: LUTON TOWN

We turn the focus on those who will be in the colours of Luton Town for this evening's Sky Bet League Two game at The Northern Gas and Power Stadium.

## GK CHRISTIAN WALTON

England Under-21 goalkeeper who came through the ranks at Plymouth Argyle before moving to Brighton; currently on a season-long loan deal at Kenilworth Road.



## GK CRAIG KING

The teenage shot-stopper signed a first professional contract last summer after starring for Youth and Reserve Teams; he has gained senior experience out on loan with Met Police last season.



## DF STEPHEN O'DONNELL

A former Celtic youngster who joined Town last summer from Partick Thistle, the marauding right-back is a former Scottish Under-21 international who made 33 appearances for them last term.



## DF DAN POTTS

Comfortable at left-back or further up the flank, Potts arrived at Luton last summer from West Ham; has played international youth football for both England and USA in the past.



## DF JOHNNY MULLINS

The experienced centre-back started out at Reading but went on to win promotion with Rotherham in 2012/13 before doing it again with Oxford United last season.



## DF SCOTT CUTHBERT

Versatile defender who can play at centre-back or right-back, Cuthbert arrived at Kenilworth Road last summer after two seasons with Leyton Orient; was installed as skipper last October.



## DF JACK SENIOR

The left-back joined Luton Town on Deadline Day when he ended a nine-year association with Huddersfield to pen a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road.



## DF ALAN SHEEHAN

The cultured defender joined Town on loan from Bradford in January before making the move permanent in the summer; he ended last season as Hatters skipper playing left-back or centre-back.



## DF FRANKIE MUSONDA

Captained Town's Youth Team last term as they won the league title and reached the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup; he signed a pro deal last November before making his senior bow in January.



## DF AKIN FAMEWO

Comfortable at left-back or in the centre of defence, the youngster signed pro terms in July having been on the books since he was in the Under-10s.



## DF JAMES JUSTIN

The Luton-born star is comfortable in defence or midfield and signed a first professional contract with the club last November; been with Town since 2005 and debuted on the final day of last term.



## MD JONATHAN SMITH

A committed and determined performer in the Hatters midfield, Smith has become a firm favourite with Town fans since joining the club from York City in 2011 and is now the longest-serving player.



## MD JAKE GRAY

The midfielder will need little introduction to Pools fans having spent six months on loan at The Vic from Crystal Palace last term, scoring six goals in 33 appearances; signed for Town on 1st August.



## MD CAMERON MCGEEHAN

After two successful loan spells at Kenilworth Road from Norwich City, The Hatters were finally able to agree terms on bringing the attacking midfielder to the club on a permanent basis last summer.



## MD DANNY GREEN

Right-winger joined Luton last summer following a season with MK Dons but broke his leg in the penultimate game of last season; previously played for Dagenham and Charlton Athletic.



## MD ALEX GILLIEAD

The England Under-20 international joined Town on loan from Newcastle United in the summer; the youngster enjoyed a successful loan stint with League Two rivals Carlisle last season.



## MD GLEN REA

Highly-rated Republic of Ireland Under-21 star who is comfortable at centre-back or in a holding midfield role; he joined Town on loan from Brighton in March before signing permanently in June.



## MD PELLEY-RUDDOCK MPANZU

A West Ham Academy graduate who initially joined The Hatters on loan in 2013/14; has been hit by injury over the last couple of seasons but returned to fitness and form at the end of last term.



## MD OLLY LEE

After starting on the books at West Ham, the midfielder joined Town on a short-term contract last summer but went on to make 37 appearances during his first Kenilworth Road campaign.



## MD TYREEQ BAKINSON

The leggy teenager signed a pro deal with The Hatters in March after starring for the Youth Team; he's been a Hatter since he was Under-10 and made his senior debut on the final day of last term.



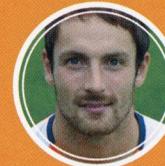
## MD ALEX ATKINSON

An elegant midfielder who has been with the club since he was an Under-15; now 18, he was handed a professional contract after starring for the Hatters' Youth Team last season.



## ST DANNY HYLTON

The London-born forward joined Luton Town during the summer after helping Oxford United to promotion last term; former Aldershot man scored 30 goals in two seasons with The U's.



## ST JORDAN COOK

The former Sunderland youngster penned a two-year contract with Town during the summer after turning down the offer of a new deal at Walsall after two years with The Saddlers.



## ST CRAIG MACKAIL-SMITH

A successful stint with Dagenham earned the front man a big-money move to Peterborough where he twice won promotion; joined Town last summer and scored winner against Pools in February.



## ST JACK MARRIOTT

The talented forward arrived at Kenilworth Road last summer after six years with Ipswich where he came through ranks; he netted 16 goals in all competition last term to win Town Fans' Player of Year.



## ST ZANE BANTON

The young forward has come through the ranks with Luton and earned a pro contract after catching the eye during their Conference title-winning campaign; has been out on loan to gain experience.



## ST ISAAC VASSELL

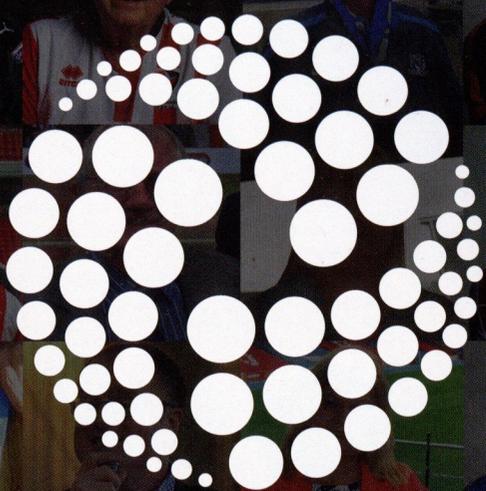
The former Plymouth forward became Town's seventh signing of the summer when he joined Town on the back of a successful trial; spent the last two years working as a builder while playing for Truro.



## ST JOSH MCQUOID

The front man joined The Hatters last summer after three years with Bournemouth; capped at international level by Northern Ireland, McQuoid can play out wide or in a central striking role.





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**Nickname:** The Hatters  
**Stadium:** Kenilworth Road  
**Last Season:** 11th in League Two



## LUTON TOWN

Luton Town won an entertaining encounter with Doncaster Rovers 3-1 on Saturday to move third in the League Two table and maintain their solid start to the new campaign.

The Hatters were among the pre-season favourites for promotion but their weekend victory was much-needed after they suffered back-to-back defeats to Crawley Town and Grimsby Town.

After finishing nine points outside the play-offs last term, boss Nathan Jones was able to strengthen his hand during the summer as he looks to plot a route up to League One in their third season back in the EFL.

Away from home they've already won impressively at both Plymouth Argyle and Cambridge United and will know another triumph on the road tonight could even see them go top of the pile.

Certainly coming from behind to win in such convincing fashion against promotion-rivals Doncaster three days ago will have boosted confidence in the camp and they will be aiming to build on that this evening.



### OPPOSITION VIEW

Luton Town midfielder Olly Lee is determined to prove himself to any doubters after being withdrawn early in two games so far this season.

The 25-year-old was substituted against both Cambridge United and Grimsby Town before boss Nathan Jones questioning the defensive side of his game.

But Lee, who joined The Hatters last August following a spell with Birmingham City, is ready to take any criticism on the chin and work even harder to show his true colours.

"We've all got a point to prove, there's a lot of competition in the squad," he explained.

"I don't get down about it. There's always another game and that's the good thing in football. No-one's going to keep me down.

"I knew where I stood and whatever else is said, it doesn't bother me. Me and the gaffer have a good relationship and that's that."

### MANAGER: NATHAN JONES

Welshman Nathan Jones arrived at Kenilworth Road as John Still's successor at the start of the year and has gone about building a squad which can challenge for promotion.

Jones cut his teeth in coaching with various roles at Brighton & Hove Albion, Charlton Athletic and Yeovil Town following a career which saw him make more than 500 senior appearances.

After starting his playing days with a long stint at non-league outfit Merthyr Tydfil, left-back Jones actually moved in to the professional game with Luton Town in 1995/96 though he didn't make the breakthrough there and left without making a debut.

After spending time in Spain with Numancia and CD Badajoz, Jones returned to home shores with a move to Southend United where he played for three seasons and also turned out on loan for Exeter City and Scarborough.

In 2000 he signed for Brighton where he laid down roots and made over 150 First Team appearances over the next five years before

joining Yeovil Town where he became a regular in the side.

Whilst still playing, Jones began working on his coaching qualifications and gained experience working with Yeovil Town Ladies before being handed a player assistant-manager role alongside Terry Skiverton in 2009.

Spells with Charlton and Brighton helped whet his appetite further

for a break in to management and his opportunity to prove himself arrived in January when The Hatters turned to him to lead them forward.



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HARTLEPOOL UNITED v LUTON TOWN

# COMMERCIAL NEWS

GOOD EVENING ALL AND WELCOME BACK TO THE NORTHERN GAS AND POWER STADIUM FOR TONIGHT'S MATCH WITH LUTON TOWN.

This is our first night game of 2016/17 here at home and it is one we've been looking forward to. While a Saturday afternoon is obviously preferred, you can't beat the odd game under the floodlights here at the stadium.

As the season progresses, we're starting to see our Executive Boxes and the Maidens Suite fill up and we're delighted to welcome all of our sponsors to the game tonight. I know we have mentioned it before in these notes but the refurbishment of the hospitality areas we carried out

in the summer has really made for an improved experience this season. And if you have yet to sample our matchday hospitality yet this season then there is still chance to do so.

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Take a look through a selection of our hospitality photos from the last game at The Northern Gas and Power Stadium...



Mascots Daniel Wong and Charlie Knight line up with the team captains



Guests of LWC are joined by H'Angus at half time



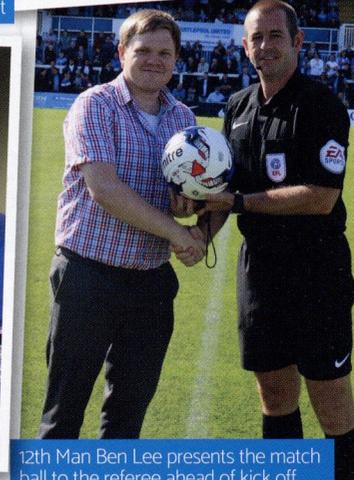
Guests in the Maidens Suite get together for a picture with the monkey mascot



Keith & Matthew Laundon were guests in the Maidens Suite



Young guest Louis Main receives a signed match ball from H'Angus



12th Man Ben Lee presents the match ball to the referee ahead of kick off



H'Angus joins Geoff and Julia Newton for a quick photo in the Maidens Suite



Pupils from Stranton School show off their signed match ball



Travis Perkins were guests in our Executive Boxes for the game with Mansfield Town

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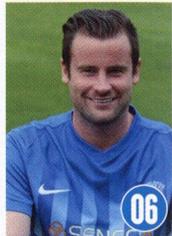
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SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016  
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ATTENDANCE: 3,775  
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## MATCH STATS

		
POSSESSION:	56%	44%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	8	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	2	8
CORNERS:	7	5
OFFSIDES:	3	5
FOULS:	7	14
YELLOW CARD:	0	2
RED CARD:	1	0



## HIGGY SAYS...

"I think we have created enough chances to have won the game. It was a hard-fought game and there wasn't much between the teams but I think we created more and better chances and if we had been more clinical we would have got three points. If I'm honest, I think we probably settled for a point too early; with twenty minutes left we took our foot off the gas a little and protected it rather than keeping on going. We had good chances in the second half so we're disappointed not to be winning but we'll take a point."

# THE BIG INTERVIEW:

## JOSH LAURENT

IT'S BEEN A GOOD COUPLE OF WEEKS FOR MIDFIELD STAR JOSH LAURENT WHO HAS BEEN IN THE STARTING LINE-UP FOR THE PAST THREE GAMES AS POOLS HAVE BUILT A MINI UNBEATEN RUN. THE 21-YEAR-OLD HAS BEEN ONE OF THE STANDOUT PERFORMERS TOO AND SEEMS TO BE GROWING IN STATURE WITH EVERY START, HAVING JOINED THE CLUB FROM BRENTFORD AT THE END OF THE JANUARY TRANSFER DEADLINE. THERE'S NO DOUBT HE'S HAD TO BE PATIENT IN WAITING FOR HIS FIRST TEAM BREAKTHROUGH AT THE CLUB BUT NOW IT'S ARRIVED THE FORMER QUEENS PARK RANGERS YOUNGSTER HAS BEEN TELLING THE BLUE PRINT THAT HE'S DETERMINED TO TAKE IT...

### HOW MUCH HAVE YOU ENJOYED YOUR RECENT RUN IN THE SIDE?

**JL:** Loads! I have been really happy, even when I am at home on a night I have been well happy. I have had to be quite patient waiting for my chance but I think I have done alright in the games. To be honest, I want to try and show more and more every game and try to get better. And I don't want to disappoint anyone either.

### YOU SEEM TO BE GETTING MORE AND MORE CONFIDENT WITH EVERY GAME?

**JL:** It had been down to being able to show everyone what I'm all about and that I am a good player. Whenever I play, I don't want to let the team, the Manager or the Chairman down. I don't think I have done that yet so hopefully I can just keep on working hard and improving my game.

### HOW PATIENT HAVE YOU HAD TO BE IN TERMS OF WAITING FOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY?

**JL:** I have had to be patient and I have spoken to the gaffer a lot about it. He told me I just had to bide my time and that my chance would come because he has confidence in all the players in the squad to do the job for him. He was right and I think the timing has been

perfect for me because I feel more ready now than I may have been last season.

### YOU CAME BACK FOR PRE-SEASON IN EXCELLENT SHAPE, YOU OBVIOUSLY PUT PLENTY OF WORK IN DURING THE SUMMER?

**JL:** I was working very hard throughout the summer but, to be honest, it was more of a mental thing. Every day I was thinking that when I got back in to training for pre-season I wanted to be the best I could be every single session. I want to be the best every day because I have to be if I want to be in the team and starting every week. I knew I had to come back flying and any time I had five minutes spare during the summer I would remind myself of that. That first morning of pre-season I was raring to go!

### DOES THAT EXTRA SUMMER WORK UNDERLINE YOUR DETERMINATION TO PROVE YOURSELF?

**JL:** I think so. That comes from my dad really and the things he's instilled in me from a young age. From very young he would do a lot of work with me so I was ready to play and this season I got on with that straight away. He is brilliant for me really; he's there at every game and has always been there to support me,

even when I haven't been in the team. It means a lot to have that support from my family.

### YOU'VE HAD A FEW CHANCES NOW – HOW FAR AWAY IS YOUR FIRST GOAL FOR THE CLUB?

**JL:** Haha. I said last week that I hope it's the next game – so now I really do hope it comes against Luton. I could do with a tap-in couldn't I? I think I just need to get that first goal under my belt because even on Saturday I could have scored but when the chance came to me I was surprised and my whole body tensed with excitement! When that happens you end up snatching at things so hopefully I will calm down once the first one goes in and start getting regular goals.

### HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT WE BACK UP THE GOOD PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY WITH ANOTHER SOLID DISPLAY TONIGHT?

**JL:** As soon as we were on the way home on Saturday I was thinking that we have to crack on at home tonight. We should have had the three points against Plymouth; we played well but it's alright doing it away at Plymouth, we need to come home and back that up. We showed how good we can be on Saturday and I think there is more to

## FROM THE TERRACE

During the week, you've been sending your questions in for Josh – we've picked out some of the best ones and here are his answers...

### WHY DID YOU LEAVE QPR?

**@Pram46050 via Twitter**

**JL:** I felt like I was promised a lot more First Team opportunities that I got so I needed to move on to try and progress my career.

### I WAS SAT NEAR JOSH'S MUM AT YEovil AND SHE WAS VERY PASSIONATE IN HER SUPPORT FOR HIM. IS SHE YOUR BIGGEST FAN AND DOES SHE GO TO EVERY GAME TO WATCH HIM?

**Nick Leitch via Facebook**

**JL:** She's been to virtually every one, yes. In fact I think the game at Plymouth on Saturday is one of the only ones she hasn't been able to get to. Mum and dad are really behind me with my career, it's great.

### WHO CUTS YOUR HAIR?

**@4c29bc90b520424 via Twitter**

**JL:** Haha, it's a guy called Smokey. I get it cut whenever I go home.

### WHAT CONVINCED YOU TO COME TO HARTLEPOOL?

**Glenn Corbett via Facebook**

**JL:** The Chairman had a meeting with me and sold the Club to me really – once I talked to him about it I was buzzing basically, because the vision he has for Pools is top drawer.

### WHO IN THE HARTLEPOOL TEAM HAS IMPRESSED YOU THE MOST AND HAS THE POTENTIAL TO PLAY IN A HIGHER DIVISION? AND WHAT'S IT LIKE PLAYING UNDER CRAIG HIGNETT?

**Antony Danilowicz via Facebook**

**JL:** Well, Nathan Thomas obviously looks like someone who could play higher. He's unbelievable on his day and the game at Morecambe last season – I couldn't believe my eyes! In terms of playing under the gaffer – it's great. He has so much belief in the players and I think that gives you confidence when you're on the pitch. I think he could go on to do very well here.

### WHAT IS THE BEST HAIRSTYLE YOU'VE HAD? AND WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER AS A KID?

**Alan Juillerat via Facebook**

**JL:** Haha! It's the one I've just had with the blonde bits in! I have cut it off for now but it will be coming back in a few weeks! My favourite footballer when I was younger was Zidane – he was so fluent with the ball, it was crazy.

### WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL IN FOOTBALL?

**Umar Muntaka via Facebook**

**JL:** My dad. In terms of football he's just always been there for me and drove me on.

### CAN WE HAVE ANOTHER HAIRSTYLE?

**Bailey Haggan via Facebook**

**JL:** Maybe I will throw a line in there some day!! I do like to mix it up a bit with my hair!

come. I am hoping we can keep the level from Saturday or even improve on it – if we do that then I think we should get the result we want on Tuesday.

### WE'VE BEEN PRETTY GOOD ON OUR TRAVELS, HOW IMPORTANT IS THAT WE GET THINGS UP AND RUNNING ON HOME SOIL NOW?

**JL:** I think it's a bit like me with the first goal – once we get that first home win out of the way we will calm down and kick-on. It's becoming noticeable that we haven't won at home yet but once that first one happens I think we will be fine. It's coming soon and it's not something we're worrying about but if we can get the three points then we'll be off and running.

JOSH LAURENT

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# H'ANGUS HANGOUT

## JUNIOR SUPPORTERS PAGE

GOOD EVENING EVERYONE – WELCOME BACK TO THE NORTHERN GAS AND POWER STADIUM AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO TONIGHT'S GAME AGAINST LUTON TOWN.  
WE DIDN'T GET ANY GOALS TO CHEER IN OUR LAST GAME AT HOME BUT I HAVE HAD A QUIET WORD WITH THE PLAYERS SINCE THEN AND THEY'VE PROMISED THAT WE'LL GET ONE OR TWO TONIGHT SO MAKE SURE YOU CHEER LOUDLY!

### WARPED!



It's only gone and happened again! Yet another Pools star has been through the Warped machine and come out looking nothing like his usual self.  
Can you help me work out which player from Craig Hignett's squad is on the ball in this Warped photo?

### WHO'S THAT PLAYER?

We got this photo sent to us from our game against Notts County and I'm struggling to work out which Pools player it is because the ball is in the way!  
Can you work out with of Craig Hignett's men it is whose face is covered by the ball – I would love to know if you can!

### MASCOT MATES



I'm big mate with Luton Town's mascot Happy Harry – and I was on the phone to him earlier this week so can tell you he's even more happy than usual these days!  
Happy Harry was delivered a brand new pair of boots at the start of the season and has a brand new friend alongside him for games called Happy Hatty!  
Hatty is Harry's long-lost sister so the pair were delighted to be back together for the opening game this season – let's hope that they're not feeling so happy by the final whistle tonight!

### PUZZLE TIME

This afternoon we've mixed things up and scrambled the names of six Pools players – can you work out the anagrams and uncover the identity of them all? Good luck!

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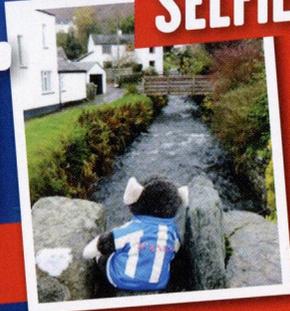
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### SELFIE SILLINESS



Thanks to John Cooper for sending in this photo of his own cuddly H'Angus enjoying the countryside of Braithwaite in Cumberland.  
If you've got a cuddly H'Angus toy and you're going away anywhere then make sure you take him on your travels and take a photo – I would love to see them and share them on this page in future Programmes.  
If you have a photo you'd like to share then send them to me on Facebook; you can find me by searching for 'Hangus99'. I'm looking forward to it already!



Warped - Liam Donnelly, Who's That Player - Billy Paynter, Anagrams - Trevor Carson, Billy Paynter, Jake Carroll, Michael Woods, Nathan Thomas, Scott Harrison

# NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL THE 90s

AH, THE 1990S. A DECADE OF CHANGE. CONSERVATIVE TO LABOUR. FILOFAX TO LAPTOP. GARRY GIBSON TO HAROLD HORNSEY TO IOR. THE VICTORIA GROUND TO VICTORIA PARK. EACH ISSUE WE WILL BE TAKING A NOSTALGIC REFLECTION ON THE PLAYERS, THE PEOPLE, THE HIGHS AND THE LOWS OF WHAT WAS INDEED A MAGICAL TEN YEARS AT HARTLEPOOL UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB.

## EPISODE 5

### COULD HAVE TOLD YOU SO...

As we have alluded to many times already in these pages, the 1990s were a period of great change at HUFC, and none more shocking than the summer of 1998 decision to ground share. Thankfully not with another Football Club, but with the then-giants of town Rugby Union, West Hartlepool RFC.

Indeed, with Pools struggling at the time and crowds hovering around the 1,800-2,000 mark, the 1998/99 season saw quite a few 3,000-plus attendances at The Vic - mainly for the team playing in green, white and red hoops!

The problem, of course, was the pitch. Many Football League grounds at the time were being used as Rugby Grounds as well, and all of them, bar none, had pitch issues. Stockport, Bury, Watford (Saracens won the League whilst sharing Vicarage Road) and Oldham were all regularly getting mauled in their already threadbare pitches were taking, and The Vic had the

additional drainage problems thanks to the newly-built Marina development.

It's fair to say that the whole episode was an experiment that failed, but happily it left Pools with some additional Hospitality Boxes and load of dents on the Town End roof. West finished bottom after an awful season that would just be the start of years of decline and see them drop out of the National Leagues within three years. Pools were woeful too and needed a VERY late April upturn in results to avoid going the way of Scarborough who were relegated with the last kick of the season...

## GET READY FOR THIS

Meanwhile, up in the Press Box, long-standing Pools PA Announcer John Orley was beginning to introduce what we now know as 'run-out music'. Taken for granted nowadays that each club would have its own specific tune to enter the pitch to, back in the 90s this was a relatively unknown phenomenon and Pools were certainly at the forefront.

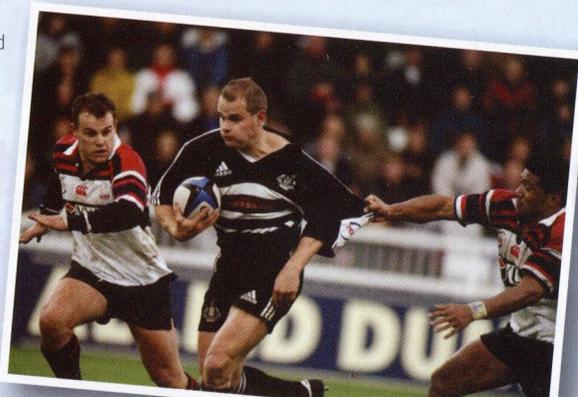
The tune the erstwhile Mr Orley first used was the 1992 techno hit 'Get Ready For This' by Dutch collaboration 2 Unlimited. A huge chart hit across Europe in the year of its release, this keyboard-based ditty even made a sizeable dent in the American Singles Chart and would go on to be probably the most-used sporting event theme in history, and the Green Bay Packers intro song for decades.



As the years passed and John's time as PA Announcer came to an end, 2 Unlimited were replaced firstly by Led Zeppelin's 'Kashmir' and eventually by The Jar Family's 'Machine' which is still used

at The Vic today. However, the 2 Unlimited track DOES still get a spin as the teams enter the pitch for the second half, mainly due to social media pressure and a love of 90s nostalgia which saw it brought back last season.

Whilst never being a great fan of the tune (or techno music in general - old codger alert!), it does give one a warm 90s glow every time it's played and takes many Pools fans right back to the days of Steve Howard, Chris Beech and Graham Stokoe (who?!). Y'all ready for dis?



## RAISE YOUR HANDS

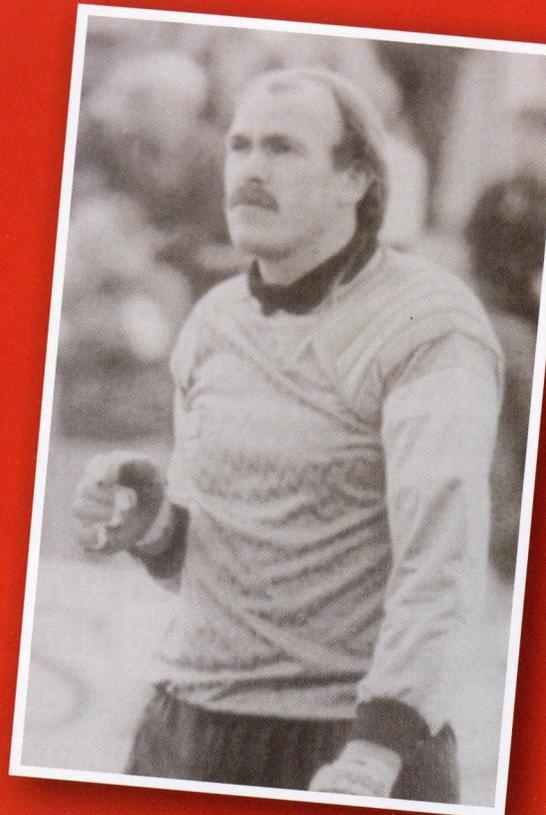
Few could argue against the fact that the promotion season of 1990/91 was a 25-year highlight at the Club, and that season produced some of the most iconic and well-remembered players in the history of the town. The likes of Joe Allon, Paul Baker, Rob McKinnon and Brian Honour have dined out for decades following the unlikely success of those days, but there are several semi-forgotten men amongst the squad, and perhaps Goalkeeper Brian Cox falls easiest into that group of players.

Cox was brought to the club by Cyril Knowles from Mansfield Town, and made his debut in the opening game of 1990/91 in the 3-2 away win at Chesterfield. Despite a decent start to the campaign, Cox quickly gained the nickname "Flapper" but the general feeling was that, although he did indeed flap a bit, he was certainly a massive improvement on the likes of Bob Moverley and

Jason Priestley from the previous season.

Keeping his place in the team for the bulk of the season, despite looking like a cross between Rene from Allo Allo and Max Wall, it came as something of a shock to Cox and the fans when suddenly, with just 14 games to go, Kevin Poole was brought in on loan and, for want of a better expression, Cox was out.

So what happened to Coxy? Well, despite the valiant efforts of the organisers he couldn't be traced when this year's 1990/91 25 year Reunion was being organised, despite us asking everybody from Alan Murray to the PFA itself! He certainly never played League Football again and, despite rumours that he was now a bookmaker, every avenue lead to a dead end. So let's give him due credit here and now, a true unsung hero of one of the Club's finest hours...



## DON'T MAKE ME WAIT...

Top Ten 90s One-Hit Wonders (they only scored the ONE goal for the Club)

- 1) **Michael BROWN**  
Yeah, but WHAT a goal!! Away to Darlington, a must win game, a 12th minute 20-yard free-kick.
- 2) **John THOMAS**  
A player that had a look of Dirty Den Watts about him, Thomas had 300 League games behind him before arriving on loan in 1992.
- 3) **Lee ELLISON**  
Young Darlo starlet who faded quickly before landing on loan to us in 1993 and notching at Hull City.
- 4) **Alan WALSH**  
Hartlepool-born and bred striker with a huge career behind him; turned out for Pools as a favour to Billy Horner in 1994 as a full-back, and cored one penalty.
- 5) **Sean McAULEY**  
Shaggy" barely missed a minute of his two seasons with Pools, notching up 96 games but with just the one stunning strike, on the volley, at Colchester to show for it.

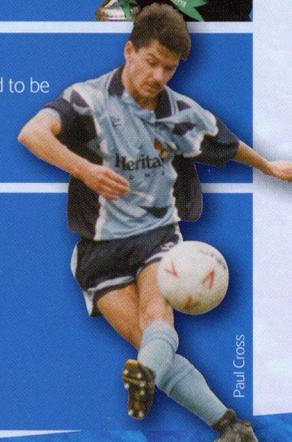
6) **Paul WRATTEN**  
Ex Man United midfielder who, over 60 appearances, again could only muster the one goal, which came in his second game, at home to Bradford City.

7) **Scott SLOAN**  
A former Newcastle striker who couldn't. Great things were expected, sadly it amounted to just six games and one goal.

8) **Jason AINSLEY**  
Stockton lad and currently managing Spennymoor alongside Tommy Miller, Jason's only goal game in a 3-1 home win over Preston in 1995.

9) **Tony CANHAM**  
Ineffective winger who seemed to be undroppable, despite a string of anonymous performances for the Club in the mid-90s.

10) **Paul CROSS**  
90 games, just the one goal for Crossy - but then again that wasn't his job. Controversially moved on after wearing a 'For Sale' sign on his tracksuit during yet another 90s crisis at The Vic!



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## THIS WEEK THEN

SATURDAY 23RD  
SEPTEMBER  
2006

What was to be a memorable week kicked-off in style when Pools made the trip to face Peterborough United at London Road. Danny Wilson's men stunned the home crowd by racing in a 4-0 lead inside 53 minutes thanks to two goals apiece from Gary Liddle and Jon Daly. The hosts then did their best to haul themselves back in to contention with three goals in eleven minutes but Matty Robson finished them off and clinched the points for Pools with a fifth goal near the end.



## THE CLASS OF 2006/07

IT'S TEN YEARS SINCE POOLS SMASHED RECORDS LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTRE ON THEIR WAY TO AUTOMATIC PROMOTION FROM LEAGUE TWO UNDER DANNY WILSON SO THIS TERM WE'RE GOING TO LOOK BACK ON THAT MEMORABLE CAMPAIGN.

EACH ISSUE, WE'LL PROFILE ANOTHER STAR FROM THAT ALL-CONQUERING SQUAD WHICH TOOK POOLS BACK TO LEAGUE ONE AT THE FIRST ATTEMPT IN QUITE ASTONISHING STYLE.

WE'LL ALSO BE REFLECTING ON THE KEY EVENTS FROM EACH WEEK DURING THE COURSE OF THE 2016/17, TAKING YOU BACK A DECADE AND LETTING US REMINISCE ON ONE OF THE FINEST SEASONS IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY.



TUESDAY 26TH  
SEPTEMBER 2006

The confidence gained from an eye-catching away win over Posh was coursing through the Pools players' veins when they made the somewhat shorter trip to Grimsby Town. The Mariners actually took the lead just after the quarter-hour mark but Jon Daly levelled from the spot just before half time. After the break Pools were simply irresistible and Gary Liddle fired in from a free-kick before Daly and the unplayable Joel Porter both found the net to make it 4-1.

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Jon Daly crowned a sensational week for him and the Club by scoring all the goals in Pools 3-0 win over Wrexham as they returned to home soil. The front man scored a quick-fire double midway through the first half before completing his hat-trick midway through the second. The victory underlined Pools' upturn in form and nudged Danny Wilson's men in to the play-off zone for the first time.



### JON DALY

Given it's ten years to the week since Jon Daly fired an astonishing seven goals in three games, it seemed only right that we featured the Irishman in this afternoon's instalment of The Class of 2006/07.

Daly's career at The Vic was set against the backdrop of mixed opinions but there could be no arguing about the stunning eight days which saw him shoot down Peterborough, Grimsby and Wrexham to fire Pools in to the top seven.

He arrived at Pools in February 2005 at the tender age of 22 and he went on to score a crucial goal at Bournemouth to help the Club clinch a play-off place in 2004/05 before also netting in memorable fashion to put the team in front against Sheffield Wednesday in the Play-Off Final.

The Dublin-born striker had

been in and out of the side in 2006/07 before his seven-goal supershoot and it earned him a more consistent run in the side though he would score only once more and moved on to Dundee United in January 2007.

Since then, Daly has made a good living north of the border and spent two productive years with Rangers as they climbed back up the Scottish leagues before ending his career with Raith Rovers and then

**Name:** Jon Daly  
**Date of Birth:** 08/01/83  
**Position:** Striker

**Overall Appearances:** 73  
**Appearances in 2006/07:** 25



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# POOLS ROBBED BY THE PILGRIMS



SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016  
HOME PARK



## PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1

JERVIS (P) 84

## POOLS 1

THOMAS 21

ATTENDANCE: 7,591 (69 POOLS)

REFEREE: GAVIN WARD

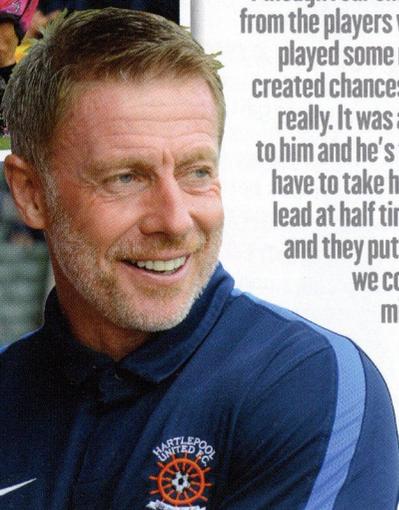
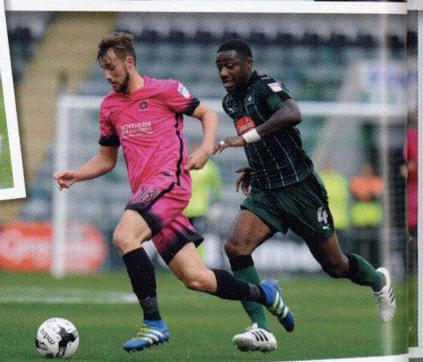
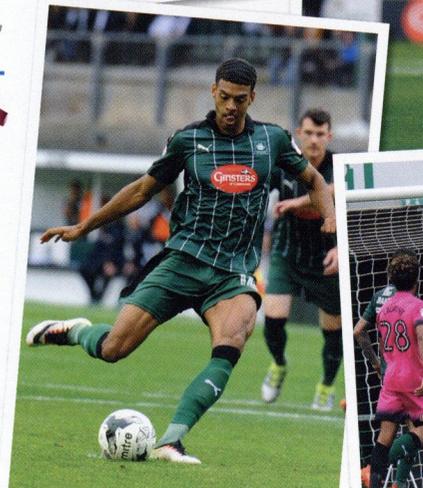
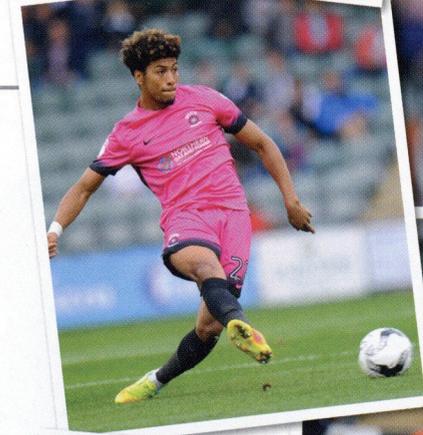
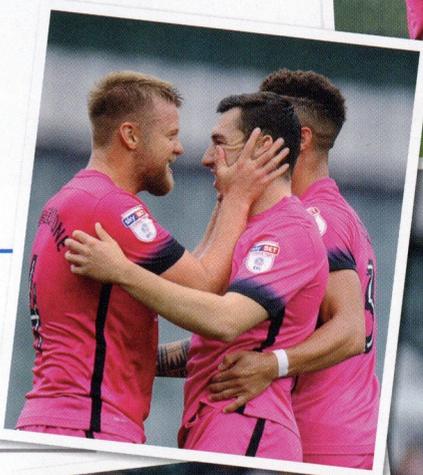
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**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE:** McCORMICK, MILLER, BULVITIS, BRADLEY, PURRINGTON, SONGO'O (SMITH 46), FOX, SLEW (JERVIS 46), TANNER (SPENCER 59), CAREY, GOODWILLIE  
**SUBS NOT USED:** DONALDSON, THRELKELD, DOREL, IJANA

**POOLS:** CARSON, DONNELLY, NSIALA, HARRISON, CARROLL, HAWKINS (RICHARDS 90 +3:02), FEATHERSTONE, LAURENT, ALESSANDRA, AMOND (PAYNTER 81), THOMAS (DEVERDICS 78)  
**SUBS NOT USED:** BARTLETT, ORRELL, FEWSTER, HEARDMAN

### MATCH STATS

		
POSSESSION:	39%	61%
SHOTS ON TARGET:	2	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET:	6	9
CORNERS:	4	7
OFFSIDES:	0	1
FOULS:	11	16
YELLOW CARD:	1	5
RED CARD:	0	1



### HIGGY SAYS...

"I thought our shape was really good and the work ethic from the players was different class. In the first half we played some really good stuff, controlled the game, created chances, scored the goal and frustrated them really. It was a great goal from Nathan - I've spoken to him and he's told me that he meant it so we will just have to take his word for it because we deserved the lead at half time. We knew they would change things and they put two up front and went more direct but we coped with it well - then the last fifteen minutes just descended in to farce. That shouldn't be a penalty in a month of Sundays and I think anyone would be disappointed to have a decision like that go against them."

# WHO ARE YA?

## SCOTT HARRISON



We get to know centre-back **SCOTT HARRISON** a little better as he selects some questions at random from our various indexes. Let's see what we can uncover about him...

### ON THE PITCH

### OFF THE PITCH

**4 WHO HAS HAD THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON YOUR CAREER?** The biggest influence has been my grandad. When I was young and playing Sunday football he would take me to every game and watch me in all the away games. He still took me all over when I went to Darlington and even now he still doesn't miss a game if he can help it.

**5 WHAT'S THE BEST GOAL YOU'VE EVER SCORED?**

I would probably say the one I scored against Carlisle last season. I've only scored two and they were both quite similar finishes - though one was with my left foot and one with my right. I can't even remember which was which now but I'll say the Carlisle one because it was against them!



**7 WHICH POSITION DID YOU PLAY WHEN YOU WERE AT SCHOOL?** Until I was 16 I was always a central midfielder but then a few times in the Youth Team at Darlington I played up front and scored a couple of goals. Craig Liddle moved me to centre-back though and told me he thought I had the best chance playing there so I just knuckled down. That's why I sometimes wander off during training though!

**3 WHEN DID YOU FIRST THINK YOU HAD A CHANCE OF TURNING PRO?** I'm not sure. Maybe when I went to Sunderland on trial because I did quite well. I ended up getting a deal there, I was but I didn't ever really think I would break through there, I was on the bench once but other than I didn't really believe I would get the chance. Once I came to Pools it was better and that was when I first thought I was a proper professional footballer!

**2 WHO IS THE BEST PLAYER YOU'VE PLAYED AGAINST?** I played against Scott Parker a few years ago. I actually played against Pogba when he was at Manchester United the first time. He was a level above everyone else on the pitch but he was still not as good as he has been in recent months, even though he's having a bad time at the moment.

**1 HOW MANY TATTOOS DO YOU HAVE?**

Just one. It's just a little cross that I have on my wrist - and I only really did it because I wanted to know what it felt like to get a tattoo!

**5 WHAT ONE THING ANNOYS YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE?**

Probably when I am battering someone on FIFA but then get beat 1-0! I can start smashing the remote when that happens. In fact, I've gone through about five over the years because I go out in the garden and throw them over the neighbour's fence! Haha!

**4 WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE?**

I have a Mercedes C220. I've had a few bumps in it and caused plenty of damage but it's still nice and going strong!



**7 WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE TELEVISION PROGRAMME?**

I have watched loads of different series but at the moment I am watching Walking Dead, which is alright. I am also

### BACKGROUND CHECK

**9 WHICH VIDEO GAME WAS YOUR FAVOURITE AS A CHILD?** I liked

Crash Bandicoot. But my favourite was one that not many people remember called Pandemonium. It was a platform game similar to Mario where you ran and jumped to collect coins. That and FIFA98 were my favourites I think.



**6 WHAT WAS THE FIRST FILM YOU WENT TO WATCH AT THE CINEMA?** It would have

been with my nana and granddad when we went to watch the Harry Potter films. I went to see the first one with them at the cinema and then went back for some of the others too.



**4 WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE TELEVISION SHOW GROWING UP?** It was just football.

Whenever football was on I watched it and I used to love getting up on a Sunday morning to watch the highlights - I wasn't allowed to stay up late to watch them on a Saturday night!

**2 WHAT WAS YOUR WORST SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?** I think I was pretty rubbish at

most of them to be honest, I struggled! I would probably say I liked Maths the least because it baffled my head at times even though the teacher loved me!

**1 WHAT WAS YOUR BEST SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?** I liked Graphics. I wasn't the best in

terms of grades or anything but I loved doing the drawing and the design, using Photoshop and stuff. I liked PE too but everyone likes that!



into Power (I think all the players are watching that, near enough!) and I also love Only Fools and Horses - it's guaranteed to make you laugh!

**9 WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU LIKE LISTENING TO?**

I like listening to dance and RnB music mainly. There's an app that I have where you can get different mixes from DJs and it's all dance and RnB so I just put that on mainly.

### WOULD YOU RATHER?

**3 WOULD YOU RATHER ONLY BE ABLE TO WHISPER OR ONLY BE ABLE TO SHOUT?**

Probably whisper - though it would be hard playing football whispering! But I can't bear it when people are shouting and there is no need. Imagine that, being sat at home and you have to shout at your nana or someone! Having said that, I think our nana can only shout!

**4 WOULD YOU RATHER BE RICH AND UGLY OR POOR AND GOOD-LOOKING?**

Ha! I'm poor and ugly so I am struggling with both! I would probably rather be rich and ugly because looks don't really matter if you're a nice person and if you had a lot of money you could do loads of different activities!

**5 WOULD YOU RATHER ALWAYS LOSE OR NEVER PLAY?**

Probably always lose. I couldn't think about not being able to play, it's horrible when you're not in the team - I know the feeling and it's awful. I would just play, as long as we were getting beat 1-0 and playing alright and not getting battered every week!

**7 WOULD YOU RATHER SAY EVERYTHING THAT IS ON YOUR MIND OR NEVER SPEAK AGAIN?**

Say everything that's on my mind. I bite my tongue quite a bit usually but if something needs to be said then I think I would just say it.

**10 WOULD YOU RATHER LIVE ONE LIFE THAT LAST 1000 YEARS OR TEN LIVES THAT LAST 100 YEARS EACH?**

Ten lives. You could get quite bored when you're 1000 years in the same life, but if you could have ten different lives then you could be ten different people and take different paths.

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**TWITTER OR FACEBOOK?**

Twitter



**2 SNAPCHAT OR INSTAGRAM?**

Instagram

**3 INDIAN OR CHINESE?**

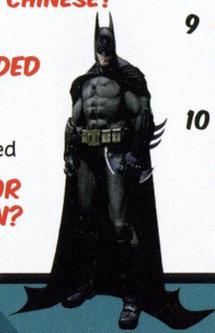
Chinese

**4 LEFT-HANDED OR RIGHT-HANDED?**

Right-handed

**5 BATMAN OR SUPERMAN?**

Batman



**6 BEER OR WINE?**

Beer



**7 FRONT PAGE OR BACK PAGE?**

Back page

**8 BATH OR SHOWER?**

Shower

**9 CARRAGHER OR HENRY?**

Carragher

**10 PEP OR JOSE?**

Jose



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TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2016  
BILLINGHAM TOWN

**POOLS 2**

HEARDMAN GO, ORRELL 94

**ROTHERHAM UNITED 1**

FORDE 65

REFEREE: MARK RYAN

PHOTOS: MARK FLETCHER (SHUTTER PRESS)

**POOLS:** CATTERICK, RICHARDS (RICHARDSON 72), MARTIN, GREEN, WISE, POLLOCK, SMITH, WALKER, HEARDMAN (HAWKES 60), FEWSTER (BLACKFORD 60), ORRELL.  
**SUBS NOT USED:** MOLONEY, FIELDING.

**ROTHERHAM UNITED:** PRICE, BAILEY, WOOD (ATHERTON 82), ROSE, WARREN; FORDE (JAMES 70), VAULKS (MURR 63), NEWELL (MAGUIRE 63), BAILEY-KING, MUSKWE, YATES (KAYODE 68).





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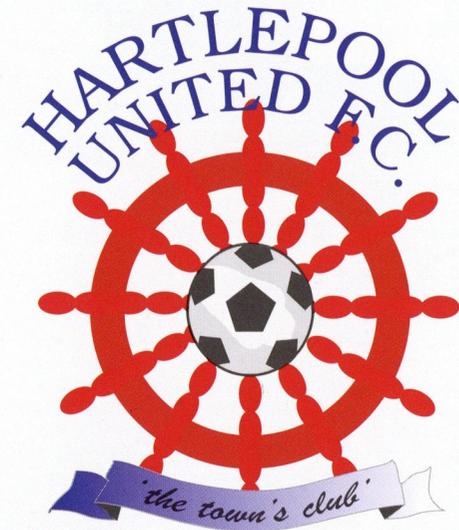
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### CRAWLEY TOWN

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Kick Off: 3pm



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## AWAY MATCHES



### GRIMSBY TOWN

Saturday 1st October 2016  
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Grimsby Town have sent us an initial allocation of 300 seating tickets for our game at Blundell Park. These tickets are now on sale from the Northern Gas and Power Stadium Ticket Office and will remain available until 2pm on Friday 30th September. After that point Pools fans will still be able to get their tickets on the turnstiles (Adult sales only) or from the Ticket Office (all concession sales) prior to kick-off on the day of the game. These tickets are also available online until midnight on Thursday 29th September.

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Saturday 15th October 2016  
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EFL Sky Bet League Two

Tickets for the fixture at Brunton Park on Saturday 15th October (3pm kick off) will go on sale to Season Ticket Holders at 10am on Monday 26th September. The match is an all-ticket fixture and supporters are strongly advised not to travel without a ticket.

Tickets will be available both online and in the Ticket Office from Monday at a rate of one per Season Ticket card.

To purchase tickets in the Ticket Office, you will need to produce each Season Ticket in order to purchase any number of match tickets. For example, if you want to purchase two Carlisle United tickets, you would need to bring your two Season Ticket cards to the Ticket Office.

Online purchases will require individual log-ins as per Season Ticket Holder details. Tickets will remain on sale to Season Ticket Holders until 4pm on Wednesday 5th October, with general sale available from 10am on Thursday 6th October. Once tickets are on general sale, they will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis both in the Ticket Office and online.

Pools have received an allocation of 1668 tickets for this fixture and they will be available for sale online until midnight on Wednesday 12th October and in the Ticket Office until 12noon on Friday 14th October.

**TICKETS FOR THE GAME ARE PRICED AS FOLLOWS:** Adult: **£19.00**, Senior (65+): **£16.00**, Young Person (18-22): **£13.00**, Junior (11-17): **£10.00**, Child (10 and under): **£7.00**, Child (6 and under): **FOC**, \*1 Adult + 1 Junior: **£27.00**, \*1 Adult + 2 Junior: **£35.00**, \*1 Senior + 1 Junior: **£24.00**, \*Disabled Carer: **FOC**, \*Wheelchair: **£4.00**, \*Wheelchair Carer: **FOC**, \*Cannot be purchased online.

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## AWAY TRAVEL:

The Supporters Association are running coaches to our game at Carlisle United on Saturday 15th October priced at £11 each. Bookings are being taken in the Corner Flag before and after today's game and full payment must be made at the time of booking. For more information you can visit the Supporters' Association Facebook page by searching for 'Corner Flag'.

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The Youth Team played against Burton Albion in the league last week and shared the points, drawing the game 2-2 at Blackhall Welfare Park.

The performance on the day was below par of what is expected but we still managed to get something out of the game, even though we fell behind twice. Goalscorers on the day were Josh Hawkes who scored from the penalty spot after Lewis Orrell was felled in the box and then Josh Hawkes turned the provider when his cross was headed home by Liam Travers.

There were some very good individual performances in the group with Ethan Wood excelling in the game and driving the team forward. He made some good runs to stretch the opposition and created space for his teammates. Joe Jackson who is an Under 16 player came on and looked very bright and caused the opposition problems with his pace and direct running.

The Academy had fixtures against Lincoln City at the weekend and Performance of the Week went to the Under 15's age group. The team scored two great goals through Josh Scott and Jack Leonard. Jack's goal was the pick of the two as he volleyed home from 20 yards into the bottom corner of the goal. Coaches Rob Jones and Mac Woodley were happy with the performance of the side but wanted

the team to cover the chances they created as the score didn't reflect the game as a whole.

This weekend the Academy teams have fixtures against Scunthorpe United, so good luck to all teams!

Enjoy the game.

**John Hewitson**  
Youth Development Manager



Josh Hawkes

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# HUCSF

HARTLEPOOL UNITED COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION



## PFA PLAYER VISITS IN THE COMMUNITY

HARTLEPOOL UNITED COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION (HUCSF) IS A VIBRANT AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT THAT AIMS TO SUPPORT GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT AND NURTURE THE PASSION OF THE PEOPLE OF HARTLEPOOL FOR FOOTBALL AND THEIR LOCAL CLUB.

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The Foundation offers many diverse activities that aim to provide the people of Hartlepool and the surrounding areas with opportunities to participate and enjoy themselves in a fun, friendly environment helping people in life skills, promoting self-esteem, confidence and fair play. The Foundation comes under the umbrella of the English Football League Trust (EFLT) and links into its four main themes/ objectives - sports participation, social inclusion, health and education which meets

the Every Child Matters Agenda:

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

To help us meet our objectives HUCSF has completed a PFA player profile survey of Hartlepool United players to find their interests and through this process are recruiting Player Ambassadors to represent our four main themes: Social Inclusion, Health, Education and Sport to promote these in the community

HUFC players regularly attend our community activity programmes throughout the season which helps to raise the profile of the work that we do, bringing the local community and the Club closer together to combat social issues. Players' standing in the community is very high, with young children idolising their local heroes and this enables us to use football as a medium to help build confidence, self-esteem and social cohesion.



One of Pools' greatest advocates is a young home-grown player Brad Walker who has previously been our Community Player of the Year and attended the visit at St Joseph's Primary School in Billingham even though it was his day off after playing a Reserve match the previous day. Brad enjoyed helping out with the PE activities and then took part in a Q&A session with the pupils. Also at the session was Dennis Leman from the PFA to complete a monitoring visit of player engagement. "We all understand that community appearances are an important part of being a footballer," Walker said. "It's good to get out visiting local schools and to see how much the children enjoy having us there is great. It's only an hour or so out of your day but it really does make a difference."



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## MOMENT IN TIME

**WHEN PREMIER LEAGUE STOKE CITY ROLLED IN TO TOWN AT THE START OF 2009, FEW OUTSIDE OBSERVERS GAVE POOLS MUCH CHANCE OF BEING ONE OF THAT AFTERNOON'S FA CUP GIANT-KILLERS.**

Under Tony Pulis, The Potters were busy establishing themselves in the top flight and were some 41 places above their hosts in the ladder at the time of their Third Round trip to the north-east.

Pools – under the caretaker eye of Chris Turner following the departure of Danny Wilson the previous month – were in poor form having been beaten 3-0 at Scunthorpe on Boxing Day before being thrashed 4-1 at home to Crewe two days later.

Turner was forced in to early changes as an injured Antony Sweeney was replaced by Jamie McCunnie just after the quarter-hour mark before Michael Mackay pulled up fifteen minutes later and was replaced by David Foley. And that was the moment that was to light up this cup tie.

After withstanding some early pressure from their visitors, Pools began to grow in confidence and it was no real surprise when Michael Nelson headed home Matty Robson's free-kick to send The Vic wild with delight four minutes after the break.

But if Nelson's header had provoked memorable celebrations, then Foley's moment in the sun was to really light the blue touch paper as he fired home an incredible second with twenty minutes remaining.

"I remember Ben Clark won the header and I picked it up deep in my own half," Foley recalls, taking up the story from that January 2009 afternoon.

"I realised pretty quickly that I didn't seem to have anyone around me so I just moved forward towards the box, took a touch and it sat up perfectly for the shot and it ended up in the top corner.

"It was one of those moments where as soon as I connected with the ball I knew it was going to be a goal – you can just tell when you strike it as clearly as that.

"I think when you're really young you dream of moments like that and you have it in your head but then when it happens for real it's incredible.

"I was so much in the moment that I don't think I can remember much about the celebration, I just think I ran towards the crowd and then tried to jump as high as I could and punch the air.

"In a split second it was gone and then you're back to concentrating on the game. I don't think it was until years later that you look back and realise what a great moment it was.

"The only regret I have is that I had another similar chance a couple of minutes later and I ended up passing it because I thought it would have flown out of the stadium – I should have just hit it!

"It was obviously a great result for us to beat Stoke 2-0 and I think we deserved it because we had dominated in the game and I remember thinking that we were a match for them even though they were pretty much at full-strength."

The media lapped up the result and were at The Vic to film the players as they watched the

draw for the Fourth Round – which paired Pools against another Premier League outfit.

"We got loads of attention from the press after beating Stoke and I remember me and Micky Nelson doing an interview on Sky about drawing West Ham in the next round," Foley explained.

"I was buzzing with the draw to be honest because Gianfranco Zola had always been a massive hero of mine and he happened to be the West Ham manager at the time – and I thought we had a chance of winning that too!"

Since leaving Pools, Foley has had a successful stint in America playing for Puerto Rico Islanders and Fort Lauderdale Strikers before having to retire – though he's back playing non-league now for ambitious outfit South Shields.

"I fell out of love with football a little after being forced to retire through injury," admitted Foley, who now works full-time as a personal trainer.

"But I have nothing but good memories from Hartlepool; I just wish I had the experience I have now when I was playing for the Club because looking back I think I had the ability but I was nowhere near mentally ready for it.

"It took going to America and getting that experience to really get there because I was just a kid at Pools really – but I still loved my time at The Vic and still want them to do well!"





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Exeter v Notts County  
Grimsby v Newport  
Leyton Orient v Plymouth  
Wycombe v Crewe

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### SUNDERLAND

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### GRIMSBY TOWN

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