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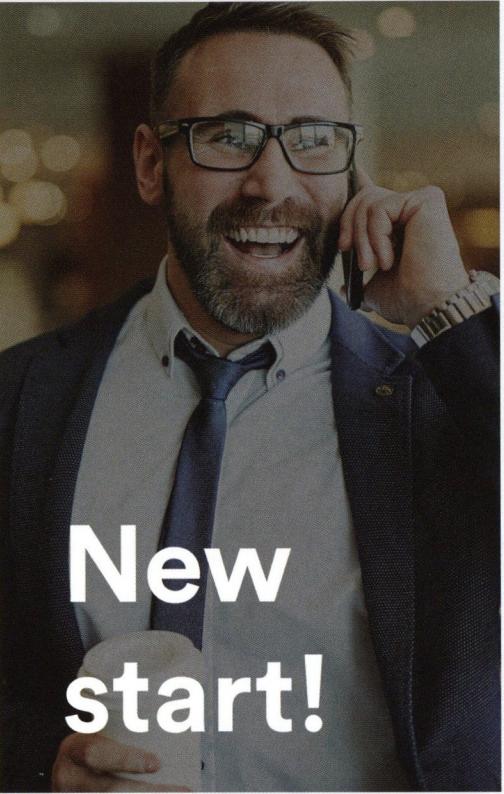
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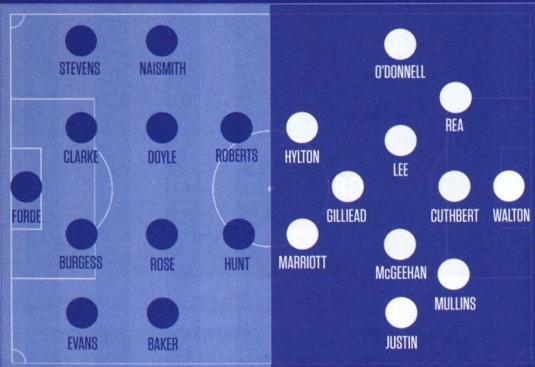
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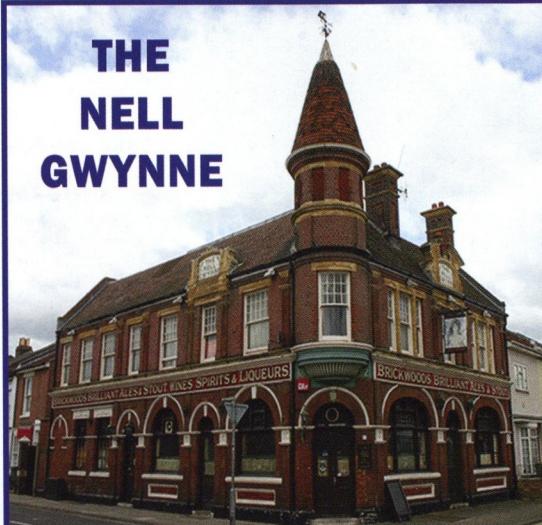
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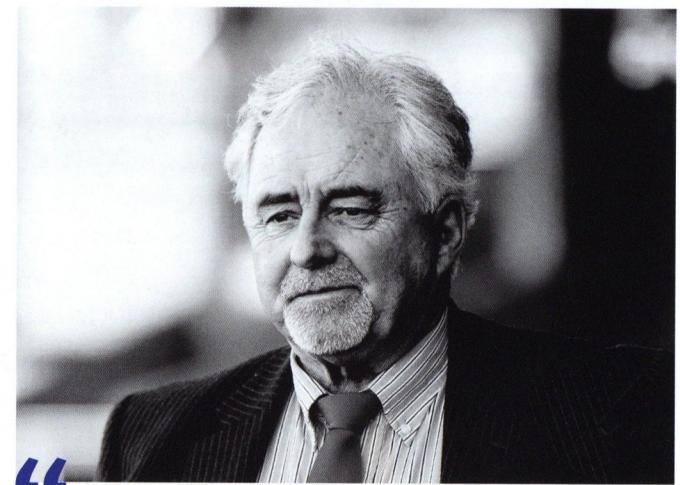
On the road to success the journey will be paved with bumps in the road. Approach it with a sense of fun, anticipation and positivity, and a firm resolution to achieve your goals.

Happy New Year to you all.

It was a characterful performance against Newport on a pitch where even 'kicking for touch' was problematic. Perhaps even Kal was confused as he 'converted' rather than scored the penalty... sorry, Kal!

In as poorly a conceived grouping of matches as it's possible to conjure - with four out of six 'festive' fixtures being away, two back-to-back and only two home games, with just the one in the whole of December - it's a challenging programme and one that both the team and supporters alike will need great resolve to battle through. In doing so successfully, however, we will gain ground and learn much about ourselves in the process. Bring it on.

As I write, the 'full house' signs have just gone up for today's game, with purely the possibility of a small allocation of away tickets being returned. That stat, added to a complement of 2,000 fans at Yeovil, continues to fire the lust for success which is the challenge for all of us to meet. You are a massive credit to your club and an inspiration to others.



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bound to be in the mix in the final run. All too aware of the charge that both Cambridge and Wycombe are putting together adds spice to a vibrant occasion.

A special mention for both Andy Awford and Paul Hart, who gave their all to the Pompey cause in difficult circumstances.

Finally, last week we paid tribute to Jimmy Dickinson's wife Ann, who passed away recently. Forever by his side, especially during his sterling career at this club and for England, we can celebrate her long and happy life, as well as commiserating with family and friends alike, by whom she'll be much missed. RIP, Ann.

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MANAGER'S NOTES

PAUL COOK

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME BACK TO FRATTON PARK FOR OUR FIRST SKY BET LEAGUE TWO FIXTURE OF 2017 AGAINST LUTON TOWN.



I'd like to offer a warm welcome to Nathan Jones, as well as all the players, staff, officials and supporters who have made the journey down to the south coast for what will be a match played in front of a full house here at Fratton Park. If there are two sides to guarantee you a good football game, then I think today's teams fit the bill. Luton are in the midst of a fantastic season and, for me, are one of the clubs you would enjoy going to see.

The result of our fixture at Yeovil last Friday is unknown at the time of writing, so hopefully we come into this game on the back of a positive result. Once again, great

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credit must go to our supporters for travelling to Newport on Boxing Day, then more than 2,000 of them going to Huish Park for a Friday night fixture and also for selling out today's contest.

We have now reached the halfway stage of the season and we're not

far from where we want to be. We set out to be automatically promoted and, as we sit in fourth ahead of the Yeovil trip, we still have a lot of games to play and there are plenty of points up for grabs. We are fully focused on the task ahead of trying to take our great club into League One.

I'm sure that come the end of today's game, supporters from both teams will have enjoyed a really good football match – and hopefully we will have picked up all three points.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. Play up Pompey!

Paul

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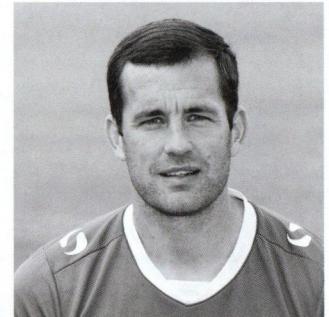


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CAPTAIN'S LOG MICHAEL DOYLE

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO FRATTON PARK FOR
OUR OPENING MATCH OF 2017 AGAINST LUTON TOWN.



t is a great game to start the year between two teams who will be giving everything to try to win promotion. We enjoyed a great contest against them at Kenilworth Road earlier in the season and hopefully it will be a similar match, with both sides playing the same way. We came out on top that night and will be doing everything we can to achieve a similar outcome.

We had a dramatic victory at Newport on Boxing Day and I'm not sure if we would have recovered from falling two goals behind there last season, but I was always confident that we could do it if we just got one back. The state of the pitch made things extremely difficult, but it was the same for both teams and you just have to get on with it. We kept going and you could feel the atmosphere change once our first went in. I'm writing this before the trip to Yeovil on Friday night, but

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our away form has been excellent in recent weeks and now we want to match that at Fratton Park.

Grinding out results and showing physicality were areas that we were often accused of falling short in last season, but I don't think you can say the same this term when you look back at games like Cambridge and Newport. It's not something we can really be criticised for these days and now it's just about trying to put a winning run together.

We obviously need to find a lot more consistency if we are to achieve our ultimate ambition. We lost six games in the first half of the campaign and we don't want to get near that number in the second part. If we had just cut out a couple of sloppy errors then we would be in the top three by now. There are certainly improvements to be made, but I think that we're on the right track and can be confident ahead of the next few months.

To start 2017 by playing in front of a full house at Fratton Park is amazing and I'm sure that Luton will bring a few fans down as well. It promises to be a fantastic atmosphere and these are the games you want to be involved in.

On behalf of all the lads, I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Play up Pompey!

Michael

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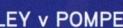
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POMPEY WILL HOPE TO START 2017 WITH A BANG BY BEATING FELLOW PROMOTION CHASERS LUTON AT FRATTON PARK THIS AFTERNOON.

It was only six weeks ago when the sides last met, with Paul Cook's side producing arguably their strongest performance of the season so far at Kenilworth Road.

They actually fell behind, but goals from Michael Smith, Gareth Evans and Kal Naismith secured a deserved 3-1 triumph.

However, in what has become a rather familiar pattern, that away joy was followed by a disappointing home defeat to Stevenage.

And the Blues will know that they need to improve their Fratton form if they are to break into the top three and secure automatic promotion.

But today they face a side who have only been beaten twice on their travels in all competitions this season.

Luton have secured three-point hauls at Plymouth (3-0), Cambridge (3-0), Leyton Orient (2-1), Morecambe (2-0) and Blackpool (2-0).

There were also victories at Exeter in the FA Cup, and Gillingham and Swindon in the Checkatrade Trophy.

The Hatters' progress in the former means they will have to get used to life on the road – this afternoon's contest is the first of four away games out of five.

Nathan Jones' side will visit fellow League Two outfit Accrington in the third round of the FA Cup this weekend, with fourth tier fixtures at Crewe and Wycombe to follow on the next two Saturdays.

The only action that Kenilworth Road will see in that time is a midweek clash with Chesterfield in the much-maligned EFL Trophy.

Prior to the final matches of 2016 – which saw Pompey visit Yeovil on Friday before Luton hosted Barnet on New Year's Eve – the sides were separated by just three points.

And with the Hatters failing to win any of the past five meetings, the Fratton faithful will be confident that their team can provide some New Year cheer.



LUTON STATS

Manager:
Nathan Jones
Formed: 1885
Ground: Kenilworth Road
Capacity: 10,073
Record Attendance:
30,069 v Blackpool (1959)
Best League Finish: 7th in Division One (1986/87)
Last Season: 11th in League Two



HEAD TO HEAD

Overall
Pompey: 15 Wins
Luton: 21 Wins
13 Draws



At Fratton Park
Pompey: 11 Wins
Luton: 4 Wins
8 Draws

DID YOU KNOW?

- Luton were formed following a merger between local sides Wanderers and Excelsior, which was formally announced on April 11 1885.
- Joe Payne scored an incredible 10 goals in a 12-0 rout of Bristol Rovers in 1936 and netted 55 times to help secure promotion the following season.
- Popular boss Allan Brown – who previously played for Pompey – was sacked for disloyalty in 1968 after it was discovered that he had applied for the vacant managerial post at Leicester.

FORM GUIDE*

0-1	2-0	1-1	3-2	6-2
v Colchester (H)	v Blackpool (A)	v Carlisle (H)	v Swindon (A)	v Solihull Moors (H)

*Correct as of 29.12.16

LUTON SQUAD



GOALKEEPER CHRISTIAN WALTON

The Brighton stopper arrived at Kenilworth Road in a season-long loan deal last summer, linking up again with former Seagulls coach Nathan Jones, who is now in charge of the Hatters. He was a member of the Plymouth youth team before signing a professional deal with the Sussex side and was previously lent to Bury, as well as having a spell back at Argyle. Walton has represented England up to under-21 level and made four senior appearances for his parent club after being handed a debut at White Hart Lane in a League Cup defeat to Tottenham.

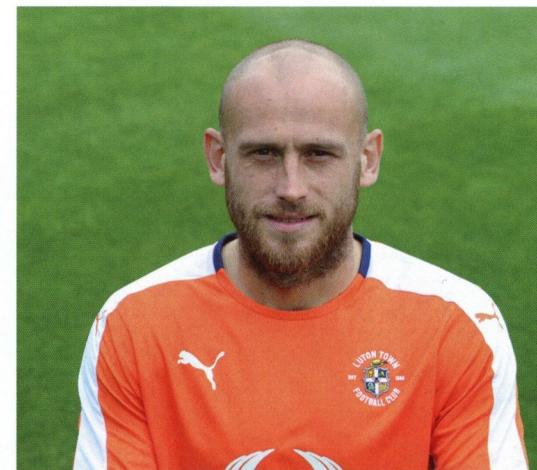
Age: 21; Luton apps: 26

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DEFENDER SCOTT CUTHBERT

The former Scotland 'B' international – who is comfortable playing as a centre-back or on the right – progressed through the ranks at Celtic and penned his first professional contract there, but failed to break into the first team. He had a couple spells out on loan before moving south of the border to sign for Swindon in 2009 and then joined Leyton Orient two years later, making more than 150 appearances for the Londoners. Cuthbert was released following their relegation to the fourth tier and arrived at Luton in the summer of 2015.

Age: 29; Luton apps/goals: 60/0



MIDFIELDER CAMERON McGEEHAN

The Norwich academy graduate signed for the Hatters in July 2015, having enjoyed two previous spells on loan at Kenilworth Road. He was part of the Canaries side that beat Chelsea to lift the FA Youth Cup in 2013 – scoring in both legs against the Londoners – but did not do enough to win a place in the senior side. McGeehan also spent time with Cambridge, who he helped secure a lucrative FA Cup third round replay against Manchester United, and has represented Northern Ireland up to under-21 level.

Age: 21; Luton apps/goals: 104/30

STRIKER DANNY HYLTON

The Aldershot youth product was part of the side that claimed the Conference Premier title in 2007/08 and made more than 200 appearances for the Hampshire club before moving on to Rotherham. But he struggled to make an impact in Yorkshire and had a couple of spells out on loan prior to signing for Oxford, finishing as the club's top scorer in his first season there. Hylton netted at Wembley in United's Football League Trophy final defeat to Barnsley last term and helped them win promotion to League One, but turned down the offer of a new deal to join Luton last summer.

Age: 27; Luton apps/goals: 24/14



MANAGER NATHAN JONES

The former Merthyr defender had a spell at Luton during his playing days, but failed to make a senior appearance, moving on to feature in Spain, as well as for Southend, Brighton and Yeovil. He remained a coach at Huish Park after hanging up his boots, also working for Charlton and back with the Seagulls. The Welshman was unveiled as Hatters boss last January, guiding the club to 11th position in his first season in charge.

Age: 43; Luton games managed/won: 51/26

GK Craig King
Age: 19
Signed: From Youth
Previous clubs: None
Luton apps: 4

DF Akin Famewo
Age: 18
Signed: From Youth
Previous clubs: None
Luton apps/goals: 5/0

DF James Justin
Age: 18
Signed: From Youth
Previous clubs: None
Luton apps/goals: 16/0

DF Johnny Mullins
Age: 31
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Reading, Mansfield, Stockport, Rotherham, Oxford
Luton apps/goals: 20/1

DF Frankie Musonda
Age: 19
Signed: From Youth
Previous clubs: None
Luton apps: 7/1

DF Stephen O'Donnell
Age: 24
Signed: 2015
Previous clubs: Partick
Luton apps/goals: 53/4

DF Dan Potts
Age: 22
Signed: 2015
Previous clubs: West Ham
Luton apps/goals: 34/0

DF Jack Senior
Age: 19
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Huddersfield
Luton apps/goals: 3/0

DF Alan Sheehan
Age: 30
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Leicester, Leeds, Swindon, Notts County, Bradford
Luton apps/goals: 36/2

MF Tyreeq Bakinson
Age: 18
Signed: From Youth
Previous clubs: None
Luton apps/goals: 5/0

MF Alex Gilliead
Age: 20
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Newcastle
Luton apps/goals: 19/1

MF Jake Gray
Age: 21
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Crystal Palace
Luton apps/goals: 15/2

MF Danny Green
Age: 28
Signed: 2015
Previous clubs: Nottingham Forest, Bishop's Stortford, Dag & Red, Charlton, MK Dons
Luton apps/goals: 30/6

MF Olly Lee
Age: 25
Signed: 2015
Previous clubs: West Ham, Barnet, Birmingham
Luton apps/goals: 62/3

MF Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
Age: 23
Signed: 2014
Previous clubs: Boreham Wood, West Ham
Luton apps/goals: 87/5

FW Zane Banton
Age: 20
Signed: From Youth
Previous clubs: None
Luton apps/goals: 9/0

FW Jordan Cook
Age: 26
Signed: 2016
Previous clubs: Sunderland, Charlton, Walsall
Luton apps/goals: 42/7

FW Isaac Vassell
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Signed: 2016
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Luton apps/goals: 22/2

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LUTON TOWN

LAST MEETING

Luton 1 (Hylton 7)
Pompey 3 (Smith 11, Evans 45+2, Naismith 84)

League Two / November 22 2016

Pompey stretched their unbeaten away run to five matches by coming from behind to beat Luton at Kenilworth Road.

It looked like a tough night was in store when Danny Hylton fired their opponents into an early lead and then had another effort disallowed.

But the Blues soon found themselves level, with Michael Smith – in for the suspended Conor Chaplin



– guiding a shot in off the post from the edge of the box.

And it got even better on the stroke of half-time when the Hatters failed to deal with Carl Baker's corner, allowing Gareth Evans to hook home.

The visitors dominated after the break and Christian Burgess headed against the bar before Kal Naismith wrapped things up late on with a precise finish into the bottom corner.

Luton (4-1-2-1-2): Walton; Justin (Mackail-Smith 85), Rea, Mullins, Sheehan (c); Lee; Gilliead (Cook 58), Mpanzu; McGeehan; Hylton, Vassell (Marriott 79)

Booked: Sheehan, Lee

Subs not used: King, O'Donnell, Cuthbert, Smith

Pompey (4-2-3-1): Forde; Evans, Burgess, Clarke, Stevens; Rose, Doyle (c); Baker, Roberts (Naismith 74), Bennett (Whatmough 88); Smith (Hunt 90+1)

Booked: Evans, Rose, Stevens, Hunt

Subs not used: O'Brien, Talbot, Linganzi, Lalkovic

Referee: David Coote Attendance: 8,805

LUTON IN NUMBERS

1988 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

66 POINTS WON
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1991/92 LAST
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TOP-FLIGHT

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STOP PRESS JOHNNY MOORE ASKS MIKE SIMMONDS OF THE LUTON NEWS, HERALD & POST TO RUN THE RULE OVER THE HATTERS

JM THE GAME AT KENILWORTH ROAD IS STILL FRESH IN THE MEMORY. IF TODAY MATCHES THAT CONTEST, WILL IT BE A GOOD ADVERT FOR LEAGUE TWO FOOTBALL?

MS Yes, I would say so. The Pompey game was an excellent affair as, for once, Luton were up against a team at Kenilworth Road who were looking to attack them, which finally made for an entertaining encounter. They have been in excellent form on their travels too, winning 2-0 at Blackpool before Christmas with a performance that was definitely one of their best yet on the road. They have also been hard to score against, equalling an 80-year record for league clean sheets away from home, as they haven't conceded for four games now, with keeper Christian Walton a huge part of that defensive solidity.

JM HAVE LUTON BEEN SUFFERING FROM THE SAME LACK OF CONSISTENCY THAT HAS DOGGED POMPEY AT TIMES?

MS They have had a similar kind of inconsistency this season, although Luton's problems have been the amount of games drawn, particularly at home. The main issue at Kenilworth Road has been scoring that important second goal, as every time they have it has led to a victory. However, on a number of occasions they have been held to 1-1 draws by teams they would be hoping to defeat, which have led to some valuable points being dropped on home soil.

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McGEEHAN IS BUILDING A REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE BEST GOALSCORING MIDFIELDERS IN THE LOWER LEAGUES
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JM WHAT HAS BEEN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS SEASON AND THE LAST ONE FOR LUTON?

MS The style of play is one of the main differences at Luton this term, as it's something that boss Nathan Jones has been keen to drill into his side ever since he took over at the start of the year. It's far more possession based than it had been in the past, with the squad looking to play out from the back at every opportunity. Their character is much stronger too. Luton used to struggle whenever they conceded first, but that's not the case anymore, as quite often they have come back to triumph after going behind.

JM WHICH LUTON PLAYERS ARE LIKELY TO POSE POMPEY PROBLEMS THIS AFTERNOON?

MS The two main players will be Danny Hylton and Cameron McGeehan. Hylton has been nothing short of superb this season after joining from Oxford in the summer. He leads the line brilliantly and is a complete nuisance for opposing defences,

while also knowing exactly where the goal is – as his tally of 14 (prior to Saturday's clash with Barnet) is testament to. Meanwhile, McGeehan is building a reputation as one of the best goalscoring midfielders in the lower leagues. Netting 14 times last term, he is already up to double figures this time around, as he continues to perfect his knack of timing runs into the area to finish off Town's attacks.

JM WILL LUTON COME TO FRATTON PARK LOOKING TO ATTACK POMPEY OR FRUSTRATE THEM?

MS Most definitely attack, as I've yet to see a Nathan Jones side set up to frustrate the opposition on their travels. It might well be the tactic of other teams in the top three, such as Carlisle, who are happy to produce the most cynical of spoiling tactics in order to annoy an opposition, but it's not in Jones' mindset to do that. They will look to keep a lot of the ball if possible, so they can control and dictate proceedings, although that might not happen quite as much against an impressive Pompey side who won the midfield battle at Kenilworth Road. But with players like Hylton and McGeehan in their ranks they will certainly be looking to score goals, something they haven't done on the previous two visits to Fratton Park since returning to the Football League.

THE UNLIKELY LADS

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

RON DAVIES

Noted for his aerial ability, Welsh international striker Davies was capped 29 times after leaving Luton. Signing professional terms with Chester in July 1959, he was twice leading marksman and moved to Kenilworth Road in October 1962. He was top scorer in 1962/63, netting 21 goals in 32 league games before joining Norwich in September 1963. Moving to Southampton in August 1966, Davies topped their goalscoring charts three times before signing for Pompey 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 Kevan was capped 14 times by England before joining the Hatters. Initially with Ripon YMCA, he moved to Bradford Park Avenue in October 1952 and followed manager Vic Buckingham to West Brom in the summer of 1953. 'The Tank' was twice ever-present and top scorer on five occasions before signing for Chelsea in March 1963. Later with Manchester City, Crystal Palace and Peterborough, he arrived at Luton in December 1966 and netted four goals in 11 league games. Kevan departed for Stockport in March 1967, then appeared for Macclesfield, Boston and Stourbridge. Later a driver for Signs Specialists in Hockley, he died in January 2013.

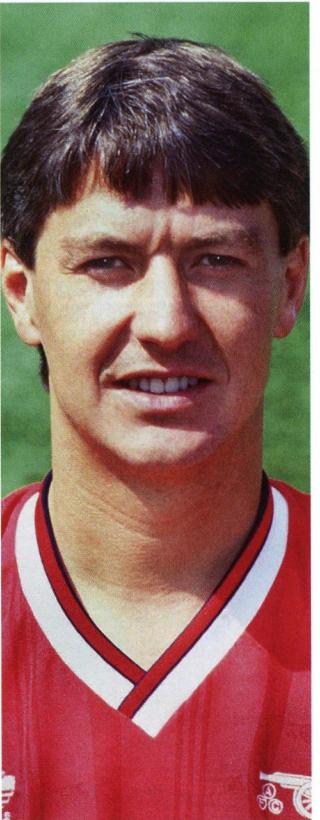
ALAN BIRCHENALL

Former England under-23 midfielder Birchenall briefly appeared for Luton during the 1978/79 campaign. Signing professional terms with Sheffield United in June 1963, he joined Chelsea for £100,000 in November 1967 and moved, via Crystal Palace, to Leicester in September 1971. Birchenall featured in their 1973/74 FA Cup run, then turned out for Notts County, San Jose Earthquakes, Memphis Rogues and Blackburn before signing for the Hatters in March 1979. Making 10 league appearances, he left for Hereford in October 1979, then had a spell as Trowbridge's player/boss and became Leicester's public relations officer.



COLIN TODD

Ex-England international centre-back Todd appeared for the Hatters in the 1984/85 season. Initially with Sunderland, he moved to Derby in February 1971, starring as they were champions of England in 1971/72 and 1974/75 and being named PFA Player of the Year for the latter campaign. He joined Everton in September 1978, then turned out for Birmingham and Nottingham Forest. Reuniting with former boss Jim Smith at Oxford in February 1984, Todd helped clinch the third division title and arrived at Kenilworth Road in October 1984, playing two league games. He later managed Middlesbrough, Bolton, Swindon, Derby, Bradford, Rovers and Esbjerg.



STEVE WILLIAMS

Former England international midfielder Williams was capped six times before joining Luton. Signing professional terms with Southampton in July 1976, he starred as they won promotion in 1977/78, were League Cup finalists in 1979 and top-flight 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 the Hatters for £300,000 in the summer of 1988. Scoring once in 40 league games, Williams reunited with former team-mate Alan Ball at Exeter in August 1991. He has worked in magazine publishing and property development, settling in Ottery St Mary.

MERVYN DAY

Former Hatters loan goalkeeper Day starred in West Ham's 1975 FA Cup final success. The England under-23 international was twice ever-present for the Hammers and played in the 1976 European Cup Winners' Cup final, moving to Orient in July 1979. He played every game on three occasions prior to joining Aston Villa in May 1983, then signed for Leeds in February 1985 and helped them win the second division title in 1989/90. Loaned to Luton in March 1992, Day made four league appearances. Joining Carlisle 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 Hartson helped Luton reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1993/94. Signing professional terms with the club in December 1992, he netted 11 goals in 54 league games before being sold to Arsenal for £2.5 million in January 1995. He scored in the 1995 European Cup Winners' Cup final, moving to West Ham in another multi-million pound deal in February 1997. Leading marksman in 1997/98, Hartson joined Wimbledon for £7 million in January 1999 and had a spell with Coventry prior to signing for Celtic in August 2001. He starred in their 2001/02 'treble' triumph and finished his career with West Brom, gaining a total of 51 caps for his country.

PAUL DICKOV

Luton's former loan striker Dickov was capped 10 times by Scotland. Signing professional terms with Arsenal in December 1990, he was loaned to Kenilworth Road in October 1993 and scored once in 15 league outings. A member of the Gunners' triumphant 1994 European Cup Winners' Cup squad, he moved to Manchester City for £1 million in the summer of 1996. Starring in three promotion campaigns, Dickov joined Leicester in February 2002 and was leading scorer as they won promotion to the Premier League in 2002/03. He then appeared for Blackburn, Manchester City and Leicester again, and Leeds, since managing Oldham and Doncaster.

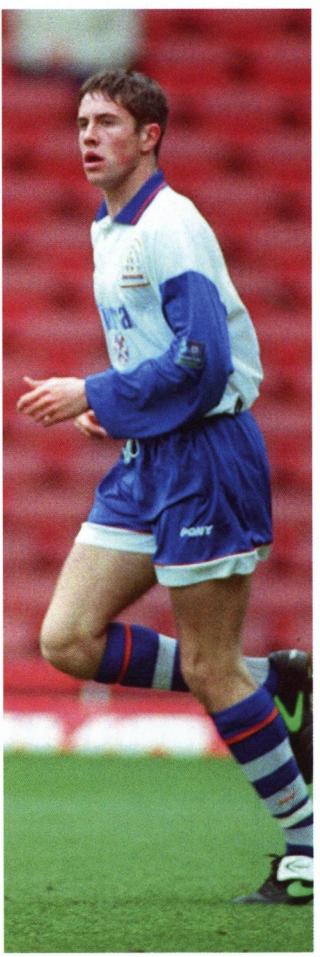


PAUL ALLEN

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

MATTHEW UPSON

Former Luton centre-back Upson gained 21 England caps. Starting his senior career with Luton in April 1996, he made his only league appearance as a substitute in their 1-0 win over Rotherham four months later and joined Arsenal for a fee of £1 million in May 1997. He featured in their 1997/98 Premier League title-winning campaign and was a member of the squad that secured the 'double' in 2001/02. Loaned to several clubs, Upson moved to Birmingham for £2 million in January 2003, then signed for West Ham for three times that price in January 2007. He has since appeared for Stoke, Brighton, Leicester and MK Dons.



BLUES NEWS

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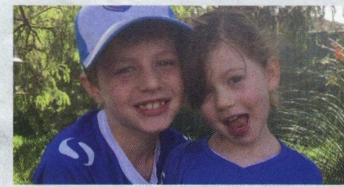
Happy 14th Birthday to a very brave boy – Fratton End season ticket holder Harrison Drage. Love, Mum, Dad, James, Vee, Phil, Bryce and Allie



Happy 12th Birthday to Daniel Butler from Alresford. Love from Mum, Dad, Alice and Uncle Neil



A big Fratton Park welcome to Charlie and Molly Lomas, who have come all the way from Canberra in Australia to watch their first ever Pompey game!



David Prew sadly passed away on Monday, November 28, aged 60. A Pompey supporter for approximately 50 years, he will be greatly missed by family and friends

Portsmouth Football Club were saddened to learn of the death of Ann Dickinson – the wife of Pompey legend Jimmy Dickinson – on December 10, at the age of 89. May she rest in peace.



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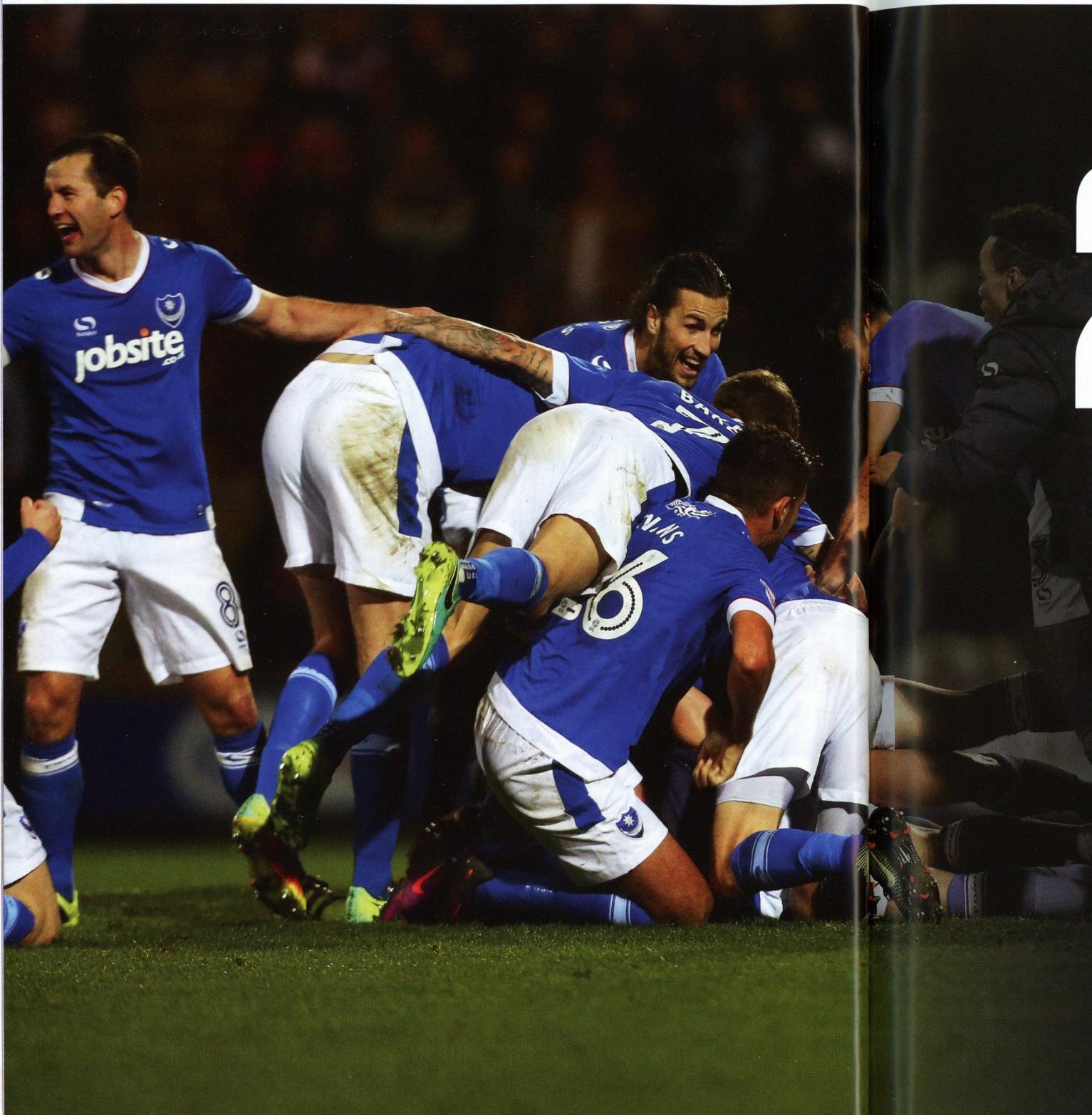
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YEAR AT FRATTON PARK

It was a year that started in a positive fashion with a convincing 3-0 victory over Crawley.

And there were certainly plenty of ups and downs throughout 2016 to keep the Fratton faithful on the edge of their seats.

A superb team goal in a narrow FA Cup loss against top-flight Bournemouth was one of the highs.

That season ended on a low note, however, with a dramatic play-off defeat to Plymouth leaving everyone feeling flat.

Now the Blues will be hoping that 2017 sees them escape League Two at the fourth time of asking.

But first let us take a look back on an eventful past 12 months on the south coast...



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JANUARY

- Matt Clarke, Marc McNulty and Gary Roberts are all on target as Pompey begin the year with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Crawley at Fratton Park.
- McNulty and Clarke extend their loan deals from Sheffield United and Ipswich respectively for the rest of the season, while skipper Michael Doyle pens a new contract.
- Gareth Evans collects his prize after being named the League Two Player of the Month for December.
- A last-gasp leveller stops the Blues from causing an FA Cup upset at Ipswich, but they complete the job on home soil in the replay 10 days later.
- Midfielders James Dunne and Nigel Atangana both depart Fratton Park, signing for Cambridge and Leyton Orient respectively.
- Goalkeeper Ryan Fulton is borrowed from Liverpool, while defender Kieron Freeman arrives on loan from Sheffield United.
- A superb team goal is not enough to beat Premier League Bournemouth, as Pompey's FA Cup run finally ends in the fourth round.



MARCH

- Pompey's habit of conceding late goals comes back to haunt them again, as they have to settle for a point at Exeter.
- The Blues secure back-to-back away wins at Stevenage and Accrington, with Doyle hitting a stunning strike in the latter.
- They then collect just a single point from the next two matches before roaring back to form with a 4-0 thrashing of Notts County.
- Pompey strengthen their striking options by bringing in Conor Wilkinson on loan from Bolton.



FEBRUARY

- Striker Michael Smith is signed on loan from Swindon, with Paul Jones and Matt Tubbs exiting in similar deals.
- Goalkeeper Barry Roche stuns Pompey with an injury-time equaliser to deny them victory at the Globe Arena.
- Smith opens his Blues account in a 3-1 victory over promotion rivals Bristol Rovers at Fratton Park.
- Defeat looks likely for 10-man Pompey at Yeovil, only for Roberts to pop up with a late leveller in Somerset.
- The ladies team thrash rivals Southampton 10-2 to reach the final of the Hampshire Cup.
- McNulty and Adam Webster are on target as Paul Cook's side end the month with a 2-1 home win over Cambridge.



APRIL

- Defeat at Brighton ends Pompey Ladies' hopes of defending their Premier League Southern Division crown, but they do beat Basingstoke 2-0 at Westleigh Park to retain the Hampshire Cup.
- A devastating second half display sees the Blues fight from behind to win 4-1 at struggling Dagenham.
- Automatic promotion hopes are hit by a loss to rivals Plymouth, followed by arguably the worst performance of the season in a 3-1 reverse at York.
- Pompey end the month with three successive victories, but a play-off date with the Pilgrims is confirmed.
- Academy graduates Alex Bass, Calvin Davies and Christian Oxlade-Chamberlain are all offered their first professional deals.



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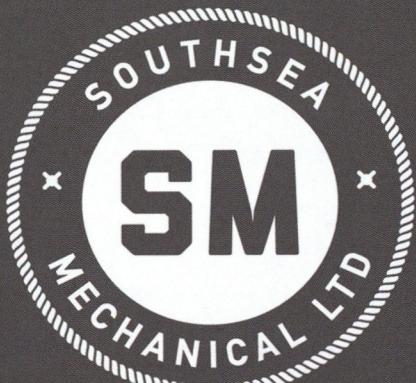
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MAY

- A 2-1 loss at home to champions Northampton on the final day means that Pompey finish in sixth spot.
- Michael Doyle collects The News/Sports Mail Player of the Season award before kick-off.



- Enda Stevens is named Players' Player of the Season at the club's awards dinner, while Doyle wins the Goal of the Season prize.



- A goalkeeping crisis means the Blues have to bring in Ryan Allsop on an emergency loan from Bournemouth.



- The first leg of the play-off clash with Plymouth ends 2-2, with Jamille Matt controversially avoiding a red card for the visitors.

- But there is late heartache in the return fixture three days later, as Peter Hartley grabs a late winner for Argyle.

- Pompey release goalkeeper Brian Murphy, as well as teenagers Chad Field and Snorre Nilsen.

JULY

- Cook continues to shape his squad ahead of the new campaign with the captures of defender Tom Davies and striker Curtis Main.



- Pompey head off to Ireland, where they draw 3-3 with Sligo and beat Bohemians 2-0.



- There are more friendlies when the Blues return to England, with games against Hawks, Sutton, Salisbury, Bournemouth, Bognor and Bristol City.

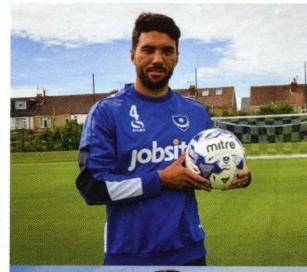


- Pompey unveil their new home, away and third kits – expertly modelled by Roberts, Conor Chaplin and Jack Whatmough.

- Experienced international goalkeeper David Forde is brought in on a season-long loan from Millwall.

JUNE

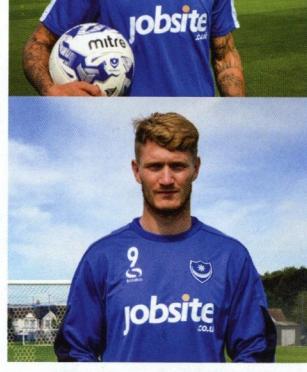
- Pompey announce that Bournemouth will visit Fratton Park in pre-season for Alan McLoughlin's benefit match.



- Midfielder Danny Rose becomes Cook's first signing of the summer having helped Northampton secure the League Two title.



- Clarke secures a permanent switch to the Blues, with Webster moving in the opposite direction.



- The fixture release hands Pompey a home clash with Carlisle on the opening day, while they will visit Coventry in the first round of the EFL Cup.

- There are more new faces when the squad return to training, with Carl Baker, Milan Lalkovic and Drew Talbot all signing, while Smith returns on a permanent deal.



AUGUST

- Jones leaves Fratton Park to sign for Norwich, while Cook swoops to sign defender Adam Buxton and striker Noel Hunt.



- Pompey are left frustrated by a magnificent rearguard display from 10-man Carlisle in an opening day draw.



- Goalkeeper Liam O'Brien and midfielder Amine Linganzi join the Blues on short-term deals.



- After a slow start to the campaign, Pompey enjoy back-to-back wins over Colchester and Exeter.

- Smith scores a hat-trick, but the Blues are still beaten at Yeovil in their opening game of the much maligned Checkatrade Trophy.

- Adam Barton signs for Scottish side Partick on deadline day, while Dominic Hyam arrives on loan from Reading.

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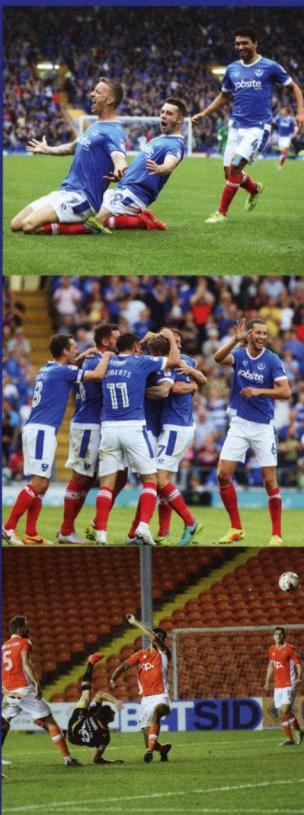
• Pompey stretch their winning run in the league to four matches with convincing victories over Crawley and Wycombe.

• There is also success for the reserve side, who come through two qualifying rounds to reach the group stage of the Premier League Cup.

• A turgid encounter at Accrington is settled by a fine strike in favour of the hosts as the Blues are finally beaten.

• There are then five different Pompey scorers in a 5-1 rout of Barnet on the south coast.

• Chaplin scores a memorable goal, but there is little else to savour in a 3-1 midweek defeat at Blackpool.



OCTOBER

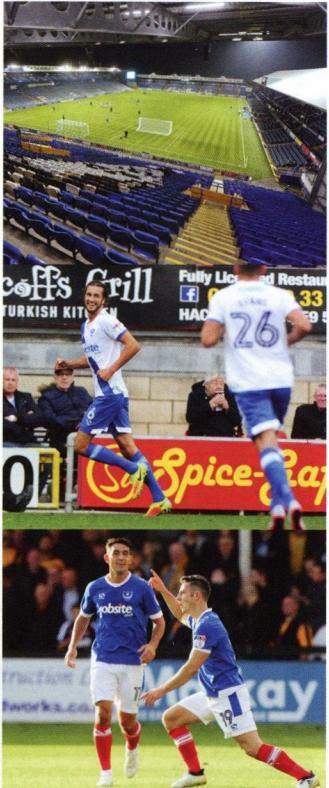
• The lowest post-war attendance for a competitive game at Fratton Park watch Pompey draw 2-2 with Reading in the Checkatrade Trophy and then lose a bizarre bonus point penalty shoot-out.

• The Blues return to form on the road with victory at Leyton Orient and are then unlucky not to beat leaders Plymouth.

• Chaplin agrees a one-year extension to his current deal, keeping him at Fratton Park until the summer of 2019.

• Pompey agree a deal with Hampton & Richmond to sign striker Jamal Lowe in January.

• Cook's side hold on to secure a 1-0 victory at Cambridge, despite a red card for Linganzi.



NOVEMBER

• Pompey fall at the first hurdle in the FA Cup following a 2-1 defeat at home to fellow League Two side Wycombe.

• Kal Naismith secures a narrow Checkatrade Trophy win over Bristol Rovers, but it is not enough for the Blues to qualify from their group.

• Mark Catlin is named CEO of the Year at the Football Business Awards.

• The Blues score three late goals to secure an ultimately comfortable 4-0 victory over nine-man Mansfield at Fratton Park.

• Pompey produce arguably their best display of the season in an impressive 3-1 triumph at Luton.



DECEMBER

• Ben Tollitt leaves Fratton Park for Tranmere after impressing in a loan spell with the non-league side.

• Pompey's academy side exit the FA Youth Cup to Newcastle in a third round tie at Fratton Park.

• A late free-kick from Naismith ensures that the Blues beat Grimsby to continue their fine away form.

• The Pompey Supporters' Trust Shareholder Wall of Fame is unveiled behind the North Stand, listing the names of those who helped to save the club.

• A dramatic Boxing Day victory over Newport is followed by the final game of the year at Yeovil and now Pompey can look ahead to what 2017 has to offer...



Park Life



IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

A poor pitch has put paid to several of struggling Newport's home fixtures this season.

And with the twin threats of Storm Barbara and Storm Conor sweeping the country, a Boxing Day postponement would not have come as the greatest surprise.

However, it was something completely unexpected that got Pompey fans worried ahead of their festive fixture at Rodney Road.



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The Club are asking for a Doctor to attend today's match against Portsmouth.

Although several of the home supporters probably felt in need of a doctor after watching their side throw away a commanding lead and suffer a 3-2 defeat.

The Exiles requiring urgent assistance against Pompey is starting to become a habit.

Referee James Adcock got injured during the Blues' 1-0 victory there last season and with fourth official Wayne Barratt replacing him, the message went out for any qualified officials to make themselves known.

Step forward Pompey fan Mike Hurdle, who took over the duties of holding up an electronic board and keeping both benches in check.

"They were pretty well behaved," said Mike at the time. "But Paul Cook told me afterwards that he went easy on me."

FROM THE ARCHIVE



Duggie Reid warms up for a game during the 1947/48 campaign, when Pompey finished eighth in the top-flight.

ON THIS DAY

1954

Charlie Vaughan (right) netted the only hat-trick of his Pompey career in a 5-2 home victory over Huddersfield. Peter Harris notched his 100th goal in the game, while Jackie Henderson was also on target.

1978

Manager Jimmy Dickinson pleaded with fans to stop barracking Paul Gichrist (left) and the player responded by scoring in a 3-1 defeat of Bradford.



1999

Pompey pulled off an FA Cup shock by beating Premier League side Nottingham Forest at the City Ground, courtesy of a strike from Steve Claridge.



DID YOU KNOW?

Mart Poom is Pompey's most-capped goalkeeper, featuring 30 times for Estonia during his three seasons at Fratton Park.

During that period, however, he only made seven appearances for the Blues – four in Division One and the others in the League Cup.

NUMBER CRUNCHING



Since the adoption of squad numbers, the following players have had number '11' on their back while playing for Pompey:

Gary Roberts, Ricky Holmes, Jack Compton, Luke Varney, Michael Brown, Jerome Thomas, Sulley Muntari, Noe Pamarot, Laurent Robert, Giannis Skopelitis, Nigel Quashie, Ceri Hughes and Jeff Peron





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STEVE BONE'S VIEW FROM THE NORTH STAND

I love a list at New Year and if you're honest, I think you do too. So here, after my question 'Who or what would you put in Football Room 101?' is the list of suggestions received.

I should add at this point something along the lines of 'these views are not necessarily mine nor those of PFC' – because I know how easily offended some people get these days.

Actually there are two lists here – one of the things you want in Football Room 101 and one of those who offered up items. Enjoy!

Going into Football Room 101 are: Grown adults who wear face paint to games, half-and-half scarves, directors of football, out-of-town stadiums with no pubs, midday kick-offs, overpriced warm bottles of Carlsberg, fans who call themselves ultras because they wave a flag, the England Supporters' Band, fans who wave their mobile phone lights, owners who say their manager is the best then sack him, goal music, lack of enforcement of the six-second and back-pass rules, teams playing in a second strip when there is no clash, stadium announcers and commentators who over-react and shout like idiots, fans who leave early to beat the traffic, incorrect references to matches as derbies, FIFA, sponsorship of substitutions, commentators confusing a chip with a lob, fans who shout 'forward' during patient build-up play, bandwagons like 'Will Grigg's on fire', Matt Pollock, Chris Lawler, Adam McGurk, Richie Barker, 4-2-3-1, the ner-ner-ner song, Mr 'I'm going to the loo so there will be a goal', Wales doing the Iceland 'huh', keepers being described as 'good shot stoppers' as if it's a strength, commentators who say



**GOING INTO FOOTBALL
ROOM 101 ARE: GROWN
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'he's returned to his old stomping ground', people who spend longer looking at their iPads than watching the game, people who spend the game looking at other scores and the table-as-it-stands, the guy in the North Lower who just slags off Kyle Bennett and swears at away fans, rubbish ex-Pompey players who return to Fratton and have a blinder, jackets worn by players for about two minutes before the game, applause expected from home fans for match sponsors, fans who spend all game gesturing to away fans, Plymouth Argyle, commentators who say 'he's shot from range' or 'back on terms', calling corners 'flag kicks', players given credit for the fact they worked hard, all-seater stadiums, football 'bantz', awful nonsense like Soccer AM that's past its sell-by date, half-time concourse videos, the phrase 'good engine', dizzy stick contests, grounds without floodlight pylons, the term 'pitch-side', transfer deadline day, people still moaning that fan

ownership won't work, the playing of 'We Will Rock You' or 'We Are The Champions' at games, 606 or any other football phone-in, Channel 5 and their football show's title music, fans who stand behind a Sky Sports reporter in a car park on deadline day (usually at Stoke), today's goalposts and nets (remember when you could tell a ground by the shape of stanchions and nets?), those who holler for offside from a goal-kick, the Pompey Belles, pundits saying 'he was entitled to go down', players and managers brandishing imaginary cards, black shirts, away fans getting frisked, corners taken with the ball touching the quadrant by a millimetre, squad numbers, reference to the 'back stick', giant flags waved when a goal is scored, the Milton End roof.

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**30. WHAT'S THE BEST FOOTBALL
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I was at the Newcastle game when they were four down against Arsenal and drew 4-4.

**34. WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE
COLOUR?**

I'm not just saying this, but it's blue.

45. COULD YOU CHANGE A FUSE?

Yes. I did a course in being a plumber and electrician - I can hang a radiator.

**48. WHO'S YOUR FAVOURITE
COMEDIAN?**

Rhod Gilbert is hilarious.

**1. WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE
TELEVISION PROGRAMME?**

I'm quite sad and watch all the reality stuff, so I'll go for Geordie Shore.

**2. WHO IS THE BEST LOOKING
MEMBER OF THE POMPEY SQUAD?**

It's probably between Kal Naismith and Gareth Evans.

**7. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU
WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER?**

I'd probably be a sparky.

**9. WHAT'S THE MOST
EMBARRASSING SONG YOU OWN?**

I like Bieber, but I'm not embarrassed by that. I've got some Cher Lloyd as well, so we'll go with that.



**10. WHO IS YOUR CELEBRITY
CRUSH?**

Cheryl Cole.

**12. WHAT WOULD BE YOUR LUXURY
ITEM ON A DESERT ISLAND?**

A mattress.

**13. WHAT CLUB DID YOU SUPPORT
GROWING UP?**

Newcastle United.

**15. WHAT WERE YOUR FAVOURITE
AND LEAST FAVOURITE SUBJECTS AT
SCHOOL?**

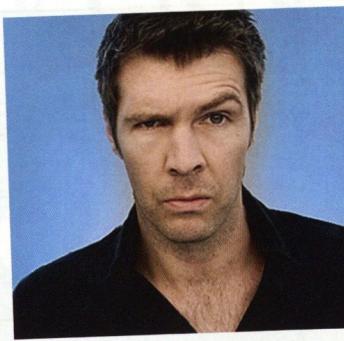
My favourite subject was history, but I didn't enjoy RE.

**17. DO YOU HAVE ANY BAD
HABITS?**

Not doing the dishes straight away - I leave it for days sometimes.

**21. WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A
FILM OF YOUR LIFE?**

Charlie Hunnam, who was in Green Street and Sons of Anarchy.



**23. WHO IS THE MOST ANNOYING
CELEBRITY?**

Vicky Pattison from I'm a Celebrity and Geordie Shore - I can't stand her.

**24. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE
EVER FOOD?**

My mam's shepherd's pie.

**29. WHO IS THE BEST JAMES
BOND?**

Sean Connery.

**50. WHO'S THE TOUGHEST
OPPONENT YOU'VE EVER FACED?**

I've come up against Michael Doyle a few times in matches and he's pretty tough. I remember him battering my haircut once.

**57. WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE UK
TOURIST ATTRACTION?**

The Tyne Bridge.

**60. WHAT WAS THE NAME OF
YOUR FIRST PET?**

That was a goldfish called Shearer.



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Top Tweets

@KalNailsmith11

Amazing feeling to get the win with the boys. Enda Stevens getting a sausage! Will you teach me how to take pens please Robbo?

@EStevens1990

Thanks for the messages – delighted to score my first goal for the club. Great comeback from the boys!

@ConorChaplin19

Get in! Congrats Enda – finally! Great to celebrate with the fans after.

@CarlBaker7

What a birthday present – three points that's all I wanted. Thanks lads! Now home to the family and my presents.

@Noelhunt20

This might just be me, but who else starts walking like a chicken when 'Stop the Cavalry' by Jona Lewie comes on?!

@alanDarker

Storming comeback – there's no place like away for Pompey!

@RichardPetal

Superb comeback! Syndicate had £200 on your charmers. Well done for sticking off the Yule Log and bringing it home!

@JpJune66

Don't ever underestimate bottom-of-table scrappers. It shows the Pompey team mindset is good.

@ocius_dan

Beautiful. Nicely done, Pompey – a happy fan this Christmas Down Under.

@EFL

Result of the day. 2-0 down, but win 3-2. It was Boxing Day magic from Pompey in the second half at Newport.

@pfcnick61

Thank you Pompey – that result will make seven hours of overtime tomorrow much easier to bear.

@Stephen_PFC1898

Enda Stevens baby, Enda Stevens woohah! Class result. Best away game I've done with Pompey. Get in there!

@carolinepompey

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way, oh what fun it is to sing when Pompey win away!

@Realbreather

I love you guys, but Christ you don't make it easy on our tickers! Well done gents.

@elliemunday

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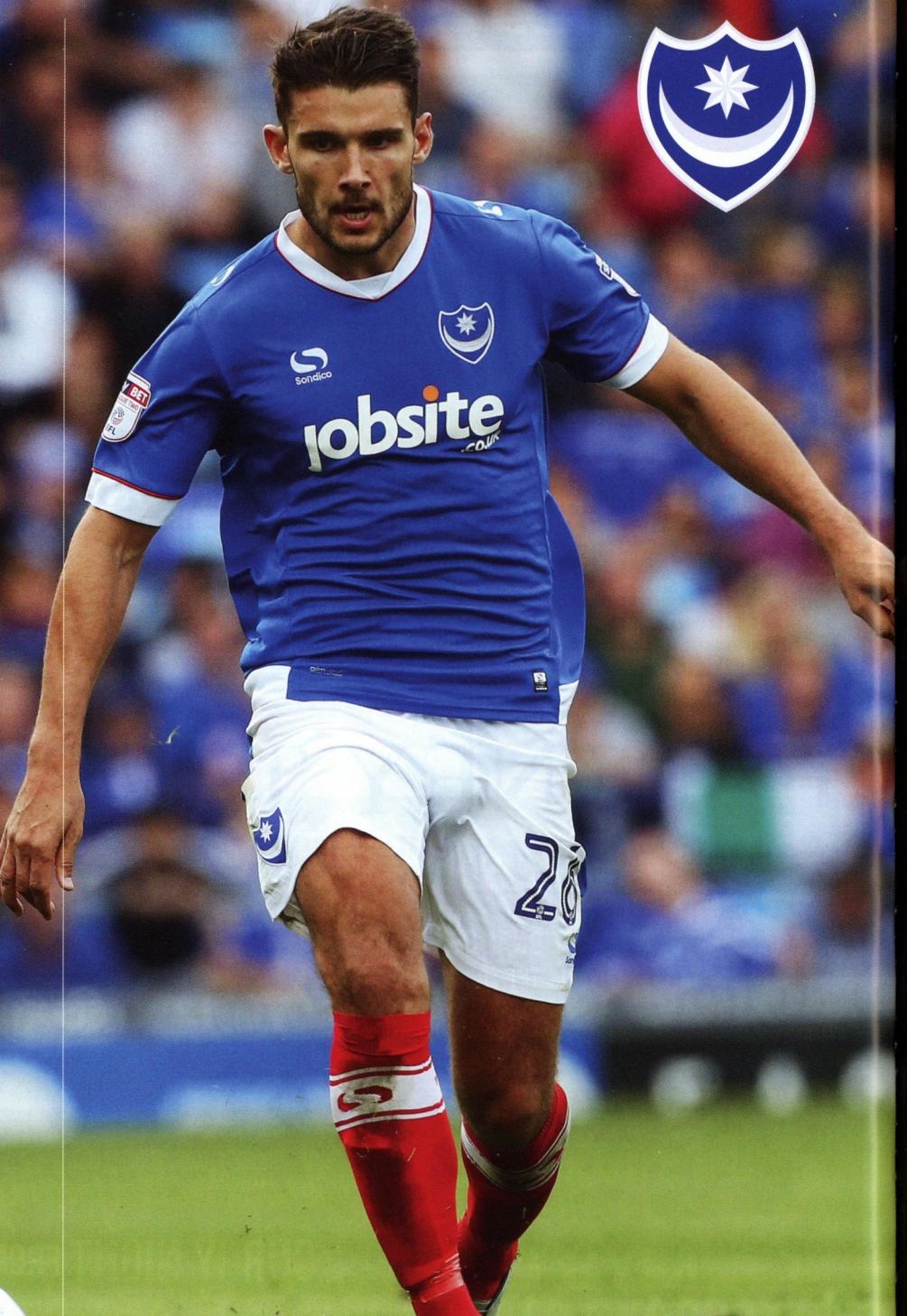


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I would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome back to Fratton Park and hope you have a happy – and healthy – 2017. I’m sure you all had a fantastic Christmas and received all the presents that you asked for.

We have more of our ex-professionals charity matches lined up this year, starting with The Oakley Waterman Challenge Cup (although the date of that contest is still to be confirmed).

A couple of our games in the past have involved a charity called FitzRoy and they have helped raise a fantastic sum of more than £5,000 for what is an extremely worthwhile cause.

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NON-LEAGUE SCENE

There was plenty of festive cheer for many of our non-league neighbours, but the highest-ranked of them will be feeling like the Grinch following a miserable Christmas.

Gosport’s plummet down the National League South table continued with successive 2-0 defeats away to Ebbsfleet and at home to Poole. Alex Pike’s side now visit the latter this afternoon – hoping to increase the five-point gap between themselves and the drop zone – before hosting Hungerford at the weekend.

It was a different story for Havant & Waterlooville, however, who enjoyed a 5-0 Westleigh Park rout of Grays in their final fixture before Christmas. Alfie

Rutherford was able to put the matchball under the tree after bagging a hat-trick, while Rory Williams and Ryan Woodford were also on target. It was not quite as convincing for Bognor Regis, but goals from Ollie Pearce and Tommy Fraser were enough to secure a 2-1 victory at Folkestone.

The Ryman Premier Division promotion rivals then met in a crunch clash at Nyewood Lane on Boxing Day. Woodford headed the visitors into the lead on the stroke of half-time, but Ed Sanders levelled just past the hour mark to ensure a share of the spoils. The result leaves the Rocks in second spot and the Hawks in third, although both can catch Needham Market if they win games in hand.

Wessex Premier League leaders Moneyfields were left fuming last Tuesday when their Dover Road derby with eighth-placed Horndean was called off at late notice. Visiting boss Michael Birmingham insisted that a flu virus prevented him from fielding a full team, but opposite number Dave Carter was livid at missing out on the chance to extend their 10-point lead at the top. AFC Portchester in third and struggling Fareham have also not been in action since Christmas, but all four sides are scheduled to play tomorrow evening. In Division One, high-flying Baffins Milton Road suffered a shock 3-0 home defeat to mid-table United Services.



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1. THE MANAGER OF WHICH ENGLISH SIDE HAS REPORTEDLY TURNED DOWN AN APPROACH FROM WOLFSBURG?

I THINK IT'S A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM. I'LL SAY NEWCASTLE.

4. WHO FINISHED RUNNER-UP TO ANDY MURRAY AT THE BBC SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS?

I SAW THIS, BUT I CAN'T THINK WHO IT IS.

6. WHO WAS MANAGER OF POMPEY WHEN THEY WON PROMOTION TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE IN 2003?

HARRY REDKNAPP.

8. THE CHARGERS ARE AN NFL SIDE FROM WHICH AMERICAN CITY?

MINNESOTA.

2. ENGLAND LOST THEIR RECENT CRICKET TEST SERIES WITH INDIA BY WHAT SCORELINE?

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3. WHAT IS THE CAPITAL CITY OF CHINA?

BEIJING. I KNOW MY CAPITAL CITIES - CAN WE HAVE MORE OF THEM?!

5. WHAT IS THE MOST COMMONLY USED WORD IN THE BIBLE?

IS THIS A TRICK QUESTION? JESUS.

7. WHO WAS THE BRITISH MONARCH DURING WORLD WAR TWO?

I'M GOOD AT HISTORY, BUT NOT THAT SORT! PRINCE CHARLES.

10. WHO WAS TOP PREMIER LEAGUE SCORER AT CHRISTMAS WITH 13 GOALS THIS SEASON?

IBRAHIMOVIC OR COSTA. I'LL SAY COSTA.



BRANDON HAUNSTRUP

WHICH POMPEY PLAYER IS THE CLEVEREST AND WHO WILL WEAR THE DUNCE'S CAP?

9. ALANA SPENCER WAS THE RECENT WINNER OF WHICH POPULAR REALITY SHOW?

IS THE APPRENTICE A REALITY SHOW? I'LL GO FOR THAT.

ANSWERS

- 1 Huddersfield Town
- 2 4-0 3 Beijing
- 4 Alistair Brownlee 5 And
- 6 Harry Redknapp
- 7 King George VI 8 San Diego
- 9 The Apprentice 10 Diego Costa

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1 Who was the last player to score against Luton at Fratton Park?



2 Against which side did Pompey once throw away a four-goal lead on New Year's Day before eventually having to settle for a point?



3 Who was in charge of the Hatters on their most recent visit to Fratton Park?



4 Who were the opponents the last time Pompey played a game on January 1?

5 Who was a goalless clash between the Blues and Luton in 1974 temporarily halted?

6 Who was sacked from their post as Pompey manager after a 2-0 lead turned into a 3-2 defeat to Leicester on New Year's Day?



7 Which former Blues boss is currently on the first team coaching staff at Kenilworth Road?

8 What is traditionally passed around the Fratton Park boardroom before the first game of the year?



9 Which Luton defender had a loan spell with the Blues in 2013?

10 Which south coast side provided the opposition for Pompey's first recorded fixture on New Year's Day?



ANSWERS

1 Ryan Taylor 2 Fulham 3 Andy Awford 4 Southend United 5 Fleetwood 6 John Green 7 Paul Hart 8 Norwich City 9 Dan Potts 10 The Loveling Cup 11 Paul Benson 12 Plymouth Argyle



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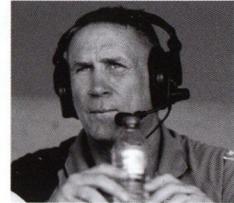
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In the last programme I spoke about a nightmare New Year's Day clash with Aldershot, when I was spotted in a nightclub on the eve of the game, responsible for all three goals we conceded and dropped from the side as a result. It was an eventful way to welcome in the 1980s.

The belief that a new year means you start with a blank piece of paper is a myth – in reality it is just another day. Just five years later arrived that infamous visit from Fulham, when we were 4-0 up and coasting at half-time, only to end up drawing 4-4. There was less personal anguish on that occasion as it was a collective effort, but it still hurt and Alan Ball let us know his feelings in no uncertain terms.

But, to be fair, there were mitigating circumstances. I had earlier provided a rare assist when my clearance flew up the field and opposite number Jim Stannard was caught in two minds,

allowing Neil Webb to slip in and score. At the break we were all hoping that the wind would shift – unfortunately it didn't. Fulham did to us what we had inflicted on them and the rest is history. At least this time I wouldn't be singled out in the dressing room.

There was another January 1 horror show against Arsenal here to start 1988. We had given them one hell of a game and deservedly led to Terry Connor's goal – it could have been more. But my old friend the wind came into play again. A free-kick was hoisted into our area and, critically, I hesitated for a vital second, with Alan Smith taking advantage. It was gut-wrenching because we were 10 minutes from victory. Kevin Dillon had the chance to spare my blushes from the penalty spot in the dying seconds and uncharacteristically missed. That did at least mean the fingers were not only pointing at me.

At the end of the same calendar year we had a 700-mile round-trip to Sunderland on New Year's Eve, showing that even back then those responsible for compiling the fixtures had a warped sense of humour. We were hammered 4-0, with Dillon at the centre of things again, this time getting sent off for protesting about Pompey not being awarded a penalty. I told him he would have missed anyway.

This time of year proved to be a washout for me throughout the 1980s. And when the 90s started with us wasting a two-goal lead against Leicester to lose 3-2 – a result which saw John Gregory get the sack – I wondered if we should just forego these games. There were obviously a lot of black cats wandering around Portsmouth when the clocks chimed.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

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NAMES & GAMES

LEIGH EDWARDS AND **ROGER HOLMES** LOOK BACK ON SOME MEMORABLE MATCHES AGAINST TODAY'S OPPONENTS

DECEMBER 7 1957

DIVISION ONE

POMPEY 5 LUTON 0

Peter Harris scored his second hat-trick of the season to help the Blues hammer Luton in front of 17,782 at Fratton Park. Apart from one fierce drive by Allan Brown, it was all Pompey early on and they eventually went ahead when Ray Crawford's shot went in off the crossbar midway through the first half. Harris scored the second from the penalty spot in the 35th minute after he was brought down by Sid Owen. Crawford made it three just past the hour mark, Harris raced through and tapped past Ron Baynham moments later and the outside-right completed his treble from close range just before the end.

Pompey: Norman Uprichard, Phil Gunter, Alex Wilson, Bill Albury, Cyril Rutter, Jimmy Dickinson, Peter Harris, Johnny Gordon, Derek



Dougan, Sid McClellan, Ray Crawford

Luton: Ron Baynham, Shay Dunne, Les Jones, Bob Morton, Sid Owen, Reg Pearce, Jimmy Adam, Gordon Turner, Allan Brown, George Cummins, George McLeod

Star Man – Peter Harris

Long-serving England international winger Harris holds Pompey's all-time scoring record. Born locally, he turned out for Gosport before moving to Fratton Park in November 1944. He appeared in wartime football and starred as the Blues became top-flight champions in two successive seasons, also reaching the FA Cup semi-finals in 1949. Capped twice by his country, Harris also represented the Football League. Leading marksman in five consecutive years, he netted a club record 194 goals in 479 league games until illness ended his career in May 1960. He later ran a cafe on Hayling Island and died in January 2003.

APRIL 15 1972

DIVISION TWO

POMPEY 0 LUTON 3

Pompey stumbled to their heaviest home defeat of the season at the hands of Luton, watched by 8,552 at Fratton Park. The visitors missed two good chances before Colin Blant was adjudged to have handled in the box and Don Givens converted the resulting penalty. Headers from Richie Reynolds and Ray Hiron almost found the target before John Ryan headed in a Givens centre to extend the Hatters' advantage on 32 minutes. Givens had a goal disallowed then, midway through the second half, a clearance from John Collins fell straight to Ryan, who completed the formality of scoring Town's third.

Pompey: John Milkins, Fred Smith,

John Collins, Colin Blant, Tommy Youlden, Dave Munks, Norman Piper, Richie Reynolds, Ray Hiron, Billy Wilson, George Ley

Luton: Keith Barber, Alan Slough, Don Shanks, Mike Keen, Alan Garner, John Moore, Robin Wainwright, Vic Halom, Don Givens, John Ryan, Gordon Hindson

Star Man – Don Givens

Republic of Ireland international striker Givens was ever-present for Luton during the 1971/72 campaign. Initially with Manchester United, he arrived at Kenilworth Road in April 1970 and starred alongside Malcolm Macdonald. He netted 19 goals in 83 league games while with the Hatters before moving to QPR in July 1972 and starred as they won promotion in his first campaign, then were top-flight runners-up in 1975/76. Joining Birmingham in the



summer of 1978, Givens signed for Sheffield United in March 1981, then was player and coach with leading Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax. He later became Arsenal's youth coach before managing Republic of Ireland under-21s.

MARCH 29 1988

DIVISION ONE

LUTON 4 POMPEY 1

Pompey suffered a fourth straight league defeat at the hands of Luton before a crowd of 6,740 at Kenilworth Road. Danny Wilson bent a 20-yard free-kick past Alan Knight to open the scoring after nine minutes, but Kevin Dillon drilled home an equaliser early in the second half. Mark Stein swept in Steve Foster's knock-down moments later to restore the home side's advantage and then, just past the hour mark, Paul Mariner attempted to head away a corner, but only succeeded in sending the ball into his own net. Dillon missed from the penalty spot before Brian Stein wrapped things up for the Hatters just before the end.

Luton: Les Sealey, Tim Breacker, Ashley Grimes, Darren McDonough, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy, Danny Wilson, Brian Stein, Rob Johnson, Mark Stein, Ian Allinson



Pompey: Alan Knight, Kenny Swain, Noel Blake, Billy Gilbert, Lee Sandford, Barry Horne, Kevin Dillon, Mike Fillery, Vince Hilaire, Andy Perry, Paul Mariner

Star Man – Brian Stein

England international striker Stein – whose brother Mark also played for the club – scored twice in Luton's 1988 League Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading scorer in the club's 1981/82 second division title success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in both 1985 and 1988. Stein joined French side Caen in July 1988 and moved, via Annecy, back to the Hatters in the summer of 1991. Voted their Player of the Year for the second time in 1991/92, he netted 130 goals in 427 league games overall before leaving for Barnet in August 1992, helping win fourth tier promotion in 1992/93.

to double the advantage, then, with the interval fast approaching, Hall set up Walsh for the Blues' third. The hosts added a fourth early in the second half when Hall chased Robbie Pethick's long ball and laid a pass into the path of Jimmy Carter, who rammed a shot into the roof of the net.

Pompey: Alan Knight, Robbie Pethick, Adrian Whitbread, Guy Butters, Mark Stimson, Fitzroy Simpson, Alan McLoughlin, Jimmy Carter, Paul Hall, Paul Walsh, John Durnin.



DECEMBER 16 1995

DIVISION ONE

POMPEY 4 LUTON 0

Pompey made it three wins in a row as they demolished Luton in front of 7,012 at Fratton Park. They went ahead after only three minutes as Paul Hall raced onto Alan McLoughlin's through ball, rounded Ian Feuer and tapped into an empty net. Hall seized onto Paul Walsh's brilliant pass late in the first half and went past the keeper again

Luton: Ian Feuer, Darren Patterson, Marvin Johnson, Steve Davis, Gary Waddock, Paul McLaren, Graham Alexander (Tony Thorpe), Scott Oakes, John Taylor, Dwight Marshall, Richard Harvey (Mitchell Thomas)

Star Man – Paul Hall

Jamaica international striker Hall starred as Pompey reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1997. Initially with Torquay, he featured in their 1990/91 fourth tier promotion campaign and moved to Fratton Park for £70,000 in March 1993. He netted 36 goals in 188 league games and appeared in the World Cup finals shortly before joining Coventry for a fee of £300,000 in the summer of 1998. Helping Walsall rise into the first division in 2000/01 and Rushden & Diamonds lift the Division Three title in 2002/03, Hall later played for Tranmere, Chesterfield, the Saddlers again, Newport, Stratford, Spalding and Mansfield. He is now a youth coach at QPR.

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PART 11: RON SAUNDERS

On Saunders followed up his hat-trick at home to Newcastle with another in east London the following week as Pompey hit Leyton Orient for six.

The side made a slow start to the 1963/64 Division Two campaign, but the striker was certainly on fire as he took his tally to 14 strikes in 16 league games.

It was all the more impressive because the hosts went into the contest unbeaten in front of their own fans – and there was little sign of what was to come as they breezed into a three-goal lead.

With half-time fast approaching it looked to be a hopeless task for the Blues, but a Saunders brace before the whistle totally changed the complexion of things.

Orient had broken the deadlock on 14 minutes when Stan Charlton fired in a blistering long-range drive that John Armstrong got a hand to, but could not keep out.

Saunders had the ball in the back of the net soon after, only for the celebrations to be cut short by an offside flag.

And it got even worse for Pompey when a slip by Alex Wilson let in Bobby Mason, whose cross was emphatically headed home by Gordon Bolland.

Reg Davies, the Londoners' keeper, was receiving medical



THERE WAS STILL TIME FOR ORIENT'S MISERABLE AFTERNOON TO GET EVEN WORSE AND IT WAS ONLY FITTING THAT SAUNDERS HAD THE LAST WORD

And it was the same player who then completed the turnaround by converting a McClelland delivery, with Orient now chasing shadows.

Saunders, who was never out of the action, then turned provider, releasing Lill down the wing and his cross was met by Albert McCann, who saw a shot cannon off the post and into the far corner.

The hosts did have an opportunity to pull one back when Roy Lunniss was adjudged to have fouled Mal Lucas in the box.

Amazingly, however, the penalty was held up after Armstrong went up to several of the opposition players and offered them odds of their team not scoring.

Eddie Lewis eventually stepped up – and only he and the keeper will know if he accepted the bet as his effort came back off the post.

But there was still time for Orient's miserable afternoon to get even worse and it was only fitting that Saunders had the last word.

Lunniss headed on McClelland's corner and there was Ron to glance past Davies and complete his treble.

It prompted songs of 'Pompey, yeah, yeah, yeah' – to the tune of She Loves You by The Beatles, which was number three in the hit parade at the time – from the visiting fans.

And after the game the chants changed to 'We Want Ron' as the supporters paid tribute to their hot-shot striker.

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A-Z of Pompey

— NEIL WELD TAKES AN ALPHABETICAL LOOK AT THE CLUB'S HISTORY —

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Karadas, Azar

Not known for his goalscoring exploits during a season-long loan spell, the Norwegian striker found the net for the first and only time during a 1-1 draw with Bolton in February 2006.



Kamara, Chris

The popular Sky Sports pundit began his playing career at Pompey after being bought out of the Royal Navy in 1974.



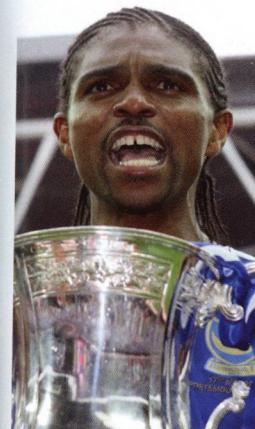
Kellard, Bobby

The midfielder – who made 176 appearances in two spells for Pompey – became the first player to be sent off on a Sunday when he was dismissed against West Brom in 1974.



Kanu

The man nicknamed 'King' scored the winning goal at Wembley, as the Blues beat Cardiff to lift the FA Cup for the first time in 69 years.



Kelly, Mark

The Republic of Ireland international was described as 'the next George Best' by Alan Ball, but saw his career ended early by a knee injury and now runs the club's academy.



Kilbey, Tom

The midfielder scored in an FA Cup defeat at Brighton in just his second Pompey appearance, but quit football to star in reality show 'The Only Way is Essex'.



Knight, Alan

No goalkeeper has made more appearances for a single club than the 801 he managed for the Blues, with an MBE awarded in 2001.

Knight, Arthur Egerton

The England international skippered Pompey to the Southern League title in 1920 and represented Great Britain at the 1912 Olympics, also playing cricket for Hampshire.



Kemp, David

Pompey's top scorer with 21 goals during the disastrous 1977/78 campaign – despite being sold to Carlisle in March.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR?

People often talk about the romanticism of playing football on New Year's Day, but I have never quite seen it that way.

The much trumpeted Christmas period is very much in the past, with the tree close to being packed away, if it has not been already, and the humdrum of everyday life about to return.

It was 1972 when I first saw a match played on January 1 and it was a pretty uninspiring goalless draw with Hull.

The next, two years later, was also a drab affair, although at least we scored the game's only goal against Cardiff.

It actually came during the three-day week, so the programme was a four-page, black-and-white issue, costing 2p. With the country in turmoil, I'm not sure that too many people were rushing to welcome in 1974.

There was a dismal 1-1 draw with Oxford ringing in 1977 and then a shocking 3-1 defeat at home to Aldershot to start the 1980s, which Alan Knight relived in his column in the last programme.

Believe it or not, that was the sum total of games played on New Year's Day during my first 11 years of being a Pompey fan, up to the age of 21.

Contrary to popular belief, it is not a regular date in the diary and when matches did occur, they were just a continuation of what had preceded in the opening five months of the season.

Romantic? Not for me.



You really had to be there to fully appreciate the mess. And CSI riding in on their white charges to summon in an apparently bright new era filled me with dread rather than optimism.

Again, you needed to be inside the inner sanctum to know why. The consequent emergence of Trevor Birch in 2011 was, by comparison, like the sun breaking through following a storm.

When you can say that about another period of administration, perhaps you can understand just how bleak things were amidst all the madness.

After a horrific 2011 off the pitch, 2012 finally started to lead towards happier times.

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“ THEN THERE WAS DAVID LAMPITT, WHO I ALWAYS IMAGINED TO BE THE DAD OF PAUL PFEIFFER FROM THE WONDER YEARS ”

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

As you have probably gathered by now, I'm not a great New Year reveller, but my only hope on the football front for 2017 is that Pompey continue what they have started and Paul Cook is left alone to get on with the job.

It seems some people have forgotten that prior to his arrival, we were knocked out of the FA Cup by a non-league side for the first time ever and were perilously close to dropping out of the Football League. Even those rose-tinted idealists can surely admit that would have been a disaster.

For the first time in a while, we can all look upwards, rather than over our shoulders – and when was the last time you could say that?

Happy New Year.

POMPEY v HARTLEPOOL

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Pompey had to settle for a draw in the final Fratton fixture of 2016 after failing to breach a stubborn Hartlepool defence.

They created all the chances of note, but when the visitors' back-line was found wanting, Trevor Carson came to the rescue with a string of superb saves.

Gary Roberts dragged a shot just past the post in the opening stages, while Kyle Bennett also narrowly missed the target after a neat one-two with Michael Smith.

And it was Smith who was the first to force Carson into action with a glancing header that was pushed clear.

The former Blues loanee then managed to tip Gareth Evans' fierce drive over the crossbar before the break, only for referee Graham Horwood to leave the crowd bewildered by awarding a goal-kick.

Pompey continued to dominate in the second half and when Smith met Kal Naismith's cross, Carson again came to the rescue with a fine stop.

And he ensured Christmas cheer was thin on the ground for the hosts by also keeping out Michael Doyle's crisp volley and a close-range Conor Chaplin header.

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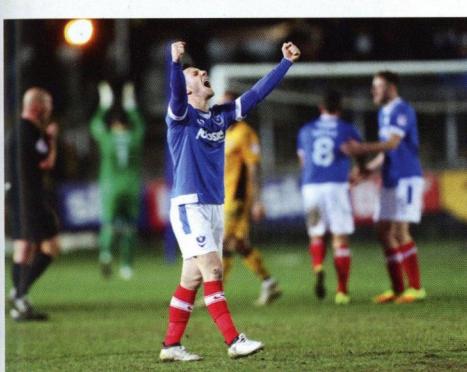
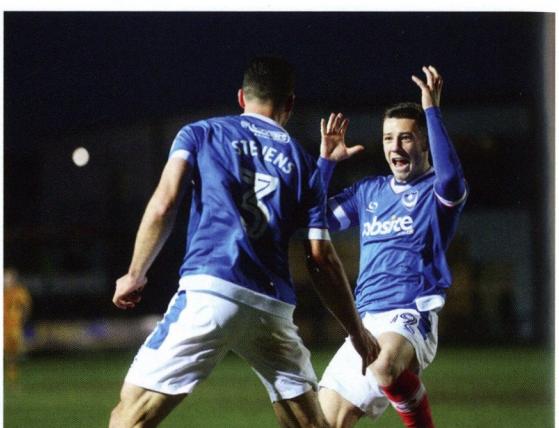
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57%	POSSESSION	43%
5	SHOTS ON TARGET	0
11	SHOTS OFF TARGET	3
7	CORNERS	0
6	OFFSIDE	1
15	FOULS	11
2	YELLOW CARDS	3
0	RED CARDS	0



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LEAGUE TWO

ROSE 56, STEVENS 80,
NAISMITH 87

Kal Naismith grabbed a late winner to complete a dramatic turnaround against Newport in a Boxing Day bonanza at Rodney Parade.

There was not much festive feeling in the away end when Josh Sheehan curled a fantastic free-kick over the wall and into the net midway through the first half.

Danny Rose and Enda Stevens both had efforts cleared from the line before the break, but Pompey fell further behind just after it.

David Forde failed to hold on to Sheehan's bending shot and Rhys Healey was in the right place to stab home the loose ball.

But Rose started a battling Blues fightback by slotting past Joe Day after being picked out by Gareth Evans' cut-back.

And there was a great chance to equalise when referee Charles Breakspear spotted Jazzi Barnum-Bobb's push on Naismith in the box, only for the winger to blaze over from the spot.

The leveller did eventually arrive – and from an unlikely source. Stevens latched onto a fine pass from Rose and lashed the ball into the roof of the net to open his account for the club.

Naismith then made amends for his penalty miss by swinging in a wide free-kick that appeared to miss everyone on its way into the net.



MATCH STATS



46%	POSSESSION	54%
3	SHOTS ON TARGET	8
2	SHOTS OFF TARGET	7
1	CORNERS	2
3	OFFSIDE	0
13	FOULS	15
3	YELLOW CARDS	2
0	RED CARDS	0

NELSON'S COLUMN

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and that Santa brought you all the presents you wanted. But one lucky reader can also get their hands on a copy of Football Manager 2017 signed by Paul Cook.

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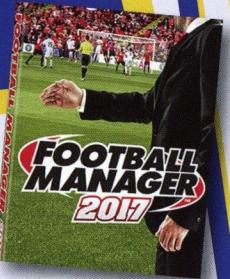
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3 The 2018 World Cup will be held in which country?

TODAY'S MASCOTS

Please give a warm welcome to all our mascots for this afternoon's match against Luton Town:

NOAH BROWNIE, RUDI CLAPP, MATTHEW COOKE, FINLEY DEVILLE, JAMES FIRKINS, AIDEN MASON, LOUIE THATCHER, HARRY TREGARTHEN, LUCAS TURNER, MERSON VINE AND TED WARNER



ANSWERS
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5 Who Am I? Christian Burgess

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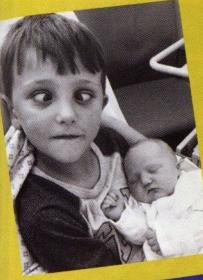
1 True or False? Luton have not beaten Pompey since 1995.

2 Bob Bradley (below) recently lost his job as manager of which Premier League side?



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Have a lovely day being a mascot, Finley Deville. Love from Mum, Dad, Bradley, Lewis and Oscar xx



Happy Birthday to Ollie. Lots of love, Mum, Dad and all the family xxxx

AWAY MASCOT

Welcome to Reece Kenyon, aged eight, who loves watching Luton and England, as well as playing for local side Wixam Hatters. He also enjoys playing FIFA and going to the cinema, and is a great older brother to little sister Bethany!



WHO AMI I?

1 I arrived at Pompey in the summer of 2015.

2 I scored my first goal for the club against Notts County last season.

3 I have a degree in history.

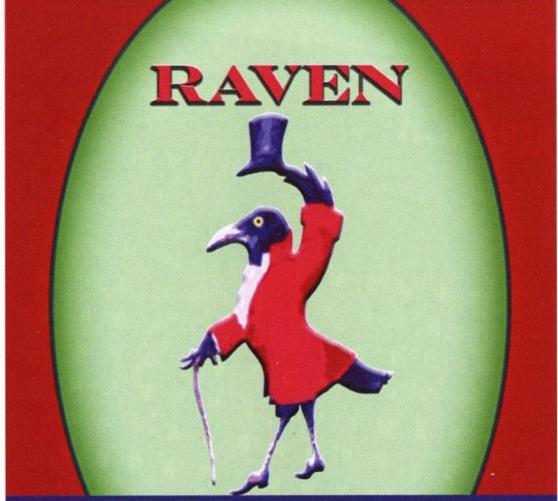
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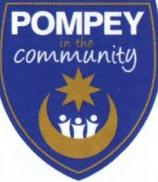
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2016 REVIEW

Well, what a year it was! 2016 certainly threw up some unexpected events, but thankfully a large majority of them were extremely productive – not only for our department as a whole, but also the wider community in general.

Here are just a few of the highlights.

THE EXPANSION



Pompey in the Community finally finished the expansion of the current Anson Road site. The new facility has two additional classrooms, two offices, a breakout area and a state-of-the-art kitchen.

The site has received great feedback and widespread acclaim from separate organisations and individuals.

JUNIOR BLUES RELAUNCH



As part of an ongoing mission from Portsmouth FC, the Pompey Supporters' Trust and Pompey in the Community to appeal to young supporters, a membership scheme for the next generation of fans was launched.

Junior Blues took over from Nelson's Crew in the summer and has seen membership numbers increase by 400 per cent from the previous year.

PARTNERS

Our partnership work has continued to grow, with Jobsite launching a new 'All For Work' campaign in collaboration with the community department.

There has also been continuous development with our existing partners, including South West Trains, Southern Water, Irwin Mitchell and Big Yellow Self Storage.

COMINGS & GOINGS

Just like any football team, the community department saw people arrive and depart throughout 2016.

We sadly said goodbye to Jamie Harris, Michael Pink, Clare Darlow and Joss Whittingham, but welcomed Amanda Osman.

Ethan Kear-Davies, Paula Taylor, Tom Phillips, Chelsey Langdown, Beth Grenfell and Matt Lewsley.

BABY BOOM

Not only did we see new arrivals in the office, but a considerable number of current staff members said 'hello' to their very own family team members: Oliver, Gabriel, Elliott, Tallulah, Oliver, Archie, Freddie, Hudson and Myla.

There is so much more we could highlight but one page isn't enough! However, we at Pompey in the Community don't want to dwell on the past and now we turn our attention to the next 12 months.

Happy New Year everyone!

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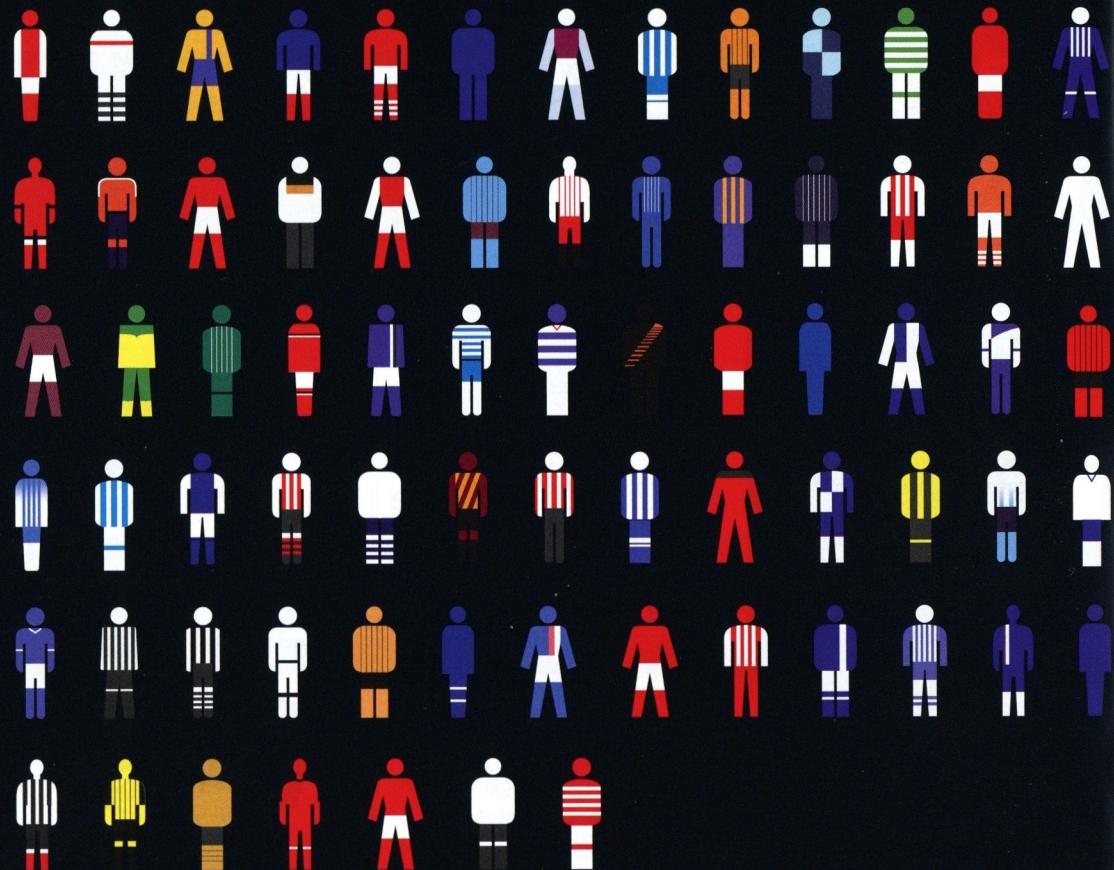


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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

THREE WISHES

Wishes at this time of the year tend to be one of three kinds.

One is for a white Christmas, with snow and a

Christmas card look to our streets. The falling of a blanket of snow can be magical as everything is transformed. It is clean, fresh and full of possibilities.

However, in football terms, teams and supporters alike want to avoid all the difficulties of travelling in bad weather and fixture cancellations can cause headaches with too many matches later in the season.

The second wish is a footballing one and looks ahead to the January transfer window, when teams and line-ups can be tinkered with and players move between clubs with the idea of a 'New Year – new start'.

Those clubs seeking success are thought to want to strengthen and deepen their playing squads, while those that are struggling, perhaps facing relegation, might be tempted to try to buy their way out of trouble.

The third wish is often in the form of a New Year's resolution that we know will be really hard to achieve. We might hope for a new job, a healthier lifestyle or to take up a new interest or pastime, but the reality is somewhat different.



I am all for making resolutions and trying our hardest to stick to them, but I am also realistic enough to know my own limitations and frailties.

If the dream is too unrealistic then it simply becomes a wish that will take something amazing for it to come about. These wishes are often very self-centred and personal, and are about what we can achieve for ourselves and in our own lives.

This Christmas season in Leigh Park and Warren Park, where I am the Parish Priest, I asked all the children in our four big junior schools to make a wish.

However, this would not be a wish for themselves or for their own lives, but a 'Wish for the World'. I asked them to make a wish for something that could be better or different in the world for the year that lies ahead.

Their response was overwhelming and we had more than a thousand Wishes for the

World. These were presented in St Francis church and made into a prayer sculpture of a snow drift – we have a Winter Wonderland feel to our decorations this year.

All of the wishes have been presented and offered, and throughout this Christmas season we have been praying for them and offering them to God in our worship. I truly believe that hearts have been changed and the year ahead will be better.

I wonder what your wish for the world will be?

So amidst all the busy activity of a New Year – snow, resolutions and all – we might pause and in addition to hoping for three points for Pompey today, we might offer our own Wish for the World.

I hope you have a wonderful and happy New Year.

*The Revd Jonathan Jeffery
Chaplain to Portsmouth FC
Vicar of Leigh Park
and Warren Park*

ACADEMY

POMPEY 0 OXFORD 2

Pompey's final fixture of 2016 ended in a 2-0 defeat to Oxford at Furze Lane.

Matt Mayes (right) and Sam Woodward both had chances to open the scoring as the hosts looked to forge ahead in the early stages.

But they found themselves behind midway through the first half and then struggled to carve out clear-cut openings.

The Blues were forced to make a change after the interval when Matt Casey got injured and it soon got even worse as Oxford doubled their advantage.

United had to play the final moments with just 10 men following a red card for a second bookable offence, but there was not enough time for Pompey to make their numerical advantage count.

Academy coach Mikey Harris said:



"We're obviously frustrated by the result, although I can have no complaints about our application and work-rate."

"The boys tried hard, but the quality was lacking at times and I know we can perform much better than we did."

"It was a difficult game to be involved in and soon became a very scrappy affair, while a number of decisions didn't go our way."

"That had a negative effect on the players and it's a lesson they must learn – you can only focus on things you can control."

"We created a number of chances to get back into the game, but we're disappointed with the goals we conceded."

Pompey: Collins; Smith, Casey (Wakley 50), Saidy, Hancott; Widdrington (c); Bedford, Scutt; Woodward; Bradbury, Mayes

Subs not used: Hall, McDowell

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2016/17 FIXTURES

SAT AUG 6	Newport (H)	0-2
SAT AUG 13	Plymouth (H)	0-2
TUE AUG 16	Exeter (H)	(YA Cup) W-4-2
SAT AUG 20	Bristol Rovers (A)	W-4-2
SAT AUG 27	Yeovil (H)	W-2-1
SAT SEP 3	Exeter (H)	W-3-1
SAT SEP 10	Dag & Red (H)	(YA Cup) L-3-4
SAT SEP 17	Bournemouth (A)	L-0-2
SAT SEP 24	Oxford (A)	L-1-6
SAT OCT 8	Cheltenham (H)	L-0-3
SAT OCT 15	Swindon (H)	W-2-1
THU OCT 27	Eastleigh (H)	(FAY Cup) W-5-0
SAT NOV 5	Bristol Rovers (H)	W-3-2
SAT NOV 12	Yeovil (A)	W-4-2
WED NOV 16	Mer Police (H)	(FAY Cup) W-2-0
SAT DEC 3	Bournemouth (H)	W-1-0
FRI DEC 9	Newcastle (H)	(FAY Cup) L-1-4
SAT DEC 17	Oxford (H)	L-0-2
SAT JAN 7	Cheltenham (A)	
SAT JAN 14	Newport (A)	
SAT JAN 21	Plymouth (A)	
TUE JAN 24	Exeter (A)	
SAT JAN 28	Swindon (A)	



ACADEMY HALF-SEASON REVIEW

It has been a positive first half of the 2016/17 campaign, with plenty of opportunities for the boys to learn in training and matches.

We've enjoyed some success in the FA Youth Cup by getting through to the third round, which is always a big thing for them.

I'm not particularly concerned about results at this level of football, but there have certainly been more positives than negatives in the Youth Alliance League.

We always set the boys the challenge of finishing in the top half of the table, so that we compete in the top section of the Merit League during the second half of the season.

It's important for us to compete against the best academy sides that we can because we want the players to be challenged.

We're currently well placed to do that with five games remaining, although January is a very tough month for us as all of our matches are away. That will be a big test, but it's one that we're very much looking forward to.

It's always an important period for the second years when we come back after Christmas because they've got four months to secure a professional contract.

We've got forthcoming reserve matches, which will provide many

of them with the opportunity to impress the first team staff.

The games in the Premier League Cup and Central League Cup have been brilliant, with Ian Foster and I able to provide that link between the first and academy teams.

The standard of matches is excellent – we've played strong sides like Norwich and Wolves, and performed well against both of them.

A player from the Everton team we faced recently has since gone on and made appearances in the Premier League. That shows the level we're competing at.

It's up to our players to take those chances and show some consistency over a period of time if they want to progress at this club.

We may also look at getting some of the boys out on loan to get an experience of senior competitive football, although that has to be balanced with them getting games here.

We've got good young players at this football club and we're always looking for them to challenge themselves. Hopefully they will all benefit from the experience.

Mikey Harris

Lead Professional Development Phase Coach

YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH-WEST LEAGUE

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Exeter	15	8	2	5	29	23	6	26
Bristol Rovers	16	8	2	6	37	33	4	26
Newport	13	7	4	2	30	19	11	25
Plymouth	16	6	5	5	30	29	1	23
POMPEY	13	7	2	4	24	-2	23	
Swindon	15	6	3	6	28	29	-1	21
Oxford	15	5	4	6	31	24	7	19
Bournemouth	15	4	4	7	18	19	-1	16
Cheltenham	16	4	4	8	23	32	-9	16
Yeovil	14	3	2	9	16	32	-16	11

2016/17 APPEARANCES & GOALS

	A	G
Jeff Bedford	15	4
Harvey Bradbury	16(+1)	8
Jordan Brooks	5(+6)	0
Matt Casey	5(+11)	1
Jack Chandler	11(-2)	0
Jack Collins	5(+4)	0
Joe Dandy	0(+2)	0
Nick Hall	13	0
Joe Hancott	3(+3)	0
Bradley Lethbridge	0(+4)	0
Matt Mayes	11(+6)	7
Kyle McDowell	15(+1)	0
Freddie Read	11(+4)	0
Ousman Saidy	13(+1)	1
Tommy Scott	16(+1)	6
Dan Smith	13(+4)	2
Eddie Wakley	16(+2)	1
James Whiting	0(+1)	0
Theo Widdrington	15	5
Sam Woodward	15(+1)	4

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LADIES

TOTTENHAM 4 POMPEY 0



Pompey suffered a comprehensive defeat against Tottenham in their final fixture of 2016.

But it was always going to be tough for Jay Sadler's troops, as they faced the side sitting top of the Premier League Southern Division table.

The Londoners have won 18 of their 19 matches in all competitions so far this season and are still chasing glory on five fronts.

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A top-half finish will be the target for the Blues – who are also still involved in the Women's FA Cup and Hampshire Cup – in the second half of the campaign.

But it will take some effort for Spurs to be caught in the race for the title on the basis of this performance at Cheshunt.

All four of the goals arrived in a blistering opening 18 minutes, with the hosts threatening to run riot against a shell-shocked Pompey.

Melissa Burns was called into action early on to deny Sophie Mclean, only for Tottenham to break the deadlock from the resulting corner.

Bianca Baptiste delivered a cross to the near post, where Lucia Leon was waiting to guide the ball into the net.

And the advantage was soon doubled when Kelley Blanchflower followed up to convert after Nikita Whinnett's initial effort had been parried clear.

The same player netted again moments later, latching onto an incisive Baptiste pass and neatly dinking over a helpless Burns.

It was Baptiste who then effectively wrapped up the points with a low finish into the corner following a ball over the top by Renee Hector.

Spurs did not simply sit on their commanding lead, however, and it took fine saves from Burns to deny both Baptiste and Blanchflower.

And Pompey were denied a goal of their own just before the break when Megen Lynch somehow managed to claw away Katie James' shot.

The visitors were better after the break and restricted their hosts to fewer clear-cut opportunities, although Burns' palms were stung by a fierce Baptiste drive.

And it took a superb last-gasp clearance from Rebekah Tonks to prevent Josie Green from adding her name to the scoresheet.

But the Blues were unable to carve out many openings of their own at the other end, as hopes of an unlikely comeback – or at least a consolation for their efforts – fell flat.

Pompey: Burns, Capel-Watson, Currie, Tonks, Bazan (Kirby 69), Kempson, Siewright, Stephens (Carleton 74), Hillier (c), James (Peck 80), Quayle
Sub not used: Bell

Pompey do not return to league action until a trip to West Ham on Sunday, February 12, but they do have cup matches against Charlton and Basingstoke later this month.

They visit the Addicks in the second round of the Women's FA Cup next Sunday (1pm kick-off) and the tie has been moved from Thamesmead to The Valley.

Interim Blues boss Sadler said: "It's fantastic news – not only for our club, but for women's football in general. Our girls deserve it."

2016/17 FIXTURES

SUN AUG 21	C&K Basildon (A)	L0:2
SUN AUG 28	West Ham (H)	W3:1
SUN SEP 4	Lowestoft (H)	(PL Cup) W8:2
SUN SEP 11	Swindon (A)	L3:4
WED SEP 14	Lewes (H)	W4:3
SUN SEP 18	Coventry (A)	L1:8
WED OCT 5	Lewes (A)	W2:1
SUN OCT 9	C&K Basildon (H)	L1:3
SUN OCT 23	Cambridge (H)	(PL Cup) W3:2
SUN OCT 30	QPR (A)	0:1
SUN NOV 6	Charlton (A)	(PL Cup) L2:4
SUN NOV 13	Swindon (H)	W5:0
SUN NOV 20	Alton (A)	(Hants Cup) W6:1
SUN NOV 27	Charlton (A)	L2:4
SUN DEC 4	Luton (A)	(FA Cup) W4:1
SUN DEC 18	Tottenham (A)	L0:4
SUN JAN 8	Charlton (A)	(FA Cup)
SUN JAN 15	Basingstoke (H)	(Hants Cup)
SUN FEB 12	West Ham (A)	
SUN FEB 19	Crystal Palace (A)	
SUN FEB 26	Tottenham (H)	
SUN MAR 26	Cardiff (H)	
SUN APR 23	Crystal Palace (H)	
SUN MAY 14	Coventry (H)	
TBA	Charlton (H)	
TBA	Cardiff (A)	
	QPR (H)	

PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTHERN DIVISION

PLD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Tottenham	10	9	1	0	32	3	29
Coventry	10	8	1	1	37	6	31
Cardiff	9	8	1	0	31	6	25
Charlton	11	7	2	2	30	17	13
Crystal Palace	10	4	4	2	20	13	7
C&K Basildon	12	4	2	6	13	24	-11
POMPEY	11	4	1	6	22	31	-9
Lewes	9	2	2	5	18	26	-8
Swindon	13	2	0	11	14	37	-23
West Ham	12	1	2	9	6	32	-26
QPR	11	1	2	8	5	33	-28

2016/17 APPEARANCES & GOALS

	A	G
Paige Atkinson	4(+1)	0
Nadine Bazan	1(+1)	0
Rebecca Bell	1(+4)	2
Charlotte Benson	5(+6)	2
Ellie Bloomfield	3(+1)	0
Charley Boswell	4(+1)	0
Melissa Burns	3	0
Sharna Capel-Watson	11(+3)	0
Vicky Carleton	1(+1)	0
Eilidh Currie	13(+1)	3
Lisa Fulgence	3(+1)	2
Gemma Hillier	15(+1)	7
Katie James	10(+2)	2
Brittany Jeal	0(+1)	0
Sarah Kempson	12	14
Ellie Kirby	0(+2)	0
Alex Lisan	1	0
Rebecca Moody	1	0
Kate Nartiel	5	0
Emily Paines	2	0
Lauren Peck	1(+3)	0
Sophie Phelps	1	0
Samantha Quayle	8(+3)	6
Leera Rutherford	6	0
Emma Sherwood	3	3
Shannon Siewright	15(+1)	2
Tash Stephens	10(+3)	1
Tiffany Taylor	0(+3)	0
Rebekah Tonks	14(+2)	1
Courtney Trodd	11	0
Emma Whitter	0(+1)	0



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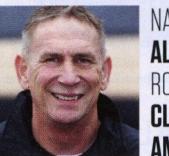


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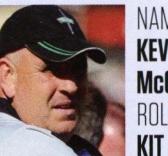


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Thursday, January 5
Kick-Off: 7.45pm



It is a clash between two teams desperate for automatic promotion when Pompey and Doncaster face off in front of the Sky Sports cameras at the Keepmoat Stadium.

Rovers came out on top when the sides met on the south coast back in October, with Carl Baker's fierce finish no more than a consolation for the Blues.

Ground: Keepmoat Stadium
Distance from Fratton Park: 233.2 miles

Estimated drive time:
3 hours 49 minutes
Postcode: DN4 5JW
League Two title odds: 5/4

CRAWLEY v POMPEY

Saturday, January 21
Kick-Off: 3pm



Mid-table Crawley know that a successful second half of the season could yet see them break into the League Two play-off spots.

But the Sussex side were convincingly beaten at Fratton Park last October, with Curtis Main's brace and a Gary Roberts effort securing a 3-0 victory for Pompey.

Ground: Broadfield Stadium
Distance from Fratton Park: 57.2 miles
Estimated drive time:
1 hour 21 minutes
Postcode: RH11 9RX
League Two promotion odds: 40/1

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Middlesbrough v Leicester (12.30pm)
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West Brom v Hull
West Ham v Man United (5.15pm)

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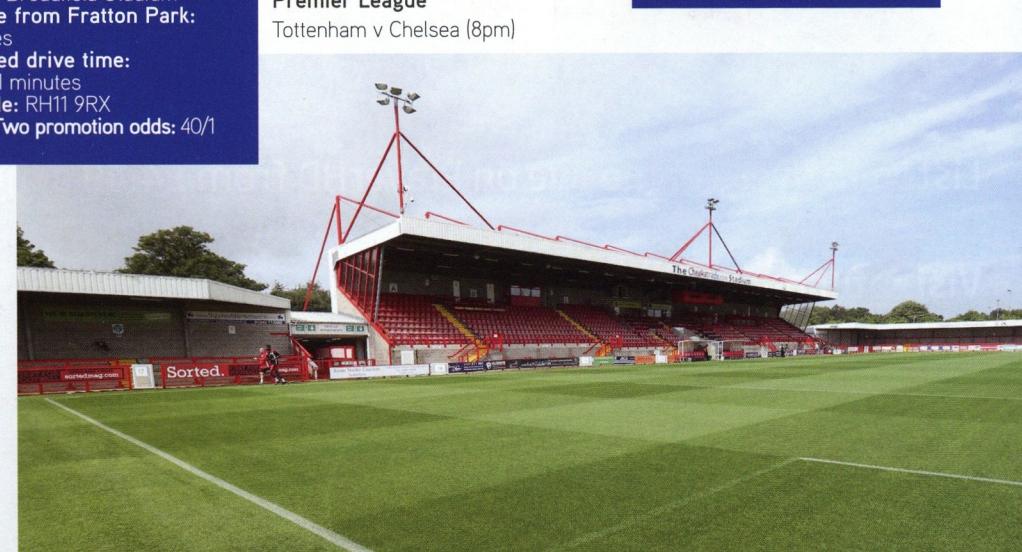
Pompey	10/11	7/2
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CORRECT SCORE

Pompey 1-0	13/2
Pompey 2-0	17/2
Pompey 2-1	15/2
Pompey 3-0	18/1
Pompey 3-1	16/1
Pompey 3-2	25/1
Pompey 4-0	33/1
Draw 0-0	9/1
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Draw 2-2	14/1
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Luton 1-0	9/1
Luton 2-0	16/1
Luton 2-1	11/1
Luton 3-0	40/1
Luton 3-1	28/1
Luton 3-2	33/1
Luton 4-0	80/1



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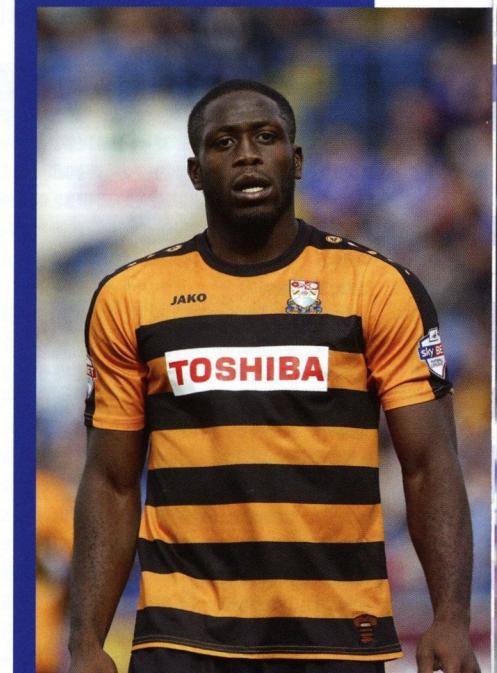
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	HOME						AWAY						GD	PTS
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1	Doncaster	22	8	3	0	22	10	6	0	5	22	20	14	45
2	Plymouth	22	6	3	3	19	17	8	0	2	16	7	11	45
3	Carlisle	22	8	3	0	24	12	3	7	1	17	14	15	43
4	POMPEY	22	5	2	3	22	10	6	3	3	14	12	14	38
5	Luton	22	4	4	3	16	13	5	4	2	15	7	11	35
6	Wycombe	22	7	1	2	15	7	3	4	5	14	18	4	35
7	Cambridge	22	4	2	5	13	15	6	2	3	17	10	5	34
8	Blackpool	22	5	3	2	20	10	4	3	5	16	14	12	33
9	Barnet	22	3	5	3	14	15	5	4	2	17	15	1	33
10	Colchester	22	5	2	3	19	15	3	4	5	11	12	3	30
11	Stevenage	22	3	1	7	19	21	6	2	3	14	13	-1	30
12	Grimsby	22	4	2	5	15	15	4	3	4	14	12	2	29
13	Yeovil	22	6	2	4	16	10	2	3	5	9	16	-1	29
14	Crawley	22	5	3	2	14	11	3	2	7	14	25	-8	29
15	Exeter	22	1	2	7	5	13	7	1	4	20	13	-1	27
16	Crewe	22	3	5	3	13	13	3	4	4	11	17	-6	27
17	Mansfield	22	4	4	4	11	9	2	4	4	10	19	-7	26
18	Morecambe	21	3	0	8	11	24	5	2	3	14	14	-13	26
19	Leyton Orient	22	3	0	9	10	16	4	3	3	15	13	-4	24
20	Hartlepool	22	2	5	4	11	16	3	3	5	17	22	-10	23
21	Notts County	22	1	4	7	9	18	5	0	5	16	19	-12	22
22	Accrington	22	3	3	5	13	16	2	3	6	7	13	-9	21
23	Cheltenham	22	2	5	5	13	18	2	4	4	11	16	-10	21
24	Newport	21	1	3	6	13	19	3	2	6	12	16	-10	17

APPEARANCES

	League			Cup			Total			APPS	GLS	Y	R
	APPS	GLS	Y	APPS	GLS	Y	APPS	GLS	Y				
Carl Baker	22	6	4/0	0(+1)	-	-	22(+1)	6	4/0				
Adam Barton*	2(+1)	-	-	2	-	-	1/0	4(+1)	-				1/0
Alex Bass	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-				
Kyle Bennett	13(+4)	1	2/0	4(+1)	-	-	1/0	17(+5)	1		3/0		
Christian Burgess	22	2	2/0	1	-	-	-	23	2		2/0		
Adam Buxton	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	-				
Conor Chaplin	9(+9)	5	5/0	0(+3)	-	-	-	9(+12)	5		5/0		
Matt Clarke	10	-	1/0	3	-	-	-	13	-		1/0		
Ben Close	-	-	-	4	-	-	2/0	4	-		2/0		
Tom Davies	8(+1)	-	3/0	2(+1)	-	-	1/0	10(+2)	-		4/0		
Michael Doyle	22	-	6/0	-	-	-	-	22	-		6/0		
Gareth Evans	17	1	5/0	3(+2)	1	-	20(+2)	2	5/0				
David Forde	22	-	1/0	1	-	-	-	23	-		1/0		
Brandon Haunstrup	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-				
Noel Hunt	1(+11)	1	3/0	1(+3)	-	-	-	2(+14)	1		3/0		
Milan Lalkovic	5(+7)	1	-	3	-	-	-	8(+7)	1				
Amine Linganzi	4(+3)	-	0/1	4	-	-	-	8(+3)	-		0/1		
Curtis Main	4(+8)	2	1/0	2	3	-	-	6(+8)	5		1/0		
Adam May	-	-	-	2(+1)	-	-	2(+1)	-	-				
Kal Naismith	5(+10)	3	1/0	3(+1)	2	1/0	8(+11)	5	2/0				
Liam O'Brien	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-				
Gary Roberts	21	7	3/0	1	-	-	-	22	7		3/0		
Danny Rose	18(+3)	3	1/0	1(+1)	-	-	-	19(+4)	3		1/0		
Michael Smith	9(+4)	3	-	3	3	-	-	12(+4)	6				
Enda Stevens	21	1	4/0	1	-	-	-	22	1		4/0		
Drew Talbot	5	-	-	1(+1)	-	-	-	6(+1)	-				
Ben Tollitt*	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-				
Jack Whatmough	2(+2)	-	-	2	-	-	4(+2)	-	-				

*Has left the club



TOP SCORERS

John Akinde	Barnet	17
Omar Bogle	Grimsby	16
Danny Hylton	Luton	11
John Marquis	Doncaster	11
James Collins	Crawley	10
Charlie Wyke	Carlisle	10
Graham Carey	Plymouth	9
Jason Kennedy	Carlisle	9
Cameron McGeehan	Luton	9
Jon Stead	Notts County	9
Kyle Vassell	Blackpool	9
Luke Berry	Cambridge	8
Andy Williams	Doncaster	8
Padraig Amond	Hartlepool	7
Matt Green	Mansfield	7
Scott Kashkef	Wycombe	7
Alex Kiwomya	Crewe	7
GARY ROBERTS	POMPEY	7
Nathan Thomas	Hartlepool	7
Billy Waters	Cheltenham	7

MOST ASSISTS

Nicky Adams	Carlisle	12
Lewis Alessandra	Hartlepool	8
Graham Carey	Plymouth	8
James Copinger	Doncaster	8
Tommy Rowe	Doncaster	8

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2016/17

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	KO/SCORE	POS.	ATT.	AWAY ATT.	POMPEY SCORERS	STARTING XI	SUBSTITUTES						
Sat Aug 6	Carlisle (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	D1-1	16	17,570	481	BAKER 42	FORDE TALBOT WHATMOUGH BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE (83) DOYLE BAKER (1) ROBERTS LALKOVIC (68) SMITH (68)	BENNETT (68) CHAPLIN (68) HUNT (83)	BASS	T.DAVIES	BARTON	MAIN	
Tue Aug 9	Coventry (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	L2-3*	-	4,976	722	MAIN 19 (PEN), NAISMITH 85	BASS BUXTON (77) T.DAVIES BARTON	NAISMITH (1) MAY LINGANZI TOLLITT BENNETT EVANS (64) MAIN (84) (1) CHAPLIN (64) TALBOT (77) HUNT (84)	O'BRIEN WHATMOUGH DOYLE BAKER					
Sat Aug 13	Crewe (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	D0-0	17	4,742	1,257	-	FORDE TALBOT WHATMOUGH (74) BURGESS	NAISMITH (1) ROSE DOYLE BAKER ROBERTS LALKOVIC (54) SMITH (54)	BENNETT (54) MAIN (54) BARTON (74)	O'BRIEN BUXTON CHAPLIN HUNT				
Tue Aug 16	Morecambe (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	L0-2	20	1,838	546	-	FORDE TALBOT BARTON BURGESS	STEVENS (1) ROSE (85) DOYLE (1) BAKER ROBERTS BENNETT (64) SMITH (64)	MAIN (64) LALKOVIC (64) HUNT (85)	O'BRIEN BUXTON T.DAVIES LINGANZI				
Sat Aug 20	Colchester (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	W2-0	14	15,967	442	ROBERTS 80 (PEN), 84	FORDE TALBOT BARTON BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE (86) DOYLE (1) BAKER ROBERTS (2) BENNETT (62) MAIN (62)	HUNT (62) CHAPLIN (62) LINGANZI (86)	O'BRIEN T.DAVIES EVANS LALKOVIC				
Sat Aug 27	Exeter (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	W1-0	8	4,512	1,215	ROBERTS 85 (PEN)	FORDE TALBOT T.DAVIES BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE DOYLE BAKER (64) ROBERTS (1) LALKOVIC (74) MAIN (74)	CHAPLIN (64) HUNT (74) NAISMITH (74)	O'BRIEN BARTON LINGANZI EVANS				
Tue Aug 30	Yeovil (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	L3-4	-	1,534	270	SMITH 10, 37, 54	O'BRIEN MAY BARTON (1) CLARKE (61)	NAISMITH CLOSE (1) LINGANZI EVANS BENNETT TOLLITT (55) SMITH (73) (1) CHAPLIN (55) T.DAVIES (61) HUNT (73)	HALL					
Sat Sep 3	Crawley (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	W3-0	4	16,347	435	MAIN 9, 37, ROBERTS 12	FORDE EVANS T.DAVIES BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE DOYLE BAKER ROBERTS (2) (1) LALKOVIC (82) MAIN (65) (1) CHAPLIN (65) NAISMITH (72) SMITH (82)	O'BRIEN CLARKE LINGANZI HUNT					
Sat Sep 10	Wycombe (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	W4-2	2	16,262	489	BURGESS 34, ROBERTS 43 (PEN), CHAPLIN 45-3, BAKER 53	FORDE EVANS T.DAVIES (1) BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE DOYLE BAKER (1) ROBERTS (89) (1) LALKOVIC (46) MAIN (25) CHAPLIN (25) (1) NAISMITH (46) HUNT (88)	O'BRIEN CLARKE LINGANZI SMITH					
Sat Sep 17	Accrington (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	L0-1	5	2,461	806	-	FORDE EVANS T.DAVIES BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE (63) DOYLE BAKER (67) ROBERTS (70) BENNETT SMITH CHAPLIN (63) NAISMITH (67) LALKOVIC (70)	O'BRIEN CLARKE LINGANZI HUNT					
Sat Sep 24	Barnet (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	W5-1	2	16,280	275	CHAPLIN 34, ROBERTS 50, BAKER 56, LALKOVIC 78, ROSE 90-2	FORDE EVANS T.DAVIES BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE (1) DOYLE BAKER (80) (1) ROBERTS (89) (1) NAISMITH (73) CHAPLIN (73) (1) LALKOVIC (73) (1) MAIN (73) BENNETT (80)	O'BRIEN CLARKE LINGANZI SMITH					
Tue Sep 27	Blackpool (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	L1-3	4	3,055	737	CHAPLIN 34	FORDE EVANS T.DAVIES BURGESS	STEVENS (78) ROSE DOYLE BAKER (67) ROBERTS NAISMITH CHAPLIN (84) (1) BENNETT (67) (1) SMITH (78) MAIN (84)	O'BRIEN CLARKE LINGANZI LALKOVIC					
Sat Oct 1	Doncaster (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	L1-2	6	16,950	449	BAKER 42	FORDE EVANS (1) CLARKE BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE (54) DOYLE BAKER (1) ROBERTS NAISMITH (54) CHAPLIN (71) LINGANZI (54) LALKOVIC (54) MAIN (71)	O'BRIEN T.DAVIES BENNETT SMITH					
Tue Oct 4	Reading U23 (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	D2-2**	-	1,355	133	MAIN 57, 63	O'BRIEN BUXTON (44) CLARKE WHATMOUGH	HAUNSTRUP BENNETT LINGANZI CLOSE (73) LALKOVIC SMITH MAIN (69) (1) EVANS (44) NAISMITH (69) MAY (73)	HALL T.DAVIES OXDALE CHAMBERLAIN					
Sat Oct 8	Leyton Orient (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	W1-0	4	6,078	1,328	BURGESS 57	FORDE EVANS CLARKE BURGESS (1)	STEVENS (1) LINGANZI (67) DOYLE BAKER ROBERTS BENNETT (82) (1) CHAPLIN (67) ROSE (67) MAIN (67) LALKOVIC (82)	O'BRIEN T.DAVIES NAISMITH SMITH					
Sat Oct 15	Plymouth (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	D2-2	5	13,508	1,592	BENNETT 40, ROSE 87	FORDE EVANS (1) T.DAVIES BURGESS	STEVENS LINGANZI (69) DOYLE BAKER ROBERTS BENNETT (74) (1) CHAPLIN (72) (1) ROSE (69) (1) MAIN (72) LALKOVIC (74)	O'BRIEN WHATMOUGH NAISMITH SMITH					
Sat Oct 22	Notts County (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	L1-2	5	17,269	364	CHAPLIN 27	FORDE (1) EVANS T.DAVIES BURGESS	STEVENS (59) LINGANZI DOYLE BAKER ROBERTS BENNETT (74) CHAPLIN (70) (1) NAISMITH (59) MAIN (70) LALKOVIC (74)	O'BRIEN CLARKE ROSE SMITH					
Sat Oct 29	Cambridge (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	W1-0	5	6,397	1,850	CHAPLIN 24	FORDE EVANS CLARKE BURGESS	STEVENS LINGANZI (1) DOYLE BAKER ROBERTS (90-3) BENNETT (62) CHAPLIN (62) (1) ROSE (62) HUNT (62) T.DAVIES (90-3)	O'BRIEN BUXTON LALKOVIC SMITH					
Sat Nov 5	Wycombe (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	L1-2	-	8,130	510	EVANS 47	FORDE BUXTON (64) CLARKE BURGESS	STEVENS CLOSE (1) ROSE EVANS (1) ROBERTS LALKOVIC (64) HUNT (75) BAKER (64) BENNETT (64) CHAPLIN (75)	O'BRIEN T.DAVIES NAISMITH SMITH					
Tue Nov 8	Bristol Rovers (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	W1-0	-	1,200	65	NAISMITH 88	O'BRIEN TALBOT WHATMOUGH T.DAVIES (1)	BUXTON (73) LINGANZI CLOSE (73) NAISMITH (1) LALKOVIC BENNETT (77) (1) SMITH ROSE (73) EVANS (73) HUNT (77)	HALL HYAM CLARKE CHAPLIN					
Sat Nov 12	Mansfield (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	W4-0	4	16,393	326	ROBERTS 11 (PEN), HUNT 84, BAKER 88, 90-5	FORDE EVANS CLARKE BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE DOYLE BAKER (2) (1) BENNETT (77) (1) CHAPLIN (86) (1) HUNT (77) (1) NAISMITH (79) SMITH (86)	O'BRIEN WHATMOUGH CLOSE LALKOVIC					
Sat Nov 19	Cheltenham (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	D1-1	5	4,702	1,537	SMITH 82	FORDE EVANS CLARKE BURGESS (1)	STEVENS ROSE DOYLE BAKER (1) ROBERTS (81) BENNETT (75) CHAPLIN (81) (1) SMITH (75) (1) NAISMITH (81) HUNT (81)	O'BRIEN TALBOT WHATMOUGH LALKOVIC					
Tue Nov 22	Luton (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	W3-1	4	8,805	975	SMITH 11, EVANS 45-2, NAISMITH 84	FORDE EVANS (1) CLARKE BURGESS	STEVENS (1) ROSE DOYLE BAKER ROBERTS (74) BENNETT (88) SMITH (90-1) (1) NAISMITH (74) (1) WHATMOUGH HUNT (90-1) (1)	O'BRIEN TALBOT LINGANZI LALKOVIC					
Sat Nov 26	Stevenage (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	L1-2	4	15,987	277	SMITH 80	FORDE EVANS (1) CLARKE BURGESS (46)	STEVENS ROSE DOYLE (46) BAKER ROBERTS BENNETT (68) SMITH (1) WHATMOUGH (46) LINGANZI (46) CHAPLIN (68)	O'BRIEN NAISMITH LALKOVIC HUNT					
Sat Dec 10	Grimsby (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	W1-0	4	6,560	1,110	NAISMITH 86	FORDE EVANS (1) CLARKE BURGESS	STEVENS (1) ROSE DOYLE BAKER ROBERTS (76) BENNETT (76) SMITH (89) NAISMITH (76) (1) CHAPLIN (76) HUNT (89)	O'BRIEN T.DAVIES LINGANZI LALKOVIC					
Sat Dec 17	Hartlepool (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	D0-0	4	17,081	132	-	FORDE EVANS CLARKE BURGESS	STEVENS ROSE (90-4) DOYLE BAKER (1) ROBERTS (68) BENNETT (68) SMITH CHAPLIN (68) NAISMITH (68) HUNT (90-4)	O'BRIEN T.DAVIES LINGANZI LALKOVIC					
Mon Dec 26	Newport (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	W3-2	4	3,714	729	ROSE 56, STEVENS 80, NAISMITH 87	FORDE EVANS CLARKE BURGESS (1)	STEVENS (1) ROSE (1) DOYLE BAKER (74) HUNT (89) NAISMITH (1) SMITH CHAPLIN (74) LINGANZI (89) O'BRIEN BUXTON WHATMOUGH LALKOVIC BENNETT						
Fri Dec 30	Yeovil (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	745pm												
Mon Jan 2	Luton (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Thu Jan 5	Doncaster (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	745pm												
Sat Jan 14	Leyton Orient (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Jan 21	Crawley (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Jan 28	Exeter (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Feb 4	Wycombe (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Feb 11	Accrington (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Tue Feb 14	Blackpool (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	745pm												
Sat Feb 18	Barnet (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Feb 25	Carlisle (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Tue Feb 28	Morecambe (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	745pm												
Sat Mar 4	Crewe (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Mar 11	Colchester (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Tue Mar 14	Grimsby (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	745pm												
Sat Mar 18	Stevenage (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Mar 25	Newport (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Apr 1	Hartlepool (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Apr 8	Yeovil (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Fri Apr 14	Plymouth (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Mon Apr 17	Notts County (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Apr 22	Cambridge (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat Apr 29	Mansfield (A)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												
Sat May 6	Cheltenham (H)	SKY BET DIV 2	3pm												

*After extra-time

**Lost 3-4 on penalties



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In recent times, few Pompey managers can proudly claim to have successfully fended off relegation.

Yet amid quiet moments, Paul Hart and Andy Awfod deserve to triumphantly exchange war stories over a relaxing pint.

These days the pair are employed by today's visitors, Luton Town, with Hart serving as assistant manager to boss Nathan Jones, while Awfod heads the Hatters' academy.

However, during the past eight years, the duo have also had separate stints at the Fratton Park helm.

Ultimately, they paid the price for poor results and a lack of conviction among those running the club that fortunes could be reversed under their stewardship.

Regardless, during the Blues' decline down the leagues, each bucked the trend by steering the club away from relegation – and for that feat warrant generous credit.

Hart was appointed at Kenilworth Road in May, having earlier worked with Jones in Charlton's youth set-up.

Yet Pompey followers will recall his nine months and 15-day spell as Fratton Park boss at the tail-end of those Premier League years.

Following the February 2009 sacking of Tony Adams, Hart stepped up from the academy to serve as caretaker boss, challenged to usher a side sitting in 16th spot away from relegation trouble.

That mission was accomplished



DURING THE BLUES' DECLINE DOWN THE LEAGUES, EACH BUCKED THE TREND BY STEERING THE CLUB AWAY FROM RELEGATION

with two games to spare, following key victories over Manchester City, Everton and Bolton, as the Blues progressed to 14th.

Hart's appointment was made permanent in the summer, yet coincided with the ownership upheaval which was to cripple the club financially.

The following season began with seven successive Premier League defeats, a run ended in October when Hassan Yebda netted the only goal of the game at Wolves.

On November 24 2009, Hart was dismissed and replaced by Avram Grant, having lost exactly half of his 30 matches in charge, winning nine times.

As for Awfod, the former

defender kept the Blues in the Football League following the March 2014 dismissal of Richie Barker.

Arriving from the academy, he guided a team languishing in 22nd position to five successive victories during a staggering surge to safety.

Awfod was appointed permanent manager with one match remaining as Pompey finished the season in 13th following a final-day 3-3 draw with Plymouth.

His time in charge lasted until April 13 2015, when an exit was mutually-agreed after a 3-1 defeat at Morecambe had left the Blues in 14th.

Awfod won 20 of his 55 matches in charge, losing 18 of them, during a reign of a year and 18 days.

Now both reside at Luton – fellow promotion rivals and today's opposition.

But the pair also justify a decent reception from the Fratton faithful in recognition of previous contributions.

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PORTRSMOUTH

MANAGER: Paul Cook

1	David Forde	1	1	1
2	Tom Davies	2	1	1
3	Enda Stevens	3	1	1
4	Danny Rose	4	1	1
5	Matt Clarke	5	1	1
6	Christian Burgess	6	1	1
7	Carl Baker	7	1	1
8	Michael Doyle	8	1	1
9	Michael Smith	9	1	1
10	Milan Lalkovic	10	1	1
11	Gary Roberts	11	1	1
12	Pompey Fans	12	1	1
13	Liam O'Brien	13	1	1
14	Curtis Main	14	1	1
15	Jack Whatmough	16	1	1
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20	Kyle Bennett	23	1	1
21	Amine Linganzi	24	1	1
22	Drew Talbot	25	1	1
23	Gareth Evans	26	1	1
24	Ben Close	33	1	1
25	Brandon Haunstrup	38	1	1
26	Nelson	58	1	1

Squads correct as of midday on 28/12/16



LUTON TOWN

MANAGER: Nathan Jones

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

REFEREE: Tim Robinson

ASSISTANTS: Matt Foley, Adam Crysell

FOURTH OFFICIAL: Trevor Kettle



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