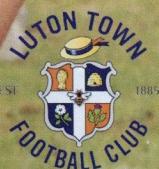


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GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO RODNEY PARADE FOR THIS EVENING'S MATCH VERSUS LUTON TOWN AND A WARM WELCOME TO NATHAN JONES, HIS STAFF AND THE PLAYERS, DIRECTORS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE CLUB.

Tonight's match is our second in quick succession following our game against Blackpool on Saturday. Whilst the final result was not a fair reflection of that match, it is important that we draw upon many of the positives which we displayed and take them forward into this encounter. In particular I was pleased with the manner of our second half performance and I will be looking for that to be shown from the start this evening.

Many of you will be aware that a supporter was taken seriously ill in the Bisley Stand during the second half of the match on Saturday. This fan is a gentleman called Barrie who is a regular volunteer on a match day in the club's hospitality areas. As I write these notes, Barrie is in hospital, awake and is making conversation with his family members. A huge level of thanks must go to the staff, stewards and medical staff who were on hand on the weekend. They saved Barrie's life and are a credit to the club and the city.

Over the past few weeks since I have taken charge, you the fans have been fantastic in your support both on and off the pitch and I am very grateful for this.

The second half in particular on Saturday, as we searched for an equaliser, saw a phenomenal level of noise and support shown. With nine games to go, now is the time to come together as one club and tackle the challenge we face.

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Tonight's Match Ball Sponsor for our EFL League Two game against Luton Town are GMB who have been keen sponsors of Newport County AFC for a number of years and we would once again like to thank them for their support of the club with this evening's sponsorship. We have a second Match Ball Sponsor that is a collection of friends and family of well-known and loved County legend Ray Taylor who passed away a few years ago. Once again they will be presenting the winner of the "Ray Taylor Memorial Award" which has been won previously by County greats such as Sam Foley, Tony James and Andrew Hughes.

GMB has one job and that is to improve the pay and conditions of GMB members in their workplaces. The best way to do that is to increase the number of GMB members in order to strengthen the union's power. This website reflects GMB member's aims and values, and shows what GMB workplace organisers do every day with the backing of GMB members.

GMB is a general union – which means that anyone can belong to it. GMB has almost 631,000 members working in every part of the UK economy. We would like to welcome John Phillips and his guests to today's game and we hope that they thoroughly enjoy the match which hopefully results in a home win for Newport County AFC.

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TONIGHT'S MATCH MASCOTS

Today we welcome **FRASER NEEDHAM** and **CURTIS WILLIAMS** as our match mascots for tonight's EFL League Two game against Luton Town here at Rodney Parade.

Fraser is 10-years-old and attends Glan Usk Primary School in Newport. He plays football for the school, Spencer Boys'

Club and he is also one of the goalkeepers in the Newport County AFC Under-10s squad. Fraser lists his hobbies as football, rugby and fishing and his favourite player at County is Joe Day.

Curtis Williams is also aged 10 and is from Ringland in Newport. He goes to Milton Junior School and has followed Newport County AFC since he was four-years-old. Curtis is currently a player at the Newport County AFC Academy where he is also a member of the Under-10s squad and he too plays for his local club Spencer Boys. Curtis lists his hobbies as football, riding his bike, fishing, running and of course Newport County AFC. For information of how your son or daughter can be an official Newport County AFC mascot for the day, please email james@newport-county.co.uk or phone 01633 481896.

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WE WEAR THE SAME SHIRT

By Luke Martin, Volunteer for County in the Community
On Wednesday, March 1, Newport County AFC's We Wear The Same Shirt team travelled to play Swindon Town in our first fixture. We met at Rodney Parade for 12.30pm and the journey took us 1 hour and 30 minutes.



KINDER +SPORT U16S FUTSAL CUP FINAL

Congratulations to Monmouth (Boys) & Caerleon (Girls) Comprehensive schools for winning the Gwent year 10/11 Futsal Cups. Both schools represented Newport County AFC with skill & pride at the area finals in Swindon on February 9th & 10th.



We must give an extra special mention and well done to Monmouth Comprehensive boys who won the regional finals. They beat Bristol Rovers 2-1 in the semi-final and Cardiff City 3-2 in the final. The boys will now travel to Derby on March 28th for the National Kinder +Sport U16s Futsal Cup Finals.



We would also like to thank Coleg Gwent for sponsoring the Gwent Competitions and allowing us to use the excellent facilities at their Crosskeys Campus. There will be a presentation of both Gwent Cups at half-time tonight and winners Caerleon Girls & Monmouth Boys will receive their Cups from Steve Owen, Coleg Gwent (Director of Business

I must say I was nervous getting on the minibus but as we got closer to the ground and all the players were laughing and motivating each other, then my nerves left me. When we got to the changing rooms I was focused and Norman Parselle and I picked the team and told them what positions they would be playing. We warmed up to prepare for the match and avoid injuries. The team should be proud of the way they played because this was their first ever competitive match. We had a good defence, midfield and attack and went 1-0 up before half-time with a goal from Wayne Bartlett. In the second half Swindon started on the front foot and scored after 10 minutes with a well worked goal. Swindon scored again quickly to go 2-1 into the lead. The match was end to end with both sides creating chances, when Wayne scored his second goal to make it 2-2.

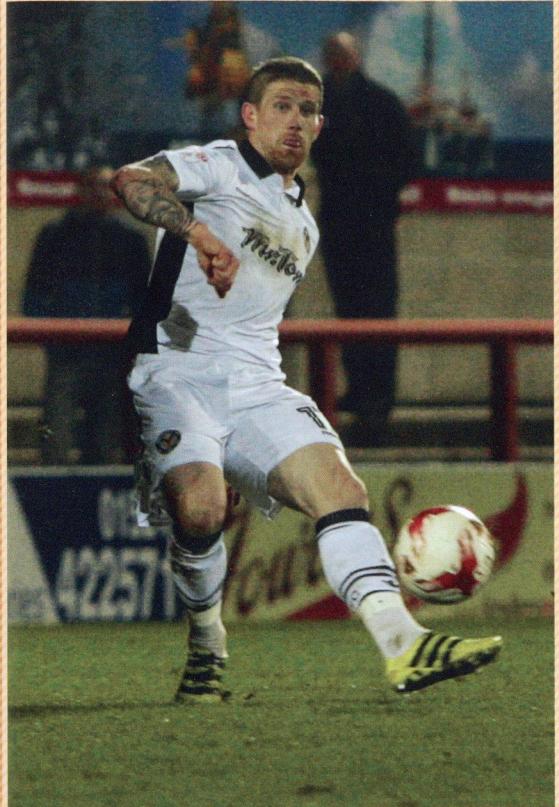
Sadly, our centre half Emily Edwards injured her knee with only a minute left to play and the sides shook hands for a 2-2 draw. Emily was taken to hospital but she is recovering now with sprained knee ligaments. We all went into the club house and enjoyed the food and drink provided by Swindon Town and we laughed and joked about the match. We had a good journey home and laughed for most of it. We are going to be playing Swindon in Newport within the next four to five weeks and then we have a competition at Dragon Park on June 11th against Merthyr, Newtown, Wrexham and Cardiff. We would like to thank Swindon Town for the day and Norman for driving and organising the match.

Newport County AFC squad: Emily Edwards, Crygg Oliver, Daniel Yeo, Tom Tremayne, Wayne Bartlett, Luke De-Gilbert, Daniel Foley, Robert Taylor, Luke Martin, Ethan Brussalis and Colin Faulkner.



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PLAYER PROFILE

DAVID PIPE

CLUB LEGEND AND FORMER CAPTAIN DAVID PIPE RETURNED TO NEWPORT COUNTY AFC IN JANUARY AND IS GLAD TO BE BACK IN WALES. PIPE HAS MADE OVER A HUNDRED APPEARANCES FOR THE EXILES AND CAPTAINED THE CLUB TO VICTORY IN THE CONFERENCE PLAY-OFF FINALS FOUR YEARS AGO. JAMES STEVENS TALKED TO 'PIPEY' ABOUT ALL THINGS COUNTY.



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Where did you start out David?

I started out at Coventry and it was a great experience to play in the Championship at 17. To make a debut so young, it's massive; in the moment it is a little different to reflecting on it. I've gone on from there. I also played at Notts County and Bristol Rovers. I even got to represent Wales at international level. It was amazing to play with the likes of Ryan Giggs, Gary Speed and the big names of Welsh football. It was overwhelming but I went with it, and when I took a step up, it was one of the most special days of my career to play for Wales in the United States.

Onto your time at Newport, how do you remember those seasons in the Conference and your two trips to Wembley?

I joined the club the first season and we just ended up surviving league-wise. I played towards the



back end of the season, as I joined late on. We got to the FA Trophy final under Justin Edinburgh and that was a brilliant experience. It was just sad we couldn't win. The next year we pushed on for promotion.

On that season, what was it like to be involved?

It's difficult to say something that hasn't already been said really. Due to way things worked out, it was very special to me. Newport is my home club, well the closest professional football club to where I was born. That magnified it to me, it was emotional and everyone felt it. It gave me some great memories and I was lucky to share it with a great group of lads. The fans were amazing from the start to the finish, and I think generally as a football club everyone came together. We made the best out of the situation and got the promotion.

The new man in charge, Michael Flynn, what's the transaction from having a fellow player as a manager?

It's a difficult transition to make, I did it once with Gary McAllister at Coventry City, I actually made my debut under him. Previous to that I was playing with him, at a young age that was difficult. You talk to a player different to a manager, and I had some experience. But when it comes to Mike, I played against him for a good few years before we played together. We were close at Newport, we were very successful. What I do know is that he was always going to become a manager at some point, even years and years ago when he was still playing I could tell and he could tell that was what he wanted to do, and what he was passionate about. I'm glad and happy he's got this chance, and I'm happy he's grabbing it with both hands. You can see that there's been a positive reaction because of the good results. Back to back away wins is hard in any league, you have to look and think that he's put good spirit into this team.

Then into the Football League, how does that team differ from this current team?

It's hard to comment on as I haven't been here that long. I knew the other boys for a few years and even captained that group, and I'm only just beginning to know the current group we have. What I do know is that this team has got a lot of fighting spirit. As the last few games have shown, we have the attitude not to give in, or give up, just to have a good attitude. People in and around,



and in different teams in the leagues, people say 'Newport are doomed'. But this group, and the individuals involved and the fans have decided that it's not the case. We'll keep fighting right to the end, on every level.

You're one who knows the club inside out, similar to Craig Reid and Mike Flynn. Does that make much of a difference to helping the club battle the drop?

I've been on the other end of it with clubs all round the country, and in England and it is a big thing. Not only do they have that experience but also that connection with the club and the fans and they can impact the community especially if they are local like me. Whatever way you look at it, the more you're involved with a club, the more important it becomes to you.

You're on a loan spell here and your contract at Eastleigh expires at the end of the season – would you want to come back on a permanent basis?

People say 'Newport are doomed'. But this group, and the individuals involved and the fans have decided that it's not the case. We'll keep fighting right to the end, on every level.

Of course, it's all well documented that I never really wanted to leave in the first place. Decisions get made for different reasons, off and on the pitch, there's no way on this earth I wanted to go. When the situation came round of me coming back, it wasn't even a thought. It was a case of how could we do it and how soon? I'm not one to predict the future, or look too far ahead but in an ideal world I would love to stay at this football club for as long as I possibly could!

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In this edition of 'Look Back in Amber,' our columnist Chris Shingler chats to dedicated former Newport County AFC goalkeeping coach, **RYAN MACKERNES...**

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Ryan, can you tell me about your early life and how you ended up at the Newport County AFC academy?

"I used to attend the Mervyn Day/Sondico and later Adidas Goalkeeper camps in the school holidays Chris at Bisham Abbey. When I was 15, in 1998, my group coach on the camp that year was Glyn Jones, who was youth team coach at Newport at the time. Having worked with me for three days – and I think clocking my Cwmbran accent – he invited me to train with them for the coming season. It's funny because my first session that season that I went along to, was the one in which Glyn infamously kicked out Flynn [Mike Flynn, County's caretaker manager] only for Tim Harris, who was first-team manager at the time, to put him straight into the first-team; but I think that worked out best for him in the end!"

"I played a few games for the youth team that season as an Under-16 whilst still playing for my local club Coed Eva. It was during that season that Glyn put the wheels in motion for the full-time academy in which the youth team would train everyday at Hartridge High – which worked out really well for me as I was able to become part of the very first intake after I completed my GCSEs at Fairwater Comp in Cwmbran. In a strange twist of fate, I actually also played the first pre-season game for the first team just before the academy started, which was also the first official game under the banner 'Newport County AFC' rather than the previous 'Newport AFC,' as Andy Fisher was unavailable and they were yet to sign Pat Mountain. I was then on the bench in the next game against Stoke City at Spyptt Park in which Pat made his County debut."

What memories do you have of being in the Academy? And do any matches in particular stick in your mind?

"It was a great experience and great football grounding, I wouldn't have got into coaching without it. We had two great tournaments out in Germany at the end of each season which was a fantastic experience. The main matches that stick out for me is the FA Youth Cup run in the second season in which we reached the Third Round; we had to go through five qualifying rounds as a non-league side, and we got knocked out to a Crewe side that contained Dean Ashton, who scored two past me at Spyptt in a 3-1 win. I seemed to have my best games for the youth team in the FA Youth Cup. We also played away friendlies against

Manchester United and Chelsea in which we played against future players in those games, such as John O'Shea for United, who I saved a free-kick from, Zak Knight played for Chelsea, and in another strange twist of fate one Lenny Pidgeley played also as a U-16s player, but when I talked to him about it when he joined County he couldn't remember it!"

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You started your coaching career at an early age, how did that come about?

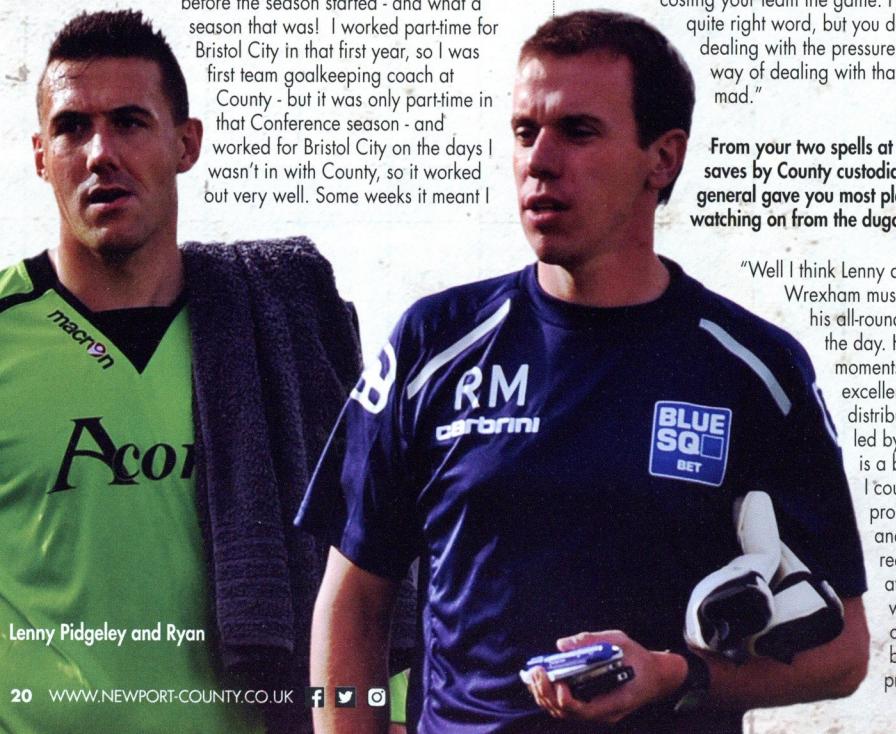
"I didn't get a senior contract at Newport at the end of my two years at the academy. A few weeks later Glyn rang me up and asked if I fancied taking the eight to 16-years-old goalkeepers on a Monday on the Spyty Astro. That was my first coaching job at 18. After a few years of doing that Pat Mountain asked me if I would help him with his GK Schools he was setting up. I eventually took over the day-to-day running of that and the GK school became mine, and was then coaching full-time by the age of 24. I also took the goalkeepers two days a week in Pencoed College Football Academy in which former County player Jason Perry was academy director."

You also had spells at Cardiff City and Bristol City I believe Ryan; can you tell me about being at those clubs, and what 'keepers did you work with there?

"In July 2009, aged 27, I was approached to take the youth team goalkeepers for two days a week, plus matches, at Cardiff City. By the end of that season I was in everyday and working for them full-time. It was great experience and was there for two-and-a-half years. The youth team keeper in my first year there got a professional contract at the end of the season, so that was a very satisfying first year working for a full-time pro club. When Malky Mackay came in as manager, he couldn't bring in his goalkeeper coach straight away, so I ended up taking the first-team keepers there for almost a month which included a pre-season camp out in Spain which was another great experience! The goalkeepers I worked with in that time are David Marshall, Tom Heaton and Jordan Santiago, who was the youth team keeper my first year there. I still occasionally exchange texts with Tom now; he is a great lad and deserves everything he has got through hard work and is reaping the rewards playing in the Premier League and being in every England squad.

"I left Cardiff in October 2011 with the ambition of becoming a first team goalkeeping coach full-time, having had a taste of it with Cardiff. It was a bit of a risk but it paid off thankfully. In June 2012, whilst on holiday, I got a phone call from Jimmy Dack asking me to do a few days for them in the first week of pre-season as I had been recommended to him by Pat. Justin, Jimmy and the goalies seemed to like my work and I was offered the role

before the season started - and what a season that was! I worked part-time for Bristol City in that first year, so I was first team goalkeeping coach at County - but it was only part-time in that Conference season - and worked for Bristol City on the days I wasn't in with County, so it worked out very well. Some weeks it meant I



Lenny Pidgeley and Ryan

only had one day off a week, or even no days off a week! I'm not complaining though as I loved both roles. I was offered a full-time role with Bristol City at the end of that first year, but had also been offered full-time at County if we were promoted; and as I had an ambition in first-team football I chose County, plus I see County as 'my' club and have always been and always will be a fan too - ever since I was first involved with the club at 15."

You worked at Rodney Parade with current 'keeper Joe Day, as well as Lenny Pidgeley, Alan Julian and Jamie Stephens. How did you find working with these guys Ryan, and is the old saying of, 'You have to be mad to be a goalkeeper' true?

"I loved every minute of working with all of those keepers Chris, plus Rhys Taylor, Joe Perry, Joe Green and the few loanees we had. All had different strengths and weaknesses and obviously different personalities too. Daisy [Joe Day] has great reactions, is brave, and is always in fantastic physical shape. He has a great attitude and work rate; he can make saves to win you games. He is one of the nicest guys you could ever meet too and deserves everything he has got. Lenny is a fantastic all-round goalkeeping technician and tactician, the best I have worked with in that respect. He has a 'larger than life' personality and was always the life and soul of the keeper sessions! He manages a game for you so well, especially the big games; I will always have a great bond with Pidge after what we went through during our time together at the club, and I still keep in touch with him regularly now."

"Jules [Alan Julian] is a fantastic shot-stopper, worker, and another great personality; a great human being really. County never saw the best of him, sometimes certain clubs just don't work for certain players. Jamie is a freak! He won't mind me saying that in goalkeeping terms ... honest haha! He's the best shot-stopper I have ever worked with, and that includes the keepers I worked with at Cardiff City. His shot-stopping style reminds me of David de Gea and he makes saves no others can due to his reactions and flexibility. He would make saves every day in training that would leave you speechless; Jamie is another great lad who I speak to on a weekly basis. You asking if goalkeepers are mad is the most-asked question to everybody involved in goalkeeping. I can see where they're coming from as you need to have a unique type of personality to deal with the pressure of the role, as you are living on a knife edge all the time. You are one mistake away from costing your team the game. I don't think 'mad' is the

quite right word, but you do need to find a way of dealing with the pressure, so some goalkeepers' way of dealing with that pressure can seem a bit mad."

From your two spells at the club Ryan, what saves by County custodians or performances in general gave you most pleasure as a coach watching on from the dugout?

"Well I think Lenny at Wembley against Wrexham must be the main highlight; his all-round game was fantastic on the day. He made big saves at big moments in the match, was excellent on crosses, and his distribution was top-notch. He led by example that day. Lenny is a big game keeper and I couldn't have been more proud when he got MOTM - and many people won't realise, I ran straight to him at the final whistle and we were hugging and crying on the floor of the six-yard box at Wembley! I'm probably glad that is



Lenny Pidgeley, Ryan and Alan Julian celebrate the 2013 Conference Premier play-off final victory over Wrexham at Wembley Stadium

missing from the video footage now! He was also excellent when called upon in the two semi-finals too against Grimsby, and indeed at other times during that season. He also was brilliant in our first season up before he got injured at the end of January. In my honest opinion, he should have at least been included in the recent vote for Newport's greatest ever keeper for Wembley alone."

"I'd say Daisy against Southend at home too, when he saved a penalty when the game was 0-0 and we went on to win 1-0. Shrewsbury and Tranmere away also stand out for me; his save against Shrewsbury in the dying moments when he scooped it off the line just before final whistle was particularly special. Jamie Stephens' treble save against Brighton in the League Cup away performance was brilliant - also when Jamie came in to play in November/December 2014; his performances got better and better and were topped off with a match-winning performance against Cheltenham away in which we won the game 1-0. We should have lost the game 4 or 5-1, so it's no surprise to me that he has gone on to be a top-class League Two keeper for Barnet, as that's what I saw in him when I recruited him."

Ryan, are there any particularly funny moments you can share from your time at the club?

"Ha ha, there is quite a lot, most of which I can't say in the club programme either due to the language used or the content! But probably one of the two funniest things I saw during my time which are clean enough for the programme happened in the away game against Carl Zeiss Jena. The fans all doing the conga on the running track whilst the game was going on and joining players and staff sitting in the dugout! Then Spyty the Dog getting involved in a bit of a fracas on the pitch after a tackle on Byron Anthony; someone should have kept Spyty on his lead that day Chris!"

The goalkeepers' union seems a particularly strong one, can you give us an insight into the mind-set of being a keeper?

"Like I have touched on earlier, it's a totally different mindset, you know you are going to get looked at and possibly blamed for every goal and or defeat. It takes a special type of person to be able to deal with that and still perform at a professional level. That's where the goalkeeping coach can come in at times and act as a psychologist as well as a coach to help them deal with it. I have always tried to make myself approachable to the goalkeepers I worked with, and protect them from things when I felt they needed protecting - and issuing a good kick up the backside when I felt that was needed too! Due to the small

numbers and the proximity in which you work with them, you become friends with them as much as anything else, and sometimes that's what is needed to get the best out of them."

What's the best bit of advice you could give an aspiring young goalkeeper who may be reading this today?

"Work hard, listen to all the advice even if you work out that it is something that might not work for you - and above all else, have a passion for being a goalkeeper and goalkeeping in general. Enjoy playing the position!"

What are you currently up to Ryan, and would you like to get back into coaching at a full-time or part-time club?

"I'm currently working as freelance goalkeeping coach; I run my own 'keeper schools in the Torfaen area and have several private clients that I work with on a one-on-one basis weekly. I'm also working as consultant head coach for a company called 'Evolution Goalkeeper Coaching' which run goalkeeping camps and schools, and are planning a national goalkeeper coaching conference. But yes, I'm actively seeking a new club and have been since I left the County in June. I have spoken to a few clubs since, but nothing has worked out as of yet. Either it wasn't going to work from the clubs' side or it wasn't right for me personally. Working at a club as a first team goalkeeping coach is what I love and feel I'm best at the most."

Who have been your own personal goalkeeping heroes and why?

"Well growing up it was Neville Southall and Mark Bosnich. 'Big Nev', because he was the Wales keeper, and in the early 90s was the best in the world I think. I used to Vaseline my eyebrows and play with my socks rolled down to try to be like big Nev! Mark Bosnich too as I was an Aston Villa fan growing up, my Dad is from that area of Birmingham and he was an excellent technician, and was great when he was at the Villa. His career unfortunately never took off after that."

Finally, you always seemed an incredibly popular member of the backroom staff here Ryan, do you have a message for the supporters here at Rodney Parade tonight?

"I would just like to say 'thank you' for all your support and messages during my time there and indeed since. Keep believing as the club is only as good as its fans, and I'm sure the club will be fine with the great support you guys always give."



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BY PHIL TANNER

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We have to take the rough with the smooth in this series, and today it's particularly rough. A few weeks ago we did our semi-final win over Swansea in the unlamented FAW Premier Cup in 2003. That one took us to a 6-1 hammering by Wrexham at The Racecourse, which highlighted a recurring theme for the post-1989 club – more often than not falling short when we've had a big opportunity to impress on TV.

Four years on we reached the second of our three finals in the cup and this time we had home advantage. Our opponents were The New Saints of Llanfairfechan and Oswestry Town FC ("Give me a T ..."). Whatever we might think about the dispute around the formation of what's now known as the Welsh Premier, their domestic stats have been remarkable.

Ten years ago their period of domination was already under way. TNS were weeks away from sealing a third successive title and since then the sequence has been second, third, first, second and six successive wins (including this season, already in the bag a fortnight ago).

Back to the match. First there was a row about the venue. The BBC as sponsor wanted it at the home of one or other finalist, and as TNS were still at their very basic village ground the FAW decided it would be hosted by whichever club won our semi-final against Port Talbot. TNS supremo Mike Harris duly objected to what he saw as bias in favour of South Wales and threatened legal action. It didn't materialise, and Spotty Park was confirmed as host only a few days beforehand.

We didn't go into the game in great shape after successive 3-1 losses at Eastleigh and Havant. The South Wales Argus described the latter as "spineless" and reported that manager Peter Beadle left the ground as soon as the whistle went, leaving media duties to his assistant Scott Young. Beadle was

short in midfield after freeing Lee Jenkins and Darren Garner and with Lee Collier injured; the influential Lee Fowler was to sign the day after the final.

TNS, in Celtic hoops, did Harris' talking for him on the pitch. I only watched the game on TV, and my abiding memory is that County were thoroughly outpassed by the heavily bankrolled visitors. I'm indebted to the BBC website for the blow-by-blow details.

We could have led inside two minutes when Craig Hughes blazed a Jason Bowen cross over the bar from close in, but Steve Beck, outstanding all night, gave Saints a sixth-minute lead after a swift counter-attack. It was to be the only goal.

Dean Holdsworth, who was to succeed Beadle as manager just over a year later, had a header hooked off the line by Beck and Hughes missed another good chance. With County struggling for a foothold in midfield, John Leah nearly took advantage before half-time, but Mark Ovendale produced a brilliant flying save.

Mike Wilde should have doubled Saints' lead 10 minutes into the second period, but scuffed wide, and John Toner had a penalty shout turned down when he was elbowed off the ball. Holdsworth spooned another chance over the bar, but the Mid Walians always looked a danger on the counter-attack and deserved the win.

County still picked up a very welcome £50,000, but I just wonder if a season which was to end one win short of the Conference South play-offs might have turned out differently if we'd claimed the £100k for winning.



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This coming weekend we have to wear two heads; one for our club and one for our country. Equally, we have to have two hearts. For County fans we will have both hearts in our mouths. If Wales fail to win or draw in Dublin then automatic qualification for the 2018 World Cup finals is likely to be beyond us. County will need to bring something home from our trip to Fratton Park, Portsmouth in our desperate scrap to avoid the dreaded drop.

To reduce the blood pressure on the County head and heart in the equation, Wales should have some page space. This will be the Dragons' first competitive game since the home tie with Serbia back in November where an unexpected equaliser denied Wales the three points and saw Chris Coleman's team drop to third in a group of six nations. Although unbeaten in the four group matches played thus far the national team, with six points on the board, trail the Republic of Ireland by four points. Serbia sit in-between on eight points.

Similarly to Wales, the Republic have a good representation of Championship players to back up their top Premier League stars. They are a nation never to be under-estimated. With Seamus Coleman (Everton) and John O'Shea (Sunderland) in defence, and Shane Long (Southampton) and Jonathan Walters (Stoke City) in attack, they have ample ability and experience. The same can be said of their midfield and goalkeeping resources.

Defeat must be avoided at all cost. Following the 'ticket-gate' situation, where the visiting football association was granted a paltry allocation of 3,300 tickets for the impressively rebuilt Aviva Stadium, there is likely to be a reserve ticket-less army of the 'red wall' seeking shelter in welcoming hostels in Dublin where there is a large wall screen and authentic Guinness.

Wales have been buoyed by the early return to the Real Madrid team of Gareth Bale following surgery. The triumvirate of Bale, Aaron Ramsey and Joe Allen are all fit and well, as are the first choice back five. Wales need to be at full strength to compete for the three points against an in-form Republic in front of a raucous home crowd.

Europe has 13 qualification places on offer for the

COLIN EVERETT

OF HALVES

World Cup finals alongside the one already reserved for hosts Russia. Only the nine group winners are guaranteed qualification. The best eight runners-up will go into a two-legged play-off tie to make up the numbers.

Given the quality of the competition which will lie in wait in the play-offs, Wales must go full tilt for top spot. Realistically, a minimum of a draw in

Dublin followed by a draw in Belgrade against second placed Serbia in June, followed by four consecutive wins against Austria at home (September), Moldova away (September) and then Georgia away and the Republic at home (both in early October) will be required. Anything less might see first position slip away.

Austria can be expected to chase second place in a four-way tie for the top two positions. The prospect of four competitive matches in the congested first two months of the new domestic season will cause concerns over injuries and fitness. With limited experience in a young squad, Wales are highly exposed to the dangers of key player non-availability.

The midfield selection will be interesting. The on-loan Tom Lawrence has been in 'hot form' at Ipswich Town, Andy King continues to be an influential squad member at the reviving Leicester City and managerial and crowd favourite Joe Ledley is fit for selection. With both Hal Robson-Kanu and Sam Vokes available, manager Coleman has options for a forward line to 'mix it' in a British-style encounter in the Emerald Isle.

The newspaper talk has been of young Ben Woodburn. Of English birth and Welsh grandparentage, the Liverpool protégé has yet to secure his first senior cap. Wales have beaten the talent rush with England to make him their own. Whilst Coleman denies that the need to induct him to his chosen country at first team level to see off predators has been his motivation, we all want to see this exciting young talent secured for the future. Whether it is too high risk to throw him into such a key match as a substitute will be a question of judgement on the night. Either way, it is great to see new emergent talent replenishing the national squad.

This coming weekend promises to be pivotal for club and country.

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County back legendary **BOXER APPEAL**

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Newport County AFC are supporting a campaign to honour one of the city's great sporting heroes.

A fundraising drive is under way to remember the late boxer David 'Bomber' Pearce, hailed as "Newport's Rocky".

The aim is for a life-sized statue of the fighter to be built facing the St Joseph's boxing gym where he trained.

David, who was one of seven brothers, six of whom fought professionally, claimed the Lonsdale belt by beating Swansea's Neville Meade at

Cardiff's St David's Hall in September 1983.

Victory meant he joined the list of Welsh fighters to become British heavyweight champion, which also includes other illustrious names like Jack Petersen, Tommy Farr, Johnny Williams and Joe Erskine.

'Bomber' went on to challenge for the European title in March 1984 and twice knocked down French-based Moroccan Lucien Rodriguez in Limoges before losing a tight 12-round decision.

His burgeoning career was cut short when brain scan

irregularities led to his suspension by the British Boxing Board of Control.

The Pill-born warrior fought just once more, in 1990, before retiring and he tragically died aged just 41 in May 2000.

Older County fans will remember that David used to live in the house just outside County's old home, Somerton Park.

Part of his training regime was to run around the track and join the players in the gym.

After he became British champion, David proudly paraded his Lonsdale belt at Somerton Park in front of his many fans.

David also coached junior and senior boxers at Alway Amateur Boxing Club.

Such was his popularity that around 2,000 people attended his funeral at Stow Hill Cemetery.

David's nephew, Luke Pearce, has launched an appeal for £35,000 to be raised to build a bronze statue in the city centre.

To support the campaign, there will be a bucket collection at County's Sky Bet League Two home clash with Crawley Town, at Rodney Parade, on Saturday, April 1, kick-off 3pm.

The hashtag #newportsrocky is being used to promote the campaign on social media.

Luke can be contacted by email at: coolhandluke_28@hotmail.co.uk



David Pearce with his Lonsdale belt at Newport County's old home, Somerton Park. Picture courtesy of the South Wales Argus

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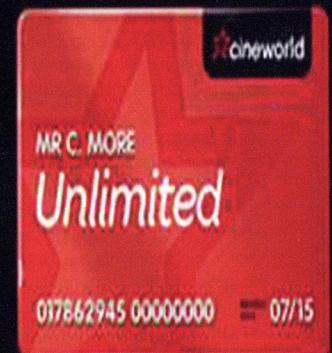
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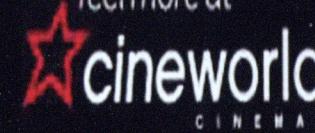
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Next up for Newport County AFC is a trip to Fratton Park where the Exiles face two-time FA Cup winners and promotion-chasers Pompey. County will be aiming to make it three wins out of three games away from home this season under new manager Michael Flynn and maintain their 100 per cent record On The Road under the new caretaker manager.

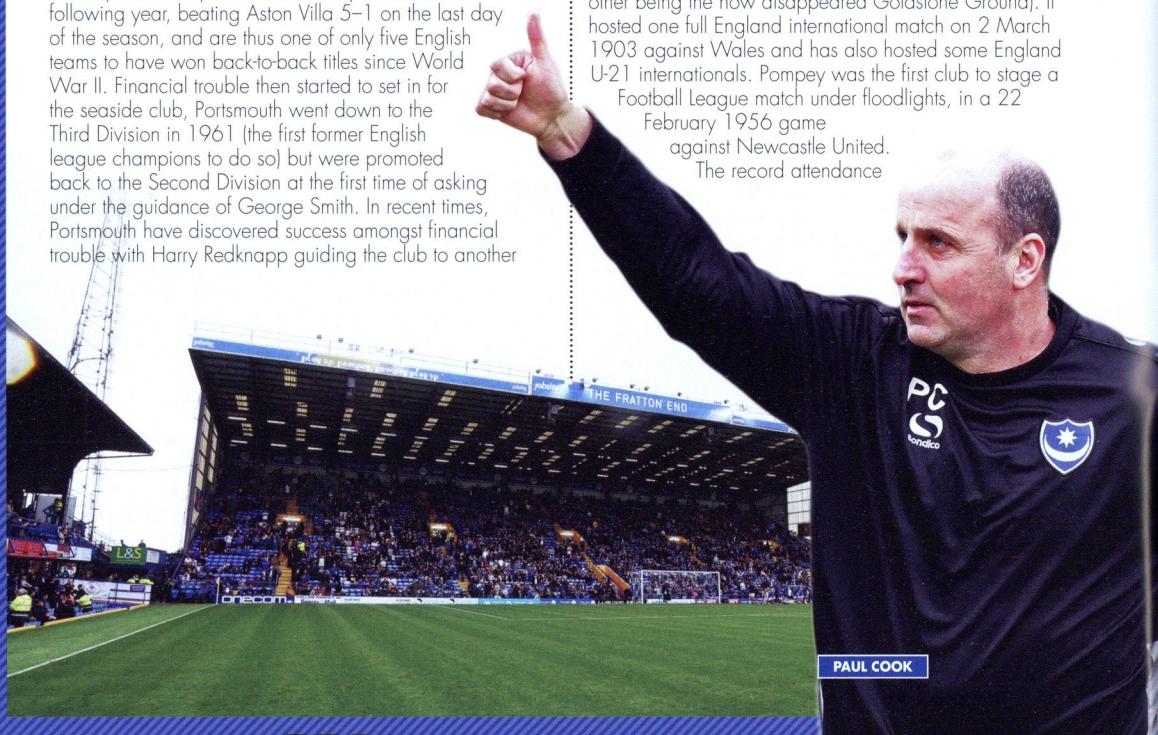
Founded 118 years ago in 1898, Portsmouth have an incredible footballing history but have also struggled tremendously financially. From winning the FA Cup twice to continuous relegations down all the way from the Premier League to Sky Bet League 2, where they find themselves now, recent times have seen a struggle for the Pompey faithful. Portsmouth's early years were magnificently successful. In their first ever season they finished second in the Southern League and this only drove them on to further success, winning the FA Cup a few years later before their "Golden Jubilee" season of 1948-49. The club were tipped to be the first team of the 20th century to win the Football League and FA Cup double. But they crashed out of the FA Cup in the semi-final against Leicester City. They still made up for it by claiming the league title in spectacular fashion. That season also saw them record a (then) massive attendance of 51,385, a club record which still stands to this day. The club powered their way to the title the following year, beating Aston Villa 5-1 on the last day of the season, and are thus one of only five English teams to have won back-to-back titles since World War II. Financial trouble then started to set in for the seaside club, Portsmouth went down to the Third Division in 1961 (the first former English league champions to do so) but were promoted back to the Second Division at the first time of asking under the guidance of George Smith. In recent times, Portsmouth have discovered success amongst financial trouble with Harry Redknapp guiding the club to another

historic FA Cup trophy (beating Cardiff City in the 2008 final) as well as European success in the UEFA cup, namely drawing 2-2 with giants AC Milan. After two nail-biting survivals from administration, Pompey then started to suffer the decline that has ultimately led them to Sky Bet League Two football. Recently, Portsmouth became the largest fan-owned football club in England, after the Pompey Supporters Trust (PST) successfully gained possession of Fratton Park in April 2013.

THE GROUND: FRATTON PARK

Built and opened in 1898, the stadium has four all seated stands with a capacity for 21,100 supporters. The pitch, measuring 115 x 73 yards, is aligned from east to west. The largest and most modern stand is called the Fratton End, which was opened in 1997. The Fratton End is located at the western end of the Fratton Park stadium. Along either side of the pitch are the North and South stands, both of which are two-tiered. At the eastern end of the stadium is the smallest stand, the Milton End. The Milton End is used by away supporters. This is where the County fans will be situated, and where the Amber Army have had so many good times in recent years. Fratton Park hosted a first-round football game in the 1948 Summer Olympics (one of only two grounds outside London, the other being the now disappeared Goldstone Ground). It hosted one full England international match on 2 March 1903 against Wales and has also hosted some England U-21 internationals. Pompey was the first club to stage a Football League match under floodlights, in a 22 February 1956 game against Newcastle United.

The record attendance



PAUL COOK

ON THE ROAD

at Fratton Park currently stands at 51,385, for an FA Cup match against Derby County in 1949. Let's hope the travelling Amber Army will be smiling once again at the full time whistle when we visit Fratton Park this Saturday.

100 PER CENT RECORD

In recent visits to Fratton Park, since their promotion back to the Football League, County have emerged victorious. The Exiles have travelled back to South Wales with three points in the bag on three separate occasions. Now first-team manager, Michael Flynn scored a brace in the 2013-14 season where County ran out 0-2 victors. The next season, Andy Sandell scored the only goal of the game in the 84th minute, sealing what was the first win of the season for Justin Edinburgh's men, bending a free-kick in late on. Before most recently, goals from Darren Jones, Scott Boden and Dean Morgan meant County ran away 0-3 winners against a poor, 10-man Pompey team. Let's hope that this record can continue on and County can collect another three points at Fratton Park this weekend.

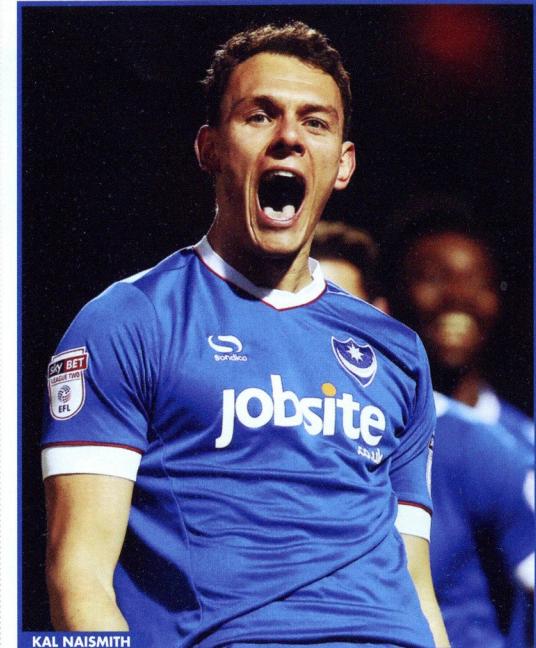
THE GAFFER: PAUL COOK

Cook played for a multitude of different clubs at the top divisions of English football including his most successful spell at Wolverhampton Wanderers, where he made 193 appearances, scoring 19 goals. Managerially, Cook started quite unsuccessfully at Southport before moving on to Irish side Sligo Rovers. After a lengthy spell at Sligo where Cook won 95 of the 205 games in charge, Cook made the trip back over to England where he took over the reigns at a club he used to play for, Accrington Stanley. Before long, Chesterfield came hunting for Cook in a bid to take them back to League 1 and the Liverpool-born man did exactly that, winning the league and of course promotion, in his second season with the Spireites. Pompey approached Cook in May 2015, paying his employers a compensation fee for his services. Since he joined, Cook has won 45 of his 98 games at the helm of Pompey. Let's hope County can add loss number 28 of his spell at Fratton Park this Saturday.

STAR MAN: KAL NAISMITH

Scottish winger Naismith started his career at Rangers, where he scored one goal in 14 games and, after some brief loan spells in Scotland, he moved on to Accrington Stanley. The 6ft 1in pacey winger causes trouble on either flank, but primarily likes to attack down the right. After two successful seasons at the WHAM Stadium, finishing his first season with ten goals in 38 appearances and the second with four goals in 35 games, Portsmouth signed Naismith for an undisclosed fee on a three-year-contract. Internationally, Naismith has featured for both the Scottish under-16 and under-17 teams, scoring once against England in that time. The County defence will have to keep

BY BEN CATTON



their eye on Naismith on Saturday, the forward could cause problems for the Exiles otherwise.

DIRECTIONS:

BY CAR: Go along the M27 (ignoring the M275 turn off for Portsmouth town centre) and continue on to the A27. At the junction with the A2030 turn right towards Southsea/Fratton and just continue straight along the A2030 and eventually you will see the ground in front of you, just slightly to your left. There is a large car park behind the TY Europe Stand, but this is for home supporters only. So it is mostly street parking for away fans. The good news is that there are few parking restrictions in place close to the ground. So if you arrive early enough, you can park only a few minutes' walk away. When I have visited, I have parked in one of the side streets, found on the right hand side of the A2030 before you reach the Good Companion pub. Alternatively Miltoncross School, which is a five-minute walk from the ground offers parking at £6 per car. The school is located in Milton Road (post code PO3 6RB).

BY TRAIN: The nearest local railway station is Fratton, which is a 10-minute walk away. Portsmouth train station is at least a 25-minute walk away. On arrival at Fratton by train you pass the ground on the left. Fratton station has a footbridge as the only way out. At the top of the stairs from the platform turn left onto the footbridge (from which you can see the floodlights of Fratton Park) and exit into Goldsmith Avenue. (Note that if the gate on the footbridge is closed you need to turn right on the footbridge and exit via Platform 1, turn left as you exit the station, walk 30 metres and go back over the footbridge to Goldsmith Avenue.) Turn left along Goldsmith Avenue and walk about half a mile passing straight around a small roundabout (by the Pompey Centre). Then turn left into Frogmore Road and the entrance to the Fratton End and South Stands is 100m ahead. For the Milton End stay on Goldsmith Avenue for another 100m and turn left into Apsley Road. The entrances to the Milton End are 100m ahead.

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LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

GOALS

1	AKINDE	21
2	MARQUIS	21
3	BOGLE	19
4	MATT GODDEN	19
5	HYLTON	17

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	MARQUIS	53
2	BOGLE	50
3	AKINDE	48
4	HYLTON	42
5	COLLINS	41

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	BOGLE	55
2	AKINDE	49
3	CAREY	42
4	COLLINS	42
5	HYLTON	42

FOULS

1	AKINDE	97
2	TOM EAVES	83
3	ADEBAYO AKIN...	78
4	WRIGHT	74
5	COLLINS	71

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Ellison has scored two and assisted one more in his last four league games against Accrington

* data does not include games played on March 18-19.

ASSISTS

1	NICKY ADAMS	15
2	CAREY	13
3	MC CONVILLE	13
4	COPPINGER	12
5	ROWE	9

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	BOGLE	120
2	WYKE	131
3	MATT GODDEN	143
4	MARQUIS	154
5	AKINDE	158

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	MC CONVILLE	200
2	NICKY ADAMS	217
3	COPPINGER	229
4	CAREY	250
5	DUNK	272

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	COLLIN	54
2	GLENN MORRIS	55
3	CARSON	56
4	GRIFFITHS	58
5	DAY	58

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Billy Kee has scored five goals in his last five league starts against Morecambe.





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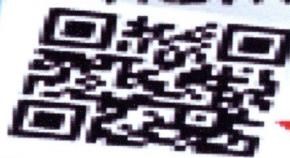
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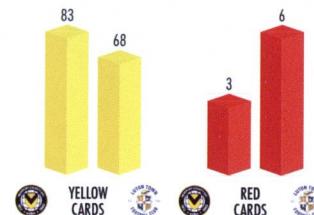
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MATCH FACTS

The home side has won four of the last five Football League meetings between these sides (D1), with two wins apiece.



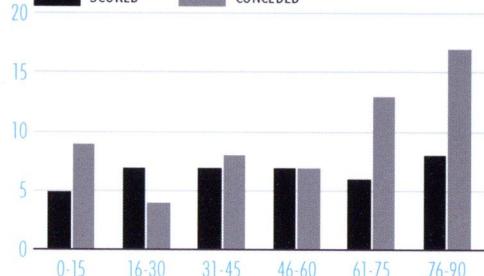
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Cameron McGeehan's two penalties gave Luton a 2-1 victory in the reverse fixture, despite the Hatters having John Mullins sent off late on.



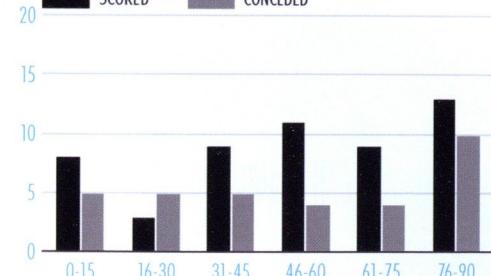
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WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN

This evening's visitors Luton Town enter the business end of the season very much in the race for a return to League One for the first time since 2008, writes Richard Taylor.

League Cup winners in 1988 and FA Cup finalists in 1959, the Hatters have spent 16 seasons in the top flight of the English game and Rhondda-born manager Nathan Jones, in charge for 14 months, would love to continue the ascent to former glories.

LEAGUE HISTORY...

1894-96	SOUTHERN LEAGUE
1896-97	UNITED LEAGUE
1897-1900	DIVISION 2
1900-12	SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIV 1
1912-14	SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIV 2
1914-20	SOUTHERN LEAGUE DIV 1
1920-21	DIVISION 3
1921-37	DIVISION 3 (S)
1937-55	DIVISION 2
1955-60	DIVISION 1
1960-63	DIVISION 2
1963-65	DIVISION 3
1965-68	DIVISION 4
1968-70	DIVISION 3
1970-74	DIVISION 2
1974-75	DIVISION 1
1975-82	DIVISION 2
1982-92	DIVISION 1
1992-96	DIVISION 1 (SECOND TIER)
1996-2001	DIVISION 2
2001-02	DIVISION 3
2002-04	DIVISION 2
2004-05	LEAGUE ONE
2005-07	FL CHAMPIONSHIP
2007-08	LEAGUE ONE
2008-09	LEAGUE TWO
2009-14	CONFERENCE PREMIER
2014 -	LEAGUE TWO

LAST 10 SEASONS...

SEASON	LEAGUE	POSITION	AV ATT
2006-07	CHAMPIONSHIP	23	RELEGATED 8580
2007-08	LEAGUE ONE	24	RELEGATED 6493
2008-09	LEAGUE TWO	24	RELEGATED 6019
2009-10	CONFERENCE PREMIER	2	P/OFF 6947
2010-11	CONFERENCE PREMIER	3	P/OFF 6241
2011-12	CONFERENCE PREMIER	5	P/OFF 6111
2012-13	CONFERENCE PREMIER	7	5882
2013-14	CONFERENCE PREMIER	1	PROMOTED 7387
2014-15	LEAGUE TWO	8	7901
2015-16	LEAGUE TWO	11	8554

PAST HATTERS INCLUDE...

PLAYER	COUNTY CAREER	LUTON CAREER
LAURIE SHEFFIELD	91 APPS / 46 GLS	35 APPS / 12 GLS
MARK OVENDALE	30 APPS / 0 GLS	45 APPS / 0 GLS
CHARLIE HENRY	55 APPS / 11 GLS	2 APPS / 0 GLS
ROBBIE WILLMOTT	81 APPS / 10 GLS	54 APPS / 14 GLS
AARON O'CONNOR	82 APPS / 29 GLS	34 APPS / 5 GLS
DANNY CROW	54 APPS / 6 GLS	57 APPS / 16 GLS
RYAN CHARLES	23 APPS / 3 GLS	23 APPS / 4 GLS
MARK AIZLEWOOD	43 APPS / 3 GLS	98 APPS / 2 GLS
MICK SAXBY	6 APPS / 0 GLS	82 APPS / 6 GLS
IAN HILLIER	110 APPS / 0 GLS	55 APPS / 1 GOAL
STEVE SHERLOCK	63 APPS / 2 GLS	2 APPS / 0 GLS
HARRY WORLEY	26 APPS / 4 GLS	8 APPS / 0 GLS

HATTERS IN NUMBERS...

1885 The year that Luton Town came into being as a result of the merger of Luton Town Wanderers and Excelsior FC. Six years later, they became the first club in southern England to turn professional.

151.7 Distance in miles between Rodney Parade and Kenilworth Road.

243 Football League goals scored for Hatters by forward Gordon Turner between 1949 and 1964. His last first team appearance was, fittingly, against arch rivals Watford. He later played for Wisbech Town and Kettering Town and sadly died of motor neurone disease in 1976, aged just 46.

12,300,000 Passengers passing through London Luton Airport in 2015, the busiest year in the airport's 78-year history.

58 Northern Ireland caps won by defender Mal Donaghy during his time at Luton. The 59-year-old currently coaches his country's Under 19 squad.

214,700 The population of Luton at the 2011 official census.

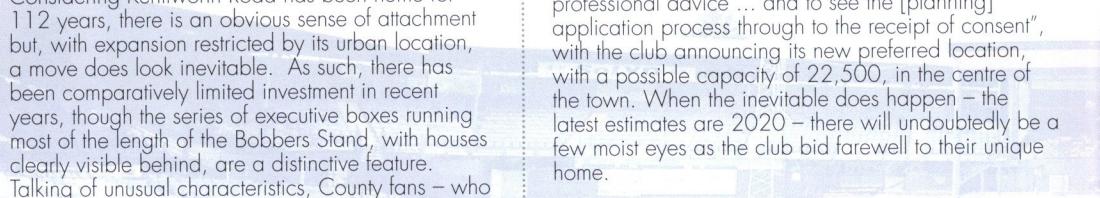


GROUND...

Sixty-two years have passed since then Luton chairman Percy Mitchell spoke of leaving Kenilworth Road for a new stadium which would, "hold 35,000 in comfort... and get a lot of support which goes to London at the moment". Many Hatters fans would argue that the need for a new home is even more pressing in 2017, with the 10,000-capacity of their current ground obviously restrictive to the medium term aims of Championship football. Considering Kenilworth Road has been home for 112 years, there is an obvious sense of attachment but, with expansion restricted by its urban location, a move does look inevitable. As such, there has been comparatively limited investment in recent years, though the series of executive boxes running most of the length of the Bobbers Stand, with houses clearly visible behind, are a distinctive feature. Talking of unusual characteristics, County fans – who

have become very familiar with Kenilworth Road in recent seasons – will doubtless recall the unusual entrance to the Oaks Road away stand, built into a row of terraced houses.

Parts of the two-tiered predominantly wooden Main Stand date back to 1922, with the smaller Family Stand to its right renamed the David Preece Stand in 2008 in memory of Town's 1988 League Cup winning midfielder who tragically passed away in 2007 at the age of 44 after a short illness. In 2015, managing director Gary Sweet confirmed that the club was in a position to, "buy land, secure the best possible professional advice... and to see the [planning] application process through to the receipt of consent", with the club announcing its new preferred location, with a possible capacity of 22,500, in the centre of the town. When the inevitable does happen – the latest estimates are 2020 – there will undoubtedly be a few moist eyes as the club bid farewell to their unique home.

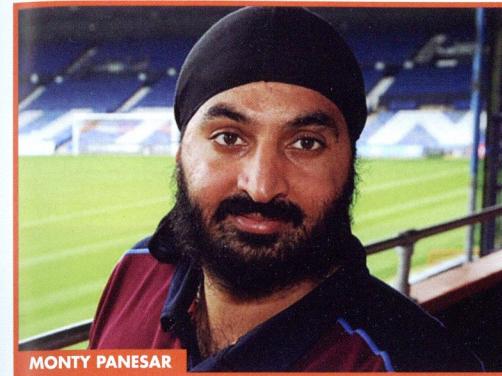


COUNTY V HATTERS' RESULTS... (PAST 20 ENCOUNTERS ONLY)

SEASON	COMPETITION	HOME	ATT	AWAY	ATT
1928-29	DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)	1-2	4177	1-5	8782
1929-30	DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)	0-0	3879	2-4	8825
1930-31	DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)	3-1	2868	1-3	8097
1932-33	DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)	3-2	2344	2-2	6504
1933-34	DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)	1-2	5524	1-1	10072
1934-35	DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)	2-4	4052	1-4	8759
1935-36	DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)	0-2	6356	0-7	10085
1936-37	DIVISION 3 (SOUTH)	2-1	7654	0-5	14469
1945-46	FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH	4-0	6553	0-1	9000
1946-47	DIVISION 2	1-3	11480	3-6	7814
1965-66	DIVISION 4	3-1	2173	1-2	4899
1966-67	DIVISION 4	2-0	3451	1-3	5377
1967-68	DIVISION 4	1-1	4635	1-1	10992
2010-11	CONFERENCE PREMIER	1-1	2834	1-1	6945
2011-12	CONFERENCE PREMIER	0-1	1511	0-2	6108
2012-13	CONFERENCE PREMIER	5-2	2247	2-2	5125
2014-15	LEAGUE TWO	1-0	2536	0-3	8383
2014-15	FA CUP ROUND 1			2-4	3656
2015-16	LEAGUE TWO	3-0	2551	1-1	7606
2016-17	LEAGUE TWO			1-2	7058

CELEBRITY FANS...

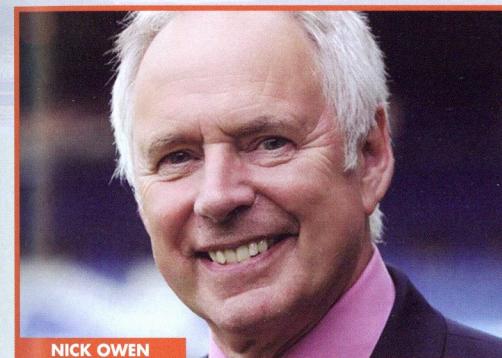
Cricket hero **MONTY PANESAR** and former TV-amp Good Morning Britain presenter **NICK OWEN** are the club's most famous supporters these days.



MONTY PANESAR

Luton-born Panesar, 34, is a highly accomplished left-arm spinner who played in 50 Tests for England between 2006 and 2013.

The popular Monty has a special place in the hearts of Welsh cricket fans who will fondly remember his last wicket stand at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff with James Anderson to deprive Australia of what looked like a certain first Test victory in the 2009 Ashes series, which England eventually won 2-1.



NICK OWEN

Readers of a certain age may also remember him as the host of Sporting Triangles, ITV's late 1980s version of A Question of Sport. The 69-year-old has been chairman of his beloved Hatters since 2009, and these days is a presenter on Midlands Today, the BBC regional television news programme for the West Midlands. A lounge bar is named in his honour at Kenilworth Road, though one BBC Sport report suggests that he was refused entry to the said bar a decade or so ago as the door attendant failed to recognise him. We are sure he will be offered a warm welcome here at Rodney Parade! Former IBO World light eelter-weight boxing champion **BILLY SCHWER**, 47, and **CHRIS SALMON**, the Bank of England's executive director for markets are also keen supporters of Hatters, though all still have some way to go to generate the publicity that a certain **ERIC MORECAMBE** managed in the 1960s and 1970s as a real super fan.

FOR THE RECORD...

RECORD WIN

Town are unlikely to repeat their record win any time soon, given that they would have to score 16 goals! Back in November 1914, Southern League Hatters accounted for hapless Great Yarmouth Town 15-0 in an FA Cup Fourth Qualifying Round tie at Kenilworth Road. Luton had to negotiate a further two qualifying stages – winning 1-0 at Oxford City and disposing of Bromley 5-1 at home – before reaching Round 1, and there was considerable excitement in the Bedfordshire town ahead of the trip to fellow Southern League outfit Southampton, who had already lost to Luton in the league. However, hope turned to despair on the South Coast as Saints ran out comfortable 3-0 winners.

RECORD DEFEAT

Our visitors here three days ago, Blackpool, suffered their record defeat at Small Heath, and the club who were to become Birmingham City in 1905 have also earned themselves an unwanted place in Luton Town's history! Town were struggling in Division 2 when they travelled to the UK's second city in November 1898, but Small Heath showed little sympathy in romping to a 9-0 victory, with Pontypool-born wing half William Robertson – described in 'The Bristol Mercury' as 'the best half in the Small Heath team' – bagging a hat trick.

RECORD LEAGUE FINISH

Luton finished seventh in the top flight in the 1986-87 campaign, a remarkable achievement by boss John Moore in his only season in management! The Scottish-born former Hatters defender had been coach to David Pleat for several campaigns, but resigned after his sole season in charge as he felt management was not for him. The following season, with Ray Harford in charge, Town won the League Cup, defeating Arsenal 3-2 in a thrilling final.

RECORD FA CUP RUN

The Hatters reached the final of the FA Cup in May 1959, losing 2-1 to Nottingham Forest. First half goals from Roy Dwight, uncle of Reg (aka Elton John!) and Tommy Wilson seemed to put Forest in control, but Dwight's subsequent broken leg reduced the City Ground side to ten men in that pre-substitute era and a 66th minute Dave Pacey goal ensured a nervous finale for the team in red. Town's Allan Brown and Billy Bingham came agonisingly close to equalising and forcing extra-time, where Luton's numerical advantage may well have held sway. The BBC coverage of the final provoked anger in Nottingham, with the on screen reference to 'Notts' Forest forcing commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme to apologise live on air for the mistake, stating that the caption should read 'Nott'm' Forest'.

RECORD SIGNING

Luton paid Danish First Division outfit Odense BK a whopping £850,000 in August 1989 to secure the services of Lars Elstrup. He scored 19 goals in 60 games during a two-season spell in Bedfordshire, helping to preserve Hatters' top-flight status before returning to Odense and playing a key role in Denmark's 1992 European Championship-winning team. Now 53, Elstrup lives in the tiny central Danish town of Vissenbjerg, where he stays out of the public eye.

TWEETS AND BLEATS...

Hatters' world, courtesy of 'Football262' and 'Luton Outlaws' fans' forums and Twitter.

Thanks to the named contributors.

'That guaranteed 3 points is not a defo now, with Mike Flynn put in temporary charge.'

'teeth' with an eye on our recent form.

'Back to the Conference where they belong!'

'wales' showing little connection to the user name.

'Never thought that three points was guaranteed, to be fair. If you were, you have nyo been paying attention to how we do things (at Luton).'

'jimmyp' less confident of three points this evening.

'They are odds on to go down so we can expect a fight for survival performance from them; they have won their last two games'

'LakeCountyHatter' keeping an eye on recent County form.

'Brilliant news... now let's make this a reality.'

'@56toyer' takes a break from Luton's promotion push to respond to the news that Town could move into their proposed new home at Power Court in 2020.

'Nearly 400 on a Tuesday night.'

'@ellie_sooner' looks on the positives at Adams Park.

'I am now more concerned about beating Newport on Tuesday, than I am Exeter.'

While '@brennans12' salutes Luton's travelling support at Carlisle seven nights ago.

'I believe we will beat Exeter and then go to Newport (I am attending that) and lose.'

And explains the reason why!

TOWN TALK...

HARD-FOUGHT POINT

Luton's battling 0-0 draw at promotion rivals Carlisle United seven nights ago looked to have come at a cost when full-back Dan Potts was stretchered off with his neck in a brace following a collision while trying to clear a corner in the 70th minute. Thankfully, it appears that the injury may not be as bad as initially feared, with the former England Under-20 international able to travel home with the team later that night.

Manager Nathan Jones was pleased that the 10-minute delay did not affect his team's concentration during a tense encounter in Cumbria, telling Bedfordshire on Sunday: "We picked a team to go out and win the game; we did not set out like an away team to stifle them. It

was a brave choice from us really, and we could have won it, but it was very important we did not lose the game as we have a game in hand over them (at Newport). It was an even game to be fair. I asked for a response from the Stevenage defeat and I got it. It is a shame that we could not have that type of battling performance, that type of on the front foot performance on Saturday. In terms of that, it was good to bounce back, as Carlisle is a very difficult place to come. They were on a bad run so they were going to be up for it as well. I am pleased with the response, the work rate and the desire to try and get a result, which was in stark contrast to the Stevenage game."



OLLY RETURNS

Midfielder Olly Lee was delighted to be back in the starting line-up for that goalless draw in Carlisle, having been out of the side since the Boxing Day home defeat at the hands of Colchester United. Talking to Dunstable Today, the 25-year-old is eager to keep his place in the side tonight, reflecting: "It was great to be back in. It has been a tough couple of months for me and I have obviously been quite frustrated. Yes, you feel the pressure a little bit. You want to play well, but I am confident in my ability and I know what I am capable of and I hope that I can help the team out. It was nice to get my chance and I like to think I grabbed it with both hands. I want to keep my place now; you are going to have to rip the shirt off me!"

The son of former Newcastle United and England midfielder Rob Lee, Olly was not entirely happy with the second half booking he picked up from FA Premier League referee Lee Mason.

He said: "I thought it was a great challenge to be honest, and I got booked for it! That is what a lot of League Two football is about. It is not just about what you can do on the ball, it is the horrible side off it, so I will be looking to improve on that and hopefully I am getting better at it."

HATTERS' RESULTS 2016-17...

DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	F-A	ATT:
06 AUG	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A	3-0	9761
09 AUG	ASTON VILLA (EFL CUP ROUND 1)	H	3-1	7412
13 AUG	YEOVIL TOWN	H	1-1	7600
16 AUG	NEWPORT COUNTY	H	2-1	7058
20 AUG	STEVENAGE	A	1-2	3517
23 AUG	LEEDS UNITED (EFL CUP ROUND 2)	H	0-1	7498
27 AUG	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	A	3-0	5606
30 AUG	GILLINGHAM (EFL TROPHY)	A	2-1	2128
03 SEPT	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	H	4-1	8097
10 SEPT	GRIMSBY TOWN	H	1-2	8005
17 SEPT	CRAWLEY TOWN	A	0-2	2904
24 SEPT	DONCASTER ROVERS	H	3-1	7917
27 SEPT	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	A	1-1	3533
01 OCT	CHELTENHAM TOWN	A	1-1	3660
04 OCT	WEST BROMWICH ALBION U23 (EFL TROPHY)	H	2-0	1454
08 OCT	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H	1-1	7716
15 OCT	LEYTON ORIENT	A	2-1	5471
22 OCT	MANSFIELD TOWN	H	1-1	7787
29 OCT	NOTTS COUNTY	A	0-0	6313
05 NOV	EXETER CITY (FA CUP ROUND 1)	A	3-1	2972
08 NOV	MILLWALL (EFL TROPHY)	H	1-3	2251
12 NOV	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	H	1-0	8008
19 NOV	MORECAMBE	A	2-0	1507
22 NOV	PORTSMOUTH	H	1-3	8805
26 NOV	EXETER CITY	A	0-0	3823
03 DEC	SOLIHULL MOORS (FA CUP ROUND 2)	H	6-2	3512
06 DEC	SWINDON TOWN (EFL TROPHY ROUND 2)	A	3-2	1692
10 DEC	CARLISLE UNITED	H	1-1	7953
17 DEC	BLACKPOOL	A	2-0	3992
26 DEC	COLCHESTER UNITED	H	0-1	9164
31 DEC	BARNET	H	3-1	8262
02 JAN	PORTSMOUTH	A	0-1	17402
07 JAN	ACCRINGTON STANLEY (FA CUP ROUND 3)	A	1-2	1717
10 JAN	CHESTERFIELD (EFL TROPHY ROUND 3)	H	4-0	1655
14 JAN	CREWE ALEXANDRA	A	2-1	4368
21 JAN	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	A	1-1	5387
28 JAN	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	H	2-0	8917
31 JAN	CHELTENHAM TOWN	H	2-3	6708
04 FEB	GRIMSBY TOWN	A	1-1	5114
07 FEB	YEOVIL TOWN (EFL TROPHY ROUND 4)	H	5-2	2408
11 FEB	CRAWLEY TOWN	H	2-1	7316
14 FEB	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	H	3-0	6965
18 FEB	DONCASTER ROVERS	A	1-1	7506
25 FEB	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	1-1	9124
01 MAR	OXFORD UNITED (EFL TROPHY SF SOUTH)	H	2-3	6901
04 MAR	YEOVIL TOWN	A	4-0	4194
11 MAR	STEVENAGE	H	0-2	9045
14 MAR	CARLISLE UNITED	A	0-0	4052
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PLAYER AND STAFF PROFILES

NATHAN JONES MANAGER

Welshman Jones was appointed as John Still's successor in January 2016. A former coach and assistant manager at Yeovil Town, Charlton Athletic and Brighton & Hove Albion, he was a player at Kenilworth Road in 1995 but left without making an appearance after being signed from Merthyr Tydfil, for whom he made more than 80 appearances as a left back.

Nathan spent a year in Spain from 1996-97 with Numancia and Badajoz before returning to the UK and playing for Southend, Brighton and Yeovil, making over 500 appearances in total. He began taking his coaching qualifications while with Yeovil and achieved his UEFA pro licence in 2014. Several members of the current Hatters squad were coached by him at Charlton or Brighton.



PAUL HART ASSISTANT MANAGER

The vastly experienced Hart played at the highest level as a defender for Leeds United, Nottingham Forest and Sheffield Wednesday, among other clubs, before moving into management with Chesterfield in 1988. He subsequently bossed Forest, Barnsley, Rushden & Diamonds, Portsmouth, QPR and Swindon, as well as working with great success at development level at several clubs, including Leeds and Charlton, where he first worked with Nathan Jones in 2012-13. Named Hatters number two in May 2016.

JOAQUIN GOMEZ FIRST-TEAM COACH

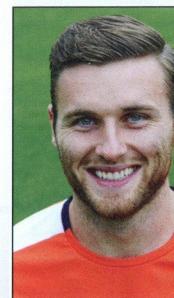
Spanish coach Gomez arrived at Kenilworth Road in July 2016. The 30-year-old was one of the youngest men in Spain to gain a UEFA pro licence coaching qualification, and was assistant manager at fifth-tier club C.P. Parla Escuela before moving to England at the age of 24. Over five years he worked his way up through Brighton & Hove Albion's academy to coach the first team alongside Nathan Jones. He left the Seagulls in 2015 to become head of tactical analysis at Derby County, from where he joined the Hatters.



01 STUART MOORE

GOALKEEPER

On loan from Championship side Reading. The 22-year-old joined Town on loan on deadline day in January. He made his full debut for the Hatters that evening, in a 3-2 defeat to Cheltenham Town at Kenilworth Road. Having been with the Royals since 2011, he has been on loan to Basingstoke Town where he made 48 appearances, as well as making four appearances for Peterborough United last season. Before that he also had loans to Basley, Gloucester City and Bath City.



02 STEPHEN O'DONNELL

DEFENDER

The 24-year-old arrived at Kenilworth Road in the summer of 2015 from Partick Thistle, who he had helped win promotion to the Scottish Premiership and reach the final of the Scottish Challenge Cup during 2012-13, earning him a place in the PFA Scotland First Division Team of the Year. Stephen started his career at Celtic and has also played for the Scotland Under-21s, earning a reputation as a marauding right back with an eye for goal.



03 DAN POTTS

DEFENDER

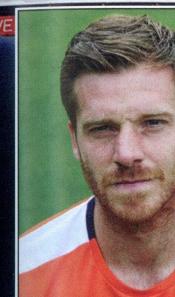
Another new face at Kenilworth Road two summers ago. The left back joined the Hatters from West Ham, where he made 13 appearances after making his debut in the Championship in December 2011. While with the Hammers he also represented the USA at U20 level in 2011, before being selected for England Under-18s, 19s and 20s. Dan gained Football League experience on loan at Colchester and Portsmouth before agreeing a two-year deal with Town.



04 JONATHAN SMITH

MIDFIELDER

A firm favourite with fans since his arrival from York City in 2011 and now the longest serving senior member of the squad. Part of the team that won the Conference title in 2013-14, the Preston-born midfielder – who began his career at Morecambe and won League Two with Swindon, and also topped 100 games for Forest Green – fought back from a broken leg sustained on Boxing Day 2013 and has now made more than 150 appearances for the club.



05 JOHNNY MULLINS

DEFENDER

Centre-back who made his 500th career appearance in November. Johnny started out at Reading and made 50 appearances during two lengthy loans with Kidderminster before spending two years each at Mansfield and Stockport. He joined Rotherham in the summer of 2010 and helped win promotion to League One in 2012-13, then signed for Oxford the following summer.



06 SCOTT CUTHBERT

DEFENDER

Can play at either centre-half or right back. Scott signed for the Hatters ahead of last season after two years at Leyton Orient and helped both the Os and Swindon reach League One play-off finals. Made 40 appearances in his first season at Kenilworth Road and took over the captaincy when Steve McNulty left for Tranmere. Capped at U21 and B level for Scotland and played on loan for Livingston and St Mirren after coming through the youth ranks of Celtic.



07 JAKE GRAY

MIDFIELDER

Town's eighth summer signing when he joined on a two-year contract from Crystal Palace last August. The Eagles had signed him from Wycombe in 2012 when Wanderers closed their academy. Jake made his Palace debut in the League Cup in 2014 and then gained League experience on loan of Cheltenham, where he made his debut against the Hatters in January 2015, and Hartlepool.



08 CAMERON MCGEEHAN

MIDFIELDER

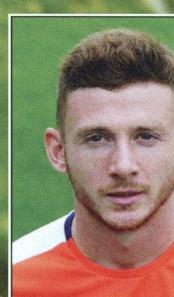
Currently out after suffering a broken leg in January. The Hatters were finally able to lure McGeehan on a permanent contract two summers ago after two spells on-loan from Norwich. He played a key role in the Conference title campaign of 2013-14, before rejoining during Town's first season back in League Two after being on loan at Cambridge United. The 21-year-old came through the ranks at Chelsea and has caps for Northern Ireland up to U21 level.



09 DANNY HYLTON

STRIKER

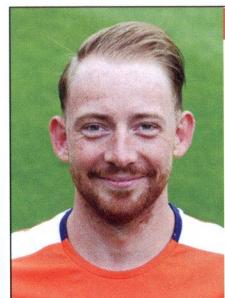
Voted League Two PFA Fans' Player of the Month for February after scoring four in five league games, and started March in similar fashion with a brace at Yeovil. The Londoner joined Town last summer after helping Oxford United win promotion to League One and lift the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. He started his career with Aldershot Town, where he made over 200 appearances in the Conference and League Two.



10 JORDAN COOK

STRIKER

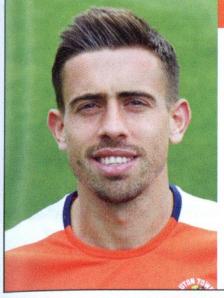
Former Sunderland youngster who signed pre-season after turning down a new deal at Walsall. The 26-year-old gained experience on loan at Darlington, Walsall and Carlisle before heading south to sign for Charlton Athletic in 2012. He first worked with Town boss Nathan Jones at The Valley, and after spending two years at Walsall in League One he jumped at the chance to be reunited with his old Addicks coach at Kenilworth Road.

**11 DANNY GREEN**

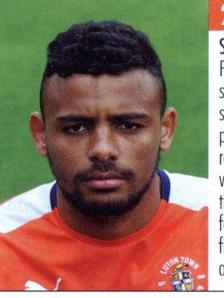
MIDFIELDER
Right winger signed from MK Dons ahead of last season. Danny scored six in 28 games before suffering a broken leg in the penultimate game. Former Hatters boss John Still had plucked him from Bishop's Stortford in Conference South while at Dagenham & Redbridge, and he went on to help them win the League Two play-offs in 2010. After 27 goals for the east Londoners he moved to Charlton, where he won promotion from League One to the Championship.

**13 MATT MACEY**

GOALKEEPER
Joined the Hatters on loan until the end of the season from Arsenal late on deadline day in January. The 22-year-old joined the Gunners in 2013 from Bristol Rovers, where he had starred in their successful academy side, and was named on the bench nine times for Arsene Wenger's side in Champions League, Premier League and EFL Cup matches. In 2015 he had a loan spell with Accrington Stanley, for whom he made four appearances.

**19 OLLY LEE**

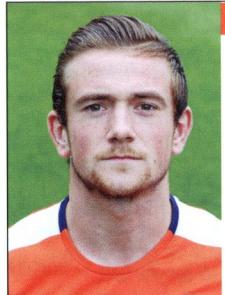
MIDFIELDER
Joined on an initial short-term deal in August 2015. The brother of ex-Hatters loanee Elliot Lee and son of Robert Lee, Ollie started at West Ham. He had two loan spells at Dagenham under former Hatters boss John Still, who was to bring him to Kenilworth Road, and one at Gillingham before signing for Barnet for 2012-13. He then joined Birmingham City, but was released in 2015 after a loan to Plymouth.

**20 ISAAC VASSELL**

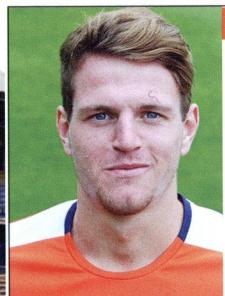
STRIKER
Former Plymouth forward signed last July after a successful fortnight's trial. Isaac had spent two seasons working on a building site while playing part-time for hometown Truro City following his release by the Pilgrims in 2014. He helped Truro win promotion to National League South and then qualify for the play-offs. He made his debut for the Hatters in the EFL Cup in August and his first League start in September. The 22-year-old is a cousin of England cap Darius Vassell.



DANNY HYLTON

**14 JACK MARRIOTT**

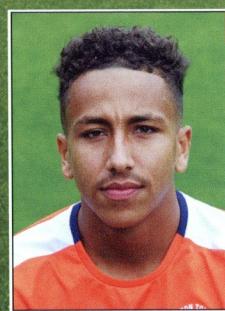
STRIKER
Arrived at Kenilworth Road in summer 2015 after six years at Ipswich Town, where he came through the academy. Jack played twice for Ipswich in the League and gained experience on loan at Colchester, Gillingham and Carlisle, as well as in three spells at Conference club Woking. After a bright start to his career at Luton, he soon signed a two-year contract extension and his goalscoring form continued throughout 2015-16.

**16 GLEN REA**

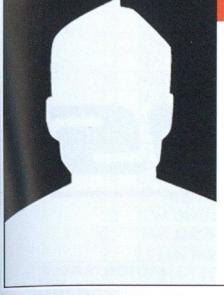
MIDFIELDER
Republic of Ireland U21 international who can play as a holding midfielder or centreback. Rea joined the Hatters on loan from Brighton last March, making 10 appearances, and signed permanently in June. The Sussex-born player went on loan to Southend for three months before his temporary stint at Kenilworth Road. Opted to rejoin the Hatters and be reunited with Nathan Jones, who he worked under at Brighton, ahead of interest from the Shrimpers.

**17 PELLY RUDDOCK**

MIDFIELDER
West Ham academy graduate who has been a regular in 2016-17 after an injury-disrupted couple of years. The direct, pacey youngster was an instant hit when signed on loan by then-boss John Still from the Hammers midway through the Conference title winning campaign of 2013-14, scoring a memorable goal in a crucial come-from-behind win at Dartford. Versatile enough to play in central defence, midfield or on the wing and a real crowd favourite at Kenilworth Road.

**18 ZANE BANTON**

STRIKER
A Town academy graduate, the 20-year-old first came onto the scene during the Hatters' Conference title-winning campaign. He was soon snapped up on a pro contract and continued to impress in appearances in the FA Trophy. Zane spent time out on loan with Biggleswade Town and Hemel Hempstead to further his footballing education and had nine senior appearances to his name going into 2016-17. At the time of writing, yet to appear in the league this season.

**21 JACK SENIOR**

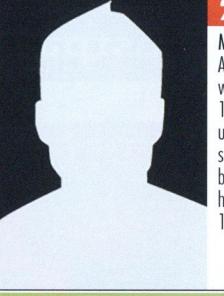
DEFENDER
A summer transfer deadline day signing from Huddersfield Town, the left back won the Professional Development League 2 Championship last season with the Terriers. He had a nine-year association with the club before joining the Hatters on a two-year-deal. Senior made his senior debut in the Checkatrade Trophy in October and his EFL debut on 14th January, the day after his 20th birthday.

**22 LUKE GAMBIN**

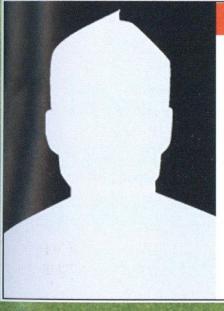
MIDFIELDER
Maltese international who became Nathan Jones's second signing of the January transfer window when he moved from Barnet for an undisclosed fee, after reportedly turning down a move to Orient early in the season. Luke had joined the Bees as an apprentice in 2009 and made 136 appearances, scoring 15 times, while helping them win the Conference in 2014-15 and establish themselves back in League Two. Made his international debut in May 2016.

**24 LAWSON D'ATH**

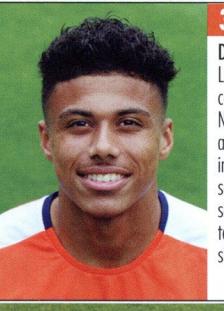
MIDFIELDER
Signed from Northampton Town in the January window on an 18-month deal, with the Hatters having the option to extend it for an extra year. Started his career at Reading, for whom he only made one senior appearance, and his League debut came during a loan playing alongside manager Nathan Jones at Yeovil in 2012. The 24-year-old also loans at Cheltenham, Exeter and Dagenham before almost 100 appearances in a two-and-a-half-year spell at Sixfields.

**27 TYREEQ BAKINSON**

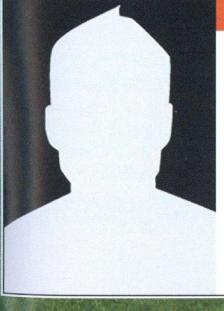
MIDFIELDER
A member of last season's successful youth team who has progressed to professional terms. The 18-year-old Londoner joined the Hatters as an under-10 and signed a full-time scholarship in the summer of 2015. By March last year he had been offered a three-and-a-half year pro deal, and he made his senior debut as a substitute in the 4-1 win over Exeter on the final day of last season.

**28 OLLIE PALMER**

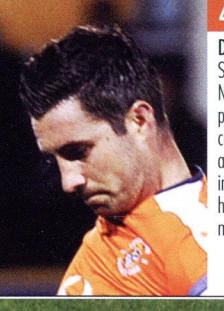
STRIKER
Joined the Hatters on deadline day in January from Leyton Orient on loan until the end of the season. The 25-year-old started his career with Woking. After a prolific spell with our old rivals Havant & Waterlooville in Conference South he joined Mansfield Town in League Two, where he made 64 appearances. During his spell with the Stags he was loaned to Grimsby Town, for whom he made 18 Conference appearances in 2014-15, scoring eight.

**36 JAMES JUSTIN**

DEFENDER
Luton-born and able to play at right back or in central midfield, James signed a senior contract in November 2015. He joined the Hatters in 2005 and as an under-11 helped beat Bayern Munich in a tournament in Switzerland. He made his senior debut off the bench on the final day of last season and has gone on to break into the first-team squad on a regular basis. Now 19, he signed an extended contract in December.

**39 AKIN FAMEWO**

DEFENDER
Powerful centreback who joined the club as an under-11. The 18-year-old signed his first pro contract in July after travelling to Hungary for the senior squad's pre-season training camp, and made his debut as a substitute in Town's 2-1 win over County at Kenilworth Road in August. His first start came at Gillingham in the EFL Trophy later the same month, and his full Football League bow at Hartlepool United in late September.

**44 ALAN SHEEHAN**

DEFENDER
Signed on loan from Bradford City last January, Nathan Jones's first signing, and the deal became permanent in the summer. The Irishman captained the team for the final seven matches after Scott Cuthbert suffered a season-ending injury. He can play either fullback or centrally and has over 300 career appearances to his name, most in two spells with Notts County.



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PLAYER STATS 2016-17



NO	PLAYER	APPS	GOALS	YELLOW CARD	RED CARDS	NO LONGER WITH THE CLUB	APPS	GOALS	YELLOW CARD	RED CARDS	
01	JOE DAY	44 (0)	0	0	1	09	JON PARKIN	9 (2)	4	4	0
02	JAZZI BARNUM-BOBB	23 (9)	3	7	0	15	JORDAN GREEN	7 (9)	2	0	0
03	DANIEL BUTLER	33 (4)	3	4	0	18	KYLE CAMERON	7 (1)	0	1	0
04	DARREN JONES	31 (0)	0	10	0	19	RHYS HEALEY	19 (4)	6	4	0
05	JAMIE TURLEY	7 (0)	1	2	0	23	LEWIS BAMFORD	0 (0)	0	0	0
06	JOSS LABADIE	14 (2)	3	8	0	24	DAFYDD JONES	0 (0)	0	0	0
07	JACK COMPTON	6 (6)	1	0	0	25	BEN JONES	0 (0)	0	0	0
08	MARK RANDALL	20 (2)	2	8	0	28	REECE GREGO-COX	8 (0)	0	2	0
09	CRAIG REID	9 (1)	0	0	0	33	JACK JEBB	5 (2)	0	2	0
10	LENELL JOHN LEWIS	0 (0)	0	0	0	34	JOSH O'HANLON	7 (3)	0	2	0
11	JENNISON MYRIE-WILLIAMS	18 (9)	2	5	0	34	MAXIME BLANCHARD	1 (0)	0	1	0
12	BEN TOZER	24 (7)	1	6	0	40	ABDOU LAYE MEITE	4 (2)	0	0	0
13	MARLON JACKSON	11 (13)	1	1	0						
14	PAUL BIGNOT	12 (2)	0	3	0						
15	ALEX SAMUEL	7 (3)	1	0	0						
16	JOSH SHEEHAN	22 (3)	7	4	0						
17	SCOT BENNETT	39 (0)	1	10	0						
18	DAVID PIPE	12 (0)	0	1	0						
19	SID NELSON	11 (0)	0	1	0						
20	TOM OWEN-EVANS	6 (11)	0	2	0						
21	LIAM ANGEL	1 (0)	0	0	0						
22	KIERAN PARSELLE	0 (0)	0	0	0						
23	MICHAEL FLYNN	4 (1)	0	0	0						
24	FLO BOJAJ	0 (1)	0	0	0						
25	MARK O'BRIEN	13 (0)	0	4	0						
26	TOM MEECHAN	0 (0)	0	0	0						
27	SEAN RIGG	29 (3)	5	3	1						
28	MICKEY DEMETRIOU	5 (4)	0	1	0						
29	MARCUS BEAUCHAMP	0 (0)	0	0	0						
30	JAMES BITTNER	1 (1)	0	0	0						
31	DION MOLYNEUX	0 (0)	0	0	0						
32	FINLEY WOOD	1 (5)	0	0	0						
35	MOMODOU TOURAY	0 (0)	0	0	0						
36	JOE HUNT	0 (0)	0	0	0						
38	MITCH ROSE	8 (0)	0	2	1						
40	RYAN BIRD	11 (0)	4	3	0						
41	AARON WILLIAMS	8 (3)	2	0	0						
42	JAANAI GORDON	2 (7)	1	3	1						



LEAGUE TABLE

STATS UP TO AND INCLUDING
 SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2017

POS	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
01	DONCASTER ROVERS	38	23	9	6	75	44	78
02	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	38	22	6	10	58	40	72
03	PORTSMOUTH	38	19	8	11	59	34	65
04	STEVENAGE	38	19	4	15	64	52	61
05	LUTON TOWN	37	15	14	8	54	34	59
06	CARLISLE UNITED	38	15	14	9	56	56	59
07	EXETER CITY	38	17	7	14	60	44	58
08	BLACKPOOL	38	14	15	9	59	39	57
09	MANSFIELD TOWN	38	14	13	11	45	42	55
10	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	38	15	10	13	47	46	55
11	COLCHESTER UNITED	38	15	9	14	53	50	54
12	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	37	15	8	14	48	42	53
13	GRIMSBY TOWN	38	14	9	15	45	47	51
14	BARNET	38	11	15	12	47	52	48
15	MORECAMBE	37	13	7	17	44	56	46
16	ACCRINGTON STANLEY	36	11	12	13	45	47	45
17	YEOVIL TOWN	38	10	15	13	39	48	45
18	CREWE ALEXANDRA	38	11	12	15	43	54	45
19	CRAWLEY TOWN	38	12	9	17	44	60	45
20	NOTTS COUNTY	38	12	7	19	42	65	43
21	HARLEPOOL UNITED	38	10	11	17	48	63	41
22	CHELTENHAM TOWN	38	9	12	17	38	52	39
23	NEWPORT COUNTY AFC	37	7	11	19	41	61	32
24	LEYTON ORIENT	38	9	5	24	41	67	32



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FOLLOW COUNTY THROUGHOUT THE 2016-17 SEASON



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DATE	OPPONENT	RES	POS	ATT	AWAY	STARTING XI	SUBSTITUTES												Referee							
AUGUST																										
Sat 6	MANSFIELD TOWN	2-3	18	2,790	339	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Turley	Bennett	Butler	Rondall	Labadie 1	Myrie-Williams	Compton 1	Rigg	Jackson	Bittner	Bignot	D Jones	DAF Jones	Tozer	Owen-Evans	R Jones			
Tues 9	MILTON KEYNES DONS (EFL 1R)	2-3	-	1,402	169	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Turley	Butler	D Jones	Bennett	Compton	Myrie-Williams	Randall 1	Rigg	Jackson 1	Bittner	Bignot	Sheehan	Green	Myrie-Williams	Owen-Evans	O Langford			
Sat 13	Leyton Orient	1-0	12	4,184	306	Day	Turley 1	Bennett	D Jones	Butler	Rondall	Labadie	Myrie-Williams	Myrie-Williams	Myrie-Williams	Rigg	Jackson	Bittner	Bignot	Owen-Evans	Sheehan	Tozer	M Salisbur			
Tues 16	Luton Town	1-2	18	7,058	115	Day	Turley	D Jones	Butler	Bennett	Labadie	Rondall	Myrie-Williams	Myrie-Williams	Myrie-Williams	Green	Jackson	Bittner	Bignot	Owen-Evans	Parkin	Sheehan	C Breakspea			
Sat 20	CREWE ALEXANDRA	1-2	17	2,268	284	Day	Turley	Bennett	D Jones	Butler	Green	Rondall	Myrie-Williams	Myrie-Williams	Myrie-Williams	Green	Jackson	Bittner	Bignot	Owen-Evans	Parkin	Sheehan	J Brooks			
Sat 27	Hartlepool United	2-2	18	3,261	55	Day	Bignot	D Jones	Bennett	Butler	Myrie-Williams	Rondall	Myrie-Williams	Myrie-Williams	Myrie-Williams	Rigg	Parkin	Bittner	Compton	Tozer	Barnum-Bobb	Owen-Evans	A Haines			
Tues 30	Plymouth Argyle (EFL Trophy)	1-4	-	2,349	89	Day	Bignot	Angel	Barnum-Bobb	Bennett	Tozer	Myrie-Williams	Myrie-Williams	Compton	Green 1	Parkin	Bittner	Butler	Rigg	Jackson	D Jones	Daf Jones	Labadie	A Davies		
SEPTEMBER																										
Sat 10	CHELTENHAM TOWN	2-2	20	2,656	422	Day	Bennett	Butler	Bignot	Turley	Rondall	Labadie	Compton	Grego-Cox	Rigg	Parkin 2	Bittner	Tozer	Jackson	Healey	Myrie-Williams	Green	Cameron	C Boyeson		
Sat 17	Doncaster Rovers	0-2	22	5,254	266	Day	Butler	Turley	D Jones	Bennett	Rondall	Labadie	Tozer	Rigg	Grego-Cox	Parkin	Bittner	Compton	Murphy	Jackson	Bignot	Green	Cameron	D Webb		
Sat 24	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	1-2	23	2,205	141	Day	Butler	Rondall	Parkin	Tozer	Bignot	Bennett	Cameron	Healey 1	Rigg	Grego-Cox	Jackson	Sheehan	Bittner	Compton	Green	Jones	Myrie-Williams	N Kinseley		
Tues 27	Grimsby Town	0-1	24	4,296	39	Day	Butler	Bignot	Bennett	Cameron	Rondall	Tozer	Rigg	Grego-Cox	Parkin	Healey	Jackson	Myrie-Williams	Bittner	Jones	Barnum-Bobb	Sheehan	Compton	B Toner		
OCTOBER																										
Tues 4	SWANSEA CITY (EFL Trophy)	1-2	-	807	118	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Butler	Compton	Rondall	Tozer	Bignot	Bennett	Healey	Rigg	Grego-Cox	Myrie-Williams	Jackson	Green	Bittner	Green	Parkin	Molyneux	B Huxtable		
Sat 8	Colchester United	0-0	24	3,088	157	Day	Butler	Barnum-Bobb	Bennett	Bignot	Jones	Grego-Cox	Tozer	Myrie-Williams	Healey	Parkin	Rigg	Jackson	Green	Bittner	Rondall	Compton	Angel	M Haywood		
Sat 15	Yeovil Town	0-1	24	3,353	439	Day	Butler	Barnum-Bobb	Jones	Tozer	Sheehan	Myrie-Williams	Rigg	Compton	Rigg	Parkin	Wood	Green	Compton	Bittner	Angel	Cameron	D Whitestone			
Sat 22	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	1-3	24	3,416	1,067	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Bennett	Jones	Tozer	Green	Sheehan	Cameron	Rigg	Parkin 1	Grego-Cox	Bittner	Healey	Compton	Butler	Rondall	Myrie-Williams	Wood	M Salisbur		
Tues 25	BARNET	2-2	24	2,381	86	Day	Bittner	Barnum-Bobb	Bennet	Tozer 1 (pen)	Rigg	Sheehan	Bennet	Grego-Cox	Healey	Beauchamp	Butler	Compton	Green	Barnum-Bobb	Wood	Myrie-Williams	G Salisbur			
Sat 29	Accrington Stanley	3-1	24	1,251	92	Day	Bignot	Cameron	D Jones	Bennett	Tozer	Myrie-Williams	Barnum-Bobb	Sheehan 1	Rigg	Healey	Bittner	Compton	Green	Angel	Wood	R Jones				
NOVEMBER																										
Sun 6	Alfreton (FAC 1R) KO 2.00pm	1-1	-	1,109	193	Day	Bignot	Cameron	D Jones	Bennett	Tozer	Myrie-Williams	Barnum-Bobb	Sheehan	Rigg	Healey	Bittner	Butler	Labadie	Angel	Wood		G Howard			
Tues 8	AFC WIMBLEDON (EFL Trophy)	2-0	-	368	39	Day	Barnum-Bobb	1	Butler	D Jones	Labadie	Tozer	Sheehan	Compton	Healey	Jebb	O'Hanlon	Bittner	Myrie-Williams	Bignot	Rigg	Touray	Wood	A Davies		
Sat 12	CARLISLE UNITED KO 1.00pm	2-0	24	2,521	333	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Bennett	Cameron	D Jones	Butler	Sheehan	1	Rigg	Tozer	O'Hanlon	Healey	Owen-Evans	Wood	Myrie-Williams	Jackson	Bittner	Jebb	Touray	D England	
Tues 15	ALFRETON TOWN (FAC 1RR)	4-1 aet	-	1,189	47	Day	Barnum-Bobb	1	Bennett	D Jones	Butler	Sheehan	1	Rigg	Tozer	Compton	Healey	Myrie-Williams	Green	Wood	Cameron	Angel	Touray	B Huxtable		
Sat 19	Notts County	3-0	22	3,883	241	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Butler	Bennett	D Jones	Tozer	Rigg 1	Sheehan	1	Jebb	Healey	O'Hanlon	Bittner	Compton	Myrie-Williams	Owen-Evans	Angel	Wood	Touray	A Haines	
Tues 22	WYCOMBE WANDERERS	0-1	24	2,010	127	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Bennett	D Jones	Butler	Jebb	Sheehan	1	Tozer	Rigg	Healey	O'Hanlon	Compton	Myrie-Williams	Owen-Evans	Bittner	Wood		J Busby		
Sat 26	Blackpool	1-4	24	3,062	444	Day	Barnum-Bobb	1	D Jones	Tozer	Butler	Rigg	Sheehan	1	Jebb	Healey	O'Hanlon	Compton	Myrie-Williams	Owen-Evans	Bittner	Wood	Green	Meite	M Heywood	
DECEMBER																										
Sat 3	Plymouth Argyle (FAC 2R)	0-0	-	5,071	266	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Bennett	Meite	Butler	Tozer	Green	Rigg	Sheehan	O'Hanlon	Healey	Labadie	Compton	Rondal	Myrie-Williams	Jackson	Jebb	Bittner	J Brooks		
Tues 6	STEVENAGE	0-2	24	1,877	52	Day	Bignot	Bennett	D Jones	Butler	Jebb	Sheehan	Tozer	Barnum-Bobb	Healey	Myrie-Williams	Rigg	Owen-Evans	Bittner	Labadie	Jackson	Green	Meite	K Johnson		
Sat 17	Crawley Town	1-3	24	2,022	107	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Jones	Bennett	Myrie-Williams	Tozer	Owen-Evans	Sheehan	Labadie	O'Hanlon	Jackson	Wood	Green	Healey	Rigg	Healey	Wood	Meite	N Kinsey		
Wed 21	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (FAC 2RR)	0-1 aet	-	5,121	946	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Jones	Bennett	Myrie-Williams	Tozer	Wood	Sheehan	1	Owen-Evans	Rigg	Meite	Green	O'Hanlon	Healey	Wood	Butler	Rondal	D Whitehouse		
Mon 26	PORTSMOUTH	2-3	24	3,714	729	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Jones	Myrie-Williams	Tozer	Sheehan	Bennett	Rondal	Healey 1	Owen-Evans	Rigg	Meite	Green	Healey	Healey	Healey	Healey	Bittner	O'Hanlon	C Breakspea	
Sat 31	EXETER CITY	1-4	24	2,663	500	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Meite	Bennett	Myrie-Williams	Rondall	Tozer	Sheehan	Jackson	Healey	Rigg	Compton	Green	O'Hanlon	Healey	Healey	Healey	Healey	Bittner	Owen-Evans	D Deadman
JANUARY																										
Mon 2	Wycombe Wanderers	1-2	24	4,288	220	Day	Barnum-Bobb	Jones	Meite	Bignot	Myrie-Williams	Sheehan	Rondall	Rigg	Healey	Williams	Wiliams	Labadie	Compton	Rondal	Myrie-Williams	Jackson	Jebb	Bittner	J Brooks	
Sat 7	Stevenage	1-3	24	2,185	140	Day	Barnum-Bobb	1	O'Brien	Bennett	Nelson	Pipe	Rondall	Rigg	Healey	Williams	Wiliams	Bittner	Labadie	Jackson	Green	Meite	R Lewis			
Sat 14	COLCHESTER UNITED	1-1	24	2,397	312	Day	Pipe	Butler	Nelson	Jones	O'Brien	Bennett	Rondall	Sheehan	O'Hanlon	Reid	Wiliams	Bittner	Wood	Myrie-Williams	Wiliams	Demetriou	Barnum-Bobb	M Salisbur		
Sat 21	Barnet	0-0	24	2,623	159	Day	Butler	Jones	Rondall	Reid	Sheehan	Bennett	Sheehan	Rigg	Reid	Wiliams	Owen-Evans	Bittner	Wood	Demetriou	Wiliams	Demetriou	Barnum-Bobb	D England		
Sat 28	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	3-1	24	2,271	103	Day	Pipe	Butler	Nelson	Reid	Sheehan	Jones	Rondall	Rigg	Reid	Wiliams 1	Flynn	Bittner	Wood	Demetriou	Wiliams	Demetriou	Barnum-Bobb	K Johnson		
FEBRUARY																										
Sat 4	Cheltenham Town	1-1	24	3,763	841	Day	Pipe	Nelson	Jones	O'Brien	Butler	Bennett	Rondall	Rigg	Healey	Williams	Jebb	Owen-Evans	O'Hanlon	Reid	Bittner	Butler	Compton	Jackson	L Collins	
Fri 10	DONCASTER ROVERS	0-0	24	2,653	396	Day	Pipe	Butler	Nelson	Jones	O'Brien	Blanchard	Rondall	Rigg	Healey	Williams	Wiliams	Bittner	Wood	Myrie-Williams	Wiliams	Demetriou	Parselle	Flynn	D Webb	
Tues 14	GRIMSBY TOWN	0-0	24	1,868	199	Day	Butler	Jones	Reid	Sheehan	Pipe	Nelson	Rondall	Rigg	O'Brien	Reid	Wiliams	Bittner	Wood	Williams	Wiliams	Demetriou	Barnum-Bobb	J Busby		
Sat 18	Cambridge United	2-3	24	4,175	153	Day	Pipe	Butler	O'Brien	Flynn	Demetriou	Rose	Rondall	Rigg	Reid	Wiliams	Owen-Evans	Bittner	Wood	Demetriou	Wiliams	Demetriou	Barnum-Bobb	M Heywood		
Tues 21	MORECAMBE	1-1	24	1,988	44	Day	Pipe	Butler	O'Brien	Flynn	Demetriou	Samuel	Rondall	Rigg	Reid	Wiliams 1	Gordon	Jackson	Owen-Evans	Reid	Bittner	Bignot	Parselle	B Malone		
Sat 25	Mansfield Town	1-2	24	3,284	158	Day	Bennett	Jones	Demetriou	Butler	Samuel	Rondall	Rondall	Rigg	Reid	Wiliams 1	Gordon	Jackson	Bignot	Sheehan	Bojaj	Rigg	Owen-Evans	R Joyce		
MARCH																										
Sat 4	LEYTON ORIENT	0-4	24	3,378	395	Day	Nelson	Bennett	Jones	O'Brien	Demetriou	Butler	Rondall	Rigg	Reid	Williams	Rigg	Sheehan	Gordon	Reid	Bittner	Owen-Evans	Samuel	Demetriou	C Sarginson	
Sat 11	Crewe Alexandra	2-1	24	3,725	198	Day	Pipe	Nelson	O'Brien	Butler	Samuel	Bennett	Rondall	Rigg	Reid	Williams	Rigg	Sheehan	Gordon	Reid	Bittner	Owen-Evans	Wood	Williams	M Heywood	
Tues 14	Morecombe	1-0	23	1,080	48	Day	Pipe	Nelson	Bennett	O																

NEXT UP

Joss Labadie got County's only goal in the 3-1 defeat to Crawley just before Christmas



ARTICLE BY JAKE ROSEMAYER

NEXT UP



CRAWLEY TOWN FC
SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2017
KICK-OFF 3.00PM
SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

Newport County AFC's next opponents in Sky Bet League Two will be Crawley Town on April 1. It may be April Fools' Day, but this is now very much the business end of the season and County will be desperate to continue the improvement shown since Michael Flynn took over. After the ill-tempered affair at the Checkatrade.com Stadium just before Christmas, the Exiles will be motivated to secure all three points.

The Red Devils (no, not those Red Devil's) finished last season in 20th place, two places above County. The lowly finish reflected a disappointing and eventful return to League Two after their relegation the previous season. Having inhabited the (safe) lower half of the table for much of the season and despite securing their league status, a string of six consecutive defeats in March and April saw the club bring to an end the 11-month tenure of Mark Yates as manager. Yates had replaced John Gregory on a two-year deal in May 2015, but won only 13 of his 47 games. He was replaced in April 2016 by the former Chelsea and Arsenal coach Dermot Drummy as their new head coach on a two-year contract. The 55-year-old Drummy was an interesting appointment. He moved to Chelsea from Arsenal in 2007, taking charge of the Under-21s before becoming their 'international head coach' (how the other half live!). He left that post in January 2015 to take up the manager's role at Brazilian club Bangu before joining the Sussex club. Crawley's owner, Zaya Erin, said of his appointment: "Dermot will bring top-level experience and vital recruitment knowledge to Crawley Town".

This season has been safe, if unspectacular, for the Reds, but Drummy's recruitment skills have been put to good effect. The usual close season merry-go-round saw Crawley make some important signings such as goalkeeper Glenn Morris from Gillingham. He has been the regular between the sticks and also taken up a role as goalkeeping coach. Another crucial signing has been James Collins, the striker who ended last season on loan at League Two Champions Northampton Town from parent club Shrewsbury. The 26-year-old Irishman signed a three-year contract with Crawley in the summer. He scored his first goal for Crawley in a 1-1 draw with League Two pace-setters Doncaster Rovers in August and has continued to knock them in all season, with 18

goals in all competitions at the time of writing. Football loves a cliché of course, but this really is a 'must-win' game' for County if the Great Escape is to be effected. This is definitely a winnable game, with Crawley having lost double the amount of games they have won away from home. Other than Collins, their strike force has not exactly been prolific, so with care and a fair wind, hopefully no April Fools' slip-ups will come County's way.

LAST MEETING

CRAWLEY TOWN 3
NEWPORT COUNTY AFC 1
SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 2017
SKY BET LEAGUE TWO



Newport County AFC were condemned to be the Football League's bottom club on Christmas Day after losing at Crawley. County trailed to James Collins' third minute opener, before Joss Labadie's equaliser. However, the hosts took control with two second half goals in four minutes from Josh Yoweth and Jimmy Smith.

Josh Sheehan missed a late penalty for County in a bad-tempered game that saw 13 players receive yellow cards.

Line-up: Day, Barnum-Bobb, Jones, Bennett, Myrie-Williams, Tozer (Wood 76'), Owen-Evans, Sheehan, Labadie (Green 66'), O'Hanlon, Jackson (Healey 45'). Subs: Randall, Bignot, Green, Healey, Bittner, Wood, Meite.

Attendance: 2,022



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TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2017

MORECAMBE VS ACCRINGTON STANLEY
NEWPORT COUNTY AFC VS LUTON TOWN

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2017

ACCRINGTON STANLEY V GRIMSBY TOWN

BARNET V CHELTENHAM TOWN
BLACKPOOL V HARTLEPOOL UNITED
CAMBRIDGE UNITED V STEVENAGE
CARLISLE UNITED V CREWE ALEXANDRA
COLCHESTER UNITED V LUTON TOWN
CRAWLEY TOWN V LEYTON ORIENT
EXETER CITY V YEOVIL TOWN
MORECAMBE V MANSFIELD TOWN
PORTSMOUTH V NEWPORT COUNTY AFC
WYCOMBE WANDERERS V NOTTS COUNTY

NEXT UP AT HOME



CRAWLEY TOWN FC

SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2017
KICK-OFF 3.00PM
RODNEY PARADE
SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

IN CHARGE

Referee:

Charles Breakspear

Assistant Referees:

Adrian Tranter
Robert Dabbs

Fourth Official:

Kevin Johnson

SQUAD CHECK

NEWPORT COUNTY AFC V LUTON TOWN

TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017 | KICK OFF 7.45PM



Caretaker Manager:

Michael FLYNN

Colours: Amber

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03	Daniel BUTLER	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Darren JONES	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	Jamie TURLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Manager:

Nathan JONES

Colours: White

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02	Stephen O'DONNELL	<input type="checkbox"/>
03	Dan POTTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Jonathan SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	Johnny MULLINS	<input type="checkbox"/>
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