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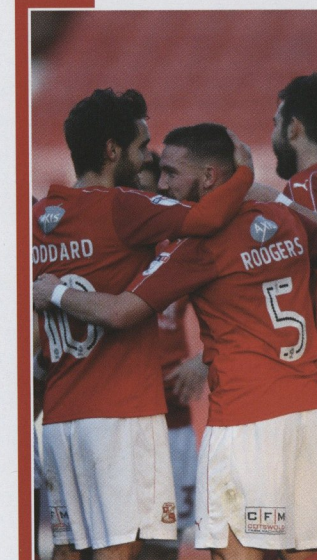
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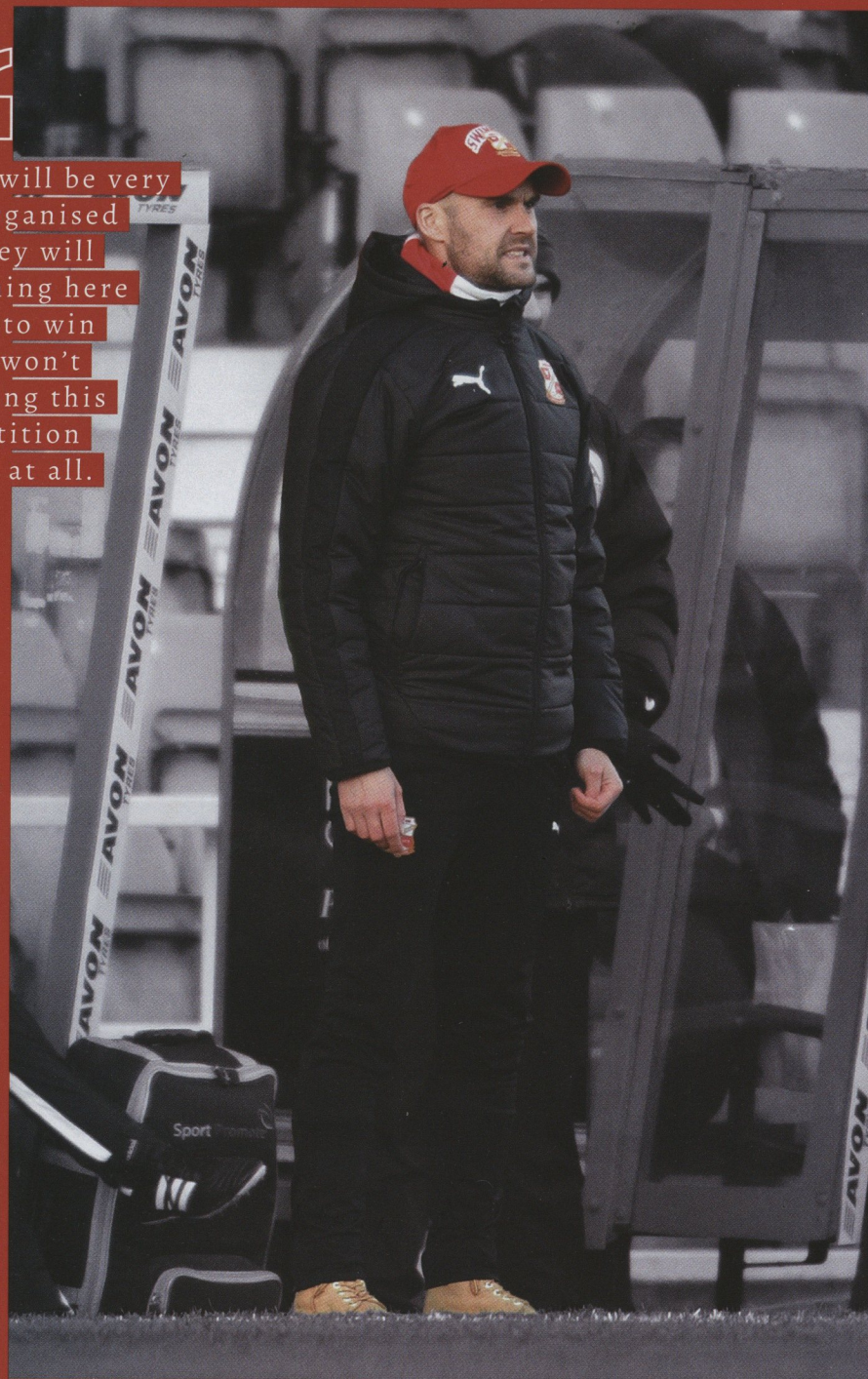
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• HEAD COACH •

LUKE WILLIAMS

Good evening everyone and welcome back to The County Ground for our Checkatrade Trophy tie against Luton Town.



It has been a while since we last played and I think only the performance tonight will tell us whether or not the break has been a help or a hindrance. But, for sure, we know that we've worked hard, the players and the staff, and everyone is focused.

We now need to see on the pitch a really positive performance. It has been a busy schedule and as much as people don't want to believe that footballers are human beings, they are and the pressure builds and it takes its toll on the players. The break, more mentally than anything else, has given them the chance to recover.

The 1-0 victory against Bradford City last time out was very pleasing for a number of reasons. We produced an accomplished display on the day and were very solid defensively, especially in the latter stages when Bradford attempted to throw plenty at us. It was also pleasing to see Anton Rodgers get on the scoresheet and it was a goal worthy of winning any game. Everyone at the club knows Anton has got that in his locker as we see it on a daily basis and it was brilliant to see his efforts pay off in a game situation.

On to tonight's game and I know Nathan Jones and I know what a good coach and what a good manager he is, so Luton will be very well organised and they will be coming here trying to win. They won't be taking this competition lightly at all, in the same way that we're not. I expect a very tough test and if you are going to go all the way in any competition and tournament you've got to be at your best.

Wembley is getting closer and it is a big motivation for the players and it is a realistic target for us and all the teams left in it. Everybody is now thinking about trying to go all the way and for the boys in the squad that haven't been to Wembley they will be desperate to go and have that experience, and those boys that have been to Wembley and maybe not had a great experience there will want to go and put that right. Everybody is motivated to go all the way.

Keep up your fantastic support this evening and enjoy the game.

Luke WILLIAMS, Head Coach

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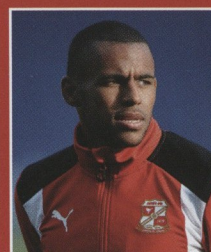
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NATHAN THOMPSON



Good Evening everyone and welcome back to The County Ground for our Checktrade Trophy tie against Luton Town.

It has been a while since we were last in action so it will be good to see the boys back out on the pitch tonight as we prepare for the busy festive period.



In terms of my recovery I am getting there and I am feeling stronger day-by-day. I am being worked hard and the end goal is now in sight.

Our last game here was one to remember as we beat a very good Bradford City side 1-0, which is no mean feat given where the Bantams are in the Sky Bet League One table this season. We had to do plenty of defending late on but I thought each and every one of the lads gave their absolute all to the cause and I was extremely proud of all of them, as I'm sure you all were.

It was brilliant to see Anton Rodgers get on the scoresheet and we see him put away free-kicks like that every day in training. He has a special knack when it comes to set-pieces and his effort against Bradford was sensational. I also want to dish out special praise to young Tom Smith who excelled at left-back, despite having never played in that position before. Playing in an unfamiliar role is a hard task at the best of times let alone when you get thrown on at half-

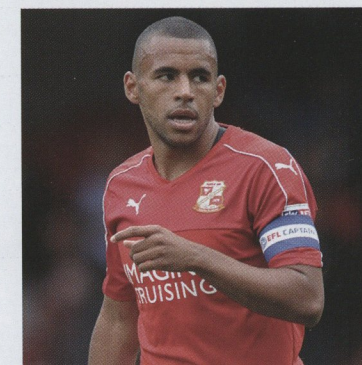
time, so the way Tom handled himself and went about his business was very, very impressive.

In terms of my recovery I am getting there and I am feeling stronger day-by-day. I am being worked hard and the end goal is now in sight. I am itching to get back out there and help the boys through what is going to be a very tough Christmas period.

On to tonight's game and we know as a team that we can ill-afford to take Luton Town lightly. They have enjoyed a decent season so far and will be backing themselves to push us all the way this evening. However, the opportunity to get to Wembley in this competition is a real motivator for us and we will be doing everything we can to move a step closer to achieving that goal.

Enjoy The Game.

Nathan THOMPSON, Captain



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DANNY HYLTON

R&W TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT ONE OF LUTON TOWN'S DANGERMEN THIS EVENING...

The forward, signed for the Hatters in the summer, penning a two-year deal after leaving Oxford United following the expiration of his contract. He scored on his debut in a 3-0 win against Plymouth Argyle on August 6th 2016, before going on to bag a superb hat-trick against Wycombe Wanderers the following month.

Hylton began his career with Aldershot Town and was part of the team that won the Conference Premier Title and the Conference League Cup.

A move to Rotherham United followed in June 2013 but the move didn't work out for the 27-year-old who was soon shipped out on loan to Bury and AFC Wimbledon.

He was then transfer-listed by the Millers at the end of the 2013/14 campaign and joined League Two outfit Oxford United in June 2014, finishing as the Yellow's top goalscorer with 16 goals in all competitions at the end of the 2014/15 season.

Hylton has been in fine form for Luton so far this term and leads the club in scoring with twelve goals to his name.

MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

THE FORMER DEFENDER TOOK CHARGE OF THE HATTERS IN JANUARY 2016, PUTTING PEN TO PAPER ON A TWO-AND-A-HALF-YEAR DEAL WITH THE LEAGUE TWO CLUB.

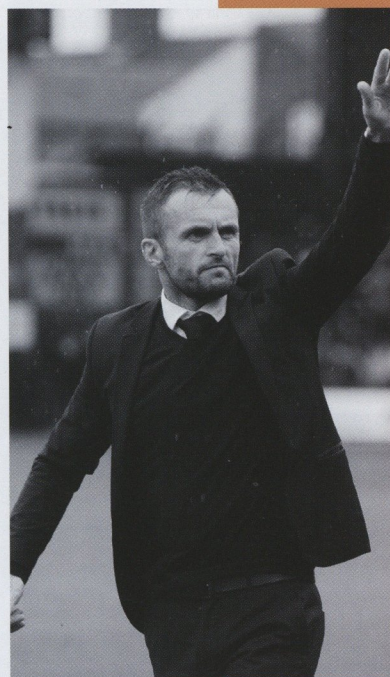
Jones began his career with Welsh outfit Merthyr Tydfil, before sealing a £10,000 move to Luton in the summer of 1995. A spell in Spain with Numancia and CD Badajoz followed before the defender returned to these shores with Southend United.

Stints with Exeter City and Scarborough came next before Jones went on to enjoy hugely successful spells with both Brighton and Hove Albion and Yeovil Town, for whom he made

over 150 appearances for both clubs.

After hanging up his boots, Jones became Assistant Manager and then First-Team Coach at Yeovil before taking up a U21 Professional Development Coach role at Charlton Athletic. After leaving the Addicks, Jones became Assistant Head Coach at Brighton and Hove Albion in July 2013, becoming First-Team Coach following the arrival of Sami Hyypia as the Seagulls' new manager.

Spent a short spell as Caretaker Boss of Brighton before reverting back to Assistant Manager and then First-Team Coach. Jones has led Luton to the play-off places in League Two this season.



CHRISTIAN WALTON



The goalkeeper began his career with Plymouth Argyle in 2005 before joining Brighton & Hove Albion, where he completed his scholarship before signing a three-year professional contract in the summer of 2013. Made his debut for the Seagulls against Tottenham Hotspur in October 2014. Currently on a season-long loan at Luton Town.

OLLY LEE



Signed professional terms with West Ham United in 2009 but failed to make the grade at Upton Park and spent spells on loan at Dagenham & Redbridge and Gillingham before being released by the Premier League outfit. Then had stints with Barnet and Birmingham City before joining Luton in August 2015.

SCOTT CUTHBERT



Hugely experienced defender has been on the books at Luton since May 2015. Began his career with Celtic in his native Scotland before having loan spells with Livingston and St Mirren. Joined Swindon Town in July 2009 and would later become the Reds' Vice-Captain. After leaving SN1 the defender joined Leyton Orient before sealing a move to Luton, where he is currently the Club Captain.

CAMERON MCGEEHAN



Has been at Luton since 2014 after originally joining the club on loan from Norwich City, where he captained the Canaries' U18s side to glory in the 2012/13 FA Youth Cup, scoring in both legs of the final against former club Chelsea. Signed a permanent deal with the Hatters in July 2015 and has been a key figure ever since, scoring 14 goals last term to win the club's Young Player of the Season Award.

JOHNNY MULLINS




Joined Luton in May 2016 after bringing his lengthy association with Oxford United to an end, for whom he made over a century of appearances. Helped the Yellow's gain promotion to League One last season and also captained the club at Wembley in the 2016 Football League Trophy Final. Mullins graduated from Staffordshire University in 2008 with a degree in Professional Sports Writing and Broadcasting.

ISAAC VASELL



Penned a one-year deal with the Hatters in the summer following a successful trial spell with the club. Began his career with Plymouth Argyle in 2011 before being sent out on loan to Truro City, Bideford and Weymouth. Joined Truro on a permanent deal after being let go by Plymouth at the end of the 2013/14 season.

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Ellis landolo

Having featured heavily in the Checkatrade Trophy so far this season, the youngster is a big fan of the new format and feels it has aided his personal development as a player.

The talented attacker has enjoyed a campaign to remember so far and has impressed in this competition in particular.

"Individually it has been a massive part of my season because I've started every game bar one and it is good to get a lot of game time," he told R&W.

"To have a good run in the cup has been good and it is good for the confidence of the team too. It has been good all round.

"It is a great tournament for the young players coming through. It is a good chance to see how we measure up against some of the boys from the top clubs as well so it is a trophy that gives young players a lot of confidence to go into the league games and test themselves.

"What player doesn't want to play at Wembley so it is a reward that spurs you on to try and go as far as you can in the competition."

Luton Town are going well in League Two so far this term and

landolo is expecting a tough test against the Hatters tonight.

"I know Luton like to play football so it will be a tough test, he added.

"I don't know if they will play a similar team to the ones that they've played in the trophy before, but it will be good for us to test ourselves against a League Two side.

"They will be physical and we will just try to do what we can to get a result."



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