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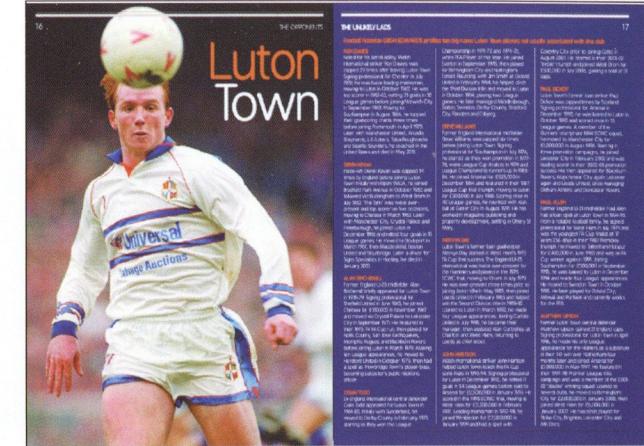
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THE GAFFER



# Jim Bentley

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS FROM LUTON TOWN WHO ARE HERE FOR TODAY'S GAME

It is another big game for us here coming on the back of another up and down week.

We kicked off last week with a great win over Bradford in the Checkatrade Trophy which saw us go into the next round after coming through a very tough group which also included Bury and Stoke. We played some great stuff and I was proud of the lads for the way they played after a difficult week.

That win set us up nicely for the trip to Wycombe and the hopes that we could maintain our impressive away form. Unfortunately it wasn't to be and we went down 2-0 although the scoreline was particularly harsh I thought. It was a typically scrappy game against Wycombe and they got the opening goal with a real fluke when a header that was going well wide was deflected past Barry Roche by Alex Whitmore's face. We were then denied one stonewall penalty for handball and could have had another for a foul on Kevin Ellison that went totally unnoticed.

They were critical decisions and really hurt us and were hard to take to be honest.

That defeat left a bit of a sour taste but I was still confident that we could go to Coventry in midweek and get into the next round of the FA Cup. We knew it would be tough against an improving side on their home patch but after the way we played in the first game I was convinced we had a real chance.

It all started well and it was brilliant to go a goal up early in the game. Unfortunately we let ourselves down and conceded two goals on the break that we should have done much better with.

To lose the first goal straight from our corner was criminal and the second one was a joke really and although both were good finishes we should have done much better and managed the situation much better than we did and that is what disappointed me most. I was bitterly disappointed after the game because I

am desperate for a good run in the FA Cup as a manager and I thought we had a great chance of making progress. Now we have to get over that disappointment and get ourselves right for today's game against a Luton side who are one of the pace setters in League 2 this year.

They are a good side but we know what we need to do. We have to be at our best from minute one to get back to winning ways at home here in the league. We have had some excellent cup displays here and now we need to transfer those performances into the league, starting today.

Finally I would like to sign off these notes by passing on my condolences to the family of Neil Marshall who sadly died this week. Neil was a local legend with Lancaster City and was a great servant to them. I know he will be sadly missed by all.

Jim



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CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

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# Peter Murphy

Good afternoon and welcome to the Globe Arena for this afternoon's game against Luton Town.

It's been a busy time since my last notes and once again we have had some ups and downs with an excellent victory over Bradford followed by defeats at Wycombe last Saturday and Coventry in midweek.

The Bradford game was excellent. We played some really good stuff against a good side to get the win to take us through into the next round of the Checkatrade Trophy which is something we can all take heart from because we were in a very good group.

We went into the Wycombe game full of confidence but it was one of those games where nothing seemed to go right for us in many ways. Their first goal was a total fluke with the lad's header going nowhere near the goal until it hit Alex Whitmore in the face and sneaked in.

We then had a clear penalty turned down at 1-0 that could have changed the game and had another good shout when Kev was taken out in the box but again nothing was given.

They added a second late on to give them a score line which definitely flattered them.

At Coventry on Tuesday we got off to the perfect start with an early goal but then let them back in it when we conceded straight from our corner and that was hugely disappointing as we let them back in the game.

And that is the biggest learning point we can take from the game. We are conceding far too many goals and far too many sloppy goals. We have to defend better as a unit from front to back and

look to get some clean sheets which is something we have really struggled to do for the past couple of seasons.

We are all disappointed to be out of the cup because we wanted to do well but we can't dwell on it.

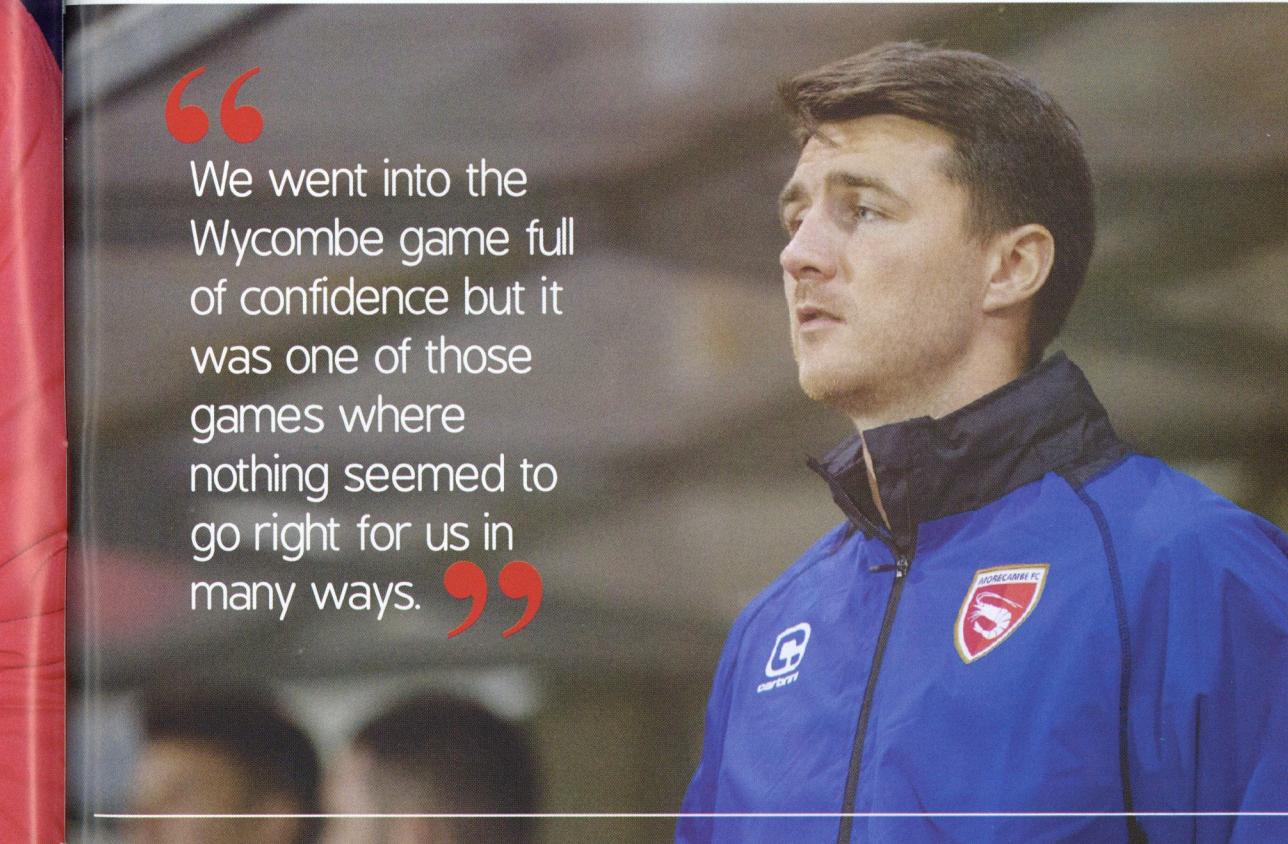
We have a lot of games coming up as we head towards the important Christmas period and we need to put in some good performances and improve our points tally.

The League 2 table is mad again and every point will be vital and our home form will be important to us reaching our ambitions.

Please get behind us today.

**Peter**

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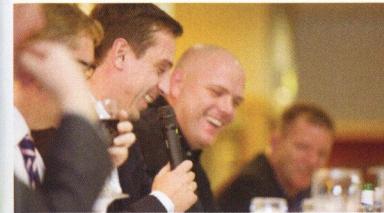
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AROUND THE GLOBE

# ClubNews

Neville wows the crowds at packed house



FORMER Manchester United and England star Gary Neville was the special guest at a question and answer night at the Globe Arena recently.

Neville gave up his time to answer a host of questions relating to his distinguished career from a packed audience of more than 300 people.

Shrimps' boss Jim Bentley also answered a host of questions about the Shrimps and the modern game on a hugely popular night.

Neville spoke freely about the highlights of his playing career and gave his views on Manchester United, England and his time as a manager in Valencia as well as his love for Salford City, the club he owns along with Nicky Butt, Paul Scholes and Ryan Giggs.



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# Luton Town



Morecambe today face a side that have had six managers at the helm since 2009, compared to our two.

Luton Town appear to be on the up now despite experiencing financial struggles in the past decade. They currently sit in a healthy fifth position in League 2, and have plans for a new stadium to replace their current home Kenilworth Road. The 2008-09 season was the start of the Hatters' downfall, as they were forced to start the campaign on -30 points due to financial misconduct.

They were relegated from the Football League, finishing bottom on 26 points. They would've finished 15th otherwise. In the following season, they were under immense pressure to return to the Football League at their first attempt.

After a poor start to the season, Mick Harford left them in October being 13 points off the top of the Conference. Following an excellent five game unbeaten run under caretaker manager Alan Neilson, Richard Money took the reins and led the side to a second place finish. Unfortunately for them, they lost to York City in the play-off semi-final. In the 2010-11 season, it was a similar story with their manager Richard Money

leaving in March with the side 15 points behind leaders Crawley. Gary Brabin replaced him, and took Luton to a third place finish only for them to lose to AFC Wimbledon on penalties in the final at the Etihad Stadium.

They made the play-off final again the following season, and lost to York City at Wembley. Gary Brabin left in March with the Hatters falling out of the play-off spots, and Paul Buckle took over and ensured they made the play-offs for the third season in a row- finishing fifth.

They didn't even make the play-offs in the 2012-13 season, finishing seventh in the Conference table. Paul Buckle left the club in February due to personal reasons, and John Still took over as manager. Still took the club back to the Football League in his first full season in charge at the Bedfordshire club, finishing as Champions. Andre Gray, who is now in the Premier League with Burnley, played a crucial role for the club scoring 30 goals in that season.

In his second season, Still took the club to an eighth place finish- just three points off the play-offs. Last season, Luton finished 11th. Still left the club in December following a poor run of two wins in 10

games. In a season in which they got past the first round of every cup competition, Nathan Jones' was named as Still's successor in January. Jack Marriott was the side's top scorer with 16 goals, and midfielder Cameron McGeehan also scored fourteen goals.

Both McGeehan and Marriott remain at the club this season. Luton have repeated their feat of getting past the first round of every cup competition this season, and they remain in the FA Cup and the Checkatrade Trophy. Whilst 14 players departed in the summer including veteran players Paddy McCourt and Paul Benson, Nathan Jones has brought eight players to Kenilworth Road.

One of the more notable signings was Danny Hylton from Oxford United. Hylton, who scored 30 goals in his two years at Oxford United, has scored 10 goals for the club so far this season, and Cameron McGeehan has been impressive again with nine goals.

Nathan Jones' side currently sit in fifth position, and are unbeaten in their last eight league games. If the stats are anything to go by, they will prove tough opposition for the Shrimps today.

**ClubStats**

**Founded:** 1885 **Ground:** Kenilworth Road  
**Nickname:** The Hatters

**Football League First Division (tier 1)**

Best finish: seventh, 1986–87

**Football League Second Division (tier 2)**

Champions: 1981–82

Runners-up: 1954–55, 1973–74

**Football League Third Division / Football League One(A) (tier 3)**

Champions: 1936–37 (South), 2004–05

Runners-up: 1935–36 (South), 1969–70

**Football League Fourth Division / Football League Third Division(A/B) (tier 4)**

Champions: 1967–68

Runners-up: 2001–02

**FA Cup** Runners-up: 1958–59**Football League Cup**

Winners: 1987–88

Runners-up: 1988–89

**Full Members Cup**

Runners-up: 1987–88

**Football League Trophy**

Winners: 2008–09

**Conference Premier**

Champions: 2013–14

Runners-up: 2009–10

**Southern Football League**

Runners-up: 1894–95, 1895–96

**United League**

Champions: 1897–98

Runners-up: 1896–97

**ClubFact**

**10** - Most goals in a match: Joe Payne; with 10 in match versus Bristol Rovers on 13 April 1936, which remains to this day, a Football League record

**Last 5 Games**

**Saturday, November 12**  
Luton Town 1, Accrington Stanley 0

**Tuesday, November 8**  
Luton Town 1, Millwall 3

**Saturday, November 5**  
Exeter City 1, Luton Town 3

**Saturday, October 29**  
Notts County 0, Luton Town 0

**Saturday, October 22**  
Luton Town 1, Mansfield Town 1



# Christian Walton

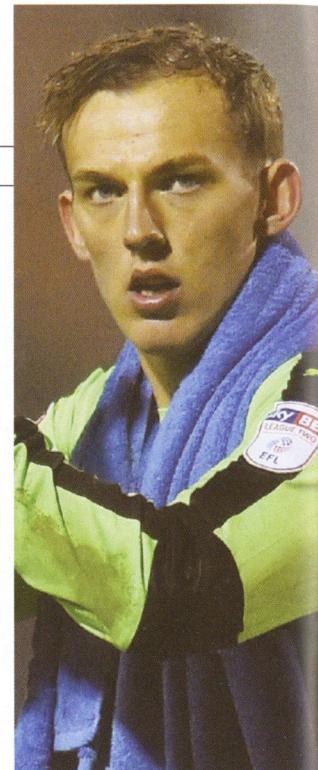
**Goalkeeper**

Young England keeper who came through the ranks at Plymouth Argyle, making the bench for the first-team three days after his 16th birthday, before Brighton swooped for him as a 17-year-old in February 2013.

Made his Seagulls debut at Tottenham in a Capital One Cup tie in August 2014 and went on to make three Championship appearances before being loaned to Bury and Plymouth last term.

Capped by England at Under-19, U20 and U21 level, with his debut for the latter coming soon into his season-long loan at Kenilworth Road, keeping a clean sheet in October's 5-0 win over Bosnia & Herzegovina.

In June Walton joined Luton Town on a season-long loan, linking back up with Nathan Jones who was first-team coach for his first three years at Brighton



KARAN GADHIA

**THE KEY MEN**

# Cameron McGeehan

**Midfielder**

The Hatters were finally able to lure McGeehan to Kenilworth Road on a permanent contract last summer after he previously enjoyed two spells on-loan from Norwich City.

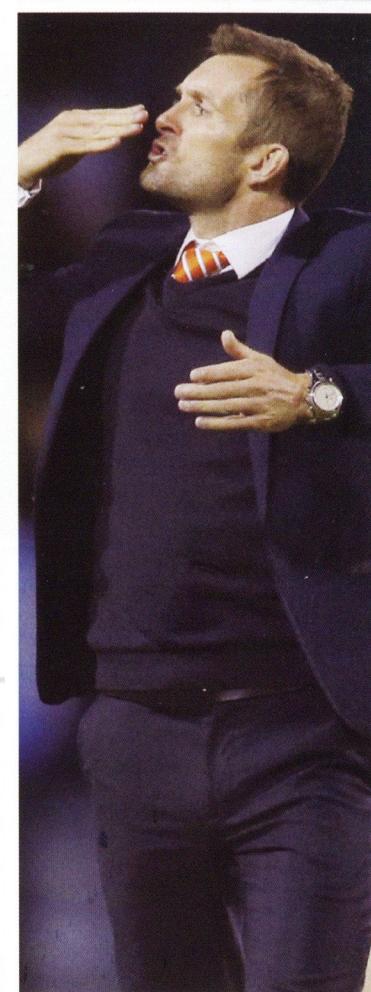
In the first, the central midfielder played a key role in the Conference title campaign of 2013–14, before rejoining again during our first season back in League Two after being on loan at Cambridge United, where he was part of the U's team that held Manchester United to a 0–0 draw in the FA Cup.

In his first permanent campaign with the Hatters, McGeehan netted 13 times to finish second top scorer behind Jack Marriott. The 21-year-old originally came through the ranks at Fulham and Chelsea and has caps for Northern Ireland at Under-17, 19 and 21 level.

He was the captain of Norwich's 2012–13 FA Youth Cup winning team, scoring in both legs of the final against Chelsea.



# The Manager

**Nathan Jones**

# Scott Cuthbert

**Defender**

Capable of playing at either centre-half or right-back, Cuthbert signed for the Hatters last summer having spent two years at Leyton Orient.

He helped the O's reach the League One play-off final the season before last, and prior to that his influential performances enabled Swindon to do the same.

He has been capped at B level for Scotland and, like Stephen O'Donnell, also came through the youth ranks at Celtic. Made 40 appearances in his first season at Kenilworth Road, and took over the captaincy when Steve McNulty left for Tranmere last October.

Cuthbert was captain of the Scotland under-19 team that reached the final of the UEFA under-19 Championships in 2006 and the Scotland under-20 team that played at 2007 Under-20 World Cup in Canada. He also represented Scotland B in May 2009



# Danny Hylton

**Forward**

London-born forward who joined the Town this summer alongside Oxford United team-mate Johnny Mullins, after the pair had helped the U's to promotion to League One and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final last season.

Hylton started his career with Aldershot Town when he was signed by Terry Brown as a 16-year-old, and made over 200 appearances in the Conference and League Two. During the 2007–08 season, Hylton was part of the team which won the Conference Premier League title and the Conference League Cup before joining Rotherham United in 2013.

He played just one game for the then-League One club, however, and was loaned out to Bury and AFC Wimbledon prior to his move to Oxford two years ago. While at the Kassam Stadium Hylton hit 30 goals in 84 starts, but turned down the offer of a new contract in order to pen a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road.

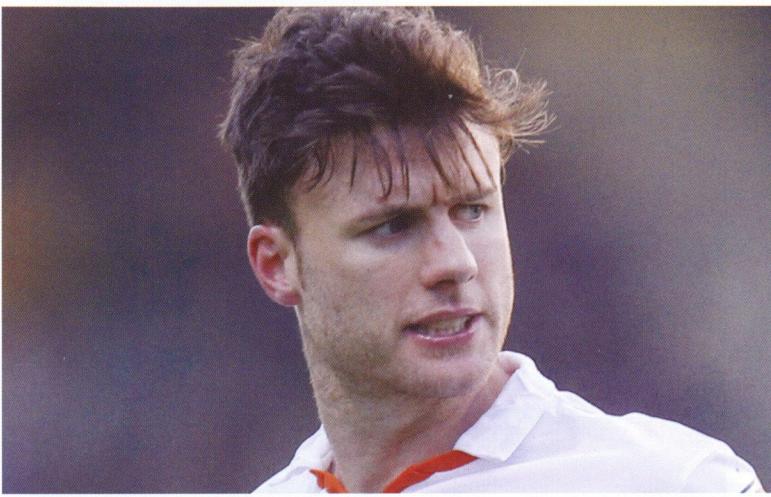


Welshman Jones was appointed as John Still's successor in January 2016. A former coach and assistant-manager at Brighton & Hove Albion, Charlton Athletic and Yeovil Town, he was a player at Kenilworth Road in 1995 but left without making an appearance.

Jones spent a year in Spain before returning to the UK and playing for Southend, Brighton and Yeovil, making over 500 appearances.

The 43-year-old began his coaching qualifications while still a player with Yeovil, initially coaching the Ladies team, and achieved his UEFA Pro-Licence in 2014.

# Luton Town



## GOALKEEPER

### Craig King

Teenage stopper King signed his first professional contract last summer having impressed with his performances in the youth and reserve teams during 2014-15. With Mark Tyler injured, King deputised on the substitutes' bench in a number of Football League matches that year, and to aid his development, the young keeper was sent on loan to Ryman Premier side Met Police last season. He made 23 appearances between August and mid-January before returning to Kenilworth Road to feature in the matchday squad several times, with a one-year option on his Hatters deal being exercised by the Town in May.

## DEFENDERS

### Stephen O'Donnell

The 24-year-old arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2015 from Partick Thistle, who he'd helped win promotion to the Scottish Premiership and reach the final of the Scottish Challenge Cup during 2012-13, earning himself a place in the PFA Scotland First Division Team of the Year. O'Donnell started his career as a youngster at Celtic and has also played for the Scotland Under-21s, earning a fine reputation as a marauding right-back with a real eye for goal. Made 33 appearances – all of them starts – in his debut campaign with the Hatters.

### Dan Potts

Another new face at Kenilworth Road last summer, Potts is also a full-back but operates on the left-hand flank. The 22-year-old joined the Hatters from West Ham United, where he made 13 appearances after being handed his debut in a Championship win over Barnsley in

December 2011. Whilst with the Hammers he also represented the USA at Under-20 level in 2011, before being selected for England Under-18, 19 and 20s. Potts gained valuable Football League experience on loan at Colchester and Portsmouth before agreeing a two-year deal with the Town. Appeared 15 times last term.

### Johnny Mullins

Experienced centre-half who started out at Reading, but left in 2006 without adding to the 50 appearances he'd made during two lengthy loans with Kidderminster. Mullins then spent two years at both Mansfield and Stockport before joining Rotherham in the summer of 2010. He helped the Millers win promotion to League One in 2012-13, but left to sign for Oxford the following summer after a loan spell. Mullins made 51 appearances last season, including leading the U's out at Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final, as Oxford sealed promotion from League Two, before joining the Hatters with team-mate Danny Hylton.

### Frankie Musonda

Defender. Centre-half and captain of last season's hugely successful youth team that won the Under-18s' Football League Youth Alliance league and cup double, as well as reaching the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup. The 18-year-old penned his first professional contract with the Hatters in November 2015, making his debut as a substitute at Mansfield the following January, having joined the club's centre of excellence in 2006.

### Alan Sheehan

Defender. Cultured defender Sheehan joined the Hatters on loan from Bradford City last

## Jonathan Smith

With a never-say-die attitude and exhaustive work-rate, former Forest Green Rovers midfielder Smith has become a firm favourite with Town fans since his arrival from York City in 2011 and is now the longest serving senior member of the squad.

Part of the team that won the Conference title in 2013-14, the Preston-born player – who began his career at Morecambe and won League Two with Swindon – fought back from a broken leg sustained on Boxing Day 2013 and has now made over 150 appearances for the club.

Smith signed a three-year contract last summer after being voted the Hatters' player of the year by his team-mates for the 2014-15 campaign.

January, becoming Nathan Jones' first signing after taking over as manager. The deal was made permanent in the summer of 2016. The Irishman made 20 appearances and captained the team for the final seven matches after Scott Cuthbert suffered a season-ending injury at Stevenage in early April. The left-footer can operate at either full-back or in central defence, and has made over 300 appearances in his career so far with the majority coming during two spells with Notts County. Sheehan also counts Leeds United and Swindon Town among his former employers, as well as loans with Mansfield, Crewe, Oldham and Peterborough United, after starting out at Leicester City.

## MIDFIELDERS

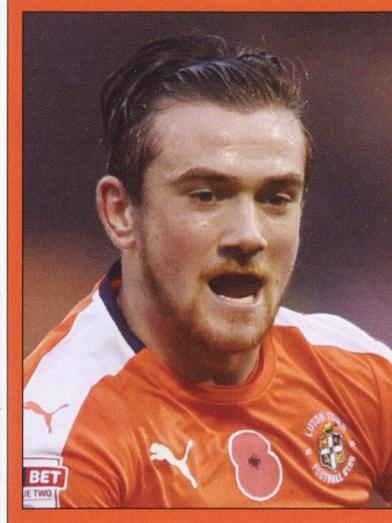
### Jake Gray

Midfielder. Attacking midfielder who became the Town's eighth summer signing when he joined on a two-year contract from Premier League club Crystal Palace on 1st August. The Eagles had signed him from Wycombe Wanderers in 2012 when the Chairboys closed their academy. Gray made his Palace debut in a League Cup tie against Walsall in 2014 and then gained League experience on loan at Cheltenham, where he made his debut against the Hatters in January 2015, and Hartlepool United. The Aylesbury-born player scored six times in 30 starts and three sub appearances for the League Two club last season.

### Danny Green

Right-sided attacking midfielder Green signed for the Hatters last summer and scored six times in 28 appearances before suffering a broken leg at Northampton in the penultimate game of his first season. Former Hatters boss

## LUTON TOWN



## Jack Marriott

Talented young forward who moved to Kenilworth Road last summer after spending six years at Ipswich Town, where he came through the academy. Marriott played twice for Ipswich in the Football League, but gained experience on loan at Colchester, Gillingham and Carlisle, as well as in three spells at Conference club Woking, where he impressed in matches against the Hatters.

After a bright start to his Luton career, Marriott signed a two-year contract extension before August was out and his goalscoring form continued throughout 2015-16, with 16 in 25 starts in all competitions earning him our supporters' player of the year award. Rewarded with a new three-year deal in late July.

John Still had originally plucked Green from Non-League club Bishop's Stortford while at Dagenham & Redbridge, and the winger went onto help the Daggers win the League Two play-offs in 2010. After 27 goals for the east Londoners, he moved to Charlton Athletic, where he won promotion from League One to the Championship. Joined the Hatters after a season with MK Dons.

### Alex Gilhead

The England Under-20 international joined the Hatters on the last day of the summer transfer window from Newcastle United on loan until January 2017. Known for his dribbling and trickery, 20-year-old Gilhead had a successful season-long loan at Carlisle United last season, where he made 41 appearances, scoring five goals. One of those came against the Hatters when he came off the bench to help his side come from two goals down to a 4-3 victory.

### Glen Rea

Highly-rated Republic of Ireland Under-21 international who can operate as a holding midfielder or centre-half. Rea joined the Hatters on loan from Championship club Brighton & Hove Albion last March, making ten appearances, and signed permanently in June. The Sussex-born player had made his debut for Albion last August in the Capital One Cup against Southend, who he went on to join on loan for a three-month spell before his temporary stint at Kenilworth Road. Opted to rejoin the Hatters in June and be reunited with Nathan Jones, who he worked under at Brighton, ahead of interest from the Shrimpers.

### Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu

Former West Ham United academy graduate Ruddock Mpanzu is hoping to stay fighting fit for 2015-16 after an injury-disrupted couple of years. The direct, pacey youngster was an instant hit when signed on-loan by then-boss John Still from

the Hammers midway through the Conference title winning campaign of 2013-14, scoring a memorable goal in a crucial come-from-behind win at Dartford. Versatile to play in central defence, midfield or on the wing, Pelly is a real crowd favourite and will be hoping to build on the run of games he put together towards the end of last season.

### Olly Lee

Central midfielder Lee joined the club on an initial short-term deal in August 2015. The brother of ex-Hatters loanee Elliot Lee, Olly started on the books of West Ham. He had two loan spells at Dagenham & Redbridge under former Hatters boss John Still, who brought him to Kenilworth Road, and one at Gillingham before signing for Barnet for 2012-13. He joined Birmingham City before the season was out, but was released by the Championship side in 2015 after a spell on loan in League Two with Plymouth. Made 37 appearances in his first campaign with the Town.

## FORWARDS

### Jordan Cook

Forward. Former Sunderland youngster Cook flew out to Hungary to join the Hatters squad at their pre-season training camp, where he penned a two-year contract having turned down the offer of a new deal at Walsall. The 26-year-old began his career in the Premier League,

making his Black Cats debut as a substitute against Manchester United on Boxing Day 2010. He gained experience on loan at Darlington, Walsall and Carlisle, before heading south to sign for Charlton Athletic in 2012. Cook first worked with Town boss Nathan Jones at The Valley, and after spending two years at Walsall in League One, he jumped at the chance to be reunited with his old Addicks coach this summer.

### Craig Mackail-Smith

Striker. Prolific goalscorer Mackail-Smith put pen to paper at Kenilworth Road a week before the

start of last season. Having started his career in Non-League with St Albans City and Arlesey Town, he came to prominence at Dagenham in 2006-07 before a move to Peterborough. He scored 99 goals in 212 games for Posh, twice helping them win promotion. A big money move to Brighton followed in 2011 and he scored 10 goals in his debut season at the Amex and 11 in the next before two injury-affected campaigns. Made 34 appearances in his first season with the Town.

### Zane Banton

Striker. Another Town academy graduate, 20-year-old forward Banton first came onto the scene during the Hatters' Conference title-winning campaign, making his first team bow in a 4-0 win at Woking. He was soon snapped up on a professional contract and continued to impress in his appearances in the FA Trophy. Spent time out on loan with Biggleswade Town and Hemel Hempstead to further his footballing education and has nine senior Town appearances to his name going into 2016-17.

### Isaac Vassell

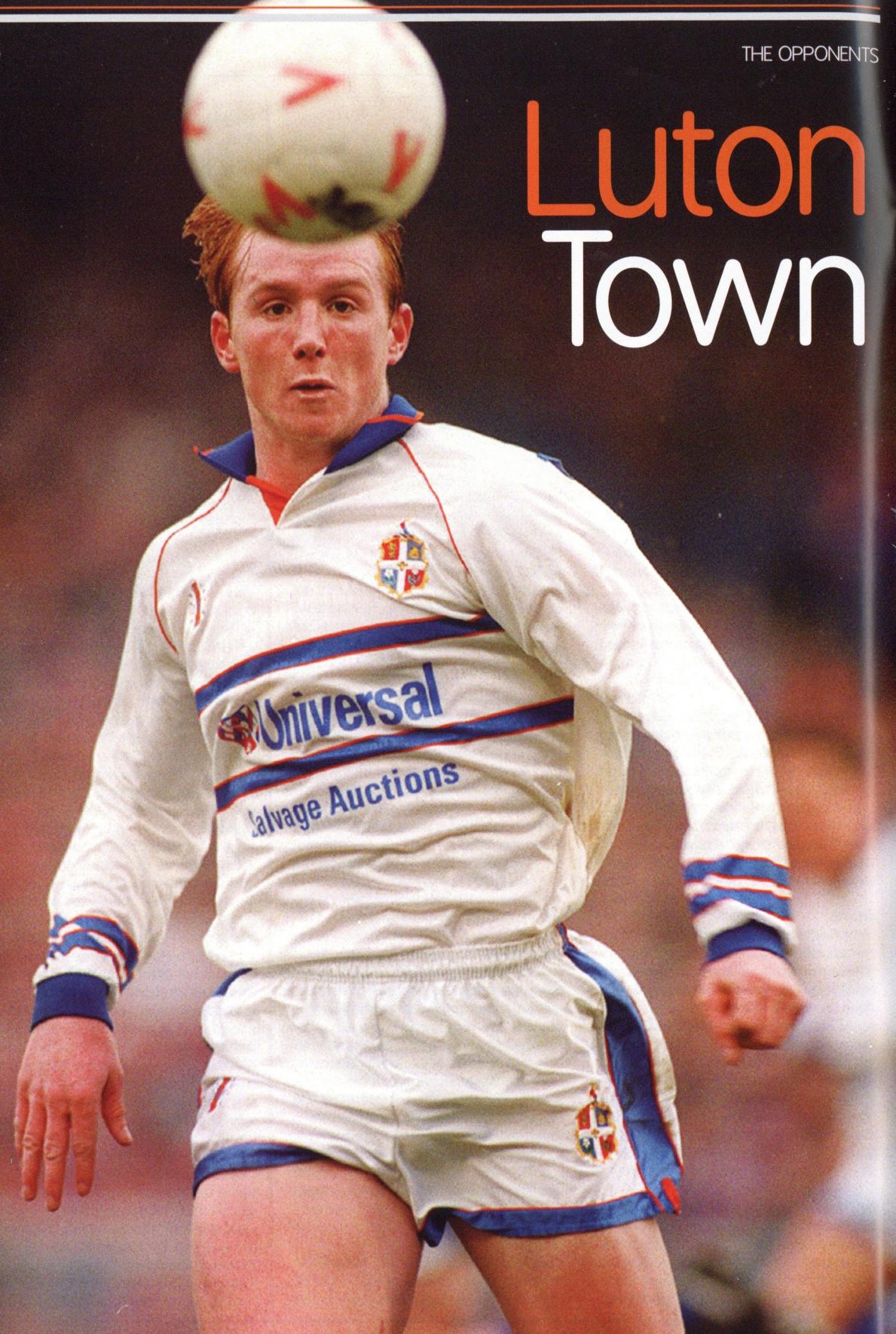
Former Plymouth Argyle forward who became manager Nathan Jones' seventh signing of the close season when he penned a one-year deal at the end of a successful fortnight on trial in July. The 22-year-old is a cousin of former England international Darius Vassell, and for the past two seasons has combined life working on a building site with playing part-time for Truro City following his release by the Pilgrims in 2014. Vassell helped his hometown club win promotion from the Southern Premier Division and then qualify for the National League South play-offs in his two years at Treyew Road.

### Jack Senior

A summer transfer deadline day signing from Huddersfield Town, left-back Senior won the Professional Development League 2 Championship in the 2015/16 season with his former side. The 19-year-old left the Terriers after a nine-year association with the club, signing for the Hatters on a two-year-deal. He made his first career professional appearance for the Hatters against West Bromwich Albion in the Checkatrade Trophy in October 2016.

### Josh McQuoid

Attacker Josh arrived at Kenilworth Road last summer having spent the previous three years at Premier League-bound Bournemouth. That was the forward's second spell at the Dean Court club either side of a spell at Millwall. During his time at the New Den, McQuoid was capped at international level by Northern Ireland. Capable of playing on the flanks or in a central role he has also spent time on loan in League One with Peterborough and Coventry during 2014-15. The 26-year-old hit five goals in 33 appearances in his first season with the Town.



## THE OPPONENTS

# Luton Town

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## THE UNLIKELY LADS

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS profiles ten big-name Luton Town players not usually associated with the club

**RON DAVIES**

Noted for his aerial ability, Welsh international striker Ron Davies was capped 29 times after leaving Luton Town. Signing professional for Chester in July 1959, he was twice leading marksman, moving to Luton in October 1962. He was top scorer in 1962-63, netting 21 goals in 32 League games before joining Norwich City in September 1963. Moving to Southampton in August 1966, he topped their goalscoring charts three times before joining Portsmouth in April 1973. Later with Manchester United, Arcadia Shepherds, LA Aztecs, Tulsa Roughnecks and Seattle Sounders, he coached in the United States and died in May 2013.

**DEREK KEVAN**

Inside-left Derek Kevan was capped 14 times by England before joining Luton Town. Initially with Ripon YMCA, he joined Bradford Park Avenue in October 1952 and followed Vic Buckingham to West Brom in July 1953. 'The Tank' was twice ever-present and top scorer on five occasions, moving to Chelsea in March 1963. Later with Manchester City, Crystal Palace and Peterborough, he joined Luton in December 1966 and netted four goals in 11 League games. He moved to Stockport in March 1967, then Macclesfield, Boston United and Stourbridge. Later a driver for Signs Specialists in Hockley, he died in January 2013.

**ALAN BIRCHENALL**

Former England U-23 midfielder Alan Birchenall briefly appeared for Luton Town in 1978-79. Signing professional for Sheffield United in June 1963, he joined Chelsea for £100,000 in November 1967 and moved via Crystal Palace to Leicester City in September 1971. He featured in their 1973-74 FA Cup run, then played for Notts County, San Jose Earthquakes, Memphis Rogues and Blackburn Rovers before joining Luton in March 1979. Making ten League appearances, he moved to Hereford United in October 1979, then had a spell as Trowbridge Town's player-boss, becoming Leicester's public relations officer.

**COLIN TODD**

Ex-England international central defender Colin Todd appeared for Luton Town in 1984-85. Initially with Sunderland, he moved to Derby County in February 1971, starring as they won the League

Championship in 1971-72 and 1974-75, when PFA Player of the Year. He joined Everton in September 1978, then played for Birmingham City and Nottingham Forest. Reuniting with Jim Smith at Oxford United in February 1984, he helped clinch the Third Division title and moved to Luton in October 1984, playing two League games. He later managed Middlesbrough, Bolton, Swindon, Derby County, Bradford City, Randers and Esbjerg.

**STEVE WILLIAMS**

Former England international midfielder Steve Williams was capped six times before joining Luton Town. Signing professional for Southampton in July 1976, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, were League Cup finalists in 1979 and League Championship runners-up in 1983-84. He joined Arsenal for £525,000 in December 1984 and featured in their 1987 League Cup final triumph, moving to Luton for £300,000 in July 1988. Scoring once in 40 League games, he reunited with Alan Ball at Exeter City in August 1991. He has worked in magazine publishing and property development, settling in Ottery St Mary.

**MERVYN DAY**

Luton Town's former loan goalkeeper Mervyn Day starred in West Ham's 1975 FA Cup final success. The England U-23 international was twice ever-present for the Hammers and played in the 1976 ECWC final, moving to Orient in July 1979. He was ever-present three times prior to joining Aston Villa in May 1983, then joined Leeds United in February 1985 and helped win the Second Division title in 1989-90. Loaned to Luton in March 1992, he made four League appearances. Joining Carlisle United in July 1993, he became their manager, then assisted Alan Curbishley at Charlton and West Ham, returning to Leeds as chief scout.

**JOHN HARTSON**

Welsh international striker John Hartson helped Luton Town reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1993-94. Signing professional for Luton in December 1992, he netted 11 goals in 54 League games before sold to Arsenal for £2,500,000 in January 1995. He scored in the 1995 ECWC final, moving to West Ham for £3,200,000 in February 1997. Leading marksman in 1997-98, he joined Wimbledon for £7,000,000 in January 1999 and had a spell with

Coventry City prior to joining Celtic in August 2001. He starred in their 2001-02 'treble' triumph and joined West Brom for £500,000 in July 2006, gaining a total of 51 caps.

**PAUL DICKOV**

Luton Town's former loan striker Paul Dickov was capped twice by Scotland. Signing professional for Arsenal in December 1990, he was loaned to Luton in October 1993 and scored once in 15 League games. A member of the Gunners' triumphant 1994 ECWC squad, he moved to Manchester City for £1,000,000 in August 1996. Starring in three promotion campaigns, he joined Leicester City in February 2002 and was leading scorer in their 2002-03 promotion success. He then appeared for Blackburn Rovers, Manchester City again, Leicester again and Leeds United, since managing Oldham Athletic and Doncaster Rovers.

**PAUL ALLEN**

Former England U-21 midfielder Paul Allen had a loan spell at Luton Town in 1994-95. From a notable football family, he signed professional for West Ham in July 1979 and was the youngest FA Cup finalist at 17 years 256 days in their 1980 Wembley triumph. He moved to Tottenham Hotspur for £400,000 in June 1985 and was an FA Cup winner again in 1991. Joining Southampton for £500,000 in September 1993, he was loaned to Luton in December 1994 and made four League appearances. He moved to Swindon Town in October 1995. He later played for Bristol City, Millwall and Purfleet and currently works for the PFA.

**MATTHEW UPSON**

Former Luton Town central defender Matthew Upson gained 21 England caps. Signing professional for Luton Town in April 1996, he made his only League appearance for the Hatters as a substitute in their 1-0 win over Rotherham four months later and joined Arsenal for £1,000,000 in May 1997. He featured in their 1997-98 Premier League title campaign and was a member of the 2001-02 'double' winning squad. Loaned to several clubs, he moved to Birmingham City for £2,000,000 in January 2003, then joined West Ham for £6,000,000 in January 2007. He has since played for Stoke City, Brighton, Leicester City and MK Dons.

# Around the Globe

Young Shrimps pay the penalty in FA Youth Cup

## MORECAMBE U18S 2 ACCRINGTON STANLEY 2

(Accrington win 4-2 on penalties)

THE Shrimps bowed out of the FA Youth Cup as they lost a penalty shoot out to local rivals Accrington Stanley.

The visitors took the lead in the 10th minute with a spectacular long range effort. Joe Rathbone let fly from distance with a shot that confused Shrimps' keeper Niall Maher in the blustery conditions and ended up in the back of the net.

The Shrimps replied 10 minutes later with a well worked goal that was well finished by Kyle Hawley. As the half came to a close Maher made two superb saves in quick succession to deny the visitors. On 40 minutes he tipped over a well struck shot from Joel Mills and from the resulting corner reacted sharply to save from Harry Blackburn's close range effort.

The Shrimps started the second half superbly and took the lead on 50 minutes Steve Yawson found himself in acres of space on the halfway line and ran free of the Stanley defence to round the keeper and score from the tightest of angles.

Paul Dawson saw a shot well saved by Jack Little in the Stanley goal but Stanley looked dangerous themselves on the break with Maher forced into an excellent low save down to his left.

Stanley's pressure paid off on the hour when they were awarded a penalty which Rathbone converted for his second of the evening. Both sides produced a number of half chances but with no further goals in normal time the game went to extra time. After a first half of few chances Luke Jordan hit the crossbar from six yards out with the goal at his mercy after another fine run from Yawson. and Ben Fletcher saw a shot well gathered by Little.

Hawley then tested Little again with a low shot on the turn from the edge of the box but it was Stanley who almost snatched it at the death when Alex Webb produced a superb goal line clearance to set up a penalty shoot out. Ben Hedley and Ben Fletcher both scored but Steve Yawson and Paul Dawson missed as Stanley scored all four spot kicks to seal a dramatic tie.

**Morecambe:** Maher, Webb, Davies, Brownsword, Jenkinson, Dawson, Nelligan, Hedley, Hawley, Yawson, Jordan.  
**Subs:** Jumeau, Dutton-Kay, Fairclough, Fletcher, Ingham.

**Accrington:** Little, Ogle, Burgess, Hmami, Sykes, Mohammed, Moran, Reilly, Blackburn, Rathbone, Mills. **Subs:** Wolland, Waterhouse, Cooper, O'Neill, Shah.

**Ref:** A Sykes.

## Scunthorpe trip for Shrimps

The Shrimps will face Scunthorpe United away in the second round of the Checkatrade Trophy.

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# Coventry edge out Shrimps

## COVENTRY CITY 2 MORECAMBE 1

MORECAMBE'S hopes of reaching the FA cup second round were dashed as two goals from Marvin Sordell won the game for Coventry.

Sordell scored either side of the break after Dean Winnard had given the Shrimps the perfect start with a 10th minute goal. Winnard, who scored in the first tie, matched that feat with a neatly taken early volley. Michael Rose swung in a free kick from the left and Winnard reacted sharply to beat his marker to divert the ball past Lee Burge from close range. Morecambe maintained the early pressure with Aaron Wildig shooting inches wide of the left hand post after a swift counter attack.

But after a sluggish start the home side stepped up the pace with Kyel Reid drawing a good save from Barry Roche with a shot from the edge of the area, Gael Bigirimana also denied by Roche and Jodi Jones firing just over.

The pressure paid off for the home side on 38 minutes when The Shrimps conceded a poor goal. They had a corner on the right that Coventry cleared quickly with arid using his pace before teeing up the experienced Sordell to drill a fine, low

From there Coventry forced a succession of chances with Roche saving smartly from Jones on two occasions and Ryan Haynes. The Shrimps pushed bodies forward and looked to creat several half chances but failed to test Burge further.



**Coventry City:** Burge, Willis (Rose 46), Turnbull, Harries, Haynes, Sterry, Jones (Thomas 90), Bigirimana, Gadzhev (Stevenson 74), Sordell, Reid.

**Subs not used:** Charles-Cook, Lameiras, Tugay, Wright.

**Morecambe:** Roche, Winnard, Edwards, Whitmore (Mullin 62) Jennings, Rose, Fleming (Murphy 68), Ellison, Wildig (McGowan 55), Molyneux, Stockton.

**Subs not used:** Nizic, Conlan, Turner, Dunn.

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## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

# We've Met Before

Paul Mullin in action at  
Luton last season.



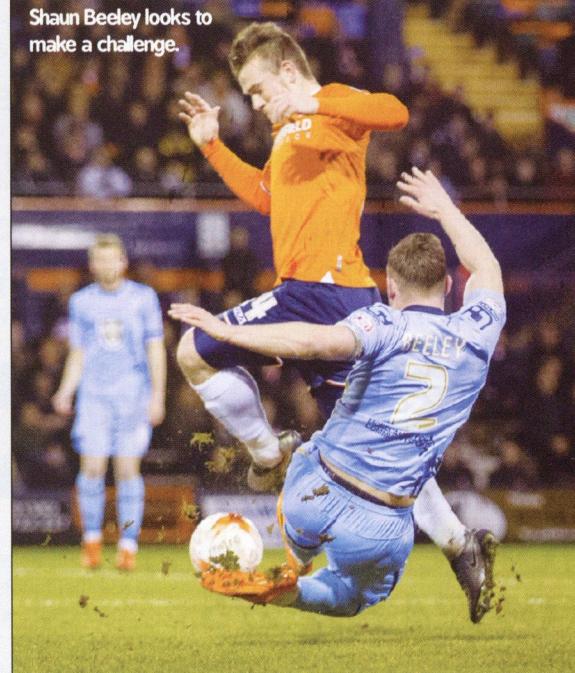
THIS IS THE SEVENTH MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES SINCE  
THEY FIRST MET IN DECEMBER 2008.

Luton just about shade things so far with three victories to Morecambe's two with two of those wins coming last season when the Hatters did the double over the Shrimps.

That however was revenge as Morecambe won both games against Luton in the 2014/15 season, results that included an excellent 3-0 win at the Globe Arena in December 2014 when Kevin Ellison, Mark Hughes and Padraig Amond scored after Steve McNulty was sent off after only 28 minutes.

The Shrimps also scored three at Kenilworth Road when a late Luke Wilkinson own goal sealed a memorable win for the Shrimps who had had Ryan Edwards sent off.

20 Dec 2008	Luton Town v Morecambe	D 1-1	League Two
28 Mar 2009	Morecambe v Luton Town	L 1-2	League Two
13 Dec 2014	Morecambe v Luton Town	W 3-0	League Two
07 Mar 2015	Luton Town v Morecambe	W 2-3	League Two
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01 Mar 2016	Luton Town v Morecambe	L 1-0	League Two

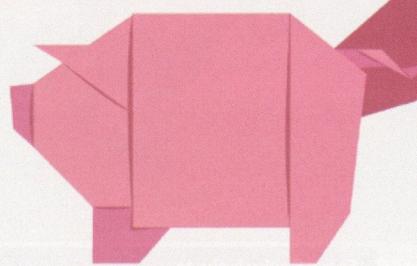


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LAST SEASON

## Last Season



September 29, 2015  
**MORECAMBE 1-3 LUTON TOWN**

THE Shrimps shipped three goals as they slipped to a second successive home defeat.

After an even start the visitors went in front on 13 minutes with a goal that was all too easy as Luke Wilkinson rose unmarked to head home Paddy McCourt's in-swinging corner from the left.

The Shrimps nearly hit straight back but Paul Mullin curled his shot from 20 yards narrowly wide after driving at the home defence in familiar fashion. After increasingly finding their feet in the game the hosts were level on 25 minutes.

Neat play down the left involving Mullin and Aaron Wildig ended with the latter firing the ball across the face of goal with Tom Barkhuizen ghosting in behind his marker to score from close range at the far post. The Shrimps were only level for two minutes however.

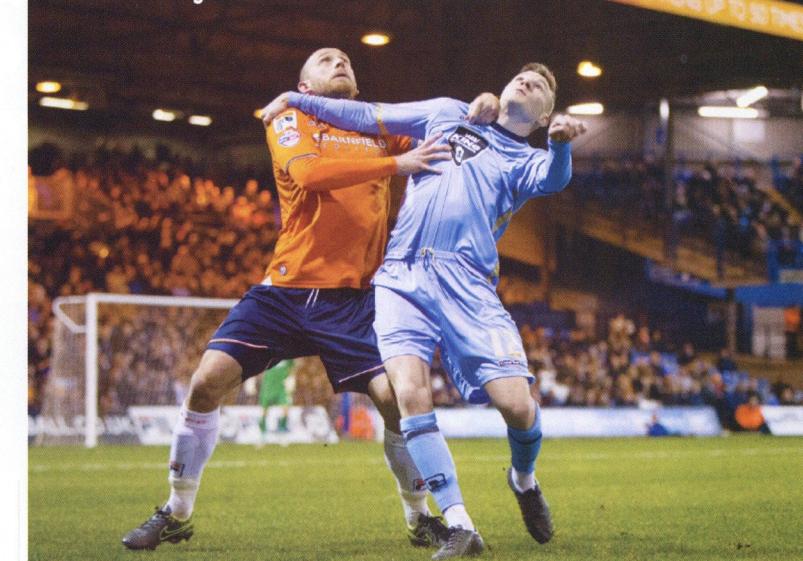
McCourt beat two men on the edge of the area with his shot only parried into the path of McGeehan who hammered home the rebound.

The Shrimps created a string of chances but didn't make their period of dominance count with Smith sealing the win late on. The midfielder, who started his career with The Shrimps, bundled his way through and saw a shot saved by Roche only for the ball to bounce back off Smith, against the post and across the goalline allowing him to tap in.

**Morecambe:** Roche, Beeley (capt), Parrish, Duggdale, Edwards (Devitt 73), Molyneux, Kenyon (Miller 80), Fleming, Wildig, Barkhuizen, Mullin (Ellison 46). **Subs not used:** O'Hara, McGowan, Goodall, Bailey.

**Luton:** Tyler, Cuthbert (Lawless 85), McNulty (capt), Wilkinson, Griffiths, Lee, Smith, McGeehan, McCourt (Doyle 78),

Action from our game at Kenilworth Road last season



McQuoid, Mackail-Smith (Marriott 90).

**Subs not used:** Justham, Potts, Green, Guttridge.

**Booked:** McNulty

**Referee:** Christopher Sarginson

**Attendance:** 1,388 (295 away)

March 1st 2016

**LUTON TOWN 1-0 MORECAMBE**

A goal from Jack Marriott saw the Shrimps slip to an eighth defeat in nine games.

Marriott scored the only goal of the game with 13 minutes remaining with the Shrimps left wondering how they didn't get anything from the game.

After a shaky start The Shrimps grew into the game with Aaron Wildig seeing a deflected shot go just wide after a flowing move involving Jamie Devitt on the half hour.

Ellison had The Shrimps' best chance of the half 10 minutes before the break but after turning well in the area scuffed his effort with Mark Tyler saving comfortably.

Luton should have gone in front on 42 minutes but after Marriott had broken in behind Goodall his low shot across the face of goal went narrowly wide of the far post.

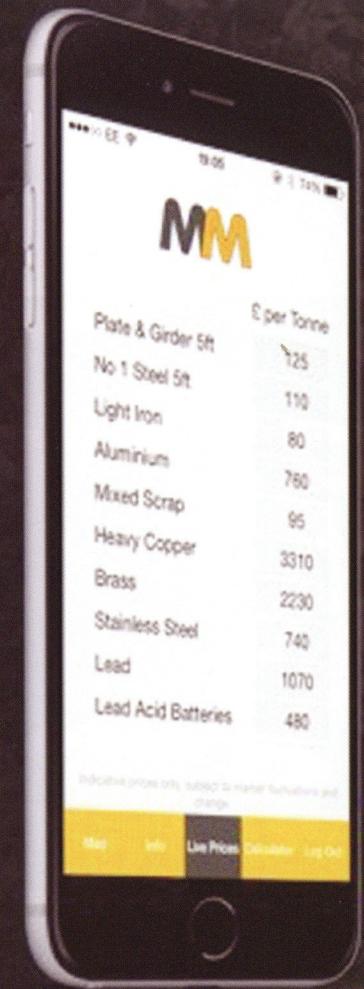
With the game seemingly drifting to a draw the hosts went in front 13 minutes from time. McCourt drove at the Shrimps defence and fed a delicate ball in behind for Marriott who slid the ball under Roche from a narrow angle.

**Luton Town:** Tyler, O'Donnell, Smith, Cuthbert (capt), McGeehan, Marriott, McCourt (Mpanzu 90), Lee, Mackail-Smith, Howells, Sheehan. **Subs not used:** Justham, Lawless, Benson, Green, Okuonghae, Pigott.

**Morecambe:** Roche, Doyle, Edwards, Goodall (Molyneux 82), Beeley (capt) (Conlan 42), Kenyon, Wildig, Barkhuizen, Devitt, Mullin, Ellison. **Subs not used:** O'Hara, McGowan, Wilson, Hedley.

**Referee:** Darren Deadman

**Attendance:** 7,153 (56 Morecambe)



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# Club Connections

## The Shrimps & The Hatters

### ALAN GOODALL

As you will see elsewhere in the programme Eric Morecambe is without doubt the greatest link between the two sides.

On the field there are not too many who have played for both sides with Alan Goodall the most recent. Born in Birkenhead Goodall joined League of Wales club Bangor City in the summer of 2001. In his first season at the Farrar Road club, he played in the Welsh Cup final picking up a runners-up medal in the defeat against Barry Town at Park Avenue, Aberystwyth.

He was part of the team that lost narrowly in the 2002–03 UEFA Cup against FK Sartid and 2003–04 UEFA Intertoto Cup losing to Gloria Bistria. In 91 League of Wales appearances for City, Goodall scored 10 goals. Towards the end of the 2003–04 season, he spent time on trial at Wrexham A.F.C., before joining Rochdale in the summer of 2004.

At the end of the 2005–06 season, Goodall's second at Spotland, he had made 74 League Two appearances scoring five times and from there he signed for recently relegated League One side Luton Town in June 2007 on a two-year contract. He then scored on his debut in a 2–1 victory over Hartlepool United.

Goodall signed for Chesterfield on a two-year contract in August 2008 following his release from Luton Town. He scored his first goal for the club on 6 September 2008, with a 94th-minute winner against Rotherham United at Saltergate. On 31 July 2010 he rejoined Rochdale on a six-month contract.

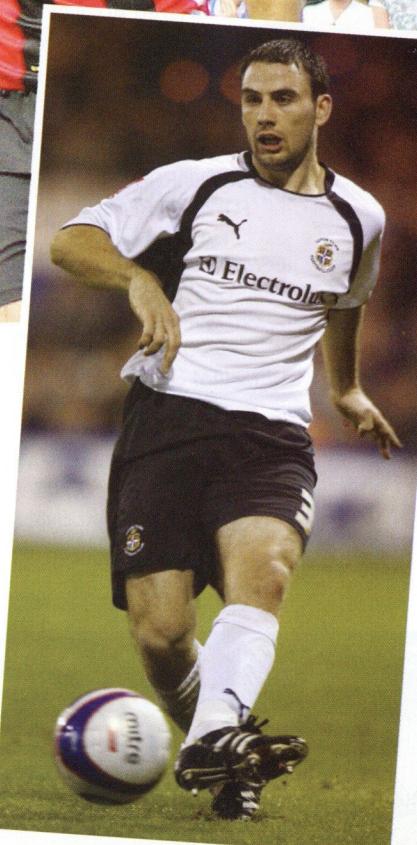
On 4 November 2010 he joined Blue Square Bet Premier side Newport County on loan and returned to Rochdale in January 2011. On 31 January 2011 he



joined League 2 side Stockport County making his debut for the club on 5 February against Torquay United.

In May 2011 he was informed that he would not be offered a contract by the club for the 2011/12 season. In Summer 2011 he joined Fleetwood Town and helped them to win promotion to League One but on 15 July 2014 he signed for Morecambe F.C. on a free transfer due to his release from Fleetwood Town F.C.

After two seasons with the Shrimps he was released in the summer and joined Altrincham.



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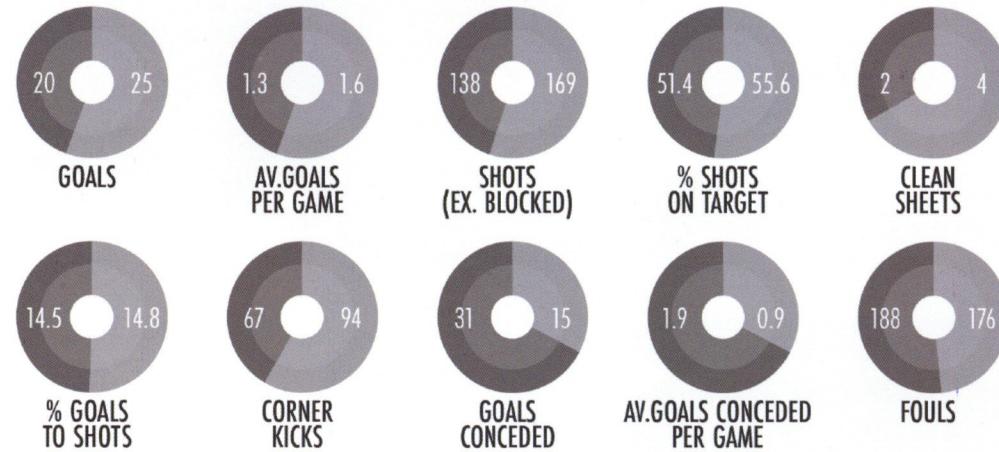
### MATCH FACTS

Morecambe and Luton have met six times in the Football League, with the Hatters winning three of those meetings (D1 L2).



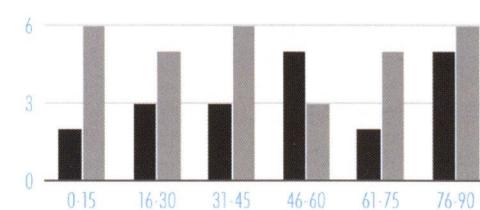
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After losing both games in the 2014/15 season, Luton returned to win home and away against Morecambe last season.



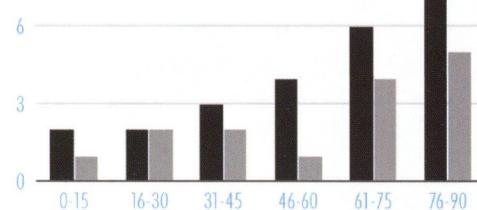
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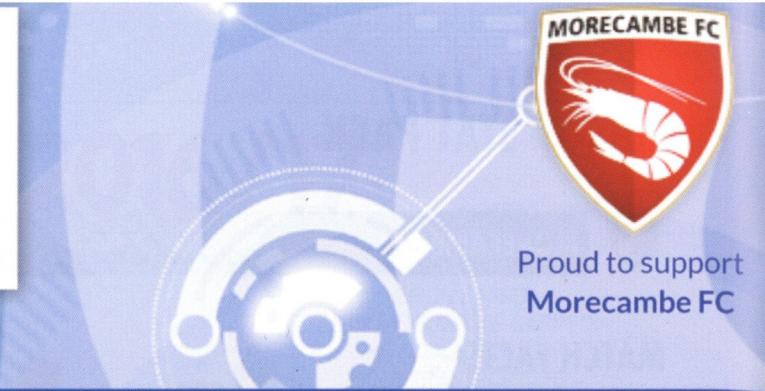
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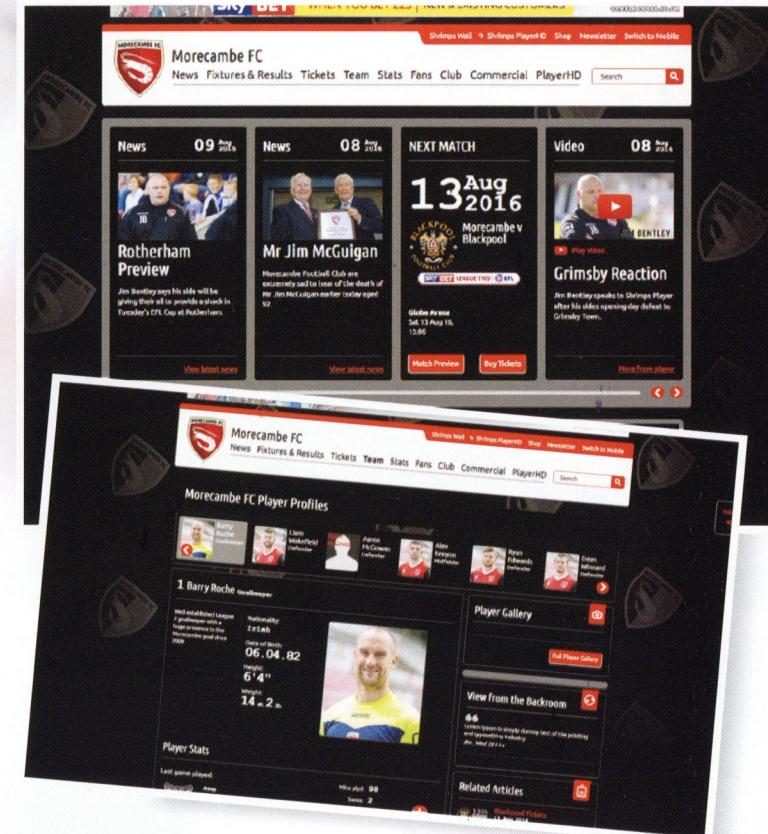
TODAY is another game against one of the leading sides in this division at home, what can possibly go wrong??

I think it's safe to say that the last two weeks have been as turbulent and testing for the players and staff as there have ever been, at Christie Park or here at the Globe.

It's very easy to speculate over what has gone on, it's easy to see what has gone wrong off the field, but the net effect is of a club lacking direction and leadership mired in confusion and chaos. All this off field activity, or lack of it as the case may be, does no member of staff any good and the press both locally and nationally are having a field day. With nothing but scraps of info and little else to feed off, rumours abound. The sooner this whole sorry mess is hopefully corrected while there will hopefully still be a club here, the better.

On the field, the financial troubles appeared to galvanise the players into some form. The Coventry performance should really have resulted in a home win, but poor refereeing and poor finishing means we trundled to the Ricoh midweek to have another crack at the Sky Blues for the right to head down south in Round 2 on the Sabbath. At the time of writing because of print deadlines, we haven't been yet, so either I get Septic Peg involved for a bit of clairvoyancy or Dr Who and his Tardis volunteer to enable me to travel forward in time.

I decided on the latter and being inexperienced I overshot by a few months, but believe me, that Quarter Final at home against Everton is one to cherish!!! In the Chaka-Khan Trophy last Wednesday we managed to overcome Bradford City in a very open and entertaining game by 3-2. It all exploded into life after half time, and at one point we were two goals clear which would



have resulted in us qualifying from this group as top, giving us a home draw again in the next knock out round.

However it wasn't to be and a daft free kick was given away and we had to settle for second place after they pulled one back. Still, we pocketed a nice bit of prize money which given our position and poor start at Bury all those months ago, we would have settled for. I don't suppose we could have got a tougher ask in Scunthorpe away, who are running away with League 1, but at least its northern!!

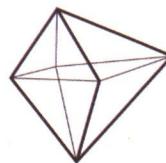
Finally, farewell to Tom Barkhuizen, "released" from his contract to help us and hopefully gain himself a contract at a higher level. The flying wide man has

certainly become a firm favourite with the fans and his pace on the break has given our play an extra dimension which any side would miss. Good luck to Tom, he has the ability and attitude to make it higher up. It just remains now for Jim and Ken to try an unearth another diamond to replace him, no pressure then!!!

Enjoy the game against the Hatters, we at Player will be live from Gresty Road, Crewe, next Tuesday so if you cannot make the hop to Cheshire, tune in to Player from 7.35pm for full live commentary.

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# Shrimps Youth



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Luke Jordan

Young Shrimps progress in FA Youth Cup

**HYDE UNITED 1  
MORECAMBE 4**

**MORECAMBE'S** Under 18s moved into the second round of the FA Youth Cup with a battling victory over Hyde United.

Morecambe looked a threat down both wings in the early stages and they took the lead after just seven minutes when a 60 yard pass out of central defence found the outstanding Steven Yawson who controlled the ball and knocked it past the Hyde right back in one movement before outpacing him and cutting onto his right foot inside the box, firing an unstoppable shot past Joe Hardcastle in the Hyde goal.

This sparked Hyde into action with Niall Maher making a good save from Hyde captain Sam Leadbetter and an even better block from Spencer Jenkinson when he looked sure to score.

Hyde had been unlucky to still be a goal down, but this changed on 23 minutes when the referee awarded a penalty for a push in

the box allowing Lewis Haydock to step up and score his 6th goal in the competition.

The remaining 20 minutes of the game were competitive with no more goals.

The second period saw Morecambe fly out the blocks, going more direct and playing to their strengths using the pace down the flanks.

The second goal came from another 60 yard diagonal out of defence to Yawson, who knocked it past the Hyde defence and cut into the left hand edge of the box firing a low cross to the back post for Luke Jordan to run onto and side foot home from 5 yards.

Yawson then added a superb third on 57 minutes when he collected the ball 40 yards out, before beating his man and firing a fantastic right foot shot into the top corner of the Hyde goal from the edge of the box.

On 70 Minutes Morecambe wrapped up the scoring and the game with Olly Box scoring their fourth to seal a second round derby clash with Accrington Stanley.

### YOUTH ALLIANCE FIXTURES - 2016/17

DATE	Fixture	Result
<b>AUGUST</b>		
Sat 6	BURY	11.00 0-2
Sat 13	ROCHDALE	10.30 0-2
Sat 20	Free Week	
Sat 27	ROTHERHAM (YAC)	12.00 2-0
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Sat 3	PORT VALE	11.00 2-3
Sat 10	BRADFORD (YAC)	11.00 2-1
<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>BLACKPOOL</b>	<b>11.00 1-5</b>
Sat 24	PRESTON	10.30 3-3
Tue 27	OLDHAM (LYC)	12.00 0-4
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Sat 1	WREXHAM	11.00 4-0
Sat 8	CARLISLE UNITED	11.00 3-1
Sat 15	ACCRINGTON	11.00 0-1
Sat 22	BLACKPOOL (YAC)	11.00 1-1
<b>Sat 29</b>	<b>TRANMERE</b>	<b>11.00 0-1</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Fri 4	HYDE UTD (YAC)	7.00pm 4-1
Wed 16	ACCRINGTON (YAC)	7.00
Sat 19	BURNLEY	11.00
Sat 26	WIGAN ATHLETIC	11.00
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Sat 3	WALSALL	2.00
Sat 10	FLEETWOOD	11.00
<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>SHREWSBURY</b>	<b>11.00</b>
Tue 20	BLACKPOOL (YAC)	12.00
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Sat 7	WREXHAM	11.00
<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>PRESTON NORTH END</b>	<b>11.00</b>
Sat 21	ACCRINGTON	11.00
Sat 28	CARLISLE UNITED	11.00
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Sat 4	Cup Area Semi Final	
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>WIGAN ATHLETIC</b>	<b>11.00</b>
Sat 18	TRANMERE ROVERS	11.00
<b>Sat 25</b>	<b>WALSALL</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>MARCH</b>		
Sat 4	BURNLEY	11.00
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>FLEETWOOD TOWN</b>	<b>11.00</b>
Sat 18	Cup Area Final	
Sat 25	SHREWSBURY TOWN	11.00
<b>APRIL</b>		
Sat 1	BURY	11.00
<b>Sat 8</b>	<b>ROCHDALE</b>	<b>11.00</b>
Sat 15	Free Week	
Sat 22	Free Week	
<b>Sat 29</b>	<b>PORT VALE</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>MAY</b>		
Sat 6	BLACKPOOL	11.00



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## ALEX KENYON

DEREK QUINN TALKS TO THE POPULAR MIDFIELDER ABOUT HIS CURRENT INJURY AND HIS HOPES FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON



## ALEX KENYON

### How frustrating has it been for you to be out of action?

It's been very frustrating I must admit. I hate being injured and I've had a pretty decent record injury-wise to be honest and I'm glad because I hate missing any game, no matter how many I've missed now.

I've gone to most games home and away because I just want to be in and around the lads. I wouldn't know what to do if I was sat at home and not involved in any way.

I actually think that would stress me more than the injury itself. At this moment in time I am the only one injured so if I hadn't have travelled with the lads to Wycombe last week I would have been the only one not involved in any way and that would have killed me. I want to be in and around the lads and having a laugh with anyone.

### What was the injury and where are you now in terms of coming back?

I injured my medial knee ligament against Stoke. I was initially told it would be 12 weeks with the injury that I had so I was gearing up for a return then. I had a brace on for five weeks but that came off last week and I did some running last Friday and Saturday and everything felt OK to be honest which was brilliant.

I saw the specialist on Monday this week and he has said it is strong and given me the all clear to do some more running in straight lines so I did that before the game at Coventry in midweek so there is definitely some progress.

I said to the gaffer a few weeks ago that I wanted to be back for the game at Newport away but Farny (Simon Farnworth) thinks that because of the way I have recovered I might even now be looking at the Checkatrade Trophy game at Scunthorpe which would be fantastic although the Newport one is the most realistic.

### You are not a player who seems to have had many injuries in your career are you?

No I haven't to be honest and that is why this has been all the more frustrating. I've had little knocks here and there like everyone else but nothing major and I've always wanted to play even with those knocks. Today will be the seventh game

that I have missed and I have never had to go through that before and it's horrible.

### How do you think the lads have done while you have been out?

I think they have done OK to be honest. We were all disappointed to lose at Coventry on Tuesday but the only game where I think we have struggled a bit was at Wycombe last week. It was one of those games that became a bit of a battle – one of the sort of games I love to be honest – and the match just didn't get going.

Having said that we were denied a clear penalty for handball. I was right in line with it and it was well in the box and if that had been given things may have been very different. The last two games have really impressed me though and we have to take some heart from those. We played some great stuff against Coventry and should have won the game and I thought we were excellent against Bradford as well and deserved the win.

We have to now look to continue that home form and get a win at home because we need one. It won't be easy as Luton are a top team in this league but I have been here long enough now to realise that we often get great results against the top teams and that will be the aim today.

### We all know the recent issues about wages How did the players respond to that?

It was stressful I must admit but the reaction from the lads was brilliant. We all stuck together and we all dug in deep and we all helped each other out and that is why we have a great team spirit. I have been here for four years now and team spirit is something we have always had in abundance and that has really helped us.

### What are your aims now?

The first goal obviously is to get fully fit and be able to fight for my place again. I know it won't be easy because we have a lot of competition for places in midfield and some good players who have all been doing well. It will be tough to get back in but the sooner I can get back training and playing again the sooner I can stake a claim to get back in the side.

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# DEREK QUINN The Mighty Quinn

Well it's certainly been an eventful couple of weeks hasn't it both on and off the field?

The news about the wages not being paid and the fantastic performances against Coventry and Bradford here meant it was a pretty emotional few days.

What I must do is praise the players and all of the staff at the club for the way they reacted to not being paid. A few years ago the Rotherham players came to Christie Park after not getting paid and they didn't break sweat as the Shrimps scored five against them.

But our lads didn't do that and against all odds they produced two superb displays when they could easily have sulked and looked to hide. And the same went for the staff as well. The two games and the Gary Neville night made it a hectic few days but again everyone pulled together and provided their usual superb service. It is not the first time the club has faced problems financially.

I remember when I was putting together the Light at the End of the Tunnel book when some of the players told me about their threat

to not play against Rotherham in an FA Cup replay in the 1970s. After a Christie Park draw the team was on the way to the game but forced the coach to stop at Hartshead Moor service station to say they wouldn't play unless they got their bonus. Apparently there was a bit of a stand off between players and directors before common sense prevailed and they went on to play, only of course to lose the game at Milmoor.

Another really worrying time was when Don Cubbage was manager and he told me about how he used to go round town with people like Ken Ormrod with bucket collections on Friday nights just to raise any money they could to save



the club which fell on really hard times. The efforts that people like Ken put in over the years, and no doubt people before him as well show that the club will always survive because there will always be people who will do all they can to make sure it does survive.

I never forget the time we moved to the Globe that one of the first things myself and Rod Taylor spoke about was how we must not forget people like Ken for what they did to keep the club alive in bad times. Without their efforts years ago there may not even be a club so when times are bad, as they have been over the past couple of weeks, take a quick look in the mirror and make sure you are someone who, like Ken, can take pride in that you always did your best to follow the club when it needed you most.

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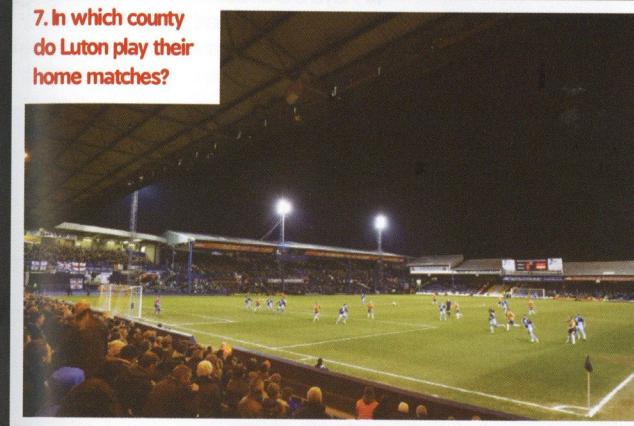
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# JUNIOR SHRIMPS

## HALF-TIME TEASERS (Answers on p65)

1. Which country top the South America World Cup qualifying group after 11 of 18 matches?
2. Which Man Utd star scored for France against Sweden last Friday?
3. And which Chelsea star scored England's final goal against Scotland?
4. Which side ended Carlisle's long unbeaten record 7 days ago?
5. Which Shrimp played against his former club last Saturday?
6. Who did Luton beat at Kenilworth last Saturday?

7. In which county do Luton play their home matches?



8. Which Luton striker scored 10 goals against Bristol Rovers in 1936?
9. Midfielder Cameron McGeehan signed for which Premiership club for £80000 when aged 10?
10. Name the Morecambe born comedian who was a director of Luton in the 1970s.

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Participants of the new game have seen many benefits: lower heart rate and blood pressure, less fat and muscle increase and improved mobility.

It's not just health benefits that walking football offers also there is the social element. Participants can meet new people, avoid becoming isolated, and interact with individuals and small groups.

The love the game brings people together and it's one sporting activity that is suitable for all.



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## Rules of Walking Football

- The game is for over 50's (If you are younger and have an injury or health condition stopping you from playing football you can enquire about joining a walking football session)
- Teams can include male and female players.
- No running with or without the ball. A direct free kick is awarded to the opposite team if caught running.
- Each team is allowed one "TIME OUT" per half, which lasts one minute. The game is then restarted with an indirect free kick.
- Players are restricted from entering the goalkeeper's area.
- Players can not shoot in the goalkeeper's area.

# In the Community



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- Kick-ins are used rather than throw-ins.
- The ball is not allowed to go above head height.
- Every third player who is caught running will be sin binned for 2 minutes.
- If a player is shown a blue card for breaking a rule they will be sin binned for 2 minutes.
- Goalkeepers can throw or kick at any time but only from inside their box.

Our first taster session is going to be on Wednesday, November 9th in the morning.

The time has yet to be confirmed so please ring The Community Sports Team **01524 412125** for more information. Please come down to the Globe Arena to get involved and join the latest football trend

## GET PREPARED FOR PANNA

The Community Sports team have started a new football session PANNA! Panna is a one v one or two v two game developed in Holland.

A time limited game where you face up against your opponent to try to outscore him either by going for goal or by giving him a panna (nutmeg). A panna automatically wins the game.

Games are usually timed for 2-3 minutes or the first to panna or score two goals. Keeping the ball is key and players tend to show an array of skills whilst playing. Futsal is an exciting, fast paced small sided football game.

The nature of the game places a large emphasis on technical skill and ability in situations of high pressure. Futsal links in well with Panna as it encourages a high

level of ball mastery to enable possession in tight spaces.

The sessions currently take place on Mondays at Lancaster & Morecambe College 6-7pm. At the sessions there is continuous Panna games inter linked with Futsal which is key to develop ball manipulation in one v one situations this helps players to learn how to control the ball using different ground moves.

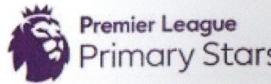
The Community Sports team have put together some basic ground move tutorial videos that we believe are going to open up a whole new range of skill sets which include: using the players' weaker foot, balance, co-ordinator, quick decisions making and brain training. Check out the tutorial videos  
[www.youtube.com/user/mfcommunityports](http://www.youtube.com/user/mfcommunityports)

Harry is a massive Morecambe FC fan and attends Mossgate Primary School. Harry enjoys playing FIFA on his PS4 and Morecambe FC is always his favourite team.

Harry plays his football for Morecambe Hawks under 9's. He also likes playing football with his friends and loves winding his Dad up who is a Grimsby fan! Harry's favourite Shrimps player is Paul Mullin! Welcome to the Globe Arena Harry and we hope you have a great day celebrating your birthday.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHRIS

Happy Birthday to Chris Barnes from his family and friends from Luton Town.



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Game Number	Attendance	Referee	Away Fans	Man of the match	Competition
Twenty	1,732	A. Haines	546	Tom Barkhuizen	The Emirates FA Cup

Sunday 6th November 2016

# Morecambe v Coventry City



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**Goalscorers**  
Winnard 59

**Line Up**  
Roche, McGowan, Winnard, Whitmore, Jennings, Murphy, M Rose, Barkhuizen, Wildig (Mullin 66), Molyneux (Dunn 75), Stockton.

**Subs not used:**  
Nizic, Wakefield, Conlan, Fleming, Turner.

**Yellow Cards**  
Whitmore, Murphy

**Red Cards**  
None

**Possession**  
40%

**Shots**  
24

**On Target**  
8

**Corners**  
9

**Fouls**  
17



## FIRST HALF

Shrimps produced a fine performance in this FA Cup draw. Morecambe started brilliantly and could have scored on several occasions in the opening minutes of the game. Aaron McGowan fired the first salvo when he saw his long range effort tipped behind for a corner by City keeper Burge. Moments later and a fine counter-attack led by Tom Barkhuizen ended with Burge out quickly to block Cole Stockton's shot for a corner. That corner, taken by Michael Rose, struck the woodwork with Barkhuizen's follow-up cleared off the line. Wildig also curled an effort over the visitors' bar as little was seen of City as an attacking threat in the opening 45 minutes.

## SECOND HALF

City started the second half on top. Marvin Sordell's shot was deflected behind for a corner from which Jordan Turnbull's header was smuggled away. Sordell also struck the crossbar and McBean's header was easily gathered by Barry Roche, all within the opening dozen minutes of the restart. At the other end and Burge kept out Wildig's shot with Stockton unable to turn home the rebound before the deadlock was broken. Stockton headed a corner across goal and Winnard stole in at the far post to convert from a couple of yards.

Roche used his feet to deny Coventry's Andre Wright but was powerless to deny Sterry on 72 minutes when the full-back cut in from the left-hand side before curling an effort across the keeper and in off the post. Morecambe could have secured victory soon afterwards but Burge kept out Stockton's effort and Barkhuizen somehow headed wide from close range. The Shrimps ended the game on top and forced a series of corners but could not breach the visiting defence for a second time.



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**Goalscorers**  
Sterry 72

**Line Up**  
Burge, Kelly-Evans, Willis, Turnbull, Sterry, A Rose, Lameiras, Stevenson, Wright (Maycock 78), Sordell, Reid (McBean 46).

**Subs not used:**  
Charles-Cook, Jones, Ricketts, Tugay, Harries.

**Yellow Cards**  
Sterry, Lameiras

**Red Cards**  
None

**Possession**  
60%

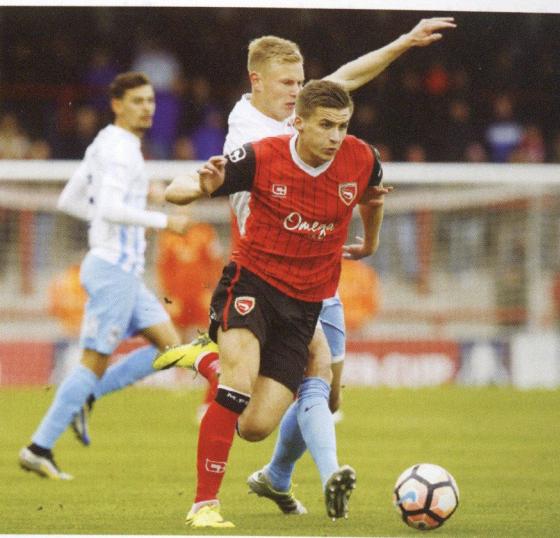
**Shots**  
12

**On Target**  
4

**Corners**  
1

**Fouls**  
7

## COVENTRY CITY



Game Number	Attendance	Referee	Away Fans	Man of the match	Competition
Twenty One	827	T.Harrington	242	Cole Stockton	Checkatrade Trophy

Wednesday 9th November 2016

# Morecambe v Bradford City



3

**Goalscorers**  
Mullin 54, Stockton 66, 68

**Line Up**  
Nizic, Wakefield, Edwards, Whitmore, Conlan, McGowan, Murphy (Rose 46), Fleming, Molyneux (Mullin 46), Dunn (Turner 77), Stockton.

**Subs not used:**  
Roche, Winnard, Wildig, Massanka.

**Yellow Cards**  
Edwards

**Red Cards**  
None

**Possession**  
51%

**Off Target**  
2

**On Target**  
5

**Corners**  
3

**Fouls**  
10



## FIRST HALF

Morecambe started well and were the first to have an effort at goal with Lee Molyneux's early sighter pushed behind by City keeper Rouven Sattelmaier. A more routine save from Fleming followed and Stockton headed off target as Morecambe had the clearer of the first-half opportunities.

Although Bradford grew into the game as the half progressed and had more of the possession, they failed to force Nizic into serious action. Vuckic, Marc McNulty and Filipe Morais were all off target, while James Meredith had an effort blocked as an increasingly scrappy first half ended goalless.

## SECOND HALF

Having introduced Mullin and Michael Rose at half-time, the hosts saw the latter have an early effort before City drew first blood on 52 minutes. Morecambe's defence failed to deal with a cross from the right and Vuckic controlled the ball well before firing beyond Nizic. That lead lasted only two minutes, however, before Mullin capitalised on some indifferent defending to slot home from an increasingly tight angle.

Midway through the half and the Shrimps were in front; Dunn was set free on the counter-attack and he squared for Stockton to finish. It was quickly 3-1 as Stockton turned on the edge of the area and his shot took a wicked deflection to wrongfoot Sattelmaier.

Mullin and Stockton both tested the City keeper but Bradford set a few hearts fluttering seven minutes from time when Vuckic bent a free kick past Nizic. Despite four minutes of added times the Shrimps held out for a hard-fought victory.



2

**Goalscorers**  
Vuckic 52, 82

**Line Up**  
Sattelmaier, Windle, Clarke, McArdle, Meredith (Wright 69), Morais, King, Devine, Hudson (Rabiega 76), Vuckic, McNulty

**Subs not used**  
Cracknell, Webb-Foster, Boateng.

**Yellow Cards**  
James, Croll.  
Morais

## Red Cards

## Possession

49%

## Off Target

3

## On Target

3

## Corners

7

## Fouls

4

## BRADFORD CITY



Game Number	Attendance	Referee	Away Fans	Man of the match	Competition
Twenty Two	3,019	D.Handley	70	Ryan Edwards	Sky Bet League 2

Saturday 12th November 2016

# Wycombe v Morecambe



2

**Goalscorers**  
Pierre 47, O'Nien 82

**Line Up**  
Blackman, Harriman, Stewart, Pierre, Jacobson, Bloomfield, Gape (Bean 46), O'Nien, Cowan-Hall, Akinfenwa, Hayes (Thompson 86).

**Subs not used:**  
Brown, Jombati, Wood, De Havilland, Kashket.

**Yellow Cards**  
Pierre, Jacobson

**Red Cards**  
None

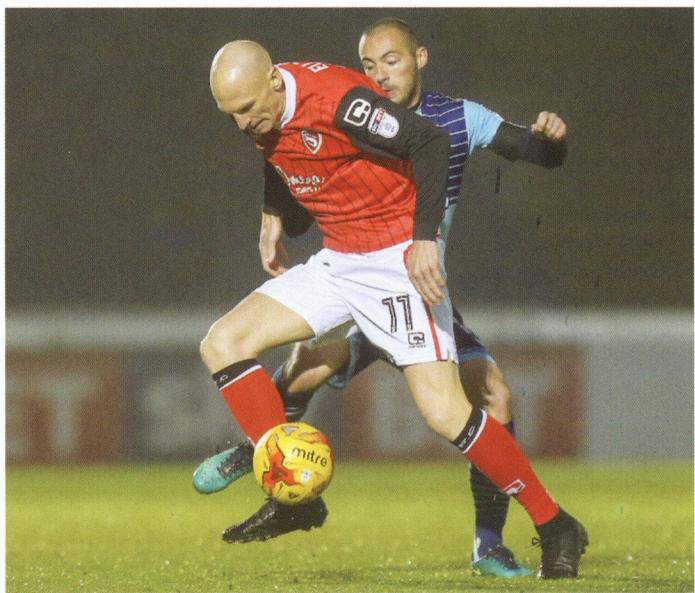
**Possession**  
60%

**Off Target**  
20

**On Target**  
7

**Corners**  
9

**Fouls**  
18



0

**Goalscorers**  
None

**Line Up**  
Roche, McGowan, Edwards, Winnard, Whitmore, Jennings (Ellison 64), Mullin (Dunn 74), Murphy, Rose, Wildig (Molyneux 74), Stockton.

**Subs not used**  
Nizic, Conlan, Fleming, Dunn.

**Yellow Cards**  
Jennings, Winnard, Rose, Mullin

**Red Cards**

**Possession**

40%

**Off Target**

7

**On Target**

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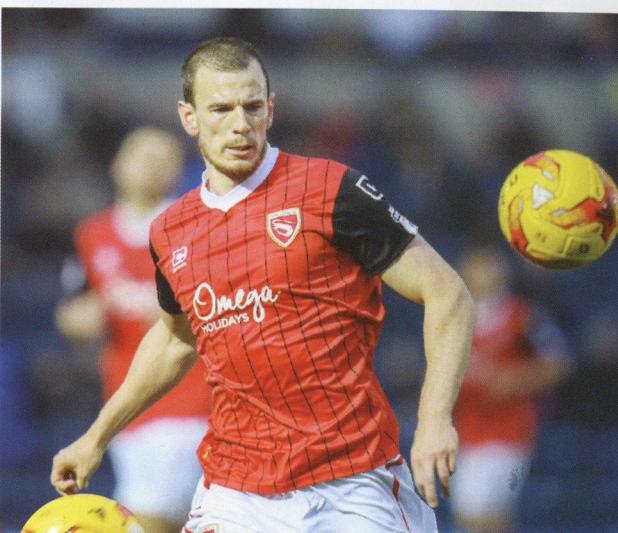
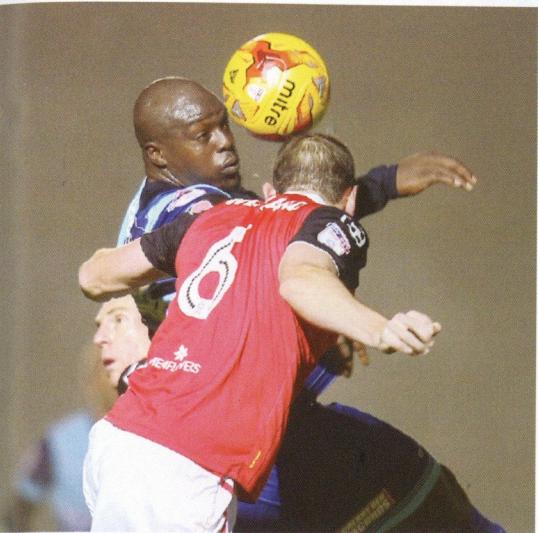
**Corners**

5

**Fouls**

13

## WYCOMBE WANDERERS



**FIRST HALF**  
The first half saw few chances but Morecambe started the better. James Jennings found space down the left hand side and fed Paul Mullin who saw his shot well saved by home keeper Jamal Blackman. Mullin went close again with a chip from 25 yards out that beat Blackman but flew inches over the bar. Wycombe had one main tactic which was to get the ball to the giant Ade Akinfenwa as soon as possible and it almost paid off when the striker headed a Joe Jacobson lee wing cross inches wide. A long range shot from Luke O'Nien was the only other real moment of concern for the Shrimps as they handled the aerial bombardment well.

## SECOND HALF

The second half was a different affair however as Wycombe took the lead just two minutes after the break. Jacobson once again provided the delivery from a free kick on the right hand side and Pierre came in at the far post to head goal wards and see his effort rebound off Alex Whitmore to beat the helpless Barry Roche. The Shrimps stepped up the pace and should have had a penalty when Matt Bloomfield handled in the box but the referee awarded a free kick on the edge of the area instead. Michael Rose almost saw justice prevail with the set piece but it hit the post with Blackman well beaten.

Morecambe then had a good shout for another spot kick when Kevin Ellison was bundled over in the box but again the claims were waved away.

Wycombe then added to that frustration when they scored a second on the counter attack. Former North End striker Paul Hayes crossed in from the left and midfielder Luke O'Nien nipped in front of his man to head past Roche from 12 yards out.



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## Alan Main's Away day Memories

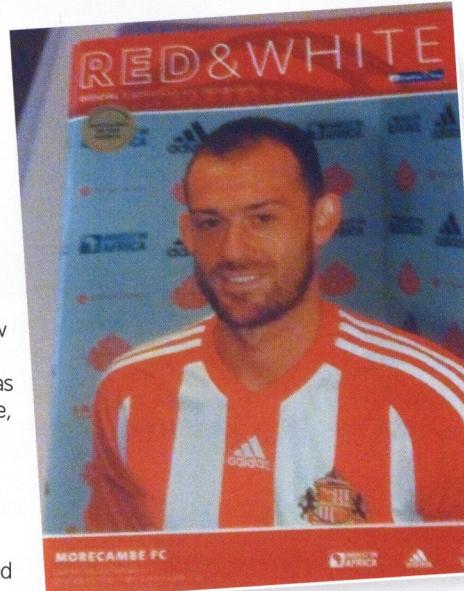
This season I shall be taking a look at Morecambe matches of the past played away from home. If you have any issues you would like me to feature, please get in touch at [alanmain@hotmail.com](mailto:alanmain@hotmail.com)

### SUNDERLAND 2 MORECAMBE 0 August 28th 2012

This week's featured issue is of Morecambe's trip to Wearside to face Premiership side Sunderland in a Capital One Cup match on a Tuesday night in late August four years ago.

We had qualified for this dream draw after a famous 2-1 victory away to Blackpool a few weeks before and as it was still school holidays at the time, I was easily persuaded by my son James and his mate Conor that the three hour drive and late return was perfectly possible.

Despite my protestations that we had an early train to catch to go to London the following day (we were travelling to see the Paralympics), it was actually a rare opportunity for us to see Morecambe play at a Premiership ground, and so we duly set off at 3pm, picking up Conor's mum Carol from work



new signing Steven Fletcher on the front cover. At a cost of only £2 it has to go down as the best programme I bought that season (sorry Quinny) as it included many terrific features. There was an insightful interview with Adam Johnson and also spotlights on Shrimp stars Neil Wainwright and Chris McCready.

We were housed in the upper tier behind the goal and sang our hearts out for most of the game, but we were undone by a few moments of quality by the home side.

It was quite a shock to see the streams of home fans leaving before the final whistle, but we stayed to the bitter end and applauded the demoralised lads off the pitch before setting off for the long journey home across the A66.

We crawled into bed at about 1.30am and somehow managed to be up bright and early to head south to enjoy the exploits of the Paralympians in London.

Alan

# From the Vault

# Funny Man with grit

by Terry Ainsworth

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Dave Miles says: - Eric Morecambe would have been 90 years old on May 14th 2016. The Morecambe born comedian, who died in 1984, is a hero to millions including myself as president of the Eric Morecambe Appreciation Society.

It's hard to imagine Eric at 90 and wonder what he would do to celebrate his 90th birthday?

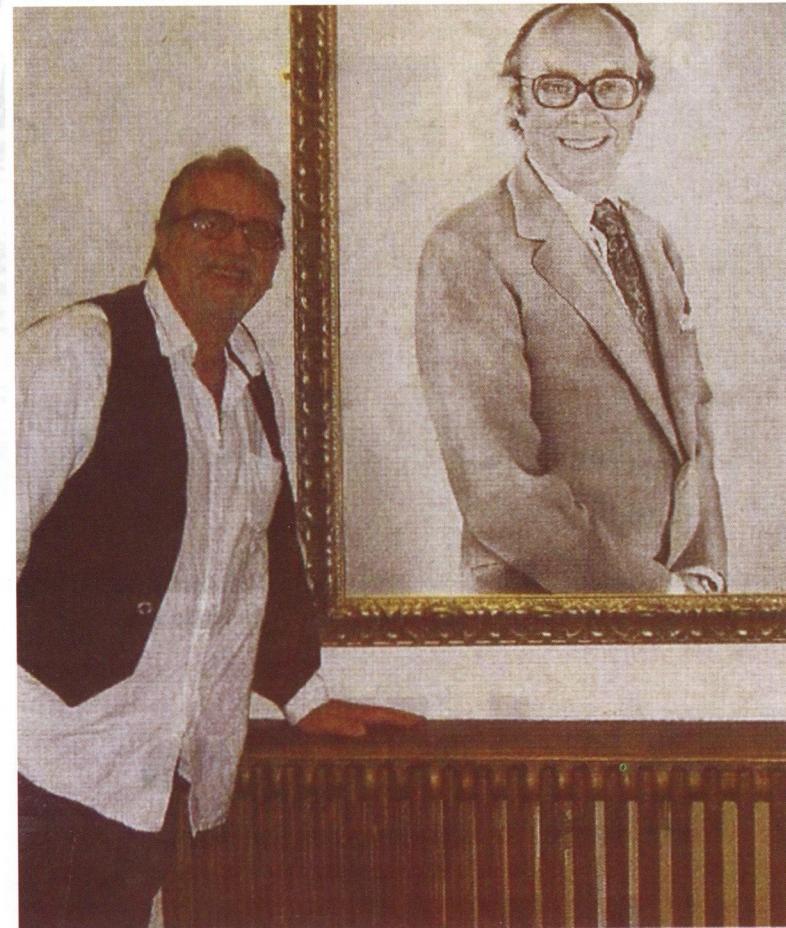
My guess would be that he might have visited Morecambe and eaten some shrimps, looked at his statue and had a pint with his cousin "Wiggy" Threlfall at his old local, The New Inn in Poulton Square. Eric was and still is the cream of comedy. You can't not smile when you see or hear him, he's infectious.

Coming from lovely Morecambe which still retains its magic, was it any wonder that this naturally gifted funny man would one day make his mark publicly and end up setting a record viewing figure of 28 million people along with his comedy partner, Ernie Wise? Eric was a comic genius, still is. Voted comic of the century. He has never been bettered and never will be.

I can remember the excitement on hearing the familiar "Bring Me Sunshine" theme, knowing that Eric would be walking on. It's only when researching about his life that I appreciated how much hard work went into him getting where he was.

There wasn't any X Factor back then, you didn't become famous overnight. It was hard graft to make yourself known, more so when you were a northern comic. They reached the top of the ladder and couldn't have gone any higher and that has to be admired.

Don't just take my word for how great a comic he was. The ultimate accolade was surely the statue of Eric first of all being erected in his memory and secondly and more spectacularly being unveiled by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth



Dave Miles with a portrait of Eric Morecambe at Morecambe Town Hall.

II. On the eve of the statue unveiling we organised a show in tribute to Eric, and we could have sold the tickets three times over.

A night we shall never forget. Eric brought a smile to everyone's face and I hope his birthday on May 14th gave you the opportunity to remember and smile once again.

My thanks go to Dave for remembering an iconic figure of our time, a comic genius who left us nothing but laughter. The theme "Bring Me Sunshine" is still played at the Globe Arena, Morecambe before every football game and brings a

smile and sometimes a silent tear to the eye. I only ever met the great man once and that was coming out of a shopping mall in Florida where I greeted him with the words, "Good afternoon Mr Bartholomew, what a lovely day".

Needless to say he stopped and chatted and couldn't quite believe that we were from Morecambe. Very few people would be recognised wearing such an impenetrable disguise but we are talking about the comic genius of the century.

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An anonymous figure presents the Bell's Scotch Whisky Manager of the Year award in 1975 to Ron Saunders, manager of Aston Villa. Raymond Miquel, chairman of Bells is pictured in the centre.

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LEAGUE TWO



### LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

#### GOALS

1	AKINDE	14
2	BOGLE	11
3	MARQUIS	9
4	STEAD	9
5	CAREY	8

#### SHOTS ON TARGET

1	BOGLE	30
2	AKINDE	25
3	BAKER	24
4	MARQUIS	24
5	MARRIOTT	24

#### % OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	AKINDE	73
2	BOGLE	65
3	CAREY	54
4	GREEN	53
5	PORTER	53

#### FOULS

1	WRIGHT	44
2	AKINDE	39
3	VASSELL	37
4	HYLTON	35
5	BOGLE	33

### LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Pompey have kept a league-high seven clean sheets in League Two so far this season.

### LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Morecambe have won more points from losing positions than any other League Two side this season (11).



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PAST PLAYERS

The Ex-Files

**Joe Lewis**



Aberdeen manager Derek McInnes believes goalkeeper Joe Lewis is a massive asset to his team in pursuit of league and cup success.

The 29-year-old former Cardiff City goalkeeper has conceded 15 goals in 20 appearances this season, keeping eight clean sheets. The Englishman produced a man-of-the-match performance against Celtic on Saturday, although he was unable to prevent the Hoops leaving Pittodrie with maximum points thanks to Tom Rogic's winner.

McInnes is delighted with the way Lewis has quickly settled to life with the Dons after his summer move to Pittodrie and said: "I have got a very good goalkeeper. I have been saying for a while how confident I am in him.

"The work he does every day with Gordon Marshall and Neil Alexander helps him be ready for big games such as Saturday when he was a bit busier than normal.

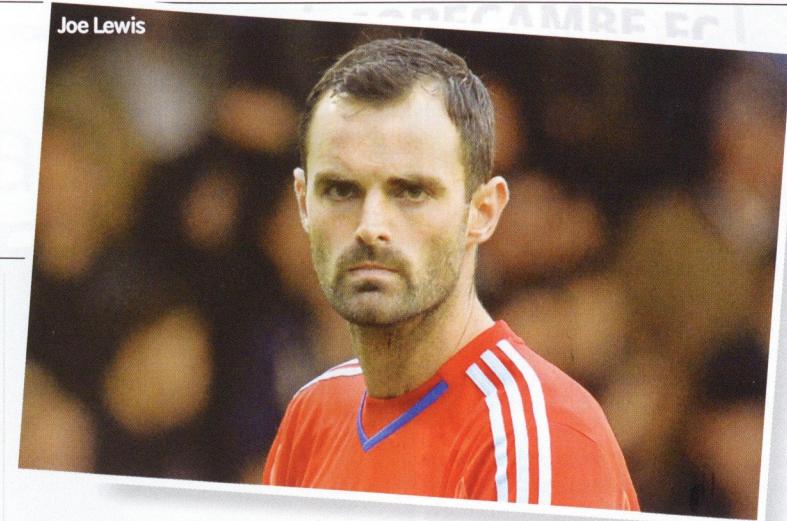
"He has a good presence and he made some good saves at the right times. "He brings an air of assurance to our defence. I was pleased with his performance against Celtic but he wasn't the only one who played well. We had several good performances but I still think we can improve."

#### PADRAIG AMOND

Craig Hignett admits that Padraig Amond is finding it tough to adapt to a new role in the Hartlepool United forward line.

Despite his five goals in 15 games for Pools so far this season, the Irishman, a summer signing from Grimsby Town, has come in for some criticism in recent weeks. It is not his prowess in front of goal that has been called into question, it is more to do with his seeming inability to hold the ball and relieve pressure when Pools are under the cosh.

Joe Lewis



The fact that fan favourite Billy Paynter has been twiddling his thumbs on the sidelines has not helped matters, also. But Hignett has revealed that Amond, who netted a remarkable 37 times for Grimsby last season, is having to adapt on the job.

And the gaffer says that while playing in a lone striking role has been hard for the 28-year-old, he has been impressed by Amond's contribution. "It is tough for him as he is playing a new role," said Hignett. "He is used to having a big man alongside him to feed off but he hasn't got that here.

"He is adapting, learning and getting better in the role.

"As a player he is too honest at times. "He chases absolutely everything and you just can't do that when you are up front on your own.

"I have been pleased with him so far. He is learning with every game. He is getting better and better."

#### CARL BAKER

CARL BAKER is hoping to smash the 10-goal barrier this season.

But Portsmouth's attacking midfielder admitted confidence can soon ebb on the back of missed chances.

Baker has four goals to his name this term after making his summer move from MK Dons. The 33-year-old has broken double figures in six seasons throughout his career. That included bagging 15 goals in League One in 2012-13, and 13 efforts in

2009-10 in League One and the Championship. Baker has confidence he can go beyond that landmark again this term. He said: "I've set myself targets until the end of the season. It's usually private – just in case I don't reach it!

I always like to get minimum double figures. I'm on four so far so, by my tallies, that gets me to double figures safely.

'Hopefully, I'll chip in with a few more than that. But, as I say, we have to keep going. Hopefully, we'll keep creating chances.

The challenge for the Blues is to find a ruthless nature in front of goal which has been missing of late. And Baker knows how confidence can ebb and flow so quickly in front of goal.

'It's winning games and confidence,' he added.

On the flip side, if you are losing, you can't get a penalty or everything hits the woodwork. It's just the way football is. It's better to be going into games with confidence.

'It comes from the fans, too. If you are scoring three or four the fans expect it.'

'If you haven't scored for a few games that tension comes in and you can feel it.'

'It comes through to the players and they end up scuffing shots because they are nervous. It works both ways really.'

# Fans Club Round-Up

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Well! What a few weeks this has been! A lot of stuff going on behind the scenes and a lot of stuff out in the public domain.

I don't think that any of us know what is the latest but in my experience I usually find that the truth falls somewhere in the middle.

There are quite clearly some issues, but I do believe that these are being worked on and I am reassured by Rod Taylor's presence and people like Nigel, Mike, David that things will be worked out and we can start to look forward with some confidence. I think we can all agree that it hasn't been our finest moment in our history but I do believe that we will come through it.

I strongly believe that our jobs as fans is to continue to support the club and especially the staff, management and team. They need us now more than ever! Whatever your thoughts on the current situation (and everyone is entitled to an opinion) we need to be positive and support them, especially during the 90 minutes of play. Let's all stand together and SUPPORT our family club!

It doesn't matter whose name is on the deeds, it is our club and we will continue to promote our family values and strong passion for OUR club!

Speaking of 'Family values', tonight sees the latest family night event presented by the Supporters Club.

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Mark Swindlehurst



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NEWPORT COUNTY

# Kiwomya set for strikers role

Newport County defender Paul Bignot has lost his appeal against a six-match ban for allegedly biting an opponent.

Paul Bignot



The incident took place in the 2-2 League Two draw against Cheltenham Town on 10 September at Rodney Parade. Bignot, 30, was fined £600 and warned about his future conduct following an FA charge of violent conduct.

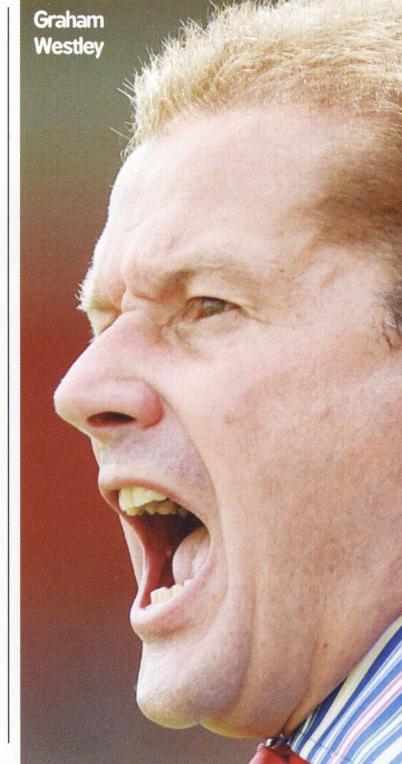
Bignot, whose ban was suspended pending an appeal, attended a personal hearing on Wednesday and had denied the charge.

Newport's Joss Labadie was banned for six months for biting last year, when he played for fellow League Two side Dagenham and Redbridge.

Newport have also signed two players on short-term deals as Graham Westley begins reshaping his squad.

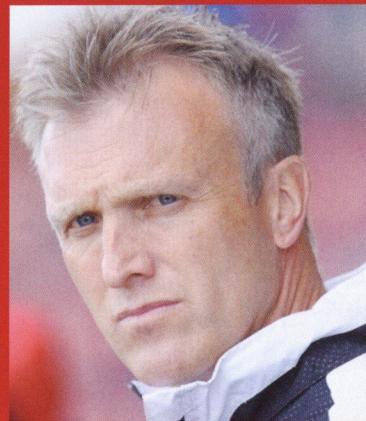
The Exiles have signed former Arsenal midfielder Jack Jebb on non-contract terms in addition to ex-Bournemouth forward Josh O'Hanlon, 21. Jebb, also 21, is a former England U17 international.

Both players made their debuts for Newport in their 2-0 EFL Trophy victory over AFC Wimbledon.



## CREWE

ALEX boss Steve Davis has revealed that he could be without his first choice striker partnership for a 'few weeks'.



Veteran forward and leading scorer Ryan Lowe was forced off in the 16th minute against Chesterfield last week after turning his right ankle over.

Lowe has joined Chris Dagnall on the injury list after a scan revealed that he suffered a slight tear in his calf against Cheltenham in the FA Cup.

The Alex boss has revealed that Dagnall could be set for two-to-three weeks on the sidelines.

He said on his injury pair: "Ryan got his knee caught in the ground and went over on his ankle. There is a fair bit of swelling on his right ankle, so we'll have to assess it again when it goes down a bit. It could keep him out for a couple of weeks."

"It is also a blow in regards to Chris (Dagnall). A scan revealed a slight tear in his calf so we are looking at 2-3 weeks with him."

## PLYMOUTH

Argyle will be paid up to £280,000 by Oxford United for former captain Curtis Nelson, who left Home Park in the summer.

The 23-year-old was offered a new contract by the Pilgrims in the summer, but rejected it and opted to depart the club, eventually agreeing a deal with the League One U's.

However, as Nelson is under 24 and was offered a new contract by Argyle, the Pilgrims are owed a compensation payment for the funds used in his development as a young player at Home Park.



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# Away Days

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THEY MUST BE FINDING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY THE LEAST, BUT ON THE PITCH JIM HAS GOT THEM GOING IN THE LAST TWO GAMES AGAINST COVENTRY AND BRADFORD, SO WE FIND OURSELVES STILL IN THE TWO CUP COMPETITIONS AND AN EXTRA TRIP TO SCUNTHORPE IN THE EFL TROPHY.

The sale of Tom Barkhuizen will no doubt be a massive loss and we are in a position now where we need some valuable points on the board.

We travelled down on Friday morning, having booked a cheap deal in Beaconsfield, 2 nights for £85. The town is in two parts – the 'old' and the 'new'. Being on the outskirts of London, it is like a different world from being up 'North' and the locals certainly know how to dress and live it up at the weekends.

There are some really nice pubs and restaurants to choose from, but you need to be prepared to book in advance. High Wycombe is just six minutes away on the train and it was noticeable how the town centre has been refurbished and anyone who

likes shopping needs to give it a visit. A nice late breakfast in the Falcon with a good choice of beers at £2.25 instead of the £4.75 near our hotel was welcomed, then a five minute taxi ride up to the Hour Glass near Adams Park, to meet up with fellow Shrimps and Sardines.

Something to note for visitors down here, is that a booked taxi has a minimum charge of £7. If you get one from the bus station it was on a meter which is cheaper.

The Landlord always gives us a welcome here and there is a pool table and TVs for entertainment. Good to see the fellow travellers from Morecambe that had been to the England v Scotland game at Wembley the night before, had come along to support Morecambe too, even if they weren't impressed with the Wembley atmosphere.

Fifteen minutes walk through the houses and the Industrial estate and you will find Adams Park at the top of the hill, set in some lovely scenery where red kites usually hover around, but with the dull and dismal conditions, they were not to be seen



on this occasion. Thankfully we were behind the goal, unlike sometimes when we are down the side near the corner flag. There is plenty of room in the all seated stand and it offers a great view.

It was certainly noticeable that the home areas had a lot of empty seats, compared to seasons gone by, when they have been challenging near the top. The last post and a minute's silence, in memory of our fallen heroes, was well respected and the game got under way. The first half was a damp squib, with very few chances, Mullers had a chance saved which was our only one on target, but we were quite happy to go in at the break at 0-0

Second half we were playing towards the 70 or so travelling Shrimps. We had a massive shout for a penalty, the handball was given, but a free kick was awarded on the edge of the box. If the players were 10 yards from the ball I would have eaten my scarf! The result was we hit the post and quite honestly this was our only shot on goal I can remember.

We gained a succession of corners, but Wycombe were there to spoil it as they often do and the referee seemed happy to oblige to help them along too. The gloom surrounding the floodlights had clearly made itself known on the pitch.

A very disappointing performance all in all, but there is really no need for some of the language and songs constantly resonating from the stand – it sounds rubbish to say the least!

Back to the Hour Glass, met up with the Shap Shrimps who were staying in London, but cut their journey in half to spend a nice evening with us – a real 'never let the football spoil your day' moment. Onwards and upwards, we will certainly need to up our game for Luton and Plymouth in our next two home games. Enjoy the Eric Derby

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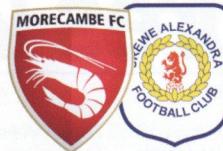
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#### THE AWAY END

Although the football ground is officially known as the Alexandra Stadium, it is more widely referred to as Gresty Road, the street which it is located on. The opening of the £6m pound Main Stand in 1999 changed forever the look and feel of the ground. Before, it had always been small and homely, but the addition of the Main Stand has drastically changed the overall scene. The stand, which sits proudly along one side of the pitch, is a single tier cantilever holding just under 7,000 people.

It looks huge compared to the other stands and is probably three times the size of the old Main Stand. It is simply designed, sits well back from the pitch and has windshields to either side. Considering that the overall capacity of the ground is just over 10,000, one can understand how the Main Stand dominates Gresty Road, accounting for 70% of the available seating. The other three stands are roughly of the same height, covered and all seated, but are rather small



when compared to the Main Stand. So much so, that balls are regularly kicked out of the ground during a game. The newest of these smaller stands is the Gresty Road End, which is the home end of the ground. This replaced a former open terrace and seats around 900. Opposite is the Wulvern Homes Stand, which was previously known as the Railway End. This has some executive boxes at the rear, but the seating area is only opened for the bigger games.

Away fans are housed in the Whitby Morrison Ice Cream Van Stand at one side of the ground. The whole of this stand is given to away supporters and houses 1,680 fans, though if required the Wulvern Homes Stand can also be allocated to away fans. Entrance to the away stand is by ticket only, (no cash is accepted at ironically some of the oldest turnstiles I have ever seen at a League Ground). Tickets need to be purchased from the ticket booth next to the supporters club at the entrance to this stand. Please also note that alcohol is not available in this stand.

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### AWAY

Tuesday 22nd Nov 2016

### Crewe Alexandra

EFL Sky Bet League Two  
7.45pm Kick Off

### HOME

Saturday 26th Nov 2016

### Plymouth Argyle

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3pm Kick Off

## The Fixtures

### Saturday 19th November 2016

#### Sky Bet League Two

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Barnet V Crewe Alexandra  
Cambridge U V Wycombe W  
Carlisle United V Exeter City  
Cheltenham Town V Portsmouth  
Doncaster R V Hartlepool United  
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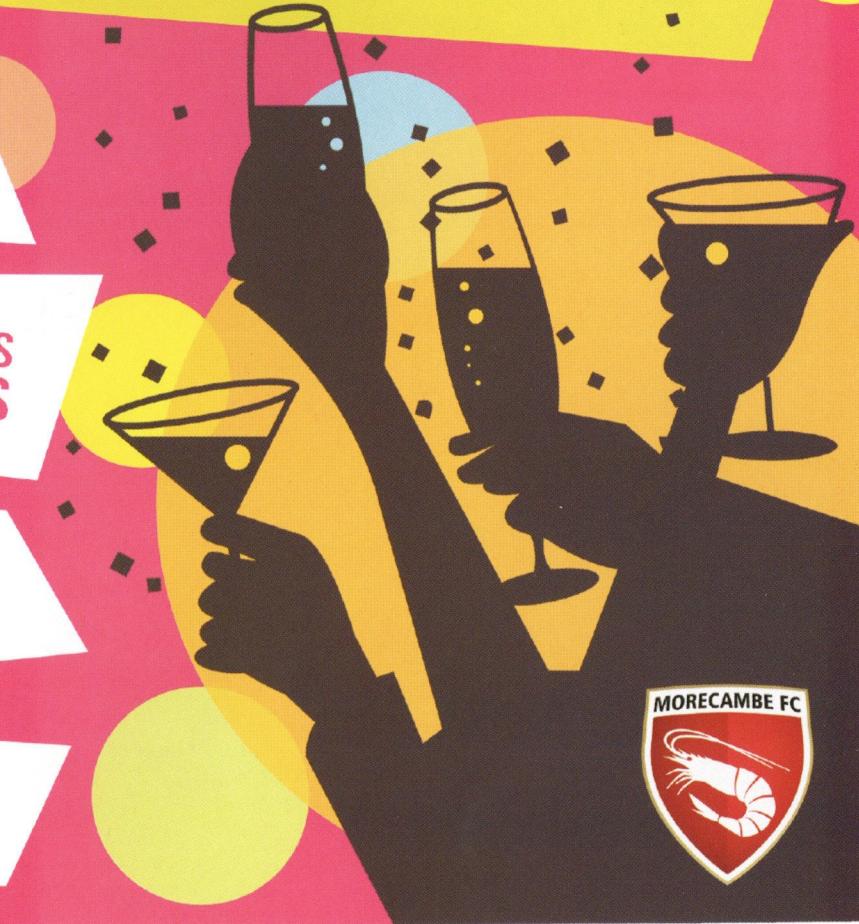
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