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THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road after a couple of weeks on the road for what has become another crucial game in our bid to win promotion to Sky Bet League One.

I would like to welcome everybody from our visitors Blackpool – including supporters, directors, staff, manager Gary Bowyer and his squad – and wish them a safe journey back to the north-west this evening.

Contrasting recent form for both sides has seen today's opponents move above us in the play-off positions, so we know that it is hugely important we start our seven-game mini-season by completing a double over the Seaside for the season.

When we went up to Bloomfield Road for the last game before Christmas, we produced one of our best performances of the season to win 2-0 with goals from Jack Marriott and Cameron McGeehan, sending the players off on their Christmas party in great cheer.

CONTENTION

It goes without saying that we haven't given you too much to cheer in the last five games, and we'd like a repeat of that scoreline today to keep us in contention for automatic promotion, which is still a realistic goal.

Yes, we've missed one opportunity after another in recent weeks to capitalise after we'd put our destiny in our own control with the win at Yeovil. No-one is more frustrated with that than myself, my staff and the team.

But we have seven huge matches now to finally put the kind of winning run together than we've not yet managed so far this season, and if we do that, we won't be far off where we want to be.

We have a wonderful squad and I believe in every single one of our players. We have had one of them shortlisted for League Two player of the year this week in Danny Hylton,

and we are tremendously proud of that. It shows what a wonderful season Danny has had and that he's been part of a top team.

We are the second youngest squad in the division and maybe a bit of youthful naivety has cost us in recent games, but this group will only get better with experience. They have a huge desire to achieve something for you supporters.

FIRMLY

You know that I do, too. You couldn't have a prouder manager of your club. That's why I was so pleased to sign a new contract to 2020 last week, because I believe Luton Town are on the verge of a new golden era and I want to be the man to lead such a wonderful club into the new stadium from a much higher level in the EFL.

Of course, we need your help to get us over the line. At Colchester last Saturday you were rightly annoyed at half-time, but in the second half you showed what great supporters you are, almost sucking the ball into the net, firmly behind the lads as we piled forward.

I want to come off the pitch today with us all celebrating a massive three points. Together, let's make the place rock and take advantage of this great position we are still in.

Enjoy the game.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Jones', written over a white background.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE GARY SWEET

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this afternoon's game against Blackpool.

We warmly welcome Gary Bowyer, his players, staff, our fellow directors from Bloomfield Road and, of course, their supporters who have made the trip south. I hope they have an enjoyable afternoon with us, but not so much that their recent run of good form continues. The ending of that impressive spell of just two defeats since we won up there just before Christmas, together with our own current five-game winless sequence being broken, would be perfect from a Luton Town perspective!

While we've been stuck in this patch of indifferent results covering the length and breadth of England and Wales, from Stevenage at home to Carlisle, Newport and Colchester, it is important to remember that everything we are doing at the Club is about building for a sustainable long-term future. That is why the Board last week gave our manager a contract taking him through to 2020 and perhaps beyond – and we all know what a big year that is hoped to be for the Club. It was a natural progression for us to take, because in Nathan we have a first-class coach who is rapidly becoming a top-class manager. He lives, breathes and helps develop our culture, our

methodologies and is passionately intent on helping us achieve our ambitions whilst he achieves his.

We are delighted with the progress both Nathan and the squad have made in the 15 months he has been with us, and that improvement will only continue with the stability the longevity of the contract gives the Club and the manager. Underlying any short-term ups and downs, we are absolutely heading in the right direction and with this news, the signing of talented young players like James Justin and Isaac Vassell – not forgetting Danny Hylton – on long-term deals, the award-winning planning applications for Newlands Park and Power Court and the gradual move to training at The Brache full-time, it is an exciting time to be involved with Luton Town.

DIFFERENCE

That is especially so with our promotion hopes alive and kicking, as they very much are. Form is temporary, as they say, and we are due to go on a winning run that could take us to where we want to be. Now is the time for everyone with the Club at heart – from the stands to the boardroom to the dressing room – to

stand as one behind Nathan and the team to ensure this season ends in glory. We need every Hatter in the ground singing their hearts out.

Anyone who has read Dave Brailsford's famous book about marginal gains will know how so many one per cent improvements in different areas can add up to make a significant increase in performance for the team. Nathan and his staff work all week on many components to do that on the pitch, as do the Board and staff behind the scenes. From the stands, you too can make a difference to the result. Say what you want after the final whistle, but for 90 minutes for the next seven games – four of them here at home – we need your voices adding positively to the push for promotion.

Let's have an atmosphere like we had in that wonderful, end-to-end semi-final of the Checkatrade Trophy – a competition for which we have submitted our feedback to the EFL on its future. Although opinion is understandably divided, as our young players went through each round, support grew around Kenilworth Road. Having consulted with our supporter groups, we have gone back

to the League saying we support the existing redraft of the format on the basis that our young players can take part in it without sanction, just as the EPPP1 academy sides are. However, even though we have had assurances about this not being the thin end of the wedge towards the entry of Premier League B teams to the English pyramid – which it absolutely isn't – I think the EFL have got to work an awful lot harder to convince you that that's not the case, and have asked them to do so. I'm confident they will.

It speaks volumes for the hugely consistent season we have seen so far that we have two of our players shortlisted for awards at the EFL's ceremony in London next Sunday. Danny Hylton has made headlines ever since he joined us from Oxford United last summer, not just for his 24 goals but the work-rate and wonderful skill that has endeared him to supporters. Opposition fans rarely boo a bad player, and the pantomime villain role he's taken on at away grounds indicates what a threat they view him as. That is clearly the case for managers too, whose votes have made him one of the three players up for League Two Player of the Year award. We wish Danny good luck, as we also do Stephen O'Donnell, whose wonderful strike against Yeovil here in August is one of ten nominated for Goal of the Season. Another one like that wouldn't go amiss this afternoon, SOSDs!

One shame about the EFL awards is that despite how hard we work on creating a community club and a real family experience here, it is really disappointing to see that since rejoining the League, we haven't been nominated for an award in this sort of area. Clearly, it is our environment that we live in today that



Nathan Jones signing his new contract last week

holds us back. When we relocate, we are hoping to clean up on that front have a brand new Trophy Room full of on and off-the pitch awards!

Finally, on that relocation subject, I apologise for not updating you more than we've been able to recently but, as you can imagine, we're at the technical end of the application process as we speak. We are making sure that every single 'i' is ticked and 't' is crossed so the case in favour of our application is – as near as any application could possibly get – unchallengeable. Of course, we are expecting the Council's decision – should they give us a positive determination – to be challenged, as is usually the case. However, we're confident that the challenge is unlikely to come from a statutory authority as we work with those bodies to ensure they are satisfied with every aspect of both schemes.

We're hoping we'll be able to announce some good news this summer.

The plans we have are so good, and so positive for our town, that they are already winning global

awards! I was at MIPIM 2017 in Cannes three weeks ago where our master designers AND Architects, led by Manuel Nogueira, collected the Architectural Review Future Projects Award in the Sports & Stadiums category for the designs for Power Court. We also received a commendation in the Regeneration & Masterplanning category for Newlands Park.

ACCOLADES

Naturally, we are more than delighted with these accolades from an esteemed panel of international judges who acknowledged our designs for their innovation and excellence from a design, engineering and planning perspective. Who could possibly argue with them?

First, the here and now. Three big points to complete our second league double of the season. Make your voices heard and roar the lads on.

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Gary

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GREATSCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another massive game, this time with Blackpool the visitors, as we look to rediscover our form to maintain our hopes of going up to League One.

At this stage every match is massive, especially when you get down to single figures in terms of number of games left and people are pushing for promotion with teams go on good runs of form, as Blackpool have been.

We are used to big games. The fixtures against fellow promotion-chasing clubs have been coming thick and fast, with Plymouth, Stevenage, Exeter and now Blackpool all visiting us in the last four home games.

We've played in some massive games already this season and they are the ones we thrive on as a team, so we are looking forward to it.

We know that we haven't been great recently, especially last Saturday

at Colchester. You're always disappointed after a defeat, but the manner in which we played – especially in the first half – we were all unhappy about.

We set high standards for ourselves as individuals and as a team, and the players more than anyone were bitterly disappointed with the way we played last week.

We remain positive and focused, however, and to that end we all got together on Tuesday night for a meal away from the usual environment of the training ground, coach or the team hotel.

The gaffer is big on team spirit and he's happy for us to get ourselves together and have a bite to eat, and it was a change of scenery for the lads where we can talk about other things as well as football.

There are seven games to go, and we know that there are still enough games that are winnable to reach our target. We have been positive all week in training and we want to come out of the blocks today to get the crowd behind us, get the fans going and get a good result against a rival.

We've had some real positive news in the last couple of weeks with the manager signing a new long-term contract, as well as Danny Hylton

being shortlisted for EFL League Two Player of the Year and Stephen O'Donnell for Goal of the Season.

The first sends out the message out that the club are backing the manager for the long term, along with a lot of our younger players who are tied down too. It just shows you the ambition of the club and the way they want to move forward.

On Hylts, we all know what a good player he is and he's been outstanding this season. I think he deserves to win it. As for SODS, he's been showing all the lads the link, trying to get us all to vote and to be fair, it was a great goal. It's great for the club that we've got a couple of the boys who've been up for nominations.

Finally, it's our players' charity of the year Brain Tumour Research's match day today so hopefully you'll all be wearing your hats in the stands! They are a great charity who deserve as much publicity as they can get, and we hope that today helps raise more awareness for them.

Please get behind them, as well as the lads, and enjoy the game.



NATHAN PENS NEW DEAL UNTIL 2020!

Hatters boss Nathan Jones put pen to paper on a new three-and-a-half year contract recently that will see him manage the Hatters until the summer of 2020.

The 43-year-old Welshman's initial deal from being appointed Town boss in January 2016 was due to expire at the end of next season.

But with his side in contention for promotion to Sky Bet League One in his first full season in charge, the Kenilworth Road board have offered the ex-Brighton & Hove Albion coach a new deal for the rest of this term and the next three.

"I'm delighted to commit my future to Luton Town," Jones told the Hatters' official website. "It's a club that's been very good to me and I'm very proud to be manager.

"I think we've had a fantastic 14-15 months, and to know that the club has that much faith in me that they've given me the length of contract and rewarded me in that way is a good feeling.

"I think we've shown faith in each other. They've shown faith in me that they believe I can do the job that I believe I can do, and I believe that this is the club that I can do it at.

"I love the club, I love our fans and I love the players I've got. We are in a real good place at the minute, but it's only a start.

"We want to develop, we want to improve and take the club forward on all levels, and we've made big strides in a year. Now it's about making the next step and then even bigger strides.

"We've got a fantastic facility we are soon to move into for training every day at The Brache. We've got planning applications in for developments that



The Hatters boss presents captain Scott Cuthbert with the club's PFA Community Champion 2016-17 award at the last home game against Exeter

will change this town and area for the better. The stadium at Power Court will be so good it is winning awards before it's even built!

"I'm very proud and honoured to be given the opportunity to manage Luton Town, and even more so now to be able to do that for the foreseeable future. I want to be the manager that leads the club into a wonderful new era."

The Welshman added: "I've got a great relationship with the board – especially Gary Sweet, who I'd like to thank for the faith he shows in me and for the constant support I get – and it's a club I love managing.

"Right throughout the club there are wonderful people and I'm very proud to be asked to guide them on the football side."

ZANE'S A SAINT FOR THE SEASON

Town striker Zane Banton has joined Vanarama National League South side St Albans City on loan until the end of the season.

The 20-year-old signed with the Saints last week and made his debut that Saturday in the 1-0 win over Dartford.

Meanwhile keeper Liam Gooch made a loan move to Evo-Stik Southern Premier Division side Biggleswade Town for the rest of the term.

His loan with Kettering Town – for whom he made three appearances – was cancelled so he could join the Waders, as he enjoyed a clean sheet on his debut in the 3-0 victory over Dorchester Town.

HYLTS UP FOR LEAGUE TWO PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The shortlists for the 2017 EFL Awards have been revealed as clubs, players and fans come together to recognise the stars of 2016/17 across all three divisions and 14 different categories – and Hatters striker Danny Hylton is among them!

The 28-year-old summer signing from Oxford United is on a shortlist of three for the League Two Player of the Year along with Doncaster duo James Coppinger and John Marquis.

Hylton has netted 24 goals in the most prolific campaign of his career so far, and manager Nathan Jones told lutontown.co.uk: “We are amazingly proud of Danny.



“This is a recognition of a season of high-class work in the way he plays, but also the way he trains every day and the type of character he is as well.

“He’s got real competition from two fantastic players from Doncaster, and others who would have been nominated. I know from the votes that I made – and of course, I wasn’t allowed to choose Danny – that there are some wonderful players in there. Just to get in the top three is a real achievement.

“I know I am biased, but I think he’d be a worthy winner because of the way he goes about his work.”

The annual awards take place in London on Sunday 9 April and Hylton isn’t the only Hatters player to be in contention for one, with right-back Stephen O’Donnell’s strike against Yeovil last August already in the ten-strong running for Mitre Goal of the Season.

Fans had until midnight last Tuesday to vote, with the final five being revealed on the night and the audience voting for the overall winner.

Good luck to both Stephen and Danny – who is being presented before kick-off today with his PFA League Two Player of the Month for February (plus one they didn’t get around to handing over to him from the end of his successful campaign with Oxford last season!)

MAYOR’S CHARITY CUP WINNERS — BARTHAM GROUP!

Torrential rain in Luton couldn’t dampen the spirits of 24 teams competing for the Mayor’s Charity Cup as Bartham Group ran out winners at Stopsley High School’s Playfootball last week.

Bartham Group, who print Talk of the Town, made headlines of their own by beating Arriva (pictured) in the final. Stonegate pubs (pictured) won the third/fourth place play-off against Workflow, while a team of LTFC staff narrowly failed to make it through the group stage, crashing out on the rarely-used ‘Goals Scored’ rather than ‘Goal Difference’ rule after winning three, drawing one and losing one of their matches!

The Hatters’ commercial team would like to thank main sponsors Utilita for their backing of the tournament in aid of the Mayor of Luton’s supported charities Keech Hospice Care, Macmillan Cancer Support and CrescentCare.



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BARNET

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HATTERS MAKE THE SHORT
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WHO? A fairly regular side in the EFL for the past 20 years, the Bees have had their spells in the Conference, most recently between 2013-15. They climbed out of Non-League in impressive style though, finishing top of the fifth tier the year after the Hatters won the title as the goalscoring form of John Akinde – who recently signed a new long-term deal at the Hive – fired Barnet back up to this level. They completed their first season back in League Two by finishing 15th last term, but that doesn't do justice to the fact they finished a full 28 points above 23rd place.

TICKETS All the ticket information for this fixture is on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE Next weekend's match will mark the eighth meeting between the sides, having played each other once already this season. That game at Kenilworth Road on New Year's Eve ended in 3-1 win for the Hatters with goals from Alan Sheehan, Cameron McGeehan and Alex Gilliead securing the three points for Nathan Jones' team. The Bees' goalscorer on the day is now on the Town teamsheet – midfielder Luke Gambin.



Luke Gambin in his final appearance for Barnet against the Town on New Year's Eve

That result means Town have won five of their previous meetings with the Bees, losing once and drawing the other. Last season the sides got one over each other, as the Hatters won at Kenilworth Road, and the Bees defeated Town at the Hive. McGeehan is the top scorer for Town in the fixture with three goals.

IN CHARGE After Martin Allen's departure to National League side Eastleigh, Under-21 boss Rossi Eames was put in charge on an interim basis, before former Hatters coach Kevin Nugent was appointed. The ex-Leyton Orient, Plymouth Argyle and Cardiff City striker was a part of Nathan Jones' first team coaching staff from January 2016 and until last summer, when he left Kenilworth Road to take up the role of assistant boss with Charlton Athletic. He became Bees boss in mid-February.

PREVIOUS FORM The Bees ended a run of seven games without a win when they came from behind to beat Cheltenham 3-1 at home last Saturday, Curtis Weston bringing them level on 71 minutes before Akinde struck twice to seal three points. They head into today's game at Stevenage in 15th place, eight points off the play-offs and 18 above the drop zone.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU As well as the current Gambin and Nugent connections, Olly Lee made a total of 13 appearances for Barnet in 2010-11, before being signed by Birmingham City in the same season. Since arriving at Kenilworth Road last season, Lee has made over 60 appearances for the Hatters. Past players to appear for both include Brian Stein, Paul Furlong and Rossi Jarvis, while Conference-winning manager John Still previously bossed the Bees before coming to Kenilworth Road.

GET YOUR TICKET



BARNET

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL | 3PM

Tickets for this fixture are now available on general sale until 2pm on Friday 7th April. Subject to availability, cash turnstiles will be available in the day. **Prices:** Adult: £23, Seniors (65 and over): £14, Young Person (17-20): £14, Junior (up to 16): £5. Disabled/Ambulant supporters will need to contact The Hive directly for tickets on 0208 381 3800.



LEYTON ORIENT

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

FRIDAY 14TH APRIL | 3PM

Tickets for this category A fixture are available on general sale.



MANSFIELD TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

MONDAY 17TH APRIL | 3PM

The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 1,013 seated tickets for their match against Mansfield Town on Saturday 17th April. Tickets for the ALL TICKET fixture are now on sale to Diamond Season Ticket holders at two-per-person until close of business on Saturday 1st April. Season Ticket holders will be able to purchase two tickets each from Monday 3rd April until midday on Saturday 8th April. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone on 01582 416976 or in person. Tickets will be available on general sale on Monday 10th April until close of business on Friday 14th April, they will also be available online at this time. **Prices:** Adult: £18, Seniors (60 and over): £14, Young Person (18-21): £13, Junior (7-17): £10, Under-6: Free. Disabled/Ambulant supporters will pay the relevant age related price with a carer free of charge if receiving higher rate DLA. Away season ticket holders will be actioned on the Thursday 6th April. One stand ticket will be allocated unless otherwise advised to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk



NOTTS COUNTY

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL | 3PM

Supporters can now purchase tickets for this category A fixture from the ticket office.

SUPPORTERS' TRUST PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Luton Town Supporters' Trust's annual Player of the Season presentation evening takes place on Sunday 23rd April at Venue 360.

Manager Nathan Jones, his staff and squad will be in attendance with doors opening at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are priced at £27 for adults and £22 for accompanied juniors aged under-16, with every ticket bought entitling the purchaser to a vote for player and goal of the season. Dress code is smart casual with hot food and a prize draw on offer.

Tickets can be bought from the LTFC ticket office over the phone on 01582 416976 or in person.

BEDS SENIOR CUP FINAL REARRANGEMENT

The rearranged Bedfordshire FA Senior Cup final between Dunstable Town and AFC Dunstable will take place this Tuesday at Kenilworth Road.

The game was due to be played on the 20th March, but was called off due to a waterlogged pitch.

Tickets for the 7:30pm kick-off are priced at: Adults: £8, Over 60s/Under-16s: £3.

Car parking at the ground for the match will operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

Should the game be level after the full 90 minutes, it will go straight to penalties with no extra-time played.

SPEAKING COMMERCIALLY

MATCH SPONSOR: DARREN PULLEN



Darren has been supporting Luton Town from a very young age. He was a Junior Hatter and was lucky enough to be chosen as an away

mascot. He has witnessed many highs and lows over the years, with relegation to the Conference, the Johnstone's Paint Trophy win and was mascot for the promotion winning game against Brentford, but says it's all just part of being a Hatter! Although Darren moved away from the area recently due to work, he still attends as many home matches as possible and his favourite players are Jack Marriott and Isaac Vassell. Darren loves to play football and his favoured position is goalkeeper. Today is a present from his Mum.

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Jack Marriott



GEORGE LEWINGTON

Age: 6

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WELCOME BLACKPOOL

The Hatters would like to welcome today's travelling staff, players and supporters of Blackpool after their long journey from the north-west coast.

The Tangerines are certainly hitting form at the right time, as they overtook the Hatters into fifth place with a win at Hartlepool last weekend. After going a goal down against the Monkey Hangers, Bright Osayi-Samuel brought the game level in the first half before Kyle Vassell came off the bench to score a late winner.

It highlights a big turnaround for Gary Bowyer's team who, after suffering a 2-0 defeat at Bloomfield Road to the Hatters in mid-December, found themselves five points short of the Town and outside of the play-off places.

They are now on an equal amount of points as Nathan Jones' side 18 games later, having picked up 30 points from those fixtures. Their superior goal difference is what now separates the two teams, with Pools on plus-21 and the Hatters on plus-19.

Four wins in their last five and only two defeats in their last 18 league matches has certainly put the Tangerines in a strong position, and today's match will surely prove vital in who goes on to maintain their place in the play-offs, or even put in a late push for automatic promotion.

Formed in 1887, the north-west club famously reached the Premier League for the first time in 2010 and only a late dip in form saw them relegated from the top tier under Ian Holloway. They did maintain their place in the Championship for four seasons, but two successive relegations saw Pools competing in the fourth tier this term.



Manager Gary Bowyer

They seem to have stopped the rot though, as at least a play-off place looks set for Bowyer's team. The form of 13-goal striker Kyle Vassell and midfielder Brad Potts, who has 12, has certainly helped Pools' cause, with the latter also a creative force having served up nine assists for his team-mates this term.



Former Hatter Mark Cullen

It's not just the frontline that has been important to the success of the Seasiders, as more recently their defence has kept three clean sheets in their last six outings, only conceding three times in that sequence. Wins against Plymouth and Stevenage in March also helped drag them closer to the top three.

Today's visitors have matched the Hatters in every way results-wise this season, with both teams counting 15 wins, 15 draws and 9 losses in Sky Bet League Two, the only difference between the sides

is the fact the Hatters have conceded three fewer goals, while the Seasiders have scored five more.

The win at Bloomfield Road in December means the Hatters have been victorious in 22 of the 50 meetings between the two teams, whilst Blackpool have won 16 times. The other 12 games have ended in draws.

HATTERS V BLACKPOOL

LUTON WINS: 22 | DRAWS: 12 | EXETER WINS: 16

LAST MEETING

BLACKPOOL 0-2 LUTON – 17TH DECEMBER 2016

TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAMES: SEASIDERS, TANGERINES, POOLS | GROUND: BLOOMFIELD ROAD | MANAGER: GARY BOWYER | LAST SEASON: 22ND IN LEAGUE ONE | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: BLACKPOOL 2-1 HARTLEPOOL

MEET THE VISITORS

THE BOSS

GARY BOWYER

After calling time on a relatively short playing career with Hereford, Nottingham Forest and Rotherham, the 45-year-old worked his way through the coaching ranks at Blackburn Rovers to manage the first team. Took over the reins at Bloomfield Road in June.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

DEAN LYNESS

After a loan spell at Bloomfield Road last season, the 25-year-old former Kidderminster Harriers keeper signed permanently from Burton Albion in the summer.

IN DEFENCE

KELVIN MELLOR

A summer arrival from Plymouth Argyle, the former Nantwich Town and Crewe Alexandra right-back joined on a one-year-deal.

TOM ALDRED

The 26-year-old began his career with Carlisle United, before going onto play for the likes of Barrow and Accrington Stanley. He signed for the Seaside in 2015.

CLARK ROBERTSON

The 23-year-old Scottish left-back left Aberdeen – where he signed a full-time contract in 2009 – to join Blackpool in June 2015.

ANDY TAYLOR

A former England Under-20 international, the former Tranmere Rovers and Walsall defender signed for the Tangerines last year after leaving the Saddlers.

WILL AIMSON

A summer signing from Hull City, the 22-year-old had a loan spell with Blackpool before signing permanently. He has also played for the likes of Tamworth and Tranmere Rovers.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

BRADLEY POTTS

The 23-year-old was a regular for Carlisle before he departed the Cumbrians for Bloomfield Road. He has been in good goalscoring form this season, going into double figures for the first time in his career.

COLIN DANIEL



Since starting his career with Eastwood Town, the 29-year-old has played for the likes of Macclesfield Town, Mansfield Town and Port Vale.

NEIL DANNIS

A regular in the Championship for much of the past decade, the 34-year-old joined the Seaside on loan from Bury this year to bolster Bowyer's midfield options.

IAN BLACK

The 32-year-old has a single Scottish international cap to his name – which he picked up in 2012. He has played for the likes of Inverness CT, Rangers and Shrewsbury Town.

JORDAN FLORES

A January loan signing from Wigan, the midfielder scored for his new promotion-chasing side in their 4-1 win over Carlisle United in February.

UP FRONT

NATHAN DELFOUNESO

In his second spell with the Tangerines, the Aston Villa academy graduate has played for a host of EFL clubs including Blackburn Rovers and Swindon Town.

MARK CULLEN

The former Hatter left Kenilworth Road in 2015 for Blackpool and was their top scorer last season as they were relegated from League One.

JAMILLE MATT

The 27-year-old joined Blackpool last summer after leaving Fleetwood. Last season he went on loan to Plymouth, where he scored seven goals in 14 appearances, but couldn't help them to promotion.

KYLE VASSELL

The 24-year-old is enjoying one of the most fruitful seasons of his career, netting 13 times. Former sides include Sutton United, Bishop's Cleeve and Peterborough, who he left in the summer to join the Tangerines.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH **MATT SCRAFTON**



Matt Scrafton, who covers Blackpool FC for the Blackpool Gazette, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for the Seaside this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

► THIS SEASON

Blackpool have slipped down the tiers since relegation from the Premier League, but they look like they're capable of challenging for a place in the top seven. Do you think they've got what it takes to get promoted?

Blackpool have peaked at the right time and currently they're the form team in the country. So there's no reason why they can't finish in the top seven but they must maintain this unbeaten run for as long as possible because we all know how quickly things can change in this division. It was only a few weeks ago they dropped down to 15th, after all.

In the Bloomfield Road ranks is a former Hatter in Mark Cullen. How has he been getting on since joining in 2015?

Last season's campaign was a disastrous one for Blackpool as they dropped down to League One but Cullen was one of the few bright sparks, finishing as top scorer. Due

to the form of Kyle Vassell, he's struggled to start this season, but he's returned to the side recently and has four goals from his last six games.

Gary Bowyer seems to have steadied the ship. What positive steps has he taken to improve the Tangerines?

Blackpool have a big squad and a decent budget for this level, but Bowyer deserves huge credit for the job he has done, especially when you consider he had to put up with similar turmoil during his time at Blackburn Rovers. Consistent team selection has helped and his recruitment has also been good.

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

Kyle Vassell joined to little fanfare after signing on a free transfer following his release from Peterborough, but he's currently Blackpool's top scorer in all competitions with 13 goals to his

name. It's his all-round game which is the most impressive though, but he's likely to start on the bench today as he has only just returned from a month out with a broken foot.

Which player have you been most disappointed to see depart this season?

Most of the deadwood that left in pre-season were the players that had utterly failed during Blackpool's disastrous League One campaign, so not many Blackpool fans would have been sorry to see the back of them. Danny Pugh's exit to Port Vale on the last day of the January transfer window came as a bit of a surprise as he was the club captain at the time, but his absence hasn't really been keenly felt.

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

Brad Potts has bagged 12 goals from midfield this season along with nine assists, which is a superb record for





Brad Potts is a 22-year-old. His form has attracted the interest of several Championship clubs and his trademark breakaway runs from midfield are a constant threat. If not him, then 19-year-old Bright Osayi-Samuel is one that gets fans on the edge of their seats.

There have been plenty of draws in there too, but Bowyer has added a steeliness and the four additions in the January transfer window certainly helped as well.

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

Blackpool certainly won't come looking for a point but I think they'd be more than satisfied with a draw to keep their unbeaten run going to 10 games. The Seasiders can be devastating on the counter attack so I wouldn't be surprised to see a high scoring game, but they're more than capable of keeping things tight at the back at the same time (conceding just three more than Luton this season). I'll go for 1-1.

► QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or seats?

Terrace

Who are your rivals?

Preston North End.

Predict your player of the season?

Brad Potts

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

Sir Stanley Matthews

What league will Blackpool be in next season?

League One

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

Doncaster, Plymouth, Portsmouth and Blackpool

► LUTON AND BLACKPOOL

Since the Hatters ran out 2-0 winners at Bloomfield Road in December, in what way has the Blackpool team improved?

They've become a lot harder to beat, evidenced by their run which has seen them lose just one of their last 15 games. In fact, since they lost to Luton just before Christmas they've only lost twice in the league.



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SEASIDERS

GORDON WEST

Goalkeeper Gordon West was capped three times by England after leaving Blackpool. He turned professional with the Seaside in April 1960 and made 31 First Division appearances before becoming the country's most expensive keeper when sold to Everton for £27,000 in March 1962. Starring as they were League Champions in 1962-63 and 1969-70, he also featured in their 1966 FA Cup final triumph and was a finalist again in 1968. He hung up his boots in May 1973 but briefly revived his career with Tranmere Rovers. Later working as a security officer at RAF Woodvale in Formby, he died in June 2012.

EMLYN HUGHES

Defender Emlyn Hughes was capped 62 times by England after leaving Blackpool. The son of Great Britain Rugby League star Fred Hughes, he turned professional with Blackpool in September 1964 and played 28 First Division games before being sold to Liverpool for £65,000 in February 1967. He amassed a vast collection of European and domestic honours prior to joining Wolves for £90,000 in August 1979, skippering their 1980 League Cup final triumph. Later Rotherham United's player-manager, he had spells at Hull City, Mansfield and Swansea, becoming a well-known TV personality. He died in November 2004.

MIKE SUMMERBEE

Ex-England international winger Mike Summerbee briefly played for Blackpool in 1976-77. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to Swindon Town in March 1960 and was an important figure in their 1962-63 promotion success. He joined Manchester City in August 1965 and starred as they

won all three major domestic honours under the Joe Mercer/Malcolm Allison partnership. Moving to Burnley in June 1975, he joined Blackpool in December 1976 and made three League appearances before becoming Stockport County's player-manager in August 1977. His son Nicky also appeared for Swindon and Manchester City.

GARY ABLETT

Former England U-21 left-back Gary



Ablett played for Blackpool during the 1999-2000 season. He turned professional with Liverpool in November 1983, helping twice win the League Championship and FA Cup in 1989. Sold to rivals Everton for £750,000 in January 1992, he was an FA Cup

winner again in 1995 and joined Birmingham City for £390,000 in June 1996. He joined Blackpool in January 2000 and scored once in ten League games while at Bloomfield Road, then played for Long Island Rough Riders and Stockport County. Later coaching at Everton, Liverpool and Ipswich, he managed Stockport and died in January 2012.

WILLIE MORGAN

Winger Willie Morgan was capped 21 times by Scotland before joining Blackpool. He turned professional with Burnley in October 1962 and was ever-present in the top-flight in 1967-68.



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Sold to Manchester United for £117,000 in August 1968, he helped them win the Second Division title in 1974-75 and rejoined Burnley for £32,000 in June 1975. He moved to Bolton Wanderers in March 1976 and featured in their 1977-78 Second Division title triumph. Joining Blackpool in September 1980, he netted four goals in 42 League games before hanging up his boots in May 1982. He has since run a promotions company in Manchester.

KEVIN RICHARDSON



Ex-England international midfielder Kevin Richardson had a loan spell at Blackpool in 1999-2000. Signing professional for Everton in December 1980, he helped win the FA Cup in 1984 and League Championship in 1984-85. He moved to Watford in September 1986

and joined Arsenal in August 1987, featuring in their 1988-89 League Championship success. After a year with Real Sociedad, he joined Aston Villa in August 1991, then played for Coventry City and Southampton before joining Barnsley in July 1998. He was loaned to Blackpool in January 2000 and scored once in 20 League games, since holding various coaching posts.

KEVIN SHEEDY

Skilful midfielder Kevin Sheedy was capped 45 times by Republic of Ireland before joining Blackpool. He turned professional with Hereford United in October 1976 and joined Liverpool in July 1978. Sold to Everton for £100,000 in August 1982, he starred in their successes under Howard Kendall, including two League Championship triumphs and the 1985 ECWC final victory, also playing in three FA Cup finals. He featured in the 1990 World Cup finals and had a spell with Newcastle United before joining Blackpool in July 1993. Scoring once in 26 League games while at Bloomfield Road, he has held various coaching posts.

NIGEL WORTHINGTON

Former Northern Ireland international Nigel Worthington had a spell as Blackpool's player-boss. Initially with Ballymena United, he moved to Notts County in July 1981 and featured in their 1982-83 League Cup run, following Howard Wilkinson to Sheffield Wednesday in February 1984. A key

figure in their 1991 promotion and League Cup success, he was an FA Cup finalist in 1993, reuniting with Wilkinson at Leeds United in July 1994. Later with Stoke City, he was Blackpool's player-boss from July 1997 until December 1999, making nine League appearances. He has since managed Norwich, Northern Ireland and York City.

RICKIE LAMBERT

Striker Rickie Lambert has gained seven England caps since leaving Blackpool. He turned professional with the Seasiders in July 2000 but made just three substitute appearances before joining Macclesfield Town in March 2001. Sold to Stockport County for £300,000 in April 2003, he moved via Rochdale to Bristol Rovers for £200,000 in August 2006 and was top scorer as they won promotion in 2006-07, then reached the FA Cup sixth round in 2007-08. He joined Southampton in August 2009, starring in two consecutive promotion campaigns, then moved to Liverpool for £4,000,000 in June 2014. Now playing for West Brom.

COLIN HENDRY

Former Scotland international central defender Colin Hendry had a loan spell at Blackpool in 2002-03. He played for Dundee prior to joining Blackburn Rovers in March 1987 and scored their winner in the 1987 Full Members Cup final. Sold to Manchester City for £700,000 in November 1989, he rejoined Blackburn two years later and starred in their 1991-92 promotion campaign and 1994-95 Premier League title triumph.



He then had spells at Glasgow Rangers, Coventry City and Bolton Wanderers, helping win promotion in 2001-02. Loaned to Blackpool in December 2002, he played 14 League games, later becoming manager.



Barry Butlin rises highest to the ball during the 3-0 home win over Blackpool in September 1973. 'Buller' Butlin netted twice that afternoon in this Division Two (now Championship) clash watched by a crowd of 10,365



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Allan Brown nets the all-important goal against Blackpool

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

LUTON TOWN 1 BLACKPOOL 0 | FA CUP SIXTH ROUND | 4TH MARCH 1959

When the Town were drawn to play Leeds in the FA Cup third round in 1959 most Luton supporters did not give the game much thought, and certainly cup euphoria was not evident on the streets of the town.

Since winning promotion to Division One (now the Premier League) four years earlier we had gone out of the competition at the first time of asking each year and any dreams of the 'twin towers' were a long way from our minds.

Such was the poor league form it was decided to make several significant changes to the team, and when the new-look side hammered Leeds 5-1 we were off on an amazing run which saw the side beat Leicester 4-1 after a replay, and then go to Portman Road to return victorious following a 5-2 win over Ipswich.

The Town were now through to the quarter-finals of the competition for only the third time but the draw was not kind, with the long trip to

Blackpool the reward. The Seasideers were arguably the strongest side left in the competition and the tie revived memories of a titanic struggle five years before when the Town eventually went out to Blackpool after three replays.

Despite the distance, a good number of Luton supporters made their way up to the north-west but found little to excite them in a rugged game dominated by the respective defences.

The match seemed to be petering out to a draw when, with only five minutes left, a long cross from Bob Morton was expertly headed home by Northern Ireland international winger Billy Bingham, who had ghosted in on the blind side.

The Hatters seemed to have booked their passage into the semi-finals when, with the referee looking at his watch, a Blackpool attack seemed to have broken down, with the ball running through to Luton full-back Ken Hawkes on the edge of the box.

Hawkes could have thumped the ball out of the ground but instead played a weak back pass to goalkeeper Ron Baynham.

The ball never reached Baynham as Blackpool forward Ray Charnley nipped in to level the score. There was not enough time left to restart the game and a devastated Hawkes said afterwards: "I ought to be whipped."

Skipper Syd Owen stood up for his distraught colleague and promised

Dour defence defies Matthews and Co.

By JOHN CAMKIN



that the Town would win through in the replay, which was to take place at Kenilworth Road on the following Wednesday.

Blackpool, or allegedly Stanley Matthews, refused to play under Luton's floodlights and so the kick-off time was reluctantly brought forward to 3pm. The Town officials resigned themselves to the fact that the game would be less than a sell-out because of the early kick-off, but they were amazed when the turnstiles stopped clicking and it was revealed that a record crowd of 30,069 had been shoehorned in. Truancy was rife that afternoon, but as a good number of schoolteachers were probably also present, it did not matter!

The match itself was a typical full blooded cup tie with no quarter given on a difficult, muddy pitch. Few chances were created at either end and it looked increasingly likely that only one goal would swing the tie. Luckily that one goal fell to the Hatters' inside-forward Allan Brown, who was playing against his old side.

Six years previously Brown had broken a leg as he scored Blackpool's winner in a quarter-final tie at Arsenal, and the thoughts of that game must have come flooding back as he ran on to a clever George Cummins pass and swept the ball into the net just as Seasiders goalkeeper George Farm crashed into him.

Mercifully, Brown jumped straight to his feet and was able to assist the Town defence, ably marshalled by Owen, for the final 16 minutes of the pulsating tie. At the final whistle the crowd invaded the pitch and for a time the players were submerged in a sea of delirious supporters.

For the first time in their 74-year history, the Hatters were now through to the semi-finals, where their opponents were to be Third Division giant-killers Norwich City.

Bill Holden in the Daily Mirror praised 37-year-old skipper Owen, who 'marshalled his defence brilliantly to blot out the Blackpool attack whenever it got within shooting range and who collapsed in agony with cramp at the final whistle.'

John Camkin in the Daily Herald, perhaps betraying a little bit of Blackpool bias, bemoaned the fact that 'Lancashire, the original home and most powerful quadrant of the Football League was without a single representative in the last four of the FA Cup for the first time in more than 20 years.'

Finally, Bob Pennington in the Daily Express had no such reservations about the lack of a northern club in the last four, and was pleased in particular for goalscorer Allan Brown. 'One man sat motionless, speechless, amid the tumult and the shouting in the Luton dressing room as the champagne signalled they were there – in their first semi-final. He was Allan Brown, Luton's Scottish international inside-right who had beaten his old club Blackpool.'



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LEVEL TRUST TO BENEFIT FROM JONES JUMP

Wednesday 19th April will be a day to remember for Luton Town manager Nathan Jones, as he straps on a parachute and launches himself out of an aeroplane in aid of Luton Town charity of the year – Level Trust.

Jones will be joined by Hatters fan Mark Warne, who won the privilege of taking part in the skydive at the Club's Christmas Dinner in December.

The two intrepid skydivers will be making their leap of faith in a tandem jump at Skydive Hinton, near Banbury, to raise funds for the Luton-based Level Trust.

The charity, who became official partners with Luton Town at the

beginning of the 2016-17 season, help to support the 14,000 children in Luton who live below the poverty line. They do this in a number of ways, including through their Uniform Exchange, which provides free school uniform to school children in the town who would otherwise go without.

Money raised by the Club throughout the season will be used to help fund a new home for the Uniform Exchange, which is without a permanent home at present.

"It's something I've wanted to do for a long time, but to be honest, I'm not the best with heights," said Jones. "Helping the Club to raise money for Level Trust was the incentive I needed to get the parachute on and go for it. I'm looking forward to getting my feet back on the ground again and hopefully raising a lot of money for Level Trust."

Mark Warne, Managing Director of DOTgroup International and a lifelong Hatters supporter, will be joining Jones on the 19th. "This is something of a dream come true for me," he said. "It's not every day you get to jump out of a plane with the Luton Town manager, I can't wait. That's one off of the bucket list!"

Jane Malcolm is the founding director of Level Trust. "The partnership with Luton Town has helped raise loads of awareness of the work we're doing already this year," she said.

"We're really excited that our logo will be taking pride of place on the players' shirts for Luton's game against Crawley. We're so grateful to Nathan and Mark for bravely agreeing to take part in this skydive. The money they raise will help ensure that poverty no longer acts as a barrier to a child loving their learning."

The Club are hoping to raise £16,000 for the season in aid of the charity.

Anyone who'd like to support Nathan's skydive can do so via our justgiving fundraising page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LTFC>

Please give generously, and help Nathan help Level Trust. Come on you Hatters!



The Hatters would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made a bid on a match worn Level Trust shirt recently. The club's partner charity of the season had their logo printed on the front of the home shirt – courtesy of usual kit sponsor Ssangyong giving the space up for a game – for the 2-1 win over Crawley Town in February, with the auction raising over £3,000.

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CARLISLE UNITED TUESDAY 14TH MARCH

THE JOURNEY

11.00am – It was a stupidly early start for a midweek match ahead of the longest trip of the season to Carlisle. After the disappointment of the Stevenage game this became a huge game which should at least make the long journey worth it.

12.00pm – We've gone through the villages on the coach to Luton where a packed-out Bobbers coach is loaded and leaves the interchange ahead of the lengthy trek up the M1 and M6 to Cumbria. At least the sun is out!

4.30pm – After a swift stop at Norton Canes we've made it to a services not far from Carlisle. Aside from watching the racing at Cheltenham and bagging a couple of winners, it has been a pretty



Among the 377 Luton supporters made the long journey to Cumbria was 97-year-old Fred Young – who actually had to travel further than many as he lives in Welwyn Garden City. Fred is pictured at Brunton Park with John Pyper, who said: "Fred has done this in one day! That's true support and he deserves a medal. Well done to you Fred and Kim and friends who drove him there."

ordinary trip, the highlight of which was advising my good friend 'Part Time Pete' on his quest to find the special one on Tinder! Yep, it was that boring!

THE GROUND

6.20pm – The rest of the journey goes to plan and we've made it to Brunton Park where the gates still aren't open. They open 25 minutes or so later so in we go for our free hot dog and hot drink kindly paid for by the club. Both went down very well!

7.25pm – Up into the stand. We're down the side opposite the dugout again. Two changes to the side. Luke Gambin and Olly Lee replace Scott Cuthbert and Jonathan Smith.

THE MATCH

7.46 – Teams are out. Town in orange attacking the goal to our right. We've been graced by a Premier League referee. It must be a big occasion!

8.33 – Half time. 0-0. Pretty ordinary half of football truth be told. Carlisle's keeper has had nothing to do while Macey in our goal has made one save.

8.48 – Back underway. Starting to get a little nippy now. Hopefully the second half can warm us up a bit!

9.06 – Finally some action! Danny Hylton turns on the edge of the box and fires a 20-yard shot at goal but the keeper tips it onto the crossbar.

9.14 – Uh oh. Dan Potts has gone down injured and it immediately looks serious. Hard to tell exactly what happened from so far away but Macey has put him in the recovery position and doctors and physio run on. He is stretchered off eight or nine minutes later.

9.40 – All over. 0-0. These two could still be playing when I get home and it would be 0-0. Poor game really as both cancelled each other out. I had £5 on no goalscorer as I always do for long journeys to compensate for the trip for nothing, but even that is scant consolation.

MAN OF THE MATCH

9.55 – Off home we go. Man of the match overall was between Luke Gambin and Alan Sheehan. I gave it to Matt Macey who was solid throughout under an aerial bombardment.

THE PROGRAMME

10.05 – Plenty of time to check this one out although it didn't take long. Only cost £2 which was the positive, but it was soon easy to see why. Not one of the best I've ever read.

SUMMARY

5.15am – Finally get in after a nightmare journey of at least three road closures. Not exactly ideal. Not a day or night to remember really. Time for a couple of hours' kip before Wednesday kicks into life!

NEWPORT COUNTY TUESDAY 21ST MARCH

THE JOURNEY

1.30pm – After the extremely long midweek journey of last week it was time to begin another relatively lengthy jaunt for the game at Newport. I'm never keen on going to Newport so I'd be lying if I said I was looking forward to it, but at least it is a huge game being that it is our game in hand, so it should be good.

2.30 – The Bobbers coach is full to capacity and off we go to Wales on a mixed day weather wise.

5.30 – We've made it across the Severn Bridge in good time so we stop at the services. Quickly pop in for some food but when I get back I get informed there is an issue with the coach and we need to wait for a new one. Triffic Rodders!

THE GROUND

7.15 – After what seemed like an age a new coach turned up and got us to the ground on time. It has been one of those journeys so I need a pint before the game. Cider on tap in the away bar. Perfect!

7.35 – Up into the stand where it was a case of trying to find a seat I wouldn't get soaked in. I'm pretty sure I've failed, but I might get lucky!

THE MATCH

7.46 – Teams are out and we're off. Town in all white. Someone once told me playing in all white was some

psychological advantage. Mumbo jumbo at its best, that!

7.49 – Or is it!? Town make a fast start on a bog of a pitch and a quick piece of thinking from Ollie Palmer sees him send a throw in down to Hylton to break into the box. He's fouled and we have our third penalty of the season against Newport – all given by the same ref! Hylton steps up and sends the keeper the wrong way. 1-0. Get in!!

8.06 – Town make a hash of clearing a cross but luckily the Newport player panics and volleys wide. Wake up call that.

8.14 – 1-1. Free-kick flies in. Thirty-yard shot which went in nowhere near in the corner, but keeper Matt Macey was rooted to the spot.

8.33 – Half-time. 1-1. Town almost score just before the whistle but Palmer's shot is well saved.

8.48 – Back underway. Huge 45 minutes coming up. Hylton has gone off with an injury though. Not good.

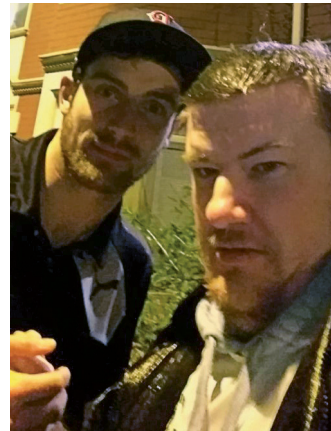
9.12 – Brilliant save from Macey after the forward turned the defence. The on-loan Arsenal man flies to his right to push behind.

9.26 – Newport down to ten. Ex-Hatter Mark O'Brien is sent off for a second booking. He plays the cramp card but is still rightfully sent on his way.

9.37 – All over. 1-1. We had a chance to win it right at the death but the keeper keeps out an all too tame header from Palmer.

MAN OF THE MATCH

10.35 – After waiting in the pouring rain for another coach we finally get away but not before I grab a selfie with Danny Hylton! Pretty obvious man of the match decision this one. Scott Cuthbert was immense on his return to the side.



SUMMARY

2.30am – Not the best journey back but I'm finally home. Disappointing night. One which could've ended our automatic promotion hopes I fear. Dismal stuff all round unfortunately.





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YES PLEASE	NO THANKS

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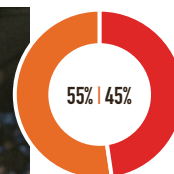


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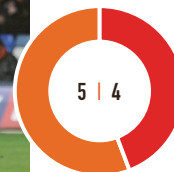
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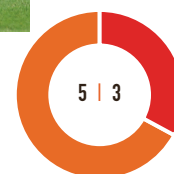
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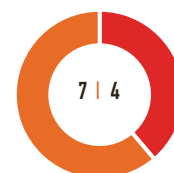
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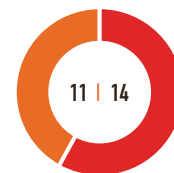
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CORNERS



FOULS

STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters came from behind to take a point from the clash with fellow promotion chasers Exeter City at Kenilworth Road, with top scorer Danny Hylton heading in his 23rd goal of the season a couple of minutes after the game-changing arrival of new dad Ollie Palmer.

Following the midweek draw at Carlisle, boss Nathan Jones made three changes with Jack Senior returning at left-back in place of Dan Potts, who suffered concussion at Brunton Park, while midfielder Jonathan Smith and striker Jack Marriott came back into the side in place of Olly Lee and Isaac Vassell.

Jake Taylor had given the Grecians the lead just before the hour, but in the 67th minute Jones threw on sub Palmer – who became father for the first time the previous day to son, Vinny Donald – and within seconds he had created the equaliser for Hylton.

Palmer had had little sleep since the Monday with partner Caitlin going into a 46-hour labour almost as soon as she picked him up following his return home from the midweek trip to Carlisle at 5am on Wednesday.

But within a minute of coming on, he had an effort cleared off the line, another hit the crossbar and then he did brilliantly on the right to whip in a wonderful outswinging cross that Hylton met with a powerful header beyond Olejnik for the equaliser.



Danny Hylton heads in the equaliser

JONES:

It went a bit like a basketball game at the end. End-to-end.

"It's definitely two points dropped. Exeter are a good side, but we have to win these games. For our ultimate goal, we have to win these games. It was a very good performance first half, I thought we controlled the game.

"We needed a bit more cutting edge, we needed a bit more about us, but we didn't quite have that. We started slowly second half, which is something we don't usually do. That let them into it and they had a couple of chances and then finally scored from a counter attack.

"Then we came into it. We made the changes and we got a goal back. We have missed a fair few chances in the second half to have won the game, so that's the frustrating thing.

"It went a bit like a basketball game at the end. End-to-end. But it was two sides going at each other and we showed a lot of character to come back and to draw the game."



NEWPORT COUNTY 1 : TOWN 1



TUESDAY 21ST MARCH | RODNEY PARADE | ATTENDANCE: 2,304 | AWAY: 311

NEWPORT GOAL: RIGG 29 | **TOWN GOAL:** HYLTON 5 (PEN)

NEWPORT: DAY, BUTLER, JONES, LABADIE (C), SAMUEL (OWEN-EVANS 56), BENNETT, PIPE, NELSON, O'BRIEN, RIGG, BIRD (JACKSON 85). **SUBS NOT USED:** BITTNER (GK), BARNUM-BOBB, DEMETRIOU, WILLIAMS, GORDON. | **YELLOW CARDS:** RIGG, O'BRIEN, LABADIE, PIPE, OWEN-EVANS | **RED CARD:** O'BRIEN.

TOWN: MACEY, O'DONNELL, CUTHBERT (C), MULLINS (LEE 68), SHEEHAN, MPANZU, REA, COOK, HYLTON (JUSTIN 46), VASSELL, PALMER. **SUBS NOT USED:** SMITH, MARRIOTT, D'ATH, FAMEWO, MOORE (GK).



JONES: We showed plenty of endeavour, but we were naïve tonight, really naïve.

"I am disappointed really with the result.

"We came here, it's a horrific pitch, it's a difficult place to come to and get any fluency.

"We picked a side to battle and we got off to a great start. Then we were the victims of our own downfall if I am honest. We drew the game because we were a bit naïve in the end in a lot of ways and we keep making the same errors. It's frustrating.

"In the first half we were poor all over. We didn't win our first headers, we didn't get on seconds. We didn't stick to the game plan and we were nowhere near.

"We should have had a penalty just on half-time. It's a clear-cut penalty, absolutely clear cut. But that's the only chances we had of any note in the first half.

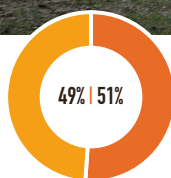
"Second half we changed things, we were more on the front foot.

"We had some opportunities and some play, but I think a draw is a fair result and credit to Newport, they battled for their life.

"We showed plenty of endeavour, but we were naïve tonight, really naïve."



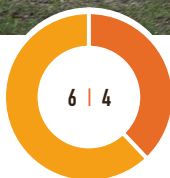
Danny Hylton converts the fifth-minute penalty



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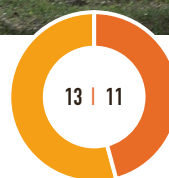
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STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters were held to a 1-1 draw by lowly Newport County at Rodney Parade after Danny Hylton's early penalty was cancelled out by a long-range free-kick from the Exiles' striker Sean Rigg before half-time.

Jones made four changes to his starting line-up from the one that drew 1-1 at home with Exeter, with centre-halves Johnny Mullins and captain Scott Cuthbert returning after injury, and Isaac Vassell coming back in up front with Ollie Palmer making his first Town start after nine substitute appearances since joining on loan from Leyton Orient at the end of January.

Hylton had set the Town on their way to what promised to be a win that would take Nathan Jones' men to within three points of third-placed Portsmouth, winning and converting the fifth-minute penalty that brought about his 24th goal of the season.

But Rigg's 25-yard blast just before the half-hour ensured it would be a 12th 1-1 draw of the campaign for the Hatters, leaving the manager frustrated once again after a taking just three points from the last 12 on offer to keep the Town in fifth position.



COLCHESTER 2 : TOWN 1



SAT 25TH MARCH | WESTON HOMES COMMUNITY STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 5,445 | AWAY: 1,775

COLCHESTER GOALS: PORTER 4,31 | **TOWN GOAL:** VASSELL 90+3

COLCHESTER: WALKER, BRINDLEY, LAPSLIE, WRIGHT, PORTER (BONNE 88), DICKENSON, ELOKOBİ, EASTMAN, MURRAY, PYKE, JAMES (WYNTER 59). **SUBS NOT USED:** BRILL, BRIGGS, FOSU, O'SULLIVAN, KINSELLA | **YELLOW CARD:** LAPSLIE.

TOWN: MACEY, O'DONNELL, CUTHBERT (C), REA, SHEEHAN, MPANZU, GRAY (JUSTIN 38), D'ATH, COOK (LEE 68), VASSELL, MARRIOTT (PALMER 61). **SUBS NOT USED:** SMITH, BAKINSON, FAMEWO, MOORE (GK)

STORY OF THE MATCH:

Two first-half goals from Colchester striker Chris Porter put a dent in the Hatters' hopes of chasing down the automatic promotion places as the Essex side won 2-1 at the Weston Homes Community Stadium.

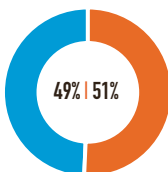
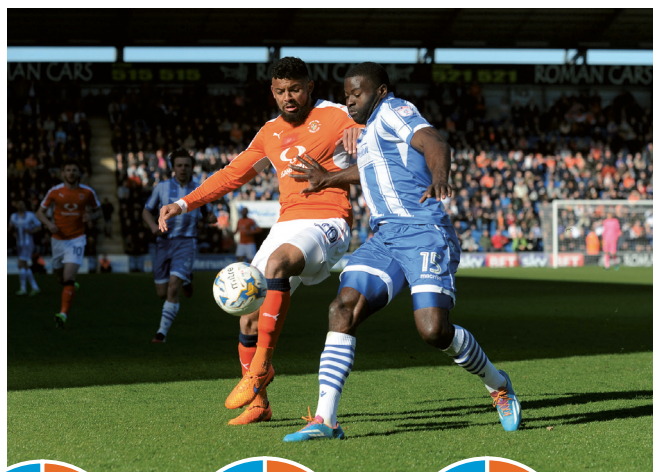
Nathan Jones made three changes to the team that drew 1-1 at Newport in midweek with striker Jack Marriott and midfielders Jake Gray and Lawson D'Ath coming into the team, whilst defender Johnny Mullins and top scorer Danny Hylton – who both went off with injuries at Rodney Parade – missed out along with Ollie Palmer.

Colchester bossed the opening exchanges and took the lead in the fourth minute when Porter rose to head Brennan Dickenson's left-wing cross into the top corner.

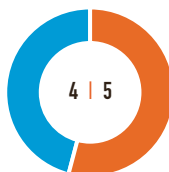
He then doubled their lead just after the half-hour, connecting with another inviting cross from right-back Richard Brindley and steering it just over the line as Matt Macey tried fruitlessly to claw it back.

James Justin had an effort bound for the top corner headed off the line before Isaac Vassell scored deep into stoppage time at the end of a second half in which the Town looked much more like themselves.

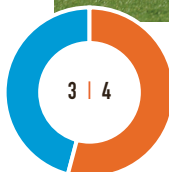
But ultimately the Cornishman's tenth goal of the season proved too little, too late as Jones' side went a fifth game without a win and dropped eight points off the top three.



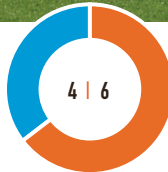
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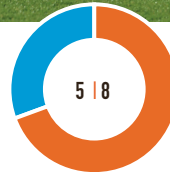
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JONES: We had no urgency, no real work rate, no aggression about us in the first half



"First half we were nowhere near. It came out of the blue really, I didn't anticipate a performance like that.

"We had no urgency, no real work rate, no aggression about us in the first half and then fundamentally we couldn't defend crosses. They put three crosses in and should have scored from all three. They only scored from two of them praise the lord.

"We asked for a bit more urgency and we were a different side in the second half. A totally different side. We could have salvaged something from the game, but when you're 2-0 down it's difficult to come back and get anything from the game.

"If we got the goal earlier, then maybe that one could have been the equaliser. From the first half performance we didn't deserve anything. The second half gave me a little bit of heart, but we were way, way off today."

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January transfer window signing Lawson D'Ath thinks the Hatters have the technical ability to comfortably play in Sky Bet League One, but need to start turning that into results if he is to rejoin the division he left behind when moving from Northampton.

The 2-1 loss last Saturday to Colchester United saw the midfielder make his third start for the Hatters who slipped to sixth, with today's visitors Blackpool snatching fifth spot in Sky Bet League Two.

The 24-year-old wants to see the Hatters turn results around – having not won in five – as he aims to use his experience of promotion last season to help the younger players in Nathan Jones' team, having made 95 appearances in total for the Cobblers in his two-and-a-half years at Sixfields.

He said: "At Northampton we had a lot of older, experienced players. They helped me through it and now we have got to step up and help everyone. I am still learning my trade, I am only 24. I am not exactly an experienced 27-year-old. But obviously I have got that experience from going up that I can take with me now. Now we just need to step up as a team and come as one.

"To be honest, our squad on a technical level is League One standard. We have just got to put that technical know-how into a tactical know-how and then our technical ability will shine through."

Lawson wants that capability to shine through for the last seven games of the season, as he really wants to see the team push on.

"We have got to be men really and step up to the plate," D'Ath explained. "We can't concede early, we have got to start the game better. Whether that's playing forward a bit earlier, we just need to get into a good shape, because once we get going I have belief in our ability as a team.

"This is one of the best teams I have played in, to be honest. We have got a younger squad and sometimes people are still learning their trade."



During the defeat to the U's, the ex-Reading youngster felt the boos at half-time from the travelling 1,775 supporters were justified, and in the second half they very nearly turned the tide as the Hatters tried to come back from two goals down.

He continued: "They booed us when we came off but we deserved it. We were 2-0 down and we are fighting for a promotion push.

"In the second half they were right behind us all the way through. You can't fault them, you heard them didn't you – we were going for it and they were right behind us. They were that 12th man and it nearly paid off."



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[ACADEMY UPDATE]

ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

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

U18S

Unfortunately, the U18s went down 2-1 in the Southern Area League Cup Final away at AFC Bournemouth recently.

After a really bright start which saw us take an early lead through Jack Snelus and play some very good, attractive football, we went in 2-1 down at the break after conceding two sloppy goals from our point of view.

The start of the second half was very open and there were chances at both ends in what was a very entertaining game.

Although we finished the stronger side and had chances and dominated possession in the final 25 minutes, we were unable to break down a stubborn Bournemouth side, who we now wish all the very best of luck to in the National Final versus Wigan Athletic.

After the disappointment of the Southern Area Final, it was good to get back out on the pitch quite quickly with a home Merit League fixture versus Newport County.

We decided to play our younger players, as we will do for the majority of the remaining fixtures, which saw six Under-16 players start the game and two come on as substitutes. Although we lost the fixture 1-0, there were some real positive individual performances from the group, that bodes well for the future.

Next up were Gillingham this morning at Ely Way, before we head to Bristol Rovers next Saturday.

GEORGE MURRAY

Second year apprentice George Murray returned from the USA on Wednesday after visiting St Edwards University in Austin, Texas, where he will begin a sports scholarship at the end of the season.

George (pictured below) has been with the Academy for the past decade, however now has a fantastic opportunity ahead of him and will study at the university as part of a four-year academic and athletic scholarship.



We wish him all the very best on his new pathway and look forward to hearing about his experiences.

UNDER-14S

The U14s will be travelling to St George's Park during the upcoming Easter holidays to take part in a festival organised by the FA. We are grateful to the FA for inviting us along, as this will give the players a great opportunity to play against different teams with varying styles, and they will also be able to have a look around the fantastic facilities at the FA base.

Enjoy today's game.

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This will be our first ever all-girl Hatters Cup, which we hope will complement our well-established boys Hatters Cup – now in its ninth year – and one of the biggest stadium tournaments in England with 120 teams taking part.

The Girls Hatters Cup is part of our commitment to offer all girls in our area exactly the same opportunity as boys to be involved with the club, and will tie in with further opportunities to be invited to attend our Girls' Player Development Centre established this season.



The tournament will take place in the evening of Monday 22nd May, and as well as teams from our player development centre, we hope that lots of our local grass-roots girls' clubs and local schools will take part in offering teams the opportunity of a lifetime to play on the pitch at Kenilworth Road.

If you would like to enter the Girls' Hatters Cup then either email community@lutontown.co.uk for an application form, or give us a call at the Community office on 01582 737568.



BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Over the last couple of years we have received great support from the London Luton Airport Community Fund with our projects to establish youth football on some of our less well-off estates in Marsh Farm, Farley Hill and High Town.

Luton Borough Council and Luton Airport work in partnership through the Community Youth Fund to

improve the quality of life of the people of Luton, and particularly to provide positive activities for children and young people and reduce anti-social behaviour, strengthen community cohesion and improve health and promote health equality.

Following a further application for funding we are delighted to have received further support for our latest

'Schools Link' project, which will seek to break down the 'post-code' barriers in North Luton through an early intervention sports programme for pupils in their last year of primary education.

The project will link six primary schools in Lewsey Farm, Hockwell Ring and Marsh Farm in a programme of after school, inter-school sports



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Each of the six schools will host a visit from the other five schools over the year to take part in collapsed curriculum sports days, which will combine both fun and competitive competitions along with workshops focusing on issues around community cohesion and citizenship.

The gang culture that exists between the LU3 and LU4 postcodes in Luton continues to persist amongst so called 'disaffected young men' (and some girls) on both sides of the post code line that divides the large estates of Lewsey Farm/Hockwell Ring and Marsh Farm. While there

are a number of diversionary activities (some delivered by the Trust) and statutory agency initiatives aimed at these young men (mostly above the age of 14), there seems little activity to prevent this cycle of distrust and rivalry from actually developing.

In other words, not enough time is spent on diverting young children from these estates away from anti-social behaviour until they actually begin to take part in anti-social behaviour.

We believe our project will begin to address this by concentrating on 'next generation' children on the rival estates through delivering a more cohesive programme of interaction through sport that will seek to break

down 'post-code' barriers at an earlier age. As children reach the age of more independent lifestyles, ie high school age, it is envisaged that through this project a more cohesive atmosphere has developed at primary school age which will help prevent barriers from developing in the first place. It is accepted this will take several years to achieve.

If you would like to contribute to this project through any local action or community groups we would be delighted to hear from you by either emailing Daniel Douglas at daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk or giving Daniel a call at the Community office on 01582 737568.

EASTER SOCCER CAMPS

Half-term is here! If you are one of the hundreds of youngsters who regularly attend our soccer camps during the half-term holiday, then you will already know the format and how to book and you will also probably have received the details of our soccer camps which next week are spread over all five days and all over Bedfordshire.

However, if you've not tried a soccer camp before then why not come along next week? They are great fun, open to all abilities and run from 9am to 4pm each day. They are very competitively priced at £12 per day and represent great value.

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LATE EQUALISER DENIES TOWN VICTORY

BY ROSIE BONASS

Town manager Nikki Baker was left raging on Sunday after Wimbledon scored an equalising goal deep into injury-time to finish the game 1-1.

Erica Byron had given Town the advantage in the first half and then controversially after the referee had signalled three added minutes, Kelly Whelan grabbed the equaliser in the 95th minute.

The result means that Town missed out on the opportunity to go into joint fourth place with Cambridge in the FA Women's Premier League South East Division One, however they extend their unbeaten run to five games.

After the match, Baker said: "I am absolutely devastated not to take all three points. I would love to know where all the added time came from, the ref couldn't give me an answer.

"We controlled the game very well, controlled the tempo well, played some good football and we were the better team over 90 minutes. Wimbledon tried to make the game scrappy and got very irate but we stayed composed.

"Everyone worked really hard and the girls had run themselves into the ground for 95/96 minutes, and it was one too far. We're extremely unlucky not to take all three points.

"That is five unbeaten now, and we have taken four points off them so although this feels like a loss conceding late, ultimately a draw is still a good result against a team above us."

The Hatters had scored from their first meaningful chance after 17 minutes when Nicola Henman, who put in a solid performance, fed in a brilliant ball to Byron who finished the attack perfectly after she drilled the ball into the bottom left corner.

Twenty minutes later, the away team went extremely close to equalising when Whelan almost got on the end of a long free-kick from Sahara Osborne-Ricketts but Jess Devoti scuffed the ball away.

Town should have extended their lead immediately after the



Erica Byron opens the scoring for Town

break after Byron and Joanne Rutherford combined well down the left flank and the ball fell to Jess McKay outside of the box, and in typical McKay style, without hesitation, she struck with power from 22 yards, but her effort rattled the crossbar.

Byron's encouraging performance continued into the second half and after winning the ball back, she fed in two terrific crosses that set up a free header for Henman, who headed just inches over the target.

Devoti came to the rescue on two more occasions as the game started to get scrappy and she made two crucial saves to deny Whelan, who was close to tapping in at the far post, and then ten minutes later she saved a header from Emma Keady from five yards.

After Town's backline had remained firm for all of the 90 minutes, they failed to deal with a ball fed in by Katie Stanley deep into stoppage time and Whelan tapped in at the far post from close range to make it 1-1.

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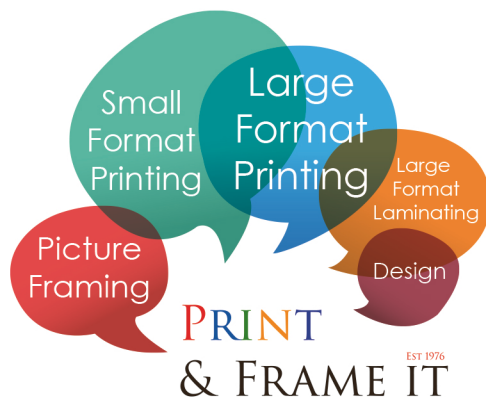
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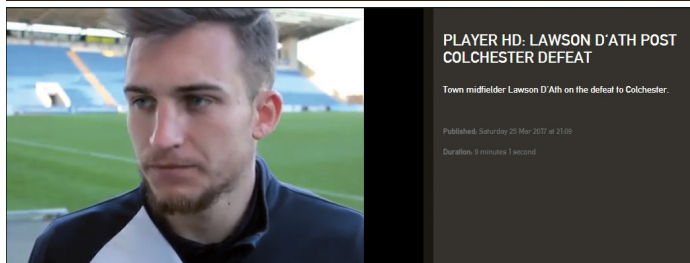
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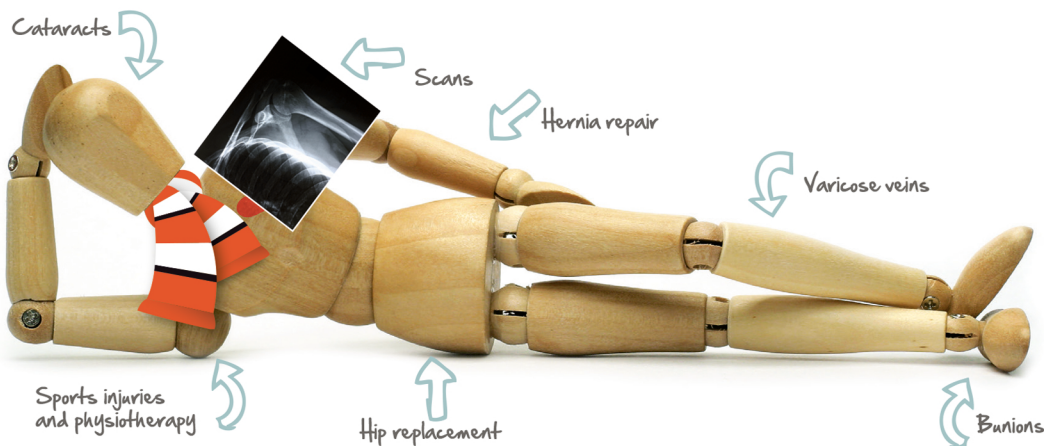
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LEAGUE LOOK

THIS WEEKEND'S LEAGUE TWO FIXTURES

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

LAST WEEKEND'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS

Accrington Stanley **1-1** Grimsby Town Doncaster Rovers **0-1** Plymouth Argyle
 Barnet **3-1** Cheltenham Town Exeter City **3-3** Yeovil Town
 Blackpool **2-1** Hartlepool United Morecambe **1-3** Mansfield Town
 Cambridge United **0-0** Stevenage Portsmouth **2-1** Newport County
 Carlisle United **0-2** Crewe Alexandra Wycombe Wanderers **0-1** Notts County
 Colchester United **2-1** Luton Town
 Crawley Town **3-0** Leyton Orient **WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH**
 Accrington Stanley **2-0** Cambridge United

LEAGUE TABLE 2016/17

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Doncaster	39	23	9	7	75	45	30	78
2	Plymouth	39	23	6	10	59	40	19	75
3	Portsmouth	39	20	8	11	61	35	26	68
4	Stevenage	39	19	5	15	64	52	12	62
5	Blackpool	39	15	15	9	61	40	21	60
6	LUTON TOWN	39	15	15	9	56	37	19	60
7	Exeter	39	17	8	14	63	47	16	59
8	Carlisle Utd	39	15	14	10	56	58	-2	59
9	Mansfield	39	15	13	11	48	43	5	58
10	Colchester	39	16	9	14	55	51	4	57
11	Wycombe	39	15	10	14	47	47	0	55
12	Cambridge Utd	39	15	9	15	48	44	4	54
13	Accrington	39	13	13	13	50	49	1	52
14	Grimsby	39	14	10	15	46	48	-2	52
15	Barnet	39	12	15	12	50	53	-3	51
16	Crewe Alexandra	39	12	12	15	45	54	-9	48
17	Crawley	39	13	9	17	47	60	-13	48
18	Yeovil Town	39	10	16	13	42	51	-9	46
19	Morecambe	39	13	7	19	46	61	-15	46
20	Notts County	39	13	7	19	43	65	-22	46
21	Hartlepool	39	10	11	18	49	65	-16	41
22	Cheltenham	39	9	12	18	39	55	-16	39
23	Newport	39	7	12	20	43	64	-21	33
24	Leyton Orient	39	9	5	25	41	70	-29	32

PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										LTC CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		Y	R			
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS							
Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	0	5	0	
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	2	(2)	0	2	(2)	0	1	0	14	0
Jordan Cook	30	(4)	3	5	(1)	1	35	(5)	4	5	1	40	4
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	30	(1)	1	3	(3)	0	33	(4)	1	4	0	77	1
Lawson D'Ath	3	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(2)	0	0	0	5	0
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	3	(0)	0	4	(2)	0	1	0	6	0
Luke Gambin	7	(4)	1	0	(1)	0	7	(5)	1	1	0	12	1
Alex Gilliead	10	(8)	1	3	(0)	1	13	(8)	2	3	0	21	2
Jake Gray	9	(6)	1	9	(0)	3	18	(6)	4	0	0	24	4
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	30	6
Freddie Hinds	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	2	0
Danny Hylton	33	(1)	19	6	(0)	5	39	(1)	24	12	1	40	24
James Justin	17	(5)	0	7	(1)	0	24	(6)	0	2	0	31	0
Craig King	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	0	0	4	0
Olly Lee	17	(9)	0	5	(1)	0	22	(10)	0	8	0	71	3
Matt Macey	10	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	12	(0)	0	0	0	12	0
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(2)	0	2	(2)	1	2	(4)	1	1	0	40	5
Jack Marriott	24	(11)	5	4	(3)	4	28	(14)	9	1	0	86	25
Cameron McGeehan	24	(0)	10	4	(0)	1	28	(0)	11	7	0	106	31
Josh McQuoid	1	(2)	0	5	(0)	2	6	(2)	2	2	0	43	7
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	27	(8)	1	6	(2)	0	33	(10)	1	5	1	109	6
Stuart Moore	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	2	0
Johnny Mullins	21	(2)	0	6	(0)	1	27	(2)	1	2	2	29	1
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	1	5	(0)	1	0	0	8	1
Stephen O'Donnell	25	(1)	1	6	(3)	2	31	(4)	3	1	0	68	4
Ollie Palmer	1	(10)	1	0	(0)	0	1	(10)	1	1	0	11	1
Dan Potts	18	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	20	(2)	0	3	1	38	0
Glen Rea	29	(3)	2	8	(0)	1	37	(3)	3	9	1	50	3
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Jack Senior	9	(1)	0	6	(0)	0	15	(1)	0	3	0	16	0
Alan Sheehan	25	(3)	2	5	(0)	1	30	(3)	3	4	1	53	4
Jonathan Smith	12	(11)	1	8	(2)	1	20	(13)	2	7	0	174	11
Jack Snelus	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Isaac Vassell	17	(16)	5	6	(5)	5	23	(21)	10	2	0	44	10
Christian Walton	27	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	33	(0)	0	1	0	33	0

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI									
AUGUST																	
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Mpanzu			
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee	Mpanzu			
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	2,900	303	1	Walton	O'DONNELL 1	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Cook			
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu			
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	L 1-2	3,517	1,674	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Rea	Potts	Lee	Gray			
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Leeds United (EFL Cup 2)	L 0-1	7,498	1,510	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee	Smith			
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-0	5,606	1,690	2	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu			
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King	Cotter	MUSONDA 1	Famewo	Justin	Bakinson	SMITH 1			
SEPTEMBER																	
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 4-1	8,097	530	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu			
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town	L 1-2	8,005	539	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu			
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 0-2	2,904	1,052	7	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Smith			
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-1	7,917	554	3	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu			
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United	D 1-1	3,533	311	2	Walton	Justin	SHEEHAN 1	Famewo	Potts	Lee	Gray			
OCTOBER																	
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,660	923	4	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu			
Tues 4	7.30pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)	W 2-0	1,441	89	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	GRAY 1			
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra	D 1-1	7,716	254	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Gray			
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-1	5,471	1341	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Cook			
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	D 1-1	7,787	295	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Gray			
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Notts. County	D 0-0	6,313	2,033	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Mullins	Rea	Cook			
NOVEMBER																	
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Exeter City (FAC1)	W 3-1	2,972	310	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	REA 1	Lee	Mpanzu			
Tue 8	7.30pm	H	Millwall (EFL Trophy)	L 1-3	2,251	370	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	Gray			
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 1-0	8,008	101	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook			
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	W 2-0	1,507	520	4	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Mpanzu			
Tue 22	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-3	8,808	975	5	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Mpanzu			
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 0-0	3,823	634	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook			
DECEMBER																	
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Solihull Moors (FAC2)	W 6-2	3,512	635	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	MULLINS 1	Cook			
Tues 6	7.45pm	A	Swindon Town (EFL Trophy)	W 3-2	1,692	134	-	King	Justin	Musonda	Senior	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu			
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United	D 1-1	7,953	380	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Mullins	Rea			
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W2-0	3,992	1,095	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee			
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	L 0-1	9,164	490	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Lee			

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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McGeehan McGEEHAN 1 McGeehan ♦ McGEEHAN 2 McGEEHAN 1 ▲ McGeehan McGeehan Gray	Cook ♦ GRAY 1 ♦ Mpanzu ♦ Cook ♦ Cook Gray ♦ Cook Banton ♦	HYLTON 1 Hylton Hylton Hylton Hylton Hylton ♦ HYLTON 1 Vassell	MARRIOTT 1 ♦ Marriott ▲ Marriott ▲ Marriott ♦ Marriott ♦ Marriott MARRIOTT 1 ▲ McQuoid ♦	SMITH 1 ♦ Smith ♦ Gray ♦ Famewo ♦ Mpanzu ♦ Cook ♦ Cuthbert ♦ Atkinson ♦	Lee ♦ Cuthbert ♦ Smith ♦ Vassell ♦ Vassell ♦ Mpanzu ♦ Smith ♦ Tomlinson ♦	Gray ▲ Cook Vassell ▲ Smith McQuoid ▲ Vassell ▲ Vassell ▲ Gooch	Justin Vassell ▲ Lee Gray Smith Cuthbert Gray Read	Vassell McQuoid McQuoid McQuoid King McQuoid McQuoid Hinds	McQuoid King King King Justin King King Bean	King Famewo Justin Famewo Justin Justin Snelus
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POOR OLD NIGERIA WERE LEFT KICKING THEIR HEELS IN BARNET ON MONDAY NIGHT AFTER OPPONENTS BURKINA FASO FAILED TO TURN UP.

Due to play a friendly at the Hive, the match was scuppered when seven Burkinabe players failed to gain UK visas.

"I think we will stay away from the UK in future," grumbled Nigeria's German coach Gernot Rohr, who instead organised a training match between all 22 of his squad. "Even some of our players couldn't come. It is not ideal."

But if Rohr was fuming on Sunday, just imagine how he'd have felt confronted with some of these excuses.

CHEESE

In September 2015, Frome Town were due to take on local rivals Chippenham in an FA Cup first round qualifying tie.

However, a clash with the annual Frome Agricultural & Cheese show saw club directors elect to play the fixture 24 hours earlier.

"The cheese show is huge, the biggest event in the town's calendar," explained club secretary Ian Pearce. "It would have had a big knock-on effect in terms of the attendance. A lot of our fans like going to the cheese show, including our chairman."

ENDANGERED BIRDS

On a small Hawaiian island in Kauai County, flocks of the Newell Shearwater – an endangered seabird – brought an end to the beloved tradition of Friday high school football matches.

The birds, which use the light of the moon and stars to navigate at night, were confused by the stadium lights and many simply fell from the sky.

Locals were irate. "This is all the people have," said State Rep Jimmy Tokioka in 2010. "We don't have the shopping

centres, we don't have some of the things the other countries have for these kids and the entire community. To just go without having football games at night is really going to hurt the social fabric of our community."

Matches now take place on Saturday afternoons but, with players regularly falling victim to heatstroke, controversy rages on.

MISSING STRIPS

Back in 1900, an Aussie Rules football match between Brunswick and Williamstown was torpedoed because the visitors had nothing to wear.

The trunk containing Brunswick's kit was eventually found two miles away at Carlton North station, the hapless porter having mistakenly believed he'd arrived at South Brunswick.

A reporter in Williamstown local The Coburg Leader took a scathing view of the visitors' blunder, branding them "absent-minded beggars" who'd "forgotten their togs".

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

In the spring of 2001, with the cattle-killing epidemic in full swing, severe travel restrictions were implemented between the UK and Ireland.

As a result, it was agreed that Ireland's fixtures in Rugby Union Six Nations Championship could not take place until at least 30 days after the last recorded case.

Unfortunately, that proved to be rather longer than anyone had anticipated. In the end, a tournament that kicked off on February 3 eventually ended with England's coronation on October 21st – just four months before the whole thing started again.

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TEAMS



- 1 Stuart Moore
- 2 Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Johnny Mullins
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jake Gray
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Danny Green
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- 1 Sam Slocombe
- 2 Kelvin Mellor
- 3 Andy Taylor
- 4 Jim McAlister
- 5 Clark Robertson
- 6 Will Aimson
- 7 Kyle Vassell
- 8 Brad Potts
- 9 Mark Cullen
- 11 Henry Cameron
- 12 Jordan Flores
- 15 Tom Aldred
- 16 Eddie Nolan
- 18 Danny Philliskirk
- 19 Jammie Matt
- 21 Bright Osayi-Samuel
- 23 Colin Daniel
- 25 Myles Boney
- 27 Dean Lyness
- 28 Jack Payne
- 29 Sanmi Odelusi
- 30 Nathan Delfouneso
- 31 Armand Gnanouillet
- 35 Neil Danns
- 37 Ian Black

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