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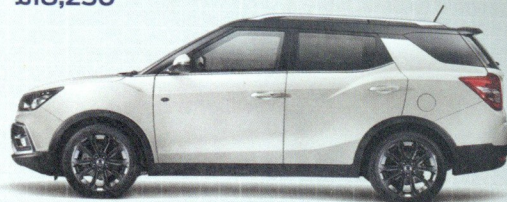




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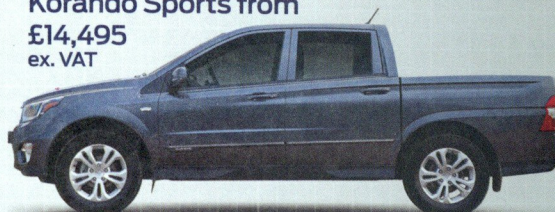
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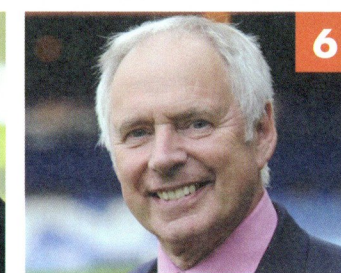
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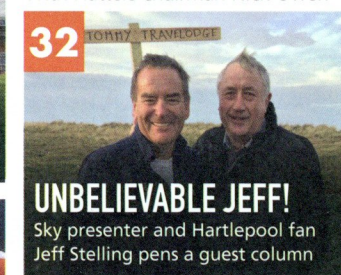
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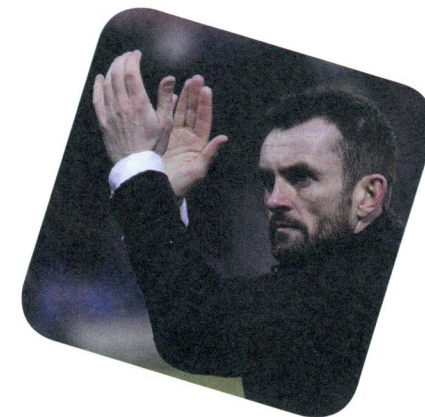
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[MANAGER'S NOTES]

## THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this Sky Bet League Two fixture with Hartlepool United.

I would like to welcome everybody from our visitors – including supporters, directors, staff, manager Dave Jones and his squad – and I hope they have a safe trip back to the north-east later tonight and into the early hours.

We know from experience what a trek it is in midweek, having gone up to Victoria Park on a Tuesday night earlier in the season when suspensions and injuries meant we fielded the youngest Luton Town ever in a Football League game.

It goes to show how far we'd come in the nine months, as it was then, since I took over that we were disappointed not to leave with all three points having fought back from a goal down.

### PROGRESS

Saturday against Crawley was another marker of the progress we have made in what is now 13 months I've had to build the squad I want and put my influence on them here at Kenilworth Road.

No-one will profess to it being the prettiest, most free-flowing of games. But having had a chat with my staff at half-time after seeing the way

the other results were going, I went into the dressing room and told the players that it didn't matter how we won the game, we just needed to get it won.

We've wasted too many good opportunities to close the gap on the automatic promotion places recently and we couldn't allow another one to pass us by.

### OPPORTUNITY

We certainly didn't dominate the game like we did when Crawley came here last year. Back then we had 75 per cent of the possession, 22 shots on target and over 30 crosses. They had one opportunity and won the game 1-0.

This time it was a totally different game – a fairly even one in which we were well below par, but we were just delighted to have shown the character and determination needed to come from behind again to get three points.

The other good news came after the game when Jordan Cook was released from hospital after being carried off with his neck in a brace in the first half. When anyone stays down for eight minutes like that,

you start to worry. Thankfully X-rays showed there was just soft tissue damage – a whiplash type injury – and Cookie was able to come back the stadium to get changed before going home.

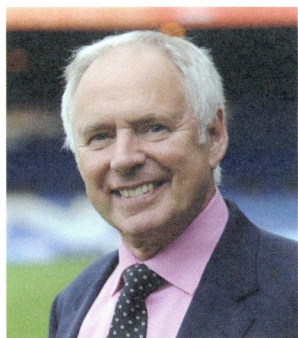
Finally, you'll have noticed I asked for the dugouts to be switched around on Saturday. Firstly, it's so that we don't have the assistant referee running in front of our bench all the way through the game, and we are constantly having to move out of their way in the technical area.

### WONDERFUL

Secondly, it puts us closer to our home fans in the Kenilworth Road End – and believe me, we could hear you almost sucking the ball into that goal late on.

We'll need that wonderful support again tonight when we need to build on that win and start to put a run together, so please get behind the team and enjoy the game.





# FROM THE BOARDROOM

## WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN

Good evening and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for this evening's Sky Bet League Two match against Hartlepool United.

I stress warm because, hopefully, it won't be as bitterly cold as it was on Saturday for the game against Crawley! Our winters don't seem to be anything like as chilly, frosty or snowy as they used to be, allegedly because of global warming, so it's something of a shock to the system these days to sit out for a couple of hours in an icy blast!

As well as welcoming the directors, players and supporters from the north east (now they do know about the cold), I would particularly like to wish their new manager Dave Jones all the best. I became friendly with Dave when he was in charge of Wolves more than a decade ago. It's good to see him back in a manager's seat and I wish him well – after tonight, of course!

Hartlepool are, of course, famously supported by Sky Sports presenter Jeff Stelling. He and I passed each other going in different directions in the eighties, as he joined the breakfast station TV-am at about the time I was leaving to rejoin ITV Sport. I have to pay tribute to his success with Sky, particularly the scores programme on a Saturday afternoon.

As well as being informative, obviously, it is hugely entertaining and most of that is due to Jeff's energetic presenting skills, humorous, indefatigable and larger than life.

My earliest memory of watching Hartlepool was way back in 1967. An Easter weekend when we were struggling in the very depths of the old Fourth Division.

### CONTROVERSIAL

They had a young, controversial and extremely charismatic manager, called Brian Clough. He had already revitalised the club, inspired the supporters and demonstrated that he'd not only been a brilliant leader of the line as a player – he also had outstanding leadership qualities as a manager.

That was my first sight of the great man in the flesh and little did I realise then that I would interview him countless times in the seventies, eighties and nineties when I was working for ITV Sport and get to know him very well.

The first time stands out because it was an historic moment in British football, February 1979, the day

Clough paid the first million pound transfer fee, when he signed Trevor Francis for Nottingham Forest from Birmingham City. I was right there with a camera crew when it happened and interviewed him afterwards – in his squash kit. Truly memorable, I have to say, if a little daunting at the start, as it was my first live outside broadcast on television!

Purely as a totally random afterthought to that: some 38 years later to the month, I was in a group of friends that included Trevor only last weekend watching Black Sabbath mark their own moment in history – the final gig of their final tour in a career that's spanned six decades.

Tonight, Hartlepool United sit in 19th position in the Sky Bet League Two table and I am delighted to say that we are fourth and just three points behind Carlisle, who are in one of the automatic promotion positions. This comes, of course, after our victory over Crawley on Saturday which tested all our collective blood pressures.

How good it is that we have the capacity, as we have often shown

this season, not to crumble when we go behind. We really stepped up after Crawley took the lead with a breakaway goal and displayed our inner core of steel to equalise and then win. Well done to Danny Hylton, who's returned to his goalscoring ways, but also the whole team who played with such determination and refused to panic.

It was good to see Ollie Palmer make his home debut. If fans were simply expecting a towering striker who could head the ball, I think they would have been very pleasantly surprised. Ollie showed us just what a good all round player he is, in the air AND on the ground. He made a significant difference when he came on. Welcome, Ollie.

The one worrying note was the injury to Jordan Cook. When the ref blows his whistle mid-play because of what looks like a nasty head or neck injury and there's a lengthy stoppage like that, with the stretcher coming on, it does tend to set alarm bells ringing. Happily, it was precautionary and Jordan was out of hospital on Saturday night, with only soft tissue damage. Here's wishing him all the best to get back on the field as soon as possible – he'd recently been showing his very best form.

So the automatic positions are in sight, as they were a couple of weeks ago when we took on Cheltenham. Let's hope we remember the script this time and surge into the top three very quickly.

Meanwhile, we can't help thinking about the Checkatrade Trophy and our semi-final with Oxford United. What an atmosphere there's likely to be that night, hopefully a full house, with possibly a thousand Oxford fans making the short journey across country to pack out the Oak Road end.

Understandably, the competition itself has had its critics this season, both here and elsewhere, but everything about our performances on the pitch have been simply superb. We've had some cracking victories against teams of a higher standing, including the cream of West Bromwich Albion's young talent, and we've unleashed some explosive youngsters who've proved they've got what it takes at first team level.

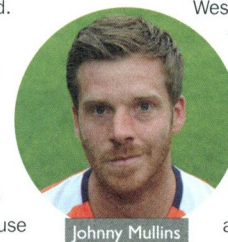
Now we face our old adversaries from 50 miles away and what an occasion it should prove to be for our two Oxford old boys, Johnny Mullins and Danny Hylton. Both played for Oxford in the final last year when they lost a terrific match 3-2 to Barnsley.

Johnny was captain that day and told me what a thrilling experience it was, although they were gutted to lose in front of 35,000 of their own fans.

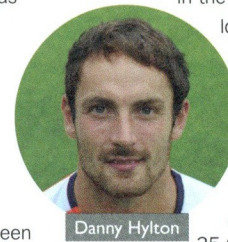
"I loved my time at Oxford," he said, "and I was sorry to go, but delighted when I got the call from Luton. I absolutely love it here and, although I am now 31, I am still learning all the time because of the good people around. We train here with a real



Ollie Palmer



Johnny Mullins



Danny Hylton

purpose, there's always a point to it. At some clubs, training is the same old thing day after day and you just want it to end. It's not like that here under Nathan. Being at Luton has given me a new lease of life."

Danny's obviously relishing the Oxford semi too. He's still in touch with old mates at the Kassam and doggedly trying to avoid mind games via text! He scored at Wembley last time.

"The final last year was the best day of my career, even though we lost, and I would love to go to Wembley again, but make sure this time we win the trophy," the top scorer said. "We all have to give it absolutely everything in the semi to get there because you never know if you'll get another chance."

Danny also spoke about his move from Oxford.

"It can be a bit nervy joining a new club, starting afresh, but I was certain this was the place for me within about ten seconds! I could see how ambitious Nathan Jones was for the club, he was determined to win promotion and I wanted to be part of it. I really enjoy it at Luton."

It's always good to hear players such as Danny and Johnny talking with such genuine enthusiasm about our club, their team-mates and the coaching staff – and both are adamant we can achieve automatic promotion, while acknowledging what we all know, that we have to be more consistent and turn draws into wins.

Why don't we start tonight? Have a fabulous evening, cheer the lads to the rafters as you always do and here's to gatecrashing the top three very, very soon. Bye for now,

*Nick Owen*





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[SCOTT CUTHBERT]

# GREATSCOTT

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the fifth time in little more than a fortnight for tonight's Sky Bet League Two game against Hartlepool United.

It's Valentine's Day and I'm not sure my wife will be too happy with the way the fixtures have fallen, but we'd all absolutely love to take three points back home to our partners tonight!

Hartlepool haven't had the best of seasons so far, but they took a point off us at their place in September and they are playing for a new manager in Dave Jones, so we know we'll be in for a difficult game.

Last week was a good week for us. A tough week, but an excellent one in both league and cup. Grimsby have been a team on the up with a new manager and a few new signings and it was a really tough game. OK, we missed a penalty with the last kick, but it was a good point nonetheless.

We followed that up with getting through in the Checkatrade Trophy to book a televised semi-final with Oxford, which is massive, then followed that up with beating Crawley in the league and getting closer to that automatic place.

## TREMENDOUS

The latter was a tremendous result. We knew that with a few teams around us in the league playing each other, it was a big opportunity for us to close that gap on third place.

We never really got going in the first half. The conditions weren't great and Crawley made things difficult for us, but the manager said at half-time that when you're not at your best, you've got to roll your sleeves up and dig out that win because it could be a massive win – and I think it's proved to be that.

It's definitely the sign of a good team that when you're not at your best, you can still grind out that kind of result.

It took us to within three points of Carlisle in the final automatic promotion spot, and above Exeter with them losing in the Devon derby, although that result obviously took Plymouth a bit further away from us.

Carlisle were on a great run at the start of the season but aren't in the best of form right now, and we know if we can put a run together, we can catch them – and that's our aim. We want to get in that top three.

It's nice to get a good win and have results all go our way, because in the past we've come off having won and they haven't gone our way, but we need to back that up with another good result against Hartlepool tonight.

We really appreciated your support on Saturday. It would have been easy for you to turn on us and get a bit mad at the goal, but you got right behind us and really supported us and pushed us on right to the end.

The atmosphere inside Kenilworth Road is different class when we get going. More of the same tonight please – and we'll be doing our best to send you all home happy again.

Enjoy the game.





## TRUST DONATE TO LTDSA FOR AUDIO HEADSETS

Luton Town Supporters' Trust are delighted to provide the Luton Town Disabled Supporters Association (LTDSA) with a donation to purchase Audio Commentary equipment to enhance the match day experience for Town fans who are visually impaired.

The equipment, which will be able to be used in all home areas of Kenilworth Road, will allow those who are visually impaired to have access to specialist headsets which will contain the expert commentary of Simon Pitts to allow more fans to enjoy matches in better fashion and make sense of what is happening on the pitch whilst being able to enjoy the unique atmosphere that live football brings.

LTDSA secretary Allan Drummond is very happy that this service is to be provided. He said: "The LTDSA are extremely proud to be working so closely with the Luton Town Supporters' Trust and the Club on this project and are extremely grateful to the Trust for donating the funds to purchase this much needed equipment. This will make an enormous difference to the match day experience for supporters with little or no sight.

"As a Luton Town supporter with a visual impairment myself, and as a member of the LTDSA Committee, I am genuinely excited about our new service and the great benefit it will bring, not just to me but to many other supporters too. I hope that it will also encourage new supporters to come along and enjoy the great atmosphere."

The service has undergone testing inside Kenilworth Road to ensure that it meets with approval and delivers the quality of assistance required. Having passed those tests, the headsets are now available on match days.

Luton Town Supporters' Trust chairman Tony Murray is equally delighted to be involved with providing this service. He adds: "On behalf of the LTST board we are pleased to be able to provide the funding for what is an excellent project. We recognise

the excellent work that the LTDSA are doing and are happy to have the opportunity to work with them to enable this new service to be possible.

"One of the aims of the Trust is to promote the football club to as large a number as possible and work with other supporter groups to get as many people supporting the Town as we can and improving their match day experience where possible. This very much goes in line with that aim."

To book a receiver on a match day, supporters will need to book in advance either with the Ticket Office on 01582 416976 or through the LTDSA, confirming that the user has a visual impairment.

For more information contact LTDSA secretary Allan Drummond via email on [ltlsa@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:ltlsa@lutontown.co.uk) or via Facebook on [www.facebook.com/LutonTownDSA](https://www.facebook.com/LutonTownDSA).



Luton Town supporter liaison officer John Miller, secretary of LTDSA Allan Drummond, LTST chair Tony Murray and Hatters Player commentator Simon Pitts test the headsets

## HATTERS SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



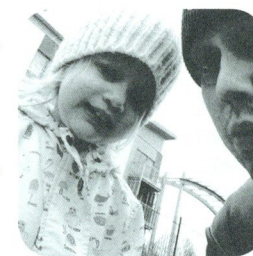
Before our recent home game against Cambridge, Town stars James Justin, Stephen O'Donnell, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, captain Scott Cuthbert, Alan Sheehan and Isaac Vassell held up red cards to show that racism – nor discrimination of any form – will not be tolerated by anyone at Kenilworth Road.

## RICHARD'S BARNET WALK WILL BE BLISS

Hatters fan Richard Armstrong will be walking from Kenilworth Road to Barnet for our fixture later this season to raise funds for national charity Bliss, who helped his family when his daughter Olivia was poorly at Kettering General Hospital in May 2014.

Richard explains: "During those few days I experienced care like I've never seen before. It's amazing to see such wonderful staff perform their duties like they do. Not only did they care for Olivia but they also made sure that both my wife and I were looked after.

"Bliss is a national charity which supports families and premature babies, and I thought to myself 'It's only right I say thank you in a charitable way'. So I decided to complete the walk from Kenilworth Road to The Hive on April 8th as a little thank you to everyone from the staff at



Kettering to the staff all over the country who do such wonderful work in caring for parents and babies in the most traumatic circumstances.

"I would also like to thank Luton Town Football Club for their outstanding support, Mike Thomas for coming up with ways to raise money, Kevin Harper of the Supporters Trust, Luton Outlaws and [lutontown.football262.com](http://lutontown.football262.com) and the Facebook group 'Luton Chat' for letting me plug

the event on their pages/websites/forums – and of course everyone who has donated so far.

"Olivia is now fine and soon to turn three – she is looking forward to her first Luton game in the next few years!"

Anyone who wants any information on the walk or the charity can contact Richard on twitter @habbyhatter – or donate via his page at [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) (search 'Richard Armstrong Bliss')



# UPNEXT

## DONCASTER ROVERS

TOWN TRAVEL TO DONNY  
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**WHO?** The Yorkshire-based sides are leading the way in Sky Bet League Two after their relegation from the third tier last season. This is their first season back in this division since 2004, having been promoted to the Championship twice before their recent decline saw them suffer two relegations in three seasons. They are flying this season, however, building up a solid points difference between themselves and second place.

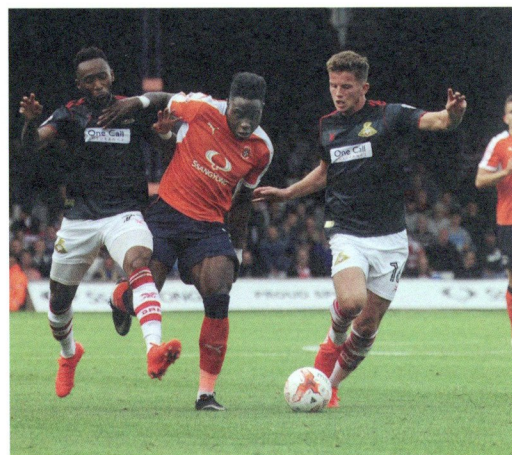
**TICKETS** Tickets for this fixture are now on general sale and are available from the LTFC ticket office.

**HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?** The Hatters have faced Donny a total of 23 times, just one more time than today's visitors to Kenilworth Road. Of those meeting, the Hatters have won 11, drawn seven and lost five. Their most recent match was the Town's wonderful 3-1 victory at Kenilworth Road in September. James Coppinger gave the visitors the lead, before Cameron McGeehan tapped in Stephen O'Donnell's cross. Jack Marriott put the Town in front with a smart finish from Danny Hylton's flick, before McGeehan rounded off the scoring after Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu had been upended in the penalty area, smashing the ball down the middle.

**IN CHARGE** Darren Ferguson took charge of Donny in October 2015, but couldn't stop them from slipping down a division. The son of Manchester United legend, Sir Alex, put this down to his side conceding goals late on, as Rovers finished four points short of safety. After calling time on his playing career, which included a number of appearances for United, as well as Wolverhampton Wanderers and Wrexham, the 45-year-old has gone onto manage Peterborough United on two separate occasions, with an 11-month spell in charge of Preston North End sandwiched in between.

**PREVIOUS FORM** In typical league leader style, Donny were frustrated on Friday as they played League Two's basement side Newport County, having to settle for a point in a 0-0 draw. That match does mean, however, that Ferguson's side have now gone ten unbeaten, their last loss being a 2-0 defeat away at fellow automatic promotion chasers Plymouth Argyle in mid-December.

**KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU** Town's all-time record goalscorer Gordon Turner was born in Doncaster, although he never played for the Keepmoat Stadium based side. Kerry Dixon made appearances for both sides in the 90s, playing 88 times for the Hatters and scoring 20 goals. Michael McIndoe represented the club between 1998-2000, making 49 appearances in total for the Town and went onto have a very successful three seasons with Doncaster.



# GETYOURTICKET



## 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.



## PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

**SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY | 3PM**

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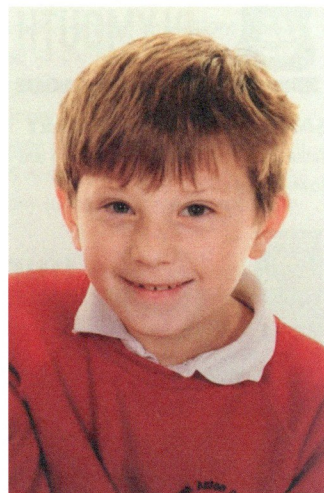
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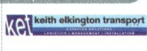
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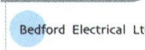
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# WELCOME HARTLEPOOL UNITED

It gives the Hatters great pleasure to welcome the staff, players and supporters of today's visitors, Hartlepool United, who have journeyed all the way down from County Durham.

The Monkey Hangers have been bouncing between League One and Two for the past 25 years, but have remained in the fourth tier for what is now their fourth consecutive season.

They went into this campaign under the guidance of Craig Hignett, who has since been replaced by the experienced former Southampton and Cardiff City manager Dave Jones.

Pools chairman Gary Coxall appears to be delighted with his side's new boss, as he told their club website: "I think it's a brilliant appointment and one that really shows the direction this club is going to start moving in."

Jones' arrival came on the back of Pools picking up only two wins in all competitions in ten matches, bringing an end to Hignett's 11-month stay at Victoria Park.

The new manager has overseen five matches since his arrival on 18th January, picking up one win, one draw and suffering three losses.

Saturday's match against Steve Evans' Mansfield saw Jones suffer his biggest defeat in his short Monkey Hangers career so far, conceding four without reply.

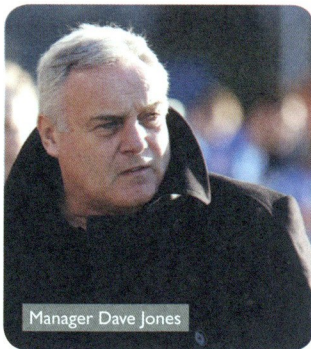
It leaves the Pools in 19th place with 31 points, just five points clear of 23rd-placed Leyton Orient.

## HATTERS V HARTLEPOOL

LUTON WINS: 13 | DRAWS: 2 | HARTLEPOOL WINS: 7

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Manager Dave Jones

That means a loss this evening to the Hatters could see Pools drop as low as 22nd, whereas a win could see them move up a place in the table at the expense of Crewe Alexandra.

They do have however have the best striker from outside the EFL last season, with Padraig Amond leading the line.

The Irishman scored a remarkable 37 goals in 50 appearances for Grimsby Town last term, as he helped the Mariners back into the Football League and picked up The Non-League Paper's player of the year award.

The 28-year-old departed the Cleethorpes-based side for Hartlepool on a two-year deal in the summer, and has so far notched 11 goals in a blue and white shirt.

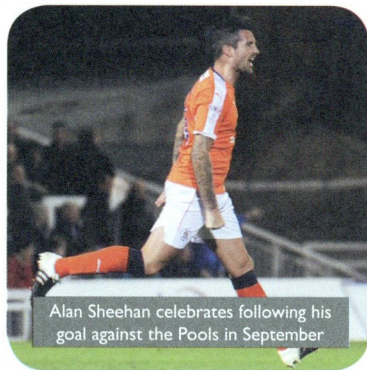
His goals have been countered by the fact the Pools have the second leakiest

defence in the division, shipping 52 goals in 30 matches, and on the road they have conceded more than any other side in League Two too. That form has seen them pick up only three away wins this season, losing eight times.

On the flipside they have scored more times than anyone else in the bottom half of the table – 37 goals – with 20 of those coming away from home.

The last time Town played the Pools, it ended in a 1-1 draw at the back end of September, as Alan Sheehan's marvellous free-kick levelled the score in the second half, after Nathan Thomas had given the hosts the lead on the stroke of half-time.

Of the 22 meetings between the sides, Luton have won 13, Hartlepool seven and there have been two draws.



Alan Sheehan celebrates following his goal against the Pools in September

## TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: POOLS, THE MONKEY HANGERS | GROUND: VICTORIA PARK | LAST SEASON: 16TH IN LEAGUE TWO | MANAGER: DAVE JONES | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: MANSFIELD 4-0 HARTLEPOOL

## MEET THE VISITORS

### THE BOSS

#### DAVE JONES

Former Everton defender Jones took over the Pools mid-January, claiming he had been 'sold the dream' by Hartlepool chairman, Gary Coxall. In the 60-year-old, they have appointed a manager 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.

### BETWEEN THE STICKS

#### ADAM BARTLETT

The 30-year-old former England C keeper joined Hartlepool in 2015 after spells with the likes of Blyth Spartans, Hereford United and Gateshead, having started his career at Newcastle.

### IN DEFENCE

#### LIAM DONNELLY

The versatile defender started his career off in Northern Ireland with Dungannon Swifts, before joining Fulham in 2014. He left Craven Cottage in the summer and joined the Pools after a successful trial.

#### MATTHEW BATES

After coming through the academy at Middlesbrough and making over 100 appearances for the Teessiders, Bates has gone onto play for Bristol City and Bradford City before joining Pools in 2015.

#### SCOTT HARRISON

The 23-year-old had three loan spells with the Monkey Hangers from Premier League side Sunderland before joining them permanently in 2015.

#### SEAN KAVANAGH

A season-long loan signing from Fulham, the Irishman has played 27 times for his parent club before joining the Pools last month.

#### JAMES MARTIN

The 18-year-old has made a handful of appearances for Hartlepool this season after signing a professional contract with the club in the summer of 2016.

### ACROSS THE MIDDLE

#### BRAD WALKER

The 20-year-old has made over 100 appearances for the Monkey Hangers since he signed a pro deal with the club in 2013.

#### NICKY FEATHERSTONE

The 28-year-old joined Hartlepool in 2014 after appearing for the likes of Hull City, Hereford United and Walsall. He made 52 appearances for Pools last season.

#### MICHAEL WOODS

After making his professional debut for Chelsea, the 26-year-old has gone on to play for Yeovil Town and Harrogate Town, before signing for the Monkey Hangers in 2014.

#### NATHAN THOMAS

Another to come through the ranks at Sunderland, the 22-year-old has gone onto play for Plymouth Argyle, Motherwell and Mansfield Town before signing for Pools in January 2016.

#### LEWIS HAWKINS

The midfielder joined Pools in 2010 at the age of 17 from Non-League side Horden Colliery Welfare. Now 23-year-old, Hawkins has made 27 appearances this season.

### UP FRONT

#### PADRAIG AMOND

The striker won promotion from the National League last season with Grimsby Town, where he scored 37 goals in 50 appearances. He left the Mariners in the summer and signed a two-year deal with the Monkey Hangers.

#### BILLY PAYNTER

The 32-year-old counts Hartlepool as the 11th club he has made an appearance for in a professional career that's entering its 17th year. The forward joined Hartlepool in 2015 after departing Carlisle United.

#### LEWIS ALESSANDRA

The former Oldham Athletic, Morecambe and Plymouth Argyle striker joined Pools in June 2016, after leaving Rochdale.



# FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH MARK CARROLL

Mark Carroll, a Hartlepool United supporter of 31 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this evening on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

## ► THE SEASON AHEAD

You've had a recent managerial change with Dave Jones replacing Craig Hignett in the hot-seat. Was the time right for a change in your opinion?

Yes, the time was right. Six wins in the league by mid-January was a poor return and performances especially at home were not good to watch. Craig Hignett was stubborn in his formation and did not get the best out of what he had. Defeats to Stevenage (6-1), Cambridge (5-0) and an FA Cup defeat to Port Vale (4-0) were embarrassing to watch and the players must accept their share of the blame.

Jones has managed at a much higher level than League Two, but has been out of work for three years. Has his appointment been viewed as a coup or a gamble?

The appointment of Dave Jones is viewed as a coup by Pools fans. He

has a vast amount of experience and knowledge, he has lots of contacts in the game and has a very good CV having managed in the Premier League and in an FA Cup final. Hopefully he can see the team to a respectable finish and build a squad for next season that challenges at the top end of the table.

You've been back in League Two for four seasons now but not finished above 16th. What would be considered a decent position in which to end this campaign?

We have struggled badly since our return to League Two and even before that, fighting against relegation from League One. A mid-table finish would be great and top half even better as I have a small wager on that at 16/1!!

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

I've been impressed with Padraig Amond, who we signed from Grimsby



Town after he topped the National League scoring chart. He is a natural finisher and a hard worker who has already got into double figures, which in my opinion is a good achievement considering he has played most of the season as a lone striker which I don't believe is what suits his game.



Hopefully a change in manager will result in the team playing more to his strengths.

And it was a busy January with four coming in, including Louis Rooney from Plymouth just 17 seconds before the transfer window shut! Who has caught the eye recently?

Yes, Louis Rooney was a very late addition and it shows how determined he is to play football when he is prepared to make the journey to Hartlepool. Andrew Nelson, who joined from Sunderland has also made a good early impression. Both add options to our attack. I still think we needed another midfielder and central defender, but there is the option of free agents.

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

I'm sorry to say no-one! We did good business getting money for the players who left.

Who should we fear most in a United shirt this evening?

As mentioned earlier, Padraig Amond, who only needs a chance and it's a goal. Also, if fit, Nathan Thomas who rarely scores tap-ins.

## ► SEASONS PAST...

Tell us about you. Why do you support Hartlepool United? When did it all start? What was your first game? What do you remember about it?

I'm 38 years old and married to Jennifer (a football widow). Hartlepool are my home town team and I've supported them since my grandfather took me to my first game, a 0-0 draw with Swindon on 24th August 1986. From what I remember, it was not the best game but I loved the atmosphere and was bitten by the football bug. You certainly can't call us Poolies glory supporters!

What do you love most about Victoria Park?

The banter amongst the crowd. The Vic is a tight ground and every comment can be heard, especially by those playing. During our most successful period in the late Nineties through to late two thousands, the atmosphere was superb and teams did not enjoy playing there as the crowd created a fantastic atmosphere, especially under the floodlights.

Who's your favourite Hartlepool United player of all-time?

My favourite is Mark Tinkler, who was signed from Southend in 2000. He was a no-nonsense midfielder who dictated a match, but also added goals to his game in his time with us. He was named in the PFA Team of the Year in 2003 when his 13 goals helped us secure promotion to League One. He also played a part in our League One play-off campaigns.

Which is your favourite season following the Monkey Hangers and why?

My favourite season is 2006/07 under Danny Wilson, who was appointed in the summer after we suffered relegation to League Two. In November we were struggling at the wrong end of League Two, but then went on a record 23-game unbeaten run including a dominant display at our then rivals Darlington, defeating them 3-0. We ended the season as runners-up to Walsall.

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





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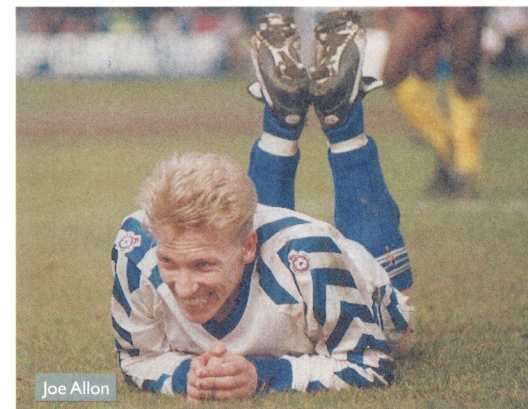
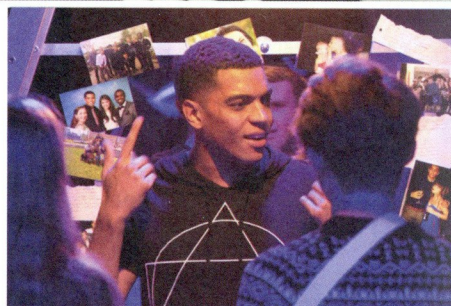
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My five invites would be to Joe Allon and Rob McKinnon, promotion winners in 1991, Chris Westwood and Joel Porter, who were promotion winners in 2003 and 2007, and manager Neale Cooper, who guided us to successive top six finishes in League One and play-off appearances.

### ► LUTON AND HARTLEPOOL

What are your best and worst memories of Hartlepool v Luton clashes? Do any games in particular stick out?

My best memory is the 4-3 win at Victoria Park in 2004 in League Two. The game swung back and forth and eventually Pools took the lead thanks to Hugh (The Hammer) Robertson, who scored a thunderbolt. That lead didn't last too long before Luton made it 3-3, but right at the death Pools were awarded a penalty that Adam Boyd put away to clinch victory.

The worst? Well, I will pick a game at Kenilworth Road as I've never seen us win there yet. The 3-0 defeat in April 2015, we were looking to achieve the greatest of escapes at the bottom of League Two, and it happened the following week, but it was a very poor show in this game as we were easily brushed aside.

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

I expect a tough game, despite your recent loss to Cheltenham you are in the running for the play-offs, so I would happily take a point back to the north-east. The away end is certainly unique from entering in between

[HARTLEPOOL FAN Q&A]

terraced house to walking up the stairs between back gardens. The leg room is tight for me, but I am on the tall side!

Of our current squad, Jake Gray had a loan spell with you last season and received a warm reception when we came north earlier this term. He must have impressed in his time with you?

Jake made a very good impression early on when he starred in our televised win over Leyton Orient, scoring twice. He went on to score more spectacular goals and provided an attacking spark to the team. I was not surprised to see him get snapped up after his performances for us, and he should go on to play at a higher level.

Apart from Jake, who's been your favourite former player with a Luton connection?

Steve Howard, but not the Steve Howard who returned at the end of his career. When Steve left us as a young man for Northampton the potential was there. He was an old-fashioned centre-forward who used his strengths well to forge a good career. And as is the norm, he always scored against us either for Northampton or Luton.



Steve Howard

### ► QUICKFIRE:

**Terrace or seats?** Seats, even though sometimes it's tight on the leg room!

**Who are your rivals?** Used to be Darlington until their demise. Now we don't really have a local derby.

**Favourite all-time manager?** Cyril Knowles.

**Predict your player of the season?** Trevor Carson.

**If you could bring one player from the past back in the Hartlepool team, who would it be?** Mark Tinkler.

**Most treasured Hartlepool piece of memorabilia?** Signed shirt from League One play-off final team in 2005.

**What league will Hartlepool be in next season?** League Two

**Who will win promotion from League Two?** Doncaster, Plymouth, Carlisle and Wycombe.

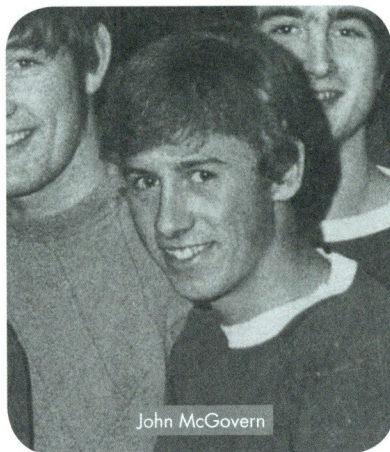


## FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN BIG-NAME HARTLEPOOL UNITED PLAYERS NOT USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB

# THE UNRELEASABLES

### JOHN MCGOVERN

Midfielder John McGovern featured prominently in Hartlepool United's 1967-68 promotion success. He was Hartlepool's youngest League player at 16 years 205 days old in May 1966 and scored five goals in 72 League games before reuniting with Brian Clough at Derby County in September 1968. The Scotland U-23 international starred in their 1971-72 League Championship triumph and followed Clough via Leeds United to Nottingham Forest in February 1975, skipping two consecutive European Cup final triumphs. He became Bolton Wanderers player-manager and has since held various coaching and managerial posts.



John McGovern

### JIM PLATT

Northern Ireland international goalkeeper Jim Platt had a loan spell at Hartlepool United in 1977-78. Initially with Ballymena United, he was an Irish Cup finalist before moving to Middlesbrough in May 1970. He was ever-present in their 1973-74 Second Division title triumph, also helping to reach the FA Cup sixth round three times. Twice

'Player of the Year' he was an Anglo-Scottish Cup winner in 1975-76. He was loaned to Hartlepool in August 1978 and made 13 League appearances. Appointed Ballymena's player-boss in April 1983, he later managed Coleraine, Ballyclare Comrades, Ayssriska and Darlington.

### ANDY LINIGHAN

Central defender Andy Linighan gained England B honours after leaving Hartlepool United. From a local football family, he signed professional for Hartlepool in September 1980 and played alongside his younger brother David. He netted four goals in 110 League games before joining Leeds United in May 1984, then moved via Oldham Athletic to Norwich City in March 1988. Sold to Arsenal for £1,250,000 in July 1990, he headed their winner in the 1993 FA Cup final replay and also helped win the League Cup that season. He joined Crystal Palace in January 1997, then had spells playing for Oxford United and St Albans City.

### STUART BOAM

Experienced central defender Stuart Boam appeared in Hartlepool United's 1-0 defeat at home to Hereford in March 1983. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in June 1967, he was ever-present as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1968-69 and moved to Middlesbrough for £50,000 in June 1971. He skippered them to the Second Division title in 1973-74 and was an important member of Jack Charlton's side, joining Newcastle United in August 1979. Returning to Mansfield as player-boss in July 1981, he was dismissed in January 1983. He was briefly with Hartlepool, then managed Guisborough and later became a newsagent.



### RAY KENNEDY

Ex-England international Ray Kennedy was capped 17 times before joining Hartlepool United. Rejected by Port Vale, he turned professional with Arsenal in November 1968 and helped to win the Fairs Cup in 1970. He was top scorer in their 1970-71 'Double' success and also featured in the 1972 FA Cup final, moving to Liverpool for £200,000 in July 1974. Switched to midfield, he amassed a vast collection of honours at Anfield and joined Swansea City in January 1982. He moved to Hartlepool in November 1983 and netted three goals in 23 League games. Settling in Whitley Bay, he now suffers from Parkinson's disease.

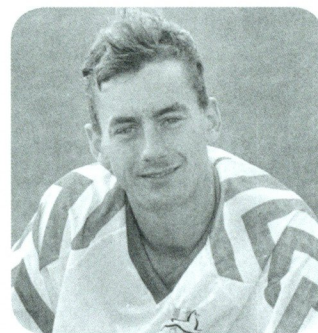
### ALAN KENNEDY

Former England international left-back Alan Kennedy played for Hartlepool United in 1987-88. Starting with Newcastle United, he was an FA Cup finalist in 1974 and League Cup finalist in 1976. He moved to Liverpool in August 1978, starring as they won the League Championship five times and League Cup on four occasions. Scoring the winner in Liverpool's 1981 and 1984 European Cup final triumphs, he then had a spell with Sunderland before joining Hartlepool in October 1987, making five League appearances. He later played for Wigan Athletic, Colne Dynamos, Wrexham, Morecambe, Netherfield and Barrow.

### DON HUTCHISON

Midfielder Don Hutchison was capped 26 times by Scotland after leaving Hartlepool United. Signing professional at Victoria Park in March 1990, he featured in Hartlepool's 1990-91 promotion campaign and scored twice in 24 League games

prior to joining Liverpool in November 1990. He joined West Ham in August 1994, then appeared for Sheffield United before moving to Everton in February 1998. Sold to Sunderland for £2,500,000 in July 2000, he rejoined West Ham for £5,000,000 in August 2001 and was a promotion winner in 2004-05. He then had spells playing for Millwall, Coventry City and Luton Town.



### STEPHEN PEARS

One-time Hartlepool United goalkeeper Stephen Pears was ever-present in Middlesbrough's 1986-87 promotion success. Signing professional for Manchester United in January 1979, he gained top-flight experience as Gary Bailey's understudy. He was loaned to Middlesbrough in November 1983 and returned in an £80,000 deal in July 1985. Starring as Boro won promotion to the top-flight in 1987-88 and 1991-92, he was ever-present again in 1993-94 and joined Liverpool in August 1995. He moved to Hartlepool in August 1996, making 16 Third Division appearances, then rejoined Middlesbrough as a goalkeeping coach.

### PETER BEARDSLEY

Ex-England international striker Peter Beardsley gained 59 caps prior to joining Hartlepool United. He impressed with Wallsend Boys Club before moving to Carlisle United in August 1979 and starred in their 1981-82 promotion campaign. Sold to Vancouver Whitecaps for £275,000 in April 1982, he moved via Manchester United to Newcastle United in September 1983. He helped win promotion in 1983-84, then starred for Liverpool, Everton, Newcastle again, Bolton, Manchester City and Fulham before joining Hartlepool in December 1998, scoring twice in 22 League games. Now on Newcastle's coaching staff.



### MARCO GABBIADINI

Former England B international striker Marco Gabbiadini played for Hartlepool United during the 2003-04 campaign. Initially with York City, he joined Sunderland in September 1987 and starred in their 1989-90 promotion campaign. He moved to Crystal Palace for £1,800,000 in October 1991, then played for Derby County, helping to win promotion in 1995-96. After spells at Stoke City and York, he joined Darlington in July 1998 and was twice leading scorer. He helped reach the Third Division play-off final shortly before moving to Northampton in June 2000, then Hartlepool in July 2003, netting five goals in 15 League games.



Action from a top versus bottom FA Cup third round clash at Hartlepool in January 1988. Top flight Luton faced a tough scrap against their Division Four (now League 2) opponents before emerging 2-1 victors. Here, Brian Stein, watched by his brother Mark, sees his close range effort smothered by Hartlepool goalkeeper Kevin Carr.



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Chris Coyne heads the Town into the lead at Ashton Gate

# AS OTHERS SAW US

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

## BRISTOL CITY 1 LUTON TOWN 2 | 18TH DECEMBER 2004

After the shenanigans of the summer of 2003, with John Gurney making the club a laughing stock, the following campaign passed fairly gently with a final League One placing of tenth, seven points off the play-offs, which was respectable given the circumstances.

Manager Mike Newell, appointed in bizarre circumstances during the 'summer of Gurney', had now been accepted by the supporters and while we were hoping to push on for a possible chance of the play-offs, what happened next exceeded our wildest dreams.

The loss of Emerson Boyce to Premier League Crystal Palace at the end of his Luton contract was a blow, but his replacement from within – teenager Curtis Davies – soon became a mainstay in the side.

Rowan Vine, on loan from Portsmouth, was the only incoming player although Paul Underwood,

signed the previous spring but injured on his debut, could be looked upon as a 'new' player.

The season opened with a workmanlike 2-1 home victory over Oldham which did not set the pulses racing, but after 12 games, recording ten wins and two draws, we were streets ahead at the top of the table.

Although there were a few blips along the way, such as three defeats in a week during October, we always managed to bounce back in devastating fashion to hold off our challengers.

As Christmas approached we went down 2-0 to a physical Brentford

side at Griffin Park for only our fourth defeat of the campaign, but recovered with a hard fought 1-0 victory over Port Vale at Kenilworth Road.

Next up was a trip to Ashton Gate, Bristol, which was never one of our happy hunting grounds with our last victory there coming in 1973. The Town needed to dig deep into their squad to make up a team for the trip with both Enoch Showunmi and Peter Holmes making their first starts of the campaign to replace flu victims Calvin Andrew and Stephen O'Leary. Andrew had previously just come in to the side for the still banned Steve Howard, who had been dismissed during the 'Battle of Brentford'.



What a goal! City's top scorer Leroy Lita is up Ashton Gate with a fantastic equaliser against Luton Town. Lita's overhead-kick effort, above left, flew into the goal and the teenage striker, who had not scored for six matches, set off on a jubilant celebration, centre and above right. Photographs: Andy Steward

## Leroy's stunner can't save City



A crowd of 13,414 saw City out of the blocks the quicker with both Tony Dinning and Luke Wilshire going close before the Town started to exert some pressure on the home defence.

The Hatters took the lead on 34 minutes when central defender Chris Coyne, on a foray upfield, got on the end of a Paul Underwood cross to send a firm header past Steve Phillips in the Robins goal. The Town almost doubled the lead soon after the break when Holmes was given the freedom of Ashton Gate to waltz through a statuesque defence to fire in a fierce shot which was brilliantly saved by Phillips.

## Lita not enough to halt Hatters' rampage

## LATE WINNER WRECKS CITY

City player-manager Brian Tinnion had now seen enough and made a triple substitution, which included bringing himself on, and the home side upped their game to such an extent that they levelled on 66 minutes.

Top scorer Leroy Lita, the 19-year-old striker, had been well held up to that point, but there was little the Hatters could do about the equaliser with the youngster launching himself at a loose ball and netting with a superb overhead-kick.

Thankfully City could not build on this moment of brilliance and with the Town playing within themselves, which was understandable given the changes to the side, a draw looked on the cards.

That is until the 89th minute, when Underwood out on the wing did well to retrieve the ball under pressure before firing in a low cross which was touched in at the near post by

the predatory Showunmi right in front of the Luton supporters.

The long winless streak at Ashton Gate was now over as the Hatters continued their ultimately successful promotion push.

Simon Parkinson, in the Bristol Sports Final, bemoaned the Town's 'lucky' late winner but had cooled down by the time he wrote his Monday piece for the Bristol Evening Post.

He said: 'Luton demonstrated why they are such a force with a deserved win following a hard-working and confident display, although City hardly helped their own cause with some careless moments, the two goals included.'

Kevin Brake from Lockleaze, Bristol, gave a City fan's view and said: 'They frustrated us, closed us down and stopped City playing their passing game!'

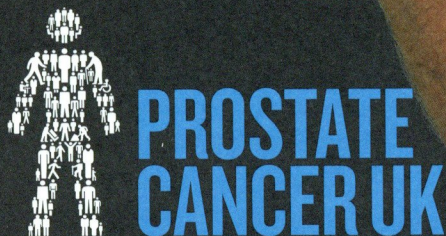


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MARATHONS IN 15 DAYS – TRYING TO RAISE  
£500,000 IN AID OF PROSTATE CANCER UK...

It's that time of year again when I start to look ahead to an exciting end of the season – championships, promotions, play-offs and relegations aplenty give us so much to talk about in Sky's Soccer Saturday studio.

But the other thing nagging away at the back of my mind as the goals are flying in and the champagne corks are being popped is the agony I'm about to experience. No, not the drop for my beloved Hartlepool United. I'm confident new boss Dave Jones will see to it that is not an issue.

But the aches, the pain and the inevitable blisters I'll be suffering in June when I undertake my second walk in aid of Prostate Cancer UK!

Last season's trek from Hartlepool to Wembley, calling in at many football clubs along the way, raised £420,000 for the EFL's partner charity. I've got to be honest, the idea of a second walk in as many years was a bit much at first.

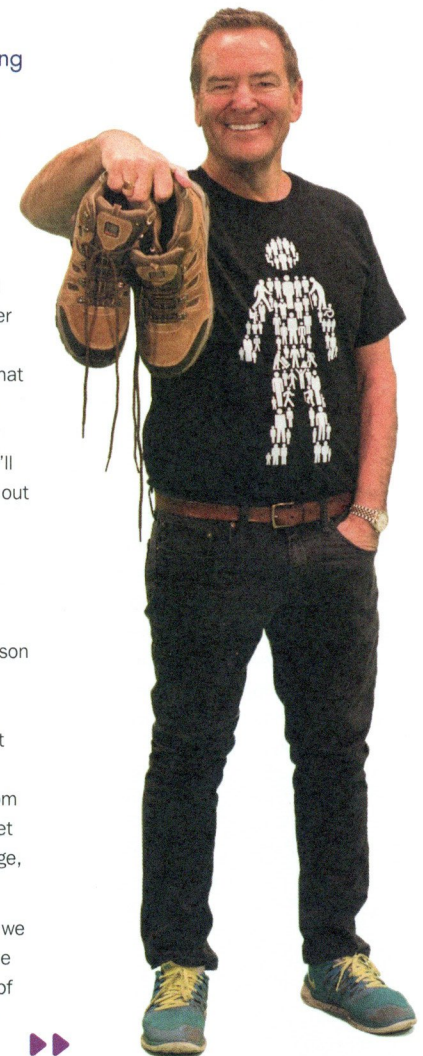
But we found something to hang it on by going from St James Park in Exeter to St James' Park in Newcastle, and although the dread is there, the thought of all the football fans and people from clubs who walked with myself and my good friend Russ Green, the Hartlepool chief executive, joining us again and chatting about

the beautiful game as I go is what drives me on.

It's a possibility we could start and finish at promoted clubs with Exeter and Newcastle – which would be nice. Luton fans might not see it that way, but it would bring a feel-good factor to the 400 miles we'll cover doing 15 marathons in 15 days. It'll be tough, as Paul Merson pointed out to me the other day when he said: "You must be mad Jeff – Exeter to Newcastle is all uphill!"

It's just a case of trying to do something a bit different. Last season the walk was predominantly down the eastern side of England, and this one is predominantly – but not totally – down the western side. It gives a chance for football fans from a different part of the country to get involved with the walk; to encourage, cajole and to donate.

Raising a few quid is a bonus, but we want to keep prostate cancer in the spotlight, and keep people aware of what to look for and who might be vulnerable.







It's one of the easiest forms of cancer to treat, but only if you catch it early.

The big deal is that prostate cancer's link with football is blindingly obvious. There are a lot more women than there used to be – thank God – involved in football today, but most of the people at Kenilworth Road will still be men, and that is the case up and down the country. These are the people the campaign is targeted at.

One in eight men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime. That frightening figure narrows to one in four for black men. Think about that for a minute when you consider

that at least three of the men you see on the pitch in front of you at kick-off tonight – including ref and his assistant – will suffer at some stage.

Of course, the suffering that I'll go through on the walk is nothing by comparison. Last season all the clubs laid a physio on at the end of the day for a massage, which was fantastic.

We started one of the legs at Luton and then finished it at Watford, but by then, Russ and I were relatively used to it. But you always got some of the first-time walkers who thought – like I did at the start – that walking a marathon was a piece of cake. They soon realise it's not.

Max Rushden, who does Fantasy Football on Sky and presents on TalkSport radio, had to be carried into the dressing room and helped into an ice bath by some of the Watford staff because he physically could not move! I saw him a couple of days ago and he said he's going on holiday for the whole of June this year...but I'm going to twist his arm again to join me!

The Luton one was a really well supported leg actually, which was great. We were joined by former players Paul Walsh, Kingsley Black, Scott Oakes, chief executive Gary Sweet, commercial manager Dave Hoskins, marketing manager



## HYLTON, MARRIOTT & TOMMY TRAVELODGE!

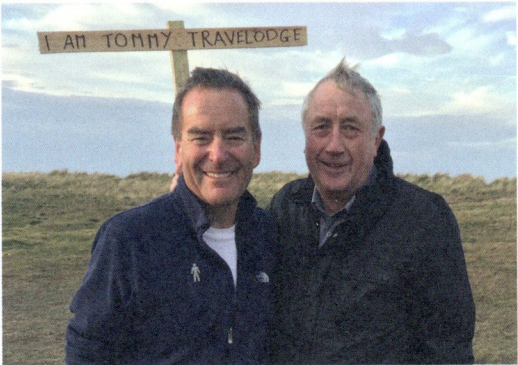
We always like to have a giggle on a Saturday afternoon and as many of you will know, two of the current Luton squad give me one of my most popular lines.

Having a couple of hotel chains regularly on the scoresheet has been perfect script for me from the opening afternoon of the season when both Hylton and Marriott were on target in the 3-0 win at Plymouth.

You'll see from the picture here that 'Tommy Travelodge' – who I also refer to as potentially being Nathan Jones' next five-star striking signing, and who Danny and Jack both joked about when Bianca came to the training ground to interview them together earlier in the campaign – does exist, although I noticed the transfer window closed without his arrival at Kenilworth Road!

We were on the seafront at the end of the first leg of last year's walk, heading towards Marske, and this fella came across with a banner saying 'I am Tommy Travelodge', and it gave us a big lift because it was so funny. But if you look at him, I'm not surprised that Nathan – nor anyone else for that matter – has signed him yet!

Yes, Hylton-Marriott and Tommy Travelodge has turned out to be a daft line, but sometimes these sort of things develop a life of their own, like in years gone by when we



had 'They'll be dancing in the streets of Total Network Solutions'.

People expect you to say it every time the boys score now and I've been thinking about introducing a couple of new characters. There are so many foreign imports these days, I was thinking about 'Nacho Novotel', or someone like that.

But it doesn't quite have the same ring to it as a Marks and Sparkes, who netted on the same day for Braintree against Nuneaton and Alfreton, or when Hartlepool had Hartley and Poole – Peter and James – scoring in the same game.

I keep wanting Freeman, Hardy and Willis to score on the same day somewhere, but three might be pushing it!



Ed Smith and ticket office manager Mike Hooker from the club, plus the likes of Merse, Tony Cottee, Peter Taylor and Bianca Westwood.

It was a really good leg, apart from the fact it ended in torrential rain. We'd already had Storm Katie a couple of days before that, but that was nothing compared to the rain in Watford – it was like a tropical monsoon!

This one is in June, so we are hoping for balmy, early English early summer weather and I'm already looking forward to walking along the seafront and splashing in the sea on day ten from Fleetwood to Morecambe. My burning feet will need it by then!

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7th June	Chester	Everton via Tranmere and Liverpool
8th June	Wigan	Man City via Bolton and Man Utd
9th June	Oldham	Accrington via Rochdale
10th June	Blackburn	Blackpool via Preston
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14th June	Harrogate	Bedale via Ripon
15th June	Darlington	Hartlepool via Middlesbrough
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## GRAY SHADES IT FOR ME!

There have been a few Hartlepool and Luton links over the years, with the likes of Steve Howard and Mike Newell, but I'll talk about Jake Gray because he's the most recent – and he's involved tonight!

Jake was great for us last year, and it's no secret that we'd have been desperate to keep him again this season.

For a young kid who came who came from Crystal Palace – heart of London, Premier League side – to make the transition to the north-east coast, and a world he must have known precious little about, was a great effort. He was brilliant, box to box.

I remember sitting at home watching on TV in the middle of one of our worst, deepest parts of the season, and he got a couple of goals against Leyton Orient. They battered us for 70 minutes and somehow we won 3-1, principally thanks for him.

He was a key player that day and a key player for us really, right through the time he was there, and I'm always pleased to see players who

played for us doing well – as long as it's not against us!

Just as a footnote, in recent weeks we've seen Ryan Bird, who was on loan to us and almost signed permanently, score on his Newport debut against us.

And last Saturday week, Matt Dolan – who is a Hartlepool boy and he's had two loan spells at our place – scored Yeovil's late equaliser at Victoria Park...so come on guys!

I'm just hoping that our secret weapon, Nathan Thomas, will be fit again. He scored in the first game and he's a class act. We've missed him a lot. He's been out for three months now and he came back with ten minutes a couple of weeks ago, then was out for the whole of the next week but was back on the bench again against Yeovil. Dave Jones wants to be careful with him, I know that. He wants to be very cautious because come the closing weeks he could be crucial to us.





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**CRAWLEY:** MORRIS, CONNOLLY, BOLDEWIJN (BAWLING 84), JIMMY SMITH, ROBERTS, COLLINS, YOUNG, DJALO (MURPHY 79), LELAN, COX, HENDERSON (PAYNE 84). **SUBS NOT USED:** MERSIN (GK), BLACKMAN, CLIFFORD. | **YELLOW CARDS:** LELAN



## STORY OF THE MATCH:

Danny Hylton added two more goals to make it the most prolific campaign of his career as the Hatters ground out an important three points by once again fighting back from a goal down to beat Crawley 2-1 at Kenilworth Road.

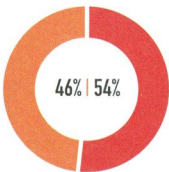
Hylton's first goal took him level with his previous best tally of 16 for Oxford two seasons ago, and his second made it 17 for this term and completely wiped out the lead Crawley had taken on the hour through their own 17-goal top scorer, James Collins.

With Carlisle losing 4-1 at home to Blackpool, it means the victory – earned on an at times a frustrating and ugly afternoon – takes the Town

to within three points of the Cumbrians, who currently occupy the third automatic promotion spot.

Collins gave the Red Devils the lead as he smashed the ball in from 18 yards after Matt Macey – making his league debut for the Hatters on loan from Arsenal – had denied the visitors' captain Jimmy Smith.

Parity was restored ten minutes later when Hylton bundled the ball home from all of yard out in a goalmouth scramble, before he finished more emphatically with 76 minutes gone as he volleyed in Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu's smart cross from eight yards to complete the comeback.



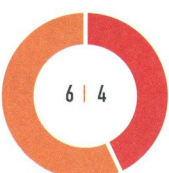
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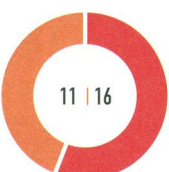
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**JONES:** It's an important win for us.

"Look, we were well below where we need to be, well below where we were on Tuesday night. But we came in at half-time and we've seen a couple of scores, I've just said 'Look, we have got to win the game'.

"If we have to win ugly, we win ugly. And we did. I didn't envisage us going behind before we had to do it.

"We pressed and pressed for the equaliser and then once we'd got the equaliser, it was looking like there was going to be only one winner until the last four or five minutes when they threw everything.

"It's a great win for us, it's an important win for us today and I am pleased with that.

"I questioned them at half-time if they actually want to do something, and they responded because they won the game. We were nowhere near where we need to be, but they responded fantastically well."





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[MATT MACEY ON CRAWLEY]

## YOUNG GUNNER MATT SETTLES AT A SHOT!

The Hatters' new keeper Matt Macey said he has already settled into life in Luton as he continued his 100 per cent win record with the vigilant victory over Crawley Town.

The 22-year-old looked assured in between the sticks on Saturday as Nathan Jones' side came from a goal down to beat the Red Devils 2-1, which marked Macey's second win in a Town shirt after making his debut a week ago in the 5-2 success over Yeovil in the Checkatrade Trophy quarter-final.

The 6ft 7ins stopper signed on loan from Arsenal on January transfer window deadline day, but he said he already feels like a part of the pack at Ely Way.

"It hasn't even taken me a week to feel like I'm settled in," he said. "It's been a matter of days because the lads are such a good group and they're so positive and welcoming.

"Now I feel really comfortable and that will build week in, week out, when I'm playing with them and the communication from Tuesday was better. Things like that are good.

"If the ball isn't there for me, then Scotty and Sheez are able to deal with it themselves. They have really helped me coming into the team. They make the game simple for me. If there's any complications we defend properly first, but that experience is vital for us."

The win at Kenilworth Road three days ago, tied with results going Jones' team's way elsewhere, lifted



them into fourth, just three points shy of Carlisle who play league leaders Doncaster Rovers this evening.

It's a welcome break for the Town faithful who have seen their side on occasion this season not capitalise on teams around them dropping points, with Macey saying the Hatters future is in their own hands – as well as his own, as he is determined to register his first clean sheet.

### BOOST

The young Gunner continued: "The most important thing is we do our job. We need other teams to drop points and when they do it's a massive boost for us, but the focus is on us. Winning games means we apply the pressure on them.

"The feeling when we got the win today and obviously on Tuesday as

well, there's no better feeling for me than winning games of football.

"The next step for me is keeping a clean sheet. But that's why I am here. I came to test myself and play games of football."

### STUNNING

Macey pulled off a stunning second-half save from Crawley's Jordan Roberts as the Hatters closed the game out at 2-1, flying across his six-yard box to turn the left-back's 25-yard drive high around the post.

Jokingly asked whether it was one for the cameras, Macey smiled: "I think I will put it down to seeing it late! I managed to just get there in time and as long as it stays out of the net, that's all I care about!"





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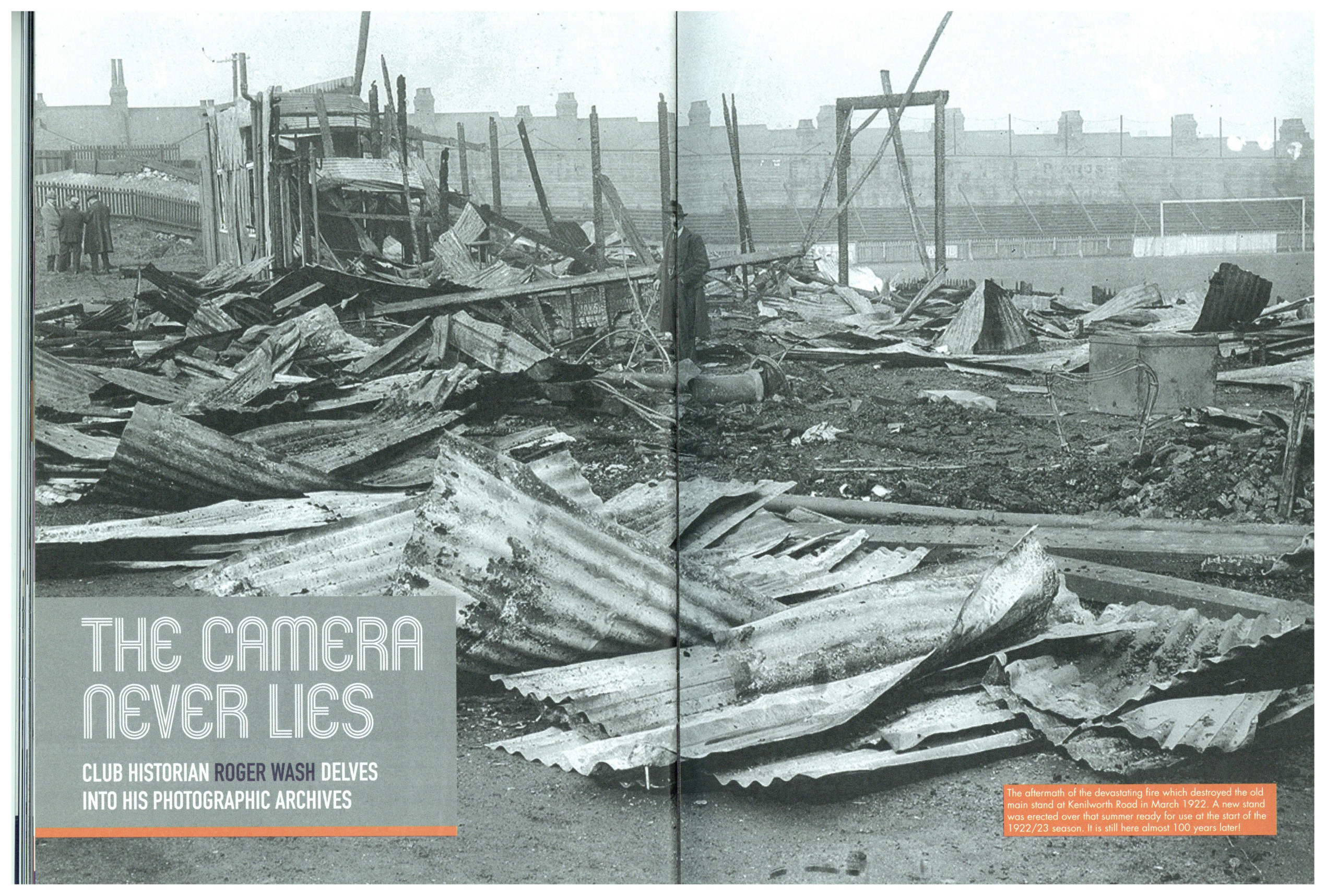
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Good evening and Happy Valentine's Day. Hopefully there are plenty of couples enjoying date night out at Kenilworth Road.

I remember using my first chat up line: 'I have a pen and you have a phone number. Think of the possibilities.' She replied: 'Yeah, but you've just been disconnected'. My gift of a pair of boots didn't go down well either. How did I know she didn't need studs.

Obviously our younger men like Pottsy will be looking for love, and Glen is missing Christian after he returned to Brighton.

Never mind bend it like Beckham. Just smash it like Sheehan. What a free-kick that was...the Yeovil keeper was hanging wallpaper.

Let me tell you what can light up a dull evening. Issac Vassell is the man. Do his batteries ever run low? He's got more energy than the National Grid. It was a great performance against the Glovers last week and we now look forward to Oxford.

On the injury front we were missing Smudge at Grimsby due to a puncture wound on his foot. He turned a funny colour when the doctor said he needed stitches without using any numbing agent.

Those of you who follow Cameron on Instagram will have seen that he is busy in the swimming pool as well as his other work. Progress is good and when we visit the consultant again on 22nd February, we hope to get the go ahead to push on.

Our other injuries, Pottsy and Greeny, continue their 'return to play' work under the watchful eye of Jared. You will also notice that the Hylton mask has gone. So I am not sure which is more scary: the mask or the face?

Sods came in to see kitman Darren in a panic having been unable to find his boots after the Grimsby trip. Moments

later, in runs Hylts having realised he was wearing Sods' boots. He quickly removed them and said 'No wonder my touch was so bad!' We thought he must have been wearing them at Blundell Park.

Once again we have been having discussions covering a number of topics. This week it was football issues such as should there be an orange card, sin bins, no throw ins? At this point Matt Macey joined the conversation and said he hoped that Johan Cruyff didn't get his way and get the offside rule changed. Now FIFA can do lots of things, but they can't get in touch with Mr Cruyff, who sadly passed away last year. We think he meant Marco Van Basten.

Whilst talking of Matt, is his twin brother Ali Kerr – our Sports Science intern? The comment was only surpassed by Scotty, who asked the question: 'What is Kevan Platt's name?' Again, we think he meant 'What does he do at the club?' Another good question. Only joking Kevan.

Enjoy the game.



Which is more scary? You decide...



# TRAVELLER'S TALES

IT'S ALL ABOUT LATE DRAMA AS HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER'S TARDINESS HOLDS UP THE COACH TO GRIMSBY, WHERE HE THEN SEES DANNY HYLTON'S INJURY-TIME PENALTY SAVED... THE FISH AND CHIPS IN BETWEEN WERE GOOD THOUGH!

## THE JOURNEY

**8.30am** – It was a fairly early start for the latest away game to Grimsby. As with Crewe a few weeks ago this was a day I was looking forward to having not been to Grimsby, or Cleethorpes, since the famous 'Get it away get it away' commentary game in the Conference promotion season!

**8.53** – I was slightly late for the coach but eventually all is good and we head off through the villages to pick up everyone on the way to Luton.

**9.35** – Both coaches loaded up at Luton and away we go up the M1. Sunny day which is nice. Hopefully the sun stays out and it is warm up north!

**11.50** – Pretty smooth journey so far and with good ground made we stop off at the services for 30 minutes. Having been out of the door early this morning I take the chance to get a light bite to eat.

**12.20pm** – Back on the coach and on the road again. Chelsea vs Arsenal is about to kick off. That will do to pass the rest of the journey.

**1.30** – Arrived just outside the ground. My cousin who lives in Boston (the Lincolnshire version not the American one!) is coming to the game so I head off to meet him and

then it is up to the chippy for some famous fish and chips!

## THE GROUND

**1.50** – Catch up with some friends at the chippy and make my way through some amazing fish and chips, which was a perfect feast before the football, and then it is time to make the journey back to the ground.

**2.20** – We've made our way back to the ground and head inside straight away. The Town have the end behind the goal as ever. Team news is in. Ollie Palmer is on the bench as Danny Hylton returns from suspension.

**2.55** – Players should be out soon. Quite a few Town fans have made



the journey up on a really sunny and quite warm afternoon.

## THE MATCH

**3.03** – We're underway. Town are in orange and kicking to the goal at the other end from the away fans. Danny Hylton seems to have ditched the mask at long last!

**3.09** – Town go close. A corner is flicked on and Cuthbert nearly pokes home at the back stick, but the defender just gets the ball over his bar in time.

**3.13** – Stuart Moore's first activity of the afternoon. He pushes a tame but awkward free kick around the post.

**3.40** – I'm glad the sun is out and it is warm because this has become a really dour, nothing game of football. Neither side showing much quality and very little of note has taken place.

**3.48** – Half-time. 0-0. Both sides doing well to score nil. A shot from Dyson came flying in on the stroke of HT. Landed somewhere near Lincoln. Will resist the Hoover jokes!

**4.03** – Second half begins. Up and down day for those around us so far. A win could really get us back in the mix. No changes at half-time.

**4.12** – Two good chances for the Town. Hylton is the first to go close.

He has a shot cleared off the line before Vassell forces McKeown into his first save of the afternoon.

**4.15** – 1-0 Grimsby. A series of balls ping around our box before finally it breaks to the right wing. It gets crossed to the back post where the Grimsby man flies in and powers a header past Stuart Moore. Palmer comes on immediately.

**4.28** – Town are piling on the pressure here. The diamond has been ditched for three up front and Grimsby are being pegged back. I sense a Town goal coming if we can avoid the counter attack sucker punch.

**4.35** – And there it is!! 1-1! Vassell scores but all credit to Pelly-Ruddock who chases a ball down into the corner, robs the defender and then crosses for Vassell to head home. Get in!

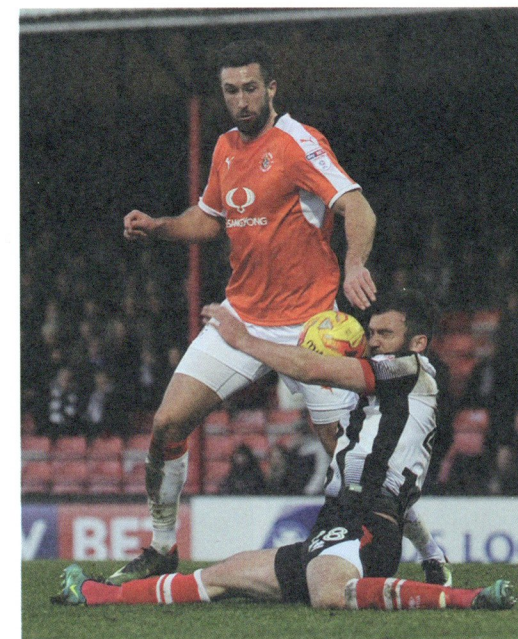
**4.45** – Oh so close! Jordan Cook gets a sight of goal inside the area. His first shot is well saved and a defender flies in front of the rebound. So unlucky that.

**4.52** – The last minute of five injury-time minutes. Marriott is on for Vassell and charges down the right. His cross inside is lifted over the defender by Palmer – or at least it would have been had the defender not handled (pictured right). Penalty Town!! What a chance to win it! Hylton steps up but thumps it straight at the keeper. He scores the rebound but the ref has seen something and it won't count.

**4.53** – The full-time whistle goes. Draw was probably fair but that chance at the end makes it feel like two points dropped.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

**5.20** – We're back on the coach and get a police escort out of the area. It is man of the match time. Had I chose



it at half-time it would have been Glen Rea, but I thought Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu was brilliant in the second half and he gets the nod from me. He got the overall vote on the two coaches too.

## THE PROGRAMME

**5.30** – As ever there is time for a quick look at the programme. 68 pages this week with 7-8 about the Town. Decent enough read apart from the bit claiming Mullins has been a creative midfielder for us. Erm. No!

## SUMMARY

**9.05** – We've made terrific headway down all the various motorways and after a short stop for a toilet break at Leicester Forest East, we're back in Luton shortly after nine and then it is off through the villages back to Amptthill.

**9.45** – I'm back at home slightly earlier than I had expected. All in all it was a decent day out and nice to go somewhere we'd not been for a few years, but it was disappointing in the end not to win given the penalty right at the end. Other teams above us winning too made that a double whammy, but had you offered me a draw when I set out this morning I probably would have taken it, especially with two home games to come. On to Tuesday night now where the Wembley dream resumes!



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### STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters development squad crashed out of the Bedfordshire FA Senior Cup at the semi-final stage as they were put to the sword by Dunstable Town in a 3-0 defeat at Creasey Park.

The visitors started brightly, with Jack Snelus testing Jack Smith in the Dunstable goal early on with a thumping effort from 20 yards, the Dunstable man doing well to turn the ball away for a corner.

But it wasn't to be for Andy Awford's side, as Vance Bola's rasping effort after 20 minutes gave the hosts the lead, before Shane Bush's acrobatic strike and Josh Oyinsan's close range finish in the second half saw off the Hatters.

### AWFORD: It's about the boys learning



"Before the game we said they're a good side and play at a decent level, it was a learning curve.

"The first half was a little bit slow for me, there wasn't the intensity levels there. We didn't do enough with the ball, we didn't move it quickly enough.

"In the second half for the first 25 minutes I thought we were by far the better side and pushed them right back and had a few chances to get back into it. Then we got done by their first attack of the half, which was a sucker punch.

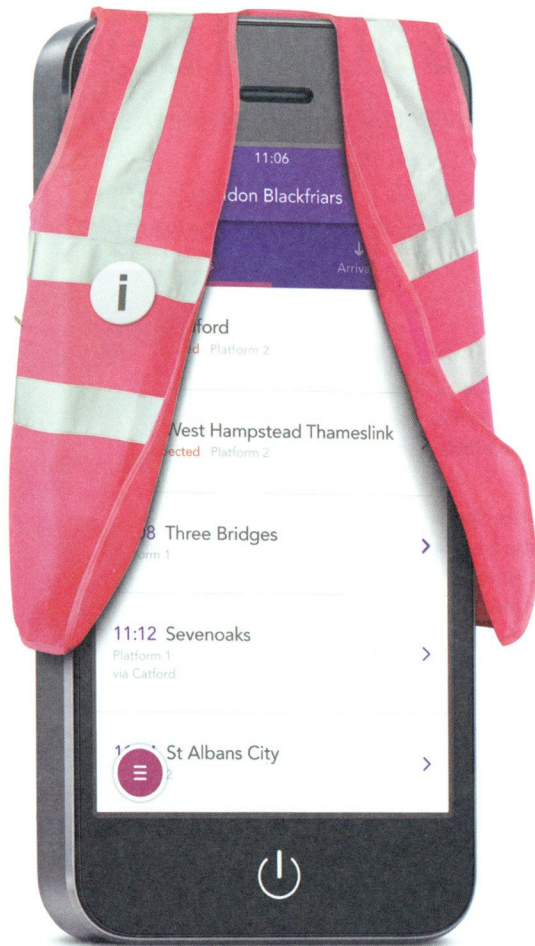
"That was disappointing, but it's about the boys learning and making sure they go through the levels."



### UNDER-17s

A mixture of first-year scholars and current Under-16s travelled to Portsmouth on Saturday morning and came away with a 3-3 draw, having taken the lead three times before being pegged back the hosts. Drew Richardson, Michael Shamalo and Lewis Swindells scored the Hatters' goals.





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# LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN, HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

## POLICE COMMUNITY COHESION AWARDS 2017

Hard on the heels of the Trust's Love Luton Culture and Leisure Award last month recognising our work, particularly in local schools, the Trust's work has again been recognised this time by Bedfordshire Police who have recognised our integration projects in the town by awarding us the 2017 award for Sport Cohesion Champions.

Led by Trust Community Operations Manager, Daniel Douglas, the award recognised our projects that particularly use 'the power of football to be at the heart of communities' and recognising the ability of our football club to bring people from different communities together.

In particular, the award recognised two projects; the Luton Euros football tournament which involved over 20 schools in Luton, and our Premier league KICKS project, which has three late night football centres in Luton and one in Bedford for local lads on various estates.



Daniel Douglas collects the award... and attracts plenty of attention with it!

These centres offer access for over 200 participants each week to facilities not normally available to them, and the award recognised our work in bringing together groups who normally don't mix and the contribution they make to stronger cohesion in Luton and Bedford.

We have a dedicated group of local coaches who are often out representing the Club way past 11pm during the week, and this award is down to their dedication and they all thoroughly deserve the recognition this award acknowledges.

To find out more about the projects we run you can contact Daniel at the community offices on 01582 737568 or by email on [daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk)

## FREE ADULT COURSES AVAILABLE FREE SPORTS QUALIFICATIONS

We have two courses due to start in the next two weeks, both of which offer free sports qualifications for those supporters living in Luton and aged over 19.

Our Go Lead Go Stress Free course is a six-week sports course specifically designed to support adults in how to develop and use leadership skills in day to day situations. It's a bit of a stress buster using a combination of football, learning and sports leader courses, which we hope will help adults better manage symptoms such as poor sleeping patterns, mood swings, difficulty in finding and keeping work and generally finding it stressful just dealing with everyday

life. These are all sure signs of stress which is now recognised as a form of mental health.

Through a combination of five-a-sides and classroom-based subjects such as communication, what is a leader, working with others, as well as putting it all into practise through improvising and coping strategies, we will use situations that might happen during a game and imagine how we can cope with all of that stress. And how to deal with everything that happens unexpectedly during games and how to put into practice strategies to deal with the unexpected events that will happen – coping with life and stress is very similar.

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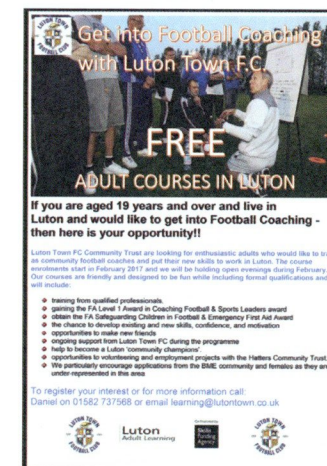
The Trust now employs around 40 full-time, part-time, apprentice and volunteer staff to deliver an increasing number of social, health

and educational projects focusing on our community contribution as a football club through school work with mentoring and educational projects, as well as the increasing social cohesion work being done in some of our more diverse estates.

The type of 'coaches' we need for this kind of work don't need to be budding Mourinhos or a Nathan Jones (although it would help!) – but local people who really care about Luton and the community they live and work in, and who recognise the power of football to be at the heart of all Luton's communities.



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# HATTERSLADIES

BY ROSIE BONASS

## **BAKER:** We have to regroup and quickly

After suffering back to back defeats in the league against Enfield and Gillingham, Luton Town Ladies manager Nikki Baker has urged her players to pick themselves up as they face an important game against Bedford next in the County Cup semi-final.

The Hatters are current holders of the County Cup and have won the competition six times in the past, however their performances of late in the league will be playing on their minds and Baker admitted that they must improve – and fast.

"We threw a silly game away against Enfield and then another loss on Sunday (against Gillingham)", Baker commented. "We have to regroup and quickly. We must look at our shape and how well we can retain the ball.

"We can hurt teams by getting at them, so we will work on that. We have to be mentally stronger, and play to our game plan."

Bedford were relegated last season and now play in the division below Town. After winning their last three games, they are currently in second place in the Eastern Region Premier Division.

The two teams met at this stage last year in the County Cup and Town defeated Bedford 2-0 after Natasha Fensome, who is now playing for the opposition, scored a brace for the Hatters.

Town hold a great record against Bedford and defeated them on all four occasions last season and Baker, who almost has a full squad available for the clash, is hopeful that they can

overcome their local rivals once more as she targets another cup final.

"We are the holders of the County Cup and want to retain the trophy," Baker added. "We have beaten Bedford several times in a row and we know their threats as well, so we have to take care of those.

"We have a fully available squad although new signing Asia Brown, who made her debut on Sunday, is ineligible through not playing enough games".

The local derby will take place on Sunday 19th February at 2pm at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium.





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## WELCOME OLLIE PALMER

New-signing Ollie Palmer made his home debut on Saturday against Crawley Town when he came on as sub for the injured Jordan Cook. It was great to see the 6' 5" frontman on the pitch at Kenilworth Road, and he came close to scoring with a volley from 20 yards out too. Welcome to Luton Ollie!



## HARTLEPOOL UTD

Hartlepool United's mascot's name is 'H'Angus the Monkey'. Back in 2002, the cheeky monkey famously went on to become mayor of Hartlepool, using a slogan offering free bananas to schoolchildren. He was so popular as a mayor that he was elected again! Incredible! We wonder what Harry and Hatty would do if they were elected mayor of Luton. They're quite cheeky too, and love posing for selfies. We bet they'd end up in the local papers with photos of other important people!

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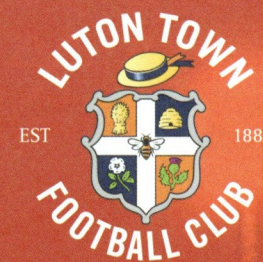
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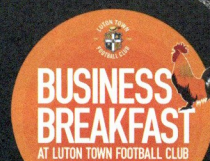
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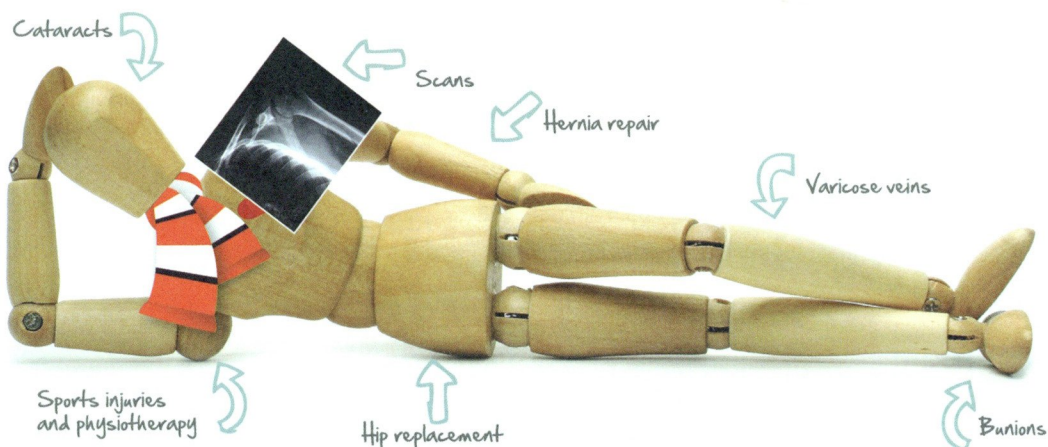




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## GARRY MONK ACCUSED HUDDERSFIELD BOSS DAVID WAGNER OF "LACKING RESPECT" FOLLOWING THE GERMAN'S EXUBERANT CELEBRATIONS AT THE CLIMAX OF LAST SUNDAY'S YORKSHIRE DERBY.

Wagner sprinted the length of touchline to cavort with his players after Michael Hefele's 89th-minute winner condemned Leeds to a 2-1 defeat.

Monk then barged Wagner as he jogged back to his dugout, sparking a 20-man melee that eventually saw both managers sent to the stands.

"They're my values," said Monk. "Humility, respect and class, and I don't think he showed that. If someone else goes against those values then it's wrong."

So did the Terriers manager go too far? Compared to this lot, his mad tash wasn't even tame...

### FERROVIARIO MAPUTO

During a Futures tournament in South Africa, Mozambique side Maputo scored a sensational free-kick to take the lead against K-Stars – their first ever goal in the tournament.

Overcome by excitement, they spent 30 seconds dancing and doing somersaults, then another 30 celebrating with kids from a local school they'd adopted in the province of Gauteng. Even the goalkeeper got involved.

Unwilling to wait any longer, the referee collected the ball, told K-Stars to kick off and they duly did, striker Kapilingo Francisco lobbing into an empty net from 40 yards for an instant equaliser.

Celebrations were rather more restrained.

### FRANCISCO GALLARDO

Possibly the most bizarre celebration of all time came from Sevilla midfielder Gallardo, who congratulated Jose Reyes on a wonder goal against Valladolid by biting his team-mate's testicles.

"I felt a bit of a pinch but I didn't realise what Gallardo had done until I saw the video," said Reyes later. "The worst thing about it is the teasing I'm going to get from my team-mates."

Gallardo was subsequently charged with an infringement of the league's 'sporting dignity and decorum' rules, but avoided a ban.

### MARIO GJUROVSKI

The Macedonian striker had just netted a spectacular chip for Thai outfit Muangthong United when he yanked off his shorts, put them on his head and pulled off a few dance moves for bemused supporters.

They found it hilarious, the referee less so. Gjurovski picked up a second yellow card for his antics and was banned for one match.

### GIORGOS KATSIDIS

You'd have thought Paolo "I'm a Fascist, not a racist" Di Canio and his 'Roman Salute' of 2005 would have deterred players from airing dubious political views in public.

Not Katsidis, a young midfielder for AEK Athens. After scoring a late winner against Veria in March 2013, the then 19-year-old raced to the crowd, teeth bared, right arm extended in a Nazi salute.

He later explained that he wasn't aware of the gesture's connotations, while his coach Ewald Lienen said that Katsidis "didn't have a clue about politics".

Neither AEK or the Greek FA weren't convinced. Katsidis was fined £50,000, suspended for the season and banned from all Greek national teams for life.



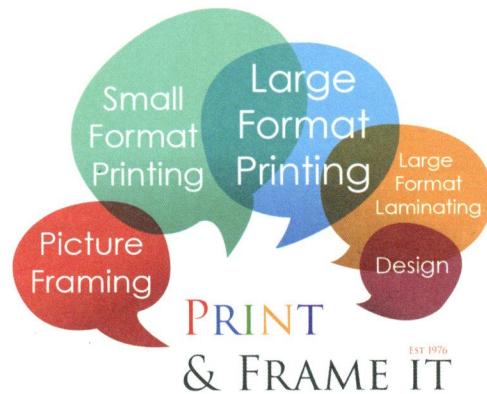


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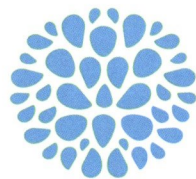
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[LEAGUE TWO ROUND-UP]

# LEAGUELOOK

## TONIGHT'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

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

## THIS WEEKEND'S LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY  
Newport 0-0 Doncaster  
Mansfield 4-0 Hartlepool  
Morecambe 2-0 Cambridge  
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2017  
Carlisle 1-4 Blackpool  
Notts 2-1 Cheltenham  
Plymouth 3-0 Exeter  
Colchester 2-1 Barnet  
Portsmouth 2-0 Accrington  
Crewe 5-0 Grimsby  
Stevenage 3-0 Wycombe  
Luton 2-1 Crawley  
Yeovil 1-1 Leyton

## PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										LTC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		CAREER TOT				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	1	0			
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	5	0			
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	1	0	14	0		
Jordan Cook	22	(4)	2	(1)	1	(26)	(5)	3	4	1	31	3	
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0		
Scott Cuthbert	24	(1)	1	(3)	(2)	0	(27)	(3)	1	4	0	70	1
Lawson D'Ath	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(1)	(2)	0	0	0	3	0	
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(4)	(2)	0	1	0	6	0	
Luke Gambin	4	(1)	0	(0)	0	(4)	(1)	0	1	0	5	0	
Alex Gilliead	10	(8)	1	(3)	(0)	1	(13)	(8)	2	3	0	21	2
Jake Gray	7	(6)	1	(8)	(0)	3	(15)	(6)	4	0	0	21	4
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	0	30	6	
Freddie Hinds	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Danny Hylton	25	(1)	13	(5)	(0)	4	(30)	(1)	17	11	1	31	17
James Justin	16	(1)	0	(6)	(1)	0	(22)	(2)	0	2	0	25	0
Craig King	0	(0)	0	(4)	(0)	0	(4)	(0)	0	0	4	0	
Ollie Lee	16	(6)	0	(5)	(1)	0	(21)	(7)	0	7	0	67	3
Matt Macey	1	(0)	0	(1)	(0)	0	(2)	(0)	0	0	2	0	
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(2)	0	(2)	(2)	1	(2)	(4)	1	1	0	40	5
Jack Marriott	22	(6)	5	(4)	(2)	4	(26)	(8)	9	1	0	78	25
Cameron McGeehan	24	(0)	10	(4)	(0)	1	(28)	(0)	11	7	0	106	31
Josh McQuoid	1	(2)	0	(5)	(0)	2	(6)	(2)	2	2	0	43	7
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	18	(8)	0	(5)	(2)	0	(23)	(10)	0	5	1	99	5
Stuart Moore	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	(2)	(0)	0	0	2	0	
Johnny Mullins	19	(2)	0	(5)	(0)	1	(24)	(2)	1	1	2	26	1
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(5)	(0)	1	(5)	(0)	1	0	0	8	1
Stephen O'Donnell	17	(1)	1	(6)	(3)	2	(23)	(4)	3	1	0	60	4
Ollie Palmer	0	(2)	0	(0)	(0)	0	(2)	(0)	0	1	0	2	0
Dan Potts	16	(0)	0	(2)	(1)	0	(18)	(1)	0	3	1	35	0
Glen Rea	20	(3)	1	(7)	(0)	1	(27)	(3)	2	7	1	40	2
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Jack Senior	5	(1)	0	(5)	(0)	0	(10)	(1)	0	2	0	11	0
Alan Sheehan	16	(3)	2	(4)	(0)	1	(20)	(3)	3	3	1	43	4
Jonathan Smith	7	(10)	1	(8)	(2)	1	(15)	(12)	2	5	0	168	11
Jack Snelus	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Isaac Vassell	9	(15)	4	(5)	(5)	4	(14)	(20)	8	2	0	34	8
Christian Walton	27	(0)	0	(6)	(0)	0	(33)	(0)	0	1	0	33	0



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THE HATTERS MIDFIELDER'S LATEST UPDATE ON HIS RECOVERY FROM A BROKEN LEG

The London Bridge Hospital is a real state of the art facility, the staff were wonderful and looked after my every need. I was very lucky to stay there and a massive credit to the club as they were able to organise this for me, especially at such short notice.

Operation time was Wednesday night, and as it drew closer, I was feeling nervous and anxious, almost as if I was about to play a big match under the lights at Kenilworth Road.

However, instead of preparing my left leg for shooting and passing, it was actually getting prepared for the insertion of a metal plate inside it, which will make it stronger and it might finally get some use when I'm back playing!

The operation was a major success, and the doctor was very happy with how he managed to knit it all back together. There was no dislodgement and he was surprised with how aligned it was when he actually got inside the leg.

I will now be wearing a beautiful looking scar over the tibia area for the foreseeable future, but I've been massaging bio-oil into the scar religiously and it's healing well.

Once the anesthetic and morphine had worn off (something I was thoroughly enjoying), I was able to read through all the heartwarming messages from the fans and this gave me a massive boost, I'm thankful to every single one of you.

I even received a message from Frank Lampard, who broke his leg in a similar place and was actually booed off by his own West Ham fans! It was very reassuring to hear from such an idol and someone who I base my game on in many ways.

After a week inside the hospital I was relieved to get back to home comforts and my mum's cooking. I've been staying at home in Kingston Upon Thames since then, which is a nice change as I've been living away from home for so long now, however my mum and dad may not agree as I've been ordering them about most days!

I've been in constant contact with the gaffer who's been as supportive as ever. I'm looking forward to getting back into the training ground and restoring some normality, and of course, seeing the lads who are all driving hard towards this promotion push!



If you follow my Instagram you would have seen me swimming last week, something I'm thoroughly enjoying and it's helping to improve the range of motion around the ankle joint whilst also maintaining my cardiovascular fitness.

Under the physio Simon Parsell's instructions, my days are filled with icing the swelling around the leg and using a contraction machine called a Compex, which helps to maintain my muscle mass. I've also been in close contact with Jared Roberts-Smith, who has sent me a leg activation, core and upper body programme to follow, which has helped get me stronger and maintain the six-pack which I already have ;)

I also want to thank my team-mates who have been there for me constantly. I've had visits from Steve O'Donnell, Josh McQuoid, Pelly-Ruddock, Glen Rea and Chris Walton (pictured above), along with my old Norwich and Chelsea team-mates. They've all been welcome and given me a real boost.

Enjoy tonight's game and let's hope for another big three points. COYH!

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