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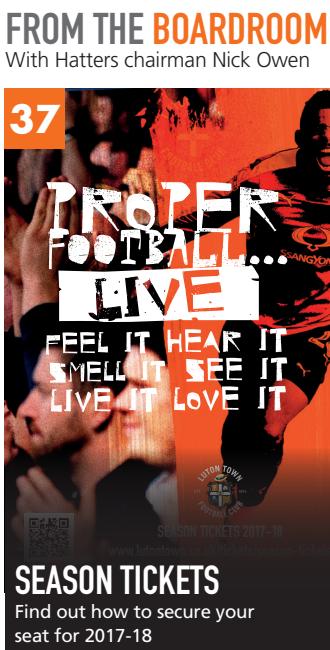
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# THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for yet another big game in our bid to win promotion to Sky Bet League One, once more against a rival in the top part of the table.

I would like to welcome everybody from our visitors Exeter City – including supporters, directors, staff, manager Paul Tisdale and his squad – and wish them a safe journey back to Devon this evening.

Having played the Grecians twice already this season, winning 3-1 at St James' Park in the FA Cup and then drawing 0-0 in the league down there, we are familiar with the threat we face this afternoon.

They have been one of the form teams in the division since that second game we played down there in early December, and this is another big game to finish off another really big week for us. We've got to make sure that we are right at it.

## CHANGED

We let ourselves down last Saturday against Stevenage. We gave them a headstart with the goal after two minutes and although we didn't get going at all, we looked back and saw that we created so many chances – certainly enough to have won the game.

I don't know how because we didn't play at all, and it was with that in mind that I changed things around in midfield for the trip to Carlisle on Tuesday.

I wanted four footballers in there so brought in Olly Lee and Luke Gambin to play alongside Jordan Cook and Pelly, and we tried to get on the ball and move it quickly. We were brave and didn't just go to stifle them.

It wasn't a game in which there were too many chances, but I felt we had the better ones that were created and I got the kind of response I had asked for.

Of course, I wanted to win it and I'm disappointed we didn't. But it was important that we didn't lose the game and that we avoided back-to-back defeats, because we still have that game in hand to make up ground on the others at the top.

If we had played like that against Stevenage, I know we'd have won the game because of the number of chances that came our way in that one without playing well at all.

## APPETITE

One thing that can't pass without mention is your wonderful support – again! To take almost 400 so far north on a midweek night once again is unbelievable. We had a tenth of the attendance again, as we did at Hartlepool on our last midweek trek towards Scotland, and that is phenomenal.

When you consider that there were several hundred more watching the game back home at Kenilworth Road, it truly emphasises what a great club this is and what an appetite there is for success here.

We hope to bring you the results you crave by the end of the season, and please do keep believing in us. Together we can get the job done – so let's hear you this afternoon and for the rest of the run-in.

Enjoy the game.



# FROM THE BOARDROOM

## WITH CHAIRMAN NICK OWEN

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our Sky Bet League Two match against Exeter City. A warm welcome also to the Devon contingent who've made the long journey here of some 200 miles for a crucial game for both sides at an increasingly exciting and indeed unpredictable stage of the season.

I reckon the term roller coaster could have been invented for Exeter's form this season. When we played them at St James Park at the end of November, approaching the midway point, they had yet to win at home and they were just two points above the relegation places. We drew nil-nil that day and I reckon we must have played them into form!

They rocketed off into a scintillating run to win ten out of their next 11 games and soared into fourth place in the table. They may have wobbled a bit here and there after that, but they come here this afternoon after beating Cheltenham convincingly on Tuesday night and now sit just the one point behind us in the play-off places. It should be a terrific match this afternoon.

As for ourselves, I am sure we are all praying for better things than we experienced here last Saturday against Stevenage. Ironically, we had so many shots cleared off the line or brilliantly saved by their keeper we could easily have won, but we never really gelled on the day and, though

it hurts me to say it, Stevenage deserved their victory for a really efficient away performance on the day.

I have to admit I had visions of Luke Wilkinson coming back to haunt us with one of his trademark headers, but I didn't think it would happen 180 seconds in!

So we went again with the long trip to Carlisle, a side that's stumbled badly in recent weeks after a flying start to the season. Once again, our following was exceptional – thanks to the dedicated 377 souls who travelled up. The players never cease to be amazed by the size of our support.

In many circumstances, a goalless draw on a Tuesday night just ten miles south of the Scottish border would be regarded as a decent result and it is, but after Stevenage we were all hoping for more. Still, it keeps us in touch with the automatic promotion places, but it'll get harder with every passing game if we don't start picking up three points just about every time we run down the tunnel.

We know we have the players with talent, quality and pedigree and they are all fiercely determined, I can assure you, with a strong team ethic and sense of unity, so the next ten games will be a searching examination of their mettle. We must all have faith and encourage the players as much as we can.

### HORIZONS

Supporters of a certain age of any football club know all about the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune (to coin a phrase) and, however deflated we feel at times, we still come back for more because our passion for a football club to some extent defines who we are.

Luton Town is an integral part of my DNA and I know that applies to thousands of Hatters fans here and around the world.

This is a brilliant time for the club. We are reaching out towards such exciting new horizons, as we await news from the authorities of our seismic new development plans, we are slowly but surely moving into



our magnificent training complex at The Brache (pictured above) and, from a footballing point of view, we are very much looking up and not down.

But we all need to hold our nerve for these last ten games and do everything in our power to surge towards automatic promotion. If it's the play-offs, so be it. We will be ready and what a thrilling way to finish the season.

Since Exeter are our visitors today, it seems a good time to remind you about Sky Sports presenter Jeff Stelling's latest efforts to raise money to help the fight against prostate cancer. He raised £420,000 last year when he walked from his beloved Hartlepool United to Wembley, his March to the Arch!

This time he is setting off from Exeter's St James Park to Newcastle United's St James' Park in his March for Men, with a target of half a million pounds. He'll be covering the equivalent of 15 marathons in 15 days, starting in the south west on June 2nd. Brave man! He's aiming to visit 40 clubs on the way.

### MEMORABLE

Stelling's sterling efforts are reminiscent of one of the greatest cricketers of all time, Sir Ian Botham. He has raised millions by walking thousands of miles both here and abroad over the years for various causes, particularly leukaemia charities.

I was lucky enough to spend an hour on stage interviewing Sir Ian a couple of weeks ago in Worcester at an event to raise funds for the battle against prostate cancer. He's a long-time supporter of Scunthorpe United – you probably know he played for them a few times – so I took the chance to hand out some gentle stick over our memorable

victory against them at Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint in 2009. He's a vice president of the club and gets to as many matches as he can.

It's amazing to think about those days, now long past, when sportsmen could play professional football and cricket. He recalled playing at centre-half for Scunthorpe in the old Fourth Division over Christmas 1980 and then taking off a couple of days later for the West Indies as captain of the England cricket team! Unthinkable now!

He also remembers the late Graham Taylor coming into the dressing room after one Scunthorpe game, clearly not too impressed with his footballing talents, and saying to Ian, "It's a good job you're a handy cricketer...."

The following summer, 1981, was the most inspirational imaginable from a cricketing point of view. Ian did just about everything – stunning batting, exceptional bowling – and we thrashed the Aussies to win the Ashes.

He believed and never gave up, even when England had followed on and were 500-1 against in the Test at Headingley and went on to win it.

Our odds against promotion are obviously nothing remotely as extreme as that, thank goodness. We still have more than a fighting chance, but we could do with three points today to set us on our way for these last ten games of what could be a thrilling run-in.

Please give the players every backing you can, enjoy the game and bye for now.



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# HATTERS TAKE MIPIM 2017 CROWN!

## POWER COURT DESIGNS TAKE STADIUM PRIZE AT GLOBAL ARCHITECTURE CEREMONY

The Hatters' plans for a new stadium at Power Court and mixed-use development at Newlands Park were hailed at a global architectural awards ceremony on Wednesday night in the south of France.

Manuel Nogueira, from AndArchitects, led a 2020 Developments contingent including chief executive Gary Sweet and development director Michael Moran at MIPIM 2017, where 2020 Developments' plans for a new home for the football club in the heart of Luton town centre won an award in the Sports & Stadiums category of The Architectural Review Future Projects Awards.

The plans for the 17,500-23,000 capacity stadium beat a strong field of competitors with the new Perth Stadium in Western Australia and Power Court shortlisted – the Hatters ultimately coming out on top at the event in Cannes.

In addition to that great success, the plans for Newlands Park received a commendation in the Regeneration & Masterplanning category, in which the winner was a Swedish development.

The organisers describe how the awards "recognise and celebrate the role of architecture in the creation of successful development, which includes the contribution made to the public realm as well as the quality of proposed buildings", and that "sensitivity to existing contexts is a feature of the better entries".

Other winners among the 220-plus entries from almost 30 countries came from Oman, California, Malaysia and London, with only one development winning awards in two categories and the overall winner coming from New York.

How great to see Luton's name up in lights alongside such a world powerhouse as the Big Apple. Accolades like this will certainly enhance the image of the town to the wider world, so imagine what impact the projects will have if they are actually built!



A huge well done from everyone at Kenilworth Road to all who have put so much hard work and vision into the two projects so far.



## LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WEEKS OF ACTION (4TH TO 19TH MARCH 2017) – CELEBRATING THE 'GAME CHANGERS'

Luton Town are pleased to support the 2017 Level Playing Field (LPF) Weeks of Action. This annual initiative, now in its 12th year, aims to celebrate access and inclusion for disabled sports fans across England and Wales.

**Disabled people constitute the largest minority group at around 15 per cent of the population and this number is increasing year on year.**

Naturally, a large number of disabled people are football fans too and we are pleased to take this opportunity to thank our own disabled fans for their continued loyalty and dedication to this great club.

This year we are celebrating the 'Game Changers' that make a big difference to the matchday experience of our disabled fans. We want to shine a light on those who lead and pioneer change that improves access and inclusion, and in many cases changing the lives of disabled people.

Here at Kenilworth Road, we are lucky to have Allan Drummond as a leading light in helping enhance the matchday experience for our disabled supporters in his role as secretary of the Luton Town Disabled Supporters' Association.

### PASSION

Allan (pictured above, third from the left) told Talk of the Town: "Volunteering for the LTDSA is but one of my roles in life, including being a proud parent of three fast growing wonderful children, a social worker working with young offenders, and last but certainly not least, being a lifelong Luton supporter.

"The reason I put myself forward for the LTDSA role was because of my

love for LTFC and a passion to ensure that all supporters can follow LTFC without any barriers.

"I have a visual impairment which I have had from birth and is something I have always lived with and got on with. My eye condition results from a genetic condition known as albinism, which simply effects the pigment in the skin, thus my dislike of hot countries. But this condition also commonly has an effect on the eyes, which in my case has left me with around five per cent of the vision most people would normally have.

"Volunteering as part of the LTDSA has been a great adventure so far, but personally I would say that over the past 12 months we have seen some real improvements.

"Firstly, a focus on getting the information out there about what we do and how we can support disabled supporters has resulted in us putting out information through our Facebook page and Twitter feed, but we have also been improving the LTSA pages on the LTFC website."

"It does take up some of my free time, but like so many others who volunteer, I do it because I want to do my bit to help things improve."

"Then, over the past few months, we introduced the new commentary service for blind and partially sighted people. Again, this took some time in preparation, talking to service providers and other clubs about what they do, then devising a plan and looking at the costs, factoring in what would be the best fit for Luton."

"I had an enjoyable evening pitching our plan to the Luton Town Supporters' Trust, who then agreed to provide the funding. I think that we have managed to achieve a great service at great value, because the focus was on using the expertise we have here at Luton, which for me make this whole project that much more personal."

"Win, lose or draw, I know that the we now have a fantastic service with Simon Pitts commentating and top quality equipment to deliver that service. From my perspective, it ensures I am fully aware of what is happening on the pitch."

"Having this service saves so much planning in advance, where I used to have to bring an FM and AM radio (fully charged) depending on which local channel we were on, now I can just book and pick up a receiver from the ticket office, no hassle at all."

"Some people may see this as not a very big thing, but for blind and

partially sighted supporters this is the difference between sitting in a stadium not having a clue what is going on, and feeling at the heart of the action."

"It has been humbling to receive the amazing feedback from other supporters since the launch, and I am just so happy that people are sharing the benefits with me that many supporters take for granted."

This Weeks of Action campaign we are joining together with sports clubs, fans and organisations across England and Wales to celebrate the #GameChangers who make a difference for disabled football fans and to promote a message of access and inclusion for all.

In recent weeks we have held a Dementia Awareness training workshop for staff at the club, and welcomed our fans' charity of the season, Autism Beds, to use one of our executive boxes so that a group of people living with autism could watch a game at Kenilworth Road in a calm and comfortable environment.



Long-standing initiatives to encourage access and inclusion within the club continue. These include the Community Trust's disability football teams and their superb programme aimed at people at risk of isolation and loneliness, who attend a social group at Kenilworth Road each week.

For more information about Level Playing Field (LPF) and this year's Weeks of Action, please visit [www.levelplayingfield.org.uk](http://www.levelplayingfield.org.uk) email [info@levelplayingfield.org.uk](mailto:info@levelplayingfield.org.uk) or call 0208 621 2403.

Alternatively you may wish to send a message of support to @lpftweets on Twitter using the hashtag #GameChangers

## RAYMOND WOODFIELD

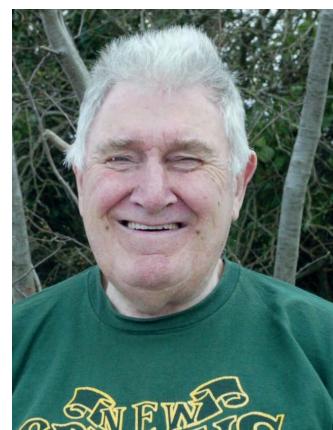
The Hatters would like to pass on their condolences to the family of Raymond Woodfield, who passed away on 13th February, aged 83.

Born in Barton-le-Clay, Raymond was a huge supporter of the club, as he used to cycle to matches, where he would sit in the same seat in B block of the Main Stand – a seat his grandson James now sits in.

Raymond also used to drive a mini bus for away games all over the country.

His love for the Town will live on with his sons Keith and David, as well as James, who all attend home and away matches following in the family tradition.

Rest In Peace, Raymond.



[OUR NEXT OPPONITION]

# UP NEXT

## NEWPORT COUNTY

FORMED: 1912/1989 | NICKNAME: THE EXILES | LAST SEASON: 22ND IN LEAGUE TWO  
FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @NEWPORTCOUNTY | COLOURS: AMBER SHIRT, BLACK COLLAR  
GROUND: RODNEY PARADE | MANAGER: MIKE FLYNN

**WHO?** They comfortably avoided the drop points wise last season, but finished in 22nd. Formed originally in 1912, before going out of business in 1989 and then reforming in the same year, Newport were managed by former Hatter and Northern Ireland international, Warren Feeney at the beginning of the season, before he was replaced by Graham Westley. He has since been removed as County boss, with coach Mike Flynn put in charge for the rest of the season. Promoted to the Football League in the 2012-13 season for the first time since the club's reformation in 1989, the club's sole aim now this season is to stay in the division having struggled for most of this term.

**TICKETS** All ticket information for this fixture at Rodney Parade is available on the opposite page.

**HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?** Our meeting earlier on in the season was decided incredibly late on, when Nathan Jones' side went down to ten men after Johnny Mullins'



Cameron McGeehan scores from the spot in our meeting last August

THE HATTERS MAKE THE LONG JOURNEY TO WALES ON TUESDAY NIGHT FOR ANOTHER VITAL GAME IN NATHAN JONES' TEAM'S BID FOR PROMOTION.

dismissal. Cameron McGeehan's penalty just after the hour mark gave Town the lead, before Jennison Myrie-Williams equalised with 70 minutes gone. McGeehan then netted a late winner from the spot to ensure the Hatters took all three points. The clubs actually met for the first time in 1913 and have played each other a total of 60 times, with the Hatters coming out on top 30 times, drawing 15 and losing 15.

**IN CHARGE** Mike Flynn has been put in charge of the Exiles in the wake of Graham Westley's departure. The 36-year-old made his fourth debut for Newport in January this season, having played for them on three separate occasions prior to rejoining them at the start of this season. He has played for a number of clubs over his career including Barry Town, for whom he scored in the 3-1 win over FC Porto in the qualifying stages of the Champions League.

**PREVIOUS FORM** The Exiles had won just one game in their last 20 with Westley in charge, but since Flynn took control they have recorded two successive victories on the road, winning 2-1 at Crewe last Saturday and 1-0 in midweek at Morecambe, where Ryan Bird netted from the penalty spot, to climb off the foot of the table.

**KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU** After his departure from Kenilworth Road in January, centre-back Mark O'Brien joined the Exiles on a deal until the end of the season having made nine appearances in total for the Hatters during his 18 months with the club. Former Newport boss Feeney played for the Hatters, scoring 11 goals in 83 appearances. Other players to have represented both clubs include Aaron O'Connor and Robbie Willmott – both of whom played for the Hatters in the Conference.

# GET YOUR TICKET



## NEWPORT COUNTY

### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

**TUESDAY 21ST MARCH | 7.45PM**

All remaining tickets are available on general sale from now until close of business on Monday. 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 the match at Colchester United are now on general sale. **Prices until close of business today:**

Adult: £17.50, Senior (65 plus): £12.50, 18-21: £12.50, Under 18: £9.50, Under 14: £4.00, Under 11: FOC (with Adult/ Senior 1 to 4 ratio), Additional Under 11: £1.00, Disabled: £12.50, Carer FOC. **Prices from Monday 20th March until 2pm Friday 24th:** Adult: £19.00, Senior (65 plus): £14.00, 18-21: £15.00, Under 18: £11.00, Under 14: £4.50, Under 11: FOC (with Adult/ Senior 1 to 4 ratio), Additional Under 11: £1.50, Disabled: £14, Carer FOC. Tickets will also be available on match day, subject to availability, with a further price increase on all ticket prices.

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Sat 25 Mar	Colchester United	£21	£19	11.30
Sat 8 Apr	Barnet	£18	£16	12.30



## BLACKPOOL

### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

**SATURDAY 1ST APRIL | 3PM**

Tickets for this category B game are now available from the LTFC ticket office.



## BARNET

### SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

**SATURDAY 8TH APRIL | 3PM**

The Hatters have received an allocation of 1,854 seated tickets for their trip to Barnet on Saturday 8th April. Tickets are now on sale to Diamond Season Ticket holders at two-per-person until close of business today. Season Ticket holders will be able to purchase one ticket each from Monday 20th March until midday on Saturday 25th March. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone or in person. Tickets will be available on General Sale from Monday 27th March until 2pm on Friday 7th April, they will also be available online at this time. Subject to availability, Cash turnstiles will be available in the day. **The prices for this fixture are as follows:** Adult: £23, Seniors (65 and over): £14, Young Person (17-20): £14, Junior (up to 16): £5. Disabled/Ambulant supporters will need to contact The Hive directly for tickets on 0208 381 3800. One Stand ticket will be allocated unless otherwise advised to [ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk).

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Senior (65+)	£18	£15	£13
Golden Senior (75+)	£15	£12	£10
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Acc. Junior (U10)	£8	£5	£3

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## MATCH BALL SPONSOR: COLIN REDMOND



I am joined today by my brother Greg, friends and fellow season ticket holders Geoff, Colin, Paul and Steve from Bedford, and from Newport Pagnell Andy, Rob, Roy and Mark. My first game was in October 1970 v Arsenal (RIP Dinky Doyle). Over the next 47 years there have been many highs with promotion in 1973/74 and again in 1981/82, final day victories at Man City in

1983 and Derby in 1990, and the Wembley victories of 1988 and 2009. Some great memories over the years both home and away. Fingers crossed we get the go ahead for Power Court.

## TODAY'S MASCOTS:



DAVID CANNON – AGE: 50



NICOLE BOTTECH – AGE: 15



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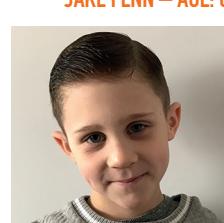
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[WELCOME EXETER CITY]



# WELCOME EXETER CITY

The Hatters would like to welcome today's travelling staff, players and supporters of Exeter City.

A journey the Town are all too familiar with, having played the Grecians twice at St James Park in November, today's visiting supporters will be halfway through a 400-mile round trip when they arrive at Kenilworth Road today.

In the first of our meetings this season, the Hatters ran out 3-1 winners, progressing to the second round of the FA Cup, before their second visit – a Sky Bet League Two fixture – finished in a 0-0 draw.

That point for Paul Tisdale's team though proved invaluable, as it helped put together a run of 12 games unbeaten – that run only ending at the beginning of February.

David Wheeler and Ollie Watkins lead the goalscoring charts for City this season with 15 and 14 goals to their names, but it was a brace from ex-Plymouth Argyle striker Reuben Reid that helped secure all three points on Tuesday night when the Grecians took on Cheltenham Town at home.

With just one win in their previous six matches, you could argue that Exeter's form was beginning to fall away, but they certainly showed their intentions of retaining their play-off place by putting the Robins to the sword in a 3-0 win.

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Manager Paul Tisdale

Those goals helped put Reid into double figures for the season, meaning he has now scored 58 goals in total since the beginning of the 2013-14 season.

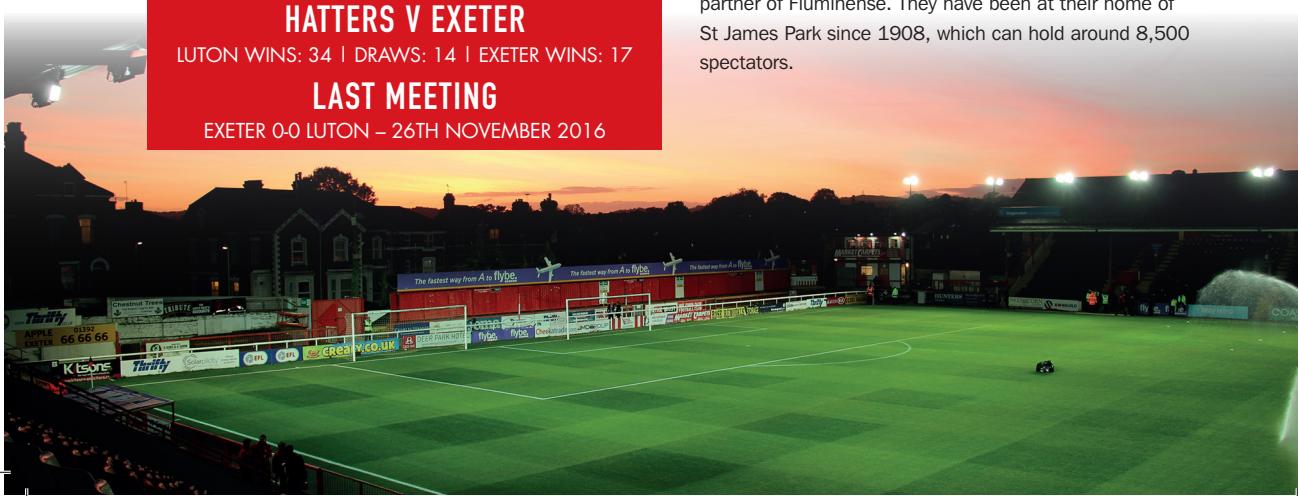
The creativity of 21-year-old Watkins has also been a big bonus for the Grecians, as he has laid on six assists for his team-mates this season, meaning he has been directly involved in 20 goals.

Their away form has been what's helped them maintain a play-off push in recent months, as they have picked up 11 wins from 19 games on the road.

Exeter boss Tisdale is the second longest serving manager in the top four tiers in English football – sitting only behind Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger – having taken over at St James Park in June 2006 when they were in the Conference. Today marks his 558th match in the dugout as Grecians boss, boasting a win percentage of nearly 40 per cent.

He has led the Grecians as high as Sky Bet League One, before dropping into the fourth tier at the end of the 2012 season, where they have remained ever since.

The club have an interesting history, having gone on a tour of South America in 1914 and becoming the official club partner of Fluminense. They have been at their home of St James Park since 1908, which can hold around 8,500 spectators.



# TEAM PROFILE:

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# MEET THE VISITORS

## THE BOSS

### PAUL TISDALE

The second longest serving manager in the top four divisions of English football, the 44-year-old is now in his 11th year at the Grecians' helm having joined in June 2006.

## BETWEEN THE STICKS

### BOBBY OLEJNIK



After starting his career in England with Aston Villa, the Austrian played for the likes of Falkirk and Peterborough United before signing for Exeter in 2015.

## IN DEFENCE

### JACK STACEY

The 20-year-old loanee from Reading has made six first team appearances for his parent club, as well having loan spells with Barnet and Carlisle United.

### TROY BROWN

Having made over 70 outings for the Grecians since signing for them at the beginning of last season, the former Cheltenham Town centre-back has also played for Ipswich and Aldershot.

### JORDAN MOORE-TAYLOR

An Exeter academy graduate, the 23-year-old is closing in on 150 first team appearances for his hometown team.

### CRAIG WOODMAN

Now in his fifth season with his Grecians, the 34-year-old joined in 2012 after he departed Brentford. His other ex-sides include Bristol City and Wycombe Wanderers.

### PIERCE SWEENEY

The Dubliner joined at the beginning of the season after being released by Reading. He started his career with Belvedere, before joining Bray Wanderers, going onto sign for the Royals in 2012.

## ACROSS THE MIDDLE

### DAVID WHEELER



After making his full debut for Lewes in 2008, the 26-year-old went on to play for Staines Town before joining the Grecians in 2013.

### LLOYD JAMES

Since beginning his career with Southampton where he made 85 appearances, the 29-year-old has played for Colchester United, Crawley Town and Leyton Orient.

### JAKE TAYLOR

A January transfer window signing in 2016 from Reading, the 25-year-old went on six loan spells – including one to the Grecians – before departing the Royals.

### RYAN HARLEY

Now technically in his fourth spell with the club, Harley originally signed

for Exeter in 2007, before moving onto Swansea City. He re-joined the Grecians on loan twice, the second time from Swindon Town, before re-signing permanently in 2015.

### MATT OAKLEY

The 39-year-old counts Exeter as just his fourth club, having also played for Southampton, Derby County and Leicester City. Having started out in the mid-1990s, he is closing in on 700 career appearances.

## UP FRONT

### REUBEN REID

After his release from Devon rivals Plymouth Argyle at the end of last season, the striker joined Exeter. His old teams include Rotherham United and Oldham Athletic.

### OLIE WATKINS



A hot prospect in the division, he is enjoying his most fruitful campaign since graduating from the Grecians academy. The 21-year-old from Newton Abbott has also had a loan spell with Weston-Super-Mare.

### LIAM MCALINDEN

Used mostly as an impact sub by Tisdale, McAlinden joined the Grecians at the beginning of the season after his departure from Wolverhampton Wanderers.

# FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH WILL BARRETT

Follow Will on twitter @GrecianArchive and online [www.grecianarchive.exeter.ac.uk](http://www.grecianarchive.exeter.ac.uk)



An Exeter City supporter of 27 years and one of the team behind the Grecian Archive, which allows him to combine his work at the University of Exeter with his support of the club, Will Barrett 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

It was a slow start for you guys, but you seem to have turned it around and now boast the best away record in the division, what do you put this down to?

In general I think home sides tend to come out more, which allows the space that suits our players and style of football. Traditionally we have been poor on the road, but this has been markedly better in the last decade or so...in fact if we win today, we will have won the most amount of away league games for a season in our history (12).

Your form since the end of November has to be one of the best in the division, do you think you can keep it going for the rest of the season?

I'd like to think so, but we will see. This time of year is a tricky one, as teams, whether they are at the bottom or the top end of the table, know what they are fighting for and really go for it. Up until the Devon Derby we were flying, so hopefully we'll see a return to that kind of form and have an exciting finish to the season.

The second longest serving manager in the top four tiers, Paul Tisdale got a lot of flak at the beginning of the season, how has he turned fans' opinions around?

I think that Tis has a great deal of support from the fans who appreciate how he has helped to build our reputation and potential as a football club, but on the other side there will always be an element calling for change. Happens a lot when a manager is at a club for a long time, and you only have to look at the longest serving manager, Arsene Wenger, for a prime example. In all though, results and performances influence immediate opinion, and having a reasonably settled side, including players who are developing well, has helped to achieve that.

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

Well, I was impressed with Reuben Reid, if anything for his decision to sign for us after leaving Plymouth Argyle. I've also liked the way Jack Stacey (on loan from Reading) has adapted to playing as a right-back, which coincided with a solid run of form at the back. Most exciting of all though has been Ethan Ampadu. He probably doesn't count as a 'signing' as he's come through our youth system, but having made his debut earlier in the season, he has really impressed when called upon.

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

I think we have a fair few players who could add something to any team in the league, but Ollie Watkins has attracted a lot of attention from clubs in higher divisions this season.

## ► SEASONS PAST...

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

Like loads of fans, my dad took me to my first game and it started from there. Don't remember too much about it other than it was against Cambridge and that the ball was in the air a lot of the time! Biggest thing that sticks with me was that we sat in the Old Grandstand at St James Park, which is 90 years old now, so was pretty old then. In truth it hasn't seemed to change at all, but I thought it was the best place ever then, and I still love it now, even though it is due an upgrade.

**What do you love most about St James Park?**

Other than the OG, I love that no four sides are the same, and that you can see how the ground has developed, or not, over many, many, years. It has a great history and a quality fan base, so it's great to be able to work there and explore that. I also love that it is in the heart of the City, and from the



Big Bank you have, for me, the best view in all of football.

**Who's your favourite City player of all time?**

Loads to choose from, but growing up I was a full-back and tried to emulate Scott Hiley. Absolute class up and down the right hand side for City and was no surprise he went on to play in the Premier League. In summary, he won the Division Four title, came back to help us get back to the Football League, and nutmegged Ronaldo...legend!

**What has been your favourite season following the Grecians?**

My first season was 1989/90 when we won the old Division Four without losing at home, so that's always special. But my overall favourite has to be 2007/08 season. The season before we had lost to Morecambe in the play-off final, but one year on, after playing some really good football, we were back at Wembley and did the job thanks to Rob Edwards' header. Made it even sweeter that the match was on my birthday, too.

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

Alan Banks, Keith Bowker, Jimmy Giles, John Hore and Bob Wilson. Decent five-a-side team that! With the work that I do they have all been really generous in sharing their time,

stories and personal memorabilia, and they're all good company too... the wine bill wouldn't be cheap, mind!

**► LUTON AND EXETER...**

**Having played you twice already this season, what difference will Hatters fans see in your team since our draw at your place at the end of November?**

The starting XI will be pretty similar to the last match, so not much change on that front. Of course back then we were closer to the bottom of the table than the top, so the team are a lot more settled now and have something different to play for. I think your fans will see how we can counter attack, given the chance.

**Who is your favourite player of all-time with a Luton and Exeter link?**

David Pleat is the first name that springs to mind, having played for City in the late 1960s and then managing Luton for two spells over three decades. In fact he's not the only Exeter player who went on to manage here, as Ray Harford and Paul Buckle have both done the same. Having only seen Buckle of those three play, and the fact he signed for us a record four times, I'll say him.

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

I'm expecting it to be close, and I know that only Doncaster fans have seen more goals on the road than us, so could well be an exciting one. Certainly don't think it will be 0-0 like the league game at our place, so I'm going to go for 3-2 to City, and I've never been to Kenilworth Road before, so definitely looking forward to it.

**► QUICKFIRE:**

**Terrace or seats?**

Terrace

**Who are your rivals?**

Plymouth Argyle

**Predict your player of the season?**

Ollie Watkins

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

At the moment I think Danny Bailey would be ideal.

**Most treasured Grecians piece of memorabilia?**

Anything in the Grecian Archive...Tony Kellow's (1981) Golden Boot if I had to pick just one.

**What league will Exeter be in next season?**

The Football League ;-)

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

Doncaster, Portsmouth, Exeter and Luton



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



### MAURICE SETTERS

Tough-tackling wing-half Maurice Setters gained England Under-23 honours after leaving Exeter City. Born in Honiton, he turned professional with Exeter in January 1954 and made ten League appearances while at St James' Park before joining West Brom in January 1955. Sold to Manchester United for £30,000 in January 1960, he helped them win the FA Cup in 1963 and League Championship in 1964-65, moving to Stoke City in November 1964, then played for Coventry City and Charlton Athletic. He managed Doncaster Rovers, then assisted Jack Charlton at Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle United and Republic of Ireland.

### JOHNNY NICHOLLS

Ex-England international forward Johnny Nicholls starred in Exeter City's 1958-59 promotion near-miss. Initially with Heath Town United, he joined West Brom in August 1951 and formed a lethal partnership with fellow England star Ronnie Allen as they were



FA Cup winners and League Championship runners-up in 1953-54. He had a brief spell at Cardiff City before moving to Exeter in November 1957. Scoring 23 goals in 55

League games while at St James' Park, he reunited with Bill Thompson at Worcester City in July 1959, then played for Wellington Town, Oswestry Town and Sankey's. He died in April 1995.

### LEIGHTON PHILLIPS

Welsh international central defender Leighton Phillips was capped 58 times before joining Exeter City. Starting with Cardiff City, he helped them win the Welsh Cup three times and moved to Aston Villa for £100,000 in



September 1974. He starred as they won promotion in 1974-75 and the League Cup in 1977, joining Swansea for £70,000 in November 1978. Featuring

in their 1978-79 and 1980-81 promotion successes, he had a spell with Charlton Athletic prior to joining Exeter in July 1981. He made ten League appearances for the Grecians, then played for Llanelli, since working as an independent financial adviser.

### PETER TAYLOR

Former England international winger Peter Taylor briefly appeared for Exeter City in 1983-84. Signing professional for Southend United in January 1971, he featured in their 1971-72 promotion success and was sold to Crystal Palace for £120,000 in October 1973. He starred in their 1975-76 FA Cup run and joined Spurs in September 1976, helping regain top-flight status in 1977-78. Moving to Orient in November 1980, he then had a spell with Maidstone United before joining Exeter in October 1983. He made eight League appearances, then played for Heybridge Swifts and Chelmsford City, since managing various clubs.

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## STEVE WILLIAMS

Former England international midfielder Steve Williams ended his playing career with Exeter City. Signing professional for Southampton in July 1976, he starred as they won promotion in 1977-78, were League Cup finalists in 1979 and League Championship runners-up in 1983-84. He joined Arsenal for £525,000 in December 1984 and featured in their 1987 League Cup final triumph, moving to Luton Town for £300,000 in July 1988. Reuniting with Alan Ball at Exeter in August 1991, he made 48 League appearances for the Grecians. He has worked in magazine publishing and property development, settling in Ottery St Mary.

## VINCE HILAIRE



Former England U-21 winger Vince Hilaire played for Exeter City during the 1991-92 season. Initially with Crystal Palace, he starred in their 1978-79 Second Division title triumph and moved to Luton Town in July 1984. He joined Portsmouth for £85,000 in November 1984 and was an influential figure as they regained top-flight status in 1986-87. Sold to Leeds United for

£190,000 in July 1988, he helped win the Second Division title in 1989-90 and reunited with Alan Ball at Stoke City in November 1990. He followed him to Exeter in September 1991, scoring four goals in 33 League games, then played for Waterlooville.

## KEVIN BOND

Former England B defender Kevin Bond reunited with Alan Ball at Exeter City. Initially an apprentice at AFC Bournemouth, he followed his father John to Norwich City in June 1974 and had a spell with Seattle Sounders before rejoining his father at Manchester City in September 1981. He joined Southampton in September 1984 and returned to Cherries in August 1988, starring in their 1988-89 FA Cup run. Moving to Exeter City in August 1992, he made 19 League appearances. He managed Stafford Rangers and has since assisted Harry Redknapp at Portsmouth, Southampton, Spurs and QPR, also managing AFC Bournemouth.

## GERRY FRANCIS



Ex-England international midfielder Gerry Francis had a spell as Exeter City's player-manager. Signing professional for QPR in June 1969, he was ever-present in their 1972-73 promotion success and skippered them to League Championship runners-up in 1975-76. He joined Crystal Palace in May 1979, then returned to QPR in February 1981 and moved via Coventry City to Exeter as player-boss in August 1983. Scoring three goals in 28 League games for the Grecians until sacked

in May 1984, he assisted various clubs before managing Bristol Rovers (twice), QPR (twice) and Spurs. He has since coached at Stoke City and QPR.

## MARK CHAMBERLAIN

Winger Mark Chamberlain gained eight England caps before joining Exeter City. Starting at Port Vale with his older brother Neville, he was ever-present in 1980-81 and moved to Stoke City with Mark Harrison in August 1982. He scored on his international debut in England's 9-0 win over Luxembourg just four months later. Moving to Sheffield Wednesday in September 1985, he played for Portsmouth and Brighton before reuniting with Peter Fox at Exeter in August 1995. He netted four goals in 59 League games, then had two spells as Fareham's manager, working as a window salesman. His son Alex plays for Arsenal and England.

## LEE SHARPE

Ex-England international winger Lee Sharpe briefly played for Exeter City during the 2002-03 season. A former Torquay United trainee, he featured as they reached the Fourth Division play-off final in 1987-88 and joined Manchester United in May 1988. He helped win the ECWC in 1991, the League Cup in 1992 and Premiership title on three occasions. Capped eight times, he moved to Leeds United for £4,500,000 in August 1996, then had spells with Bradford City and Portsmouth before joining Exeter in August 2002. He scored once in four League games while at St James Park and has since become a TV football pundit.



Claude Gnakpa occupies the Exeter defence during the Town's 1-0 win at St James's Park in August 2008. Sam Parkin scored the only goal for the Hatters that day as we struggled to overcome a minus 30 points deduction!



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

## EXETER CITY 0 LUTON TOWN 5 | 21ST OCTOBER 1967

Luton Town supporters had good feelings about the forthcoming 1967/68 season and felt that finally, after seven years of decline, fortunes were about to turn for the better.

Signs of a revival came about with the appointment of ex-player Allan Brown as manager the previous November, and he steered a team that had looked odds on to become the first Luton side to need to apply for re-election to a position away from danger.

With safety assured, Brown was allowed to dip into the transfer market and brought in Terry Branston, Billy McDerment, Tommy Hare, Micky Brown and Rodney Green all for an outlay of under £20,000.

Early season form was patchy with only two points gained from the first three away games, but as just six points had been picked up on our travels the previous campaign we all

looked on it as promotion form.

The signing of Ian Buxton from Derby for £11,000 towards the end of September was, looking back, the final piece in the jigsaw. A clever, ball-playing inside forward, he provided the perfect foil for the dynamic Bruce Rioch and also weighed in with a fair number of important goals as the season progressed.

Buxton made his debut on the day he signed for the club, in a 3-1 home win over Southend, and probably wondered what he had let himself in for in a blood and thunder contest played at 100mph with the ball spending a considerable time in the air.

Buxton, however, soon got used to the different style of play and was man of the match in his next outing – a 2-2 draw at Rochdale.

Next up was a tough trip to Doncaster where in gale force winds and driving rain the Hatters lost 2-0 and in the process lost Hare to a long term ankle injury. Playing in shirts borrowed from Watford because of a colour clash would not have helped the situation!

'Forty-seven loyal Luton fans who travelled to see their side chalk up their first away win of the season at Chester on Saturday waited outside the dressing room and cheered manager Allan Brown and his victorious team all the way back to



the coach' – so reported the Evening Post after our 3-1 victory which finally broke the away duck in our next game. The season was now about to take off with the away match bogey finally buried.

We maintained our 100 per cent home record with a hard fought 1-0 win over high flying Chesterfield on the following Saturday with Buxton, now beginning to look the bargain of the season, glancing home a header to break the deadlock.

With outside-right Graham French due to be suspended for three games as a legacy of his dismissal at Wrexham on the opening day, Allan Brown returned to his old club Wigan and came back with winger John Ryan, who he secured for £2,000.

Ryan went straight into the team for the Town's next game, away at Exeter, replacing French in an otherwise unchanged side.

Because of a rail dispute the Luton party had to drive to the West Country where 24 hours of rain had left the St James Park pitch very soft and spongy. The Grecians had gone seven games without a win and sat in 23rd spot, which was reflected by the crowd of 3,434 – their lowest of the season.

Exeter started very strongly and only two smart saves from Tony Read in the Luton goal prevented them from taking an early lead.

After weathering this initial pressure the Town broke away to steal the lead in the 15th minute when Ryan, who had already served notice of his pace and skill on the wing, set up Ray Whittaker, who made no mistake from close range.

# TOWN'S BEST WIN FOR 12 YEARS

Ryan was now in his element putting over crosses at will which were spurned by his team-mates, and it was a little worrying that we had only one goal to show for our efforts by the interval.

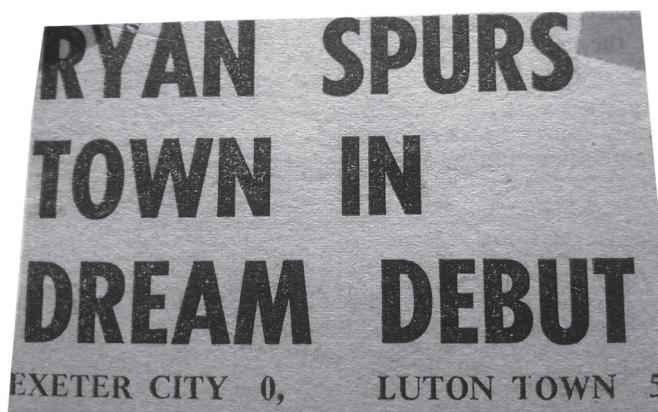
This minor detail was put right in the second period to devastating effect as the Hatters slammed in four goals without reply. Ryan, enjoying a debut to remember, set up the Town's second goal, converted by Alan Slough, and the third, headed in by Keith Allen.

Goal number four came from clever play on the other wing with Whittaker setting up Allen for his second goal, and when the fifth went in via the boot of Buxton with ten minutes left, the crowd were already streaming away.

The 5-0 victory was the Town's best on their travels for 12 years and set up a stroll to the eventual championship of Division Four (now League Two). Unfortunately, John Ryan's fire burned but briefly and after only 17 further League outings for the Hatters over the next two seasons, he was transferred to Notts County.

Ray Collier in the Sunday Express said, 'No fiction writer could have dreamed up a more devastating debut made by Luton's 22-year-old right winger John Ryan in this game. He did not score but he got a hat-trick by making the first three of lively Luton's goals.' The Sunday Mirror scribe added, 'In a day of muddy jubilation, Luton gave themselves a promotion shot in the arm.'

The local Exeter paper complained about the Grecians' tactics. 'Luton surged forward in a cleverly inter-passing line which completely flummoxed Exeter's 4-2-4 system. This is one of the penalties of a poor side trying to play new-fangled football.'



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# TRAVELLER'S TALES

HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER ENJOYS PLENTY OF FREE SOMERSET CIDER AS HIS SIDE PRODUCE A SPARKLING PERFORMANCE TO WIN 4-0 AT YEOVIL AND MOVE TO WITHIN A POINT OF THE AUTOMATIC PROMOTION PLACES...

## THE JOURNEY

**8.30am** – It was another early start for the trek to Somerset for the away game at Yeovil. Still tinged with the disappointment of the Oxford game and not going to Wembley, I have to admit to finding it hard to get up for the day. Hopefully the players don't have the same problem!

**8.50** – Safely on the coach at Ampthill after a quick trip into the bakers for some breakfast, and as always, it is off through the villages to Luton.

**9.35** – Both coaches are loaded up on a sunny morning and off we go down the M1, M25, M3 and subsequent roads to Somerset!

**11.40** – After a quick change of drivers and some good headway being made, we've stopped off at the services for 30 minutes. Plenty of time to grab a KFC for lunch and then it is full steam ahead to Yeovil!

**1.25pm** – We've reached Huish Park and eventually get parked up behind the away stand. Looks like some showers around, which isn't good for those who are standing on the wide open terrace!

## THE GROUND

**1.40** – Word has got round that the beer tent outside the home end is doing free samples of cider! I need no second invitation to partake. Those who suggested they have never seen me move so quick were both harsh and fair!

**1.45** – On the way around I see Luke Gambin and Jack Senior lingering near the team bus. I put the lure of cider to one side for a quick chat. Both great lads. Pity neither are playing today.

**1.50** – Made it to the beer tent. The rest of the gang have caught up with me (slowcoaches!). Three ciders are on offer. A normal apple one, a sweet one and a dry one. It would be rude not to indulge in all three and as luck would have it one of the gang isn't able to drink alcohol at the minute so I manage to sneak double helpings in. The Cheddar Valley one tasted delicious and was my favourite. With the cider tasting done it was off into the ground!



**2.20** – Finally in the ground but not before a pretty heavy handed search going in. Thought they were going to have my shoes and socks off at one point. I suppose they have to look like they are actually doing something!

**2.45** – Up in the seats for this one having remembered the monsoon that hit the terrace in summer last time we were here. Team news is in. Scott Cuthbert and Jonathan Smith among the returnees.

## THE MATCH

**3.03** – We're underway. Town in orange shirts kicking right to left as we look at it from the seats.

**3.11** – Bright start from the Town and we've got a penalty! Isaac Vassell storms into the box much like he did regularly in the Checkatrade game, and he's taken out. Looked from 80 yards away as though the defender got the ball, but penalty given. I'm not complaining. Hylton steps up..... and chips it into the top of the net – 1-0! Get in!

**3.24** – All Town this. Rea earlier had a header from a corner hacked off the line and now he has pulled a ball back for Cuthbert but the skipper fires over. We look bang on it here!

**3.35** – 2-0!!! What a lovely goal this is, too! Jordan Cook clears a Yeovil corner. It is hooked on to Vassell who heads to the marauding O'Donnell on the halfway line. Hylton has half of Somerset to Sods' right. The ball to him is perfect. Hylton rounds the keeper and slides it into the empty net. Counter attack at its very best that!

**3.50** – Half-time. 2-0. As good a half of football as we've played this season. Elsewhere Portsmouth still level and Carlisle are losing. Feels like a good day this!

**4.05** – Back underway for the second half. Away attendance is in of 698. Fantastic support as ever.

**4.11** – Macey is forced into his first save. Pretty simple one but important nevertheless.

**4.15** – Wow! 3-0!!! A gorgeous Sheehan free-kick finds the head of Glen Rea who loops a delightful header back the way it came over the stranded keeper and in. Lovely!

**4.17** – Oooh! Free-kick 40 yards from goal. Sheehan sees the keeper of the line. He lobs him but it just clears the bar. Town enjoying themselves now.

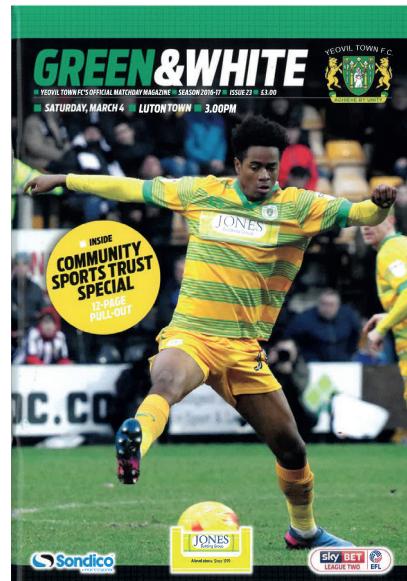
**4.29** – Brilliant save from Macey! A first time shot comes in from inside the box but the big stopper gets down to make a tremendous save.

**4.45** – The icing on the cake! Smith has time to pick out Pelly on the edge of the box. He gets one-on-one with the defender who has no chance against him. Pelly lets fly with a rocket into the bottom corner. Four-nil and every bit deserved too.

**4.53** – 4-0 FT. Yeovil put out of their misery after a thoroughly dominant performance from the Town. Some 4-0 scorelines flatter a team. This doesn't. It is fully justified.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

**5.15** – All back on the coach and it is MOM time. Only one winner for me despite a host of excellent performances. Danny Hylton is in amazing form and anyone at Huish Park witnessed one of the best centre forward performances you will see. A menace throughout with two well-deserved goals. Different class.



## THE PROGRAMME

**5.30** – Before watching a bit of TV on the way home, time for a quick look through the programme. Not the worst. A few pages on the Town with Nathan Jones an obvious focal point and a few quizzes to have a go at!

## SUMMARY

**9.15** – After a quick stop at Fleet services on the way home and a detour for a junction closure, we are back in Luton unloading the bulk of the passengers.

**10.20** – I'm finally home after what has been a long but very enjoyable day. One of the best performances we've produced since we were promoted back into the Football League, and a very good away day all round. Apart from the distance involved Yeovil is a good place to go and when you see a game like we did it is even better. Home in time to enjoy all four goals again on the highlights on the +1 channel. Perfect!



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# TOWN 0 : STEVENAGE 2



SATURDAY 11TH MARCH | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 9,045 | AWAY: 699

**STEVENAGE GOALS:** WILKINSON 2, KENNEDY 85

**TOWN:** MACEY, O'DONNELL, CUTHBERT © (JUSTIN 70), SHEEHAN, POTTS (GAMBIN 46), REA, SMITH, MPANZU, COOK (PALMER 75), HYLTON, VASSELL. SUBS NOT USED: GRAY, MARRIOTT, D'ATH, MOORE (GK)

**STEVENAGE:** DAY, KING, WILKINSON, MCANUFF (COWANS 90+3), SCHUMACHER (TONGE 87), PETT, KENNEDY, OGILVIE, LEE, GODDEN, HENRY (C) (GORMAN 65). SUBS NOT USED: PRESTON, HINDS, NTLHE, LOFT. | YELLOW CARDS: PETT, KING, KENNEDY, MCANUFF



## STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters slipped to a disappointing home defeat to promotion rivals Stevenage last Saturday as an old face returned to Kenilworth Road to deliver a crucial blow.

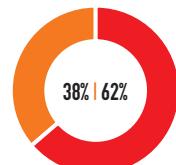
Stevenage moved above the Town in the play-off positions with a 2-0 victory that looked on from the second minute when Luke Wilkinson, who left to join Boro just over a year ago, powered in a header from the Hertfordshire side's first corner.

Despite creating several opportunities that were saved by the visitors' evergreen goalkeeper Chris Day, and seeing efforts from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and top scorer Danny Hylton – twice – cleared off the line, Nathan Jones' men couldn't find an equaliser.

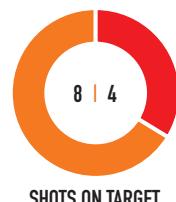
The 41-year-old Day also managed to race to a loose ball ahead of Isaac Vassell as the Hatters looked to get back into the game in the first half, with the forward narrowly missing out on going through to fire into an empty net.

Then, with five minutes of normal time remaining, Boro forward Ben Kennedy settled the game with a stunning strike into the top corner which saw the away side ensure they took all three points home.

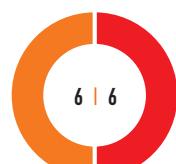
The result left the Hatters in sixth position on 57 points, a point behind fourth-placed Stevenage and five points off Portsmouth in third.



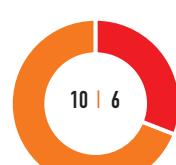
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## JONES:

We were nowhere near our best throughout the game



"I am just disappointed. Look, fair play to them. They came with a game plan and scored early, so we gave ourselves an uphill battle – stuff we have shown them a million times."

"Wilkinson is a threat, he would have extra motivation here. So we have got our best, most aggressive header on it and he lost it in the first minute. So you have a mountain to climb. An absolute mountain to climb."

"We were nowhere near our best throughout the game and yet we have had two or three cleared off the line, we have missed chances, their keeper must have saved four. We have hit the post."

"So we still probably could have got something out of the game. But look, we didn't. Then we allowed them to dictate the game second half and slow the game down. Fair play to them, they came with a game plan and got it spot on."

"You are tearing your hair out, because you can't do any more work on it in terms of marking and identifying and nailing it down."





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# SODS AIMS FOR WINNING RETURN

Town right-back Stephen O'Donnell wants to get back to winning ways after last Saturday's difficult defeat to Stevenage.

Having started seven of the last eight league matches, including Tuesday night's draw at Carlisle, ahead of fellow defender James Justin – who had a run in the team at the expense of O'Donnell – the 24-year-old has put in a number of strong performances which has seen him retain his place in the starting XI.

He was desperately disappointed to slip to a defeat against Stevenage as the Hatters missed out on the chance to push themselves up into third, had they won against Boro and picked up all three points in their game in hand.

O'Donnell said: "I think it's just a massive disappointment. That was a huge opportunity for us to beat a team in form, we felt we were in good form to and it didn't happen.

"I don't know what happened. Maybe it's a strong word, but we froze a bit. They got the early goal and then first half we huffed and puffed.

"In the second half the Stevenage keeper made two or three very good saves, but as a team we weren't good enough. We didn't take our chances and we let in sloppy goals, so what do you expect when that happens."

The ex-Partick Thistle defender has scored three times this season as well as chipping with an assist.

He was somewhat unfortunate not to add to that tally, having put in some excellent crosses against Darren Sarll's team, causing the visiting defence to Kenilworth Road all sorts of problems.

O'Donnell wants to see the Hatters rip open opposition defences again in their search for goals, as he thinks his team-mates have the capability to score from any opportunity.



He continued: "I think we need to score all different types of goals and a lot of the chances we had were crosses in from set-pieces or playing balls in, and that's good.

"We need to have that dimension but we need to be a team that cuts teams open and we didn't do that today."

The Town defender wants to put right what happened last Saturday at Kenilworth Road, as he feels he and his team-mates let down the supporters and the manager.

They went some way to putting it right with the hard fought point won at Brunton Park, and O'Donnell hopes to further that with a good result today.

"We weren't good enough today, we lost 2-0," he added. "We have let ourselves down, we have let the manager down and let the fans down and we need to bounce back, first on Tuesday and hopefully next Saturday against Exeter we can make amends to the thousands of supporters who came today."

# CARLISLE UNITED 0 : TOWN 0



TUESDAY 14TH MARCH | BRUNTON PARK | ATTENDANCE: 4,052 | AWAY: 377

**CARLISLE:** GILLESPIE, GRAINGER (C), JOYCE, PROCTOR, ADAMS, BRISLEY, O'SULLIVAN (WARING 85), LAMBE, S MILLER (HOOPER 82), T MILLER, LIDDLE. SUBS NOT USED: CROCOMBE, WARD, SALKELD, HOLT, MCQUEEN | YELLOW CARDS: JOYCE, BRISLEY.

**TOWN:** MACEY, O'DONNELL, REA, SHEEHAN (C), POTTS (JUSTIN 78), LEE, COOK, MPANZU, GAMBIN (PALMER 86), HYLTON, VASSELL (MARRIOTT 65). SUBS NOT USED: SMITH, D'ATH, FAMEWO, MOORE (GK) | YELLOW CARDS: HYLTON, LEE.

## STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters moved back up to fifth in the Sky Bet League Two table with a point at promotion rivals Carlisle United, who remain a place above Nathan Jones' side having played a game more.

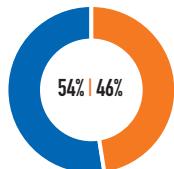
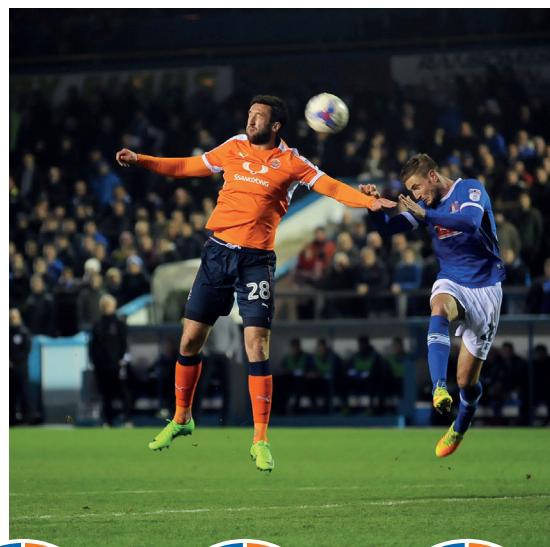
Jones made two changes from the 2-0 defeat to Stevenage on Saturday, with skipper Scott Cuthbert missing out after hobbling off with a hamstring problem in the second half at Kenilworth Road.

Olly Lee came into to midfield with Glen Rea dropping into the heart of defence alongside Alan Sheehan, who was making his 50th appearance for the club, while Luke Gambin came into the side at the tip of the diamond.

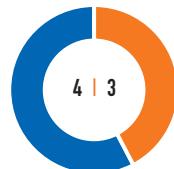
The Town had the better chances at Brunton Park, especially through top scorer Danny Hylton when he fired a low cross-shot that Isaac Vassell almost got on the end of in the first half, before a shot on the turn after the break brought a flying tip onto the crossbar out of home keeper Mark Gillespie.

The second half was held up for eight minutes as Town defender Dan Potts stayed down after heading a United corner clear, to be carried off on a stretcher to warm applause from the home crowd.

Thankfully the left-back was able to travel home with his team-mates after suffering concussion from a bang to the back of his head, as the game finished goalless.



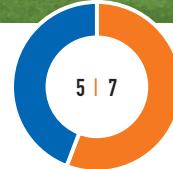
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**JONES:**

**I am pleased  
with the response**



"It was a pretty even game to be fair. We probably had the better chances in the first half, Danny had one that flashed past the post. Then they defended really – well they were defending for their lives late on.

"But, I asked for a response from the weekend and I got it. It's a shame that we couldn't have that type of battling performance, that type of on the front foot performance on Saturday, then I have no doubt we would have won the game.

"In terms of that it was good to bounce back, it's a very difficult place to come. They're on a bad run. They've had a few bad results so they were going to be up for it as well. So it was important that we didn't lose the game tonight.

"I am pleased with the response, the work rate, the desire to try and get a result, that was in stark contrast to the weekend."

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# OLLY OUT TO HOLD ONTO THE SHIRT

## MIDFIELDER ENJOYS FIRST LEAGUE START IN TWO MONTHS AT CARLISLE

Tuesday night's draw at Carlisle saw Olly Lee get his first start since early January, with the midfielder now desperate to keep his place in the line-up.

The defeat to Accrington Stanley in the second round of the Emirates FA Cup was the last time Lee was named in the starting XI and he hopes his performance at Brunton Park was enough to convince Nathan Jones to keep him in the team.

The ex-Birmingham City and Plymouth Argyle midfielder said: "I was just eager to impress. I know what I am capable of and I have been knocking on the door trying to get back in. To be fair to the lads we have been unbeaten for much of the time I've been out, so you can't really say much. But I am glad to be back in and I am glad I got my chance and I thought I did well.

"Me and the gaffer spoke a lot. Obviously, I have been very frustrated with it, that's between me and the gaffer. But it was nice to get my chance tonight and hopefully he thinks I grabbed it with both hands. I definitely want to keep my place, you're going to have to rip the shirt off me!"

Dan Potts sustained what looked like a serious head injury during the game, but the eight minutes of treatment he received on the pitch was precautionary and he was able to get the coach home with the rest of the players after the match.

The pause in play also seemed to galvanise his team-mates, with Lee believing it helped push the Hatters up a gear.

The 25-year-old continued: "We said on the pitch it was nice to get a little break and we could get our composure. Sheez, Glen and myself tried to take charge of it and get everyone organised again.

"It was nice to get a little breather and everyone kicked on from there and found second gear, so it was good.



"It's not nice to see Potts down injured. He put his head in where it hurts, it's just a shame he had to come off as he was doing really well against them. So it's unfortunate for him, but I am sure he will be back stronger."

Today's visitors to Kenilworth Road sit just a point behind the Hatters, with Lee seeing the chance to play them now a good opportunity to try and put some distance between his team and the Grecians.

He said: "I think it's good to be playing teams around us, stop them getting the points and we can get the points. It would be nice to get back to winning ways at Kenilworth Road and hopefully we can get the three points.

"I think this league is very up and down. There's a long way to go, there's ten games to go. If we win ten we will go up."



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# TIME FLIES AS SHEEZ REACHES 50!

## HALF-CENTURY OF HATTERS APPEARANCES FOR ALAN

Hatters defender Alan Sheehan spoke of his pride at clocking up his half-century of appearances for the club in Tuesday night's goalless draw at Carlisle, three days after losing 2-0 at home to Stevenage.

Since signing initially on loan from Bradford City shortly after Nathan Jones had taken charge at Kenilworth Road in January 2016, the Irishman quickly established himself as a fans' favourite with his spectacular goals and leadership qualities as vice-captain to Scott Cuthbert.

The 30-year-old former Notts County man admits he can't quite believe where the time has gone, though!

"It's a proud milestone for me," Sheehan said. "Fifty appearances... time has flown since I came here

last January. Fifty is a lot of games really when you look at it, and we've had a lot of ups and downs.



"I was very down on Saturday and people let us know what they thought, but we are paid to go out on that pitch and try and get wins, and that's what we do. We'll try and win every game right until the end of the season. There's no doubt about that."

With the injured Cuthbert missing the midweek trip, Sheehan once again wore the captain's armband while playing alongside Glen Rea at the heart of defence.

"I've been captain at clubs before," said Sheehan. "Scotty is the club captain and he's been great this year.

"Tonight was mine and Glen's first chance to play together this year, which is a strange one because we played a lot together last year and won a lot of games, in particular at Oxford and up here.

"But people have been playing well, so now it's me and Glen and we kept a clean sheet in there, kept it very solid.

"I'm happy with the clean sheet. We were down in the dumps after the game on Saturday. We don't really lose too many and I thought we were quite resilient tonight and had chances to win the game. We are

probably a bit disappointed not to win it, but I want to win every game.

"We were very disappointed on Saturday and the fans let us know, but we had to bounce back. We very rarely lose two games in a row and we put in a solid performance tonight."

Now Sheehan is determined to finish the job and ensure the Town win promotion to League One – preferably by finishing in the top three.

He added: "We've been saying 'If we do this, if we do that' – we've got ten games left now so realistically we probably need to win the ten of them. Is it possible? Anything is possible. We know it's a very tough task.

"Obviously we'd like to be automatic. But in August or September, if you'd said we would be in League One by going through the play-offs or auto, I wouldn't really care once I was there.

"The fans have been great to us and we've got to all stick together. There are ten games left, it's a great dressing room in there, nobody works harder than the manager and we are all behind him. We are looking forward to the run in. We are not afraid of anybody."

# THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES





Four new signings are paraded by the Town in the summer of 1995. Graham Alexander, Steve Davis, a certain fresh-faced young Welshman and Gavin Johnson.

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[ACADEMY UPDATE]

# ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

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

## **U18S**

The Youth team returned home from last weekend's trip to Cambridge United with a hard earned point after a 1-1 draw.

In all honesty, we felt we should have claimed all three points after what was a good, disciplined showing, with some good individual performances. Connor Tomlinson had

put us in front with a neat finish midway through the first half, and we felt that our dominance in the first period warranted the lead and probably should have resulted in a bigger scoreline.

Cambridge equalised well into second half injury time, therefore we were all obviously disappointed at the

final whistle. We should have managed the final minutes of the game better and seen the game out.

The players know that game management, at U18 level, is such an important part of their learning and therefore were obviously bitterly disappointed.

Looking at the game overall, there were lots of positives and some really good aspects of our play that Paul Driver was very pleased with.

Next up, in the Merit League, was a long trip down to Exeter City this morning, followed by another long journey to the south coast on Tuesday night for the Southern Area Cup Final versus AFC Bournemouth under the lights at the Vitality Stadium.



A win in the Area Final will give us the opportunity to retain the National League Cup that we won last season with a victory away at Shrewsbury Town. Wigan Athletic and Rochdale play the Northern Area Final in a couple of weeks.

## **PRE-ACADEMY & COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT**

We have played some competitive fixtures recently against the Pre-Academy age groups.

In my opinion, Kevin Thoburn, James Hatch and their staff do a fantastic job within their department and we have a great working link with them.

Amongst other things, not only do they do a lot of vital schoolboy recruitment for the Academy, they also provide a very good in-depth Pre-Academy programme for boys within Luton and the surrounding area.

The link between the departments is really strong and this has recently been strengthened by us playing fixtures against one another. This provides the academy with an opportunity to have a look at some of the advanced players in the Pre-Academy groups up against our signed players, and also allows the Pre-Academy staff, players and parents a good opportunity to see the levels that the signed Academy players are at.

We will continue to build the positive relationship which will only benefit the club as a whole in the long term.

Enjoy today's game.

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# LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

## THE MAYOR'S CHARITY SCHOOLS CUP 2017

YEAR 6 YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION FOR LUTON SCHOOLS IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER, KEECH HOSPICE AND CRESCENT CARE

Last week saw the very first Mayor's Charity Schools Cup take place.

All Luton schools were invited to take part by this year's Luton Mayor, Tahir Khan, to highlight the benefits of cohesion through sport in the town as well as benefitting the Mayor's chosen charities – Macmillan Cancer, Keech Hospice and Crescent Care.

The tournament followed on from last summer's successful Euros Schools tournament and once again brought together the council's cohesion team, Active Luton and the Hatters Community Trust, along with fantastic logistic support from Arriva, who transported the children to and from the event on the day.

A real team effort to bring the Town's schoolchildren together and celebrate our diversity and strong community cohesion.

The tournament was a hotly-contested event with eventual winners Sacred Heart Primary School from Stopsley overcoming St Mathews Primary School from High Town 1-0 in a very closely fought final.

Sacred Heart received the Mayor's Charity Schools Cup and St Mathews the runners-up cup, and they will both be our invited matchday guests at a game next month to allow them to show off their silverware to all of our supporters.

Pleased to say following the final a couple of players also received invites to trial within the club's youth system –



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so who knows, maybe a future Hatter has been identified!

Special mention also to Ferrars Junior School who won the tournament fair play award, recognising their exemplary sportsmanship during the tournament.

The big difference to this year's tournament is that all schools taking part in the tournament are also taking part in fundraising for the Mayor's chosen charities by holding

'mufti' days at school, with the school raising the most money for charity being invited as our special match day guests at a home fixture next month with a coaching session, ground tour and opportunity to meet the players before kick-off.

### COHESION

The Mayor was on hand to present the trophies, and he commented: "The Mayor's Charity Schools Cup is really to celebrate all that is good about our schools around diversity, cohesion and community by not only using the power of football to bring everyone together, but also to show how we care about our community and particularly how the chosen charities support the more vulnerable members of our community.

"I hope that the event will become an annual event which future Mayors will support."

Councillor Aslam Khan, portfolio holder at the Council for Leisure and Culture, also presented the runners-up cup and commented: "The event showed what can be achieved when the Town comes together."

Daniel Douglas, the Hatters Trust Operations manager added: "It's great to get all the kids from across



Luton together and see them all compete to represent their school and their different part of Town.

"I want to thank Heather James at the Council, Karen Abell at Active Luton and Lyndsey Frostick at Arriva for their support, along with all of the school staff who took part and looked after the children."



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# HATTERS LADIES

## TOWN BEAT IPSWICH TO GO FIFTH

Manager Nikki Baker made one change to the side that beat Norwich two weeks ago as Jodie Southby started in place of injured Erica Byron.

The Hatters started brightly and tried to keep the ball, and it wasn't long before the first effort on goal should have made it 1-0.

Jo Rutherford was tripped on the edge of the box and from the resulting free-kick, Rutherford whipped it into the box and Nicola Henman's header was well saved at the back post.

Minutes later, Lucy Webster won the ball in her own half and went on one of her brilliant runs, bursting into the box and getting a corner for the Town. Rutherford took the corner which was cleared, and Jess McKay hit it first time from distance, but it just whistled past the post.

At the other end the home side won a free-kick just inside the Luton half, but it was well held by Jess Devoti.

On 24 minutes, the Town finally got the goal they deserved as Rutherford delivered a perfect corner, and Amy Summerfield was the first to react as it was deflected downwards and she volleyed it into the net.

Right before half-time, Devoti made a good save from another free-kick at her near post and McKay got another shot off at the other end after some great combination play from Southby and Zara Carroll.

In the second half, the Hatters looked to double their lead as a corner was cleared off the line, and Rutherford flashed a ball across goal. McKay then hit another shot from distance but it dipped just over the bar.

Some good defending at the other end from Asia Brown, in just her second appearance, denied Amy Howlett a shot on goal and Henman dealt with the resulting corner.

With five minutes remaining, substitute Jodie Bellinger chased a ball into the corner and looked to be fouled, falling awkwardly on her shoulder. This resulted in a lengthy stoppage in play for treatment and an ambulance being called.



Amy Summerfield scores for the ladies

Half-an-hour later the remaining five minutes were played, with Jemma Moore replacing Bellinger. Manning won the ball halfway inside her own half and good combination play with Carroll led to Moore being in on goal, but her shot was well saved and some good defending at the other end meant that the Town took all three points.

### PLEASED

Town manager Baker was delighted with the result, saying: "The girls worked really hard today and did exactly what we asked. We defended superbly and Jess hasn't really had a save to make.

"Going forward we created some good chances. I am especially pleased that we kept clean sheet. We have seven league games left now and all we can do is continue to try and pick up points and play the way we are.

"We all wish Jodie the best recovery from her shoulder injury. The girls did very well to play for five minutes when 1-0 up after a 30 minute break in play, and for that I am delighted with the three points."

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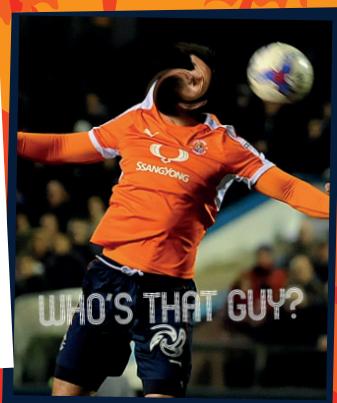


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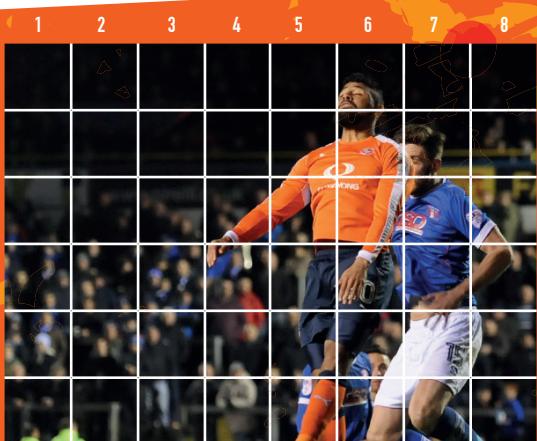
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A - Someone took a corner...

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Q - Which football team loves ice cream?  
A - Aston Vanilla



## SPOT THE BALL



### YOU MUST BE JOKING

Q - What do you call a fish with no eyes?  
A - Fsh

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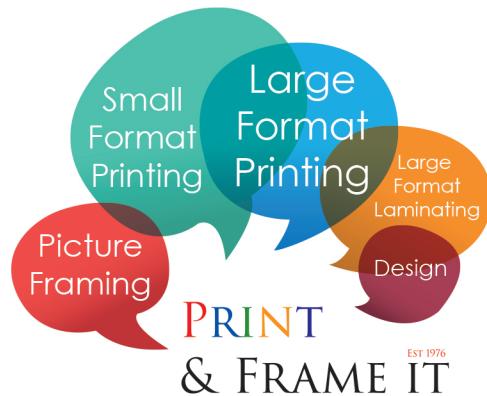
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**How long have you known each other?**

**CK: JS:** Since January 6th!

**LD:** You remember the date?

**JS:** Alex Gilliead moved out of the flat and you moved in the day before the Accrington game. Easy!

**When did you first room together?**

**LD:** Grimsby

**What's the best thing about rooming together?**

**LD:** He puts his headphones in and watches Emmerdale all the time.

**JS:** It's not Emmerdale, it's Coronation Street. To be fair, Lawson's good with his music when we're making dinner in the flat.

**LD:** He is a clean freak, so that's a serious good thing about him.

**What's your roomie's worst habit?**

**JS:** Stinking out the toilet. You have to give it half-an-hour before you can go in there!

**LD:** I've been having a lot of protein lately. His worst habit is gulping loudly when he's drinking.

**Who makes the tea?**

**JS:** Neither of us drink it.

**First up in the morning?**

**JS:** Me, I always get up for breakfast.

**LD:** I always try to get as much sleep as I can.

**Who decides when to turn the light out at night?**

**JS:** We turn the light out, but it's not straight to sleep.

**LD:** It's time to settle down, get in your own vibe. Maybe a little bit of pillow talk...then off to sleep.

**Who's the tidiest?**

**LD:** Jack.

**JS:** You have to walk over his stuff.

**Unpack or live out of your bag?**

**BOTH:** Live out of the bag.

**Who takes the longest to get ready?**

**JS:** Close, but you just edge it.

**LD:** I'm not a long person getting ready, but he literally just chuck on his clothes and that's it. I shower longer as well.

**What's most likely to be on the TV?**

**JS:** Soaps – because I'm in control.

**LD:** Family Guy as well, and there's a lot of Friends on at the minute.

**JS:** Impractical Jokers as well.

**Games console or TV?**

**JS:** TV.

**Who would you rather room with?**

**JS:** Just Laws. I'd rather not have a room-mate.

**LD:** Same.

**Who would you least like to room with?**

**JS:** Mulls.

**LD:** Hyts.

**Who is most likely to gatecrash your room?**

**JS:** There was a bit of rivalry with Mulls and Hyts last week at Yeovil. They got hold of our spare key from behind reception.

**LD:** We did it to them as well, to be fair. We took them on and it sort of backfired.

**JS:** It's still ongoing. It did look like it had been ransacked!

**And who do you lock the door to?**

**BOTH:** You've already got your answer to that!

**Finally, if your roomie was a hotel, how many stars would you rate him?**

**JS:** I wouldn't stay there!

**LD:** Harsh – I'd give him four.

**JS:** Go on then, we'll agree on four stars.

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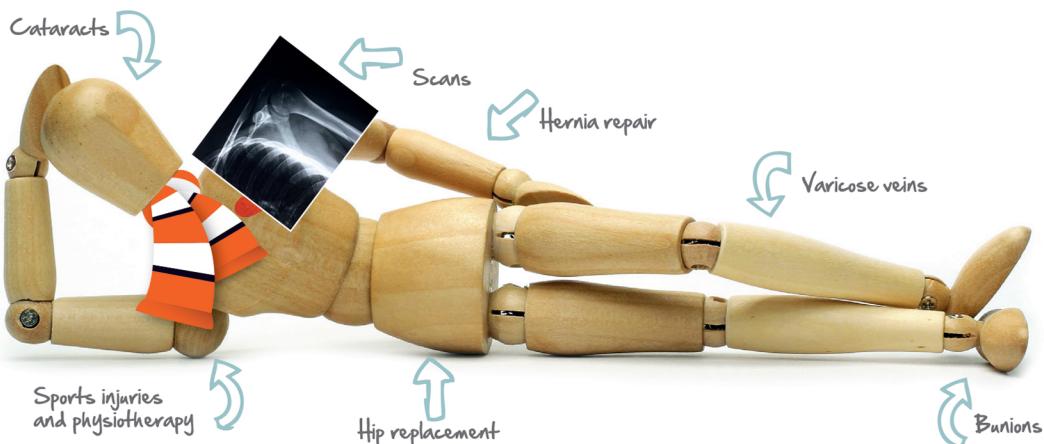
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# LEAGUELOOK

## TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES:

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

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2017

Notts County v Barnet

## MIDWEEK LEAGUE TWO RESULTS

Accrington 5-0 Leyton Orient      Exeter 3-0 Cheltenham  
 Blackpool 1-0 Stevenage      Morecambe 0-1 Newport  
 Cambridge 0-1 Hartlepool      Portsmouth 4-0 Grimsby  
 Carlisle 0-0 Luton      Wycombe 1-1 Plymouth  
 Colchester 2-0 Mansfield  
 Crawley 0-3 Crewe Alexandra  
 Doncaster 3-1 Notts County

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH

Barnet 2-2 Yeovil Town

## PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON						LFC	
	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GLS	CUP APPS	CUP GLS	TOTAL APPS	TOTAL GLS	CAREER APPS	CAREER GLS
Alex Atkinson	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0
Tyreeq Bakinson	0 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	3 (1)	0	0	0
Zane Banton	0 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	2 (2)	0	1	0
Jordan Cook	27 (4)	3	5 (1)	1	32 (5)	4	5	1
Kavan Cotter	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	1
Scott Cuthbert	28 (1)	1	3 (3)	0	31 (4)	1	4	0
Lawson D'Ath	2 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	0	0
Akin Famewo	1 (2)	0	3 (0)	0	4 (2)	0	1	0
Luke Gambin	6 (4)	1	0 (1)	0	6 (5)	1	1	0
Alex Gilliead	10 (8)	1	3 (0)	1	13 (8)	2	3	0
Jake Gray	8 (6)	1	9 (0)	3	17 (6)	4	0	0
Danny Green	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	30
Freddie Hinds	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0	2
Danny Hyton	31 (1)	17	6 (0)	5	37 (1)	22	12	1
James Justin	17 (3)	0	7 (1)	0	24 (4)	0	2	0
Craig King	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	0	4
Olly Lee	17 (6)	0	5 (1)	0	22 (7)	0	8	0
Matt Macey	7 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	9 (0)	0	0	9
Craig Mackail-Smith	0 (2)	0	2 (1)	1	2 (4)	1	1	0
Jack Marriott	22 (10)	5	4 (3)	4	26 (13)	9	1	0
Cameron McGeehan	24 (0)	10	4 (0)	1	28 (0)	11	7	0
Josh McQuoid	1 (2)	0	5 (0)	2	6 (2)	2	2	0
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	24 (8)	1	6 (2)	0	30 (10)	1	5	1
Stuart Moore	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	0	2
Johnny Mullins	20 (2)	0	6 (0)	1	26 (2)	1	2	2
Frankie Musonda	0 (0)	0	5 (0)	1	5 (0)	1	0	0
Stephen O'Donnell	22 (1)	1	6 (3)	2	28 (4)	3	1	0
Ollie Palmer	0 (8)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (8)	1	1	0
Dan Potts	18 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	20 (2)	0	3	1
Glen Rea	26 (3)	2	8 (0)	1	34 (3)	3	9	1
Arthur Read	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	1
Jack Senior	8 (1)	0	6 (0)	0	14 (1)	0	2	0
Alan Sheehan	22 (3)	2	5 (0)	1	27 (3)	3	3	1
Jonathan Smith	11 (11)	1	8 (2)	1	19 (13)	2	7	0
Jack Snelus	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	1
Connor Tomlinson	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	1
Isaac Vassell	15 (15)	4	6 (5)	5	21 (20)	9	2	0
Christian Walton	27 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	33 (0)	0	1	0

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# FIXTURES PILE-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
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee •
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton	O'DONNELL 1	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	L 1-2	3,517	1,674	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Rea	Potts	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 ▲
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-0	5,606	1,690	2	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee •
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King	Cotter	MUSONDA 1	Famewo	Justin	Bakinson
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>													
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 4-1	8,097	530	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimbsby Town	L 1-2	8,005	539	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee •
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 0-2	2,904	1,052	7	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Smith
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-1	7,917	554	3	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Cuthbert •	Potts	Lee
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United	D 1-1	3,533	311	2	Walton	Justin	SHEEHAN 1	Famewo	Potts	Lee
<b>OCTOBER</b>													
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,660	923	4	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee
Tues 4	7.30pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)	W 2-0	1,441	89	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra	D 1-1	7,716	254	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee ▲
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-1	5,471	1341	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	D 1-1	7,787	295	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts •	Rea
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Notts. County	D 0-0	6,313	2,033	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Mullins	Gray ▲
<b>NOVEMBER</b>													
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Exeter City (FAC1)	W 3-1	2,972	310	-	Walton	Justin ▲	Cuthbert	Sheehan	REA 1	Lee
Tue 8	7.30pm	H	Millwall (EFL Trophy)	L 1-3	2,251	370	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson •
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 1-0	8,008	101	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Gray ▲
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	W 2-0	1,507	520	4	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Cook •
Tue 22	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-3	8,808	975	5	Walton	Justin ▲	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Mullins
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 0-0	3,823	634	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Cook •
<b>DECEMBER</b>													
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Solihull Moors (FAC2)	W 6-2	3,512	635	-	Walton	Justin •	Cuthbert	Sheehan	REA 1	Cook
Tues 6	7.45pm	A	Swindon Town (EFL Trophy)	W 3-2	1,692	134	-	King	Justin	Musonda	Potts	Lee	
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United	D 1-1	7,953	380	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan •	Mullins	
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W 2-0	3,992	1,095	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	L 0-1	9,164	490	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Rea	Justin	
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Barnet	W 3-1	8,262	494	5	Walton	O'Donnell	SHEEHAN 1	Potts •	Lee ▲	
<b>JANUARY</b>													
Mon 2	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	17,402	1,547	6	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Smith
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley (FAC3)	L 1-2	1,717	482	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mullins
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	Chesterfield (EFL Trophy)	W 4-0	1,655	152	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Musonda	Rea	Lee •	
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-1	4,368	995	6	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Rea	Mpanzu	
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	5,387	1,800	6	Walton	Justin	Sheehan	Rea	Cook •	
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	8,917	997	4	Walton	Justin	CUTHBERT 1	Rea	Mpanzu	
Tue 31	7.45pm	H	Cheltenham Town	L 2-3	6,708	83	5	Moore	Justin	Cuthbert	Rea	Smith	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>													
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town	D 1-1	5,114	468	5	Moore	Justin	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Sheehan
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Yeovil Town (EFL Trophy)	W 5-2	2,480	88	5	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town	W 2-1	7,316	225	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Sheehan
Tue 14	7.45pm	H	Hartlepool United	W 3-0	6,965	90	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Mullins	Senior	Rea	Sheehan
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	D 1-1	7,506	1,619	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Sheehan
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	D 1-1	9,124	1,027	5	Macey	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	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
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	W 4-0	4,194	698	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	REA 1	Sheehan
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Stevenage	L 0-2	9,045	699	6	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert •	Rea	Mpanzu	
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United	D 0-0	4,052	377	5	Macey	O'Donnell	Lee	Rea	Potts •	
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										



Grant Chaney and Emily Mercer are pleased to announce the birth of baby boy – and new Hatter – Rocco Thomas to the Hatters family. He was born on Tuesday 7th March weighing 6lb 4oz. Hopefully a future Luton star!

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

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McGeehan	Cook •	<b>HYLTON 1</b>	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b> •	<b>SMITH 1</b> •	Lee •	Gray ▲	Justin	Vassell	McQuoid	King
<b>McGEEHAN 1</b>	<b>GRAY 1</b> •	Hylton	Marriott ▲	Smith •	Cuthbert •	Cook	Vassell ▲	Lee	McQuoid	Famewo
McGeehan •	Mpanzu •	Hylton	Marriott ▲	Gray •	Smith •	Vassell ▲	Smith	McQuoid	King	Justin
<b>MCGEEHAN 2</b>	Cook •	Hylton	Marriott •	Famewo •	Vassell •	Smith	Gray	McQuoid	King	Justin
<b>McGEEHAN 1</b> ▲	Cook	Hylton	Marriott •	Mpanzu •	Vassell •	McQuoid ▲	King	Smith	King	Famewo
McGeehan	Gray •	Hylton •	Marriott	Cook •	Mpanzu •	Vassell ▲	Cuthbert	McQuoid	King	Justin
McGeehan	Cook	<b>HYLTON 1</b>	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b> ▲	Cuthbert •	Smith •	Vassell ▲	Gray	McQuoid	King	Justin
Gray	Banton •	Vassell	McQuoid •	Atkinson •	Tomlinson •	Gooch	Read	Hinds	King	Snelus
McGeehan	<b>COOK 1</b>	<b>HYLTON 3</b> ▲	Marriott •	Smith •	Vassell •	Famewo ▲	Gray	Gilliead	King	Justin
McGeehan	Cook	Hylton •	Marriott	<b>REA 1</b> •	Vassell •	Gilliead ▲	Smith	Cuthbery	Gray	King
McGeehan	Cook	Vassell	McQuoid	Hylton	Marriott	Gilliead	Cuthbert	Gray	Mpanzu	King
<b>McGEEHAN 2</b> ▲	Cook •	Hylton ■	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b>	Sheehan •	Gray •	Gilliead ▲	O'Donnell	Smith	Vassell	King
McGeehan	Gilliead •	Mpanzu	Marriott	Vassell •	Cook •	O'Donnell	Smith	McQuoid	Musonda	King
McGeehan	Cook	<b>HYLTON 1</b>	Marriott •	Smith •	Gilliead •	O'Donnell	Gray	McQuoid	Famewo	King
Smith	<b>GILLIEAD 1</b> ▲	McQuoid •	Banton •	Vassell •	Hinds •	Snelus ▲	Cotter	Read	Atkinson	Gooch
McGeehan	Mpanzu •	<b>HYLTON 1</b>	Marriott ▲	Gilliead •	Rea •	McQuoid ▲	O'Donnell	Smith	Vassell	King
<b>MCGEEHAN 1</b> •	Gilliead ▲	<b>HYLTON 1</b>	Marriott	Smith •	Mullins •	Gray ▲	Mpanzu	Banton	Vassell	King
<b>MCGEEHAN 1</b>	Gilliead	Cook •	Marriott	Mpanzu •	Vassell •	Lee ▲	Smith	Mullins	Mackail-Smith	King
McGeehan ▲	Gilliead •	Hylton	Marriott •	Lee •	Mpanzu •	Vassell ▲	Potts	Smith	Gray	King
McGeehan	Cook •	<b>HYLTON 2</b>	Gilliead •	Smith •	Mackail-Smith •	O'Donnell ▲	Gray	Potts	Vassell	King
Smith	McQuoid	Mackail-Smith •	Vassell	Banton •	Hinds •	Read ▲	Snelus	Cotter	Bean	Gooch
<b>MCGEEHAN 1</b>	Gilliead •	Hylton	Marriott •	Vassell •	Smith •	Mullins ▲	O'Donnell	Gray	Mackail-Smith	King
McGeehan	Gilliead ▲	<b>HYLTON 1</b>	<b>VASSELL 1</b> •	Marriott •	Smith •	Gray ▲	O'Donnell	McQuoid	Mackail-Smith	King
McGeehan	Gilliead •	<b>HYLTON 1</b>	Vassell •	Cook •	Marriott •	Mackail-Smith ▲	O'Donnell	Smith	Cuthbert	King
McGeehan	Mullins	Hylton	Vassell ▲	Vassell •	Gilliead •	Marriott ▲	O'Donnell	Smith	Mackail-Smith	King
McGeehan	Gilliead •	<b>HYLTON 1</b> ▲	<b>MARRIOTT 2</b>	<b>O'DONNELL 2</b> •	Potts •	Vassell ▲	Smith	Mpanzu	Lee	King
Smith	Gray •	<b>VASSELL 1</b>	<b>MCQUOID 2</b> •	Mackail-Smith •	Bakinson •	Tomlinson	Banton	Cotter	Snelus	Gooch
McGeehan	Vassell ▲	<b>HYLTON 1</b>	Marriott •	Gilliead •	Mpanzu •	Cook ▲	Smith	Smith	McQuoid	King
<b>MCGEEHAN 1</b> •	Gilliead ▲	Hylton	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b> •	Mpanzu •	Vassell •	Smith ▲	Cook	Senior	McQuoid	King
McGeehan	Gilliead •	Hylton	Marriott •	Vassell •	Mpanzu •	Cook ▲	Smith	Gray	Senior	Gooch
<b>MCGEEHAN 1</b> ▲	Smith	Hylton	Cook	<b>GILLIEAD 1</b> •	Justin •	Lee ▲	Gray	Marriott	McQuoid	King
McGeehan •	Gilliead •	Hylton	Cook ▲	Mpanzu •	Lee •	Vassell ▲	Marriott	Senior	McQuoid	King
Smith ▲	<b>GRAY 1</b>	McQuoid	Vassell	O'Donnell •	Marriott •	Mpanzu ▲	Cook	Senior	D'Ath	King
<b>MACKAIL-SMITH 1</b> ▲	Gray •	Cook	<b>MARRIOTT 2</b> •	Lee •	<b>VASSELL 1</b> •	Banton ▲	Mullins	Bakinson	Cotter	King
D'Ath •	<b>GRAY 1</b>	Hylton	<b>MARRIOTT 1</b> ▲	Smith •	Senior •	Vassell ▲	O'Donnell	Lee	Mackail-Smith	King
Gambin	Gray •	Hylton •	Marriott ▲	Rea •	Vassell •	O'Donnell ▲	D'Ath	Cook	Mackail-Smith	King
Gambin	<b>COOK 1</b>	<b>VASSELL 1</b>	Marriott ▲	D'Ath •	Sheehan •	Mackail-Smith ▲	O'Donnell	Gray	Lee	King
Gambin ▲	Cook	<b>VASSELL 1</b>	Marriott •	Lee •	D'Ath •	Gray ▲	O'Donnell	Banton	Sheehan	King
Gambin •	Cook	Hylton	<b>VASSELL 1</b> ▲	Palmer •	Sheehan •	Marriott ▲	O'Donnell	Lee	D'Ath	Macey
Smith	<b>COOK 1</b> •	<b>HYLTON 1</b> ▲	<b>VASSELL 2</b> •	Cuthbert •	Marriott •	Justin ▲	Gambin	Gray	Lee	King
Smith	Cook •	<b>HYLTON 2</b> ▲	Vassell •	Palmer •	Gambin •	Marriott ▲	Marriott	D'Ath	Justin	Moore
D'Ath •	<b>GAMBIN 1</b>	<b>HYLTON 1</b> ▲	Vassell ▲	Smith •	<b>PALMER 1</b> •	Marriott ▲	Gray	D'Ath	Justin	Moore
Smith	<b>COOK 1</b> •	Hylton	Vassell •	Palmer •	Gambin •	Marriott ▲	Cuthbert	Gray	Justin	Moore
Smith •	Cook	Hylton 1	Vassell •	Gambin •	Palmer •	Marriott ▲	Lee	D'Ath	Gray	Moore
Gray •	Cook	<b>HYLTON 1</b>	<b>VASSELL 1</b>	Gambin •	Marriott •	Cuthbert ▲	Potts	Smith	Lee	King
Gray •	Cook	<b>HYLTON 2</b> ▲	Vassell •	Potts •	Palmer •	Marriott ▲	Mullins	D'Ath	Justin	Moore
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Choose tactics, team sheets, line-ups and seeing it all change in an incident.

Choose Kenilworth Road filled to the rafters, the noise, the funny chants, defiant songs and a post blocking your view of the winning goal.

Choose screaming into your napalm-strength Bovril at incompetent officials.

Choose away days to the arse-end of nowhere and leaving home before the sun comes up, just to sit in traffic jams that make you miss kick-off.

Choose faulty fourth-tier stadia wifi, power cables that can't reach to the one socket for ten reporters, all crowbarred into pressboxes fit only for hobbits.

Choose deadlines, word counts, file-on-the-whistle, exclusives, columns, rants, spats, laughs, social media meltdown, teasing, tribalism and off-the-record insight.

Choose bone-chilling cold, thermal Long-Johns, fingerless gloves, frozen toes, can't-feel-ya-nose and a half time cuppa, if you're lucky.

Choose "did you see who crossed that in mate?" in the fog, the snow

and the sideways rain sheeting straight in your face.

Choose commentator's curse, an umpteenth last-minute rewrite, pitch-side press conferences, questions, answers, analysis, arguments, controversy, dodgy dictaphones, despair and exhilaration.

Choose 12-hour, 500-mile motorway slogs for goalless draws. Choose car breakdowns, M6-toll hard-shoulder CCTV japery, another over-priced, artery-clogging service station Burger King and finally getting home at 4am.

Choose memories. Choose Claude Gnakpa in extra-time at Wembley, open-top bus parades, Kevin Nicholls, Mick Harford, Keith Keane scoring from a corner, record breaking runs, cup giant-killings, Steve McNulty, Mark Tyler, Andre Gray, John Still, Danny Hylton and Nathan Jones.

Choose a flourishing academy, sticking two fingers up to Checkatrade Trophy hypocrisy, proving a point and making a profit.

Choose never to forget the skullduggery of previous regimes, the 2020 rescue act, that 30-point penalty, the wilderness years and heartbreak.

Choose redemption. Choose a new training ground and Power Court

stadium plans and throwing your support behind it all.

Choose progress and promotion (hopefully).

Choose the thrill of it all. Choose Luton. Choose life.

Choose Townspotting. It has been my drug of choice for 11 years and I have been utterly addicted to covering the Hatters for Bedfordshire on Sunday.

I'd happily choose those highs and lows for another decade more but, as I explained last week on Twitter @LutonJournolTFC, it has been decided that all that experience and knowledge is no longer required by the newspaper. Sadly, cold turkey is now on the menu.

Hopefully there's champers and celebration cake for Luton come May. I'd drink to that.

Thanks if you sent kind messages in the last week and thank you if you've read any of my musings that have, on occasion, meandered from football into cod-science, amateur philosophy, theology, pop culture, politics, mumbo-jumbo and back again.

I've cherished all the above chaos and so much more.

It has been a privilege writing for you. I wish I still could.

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# TEAMS



- 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 Bobby Olejnik
- 2 Tom McCready
- 3 Craig Woodman
- 4 Lloyd James
- 5 Troy Archibald-Henville
- 6 Jordan Tillson
- 7 Ryan Harley
- 8 Robbie Simpson
- 9 Adam Stansfield  
(Posthumous Award)
- 10 Lee Holmes
- 11 David Wheeler
- 12 Joel Grant
- 14 Oliver Watkins
- 15 Jordan Moore-Taylor
- 16 Matt Oakley
- 18 Jamie Reid
- 19 Liam McAlinden
- 20 Matt Jay
- 21 James Hamon
- 22 Ryan Swan
- 23 Connor Riley-Lowe
- 24 Alex Byrne
- 25 Jake Taylor
- 26 Ethan Ampadu
- 28 Jack Stacey
- 29 Luke Croll
- 30 Christy Pym
- 31 Pierce Sweeney
- 33 Reuben Reid
- 39 Troy Brown



## MATCH OFFICIALS

- ⌚ TREVOR KETTLE
- ⌚ ANTHONY DA COSTA
- ⌚ MICHAEL WEBB
- ⌚ ADRIAN WATERS