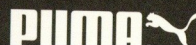


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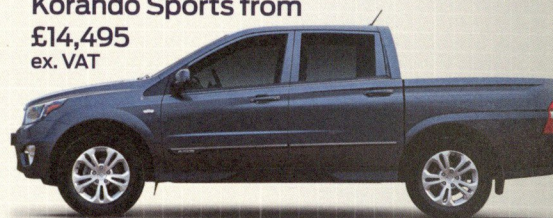
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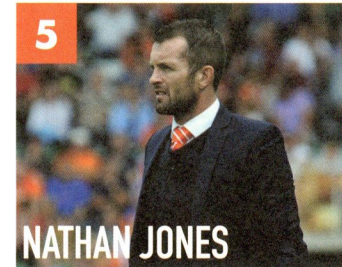
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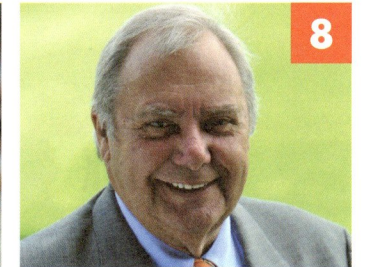
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WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD



The boss welcomes Crewe Alexandra
to Kenilworth Road

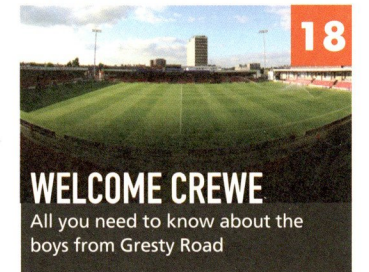


FROM THE BOARDROOM
With vice-chairman David Wilkinson



DEADLINE DAY

Monday is your last chance to
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WELCOME CREWE

All you need to know about the
boys from Gresty Road

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Another new era for the England national team kicks off immediately after today's match
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the Nick Owen Bar or the Executive Box bar (for holders).

Depending on attendance, the bars will stay open until after the final whistle at
Wembley, so why not stick around and hopefully celebrate a Hatters and England double
with a drink or two!

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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 against Crewe Alexandra.

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

It's been a couple of weeks since most of our supporters were here, but those who did come on Tuesday night for the Checkatrade Trophy game against West Brom were given another glimpse of the future at this club with another great performance from some of our younger players.

The experienced players in the team were excellent too, of course, but I was a proud manager standing on the touchline watching our lads play like they did against Premier League opponents.

When I say that, I'm not just referring to the Under-21 players in the West Brom line-up. They also included four vastly experienced players, two of them internationals. Our boys proved they are not just youth or development squad players, but first team footballers who are able to cope with the level and perform whenever they are needed.

We had seen evidence of that a week earlier at Hartlepool when we fielded what we are told is the youngest League team in Luton Town history. To come away disappointed not to have taken all three points from the stereotypical League Two Tuesday night character test is again testament to the work that has been put into the academy here, both before I came to the club and in the eight months since.

The point we did gain took us back up the table to second, and then we followed it up with another hard-fought point at Cheltenham last Saturday despite not being at anything like our best.

People might look at the table and see them second-from-bottom, but we knew it was going to be a difficult game with the tight pitch and their success rate from set-pieces.

When you take the lead like we did, you're always disappointed to concede an equaliser. But we've learned from past experiences that in our desire to go and win games, we can get undone by the sucker punch, so we are pleased that didn't happen. While we weren't massively content with a point, it definitely wasn't two lost.

ASPIRATIONS

Today is another big game against a side who have started the season well and will, like ourselves, have aspirations of winning promotion back to League One. We'll need your fantastic backing as always to help us collect more valuable points, so please rock the place like you did against Doncaster a fortnight ago.

Then go home, go out for dinner, go to the pub – wherever – and tell everyone you know to write their letter to the council or complete the easy-to-use online form to give their views on Power Court and Newlands Park before Monday's deadline.

There is definitely a bright future ahead for Luton Town Football Club, hopefully in that wonderful new stadium. Make sure you do your best to make it happen.

Enjoy the game.

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for a game I expect to provide us with another stern test, as a Crewe Alexandra side who have been in good form so far this season come to town.

We've not been doing too badly ourselves, though, and Tuesday night's fantastic win over West Brom in the Checkatrade Trophy made it four games unbeaten.

Those of us who started at Cheltenham were given the night off, but the young lads who played showed once again the talent that is coming through here and underlined why everyone who plays in any given match has to be right at the top of their game. Some of these youngsters might still be eligible for the youth team, but they are first team quality and first team ready.

We had another great performance in our last league game here against Doncaster – although I didn't get to see much of it! In the first half I clashed with their striker on the halfway line and lost feeling in my left arm. It didn't feel normal, but I went back to defend the free-kick and after trying to head a cross clear, I lost feeling in my neck but went to try and block the shot for their goal, and lost all feeling down my left side.

I've got to thank the paramedics, the club doctor and Simon Parsell, the physio, for running on and making sure I was treated so quickly. They took me off to Luton & Dunstable Hospital where the staff took good care of me and thankfully gave me the all clear with the scans they carried out.

It seems as if it was just the case of a spasm of a nerve that gave me that pins and needle, and numb feeling down that side of my body. But what they did to me seemed to work – in fact, I thought I was still drugged up when I turned on Sky Sports News later that night and saw Danny Hylton getting a red card for throwing a litter picker at the ground!

The lads were apparently magnificent in turning that deficit into a 3-1 win against a top side, so in all seriousness, I'm

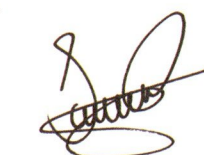
grateful to my team-mates for that; to you fans – and Doncaster's – for the great reception I received on the stretcher; and to everyone who took care of me during the afternoon and evening.

The football club sponsors the breakfast show on the L&D's radio station, so I'll be doing an interview with them soon to thank them properly and I'll be making sure the other lads support them, too.

After a rest on the Tuesday while the lads – mostly young again – earned an excellent point at Hartlepool, I was able to return to the team last Saturday at Cheltenham, when we took another point from a tough, bruising game.

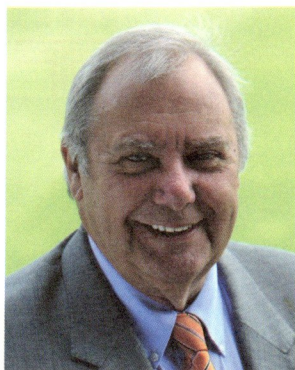
Your support on both those away trips has been first class, so please let's have more of the same this afternoon and hopefully we can reward you with another three points.

Enjoy the game.



The young lads who played showed once again the talent that is coming through here





FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON



Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Our visitors today are Crewe Alexandra, and we welcome the Officials, Players and Supporters from the Railwaymen for the first time since March 2008. We managed a 2-1 win that day with goals from Matthew Spring, but the season ended with us being relegated to League Two.

The rest is history with us at 2020 taking over the Club and it, subsequently, receiving the infamous 30-point deduction the following season, which culminated in relegation from the Football League.

I mention this not to rake up the past, but to show how much recent performances by our young and academy players means to us. One crucial part of the vision and philosophy of 2020 was to encourage, promote and support home grown and young talent and to provide an opportunity for them to play quality football at the highest level possible.

We are all tremendously proud that the five years in the Conference with no external funding and the faith shown to resist the attention of League Clubs is now bearing fruit in a way it never has before in the Club's history.

Fresh in the mind is our extraordinary performance on Tuesday night against West Brom's Academy side, made even more special by the fact that four of the West Brom team had Premier League experience and were between 25 and 33. The teamwork, quality and effort were wonderful to watch and it is such a shame, although understandable, that there were so few of you there to see it.

As a long term fan and investor it made me very proud and highly optimistic for our future. You all know that we are not fans of the competition, but it does give an opportunity to young players to show their worth. However, it does seem that the powers that be feel as though the only players worth encouraging are those at EPPPP1 level.

As we are showing and Crewe, under Dario Gradi, are famous for having shown in the past, there is a mass of talent in English football. It is often deprived of the opportunity to play at the highest level because of the preponderance of foreign

players in the Premier League and the Championship. Personally I feel this is the area that most needs addressing.

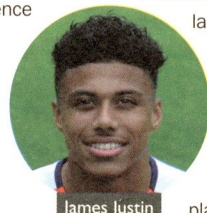
Continuing with the theme since I last wrote James Justin and Akin Famewo have had their Football League debuts, and didn't they do well?

Connor Tomlinson became the Town's youngest ever player when he came on at Gillingham and the team at Hartlepool had an average age of just over 22, which is believed to also be the youngest League line-up we have ever fielded.

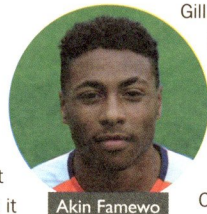
Christian Walton has been called up to the England U21 squad and 15-year-old Tiernan Parker made his debut for the Northern Ireland U17s against Spain a few weeks ago.

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating all of the above on their achievements. They are a credit to our great club.

Finally, for now on team matters, it was great to see Scott Cuthbert back in the fray last week after his worrying neck injury suffered against



James Justin



Akin Famewo

Doncaster in our last game here. It was good to see the care taken, at the time, in case it had been more serious than it turned out to be.

After today's game, at 5pm, England are playing Malta and fans are welcome to stay and watch the game in the Stadium bars. I wonder if Gareth Southgate having managed the U21s will be more inclined to give youth a chance. We have shown that it can be a very pleasant surprise, but the only way to find out is play them.

DEADLINE

Could I remind you again for the last time that the ground planning application consultation deadline is this coming Monday. There has been a tremendous response, but we are never satisfied. There are many fans out there who haven't responded so far. Remember we took 42,000 to Wembley for the JPT Final.

There is a new easy to use form, which just asks boxes to be ticked (visit www.2020developments.co.uk/ applications for the link). Anyone can do it. Friends, family, colleagues. It doesn't matter where you live, doesn't even matter if you support Luton Town. Would it be good for the Town, the region, the country, football as a whole, quality of life, the economy?

It is essential, however, that we have as many responses from the local population as possible. So one final plea: if you live in an LU postcode area and haven't yet registered your support, you have 48 hours to play your part in helping change the town in which you live for the better, forever. And if you have already written your letter, fired off your email or filled in the form, have a think about who you know with an LU postcode and ask them to do the same.

Please have your say so that you have no regrets in the future that you didn't act.

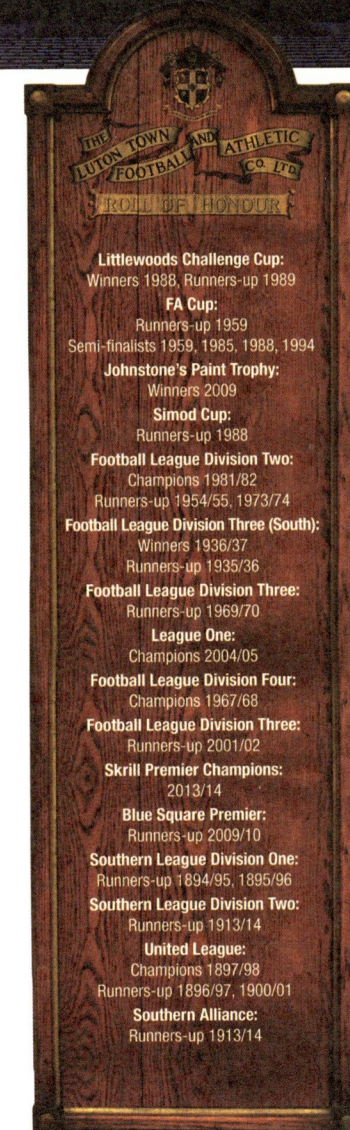
I've talked about one of the founding planks of 2020 earlier in this piece; the others are relocation, self-sustainability, connecting with the community and playing football at a higher level. These plans can do all those things and your opinion matters.

"If you want a successful future just do the RIGHT THING at the RIGHT TIME at the RIGHT PLACE for the RIGHT REASON"... That should be easy then!

Enjoy the game

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[POWER COURT AND NEWLANDS PARK]



Since our planning applications were validated by Luton Borough Council, several thousand representations have been made over the plans for a new stadium at Power Court and the mixed-use development at Newlands Park.

We've had legendary former players like Raddy Antic, Malcolm 'Supermac' Macdonald, Steve Foster, Brian Stein, Kingsley Black, John Hartson, big Mick Harford and current Premier League stars Curtis Davies and Andre Gray giving the Hatters their backing. Famous names like Sky Sports' Jeff Stelling and Geoff Shreeves, celebrity chef Jean-Christophe Novelli, singer Paul Young and Luton-born cricketer Monty Panesar have also written.

As have footballing powers-that-be including Football Association chairman Greg Clarke, the EFL's Ian Lenagan and Shaun Harvey, and the National League's Brian Barwick.

Local dignitaries have also pledged their support, including Luton North MP Kelvin Hopkins, Luton South MP Gavin Shaker, and Cheryl Smart, Chief Executive of Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce.

Now, however, is the time to act if you or someone you know has not yet sent their letter or email, visited the council website to view the plans and comment on them, or filled in the new easy-to-use online form (via www.2020developments.com/applications) that will change the face of the football club and our town forever.

Responses from people living in LU postcode areas are essential so please, even if you've sent yours, pop round to your neighbours, give family members a call and get anyone living in the local area to have their say to Luton Borough Council. **YOU HAVE 48 HOURS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

1. Visit www.2020developments.co.uk/applications and follow a link to the Council's website to view the supporting plans and documentation
2. At the same address, you will find the link to the new easy-to-complete online form on which you can register your views with a few clicks on your keyboard, or taps on your smartphone screen
3. Send an email to: developmentcontrol@luton.gov.uk
4. Write a letter to: Development Control, Luton Borough Council, Luton, LU1 2BQ

5. Register and complete the form online at the council's website: Here for Power Court <http://goo.gl/6fk4ww> and Newlands Park <http://goo.gl/gEXQlz>

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 and Newlands Park 16/01401) and copy in info@2020developments.co.uk and your local MP.

UPNEXT

LEYTON ORIENT

NEXT SATURDAY
IT'S A TRIP TO
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TO FACE
LEYTON ORIENT

FORMED: 1881 | NICKNAME: THE O'S | LAST SEASON: 8TH LEAGUE TWO
FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @LEYTONORIENTFC | COLOURS: RED
GROUND: MATCHROOM STADIUM | MANAGER: ALBERTO CAVASIN

WHO? Leyton Orient were formed in 1881 and are now based at the Matchroom Stadium, formerly known as Brisbane Road. Alberto Cavasin is the new man in charge as they look to boost themselves up the table and achieve their ambition of promotion back to League One. The O's were relegated to League Two in 2015 and after finishing eighth last season, they will be looking for better this time around.

TICKETS We have sold out our allocation for this match. Supporters without tickets are advised not to travel.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? The two sides have met 59 times before. The Hatters have come out on top 29 times whilst Orient have recorded victory 16 times. There were three meetings last season, the first coming in a 2-1 victory for Luton in the EFL Trophy, with the goals coming from Danny Green and Stephen O'Donnell. A 1-1 draw followed at Kenilworth Road in October, with Jack Marriott on the scoresheet. Marriott would score the decisive goal in the return fixture in March with Luton claiming a 1-0 win.

IN CHARGE Orient have recently appointed experienced Italian manager Alberto Cavasin. Cavasin replaced Andy Hessenthaler who was sacked following a 3-1 defeat to Notts County. The Italian hasn't managed since 2011 when he oversaw Sampdoria's relegation to Serie B. The other clubs he has managed include Brescia, Treviso, Fiorentina and Lecce.

PREVIOUS FORM After finishing eighth last season, Orient would've been hoping for a better start to the season than they have had, with 12 points from 11 games seeing them occupy 17th place in the table. No win in five matches, four of which were defeats, resulted in a

managerial change as they look to return to League One following relegation in 2015.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Scott Cuthbert is the only one in the current sides to have represented both. Cuthbert signed on at Kenilworth Road in 2015 after spending four years at Orient, making a 133 appearances in the process. Other players to have appeared for both include Luke Guttridge and Matthew Spring. Guttridge spent a brief spell in East London in the 2006-07 season and joined the Hatters in 2013, spending three years here. Spring began his career at Luton in 1997 before joining Leeds United in 2004. The midfielder returned three years later and he went on to represent Orient in 2010, where he made 80 appearances.

Scott Cuthbert at Orient



GET YOUR TICKET



LEYTON ORIENT

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER | 3PM

We have sold our allocation and supporters without tickets are advised NOT to travel to this fixture.



MANSFIELD TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER | 3PM

Tickets are now available from the ticket office and online for this category B match.



NOTTS COUNTY

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER | 3PM

We have received an initial allocation of 1,213 tickets for our match against Notts County. Tickets will be available to Diamond Season Ticket holders from Monday 10th October at four per person and remain on sale until close business on Wednesday 12th October. Season Ticket holders will be able to purchase four tickets per person from Thursday 13th October until close of business on Monday 17th October. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale Tuesday 18th October until 3pm on Friday 28th October. At this time tickets will also be available online at www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown/. Away Season Ticket holders will receive one seat, this will be processed on Tuesday 11th October. If you do not require a ticket for this fixture or want to take up your option of additional tickets please email ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date.

Prices: Adults: £22, Concession (60+ and 18-21 years old): £14, Under-18s: £5. Ambulant and Wheelchair Disabled tickets are available at relevant age band with a

Carer free of charge with Middle /Higher rate DLA). *The price of each ticket will increase by £2 on the day. Adult, senior and Under-18 tickets can pay on cash turnstiles. 18-21 year old and disabled supporters will need to provide ID at Notts County Ticket Office to purchase tickets on the day.

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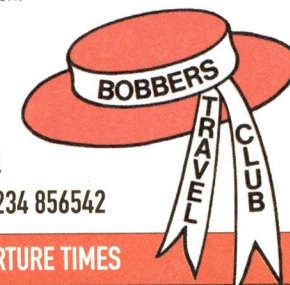


ACCRINGTON STANLEY

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER | 3PM

Tickets are now available from the ticket office and online for this category C match.



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Sat 17 Dec	Blackpool	£30	£27	8.30

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This afternoon's match sponsorship is an opportunity to commemorate and celebrate the life of one of our own. During the summer, Sara Jaffray was cruelly taken from us far too soon. Sara was a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Lower for the last 25 years. Wife to Chris, and great friend to a number of exiled Hatters from South of the Thames. Today we come to reminisce, and celebrate the life of an amazing lady. Sara's husband Chris will select the man of the match and present the trophy on Sara's behalf. Much loved. Terribly missed. Never forgotten. Always in our hearts. Our Sara.

THEN & NOW

Twenty-one years and a day to this very day, on October 9th 1994, Neil Rodgers was featured in the matchday programme in a crowd shot of the Stoke v Luton game (he is pictured in the grey Umbro jumper).

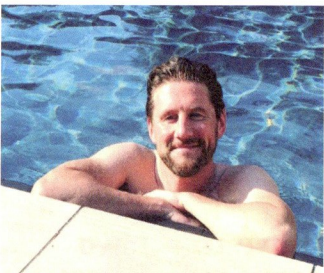
Neil has been a Hatter since the mid 1980s and is at the game today in Executive Box 28 with 17 friends, which has been organised as a surprise for his 40th birthday.

Congratulations Neil!

COME ON YOU HATTERS!



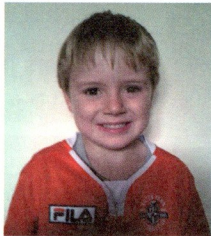
TOWN fans had plenty to cheer at Stoke on Sunday. Are you in the picture? If so why not order a copy of this or any of the colour photos featured in the matchday programme. For details contact Simon Osley on (0582) 411622.



TODAY'S MASCOTS:

AARON NEWMAN

Age: 6
School: Hazeldene School
Favourite Player: Jack Marriott
Attends game with: Dad

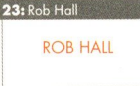
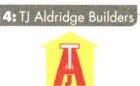
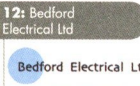
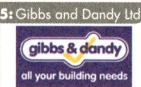


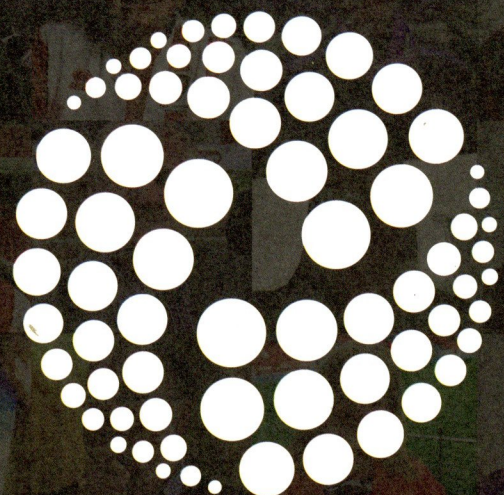
HARLEY HAWKER-FAZAL

Age: 11
School: Bushmead Primary School
Favourite Player: Jack Marriott
Attends game with: Mother



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WELCOME CREWE ALEXANDRA

It gives us great pleasure to welcome everyone associated with Crewe Alexandra to Bedfordshire this afternoon, particularly those in the away end who have made the trip down from Cheshire.

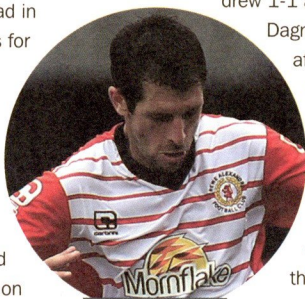
It's fair to say the Railwaymen struggled last season, finishing bottom of the pile in League One with 34 points – six points adrift of 23rd placed Colchester United.

The Alex have spent the last ten years bouncing between the bottom two tiers of the Football League, with their most recent spell in League One lasting four seasons.

They are managed by Steve Davis, the former Nantwich Town boss, who took over at Gresty Road in 2011. He made over 140 appearances for the Alex, as well as having spells with Burnley and Barnsley.

Davis has made a few additions to his squad, including former Bournemouth and Portsmouth midfielder Danny Hollands joining on a deal until January and Newcastle United midfielder Liam Smith, who has signed on loan until the New Year.

But a player who has impressed above all is 20-year-old Alex Kiwomya. The summer loan signing from Chelsea – who has been capped by England at U16, 17, 18 and 19 levels – has proven to be an inspired signing, netting four goals so far this season.



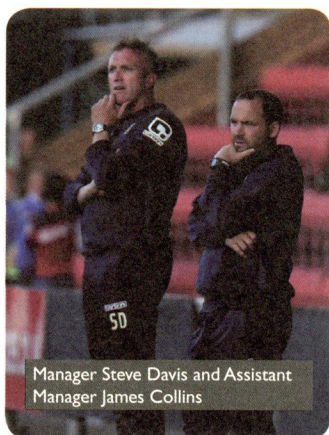
Danny Hollands

HATTERS V CREWE

LUTON WINS: 10 | DRAWS: 3 | CREWE WINS: 9

LAST MEETING

LUTON 2 CREWE 1 – MARCH 29TH 2008



Manager Steve Davis and Assistant Manager James Collins

Davis' side had a mixed start to life in League Two, but turned their form around from the end of August until mid-September, winning four on the bounce after taking maximum points only once in their opening seven games.

That winning run came to an end when a home draw with Blackpool was followed by a 5-1 defeat at Wycombe Wanderers. The Alex regrouped following that loss and drew 1-1 at home last weekend with Mansfield Town. Chris Dagnall netted his 100th league goal ten minutes after the break to earn them a point against the Stags, soon after the visitors had taken the lead through Pat Hoban.

Currently sat in eighth place, four places and one point below the Hatters, Crewe could jump into the promotion places with a win today as only two points separate them and Carlisle in third spot.

Ryan Lowe has led the line for the Railwaymen this season and the 38-year-old has done a decent job, netting five goals so far this term. He made his move from Bury permanent in the summer after spending time on loan at the Alexandra Stadium last year.

The Hatters have played Crewe 22 times in their history, coming out on top in the fixture ten times. Both our first and last game against the Railwaymen has left a somewhat bitter taste in the mouth.

We first played Crewe in August 1963, losing 1-0 away from home in front of a crowd of 8,909. Our last match against them finished 2-1 to the Town, with Matthew Spring netting twice in March 2008 – but it marked our last win in League One before relegation was confirmed.

TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE ALEX, THE RAILWAYMEN | GROUND: THE ALEXANDRA STADIUM | LAST SEASON: 24TH LEAGUE ONE | MANAGER: STEVE DAVIS | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: CREWE 1-1 MANSFIELD

MEET THE VISITORS

THE BOSS

STEVE DAVIS

The former manager of Nantwich Town and Northwich Victoria, Davis has been at the Crewe helm since 2011. A defender during his playing career, the 51-year-old counts Burnley and Barnsley among his other clubs.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

BEN GARRATT

The 22-year-old goalkeeper won back-to-back Player of the Season awards after making his breakthrough during the 2013/14 campaign. Capped by England at U17, 18 and 19 level.

IN DEFENCE

HARRY DAVIS

Club captain Davis is approaching 200 appearances for Crewe after making his debut in May 2010. The 24-year-old defender came through the club's academy ranks, having been with the Alex since the age of eight.

JON GUTHRIE

The defender agreed an initial 18-month deal with the Railwaymen in February 2012 after an impressive trial spell, and was later rewarded with two contract extensions due to his form, tying him down until summer 2017.

OLLIE TURTON

A versatile academy graduate who has featured regularly for the Alex

over the last two seasons. He made 49 appearances in 2014/15 – the most of any Crewe player – and followed that up with another 49 last term.

ZOUMANA BAKAYOGO

Bakayogo signed for Crewe on non-contract terms in January 2016 until the end of the 2015/16 season. He agreed a permanent deal in June for the season.

GEORGE RAY

Ray is another Crewe academy graduate, who has also represented Wales at U21 level. He made his senior debut for the Railwaymen in the 2013 Johnstone's Paint Trophy final – the first player in history to make his pro debut in a Wembley cup final!

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

GEORGE COOPER

The 19-year-old winger made the leap from first year scholar to first-year pro during the 2013/14 season. He made 30 appearances last season, scoring one goal.

JAMES JONES

Jones signed pro terms prior to the 2014/15 campaign after graduating from the Alex academy. Jones, who has been capped by Scotland at junior level, was named as the club's Breakthrough Player of the Year two years ago.

DANNY HOLLANDS

Hollands joined Crewe Alexandra

in August 2016 on a five-month contract after leaving Portsmouth in the summer. He was with Pompey for two seasons, in which he made 94 appearances.

RYAN WINTLE

Central midfielder Wintle signed from Alsager Town after impressing on an initial trial period in January 2015, after which the 19-year-old was rewarded with an 18-month deal.

ALEX KIWOMYA

Alex joined Crewe on a six-month loan from Chelsea in July 2016. The 20-year-old has scored four goals so far for Davis' side.

UP FRONT

RYAN LOWE

Lowe joined Crewe for the third time in May 2016, having previously spent two years at the club from 2006, before a brief one month loan spell back at Gresty Road last season.

CHRIS DAGNALL

Dagnall penned a two-year-deal with the Alex in July 2016 after leaving Hibernian. The 30-year-old has scored 113 career goals in 443 games after starting out at Tranmere in 2003.

DANIEL UDOH

Udoh joined Crewe Alexandra in March 2016 for an undisclosed fee from Ilkeston FC on a deal until summer 2018. He netted nine goals for the Non-League side last season.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH JAMES LANGLEY

James Langley, a Crewe Alexandra supporter of 15 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

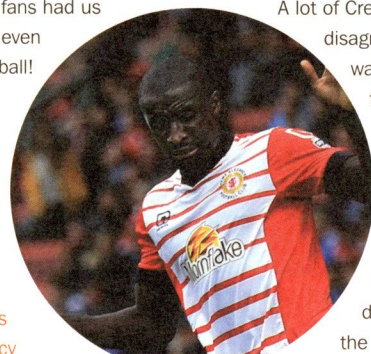
Last season was a bit of a slog for the Alex, what exactly happened that led to your relegation?

I believe a team with too many young players and not enough experienced heads led to our demise. Poor recruitment for the previous season or so prior certainly didn't help our cause. Most Crewe fans had us down for relegation even before we kicked a ball!

For our previous programmes, we have asked away fans who they think will be promoted and a majority have mentioned Crewe. Is there that expectancy amongst the Alex fans?

We've had a mixed bag of results thus far. We've looked lucky in some games, great in others and atrocious in the odd game. I think we will challenge for a play-off place, although I'm not convinced we are strong enough to go all the way.

Which of Steve Davis' summer signings have you been most impressed with so far?



Zoumana Bakayogo

Ryan Lowe has given us some much-needed experience and leadership which we clearly missed last season, while Alex Kiwomya (on loan from Chelsea) has pace to burn and can score some wonder goals.

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

A lot of Crewe fans will disagree, however I was disappointed to see Marcus Haber leave. Perhaps the fact he is yet to find another club shows it was the right decision. With all the strikers at the club in a similar mold,

Haber's quality of winning and holding up the ball could come into use in certain kind of game.

There must be a couple you are really pleased you kept hold of, who were you most pleased to see stay at the Alexandra Stadium?

I was over the moon to see Bakayogo extend his stay. Experienced, quick, great attitude and a good player, his

new contract was a real lift for Crewe fans. On his day he must be one of the most competent left-backs in this league and the league above.

► SEASONS PAST...

Tell us about you. Why do you support Crewe? Where did it all begin?

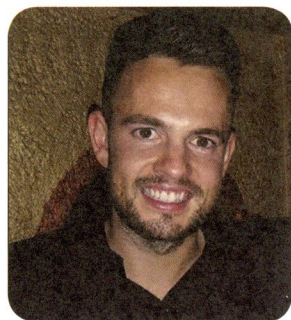
My father's side of the family have always lived in the Crewe area and I used to occasionally go to the see Alex from a young age with my dad. After a few years living in the States, we returned to become instant season ticket holders and lifelong fans. I still keep up the tradition and attend as many home games as possible with my dad and grandfather.

What was your first game? What do you remember about it?

I think my first game was vs Notts County. I don't remember much about it as I was fairly young. My first game as a season ticket holder was vs Northampton Town and I remember it was a 1-1 draw. Instantly hooked!

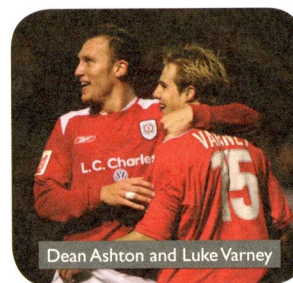
What do you love most about Gresty Road?

It has a lot of character and a lot of good memories. As I live in London, visiting the stadium is like visiting



my second home! It's fair to say we've had some great memories there over the years and, fingers crossed, plenty to come. Its transport links are brilliant, especially for me with the ground so close to Crewe station. I'm sure it is one of the reasons away teams travel so well to South Cheshire.

Who's your favourite Crewe player of all time?



Dean Ashton and Luke Varney

It's between two or three. Two top quality players and one leader/seasoned pro. The three are: Dean Ashton, Luke Varney and Dave Artell.

What has been your favourite season following Crewe?

I'd go for the 2011/12 season when we won promotion at Wembley. Before SD took over we were awful, but credit to him, he came in and turned it around and gave the players a new sense of belief. Everyone got behind the team and our promotion was an unbelievable achievement given the situation at the start of the season.

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

A few easy picks: Dario and Neil Baker. I'm sure they would have hundreds of stories from seasons and players gone by. Also joining us would be Dean Ashton, Dave Artell and Kenny Lunt.

► LUTON AND CREWE...

What are your best and worst memories of Crewe v Luton clashes?

I don't have a lot of memories of recent games between us and none from the past stick out. The biggest, recent game of note between us was the play-off semi-final – Crewe winning over two legs after losing 6-0 to you in the regular season!

What do you expect from today's game?

I'm expecting a really tough game. Luton looked decent when I saw them on Sky in the EFL Cup. It always depends on which Crewe team turn up. We could lose 4-0 but we could just as easily win it.

What's your prediction? Are you looking forward to sitting in the away end?

I'm going for a 2-0 win. We've had a poor few matches and I'm hoping for a good response. Also my old housemate, Jon, is a Luton fan and it would be good to get one over him!

Over the past 15 years, Crewe have bounced up and down the divisions. When will it ever stop?!

It's unlikely to. The club's model is to develop and sell players for a profit and this approach is unlikely to change in coming seasons. I think this season, for the first time in a long time, we have a good squad with a mix of youth and experience. If we continue with this set up I'm convinced we should be able to get some success in the next few seasons.

► QUICK-FIRE:

Terrace or seats?
Terrace

Who are your rivals?
Port Vale.

Favourite all-time manager?
Dario Gradi

Predict your player of the season?
James Jones

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

Most treasured Crewe piece of memorabilia?
Signed Crewe top

What league will the Alex be in next season? League Two

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



Dario Gradi

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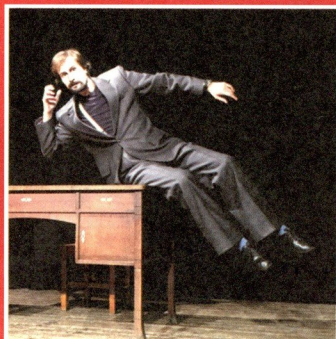
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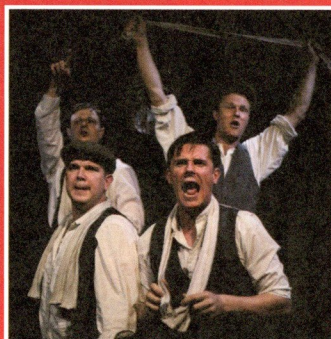
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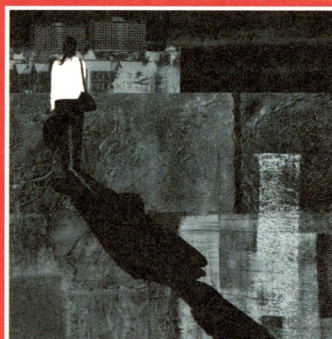
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STREET

NEIL FRANKLIN

Former England international central defender Neil Franklin was capped 27 times before joining Crewe

Alexandra. Signing professional for Stoke City in January 1939, he featured in wartime internationals and starred as they finished fourth in the top-flight in 1946-47. He controversially joined Colombian side Santa Fe in May 1950 and returned from Bogota to Hull City in February 1951, moving to Crewe in February 1956. Scoring four times in 66 League games, he joined Stockport County in October 1957 and later played for Wellington Town. He managed Colchester United, then was a publican and died in February 1996.

JOHN MAHONEY

Welsh U-23 midfielder John Mahoney gained 51 full caps after leaving Crewe Alexandra. Previously with Ashton United, he moved to Gresty Road in March 1966 and netted five goals in 18 Fourth Division games for Crewe before being sold to Stoke City for £19,500 in March 1967. He featured in their 1972 League Cup final success and joined Middlesbrough for £90,000 in August 1977. Linking up with his cousin John Toshack at Swansea City for £100,000 in July 1979, he helped them to a promotion and Welsh Cup 'double' in 1980-81. He later managed Bangor City, Newport County, Bangor again, Carmarthen and Llangennech.

STAN BOWLES

Skilful striker Stan Bowles gained five England caps after leaving Crewe Alexandra. Initially with Manchester City, the wayward young genius joined Crewe in September 1970 and netted 18 goals in 51 League games before being sold to Carlisle United for £12,000 in October 1971. He moved



to QPR for £112,000 in September 1972 as Rodney Marsh's replacement and starred as they won promotion in 1972-73 and were League Championship runners-up in 1975-76.

Joining Nottingham Forest for £250,000 in December 1979, he then played for Orient and Brentford. He has since helped his sister in the rag trade.

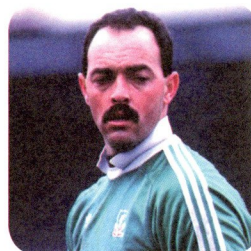
WYN DAVIES

Ex-Welsh international striker Wyn Davies ended his League career with Crewe Alexandra. He impressed with Caernarvon prior to joining Wrexham in December 1959 and featured in their 1961-62 promotion campaign. Moving to Bolton Wanderers in March 1962, he joined Newcastle United in October 1966 and starred in their 1969 Fairs Cup final triumph. He then played for Manchester City, Manchester United, Blackpool, Stockport County and Arcadia Shepherds prior to joining Crewe in August 1976. Scoring 13 goals in 55 Fourth Division games, he joined Bangor City in July 1978, then became a baker in Bolton.

BRUCE GROBBELAAR

Zimbabwe international goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar starred for Liverpool after leaving Crewe Alexandra. Moving to Gresty Road from Vancouver Whitecaps in December 1979, he made

24 League appearances and scored a penalty in that season's 2-0 win at home to York City.



He joined Liverpool in March 1981 after another spell in Canada and amassed a vast collection of domestic and European honours at Anfield, starring in six League Championship triumphs and the 1984 European Cup final success. Later appearing for Southampton and Plymouth Argyle, he held coaching posts in South Africa before settling in Canada.

TERRY CONROY

Former Republic of Ireland international winger Terry Conroy was a member of Tony Waddington's squad at Crewe Alexandra. Initially with Glentoran, he moved to Stoke City for £10,000 in March 1967 and starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in two consecutive seasons. He scored in their 1972 League Cup final triumph and was capped 26 times before joining Hong Kong side Bulova in July 1979. Reuniting with Tony Waddington at Crewe in January 1980, he netted five goals in 37 League games while at Gresty Road. He later ran his own insurance business before becoming a commercial executive at Stoke City.

JIMMY GREENHOFF

Former England U-23 striker Jimmy Greenhoff appeared for Crewe Alexandra during the 1980-81 season. Initially with Leeds United, he featured in their 1968 League Cup and Fairs Cup final triumphs and moved via Birmingham to Stoke City in August 1969. He starred in their 1972 League Cup final success, also helping

reach two FA Cup semi-finals. Moving to Manchester United in November 1976, he was an FA Cup winner that season and reunited with Tony Waddington at Crewe in December 1980. Scoring four times in 11 League games, he later played for Port Vale and Rochdale, then ran an insurance brokerage.

IAN CALLAGHAN

Former England international midfielder Ian Callaghan played for Crewe Alexandra during the 1981-82 campaign. He made a record 640 League appearances for Liverpool, starring in five League Championship successes, two FA

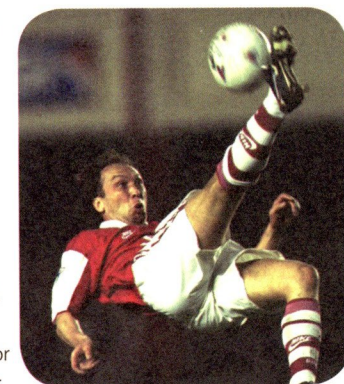
Cup final triumphs and also helping to win the European Cup and UEFA Cup. He was Footballer of the Year in 1974 and awarded the MBE, moving to John Toshack's Swansea in September 1978 and helping to win promotion that season. Joining Crewe from Soudifjord in October 1981, he made 15 League appearances for the Alex before hanging up his boots and later ran the Hesketh pub in Rufford.

DAVID PLATT

Attacking midfielder David Platt was capped 62 times by England after leaving Crewe Alexandra. Initially with Chadderton, he had a spell with Manchester United before moving to Crewe in January 1985 and was leading marksman in 1986-87. He netted 55 goals in 134 League games prior to joining Aston Villa for £200,000 in February 1988 and played for England in the 1990 World Cup. After playing in Italy for Bari, Juventus and Sampdoria, he joined Arsenal for £4,750,000 in July 1995 and featured in their 1997-98 'double' success. He managed Nottingham Forest and England U-21s before coaching Manchester City.

ROBBIE SAVAGE

Welsh international midfielder Robbie Savage was capped five times while at Crewe Alexandra. A former Manchester United trainee, he helped them win the FA Youth Cup in 1992 and moved to Gresty Road in July 1994. He featured prominently as Crewe reached the Second Division play-offs in 1995-96 and won promotion the following season, netting ten goals in 77 League games prior to joining Leicester City in July 1997. Starring as they were League Cup winners in 2000, he moved to Birmingham City in May 2002 and later appeared for Blackburn Rovers and Derby County. He has since become a football pundit.



PICTURE THE PAST

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

John Moore smashes home a rare goal during the 4-0 home win over Crewe in April 1968. A crowd of 18,904 saw the victory which confirmed the championship of Division Four (now League Two) at the end of a glorious campaign.



A major melee in the Birmingham box with Malcolm Macdonald and Viv Busby tussling for the ball watched by Jim Ryan in the background.

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 3 BIRMINGHAM CITY 2 | 3RD APRIL 1971

After three-and-a-half seasons of success, the Town's tilt at promotion from the football basement of Division Four (now League One) to the top-flight in record time was coming off the rails by the spring of 1971, and a succession of draws and single goal defeats gradually pushed the team down the Division Two (now Championship) table.

By the time Birmingham visited Kenilworth Road at the beginning of April 1971 it was make or break time as the dropping of further points would mean that thoughts of promotion could be virtually forgotten for another year.

Birmingham travelled to Luton on the crest of a wave. From a position near the foot of the table at Christmas, they had gone 14 games without defeat and picked up 25 points in the process (in the days of two points for a win) and were now only a point behind the Hatters.

Leading this resurgence in fortune was a 16-year-old forward, Trevor Francis, who had taken the football world by storm when scoring 15 goals in only 16 games. In their previous home game almost 50,000 had crammed into St Andrews and it was not surprising to hear that the Town were expecting over 8,000 to travel from the Midlands.

A long queue of mainly Birmingham supporters snaked down Oak Road as early as 1pm and eventually a crowd of 25,172, which has not been beaten in the League since,

was shoehorned into Kenilworth Road with the latecomers missing a barnstorming start from Birmingham, who were two goals up within the first 20 minutes.

Firstly, half-fit Luton centre-half Chris Nicholl failed to clear a soft through ball leaving Bob Latchford with an easy chance which he scuffed past Tony Read in the Luton goal, and when Phil Summerill was left unmarked for a free header soon afterwards the Town's season appeared over.

Boy Busby sets up Luton win

By STEVE CURRY

LUTON TOWN seem determined to toss their own landmines across the path that lies between them and the First Division. Luton ended BIRMINGHAM'S run of 14 games without defeat with a 3-2 home victory, but not before they had faced the anxiety of trailing by two goals.

A relieved manager Alec Stock said after the game: "We don't do anything the easy way. We are getting used to the games where the pendulum swings around a bit."

A CHANGE

"Usually we are in front then dropping a point. It makes a change," he added. City manager Freddie Goodwin was obviously disappointed that City's run should come to an uncomfortable end. It virtually ended their slim chance of making a late charge for promotion. He said: "I have to hand it to Luton. They fought back magnificently after being two down and it was a courageous win."

Goodwin pointed out City had been playing so well a bad game was bound to crop up. "It's a great blow to the

younger players like Trevor Francis who have become so used to winning. But it is part of their growing up," said Goodwin. "I have said all along that promotion was a remote chance for us and now it will need an almost impossible effort to achieve it," he concluded.

Francis, the 16-year-old whom 25,172 fans — Luton's biggest League gate this season — had come to see had an ordinary game.

It was largely because Luton dictated the midfield, and the bats coming through for Francis and Bob Latchford were limited. When Birmingham's second goal followed after 22 minutes, they were down to ten men, George Smith having left the field for repairs to a facial injury.

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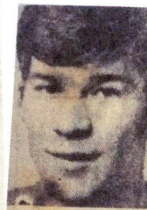
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MALCOLM MACDONALD missed out on the goal act—but gave Roger Hynd a chasing

BUSBY'S DOUBLE RESCUES LUTON

By PETER WINDSOR
Luton 3 Birmingham 2

ALEC STOCK'S talented band revealed their full fighting qualities in this promotion battle.

With only half the first period gone, they were two goals down, apparently a position of no

return. Yet return they did—and fiercely enough to dent the chances of highly-rated Birmingham.

First to strike, after only five minutes, was Bob Latchford. He made the most of a rare mistake by Chris Nicholl.

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time, Birmingham were finished. The clincher was an unfortunate affair for Birmingham, because it came from a free kick for a completely unnecessary foul by Hynd on Macdonald.

Mike Keen foxed the defence by sliding the ball to Alan Slough, who beat Mike Kelly with a great drive.

Birmingham fought on, but Luton gained midfield control—and kept it. Birmingham's tragedy was that boy wonder Trevor Francis at last met his match, in the experienced John Moore.

LUTON—Read, John Ryan, Slough, Givens, Nicholl, Moore, Keen, Anderson, Salt, Goodeve.

BIRMINGHAM—Kelly, Martin, Page, Smith, Hynd, Robinson, Campbell, Francis, Latchford, Summerill, Taylor, Salt, Pendrey.

His counterpart in the Daily Express, Steve Curry, managed to obtain a quote from Birmingham manager Freddie Goodwin, who said: "I have to hand it to Luton. They fought back magnificently after being two down and it was a courageous win. It's a great blow to the younger players like Trevor Francis, who have become used to winning, but it is part of their growing up."

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BIRMINGHAM CITY: Kelly, Martin, Page, Smith, Hynd, Robinson, Campbell, Francis (Pendrey), Latchford, Summerill, Taylor.

"What a magnificent show that was"

The Hatters, though, were playing the better football and did not deserve to be trailing and, after 36 minutes, were handed a lifeline when Viv Busby, in and out of the side all season, headed a Malcolm Macdonald pass between two dithering Birmingham defenders and coolly slotted home.

It was now time for the Blues' defence to come under pressure and just before half-time came the deserved equaliser when Busby managed to deflect a Macdonald shot, which was going wide, past Mike Kelly in the Birmingham goal.

The fightback was completed shortly after the break when Birmingham centre-half Roger Hynd, who was having a torrid time, brought down Macdonald unnecessarily just outside the area. Skipper Mike Keen sized up the situation and slipped the ball sideways to Alan Slough, who hammered in a 30-yard free-kick with

the Blues' defenders still setting up a wall.

From then on the game was end to end but, with John Moore completely dominating Francis, the Hatters managed to hold on and dent the progress of the Blues, while at the same time ensuring that their own promotion hopes were re-awakened.

"What a magnificent show that was," said Luton manager Alec Stock afterwards. "All I wanted to do towards the end was to turn this team of 21-year-olds into mature 28-year-olds, but they hung on for me."

The national Press scribes were generally praising in their reports, with Danny Blanchflower in the Sunday Express saying: 'The score fairly reflects the difference between the two sides. Luton deserved to win but could never feel really confident about the manner of victory.'

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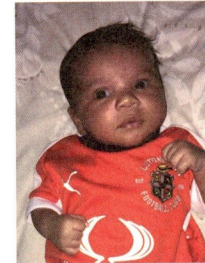
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IT'S A BOY!

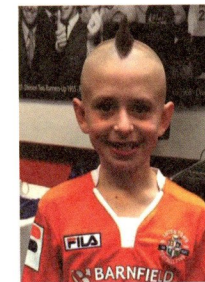
Welcome to the world, Barkley Coke! We were informed by grandad Nick Cooper that Barkley was born at the beginning of August, and he has already been given a Town kit. We



look forward to seeing you at Kenilworth Road, Barkley, with Nick and your uncle Gregg.

BENJAMIN STOCK

Today's flag wavers who will welcome the players on to the pitch are; Benjamin Stock, Luke Stock, Khemet Hanson-jones, Charlie strange, Noard Thomas, Aaron Wickes and Richie



Grant. A special mention to Benjamin, who is celebrating his 10th birthday. Have a great day!

DAVID WILLIAMS

Happy 58th Birthday to David Williams! Your daughter and self-acclaimed best mate Lucy sends her love.

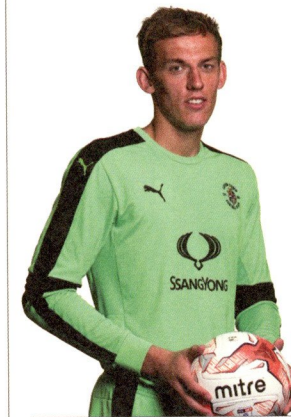
ALAN SCOTT

Happy 70th Birthday to Alan Scott. A lifelong Hatter who is here today with his son Tom and grandson Henry. Best wishes from everyone at LTFC and his family. We hope you enjoy the game.

CHRISTIAN'S ENGLAND CALL-UP

Christian Walton became the first Luton Town player for 20 years to be called up by England Under-21s last Sunday when he was summoned as a replacement for Sunderland's Jordan Pickford for the Euro 2017 Qualifiers against Kazakhstan and Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Christian's form in the early weeks of his season-long loan from Brighton & Hove Albion earned him a recall to the squad now managed by his former U20 manager Aidy Boothroyd, following Gareth Southgate's elevation to senior boss.



The 20-year-old travelled to St George's Park on Sunday evening to prepare for the clash with Kazakhstan, which was being played at Aktobe's Central Stadium as Talk of the Town went to print on Thursday afternoon. He will also be in the squad for Walsall's Banks's Stadium on Tuesday afternoon (3pm kick-off)

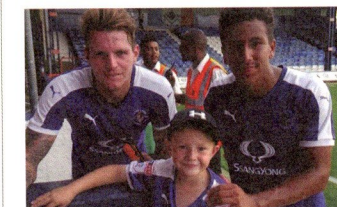
Nathan Jones told lutontown.co.uk: "I'm delighted for Christian that he has once again gained international recognition. He has been a key part to our excellent start to the season and it's justly deserved."

The Cornishman has 12 caps at U19 and U20 level, and was called up to the U21 squad last season while on loan at Bury, but had to withdraw through injury.

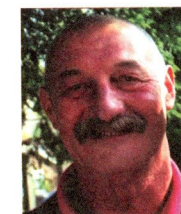
He is the first current Luton Town player to earn an England U21 call-up since another goalkeeper, Kelvin Davis, in 1996. The other ten are Tim Breacker, Paul Elliott, Paul Fletcher, Julian James, Mike Newell, Scott Oakes, David Oldfield, Brian Stein, Mitchell Thomas and Paul Walsh.

GEORGE LEWINGTON

A huge happy birthday to George Lewington, who turned six on Wednesday! George is a season ticket holder in the Kenilworth Road end and is the fourth generation in his family of Hatters fans. His favourite players are Glen Rea and Zane Banton.



BOB AYRES



We wish to pass on our condolences to the family of Bob Ayres, who passed away on the 14th September, aged 70. Bob had been attending matches at Kenilworth Road for the past 50 years and he handed down his love of the town to his two children, Zoë and Dean, who are season ticket holders.

TOWN 3 : DONCASTER 1



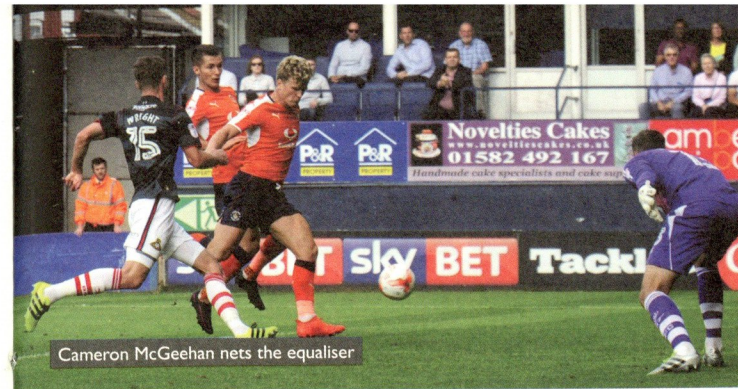
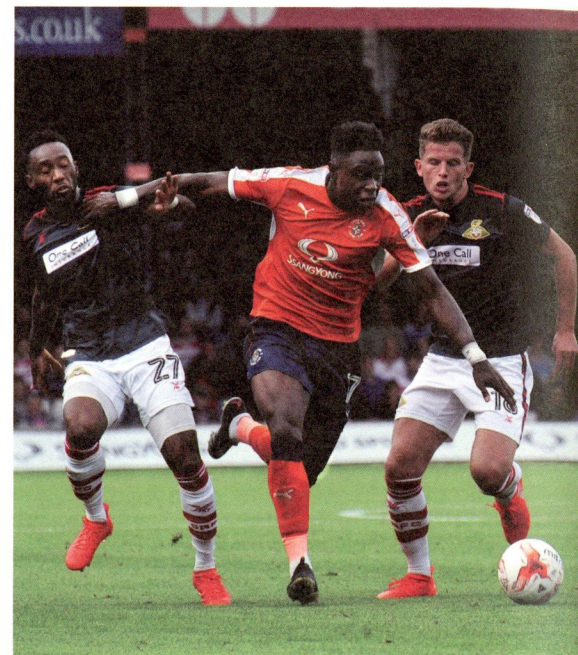
SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 7,917 | AWAY: 554

TOWN GOALS: MCGEEHAN 36, 81 (P) MARRIOTT 41 | **DONCASTER GOALS:** COPPINGER 21

TOWN: WALTON, JUSTIN, CUTHBERT (SHEEHAN 28), MULLINS, POTTS, LEE, MPANZU, COOK (GRAY 38), MCGEEHAN (GILLIEAD 90), HYLTON, MARRIOTT. **SUBS NOT USED:** O'DONNELL, SMITH, VASSELL, KING (GK).

| **YELLOW CARD:** HYLTON | **RED CARD:** HYLTON (FOR SECOND YELLOW)

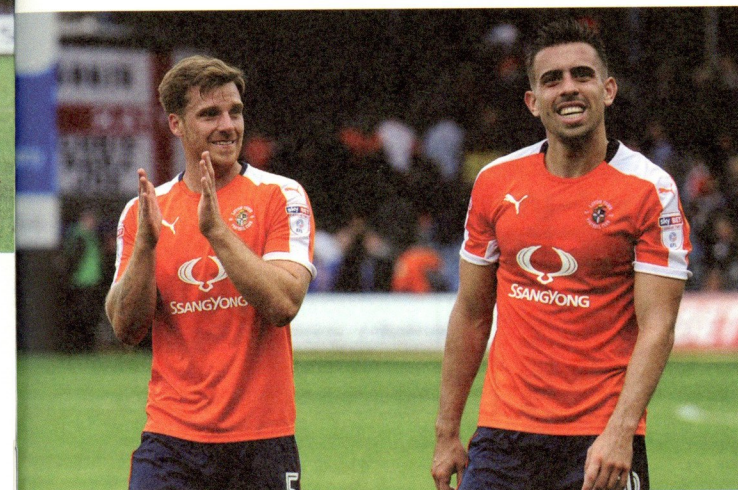
DONCASTER: MAROSI, RICHARDSON (BAUDRY 64), BUTLER, WRIGHT, EVINA (CALDER 65), HOUGHTON, BLAIR, ROWE (MIDDLETON 78), COPPINGER, MARQUIS, WILLIAMS. **SUBS NOT USED:** ETHERIDGE, BEESTIN, MANDEVILLE, GARRATT. | **YELLOW CARDS:** EVINA, WRIGHT



Cameron McGeehan nets the equaliser



Jack Marriott put the Town in front



STORY OF THE MATCH:

Town returned to form with a fantastic victory over Doncaster Rovers in a match that seemed to have it all. Nathan Jones rang the changes as he replaced five players from the loss to Crawley Town in the previous game.

James Coppinger fired in from close range to give his side the lead on 21 minutes after a period of sustained pressure from the visitors, before Scott Cuthbert had to have lengthy treatment on a neck injury and was replaced by Alan Sheehan.

The break whilst Cuthbert received treatment seemed to wake the Hatters up from their early slumbers, as Cameron McGeehan fired in from close range on 36 minutes, before

Jack Marriott slotted through Donny keeper Marko Maroš's legs after a smart flick on from Danny Hylton, to put the Hatters in the lead just before the break.

Mpanzu was brought down in the box nine minutes from full-time after a clumsy challenge from Joe Wright. McGeehan smashed the ball down the middle, as Maroš dived to his left, giving the Hatters a two-goal cushion and an eventual win.

Hylton received his marching orders in time added on after receiving a second yellow for throwing a litter picking stick in frustration after he slid onto it at the side of the pitch.



JONES: Our second goal was majestic. Absolutely majestic.

"They showed a lot of character today, they are made of sterner stuff. We knew Doncaster would come out at us in the second half and they are a very good side, they have beaten teams comfortably so far this season.

"We need to track back as a team and against Crawley and Grimsby we didn't do that well enough. I was disappointed with the last two games and there was a bit of pressure today, but it was a big win. We could have gone three defeats on the spin, which is unlike us.

"If we finish above Doncaster then we will be promoted, that's how good a side they are. We like to press, we like to be high energy, our second goal was majestic. Absolutely majestic. I am really proud of them. We were well worth the win, because second half, before we got the penalty, we looked more likely to score.

"Marriott and Hylton are telepathic at times, but I am disappointed with Danny because he showed a lack of discipline for his red card. He is so far in credit though we will give him that one, we lose him though now for our next game."





WHAT A CAM=BACK THAT WAS!

After two losses on the trot, the Hatters got back to winning ways with a big result against one of the league's big hitters in Doncaster Rovers.

A goal from Jack Marriott sandwiched in between a brace from Cameron McGeehan saw the Town run out winners, after conceding the first goal of the game when James Coppinger fired home from close range after 20 minutes for Donny.

The Hatters looked out of sorts in the opening period of the game, which led to manager Nathan Jones' side conceding. A neck injury sustained by Scott Cuthbert brought a seven-minute break to proceedings in the immediate aftermath of Doncaster's goal.

SMASHING

That time seemed to help the Hatters settle down, and two goals before half-time put them in the lead, the first scored by McGeehan after smashing in from close range after a fantastic ball from Olly Lee. He notched his second of the game after Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu was brought down in the penalty area, ten minutes before full-time.

McGeehan said: "It was nice to get back to goals and nice to score a penalty down the end that I missed from against Wycombe, so it was good to learn from errors that I have made.

"It was a great ball from Olly Lee for the first goal, it kind of makes it

easy to put the ball in. It was about the run and timing and that's my speciality.

"Olly has had a tough time recently. He has come off sometimes, it's not always his fault. He is in that position where if we need to chase a game, he may be the one that needs to be sacrificed.

DOMINATES

"He is a really top player. Technically he is one of the players that dominates training, is always getting on the ball, so he's a great player to play with, because he always finds you."

Rovers tried to go toe-to-toe with the Hatters, playing a midfield diamond to match up Jones' tactics. The away side seemed to be winning the battle early on, but the Town turned it around.

"We had to ride it out a little bit, but they are one of the best teams in the league and we have put them to the sword – the win was vital," McGeehan said. "They play a diamond in midfield as well and we wanted to come out on top and we did. We want teams changing the shape to play against us. They tried to match us up and we have outdone them."



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The midfielder said that his team's poor start had a dampening effect on the crowd, but he was pleased to see it turn around when Jones' side pulled a goal back.

McGeehan said: "It was a bit negative for the first 20 minutes, understandably. We weren't really on it, but the negativity feeds through into the players, so we were trying to give them a bit of a lift and it seemed to have a good effect."



Full Time



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SEAMUS DUNNE 13TH APRIL 1930 — 28TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Seamus Dunne, who made 326 appearances for the Town during the glory years of the 1950s and was also picked 15 times by the Republic of Ireland during that period as a tough tackling right-back, passed away recently at the age of 86.

Born in Wicklow in April 1930, Seamus skippered his country in the World Youth Tournament of 1948 and which led to him being signed by League of Ireland side Shelbourne.

Clubs in England had begun to take notice and the Town sent over chief scout Hubert Day, and although Seamus was not particularly keen to leave a good pensionable job as a Local Government Officer, he eventually relented and signed for the Hatters in July 1950.

His League debut came on Boxing Day 1951 in a 6-1 home win over West Ham and virtually ever-present at Kenilworth Road for the next ten years, Seamus was a mainstay in the side that won promotion to Division One (now the Premier League) in 1955.

Injured during the Town's 6-3 home victory against Arsenal on Boxing Day 1958, he was not fit to return as the team embarked on the road to Wembley for the FA Cup final of 1959. Unable to win his place back in the Hatters 'Cup team', Seamus always looked on that as his biggest regret during his time at Kenilworth Road.

His other regret was that he never scored a goal, although that was counterbalanced by his role as emergency goalkeeper in the days before substitutes, saving a penalty from Portsmouth's Peter Harris in April 1959.

The side began to split up after relegation from Division One in 1960 and Seamus played his last game in a 4-1 defeat at Bristol Rovers in February 1961. He then went to Non-League Yiewsley before taking over as player-manager at Dunstable Town, while working at Vauxhall in the engineering section.

The chance of an assisted move back to Ireland to work at a chemical plant



was too good to turn down in 1970, but Seamus made regular returns to Luton and organised a re-union of the players who won promotion in 1955. His story telling of his time at Kenilworth Road, particularly the end of season European trips in the 1950s, kept his audience enthralled at various functions he was invited to.

Our condolences go to his widow Helen, to whom Seamus had been married for 63 years, his five children and all his other family and friends.

GEORGE MCLEOD 30TH NOVEMBER 1932 — 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016

George McLeod, who made 60 appearances for the Town in the late 1950s, has died at the age of 84.

Born in Inverness in 1932, George first came to the notice of the Town's Scottish scout when he was turning out for Inverness Clachnacuddin, and he made the move south in January 1955.



Initially an inside-left, George made his debut in a Division One (now Premier League) clash at Cardiff in April 1956 but was then converted to a left winger, where his speed and bravery soon earned him a regular spot.

When the Town signed Billy Bingham in 1958, right winger Jim Adam moved over to the other side leaving George out in the cold. A £6,000 cheque then took him to Brentford and he also played for QPR before emigrating to South Africa, and then the USA. He eventually returned to this country and became a publican, latterly in Steppingley and Wootton before retiring to live in Haynes.

Our condolences go out to his daughter Lisa, nephew Colin and all his family and friends.

THERE WILL BE A PERIOD OF APPLAUSE AT TODAY'S GAME IN MEMORY OF SEAMUS AND GEORGE

HARTLEPOOL 1 : TOWN 1

TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER | VICTORIA PARK | ATTENDANCE: 3,533 | AWAY 311

HARTLEPOOL GOAL: THOMAS 45+1 | **TOWN GOAL:** SHEEHAN 79

TOWN: WALTON, JUSTIN, SHEEHAN, FAMEWO, POTTS, LEE, GRAY (VASSELL 65), MCGEEHAN, GILLIEAD (COOK 80), MPANZU, MARRIOTT. **SUBS NOT USED:** O'DONNELL, SMITH, MCQUOID, KING (GK), MUSONDA | **YELLOW CARDS:** GILLIEAD, FAMEWO

HARTLEPOOL: CARSON, RICHARDS, NSIALA, DONNELLY, CARROLL, FEATHERSTONE, LAURENT, HAWKINS, ALESSANDRA (DEVERDICS 73), AMOND (HEARDMAN 84), THOMAS (FEWSTER 87). **SUBS NOT USED:** BARTLETT (GK), PAYNTER, PQLLOCK, MARTIN. | **YELLOW CARDS:** FEWSTER. | **RED CARDS:** FEATHERSTONE



JONES: We played the youngest team in Luton's history

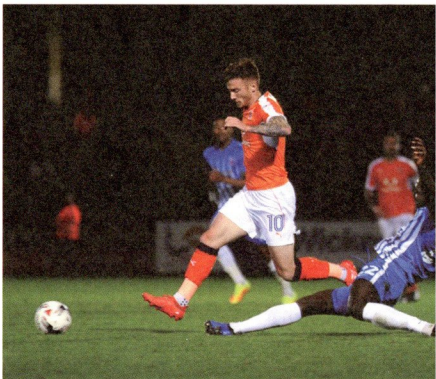
"I am pleased overall actually, as the point takes up into second. I thought we went about our work excellently. We created enough chances to have won two games.

"I was disappointed with giving them a goal just before half-time, and we did give it to them. Nathan Thomas has been allowed to waltz past three players and no one put a foot on him. Then we didn't clear our lines.

"We played the youngest team in Luton's history I am told, and they were magnificent. We are stronger as a squad tonight because of key young players getting game time. Akin Famewo is going to be a top, top player. He has got all the attributes and we are proud of him. James Justin was equally as good.

"One thing I am really pleased about is we didn't lose the game trying to win it. We did that against Stevenage and Grimsby at home.

"The good thing for us is, we are looking to win games, we have a mentality about us. There's a tinge of disappointment about us that we are coming away with just a point, because we want to win."



STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Town moved back up to second place in the Sky Bet League Two table after a brilliant second-half free-kick from captain Alan Sheehan earned a deserved point at Hartlepool.

On a night when manager Nathan Jones fielded what is believed to be the youngest starting XI in the Town's League history at just over 22 years, the Hatters might have taken all three after seeing a host of chances go begging after the hosts had been reduced to ten men in the second half after Nicky Featherstone had been shown a straight red card for a foul on Olly Lee. But Sheehan's 79th-minute curler, after Alex Gilliead had been fouled on

the edge of the Hartlepool area, was ultimately all the Town could manage after Nathan Thomas had given Hartlepool the lead on the stroke of half-time.

Sheehan, skipper for the night in Scott Cuthbert's absence, marshalled his young team-mates – including 17-year-old Akin Famewo and 18-year-old James Justin either side of him in defence – with great maturity.

Makeshift striker Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu hit the post, sub Jordan Cook brought the best out of home keeper Trevor Carson and Jack Marriott twice went close to winning the game late on, but ultimately a point was good enough to raise the Town one place in the table.



We are such a good unit.

YOUNG AT HART!

ALAN'S SHOWING AKIN AND CO THE WAY

Defeating Doncaster in spectacular fashion two weeks ago was followed up by a draw on the road at Hartlepool.

The Monkey Hangers took the lead on the stroke of half-time, but with ten minutes to go, Alan Sheehan curled a free-kick into the top corner of the home side's goal to win his team a point.

That was set-piece specialist Sheehan's first goal of the season, but it wasn't only his effort that caught the eye on the evening. His partner in defence in the place of the injured duo Johnny Mullins and Scott Cuthbert was 17-year-old Akin Famewo, making his first league start for the Hatters.

Throughout the match, Famewo looked comfortable in defence, as Sheehan helped guide him through his first 90 minutes in League Two. Sheehan was impressed with how well his fellow centre-back did, even though he is 13 years his junior.

The former Bradford City, Notts County and Leeds United defender said: "For Akin to come in and make his first start in the league was absolutely brilliant. I was playing with a young centre-back and young right-back (James Justin), and they look like they have been there their whole careers.

"Credit to them, they have stood up to the plate and showed that when they get thrown in they'll do well, and I am delighted for them. Akin came in and got the nod and he was absolutely brilliant. We've been doing a lot of work with him, he is a great listener. He really wants it and he has a hunger to do well."

The 17-year-old Famewo made his first start for the Hatters' senior team in the 2-1 victory over Gillingham in the Checkatrade Trophy in August – a match that highlighted the depth and quality of players available to manager Nathan Jones.



Frankie Musonda partnered Famewo that night, the former a player that Sheehan has also been impressed by.

"Akin and Frankie Musonda are two very good centre-backs," Sheehan said. "Let's not forget about Frankie, he is a very good young defender, he'll get his chance in time."

FAITH

Any doubts about whether Famewo could cope with making his league debut on the stereotypical Tuesday night up at Hartlepool, as boss Jones described it, were put to bed. The teenager, who is still eligible for the youth team, said it was not only something he was comfortable with, but he felt his fellow defenders and manager had a lot of faith in him.

Famewo said: "I've definitely been able to cope. It hasn't been something I have stressed over or overthought it, we are such a good unit as a squad.

"Sheez (Alan Sheehan) will talk to me, we have been going through things in training. The gaffer is showing trust in me and there's nothing to be nervous about when everyone is backing you.

"I felt comfortable out there. I have been training with them week-in week-out, so it is my team."

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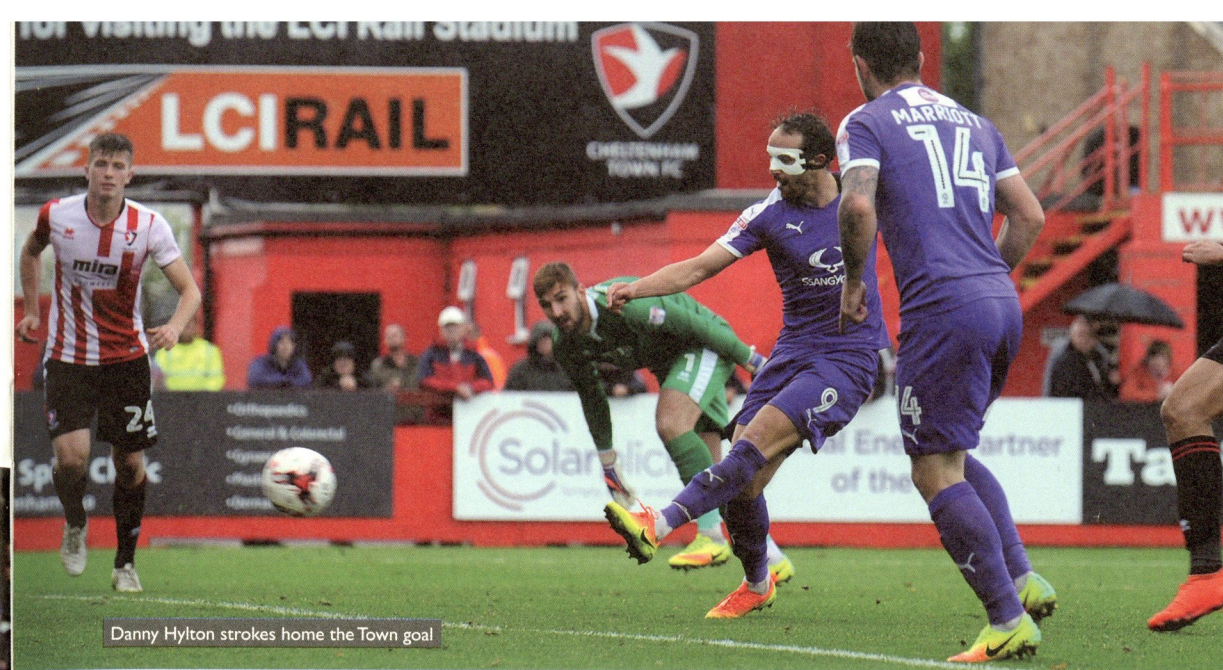


SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER | WHADDON ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 3,660 | AWAY 923

CHELTENHAM GOAL: O'SHAUGNESSY 64 | **TOWN GOAL:** HYLTON 52

CHELTENHAM: GRIFFITHS, BARTHAM, DOWNES, PELL, WATERS (MORGAN-SMITH 74), WRIGHT, MUNNS (DAYTON 81), HALL, CRANSTON, O'SHAUGHNESSY, DICKIE. **SUBS NOT USED:** PARSLow, KITSCHA (GK), WHITEHEAD, SULIMAN, SMITH. | **YELLOW CARDS:** WATERS, DOWNES, PELL

TOWN: WALTON, JUSTIN, CUTHBERT, SHEEHAN, POTTS, LEE, MCGEEHAN, MPANZU (GILLIEAD 82), COOK, HYLTON, MARRIOTT (SMITH 76). **SUBS NOT USED:** O'DONNELL, GRAY, MCQUOID, FAMEWO, KING (GK) | **YELLOW CARD:** CUTHBERT



Danny Hylton strokes home the Town goal

STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters made it three games unbeaten and took another point from the second long away trip of last week after Cheltenham hit back to cancel out Danny Hylton's stunning sixth goal of the season.

The first half failed to capture the eye and the hosts had much the better of the play, with Christian Walton called into action to keep out a long range effort from former Town midfielder Asa Hall.

But the second burst into life when Hylton scored with the Hatters' first attempt on target seven minutes in, the striker virtually walking the ball into the Cheltenham net after nutmegging defender Aaron Downes and rounding the keeper Russell Griffiths.

Cameron McGeehan then went close to doubling the advantage when Jack Marriott dummied Jordan Cook's low free-kick to allow him a shot from just inside the area.

The hosts belied their lowly second-from-bottom position in the table, however, to bombard the Town defence with some fine set-piece deliveries, and took a share of the spoils with Daniel O'Shaughnessy's equaliser 12 minutes later.

The point saw the Hatters drop down to fourth, with 18 points after eleven games, but manager Nathan Jones deemed it a point well earned.

JONES:

We knew we had to be better



"I am a bit frustrated in terms of the way we played, but credit to Cheltenham.

"They stifled us and put us under pressure from any dead ball situation. We didn't really get going, it is a difficult place to come.

"We knew we had to be better and we started the second half better and got the goal, and then we are disappointed to concede from a set-piece.

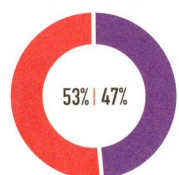
"Danny Hylton has got on the score sheet again, he led the line well, he grafted. He came up against three very big, competitive centre-halves.

"Scott Cuthbert was excellent, in these games we need him because with the aerial threat of three centre-backs, two central midfielders and a front man who are all six foot plus, so he needed to be at it.

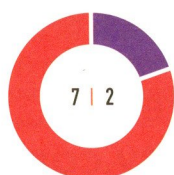
"He might have been milking it [the injury last week]! We were hoping it looked worse than it was and that turned out to be the case.

"It is important not to lose these games, it was important not to lose today against a side when we are not at our best. Over the course of the season, these will be important points."

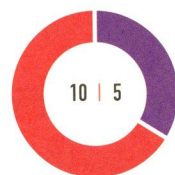
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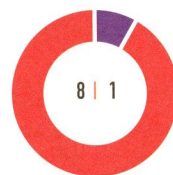
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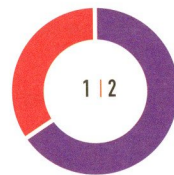
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[DANNY HYLTON ON CHELTENHAM]

MAN IN THE MASK SNIFFS OUT A GOAL

The mask he's current wearing may be making him feel like he's got a blocked nose, but Danny Hylton proved he can still sniff out a goal at Cheltenham last Saturday when he conjured up the Hatters' opener out of nothing.

Hylton held the ball up on the right wing, laid it back to James Justin and then took the return ball in his stride to nutmeg centre-half Aaron Downes, waltz round keeper Russell Griffiths and virtually walk the ball into the Cheltenham net, picking his spot in the empty goal from six yards.

That took the summer signing from Oxford to six goals in a Town shirt, making him joint top scorer again with Cameron McGeehan, and he said: "It's always nice to score and I try to score in every game I play.

"We'd maybe been under the cosh a bit but I thought we could go on from there. It wasn't to be. Cheltenham were a decent side and probably deserved at least a point."

The Hatters had struggled to create any real openings in the first half at Whaddon Road, the best falling to Hylton himself when Justin's right-wing cross was deflected into his path beyond the last defender, but he couldn't steer his volley on target.

"We went in at half-time and we knew we weren't playing well and wanted to come out for the second half and react quickly and be brighter," said Hylton. "We did that, but unfortunately we couldn't hold on.

"It's a small compact pitch at Cheltenham. They play a certain way and they've got some big boys in the team. We knew they were going to be a threat from set pieces.

"Generally we did all right, except for that one time when they did score, but it was probably a deserved point for both sides."

On wearing the mask that is protecting the cheekbone fracture he suffered against Grimsby a month ago, Hylton added: "It's all right, it's a little bit uncomfortable. It presses a little bit on the nose and it's like playing with a blocked nose, but it's all right.



It's like playing with a blocked nose, but it's all right.

"It's there to help me and protect the broken cheekbone. I got a couple of whacks on it, so it's still really sore when I get a whack on it, but the mask takes the impact so it soon wears off. I've just got to man up and just get on with it!"

Hylton's return to the starting line-up came after missing the trip to Hartlepool through suspension, following his red card for throwing a litter picking stick to the ground after sliding off the pitch in the previous Saturday's win over Doncaster.

He said: "I let myself down last week. I let the team, the gaffer, everyone down. It's silly. I'll learn from it and it won't happen again. I'll just try to let the football do the talking."



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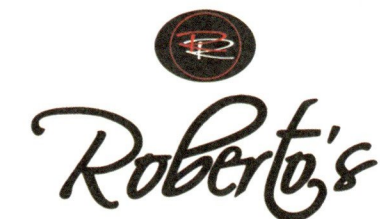


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TRAVELLER'S TALES

HATTERS FAN **KEVIN HARPER** HITS THE ROAD FOR THE LONG TRIPS TO HARTLEPOOL AND CHELTENHAM AS THE HATTERS YOUNGSTERS PICK UP TWO VALUABLE POINTS AMID A NORTH SEA BREEZE AND A COTSWOLD DOWNPOUR...

THE JOURNEY

12.20pm – Still buoyed by the wonderful win against Doncaster it was time to get the coach to Hartlepool. A lovely sunny day greeted our departure from Amphill and it was down to Luton from there.

1.03 – We pick up from Luton and it is off on the long journey up to Hartlepool. Hopefully the motorways are kinder to us than they were to Crawley.

2.55 – Pretty decent trek up the M1 so far so time for a stop at the service station. Time to grab a quick Burger King!

3.25 – Back on the road. Not much is going on today and with absolutely miles to go I stick my favourite radio station – Absolute 80s – on my phone to kill the time.

6.03 – Finally get to Hartlepool. Bit windy but apart from that a nice evening. Hopefully the game matches it. Isn't a huge amount to do around the ground though so we stay on the coach for a bit longer.

THE GROUND

7.05 – Time to make a move into the ground. As with last season the Town fans are in the seated stand behind the goal. Very windy on the concourse but fine in the stands. The team has come through. No Johnny Mullins. Akin Famewo gets a full League debut at centre-half. A start too for Alex Gilliead and Jake Gray.

THE MATCH

7.45 – The teams are out and off we go. Looks like Pelly is playing up front in the absence of the suspended Danny Hylton.



8.31 – A relatively quiet first half with a few half chances for each side but no real dominance ends with Hartlepool taking the lead. Walton makes a great save after Olly Lee loses it on the edge of the box but the rebound is put in.

8.53 – Nearly 2-0 as Walton has to save a shot which he puts onto

the post. Moments later Hartlepool are down to 10 men when Lee nearly gets cut in half with a high tackle.

9.23 – Pelly has had a shot deflected onto the post and chances have come and gone but the Town level with a textbook 20-yard free-kick from Alan Sheehan over the wall into the top corner. Get in!

9.36 – Golden chance to win it! Lee goes on a slalom like run, hits a deflected shot which pings off the keeper but Marriott puts it wide with the goal at his mercy! The game ends 1-1.

MAN OF THE MATCH

10.00 – Man of the Match time which Alan Sheehan deservedly gets. Excellent defensive performance and the cherry on top being the goal.

THE PROGRAMME

10.10 – Time to read the programme on the way home. Usual fare really but it passes some of the journey home!

SUMMARY

3.35am – Finally home after a long day but well worth it for the way a young Town side played. Got a bit of kip on the way back but it was a tired end to a decent day overall!



CHELTENHAM: THE JOURNEY

10.20am – A second away trip in four days begins in Amphill once again via a much-needed trip to the bakery before getting on the coach.

11.05 – Everyone is on the two coaches at Luton and it is off to Cheltenham we go. With road closure and traffic alerts we go the cross country route through Aylesbury and beyond.

1.50pm – We're in Cheltenham. Coach is taken away so we have to get off. Time to go to the chippy before going to the ground.

THE GROUND

2.25 – Been to the chippy and get absolutely soaked on the way back to the ground. The term drowned rat doesn't do me justice. Soaked right through – not an ideal start to proceedings!

2.35 – Inside the ground now. We're in the stand behind the goal which thankfully is pretty dry. Around 900 Town fans have made the journey down.

THE MATCH

3.00 – We're underway with Scott Cuthbert, Danny Hylton and Jordan Cook back in the starting line-up.

3.46 – Half-time with the game goalless. A few half chances for either side but nothing of any note really. Pretty flat performance from the Town. Hopefully we can raise it in the second half and pick up the win. Quick check of the Ryder Cup score on my phone during the break. Looking good for Europe. That's good.

4.09 – The Town lead! Danny Hylton goes on a mazy run down the right hand side before cutting in and rounding the keeper and tapping into the corner to send the Town fans behind that goal crazy!

4.21 – Cheltenham are level. A softly conceded corner bounces around our box and eventually the centre back stabs it home. Poor goal to concede.

4.49 – We almost concede late on when a shot from former Town midfielder Asa Hall is deflected and hits the outside of the post. The full-time whistle blows shortly after and it ends 1-1.

MAN OF THE MATCH

5.10 – Only one winner of this for me and it is Danny Hylton. Worked his backside off, hassled the defenders throughout and got a deserved goal. Excellent performance from our masked man!

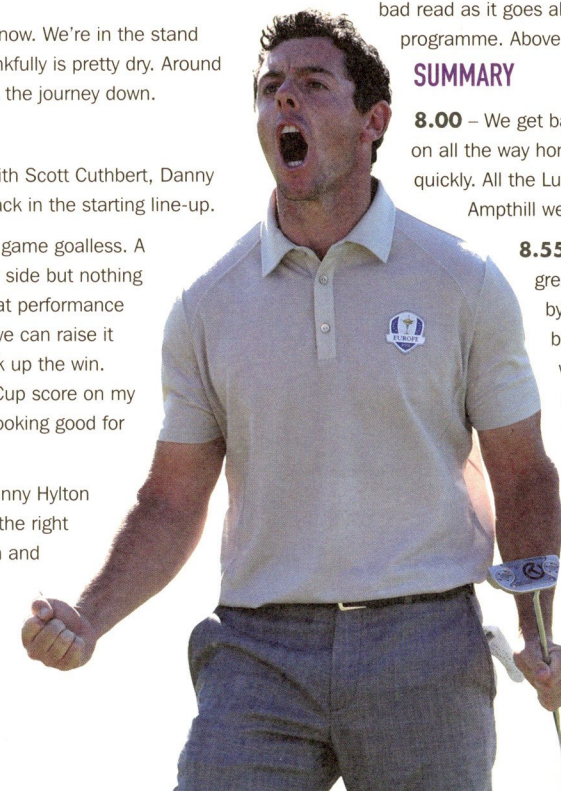
THE PROGRAMME

5.20 – Quick whizz through the programme on the way home before I stick the Ryder Cup on my iPad. Not a bad read as it goes although it isn't the biggest programme. Above average though I would say.

SUMMARY

8.00 – We get back to Luton. I've had the golf on all the way home so the journey went pretty quickly. All the Lutonians are off so it is back to Amphill we go to drop me off.

8.55 – I finally get home. Not the greatest away day not helped by the soaking I took at the beginning. Our performance was flat for most of the match although that is to be expected with all the travelling recently. Could still be a valuable point though so not too downhearted. Home in time for all the football highlights too which was a bonus!



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TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE 1,441 | AWAY: 89

TOWN GOALS: GILLIEAD 60 | GRAY 62

TOWN: KING, O'DONNELL, MUSONDA, FAMEWO, SENIOR, BAKINSON, GRAY, SMITH, GILLIEAD (SNELUS 90+2), MCQUOID (VASSELL 73), BANTON (HINDS 86) **SUBS NOT USED:** COTTER, READ, ATKINSON, GOOCH (GK)

DONCASTER: MYHILL, OLSSON, GARDNER, MCMANAMAN, HARPER, SMITH (WALKER 67), SWEENEY (BARBIR 63), MCCOURT (MORRISON 75), DONNELLAN, FITZWATER, TULLOCH. **SUBS NOT USED:** PRITCHATT, PALME, DOOL, BRADLEY | **YELLOW CARD:** MCMANAMAN



STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Town youngsters proved again what a bright future lies ahead at Kenilworth Road – and hopefully Power Court – as another young Nathan Jones side put tough opposition to the sword in the Checkatrade Trophy.

Alex Gilliead and Jake Gray scored the goals as a West Brom side containing four senior players were dominated by the next generation of Hatters stars.

Craig King denied Callum McManaman from the penalty spot on 15 minutes, after Frankie Musonda was adjudged to have brought down Rekeem Harper with what looked like a decent challenge inside the Hatters box.

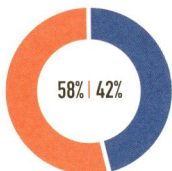
Two minutes of Hatters brilliance on the hour mark consigned West Brom to their second defeat in Southern Group H, however.

Alex Gilliead slotted past Boaz Myhill from the edge of the box after a smart through ball from Zane Banton to give the Hatters the lead.

The second was an excellently worked set-piece; Gilliead passed to Josh McQuoid on the edge of the Baggies' box from a corner, the striker let it run and Jake Gray was there to curl the ball into the bottom left corner of Myhill's net from 18 yards.

The result puts the Hatters joint top of their group with six points and ensures qualification to the next round, alongside next opponents Millwall.

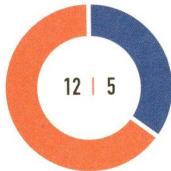
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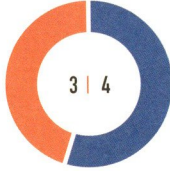
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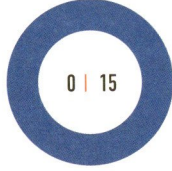
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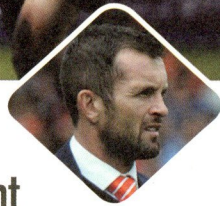
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JONES: They did Luton proud tonight



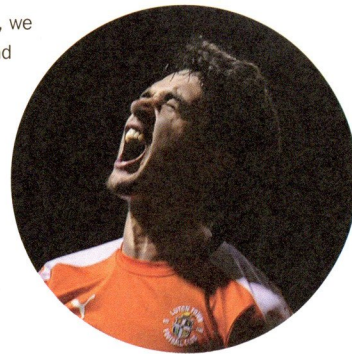
"It doesn't get better than that. In terms of performance and intensity and the way we went about our work, we were absolutely awesome.

"That's as good a performance I have seen from a group of young players, coming up against a Premier League under-23 side, with four top class professionals and from start to finish, we were a class above.

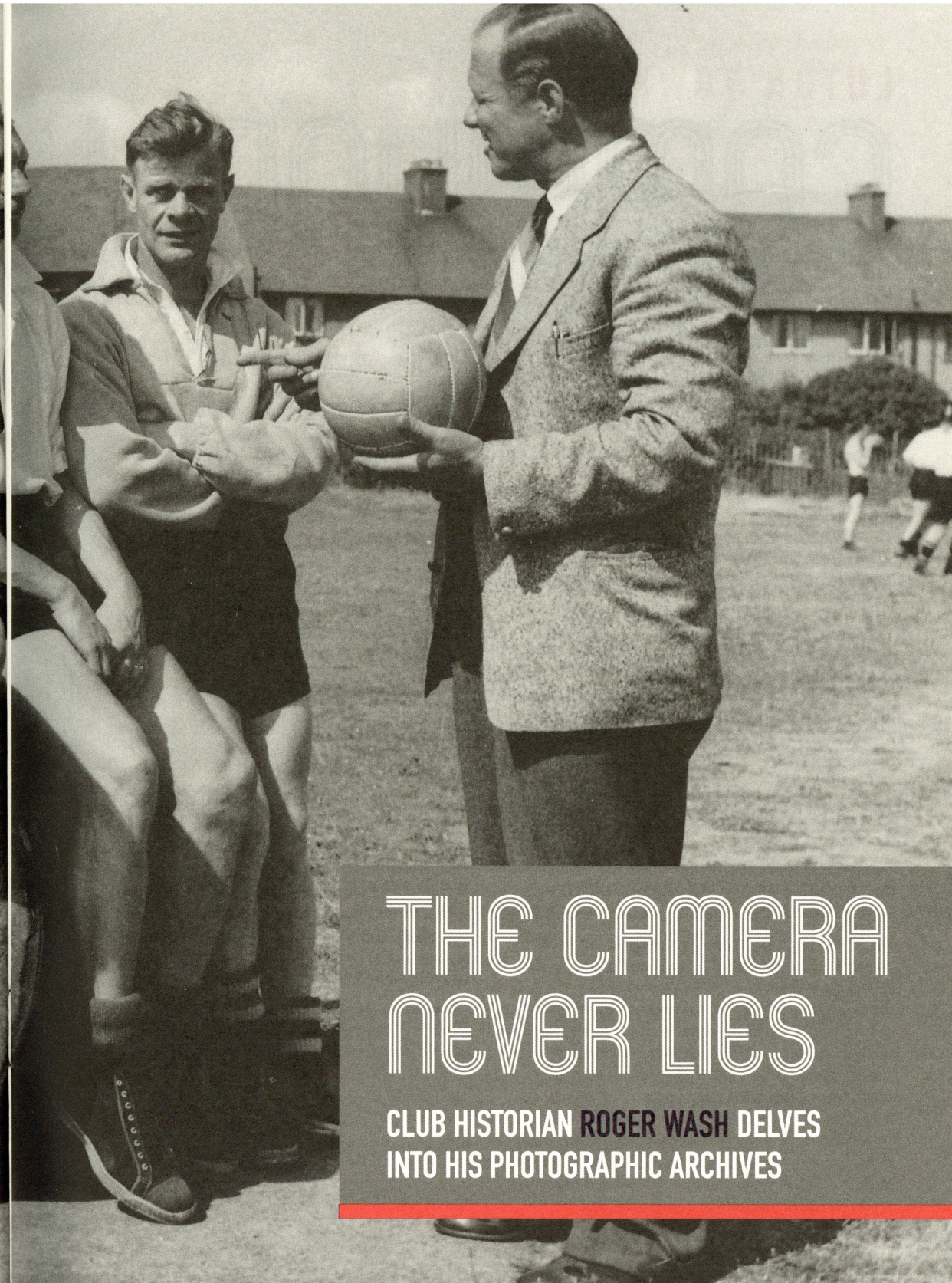
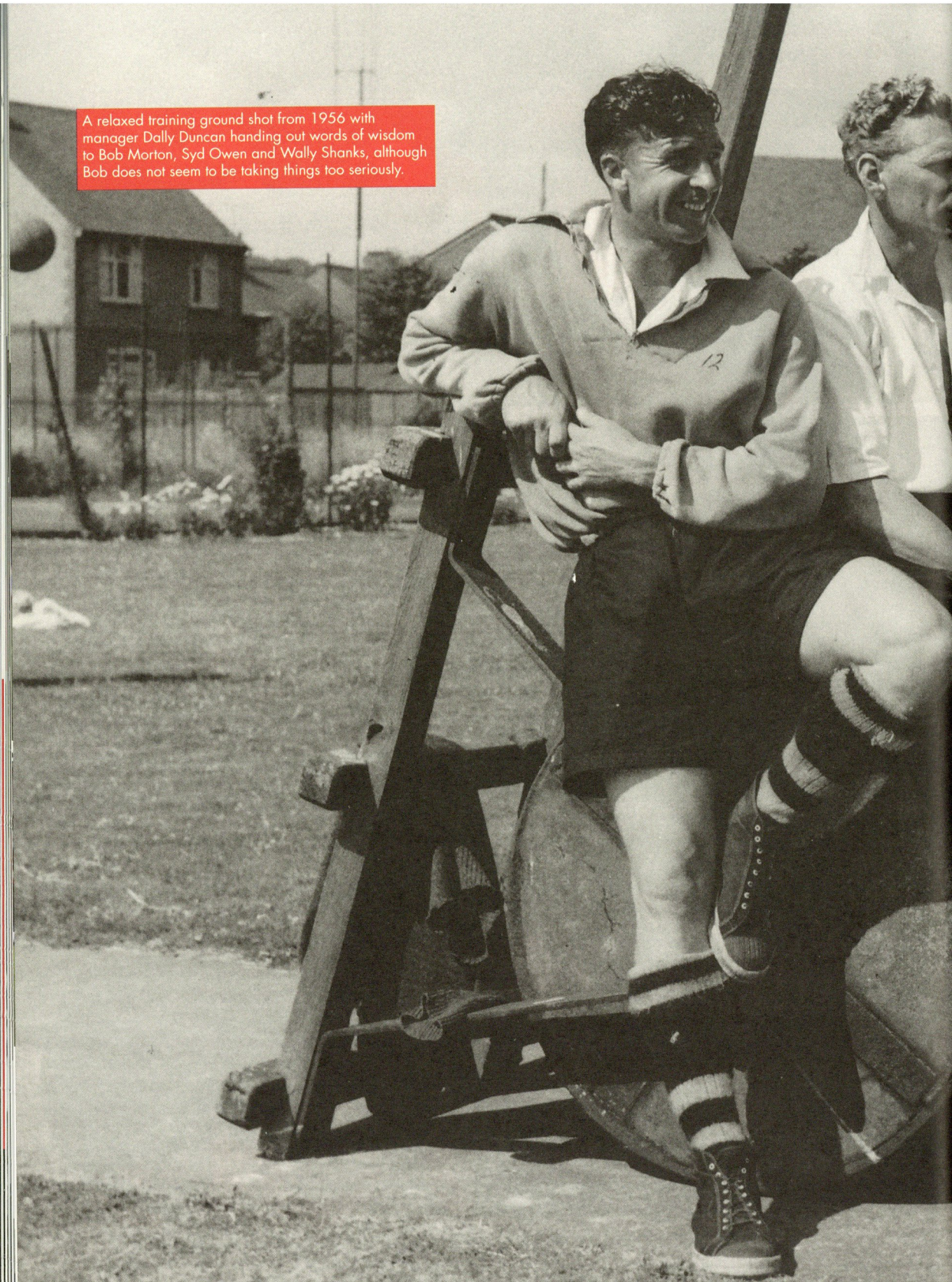
"The way we worked, the way we pressed, 2-0 flatters West Bromwich Albion. I don't know where to start in terms of the creativity, the way we played and some of the goals we could have scored in the first half.

"Our youngsters are top of the range. We have an outstanding group of youngsters. These aren't youth team players. These are going to be top players and I am going to be honest; I am not sure how long I can keep them out of the first team, because it would be wrong of me to curtail their careers. These are flying.

"From start to finish, we were outstanding and I've got to enthuse over a group of young players because, let's be honest, they did Luton proud tonight and anyone watching that game would have thought 'Wow!'"



A relaxed training ground shot from 1956 with manager Dally Duncan handing out words of wisdom to Bob Morton, Syd Owen and Wally Shanks, although Bob does not seem to be taking things too seriously.



THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

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

LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

PREMIER LEAGUE PRIMARY STARS SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAMME

This season the Premier League have launched a major new three-year nationwide project to offer a first class primary schools programme through all EFL Community Trusts that will seek to improve and enhance PE provision in all our local schools.

Initially our community coaches will concentrate on the core objective of increasing children's enjoyment, participation and 'skills' in school sport, especially through competitive games, as well as supporting teachers to enhance their knowledge and confidence in delivering high quality PE lessons. Thanks to continued support from easyjet, our Free Schools Sport Primary Stars Project, which provides free curriculum time football coaching and PE lessons to all schools within Luton and Bedfordshire has already kicked off for another season. In fact, this year the project is going from strength to strength thanks to our new three-year funding from the Premier League School Sport Programme and with easyjet remaining as Community Trust sponsor and the additional Premier League funding this season, Luton Town FC Community Trust will be visiting over 40 schools reaching 1,500 local school children every single week during term time absolutely free of charge. That's around 70 free PE lessons each week adding up to over 75,000 kids and over 2,500 free PE lessons for local schools each year!

The PL Primary Stars programme is designed to provide primary schools with support in improving the provision of PE, sport and physical activities, both during curriculum and extra-curriculum time. The aim is to provide higher quality, positive experiences for the pupils, enabling positive teaching and learning, alongside increased participation opportunities and importantly for the club increased player pathways through talent identification. This support includes PE curriculum lessons, Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) activities, enrichment sessions, through to breakfast clubs, lunch-time activities and after-school clubs and also a range of competitive opportunities for children, helping inter-school and District Schools football programmes.



Football Development Officer, James Hatch, who oversees the project on behalf of the Hatters' Community Trust, commented: "We always have a great response from local schools who have asked us to come in and help with all kinds of requests from running lunch time clubs to coaching the schools' football teams.

"This season with the increased funding from through the Premier League Primary Stars project we will be able to engage with more schools than ever each week and also promote the Club to the next generation of supporters. The funding is great because we can now get all of our local schools involved with the Club at no cost to them.

"We hope this project will not only help schools with providing quality PE lessons, but also by getting the children involved with Luton Town FC, provide future supporters of the Club and as well as maybe even future academy players who come in as part of our school sport talent identification programme."

For any schools interested in our school sport project contact James Hatch or Kyle Durcan at the Club on 01582 737568 or via email at schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk



PREMIER LEAGUE GIRLS FOOTBALL

The Trust are also delighted to have received new funding this season through another Premier League funded project PL Girls Football.

For the previous two seasons, the Hatters Trust have been involved in the Female Football Development Programme (FFD) in partnership with The EFL Trust and The FA with a goal to 'Inspire the Future Female Game' and play an integral role in the progression of the Women's & Girls' game and drive participation growth and retention through the delivery of sessions built around fun, friends, and fitness. Following withdrawal of the FFD funding by the FA we were relieved that the Premier League have stepped in to support all of our hard work over the last two years!

PL Girls Football began over three seasons ago and aimed to set up high quality girls only satellite centres to give girls and women aged 14 and over new opportunities to play football. The new three-year PL Girls project is now aimed at women and girls from 11 years upwards and again is seeking to increase the numbers playing and to provide pathways for players and also coaches. The new project fits in really well with our new Girls Player Development Centre run in conjunction with Luton Town Ladies FC and staffed entirely by female coaches who have all qualified



through our previous initiatives in female football.

We hope to continue to play an important part in breaking down barriers and our Girls Football project will offer the opportunity for players of all abilities to join the female football revolution. We hope many participants will be enjoying their first real kicks, whilst for others, the sessions will aim to reignite a sporting passion, by easing back into playing - but pressure free! Through our varied approaches, such as incorporating music and allowing participants ownership of sessions we aim to bring football to life for women and girls, taking players from disengagement to playing for a team maybe within the space of few weeks.

Of course, new participants falling in love with the game for the first time, or all over again, have

numerous pathways to graduate beyond grassroots at the Club through our pro-active partnership with Luton Ladies FC, and whether participants wish to shine in playing, become a coach that inspires the future generation or maybe combine education with playing in the future, then we now have the opportunity to offer the same through this partnership.

Our first sessions have already kicked off this season at Challney Girls and Chalk Hill Academy in Luton as well as Vandyke and Cedars Upper Schools in Leighton Buzzard and Kempston Academy in Bedford. If you want to take part in any of our PL Girls Football projects then give us a call at the Community office on 01582 737568 or email Matt Collett at schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk for more information.

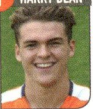
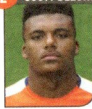







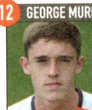
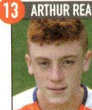

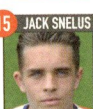

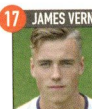
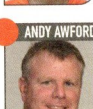



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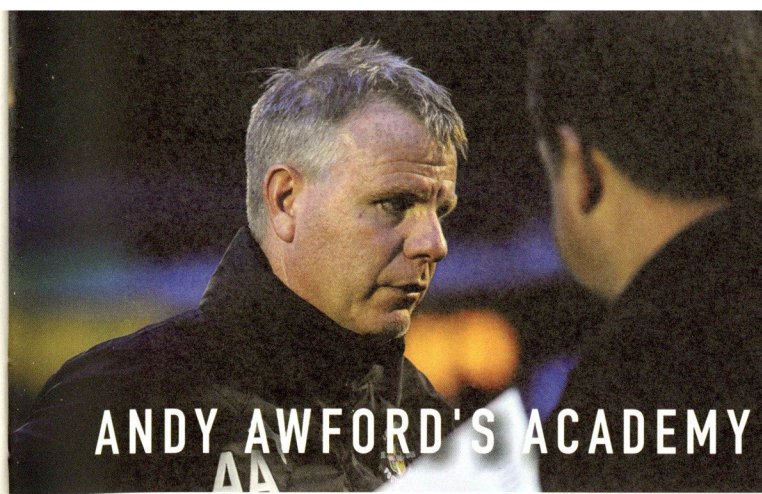


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UPDATE

Good afternoon and welcome to today's game versus Crewe Alexandra.

U21S

With the first team away at Hartlepool last Tuesday we took the opportunity to host MK Dons at the training ground. The game finished 1-1 and proved to be a really good exercise for our young players. With the exception of Liam Gooch and Alex Atkinson, our squad was made up of entirely U18 players and therefore we were delighted with the display against slightly older and more experienced opposition. The only downside was after taking the lead, through a well worked Jack James goal, we conceded within a minute of the restart. Disappointing, but again a great learning curve for the players.

U18S

The Youth Team travelled to AFC Wimbledon two weeks ago and although not at their fluent best,

returned home with all three points courtesy of goals from Geo Craig and Freddie Hinds in a 2-0 victory. After dominating the opening 25 minutes and deservedly going 2-0 up, we did not kick on as much as we would have liked and made hard work of it



Michael Shamalo

in the end. However, the game again provided a good number of U16 players the opportunity to gain more valuable experience and showed the current apprentices that you cannot take your foot off the gas and must continue to do the basics correctly.

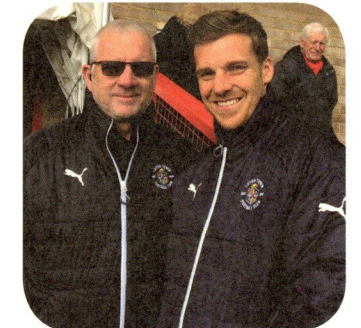
Last Saturday we edged a 4-3 victory at home to Barnet. Incidentally the U16s also won 5-4, so it was a real Saturday goal feast for The Academy. Obviously we are pleased to be free scoring, but were disappointed to concede three goals and the players will need to find a better balance to

[ACADEMY UPDATE]

their game in the next few weeks. On a positive it was great to see Michael Shamalo net the injury time winner on his comeback after minor surgery. 'Sham' has worked hard, under the guidance of our physio Dan Simm, and got his just rewards with the winner. Well done Michael!

MISTAKEN IDENTITY!!

Finally, I must inform you that our First Team Physio, Simon Parsell, was grinning from ear-to-ear as I arrived at the training ground last Monday morning. It appears that our self-proclaimed 'Love Doctor' was asked somewhat surprisingly to sign an autograph book at Cheltenham, prior to the first team game on Saturday.



Upon agreeing to sign the picture, Simon was absolutely delighted to see that the youthful autograph hunter had obviously mistaken his ageing and weathered appearance for my glowing, youthful looks and continued to scrawl his name on the picture. Rumours have it that he 'maintained' his new celebrity status for a good few minutes, engaging in conversation and fully revelling in his new identity!! Nice whilst it lasted 'Fizz'. Now get back to the day job!!

Enjoy today's game.

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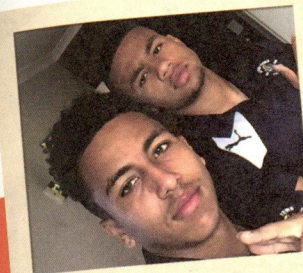
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How long have you known each other?

ZB: Years, we go way back.

FM: About six years. I knew his age group really well in the academy.

When did you first room together?

ZB: Last season, Carlisle away.

What's the best thing about rooming together?

FM: We listen to the same music, we like the same TV. We're both pretty relaxed. I've had ones in the past where their music is awful – Alex Atkinson for example! – and they are too active.

ZB: We like Hip-Hop and UK Grime.

What's your roomie's worst habit?

FM: Zane sneezes about 20 times a night – it's so annoying!

ZB: He is always taking his Do-rag on and off, every two minutes.

(Ed – For anyone who doesn't know what a Do-rag is, Zane explains: "It's for his hair, like what LL Cool J wears." For anyone who still doesn't know what a Do-rag is...Google images suggest it's a bit like a bandana!)

Who makes the tea?

ZB: I have tea, but I do a selfish one.

First up in the morning?

FM: Me. I wake up naturally about 6.30am, but will then doze off again. He's conked out completely.

Who decides when to turn the light out at night?

The passing Johnny Mullins chips in: Frankie's the boss!

ZB: No, it's me. He's usually sleeping like a baby before me, so I flick them off.

FM: The lights normally are off by about 9pm, we just leave the lamp on by the bed.

Who's the tidiest?

FM: Me. **ZB:** Wow!

FM: Actually, neither of us are that messy.

JM again: You are when I've been in your room!

ZB: Yes, unless we're in Hungary and Johnny invades our room with Hylts and messes it up!

FM: They turned over our room...

Unpack or live out of your bag?

FM: I leave my boxers and stuff in the bag, but my tracksuit and travelling kit, I leave it out.

Who takes the longest to get ready?

FM: I take longer, but I start earlier. Zane leaves everything to the last minute. If we've got to be down at 7pm, he'll take his shower at 6.52 and be ready to walk out at 6.59 and 30 seconds!

What's most likely to be on the TV?

ZB: We love a Film4 before we go to sleep.

Games console or TV?

ZB: We like the games console, but it's the hassle of taking it – and some

of the TVs don't have a HDMI socket.

FM: In Hungary we did, and we love a FIFA tournament.

Any other in-room activities?

FM: A lot of rapping. We'll stick an instrumental on and get freestyling. We bring the streets back to wherever we go.

Who would you rather room with?

ZB: It's a tough one, because the two people I've roomed with – James Justin and Frankie – I've no qualms about either of them.

FM: I'm happy with Zane or JJ. I don't mind rooming with Alex – sometimes!

Who would you least like to room with?

(Stephen O'Donnell is listening)

FM: Steve O'Donnell. We'd just have a heart to heart for hours.

ZB: He'd pour his heart out, even when we're asleep.

Who is most likely to gatecrash your room?

FM: Hylts and Muls.

ZB: Or Pelly can be annoying sometimes.

And who do you lock the door to?

ZB: Hylts and Muls.

Finally, if your roomie was a hotel, how many stars would you rate him?

FM: I'd give him seven...fly him out to Dubai!

ZB: Six-and-a-half!

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



Afternoon Kenilworth Road faithful...

Last week in numbers: 700 miles
travelling, 3 games, 5 points, 3
matches undefeated, 1,234 travelling
Hatters, 5 goals, finishing September
2nd in the league...a good way to
round off September/start October if
you ask me!

From a sports science point of view,
weeks like the last one are really
tough...and that isn't just because
I had to endure two long coach
journeys with Kev Dearden!

The emphasis is massively on
recovery and patching the lads up,
ready to go out and put another shift
in. We were in on the Sunday after
the Doncaster game for an extra
recovery day where the players did
some really beneficial recovery work
with both myself and Simon. I was
down at Sainsbury's on Saturday
evening to pick up some ingredients
to knock the lads up some recovery
smoothies high in regeneration
specific nutritional products. That
included coconut water, berries,
recovery protein powders and the
dreaded beetroot and cherry recovery
shots...a real favorite of the boys!

We are also using a new recovery
device called the firefly recovery
system. This provides electro
stimulation of the lower leg muscles
and helps to pump extra blood

around the lower limbs, flushing out
all the waste products from high
intensity exercise such as match play.

We then had to contest with two
long coach journeys especially to
Hartlepool, so we then completed
some extra recovery work at the
hotels; such as our recovery pool
session and an extra stretching and
mobility session to loosen off the
body after sitting on a coach for six
hours.

On top of that nutrition and hydration
are really important and the club is
going above and beyond in helping
us supply some real good nutritional
support to the boys, and our pre-
match meals at the hotels were
excellent this week. It is those sort
of small details which really do go
a long way to helping ensure the
lads are able to put in another big
effort on a match day and also help
with preventing injury given the high
outputs the players are doing within
a game.

Although weeks like the last one are
long, the vibe around the camp and
the set of lads we have, creates a
really strong environment to work
around. There is a lot of banter flying
around and you are able to build
stronger relationships with both the
players and the staff.



Last week's main talking points
revolved around the season three
finale of Power (TV series), X factor
- Dan Potts and Olly Lee's favorite -
Jack Marriott's new trucker hat (I'm
surprised he didn't wear it during
the games as it's been glued to his
head) and, from a staff point of view,
the inability of the coaching staff to
have a quiet game of cards on the
way home - normally fueled by Kev
and Paul Hart arguing about who is
winning!

I hope this week's column has been
another eye-opening installment to
sports science specific life behind the
scenes at LTFC.

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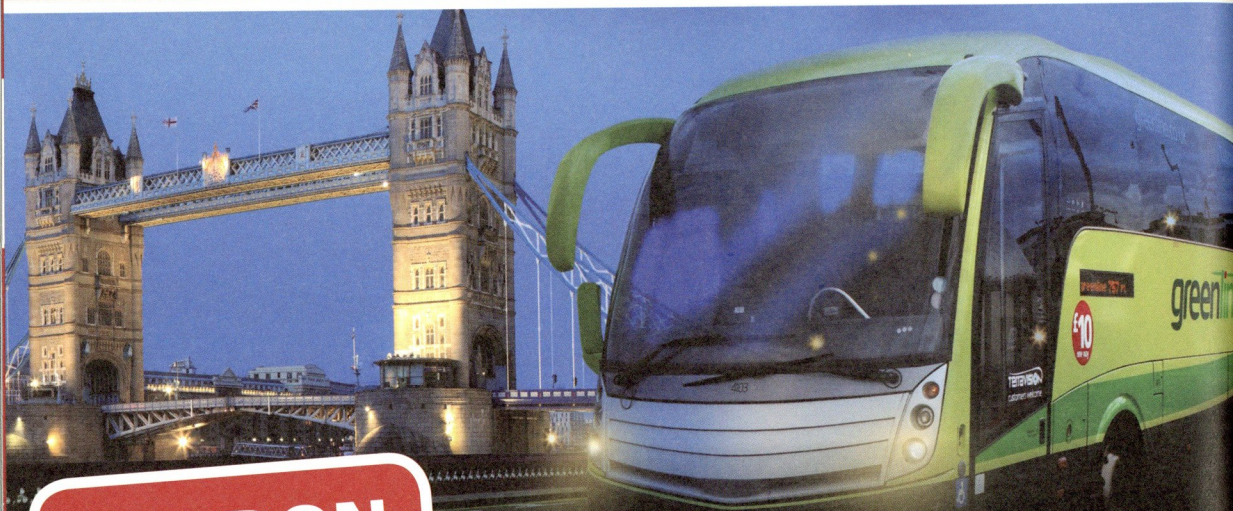


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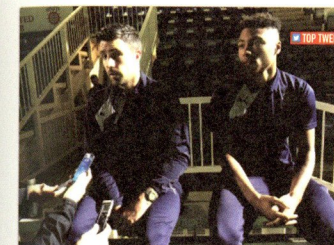
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Post-match interview with Akin Famewo and the skipper



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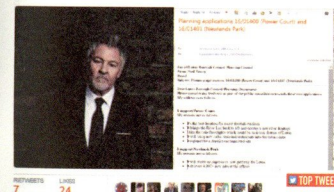


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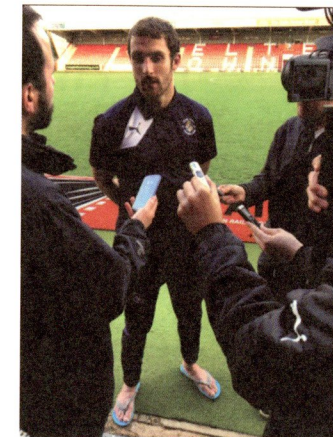


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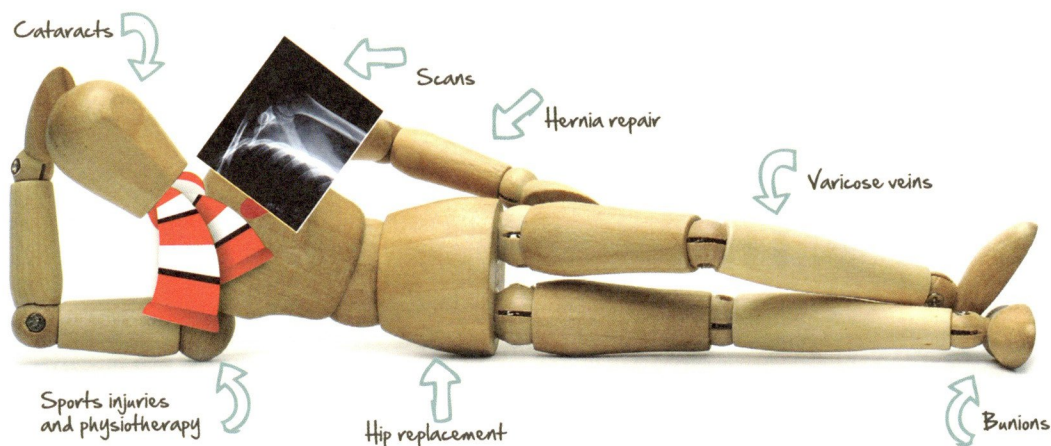
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[LUTON TOWN LADIES]

HATTERSLADIES

LUTON TOWN LADIES 2 MK DONS 1

Town Ladies fought back after falling behind to Milton Keynes Dons at Kenilworth Road last Wednesday night.

Town had gone behind after an unfortunate deflection from Molly Robinson, but a crowd of 332 watched on as they dug deep for all of 90 minutes to peg back and hang on to a 2-1 lead with goals from Jess McKay and Nicola Henman.

Luton started brightly with high intensity and the first meaningful attempt came from Town after McKay outclassed the MK Dons right back on the wing to pick out Byrne in the box, but the ball was cleared before she could connect.

After 20 minutes, it was MK Dons who took the lead and to Town's frustration, the goal was soft and came from virtually nothing. Leah Cudone had struck the ball from just outside the box and Robinson who attempted to clear the effort only to deflect the ball into the bottom left corner out of reach of the diving Jess Devoti.

A moment of excellence from McKay ten minutes later brought Town on level terms as Dionne Manning started the delightful move after she spread the ball out to McKay, who was waiting on the wing. McKay then crossed the ball into Byrne but the MK Dons Keeper came running off her line only to clear the ball back to McKay, who then sent the ball back goalwards with interest into the net from fully 40 yards.

Just four minutes after the break, Town took a well-deserved lead as a counter attack led by Jo Rutherford earned a corner kick. Rutherford whipped in a great ball and after a scrap in the box, Nicola Henman managed to head the ball over the line as the defenders scrambled to clear.

Rebecca Kane, who replaced the injured Byrne in the first half, showed glimpses of her capability when she cut inside and struck excellently, but her attempt was fired just over the crossbar.

Kane was involved again when she combined well with McKay down the wing and they almost set up Rutherford, but the attempt was cleared for a corner.



There were some nail biting moments in the final ten minutes with MK Dons pressing for a late equaliser, but credit to Town as they kept their composure and deservedly ended the game on top.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "I am really pleased with the way the girls applied themselves tonight. We had a plan and gave them instructions and they went and did exactly what we asked them to do.

"I'm delighted about the way we came back from going 1-0 down as we were on top at the time, but we just kept going and we got our rewards through an outstanding goal from Jess."

After taking the lead, there were some nervous moments towards the end of the match as the visitors looked for an equaliser, but Baker praised the team who defended brilliantly until the final whistle showing great mental strength and determination.

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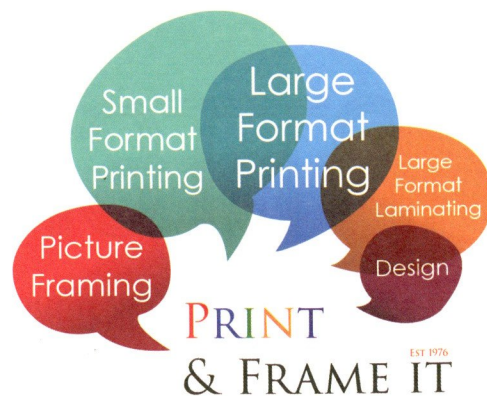


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[LEAGUE TWO ROUND-UP]

LEAGUELOOK

A draw at Cheltenham Town last weekend saw the Hatters slip down to fourth with 18 points, but are within two points of second-placed Doncaster Rovers.

Table toppers Plymouth continued their phenomenal form, demolishing Yeovil Town 4-1, as Argyle boss Derek Adams saw his side move five points clear. Jake Jervis netted a brace with Jimmy Spencer and Graham Carey also getting on the scoresheet for the Pilgrims.

After suffering defeat to the Hatters the previous Saturday, Doncaster have continued in a similar vein of form to what they had before they visited Kenilworth Road. A draw at Carlisle on Tuesday night was followed by a 2-1 victory over Portsmouth at Fratton Park, meaning Darren Ferguson's side now sit in second.

Carlisle have surprised many by reaching this point in this season without defeat in the league. Third place is the reward for their efforts so far and a 2-0 win at home against Colchester cemented their place in an automatic promotion spot for the week.

The last team to claim a victory over Nathan Jones' side, Crawley Town, ran out winners against Blackpool with defender Mark Connolly scoring the only goal of the game to put his side level on points with the Hatters, although the Red Devils are a place below in fifth due to their inferior goal difference.

The Hatters' opponents today, Crewe, drew 1-1 with Mansfield Town to be positioned just outside the play-off places on goal difference. The Stags on the other hand occupy 14th, averaging a point from every league game so far this season.

Hartlepool striker Padraig Amond made a dream return to Grimsby by netting twice in the Monkey Hangers' 3-0 win. The Irishman refused to celebrate either strike out of respect for the club he scored 37 times for in their promotion from the National League last season. Nathan Thomas, who found the target last Tuesday in our 1-1 draw in the north-east, bagged the other.

After a woeful start to the season, Shaun Derry's Cambridge United have won their last three games, defeating Accrington Stanley 2-1 even though they finished with nine men on the field. That was only bettered by the fact that keeper Will Norris saved two injury time penalties for the U's.

Wycombe overcame Exeter in a 1-0 victory, which saw Paul Tisdale's side slip into the relegation zone. Adebayo Akinfenwa scored his second goal as a Chairboy, smashing home from close range with five minutes left.

Managerless-at-the-time Leyton Orient drew 0-0 with Barnet on Saturday, and the following day the club's owner Francesco Becchetti appointed Alberto Cavasin, the former Sampdoria boss, his eighth gaffer since buying the club in 2014.

Finally, basement side Newport County – another club without a manager following the sacking of ex-Hatter Warren Feeney – had their game against Stevenage postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. It took referee Dean Whitestone ten minutes of Notts County's match against Morecambe to decide that the Meadow Lane pitch could no longer be played on due to a similar issue.

TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

Accrington v Cheltenham
Blackpool v Cambridge
Colchester v Newport
Doncaster v Barnet
Exeter v Grimsby
Hartlepool v Crawley

Leyton Orient v Portsmouth
Luton v Crewe
Mansfield v Notts County
Morecambe v Carlisle
Stevenage v Plymouth
Yeovil v Wycombe

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Barnet 0-0 Leyton Orient
Cambridge 2-1 Accrington
Carlisle 2-0 Colchester
Cheltenham 1-1 Luton
Crawley 1-0 Blackpool
Crewe 1-1 Mansfield

Grimsby 0-3 Hartlepool
Newport P-P Stevenage
Notts County A-A Morecambe
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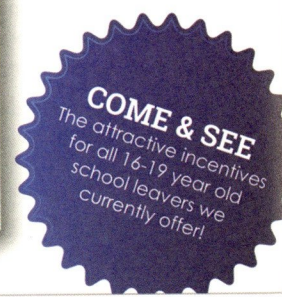
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AUGUST								
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton O'DONNELL 1 Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	L 2-1	3,517	1,674	3	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Leeds United (EFL Cup 2)	L 0-1	7,498	1,510	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 0-3	5,606	1,690	2	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King Cotter MUSONDA 1 Famewo Justin Bakinson SMITH 1
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 4-1	8,097	530	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town	L 1-2	8,005	539	3	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 2-0	2,904	1,052	7	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-1	7,917	554	3	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United	D 1-1	3,533	311	2	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
OCTOBER								
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,660	923	4	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tues 4	7.30pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)	W 2-0	1,441	89	-	King O'Donnell Musonda Famewo Senior Bakinson GRAY 1
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	7.30pm	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					



Danny Hylton celebrates his goal at Cheltenham last week

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

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

McGeehan	COOK 1	HYLTON 3 •	Marriott •	Smith •	Vassell •	Famewo •	Gray	Gilliead	King	Justin
McGeehan	Cook	Hylton •	Marriott	REA 1 •	Vassell •	Gilliead •	Smith	Cuthbert	Gray	King
McGeehan	Cook	Vassell	McQuoid	Hylton	Marriott	Gilliead	Cuthbert	Gray	Mpanzu	King
McGEEHAN 2 •	Cook •	Hylton ■	MARRIOTT 1	Sheehan •	Gray •	Gilliead •	O'Donnell	Smith	Vassell	King
McGeehan	Gilliead •	Mpanzu	Marriott	Vassell •	Cook •	O'Donnell	Smith	McQuoid	Musonda	King

McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	Marriott •	Smith •	Gilliead •	O'Donnell	Gray	McQuoid	Famewo	King
Smith	GILLIEAD 1 •	McQuoid •	Banton •	Vassell •	Hinds •	Snelus •	Cotter	Read	Atkinson	Gooch



MEET THE REF: NICK KINSELEY



This afternoon we give a warm welcome to Essex based referee, Nick Kinseley. This is the second time this season he has visited Kenilworth Road, having taken charge of our game against Yeovil Town

in mid-August, which ended in a 1-1 draw. Last season he dished out ten red cards, including one to our very own Jack Marriott in our win over Leyton Orient in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. He also handed out nine penalties.

LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17

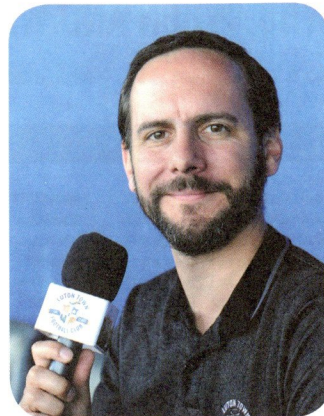
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Plymouth Argyle	11	8	1	2	17	8	9	25
2 Doncaster Rovers	11	6	2	3	22	14	8	20
3 Carlisle United	11	4	7	0	16	11	5	19
4 LUTON TOWN	11	5	3	3	20	12	8	18
5 Crawley Town	11	5	3	3	13	13	0	18
6 Portsmouth	11	5	2	4	18	12	6	17
7 Notts County	10	5	2	3	17	14	3	17
8 Crewe Alexandra	11	4	5	2	15	15	0	17
9 Grimsby Town	11	5	1	5	17	17	0	16
10 Morecambe	10	5	1	4	16	18	-2	16
11 Colchester United	11	4	3	4	16	16	0	15
12 Accrington Stanley	11	4	3	4	15	15	0	15
13 Hartlepool United	11	3	6	2	17	18	-1	15
14 Mansfield Town	11	3	5	3	9	10	-1	14
15 Wycombe Wanderers	11	4	2	5	13	15	-2	14
16 Blackpool	11	3	4	4	15	12	3	13
17 Leyton Orient	11	3	3	5	12	14	-2	12
18 Barnet	10	2	6	2	10	12	-2	12
19 Cambridge United	11	3	3	5	10	15	-5	12
20 Stevenage	10	3	2	5	14	17	-3	11
21 Yeovil Town	11	3	1	7	11	19	-8	10
22 Cheltenham Town	11	1	6	4	12	15	-3	9
23 Exeter City	11	3	0	8	8	16	-8	9
24 Newport County AFC	9	1	3	5	10	15	-5	6

PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										LFC	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		CAREER TOT		APPS	GLS
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS		
Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	0	0	3	0	0
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	0	1	0	12	0
Jordan Cook	10	(1)	1	(1)	0	(1)	1	2	0	12	1	0
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	7	(1)	0	(1)	0	(1)	7	(2)	0	1	49	0
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	(2)	0	(3)	2	(0)	1	0	5	0
Alex Gilliead	1	(4)	0	(1)	0	(2)	1	(1)	1	0	6	1
Jake Gray	2	(3)	0	(4)	2	(6)	3	(2)	0	0	9	2
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	30	6
Freddie Hinds	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	0	1	0
Danny Hylton	9	(1)	6	(2)	0	(11)	6	(4)	1	12	6	0
James Justin	3	(0)	0	(2)	0	(5)	0	(0)	0	0	6	0
Craig King	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	(0)	0	0	2	0
Olly Lee	9	(1)	0	(2)	0	(11)	0	(4)	0	51	3	0
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	34	4
Jack Marriott	10	(1)	3	(2)	0	(12)	3	(1)	0	57	19	0
Cameron McGeehan	11	(0)	5	(2)	0	(13)	6	(3)	0	91	26	0
Josh McQuoid	1	(1)	0	(2)	0	(3)	1	(1)	0	39	5	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	9	(1)	0	(1)	0	(10)	2	(0)	1	0	78	5
Johnny Mullins	8	(0)	0	(2)	0	(10)	0	(0)	0	1	10	0
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	(0)	1	0	5	1
Stephen O'Donnell	8	(0)	1	(3)	0	(11)	0	(1)	1	0	44	2
Dan Potts	11	(0)	0	(1)	0	(12)	0	(3)	1	28	0	0
Glen Rea	4	(1)	1	(2)	0	(6)	1	(1)	1	0	17	1
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	0	1	0
Alan Sheehan	4	(1)	1	(0)	0	(4)	1	(2)	0	25	2	0
Jonathan Smith	1	(5)	1	(3)	(1)	4	(6)	2	1	0	151	11
Jack Snelus	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	1	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	1	0
Isaac Vassell	1	(7)	0	(1)	(3)	0	(2)	(10)	0	0	12	0
Christian Walton	11	(0)	0	(2)	(0)	0	(13)	(0)	0	0	13	0

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WITH SIMON PITTS
HATTERS PLATER COMMENTATOR



Last week at Hartlepool possibly saw a record-breaking Luton Town starting XI, with the average age at only just over 22 years. With five players starting under the age of 21, and another four under 23, there really is a bright future on the pitch for the Hatters.

Congratulations to James Justin on his first start in the league against Doncaster here a couple of weeks ago, and then also to Akin Famewo for achieving this feat at Hartlepool.

The success of the youth team last season has been well documented and it's great that several of these players have not only signed professional contracts but are also getting their opportunity to perform in the first team too. It's certainly something that hasn't happened to this level for some time.

Once the discussions had started regarding the youngest ever starting league team my first thought went back exactly 19 years to 27th September 1997, before both Akin and James had been born!

Again it was an away trip, to Bristol City, but due to 35 year old Gary Waddock playing that day the average age was actually two years more than the team at Hartlepool. The other interesting point of interest from that

game is that Matthew Spring made his debut as a substitute, aged 17 years and 10 months, the same age as Akin.

Akin and James are among the newest squad members, but it is also appropriate to mention our current longest serving player, Jonathan Smith, who made his 150th appearance at Cheltenham on Saturday.

"Smudger" joined Luton on-loan from York in November 2012, before signing permanently in the January transfer window. He's currently joint 110th in the all time table, and needs a further 10 appearances to join Mike Keen in 100th place on 160 appearances. Both players have 11 goals to their name, with Smith on the scoresheet twice this season from just three starts in all competitions.

My opening paragraph used the words "there really is a bright future on the pitch for the Hatters." Well,

my final paragraph is going to focus on what could be a very bright future off the pitch too.

This coming Monday is the deadline for giving your feedback to the Council regarding the planning applications Power Court: 16/01400 and Newlands Park: 16/01401.

If you've already given your support via email or letter then thank you; but please tell everyone you know to do so too.

If you've not yet sent in your support to the Council then please do so before it's too late, it takes a matter of minutes and everybody's contribution to help make these proposals a reality is vital.

It couldn't be easier now either as there's an online form that you can use by visiting www.2020developments.co.uk/ applications which also has all the other relevant information and links to see these fantastic applications.

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TEAMS



- 1 Christian Walton
- 2 Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Johnny Mullins
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jake Gray
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Danny Green
- 12 Craig Mackail-Smith
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 15 Alex Gilliead
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Zane Banton
- 19 Olly Lee
- 20 Isaac Vassell
- 21 Jack Senior
- 23 Josh McQuoid
- 27 Tyreeq Bakinson
- 31 Craig King
- 36 James Justin
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 38 Alex Atkinson
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 42 Liam Gooch
- 44 Alan Sheehan

- 1 Ben Garratt
- 2 Ollie Turton
- 3 Jon Guthrie
- 4 Harry Davis
- 5 George Ray
- 6 Ben Nugent
- 7 Ryan Lowe
- 8 James Jones
- 9 Chris Dagnall
- 10 Callum Saunders
- 11 George Cooper
- 12 Liam Smith
- 13 Dave Richards (GK)
- 14 Zoumana Bakayogo
- 15 Danny Hollands
- 17 Daniel Udoh
- 18 Billy Bingham
- 20 Charlie Kirk
- 21 Ryan Wintle
- 22 Alex Kiwomya
- 23 Perry Ng
- 25 Callum Ainley
- 26 Marcus Poscha
- 27 Owen Dale
- 28 Callum Bullock
- 29 James Yates
- 30 Harry Pickering
- 35 Oliver Finney
- 36 Tommy Lowery



MATCH OFFICIALS

- NICK KINSELEY
- SIAN MASSEY-ELLIS
- WAYNE BARRATT
- 4 STEPHEN FINCH