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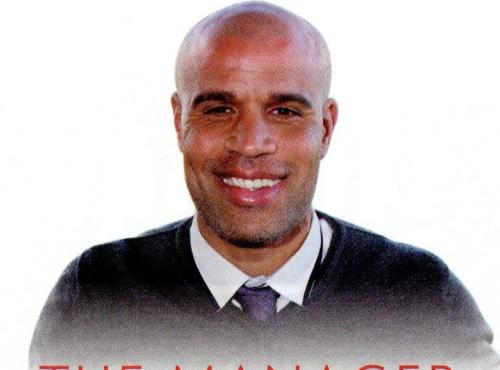


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THE MANAGER MARCUS BIGNOT

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's Sky Bet League Two fixture with Luton Town here at Blundell Park.

A warm welcome goes to Nathan Jones and his Luton Town side, we hope that you all have a safe journey home after the game.

Our home victory over Notts County was a satisfying one for the supporters and it was nice to get back to winning ways at home.

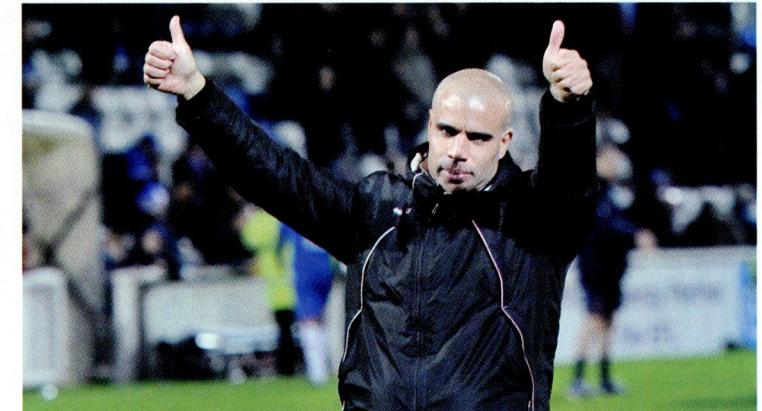
There were plenty of encouraging signs for us all over the field and we were delighted to see Scott Vernon get off the mark for the club because he has offered us a lot on the field in recent weeks.

The result was more important than the performance for us against Notts County but there was a performance to go with the result at times and plenty of promising things for us.

Unfortunately for us we didn't get the basics right at Stevenage and fell to a 2-0 defeat. We had to win our headers, win our tackles and be organised but the lead up to the first goal was disappointing for us, although the free kick was well executed.

The second goal was pure comedy but we weren't laughing! What we are is a team in transition and we are trying to get to that next level.

Transfer deadline day ended up being a busy one for us although, up until 4pm, it didn't look like there would be any business to be involved with.



Wigan made an initial bid for Omar and it then wasn't until 6pm that we thought that there may be some mileage in it.

We're pleased for Omar to get his move because he has worked hard to get there and it is the right club and right manager in Warren Joyce for him.

Obviously we would have liked to have kept Omar until the end of the season at least but, once the monetary situation was right and once it became the right club for the player, we could not stand in his way.

We have lost our top scorer and what we think is the best striker in this league and we will need to address where goals come from in the coming games but we have brought players in who are young, hungry and have something to prove and we think they can get the job done for us.

With Omar moving, it opened the door to bring Sam Jones in from Gateshead. He is a player I have tracked for some time and

getting to know him, I was impressed with his story and his outlook for the future.

We were also able to bring in Calum Dyson from Everton. We watch a lot of under-23 football and Gary Whild has tracked Calum for a while and we got to take a look at him against Manchester United on Monday and we were impressed with what we saw. Everton have an excellent under-23 side and we believe that Calum has all the qualities to succeed here.

Today we welcome a Luton side that have been up near the top of the table for much of the season. We know that they will pose a tough test for us but we will be looking to get back to winning ways ourselves.

Thank you again everyone for your fabulous support, please keep cheering the lads on.

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Last Friday night the Mariners Trust played host to our annual football quiz.

The event was a complete sell out and a fantastic night was had by all.

There were some inventive team names - and a few comical answers - but I think we can all agree that it was a great night and helped raise some cash for the Trust.

Thank you to everyone who either took part, helped on the night or put the quiz together.

The following day almost 1,400 of us travelled down to Stevenage and although the performance and result was certainly forgettable, a couple of our Junior members had a day to remember.



Thanks to the generosity of our hosts, two travelling Town fans were able to be a mascot and a guest Director for the day.

George Chilvers, our mascot, had the chance to lead the team out while Jimmy Nutting sat in the Directors Box during the match.

They both had a fantastic time and we'd like to thank all of those at Stevenage for being so accommodating for the youngsters.

Finally, here are the winners of our FA Cup draw with their respective teams. With a few shocks last weekend some of those who thought they may find themselves in with a chance of winning the £500 top prize are no longer in with a shot!

FA CUP DRAW WINNERS

Accrington Stanley – 4177 – Dan Roberts
Arsenal – 4124 – Broadley FC
Blackburn Rovers – 0100 – Adam Cooper (no 2 pub)
Blackpool – 2524 – Bret Johnson
Brentford – 2514 – Grant Johnson
Brighton & Hove Albion – 3705 – Paul Savage
Bristol City – 4006 – Matt Newton
Burnley – 0480 – Paul S (no 2 pub)
Chelsea – 2387 – Mark Biglin
Crystal Palace – 3539 – John King
Derby County – 1132 – Rob Summers
Fulham – 4589 – Ray Hudson
Huddersfield Town – 3609 – Ian T
Hull City – 1349 – S. Courtney
Leeds United – 4120 – Broadley FC
Leicester City – 1379 – Simon Brown
Lincoln City – 1043 – Joe Lancaster
Liverpool – 0025 – Chris Wood
Manchester City – 1431 – Michael Bryan
Manchester United – 1125 – Liz Ramsden
Middlesbrough – 1490 – Lesly Marsh
Millwall – 1910 – Immingham Pilgrims
Newcastle United – 3507 – Steve Wraith
Oxford United – 4440 – Michael Loftus
Rochdale AFC – 1541 – Nigel Lowther
Southampton – 1483 – Don
Sutton United – 3538 – John King
Tottenham Hotspur – 2521 – Bret Johnson
Watford – 3468 – Nick (c/o Terry)
Wigan Athletic – 1356 – Roy Gladwell
Wolverhampton Wanderers – 3522 – Terry Rudrum
Wycombe Wanderers – 0421 – Paul Bloomfield

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BLUNDELL PARK LATEST NEWS

TRANSFER NEWS

It was far from a quiet Transfer Deadline Day for The Mariners on Tuesday. Before the club announced the departure of Omar Bogle to Championship side Wigan Athletic, Marcus Bignot brought in two further additions.

Firstly Town signed midfielder Sam Jones on a two-and-a-half year deal from Gateshead. The former Alfreton player has been in sensational form in the National League this season, scoring nine times in 18 appearances. He joins for an undisclosed fee.

Then close to the 11pm deadline, young Everton striker Calum Dyson joined on loan until the end of the season.



MASCOT CORRECTION

Our apologies to two of our mascots at the recent Notts County game, whose details were listed incorrectly in the matchday programme:



JAMES CORNELIUS, AGED 9

School: Viking School, Skegness
Fav Subject: Art
Fav Goal: Omar Bogle's goals at Wembley
Hobbies: Football and drawing



JACK BENNETT, AGED 11

School: Macauley Primary Academy
Fav Subjects: Maths, PE, Science
First Game: In 2008, aged just two!
Fav Goal: Omar Bogle at Wembley
Hobbies: Xbox
Other Sport: Surfing, body boarding and swimming
Fascinating Fact: I was born with a club foot but it doesn't stop me from playing football even with a splint!



TODAY'S MASCOTS

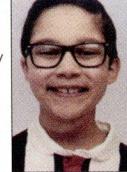
OSCAR GREETHAM, AGED 8

School: Scartho Junior Academy
Fav Subjects: Science
First Game: vs Barrow, 2015
Fav Goal: Bogle's first goal at Wembley, Play-Off Final
Hobbies: Any sports
Other Sport: Basketball



ISAAC MORRISON, AGED 10

School: Reynolds Academy
Fav Subject: Maths
First Game: vs Lincoln, 2014
Fav Goal: Bogle's hat-trick vs Stevenage
Hobbies: Football and guitar
Other Sport: Hockey
Fascinating Fact: I'm in top sets for all school subjects



OLIVER FRIEL, AGED 10

School: Canon Peter Hall School
Fav Subject: PE
First Game: vs MK Dons at Wembley
Fav Player: Craig Disley
Fav Goal: The equaliser vs MK Dons
Hobbies: Football
Other Sport: Swimming
Fascinating Fact: Football is my everything



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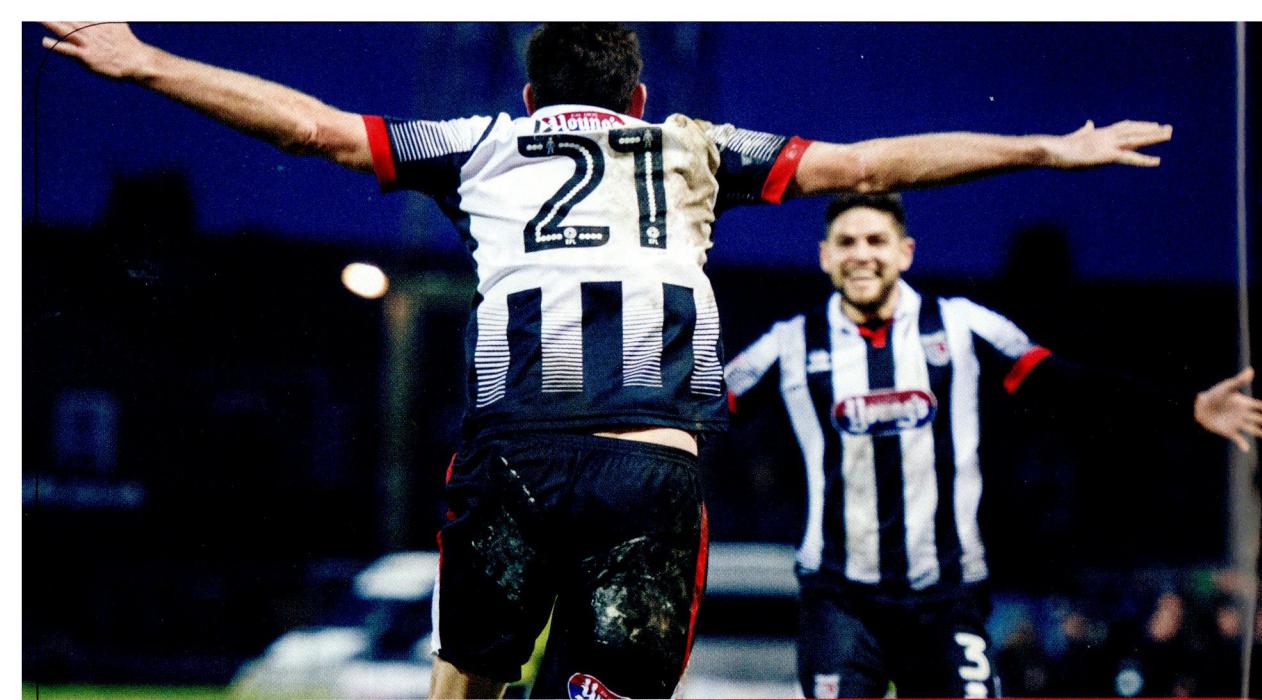
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Bogle, Vernon

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SATURDAY 21 JANUARY 2017 | BLUNDELL PARK | 5,421

Goals in either half from Omar Bogle and Scott Vernon earned Grimsby Town a home victory over Notts County at Blundell Park.

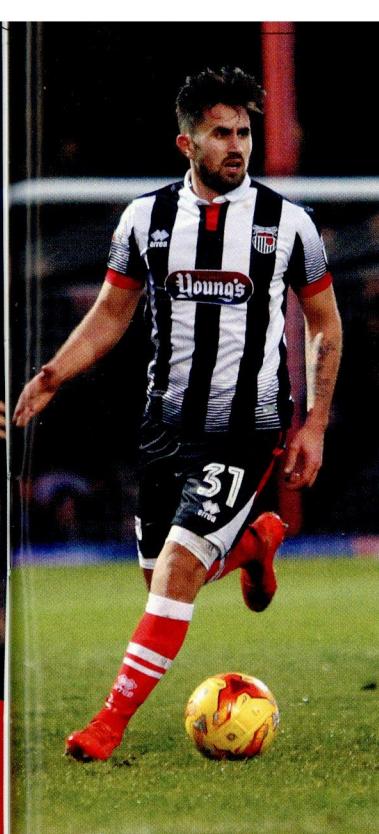
Town started brightly and went ahead on 27 minutes. Debutant Jamey Osborne showed persistence on the left and crossed for Bogle to sweep home from 12 yards.

The hosts continued to press in the second period with wing-backs Danny Andrew and Zack Mills coming close.

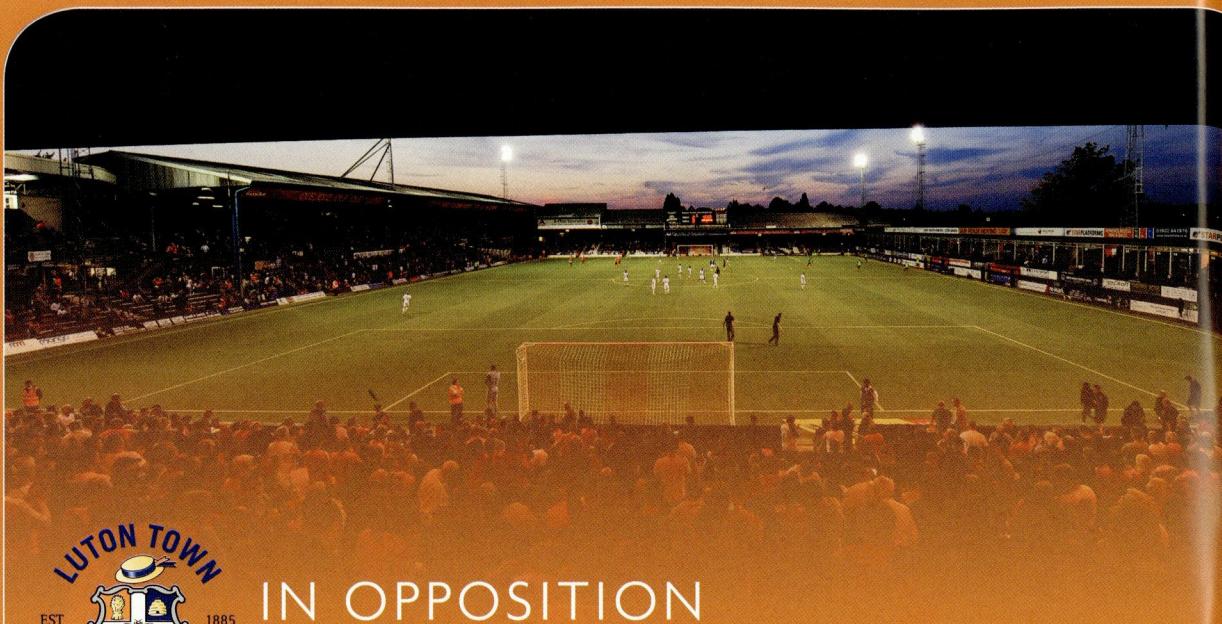
Vernon added the second with his first goal for the club eight minutes from time. Osborne threaded a ball into the right channel for Bogle, who squared for Vernon to net from close range at the second attempt.



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IN OPPOSITION LUTON TOWN

Nathan Jones' Luton Town side will head to Blundell Park today hoping to keep their play-off push going and bounce back from a surprising midweek home defeat by strugglers Cheltenham Town at Kenilworth Road.

The early-season pacesetters in the division, the Hatters have been in the top seven for the entire campaign so far and with just one away defeat since September, they are formidable opponents on the road.

Jones had a big clear-out at Kenilworth Road in the summer, with 14 players leaving the club and a further three then departing in the January transfer window.

Unsurprisingly, former Hatters' boss John Still was quick to bring some of his former charges to Dagenham & Redbridge, with Paul Benson, Elliot Justham, Matt Robinson, Curtly Williams and Magnus Okuonghae all departing for East London.

Midfielder Alex Lawless joined League Two rivals Yeovil and highly-rated youngsters Cameron McJannett and Freddie Hinds boosted the coffers with moves to Stoke and Bristol City respectively.

Jones raided Oxford United for Danny Hylton and Johnny Mullins, the pair having won promotion with the U's last season. Hylton leads the scoring ranks for the Hatters this term with 14 in all competitions,

whilst Mullins has been a creative force in the midfield.

Midfielder Cameron McGeehan has been in good form for the Hatters this season too, netting ten league goals from the centre of the park. Alan Sheehan, a summer signing from Bradford has added experience to the defence and impressive youngster Isaac Vassell has made the step-up from Truro impressively.

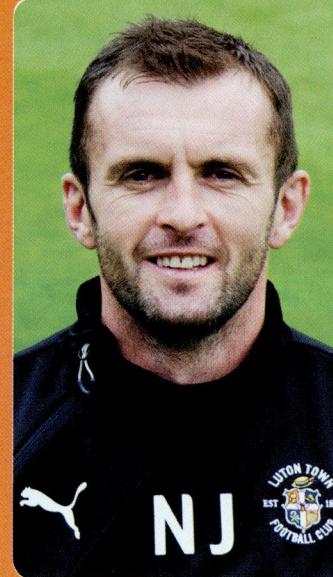
The Hatters have shown their worth in cup competitions too this season. They defeated Championship opposition in the shape of Aston Villa in the First Round of the League Cup, before losing narrowly to Leeds United in the second stage.

In the FA Cup, victories over Exeter and Solihull set up a Third Round tie with League Two compatriots Accrington but the Hatters lost out 2-1.

Luton are still in the Checkatrade Trophy though, having passed through a group involving Gillingham, Millwall and West Brom and then beating Swindon and Chesterfield in the knockout stages. They now face Yeovil in the quarter-finals on Tuesday, knowing they the winners of that tie face Oxford in the semi-finals.

Today's two teams met earlier in the season when the Mariners won 2-1 at Kenilworth Road thanks to a brace from Omar Bogle, who departed Blundell Park for Wigan in the week.

"HYLTON LEADS THE SCORING RANKS FOR THE HATTERS THIS TERM WITH 14 IN ALL COMPETITIONS, WHILST MULLINS HAS BEEN A CREATIVE FORCE IN THE MIDFIELD"



THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Former Hatters' defender Nathan Jones re-joined the Kenilworth Road club in the summer, 20 years after first leaving the club, to become manager after three years on the backroom team at Brighton.

The Welshman made his name with Merthyr Tydfil in the early-90s, joining Luton for £10,000 in 1995. After a season at Kenilworth Road, he joined Spanish sides Numancia and then Badajoz, before returning to England with Southend United.

He is best remembered for lengthy spells with Brighton and Yeovil, where he racked up over 350 career appearances.

Jones was player/assistant manager with the Grovers between 2009 and 2012 and then moved to Charlton as under-21 coach for a season. He returned to Brighton in 2013 as assistant head coach to Oscar Garcia, before becoming first-team coach under Sami Hyppia.

After Hyppia's dismissal in December 2014, Nathan had a short spell as caretaker manager, before resuming the roles of assistant manager and then first-team coach under new boss Chris Hughton.

LAST TIME OUT

GRIMSBY TOWN
Neilson

LUTON TOWN
Robinson, Benson

TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2014 | FOOTBALL CONFERENCE | BLUNDELL PARK | 3.789

Conference leaders Luton Town continued their march towards the league championship with a 2-1 victory over Grimsby at Blundell Park.

The Mariners drew first blood on the evening with a neat finish from midfielder Scott Neilson on 19 minutes but the Hatters were level within two minutes.

A mix-up at the back and a stray clearance from Sam Hatton allowed future Mariner Matt Robinson to lash the ball home from 20 yards.

And the Hatters pressed home their advantage in the second half and sealed the win just after the hour when Paul Benson was on hand to convert at the far post.

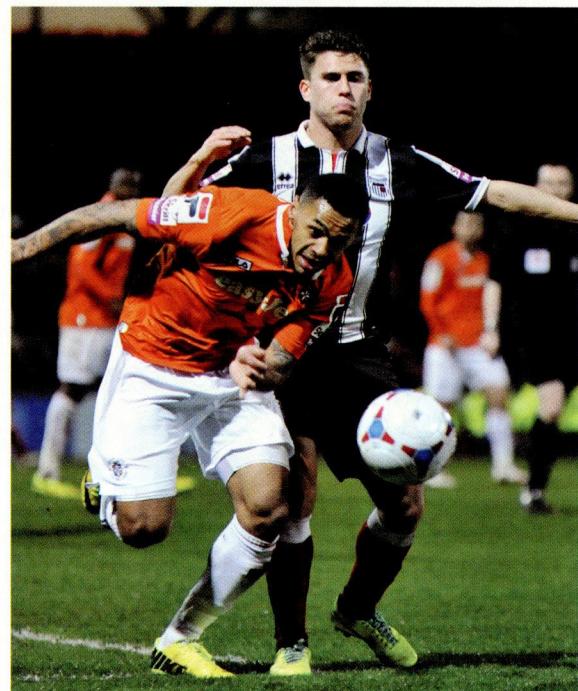
Mariners: McKeown; Hatton, Boyce, Pearson, Thomas; Rodman (Hannah), Kerr, Disley, Neilson; John-Lewis (Tounkara), Jennings.

Subs not used: Fyfield, Thanoj, McLaughlin.

Hatters: Tyler; Franks, McNulty, Griffiths, Henry; Lawless, McGeehan, Robinson, Ruddock; Benson, Gray.

Subs not used: Justham, Charles, Rooney, Shaw, Cullen.

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IN OPPOSITION THE SQUAD

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The Hatters

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Kenilworth Road

CAPACITY

10,356

MANAGER

Nathan Jones

2015-16

League Two, 11th

FORM GUIDE LAST FIVE



Tuesday 31 January
Cheltenham Town L 2-3



Saturday 28 January
Cambridge United W 2-0



Saturday 21 January
Wycombe Wanderers D 1-1



Saturday 14 January
Crewe Alexandra W 2-1



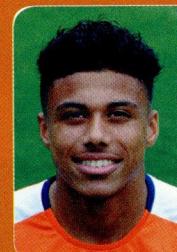
Tuesday 10 January
Chesterfield W 4-0



STUART MOORE

GOALKEEPER +

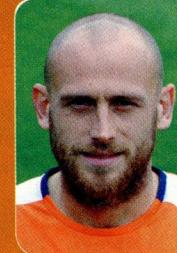
The Hatters signed young goalkeeper Stuart on loan from Sky Bet Championship side Reading. The 22-year-old academy graduate came through the ranks at the Madejski Stadium and made his EFL debut while on loan at League One Peterborough last February. Moore has also gained experience during loan spells in Non-League with Gloucester City, Bath City and Basingstoke Town, where he spent the whole of the 2014-15 season, helping the Hampshire side reach the Conference South play-offs and winning their player of the year award.



JAMES JUSTIN

DEFENDER +

Luton-born defender able to play at right-back or in central midfield. James signed a professional contract with the club at the same time as youth team colleague Frankie Musonda last November. First joined the Hatters in 2005 and along with Musonda, won the Arau Masters as an Under-11, beating Bayern Munich in the final. Made his senior debut as a substitute against Exeter on the final day of last season and has gone onto make a number of first team appearances this season, including a man-of-the-match winning first start in the EFL Cup win over Aston Villa. The 18-year-old signed a new two-and-a-half-year contract in December 2016, with the option of another year.



SCOTT CUTHBERT

DEFENDER +

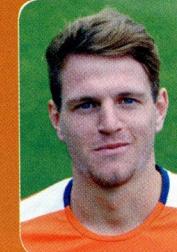
Capable of playing at either centre-half or right-back, Cuthbert signed for the Hatters last summer having spent two years at Leyton Orient. He helped the O's reach the League One play-off final the season before last, and prior to that his influential performances enabled Swindon to do the same. He has been capped at B level for Scotland and, like Stephen O'Donnell, also came through the youth ranks at Celtic. Made 40 appearances in his first season at Kenilworth Road, and took over the captaincy when Steve McNulty left for Tranmere last October. The club captain recently activated a clause in his contract to extend his stay at Kenilworth Road until the summer of 2018 after making his 50th start against Carlisle United in December 2016.



JACK SENIOR

DEFENDER +

A summer transfer deadline day signing from Huddersfield Town, left-back Senior won the Professional Development League 2 Championship in the 2015/16 season with his former side. The 19-year-old left the Terriers after a nine-year association with the club, signing for the Hatters on a two-year-deal. He made his first career professional appearance for the Hatters against West Bromwich Albion in the Checkatrade Trophy in October 2016. Senior's EFL debut came on 14th January, the day after his 20th birthday, when he appeared as a second-half substitute in the 2-1 win at Crewe.



GLEN REA

MIDFIELDER +

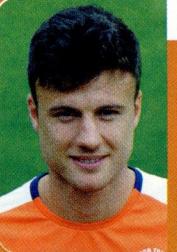
Highly-rated Republic of Ireland Under-21 international who can operate as a holding midfielder or centre-half. Rea joined the Hatters on loan from Championship club Brighton & Hove Albion last March, making ten appearances, and signed permanently in June. The Sussex-born player had made his debut for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



PELLY RUDDOCK MPANZU

MIDFIELDER +

Midfielder. Former West Ham United academy graduate Ruddock Mpanzu is hoping to stay fighting fit for 2015-16 after an injury-disrupted couple of years. The direct, pacy youngster was an instant hit when signed on-loan by then-boss John Still from the Hammers midway through the Conference title winning campaign of 2013-14, scoring a memorable goal in a crucial come-from-behind win at Dartford. Versatile to play in central defence, midfield or on the wing, Pelly is a real crowd favourite and will be hoping to build on the run of games he put together towards the end of last season.



JONATHAN SMITH

MIDFIELDER +

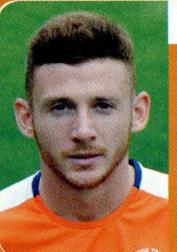
With a never-say-die attitude and exhaustive work-rate, former Forest Green Rovers midfielder Smith has become a firm favourite with Town fans since his arrival from York City in 2011 and is now the longest serving senior member of the squad. Part of the team that won the Conference title in 2013-14, the Preston-born player – who began his career at Morecambe and won League Two with Swindon – fought back from a broken leg sustained on Boxing Day 2013 and has now made over 150 appearances for the club. Smith signed a three-year contract last summer after being voted the Hatters' player of the year by his team-mates for the 2014-15 campaign.



LUKE GAMBIN

MIDFIELDER +

Maltese international who became Nathan Jones' second signing of the January transfer window when he moved from Barnet for an undisclosed fee. Gambin had been with the Bees since joining as an apprentice in 2009 and had made 136 appearances, scoring 15 times, while helping the north London club win the Conference title in 2014-15 and establish themselves back in League Two. Since making his international debut in May 2016, the Sutton-born midfielder has gained top-level experience by playing for Malta in a World Cup qualifying group that contains England and Scotland. Penned a two-and-a-half year contract upon signing at Kenilworth Road, with the Hatters having an option to extend it to 2020.



JORDAN COOK

FORWARD +

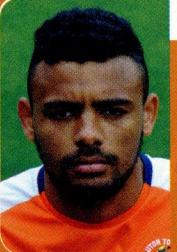
Former Sunderland youngster Cook flew out to Hungary to join the Hatters squad at their pre-season training camp, where he penned a two-year contract having turned down the offer of a new deal at Walsall. The 26-year-old began his career in the Premier League, making his Black Cats debut as a substitute against Manchester United on Boxing Day 2010. He gained experience on loan at Darlington, Walsall and Carlisle, before heading south to sign for Charlton Athletic in 2012. Cook first worked with Town boss Nathan Jones at The Valley, and after spending two years at Walsall in League One, he jumped at the chance to be reunited with his old Addicks coach this summer.



JACK MARRIOTT

FORWARD +

Talented young forward who moved to Kenilworth Road last summer after spending six years at Ipswich Town, where he came through the academy. Marriott played twice for Ipswich in the Football League, but gained experience on loan at Colchester, Gillingham and Carlisle, as well as in three spells at Conference club Woking, where he impressed in matches against the Hatters. After a bright start to his Luton career, Marriott signed a two-year contract extension before August was out and his goalscoring form continued throughout 2015-16, with 16 in 25 starts in all competitions earning him our supporters' player of the year award. Rewarded with a new three-year deal in late July.



ISAAC VASSELL

FORWARD +

Former Plymouth Argyle forward who became manager Nathan Jones' seventh signing of the close season when he penned a one-year deal at the end of a successful fortnight on trial in July. The 22-year-old is a cousin of former England international Darius Vassell, and for the past two seasons has combined life working on a building site with playing part-time for Truro City following his release by the Pilgrims in 2014. Vassell helped his hometown club win promotion from the Southern Premier Division and then qualify for the National League South play-offs in his two years at Treyew Road. Vassell scored his first Town goal in a 2-0 win over Morecambe in November, before following it up with a classy finish against Swindon Town in the Checkatrade Trophy in a 3-2 victory. The striker was rewarded with a new contract just before Christmas that runs until 2018.

05 + Mullins	19 (2)	0
06 + Cuthbert	22 (1)	1
16 + Rea	18 (3)	1
21 + Senior	3 (1)	0
39 + Farnewo	1 (1)	0
44 + Sheehan	15 (2)	2

17 + Ruddock	16 (8)	0
19 + Lee	16 (6)	0
20 + Vassell	7 (15)	3
22 + Gambin	3 (0)	0
24 + D'Ath	1 (2)	0
36 + Justin	15 (1)	0

10 + Cook	20 (4)	2
14 + Marriott	22 (4)	5

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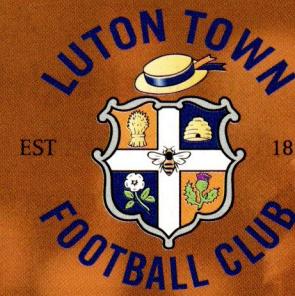
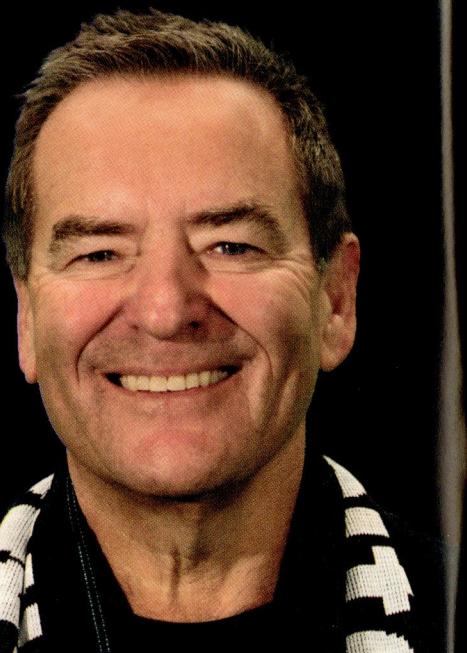
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LUTON TOWN BY NUMBERS

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FOUNDED IN 1885,
LUTON TOWN'S
NICKNAME IS
'THE HATTERS'

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FOR NINE SEASONS BETWEEN
1982 AND 1992, THEY PLAYED
THEIR FOOTBALL IN THE
FIRST DIVISION

100

SIX PLAYERS HAVE SCORED MORE THAN 100
GOALS FOR THE HATTERS (GORDON TURNER,
ANDY RENNIE, BRIAN STEIN, ERNIE SIMMS,
HERBERT MOODY AND STEVE HOWARD)

IN 1988 THE
HATTERS WON
THE LEAGUE
CUP, BEATING
ARSENAL 3-2 AT
WEMBLEY

73-74

1988

30

THEY LOST THEIR PLACE IN THE
FOOTBALL LEAGUE AT THE END
OF THE 2008-09 SEASON, HAVING
BEEN DEDUCTED 30 POINTS FOR
GOING INTO ADMINISTRATION

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THE HATTERS SPENT FIVE SEASONS IN
NON-LEAGUE, EVENTUALLY RETURNING
TO THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AT THE END
OF THE 2013-14 CAMPAIGN

562

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THE FAB FOUR



MALCOLM MACDONALD



RICKY HILL



BRIAN STEIN



MICK HARFORD

Striker Malcolm Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Luton in July 1969. He was twice top scorer including their 1969-70 promotion success when 'Player of the Year' and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974 and League Cup finalist in 1976, he joined Arsenal for £333,333 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield and now works in the media.

England international midfielder Ricky Hill was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was also 'Player of the Year' in 1980-81 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He also featured in two consecutive League Cup finals including the Hatters' 1988 Wembley triumph and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.

England international striker Brian Stein was Luton Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1987-88, scoring twice in that season's League Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted 'Player of the Year' again in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.

MANAGING TO SUCCEED



DAVID PLEAT

David Pleat managed Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. A former winger, he played for Nottingham Forest, Luton, Shrewsbury, Exeter and Peterborough before appointed Nuneaton's player-boss. He rejoined Luton as coach in July 1972, becoming manager in January 1978, guiding them to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1984-85. Taking charge of Spurs in May 1986, he led them to the 1987 FA Cup final, then managed Leicester City before rejoining Luton in June 1991. He took the Hatters to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1993-94, leaving in June 1995, then was Sheffield Wednesday's boss and Spurs' director of football.



RAY HARFORD

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 League Cup final triumph. A centre-half with Charlton Athletic, Exeter City, Lincoln, Mansfield, Port Vale and Colchester, he was appointed youth team coach at Layer Road. He joined Fulham in a similar capacity in June 1981 and was manager for two years before moving to Luton as assistant-boss in July 1986. Becoming manager in June 1987, he also guided them to the Simod Cup final and FA Cup semi-finals in 1987-88, then the 1989 League Cup final. Sacked in January 1990, he later had spells managing Wimbledon, Blackburn Rovers, West Brom and QPR. He died in August 2003.

CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

1954-55

Gordon Turner scored 32 goals as Luton Town won promotion to the top-flight for the first time in 1954-55. The Hatters began with a 3-0 victory at home to Nottingham Forest and soared up the Second Division table with six straight wins. Gordon Turner grabbed a hat-trick as Luton trounced Blackburn 7-3 and they triumphed 5-1 at Nottingham Forest. Dally Duncan's side maintained their challenge, slamming four goals past Hull City, Rotherham United, Liverpool and Port Vale. Tom Aherne and Shay Dunne were ever-present as Luton pipped Rotherham to the runners-up slot on goal average with a 3-0 win at Doncaster.

1973-74

Luton Town regained top-flight status after an absence of 14 years in 1973-74. The Hatters recovered from a 4-0 defeat at Nottingham Forest on the opening day to hammer Carlisle 6-1, embarking on an eight-match unbeaten run. Harry Haslam signed Alan West from Burnley and Jimmy Husband from Everton as Luton maintained their promotion challenge. Husband netted a hat-trick in a 3-1 victory over rivals Orient, then leading marksman Barry Butlin scored three in a 4-2 win over Preston. Alan Garner and Bobby Thomson were ever-present and other stars included Peter Anderson and John Ryan as Luton finished runners-up.

1981-82

David Pleat guided Luton Town to the Second Division title in 1981-82. The Hatters had narrowly missed promotion in the previous two years and Tony Grealish was swapped for Brighton's Brian Horton. They raced to the top by winning their first three games and hammered rivals Watford 4-1, then Steve White scored four times in a 6-0 demolition of Grimsby. Richard Money arrived from Liverpool and was an influential figure as Luton were unbeaten in their last 14 matches. Leading marksman Brian Stein, Mal Donaghy, Kirk Stephens and Steve White were all ever-present as Luton won the title with 88 points.

1987-88

Ray Harford plotted Luton Town's 1988 League Cup final triumph. Danny Wilson replaced Peter Nicholas in midfield, while Micky Weir arrived from Hibernian and Mike Newell moved to Leicester. The Hatters won 5-2 at Oxford and Ian Allinson was signed from Stoke in October, with Luton losing just twice in 12 matches including a 7-4 win in the return match against Oxford, finishing ninth in the top-flight. They defeated Wigan 5-2, Coventry 3-1, Ipswich 1-0, Bradford City 2-0 and Oxford 3-1 in the League Cup before beating Arsenal 3-2 in the final. Luton were also FA Cup semi-finalists and Simod Cup finalists.



DEAN HENDERSON

England under-20 goalkeeper Dean Henderson is hoping that Marcus Bignot's new-look Grimsby Town side can make a concerted push for the play-offs during the closing months of the season

The 19-year-old Cumbrian has helped Town to within three points of the top seven in recent weeks and he believes some exciting new additions at Blundell Park can make all the difference in upcoming games.

"I think the manager has brought some really, exciting young players into the club," he stated.

"He knows exactly what he wants and all the signings come here with an excellent reputation.

"We have good strength in-depth now and that could prove key as the games come towards the end of the season."



Henderson's journey to being a member of the first-team squad at boyhood heroes Manchester United began for Carlisle United's school of excellence as a midfielder as the 19-year-old explained.

He said: "I was never a goalkeeper until one week when I was playing for Carlisle and our goalkeeper was ill and we needed someone to go in goal.

"I liked rolling around in the mud, so I offered to go in and then I never looked back from there and that is where my goalkeeping career started."

Henderson's reputation grew and the Brunton Park club were quick to capitalise on his meteoric rise by offering him an unprecedented long-term contract.

"I was just 12 when I signed an eight-year deal with Carlisle," he declared.

"It was a massive occasion for me because it showed the belief Carlisle had in me.

"They had never offered a deal like that before or since and it gave me a real boost."

Things were to get even better for Dean within a couple of years as scouts from Premier League clubs began to flock to see the fledgling 'keeper in action.

He said: "I was aware of interest from Newcastle and Chelsea but it was Manchester United that I was really hoping would come in for me because I had been a fan since I was a boy.

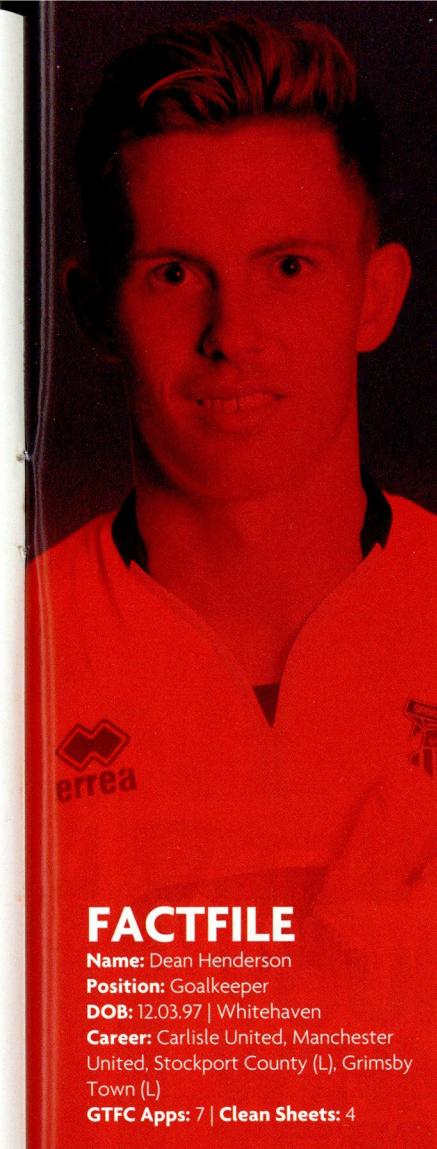
"I made the move to Old Trafford when I was just 14 and it was another massive step for me.

"It was a dream come true and the club are just so professional in everything they do – the facilities are truly out of this world!"

And Dean's first day with the Red Devils was made complete when he met the manager at the time.

He continued: "I went into the manager's office to meet Sir Alex (Ferguson) on my first day, which was a great honour and after that he always remembered my name, which is amazing for a 14-year-old – it really made you feel part of something."

Dean progressed through the ranks at Old Trafford and was eventually offered a pro deal when he turned 18, going onto appear on the bench for the club last season.



FACTFILE

Name: Dean Henderson
Position: Goalkeeper
DOB: 12.03.97 | Whitehaven
Career: Carlisle United, Manchester United, Stockport County (L), Grimsby Town (L)
GTFC Apps: 7 | **Clean Sheets:** 4

"It was a great thrill to get a pro contract with the club but, in some ways, that's when the hard work just begins because you are still so far away from the starting XI on a matchday," he stated.

"I have played regularly for the under-23s but although those matches are technically sound, they lack the pace of first-team games.

"Last season I was involved in an FA Cup squad at Shrewsbury and it was amazing to look around the dressing room and see Juan Mata and all the other stars.

"I sat next to Michael Carrick and he gave me some words of encouragement, which was really good of him.

"Now I train with David (De Gea) and Sergio (Romero) every day and they are two fantastic goalkeepers, who I love learning from.

"My goal is to be in a position where I can be in the number two spot in two seasons' time."

Loan spells have helped the young stopper gain first-team experience and he admits that his stint at Stockport last term was a real eye-opener.

He said: "The game is very physical – that was the first thing that caught the eye.

"And some of the places you are playing at are a million miles away from the facilities at Manchester United.

"That's a major difference – I will go into the training ground on a Sunday to do

extra training but having great facilities helps because it makes you feel at home almost – pushing yourself that extra mile will do you good in the long run."

And his performances at Stockport almost led to a move to the Mariners last season.

He revealed: "It was on the eve of the play-offs that the manager (Paul Hurst) first contacted me.

"Macca (James McKeown) had a thigh strain and they weren't sure whether he would make through the play-offs so they were looking at options and I was one of those that was considered.

"But he did make it through and played a key part in promotion but I think the manager then kept me in his thoughts for this season."

Dean eventually moved to Blundell Park last August and made his Mariners' debut on Boxing Day in the victory over Accrington Stanley.

But it is not just the domestic front that he has on his mind this season. England under-20s are one of the favourites for the Under-20 World Cup in South Korea at the end of the season and Henderson is hopeful of playing his part.

He said: "It is the second most important ranking system in the FIFA calendar – even more important than the Champions League, so I am hopeful of going out there and doing my bit to bring the trophy home to England."

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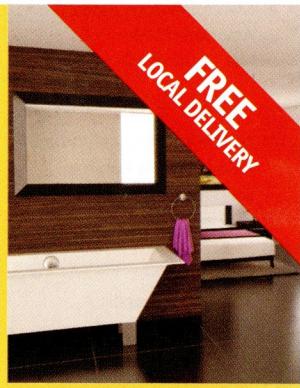
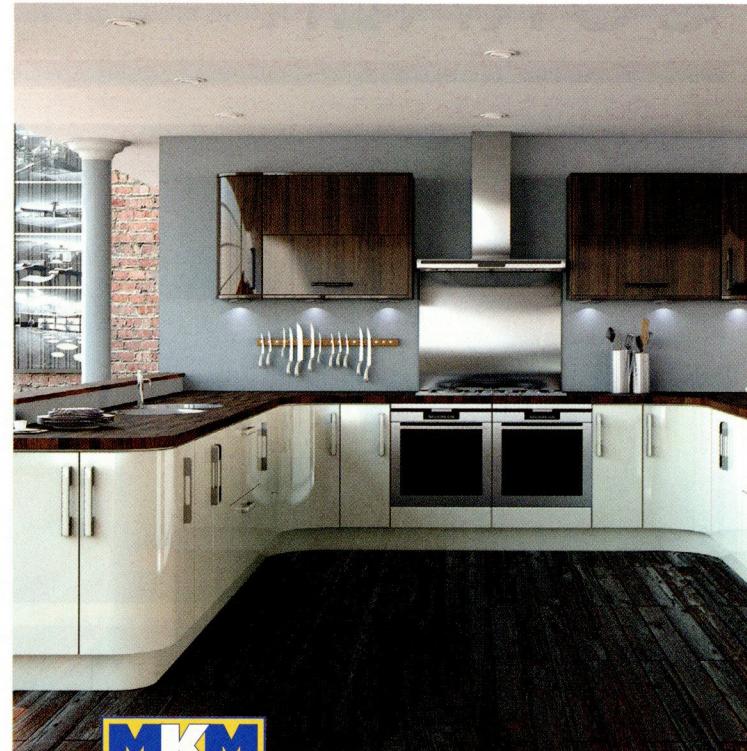
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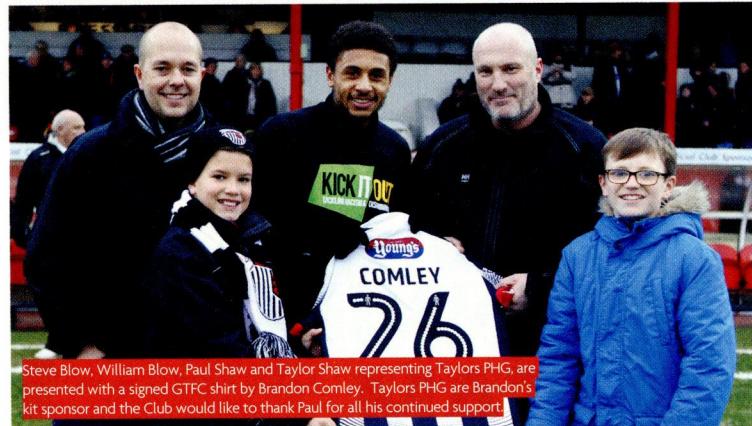
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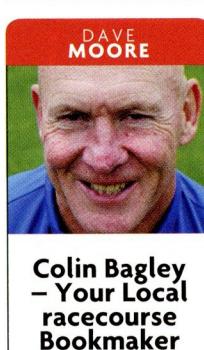
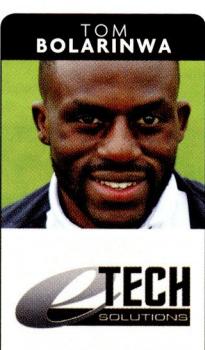
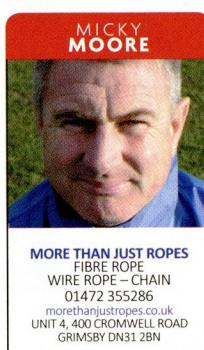
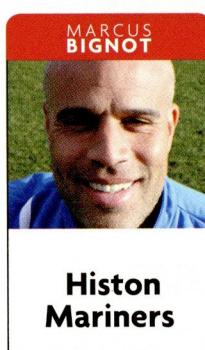
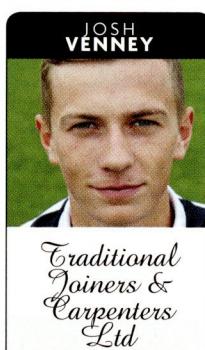
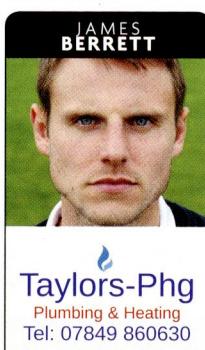
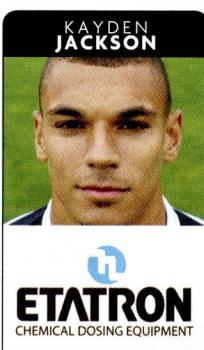
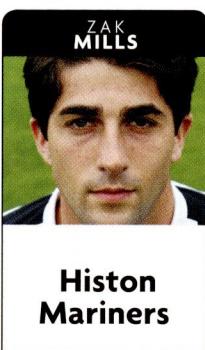
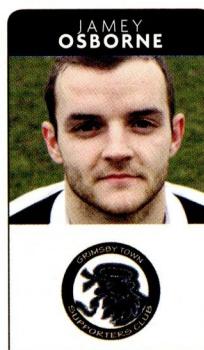
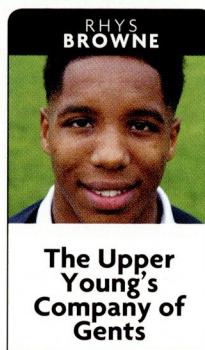
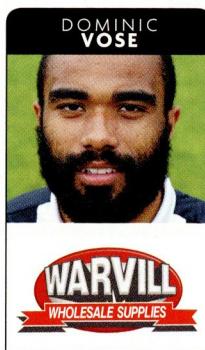
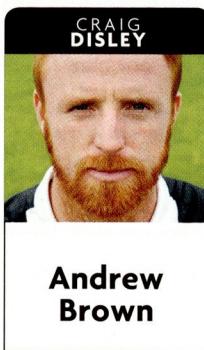
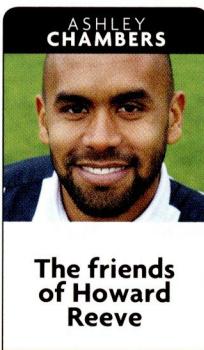
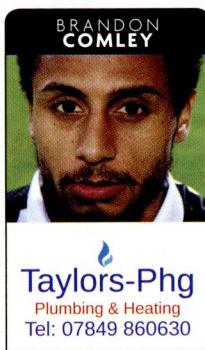
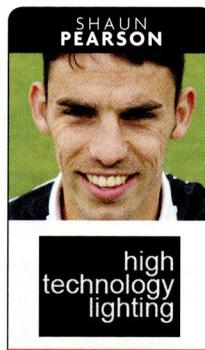
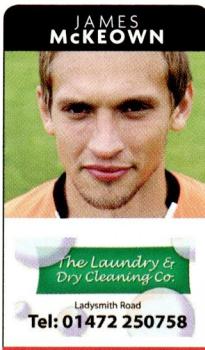
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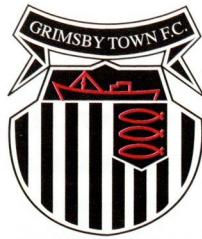
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COMBINED XI

Over the years lots of players have represented both Grimsby Town and Luton Town. In this feature *The Mariner* selects its combined XI...

MORTEN HYLDGAARD

Danish goalkeeper Morten Hylgaard came to England from Ikast FS in 1999, joining Coventry City for a four-year spell. The giant stopper made his Football League bow with Scunthorpe later that season and in 2001 moved to Blundell Park on loan as understudy to Danny Coyne. A short spell with Hibs followed, before he joined Luton for an 18-game spell in 2004, finishing his playing career with stints at Esbjerg and AGF. He is now goalkeeping coach at Skive IK in the Danish First Division.

ALAN NEILSON

Welsh international Alan Neilson was born in West Germany but began his playing career with Newcastle United. He enjoyed a two-season spell in the Premier League with Southampton between 1995 and 1997 and then moved onto Fulham, where he scored once in 29 league outings. An October 2001 switch to Blundell Park saw the full back play 12 times for the Mariners, before leaving for Luton the following summer. He played 57 times in three seasons at Kenilworth Road, finishing his playing career with Tamworth and Salisbury, later returning to the Hatters for three caretaker stints in charge of the club.

MICK SAXBY

Defender Mick Saxby burst onto the scene with Mansfield Town in the mid-70s, making 79 league appearances for the Stags in four years at Field Mill. He moved onto Luton, where he made a further 82 league appearances and in 1982 joined the Mariners on loan for a ten-game stint. A further ten-game spell at Lincoln followed in the next season, before the Clipstone-born player moved onto Newport, Middlesbrough and then Oakham United.

GRAHAM RODGER

Currently the Mariners' Sports Education Trust officer, Graham Rodger plied his trade as a centre half and started his early career at Wolves and Coventry City. In 1989 he moved onto Luton Town, where he spent three seasons and score twice in 28 league games. A switch to the Mariners came in 1992, where he played his best football, racking up over

150 appearances and adding eleven goals. He was later assistant manager and manager of Grimsby.

ARNAUD MENDY

Well-travelled midfielder Arnaud Mendy moved to Derby from FC Rouen in France in 2008. He made just one league appearance for the Rams in three seasons at Pride Park, similarly making one appearance whilst on loan at Blundell Park in 2009. A loan stint at Tranmere the following year proved more fruitful and paved the way for a successful spell at Macclesfield between 2011 and 2013. He first joined Luton on loan in 2012 and completed a permanent switch the following summer and later turned out for Lincoln, Whitehawk and is currently plying his trade for Hemel Hempstead.

MATT ROBINSON

Midfielder Matt Robinson came through the ranks at Leicester City, moving to Luton in 2012. He spent four seasons with the Hatters, helping them win promotion to the Football League in 2014. A loan spell at Kidderminster followed, before he joined the Mariners for a similar spell in 2015, scoring once in seven league games. Spending the rest of last season with Woking, Matt joined former Hatters' boss John Still at Dagenham this term.

ADRIAN FORBES

Attacking midfielder Adrian Forbes was a product of the Norwich academy in the mid-90s, going onto make 112 league appearances for the Canaries. He joined Luton in 2001 and impressed with 24 goals in just 72 league games, moving onto Swansea in 2004, where he wrote himself into club folklore by scoring the last goal at Vetch Field and then a promotion-winning goal against Bury the following season.

Successful spells at Blackpool and Millwall followed, before the player moved to Blundell Park, initially on loan in 2009. In total he played 28 league games for the Mariners, scoring four times, before ending his playing career with Lowestoft.

MICHAEL LEARY

Tough tackling midfielder Michael Leary began his playing career with the Hatters in 2002, spending five seasons at Kenilworth Road, as

well as enjoying loan spells with Bristol Rovers, Walsall, Torquay and Brentford. A 50-game spell with Barnet followed between 2007 and 2009, before the midfielder moved to Blundell Park in 2009, spending two seasons with the Mariners, playing 48 league games. A three-season stay with Gainsborough followed between 2011 and 2014 and the Londoner is now on the books at Spalding.

CALVIN ANDREW

Striker Calvin Andrew came through the ranks at Luton in 2004 and went onto score four times in 55 league games for the Hatters. Joining the Mariners on loan in 2005, Calvin scored once in his eight league games for the club – the winner at Barnet in August 2005. He moved onto Crystal Palace in 2008, playing 53 times for the Eagles and enjoying loan spells at Brighton, Millwall, Swindon and Leyton Orient. Short spells with Port Vale, Mansfield and York followed, before Calvin joined Rochdale in 2014, where he has since scored 17 league goals in 84 outings.

TONY THORPE

Well-travelled striker Tony Thorpe spent four different spells with Luton between 1992 and 2003. He developed a reputation as one of the lower league's most prolific goalscorers through spells at Luton, Fulham, Bristol City and QPR, eventually joining the Mariners from non-league Stevenage Borough in 2006 and playing six games during his stay at Blundell Park. He then moved back into non-league with Tamworth and went onto play for Woking, Brackley, Stamford, Halesowen and Hinckley, amongst others. Tony now manages Melton Town FC.

MATT TEES

A legendary Mariners' forward over two stints at Blundell Park, the wiry Scot hit 93 league goals in 196 league games – helping the club win the Division Four title in 1972. Tees originally made his name with Airdrie but it was at Blundell Park where he became synonymous. Moved to Charlton in 1967, scoring 32 times in 89 league games and then to Luton in 1969, where he added 13 goals in 35 league games. His finished his career in the Northern Premier League with Boston and still lives locally.



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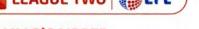
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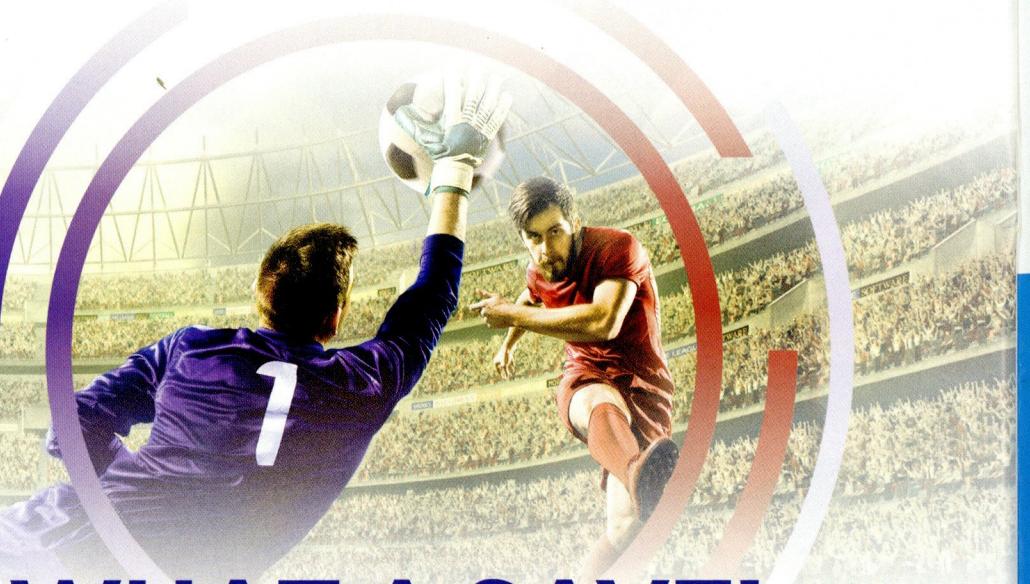


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STEVENAGE
Schumacher, McAnuff

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The Mariners slipped to an away defeat Stevenage after goals from Steven Schumacher and Jobi McAnuff.

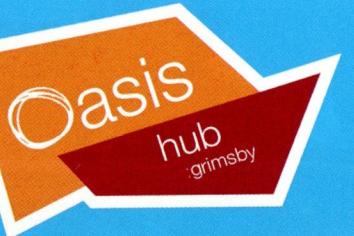
Former Everton youngster Schumacher opened the scoring on four minutes with a fantastic swerving free kick from distance.

McAnuff added the second just after the hour mark, after he capitalised on a defensive mix-up from the Mariners and lofted the ball into the goal from 25 yards.

Town tried to get themselves back into the game but the closest they came to scoring was when substitute Ben Davies clipped the roof of the net with a free kick in the final ten minutes.



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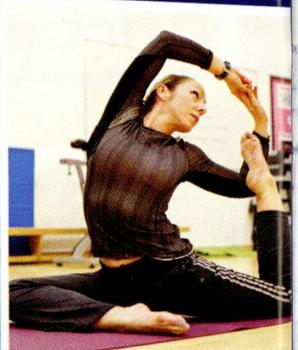
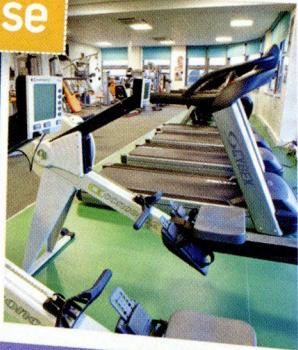
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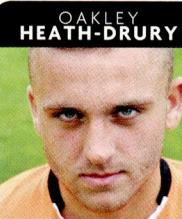
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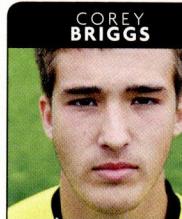
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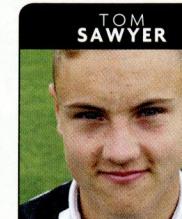
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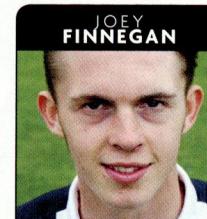
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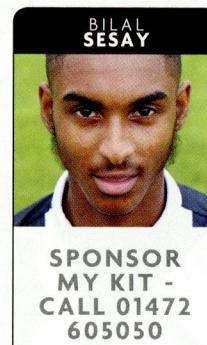
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A MOMENT IN TIME

Club Historian Rob Briggs shares images from Grimsby Town's recent past...



In September 1978, Hartlepool keeper Jim Platt assists Town physio John Fraser in removing the injured Mike Lester from the pitch. The forward was replaced by teenager Kevin Drinkell, although it was the visitors that took the points with the only goal after the break.

HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN

JOHN OSTER

WORDS: Pat Bell

Watching football at Gateshead's athletics stadium is bad enough. Still worse when it's for a play-off defeat in part inspired by our very own John Oster.

Nearing the end of an 18-year career that took in 11 different clubs, he was, almost for the first time, playing against Grimsby, the club where it began.

At Charlton on 26 November 1996, Kenny Swain gave a debut to the most wonderful of wonderkids. Wearing the playmaker's number ten shirt, the 17-year-old Oster was a boy wizard, cracking passes across the turf, casting spells with free-kicks and corners. Clive Mendonca and Steve Livingstone got the goals in an unexpected win that night, but Oster was the talk of the Town.

Swain's Town had goals in it, most of them at the wrong end. At Sheffield Wednesday in the FA Cup, we lost 7-1. Ours was the one to remember though: a 30-yard shot by Oster, his first senior goal. He scored three more that season but we were always leaking too many. Oster's first Town spell ended in relegation.

Grimsby turned down £1 million bids for Oster from Sunderland and Nottingham Forest. Manchester United were also interested, but Everton got him for £1.5 million. It remains a record transfer fee for a Town player.

An early performance for Everton provoked a rare instance of Mark Lawrenson showing some enthusiasm on Match of the Day. But Oster was being pitched into a struggling team. At the end of his career, he reflected "Looking back, I wasn't as mature as you'd like to be when you move to a big club, on and off the field. I'd only played about half a season for Grimsby and the step up ... to the Premiership was considerable." A confidence player, nights spent worrying in a Liverpool hotel room did not help.

If he'd stayed longer at Grimsby? Alan Buckley had returned to replace Swain. He might have been the making of Oster, but he might have undone that fragile confidence for good.

Buckley describes how, on being told of the offer from Everton, he'd said "From what I've seen of him in training, we'll take it."

When Peter Reid signed him for Sunderland in 1999, Oster still commanded a seven-figure fee. His stay lasted for six chequered years. His first season ended in relegation. The second was truncated by injury.

Oster had already walked out on one loan spell at Barnsley when in 2002-03 he returned to Blundell Park. He scored six goals in 17 appearances to keep alive our faint hopes of avoiding relegation. At Rotherham, Town were hanging on grimly for a point when in the last minute, Steve Livingstone broke free. Logic told him to hold up play in the corner but he saw the one man in the box was Oster, the only Town player with the skill to make a goal possible. Livvo crossed, Oster volleyed and Grimsby's 1-0 win briefly took us out of the relegation zone. It didn't last. Oster rejected a permanent transfer and Grimsby were relegated.

After six seasons, Oster appeared capable of performing consistently only for the Mariners. Outside Lincolnshire, he was remembered mainly for accidentally taking out someone's eye with an air rifle. Now though Everton waived an appearance-related clause in Oster's transfer, so that Sunderland manager Mick McCarthy could play him regularly. In 2004, the Black Cats reached the semi-finals of the FA Cup – Oster struck a free kick

against the crossbar as they lost to Millwall – and the play-offs. Oster was one of three Sunderland players to miss when they were beaten on penalties.

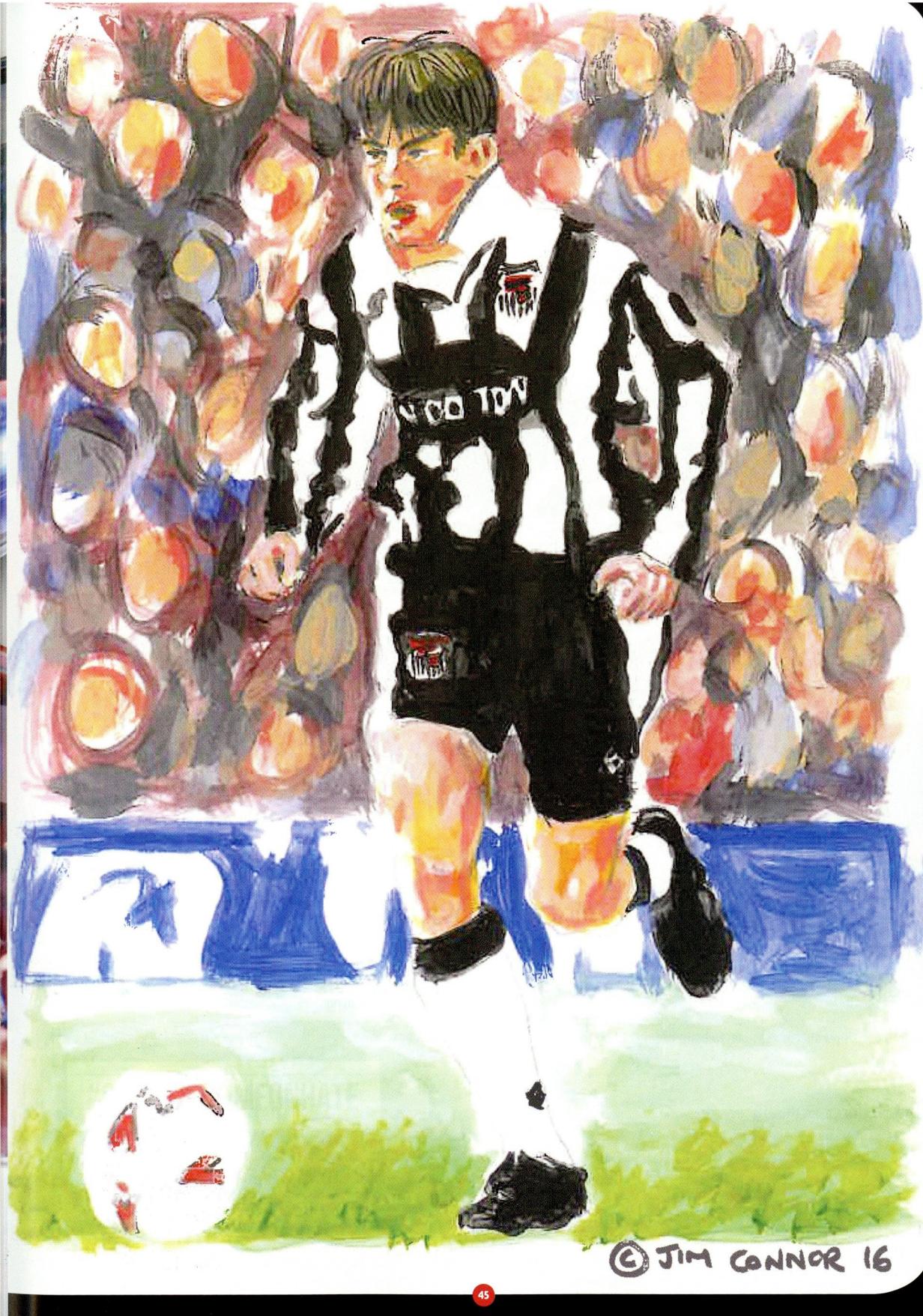
That might have been that. Out of favour again, a loan to Leeds ended after an incident outside a night club. Dismissed by Sunderland, an undistinguished spell at Burnley followed.

Then in August 2005, Oster joined Reading. He did well enough that his contract was extended and he stayed three years, helping the Royals into the Premiership then making regular appearances from the subs' bench. By now Oster was a player with a promising future behind him, but after a year at Crystal Palace, in 2009 he joined Doncaster. There he enjoyed the most contented three years of his career, helping keep the club in the second flight, before dropping down the divisions with Barnet and finally Gateshead.

It was not the career it might have been. Oster won 13 Wales caps, mainly in friendlies, running the show in a 4-0 humiliation of an admittedly poor Scotland team. It was another tantalising glimpse of what could have been possible.

You can regret what didn't happen. Or you can remember the moments of brilliance – that peerless debut, the magnificent goal in a madcap game at Hillsborough and the priceless theft of three points from Rotherham – and be glad we were there to enjoy them.

Pat Bell is an editor of the independent Grimsby fanzine *Cod Almighty*





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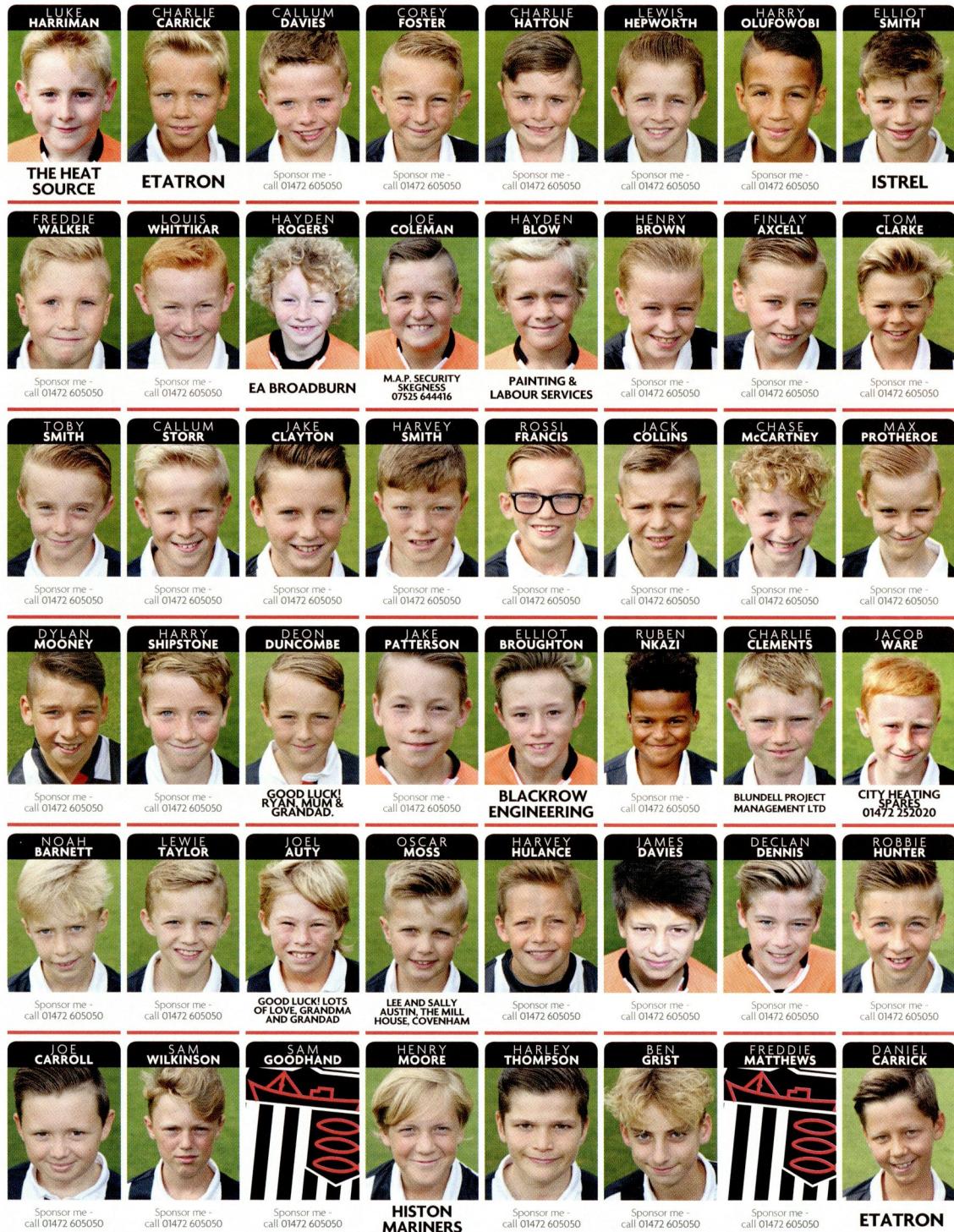
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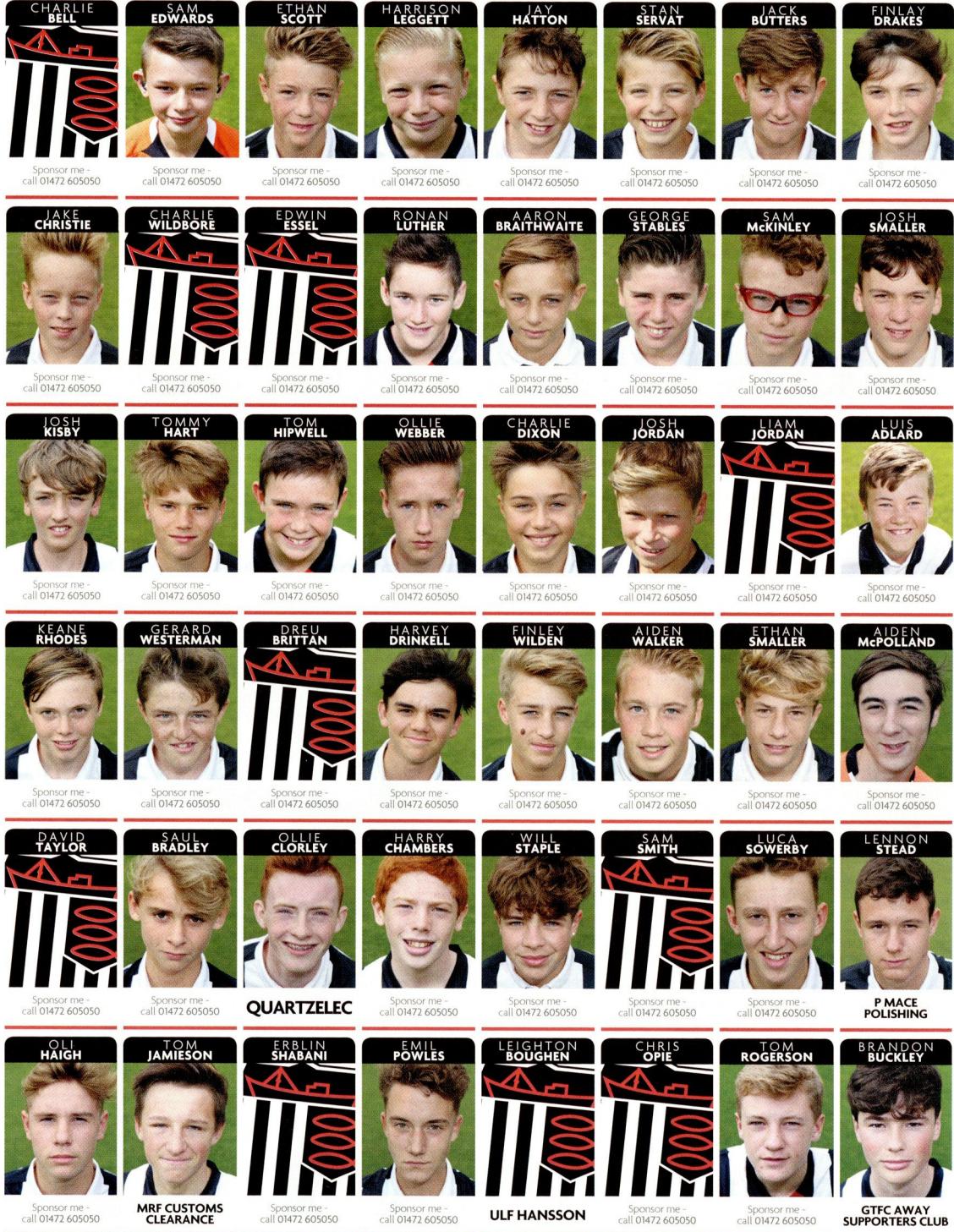




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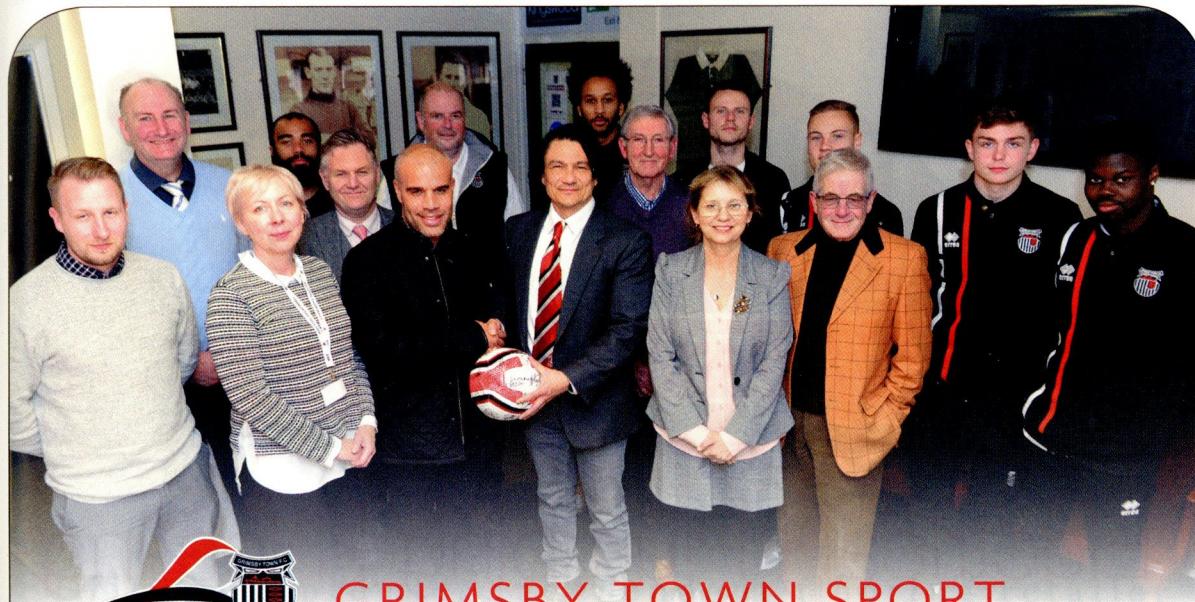
Signed by Alan Buckley before Lee Ashcroft's sale to Wigan Athletic in 2000, Michael Jeffrey struggled to make an impact during his two-year spell at Blundell Park. Once a promising teenage striker, the Liverpool-born player was tipped for the top by Kevin Keegan, signing him for Newcastle United in 1993. However Jeffrey only managed a few appearances for The Magpies, moving to Rotherham United and later playing 100 times for Fortuna Sittard in Holland. The striker was signed by Kilmarnock for £255,000 in 1999, but was allowed to move to Cleethorpes on a free transfer after just one season with the Scottish Premier League club. Despite only scoring four times for Town in 55 appearances, his intelligence and hard work didn't go completely unnoticed by Town fans. After his release, Jeffrey decided to retire from the game at 31 years old and work for the family car sales business in Merseyside.

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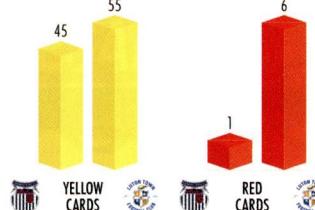
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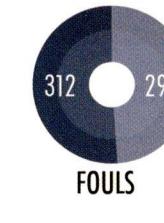
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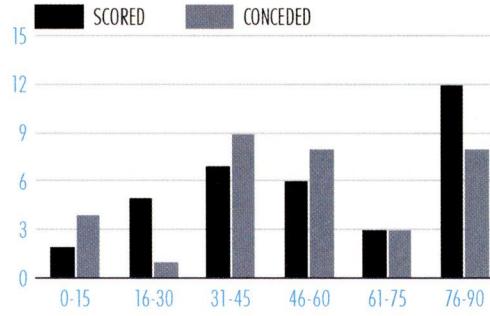


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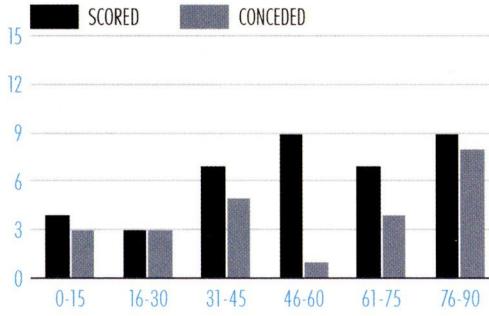
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LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

GOALS

1	AKINDE	19
2	BOGLE	19
3	MARQUIS	17
4	WYKE	14
5	COLLINS	13

ASSISTS

1	NICKY ADAMS	15
2	COPPINGER	10
3	CAREY	9
4	ROWE	9
5	ALESSANDRA	8

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	BOGLE	50
2	AKINDE	42
3	MARQUIS	42
4	COLLINS	33
5	MARRIOTT	33

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	BOGLE	120
2	MANDEVILLE	130
3	WYKE	131
4	AKINDE	133
5	MARQUIS	143

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	BOGLE	69
2	AKINDE	55
3	COLLINS	47
4	ALEX KIWOMYA	42
5	GREEN	42

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	NICKY ADAMS	164
2	GARVAN	202
3	COPPINGER	209
4	YUSSUF	210
5	MANDEVILLE	228

FOULS

1	WRIGHT	73
2	AKINDE	70
3	UCHE IKPEAZU	61
4	TOM EAVES	57
5	HYLTON	55

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	COLLIN	52
2	ROCHE	52
3	JONES	55
4	CARSON	56
5	DAY	56

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Notts County have kept a league-low three clean sheets this season.

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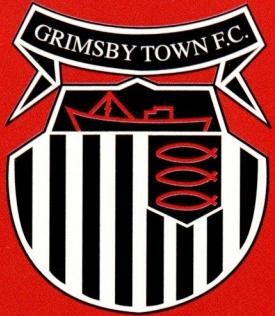
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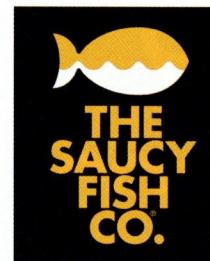
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2016-17 GRIMSBY TOWN **STATISTICS**

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STATISTICS

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Doncaster	28	19	4	5	58	34	+24	61
2 Plymouth	27	17	3	7	44	30	+14	54
3 Carlisle	28	12	13	3	49	38	+11	49
4 Exeter	28	14	3	11	44	29	+15	45
5 Luton	28	12	9	7	41	27	+14	45
6 Portsmouth	27	13	6	8	40	27	+13	45
7 Wycombe	27	12	7	8	36	32	+4	43
8 Barnet	28	10	11	7	38	38	0	41
9 Colchester	27	11	7	9	41	34	+7	40
10 Mansfield	28	10	10	8	31	30	+1	40
11 Cambridge	27	11	6	10	36	31	+5	39
12 Grimsby	28	11	6	11	35	33	+2	39
13 Blackpool	26	9	9	8	38	27	+11	36
14 Stevenage	28	11	3	14	42	46	-4	36
15 Yeovil	28	9	8	11	30	35	-5	35
16 Crawley	26	10	5	11	32	40	-8	35
17 Morecambe	25	9	4	12	32	43	-11	31
18 Hartlepool	28	7	9	12	36	47	-11	30
19 Crewe	28	6	11	11	26	39	-13	29
20 Cheltenham	28	6	10	12	31	41	-10	28
21 Accrington	26	6	8	12	24	35	-11	26
22 Notts County	28	7	5	16	30	51	-21	26
23 Leyton Orient	27	7	4	16	28	41	-13	25
24 Newport	27	5	7	15	32	46	-14	22

THE MARINERS ROLL-CALL

	APPS	GLS	2016-17	YELL	RED	GTCFC CAREER APPS	GLS
01 James McKeown	25	-		3	1	307	-
02 Ben Davies	17(2)	1		-	-	19	1
03 Danny Andrew	31	-		4	-	31	-
04 Sean McAllister	3	-		-	-	3	-
05 Shaun Pearson	20(2)	1		2	-	246	18
06 Josh Gowling	19(1)	-		5	1	71	3
07 Ashley Chambers	16(2)	1		3	-	22	3
08 Craig Disley	11(9)	2		1	-	268	39
09 Dominic Vose	14(5)	2		1	-	19	2
10 Rhys Browne	(7)	-		-	-	7	-
12 Zak Mills	19	-		1	-	19	-
14 Kayden Jackson	17(6)	2		1	-	23	2
15 Harry Clifton	-	-		-	-	2	-
16 James Berrett	16(3)	1		4	-	19	1
17 Josh Venney	1	-		-	-	8	-
18 Tom Bolarinwa	10(14)	2		3	-	24	2
19 Luke Summerfield	24(2)	2		-	-	26	2
20 Andrew Boyce	11(3)	2		2	-	35	2
21 Scott Vernon	11(11)	1		-	-	22	1
22 Danny Collins	20	1		3	-	20	1
23 Dan Jones	1(2)	-		-	-	3	-
24 Andy Warrington	1	-		-	-	2	-
25 Calum Dyson	-	-		-	-	-	-
26 Brandon Comley	20(3)	-		3	-	23	-
27 Adi Yussuf	2(2)	2		-	-	4	2
28 Gavin Gunning	(2)	-		-	-	2	-
30 Dean Henderson	7	-		-	-	7	-
31 Chris Clements	2	-		1	-	2	-
32 Jamey Osborne	2	-		-	-	2	-
33 Akwasi Asante	(1)	-		-	-	1	-
34 Luke Maxwell	-	-		-	-	-	-
35 Sam Jones	-	-		-	-	-	-

PLAYERS WHO ALSO FEATURED THIS SEASON

	APPS	GLS	YELL	RED	GTCFC CAREER APPS	GLS
09 Omar Bogle	27(2)	19	5	-	83	38
29 Shaun Tutton	6(6)	-	1	-	12	-



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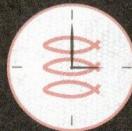
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 Josh **Gowling** 06
 Ashley **Chambers** 07
 Craig **Disley** 08
 Dominic **Vose** 10
 Zak **Mills** 12
 Kayden **Jackson** 14
 James **Berrett** 16
 Tom **Bolarinwa** 18
 Luke **Summerfield** 19
 Andrew **Boyce** 20
 Scott **Vernon** 21
 Danny **Collins** 22
 Dan **Jones** 23
 Andy **Warrington** 24
 Brandon **Comley** 26
 Adi **Yussuf** 27
 Gavin **Gunning** 28
 Calum **Dyson** 29
 Dean **Henderson** 30
 Chris **Clements** 31
 Jamey **Osborne** 32
 Akwasi **Asante** 33
 Luke **Maxwell** 34
 Sam **Jones** 35



4th February 2017
3.00pm



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Red



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Orange
SHORTS
Navy
SOCKS
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: Mark Haywood

Assistant: Declan Ford

Assistant: Simon Clayton

Fourth Official: Simon Mather

LUTON TOWN

Manager: Nathan Jones

01 **Stuart Moore**
 02 **Stephen O'Donnell**
 03 **Dan Potts**
 04 **Jonathan Smith**
 05 **Johnny Mullins**
 06 **Scott Cuthbert**
 07 **Jake Gray**
 08 **Cameron McGeehan**
 09 **Danny Hylton**
 10 **Jordan Cook**
 11 **Danny Green**
 14 **Jack Marriott**
 16 **Glen Rea**
 17 **Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu**
 18 **Zane Banton**
 19 **Olly Lee**
 20 **Isaac Vassell**
 21 **Jack Senior**
 22 **Luke Gambin**
 24 **Lawson D'Ath**
 27 **Tyreeq Bakinson**
 31 **Craig King**
 35 **Arthur Read**
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 37 **Frankie Musonda**
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 42 **Liam Gooch**
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 — **Ollie Palmer**
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MANSFIELD TOWN

Saturday 18th February 2017

Kick-Off: 3.00pm

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