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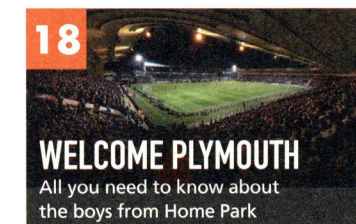
NATHAN JONES

The boss welcomes Plymouth Argyle
to Kenilworth Road



FROM THE BOARDROOM

With associate director Stephen Browne



WELCOME PLYMOUTH

All you need to know about
the boys from Home Park



AS OTHERS SAW US

Roger Wash recalls a 2-0 win
over Argyle from 1968



DON THE UP!

Action from last week's 1-1 draw
at league leaders Doncaster



SMUDGE ON THE SPOT

Schoolboy fan Alex Oakhill
interviews Jonathan Smith

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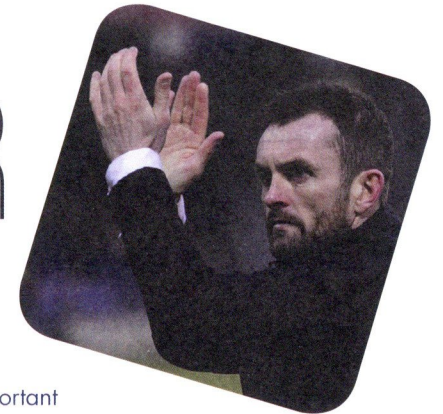
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THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for this important Sky Bet League Two fixture against Plymouth Argyle.

I would like to welcome everybody from our visitors – including supporters, directors, staff, manager Derek Adams and his squad – and I hope they have a safe trip back to Devon tonight.

Our own journey home from the south-west on that warm August evening following our 3-0 win at Home Park was one of the most memorable of the season, especially with it being the opening day.

FAVOURITES

Plymouth have emerged as one of the favourites for promotion, just as they were last year, so we know that we are in for a tough afternoon trying to record our second double of the league campaign.

We came close to adding to the two wins over Cambridge when we travelled north for the first of successive top of the table clashes last week, leading Doncaster until the last ten minutes. I felt we produced an excellent away performance and took the game to a side who haven't been beaten on their own ground all season.

It would have been a massive statement of our intent if we'd seen the game out and come away with all three points, as to have taken six points off the side the table suggests is the best in the league would have been huge, and on reflection, taking four from six is a very good effort.

BEST

We believe we are amongst the best teams in the league, and we want to be in those automatic places as quickly as we can, so there was a tinge of disappointment to come off and see that Carlisle had won to open up a five-point gap, despite a good result for ourselves.

All we can do is try to win our own games and we now have 14 matches to achieve our ultimate goal for the season. Seven of them are here at Kenilworth Road – starting this afternoon – and since New Year's Eve against Barnet, we've won six out of seven home matches in all competitions, scoring 21 goals in the process.

We are in good form, so please get right behind the lads and keep

making this place a fortress for us for the next two-and-a-bit months. There is nowhere quite like this famous old ground when nine thousand Hatters are making their voices heard and together we are stronger.

And of course, we'll also need that wonderful backing when we're back here on Wednesday night for a chance to get to Wembley when we host Oxford United in the semi-final of the Checkatrade Trophy.

MISSED

Finally, I know you will all pay your respects to one of the club's vice presidents, Jack Sapsworth, who sadly passed away last week. On behalf of the squad and management, I'd like to offer our sympathies to Jack's family and friends. I know how popular he was at the club, and that he will be sorely missed.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

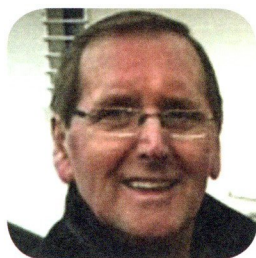
WITH ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR **STEPHEN BROWNE**

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's Sky Bet League Two match against Plymouth Argyle.

Today we welcome Derek Adams, his staff, and his team, along with supporters and directors who have travelled a long way for this important clash. I'm sure the Pilgrims will want to continue their progress towards automatic promotion, whilst of course we want to win all three points to close the gap.

Since our opening day win in the south-west, Plymouth supporters have seen their team go on an excellent run so that they are now challenging for top spot. Results between us have a recent history of away wins, so let's hope we can change that pattern today. I am sure we will be treated to a competitive and entertaining game – there's a lot at stake!

I am afraid that my very first duty is a sad one, and must be to say a few words about our friend, supporter, and gentleman, Jack Sapsworth, who sadly passed away this week. A Vice President who was such a well-known and welcome face around the Club and Boardroom, whom we all loved.



Jack (pictured below) had a remarkable life, but all of the Board, Vice Presidents, our partners, our hospitality and commercial teams, join in our thanks for having known Jack, and our deepest sympathy goes to his beloved family.

It is so sad when such a lovely, humble, and genuine person is taken from us. We have all lost a dear, dear Hatter. Jack gave so much to Bedfordshire, Luton and Luton Town, that we will all miss him – he touched many lives and he will not be forgotten. Please, take a moment to reflect on those that touch us, as all too often we forget to tell them.

On the pitch, we are gathering momentum and we were unlucky not to take all three points against table-topping Donny. Also we now have a definite date for the semi final against Oxford so hopefully we carry the form forward. I know that there has been a lot of controversy around the EFL Trophy format, but we can report that the Football League is listening and so there will be discussions on the format going forward.

On the basis that our concerns are being heard, then in the meantime, we would urge you to come along and support the team because any Wembley opportunity is to be grabbed with both hands by both us as supporters, and by the players who have earned the right.

And the more noise here on 1st March, the more energy we can give the players, and the more chance we have of getting through to the final.

At the moment, we are in a good place in the League and looking to finish the season strongly. One of the highlights for me this season has not been so much what has happened on the pitch, but the force behind it. Like so many of us, I remember all too clearly those games in recent years when I have come away being so unhappy at the effort I'd seen on the pitch – maybe only by one or two, but you need all eleven in every game to be successful.

Consistently since day one of the season, I have seen Nathan's pre-season plans and preparation come to fruition in a team that always gives its all, is committed, and goes flat out to the final whistle. Not once this season



The players celebrate the opening day 3-0 win at Plymouth

have I sat in the stands thinking that someone has gone missing, or isn't giving maximum effort.

In my view, this is all down to Nathan and his team. Nathan's work ethic, belief in preparation, philosophy, focus and commitment to his craft is abundantly clear to me in a team that drives, tries, and gives all.

And it rubs off – there is a buzz at the Club. Nathan – and we must never forget his team – is making his mark on our Club, and it is a delight to be part of.

And as supporters we must do the same. It's not just about cheering from the stands when things are going for or against us. It's also about the very important matters concerning our future off the pitch.

In recent years, I have been proud of all Hatters who have stood up against the bad parts of 'modern' football, have demonstrated outside FA HQ, have been to the Houses of Parliament to have our issues raised, have challenged and beaten those that would treat our Club unfairly, and have only had the interests of the Club – and future generations – at their hearts. And we may need that spirit again in the not too distant future.

Whilst we are very pleased with the progress so far of the plans for Newlands Park and Power Court, these things take time and are very

rarely without challenges. We can be immensely proud of the high on 11,000 people who supported our vision for the future of Luton, and Luton Town FC.

However, we still had a tiny handful of objections and all of these need to be addressed if we are to realise our 'once in a lifetime' dream of a new stadium on the land the Club now owns. If not handled correctly, these objections can become deal-breakers so we must – all of us – always be on our guard to protect our vision.

SPIRIT

I remember thousands marching from Pope's Meadow. I remember thousands ousting a very unsavoury character and Formula 1 'fan' by joining forces and getting it on TV. I remember the crowd, led by a man in a red jacket, saying 'enough's enough' (more or less) and throwing season tickets into the Directors' Box at the previous owners when they were killing our Club. I remember thousands at Anfield who could sing in unison no matter the score, because they knew a new era was about to begin.

It may well be that shortly we will need that spirit, energy, and effort again. We have to ensure our case is heard and why we believe that our vision is good for the whole town and region. We will only get this chance once, and this is our time.

Acting together we have proven we are a huge force, a fair force, and a force for future generations, for club and community. We have been delighted with your efforts so far and from so many people, but we still have a way to go – we are not over the line yet by any means.

So please, keep your support going, keep spreading the word to garner more support, and be ready to come with us on the final leg and to give 110 per cent to realise our new home. Only by putting all objections to rest will we get our new stadium and we need your voices to achieve this – every single voice will count when the time comes.

And finally, this is the first time I have written the notes from the Boardroom since an old school mate saved the life of an opposing supporter. A massive tip of my hat to you Sir!

As the excellent John Bunyan saying goes, "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you". And Matt, you did that.

As I say, I'm proud to be a Hatter.

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[SCOTT CUTHBERT]

GREATSCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome to Kenilworth Road for yet another big game at the top of Sky Bet League Two, with second-placed Plymouth Argyle in town after last week's trip to top-of-the-table Doncaster.

We were all disappointed at the time not to take all three points from our visit to the Keepmoat Stadium. I didn't realise they were unbeaten there this season until it was pointed out by the Press afterwards, so to come so close to actually winning was a bit galling at the time.

When you go 1-0 up you're thinking 'Hold tight', because we thought we could go on to get a massive win. It wasn't to be, but you look back and see it as a big point, because they have been flying and are a very hard team to beat.



It was important to build on the previous midweek's victory over Hartlepool, in which I got chance to put my feet up and watch the lads win comfortably with a couple of early goals from Danny Hylton and Luke Gambin, then one from Ollie Palmer to seal it late on. It was great to see two of the new signings open their accounts for the club.

As a player, you don't want to miss any games. I love playing week in, week out, but we've got such a deep and talented squad that the manager has the options that if he thinks you're looking a bit leggy, he can pull you out.

I saw the stat earlier this week that at 24.5 years, we've got the second youngest average age for starting line-ups in the division this season behind Colchester, and the seventh youngest in the Premier League and EFL combined.

We've got a great young bunch here and I'm enjoying being one of the senior lads along with Mullis and Sheez. The midweek rest did the old legs good and I was ready and raring to go by the time we got to Doncaster.

Now it's onto Plymouth as the big games come thick and fast – and that's the way you want it. There are only 14 league games left and

we fancy ourselves against the best teams in the league.

If we can get as many points as we can against the teams higher up than us, it claws them back and we can get closer to those automatic places. We've said all along that they are our target, and I still feel that we'll finish there come the end of the season.

We'll need your support as ever. We have outstanding fans who travel unbelievably well anywhere we go, even if it's a few hours up the motorway, as it was at Doncaster last week where the noise generated was unreal.

We appreciate all the money you spend, whether it's home or away, and while we were disappointed we couldn't repay you with all three points last week and record a double over the leaders, we'll be trying to do exactly that against their nearest challengers this afternoon.

Replacing Sheez a few seconds before kick-off of our opening day win in Devon made it one of the most memorable of my career – and I'll settle for a similar result today!

Enjoy the game.

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VASS A DIAMOND!

Hatters striker Isaac Vassell collected the Diamond Season Ticket holders' player of the month for January following the win over Hartlepool United on Valentine's Day.

The 23-year-old summer signing from Truro City – who started his career at today's opponents Plymouth Argyle – collected his first Diamond award from fan William Dunphy.



Division Two Champion

ists 1988 - League

JACK SAPSWORTH MBE

All at Kenilworth Road were saddened to learn of the passing of Vice President Jack Sapsworth last week after a long battle with illness.

Jack's family are here today as guests of the club, and our sympathy and thoughts are with them at this time. A period of applause will take place before kick-off for all Hatters to show their respect for a man who was Luton through and through, and

an obituary to the hugely popular local businessman and charity fundraiser will be in the programme for the Oxford match on Wednesday night.

His funeral will take place on Friday 10th March at St Mary's Church in

Luton, 11.30am. The family have asked for family flowers only, with any donations made towards Keech Hospice via memorygiving.com (Nevilles Funeral Services, on behalf of Keech Hospice, search Jack Sapsworth) or on the day.

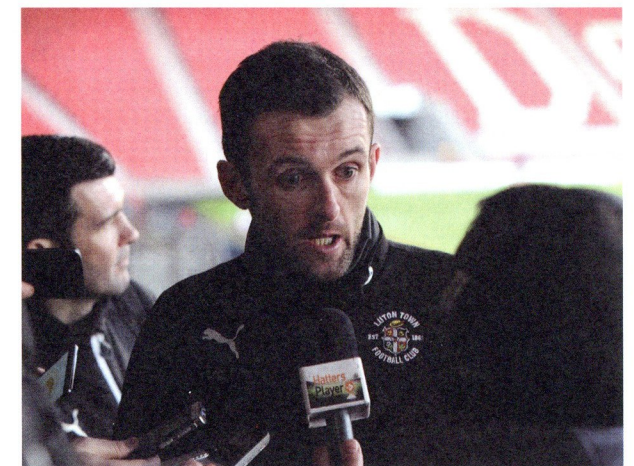
AN EVENING WITH...THE GAFFER!

Luton Town Supporters' Trust are hosting an Evening With Nathan Jones in the Eric Morecambe Suite next month, with tickets costing just a fiver!

The Hatters' boss will talk about his playing career, which included playing Non-League for Merthyr Tydfil, a spell at Kenilworth Road, a stint in Spain and countless promotions over a dozen years with Brighton and Yeovil, as well as his current job trying to take the Town back up the Football League.

Fans will also be given opportunity to grill the gaffer in a Q&A session, with doors opening from 7pm for a 7.30pm kick-off.

Tickets for the event on Thursday 9th March are available to all from the Kenilworth Road ticket office in person, or by phone on 01582 416976, priced £5.



UPnEXT

OXFORD UNITED

THE HATTERS ARE BACK AT
THE KENNY ON WEDNESDAY
NIGHT FOR A CHANCE TO
REACH WEMBLEY...

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WHO? The first club to win one of England's major trophies, then suffer relegation from the Football League, Oxford are certainly on the up after their promotion from League Two last season. They fell into Non-League football in 2006, but climbed out in 2010 and under Michael Appleton – who has been at the helm since 2014 – they now sit in a comfortable position in Sky Bet League One with their eyes firmly fixed on moving up.

TICKETS Tickets for this fixture are now available to all supporters, with prices on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Last season Town took four points from the six available off the U's with a home draw and a 3-2 win at the Kassam Stadium not quite enough to help the Hatters into the play-off places, and not sufficient to disrupt Appleton's side's promotion push in what was their last defeat in the division. Of the 38 meetings between the two clubs, the Hatters have won 17 matches, drawn nine and lost 12. Two of the most famous triumphs against the U's came in the 1987/88 season, when Town were triumphant in both meetings, the first a 5-2 away victory before Mark Stein scored a hat-trick in the reverse fixture in 7-4 win.

IN CHARGE After having to retire from playing at the age of 27 due to a serious knee injury, Appleton became a coach at West Brom before going on to manage the likes of Portsmouth, Blackpool and Blackburn Rovers. His playing career started at Manchester United, and he then played over 100 games for Preston North End before a move to the Hawthorns, where he hung up his boots. His current role with the U's has proven to be the most fruitful of his managerial career, with an excellent win record of over 40 per cent.

PREVIOUS FORM Oxford have taken part in three penalty shoot-outs so far in the competition, losing two in the group stages but going on to beat Southend United 4-3 on spot-kicks in the second round, before cruising to a 4-1 win in normal time against Scunthorpe United. They reached this stage of the competition by beating Bradford City 2-1 in the quarter-finals.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU There are two lads in the Town camp who are certainly looking forward to this fixture. Former U's Johnny Mullins and Danny Hylton both left Oxford last summer to join the Hatters. The pair have gone onto prove to be vital assets for Nathan Jones' side as they look for promotion. Mullins made 149 appearances as well as captaining United, whilst Hylton scored 30 times in 101 appearances.



Johnny Mullins, then of Oxford, can't stop Joe Pigott scoring in the Town's win at the Kassam last season

GET YOUR TICKET



OXFORD UNITED

CHECKATRADE TROPHY SEMI-FINAL

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH | 7.45PM

Tickets for the Hatters' semi-final against Oxford United on Wednesday are now on general sale. With the Town battling for the right to face Coventry City at Wembley on Sunday 2nd April, we are hoping for a bumper crowd inside Kenilworth Road and fans will be able to take advantage of fantastic prices of no more than £10! Under-18s will be allowed in FREE if accompanied by a paying adult, or for £5 if attending the game on their own. Prices: £10 – for all adults; £5 – Under-18 (or FREE if accompanied by an adult – one U18 per paying adult)



YEOVIL TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH | 3PM

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 1,087 tickets for the trip to Huish Park. There are 587 seated tickets in the Screwfix Community Stand and 500 Terrace spaces in the Radio Cabs Stand. Tickets are now on general sale from today until 2pm on Friday 3rd March. Subject to availability, any remaining tickets will be available on the day with a £2 price increase on all advertised price bands other than juniors. **Prices:** (Seating) Adult £22, Seniors (65 and over): £18, Young Person (16-21): £14, Under-16: £6, Disabled and Carer: £18. (Terrace) Adult £16, Seniors (65 and over): £14, Young Person (16-21): £12, Under-16: £5.



STEVENAGE

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 11TH MARCH | 3PM

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

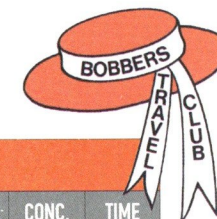


CARLISLE UNITED

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

TUESDAY 14TH MARCH | 7.45PM

Town have received an initial allocation of 300 seated tickets and four wheelchair spaces in the Pioneer Foods Stand for their away trip to Carlisle United. Tickets are now on sale to Diamond Season Ticket holders at two per person until close of business today, Saturday 25th February. Season Ticket holders will be able to purchase two tickets each from Monday 27th February until close of business Friday 3rd March. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone or in person. Tickets will be available on general sale from Saturday 4th March until close of business on Monday 13th March, they will also be available online at this time. Subject to availability any remaining tickets will be available on the day with a £3 price increase on all advertised price bands other than juniors. **Prices:** Adult: £19, Seniors (65 and over): £16, Young Person (18-22): £13, Under (11-17): £10, Child (10 and under): £7, Child (6 and under): FOC, One Adult + one junior: £27, One Adult + two juniors: £35, One Senior + one junior: £24, Wheelchair: £4, Ambulant Disabled Appropriate Age Category, Carer FOC



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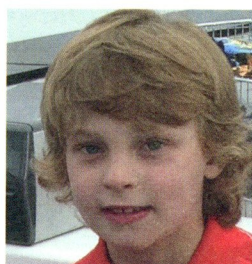
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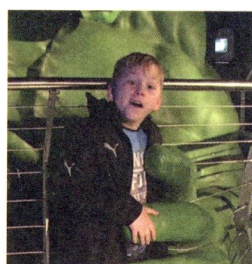


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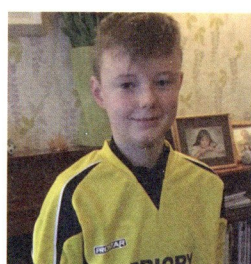
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Danny Hylton



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Age: 10
Favourite Player:
Danny Hylton



ADAM JONES

Age: 11
Favourite Player:
Jack Marriott

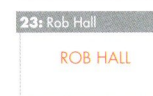
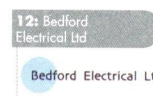
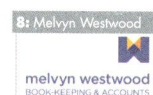


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Age: 10
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Today I am celebrating my 70th birthday and 60 years of supporting the Hatters. Helping me are five friends who are also long term supporters. We all sit in the Main Stand but four of us – Jack, his son Alex and Ryan (Alex's friend) – go to most away games together. We have done for the last 20 years, firstly by Junior Hatters and for the last 15 by car. Joining them is Dave, a friend from my Oak Road days when we shared the same crash barrier. Finally we have my nephew's boy, Justin – the next generation!



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WELCOME PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Everyone at Kenilworth Road would like to extend a warm welcome to the staff, players and supporters of this afternoon's visitors to Luton, Plymouth Argyle.

The Pilgrims seem to have put last season's disappointment of failing to win promotion behind them, as after a slow start in which they lost their opening two matches, they have gone on to be one of the pace-setters in the division.

Derek Adams' side reached the play-off final last term, only to lose 2-0 to AFC Wimbledon at Wembley, ensuring Plymouth remain in the division for the sixth consecutive year.

They have won an impressive 19 of their last 28 league matches this season and sit second, leaving them three points shy of leaders Doncaster Rovers, but with a game in hand.

Their away form has been superb, picking up 31 points in 15 games, although they did fail to take all three points from a struggling Hartlepool side last weekend, drawing 1-1 at Victoria Park.

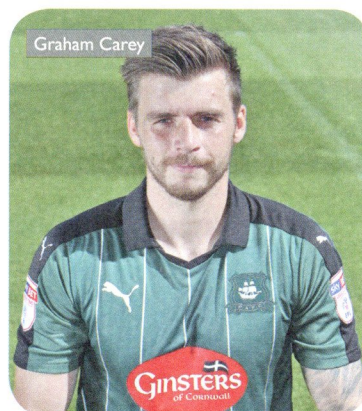
It's that run that has helped maintain their position in the automatic promotion spots, sitting a comfortable eight points better off than the Hatters, who currently occupy fourth on 53 points.

With that run of form, the Pilgrims are heading back in the right direction after their two consecutive relegations between 2009-11, in which they fell from the

Championship down into the fourth tier, where they have resided ever since.

After a jittery start to life back in League Two, they have become of the main forces within the division, finishing in the top ten for the last three seasons.

Their best position since their return was last season, in Adams' first term managing in English football after departing Scottish Premier League side Ross County a year before.



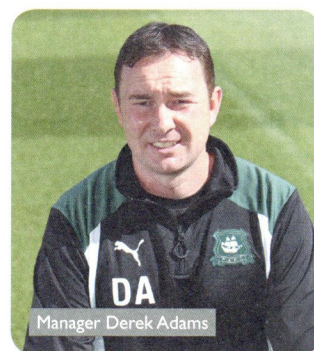
Graham Carey

Bringing in the likes of Jake Jervis, Graham Carey and Jordan Slew, who had played for the 41-year-old's former club, Argyle are a dangerous side going forward, especially with Carey in the team. He has made 11 assists this season and scored ten times from midfield, taking his tally to 22 since he joined in 2015.

That has told in their goal difference with it being third best in the league, one behind the Hatters, who are on plus 18, whilst Doncaster lead the way with plus 23.

They have, however, matched the Hatters by conceding the joint least amount of away goals in the league, letting in just 12 goals on the road.

The Hatters have taken on Plymouth 97 times in the past. The Town have won 27 times, drawn 29 and Plymouth have been victorious in 41 of those meetings. The last of those matches finished as 3-0 victory for the Hatters on the opening day of the season, as Danny Hylton, Jack Marriott and Jonathan Smith all got on the scoresheet at Home Park.



Manager Derek Adams

TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE PILGRIMS | GROUND: HOME PARK | LAST SEASON: 5TH IN LEAGUE TWO
MANAGER: DEREK ADAMS | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: HARTLEPOOL 1-1 PLYMOUTH

MEET THE VISITORS

THE BOSS

DEREK ADAMS

Since having two spells as boss of Ross County, the 41-year-old took over Plymouth in the summer of 2015. He led them to the play-off final in his first season, but his side were beaten by AFC Wimbledon.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

LUKE MCCORMICK

Now in his second spell with Argyle, the 33-year-old has also had stints with Boston United – where he played two games on loan – Truro City and Oxford United.

IN DEFENCE

SONNY BRADLEY

Since starting out with Hull City, the 25-year-old has played for the likes of Aldershot Town and Portsmouth, before spending two seasons at Crawley. He joined Argyle at the start of the season after making 79 appearances for the Red Devils.

OSCAR THRELKELD

After a loan spell last season from parent club Bolton Wanderers, the 23-year-old signed permanently with the Pilgrims in the summer.

JAKUB SOKOLIK

The ex-Liverpool and Yeovil Town defender joined Argyle in January after leaving Southend United, where he made five League One appearances this season.

GARY SAWYER

The 31-year-old came through the youth system at Home Park before leaving in 2010 to join Bristol Rovers, then Leyton Orient. Returned to the Pilgrims in 2015.

YANN SONGO'O

The Toulon-born defender, who won age-group international caps for both France and Cameroon, made a handful of appearances for Spanish side Real Zaragoza's B team before moving to Orlando City and then Ross County. Signed for Plymouth last summer.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

GRAHAM CAREY

One of Plymouth's top performers this season, the former Ross County midfielder has scored ten goals and laid on 11 assists for his team-mates this season.

DAVID FOX

The son of ex-Stoke City and Exeter City keeper Peter Fox, the 33-year-old signed for Plymouth in the summer after spells with Blackpool, Norwich City and Crewe Alexandra.

MATTHEW KENNEDY

The winger on loan from Cardiff City has been in decent form for his new side since joining on deadline day, having scored a goal in each of his last three appearances.

RYAN DONALDSON

An ex-Newcastle United academy

graduate, the 25-year-old played for Gateshead and Cambridge United before signing for the Pilgrims in the summer.

ANTONI SARCEVIC

After spells with Crewe Alexandra and Chester, the 24-year-old had a successful three-year stint at Fleetwood Town before joining Shrewsbury last summer. His Greenhouse Meadow contract was cancelled by mutual consent in December, and he joined the Pilgrims last month.

UP FRONT

JAKE JERVIS

Ex-Portsmouth and Ross County forward Jervis – another one of Derek Adams' signings from his previous club – joined Argyle in 2015 and has scored 21 times since his arrival.

JORDAN SLEW

The 24-year-old had a bright start to his career, becoming a regular in Sheffield United's first team in his teenage years. He went onto play for the likes of Blackburn Rovers and Cambridge United before joining Argyle in the summer.

RYAN TAYLOR

A January transfer window signing from Oxford, the 28-year-old helped the U's to promotion last season and made 31 appearances for Michael Appleton's team this term before departing for Plymouth.

HATTERS V PLYMOUTH

LUTON WINS: 27 | DRAWS: 29 | ARGYLE WINS: 41

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FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH DAN WHELAN



Dan Whelan, a Plymouth Argyle supporter of 18 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

► THE SEASON AHEAD

The training camp in Spain earlier on in the month must have worked as you beat your local rivals Exeter 3-0 on your return to the country. Was that your biggest result of the season?

Given the rivalry and the run they were on, yes. There were a few murmurs of discontent among the fans when news of the team's trip to Marbella broke. It could have gone one of two ways, but as we won so comfortably in our first game back, it has to go down as a masterstroke.

You were gunning for promotion last season and fell at the last hurdle in the play-off final. What do you think has been different this season that'll help you on your way to promotion?

The memory of that day is still raw but hopefully we can avoid the play-

offs this year and go up automatically. Derek Adams brought in some good players over the summer and again in January, and we have more strength in depth this season.

Argyle have had a number of different goalscorers this season instead of one in particular, but who has been your main threat going forward in your opinion?

Graham Carey. In my opinion and that of many Argyle fans, he is the best player in the division on his day. We were lucky to keep hold of him in January.

Since arriving in 2015 from Ross County, Derek Adams seems to be steering Plymouth in the right direction, what do you think he has improved about the side?

He has brought in players conducive to the style of play he likes to employ.

We look great going forward and have a variety of options in attacking positions.

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

Sonny Bradley has been a stand out performer; strong at the back and always liable to chip in with a goal or two from set-pieces. Oscar Threlkeld has been fantastic, too. He played for us last season on loan from Bolton but bringing him in permanently has paid dividends – his versatility is his biggest asset.

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

Losing last season's captain Curtis Nelson could have been a huge blow, fortunately he has been ably replaced by Bradley but it is never nice to lose such an influential player, especially



one who was a product of your youth system.

Who do you think Hatters fans will watch today and think 'I wish we had him' this afternoon?

Matty Kennedy, on loan from Cardiff City, is our in-form player. He has three goals in his last three and is a terrifying prospect for defenders. He likes to cut in from the wing and try his luck, something which has worked to great effect recently.

► SEASONS PAST...

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

As is the case with most football fans, I support Argyle because of my dad. My first game was in August 1999 when we played Halifax Town away and won 1-0. Apart from Ian Stonebridge's goal my abiding memory of the day was my Dad lifting me over the turnstile at The Shay after a kind member of staff said that I could go in for free.

What do you love most about Home Park?

At the risk of sounding mawkish, the memories I have made there. Growing up in Derbyshire, home games were a rare treat. My dad and I usually managed to get to one or two a season. My favourite memory is

Argyle legend Micky Evans' last game; we won 2-1 against Ipswich and he scored the winner – you couldn't have written it better.

Who's your favourite Plymouth player of all time?

After an ill-advised obsession with Michael Owen in my pre-Argyle days, my first real footballing hero was David Friio. At the time I fancied myself as a creative, goal-scoring midfielder and I idolised our French maestro and tried to emulate him whenever I played.

What has been your favourite season following the Pilgrims?

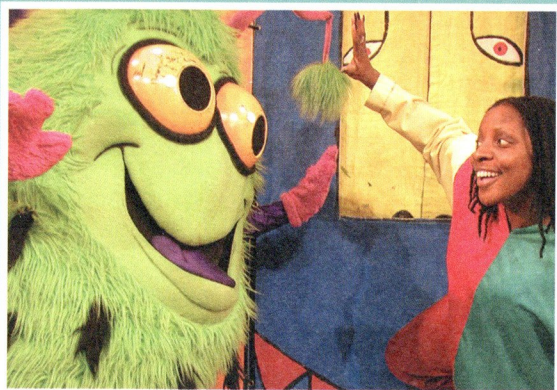
This has been a good one so far but I am older now and feel the pain of disappointment more acutely – I couldn't sleep after our 3-2 defeat at home to Leyton Orient 11 days ago. Nothing has matched 2001/02 in terms of pure enjoyment when we won the Third Division title ahead of a certain team from the South East.

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

This is tough. Firstly I'd invite David Friio so that we could analyse where my career as a playmaker tailed off!

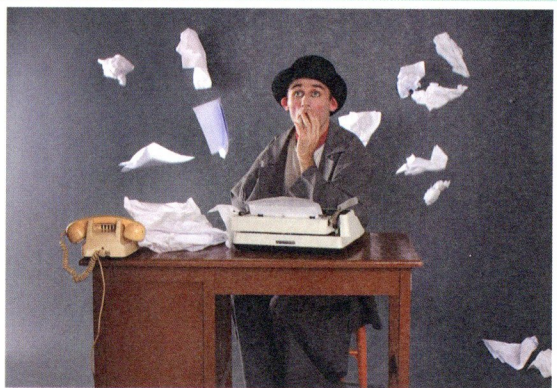


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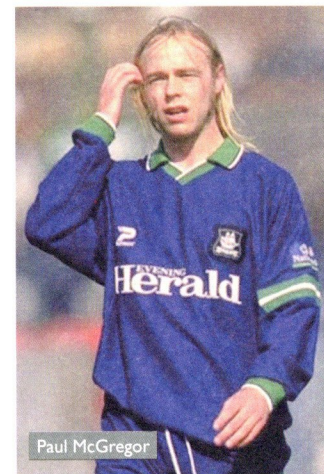
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Taribo West would get an invite so that I could get to the bottom of his ill-fated move to Devon. Paul Sturrock would have to be there so that I could thank him for the two promotions. Ian Holloway could provide some of his comedic anecdotes to begin the evening, whilst Paul McGregor – our former striker turned rock star – could offer up some musical entertainment after dessert.

► LUTON AND PLYMOUTH

The last match between the two was on the opening day of the season and ended in a 3-0 win for the Hatters, what has changed about your side since then?

I thought you might bring that up. There were a fair few debutants in that side and after an awful start – three straight defeats – those players have gelled. Today will be a much closer contest as our players look to avenge that defeat.

Isaac Vassell and Olly Lee are the only players in either squad to have played for both clubs, as did Christian Walton, who was recently recalled from his loan with us by Brighton. Who is your favourite former player with Argyle and Hatters links?

Dwight Marshall had a spell at Luton sandwiched in between two stints at Argyle. I never saw him play but my dad tells a nice anecdote about him. After a 3-2 defeat away to Chester in 1999, in which Marshall scored, the players had a meet-and-greet with the North West supporters branch, PASTIL, of which I was and am still a member. The players were a little down in the mouth after the defeat but when my Dad asked Dwight to sign an autograph for his son, the striker not only obliged, but took it upon himself to go round his team-mates demanding signatures, including that of a concussed Jon Sheffield who had been subbed after half-an-hour after a blow to the head.

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

I am anticipating a nervy match. The result today could go a long way to deciding the fates of both sides involved. We have been good away from home this season so I am confident we can earn all three points. Unfortunately I'm not here today; I live in Barcelona so I will be following the game via twitter.



[PLYMOUTH FAN Q&A]

► QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or seats?

Terraces; there's more scope for keeping warm on a cold day.

Who are your rivals?

Exeter and, in recent years, Portsmouth.

Predict your player of the season?

Sonny Bradley

If you could bring one player from the past back in the Plymouth team, who would it be?

David Friio

Most treasured Argyle piece of memorabilia?

Towards the tail end of last season I was fortunate enough to be published in the Argyle programme – this season I have a regular column but the programme with my first article in it takes pride of place on the wall of my flat.

What league will the Pilgrims be in next season?

Hopefully League One.

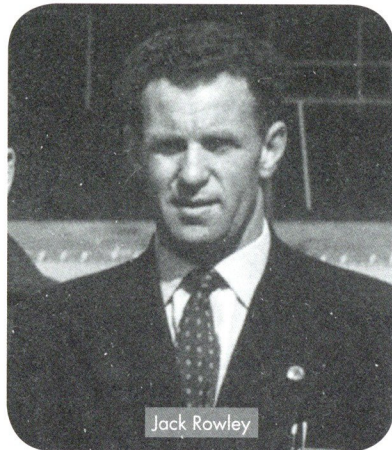
Who will be promoted from Sky Bet League Two this season?

Argyle, Doncaster, and two from Luton, Carlisle and Portsmouth.

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

JACK ROWLEY

Former England international centre-forward Jack Rowley had a spell as Plymouth Argyle's player-boss. Signing professional for Wolves in November 1935, he moved via Bournemouth to Manchester United in October 1937. Netting twice in their 1948 FA Cup final triumph, he was top scorer six times, including their 1951-52 League Championship success. He became Plymouth's player-manager in February 1955 and netted 14 goals in 56 League games, remaining in charge at Home Park until March 1960. Later managing Oldham, Ajax, Wrexham and Bradford PA, he then ran a sub post office in Shaw and died in June 1998.



PETER MCPARLAND

Former Northern Ireland international winger Peter McParland was capped 34 times prior to joining Plymouth Argyle. He impressed with Dundalk before moving to Aston Villa for £3,880 in August 1952 and starred as they won the FA Cup in 1957, the Second Division title in 1959-60 and League Cup in 1961. Sold to Wolves for £35,000 in

January 1962, he joined Plymouth for £30,000 in January 1963. He netted 14 goals in 38 Second Division games prior to joining Worcester City in July 1964. Later with Atlanta Chiefs, he was Glentoran's player-manager before coaching in the Far East and eventually settling in Bournemouth.

TONY BOOK

Influential right-back Tony Book starred as Plymouth Argyle reached the League Cup semi-finals in 1964-65. He was a key figure as Bath City won the Southern League Cup in 1958-59, the Southern League title in 1959-60 and twice reached the FA Cup third round. Following Malcolm Allison to Plymouth in August 1964, he scored three goals in 81 League games and reunited with Big Mal at Manchester City in July 1966. Captaining them to the League Championship in 1968 as well as FA Cup, ECWC and League Cup success, he was voted Footballer of the Year in 1969 and gave City lengthy service as manager and coach.

JIMMY BLOOMFIELD

Former England U-23 international Jimmy Bloomfield was an experienced member of Derek Upton's squad at Plymouth Argyle. Initially with Hayes, he moved via Brentford to Arsenal in July 1954 and was ever-present in 1956-57. He represented the Football League and joined Birmingham City in November 1960, helping to win the League Cup in 1963. After spells with Brentford and West Ham, he joined Plymouth in September 1966 and scored once in 25 Second Division games, becoming Orient's player-boss in March 1968. He also had managerial success with Leicester City and Orient again until his death in April 1983.

ALAN PEACOCK

Ex-England international centre-forward Alan Peacock played for Plymouth Argyle during the 1967-68 season. He turned professional with hometown club Middlesbrough in November 1954 and starred at inside-left alongside Brian Clough. Switched to centre-forward after Clough's departure to Sunderland, he was twice leading marksman before being sold to Leeds United for £55,000 in February 1964. He helped clinch the Second Division title that season and was an FA Cup finalist in 1965. Moving to Plymouth in October 1967, he scored once in 11 League games before injury ended his career and he became a newsagent in Middlesbrough.

LEE CHAPMAN

Plymouth Argyle's former loan striker Lee Chapman was Leeds United's top scorer in three consecutive seasons, including their 1991-92 League Championship triumph. The son of Roy Chapman, he began with Stoke City and was loaned to Plymouth in December 1978, making four League appearances. The England U21 international joined Arsenal for £500,000 in August 1982. He then played for Sunderland, Sheffield Wednesday, Níort and Nottingham Forest before moving to Leeds for £400,000 in January 1990. Helping clinch the Second Division title, he later had spells with Portsmouth, West Ham, Ipswich and Swansea.

JOHN GREGORY

Ex-England international midfielder John Gregory briefly played for Plymouth Argyle in 1989-90. The son of former Scunthorpe favourite Jack Gregory, he began his career with Northampton Town and starred in their 1975-76 promotion campaign. Twice ever-present, he joined Aston Villa in June 1977, moving via Brighton to QPR in June 1981. He starred in their successes under Terry Venables, then helped Derby County regain top-flight status. After managing Portsmouth, he joined Plymouth in January 1990 and made three League appearances. He has since managed Leicester, Wycombe, Aston Villa, Derby, QPR, Ashdod, Kairat and Crawley.

PETER SHILTON

Ex-England international goalkeeper Peter Shilton had a spell as Plymouth Argyle's player-boss. Initially with Leicester City, he starred as they were FA Cup finalists in

1969 and Second Division champions in 1970-71. He joined Stoke City in November 1974, then Nottingham Forest in September 1977, helping the Reds win the League Championship that season. Also starring in two European Cup final triumphs, he moved to Southampton in August 1982, then played for Derby County. Capped 125 times, player-manager in March 1992 appearances. He ended his career

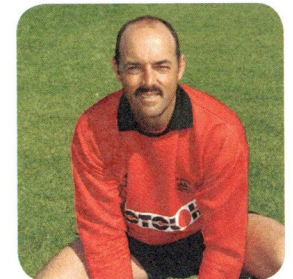


MICK QUINN

Striker Mick Quinn had a loan spell at Plymouth Argyle in 1994-95. A former Derby County apprentice, he joined Wigan Athletic in September 1979 and featured in their 1981-82 promotion campaign. He joined Stockport County in July 1982 and was twice top scorer. Moving via Oldham Athletic to Portsmouth for £150,000 in March 1986, he starred in Pompey's 1986-87 promotion success and 1987-88 FA Cup run. He joined Newcastle United for £680,000 in August 1989, then Coventry. Loaned to Plymouth in November 1994, he played three League games, then had a spell with PAOK Salonika. He has since worked in the media.

BRUCE GROBBELAAR

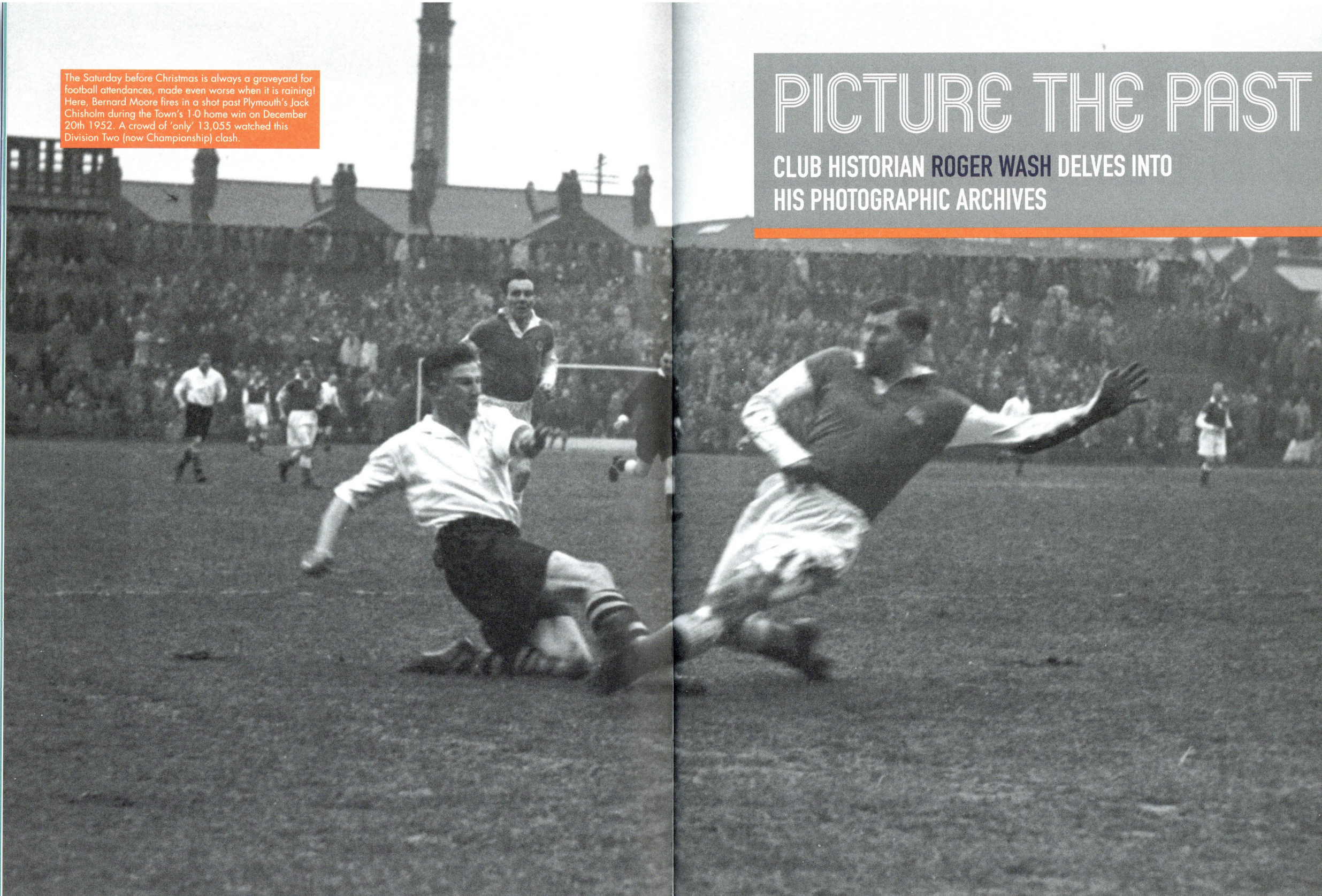
Zimbabwe international goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar appeared for Plymouth Argyle during the 1996-97 campaign. Moving to Crewe Alexandra from Vancouver Whitecaps in December 1979, he joined Liverpool in March 1981 after another spell in Canada, and amassed a vast collection of domestic and international honours at Anfield, starring in six league triumphs and the 1984 European Cup win, before appearing for Southampton, he moved to Aston Villa in 1996 and made 36 League appearances. He then held coaching positions in Canada.



The Saturday before Christmas is always a graveyard for football attendances, made even worse when it is raining! Here, Bernard Moore fires in a shot past Plymouth's Jack Chisholm during the Town's 1-0 home win on December 20th 1952. A crowd of 'only' 13,055 watched this Division Two (now Championship) clash.

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

LUTON TOWN 2 PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 0 | 21ST DECEMBER 1968

After a wretched away defeat at Hartlepool in December 1968, the Town's seventh away reversal on the trot, it was revealed by the national press that manager Allan Brown had been interviewed for the Leicester City post.

It was widely felt that Brown was favourite for the job, but when word came through that Leicester had appointed Torquay boss Frank O'Farrell instead, the Luton directors acted quickly.

The first words coming from Kenilworth Road were that Brown had resigned, but as the news unfolded it became clear that he had been sacked with 'disloyalty' given as the reason. It was conveniently forgotten, though, that Brown had turned down the chance to manage Plymouth the previous season at a then massive salary of £5,000 a year.

Brown, who had starred for the Town on the pitch in the 1950s, had returned to the club two years before with the side second from bottom of Division Four (now League 2) and with crowds averaging 4,500. By the time he left, the team was pressing for promotion from Division Three (now League 1) with attendances up to 15,000. Brown was not a happy man!

The Town's directors lost no time in appointing a replacement and turned immediately to Alec Stock, who had been axed by QPR in controversial circumstances a couple of months before.

Stock had guided Rangers to promotion to the top flight but had been forced out before he had been given chance to pick a side at this level. He was also less than happy!

"I am a man of no opinions until 5pm on Saturday," said Stock on taking control. "It will take two or three weeks to find out what I have got here."

Luton supporters could have told him he had taken on a side that had lost its way. Unbeaten at home with only one point dropped, results away were little short of disastrous with only four

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points picked up and all those were won at the start of the season.

The goals had also dried up and the Hatters entered the home clash with Plymouth on 21st December 1968 in eighth position, six points away from top spot. The Pilgrims were in 11th place.

Stock made three major changes to his first side in charge. Firstly, he recalled John Moore, who had been out for three months with an ankle injury. Then he moved Bruce Rioch to the forward line, where he had not been a huge success before. Lastly, he insisted that the players kept their shirts tucked into their shorts.

A quite respectable pre-Christmas crowd of 10,971 had turned up,

as well as the London Weekend TV cameras and a battery of Fleet Street's finest, to witness Stock's first game at the helm.

They were not disappointed as the Town attacked with passion from the start, ably led by a born again Rioch. It was all Luton from the opening whistle and shots rained in from all angles but Pat Dunne, the ex-Manchester United goalkeeper, stood firm for Argyle.

He made countless brilliant saves, throwing himself all around the goalmouth, but it was a mistake from the big Irishman that led to the first Luton goal in the 32nd minute.

A shot from Rioch was deflected for a corner, with Brian Lewis scoring direct from the flag kick, much to the embarrassment of the Argyle defenders.

The Town went two up a few minutes later when Keith Allen, who was later to play for the Pilgrims, bundled the ball home from close range and all looked set fair for a rout, the like of which had not been seen since the autumn.

It was all one-way traffic in the second period, but Dunne

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By Bob Morley
LUTON 2, PLYMOUTH 0

proved unbeatable in the Plymouth goal, and brought off terrific saves from Graham French, ex-Argyle winger Mike Harrison and Rioch in particular. It was no wonder that the goalkeeper received a generous standing ovation at the end.

A happy Alec Stock said after the game: "What a lot of honesty there is in the side. Once they realised they could push the ball around from man to man they looked a really good team." The doubters were won over. The King was dead, long live the King.

CA Coughlin in the Sunday Telegraph said, 'The Luton side that Allan Brown built, gave an outstanding attacking display to welcome his successor, Alec Stock, who faces few problems if he team stay in this mood.'

Meanwhile Harold Mayes in the Sunday Mirror was moved to say, 'Luton never looked anything but certain winners, which made it a great start for new manager Alec Stock. Only superb goalkeeping by Pat Dunne held them up.'

Finally, Bob Morley in the People issued a note of caution in case we were getting carried away with ourselves. 'If Luton could play like this away from home they would be certainties for promotion.'

**Luton please
new boss**

By C. A. COUGHLIN
Luton 2, Plymouth 0

THE Luton side that Allan Brown built, gave an outstanding attacking display to welcome his successor, Alec Stock, who faces few problems if the team stay in this mood. Determined to keep in the pro-



TRICK OR TREATMENT



A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

Good afternoon and welcome to what should be an exciting game between two teams chasing promotion. We go into the game in good form and with a clean bill of health.

First up is fellow columnist Cameron. We revisited the consultant Mr Culpan, who gave us the go ahead to start to load the leg, which means if all went well Cameron could be on the verge of jogging in six weeks. Considering the injury, that's good going. So he is back full-time into the building and at the mercy of Jared and myself. I will let Cameron fill you in more.

Now, I mentioned my good colleague Jared...who became an injury victim himself whilst on the touchline during the Crawley game. Isaac put in a fantastic tackle just in front of the dugout, but unfortunately the follow through hit Jared on the ankle. After the first scream of pain he was very brave. In fact, it's not been a good time for him as he was on the end of another tackle during training.

Is there an underlying message? Luckily though he knows how to recover. I was at the training ground and I was convinced I heard him come in, but then I couldn't find him anywhere some 30 minutes later. I thought I must have been hearing things but as I passed the manager's office, I could hear what was either a lion roaring or some very bad snoring.

A quick glance inside, and I found a little sleeping sports scientist!

Pottsy is back in full training after his knee injury, which is a boost to the squad but for me and Daz, it's strange not to be able to advise him on a daily basis about his love life. As I said to him: 'Never laugh at your girlfriend's choices – you're one of them!' Relationships are like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

Greeny is working hard on the training field which is good to see, whilst telling us about his new Ballers range. It's been a difficult time for him but he always has a smile on his face and gets on with things. I can't speak highly enough of his attitude.

Mully was suffering with a tight hamstring prior to the Doncaster game and we felt we couldn't take a risk, but he has trained this week. After Arsenal's result against Bayern I have been asking him for high 5's all the time. As a Spurs fan you have to take every opportunity to rub it in, because you know they always get the last laugh.

My final story concerns our goalie coach and his partner, who have

taken on the responsibility of a rescue dog from Greece. He arrived this week after a long journey, but Kev was a little upset with his discipline when he shouted 'Max, sit down'. But imagine it from his point of view. He is looking back thinking 'Who's Max? My name's Kostas. I've been in a Greek heatwave and now I am shivering in Luton!'



But I think Kev's got a little soft spot for Max having spent a fortune on beds and blankets. Let's just hope the dog doesn't look like its owner moving forward.

Enjoy the game and as always, do get behind the lads. COYH

TOWN 3 : HARTLEPOOL 0

TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 6,965 | AWAY: 90

TOWN GOALS: HYLTON 5, GAMBIN 13, PALMER 81

TOWN: MACEY, O'DONNELL, MULLINS, SHEEHAN (C), SENIOR, REA, D'ATH (SMITH 66), MPANZU, GAMBIN, HYLTON (PALMER 73), VASSELL (MARRIOTT 73). **SUBS NOT USED:** CUTHBERT, GRAY, JUSTIN, MOORE. **YELLOW CARDS:** REA

HARTLEPOOL: FRYER, FEATHERSTONE (C), BATES (ALESSANDRA 14), THOMAS, WALKER, OATS, WOODS, NELSON (AMOND 61), HARRISON, RICHARDSON, KAVANAGH. **SUBS NOT USED:** BARTLETT (GK), HAWKINS, ROONEY, MARTIN, HAWKES. **YELLOW CARDS:** THOMAS, RICHARDSON



STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters rose to the challenge of a Valentine's night visit from Hartlepool United with a 3-0 victory that maintained the pressure on the automatic promotion places in Sky Bet League Two.

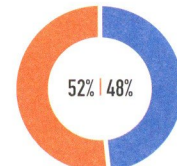
Danny Hylton opened the scoring on five minutes with his 18th goal of the season, before Luke Gambin opened his Town account eight minutes later and substitute Ollie Palmer did likewise late on to make sure of the three points.

The Hatters had the lead early on when Hylton peeled off his marker's shoulder to get onto the end of a wonderful lofted pass from Gambin,

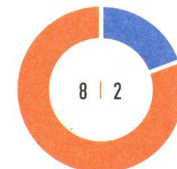
which the striker chested down and slotted past Joe Fryer.

It was Maltese international Gambin who doubled Town's advantage, as he pounced on a ball down the left from Alan Sheehan and dribbled into the area before firing smartly into the bottom corner.

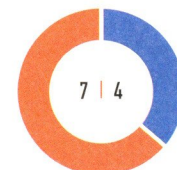
The Hatters sealed the win with nine minutes of normal time remaining and it was Palmer's persistence on the right wing, in harrying possession out of Scott Harrison, that earned the fortune that came his way when an attempted cut-back to Gambin was deflected back to his feet, and he slotted home.



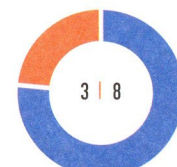
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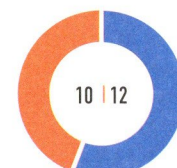
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Danny Hylton opens the scoring



JONES: We finished very, very strongly

"The start we had was fantastic. We really played on the front foot and that's what got us the win.

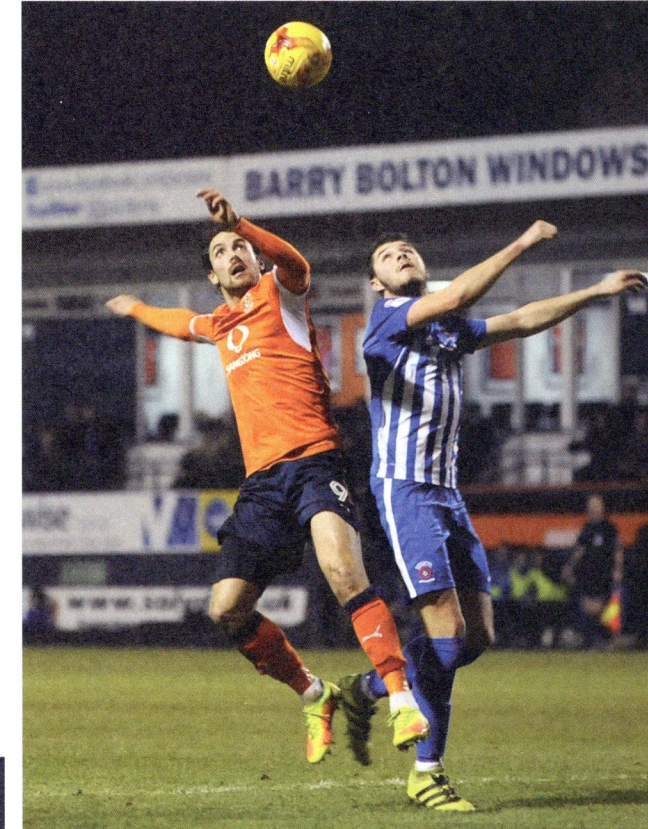
"We took the foot off the pedal a little bit really. We veered slightly from the game plan and then the second half was a little bit of a non-event until we brought Ollie Palmer on, and we finished very, very strongly.

"Three-nil didn't flatter us, and any win at home is really important now.

"I think we needed a little bit more of a killer instinct about us and a bit more of a ruthless streak, and I would have liked it to be over by half-time.

"But I can't be that arrogant or that presumptuous because they're not a bad side, and I am glad we got the job done.

"Second half we didn't really get hold of, but apart from a few set-plays we didn't look like conceding."



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[JOHNNY MULLINS ON HARTLEPOOL]

MULLS HAS NO TIME FOR LULLS

DEFENDER JOHNNY WANTS FINE FORM TO CONTINUE

Hatters defender Johnny Mullins thinks everything will fall into place for the Town if they continue their fine form of recent weeks.

The defender was talking off the back of the 3-0 win at home against Hartlepool United, in which he helped the Hatters to their 11th clean sheet of the season after returning from a four-match suspension he picked up for a straight red card at Wycombe.

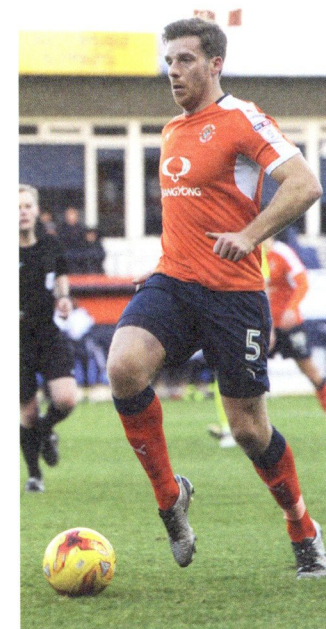
He felt his team should have kicked on and found the net more than the three times against the Monkey Hangers, after their fantastic start saw them take a two-goal lead in the opening 13 minutes.

Mullins said: "I think we started like a steam train and we should have kicked on then to get the third and the fourth and really put them to the sword.

MOMENTUM

"But it's a 3-0 home win and we know we could have been much better. When we came out in the second half, we didn't get that momentum going and we made it a bit more difficult than it needed to be."

That result meant the Town had only lost once in their last nine matches – a vein of form the 31-year-old is desperate to see his team maintain as the Hatters continue to keep pace



with the front runners in Sky Bet League Two.

"All we have got to do is keep winning our games," said Mullins. "We are confident if we do that it will take care of itself. We have put ourselves in a really good position and it's time to kick on.

"There are 15 games left to go and it's squeaky bum time, so to speak.

We want as many players available and fit, ready for selection.

"All over the pitch we have got options and that can only be a good thing for the team. Everyone is vying to play and they bring the best out of each other. It works for the team and hopefully we will get in the top three positions."

His best mate at the club, Danny Hylton, netted his 18th goal of the season as he opened the scoring against Pools – but then missed a glorious chance in the second half. Mullins insists he is keeping the 27-year-old's feet firmly on the ground.

"He should have had 19, I am always on at him!" the ex-Rotherham defender added. "Hylts puts so much work in for the team – the goals are obviously a bonus. I am running out of things to say to him.

"I have got to room with him Friday night, so I will have to hear enough about his goal today!

"I will just tell him about the one he should have scored to keep him on a level peg!"



PELLY JOINS THE 100 CLUB!

MIDFIELDER REACHES HIS CENTURY IN HARTLEPOOL WIN

Hatters midfielder Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu reached his century of appearances for the club by helping his side to a 3-0 win over Hartlepool United under the floodlights at Kenilworth Road.

The versatile 23-year-old has made a number of appearances in different positions this season, covering all midfield roles and even starting a match up front in the reverse fixture at Hartlepool.

He has already made 35 appearances this term, more than in any other season since joining the Town from West Ham midway through the 2013-14 Conference-winning

campaign, and that figure seems set to grow considerably as his impressive form has left his manager with little choice but to pick him every week.

Mpanzu said: "Yes, it is a landmark – 100 appearances, it's always good to get at a club.



"I could have had a few more, but last season I was injured so it was good to get to 100 appearances and hopefully I can get more this season.

"I have played a lot of minutes recently, so hopefully that can keep going. It's been a good run for us, we lost one against Cheltenham. Apart from that it's been a good run, a good few weeks. Hopefully we can push on from today's victory."

POTENTIAL

Since joining initially on a loan deal before signing permanently in January 2014, Pelly has scored five goals in his three years, as well as being a part of the side that regained the club's Football League status.

He thinks the current squad has the potential to go on and win promotion as he says there is a similar vibe around the place as there was back in 2014.

"Yes I can feel it," Mpanzu continued. "But you have just got to take it game by game, we can't be too far ahead of ourselves. The next game is Saturday, and all we are focussed on is that."

In the absence of Cameron McGeehan, the rest of the squad has stood up to try and fill the goal scoring void left by the former Chelsea and Norwich City midfielder, with Luke Gambin catching Mpanzu's eye.

"Obviously it was such a big loss, Cameron scores a lot of goals from midfield," he said. "Everyone is trying to chip in and Gambin got his today. We are trying not to just rely on Hylts, Vass and Jack Marriott to get us the goals.

"Luke is a great player. He is a little, quiet lad, he's not the biggest character. But you can see on the pitch, he has created and scored today, so hopefully he can keep his place in the team. It's good competition."

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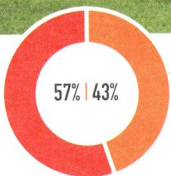


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DONCASTER GOAL: MAY 80 | **TOWN GOALS:** COOK 54

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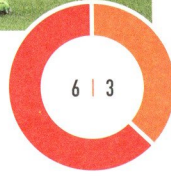
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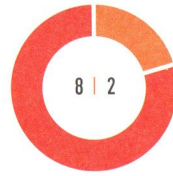
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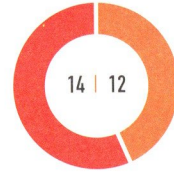
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STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters remain fourth in Sky Bet League Two after taking a deserved point from their visit to table-topping Doncaster Rovers, who had trailed for more than a quarter of the game following Jordan Cook's fourth goal of the season early in the second half.

The Town had dug deep at times to keep the Yorkshiremen at bay, but Cook's third goal in his last six matches had given them a lead they did not look like surrendering on an afternoon when chances were few and far between.

Ultimately, Darren Ferguson's Rovers maintained their unbeaten record at the Keepmoat Stadium thanks to substitute Alfie May's contentious goal ten minutes from time, with Hatters boss Nathan Jones and Cook believing the midfielder was fouled in the build-up.

Cook's expertly driven finish across Ian Lawlor from the right side of the penalty box into the bottom left corner gave Town the lead after he'd been played in by Isaac Vassell with the Hatters on the break.

The hosts brought the game level though with 80 minutes on the clock, as May slotted the ball past Matt Macey into the bottom corner after Gary McSheffrey appeared to foul Cook before playing the recent signing from Non-League Hythe Town through on goal.



JONES: We deserved to win the game



"I am really proud of my team, I thought we were excellent. We came here with a game plan and I thought we were absolutely excellent.

"I thought we deserved to win the game, I didn't envisage them scoring. I thought we looked really dangerous and we had the better chances.

"I said to them before, big players turn up in big games and we needed our big players to turn up – and they did.

"There were some outstanding performances. Glen Rea put in a performance in the middle of the park which was outstanding, and I thought Danny Hylton showed why he is the best in the league.

"I thought all the back four were excellent, they negated everything they came up against. They have got a good front pair in Andy Williams and John Marquis, and with James Coppinger backing them up, they are a real potent threat.

"I felt we would have been comfortable if we had matched them and gone man for man all over, but we didn't.

"We came here and we were brave. I am really disappointed because three points would have been a real big statement here."

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[SCOTT CUTHBERT ON DONCASTER]

"I'VE SCOTT MY SELF-BELIEF BACK"

AND IT'S DOWN TO THE GAFFER, SAYS CAPTAIN CUTHBERT

Hatters captain Scott Cuthbert was full of praise for his team-mates after last Saturday's 1-1 draw at Doncaster, deflecting plaudits that were aimed in his direction for his own impressive recent form.

The Scottish defender has been a pillar of strength at the back for Nathan Jones' side this season, playing some of the finest football of his career as part of League Two's second-best defence, with only Portsmouth conceding less goals going into the weekend.

The 29-year-old said: "The manager has a lot of belief in me, and he's put a lot of self-belief back into me as well, so I'm enjoying it.

"Your self-belief grows with playing well. The manager has got a great way about him – all the coaching staff do.

"I feel like I'm playing well at the moment and I just want to continue that – I don't want to start over thinking things. I just want to keep doing well and as long as the team are doing well, that's all the matters. It's a great squad to be part of and hopefully we can just keep on going and get up there in that top three. That's the aim."

Jordan Cook netted the Town's goal on their trip to south Yorkshire, and when asked about the ex-Walsall man's form, Cuthbert said: "He's doing very well. His balls into the box from set pieces are causing a lot of teams a lot of problems too, and we are looking a lot more dangerous from them.

"He was excellent today and took his goal really well. It was a great strike. He's got that quality and we see that every day. I'm delighted that he's showing it now."

Next he was asked about Arsenal loanee Matt Macey, the 22-year-old goalkeeper who made his fourth appearance in a row against Rovers.

"I think Matt's been excellent," said Cuthbert. "It's always hard for a goalkeeper to come in, especially after big Christian Walton, who did so well. He's a big boy, he comes



and commands his box, and as a defender, I love that from a goalkeeper.

"He comes out, he's dominant and his kicking is good as well. He's done really well and he's another young lad who's got a bright future."

And on central defensive partner Alan Sheehan, who like Cuthbert, won virtually every header against Donny front pair John Marquis and Andy Williams, he said: "He's doing very well. He's quite deceptively good in the air, Sheez. You don't expect it with his height, but he's got a good leap and he won a lot of the balls today. He's done excellently recently.

"Marquis has scored goals in this league for quite a few teams. I've played against him and Andy Williams quite a lot throughout my career and we know their strengths. It's tough to play against them. Their movement is very good, one of the best in this league, and I felt as a team we managed that very well."

HE'S ONE TOUGH COOKIE

A WEEK AFTER BEING TAKEN TO HOSPITAL, JORDAN'S BACK WITH A BANG!

Seven days after being stretchered off with a suspected neck injury, Jordan Cook was on the scoresheet as his goal against league leaders Doncaster Rovers helped the Hatters to a point at the Keepmoat Stadium.

The 26-year-old went down in the first-half against Crawley Town after getting a bang to the neck as he was challenged by Conor Henderson.

Although he felt fine, as a precaution the ex-Sunderland and Walsall forward was taken to the L&D Hospital for scans which came back as all clear.

Cook said: "I was saying I was all right, I wanted to play on. I didn't want to get taken off as I thought I was getting in the game, playing well again and I just want to keep on scoring goals.

"Anything for head and neck they have to take you off and get scans to make sure everything's all right. I'm just glad the lads won. I was checking the score in hospital, so I was in hospital celebrating when we won, so it was all right."

Last Saturday against Donny, Cook gave the Hatters the lead with a fine strike, but his side were eventually pegged back after Alfie May's goal ten minutes from time levelled the score.

The summer signing from the Saddlers thinks the Hatters should be in the automatic spots, as they were left incredibly disappointed with just a point against Rovers.

"We should be, we definitely should be [in the top three]," Cook continued. "That's the most disappointing thing for us, but we will never give in.

"You should have seen us in there. It looks as if we have lost a play-off final the way everyone is gutted...and we got a draw at the league leaders and we should have won.

"I think that just sums up this squad and our mentality that we will never give in, and we will always push to the last minute.

"We can take a lot of positives from the game. They're top of the league and we absolutely battered them, we deserved all three points and I am just gutted we didn't take them back home."

His goal made it three strikes in his last six appearances, with his manager, Nathan Jones, wanting him to push forward more often.

"He has been getting onto me a lot more to get into those positions," added Cook. "It's those positions that I like to get in. Luckily Vass has seen the pass and it's a great ball."

The reaction of the fans really caught Cook's eye as he celebrated his goal, so much so he wasn't entirely sure what to do with himself!

He said: "The scenes, the fans coming down, it was unbelievable! It erupted, it went off, I didn't know what to do. I just started going mental!"



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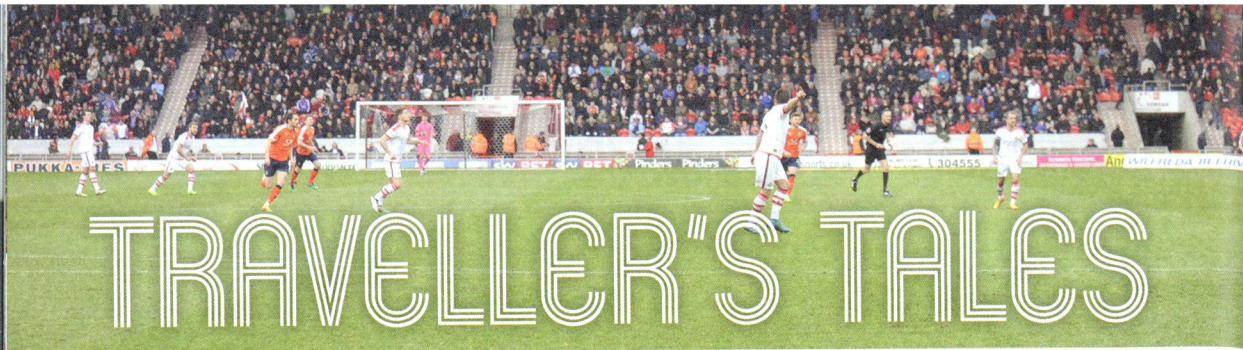
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ON A DAY OF FA CUP GIANTKILLING INVOLVING A FORMER LUTON PLAYER ON THE RECEIVING END THIS TIME, THE TOWN CAN'T QUITE KILL OFF LEAGUE LEADERS DONCASTER AT FORTRESS KEEPMOAT – BUT HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER IS STILL FULL OF PRIDE...

THE JOURNEY

8.30am – 9.00am – It was a late-ish start time for the trip to the leaders Doncaster. This is a huge game and I've got to be honest, I've been pretty excited about this one for a while so I have been ready to set off for some time. Off to Ampthill to pick up the coach.

9.20 – On the coach at Ampthill and off we go through the villages heading to Luton to pick up the rest of the travelling party.

10.10 – Two coaches are completely full up and we're off up the M1 to Yorkshire. It appears the Keepmoat is a new ground for many. I've seen the Town play here before though.

12.15 – We've made excellent headway so it is time for a stop off at Tibshelf services. Time to grab a quick McDonald's before getting back on the coach!

12.45 – Everyone is back on and off to Doncaster we go. Spending the rest of the journey keeping tabs on the Burnley vs Lincoln FA Cup game. It's 0-0 when we leave the services.

THE GROUND

1.35 – We've made it to Doncaster and we're parked up outside the Keepmoat Stadium. Some head off the coach to the bar at the ground, but not feeling 100 per cent, I give that a miss and stay on the coach.

Half-time at Turf Moor. 0-0. Mixed feelings. I like the underdog but with Andre Gray playing I wouldn't be averse to Burnley winning!

1.55 – I've managed to lay my hands on a programme which I'll have a proper look through later on, but a quick glance shows a section from the programme on the final day of the 2004-05 season when we drew 3-3 having already won League One. Good idea that and more than happy to spend some time reminiscing!

2.15 – Oh my word! Just as we're about to leave the coach to go into the stadium Lincoln score late on at Burnley! Reminds me of the Town winning at Norwich that. Fair play to them if they hold on.

2.30 – We're in the ground now and news has come through that Lincoln have held on. Unbelievable result that one. Up in the stands a large Town contingent are forming behind the goal in the Corsan Northern Stand.

THE MATCH

3.01 – Out come the teams. Town in orange today. Doncaster in a special white shirt for charity. Three changes for the Town with Cuthbert, Smith and Cook back for Mullins, Gambin and D'Ath. Away we go. Town kicking away from the Luton fans, of which there are plenty.

3.12 – Quiet start to the match although Isaac Vassell looks like he might have some joy against the Donny back three today. First chance falls to Doncaster. The No.10 breaks into the box but Cuthbert deflects the shot over. A bit of pinball from the resulting corner but Macey claims comfortably.

3.25 – Another half chance for the hosts. A cross is flicked on towards goal but Scott Cuthbert again deflects over.

3.32 – Half chance for the Town. The ball is worked to the back post towards Vassell but the cross is just too high for him and he can't direct the header.

3.48 – That's half-time. Competitive game, although one which is devoid of chances. Doncaster look there for the taking in the second half though.

4.03 – We're back underway. No changes to either side. Big 45 minutes coming up!

4.12 – THE TOWN LEAD!!! Get in! A wonderful move which begins on the touchline in our own half sees Isaac Vassell play a one-two with Danny Hylton who has done brilliantly, before Vassell plays a superb ball into the channel for Cook. Without touching it he looks up and spans it home to send the Town fans behind the goal absolutely bonkers!

4.18 – What an atmosphere in the away end! Absolutely brilliant scenes. Hopefully it spurs the lads to hold on under the inevitable siege that is to come.

4.21 – Oooh. Sheehan's cross just misses Cuthbert at the back stick. Close!

4.26 – Nearly a chance for the Town. Pelly goes on one of his surging runs. Vassell is screaming for it in the middle but the chance goes as the ball is overrun. Fancy us on the break here though.

4.38 – Oh no. Doncaster level. Cook is robbed on the halfway line and the ball is slid through to May who has just come on. He shoots before Macey gets set and the ball finds the net. Let's go again Town. Ten minutes to find a winner.

4.50 – Close at the death! The ball into the box is worked to the edge of it, where Glen Rea runs onto it. He slices wide though and a couple of minutes later that is that. 1-1.

4.51 – Town staff and players come over to applaud the Luton fans who made a wonderful noise all afternoon. Mixed feeling of pride at how good

our club from players to fans were today, with disappointment we couldn't hang on for a win we were good value for.

MAN OF THE MATCH

5.10 – Back on the coach and it is that time again. Once again I gave it to Scott Cuthbert. Positionally flawless and his desire and determination not to let the home side score was fantastic. Yet another captain's performance from the big centre-half.

THE PROGRAMME

5.30 – A better look through the programme details a few pages on Luton, and combined with that nostalgic section I mentioned earlier, this was a very good read.

SUMMARY

8.15 – After making superb ground on the way back and after a short stop at Watford Gap services, we're back in Luton and unloading the majority of the travellers.

9.15 – Back home now. Still a tinge of disappointment but that has largely been replaced by pride. Days like today are what makes our club so special. Against the odds we



deliver the goods and as we continue our good form, I'm sure there will be more days like that to come.

So proud of the quality and the effort the players showed and even more proud of the wonderful support the 1,619 Town fans gave the side. I'm certain this is going to be a real springboard for the rest of the season and especially the two big games coming up next week!



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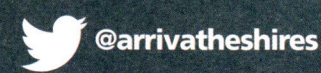
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SMUDGE ON THE SPOT

How did you get into football?

My Dad used to take me to watch Preston North End (my local team), and also I did cubs and they had a football team, so that was probably my first involvement in football.

After your loan spell at Kenilworth Road, you made it clear you wanted to sign permanently for the club. What attracted you the most?

I think it was the potential of the club. All the fans and the size of the club, and even walking into the training ground, meant I could see it was only going one way, and I wanted to be a part of that. I felt like there was definitely a few promotions that could be made if I stuck with it.

What is your favourite memory in a Luton shirt?

I've got a few to be honest, but my favourite one would probably have to be the winning the league because you can't beat promotion and it only comes around once in a while. Another one though is beating Norwich away in the FA Cup because you don't see a Non-League team beating a Premier League team very often, so for us to do that was a big achievement.



Alex & Jonathan

Do you have any match day routines or superstitions?

Yeah, I have a few routines. Before a game, on a Friday I'll have some sort of big pasta dish to get my energy up. If it's a Tuesday night game I'll try and wake up early and have a sleep in the afternoon, so I feel like I have more energy for the game. If it's a Saturday game I like to get up early as well and then have a little mid-morning sleep before going to the game. I don't really have many superstitions but I know Danny Hylton has loads!

After your leg break against Barnet on Boxing Day 2013, how hard was it to sit out for four months?

Yeah, it was quite tough. More so I think because of our position in the league, we were right up there. It was the first real injury I'd had though, the first period of time where I couldn't

play, so I tried to use my time wisely and tried to improve my game. It was tough but I think it's made me stronger in the long run.

Do you have any tips for Cameron on his recovery?

Cameron's working really hard as we speak and has some good people around him, so I think he's got it all sorted. I have told him any time he needs some help he can just give me a shout. As far as Cameron is concerned I don't think he could be working any harder.

Who's the best player you've played against?

I've played against quite a few big name players, but the one that stands out is a player called Tugay Kerimoglu, a Turkish midfielder who played for Blackburn. I played against him when I was younger and I don't think he gave the ball away the whole game. I would try and get close to him and he would just see me coming, it was like he had eyes in the back of his head!

What's your favourite goal you've scored for Luton?



I don't think I've scored enough, I would've liked to score more. I scored a volley against Wycombe on Boxing Day which was nice, because there's always a big crowd and it was quite a local game, so I'd probably say that one.

You are one of the most consistent performers at the club and have just passed 150 appearances. What motivates you to play with the same enthusiasm every week?

The winning mentality, which I've always had. I love to win and whatever I do, whether it's playing tennis against my girlfriend or playing a football match, I want to come out on top. As well as that I always have my own motivations to do well and the main motivation at the moment is to get to Wembley, win the Trophy and get promotion.

Who's the worst player to share a room with on away trips?

I've had some good room-mates to be fair, but I once shared a room with Matt Robinson (ex Luton midfielder) and he snored really badly. I ended up going down to reception with my

bank card and asking for another room but because there was a wedding on in the hotel, there was no rooms spare and I had to try and get back to sleep next to him!

What's Nathan Jones like as a manager?

He's really good and he's a top coach. There are no grey areas in the way he wants us to play, he's very thorough in what we do, he's really enthusiastic and a great motivator. He reminds me slightly of Paolo di Canio, who I played under at Swindon. He's not as extreme as him, but they both have a real drive to win and Luton are very lucky to have him.

How do you relax away from football?

I've got a little girl who's 18 months, so she takes up a lot of my time up at the moment! I've been doing a lot of yoga to keep me flexible. I also have a dog that I walk and I like to spend time with friends when I can, but football does take up most of my time!

You were voted Players' Player of the Season for the 2014/15 campaign. How good does it feel to be recognised by your peers?

Yeah that was great, anyone will tell you the award you want to win is that one. I would've swapped it for promotion though, there's no doubt about that. It's nice to get the personal awards but promotion is the one everyone wants!

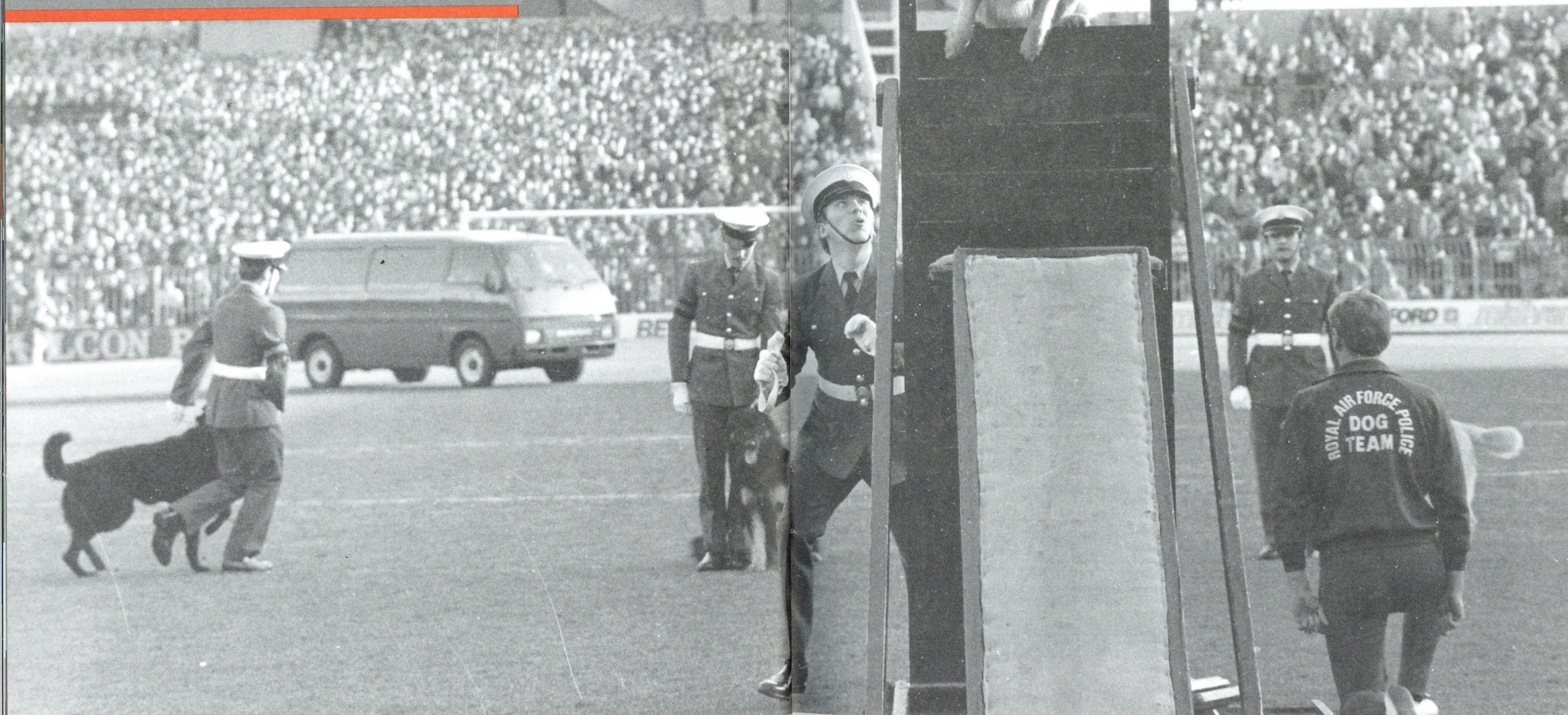
What would you like to achieve in the future at the club?

For here and now, my target is to get promotion and to win the Trophy. In the future, I'd like to still be here when the new stadium comes because that'll be exciting, but for now it's just promotion and the Trophy!

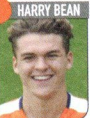





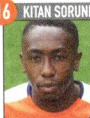

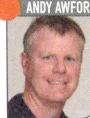
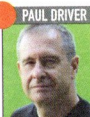
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CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES

One of the benefits of the artificial surface laid at Kenilworth Road between 1985 and 1991 was the half-time entertainment(!). Here we see dogs giving a display in front of the penned in and therefore captive Manchester United fans behind the Kenilworth Road end goal.



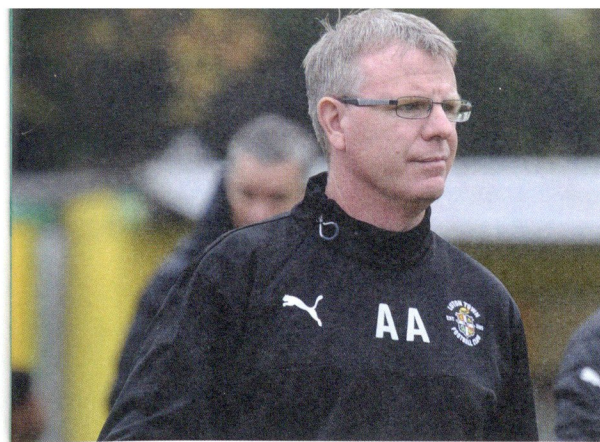
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[ACADEMY UPDATE]

ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Plymouth Argyle.

U18S

Well done to Paul Driver and the youth team for progressing to the Youth Alliance Southern League Cup Area Final after beating Plymouth Argyle in a competitive semi-final.

The game finished 1-1 after 90 minutes. Connor Tomlinson had given us a deserved lead in a first half we totally dominated and probably should have been further ahead.

Credit to Plymouth for pegging us back in the second half, however we managed to reach our second consecutive final, winning 4-3 on penalties.

A long trip down to AFC Bournemouth for the final on Tuesday March 21st, 7.30pm kick off now awaits us, and hopefully we can get through and defend the cup that we won last season away at Shrewsbury.

The Northern Final sees Rochdale and Bury go head to head. Exciting times for the U18s and great experience for them again.

The U18s kicked off their Merit League 1 schedule last weekend with a hard earned 1-1 draw away at Swindon Town. The Merit League sees us face the other top five teams from our South-East league along with the top five from the South-West league.



Long away trips to Bristol Rovers and Exeter City are ahead, but again this will provide the players with a rich experience and aid their overall development. As we did last season, we will use the Merit League to test and give valuable experience to our U16s, and whilst we all want to win every fixture we take part in, the development of the individual players will take priority in these games. Southend United were our opponents away in Essex this morning.

U14S

Our U14s travelled up to St George's Park for a Futsal tournament last weekend. They were joined by a variety of teams from the Premier League and the EFL and ran out a valiant third place. Well done to all the boys and staff for a great effort.

Enjoy today's game.

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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY **KEVIN THOBURN**,
HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

TODAY IS KICK IT OUT DAY AT KENILWORTH ROAD

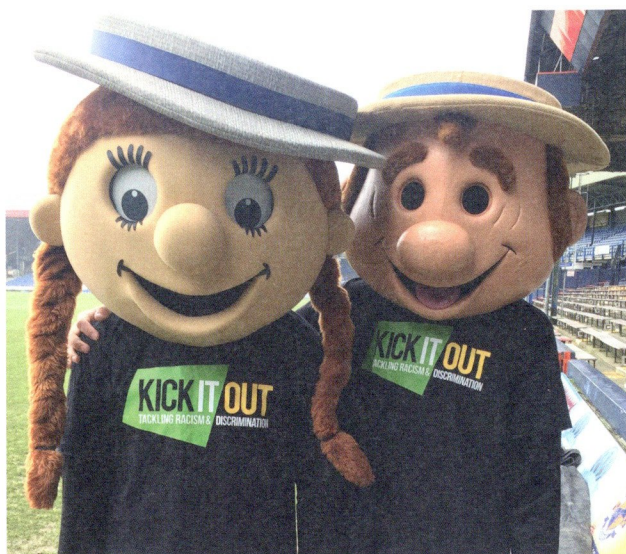
Tonight's fixture against Plymouth has been dedicated to celebrating the work of 'Kick it Out', football's equality and inclusion organisation and we are proud to see both sets of players, match officials and Happy Harry and Hatty wearing KICK IT OUT T-shirts in their warm-ups in support of the campaign.

Kick It Out is primarily a campaigning organisation which enables, facilitates and works with the football authorities, professional clubs, players, fans and communities to tackle all forms of discrimination.

The campaign has been pivotal in persuading and supporting the game's stakeholders to take their equality responsibilities seriously. The vision is that football will be a sport where people flourish in a supportive community, and where fairness is openly and transparently practiced and enforced for the good of all participants.

Kick it Out seeks to promote awareness of the benefits of equality, inclusion, diversity policies and practices in football, expose and challenge all aspects of discrimination and unfair practices and conduct at all levels of football, as well as sharing information about good practices being pursued to achieve equality.

We hope Kick it Out matchdays such as today's significantly increase the awareness of inclusion and diversity, and the consequences of inappropriate behaviour across all levels of football, and to clearly show the importance of exposing inequalities and the positive value and impact that can be made through collective action.



As part of today's campaign we have held workshops with local schools and everyone at Luton Town FC firmly endorses all of Kick it Out's objectives and aims, and we are proud to highlight the work they do.

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Monday sees the start of Term 3 of our 2017 Skills Performance Centre talent identification programme, which feeds into our youth development structure.

We have 12 regional football development centres, with three in Luton, open to all youngsters aged from school year 2 up to year 11.

The Skills coaching centres offer a nine-week programme ending with a trial match for everyone. Successful boys then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-academy development centres, with eventual pathways into our youth academy. The centres are open to all abilities and below we have listed all of our weekly centres.

Our successful 'Skills' Development Programme is now in its ninth year of operation and provides high quality coaching for up and coming

young footballers. Whether you're an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a newcomer, wanting to develop the basics, the Skills Programme has something to offer you.

To date over 70 players have been signed into our development programme through the Skills programme, which has proved our most successful recruitment tool in the past. The cost is £45 per term, which includes nine practical sessions and one assessment. In addition to the trial match, players will receive a report on their personal development during the nine-week programme. If your coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term

you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Centre of Excellence/ Pre-Academy. Players who display talent can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate. All players receive a written player assessment towards the end of the nine-week term.

Our weekly centres run in Arlesey, Bedford, Dunstable, Flitwick/ Ampthill, Harpenden, Kempston, Leighton Buzzard, Luton (3), Milton Keynes, and St Albans and if you would like further information on the programme starting next week, simply ring the Community Trust office on 01582 737568 or email us at tips@lutontown.co.uk for an information leaflet.

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Last week the first team were out in force at our soccer camps handing out medals and coaching tips to almost 300 soccer crazy youngsters all over Luton and Bedfordshire.

The visits make such a difference to all our young fans and even though

lots turn up predictably in Premier League club outfits, it's only through this 'real' contact with the Club that we can show the next generation of football fans that we are their local club and worth supporting.

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TOWN LADIES REACH COUNTY CUP FINAL

BY ROSIE BONASS

Town progressed into the County Cup final after beating Bedford in a penalty shoot-out after a thrilling local derby that finished 3-3.

Nicola Henman put the Hatters ahead in the first half but Town failed to capitalise on their bright start and soon after the interval, Charlene Moreton equalised for the visitors.

Bedford went on to take the lead twice through Olivia Cunningham and Moreton, but Town fought back on two occasions with goals from Rachel Carter and Erica Byron to force the game into penalties.

They went on to win 4-3 on spot-kicks as Byron, Joanne Rutherford, Henman and Dione Manning all converted their efforts and Bedford missed two of theirs as goalkeeper Jessica Devoti saved Moreton's, and former Hatters player Michelle Byrne fired wide.

Town took the lead on 34 minutes after Jess McKay combined on the right with Lucy Webster, who drilled the ball into the box and Henman finished from close range.

Moreton equalised for the visitors in the 68th minute with a superb chip

over Devoti from the edge of the box, and 16 minutes later they went 2-1 up – Moreton involved again as she set up Cunningham to finish well into the bottom corner.

Town proved to be a great threat from set pieces and produced an instant response, Carter making it 2-2 with a powerful header from a corner.

With eight minutes left to play, Bedford regained their lead as Fensome set up Moreton for a tap-in, but the game wasn't over and Town continued to press for an equaliser, Byron scoring in the dying minutes from a Rutherford corner to make it 3-3 and take the tie to penalties.

The Hatters will now meet Offley & Stopsley in the County Cup final for the second year running, with the game to be played on 19th April.

After the game, Nikki Baker said: "I am very happy to be in the final. At the beginning of the season, retaining the cup was on our target list and getting to the final gives us a big

chance to do that.

"We allowed Bedford to get at us and I was extremely disappointed to go behind twice after we were in total control of the game.

"We did a lot of work this week on our mental side of the game, and I just asked for total commitment from the girls and I think I got that.

"Lucy was outstanding, as she always is, and she actually created our first goal and then went on another run, getting the foul leading to the equaliser.

"And I am especially pleased with Dionne, who made her comeback from injury today after four months. She came on at a difficult time in the game when we just went behind, and then kept her head to score the winning penalty."

The Development side also came from behind to beat Tower Hamlets 5-3 – Lucy Tape, with two, Kezia Hassall, Morgan Patterson and Jodie McClelland on target.



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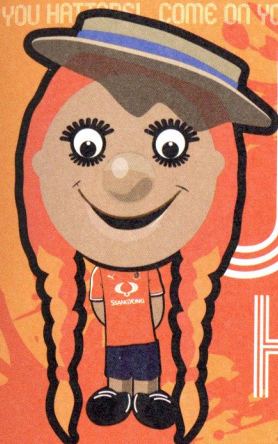
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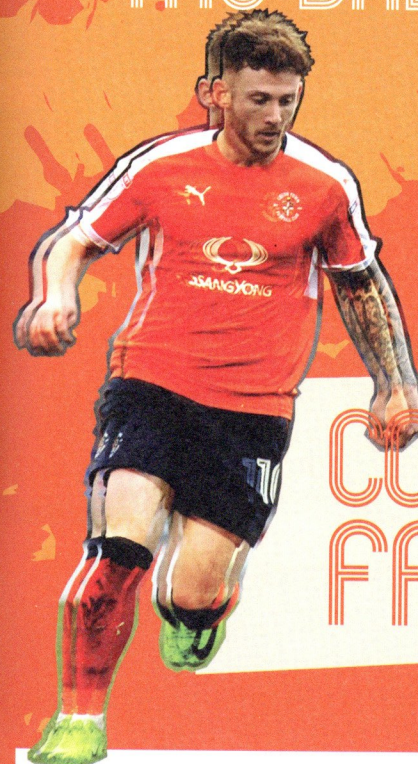


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We've sneakily hidden the ball in the image on the right from our match with Doncaster. Can you guess which square it should be in?

SPOT THE BALL



COOKIE FACTS

Hatters #10 Jordan Cook gave the Town the lead against Doncaster last week with a fine strike. Can you guess which of the following statements are true and which are false?

- A) Jordan Cook was formerly a chef at a restaurant in London.
- B) Jordan Cook hails from 'Hetton-le-Hole' in the North East.
- C) Jordan Cook began his professional career at Sunderland.
- D) Jordan Cook's favourite type of biscuits are 'Garibaldi's'.
- E) Jordan Cook made a total of 83 appearances for Walsall.

Answers appear at the bottom of this page.



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Plymouth Argyle, also known by their nickname of 'the Pilgrims' and were founded a year after the Hatters in 1886. Argyle currently sit in second place in the League Two table with a 5 point advantage over Luton, so there's plenty at stake today. The Luton lads will be hoping for a similar result to their 3-0 win away at Home Park on the opening day of this season.

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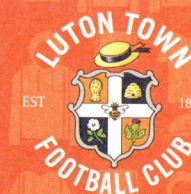
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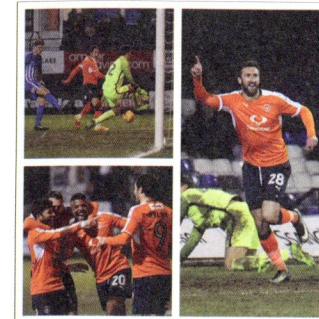
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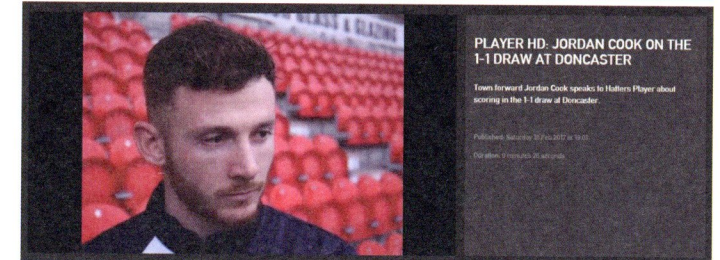
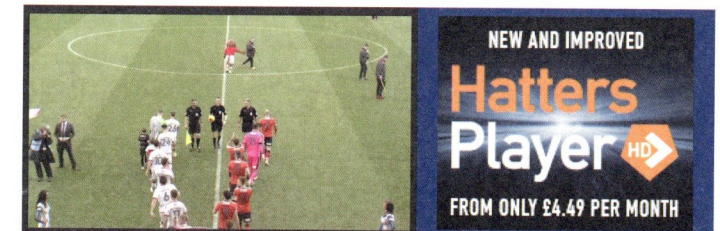
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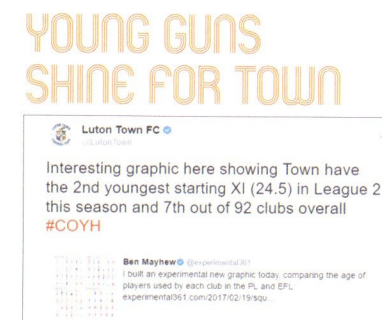
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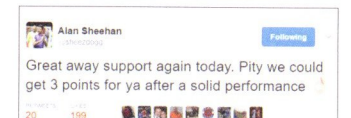


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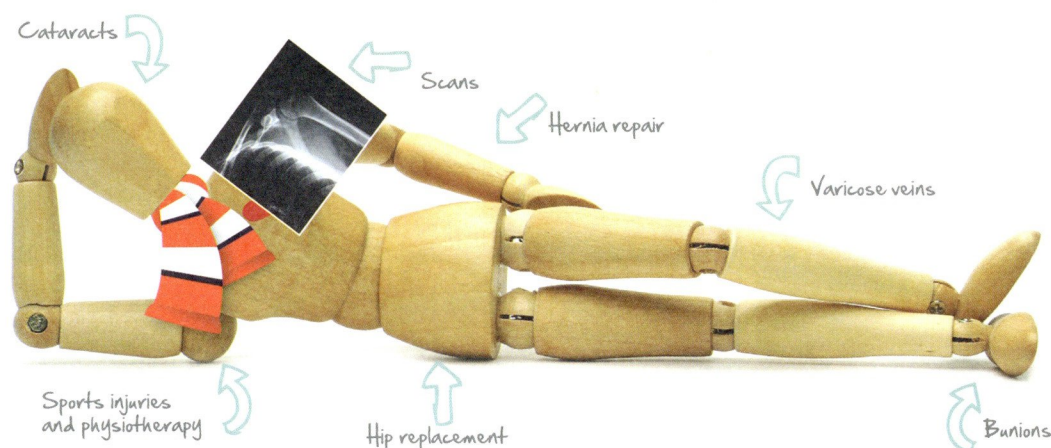
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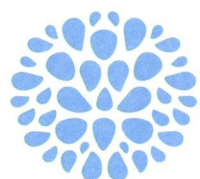


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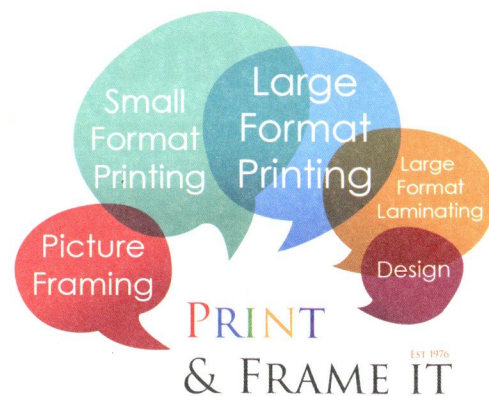
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LEAGUELOOK

[LEAGUE TWO ROUND-UP]

TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

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

LAST WEEK'S LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

Accrington P-P Cambridge
Colchester 1-0 Wycombe
Newport 1-1 Morecambe

Cambridge 3-2 Newport

Cheltenham 2-0 Yeovil
Crawley 1-3 Morecambe
Doncaster 1-1 Luton Town
Exeter City 1-1 Stevenage

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Accrington 2-1 Colchester
Barnet 1-1 Portsmouth
Blackpool 2-2 Crewe

Grimsby 3-0 Mansfield
Hartlepool 1-1 Plymouth
Leyton 2-3 Notts
Wycombe 1-2 Carlisle

PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										LTC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		CAREER		APPS	GLS	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0		
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	0	0	5	0
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	2	(2)	0	2	(2)	0	1	0	14	0
Jordan Cook	23	(4)	3	4	(1)	1	27	(5)	4	4	1	32	4
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	25	(1)	1	3	(2)	0	28	(3)	1	4	0	71	1
Lawson D'Ath	2	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(2)	0	0	0	4	0
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	3	(0)	0	4	(2)	0	1	0	6	0
Luke Gambin	5	(2)	1	0	(0)	0	5	(2)	1	1	0	7	1
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	0	30	6
Freddie Hinds	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0
Danny Hylton	27	(1)	14	5	(0)	4	32	(1)	18	11	1	33	18
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	0	4	0
Ollie Lee	16	(6)	0	5	(1)	0	21	(7)	0	7	0	67	3
Matt Macey	3	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	0	0	4	0
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(2)	0	2	(2)	1	2	(4)	1	1	0	40	5
Jack Marriott	22	(7)	5	4	(2)	4	26	(9)	9	1	0	79	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	20	(8)	0	5	(2)	0	25	(10)	0	5	1	101	5
Stuart Moore	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Johnny Mullins	20	(2)	0	5	(0)	1	25	(2)	1	1	2	27	1
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	1	5	(0)	1	0	0	8	1
Stephen O'Donnell	19	(1)	1	6	(3)	2	25	(4)	3	1	0	62	4
Ollie Palmer	0	(4)	1	0	(0)	0	0	(4)	1	1	0	4	1
Dan Potts	16	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	18	(1)	0	3	1	35	0
Glen Rea	22	(3)	1	7	(0)	1	29	(3)	2	9	1	42	2
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Jack Senior	7	(1)	0	5	(0)	0	12	(1)	0	2	0	13	0
Alan Sheehan	18	(3)	2	4	(0)	1	22	(3)	3	3	1	45	4
Jonathan Smith	8	(11)	1	8	(2)	1	16	(13)	2	5	0	170	11
Jack Snelus	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Isaac Vassell	11	(15)	4	5	(5)	4	16	(20)	8	2	0	36	8
Christian Walton	27	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	33	(0)	0	1	0	33	0

FIXTURESPILE-UP

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

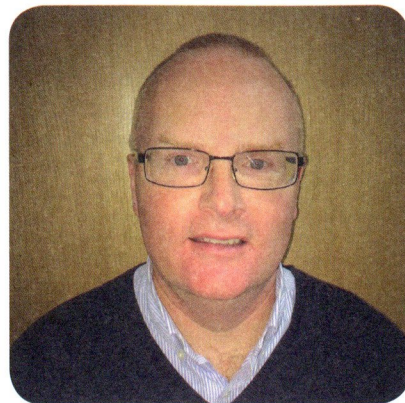
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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS																
AUGUST																									
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1	SMITH 1	Lee	Gray	Justin	Vassell	McQuoid	King
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Smith	Cuthbert	Cook	Vassell	Lee	McQuoid	Famewo
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton	O'DONNELL 1	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Cook	McGeehan	Mpanzu	Hylton	Marriott	Gray	Smith	Vassell	Gray	King	Justin	Famewo
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 2	Cook	Hylton	Marriott	Famewo	Mpanzu	Vassell	McQuoid	Smith	Gray	King
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	L 1-2	3,517	1,674	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Rea	Potts	Lee	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	Cook	Hylton	Marriott	Cook	Vassell	McQuoid	Smith	Cuthbert	King	Justin
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Leeds United (EFL Cup 2)	L 0-1	7,498	1,510	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee	Smith	McGeehan	Gray	HYLTON	Marriott	Cook	Mpanzu	Vassell	Smith	Cuthbert	McQuoid	Famewo
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-0	5,606	1,690	2	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1	Cuthbert	Smith	Vassell	Gray	McQuoid	King	Justin
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King	Cotter	MUSONDA 1	Famewo	Justin	Bakinson	SMITH 1	Gray	Banton	Vassell	McQuoid	Atkinson	Tomlinson	Gooch	Read	Hinds	Bean	Snelus
SEPTEMBER																									
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 4-1	8,097	530	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	COOK 1	HYLTON 3	Marriott	Smith	Vassell	Famewo	Gray	Gilliead	King	Justin
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town	L 1-2	8,005	539	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	Hylton	Marriott	REA 1	Vassell	Gilliead	Smith	Cuthbert	Gray	King
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 0-2	2,904	1,052	7	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Smith	McGeehan	Cook	Vassell	McQuoid	Hylton	Marriott	Gilliead	O'Donnell	Smith	McQuoid	King
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-1	7,917	554	3	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 2	Cook	HYLTON	MARRIOTT 1	Sheehan	Gray	Gilliead	O'Donnell	Smith	McQuoid	King
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United	D 1-1	3,533	311	2	Walton	Justin	SHEEHAN 1	Famewo	Potts	Lee	Gray	McGeehan	Gilliead	Mpanzu	Marriott	Vassell	Cook	O'Donnell	Smith	McQuoid	Musonda	King
OCTOBER																									
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,660	923	4	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Gilliead	O'Donnell	Gray	McQuoid	Famewo	King
Tues 4	7.30pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)	W 2-0	1,441	89	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	GRAY 1	McGeehan	Mpanzu	McQuoid	Banton	Vassell	Hinds	Snelus	Cotter	Read	Gooch	King
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra	D 1-1	7,716	254	5	Walton	Justin	Sheehan	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Gray	McGeehan	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Gilliead	Rea	McQuoid	O'Donnell	Smith	King	Justin
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-1	5,471	1,341	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Cook	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Mullins	Gray	Mpanzu	Banton	Vassell	King
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	D 1-1	7,787	295	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	Cook	Marriott	Mpanzu	Vassell	Lee	Smith	Mullins	Mackail-Smith	King
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Notts. County	D 0-0	6,313	2,033	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Mullins	Rea	Cook	McGeehan	Gilliead	Hylton	Marriott	Lee	Mpanzu	Vassell	Potts	Smith	Gray	King
NOVEMBER																									
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Exeter City (FAC1)	W 3-1	2,972	310	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	REA 1	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 2	Gilliead	Smith	Mackail-Smith	O'Donnell	Gray	Potts	Vassell	King
Tue 8	7.30pm	H	Millwall (EFL Trophy)	L 1-3	2,251	370	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	McQuoid	Mackail-Smith	Vassell	Banton	Hinds	Read	Snelus	Cotter	Bean	Gooch
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 1-0	8,008	101	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook	McGeehan	Gilliead	Hylton	Marriott	Vassell	Smith	Mullins	O'Donnell	Gray	Mackail-Smith	King
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	W 2-0	1,507	520	4	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Marriott	Smith	Gray	O'Donnell	McQuoid	Mackail-Smith	King
Tue 22	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-3	8,808	975	5	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Vassell	Cook	Marriott	Mackail-Smith	O'Donnell	Smith	Cuthbert	King
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 0-0	3,823	634	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook	McGeehan	Mullins	Hylton	Vassell	Mpanzu	Gilliead	Marriott	O'Donnell	Smith	Mackail-Smith	King
DECEMBER																									
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Solihull Moors (FAC2)	W 6-2	3,512	635	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	MULLINS 1	Cook	McGeehan	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 2	O'DONNELL 2	Potts	Vassell	Smith	Mpanzu	Lee	King
Tues 6	7.45pm	A	Swindon Town (EFL Trophy)	W 3-2	1,692	134	-	King	Justin	Musonda	Senior	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Gray	VASSELL 1	McQuoid 2	Mackail-Smith	Bakinson	Tomlinson	Banton	Cotter	Snelus	Gooch
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United	D 1-1	7,953	380	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Smith	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Gilliead	Mpanzu	Cook	Smith	Lee	King	Justin
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W2-0	3,992	1,095	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee	McGeehan	Gilliead	Hylton	MARRIOTT 1	Mpanzu	Vassell	Smith	Cook	Senior	McQuoid	King
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	L 0-1	9,164	490	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee	McGeehan	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Vassell	Mpanzu	Cook	Gray	Gray	Gooch	King
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Barnet	W 3-1	8,262	494	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	SHEEHAN 1	Potts	Mullins	Rea	McGEEHAN 1	Smith	Hylton	Cook	Justin	Lee	Gray	Marriott	McQuoid	King	Justin
JANUARY																									
Mon 2	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	17,402	1,547	6	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Smith	McGeehan	Gilliead	Hylton	Cook	Mpanzu	Lee	Vassell	Marriott	Senior	McQuoid	King
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley (FAC3)	L 1-2	1,717	482	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mullins	Lee	Smith	McGeehan	GRAY 1	McQuoid	Lee	Marriott	Mpanzu	Cook	Senior	D'Ath	King
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	Chesterfield (EFL Trophy)	W 4-0	1,655	152	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Musonda	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	Gray	Cook	MARRIOTT 2	Lee	VASSELL 1	Banton	Mullins	Bakinson	Cotter	King
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-1	4,368	995	6	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Mullins	Mpanzu	Cook	D'Ath	Gray	Hylton	MARRIOTT 1	Smith	Senior	Vassell	O'Donnell	Lee	Mackail-Smith	King
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	5,387	1,800	6	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Mullins	Mpanzu	Smith	Gambin	Gray	Hylton	Marriott	Rea	Vassell	O'Donnell	D'Ath	Cook	Mackail-Smith	King
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	8,917	997	4	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith	Gambin	COOK 1	VASSELL 1	Marriott	D'Ath	Sheehan	Mackail-Smith	O'Donnell	Gray	Lee	King
Tue 31	7.45pm	H	Cheltenham Town	L 2-3	6,708	83	5	Moore	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith	Gambin	Cook	VASSELL 1	Marriott	Lee	D'Ath	Gray	O'Donnell	Banton	Sheehan	King
FEBRUARY																									
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town	D 1-1	5,114	468	5	Moore	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Gray	Gambin	Cook	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 2	Palmer	Sheehan	Marriott	O'Donnell	Lee	D'Ath	Macey
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Yeovil Town (EFL Trophy)	W 5-2	2,480	88	5	Macey	O'Donnell	Mullins	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	SHEEHAN 1	Smith	COOK 1	HYLTON 2	Vassell	Cuthbert	Marriott	Justin	Gambin	Gray	Lee	King
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town	W 2-1	7,316	225	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	Smith	COOK	HYLTON 2	Vassell	Palmer	Gambin	Marriott	Gray	D'Ath	Justin	Moore
Tue 14	7.45pm	H	Hartlepool United	W 3-0	6,965	90	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Mullins	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	Smith	D'Ath	HYLTON 1	Vassell	Smith	PALMER 1	Marriott	Cuthbert	Justin	Moore	Moore
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	D 1-1	7,506	1,619	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	Smith	Smith	Hylton	Vassell	Palmer	Gambin	Marriott	Lee	D'Ath	Justin	Moore
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle																						
MARCH																									
Wed 1	7.45pm	H	Oxford United (EFL Trophy)																						
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town																						
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Stevenage																						
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United																						
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Exeter City																						
Tue 21	7.45pm	A	Newport County																						
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Colchester United																						
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WITH SIMON OXLEY

BBC THREE COUNTIES COMMENTATOR



As we conducted last week's post-match analysis, thoughts turned to today's game and "old rivals" Plymouth. That prompted some confused looks from the south Yorkshire press contingent, along the lines of "Luton and Plymouth? Did I miss that geography lesson?"

The explanation of course was Joe Kinnear. It was fitting that we were explaining the Kinnear factor in Doncaster as that's where Joe cut his managerial teeth as assistant to Dave Mackay at the old Belle Vue ground in the late 1980s.

By the time he arrived here in 2001, Joe was one of the most experienced managers around – wise in the ways of the footballing world, and the wind-up! His first press conference started 90 minutes late, a trend which continued but they were always worth waiting for.

It was the football equivalent of a Donald Trump briefing with enough material to fill your airwaves or sports pages until you were in his company again. Plymouth were his targets in the 2001-02 League Two season as the two clubs contested the title.

In the midst of his Plymouth tirades Joe mixed up his naval heroes – Raleigh rather than Drake – and was less than complimentary about the reason people go to Devon (it wasn't for a holiday), but it all added to

the promotion ride as the yet to be bettered spine of Coyne, Nicholls and Howard established itself as the heart of the Hatters team, with the one-season wonder that was Monsieur Valois.

Much has changed in Doncaster meanwhile since Joe's Belle Vue days, and like many of you I ticked off another ground last Saturday. It wasn't the most impressive of new stadiums, but did the job I suppose, although like so many it still contained the same soulless, concrete and brick wall staircases.

I'm no expert on decor, but put a picture up for goodness sake. I trust that when the new Luton stadium is built we will be emptying Roger Wash's attic to cover every available wall space with reminders of decades of football history.

The Keepmoat had much to commend it though, with parking aplenty and a five-minute drive to the motorway, but it lacked something, stuck on an out-of-town industrial estate. The town centre aspect of

the Power Court proposals are what sets it apart, and makes it such a talking point. Many of you will feel that there's too much talking, and Gary Sweet's programme notes a fortnight ago highlighted a further if not unexpected delay.

EXPERIENCE

Local authorities are quick to collect your council tax, but other things can take longer. Speaking from personal experience of my time here during the Kohlerdome years, there was enough paperwork to sink a ship, and enough meetings and inquiry hearings to keep an army of solicitors in new suits.

Having reported on Sundon Springs, Butterfield Green, the Brache, junction 10, junction 11a and junction 12, and the never to be forgotten F1 race track amongst others, I can say with some certainty that this current proposal is the most complete we have seen. Frustrating it may be at present, but this is the closest we have been.

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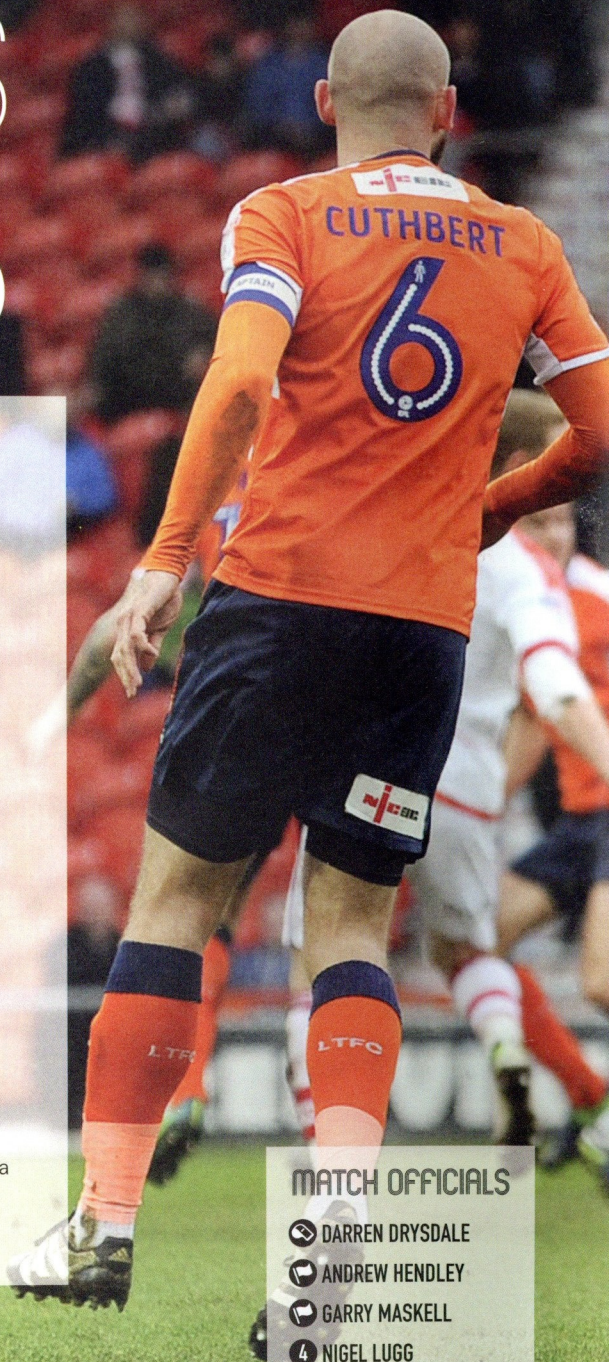
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- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Johnny Mullins
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jake Gray
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Danny Green
- 13 Matt Macey
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Zane Banton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

- 2 Gary Miller
- 3 Gary Sawyer
- 4 Yann Songo'o
- 5 Nauris Bulvitis
- 6 Connor Smith
- 7 Anioni Sarcevic
- 8 Jordan Slew
- 9 Jimmy Spencer
- 10 Graham Carey
- 11 Ryan Donaldson
- 13 Nathan Blissett
- 14 Jake Jervis
- 15 Sonny Bradley
- 16 Matty Kennedy
- 17 Ryan Brunt
- 18 Oscar Threlkeld
- 19 Ryan Taylor
- 20 Louis Rooney
- 21 Vincent Dorel
- 22 David Ijaha
- 23 Luke McCormick
- 24 David Fox
- 25 Marc McCallum
- 26 Paul-Arnold Garita
- 27 Craig Tanner
- 31 Jakub Sokolik



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