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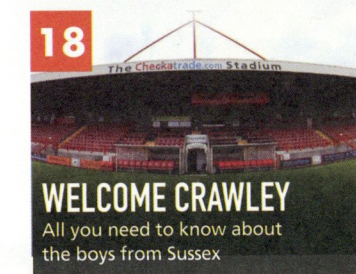
NATHAN JONES

The boss welcomes Crawley Town
to Kenilworth Road



FROM THE BOARDROOM

With chief executive Gary Sweet



WELCOME CRAWLEY

All you need to know about
the boys from Sussex



**JANUARY WINDOW
SLAMS SHUT**

A timeline of transfer deadline
day's deals for the Town



A GRIM POINT!

All the action and reaction from
Saturday's 1-1 draw



TROPHY TRIUMPH

The Hatters go nap against Yeovil
to reach last four

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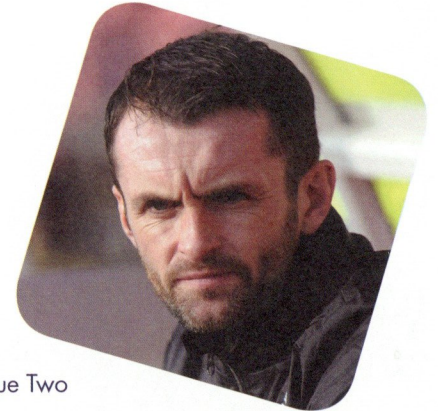
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THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's Sky Bet League Two fixture with Crawley Town.

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

I'd also like to start by reiterating from Tuesday's Checktrade Trophy notes my welcome to our three transfer deadline day signings. Stuart Moore and Matt Macey are two of the most promising young goalkeepers in the country, and they were top of our list to replace the best keeper in League Two, Christian Walton, when he was recalled by Brighton. So we are delighted to have them on loan from Reading and Arsenal respectively for the rest of the season, along with striker Ollie Palmer on a similar deal from Leyton Orient.

I'd also like to wish those who departed – Christian, Craig Mackail-Smith, Freddie Hinds and Nathan Doyle – all the best and thank them for their services.

After spending most of January on the road, we've had a batch of home fixtures and this is the fourth time we've been at Kenilworth Road in a fortnight, with a fifth in 18 days to come on Tuesday when Hartlepool are our visitors.

On Tuesday night in the Checktrade Trophy quarter-final against Yeovil, I was so pleased that we continued where we left off in the last half-an-hour of Saturday's 1-1 draw at Grimsby. We were on the front foot, got the early goal and then produced some wonderful attacking football.

To score five goals was fantastic and it is no exaggeration to say it could have been more. Even though we were disappointed not to keep a clean sheet, it was a great night for the club and we can now look forward to testing ourselves against a League One side, Oxford, in the semi-final for the right to take on another, Coventry City, at Wembley.

The Sky cameras will be here for the game Wednesday 1st March and we want to make it an occasion to remember. Hopefully the supporters will continue to embrace the competition and how we've approached it, as you have all season, and we can look forward to a famous cup night under the Kenilworth Road lights.

First we've got a sequence of league games, however, that are vital to our main goal for this season – winning promotion to League One.

We are a good, attacking, positive side, but at times we miss opportunities. We can't afford to keep doing that so please get behind us, make the old place rock and let's keep the good times rolling here from now until 6th May.

I'd like to close by saying what a terrific gesture it is by our sponsors SsangYong to donate their shirt space to club charity of the year today. You'll read elsewhere in today's programme about the great work Level Trust do in helping underprivileged schoolchildren in Luton – and of my impending skydive for the cause!

As well as helping increase Level Trust's profile, we have a £16,000 target for fundraising so if you feel able to donate anything towards me throwing myself out of a plane on 19th April, please go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LTFC.

Thanks again, and enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE GARY SWEET

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Crawley Town.

We warmly welcome Dermot Drummy, his players, staff, our fellow directors from the Broadfield Stadium and, of course, their supporters who have made the trip north. I'm sure they'll forgive me when I say I hope they make the return journey empty-handed, as we did after our 2-0 defeat in Sussex in mid-September, but having enjoyed their visit to Kenilworth Road.

We are delighted to welcome our Club charity of the year, Level Trust, to Kenilworth Road to take advantage of the generous offer that main sponsors SsangYong made in the summer to donate their front of shirt space for this match.

It seems a long time ago when we posed on the pitch in the August sun to announce the partnership and SsangYong chief executive Paul Williams presented the shirt to Jane Malcom, who leads Level Trust's tireless team of volunteers.

The Club are proud to be able to offer our support to such a fantastic charity and I would urge you all to donate what you can today so that Level Trust can continue to help the 14,000 children who live below the poverty line in Luton – OUR town –

receive any equipment, clothing and help they need with their education.

Nathan's skydive in aid of Level Trust is detailed in today's programme too, and as someone who is not fond of heights, he also deserves your support for when he throws himself out of the plane on 19th April!

Sticking with Level Trust for a moment, I'd also like to welcome our guest director for the day, Daniel Coyle. A group of us from the Club attended the charity's recent fundraiser and one of the evening's events was an auction to bid for ten Christmas jumpers each table's guests had created.

PRIZE

As well as the jumper, each winning bidder received a 'prize' – and I offered the chance to join our board for the charity's matchday. It fetched the highest bid of the night and Daniel will be with us in the boardroom and directors' box for today's game.

I hope our director for the day leaves with a 100 per cent record, and I'm more than confident he will be left with a positive impression. The Club is in a very good place right now.

Naturally, there won't be a single person affiliated to Luton Town – director, player, member of staff, supporter – would won't be disappointed to some extent as to our current league position. We all passionately desire success and, in truth, most of us feel we should have amassed more points than we have at this stage of the season, none more so than our team manager.

However, it helps just to step back once in a while and take stock of where we are today and plot our future direction of travel. When you do that there is no reason why anyone should feel anything other than optimism.

We, 2020, took a decision a long time ago to be patient with our league progress in favour of building a stable foundation upon which the Club can progress ambitiously and, more importantly, protect the Club against crisis – a more than familiar concept for those supporters beyond their teenage years.

Clearly, the relocation project is the most obvious indication of our laying of the building blocks but there are many other indicators. Everyone at the Club is genuinely excited about



our transition to The Brache training ground. Indeed, the first team are intending to take their first isolated session on the new grass during the next week whilst construction of the new state-of-the-art 3G pitch began last week at a facility that will be Championship class.

The central importance of this facility is not only to support first team aspirations but to also elevate the potential of our academy. As you read this you are witnessing the gradual but certain introduction of our rich young teenage talent from our exceptional youth system.

The culture of our business is such that every artery fully embraces community and charitable cohesion leading to everyone at the club feeling proud about using the authority and awareness of our regional standing to tackle sensitive issues of child welfare (as today endorses), poverty, homelessness, equality and social exclusion.

Even financially, whilst we cannot be considered as 100% secure until we relocate to Power Court, we're

comfortable with the operational shortfalls (donations, however, gratefully received) that we must suffer to maintain our ambitions of growth and success.

Our supporters are included, not excluded. We have informal committees formed from several factions of the wider fan-base with whom we consult regarding a broad number of topics – from our planning applications to challenges addressing our position on EFL and FA matters meaning you are helping to shape what your Club becomes.

These are only a few characteristics we can all be proud of and we're only travelling in one direction. It's a great time to be a Hatter.

Despite our 2020 targets we sincerely hope our progress, on and off the pitch, will continue long beyond that date and the more we gain a reputation for our special culture, the more we will be able to shape the future of this beautiful game we love.

As a board, we are very sympathetic to many of our own supporters who

challenge the over-commercialisation of our national game as defenders of supporter rights in general, and it's no surprise that organisations like Football Supporters Federation are busier than ever and favour towards 'Against Modern Football' social media campaigns are on the rise.

It's a difficult juxtaposition to manage as a football club operator sometimes. We are frequently tasked with decisions whether to adopt a commercial model that may result in a material increase in Nathan's player budget versus a potential unpopular compromise in supporter tradition, for example.

This week we passed on exactly that kind of decision Luton Town Supporters' Trust – as guardians of our brand and image rights – to ultimately decide whether we produce a new home kit for next season or not. My natural stance is to reject an annual redesign (even though 22 out of 25 Puma clubs change seasonally), but it's only right we take the decision knowing that it



would reduce Nathan's budget by approximately £40,000 – the cost of a good young player. That dilemma was debated by LTST this week as it's only right supporters are given the opportunity to understand and take responsibility.

Of course, must adapt and progress to survive in a highly competitive environment but, rest assured, we will seek to protect the traditions of the game wherever possible.

The manner in which we progressed to the semi-final of the EFL Trophy has protected our right to promote our youngsters alongside those from Under-21 teams – a stance we know you agree with.

SUPPORT

Having got this far now and given that – unsurprisingly – no U21 teams remain, we would very much plead with you to get behind the team in this competition for three key reasons.

Firstly, we need your support to succeed. The financial rewards from here are enough to have an evidential impact on the development of our first team budget and/or our academy facilities.

We recognise the importance of your support and ask you to pack out Kenilworth Road for the semi-final versus Oxford and, hopefully, fill Wembley against Coventry City in the final.

Secondly, we firmly believe that progression in the Trophy can and will drive us on to better things to support our priority of gaining automatic promotion to League One this season through gathering a winning momentum.

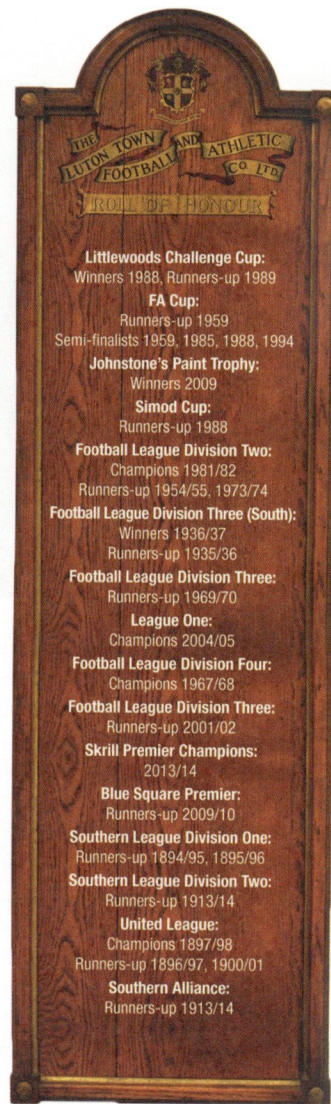
Finally, the principled stance we took to make our point has been made, U21 teams have been knocked out and our opinion is resonating. If we win this competition having been fined heavily for fielding 'ineligible' young players our voice would be louder and our influence greater.

We have already set up a meeting with interested supporters to discuss the future of this competition from next season onwards ahead of an EFL meeting to address the same. The EFL Trophy isn't a 'thin end of the wedge' angle for a restructured pyramid to permit B-teams; which we are abhorrently against and I still believe – with some changes – it is an opportunity to create an innovative competition that we could all embrace.

Make no mistake, your visible, vocal and financial support will help our united ambitions.

In closing my notes, I would just like to briefly update you all with our planning applications. As previously communicated, whilst our applications continue to be reviewed by the Council, we have been focused on making our representations in the hearings of the Local Plan examination. Our objective in this was to exit this examination unscathed, which I'm happy to confirm, we did.

However, given the nature and timing of the Local Plan process, we will experience an inevitable delay of a few short months in the determination of our applications, just to ensure that our position is even more robust. I'll provide much more detail in the next couple of weeks.



The future is bright, as they say, but today is about the present and we're facing Crawley this afternoon and Hartlepool here again on Tuesday. Let's exercise the vocal chords and roar Nathan and the team on to six big points in the push for promotion.

Come On You Hatters!

Gary

GREATSCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what we know will be a tough encounter with Crawley Town, having already been beaten by them at their ground this season.

Since my last notes for the Cambridge game, we had a weird end to the transfer window with us having a game on deadline day – which we disappointingly lost to Cheltenham – after seeing big Christian Walton being called back by Brighton earlier in the day, which was a big blow for us. Christian was different class in his time here and you can see he's going to go on and play at a very high level.



We brought the two goalkeepers in – Stuart Moore and Matt Macey – alongside striker Ollie Palmer. We've made them all feel welcome and they each had to sing their song on the trip to Grimsby. They were all upstaged by Luke Gambin, however, who had a couple of weeks to prepare his version of Bruno Mars' Uptown Funk. Gambo stole the show with a little dance routine to go with it, but to be fair, they were all pretty good and provided us with a nice bit of after-dinner entertainment.

We were disappointed with the way we played in the first half at Blundell Park, but after their goal we started playing well and put them under a lot of pressure. Big Ollie came on and was a real handful. We got the goal back, which Vass took well, and when you get a penalty in the last minute – especially the form that Hylts has been in – you're expecting it to be 2-1 and everyone's delighted to come away from a tough away trip with three points. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be.

The keeper pulled off a good save but there's no criticism of Hylts. He's been different class and if it wasn't for him this season, we wouldn't be in the position we are. It shows the character that he is that he dusted himself down on Tuesday and got himself a goal against Yeovil.

Going forward in that game, the lads were outstanding. As a defender, it would have been nice to have kept a clean sheet. But to score five goals is great and the lads who haven't had as many minutes have certainly taken their chance to go and impress the manager in all the Checkatrade Trophy, so the competition has worked brilliantly in our favour. We are now only one game away from Wembley, which is unbelievable.

IMPORTANT

I'm sure the fans will turn out in numbers for that semi-final against Oxford, but first we've got some really important games coming up in the league – starting today with Crawley's visit. It will be a tough game, as we encountered at the Broadfield Stadium back in September, but we want to make up for our defeat that day and aim to continue where we left off on Tuesday night.

Please enjoy the match and get behind the lads as you always do to help us close the gap on the automatic promotion spots – then we'll look forward to seeing you back here on Tuesday for the Hartlepool game.

Scott

CLUB SPONSORS **SSANGYONG MOTOR UK LTD** HAVE GENEROUSLY DONATED THEIR FRONT OF SHIRT SPACE FOR TODAY'S GAME TO...

LEVEL TRUST

Level Trust is delighted to have been chosen as Luton Town Football Club's charity of the year.

The club's support will help us to run a new centre providing free school uniform, shoes, coats and learning resources to struggling children in our town.

The project will help us to support children like Natalie. Natalie is 11 and goes to a local Luton primary school. This year, Natalie's dad died suddenly of cancer. He had been the main earner for the family and after his death Natalie and her mum suddenly found themselves struggling to afford life's basic essentials.

The winter started to draw in and Natalie didn't have a winter coat. She didn't want to miss out on playing with her friends at break time so she would still go outside; shivering from the cold whilst still trying to play. She was too worried to ask her mum for a new coat, because she knew her mum was grieving and that they didn't have any money. She didn't want to give her mum something extra to worry about.

The days passed on and Natalie was getting colder and colder at school, so much so that some days she stopped going in. She kept catching colds and feeling unwell.

The school noticed that Natalie was not herself and offered her a Level Trust gift card for a new winter coat. Natalie and her mum were so



overwhelmed with the relief that they both burst in to tears of gratitude. This was one less thing to worry about.

Since then, Natalie has been at school every day. She still plays with her friends at break time, but now she is snuggly and warm.

Sadly, Natalie is not in a unique situation. Across Luton, one in four children live under the poverty line. If you are a child living under the poverty line in Luton it might mean you do not have the uniform you need for school, good food to eat at home or warm clothing when it's cold. You are more likely to suffer with mental health problems and low self-esteem and you can feel embarrassed about making friends because you feel 'different'. The

pressure of poverty can stop a child from really loving to learn.

Level Trust was started in 2013 by a group of local volunteers who care deeply about the people of Luton and wanted to help children love school again. As a grass-roots, voluntary organisation we rely on the support of others to enable this work to happen. This is why support from Luton Town FC is hugely significant to us and is already helping us to help more children like Natalie. In fact, we are looking to be able to support 600 more children over the next year with a winter coat and because of your support.

To find out more about Level Trust and how you can get involved please visit www.leveltrust.org.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR THE GAFFER!

LEVEL TRUST TO BENEFIT FROM JONES JUMP

Wednesday 19th April will be a day to remember for Luton Town manager Nathan Jones, as he straps on a parachute and launches himself out of an aeroplane in aid of Luton Town charity of the year – Level Trust.



Jones will be joined by Hatters fan Mark Warne, who won the privilege of taking part in the skydive at the Club's Christmas Dinner in December.

The two intrepid skydivers will be making their leap of faith in a tandem jump at Skydive Hinton, near Banbury, to raise funds for the Luton-based Level Trust.

The charity, who became official partners with Luton Town at the beginning of the 2016-17 season, help to support the 14,000 children in Luton who live below the poverty line. They do this in a number of ways, including through their Uniform Exchange, which provides free school uniform to school children in the town who would otherwise go without.



Money raised by the Club throughout the season will be used to help fund a new home for the Uniform Exchange, which is without a permanent home at present.

"It's something I've wanted to do for a long time, but to be honest, I'm not the best with heights," said Jones. "Helping the Club to raise money for Level Trust was the incentive I needed to get the parachute on and go for it. I'm looking forward to getting my feet back on the ground again and hopefully raising a lot of money for Level Trust."

Mark Warne, Managing Director of DOTgroup International and a lifelong Hatters supporter, will be joining Jones on the 19th. "This is something of a dream come true for me," he said. "It's not every day you get to jump out of a plane with the Luton Town manager, I can't wait. That's one off of the bucket list!"

Jane Malcolm is the founding director of Level Trust. "The partnership with Luton Town has helped raise loads of awareness of the work we're doing already this year," she said.

"We're really excited that our logo will be taking pride of place on the players' shirts for Luton's game against Crawley. We're so grateful to Nathan and Mark for bravely agreeing to take part in this skydive. The money they raise will help ensure that poverty no longer acts as a barrier to a child loving their learning."

The Club are hoping to raise £16,000 for the season in aid of the charity. Anyone who'd like to support Nathan's skydive can do so via our justgiving fundraising page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LTFC>

Please give generously, and help Nathan help Level Trust. Come on you Hatters!

UPNEXT

HARTLEPOOL UNITED

THE MONKEY HANGERS WILL BE LOOKING TO SHOOT UP THE TABLE UNDER NEW BOSS DAVE JONES AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF CRAIG HIGNETT LAST MONTH.

FORMED: 1908 | NICKNAMES: POOLS, MONKEY HANGERS | LAST SEASON: 16TH IN LEAGUE TWO
FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @OFFICIAL_HUFC | COLOURS: BLUE AND WHITE
GROUND: VICTORIA PARK | MANAGER: DAVE JONES

WHO? Based in County Durham are Hartlepool United, who were formed in 1908. The Pools are into their fourth season back in League Two after relegation from League One where they spent six seasons. United almost suffered relegation to the National League back in the 2014/15 season but Ronnie Moore turned their fortunes around and kept them in the Football League. Moore was then replaced by Craig Hignett, before former Stockport County, Cardiff City and Sheffield Wednesday boss Dave Jones took over in January.

TICKETS Snap up your tickets for this category C fixture from the LTFC ticket office.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Yes we have – 22 times. Our first meeting was back in 1966 when the Hatters came out on top to win 2-1. Last season's fixtures were good reading for Hatters fans. A 4-1 win at Victoria Park in October with goals from Jonathan Smith, Jack Marriott and Ollie Lee was backed up with a 2-1 victory at home, with Cameron McGeehan and Craig Mackail-Smith on target that day. The Hatters travelled up to Hartlepool back at the end of September, with Alan Sheehan's wonderful free-kick earning a point for Nathan Jones' side. Of the 22 meetings, Luton have won 13, Hartlepool seven and there have been two draws.

IN CHARGE Former Everton defender Jones took over the Pools in mid-January, claiming he had been 'sold the dream' by Hartlepool chairman, Gary Coxall. In the 60-year-old, they have appointed a man who has taken charge of over 800 matches as a manager, as well as guiding one of his ex-sides – Wolverhampton Wanderers – to the Premier League via the Championship play-offs.

PREVIOUS FORM A win, draw and a loss in their three matches under Jones sees the Pools occupy 18th in Sky Bet League Two, six points clear of the relegation zone. They take on Mansfield Town this afternoon, who are looking to break into the play-off places, whilst a win for the Monkey Hangers could lift them up to 16th place.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Out of the current squads, Jake Gray is the only player to have represented both clubs. The midfielder enjoyed a loan spell at Victoria Park, where he scored five goals in 29 appearances, last season before leaving Crystal Palace to move to Kenilworth Road this summer. Other players to have represented both clubs include Adam Boyd, who had two spells at the Pools, and JPT-winning striker Tom Craddock. One of the most notable names to have featured for both the Monkey Hangers and the Hatters is Steve Howard. The striker spent four years at Hartlepool and five at Kenilworth Road, with a two-year spell at Northampton sandwiched in between.



Steve Howard

GETYOURTICKET



HARTLEPOOL UNITED

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY | 7.45PM

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



PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY | 3PM

Tickets for this category A match are now available from the Town ticket office.



DONCASTER ROVERS

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY | 3PM

All remaining tickets are now on general sale from the Ticket Office in person or via phone and also online. They will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 17th February. Prices: Adult: £20, Seniors (60+): £16, Young Adults (17-20): £12, Junior (12-16): £8, Junior 11 years & Under: £5. Ambulant Disabled will be charged their relevant age category with a helper FOC. Junior tickets can be purchased at £5 for under-17s and £2 for under-12s if fans wish to join the FREE Doncaster Rovers Away squad membership scheme. Application forms must be completed in full.

HOME TICKET PRICES FOR THE 2016/17 SEASON

	CAT A	CAT B	CAT C
Adult	£23	£20	£18
Young Adult (18-21)	£18	£15	£13
Senior (65+)	£18	£15	£13
Golden Senior (75+)	£15	£12	£10
Youth (10-17)	£11	£8	£6
Acc. Junior (U10)	£8	£5	£3

CHECKATRADE TROPHY SEMI-FINAL DATE

The Hatters' Checkatrade Trophy semi-final with Oxford United will take place at Kenilworth Road on Wednesday 1st March, with a 7.45pm kick-off.

With Oxford also still involved in the FA Cup, a fall-back date of Monday 6th March – with a 7pm kick-off – has been arranged should the League One side require a fifth round replay with Middlesbrough. Ticket prices for the one-leg semi-final, to be screened live on Sky Sports, will be announced in due course.

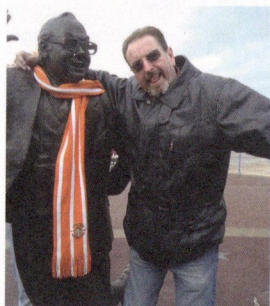
As a result of the Town's continued involvement in the Checkatrade Trophy, the Sky Bet League Two trip to

Newport County – scheduled for Tuesday 28th February – has now been rearranged for Tuesday 21st March.

If Oxford United ARE involved in an FA Cup Replay and the fall back date of Monday 6th March is required, the Hatters will be able at liberty to approach Yeovil – our scheduled opponents on Saturday 4th March – to request a switch to Friday 3rd March if desired.

SPEAKING COMMERCIALLY

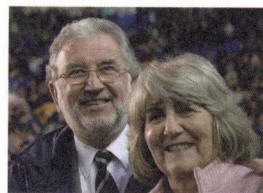
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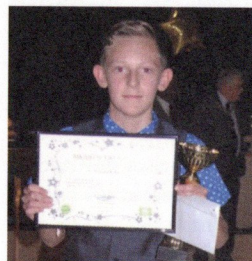
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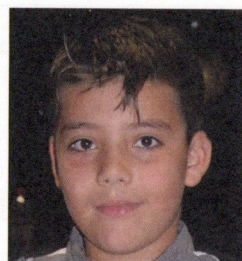


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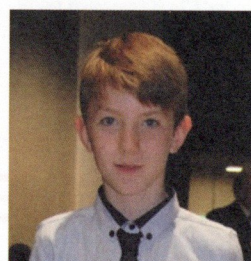
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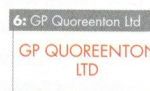
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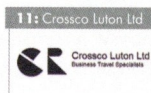
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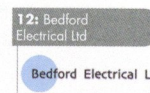
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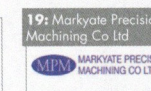
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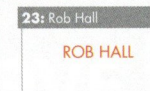
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WELCOME CRAWLEY TOWN

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to the staff, players and fans of today's visitors to Kenilworth Road, Crawley Town.

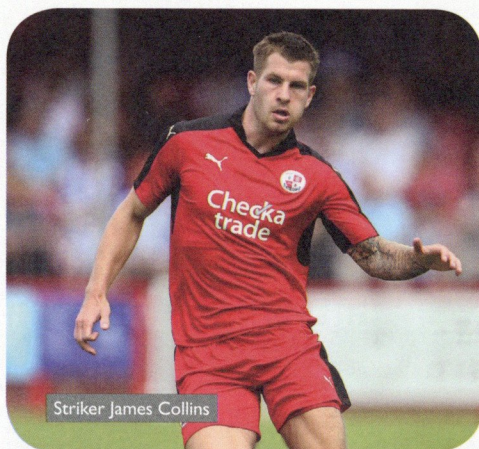
The Red Devils are currently 16th in League Two, 11 points clear of the relegation zone, but not too far off the play-off places either, as they're nine points short of seventh-placed Portsmouth.

Former Chelsea academy and reserve team boss Dermot Drummy took charge of Crawley at the beginning of the season – his first role as boss of a League side – and has seen his new team sit in mid-table for the majority of the season, but with the potential to climb.

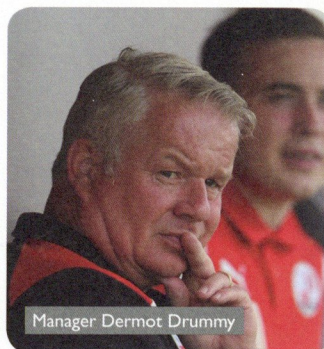
He will be hoping to convert his success with the Chelsea starlets to the west Sussex side, having guided the Blues to FA Youth Cup victory and the Under-21 Premier League title.

Crawley's positive results have been massively helped by ex-Aston Villa, Shrewsbury Town and Swindon Town striker James Collins, who leads the line for Drummy's side.

He recently scored his 100th professional goal in just over 300 career appearances, with his exploits up front this term maintaining Crawley's decent position in the league



Striker James Collins



Manager Dermot Drummy

table this season, as he has notched 16 strikes in 34 appearances.

You could compare him to Danny Hylton, as the Crawley forward has committed more fouls than anyone else in his side and picked up seven yellow cards this term.

That paired with his two assists, makes the Red Devils striker one of the most potent in the fourth tier, placing him just below former Grimsby striker Omar Bogle – now with Wigan – Barnet's John Akinde and Doncaster Rovers' John Marquis in the top scorers in Sky Bet League Two.

Earlier on in the season, the Hatters travelled to the Broadfield Stadium and lost 2-0, but looking at the home form of Crawley it comes as little surprise, as they have won a majority of their points there, victorious in seven of their 13 matches, losing only three.

Their away form is at the opposite end of the scale though, as the Reds have only picked up 12 points from a possible 45 on the road, losing nine – the joint worst away loss rate in the division.

On Tuesday night they picked up a decent away point, as they drew 0-0 with Blackpool – who missed a penalty through Neil Danns – at Bloomfield Road. That draw brought an end to a two-game losing streak for Crawley, having fallen to successive 2-1 defeats away at Notts County and at home to Stevenage.

The Hatters and the Red Devils have played each other nine times in total, with today's visitors winning six of those contests. The Town have won twice and drawn once.

HATTERS V CRAWLEY

LUTON WINS: 2 | DRAWS: 1 | CRAWLEY WINS: 6

LAST MEETING

CRAWLEY TOWN 2-0 LUTON - 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016

TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE RED DEVILS | GROUND: BROADFIELD STADIUM | LAST SEASON: 20TH IN LEAGUE TWO | MANAGER: DERMOT DRUMMY | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: BLACKPOOL 0-0 CRAWLEY TOWN

MEET THE VISITORS

THE BOSS

DERMOT DRUMMY

Drummy joined Arsenal's coaching staff in 1999 and helped develop the likes of Jack Willshire and Cesc Fabregas before he joined Chelsea's Academy set-up in 2007. The 56-year-old was appointed Crawley head coach on a two-year contract in April 2016.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

GLENN MORRIS

The 32-year-old signed a one-year contract in June 2016. He previously played for Gillingham, Aldershot, Leyton Orient and Southend United.

IN DEFENCE

JOE MCNERNEY

The Red Devils signed 27-year-old on a two-year contract in July 2015 from Woking, where he made more than 250 appearances and won an England C cap.

LEWIS YOUNG

Brother of England winger Ashley, the 27-year-old joined Crawley in July 2014. He has had spells with Burton Albion, Northampton, Yeovil, Aldershot and Bury.

JOSH YORWERTH

After playing 25 games on loan for the Red Devils in 2015-16, Yorwerth signed a one-year permanent contract in June 2016. The central defender joined Ipswich in the summer of 2015 from Cardiff City.

MARK CONNOLLY

The Irishman re-joined the club in July 2016 on a two-year contract, having spent two seasons at Crawley between 2012-14. He joined Kilmarnock after his first spell with the Reds and was made club captain at Killie.

ANDRE BLACKMAN

The left-back signed a one-year contract in July 2016. A former Arsenal trainee who has had spells with AFC Wimbledon, Plymouth and Blackpool.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

JIMMY SMITH

Signed from Stevenage in May 2014, Jimmy came through the Chelsea youth academy, making a solitary appearance for them against Newcastle United. The 30-year-old had loan spells with QPR, Norwich City, Sheffield Wednesday and Leyton Orient.

ENZIO BOLDEWIJN

The wide man signed a two-year contract in July 2016 after leaving Dutch second-tier club Almere City. Boldewijn also played in Holland for Utrecht and Den Bosch.

JOSH PAYNE

Central midfielder who joined the Red Devils in June 2016 after leaving National League club Eastleigh, where he was part of the squad which reached the third round of the FA Cup last season.

BILLY CLIFFORD

Joined Crawley in July 2016 on a one-year contract. He played for Colchester and Walsall after leaving Chelsea, and last season made more than 20 appearances in the National League for Boreham Wood.

DEAN COX

The 29-year-old attacking midfielder has signed a two-and-a-half-year contract after he left Leyton Orient by mutual consent in September 2016. Dean started his career with Brighton in 2004 and made 179 Albion appearances, scoring 22 goals.

UP FRONT

JAMES COLLINS

Former Shrewsbury striker who signed a three-year contract when he joined in July 2016 from Northampton. He has also had spells with Aston Villa, Swindon Town and Hibernian.

MATT HARROLD

Striker, 29, who joined the club in June 2014 from Bristol Rovers. Harrold has started more than 250 games in a League career that began 12 years ago at Brentford.

RHYS MURPHY

Sussex-born Murphy's career has included spells with Dagenham & Redbridge and Oldham Athletic. He signed for the Red Devils for the second time in January 2017, joining on loan until the end of the season from Forest Green.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH JOHN BARNETT

John Barnett, a Crawley Town supporter of 26 years and commentator for BBC Sussex & Surrey and RedsPlayer, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in the Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

► THE SEASON AHEAD

Crawley seem to be in limbo currently as to what they can do, a good run could see them squeeze into the play-offs, but a bad run and Dermot Drummy's side could fall into a relegation battle. Which way do you think it's going to go – if either?

I like to think that Crawley can still challenge for the play-offs. The league is so tight that they have often been only a few points off the top six, but have still been lodged down in mid-table. If they can go on another good run of form, then they should be able to break through the teams ahead of them and make the table reflect their potential to challenge.

Drummy has added to his side, bringing in striker Rhys Murphy and defender Josh Lelan. How are you hoping they improve your squad?

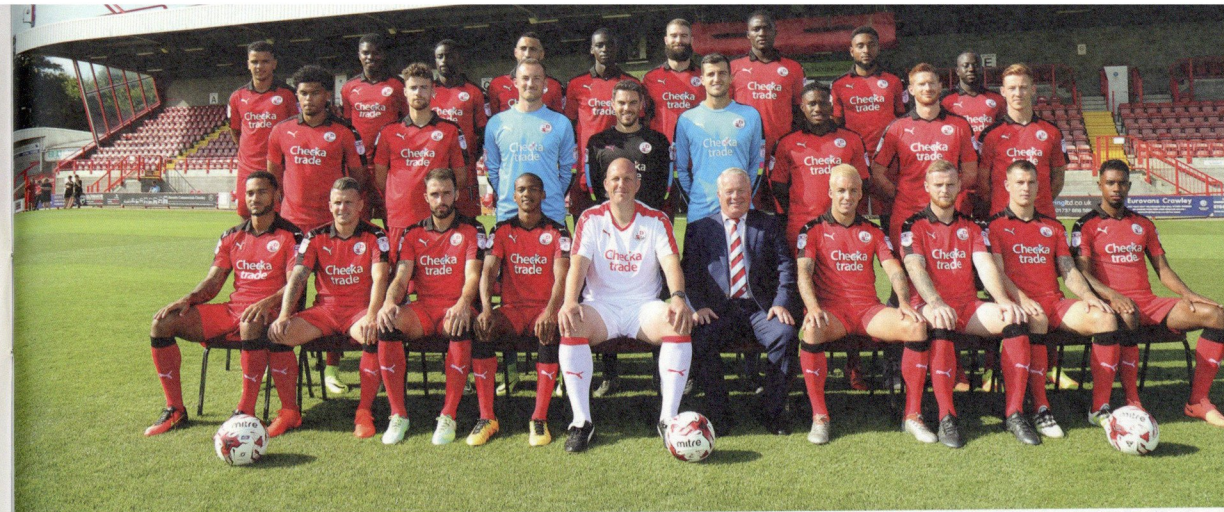
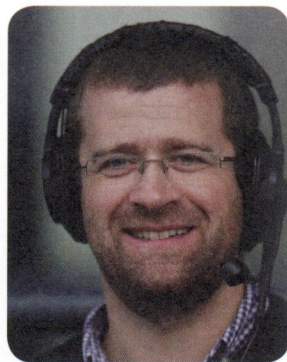
They were just what was needed and also the minimum that was needed. Murphy we know a lot about after an excellent loan spell last season – don't underestimate the huge lift that signing has given the fans. And Lelan was ideal as cover was needed at right back where Lewis Young has been excellent, and he can also play in the middle of the back-four.

It looks as if Drummy has steadied the ship after your 20th placed finish last season. What positive changes has he made to your side?

The quality and style of football has massively improved. Yes, there will be pitfalls when trying to play out from the back, but when they get it right it has been excellent to watch and entertaining. Just as importantly, he has also really engaged with the fans and the community, bringing the club and its supporters closer together again.

Which summer signings have you been most impressed with so far over the whole season?

James Collins is the stand-out one with his goals, while Glenn Morris has provided reassurance between the posts and confidence to his defence. Mark Connolly has returned to the club and has provided the leadership at the back.



Rhys Murphy

Which player have you been most disappointed to lose this season?

Gwion Edwards was the main departure over the summer to Peterborough. He is a highly talented winger who I think would have fitted in well in this team and style of play. Another is young goalkeeper Callum Preston, who looked promising and would have been a really good back-up keeper this season.

Who should we fear the most in a Crawley shirt this afternoon?

James Collins is the leading goalscorer, so he will always be a threat. Dean Cox's much awaited arrival hasn't disappointed. His delivery from set-pieces and open play is superb, so he is a big threat.

► SEASONS PAST...

Tell us about you. Why do you support Crawley Town? Where did it all begin? What was your first game? What do you remember about it?

My grandfather took me to my first match in February 1988. He had followed Crawley since moving out of London after World War Two, though had stopped going regularly by then. It was an exciting 0-0 draw with Dartford, whose player-manager was Peter Taylor. Both sides were challenging for promotion from the Beazer Homes League Premier Division so there was a big crowd in, and I remember running on the pitch at the end to get my programme signed by captain Tommy Warrilow. Although Crawley ended the season in sixth, Dartford only just missed out on promotion on goal-difference. I didn't actually go to my next match

until October 1990, so I've always got that slightly annoying caveat when I'm asked the question. Over the next four seasons, my commitment grew and grew; regular home matches, then all the away matches, joining the Supporters' Club committee and becoming treasurer, added to by playing the music at home matches and running the supporters' football team!

Things changed from the start of the 2003/04 season when I began covering the club for BBC Southern Counties Radio (now BBC Sussex & Surrey), as suddenly I was sat in Press areas and seeing the match from a completely different perspective – I had to start appreciating the opposition as well! I also had to withdraw from all the other positions. Following promotion to the Football League, I started doing the commentary for the club's web stream, RedsPlayer HD, as well. This is my last season performing these roles though, so I shall be back among the fans from next year.

What do you love most about the Broadfield Stadium?

Apart from the new stand on the east side, at first glance, the ground just hasn't really changed in 20 years.



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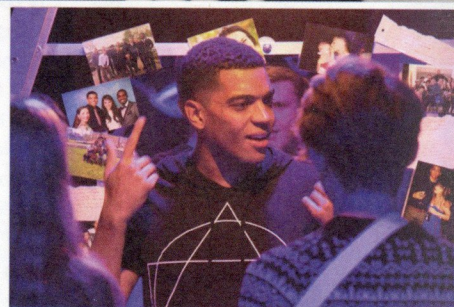
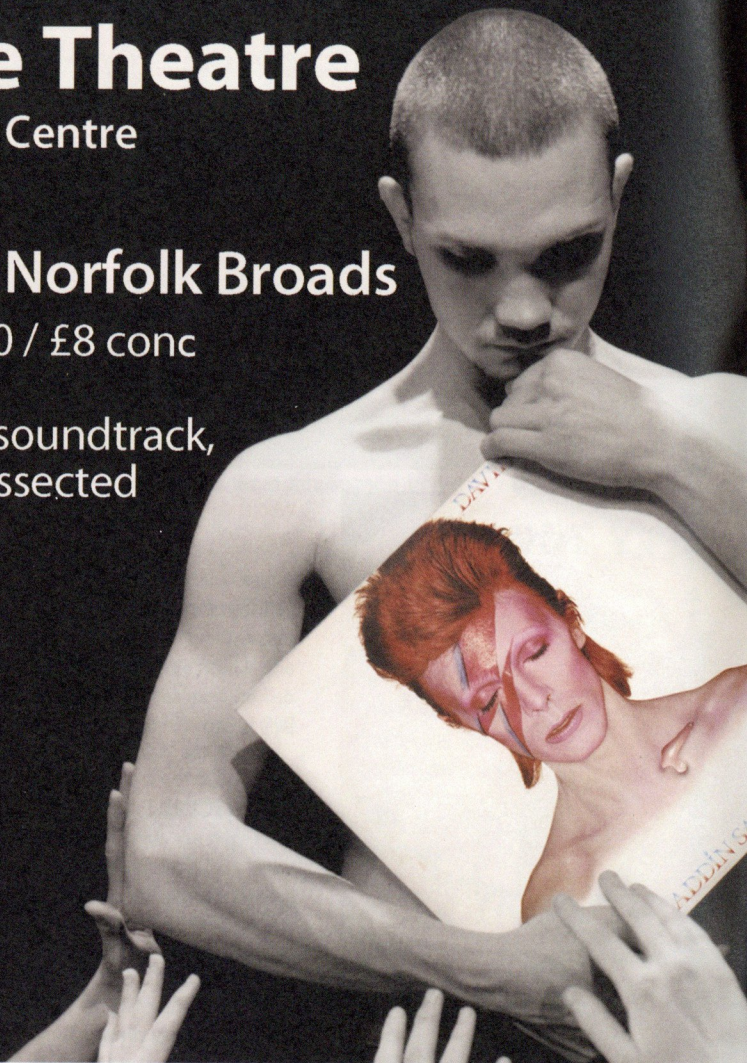
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In that time the club has won three promotions and is unrecognisable from what it was back then, but the ground was so advanced when it was built that it has been able to remain the same.

Who's your favourite Red Devils player of all time?

Tony Vessey was my favourite player in the early days, as he was an excellent defender and leader. Justin Gregory had three spells with the club and was an outstanding full-back or winger. Dannie Bulman was that type of energetic midfielder that you really miss when he's not there, but you just can't beat having a prolific goal-scorer that seemingly scores every match, so I would have to go with Matt Tubbs.

What has been your favourite season following Crawley?

Pressure is on to say 2010/11 when the Conference was won at a canter, and it of course also featured the FA Cup tie at Old Trafford. The following season, the first ever in the Football League, was special, not to mention exciting as promotion wasn't clinched until the final day. However, I am going to go with 2003/04, when – after 20 years in the Southern League Premier Division – promotion was finally secured to the Conference, blowing away the challenge of the media-darlings Weymouth. That was my first year reporting on the Reds, which was kind of ironic.

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

Sergio Torres, Dave Stevens (defender 1997-99), Ian Payne, Steve Evans, Dean Saunders.

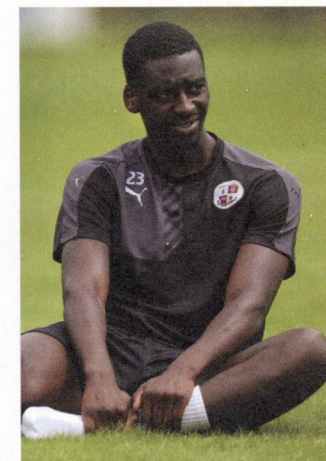
▶ LUTON AND CRAWLEY...

We've only met eight times, but there were some good battles in the Conference to kick us off. Which has been your best Crawley v Luton game to date?

Sorry, but it has to be 5th October 2010 – Luton 1 Crawley 2. Richard Brodie came in for a lot of stick all night but he equalised inside the last 10 minutes, then Craig McAllister won it deep into stoppage time. It was an amazing scalp given the contrasting histories of the clubs, but also the belief from that victory stood the team in great stead and after losing to Newport 11 days later, would go unbeaten for the rest of the season.

Our last match at your ground earlier this season ended with a 2-0 win for the Red Devils. How different is your team now compared to then?

The personnel is pretty similar, although Jason Banton has since lost his place and been loaned out, and Josh Payne has come in for Kaby Djalo. The formation has recently changed to a 3-5-2, which is probably the main difference. Enzo Boldewijn (pictured), who scored that day, has switched from the right-wing to a striker's role.



[CHELTENHAM FAN Q&A]

What do you expect from today's game? What's your prediction? Are you looking forward to sitting in the away end?

I shall be in the media area as usual rather than the away end. Luton are in a very good position in the table currently so it's a tough trip given that and the large, passionate home crowd, and I would expect them to have a lot of the ball and create plenty of pressure. However, Crawley won last season's fixture despite the Hatters' dominance, so could get a draw today – 1-1.

▶ QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or seats? Terrace.

Who are your rivals?

Early on for me it was Dartford, Dover and Hastings Town (now United), then Welling United. More recently, AFC Wimbledon.

Predict your player of the season? James Collins.

If you could bring one player from the past back in the Crawley team, who would it be? Dannie Bulman.

Most treasured Crawley piece of memorabilia?

Tricky one this. My Manchester United FA Cup tie programme was signed by Mark Lawrenson, but the item I would never part with is the video of the FA Cup second round tie with Hayes in December 1991.

What league will Crawley Town be in next season? Sky Bet League Two

Who will be promoted from the Sky Bet League Two this season?

Doncaster, Plymouth and Carlisle I expect to finish in the top three. As for the play-offs, it's anyone's game. Portsmouth will be in there, and I think Luton will be too, but I would never write off Steve Evans so don't be surprised if Mansfield end up winning the play-off final.

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

THE UNCLE LADS

CHARLIE LIVESLEY

Centre-forward Charlie Livesley played for Crawley Town during the 1969-70 season. He impressed with Custom House before turning professional with Southampton in April 1956 and made his League debut in their 1-1 draw at home to Swindon in August 1958. Moving to Chelsea in an exchange deal involving Cliff Huxford in May 1959, he played for Gillingham and Watford before joining Northampton Town in August 1964 and helped them reach the top-flight in 1964-65. He moved via Brighton to Crawley in August 1969 and scored three goals in 28 Southern League games. Settling back in London, he died in February 2005.

MARVIN HINTON

Former England U-23 central defender Marvin Hinton spent two seasons with Crawley Town. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in April 1957, he missed just two matches in 1961-62 and moved to Chelsea for £30,000 in August 1963. He helped them win the League Cup in 1965, then played in two FA Cup finals including their 1970 success. Also featuring in their triumphant 1970-71 ECWC campaign, he made almost 400 League appearances overall before joining Barnet in July 1976. He moved to Crawley in August 1978 and played 59 Southern League games, becoming Horsham's player-coach in May 1980.

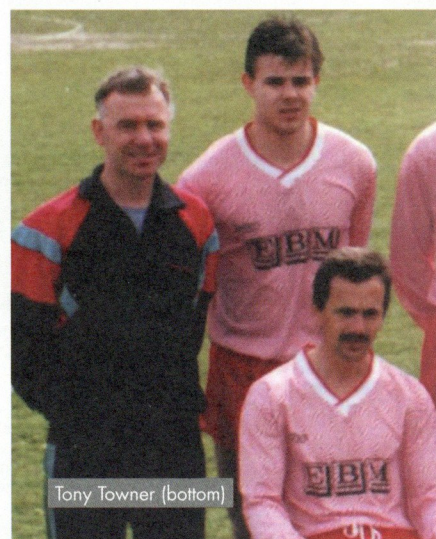
GERRY ARMSTRONG

Ex-Northern Ireland international striker Gerry Armstrong spent a year with Crawley Town. Initially with Bangor, he joined Spurs in November 1975 and was a promotion winner in 1977-78. He moved to Watford for £250,000 in November 1980 and helped them reach the top-flight in 1981-82, before starring in the 1982 World Cup finals. Sold

to Real Mallorca for £200,000 in August 1983, he joined West Brom in August 1985, then played for Chesterfield and Brighton before moving to Crawley in March 1989. He netted six goals in 25 Southern League games prior to joining Worthing in March 1990. Now Northern Ireland's assistant-boss.

TONY TOWNER

Winger Tony Towner starred as Crawley Town won the Sussex Senior Cup in two consecutive seasons. Initially with hometown club Brighton, 'Tiger' featured in their 1976-77 promotion success and joined Millwall in October 1978. He joined Rotherham United with John Seaman in August 1980, starring in their 1980-81 Third Division title triumph. Later with Wolves, Charlton Athletic, Rochdale, Cambridge United, Gravesend & Northfleet and Fisher Athletic, he joined Crawley in August 1989, playing against Brighton in the 1991-92 FA Cup third round. He netted four goals in 57 Southern League games during two spells.



Tony Towner (bottom)



COLIN PATES

Former Crawley Town player-boss Colin Pates was a member of Arsenal's 1990-91 League Championship squad. Signing professional for Chelsea in July 1979, he starred as they won the Second Division title in 1983-84 and Full Members Cup in 1986. He was sold to Charlton Athletic for £430,000 in October 1988 and joined Arsenal for £500,000 in January 1990. Loaned to Brighton in March 1991, he helped them reach the Second Division play-off final. He rejoined the Seagulls in August 1993 and made over 400 League appearances in total, then was Crawley's player-manager from May 1995 until resigning in February 1996.

RAPHAEL MEADE

One-time Crawley Town striker Raphael Meade scored for Arsenal in the 1982-83 League Cup semi-final second-leg. He turned professional with the Gunners in June 1980 and was twice their reserves' leading marksman, scoring on his League debut to clinch Arsenal's 1-0 win at home to Manchester City in October 1981. Helping win the Football Combination title in 1983-84, he netted 14 goals in 41 First Division games before joining Sporting Lisbon in July 1985. He later had spells playing for Dundee United, Luton Town, Odense, Ipswich Town, Plymouth Argyle, Brighton, Ernest Borel, Southwick, Crawley and Sittingbourne.

DAVID SPEEDIE

Former Scotland international striker David Speedie played for Crawley Town in 1995-96. Initially with Barnsley, he joined Darlington in June 1980 and was leading scorer in 1981-82. He moved to Chelsea in June 1982, starring in their 1983-84 Second Division title and 1986 Full Members Cup triumphs. Joining Coventry City in July 1987, he had spells with Liverpool and Blackburn Rovers, moving to Southampton as part of the Alan Shearer deal in July 1992. He then played for Leicester City and Atherstone

United prior to joining Crawley in August 1995. Later with several other non-League clubs, he became a football agent.

JOHN BYRNE

Ex-Crawley Town striker John Byrne was capped 23 times by Republic of Ireland. Signing professional for York City in January 1979, he was ever-present and leading marksman in their 1983-84 Fourth Division title triumph. He joined QPR for £100,000 in October 1984 and starred as they were League Cup

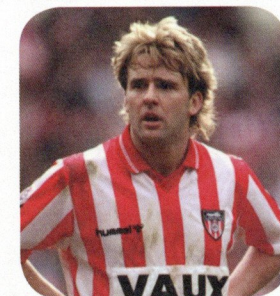
finalists in 1986, then moved via Le Havre to Brighton in September 1990. Joining Sunderland in October 1991, he was an FA Cup finalist that season, then played for Millwall, Oxford United and Brighton again before moving to Crawley in July 1996. He joined Shoreham in March 1997 and became their joint manager.

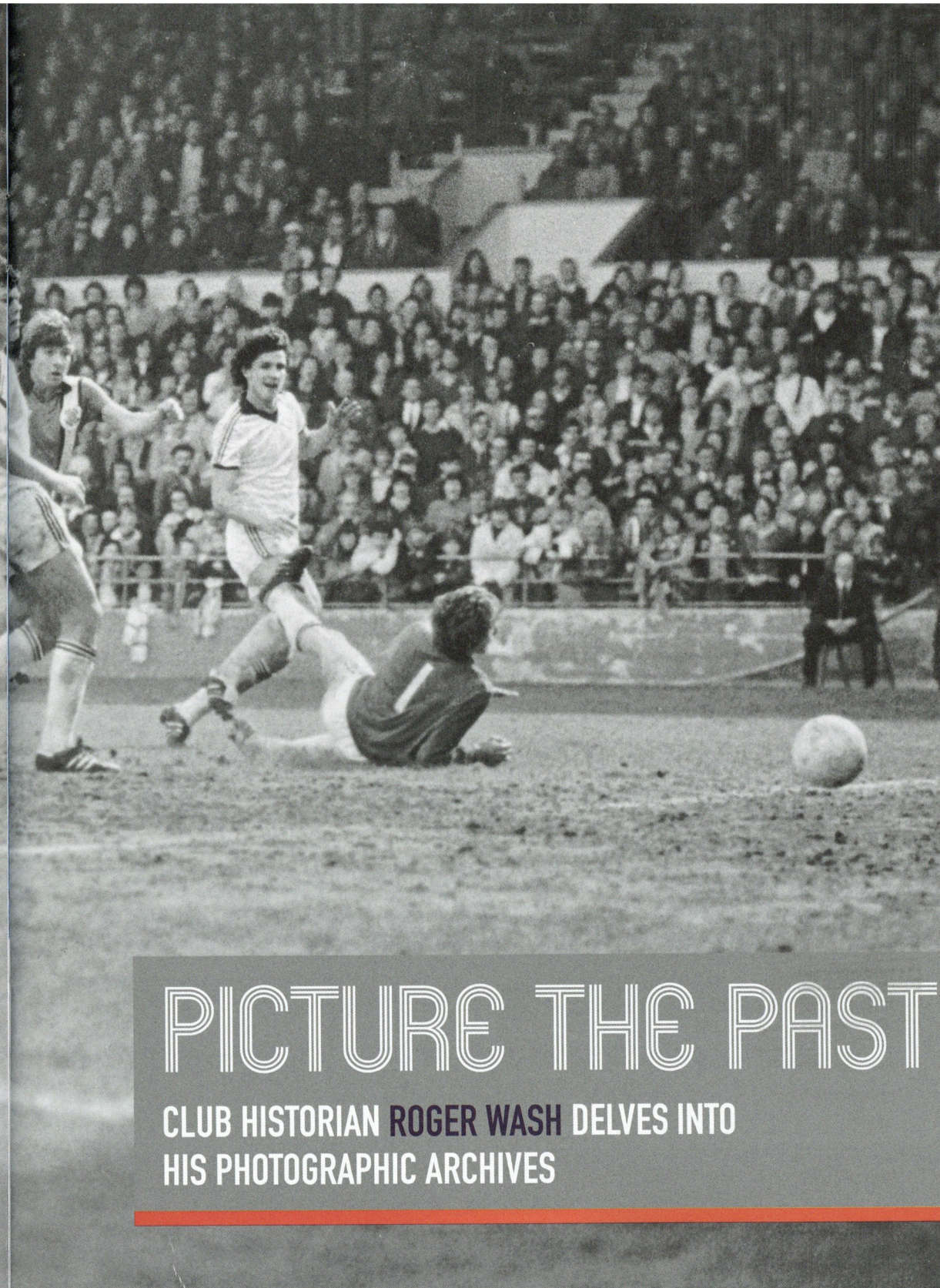
PHIL BARBER

One-time Crawley Town winger Phil Barber played for Crystal Palace in the 1990 FA Cup final. Initially with Aylesbury United, he joined Crystal Palace in February 1984 and was ever-present as they regained top-flight status in 1988-89. He missed just one match in the top-flight in 1989-90 and moved to Millwall for £100,000 in July 1991. Ever-present in 1992-93, he helped them reach the First Division play-offs in 1993-94 and moved to Bristol City in July 1995. He was loaned to Mansfield Town and Fulham, then had spells at Dover Athletic, Crawley from September 1997 until July 1999, Carshalton, Dulwich and Croydon.

SCOTT HILEY

Experienced right-back Scott Hiley missed just two matches for Crawley Town in 2006-07. He began with Exeter City and starred in their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph, reuniting with Terry Cooper at Birmingham City for £100,000 in March 1993. Linking up with Alan Ball again at Manchester City for £250,000 in February 1996, he joined Southampton in August 1998, then Portsmouth in December 1999. He was their 'Player of the Year' in 2001-02, then rejoined Exeter and moved to Crawley in August 2006. Making 44 Conference appearances, he later played for Tiverton and runs a guest house in Clyst St Mary.

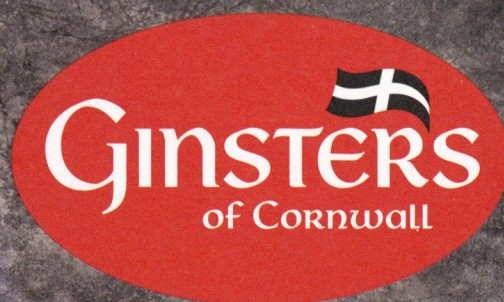




Alan West nets the match clinching second goal during the Town's 2-0 win over Fulham at Kenilworth Road in May 1979. The victory, watched by a crowd of 9122, ensured Division Two (now Championship) football for another season.

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Steve Howard heads home goal number four against the Canaries

AS OTHERS SAW US

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH LOOKS AT PAST GAMES FROM THE EYES OF THE OPPOSITION AND THE 'NEUTRAL' NATIONAL PRESS...

LUTON TOWN 4 NORWICH CITY 2 | 18TH OCTOBER 2005

Back in the Championship for the first time in nine years, the Town started the 2005/06 campaign just like they finished the previous promotion winning season, and after three games stood proudly at the top of the table.

Wins at Crystal Palace and at home to Southampton, together with a draw at Kenilworth Road against Leeds, saw us get off to a cracking start but a narrow defeat at Stoke in game four brought us back to earth with a bump.

No matter, as we were soon back to winning ways with victories at Leicester and at home to Millwall prolonging the sound start. The loss of young defender Curtis Davies to Premier League West Brom for £3m was a blow, but the central defensive partnership of Chris Coyne and

summer signing Marcus Heikkinen was quick to gel as we maintained a place in the top three.

Just before the visit of Norwich to Kenilworth Road in mid-October we had produced our only poor performance so far in going down 3-1 at Crewe. Manager Mike Newell said afterwards: "Maybe we needed to suffer a defeat like that to remind everyone what's been achieved so far this season."

The players did not need lifting for the visit of the Canaries in what could be described as a local derby (certainly

from the Norwich perspective), and a capacity crowd of 10,248 gathered at Kenilworth Road to see if the Town could maintain their good start minus influential skipper Kevin Nicholls, who was missing with a foot injury for the first time that season.

The game opened at a fair pace with chances spurned at both ends. Dean Morgan curled a 25-yard free-kick just wide before big Steve Howard headed an Ahmet Brkovic cross just over. The Canaries' Darren Huckerby, given a clear sight of goal, sliced wide from 12 yards and then

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LUTON TOWN 4 NORWICH 2

Andy Mackenzie reports from Kenilworth Road ENGLAND goalkeeper Robert Green suffered a first-half to forget as Luton humbled the Canaries at Kenilworth Road last night.

Green was beaten by a speculative 35-yard Carlos Edwards cross and had to pick the ball out of the net a further three times after goals from Warren Feeney, Peter Holmes and Steve Howard as Town

HATTERS



blazed another chance over after Ian Henderson saw a shot hit the Luton bar.

However, it was the Hatters who took the lead in the 14th minute when Howard's low, hard cross was poked home at the near post by Warren Feeney. The Town's second goal on 27 minutes could only be described as a freak when Carlos Edwards, way out on the right, seemed to have overhit a cross which Norwich goalkeeper Robert Green watched all the way before slipping at the last second, seeing the ball bounce into the net.

Green atoned for this error with a tremendous save to a Peter Holmes volley just after, but was left helpless when the same player played a one-two with Feeney before rifling home.

With Norwich in complete tatters, the Town grabbed a fourth four minutes from the break as Holmes walked past Simon Charlton in the Canaries' midfield, before crossing to Howard to nod in at the far post.

With the game over by the interval, the second period was a little less frenetic but Norwich had pride to play for, with Dean Ashton netting a consolation on 55 minutes when firing in powerfully beyond Marlon Beresford in the Luton goal.

The game then appeared to die a death in the time remaining, but there was still an opportunity for Calum Davenport to be dismissed with ten minutes to go after receiving his second yellow card for a foul on Howard. The Canaries did have the final say, though, when Ashton put over a cross from the left which was headed home by substitute Ryan Jarvis (the brother of Rossi).

It is appreciated that the Norwich Evening News and the Eastern Daily Press are going to be biased towards the Canaries, but the local scribes were not happy. Chris Wise in the EDP said: 'Norwich paid the ultimate price for 26 minutes of defensive madness as they slumped to their joint heaviest defeat of the season at Kenilworth Road last night.' While Rick Waghorn in the Evening News wrote: 'All going vaguely swimmingly until Robert Green got his feet in one almighty tangle and from in the game and making chances at 1-0 down, at 2-0 City hit the panic button and for a truly torrid 25-minute spell, they disappeared without trace. After the break Norwich improved, but Luton were home and dry.'

The reporting went downhill from there with comments like, 'It's Luton we are talking about here, not Chelsea,' and 'It's a good job that England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson was not here to witness Green's display, but he would never be caught dead at Kenilworth Road on a drizzly night in October.'

CANARIES: Crushed by rampant Luton

Night to forget as City buckle

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TOWN 2 : CHELTENHAM 3



TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 6,708 | AWAY: 83

TOWN GOALS: VASSELL 41, DAVIS (OG) 72 | **CHELTENHAM GOALS:** BOYLE 5, BARTHAM 28, WATERS 60

TOWN: MOORE, JUSTIN, CUTHBERT ©, REA, SENIOR, MPANZU, SMITH (LEE 46), GAMBIN (GRAY 70), COOK, VASSELL, MARRIOTT (D'ATH 61). **SUBS NOT USED:** O'DONNELL, BANTON, SHEEHAN, KING (GK). **YELLOW CARD:** JUSTIN

CHELTENHAM: BROWN, BARTHAM, PELL ©, BOYLE, CRANSTON, ROWE, ONARIASE, O'SHAUGNESSY, WINCHESTER (WATERS 46), WOOTTON (WRIGHT 72), DAVIS. **SUBS NOT USED:** KITSCHA, MUNNS, STORER, HOLMAN, DE GIROLAMO. **YELLOW CARDS:** WOOTTON, BOYLE



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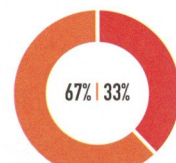
The Hatters missed out on the opportunity to close the gap on the automatic promotion places by slipping to a disappointing 3-2 home defeat by lowly Cheltenham Town.

The visitors took an early lead through Will Boyle and then doubled it through Jack Barthram before the opening half-an-hour was up. Isaac Vassell halved the deficit with his fifth goal of the season four minutes before half-time, but Cheltenham restored their two-goal advantage on the hour through substitute Billy Waters and despite a 72nd-minute own goal from Liam Davis, Nathan Jones' men could not claw their way back.

Boyle fired in from close range after the ball fell to him from a corner early on, before Barthram smartly finished into the bottom left corner from a counter attack.

Town were back in the game as Vassell slipped the ball through Scott Brown's legs after a smart pass from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu. But the Hatters were more or less seen off when Waters fired in from just inside the area from another break from the visitors after the restart.

Olly Lee's superbly driven free-kick into the Cheltenham box deflected off Davis to give the match a grandstand ending, in which Vassell was denied a penalty after a blatant foul on the six-yard line by Barthram in injury-time, but the Robins weathered the storm.



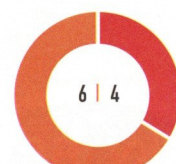
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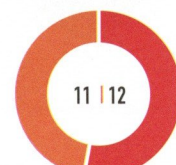
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Isaac Vassell nets the Hatters' first goal



JONES:
It's so, so disappointing.



"It was very much one of my most disappointing nights. It just seems to be this game. I said to them, this game, when we really get to turn the screw and to get right there, we don't take it. Since I have been here we never take it. Maybe that's something I have to look at, something we have to do.

"It was a great opportunity tonight to go within a point of third and we didn't take it. It's so, so disappointing.

"On Saturday Cambridge came here to win the game. Tonight Cheltenham came here not to lose, so there is a different set up. Fair play to them, they set up, defended, put nine behind the ball and it was difficult for us.

"With a lot of people we had missing today, it was difficult for us to break that down. We had enough possession, enough chances to have won the game comfortably.

"The early set-back cost us. It rocked us. We have had opportunities that we should score, and right at the end it was a stonewall penalty that doesn't get given. But poor defending has ultimately cost us."

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TRANSFER DEADLINE DAY SPECIAL!

THE JANUARY WINDOW CLOSES WITH A MATCH AGAINST CHELTENHAM THROWN IN...

Transfer deadline day. Match day. What do you get if you throw the two into the mixer and they come out on the same date? Well, Tuesday 31st January was the kind of day that would make Jim White's famous tie go a sickly shade of yellow.

Of course, the January transfer business doesn't boil down to just one day – even if it might feel like it as the crescendo builds towards 11pm on the day the window slams shut.

The Hatters' mid-season squad fine-tuning started early, with midfielder Lawson D'Ath arriving from Northampton Town on the first Friday of the month, followed on Monday 16th by Luke Gambin signing for an undisclosed fee from Barnet.

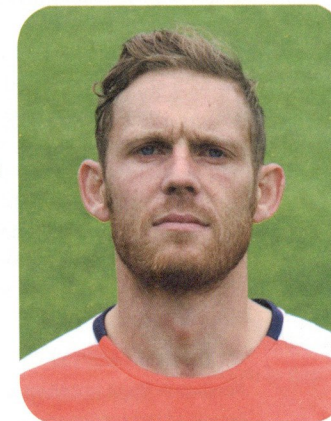
The ground work for these deals will have started weeks in advance, with manager Nathan Jones and chief recruitment officer Mick Harford having identified targets and been to watch them several times before making a decision to ask chief executive Gary Sweet to pursue a deal.

Input will be sought from others including secretary Chris Clark, senior operations manager Kevan Platt and finance director Simon Gibb, with Gary going backwards and forwards for days – sometimes weeks – on end to haggle over terms with his counterpart at the other club, not forgetting the player's agent.

Once the deal has been closed, the player will head to Kenilworth Road or Ely Way for a medical with physio Simon Parsell and club doctor Paul Dealey, then sign his contract and FA and EFL paperwork with Chris before posing for the standard shirt and scarf pictures/video interview with the Hatters media team.

Here's a rundown of how the January transfer window closed from press and communications manager **STUART HAMMONDS'** point of view...

05.15 – Woken by the Hammonds household's new puppy and it's a good job. Turn the phone on in the back garden drizzle and there's an email from secretary Chris Clark at ten-past-midnight giving a heads up that Christian Walton is likely to be recalled by Brighton following injury to one of their goalkeepers at the weekend, and we are working on a loan for Stuart Moore to come in from Reading. Also, Craig Mackail-Smith is due at former club Peterborough for a medical first thing in the morning.



There's a reply from Nathan Jones at 1am confirming his quotes for the press release announcing a new striker are spot on. There's been plenty of midnight oil burnt for the past couple of weeks by Nathan, Mick, Gary and Chris...and there's no point me going back to bed for an extra hour's kip as deadline day kicks off! Better start prepping more words for the imminent arrivals and departures...

9.30 – Contact from Peterborough to agree on a time to announce CMS' return to London Road.

PLAYERS OUT

	POS	AGE
Christian Walton	GK	21
Mark O'Brien	CB	24
Nathan Doyle	MF	30
Alex Gilliead	MF	20
Josh McQuoid	FW	27
Craig Mackail-Smith	FW	32
Freddie Hinds	FW	18

PLAYERS IN

	POS	AGE
Stuart Moore	GK	22
Matt Macey	GK	22
Lawson D'ath	MF	24
Luke Gambin	MF	23
Ollie Palmer	FW	25

PLAYERS KEPT

	POS	AGE
James Justin	FB	18
Stephen O'Donnell	FB	24
Tyreeq Bakinson	MF	18
Cameron McGeehan	MF	21

FINANCES

Cash paid out for fees and severances:	-£195k
Cash received from fees and loans:	£160k
Cash saved from annual salary base:	£185k

SUMMARY

- 7 out / 5 in = **reduction in squad of 2**
- Average age of leavers (**24.6 years**)
- > average age of incomers (**23.2 years**)
- First team squad **strengthened** (more active contributors / improved diversity of talent)
- **Averted** losing players we wanted to keep



OLLIE PALMER

POSITION: Striker | AGE: 25 | SIGNED FROM: Leyton Orient (loan)

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Woking, St Albans (loan), Boreham Wood (loan), Havant & Waterlooville, Mansfield Town, Grimsby Town (loan)

WHAT HE SAID:

"It's a fantastic opportunity for me to come on loan to try and help the club get up. League Two has become a familiar league for me to play in, but it doesn't mean I want to be sitting in it for the rest of my life. I only turned 25 last Saturday, so it's a nice birthday present. Hopefully I can kick on and get into League One with Luton."



10.30 – Contact from Brighton to confirm Christian's recall and arrange announcement time. Goalkeeper coach Kevin Dearden and Mick Harford are both at Kenilworth Road to help Gary, Chris and Kevan work out a solution to who, and how, we can get a keeper in for the evening's game against Cheltenham. Even I'm asked to help at various stages by the gaffer and Gary as we look to cover all available options.

11.00 – Christian's at Kenilworth Road to collect a couple of belongings so we grab a couple of quotes for the

website and thank him for all he's done not only on the pitch, but press-wise too. Nothing's been too much trouble. Great lad. He departs with a black bin bag slung over his shoulder – but we double-check that his best mate Glen Rea isn't in there! Big question is: who's going to cook Glen's dinner in the flat they shared now?!

11.30 – Announcement that CMS has rejoined the Posh on loan until the end of the season.

12pm – Announcement that youth team striker Freddie



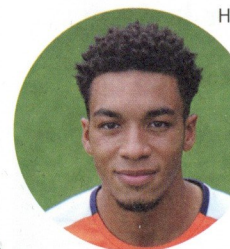
STUART MOORE

POSITION: Goalkeeper | AGE: 22 | SIGNED FROM: Reading (loan)

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Gloucester City, Bath City, Basingstoke Town, Peterborough United (all loans)

WHAT HE SAID:

"As soon as I got the call I wanted to come and play here. I was excited. I see the ambition of the club and just couldn't wait for the chance. I've had some great messages and I'd like to thank the fans for the welcome to the club. I'm looking forward to showing what I can do and playing the rest of the season here."



Hinds has been sold to Championship side Bristol City for an undisclosed fee. This time had been agreed the previous day.

12.30 – The announcement of Walton's recall by Brighton ahead of Seagulls' boss Chris Hughton's 1pm press conference.

13.30 – Moore is at Kenilworth Road to sign the loan forms to allow him to play that night, then after a couple of pictures at the side of the pitch, he's off to a hotel to prepare for the game.

15.00 – Announcement of the first arrival of the day comes at the time agreed with his parent club Reading.

15.30 – Second signing of the day – although it had been sorted the previous afternoon but not in time for him to



MATT MACEY

POSITION: Goalkeeper | AGE: 22 | SIGNED FROM: Arsenal (loan)

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bristol Rovers, Accrington Stanley (loan)

WHAT HE SAID:

"It can be a bit of a bubble at Arsenal and places like that, but I had a taste of it at Accrington and before that I was at Bristol Rovers as a young lad, so I know what League Two is all about. As soon as I heard there was interest I was 100 per cent on the way. You don't get opportunities like this too often."

meet the noon deadline for a standard loan to feature in the match against Cheltenham – is striker Ollie Palmer on loan from Leyton Orient until the end of the season. Pictures were due to be taken at Kenilworth Road, but with news leaking we get a picture of him at Ely Way and tie in with Orient to bring the announcement forward a couple of hours.

17.30 – Palmer arrives at Kenilworth Road for more pictures and a video interview, then I lead him upstairs to the Eric Morecambe Suite where we find chef Paul to plate him up a carvery to eat in the Trophy Room.

18.45 – Oh yes, there's a game about to take place! Team news is out on the website and social media. One change from Saturday's win over Cambridge, with Moore in goal for his debut.



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19.00 – Announcement that midfielder Nathan Doyle's contract has been cancelled by mutual agreement.

19.45 – Kick-off! A breather for the media team – well, apart from tweeting and writing the report.

21.45 – Final whistle blows and it's time for the manager's post-match interviews.

22.30 – Announcement that Matt Macey – another young goalkeeper – is joining from Arsenal until the end of the season. He's been here watching the game and at 6ft 7ins, the 22-year-old dwarfs 6ft 5ins pair Palmer and Moore. All three have been warned to duck when they walk down the tunnel towards the pitch!

Also, confirmation that the paperwork has been lodged with the EFL since the end of the game and well before the 11pm deadline for Moore's loan to be turned into a standard loan until the rest of the season.

For those wondering 'Why two goalkeepers?'...well, because Craig King and Liam Gooch have not made five first-team starts, neither are considered 'professional goalkeepers' by EFL rules.

So, Christian Walton's recall left the club with no 'professional goalkeeper' on the books and less than nine hours until kick-off. Nathan, Mick and Kev have a list of young keepers to turn to should the recall have taken place – although the chances of Brighton No.2 Niki Maenpaa getting injured at Lincoln in the FA Cup and Chelsea showing interest in signing their No.1 David Stockdale were remote in the extreme, until the events transpired against the Hatters over the few hours leading up to deadline day, and the Seagulls did what they felt they had to do and take Christian back.

Top of the list was Moore, who would be able to join at short notice to play against Cheltenham, but is cup-tied for the Checktrade Trophy. Macey isn't cup-tied for the Trophy. Because of the changes in EFL rules surrounding emergency loans this season, the possibility of someone coming in short-term as cover until Christian could return from Brighton once Maenpaa had regained fitness was ruled out by the league.

So, if Craig King were to have played against Cheltenham, or Yeovil in the Checktrade, that would take him over the five-game threshold for the

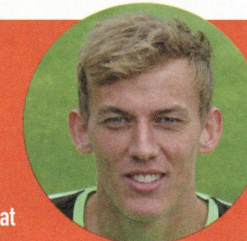
EFL to class him as a 'professional goalkeeper' and the club would not then be permitted to bring in another keeper should Moore get injured or be recalled by Reading. Seeing out the rest of the season with a 19-year-old goalkeeper could be detrimental to both the player's development and the team at a crucial stage of what it is hoped will be a promotion challenging campaign, so two keepers had to be brought in to cover all eventualities in league and cup.

23.00 – The window closes and we can breathe a sigh of relief that no-one else has gone, but it's been quite a day. The gaffer is glad it's over and can now look forward to the trip to Grimsby on Saturday without the distractions that deadline day caused: "It was a crazy day, it really was," admits the Welshman in his post-match interview, adding: "I'll be glad when it's over and then we can just settle down and play."

Roll on the opening of the next window, when hopefully the breeze coming through will be welcome respite for warmer weather – and with equal hope, the new boys will be arriving for a crack at League One!

AND ANOTHER KEEPER'S MESSAGE TO THE HATTERS FANS!

FOLLOWING HIS RECALL TO BRIGHTON, CHRISTIAN WALTON TOLD LUTONTOWN.CO.UK: "I've had a fantastic time here at Kenilworth Road. It's been a brilliant experience for me being part of a great squad and playing in front of the unbelievable Luton fans. I'd just like to say a massive thank you to everyone at the club for making me feel so welcome and wish Nathan and the boys all the very best for the rest of the season. I hope they can go on and finish the job of winning promotion and I'll be back to support them whenever I can."



GRIMSBY TOWN 1 : TOWN 1



SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY | BLUNDELL PARK | ATTENDANCE: 5,114 | AWAY: 468

GRIMSBY GOAL: CLEMENTS 56 | **TOWN GOAL:** VASSELL 77

GRIMSBY: MCKEOWN, DAVIES, PEARSON, GUNNING, COLLINS, ANDREW, COMLEY, CLEMENTS (JONES 83), OSBORNE, DYSON (VERNON 84), YUSSUF (ASANTE 83). **SUBS NOT USED:** DISLEY, VOSE, MILLS, BOYCE, JONES. | **YELLOW CARDS:** COLLINS, PEARSON

TOWN: MOORE, JUSTIN, CUTHBERT (C), REA, SENIOR, MPANZU, GAMBIN (PALMER 57), GRAY (SHEEHAN 57), COOK, HYLTON, VASSELL (MARRIOTT 88). **SUBS NOT USED:** O'DONNELL, LEE, D'ATH, MACEY (GK) | **YELLOW CARDS:** VASSELL, HYLTON, SENIOR

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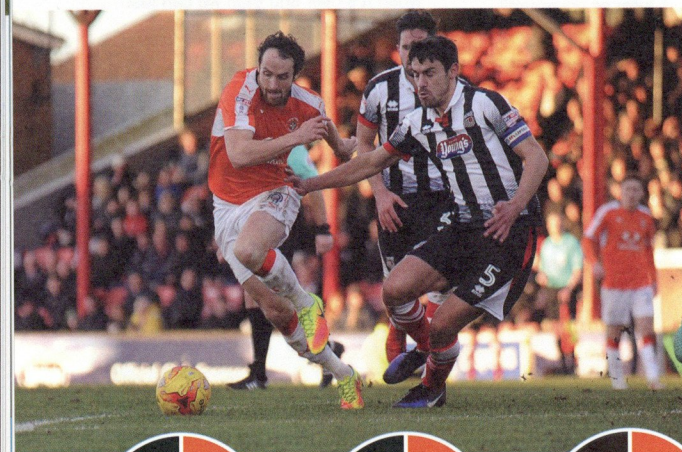
The Hatters passed up another glorious opportunity to close the gap on the automatic promotion places in Sky Bet League Two when Danny Hylton saw a 95th-minute penalty saved – and subsequent goal from the rebound ruled out for a foul – as Grimsby held on for a point at Blundell Park.

Nathan Jones' men had fallen behind to a 56th-minute header from Mariners debutant Chris Clements after a disappointing opening period of the game, but hit back strongly in the final half-hour and looked the most likely winners.

With 13 minutes to go, Isaac Vassell netted his third goal in as many matches to set up a frantic finish, with Jones having already thrown on former Grimsby loanee Ollie Palmer for his debut as part of a three-man forward line in the immediate aftermath of the hosts' goal.

The golden chance came when referee Mark Haywood penalised Grimsby defender Gavin Gunning for handball as Palmer looked to steal in front of him and get on the end of a cross from fellow sub Jack Marriott, but keeper James McKeown saved Hylton's effort from 12 yards.

Then, as the striker rose to nod the rebound into the bottom corner from six yards out, Haywood awarded a free-kick for a push and the Cleethorpes-based side could breathe a sigh of relief.



JONES: We were nowhere near where we needed to be first half

"After 95 minutes I am disappointed because obviously with a late penalty you think, well, ok you can win it.

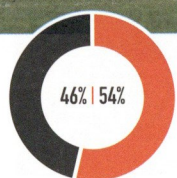
"I think it was pretty much an even game, we were nowhere near where we needed to be first half. The intensity levels we had were nowhere near. We didn't put them under any real danger or anything.

"Second half we didn't start particularly well, I was going to change stuff, but I couldn't get the change on. Then they scored. We didn't defend it properly, we didn't defend the box well enough, and then we scored.

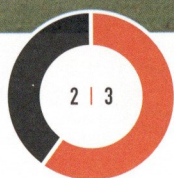
"There was only one team then who were going to go on and do anything. We got the goal, we were pushing. We had chance after chance to have won the game. Then obviously you think you're winning it when you have the penalty, but we missed the penalty.

"Look, Danny has been brilliant for me, he has scored all his penalties. He has been absolutely outstanding, but that's a missed opportunity for us today.

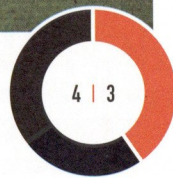
"The free-kick following the penalty is soft, but you can see why he has given it. He gave us the opportunity to win the game and we should have won the game."



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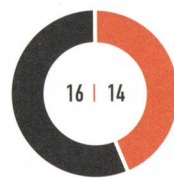
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[OLLIE PALMER ON GRIMSBY]

PALMER'S PERMANENT PLAN

OLLIE'S OUT TO
USE LOAN TO LAND
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Ollie Palmer came on for his Town debut in the 1-1 draw at Grimsby last Saturday – and then told how he intends to use his loan from Leyton Orient to earn a Hatters contract for next season.

The 25-year-old striker was thrown on with half-an-hour to go at Blundell Park, where he enjoyed a loan spell with the then National League Mariners in 2015, as part of a front three with Danny Hylton and Isaac Vassell.

His presence certainly helped bring a new dimension to Nathan Jones' side's attacks, with Hylton and Vassell starting to find more space around him – with the latter equalising – before Palmer won the 95th-minute penalty that, sadly, Hylton saw saved.

"I think that's what the gaffer brought me here to do," said Palmer. "We've got four top class strikers, he just needed something a little bit different. That's why he brought me on today, to give us something a bit different and try and create a few more chances. Luckily we got one.

"He asked me to come on and play in the middle of Danny and Isaac, to try and get those two in behind a little bit more, take the attention off them and draw the centre-halves towards me. I think it worked for the last half-an-hour, it was just disappointing not to get the win."

On the penalty, in which Palmer's touch looked to take him past

Grimsby centre-half Gavin Gunning, only for the defender's arm to stop the ball, the ex-Mansfield forward added: "I think Jack made a great run down the right hand side and put a good ball in.

"I have got in front of the defender, poked it round him and he has slid in and handballed it.

"Danny Hylton has been fantastic for Luton this season. People do miss penalties and he has got a fantastic return for the club this season, so it's

just one of those things. I am sure he will dust himself down and then kick on against Crawley on Saturday."

Asked about making the deadline day move from relegation-threatened Orient to promotion-chasing Town, Palmer added: "I got informed a week before that Luton were interested and it's just something I couldn't turn down. It's a massive club.

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"I have heard fantastic things about the gaffer and it's just something I really wanted to happen.

"When I found out about this opportunity, I wanted to come here, I want to be part of a winning changing room and do what I can to come in and help and try and get us promoted.

"You want a bit of stability and you've got that at a big club like Luton Town. We are moving into a new training ground shortly, hopefully a new stadium set-up and it's got a fantastic future.

"At the moment it's just a loan and we have got to see how things go. I want to do well and if things do go well and I get offered a contract, it is something I would definitely like to take up."





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JONES: I thought at times we were scintillating

"We made hard work of it for ourselves really, because the only way they were going to score was from a punt into the box and anything second ball or a header. But going forward I thought at times we were scintillating.

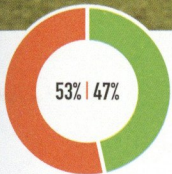
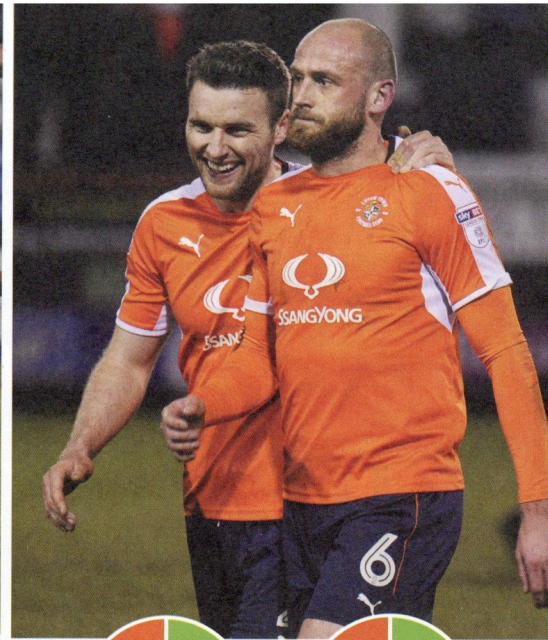
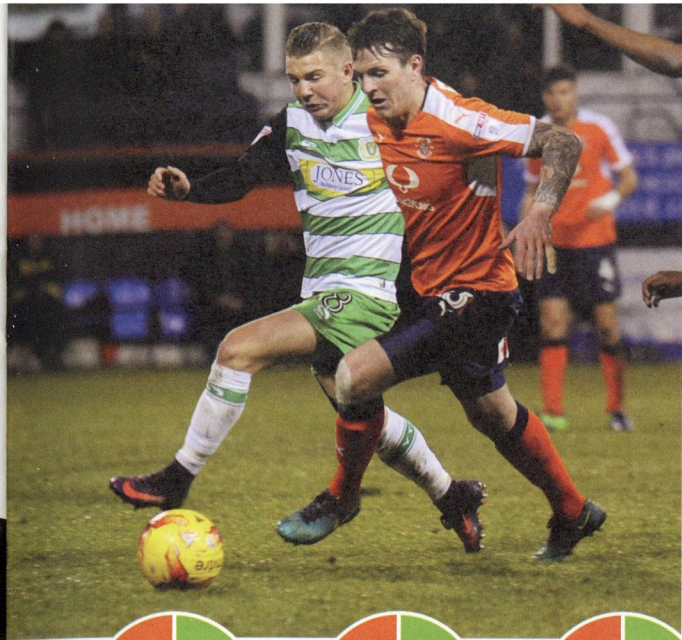
"If we'd been a bit more clinical first half it would have been a bit more comfortable, but we got the goal from Jordan Cook – who is playing well – and my front two were a real threat. They are a threat every time they play.

"They were tonight and I was really pleased that they were on the front foot. We just made it a little bit hard work for ourselves. We got the second and they pulled one back, then we got the third and they pulled one back.

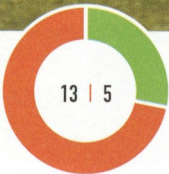
"Luckily we didn't allow them to settle into the game. As soon as they scored, we scored – it was just a tinge of disappointment in how we handled the big fella they brought on.

But I want to concentrate on the positives because I thought going forward we were a real force, we were excellent, and we could have had more.

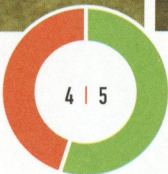
"I'm delighted because as a manager I've never got to a semi-final. I've only been managing a year – but it's my first semi-final and hopefully it will be a wonderful occasion because it's one game from Wembley."



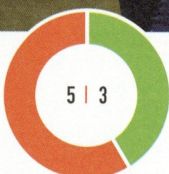
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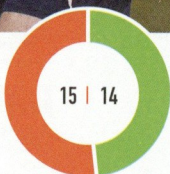
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STORY OF THE MATCH:

A superb performance from Isaac Vassell helped put the Hatters within a win of a trip to Wembley as Nathan Jones' side put five past his former club Yeovil Town.

Jordan Cook opened the scoring with a drilled effort on 11 minutes after Vassell's cross had been intercepted into the path of the former Walsall forward, before Alan Sheehan's third goal from a set-piece this season doubled the hosts' lead just after break, Vassell once again playing a part as he won the free-kick.

Francois Zoko halved the deficit with a finish from close range, which the Hatters responded to through Vassell, who powered onto the end of Jack Senior's quick throw-in and fired in the Hatters' third after dancing past two opponents.

Substitute Omar Sowunmi headed home from a Ryan Dickson cross to make it 3-2, before Danny Hylton ended a goal drought of nearly two months with a tap-in a minute later.

Vassell rounded off the scoring with a deft clip of the ball at the near post from a smart Sheehan cross in extra-time.

The fantastic result puts the Hatters into the last four, where Jones' side will take on League One side Oxford United at Kenilworth Road for the right to face Coventry City in the Wembley final.



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[ISAAC VASSELL ON YEOVIL]

VASS PROVES HIS CLASS

Tuesday night's emphatic quarter-final win over Yeovil Town saw Isaac Vassell continue his fine goal scoring form, netting a brace to make it five goals in his last four appearances.

That doesn't do justice to the fact the forward had a hand in every single Hatters goal in the 5-2 win over the Glovers.

After his low cross was deflected into Jordan Cook's path for the midfielder to hammer the Town into an early lead, the 23-year-old won the free-kick that Alan Sheehan then converted in stunning fashion to add to the Town's tally five minutes into the second half.

The striker then got in on the action as he rifled home a shot from inside the area after a quick break thanks to a well taken throw by Jack Senior.

As if that wasn't enough, the ex-Truro City forward passed the ball in for Danny Hylton who crashed in a shot from close range, before expertly flicking in Sheehan's left wing cross in extra-time to round off the scoring.

It's fair to say Vassell enjoyed himself, as speaking to Hatters Player after the match, he said: "I absolutely loved it out there tonight. The first half was a bit of a weird one for me, I was in and out of the game, but then it came alive in the second half."

It was in that second 45 minutes the strong partnership between Vassell and Danny Hylton became apparent, as the pace of the former and the constant threat from the latter created havoc for the Yeovil back four.

"It must have been a tough evening for them," Vassell said on the Glovers' defenders. "Credit to Danny Hylton, he's a great striker. I say it all the time. He is such a good player to work with, he is a good role model to have."

"He gives 100 per cent. You almost know where he is going to be, where he is going to be to score. If you're doing everything you can to get the ball there, there isn't

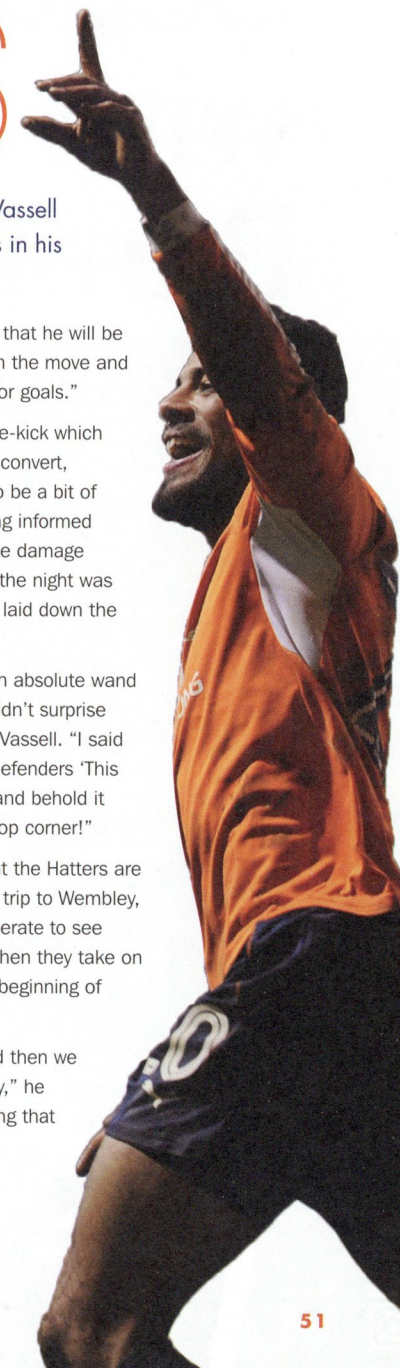
a shadow of a doubt that he will be there. He's always on the move and he's always looking for goals."

Upon winning the free-kick which Sheehan went on to convert, Vassell also claims to be a bit of a fortune teller, having informed one of the Glovers the damage the Town captain on the night was about to inflict as he laid down the ball.

"Sheehan has got an absolute wand of a left foot and it didn't surprise me actually," smiled Vassell. "I said to one of the Yeovil defenders 'This is going in' – and lo and behold it went straight in the top corner!"

The result means that the Hatters are one win away from a trip to Wembley, which Vassell is desperate to see the Hatters pull off when they take on Oxford United at the beginning of March.

"One more game and then we could get to Wembley," he added. "What a feeling that could be!"



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THE MAN WITHOUT THE MASK IS BACK!

FRESH-FACED DANNY ENDS GOAL DROUGHT AGAINST GLOVERS

The win over Yeovil in midweek ticked all the boxes for Danny Hylton as the striker scored his first goal since taking off his mask, as well as booking a place in the semi-finals of the Checkatrade Trophy against one of his former sides Oxford United.

It was the 15th goal the 27-year-old has scored this season since he left the U's in the summer and joined the Town, with his strike bringing an end to a near two-month goal drought.

The mask Hylton had worn since suffering a fractured cheekbone in September against Grimsby had made a reputation for itself, with the striker finding the net regularly with it on.

In his first League Two match back without wearing it, the forward missed a penalty against Grimsby – something that made him consider bringing it back.

He said: "I just said it in the dressing room, I kept wearing the mask because I thought I was playing well and I didn't want to change anything. I am a little bit superstitious so I thought I would keep the mask.

"I've not been too happy with how I've been playing recently. I think it's seven games that I have played in that I haven't scored – not that I am counting or anything! It's been playing on my mind a little bit. Maybe I am being a bit harsh on myself.

"I have still been trying, giving my

all, but something has just not been happening properly for me so I thought 'Let's get rid of the mask'.

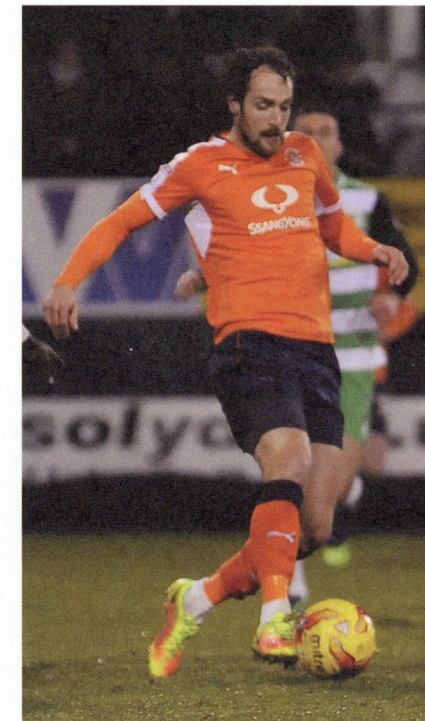
"Then I missed the penalty and I thought I'd have to bring it back. I gave it one more try without it tonight, so I am delighted that I've score tonight. It was a big relief for me.

"But the main thing is it's not about me, it's about the team and we are in the semi-final in a one-off game, let's get to Wembley."

The Town's top scorer reached the final of the Trophy last season with Michael Appleton's team, scoring a wonderful header at Wembley in the 3-2 loss to Barnsley.

He reckons this is a great opportunity for the Hatters to go one better, as he feels his team-mates could beat any side in this division and the one above.

"It's great for the fans, the club and all the boys because we work so hard," said Hylton. "It would be a great occasion if we can. Oxford are in our way and we don't want to get carried away, they're a really good team and they're doing really well.



"They might be a league above us. I don't mean this disrespectfully but I don't think they're better than us. I don't think there's a team in League One that I wouldn't fancy us beating. It's a one-off game and one we are looking forward to."

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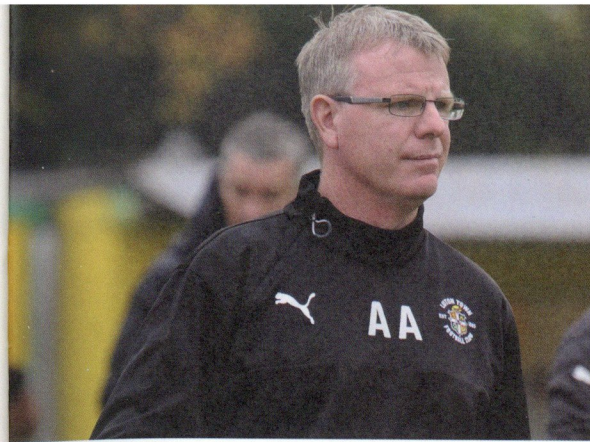
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ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Crawley Town.

U18S

Unfortunately, last Saturday's U18s Southern Area League Cup semi-final versus Plymouth Argyle was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. We have rearranged the game for Tuesday February 14th, which will be played at Shefford & Campton FC, with a 2pm kick off. If we were fortunate enough to progress to the final we would face AFC Bournemouth at some point in March. If you can get to Shefford on Tuesday, your support is always welcome and greatly appreciated.

The Youth team will start their Merit League fixtures on Saturday February 18th with a trip to Swindon Town first up. Although, we try and win every game, the Merit League provides us with an opportunity to push on the U16 group and involve them with the U18s as much as possible. Fingers crossed for a successful campaign, but above all we look forward to some good individual performances.

U16S

Congratulations to the following Under-16 players who have been offered two-year Apprenticeships at the club starting in July, 2017; Tiernan Parker (Goalkeeper), Toby Byron (Defender), Kai Phelan (Defender), Corey Panter (Defender), Jake Peck (Midfielder), Drew Richardson (Midfielder), Josh Nueville (Forward) & Connor Tomlinson (Forward). Good luck to them all.

U15/16S

The U15/16s took part in a Futsal Tournament at the FA's National Football Centre, St George's Park, last Tuesday and had a great day up there. As well as achieving a very

commendable third place against high quality opposition, the staff and boys were given a tour of the fantastic facilities they have and overall it was a fantastic experience for all concerned.

U13S

The U13s recently went on tour to Germany to take part in a Futsal Tournament. The boys did amazingly well to reach the final, winning a dramatic semi-final on penalties, but unfortunately got edged out by a single goal in the final to FC Nuremberg.



The boys did the club and the academy proud with their performance on the pitch, and their discipline off it. Well done to everyone involved – great effort!!

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BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

BEDFORDSHIRE & LUTON COMMUNITY YOUTH FUND

We are really pleased to report on the continued progress on our Community Youth Fund project to establish a sustainable youth football club structure for boys and girls in High Town.

At the start of the season High Town lacked any organised youth football teams and this has been the situation for many years. We now have over 35 very keen youngsters training every week alongside new trainee coaches Richard and Phil.

The project aims to set up teams in this part of town to compete in local leagues from next season as well as establish a volunteer community club structure to administer the teams.

Last season we were thrilled to report great success in Marsh Farm with the formation of four teams with Luton Nations Youth FC at U8 through to U15 age groups. They are now playing every week and along with our successful coaching centre in Farley Hill that operates twice a week these two projects are already giving over 100 young children and their families the opportunity to play football against boys and girls from all over Bedfordshire.

Luton Borough Council and Luton Airport work in

partnership through the Community Youth Fund to improve the quality of life of the people of Luton and particularly to provide positive activities for children and young people and reduce anti-social behaviour, strengthen community cohesion and improve health and promote health equality.

Phase 1 of this year's project in High Town is well underway with a weekly coaching centre established in People's Parks for local youngsters, and Phase 2 – establishing a group of a volunteers along with trained and qualified coaches – is well underway.

We are now looking at Phase 3 of the project which involves organising local fixtures leading to our new 'High Town Hatters' playing in local youth leagues beginning in September. These are ambitious projects, targeting socially disadvantaged areas of the town, to

help parents and kids form football clubs takes a lot of effort and money. It is a challenge, especially where a high number of parents in these areas are new to the country and English is not their first language. Talk to anyone currently involved in running a team about just one issue, safeguarding, and they will tell you how much necessary work is involved.

We have, however, proved our project can work in Marsh Farm and Farley Hill and we can potentially look to take this template and use it elsewhere.

If you want to start up a youth football club in Luton it may be worth giving our Community Office a call on 01582 737568 for a chat or emailing us on community@lutontown.co.uk for advice.



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qualify for the Southern regional final and will need to get past Bristol City, Reading and Brentford on 1st March at Swindon Town to make Wembley. Good luck girls – we are all rooting for you and hope you won't be the only team from Luton at Wembley in April! Watch this space for news of the girls' progress!

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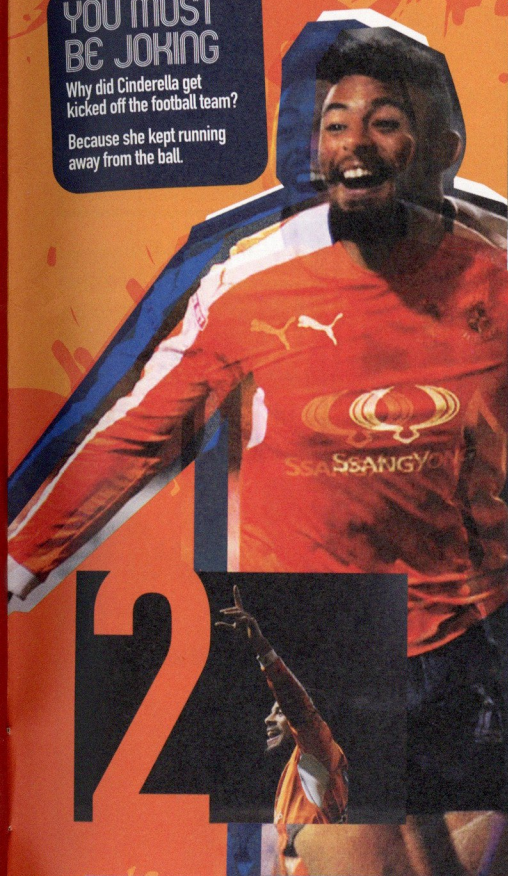
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- 4) ISAAC'S MIDDLE NAME IS 'CLEVELAND'.
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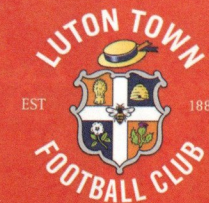
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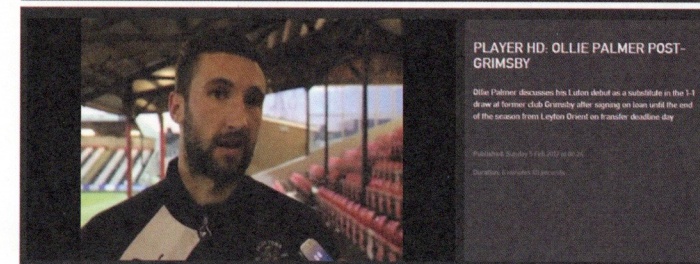
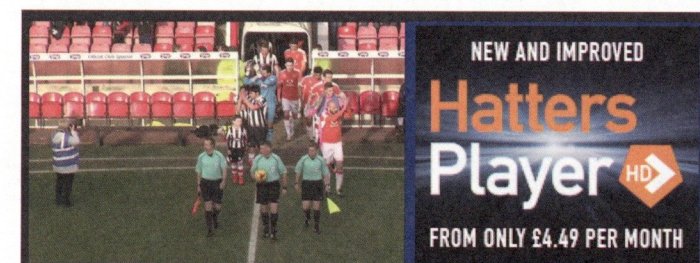
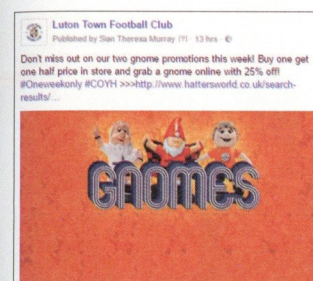
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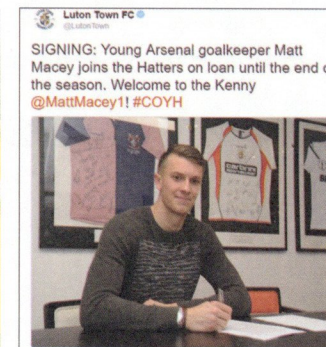
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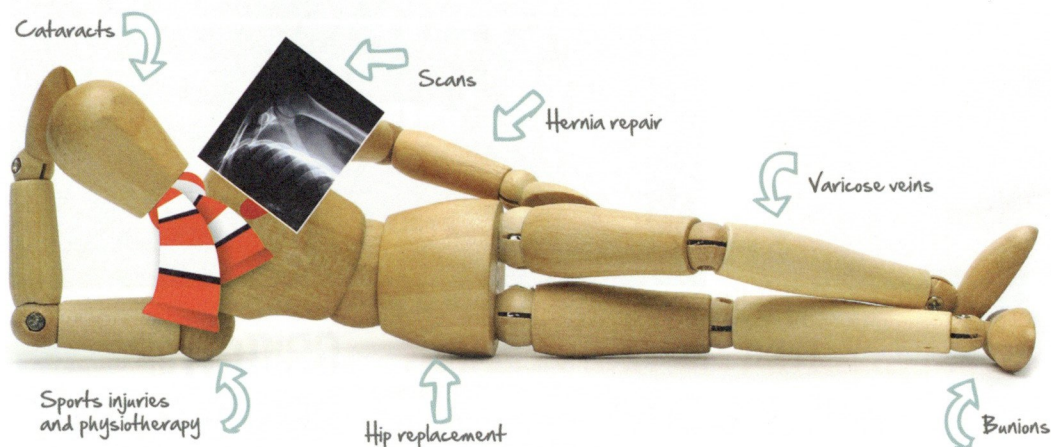
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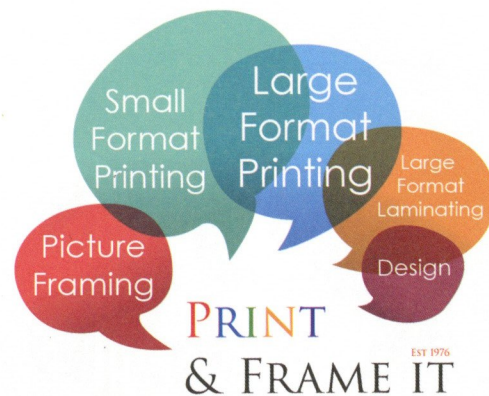


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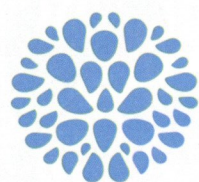
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[LEAGUE TWO ROUND-UP]

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THIS WEEKEND'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES:

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY
Newport County v Doncaster Rovers
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2017
Carlisle United v Blackpool
Colchester United v Barnet
Crewe Alexandra v Grimsby Town
Luton Town v Crawley Town
Mansfield Town v Hartlepool United
Morecambe v Cambridge United
Notts County v Cheltenham Town
Plymouth Argyle v Exeter City
Portsmouth v Accrington Stanley
Stevenage v Wycombe Wanderers
Yeovil Town v Leyton Orient

LAST WEEK'S LEAGUE 2 RESULTS:

SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY
Accrington Stanley 2-0 Notts County
Barnet 2-0 Mansfield Town
Blackpool 2-0 Colchester United
Cambridge United 2-0 Plymouth Argyle
Cheltenham Town 2-0 Newport County
Crawley Town 2-0 Stevenage
Doncaster Rovers 2-0 Morecambe
Exeter City 2-0 Crewe Alexandra
Grimsby Town 2-0 Luton Town
Hartlepool United 2-0 Yeovil Town
Leyton Orient 2-0 Carlisle United
Wycombe Wanderers 2-0 Portsmouth
TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
Blackpool 2-0 Crawley Town
Leyton Orient 2-0 Morecambe

LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Doncaster Rovers	29	19	5	5	59	35	24	62
2 Plymouth Argyle	28	18	3	7	45	30	15	57
3 Carlisle United	29	13	13	3	51	39	12	52
4 Exeter City	29	15	3	11	48	29	19	48
5 LUTON TOWN	29	12	10	7	42	28	14	46
6 Wycombe Wanderers	28	13	7	8	37	32	5	46
7 Portsmouth	28	13	6	9	40	28	12	45
8 Mansfield Town	29	11	10	8	33	30	3	43
9 Colchester United	28	11	8	9	42	35	7	41
10 Barnet	29	10	11	8	38	40	-2	41
11 Grimsby Town	29	11	7	11	36	34	2	40
12 Cambridge United	28	11	6	11	36	32	4	39
13 Stevenage	29	12	3	14	44	47	-3	39
14 Blackpool	28	9	11	8	39	28	11	38
15 Yeovil Town	29	9	9	11	31	36	-5	36
16 Crawley Town	28	10	6	12	33	42	-9	36
17 Morecambe	27	10	5	12	34	44	-10	35
18 Hartlepool United	29	7	10	12	37	48	-11	31
19 Accrington Stanley	27	7	8	12	26	35	-9	29
20 Cheltenham Town	29	6	11	12	32	42	-10	29
21 Crewe Alexandra	29	6	11	12	26	43	-17	29
22 Notts County	29	7	5	17	30	53	-23	26
23 Leyton Orient	29	7	4	18	29	44	-15	25
24 Newport County AFC	28	5	8	15	33	47	-14	23

PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		LIFEC	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS
Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	1	0
Tyreek Bakinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	5	0
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	1	0	0
Jordan Cook	21	(4)	2	(1)	1	(5)	3	4	1	30
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1
Scott Cuthbert	23	(1)	1	(3)	0	(26)	1	4	0	69
Lawson D'Ath	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	0	0	3
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(4)	0	1	0	6
Luke Gambin	4	(0)	0	(0)	0	(4)	0	1	0	4
Alex Gilliead	10	(8)	1	(3)	0	(13)	(8)	2	3	21
Jake Gray	7	(6)	1	(8)	0	(15)	(6)	4	0	21
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	30
Freddie Hinds	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	0	0	2
Danny Hylton	24	(1)	11	(5)	0	(4)	29	(1)	15	30
James Justin	16	(1)	0	(6)	1	(22)	(2)	0	2	25
Craig King	0	(0)	0	(4)	0	(4)	0	0	0	4
Oilly Lee	16	(6)	0	(5)	0	(21)	(7)	0	7	67
Matt Macey	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(2)	0	(2)	1	(2)	(4)	1	1	40
Jack Marriott	22	(5)	5	(4)	(2)	(4)	26	(7)	9	1
Cameron McGeehan	24	(0)	10	(4)	0	(1)	28	(0)	11	7
Josh McQuoid	1	(2)	0	(5)	0	(2)	(6)	2	2	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	17	(8)	0	(5)	(2)	(0)	22	(10)	0	5
Stuart Moore	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(2)	(0)	0	0	2
Johnny Mullins	19	(2)	0	(5)	(0)	(1)	24	(2)	1	1
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(5)	(0)	(1)	(5)	0	1	0
Stephen O'Donnell	16	(1)	1	(6)	(3)	(2)	22	(4)	3	1
Ollie Palmer	0	(1)	0	(0)	0	(1)	(0)	0	0	0
Dan Potts	16	(0)	0	(2)	(1)	(0)	18	(1)	0	3
Glen Rea	19	(3)	1	(7)	(0)	(1)	26	(3)	2	6
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(0)	0	0	1
Jack Senior	4	(1)	0	(5)	(0)	(0)	9	(1)	0	2
Alan Sheehan	15	(3)	2	(4)	(0)	(1)	19	(3)	3	1
Jonathan Smith	6	(10)	1	(8)	(2)	(1)	14	(12)	2	5
Jack Snelus	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(0)	0	0	1
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	(0)	0	0	1
Isaac Vassell	8	(15)	4	(5)	(5)	(4)	13	(20)	8	2
Christian Walton	27	(0)	0	(6)	(0)	(0)	33	(0)	0	1

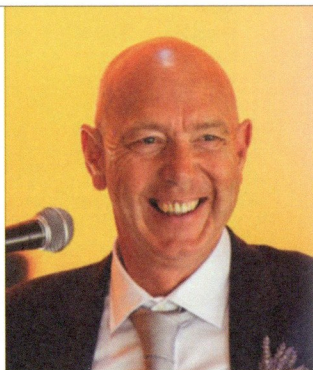
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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
AUGUST								
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton O'DONNELL 1 Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	L 1-2	3,517	1,674	3	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Leeds United (EFL Cup 2)	L 0-1	7,498	1,510	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-0	5,606	1,690	2	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King Cotter Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 4-1	8,097	530	1	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town	L 1-2	8,005	539	3	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 0-2	2,904	1,052	7	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-1	7,917	554	3	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United	D 1-1	3,533	311	2	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
OCTOBER								
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,660	923	4	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tues 4	7.30pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)	W 2-0	1,441	89	-	King Cotter Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra	D 1-1	7,716	254	5	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-1	5,471	1,341	4	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	D 1-1	7,787	295	4	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Notts. County	D 0-0	6,313	2,033	4	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
NOVEMBER								
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Exeter City (FAC1)	W 3-1	2,972	310	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 8	7.30pm	H	Millwall (EFL Trophy)	L 1-3	2,251	370	-	King Cotter Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 1-0	8,008	101	5	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	W 2-0	1,507	520	4	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 22	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-3	8,808	975	5	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 0-0	3,823	634	5	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
DECEMBER								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Solihull Moors (FAC2)	W 6-2	3,512	635	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tues 6	7.45pm	A	Swindon United (EFL Trophy)	W 3-2	1,692	134	-	King Cotter Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United	D 1-1	7,953	380	5	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W 2-0	3,992	1,095	5	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	L 0-1	9,164	490	5	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Barnet	W 3-1	8,262	494	5	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
JANUARY								
Mon 2	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	17,402	1,547	6	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley (FAC3)	L 2-1	1,717	482	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	Chesterfield (EFL Trophy)	W 4-0	1,655	152	-	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-1	4,368	995	6	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	5,387	1,800	6	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	8,917	997	4	Walton O'Donnell Mullins Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 31	7.45pm	H	Cheltenham Town	L 3-2	6,708	83	5	Moore Justin Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
FEBRUARY								
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town	D 1-1	5,114	468	5	Moore Justin Cuthbert Potts Rea Mpanzu
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Yeovil Town (EFL Trophy)	W 5-2	2,480	88	5	Macey O'Donnell Mullins Senior Rea Mpanzu
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town					
Tue 14	7.45pm	H	Hartlepool United					
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers					
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle					
MARCH								
Wed 1	7.45pm	H	Oxford United (EFL Trophy)					
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town					
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Stevenage					
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United					
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Exeter City					
Tue 21	7.45pm	A	Newport County					
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Colchester United					
APRIL								
Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Blackpool					
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Barnet					
Fri 14	3.00pm	H	Leyton Orient					
Mon 17	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town					
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Notts. County					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley					
MAY								
Sat 6	5.30pm	H	Morecambe					

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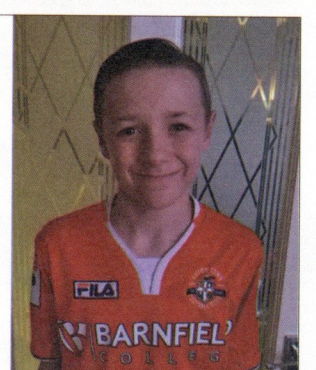
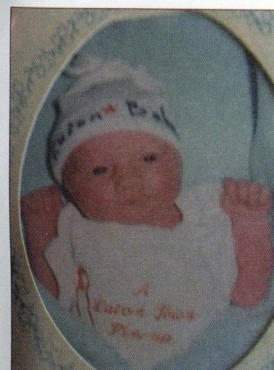
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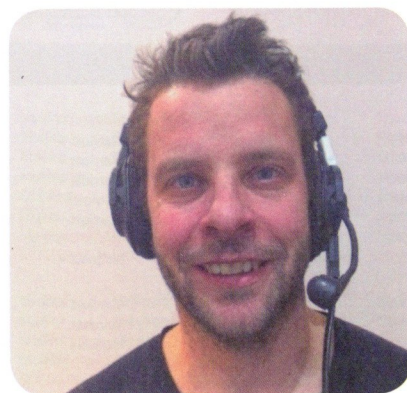
We would also like to wish Lewis Vippond a happy birthday for when he turns 13 tomorrow. Lewis' mum Kelly got in touch to say he has been brought up to be a Hatter from birth, and he sits in the Kenilworth Road End with his great grandfather Peter Embleton, his grandad Glenn Embleton and his father Steven Vippond.

As a budding goalkeeper his favourite player was Christian Walton, but he also loves Isaac Vassell. Have a great day, Lewis!



HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH GEOFF DOYLE
SPORTS EDITOR, BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO



How many of you have watched your son or granddaughter this morning in the Bedfordshire Mini Soccer League? Luton Allstars, Sundon Athletic, Shefford Saints...

Or how many of you are playing in it tomorrow or watching your daughter or grandson in the Beds Youth League? Toddington, Sacred Heart, Maulden Magpies...

You may help out with training or coach or manage. There are so many divisions for each age group from Under-6s to Under-18s. And how many of these teams have good coaches teaching them?

Before work every Saturday I train an Under-6 team at 9am then manage an Under-8 side at 10am, and tomorrow coach an Under-12 team. Am I a good enough coach for them? Are they learning what they need to know? Are they developing as well as they should be?

Would they become better players with more of an expert coaching them? Yes.

The variety of coaches from team to team differs but most are parents of one of the kids who 'have played a bit'. I fall into that category having played some Non-League football when I was younger. Others have never played before but have been

thrust into management and told to do the basic FA Coaching Award, which is enough to put them in charge.

It's often struck me; can ex professional players not get involved more? Think how many there must be in Bedfordshire (and this applies all over the country). You often hear of ex pros who are bored after they retire, who get frustrated at missing the football bug, who get into difficulty. Why are these guys who played for a living not helping the youngsters who want to do the same?

MONEY

Why can they not help out on a Saturday or Sunday morning? Offer coaching advice to all the 'part-time' coaches, get involved in training, help out at matches. Most teams train midweek (Tuesday and Thursdays for my teams) – couldn't they help then? The Premier League is awash with money and some of that is supposed to end up at grass-roots level.

Couldn't the FA set aside a lump sum of money to pay retiring players to help out in the community once

their career ends? We are not talking a massive amount of investment here. Four or five ex players per club on a part-time basis might only cost £75,000. Peanuts when you consider the Sky money. Or maybe they might like to do it for free like the rest of us!

Could all professional clubs do more? It seems that, as ever, all the money now goes towards the academies of the top clubs, and for that matter, those lower down including the likes of Luton.

But aren't we missing out on a mass load of talent at clubs like Flitwick Eagles, Wootton Rangers and Great Dunham because perhaps they aren't being coached as well as they could be?

So, a plea to all those ex players out there: come and help us on the training ground in your community. And by the way, it's massively rewarding.

Enjoy the game today. Phone me on 03459 455 555 with your thoughts after the match, text 81333 and start your message with the word 3CR or tweet @bbc3cr.

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
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- 2 Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Johnny Mullins
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jake Gray
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Danny Green
- 13 Matt Macey
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Zane Banton
- 19 Oily Lee
- 20 Isaac Vassell
- 21 Jack Senior
- 22 Luke Gambin
- 24 Lawson D'Ath
- 27 Tyreeq Bakinson
- 28 Ollie Palmer
- 31 Craig King
- 36 James Justin
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 42 Liam Gooch
- 44 Alan Sheehan

- 2 Lewis Young
- 4 Josh Payne
- 6 Mark Connolly
- 7 Enzo Boldewijn
- 8 Jimmy Smith
- 9 Matt Harrold
- 11 Jordan Roberts
- 12 Glenn Morris
- 13 Yusuf Mersin
- 14 Andre Blackman
- 15 Josh Yorwerth
- 16 Addison Garnett
- 17 Bobson Bawling
- 18 Billy Clifford
- 19 James Collins
- 20 Aryan Tajbakhsh
- 22 Joe McNerney
- 24 Kaby Djalo
- 25 Josh Lelan
- 28 Dean Cox
- 33 Sanchez Watt
- 39 Rhys Murphy
- 44 Conor Henderson

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