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# WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD



## TUESDAY'S GAME AT CARLISLE

For those who can't make the trip to Carlisle on Tuesday night, the big game in the fight for promotion will be 'beamed-back' to Kenilworth Road and shown live on our screens here.

The ground will be open to all supporters with tickets costing just £5 on sale from the ticket office in person or by calling 01582 416976.

All the usual food, drink, snacks and confectionery will be available to purchase, as well as the opportunity to enjoy our well-stocked bars, with doors open from 6pm and car parking free in the main Maple Road car park.

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# THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Welcome to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's game against Stevenage – a fixture that has taken on huge significance with the two clubs sitting next to each other in the Sky Bet League Two play-off places.

I would like to welcome everyone from our visitors – including supporters, directors, staff, manager Darren Sarll and his squad – and I hope they have a safe trip back over the county border this evening.

Stevenage have been on a great run of form recently and I would like to congratulate Darren on winning the division's manager of the month award for February.

We have also been in terrific form, unbeaten in our last six league matches with last Saturday's 4-0 win at my old club Yeovil putting us in the position we've been working towards in recent weeks – to have an automatic promotion spot under our sole control.

We knew going into that game at least one of the teams around us would drop points, with Plymouth and Carlisle playing each other. As it turned out, it was wonderful to come off the pitch and hear that Portsmouth and Exeter had also lost and we'd taken advantage of that.

It had been important to put the disappointment of losing the Checkatrade Trophy semi-final to Oxford behind us as quickly as possible, and we did that with a thoroughly professional performance.

Our one goal for this season has always been promotion and although I was down about the way we lost on the night to Oxford, I was proud of how our young players had performed throughout the run, and also how we played a part in a tremendous game on live TV against a very good League One side.

We travelled down to the West Country earlier than we had planned, staying over for a couple of nights, and I called in a couple of favours from people I know from my time at Yeovil. We were well looked after in a couple of hotels and we trained at Sherborne Town, who were so hospitable.

It was good for the lads to spend a bit of extra time together, but once we got on the pitch it was so important to press early and high, and we got exactly what we deserved with the two goals in the opening half-an-hour.

Yeovil are a dangerous big-game team who'd beaten Plymouth at Huish Park recently. Mick Harford and I also went to see them draw with Portsmouth in the fog, so to play like we did and keep our first clean sheet in a while was wonderful. Now we need to build on it.

We know where we want to be next season and for the first time in a while, that destiny is in our own hands. We will be doing everything in our power to not let that slip and I'm calling on your help too.

The atmosphere against Oxford was electric, especially when we got back to 2-2. Make your voices heard and turn this famous old place into a fortress for the next six games, and we can get the job done together.

Enjoy the game.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nathan Jones'.



# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR **SIMON GIBB**

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Our visitors today for this big game in Sky Bet League Two are Stevenage. We welcome all their fans, players and officials for what in recent weeks has developed into an intriguing fixture at the top of the table.

Stevenage are currently enjoying an excellent run of results with seven wins and a draw in their last eight league games, and this has propelled them into the frame for both automatic promotion or the play-offs, sitting just behind ourselves in sixth place. I was able to get to the early season game at the Lamex Stadium when we deserved to win, but ended up losing to a late breakaway goal as we pushed for victory. Their man to watch is Matt Godden, who is in a rich vein of goalscoring form with 20 goals and seven assists already this season. Let's hope we can keep him quiet and secure an important win today in this six-pointer.

We are also enjoying another good spell in the league and come in to this game following a fabulous 4-0 victory away at Yeovil that took us to fourth place and only one point off automatic promotion, with a game in hand. Danny Hylton scored two more goals taking his tally to 22 for the season and it was no surprise

this week when he was named as the PFA's Fans' Player of the Month for February, following an online vote.

At the same time manager Nathan Jones, who is quietly orchestrating the revolution here, was also recognised for masterminding an unbeaten calendar month consisting of two league wins and three draws – two being against the top two at Doncaster and home to Plymouth – with a nomination for the Sky Bet League Two manager of the month for February. The award may have gone to his opposite number in the Stevenage dugout today, Darren Sarll, but it emphasises the good run the team have been on recently.

Moving from our current stars I am very pleased to say that we welcome the family today of one of the historic stars of this Club, Tommy Hodgson. You will read in Roger Wash's words on page 51 of today's programme about all that Tommy achieved in his many roles over six decades with the Hatters, including playing, scouting, acting manager, director, chairman and president. It is a truly remarkable tale of loyalty and commitment of which I am sure his family are very proud.

I should also welcome our friends from the EFL's partner charity Prostate Cancer UK, whose designated game for the season is today's fixture. I know that in the two years leading up to my arrival here last summer that the ground has been renamed the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium for a game, and that several colleagues joined Jeff Stelling on his fundraising walk last year.

It is a cause that we wholeheartedly support and if football can help get the message through that prostate cancer affects one in eight men – and one in four black men – and that we should all be prepared to take the test, then the beautiful game is doing a great service.

This is our first home game since our loss to Oxford in the Checkatrade Trophy semi-final. It was a real shame to stumble one game from Wembley, but I think you will agree the competition highlighted what excellent potential there is in our squad – a very positive sign for the future. I would like to thank all those fans who made the effort to cheer on the boys. It was a great match with two sides playing good open football, played in a great spirit in front of a really vociferous crowd –





just what cup football is all about! We wish Oxford all the best in the final.

On the subject of your support I would like to express the thanks of the Board to all of you for your magnificent backing. It is a fabulous feeling as a director to go to away games and continually witness our fans out-singing the locals. Looking at our excellent away record suggests the players appreciate it too! It is also great to see you all coming to the home games as well, and with some really critical games in the next few weeks, that support will be vital.

On Tuesday the team head to Carlisle, and appreciating the fact that it is such a long journey for a midweek match, the Club have agreed to pay for a hot dog and hot drink for all supporters in the away end at Brunton Park. The action is also being beamed back live to Kenilworth Road for the many who won't be able to get to Cumbria, so as many fans as possible can get to see another vital 90 minutes in our season on the screens here.

Season tickets for next season went on sale this week and I am pleased to announce that prices have been held at this year's levels. If you already hold a season ticket and intend to renew, many thanks again for your loyal support. If you aren't currently a season ticket holder, why not secure yourself a prime seat for next season at this season's prices and look forward to watching our exciting young team develop further. Don't forget to order your season ticket before the 1st April to ensure you get the best price.

On the financial side the Club remains in good health and we anticipate doing better financially than originally anticipated if we continue the positive performances through the rest of the season. Property wise, our planning applications are in process with the council and we are responding where required to any questions they have.

Our works to refurbish The Brache and create a top-class training facility for the team and support staff is also nearing completion, and the players have started holding some training sessions there. The full facility will include amongst other things two new full size pitches, two three-quarter sized pitches and a specialist goalkeeping area along with a brand new 3G training pitch.

In addition, state of the art facilities for player treatment, recovery and fitness and welfare are nearing completion. Such improvements to facilities enable us not only to provide enhanced support to the existing teams, but also to attract new talent as they witness first-hand the exciting ambitions of the club being put into practice.

For now though, I hope we all enjoy a crunch match that will hopefully count towards an exciting, glorious end to the season.

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# GREATSCOTT

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

**Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what is sure to be a fascinating fixture, with all the connections we have with the Stevenage squad and the fact they have emerged as serious promotion rivals in recent weeks.**

My best mate from our Leyton Orient days, goalkeeper Jamie Jones, is a Boro player, although unfortunately he won't be playing today after sustaining a serious knee injury.

Josh McQuoid can't play against us either under the terms of his loan, but my old centre-half partner Luke Wilkinson is there and Fraser Franks – who I did my UEFA B coaching qualification with last summer – is another returning to Kenilworth Road. It'll be good to see them all.



Last week at Yeovil was brilliant. We had two nights down there after travelling on Thursday afternoon and it was nice to do something different. It's usually just the one night in a hotel, but with two days away you get to rest, you're in the pool and on Friday after training we could go into the town centre for a little bit and have a wander about, which was nice.

It sorted us all out after the disappointment of the Oxford game. It was nice to switch off and have a couple of days together, although we didn't really need picking up at all after the semi-final defeat.

A trip to Wembley in the Checktrade Trophy would have been fantastic, but we were up against a really strong Oxford side who were promoted last year and are doing really well in League One. We did ourselves justice against them and I felt that it was a good performance that on another day would have seen us nick the winner.

We know that our focus is the league though, and if anything, that was the distraction out of the way and we can just concentrate solely on getting in those automatic promotion places and emulating what Oxford did last season.

The gaffer told us in the team talk before the Yeovil game that if we took care of our result, then we'd definitely make ground on someone with Plymouth and Carlisle playing each other. Coming off and hearing that Exeter and Portsmouth had both lost too was an added bonus.

I felt that we really went about our business in the right way at Huish Park. It's always a tricky game down there. We took the lead early on and then kicked on and really put the game to bed early. The way we played throughout the whole game was impressive.

There are going to be plenty of twists and turns to come over the next dozen games because this league causes upsets. There are always results that you don't see coming. We just need to make sure that we do our job and get the results that we need to get up there, starting this afternoon.

We'll need your support as always, so please get behind the lads as you did so vociferously against Oxford – and hopefully we'll all be enjoying the afternoon together.

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# LOAN STARS GIVEN CHANCE TO SPARKLE

Last Friday was a bit like transfer deadline day at Kenilworth Road with four of the club's promising young players loaned to Non-League sides to gain first team experience.

First to head out, the day after his 18th birthday, was youth team defender Harry Bean, who joined our Evo-Stik League Southern Premier Division neighbours Dunstable Town on work experience.



The second-year scholar is due to stay with Tony Fontenelle's side until the end of the season, although

the Hatters have an immediate recall option should the need arise.

Under-18s manager Paul Driver said: "Spending time at a club competing week in, week out at a good level will give him great experience, and coming up against men will also aid his physical development."



Next was goalkeeper Liam Gooch, who has joined Dunstable's Step 3 rivals Kettering Town for

his second loan of the season at that level, following his spell at Hitchin before Christmas.

Ironically, the 19-year-old first-year pro's debut in competitive senior football came against the Northamptonshire club when he kept

a clean sheet in the goalless draw at Top Field in mid-November.



Another keeper to take up the chance to gain further senior experience is Craig King, who has appeared

four times in the Checkatrade Trophy for the Hatters this season.

The 20-year-old has moved to Vanarama National League outfit Southport on an initial one-month deal.

It is a third loan for King, who spent the first half of last season in the Ryman Premier Division with Met Police before a stint at National League South outfit Bishop's Cleeve.

Town boss Nathan Jones said: "This is the next step up for Craig at an excellent standard of football, just one league below us. We rate him highly at our club and spending

time at Southport will really aid his development."

Young central defender Frankie Musonda was the other rising Town star to go out, joining former Hatters coach Hakan Hayrettin at Braintree Town for a month.

Of the 19-year-old, Jones added: "Frankie has been pushing our more experienced centre-halves really hard in training in recent months, as well as learning from each game he played during the Checkatrade Trophy run.



"He's also come up against some experienced League and Non-League strikers in development matches, and

competing on a regular basis against them in competitive football at National League level with Braintree will further his development."

We wish all four boys the best of luck at their temporary homes!

## DIAMOND PLAYER OF THE MONTH VOTING OPEN

Voting for the Diamond Season Ticket Player of the Month for February is now open. All Diamond Season Ticket holders can vote by simply sending their nomination to [diamond@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:diamond@lutontown.co.uk).

One person who nominates the eventual winner will be drawn from the hat to win the opportunity to

present the monthly trophy in the Eric Morecambe Suite after the Exeter match on Saturday 18th March.

An adult winner will win two seats for Eric Morecambe Hospitality and a junior winner will receive a Diamond Mascot package. Voting is open until Thursday 16th March, and the winner will be informed shortly afterwards.



# UPnEXT

## CARLISLE UNITED

THE HATTERS HEAD NORTH  
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**WHO?** After their wonderful start to the season in which they went their first 15 league matches unbeaten, the Cumbrians had maintained their place in the automatic promotion spots from the start of October right up until Tuesday night when Portsmouth's win at Crawley took the Hampshire club into third place, capitalising on Carlisle having lost their last three matches. Managed by former England international Keith Curle since 2014, the club are set for their best league finish since relegation from League One at the end of 2013/14, having finished 20th and tenth in the fourth tier in the last two seasons.

**TICKETS** Tickets for the fixture are now on general sale, with all the ticket pricing on the opposite page.

**HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE** This is our second meeting this season, after the 1-1 draw back in December at Kenilworth Road. Jason Kennedy gave the visitors the lead that day as he tapped in from close range early on, before the Hatters responded almost immediately through Danny Hylton. In total the sides have faced each other 27 times, the Hatters have won 11 of those meetings, drawn nine and lost the other seven.

**IN CHARGE** Ex-Bristol City, Manchester City and Wolverhampton Wanderers defender Curle called time on his playing career to focus on his managing in 2003. He was player-manager at Mansfield and has since gone onto

take charge of Chester City, Torquay United, Notts County and now the Cumbrians. Since his arrival at Brunton Park, he has managed 138 games, winning 55 of those fixtures, drawing 39 and losing 44.

**PREVIOUS FORM** The Cumbrians have lost their last three matches to Portsmouth, Cheltenham and Plymouth without finding the back of the net. They had clung onto third spot, however, until Tuesday night and they go into today's game at home to Cambridge sitting fourth, one place and one point above the Hatters, although we have a game in hand. Depending on how results go today, Nathan Jones and the boys could head to Brunton Park already holding the upper hand in the league table.

**KNOWING ME KNOWING YOU** The only Hatters players currently to have represented both clubs are Jordan Cook and Jack Marriott, who have both enjoyed loan spells at Brunton Park. Sunderland sent Cook to Cumbria back in 2012 and the midfielder netted four times in 14 League One appearances, while Marriott was an Ipswich player when he made five appearances for United at the start of 2014/15. Now with Bradford City on loan from parent club Newcastle, Alex Gilliead played 21 times for the Hatters in the first half of the season, scoring twice, after impressing on a season-long loan at Carlisle last term.



# GET YOUR TICKET



## CARLISLE UNITED

### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

#### TUESDAY 14TH MARCH | 7.45PM

Tickets for this match are now available on general sale. As a token of the club's appreciation of the wonderful travelling support, all away fans will receive a free hot dog and hot drink on the night. 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.



## EXETER CITY

### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

#### SATURDAY 18TH MARCH | 3PM

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## NEWPORT COUNTY

### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

#### TUESDAY 21ST MARCH | 7.45PM

Tickets are on sale for this fixture to season ticket holders until close of business today. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale from Monday 13th March until close of business Monday 20th March. Subject to availability any remaining tickets will be available on the day at Cash turnstiles. **Prices:** Adult: £20, Seniors (60 and over): £16, Young Person (Under-21): £16, Under-16: £6, Under-6 with a full paying Adult/Senior: Free. Disabled supporters will pay their relevant age category with a Carer Free of Charge (Middle of Higher rate DLA). Wheelchair users will need to purchase their tickets from Newport directly on 01633 481896.



## COLCHESTER UNITED

### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

#### SATURDAY 25TH MARCH | 3PM

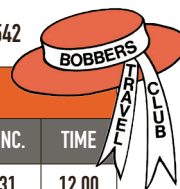
Tickets for this fixture are now available on general sale until close of business on Friday 24th March. PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE IN PRICES THROUGHOUT THE SALES PERIOD.

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[WELCOME STEVENAGE]



# WELCOME STEVENAGE

Everyone at Kenilworth Road would like to extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players and supporters of Stevenage, in what is a huge game for both sides.



Manager Darren Sarll

Had this match taken place at the end of January, we would have been talking about how Darren Sarll's team have struggled for results of late, as they sat in 15th place in Sky Bet League Two, seven points short of the play-off spots after 27 games.

Fast forward to now and they look firm promotion candidates, having not lost in eight matches, seven of those victories. That rich vein of form has catapulted them firmly into the top seven in the division – just two points short of the Hatters in fourth place.

Although their climb has obviously been an overall team effort, one man in particular has stood out for his commanding displays up front.

Prior to their run of form, Matt Godden had 12 goals to his name for the term. He now has 20, having netted eight goals in his last eight appearances. That includes a brace against Notts County last weekend as the Boro comfortably put Kevin Nolan's men to the sword in a 3-0 win at the Lamex Stadium.

The former Scunthorpe man's goalscoring exploits will come as little surprise to those who have seen him in action prior to this season, with the 25-year-old striker having scored 43 times for Ebbsfleet in his two seasons in National League South before joining Stevenage last summer.

From an outside perspective, this certainly looks like Sarll's best spell at the Boro helm, having taken charge temporary charge in February last year. Back then, Stevenage parted ways with ex-England international Teddy Sheringham when

a poor run of form saw them facing a relegation battle, and they appointed Sarll to guide them away from the bottom of the league. With the aid of Glen Roeder as an advisor, they steered Stevenage clear and now have their eyes firmly fixed on promotion.

The former Hitchin Town, Bedford Town and Dunstable Town midfielder has an impressive 41 per cent win rate as Boro boss, having managed his side to 24 wins in his 58 matches in charge.

This season they have actually won more matches in the league than Town – Boro with 17, the Hatters with 15 – but they have lost twice as many games with 14 defeats.

Their away form has been decent though, picking up eight wins, three draws and six losses on the road. They are unbeaten in their last three away from home.

Of the nine meetings between Town and Boro, the Hatters have won five, lost three and drawn once. The most recent was a 2-1 home win for

Stevenage back in August, as Godden scored a 96th-minute winner for the hosts after Cameron McGeehan had given the Town an early lead. Connor Hunte had netted Stevenage's 52nd-minute equaliser.



Matt Godden

## HATTERS V STEVENAGE

LUTON WINS: 5 | DRAWS: 1 | OXFORD WINS: 3

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STEVENAGE 2-1 LUTON – 20TH AUGUST 2016

# TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAME: THE BORO | GROUND: THE LAMEX STADIUM | LAST SEASON: 18TH IN LEAGUE TWO  
MANAGER: DARREN SARLL | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: STEVENAGE 3-0 NOTTS COUNTY

## MEET THE VISITORS

### THE BOSS

#### DARREN SARLL

After calling time on his playing career, which saw him play for a number of local clubs including Dunstable Town and Bedford Town, the 34-year-old became Stevenage boss in February 2016. He steered them away from relegation with the assistance of Glen Roeder and has seen his side shoot up the table in recent weeks.

### BETWEEN THE STICKS

#### CHRIS DAY

The veteran keeper has made over 350 appearances for Stevenage since joining 2008 whilst they were in the Conference. The 41-year-old has also played for Queens Park Rangers and Oldham Athletic.

### IN DEFENCE

#### FRASER FRANKS



One of many former Town faces who now plays for Stevenage, the 26-year-old joined Boro in 2015 after a season and a half with the Hatters.

#### RONNIE HENRY

The 33-year-old started his career with Tottenham, before going onto play for Dublin City and the Hatters, captaining the side to the Conference title in 2013-14. Now in his second spell with Stevenage.

#### LUKE WILKINSON



After joining the Hatters from Dagenham & Redbridge, the former Boreham Wood and Dartford centre-back moved to Stevenage midway through last season.

#### CONNOR OGILVIE

On loan from Spurs, the 20-year-old left-back joined Boro on loan for the second time in his career after making 24 appearances for the Lamex Stadium outfit last season.

#### KGOSI NTLHE

The South Africa international signed for Stevenage from Peterborough United at the beginning of the season after making over 70 appearances for Posh.

### ACROSS THE MIDDLE

#### JACK KING

An experienced midfielder, the 31-year-old is on loan from Scunthorpe having previously played for the likes of Farnborough, Woking and Preston North End.

#### MICHAEL TONGE

An experienced head in the centre of the park, Tonge made 385 career appearances prior to his arrival at Stevenage for the likes of Sheffield United, Preston, Derby and Barnsley.

#### JOBI MCANUFF

A Jamaican international, the 35-year-old made 189 appearances for Reading, captaining them whilst they played in the Premier League. He has also represented Crystal Palace and Leyton Orient.

#### CHARLIE LEE

After three years with Gillingham, the 30-year-old joined Boro in 2014. His ex-sides also include Millwall and Peterborough.

#### TOM PETT

A signing from Wealdstone in 2014, the 26-year-old has made over 110 appearances for Boro, scoring 13 times.

### UP FRONT

#### MATT GODDEN

The striker was signed on the back of a prolific season for Ebbsfleet, in which he netted 30 goals. He has carried that form into this term, leading the scoring charts for Darren Sarll's side with 20 goals.

#### BEN KENNEDY

Since starting as a midfielder in the Boro youth system, the 20-year-old has moved up front and made his 50th appearance for Stevenage earlier on this season.

#### KAYLEN HINDS

On loan from Arsenal, the 19-year-old has made five appearances for Sarll's side since he joined last month. He has represented England at Under-17 and Under-18 level.

# FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH KEITH BELL



Keith Bell, a Stevenage fan of 20 odd years and manager of the Boro supporters' team since 2005, 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

**From mid-table to challenging for promotion in the space of just over a month, what on earth has happened?**

Well, League Two has shown what an exciting league/poor league it is with any side being in with a chance of winning any game. We've hit a fantastic run of form recently and playing some very attractive football in the process, a joy to watch and it has resulted in our lofty position. Not bad for a side with one of the lowest budgets in the league!

**Matt Godden seems to be the headline act behind your fantastic form, but who in your eyes other than the striker has really impressed?**

Jack King signing permanently has been a massive boost for us. A key player for us, plus the recent form of Jobi McAnuff and Luke Wilkinson has helped a lot. Overall the team as a whole has started to show the potential we have here.

**This is Darren Sarll's first full season as a manager in professional football. What positives steps as he taken in moving the club forward?**

Darren is a top bloke. His interaction with the fans has helped him get

behind the team. He likes his teams to play a good passing game and it's started to work a treat for us. Even when we were struggling at the start of the season, there were signs of positive football but just not getting the results our football merited.

**Is there a feeling amongst Stevenage supporters you could win promotion?**

A few weeks ago when we had this run, I'll be honest I wasn't looking at the play-offs, I was looking at the automatic spots as this league is very unpredictable. We're four points off the automatics and with ten or so games to go, that's not a big margin at all. I've always said at the start of the season that a mid-table finish will do me this season, and anything else is a bonus. To see us in the play-offs pushing for the automatic spots is a great achievement thus far.

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

Matt Godden for sure. To get him from Non-League and for him to take his chance in the Football League is a true credit to him. He started slowly, granted. But the last few months he has shown his quality. It's nice to

see us have someone who can score loads of goals – we haven't had that since Steve Morison a few years back!

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

Losing Tom Conlon to injury was a blow. He's a very good technical player so fingers crossed he will be back soon.

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

Ben Kennedy, the lad is set for big things in the future and has an arrogance about his game which I like. Gifted on the ball and can create something out of nothing. Not bad for a player who's only 20!

## ► SEASONS PAST

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

My first game was when my Dad took me aged five, so it was that which sparked me to keep going to games. I think it was our first game in the Conference when we won 3-0 away at Stafford Rangers.





### What do you love most about the Lamex Stadium?

It's got character to it. When I was younger I was always in the North Terrace behind the goal and enjoyed it, despite being vulnerable to the elements! Now it's got some good facilities there and is a nice ground compared to some of the places I've been to.

### Who's your favourite Stevenage player of all time?

Tough decision! I only remember bits from Barry Hayles, but I loved watching George Boyd play. Morison is up there, too.

### What has been your favourite season following the Boro?

The 2009/10 season is up there, winning the Conference with a record number of points. Then the following season, that team gained promotion to League One. I couldn't really say which one was better as they both were fantastic seasons for us.

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

Graham Westley for sure, it would be interesting! Then I'd say Mark Smith, George Boyd, Steve Morison and Chris Day.

## ► LUTON AND STEVENAGE

The last match between the two saw you grab a very late winner on the counter earlier on in the season. Do you think the Boro could take all three points again today?

I don't see why not. We did it last year so who knows, but it will be tough. Earlier on this season we should have been out of sight in the first half, but we didn't get punished. We've been on good form too so it makes for a cracking game.

You've got quite a few ex-Hatters in your ranks, and Josh McQuoid is on loan with you at present. Who's your favourite player, past or present, with a link to both clubs?



Got to be Mr Consistent, Ronnie Henry – a true professional and always one player who gives it 110 per cent every game.

### What do you expect from today's game? What's your prediction?

I'm expecting a tough encounter for sure – I just hope we have a decent referee! My heart says a Boro win but my head says a 2-2 draw. It should be a cracking atmosphere.

## ► QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or seats?  
Seats

Who are your rivals?  
Woking/Barnet

Predict your player of the season?  
Matt Godden

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

Bradley Johnson – only played a handful of games but one of the best midfielders I've seen.

Most treasured Boro piece of memorabilia?

Signed football from players who took part in the Mitchell Cole charity game as a thank you for organising the Mitchell Cole tournament, raising money for Cardiomyopathy UK.

What league will Stevenage be in next season?

League One – got to be ambitious!

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

Doncaster, Portsmouth, Luton, Stevenage





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

STEVENAGE

### KEVIN DILLON

Former England U-21 midfielder Kevin Dillon featured as Stevenage finished fifth in the Conference in 1994-95. Starting with Birmingham City, he helped win promotion in 1979-80 and moved to Portsmouth in March 1983. He starred in their 1986-87 promotion success and reunited with Jim Smith at Newcastle United in July 1989. Moving to Reading in July 1991, he appeared in their 1993-94 Second Division title triumph and joined Stevenage in October 1994. He scored twice in 12 Conference games for Boro before following Graham Roberts to Yeovil Town in February 1995. Later at Fareham, he then coached Reading and managed Aldershot.

### GRAHAM ROBERTS



England international central defender Graham Roberts was capped six times before playing for Stevenage. He impressed with Weymouth before joining Spurs in May 1980, helping twice win the FA Cup and captaining their 1984 UEFA Cup triumph. Moving to Glasgow Rangers in December 1986, he helped win the Scottish League title, then skippered Chelsea to the Second Division title in 1988-89. He had spells with West Brom, Enfield and Slough Town

before joining Stevenage in October 1994. Scoring once in 11 Conference games, he was appointed Yeovil Town's player-manager in February 1995, and after that managed Carshalton Athletic, Clyde, Pakistan and Nepal.

### KEVIN BROCK

Former England U-21 midfielder Kevin Brock briefly played for Stevenage in 1994-95. Signing professional for Oxford United in September 1979, he helped win the Third Division title in 1983-84, Second Division title in 1984-85 and League Cup in 1986. He reunited with Jim Smith at QPR for £260,000 in August 1987, then followed him to Newcastle United for £300,000 in December 1988, starring as they qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1989-90. Following a loan spell at Cardiff City, he joined Stevenage in November 1994 and scored once in six Conference games. He later appeared for Yeovil Town and Rushden & Diamonds.

### LEO FORTUNE-WEST

Tall, aggressive striker Leo Fortune-West starred alongside Barry Hayles whilst at Stevenage. He had spells with Tiptree and Bishop's Stortford before moving to Stevenage in December 1994, netting seven goals in 17 Conference games prior to joining Gillingham in July 1995. Top scorer in their 1995-96 promotion success, he moved via Lincoln and Brentford to Rotherham United in February 1999. He helped win promotion in 1999-2000, then joined Cardiff City in September 2000 and won promotion twice more, then played for Doncaster Rovers, Rushden & Diamonds, Shrewsbury Town, Cambridge United, Alfreton and Armthorpe Welfare.





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## LIONEL PEREZ



French goalkeeper Lionel Perez was an important figure as Stevenage Borough defeated Stockport County in the 2003-04 FA Cup first round. Initially with Nimes, he helped them win promotion in 1990-91, then played for Bordeaux prior to

joining Sunderland for £200,000 in August 1996. He was their 'Player of the Year' in 1996-97 and appeared in the 1997-98 First Division play-off final. Moving to Newcastle United in June 1998, he joined Cambridge United in March 2000 and played in the 2002 LDV Vans Trophy final. He moved via Enfield to Stevenage in July 2003 and made 32 Conference appearances until a broken leg ended his career.

## BARRY HAYLES

England Semi-Pro international striker Barry Hayles was leading marksman in Stevenage's 1995-96 Conference title triumph. Initially with Willesden Hawkeye, he moved to Stevenage in July 1993 and helped win the Isthmian League title in 1993-94. He featured in Boro's 1996-97 FA Cup run and netted 58 goals in 103 Conference outings prior to joining Bristol Rovers for £250,000 in June 1997. Top scorer as they reached the Second Division play-offs in 1997-98, he joined Fulham for £2.1m in November 1998. He has since had spells with Millwall, Plymouth Argyle, Leicester City, Cheltenham Town, Truro City and Chesham United.

## MALCOLM ALLEN

Former Welsh international striker Malcolm Allen was capped 14 times before joining Stevenage. He turned professional with Watford in March 1985, scoring in that year's FA Youth Cup final and 1987 FA Cup semi-final. Sold to Norwich City for £175,000 in August 1988, he was an FA Cup semi-finalist again in 1989 and joined Millwall for £400,000 in March 1990. He helped them reach the Second Division play-offs in 1990-91, moving to Newcastle United for £300,000 in August 1993. Injuries curtailed his top-flight career but he joined Stevenage as player-coach, appearing as a substitute in their 3-0 defeat by Morecambe in September 1997.

## RAY HOUGHTON

Republic of Ireland international midfielder Ray Houghton gained 73 caps before appearing for Stevenage during the 1999-2000 campaign. Initially with West Ham, he joined Fulham in June 1982 and starred in their 1982-83 promotion near-miss. He moved to Oxford United in September 1985 and scored in their 1986 League Cup final triumph. Sold to Liverpool for £850,000 in October 1987, he helped them twice win the League Championship and FA Cup. He moved to Aston Villa in July 1992, then had spells with Crystal Palace and Reading. Joining Stevenage in October 1999, he played three Conference games before hanging up his boots.

## LEON CORT

Central defender Leon Cort had a loan spell at Stevenage in 2000-01. The younger brother of England U-21 striker Carl Cort, he impressed with Dulwich Hamlet prior to joining Millwall in January 1998. He was loaned to Stevenage in March 2001 and made nine Conference appearances. Moving to Southend United in July 2001, he was twice ever-present and featured in the 2004 LDV Vans Trophy final. He joined Hull City in July 2004 and starred in their 2004-05 promotion success, moving via Crystal Palace to Stoke City for £1.2m in November 2007, he helped win promotion in 2007-08, then had spells with Burnley and Charlton Athletic.

## STEVE MORISON



Striker Steve Morison skippered Stevenage to the Conference play-offs and FA Trophy final success in 2008-09. Starting with Northampton Town, he joined Bishop's Stortford in October 2004 and moved to Broadhall Way in August 2006. He was

leading marksman on three occasions, scoring Stevenage's winner in the 2007 FA Trophy final. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 2007-08, he netted 67 goals in 127 Conference games before joining Millwall in June 2009 and was top scorer in their 2009-10 promotion success. The Welsh international moved to Norwich City for £2.8m in June 2011 and has since played for Leeds United and now Millwall again.

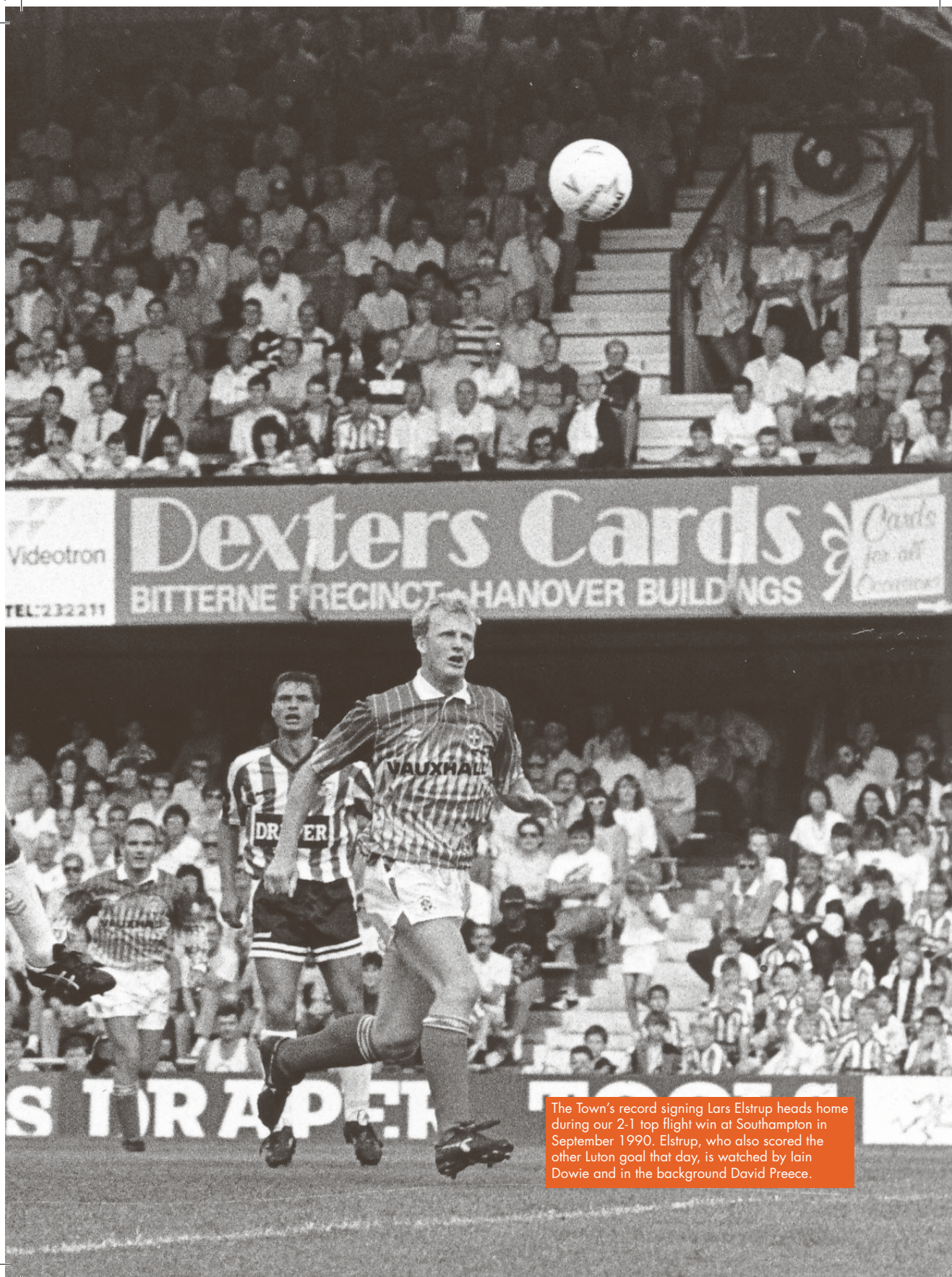


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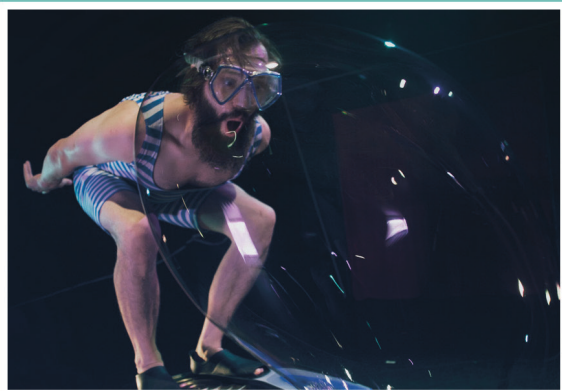


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Adrian Alston looks pleased with himself after scoring the Town's second goal at St Andrews in 1975

# AS OTHERS SAW US

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

## **BIRMINGHAM CITY 1 LUTON TOWN 4 | 19TH APRIL 1975**

As the history books will show there were several sides, including the Town, seemingly fighting against each other to avoid promotion to the top flight in 1974.

Apart from runaway champions Middlesbrough, the next six or seven clubs showed incredible inconsistency and the fact that the Town finished runners-up with only 50 points was, I hate to say it now, more to do with the failings of the others rather than our own scintillating form.

The club's directors had not budgeted for promotion, which had come a year early as far as they were concerned, and without the vast television money available today the costs of playing in the top flight were causing palpitations at Board level.

The fears were soon realised as the Town, with increased overheads and out of their depth, struggled from the start and by Christmas looked

likely to be about to make a swift exit back to Division Two (now the Championship) with a record low points tally.

Manager Harry Haslam, with nothing left to lose, then decided to play the kids and the introduction of Steve Buckley and the Futcher twins seemed to galvanise the side which suddenly started to play without fear.

The second half of that campaign featured some amazing games, especially under the lights of Kenilworth Road, as the team attempted to claw its way out of the relegation positions.

By the time Leeds and Arsenal were seen off at Kenilworth Road in a three

day period at the end of March we were up to 20th position and within touching distance of safety. What could possibly go wrong!

Easter had always seemed to be a graveyard for Luton hopes and aspirations, especially in the days where often three games were played in quick succession. We all travelled to future champions Derby on Easter Saturday feeling relaxed and a little clever having had the foresight to bring forward the Arsenal fixture, meaning we only had two games to play over the holiday period.

Derby's Roger Davies was an average striker of the time, but he played like a world superstar that day, banging in five goals and missing a further

five. We were abysmal and although an odd one, it is apt to say we were lucky to score nil. Two very broken sleeps later we were back up the motorway for the Easter Monday clash with Wolves at Molineux.

This time we actually led for all of four minutes before shipping in five more goals to finish 5-2 losers, with Kenny Hibbitt bagging a hat-trick.

Even worse was to follow when we went down 2-1 to fellow relegation strugglers Tottenham at White Hart Lane with Alfie Conn netting the winner from a position at least 20 yards offside. The normally calm teenage defender Paul Futchter was dismissed for arguing with the linesman, who had failed to raise his flag which capped an awful day at the end of an awful week.

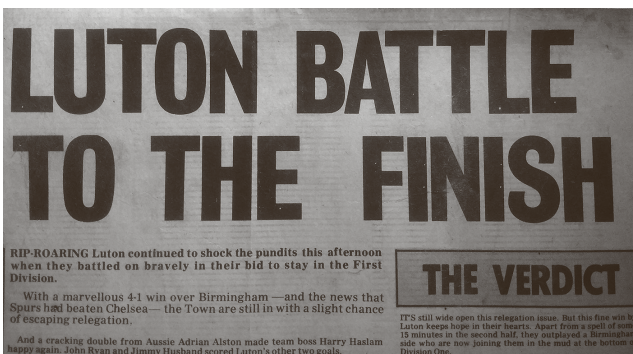
We were determined to go out with our heads held high though and it was back to Kenilworth Road four days later for the visit of second-placed Everton, who took an early lead and battered the Town for 30 minutes. We managed to weather the storm, however, and fought back with two goals from Peter Anderson just before the break – a blow from which the Toffees could not recover.

When Leicester were seen off 3-0 at Kenilworth Road the following Saturday (which included a quite magnificent own goal from Keith Weller – look it up on YouTube), suddenly supporters were thinking ‘Could we escape?’ again.

Two games left, the first of which was a trip to virtually safe Birmingham, where a crowd of 28,755 were stunned to silence when Hatters full-back John Ryan thumped home a free-kick from 20 yards before Adrian Alston, having the game of his life, scored either side of half-time.

Birmingham pulled a goal back through Trevor Francis as the crowd were beginning to drift away, but Jimmy Husband made the game safe with 15 minutes left to make a complete mockery of the Town’s away form that season. With one game to play it was going to the wire.

In the Birmingham Mail, Ian Willars said, ‘The Birmingham fans chanted “Goodwin (Blues manager) out and it was easy to understand their feeling of utter frustration at a performance which sadly had relegation stamped all over



it. Luton were the better and more determined side, and the issue was never in doubt after John Ryan had had put them ahead.'

Trevor Williamson in the Daily Telegraph confirmed that Luton manager Harry Haslam was confident his side would beat Manchester City in the Town's final game to cap an unlikely escape, and seemed to be in agreement himself following the 4-1 thumping: 'This was a spirited Luton performance in which their prodigious industry, whole-hearted application and tremendous panache rattled Birmingham into error.'

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A PAIR OF TOP HATTERS!



Life-long Hatter, Peter Elkington celebrated his 80th birthday yesterday.

At just 14, Peter would cycle the ten miles from his home in Hockliffe to Kenilworth Road.

He was a regular in both the Oak Road end and the Bobbers, and Peter

now supports the Town from Box 7 with his son Keith, grandson Oliver, and great grandson Hugo.

Today he is also accompanied by his great granddaughter Ella. They would like to say 'Happy Birthday Grandad!'



Everyone at Kenilworth Road would like to wish George Cowley a Happy 21st Birthday!

George is a lifelong supporter of the Town and has been a season ticket holder for several years. He comes to matches with his dad,

Craig, with the pair and George's mum, Rachel, only getting back from a trip to New York this morning yet they are here for today's match – that's commitment!

Have a great birthday George and we hope you aren't too jet-lagged!

# TOWN 2 : OXFORD UNITED 3



WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH | CHECKATRADE TROPHY SEMI-FINAL | KENILWORTH ROAD |  
ATTENDANCE: 6,901 | AWAY: 742

**TOWN GOALS:** VASSELL 73, HYLTON 83 | **OXFORD GOALS:** EDWARDS 10, MPANZU OG 70, JOHNSON 85

**TOWN:** MACEY, JUSTIN (CUTHBERT 90+4) MULLINS, SHEEHAN ©, SENIOR (GAMBIN 46), REA, MPANZU, GRAY (MARRIOTT 80), COOK, HYLTON, VASSELL. **SUBS NOT USED:** POTTS, SMITH, LEE, KING (GK).  
**YELLOW CARDS:** REA, MULLINS

**OXFORD:** : EASTWOOD, SKARZ, LUNDSTRAM, NELSON, SERCOMBE, MAGUIRE (ROTHWELL 27), HEMMINGS, EDWARDS, LEDSON, JOHNSON, DUNKLEY. **SUBS NOT USED:** RIBEIRO, RUFFELS, LONG, STEVENS, CARROLL. | **YELLOW CARD:** EDWARDS



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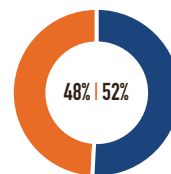
The Hatters' Checkatrade Trophy run fell agonisingly one fence short of Wembley as League One side Oxford won a thriller of a semi-final by the odd goal in five under the Kenilworth Road lights.

The Sky cameras certainly had plenty of entertainment for their viewers – not to mention the near 7,000 crowd inside the ground – as Nathan Jones' side fought back from two goals down to level with seven minutes left, only for last season's beaten finalists to grab a late winner through the impressive Marvin Johnson.

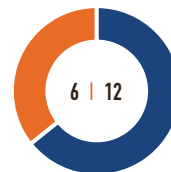
Phil Edwards had given the visitors a tenth-minute lead, which was doubled with 20 minutes to go when Johnson's cross was deflected past Hatters keeper Matt Macey, the sponsors' man of the match, by Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu.

Isaac Vassell's ninth goal of the season dragged the Town back into the game three minutes later, then Danny Hylton headed in his 20th of the most prolific campaign of his career to level things against the side he left last summer to move to Bedfordshire.

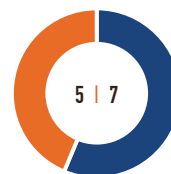
Kenilworth Road was rocking with the Town fans in great voice, but Johnson's 85th-minute strike brought an end to any celebrations and ensured the run ended in disappointment, but with plenty of pride.



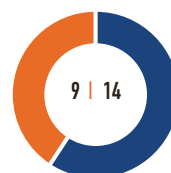
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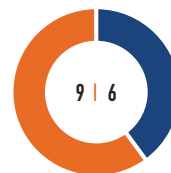
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Danny Hylton heads in the equaliser



**JONES:**

**I am so, so proud of them.  
They game me everything**

"It's difficult. Because I have got such disappointment at the minute, I feel like my heart's been ripped out if I am being honest.

"Ultimately I am so, so proud of them. They gave me everything. It was just a little bit of naivety at the end that's cost us.

"Big games are won in big moments and that was the moment we should have at least seen the game out 2-2 and gone to pens.

"It was a great start. There was a lot of opportunities in the game, if it was 5-5 it wouldn't have been a lucky scoreline."





# TROPHY TRAIL ENDS FOR ISAAC

## BUT FIVE-STAR VASS IS PROUD OF TEAM'S RUN

The defeat to Oxford United in the Checkatrade Trophy semi-final brought an end to the terrific run the Hatters had embarked on all the way back in August, when striker Isaac Vassell made his first start for the Town.

Vassell thinks his side have come a long way since they beat Gillingham 2-1 in the opening match, a result that helped propel the Hatters into the knock-out stages.

After scoring his first Trophy goal in the win against Swindon Town, the former Plymouth Argyle and Truro City forward went onto finish with five goals to his name leaving him currently joint second top scorer in the competition.

The 23-year-old said: "It has been a great run. It's a shame that we have dropped out now because it seems every game that we have played we have all put in good performances.

"I don't know about anyone else, but if you look at this competition, other teams might not take it seriously.

"But we knew from the get go we were coming out to win every game and go as far as we can. I am proud of the lads and I am proud of the squad. Everyone was used in the run up to this and everyone played their part."

In the defeat to the U's, Nathan Jones' lads stunned Oxford as they

came from two goals down to bring the game level with just seven minutes of normal time remaining, but in the 85th minute Marvin Johnson's strike sunk the Hatters' hearts.

"I am devastated for the lads because we did so well to get back in the game, we just gave them an

easy goal at the end I guess," Vassell explained.

"I don't think they were any better than us. I don't think we were up to our usual standard, but they didn't seem that much better than us.

"It's like a rollercoaster of emotions because you're so happy that we got the equaliser and then next thing you know you have lost the game, simple as that."

After the match, Jones made a rallying call to his players to ensure in the final games of the season they put teams "to the sword," as well as to supporters to get behind the team and help cheer on the players as they fight for promotion.

Vassell made a similar cry to his team-mates, as he wants to see them use the defeat as a springboard to help them climb into the automatic promotion spots.

He continued: "If we had got to Wembley that would have been a nice trip for the lads, but we have to scratch that off now, we can't dwell on this. No way. We just have to go and start getting three points and get promoted, that's the main aim now."





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**IMPORTANT:** Please note that if you buy your ticket during the Primetime period you are committing to paying the full League 1 price if we gain promotion. Tickets purchased before promotion is decided will be sold at League 2 prices, and these will be held until the balance is paid.

Existing season ticket holders' seats will be held until the 31st May.

Current season ticket holders who are 17 years of age, will receive a one year amnesty and will continue to pay the unaccompanied youth price for this season.

**AGE CONCESSIONS:** The date used to determine the correct age category for supporters is the first day of the 2017-18 season. If you are a new season ticket holder purchasing a concessionary priced ticket, you are required to provide proof of age by post or in person when purchasing or collecting of your season ticket.

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## NEW PRICE CATEGORY FOR 17-18 YEAR OLDS

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# YEOVIL TOWN 0 : TOWN 4



SATURDAY 4TH MARCH | HUISH PARK | ATTENDANCE: 4,194 | AWAY: 698

**TOWN GOALS:** HYLTON (PEN) 8, 32, REA 55, MPANZU 85

**YEOVIL:** KRYSIAK, SHEPHARD, MUGABI, LACEY, DICKSON (C), LAWLESS, DAWSON, DOLAN (GOODSHIP 82), WHITFIELD (HARRISON 62), ZOKO, AKPA AKPRO (EAVES 66). **SUBS NOT USED:** MADDISON (GK), BUTCHER, SOWUNMI, JAMES. | **YELLOW CARDS:** DAWSON, LAWLESS

**TOWN:** MACEY, O'DONNELL, CUTHBERT (C), REA, SHEEHAN, MPANZU, SMITH, GRAY (POTTS 66), COOK, VASSELL (PALMER 69), HYLTON (MARRIOTT 77). **SUBS NOT USED:** MULLINS, D'ATH, JUSTIN, MOORE (GK | **YELLOW CARD:** SMITH



Isaac Vassell is felled by Bevis Mugabi for the penalty



Danny Hylton rounds the keeper for his second goal

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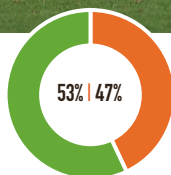
The Hatters moved back up to fourth in Sky Bet League Two and within a point of the automatic promotion places with a magnificent 4-0 win at manager Nathan Jones' old club Yeovil Town.

Leading scorer Danny Hylton took his tally for the season to 22 with a deadly double to put the Town in control by half-time at Huish Park.

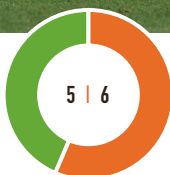
His first came after Isaac Vassell had been upended by Bevis Mugabi in the Yeovil penalty area, giving referee Kevin Johnson little choice but to point to the spot.

Hylton chipped it down the middle from 12 yards to give his side the lead, before notching his second of the game as he latched onto a lovely pass from Stephen O'Donnell and rounded Glovers keeper Artur Krysiak at the end of a lightning quick counter-attack just after the half-hour.

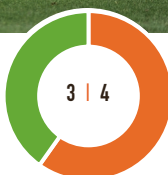
Then Glen Rea, with a 55th-minute header from an Alan Sheehan free-kick, and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu – firing home after he cut in from the left for his first strike of the season – helped boost the division's second-best goal difference after the break and make a distant memory of the last-gasp Checkatrade Trophy semi-final defeat to Oxford.



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## JONES: They can press, they can drop off. We have solutions now.



"I am delighted in everything we did. Apart from one or two balls into our box where they are a physical threat, I thought we were very professional in everything we did.

"We started very, very quickly. We started with a real press about us and a real energy. Our front two were just relentless.

"Two-nil can be a tricky lead, but I thought second half we were so professional and we got the goal from a set-piece, which we don't normally do. I thought we were magnificent today, a great away performance. We are never satisfied with 2-0. We went into that lead quite quickly and comfortably without playing particularly fluent.

"What we have now is a threat and sides can do what they want against us. They can press, they can drop off. We have solutions now."





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# HOW HARTY HELPS HYLT'S STAY A SAINT

## PAUL'S TEACHING DANNY TO IGNORE THE WIND-UP MERCHANTS

Danny Hylton has praised Nathan Jones' coaching staff – and especially assistant-manager Paul Hart – for helping him learn not to react to the dark arts of defending as the season has progressed.

At Yeovil last Saturday, the Hatters' top scorer was once again kicked from pillar to post, but as well as making it eight goals in his last seven games with a first-half double, he also continued his angelic run of not picking up a yellow card in that sequence

Indeed, despite the boos following him around the country – and manager Nathan Jones referring to him as the “pantomime villain” for Yeovil fans, before urging them to “watch the video and see a magnificent striker at work” – Hylton has been booked just three times in his last 18 matches.



“You tell me why they boo me – I don't know if it's a little bit of a reputation thing,” said Hylton. “I've not done anything today, but the fans are on at me and the players – I don't know if they are told to, and they think I might react or do something, but I'm getting pulled, kicked, trod on off the ball and stuff.

### BALANCE

“I've got to give credit to the gaffer and Harty and the other coaches, especially Harty. He's sat me down a few times and he's said that he was a big nasty centre-half and he used to try to wind forwards up and hope they react.

“It's just all about changing the balance and getting the ref on my side and not against me. By not reacting, by not doing anything silly or throwing my arms around, I'm going to get refs on my side. I think I've seen the benefit of that recently.”

Rather than focus on his own tally, 22-goal Hylton preferred to heap praise on fellow scorers at Huish Park, Glen Rea and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu.

“The gaffer is onto them a lot, especially Glen,” said the 28-year-old. “He gets his head on a lot of set

pieces, it was a great looping header today. As for Pelly, that kid's got everything. You want to play him in a defensive role, he can do it. You want to play him in an attacking role, he can play in that. You want to play him at the side of the diamond...he can play anywhere.

“And yes, maybe the one thing you'd say is that he doesn't score enough goals. I just feel sorry for defenders when they are one on one with him because he's a big boy and he looks so strong and powerful.

“People don't realise how agile he is. He can literally just walk past you and he did that today, then it was a great strike into the bottom corner. I was delighted for him.”

On strike partner Isaac Vassell, he added: “A simple ball down the side of the defence and he just makes it look easy, he just brushes defenders aside. He gives them ten yards and he beats them by five.

“It's nice to play with him, but whoever plays – whether it's me, Vass, Marriott or Ollie Palmer – we've got four forwards that want to play and are first team strikers. Whoever the gaffer decides to go with, I'm sure they'll do the business.”

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# GLEN GOES WEST FOR GOALS!

## REA REGISTERS ONCE AGAIN IN THE WEST COUNTRY

The south-west is proving a happy hunting ground for Glen Rea this season, with the 21-year-old following up his FA Cup goal at Exeter with another important one in the 4-0 victory at Yeovil last Saturday.

The Republic of Ireland Under-21 international netted his third of the campaign – the other being a stunning strike in the home defeat by Grimsby last September – to make it 3-0 ten minutes into the second half at Huish Park.

Rea has been getting into good positions in recent games without finding the target – although it was his header that Danny Hylton diverted into the back of the net for the equaliser in the Checkatrade Trophy semi-final with Oxford three days previously.

### DELIGHTED

“It couldn’t have gone much better really,” said Rea. “The gaffer said before the game, ‘Get a clean sheet, get the first goal and win the game’, and we did all three, so I’m buzzing.

“For me personally to get my goal – I need to start scoring more and that’s my aim. It happened today so I’m delighted.”

Rea steered Alan Sheehan’s free-kick past Yeovil keeper Artur Krysiak with a classic cushioned header that looped into the corner of the net.

“I just tried to head it back across – and it went in!” smiled Rea. “With all corners and free-kicks, I just want to get my head on it. Danny got the goal the other day, but whoever gets the goal, as long as we win the game, that’s the most important thing.

### PERFECT

“It was a disappointing result the other day, but we put that behind us and got the win today. It’s a great result.

“We got the early goal and that’s what we needed. The gaffer said to start bright and start well, and I thought we did that. We got the two goals, went in at half-time and came out again and got another two. It’s pretty much perfect. There are a few things we’ve got to work on, but it’s just a good day.”

Having started in the back four alongside captain Scott Cuthbert, then moving into midfield for the last quarter of the game once Dan Potts had come on at left-back with Sheehan moving to centre-half, Rea was happy with his efforts at both ends of the pitch.



Asked about the tenth clean sheet of the league season, Rea said: “I’ll claim the clean sheet one hundred per cent! I’d rather defend. I defend in midfield anyway, so keeping clean sheets is the main thing and getting the goal is a bonus.”

With the win taking the Town to within a point of third-placed Carlisle, with a game in hand, he added: “We did well today and we go again next week and try to get in that top three. Our aim this year is to get promoted. We’ll take each game as it comes and try and win every one.”

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# TRICK OR TREATMENT

## A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

Tough games keep right on coming. Today we play the in-form team in this league and welcome back some of our old boys.

Last weekend's result at Yeovil was outstanding, the team were fantastic and Hylton was on fire. Congratulations to him for winning the PFA Fans' Player of the Month award for February.

Whilst at Yeovil we had an identification crisis. Not just once but twice, as a fan and the referee's assessor made the same mistake. On both occasions as Paul Hart was walking along when they said, 'Hi Russell, how are you doing?'. I leave it up to you – is Harty really Russell Slade in disguise?

On the injury front I have had the pleasure of Stephen O'Donnell for a few days. I tried to escape Sods for talking too much, but he talked me out of it. If only I could put him on mute. However, he has booked a fantastic honeymoon and such a bargain. Ten days and 12 nights. Now that's value.

Cameron has had a good week and we are now at the stage where he is back walking and starting to build the leg up. This is where the multi team approach comes into its own with me getting him ready for Jared to use his expertise in strengthening. We are hoping to get the go ahead next week to push on even further.

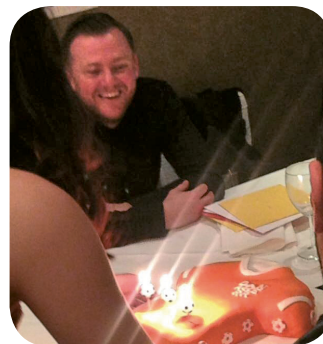
He did have one set back this week, though. Cam was waiting for a cheque to come in the post. Unfortunately for him, his dog got to the letterbox first. Could be messy job banking that one!

As we know it's all about saving money these days. So academy manager Andy Awford decided to save a £5 parking fee when he recently went to Barnet FC. He searched out what he thought was a suitable spot and walked to the ground. Unfortunately for him, he didn't quite see all the road markings and bingo! The traffic warden couldn't wait to issue the ticket. Sometimes every little doesn't help.

Injury-wise we are looking good at the moment going into the crunch part of the season, and this is where we need to keep everyone fit. So I would like to thank Gary and the board for their support in buying some state-of-the-art equipment. As far as I am aware we will be only club outside the Premier League to have this equipment and I think that shows the club's ambition moving forward. More on this subject once it's installed.

I often stand in the dressing room listening to the lads sorting out tickets on matchday. 'I will have two

for my mate', or 'I need three for family' or 'I want one for my agent'. But never before have I heard someone say 'How many can I have for my darts team?' The answer was obvious – 180! Kingy never ceases to surprise me. Maybe the darts team were just board and fancied the odd double shot out.



I couldn't mention it in my last notes as there was a surprise party pending, but Dazzler the masseur had his 30th birthday. I know with those flowing ginger locks he doesn't look a day over 35. Belated Happy Birthday – and have a word with your dad. That picture of you in the bath with a rather small, well-placed fig leaf does you no favours.

Enjoy today's game and as you always do, become the extra man. COYH.





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# TOMMY HODGSON



Tommy Hodgson leads out the Town team at Wembley in 1959

## A UNIQUE RECORD BY ROGER WASH

Guests of the club this afternoon are the son and grandsons of the late Tommy Hodgson, who holds a unique position in Luton Town's history and the whole of football.

A player, captain, scout, director, acting manager, chairman and president over an almost 60-year association with the club is a record never likely to be broken.

Born in Hetton-le-Hole, County Durham in 1903, Tommy was a working miner who could also play football, firstly as a centre-forward and later as full-back, and it was in this latter position he was spotted by a West Ham scout with the result that he went to Upton Park in 1921.

At West Ham he played throughout the 1920s, but his appearances were not as many as should have been due to a succession of injuries. His old playing colleague at West Ham, George Kay, who was by now manager of the Hatters, brought him to Kenilworth Road in 1930 but after

only 67 League appearances, he had to retire from the professional game following a bad knee injury.

Staying in the area, Tommy became a publican and continued to be a friend of the club, scouting when required, leading to an invitation to join the Board in 1954.

In 1958, manager Dally Duncan resigned and a committee of club officials, which included Tommy, set out to pick the team until a new manager was appointed.

The team fought through to the 1959 FA Cup final under this unusual arrangement and with no official manager to lead them out at Wembley, Tommy was given the honour.

Tommy succeeded Percy Mitchell as chairman in 1964 and with the club at a low ebb he was instrumental in bringing ex-player Allan Brown to Kenilworth Road as manager, and with it an immediate change in fortune and a rise up the divisions.

Tony Hunt replaced Tommy as chairman in 1969 but he remained on the Board before accepting the role of president, which he retained until his death in 1989.

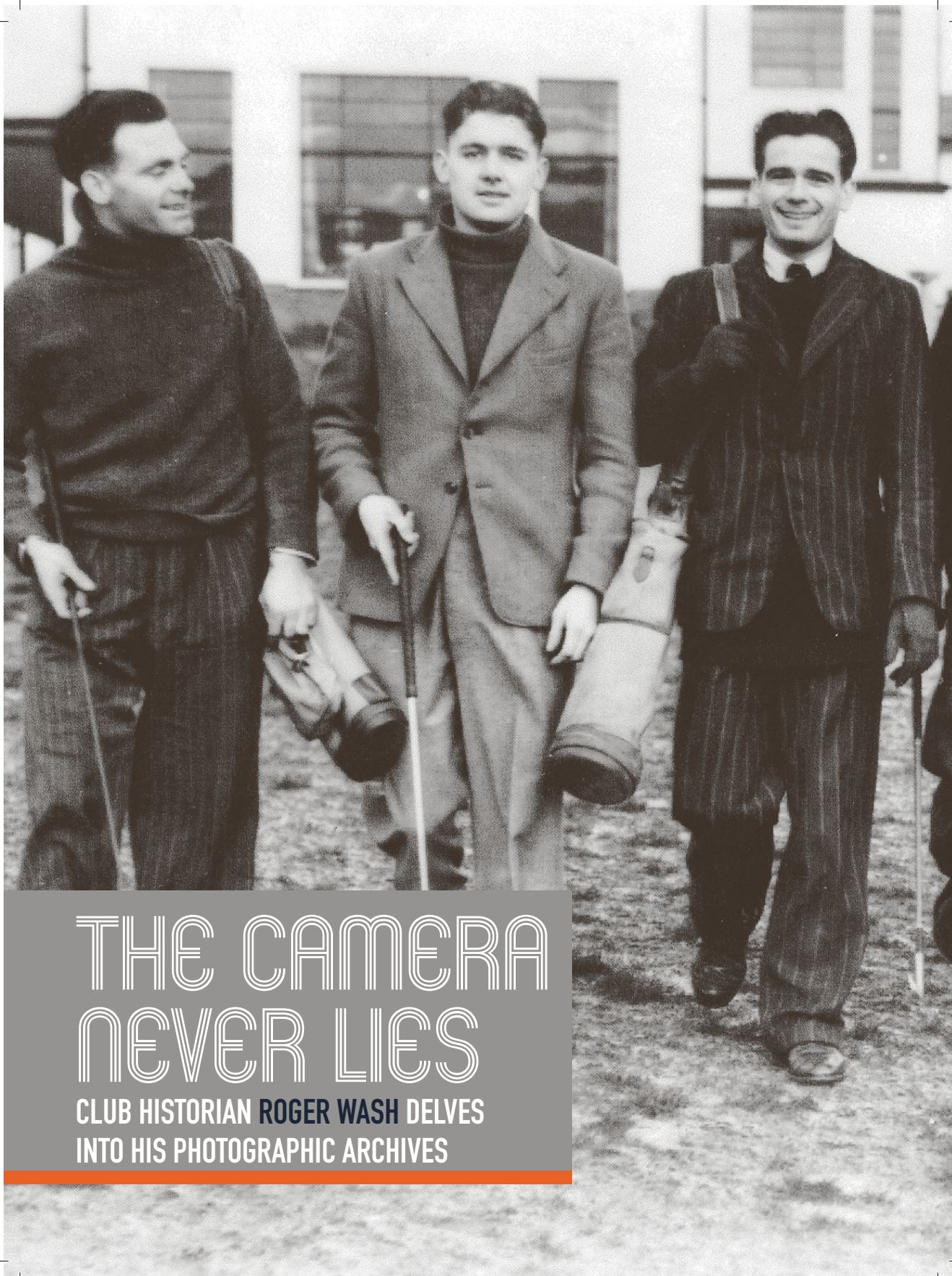
As well as a love of football, Tommy was a cine-film buff and I had the pleasure of viewing box after box of film from which was extracted colour footage of the Town on their many pre-season trips to Europe in the 1950s, training sessions as well as the presentation of the Division Four championship trophy in 1968. All now preserved on DVD!



Tommy, front centre, with the victorious Division Four championship squad

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# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

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





Luton players set off for a game of golf in 1948 in the days before Nike, Pringle and Lacoste.  
Left to right: Ted Duggan, Bobby Brennan, Peter Small, Joe O'Brien, Mel Daniel and Billy Cooke.



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[ACADEMY UPDATE]

# ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

**Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Stevenage.**

## U18S

Unfortunately since my last programme notes, the U18s have not played as our home game versus Plymouth Argyle last weekend was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. Hopefully, they will have played this morning, away at Cambridge United, as we look to prepare for the Southern Area Cup Final away at AFC Bournemouth on Tuesday 21st March.

The date for that game is not ideal, as the first team also play that night away at Newport County. With Bournemouth being the home side our hands were a little tied, however the blow is made a little lighter in the knowledge that our young players will again experience the opportunity of playing under the lights at a Premier League stadium.

Fingers crossed we can progress and make consecutive appearances in the National Final, where either Rochdale or Bury await.

## SCHOOLBOYS

Last weekend was a busy one for our schoolboys. The U7s and U8s travelled down to Southampton FC on Saturday to take part in a mini soccer festival that saw them compete and play some great football.

On the Sunday, our U9s, U10s, U12s, U13s and U14s took on Leyton Orient, whilst we also hosted a four-team tournament for our U11s at Stockwood Park Academy, involving Queens Park Rangers, Leyton Orient and Dutch side De Grafschaap.

Overall, it made for a great, positive weekend of football for our young Academy schoolboy players and one that the staff and parents alike all thoroughly enjoyed. Well done everyone.

## CIARAN GORDON-STEARN



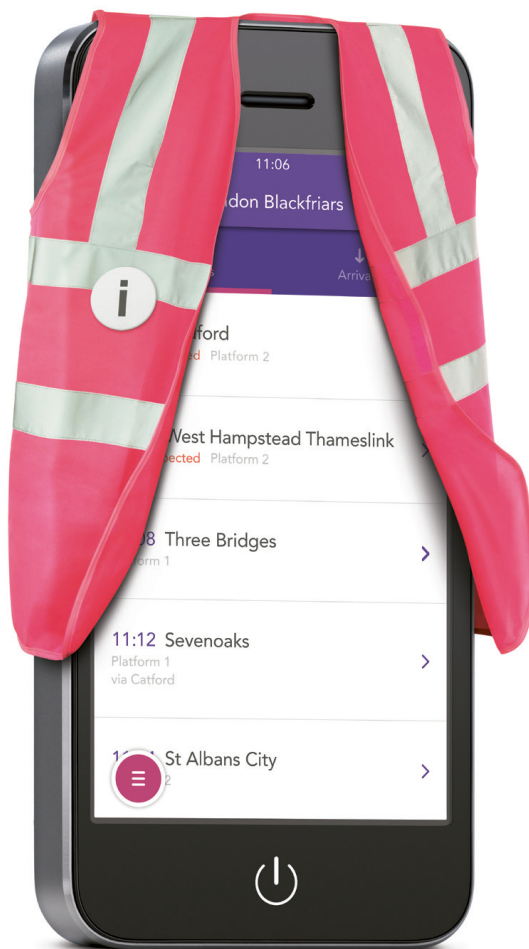
I would like to use this opportunity to give a brief mention to our young goalkeeper Ciaran Gordon-Stearn. This may not be a name too familiar to most, as unfortunately Ciaran suffered a serious knee injury only a couple of months after joining us as an apprentice from Ipswich Town at the start of the season. After a successful operation, Ciaran has made great strides over the last six months,

under the eyes of our medical team Dan Simm, Simon Parsell and Dr Paul Deeley. This week he has continued his rehabilitation by training at the FA headquarters, St George's Park. The change of scenery for a few days will do him the world of good and we all continue to wish him well as he gets ever nearer to full-time training and the end goal of that all-important first match. Keep going Ciaran!

Enjoy today's game.

COYH!

ANDY



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## KICK IT OUT DAY AT KENILWORTH ROAD V PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

Thanks to all of the first team players who helped promote our support of the Kick It Out awareness day at our last home game with Plymouth Argyle – including Happy Harry and Hatty!

As part of the campaign we held workshops with local schools to get the message across that 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.

If you want to play a more active role in Kick It Out you can get in touch with the organisation via their website [www.kickitout.org](http://www.kickitout.org)



## HATTERS COMMUNITY COACHING PROGRAMME

Last Saturday saw the start of our second Community Coaching Programme providing 18 free spaces to local adults to learn coaching skills and gain their FA Level 1 badge absolutely free with funding the Trust have secured from Luton Adult Learning and the Skills Funding Agency.

The Trust now employs around 40 full-time, part-time, apprentice and volunteer staff each week to deliver the increasing number of social, health and educational projects we are involved in each week.

Not all of our staff are simply focused on our youth development or talent identification centres which feed our schoolboy academy – many are focused on their community contribution through school work with mentoring and educational projects, as well as the increasing social cohesion work being done in some of our more socially deprived estates.

The type of 'coaches' we need for this kind of work don't need to be budding Mourinhos or a Nathan Jones (although it would help!) – but local people who really care about Luton



and the community they live and work in, and who recognise the power of football to be at the heart of all Luton's diverse communities.

In exchange for gaining their coaching badge free, our 'community champions' will then help to deliver 20 hours of voluntary sports activities to members of our local community through the Trust as they try make a real contribution at a very local level to the sports provision in Luton.



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### QUEENSBURY GIRLS JUST MISS OUT ON WEMBLEY

Commiserations to the girls from Queensbury High School in Dunstable who lost out in the Southern EFL final to Bristol City, who now go on to play the Northern winners at Wembley Stadium on 2nd April at the Checkatrade Trophy Final. Just like our first team, the chance of a Wembley appearance was so close, but just not to be.



On the day, having already beaten Bristol City and Brentford in the group stage and then Reading in the semis, it was the Bristol girls who gained revenge and reversed the scoreline to make Wembley.

Agonising – but a fantastic effort by the girls to make it as one of the last two teams out of 36 EFL club sides and proudly represent the Hatters!

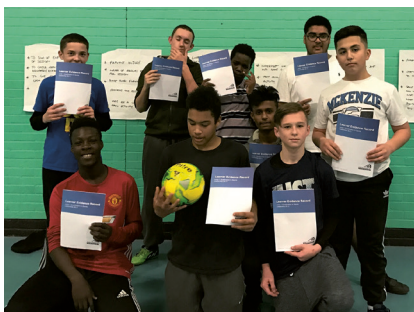
## PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS VOLUNTEERS GAIN SPORTS LEADER AWARDS

Another learning programme the Trust have just completed saw nine young volunteers from our PL KICKS programme successfully complete their L1 Sports Leader Award.

The boys have all taken part in the project over the last year or so and were identified by our PL KICKS staff as candidates who can help our coaches deliver and expand the number of sessions we run each week.

The PL KICKS scheme seeks to engage young people from areas of high need in football, sport and personal development by using football as a hook to engage and target young people, and attempt to divert them away from crime and anti-social behaviour by providing training and employment and volunteering opportunities. In the longer term it all leads to improved health and self-esteem where boys can feel safer through improving cohesion by bringing different communities together.

As a newcomer to the PL KICKS project we were recently audited by the Premier League, who visited our centres and



interviewed staff and participants. Hatters Trust Community Operations Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "PL KICKS is a fantastic project that encourages young people of all ages and abilities to come together and enjoy football.

"Quite often it's the first stage of a young person becoming involved with the Club's Trust. From PL KICKS they may also decide to volunteer

with us or sign up for employability support programmes.

"PL KICKS can just be about coming along to play football on a Thursday or Friday night with friends, but for the majority of people it's so much more than that – it's a step towards making positive changes within their lives. It was good to meet with the Premier league and they had some really good ideas to help our programme – we also received some fairly positive feedback from them on the day!"

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# JUNIOR HATTERS



## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS:

- 1) HATTERS NUMBER 5 - EX OXFORD SKIPPER
- 4) STRIKER, SHARES HIS SURNAME NAME WITH A HOTEL CHAIN
- 5) THE HATTERS ON-LOAN GOONERS KEEPER
- 6) THE OTHER HALF OF THE HATTERS HOTEL DUO IN 4 ACROSS
- 7) MIDFIELDER WITH A BROTHER WHO ALSO PLAYED FOR LUTON

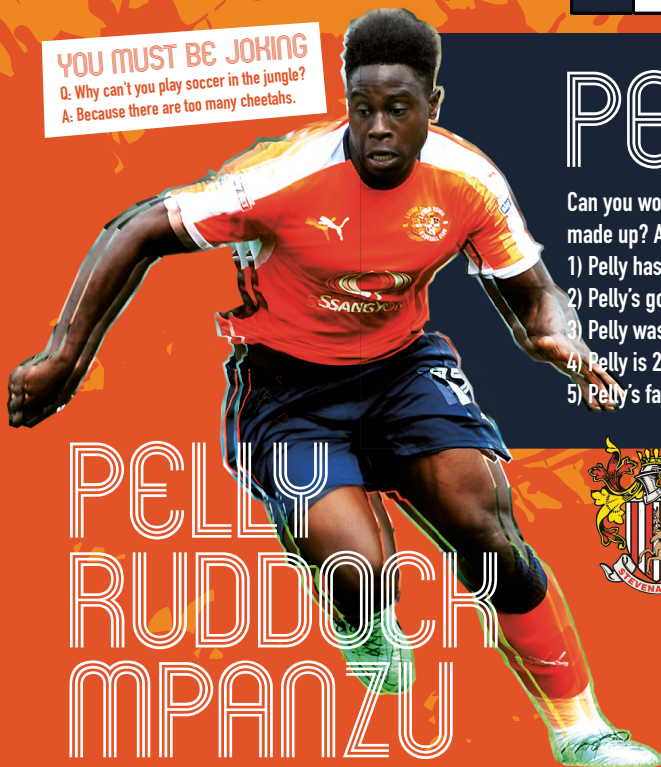
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- 2) HATTERS DEFENDER WHO PLAYED 127 TIMES FOR NOTTS COUNTY
- 3) LUTON TOWN MANAGER \_ JONES
- 5) HATTERS KEEPER ON LOAN FROM READING



## YOU MUST BE JOKING

Q: Why can't you play soccer in the jungle?  
A: Because there are too many cheetahs.



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## PELLY FACTS

Can you work out which of the following facts are true and which are made up? Answers are below. No cheating!

- 1) Pelly has now made over 100 appearances for the Hatters.
- 2) Pelly's goal against Yeovil last week was his first of this season.
- 3) Pelly was formerly on the books at West Ham Utd.
- 4) Pelly is 25 years of age.
- 5) Pelly's favoured position is actually as goalkeeper.



## STEVENAGE FC

Stevenage FC was founded in 1976, making them one of the youngest clubs in the Football League. Their home ground is Broadhall Way - not far from the curiously named 'Roaring Meg Retail Park'. Several ex-Hatters have made their way onto the Stevenage team sheet in recent years, including defender Luke Wilkinson, Fraser Franks and former skipper Ronnie Henry. Striker Josh McQuoid is currently on loan to the Hertfordshire side.

PELLY FACTS: 1: TRUE, 2: TRUE, 3: TRUE, 4: FALSE, 5: FALSE. CROSSWORD: ACROSS: 1: TRUE, 2: TRUE, 3: TRUE, 4: TRUE, 5: TRUE, 6: TRUE, 7: TRUE. DOWN: 1: TRUE, 2: TRUE, 3: TRUE, 4: TRUE, 5: TRUE, 6: TRUE, 7: TRUE.



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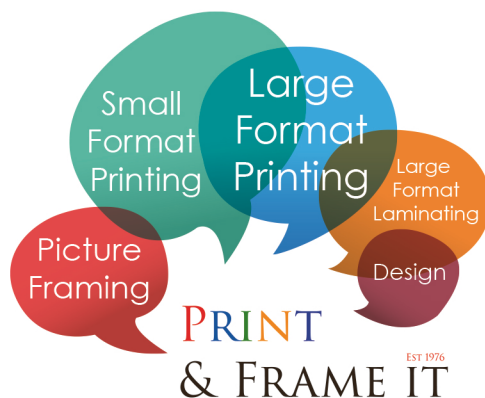
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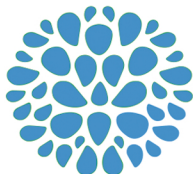
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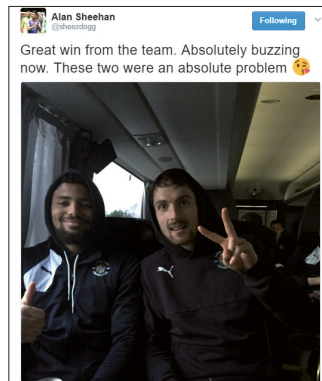
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## HAVE ARSENE WENGER AND ALEXIS SANCHEZ FALLEN OUT? IT WOULD CERTAINLY SEEM SO AFTER THE CHILEAN STAR WAS ASTOUNDINGLY DROPPED FOR THE 3-1 DEFEAT TO LIVERPOOL LAST WEEKEND.

Rumours persist of a dressing room bust-up which saw the Gunners' French boss side against Sanchez, who was also accused of not trying hard enough against Bayern Munich.

Is the damage repairable? Considering Sanchez has been directly involved in 26 goals this season, Arsenal fans will certainly hope so. But as history shows, a war between player and manager rarely ends well.

### DAVOR SUKER AND JOHN TOSHACK

The spat between Suker and Toshack was exceptional in the sense that it played out in Madrid's gossip columns and glossy trash mags.

Suker, confidence buoyed by his Golden Boot from France 98, returned to Real Madrid and promptly criticised Toshack's transfer dealings. Toshack – never one to take verbals lying down – told the club to suspend the Croatian striker without pay.

Enter Ana Obregon – TV presenter, glamour queen, science graduate and, most importantly, the girlfriend of Suker.

When Suker returned from Harrods with a £16 teddy bear, Toshack publicly declared that a woman like Obregon "deserved more". She responded acidly, calling the Welshman "a clown" and pointing out that her beau was hardly likely to buy a diamond ring given he wasn't being paid.

So followed a succession of barbs from Obregon, culminating in her accusing Toshack of forcing Suker out. "He can't drop his trousers so they can smack his botty because he's not a schoolboy," she said. "So they treat him like this. He is very low."

Weeks later, Suker was on his way to Arsenal.

### BERND SCHUSTER AND... EVERYONE

From his emergence as a teenage superstar at Euro 1980 to the last days of his career at Leverkusen, The Blonde Angel's extravagant talent was matched only by his ability to cause mayhem.

At Koln, his first club, he branded coach Karl-Heinz Heddergott "an amateur". At Barcelona, Schuster saw off Hungarian Laszlo Kubala, sent his wife to hector Terry Venables and was ostracised for an entire season after reacting to being subbed in the 1986 European Cup final by leaving the stadium on foot. Later, at Real Madrid, he fell out with Jesus Gil in an inevitable clash of egos.

Oh, and that's not to mention quitting international football at the age of 24 after antagonising two different managers and the German FA.

### THEO KELLY AND JOE MERCER

Kelly was Everton's first proper manager, designer of the club crest and is widely acknowledged as the architect of the Toffees' status as a twentieth century powerhouse.

Yet he was also – according to players – a mean-spirited autocrat. Record scorer Dixie Dean blamed Kelly for his Everton exit in 1937, but his most notable clash was with stalwart Joe Mercer in 1946.

Having wrongly accused Mercer of laziness in an international against Scotland (he actually had a cartilage injury), Kelly then refused to sanction surgery in the belief that Mercer was lying.

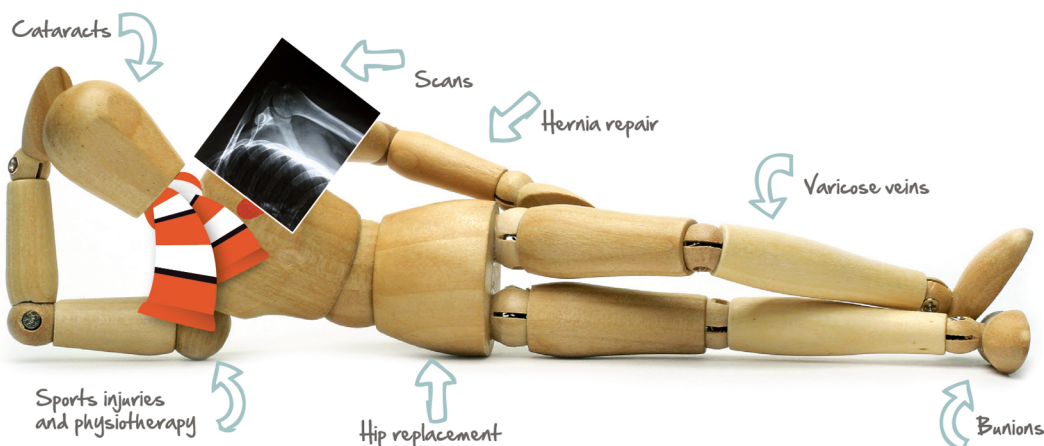
In the end, Mercer was forced to pay for the operation himself and, furious, subsequently joined Arsenal for £9,000. Petty to the end, Kelly brought Mercer's boots to the transfer negotiations so the left-half wouldn't have a reason to go back to Goodison and say goodbye.



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# LEAGUE LOOK

## TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES:

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

## LAST WEEK'S LEAGUE 2 RESULTS:

**SATURDAY 4TH MARCH**  
 Accrington Stanley **1-0** Barnet  
 Blackpool **3-1** Morecambe  
 Cambridge **1-1** Colchester  
 Cheltenham **0-0** Mansfield  
 Crawley **0-0** Doncaster  
 Grimsby **1-2** Wycombe  
 Hartlepool **3-1** Exeter

**Newport 0-4 Leyton Orient**  
**Plymouth 2-0 Carlisle**  
 Portsmouth **0-1** Crewe Alexandra  
 Stevenage **3-0** Notts County  
 Yeovil **0-4** Luton

**TUESDAY 7TH MARCH**  
 Crawley **0-2** Portsmouth  
 Plymouth **0-3** Blackpool

## LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Doncaster Rovers	35	20	9	6	66	42	24	69
2	Plymouth Argyle	35	20	5	10	54	39	15	65
3	Portsmouth	35	17	8	10	51	31	20	59
4	Carlisle United	35	15	13	7	56	51	5	58
5	<b>LUTON TOWN</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>57</b>
6	Stevenage	35	17	4	14	59	51	8	55
7	Exeter City	35	16	6	13	56	41	15	54
8	Mansfield Town	35	13	13	9	43	38	5	52
9	Colchester United	35	14	9	12	51	44	7	51
10	Blackpool	35	12	14	9	55	38	17	50
11	Wycombe Wanderers	35	14	8	13	44	45	-1	50
12	Cambridge United	34	13	8	13	44	41	3	47
13	Grimsby Town	35	13	8	14	41	42	-1	47
14	Barnet	35	11	13	11	43	47	-4	46
15	Morecambe	34	13	7	14	43	51	-8	46
16	Crawley Town	35	12	7	16	41	54	-13	43
17	Yeovil Town	35	9	13	13	33	44	-11	40
18	Cheltenham Town	35	9	12	14	38	46	-8	39
19	Crewe Alexandra	35	9	12	14	37	52	-15	39
20	Accrington Stanley	33	9	11	13	37	46	-9	38
21	Hartlepool United	35	9	11	15	46	59	-13	38
22	Notts County	35	10	7	18	38	61	-23	37
23	Leyton Orient	35	9	5	21	40	55	-15	32
24	Newport County AFC	34	5	11	18	37	57	-20	26

## PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										LTC	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		CAREER TOT		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	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	5	0	
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	1	0	14	0	
Jordan Cook	25	(4)	3	(1)	30	(5)	4	5	1	35	4	
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0	
Scott Cuthbert	27	(1)	1	(3)	30	(4)	1	4	0	74	1	
Lawson D'Ath	2	(2)	0	(0)	2	(2)	0	0	0	4	0	
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	(3)	0	(4)	0	1	0	6	0	
Luke Gambin	5	(3)	1	(0)	6	(4)	1	1	0	9	1	
Alex Gilliead	10	(8)	1	(3)	13	(8)	2	3	0	21	2	
Jake Gray	8	(6)	1	(9)	3	(17)	4	0	0	23	4	
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	0	30	6	
Freddie Hinds	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0	
Danny Hylton	29	(1)	17	(6)	5	(35)	11	22	1	36	22	
James Justin	17	(1)	0	(7)	1	(24)	0	2	0	27	0	
Craig King	0	(0)	0	(4)	0	(4)	0	0	0	4	0	
Olly Lee	16	(6)	0	(5)	1	(21)	0	7	0	67	3	
Matt Macey	5	(0)	0	(2)	0	(7)	0	0	0	7	0	
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(2)	0	(2)	1	(2)	1	1	0	40	5	
Jack Marriott	22	(9)	5	(4)	3	(26)	12	9	1	82	25	
Cameron McGeehan	24	(0)	10	(4)	1	(28)	0	11	7	0	106	31
Josh McQuoid	1	(2)	0	(5)	2	(6)	2	2	0	43	7	
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	22	(8)	1	(6)	2	(28)	10	1	5	1	104	6
Stuart Moore	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0	
Johnny Mullins	20	(2)	0	(6)	0	(26)	2	1	2	28	1	
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	(5)	0	(5)	1	0	0	8	1	
Stephen O'Donnell	20	(1)	1	(6)	3	(26)	4	3	1	0	63	4
Ollie Palmer	0	(6)	1	(0)	0	(6)	1	1	0	6	1	
Dan Potts	16	(1)	0	(2)	1	(18)	2	0	3	1	36	0
Glen Rea	24	(3)	2	(8)	0	(32)	3	9	1	45	3	
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Jack Senior	8	(1)	0	(6)	0	(14)	1	0	2	0	15	0
<b>Alan Sheehan</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Jonathan Smith</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Jack Snelus</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Isaac Vassell	13	(15)	4	(6)	5	(19)	20	9	2	0	39	9
Christian Walton	27	(0)	0	(6)	0	(33)	(0)	0	1	0	33	0

# FIXTURESPILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI										
<b>AUGUST</b>																		
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Mpanzu				
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee	Mpanzu				
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton	O'DONNELL 1	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Cook				
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu				
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	L 1-2	3,517	1,674	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Rea	Potts	Lee	Gray				
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				
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-0	5,606	1,690	2	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu				
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King	Cotter	MUSONDA 1	Famewo	Justin	Bakinson	SMITH 1				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																		
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 4-1	8,097	530	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu				
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town	L 1-2	8,005	539	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu				
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 0-2	2,904	1,052	7	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Smith				
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-1	7,917	554	3	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu				
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United	D 1-1	3,533	311	2	Walton	Justin	SHEEHAN 1	Famewo	Potts	Lee	Gray				
<b>OCTOBER</b>																		
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,660	923	4	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu				
Tues 4	7.30pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)	W 2-0	1,441	89	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	GRAY 1				
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra	D 1-1	7,716	254	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Gray				
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-1	5,471	1,341	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Cook				
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	D 1-1	7,787	295	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Gray				
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Notts. County	D 0-0	6,313	2,033	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Mullins	Rea	Cook				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																		
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Exeter City (FAC1)	W 3-1	2,972	310	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	REA 1	Lee	Mpanzu				
Tue 8	7.30pm	H	Millwall (EFL Trophy)	L 1-3	2,251	370	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	Gray				
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 1-0	8,008	101	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook				
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	W 2-0	1,507	520	4	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Mpanzu				
Tue 22	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-3	8,808	975	5	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Mpanzu				
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 0-0	3,823	634	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook				
<b>DECEMBER</b>																		
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Solihull Moors (FAC2)	W 6-2	3,512	635	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	MULLINS 1	Cook				
Tues 6	7.45pm	A	Swindon Town (EFL Trophy)	W 3-2	1,692	134	-	King	Justin	Musonda	Senior	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu				
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United	D 1-1	7,953	380	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Mullins	Rea				
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W2-0	3,992	1,095	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee				
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	L 0-1	9,164	490	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee				
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Barnet	W 3-1	8,262	494	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	SHEEHAN 1	Potts	Mullins	Rea				
<b>JANUARY</b>																		
Mon 2	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	17,402	1,547	6	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Smith				
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley (FAC3)	L 1-2	1,717	482	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mullins	Lee				
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	Chesterfield (EFL Trophy)	W 4-0	1,655	152	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Musonda	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith				
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-1	4,368	995	6	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Mullins	Mpanzu	Cook				
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	5,387	1,800	6	Walton	Justin	CUTHBERT 1	Senior	Mullins	Mpanzu	Smith				
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	8,917	997	4	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith				
Tue 31	7.45pm	H	Cheltenham Town	L 2-3	6,708	83	5	Moore	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith				
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																		
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town	D 1-1	5,114	468	5	Moore	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Gray				
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				
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town	W 2-1	7,316	225	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan				
Tue 14	7.45pm	H	Hartlepool United	W 3-0	6,965	90	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Mullins	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan				
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	D 1-1	7,506	1,619	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan				
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	D 1-1	9,124	1,027	5	Macey	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan				
<b>MARCH</b>																		
Wed 1	7.45pm	H	Oxford United (EFL Trophy)	L 2-3	6,901	742	-	Macey	Justin	Mullins	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan				
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	W 4-0	4,194	698	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	REA 1	MPANZU 1	Smith				
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															
<b>APRIL</b>																		
Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Blackpool															
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Barnet															
Fri 14	3.00pm	H	Leyton Orient															
Mon 17	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town															
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Notts. County															
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley															
<b>MAY</b>																		
Sat 6	5.30pm	H	Morecambe															



# WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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## SUBS

McGeehan	Cook •	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1 ♦	SMITH 1 •	Lee ♦	Gray ▲	Justin	Vassell	McQuoid	King
McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1 ♦	Hylton	Marriott ▲	Smith ♦	Cuthbert •	Cook	Vassell ▲	McQuoid	King	Famewo
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McGeehan	Gray •	Hylton •	Marriott	Cook •	Mpanzu ♦	Vassell ▲	Cuthbert	McQuoid	King	Justin
McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1 ▲	Cuthbert •	Smith ♦	Vassell ▲	Gray	McQuoid	King	Justin
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McGeehan	COOK 1	HYLTON 3 ▲	Marriott ♦	Smith •	Vassell •	Famewo ▲	Gray	Gilliead	King	Justin
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Smith	GILLIEAD 1 ▲	McQuoid •	Banton •	Vassell •	Hinds •	Snelus ▲	Cotter	Read	Atkinson	Gooch
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Smith	COOK 1 •	HYLTON 1 ▲	VASSELL 2 ♦	Cuthbert •	Marriott •	Justin ▲	Gambin	Gray	Lee	King
Smith	Cook •	HYLTON 2 ▲	Vassell •	Palmer •	Gambin •	Marriott ▲	Gray	D'Ath	Justin	Moore
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Smith	COOK 1 •	Hylton	Vassell •	Palmer •	Gambin •	Marriott	Lee	D'Ath	Justin	Moore
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One of the things that has surprised me since I came to Kenilworth Road last summer is just how many requests are made of the football club for signed shirts, balls, pictures and the like – and just how many charities get in touch asking for Luton Town to support their cause.

Of course, we would love to support every single one – and my esteemed colleague John Buttle does a wonderful job taking items up to the training ground every Thursday morning for Nathan and the players to put pen to paper, panels and Puma kit.

Unfortunately we can't meet everyone's demands, but there was one email circulated to all EFL club media teams that really struck a chord recently, and it sits well alongside today being our designated fixture for 2016/17 in support of Prostate Cancer UK. The email informed us that my counterpart at Crawley Town, Alex Stedman, had been diagnosed with testicular cancer.

Alex is 22 years old, fit and healthy, and determined to continue throwing himself into his work as media and supporters' liaison officer at the Broadfield Stadium to take his mind off the course of chemotherapy that he is about to undertake.

He's also taken on another project after being surprised by a phone call from former Hatters striker John

Hartson, who famously fought the disease in 2009. At the suggestion of a friend, Alex has decided to use his position to call on clubs to donate a signed item to raise funds for the John Hartson Foundation – and of course, we at Kenilworth Road are only too pleased to assist on that score.

It reminded me of a game I played in at Millwall three years ago next month for Prostate Cancer UK's 'Men United' campaign. Neil Harris, now the Lions' boss, played too having been another famous footballer to have beaten testicular cancer, when he was just a year older than Alex currently is.

Afterwards in one of the Den's hospitality suites, Harris told me: "There is a naivety in men to the fact that we are all vulnerable to cancer. When we sit in the pub having a pint, men don't openly talk about things.

"So occasions like this, and the fact that the club is supporting the Prostate Cancer UK, are great for awareness. Each matchday here you've got over 10,000 people and if most of them buy a programme, the messages are loud and clear.

"You'd like to think that the majority of male home fans will read the info and at some point during that season get themselves checked out. One in eight are diagnosed with prostate cancer. It's frightening.

"I was very fortunate to be in an environment where we, as a bunch of players had a club doctor that we respected and were very close to. I was quite an open young man, so when I felt something was wrong I could deal with it straight away. The most fortunate thing I did was having the balls, shall we say, to let the doc diagnose me."

More than 10,000 men die from prostate cancer in the UK each year, but caught early, survival rates are good. Whether it's prostate or testicular cancer you're worried about, please follow the lead of John Hartson and Neil Harris and get yourself checked out.

Alex Stedman did just that and hopefully it will prove to have been well-timed. I wish him all the very best with both his treatment and his fundraising for a great cause.

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



- 1 Jamie Jones
- 3 Andrew Fox
- 4 Jack King
- 5 Fraser Franks
- 6 Luke Wilkinson
- 7 Jobi McAnuff
- 8 Steven Schumacher
- 10 Josh McQuoid
- 11 Tom Pett
- 14 Ben Kennedy
- 16 Chris Day
- 17 Dale Gorman
- 18 Michael Tonge
- 19 Dean Wells
- 20 Connor Ogilvie
- 22 Charlie Lee
- 23 Henry Cowans
- 24 Matt Godden
- 25 Ronnie Henry
- 26 Kaylen Hinds
- 27 Ryan Johnson
- 30 Mark McKee
- 32 Tom Conlon
- 33 Kygosi Ntlhe
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