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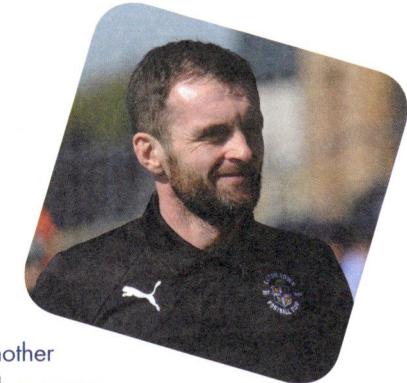
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[MANAGER'S NOTES]

# THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another important Sky Bet League Two fixture at this exciting stage of the season.

Let me start by wishing everyone a happy Easter. I hope that we can kick-off the Bank Holiday weekend in the finest possible way for every Luton Town fan.

I would also like to welcome everybody from our visitors Leyton Orient – including supporters, directors, staff, manager Omer Riza and his squad – and wish them a safe journey back to east London this evening.

Orient are a club with whom we have several links through our goalie coach Kevin Dearden and captain Scott Cuthbert having devoted several years of their career to the O's, as well as striker Ollie Palmer, who we currently have on loan from Brisbane Road.

Ollie is ineligible for today's game, but his impact in the 90th minute of our last home game against Blackpool set this place rocking, and we want that wonderful atmosphere to continue into this afternoon's match.

That was a big win for us against a team who had been flying. We call the players on our bench game-changers, and Jack Marriott, Luke Gambin and Ollie all played a part in that goal that sealed our second double of the league season.

We recorded a third at Barnet last week when we had to ride our luck at times, but emerged victorious – which is the only important thing at this stage of the season – with the only bit of real quality and composure in the game as Olly Lee scored the winner.

It goes without saying that we are determined this afternoon to keep the winning run going by registering a third successive league victory for the first time this season, and third double in a row bearing in mind our 2-1 win at Orient in October.

Danny Hylton was on the scoresheet that day and I was delighted to accompany our top scorer to the EFL awards

night in London last Sunday, when he was one of three shortlisted for League Two Player of the Year.

Doncaster Rovers forward John Marquis took the accolade, and we congratulate him on that, as well as his club for securing promotion to League One last weekend.

But it was a real achievement for Danny to be nominated and it goes to show that most managers think alike. In my top five I included Marquis and his team-mate James Coppinger, the other player in the three shortlisted, and of course, I would have had Danny if allowed. He should be proud to be nominated in such good company as he's had a terrific season.

Finally, as we discuss high points, can I remind you that I will be putting my life at risk in the name of charity next week as I jump out of a plane as part of my sponsored skydive in aid of Level Trust!

The details are all on page 33 of today's programme, and in a week when Luton Town FC has been showcased nationally for all it does in trying to tackle poverty in the local community by paying the Living Wage, it would be wonderful to boost funds for a team of volunteers who do fantastic things to help the 14,000 children living below the poverty line in our town.

You can donate by visiting my fundraising page at: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/njonesskydive](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/njonesskydive)

Please get behind our club charity of the year, as I know you will the team this afternoon as we once again look to take a step towards achieving our goal of promotion to League One.

Enjoy the game.



# FROM THE BOARDROOM

## WITH DIRECTOR MIKE HERRICK

A warm welcome to all involved with Leyton Orient for this Good Friday Sky Bet League Two fixture.

A glance at the league table will show the extent of the task that lies ahead of the 'O's if they are to avoid losing their place in the Football League for the first time in their long history. For some teams, dropping down to the Conference can provide the impetus to rebuild and return stronger – though we ourselves found just how difficult that could prove to be.

Leyton Orient are a proper football club with a proud tradition and we wish them and their supporters well as they try to return to a position of stability. For this afternoon though, we must put sentiment aside as we push on towards the climax of the season.

Our dip in form last month may have made it more difficult for us to achieve our goal of automatic

promotion, but whilst this is still possible we shall continue to strive for a top three finish.

Certainly, everyone at the club is fully determined to reach as high a position as is possible. In any case, when have we ever tried to do things the easy way?

Despite the recent disappointments it was heartening to see such overwhelming support at Barnet last week – and even better to see it rewarded with another victory. Altogether a perfect away day.

Whilst on the subject of heartening results it was good to see how the U18s performed against their counterparts from Plymouth Argyle in midweek. A 5-1 scoreline is good in anyone's book and it's so

encouraging to see all the hard work of the Academy staff and the youngsters themselves coming to fruition in this way. They all have a massive part to play in the future of our club.

Home fixtures are often played on a Saturday morning at Ely Way and I'm sure that you'd enjoy watching our upcoming prospects if you're able to take in one of their games.

Earlier this week we were very pleased that our policy of paying a living wage, as opposed to the minimum wage, was recognised in the form of a visit from Jeremy Corbyn and other local and national politicians. This has never, and will never, be a political statement on our part.

We implemented the policy two years ago because we felt it was the right thing to do. Yes, there have been benefits to the club in the form of increased staff morale and a reduction in staff turnover, but our principal aim was to improve the well-being of those who depend on Luton Town FC for their livelihood. It was a unanimous decision by the board that we should adopt the policy at a time when no other football club in the country had acted in this way.

We were asked by the politicians how, in a time of financial constraint, we could afford to do this when clubs higher up the pyramid with their comparatively unlimited resources fail to follow suit. As a cost to the business it's around £50,000 a year, but we see that as an investment, not a cost – and from a business perspective it's a case of, how can we afford not to do it?

### FUTURE

We cannot affect the way other clubs are run but it is good to be recognised for our work in this direction. We aim to progress the club in all areas, not just on the field of play. We recognise the part we play in our community and this will remain fixed in our minds. It may take a while for us to achieve all we want but our determination to succeed will win through in the end.

Also this week, clubs from Leagues One and Two met to discuss the future direction of the Checkatrade trophy and we were represented by Gary Sweet, David Wilkinson and Kevan Platt. Various issues were up for consideration and discussion – amongst which were: addressing the concerns around, and possible alterations to, the 'full-strength' team policy; regionalisation continuing



to the quarter-final stage; allowing greater flexibility in scheduling dates of fixtures; and significantly increasing prize money.

As a result, clubs will be asked to vote on either (a) a format similar to this year but with certain revisions and improvements; (b) a return to the previous competition for Leagues One and Two only; or (c) ending the competition altogether.

A final decision will be taken at the next EFL meeting in May after each club has had time to analyse and reflect on the proposals.

All in all, a busy week behind the scenes at the club – one in which we also celebrated our 132nd birthday – and a busy week on the pitch with matches today and on Easter Monday, before the final few games which will have such an impact on our season. Keep with us all the way and hang on to your hats as you do so.

*Mike*



#### Littlewoods Challenge Cup:

Winners 1988, Runners-up 1989

#### FA Cup:

Runners-up 1959

Semi-finalists 1959, 1985, 1988, 1994

#### Johnstone's Paint Trophy:

Winners 2009

#### Simod Cup:

Runners-up 1988

#### Football League Division Two:

Champions 1981/82

Runners-up 1954/55, 1973/74

#### Football League Division Three (South):

Winners 1936/37

Runners-up 1935/36

#### Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 1969/70

#### League One:

Champions 2004/05

#### Football League Division Four:

Champions 1967/68

#### Football League Division Three:

Runners-up 2001/02

#### Skhill Premier Champions:

2013/14

#### Blue Square Premier:

Runners-up 2009/10

#### Southern League Division One:

Runners-up 1894/95, 1895/96

#### Southern League Division Two:

Runners-up 1913/14

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# GREAT SCOTT

## THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road this afternoon for the visit of my former club Leyton Orient.

I had four great years at Brisbane Road and loved my time there. I got on well with the fans and everyone at the club, so it's sad to see the club struggling both on and off the field at the moment.

I just hope that they get back on their feet and return to being the club that I signed for, which is a good, strong, family-run club. In 2013-14 we were one game away from the Championship and it's amazing how you can go from that to potentially playing in the National League next year.

Of course, I wish them every success for the future, but I know that every Orient fan will understand I have a job to do for Luton now and our focus is very much on trying to get out of the other end of this division.

After the disappointment of Colchester, we've bounced back well with two solid one-nil wins. Last week against Barnet it wasn't the greatest game in the world, but we got the job done which is what it's all about at this stage of the season.

I was delighted for Olly Lee that he got the goal because he's been excellent in the last two games, and for Stuart Moore, who came back into the team after Matt Macey was recalled by Arsenal and made some outstanding saves to deservedly be voted into the EFL Team of the Week.

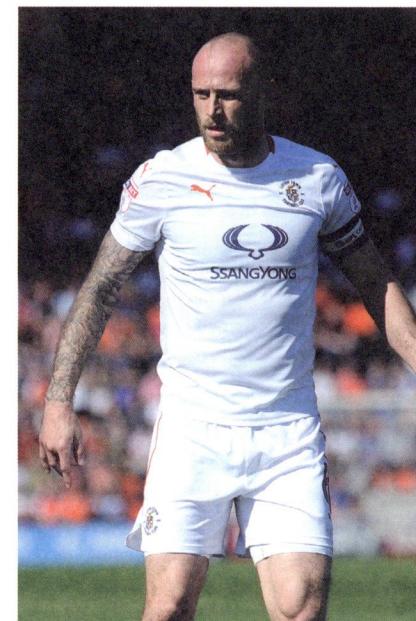
Those two boys are players the manager and the coaching staff believe in, and we as a team believe in them as well. There is nothing more satisfying than when one of your team-mates steps up and whether it's Stuart making a couple of important saves like he did, or Olly scoring a crucial goal at the time he did, they deserve their praise and long may it continue.

It was important we won the game because we want to get that run of form going towards the end of the season. The chance of promotion is still there.

We want to win our five remaining games, and if that can take us into the top three then brilliant. If it doesn't, we want to be the form side going into the play-offs. There is still so much to play for this season, but all we've got to focus on is winning our games, and if we do that then hopefully other results will go our way.

The boys are confident in each other and the spirit is sky high. After training on Monday we all went to Bar Flight in Shoreditch for an afternoon of darts, and I can tell you that Vass and Pelly-Ruddock are as sharp on the oche as they are on the pitch. Not as accurate though as JJ, who finished top of the leaderboard!

It was all good fun and another chance for the boys to spend



some time bonding away from the pressures of football.

Hopefully you'll keep seeing the benefit of that this afternoon and in the four games after this one, so please keep backing us like you did to the death against Blackpool and then at Barnet last week, and hopefully we can checkout with a fine finish.

Enjoy the game.

# HATTERS HAILED AS A LIVING WAGE EMPLOYER

The Hatters welcomed Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn and Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell to Kenilworth Road on Monday morning as part of their focus on the Living Wage.

Luton Town were the first English football club to pay its staff the Living Wage, so were asked by the Labour Party via Luton Borough Council to provide the venue for them to announce their pledge to raise the minimum Living Wage to £10 an hour if they are elected in 2020.

It was announced earlier this month that the Government's minimum Living Wage will rise from £7.20 to £7.50 an hour for over-25s, but as a fully-accredited National Living Wage employer, the Hatters have been paying all staff the real Living Wage – which rises to £8.45 an hour next month – since December 2014.

Mr Corbyn and Mr McDonnell were given a tour of the ground – and shown the models and plans for our proposed new stadium at Power Court – before meeting members of staff whose lives have been changed by pay rises given to them as a result of the club's policy to help eliminate in-work poverty in the local community.

Together with Luton North MP Kelvin Hopkins, leader of LBC, Hazel Simmons, and her deputy Sian Timoney, they were impressed by hearing how being paid the Living Wage has allowed workers to apply for mortgages to buy homes, help cover childcare costs without having to constantly look for new jobs and enjoy a better work-life balance by being paid a fair wage.

When facing the national and local media on the pitch, Mr Corbyn said: "We are launching it here today because Luton Town were the



first football club in the country to introduce the Living Wage.

"We've just had a lovely meeting with many of the staff here who say how much better their lives have been because of it, but also how the enthusiasm and support and loyalty for the club has improved as a result of it.

"It's very interesting that other clubs say 'How can you afford it?' when Luton's response apparently is 'How can you afford not to do it?'."

Hatters chief executive Gary Sweet was asked why the club felt it was important to pay staff the Living Wage.

"It came from our desire to try and eliminate poverty in Luton, and why would we contribute to that?" said Sweet. "It was a very important factor for our board members and our shareholders that we contribute to the community in that way.

"There is also a business element to it, and since we've implemented

the Living Wage we've noticed that our staff are happier, more ambitious and are doing things like getting mortgages, which previously they couldn't have done. What we also find is that our retention of staff is better."

In a general statement about the visit, the club said: "We were delighted to host Jeremy Corbyn and John McDonnell this morning helping to eliminate poverty as football's first club to pay the Living Wage.

"Their visit wasn't about Luton Town Football club being political but supporting a vital social challenge by proudly paying staff a living wage, not a minimum wage.

"LTFC remains apolitical. If any party leader wishes to see the Living Wage in action, changing lives, they'd be welcomed in the same way. We beg the question 'How can an EFL League Two club afford to pay the Living Wage when so many Premier League clubs can't? It should be policy at every Premier League Club."

# CLUBS TO VOTE ON THE CHECKATRADE TROPHY

League One and Two clubs met on Tuesday to formally discuss the future direction of the Checkatrade Trophy for the next two seasons.

The purpose of the meeting was to assist the EFL in shaping a formal proposal for clubs to have a final vote on in May.

During the meeting EFL Chief Executive Shaun Harvey reiterated the previously stated position that the introduction of B Teams to League competition is in no way connected to this debate or the League's wider agenda. Clubs reiterated their support for this position. EFL Article 3.3 provides that no new shares may be issued or allotted without the prior approval of 90% of member clubs. He then went on to present a number

of options and considerations for the members to deliberate. These included:

- Significant increase in prize money;
- Regionalisation until the quarter-final stage (improved from 2nd Round in 2016/17) to minimise travel for clubs and fans;
- Flexibility of fixture dates to allow teams to schedule games outside of international weeks.

As a result of the discussion and subsequent debate, clubs will now be asked to vote on the following:

- A revised format including 16 invited teams;
- A return to the previous 48-team competition, exclusive to League One and Two;
- Remove the competition from the fixture calendar.

## HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY TO THE EVANS TWINS!



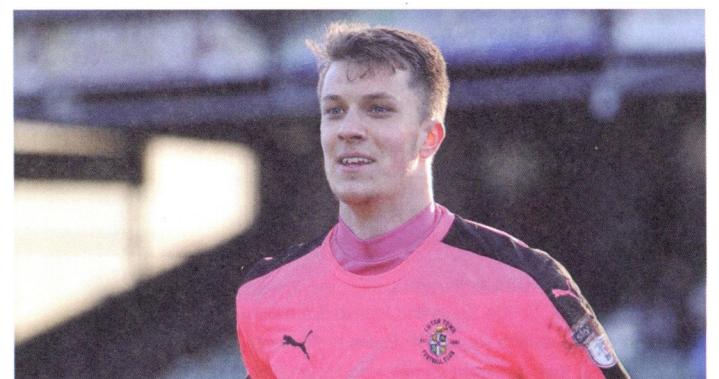
Wishing Rachel and Danny Evans a Happy 21st Birthday. They have been Luton fans since they were six, and as Junior Hatters they were ball girl and boy (pictured here with Dean Morgan). Their best LTFC moments so far came at Wembley when we won the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in April 2009 and being promoted back to the League in 2013-14. Now they both work part time at the stadium, Rachel in the club shop and Danny on the turnstiles. Love from all the family x

## FAREWELL MATT, WELCOME HOME KINGY!

Arsenal recalled goalkeeper Matt Macey from his loan spell with the Hatters last week, following injuries to senior stoppers Petr Cech and David Ospina.

Macey, 22, made 13 appearances for the Town including a man-of-the-match winning performance in his final game here at Kenilworth Road – the 1-0 win over Blackpool a fortnight ago.

All at Kenilworth Road thank him for his efforts during his two months with the club, and offer a warm welcome back to Craig King, who was recalled from his loan at National League side Southport.



# UP NEXT

## MANSFIELD TOWN

FORMED: 1897 | NICKNAME: THE STAGS | LAST SEASON: 12TH IN LEAGUE TWO  
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**WHO?** After spending five seasons in the Conference, promotion as champions back into the EFL in the 2012-13 season has seen the Stags maintain their place in fourth tier with ease since their return. The goals from Matt Green in their promotion season were vital, as he scored 25 times that year before moving onto Birmingham City, then returning to the One Call Stadium – where he is current top scorer with 13 goals.

**TICKETS** Tickets for this fixture go off sale when the Ticket Office closes today.

**HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE** Our meeting earlier on in the season with the Stags ended in a 1-1 draw, as Green's goal in the opening ten minutes at Kenilworth Road gave the visitors the lead, before Cameron McGeehan levelled the score in the second half. That was the 33rd time the sides had met, meaning they have now drawn 12 times, whilst the Hatters have won 11 games and Mansfield have been victorious in the other ten.

**IN CHARGE** Former Hatters midfielder Adam Murray departed the club after two years at the helm last November, and was replaced by the experienced Steve Evans. The 54-year-old boasts an impressive managerial record, including guiding Crawley Town out of Non-League football, as well as taking charge of the likes of Rotherham United and Leeds United. His win record speaks for itself; having been victorious in 371 games of the 859 he has managed – a 43.2-win percentage. He has carried that on with the Stags, picking up 13 wins in his first 28 games with the club.

**PREVIOUS FORM** The Stags had looked like mounting a promotion push at one stage after Evans took charge, but just two wins in their last eight games – and four defeats in

their last six – have left them in 13th place with five matches to go of the 2016-17 season, although they are just four points off the play-off spots. On Saturday they had to watch on enviously as Doncaster's 1-0 win over them at the Keepmoat secured promotion for Darren Ferguson's side.

**KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU** Both Ollie Palmer and Johnny Mullins will be familiar faces at the One Call Stadium, as combined the two made 161 appearances for the Stags. Palmer scored seven times in his 64 appearances in his two seasons with the club between 2013-15, before departing for Leyton Orient that summer. Mullins signed for the Stags at 21-years-old, and like Palmer, stayed with Mansfield for two seasons before departing for Stockport County, who were in League One at the time. Mullins' fellow Town central defender Alan Sheehan made ten appearances on loan for the Stags during the 2006-07 season.



ON EASTER MONDAY THE HATTERS HEAD UP TO THE ONE CALL STADIUM TO FACE PLAY-OFF HOPEFULS MANSFIELD TOWN

# GET YOUR TICKET



MANSFIELD TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

MONDAY 17TH APRIL | 3PM

Tickets for the ALL TICKET fixture are available on general sale until close of business today. **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 will a Carer free of Charge if receiving Higher rate DLA.



ACCRINGTON STANLEY

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL | 3PM

We expect to receive an allocation of approximately 300 seats and 1,000 terrace tickets for this fixture and we will announce on the club website when they are available. **Prices will be:** Adult: £20, Concessions (64-plus): £15, Students: £15, Under-18s: £15, Under-12s: £10



Notts County

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL | 3PM

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

## A MESSAGE FROM LOFT (LEYTON ORIENT FANS' TRUST):

We, the Leyton Orient Fans' Trust, are holding a bucket collection at turnstiles today, begging for help from Hatters fans as our beloved club lurches from crisis to crisis.

Not only are we facing almost certain relegation from the Football League, we're fighting for our very survival as a football club. You will no doubt have seen recently that Orient's long serving staff and players have not been paid. We've already faced one winding-up petition in the courts, and the situation is getting steadily worse.

Our Regeneration Fund has been brilliantly supported by fans up and down the country and will be used to do exactly as the name suggests, in regenerating Leyton Orient Football Club.

We would like to place on record a massive debt of thanks to everyone at Luton Town Supporters' Trust, including the Committee, Chairman Tony Murray and SLO John Miller who have all gone well out of their way to support a fellow League Two club by helping facilitate today's collection before the game.

Across social media we have also seen some very kind comments from Hatters fans who know only too well what we are going through. We would like to thank every Luton Town supporter who makes a donation, however small, to our collection at Kenilworth Road today.

If anyone misses the opportunity to make a donation to our collection today, they can do so by visiting our website at [savetheorient.com](http://savetheorient.com) where we have details of how to make a contribution via bank transfer, PayPal or GoFundMe.

We would further like to thank Luton Town FC for the donation of a signed shirt, which will be auctioned online to raise more money for our desperate fight.

Good luck to both sides today and we hope you all enjoy the game.

# SPEAKING COMMERCIALLY

## MATCH SPONSOR: GREENE KING

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benefit to both parties. Greene King are very proud to have the opportunity to work with a club of Luton Town's reputation and therefore want to be shown to support the club in all avenues, sponsoring matches being just one of them. If you have any feedback or ideas for Greene King with regards to the service to Luton Town FC please email it to – [tomellis@greeneking.co.uk](mailto:tomellis@greeneking.co.uk)

## TODAY'S MASCOTS:

### JOSHUA COX



**Age:** 14  
**School:** Lealands High School  
**Hobbies:** Football, YouTube and Gaming  
**Favourite Player:** All of them!  
**Who accompanies you to games:** His parents

### JOSHUA SOLOMON



**Age:** 11  
**School:** Admiral Lord Nelson School, Portsmouth (Josh travels up from Portsmouth each weekend to watch the games)  
**Hobbies:** Luton Town, Football, Basketball, PlayStation and eating out at fancy restaurants.  
**Favourite Player:** Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu  
**Who accompanies you to games:** His dad

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I'm a 56-year-old lifelong Luton fan. I've been on Luton's roller coaster ride since I was a young boy in the Malcolm Macdonald days. I'm here today with friends I sit with in the Main Stand and work colleagues from Frank Redmans & Sons potato suppliers, College Farm in Gravenhurst.

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# WELCOME LEYTON ORIENT

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players and supporters of Leyton Orient.

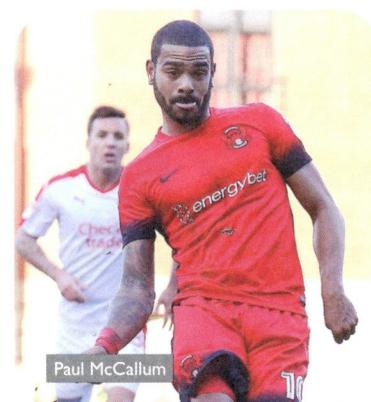
This is the second meeting this season between the two sides, with the Hatters victorious in the reverse fixture, when they picked up their third away league win of the season at Brisbane Road with a 2-1 scoreline.

All three goalscorers that day now represent the Hatters, with both Danny Hylton and Cameron McGeehan getting on the scoresheet for Town, whilst Ollie Palmer scored a late consolation goal for his parent club. The 25-year-old played 23 times this term – scoring five goals – for the O's before his loan move to Kenilworth Road on January deadline day.

The recent struggles at Brisbane Road are well documented, but the wider footballing community has come together to raise a lot of money in order to help the Leyton Orient Fans Trust (LOFT).

The Orient technical area is now being patrolled by their fifth manager of the season, following the departures of Andy Hessenthaler, Alberto Cavasin, Andy Edwards, and most recently Danny Webb, with Omer Riza now in charge.

Webb's former assistant started his playing career with Arsenal, before moving onto play lower down the pyramid for the likes of Barnet and Cambridge United. The ex manager of Ryman League club Cheshunt is now tasked with saving EFL status for the O's, who as recently as the 2013-14 season played in the League One Play-off Final, only to lose out on penalties after drawing the game after extra-time 2-2 with Rotherham United. Relegation the following season saw them finish eighth last term, but poor



form and off the field problems sees Orient propelling up Sky Bet League Two with five games to go.

Last Saturday they went down 3-0 at Cambridge United, the U's inflicting a sixth straight defeat on the east

Londoners. In that sequence Orient have scored just one goal – in a 4-1 defeat to league leaders Doncaster last month. They are without a goal in their last three matches and have recorded just two wins since Boxing Day, sitting bottom of the table and ten points adrift of safety with five games to play.

Former West Ham striker Paul McCallum is the club's top scorer this season with 12 goals. The 23-year-old enjoyed six loan spells away from the Hammers, including fruitful times at AFC Wimbledon – where he was named League Two

Player of the Month in January 2013 – and Torquay United, before signing for Orient in the summer on a two-year deal.

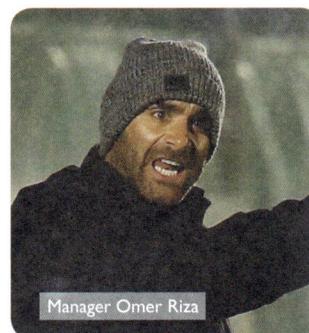
Known by a host of different names through their history, the club have called Orient during two separate spells, Clapton Orient and Leyton Orient since 1987, which they were also known as between 1946-66. In total the Hatters have met them on 83 occasions, winning 41 times, losing 24 and drawing 18 of those contests.

## HATTERS V ORIENT

LUTON WINS: 41 | DRAWS: 18 | LEYTON WINS: 24

### LAST MEETING

LEYTON ORIENT 1-2 LUTON TOWN – 15/10/2016



Manager Omer Riza

# TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE O'S | GROUND: BRISBANE ROAD | MANAGER: OMER RIZA | LAST SEASON: 8TH IN LEAGUE TWO | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: CAMBRIDGE 3-0 LEYTON ORIENT

# MEET THE VISITORS

## THE BOSS

### OMER RIZA

The O's fifth boss this season, the 37-year-old took over after the departure of Daniel Webb. The ex-Cambridge United and Histon striker is in his first EFL managerial position, having managed and assisted at Non-League level.

## BETWEEN THE STICKS

### SAM SARGEANT

The 19-year-old has deputised for the injured pair Alex Cisak and Charlie Grainger. A product of the O's youth system, Sergeant signed professional terms at the start of the season.

## IN DEFENCE

### TOM PARKES

After coming through the academy at Leicester City, the 25-year-old joined Bristol Rovers in 2012 and went onto make over 150 appearances for them before departing for Orient in the summer.

### NICKY HUNT

The right-back began his career at Bolton, before going onto play for the likes of Derby County, Preston North End and Accrington Stanley. He joined Orient in February 2016.

### TEDDY MEZAGUE

A summer signing from Belgian club Royal Excel Mouscron, the 26-year-old started his career off in France with Ligue 1 side Montpellier.

### CALLUM KENNEDY

After departing AFC Wimbledon following their promotion from Sky Bet League Two, the former Swindon Town and Scunthorpe United defender signed for the O's on a one-year deal.

### JENS JANSE

The Dutchman has played a majority of his football in his home country, but has also made appearances for Dinamo Tbilisi in Georgia. He signed on a one-year deal at the beginning of the season with the O's.

## ACROSS THE MIDDLE

### LIAM KELLY

The 27-year-old joined Orient for what is believed to be a club record fee at the beginning of the season from Oldham Athletic. His former clubs include Kilmarnock and Bristol City.



Michael Collins

A Republic of Ireland international at Under-21 level, the 30-year-old has played for Huddersfield Town and Scunthorpe United, as well as for Indian side Bengaluru.

### SANDRO SEMEDO

The 20-year-old began his career in his native Portugal, before moving to England to sign for Stoke City. He joined Orient in 2013 and has had loan spells with Welling United and Chelmsford City.

### NIGEL ATANGANA

The signing from Portsmouth in January 2016 has also played for Havant and Waterlooville, in his native France with Gravelines and in Spain with Riudellots.



Steven Alzate

The 18-year-old – alongside team mate Josh Koroma – signed a two-year professional deal with the club back in September.

## UP FRONT

### PAUL MCCALLUM

His team's top scorer this season, the former West Ham United striker joined the O's at the beginning of last season after loan spells with the likes of AFC Wimbledon and Torquay United.

### JOSEPH KOROMA

The teenager has been a shining light for the side this season, netting a hat-trick against fellow strugglers Newport County earlier on this year.

### ROWAN LIBURD

Currently on loan from fellow Sky Bet League Two side Stevenage, the 24-year-old joined Reading after graduating from college in America, going onto join Boro at the beginning of this season.

# FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH ADAM ELLIS

Adam Ellis, a Leyton Orient supporter of 23 years and Online Editor of The Football League Paper, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team for the rest of this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

## ► THIS SEASON

**Can you sum it up in less than 100 words?**

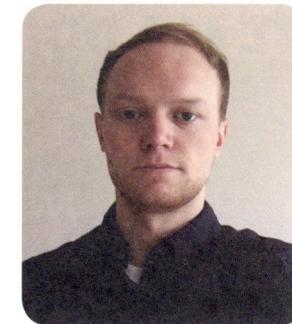
The sooner the sun sets on this season the better for us Orient fans. We have rattled through four managers, parted company with several senior pros, and promoted a dozen players from the academy into the first team. While these teenagers have displayed technical skills that match their heart for the club, they lack the requisite experience needed to compete in the Football League. So, while the Hatters march on into the play-offs, we will be preparing for life in the National League – possibly by the end of today's match should results elsewhere not end in our favour – and for our adjourned winding-up case to be heard again on 12 June.

It's been a difficult season for you guys, but the football family has come together to try to support you. How pleasing has it been to see so many people willing to get involved?

This season has left the taste of ash in my mouth, 17 home defeats at Brisbane Road can attest to that. But the generosity and togetherness shown by other clubs has been humbling. Whether through donations (thank you to Luton for the signed shirt you donated) our Fans' Trust has received, or the advice AFC Wimbledon provided on the dilemmas of forming a phoenix club, Orient now have a Fans' Trust more empowered for when our case in High Court reconvenes.

**With five games to go, can the O's avoid relegation?**

No. With 10 points needed to redeem ourselves most fans are resigned to dropping out of the Football League after our 112-year association. For me, our 5-0 trouncing by Accrington Stanley last month extinguished the optimism I held for our survival.



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

I desperately hope we are able to keep hold of winger Gavin Massey come the transfer window's re-opening. He has been the source of high-tempo creativity and valuable goals this season, notably scoring two goals in our 3-2 victory over Plymouth on a Tuesday night trip to Home Park.

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

Losing Dean Cox in such an undignified manner after making almost 250 appearances was very disappointing. The winger was one of the heroes of our 2013-14 season which exceeded all expectations and saw us challenge Brentford for the runners-up spot in League One.

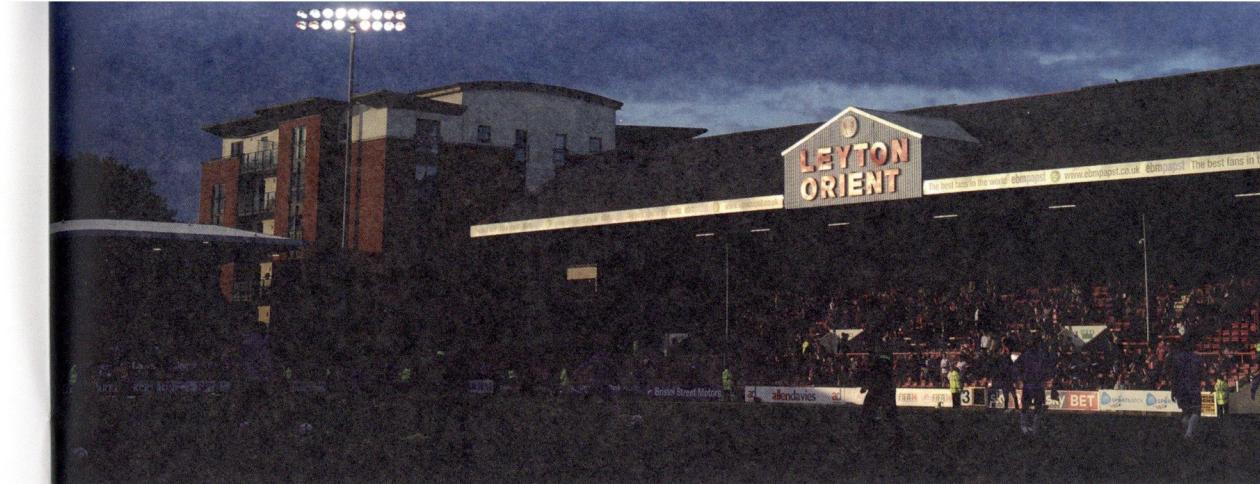
**Who do you think Hatters fans will watch today and think 'I wish we had him'?**

Nathan Jones has mastered the loan market by signing Christian Walton, Matt Macey and Stuart Moore to play between the sticks this season, and in Alex Cisak we have a goalkeeper who has saved our skins from many potential thrashings. The Aussie deservedly won our Player of the Season last year for his shot-stopping brilliance and has continued to restrict opponents this season despite our defensive frailties.

## ► SEASONS PAST...

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

My Grandad hated football, so I suppose I'm lucky he took my Dad down Brisbane Road in 1967 for his first game. Almost three decades later my parents took me to my



first match in 1993 when we took on Port Vale. We lost, of course, 1-0. The first match I have memories of was Orient's pre-season friendly against Arsenal in 1997. The Gunners had just signed Emmanuel Petit from Monaco and Dennis Bergkamp played the full 90 minutes. Wenger's side won 1-0.

**What do you love most about the O's?**

Talk to any Orient fan and they will mention the away day at Oxford in 2006 with more affection than their wedding day. We don't have a silverware-laden trophy cabinet and for some fans of English clubs that is all that matters. Nobody wants to be an Arsenal fan, do they?

**Who's your favourite Leyton Orient player of all time?**

Matt Lockwood. Inevitably the person I end up talking about when drunk and worthy of legend status in E10. He can consider himself desperately unlucky not to get a fair crack in the Championship when he completed a move to Nottingham Forest.

**What has been your favourite season following Orient?**

2000-01. Without wanting to seem like an elderly radio caller reciting surnames from 'the good old times', this season was just full of players who I remember fondly. By no means were they gifted footballers but they were my first heroes.

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

Matt Lockwood, Craig Easton, Terry Brisley, Alex Inglethorpe and Stephen Dawson.

## ► LUTON AND LEYTON ORIENT...

We've currently got Ollie Palmer here on loan, and Scott Cuthbert was a terrific player for you. Who's your favourite player, past or present, with a connection to both clubs? How could anyone not love Ahmet Brkovic? The Croat had possibly the quickest feet I've seen for an Orient player

and an acute eye for a pass not often seen in a winger. Scott Cuthbert is a player we dearly miss in defence. So often he was the player making a last-ditch interception to scupper the opposition when they looked to be through on goal.

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

A slow start for Town would not be too much cause for concern given the O's ongoing theme this season of conceding shortly before or shortly after the half-time whistle. A physio room busier than Oxford Circus at rush hour should see us field at least eight academy products under the age of 21. Myles Judd, Josh Koroma and the recently introduced Steven Alzate all look to be top-quality prospects. Ultimately, for the short spells of impressive passing this young Orient team will piece together, the game will be won on the small margins that often go unnoticed from experienced professionals. Luton Town 3-1 Leyton Orient.

## ► QUICKFIRE:

**Terrace or seats?** Terrace

**Who are your rivals?** Southend United

**Predict your player of the season?** Gavin Massey

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

**Most treasured O's piece of memorabilia?**

My home shirt from the 2000-01 season with John Martin and the number 17 emblazoned on the back.

**What league will Leyton Orient be in next season?**  
The National League

**Who will be promoted from Sky Bet League Two this season?** Doncaster, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Luton.

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SCOTTIE COOPER



### LAURIE CUNNINGHAM

Brilliant winger Laurie Cunningham was capped six times by England after leaving Orient. Signing professional for Orient in July 1974, he was leading marksman in two consecutive seasons and netted 15 goals in 75 League games before joining West Brom for £110,000 in March 1977. He starred in

successive Cup runs and moved to Real Madrid for £995,000 in June 1979, helping to win the Spanish League and Cup 'double' in 1979-80. A European

Cup finalist in 1981, he later played for Manchester United, Leicester City, Sporting Gijon, Charleroi, Wimbledon and Rayo Vallecano until his tragic death in July 1989.

### RALPH COATES

Ex-England international winger Ralph Coates was ever-present for Orient in 1979-80. Initially with Burnley, he helped them finish third in the top-flight in 1965-66 and reach the League Cup semi-finals in 1968-69. He joined Tottenham Hotspur for £190,000 in May 1971. He starred as they won the UEFA Cup in 1972 and were finalists in 1974, also scoring their winner in the 1973 League Cup final. Briefly with Australian side St Georges, he moved to Orient in October 1978 and netted 12 goals in 76 League games, joining their coaching staff. He managed a leisure complex in Hertfordshire and died in December 2010.

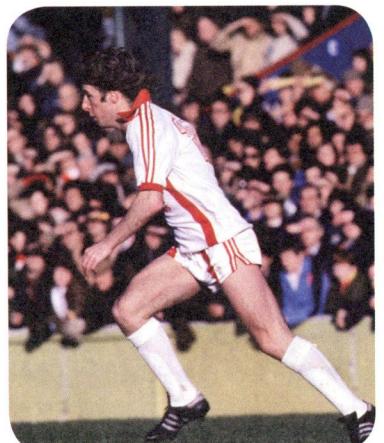
### PETER TAYLOR

England international winger Peter Taylor gained four caps before playing for Orient. Initially with Southend United, he featured in their 1971-72 promotion success and

moved to Crystal Palace in October 1973. He starred in their 1975-76 FA Cup run, joining Spurs in September 1976 and helping regain top-flight status in 1977-78. Moving to Orient in November 1980, he netted 11 goals in 56 League games, then played for Maidstone, Exeter, Heybridge and Chelmsford. He has managed Dartford, Enfield, Southend, Dover, Gillingham, Leicester, Brighton, Hull City, Crystal Palace, Wycombe Wanderers and Gills again.

### STAN BOWLES

England international striker Stan Bowles was capped five times before playing for Orient. Starting with Manchester City, he had spells with Crewe Alexandra and Carlisle United before moving to QPR in September 1972. 'Stan the Man' starred as they won promotion in 1972-73, were League Championship runners-up in 1975-76 and League Cup semi-finalists in 1976-77. Moving to Nottingham Forest in December 1979, he joined Orient in July 1980 and netted seven goals in 46 League games while at Brisbane Road before joining Brentford in October 1981. He has since helped his sister in the rag trade.



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[LEIGH EDWARDS ON LEYTON ORIENT]



## PETER SHILTON

England international goalkeeper Peter Shilton made his 1,000th League appearance while at Leyton Orient. Initially with Leicester City, he starred as they were FA Cup finalists

in 1969 and Second Division champions in 1970-71. He moved via Stoke City to Nottingham Forest in September 1977, helping win the League Championship that season and European Cup in two consecutive years. Joining Southampton in August 1982, he

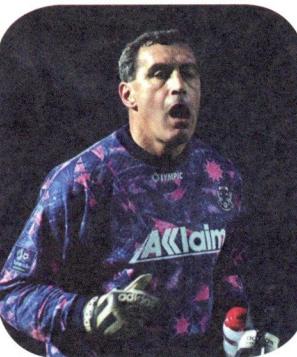
then played for Derby County and was Plymouth Argyle's player-manager. He gained a record 125 caps, moving to Leyton Orient in November 1996 and making nine League appearances.

## KEVIN CAMPBELL

England U-21 striker Kevin Campbell had a loan spell at Leyton Orient in 1988-89. Signing professional for Arsenal in February 1988, he grabbed a hat-trick in that season's FA Youth Cup final triumph and was loaned to Orient in January 1989, scoring nine goals in 16 League games. He featured prominently as Arsenal won the League Championship in 1990-91, FA Cup and League Cup in 1993, then the ECWC in 1994. Sold to Nottingham Forest for £3,000,000 in July 1995, he starred in their 1997-98 First Division title triumph, then played for Trabzonspor, Everton, West Brom and Cardiff City before owning a security firm.

## JUSTIN FASHANU

Former England U-21 striker Justin Fashanu briefly played for Leyton Orient in 1989-90. Initially at Norwich City with his younger brother John, he was twice top scorer before moving to Nottingham Forest for £1,000,000 in August 1981. He was loaned to Southampton prior to joining Notts County for £150,000 in December 1982. Plagued by injury problems, he moved to Brighton in June 1985, then had spells at numerous clubs at home and overseas. He joined Orient in March 1990, making five League appearances while at Brisbane Road. Later with Torquay United and Airdrie, he committed suicide in May 1998.



## ALVIN MARTIN

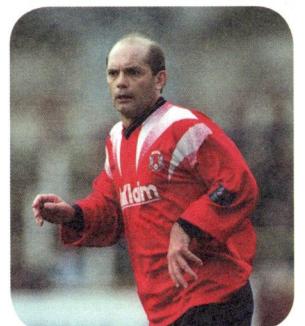
England international central defender Alvin Martin was capped 17 times before joining Leyton Orient. He turned professional with West Ham in July 1976 and was an influential figure in their 1980 FA Cup final triumph. Also starring as they won the Second Division title and were League Cup finalists in 1980-81, he was voted 'Hammer of the Year' in two consecutive seasons. He reunited with Pat Holland at Leyton Orient in July 1996 and made 17 League appearances while at Brisbane Road. Later Southend United's manager between July 1997 and March 1999, he has since worked in the media, notably with Talk Sport radio.

## STEVE HODGE

Former England international midfielder Steve Hodge played in Leyton Orient's 1-0 defeat at Scunthorpe in August 1997. Initially with Nottingham Forest, he moved via Aston Villa to Tottenham Hotspur for £650,000 in December 1986. He was an FA Cup finalist in 1987 and rejoined Forest in August 1988. Featuring in two consecutive League Cup final triumphs and 1989 Simod Cup success, he moved to Leeds United for £900,000 in July 1991 and helped win the League Championship in 1991-92. He was capped 24 times and later had spells with Derby County, QPR, Watford and Orient, since holding coaching posts.

## RAY WILKINS

Ex-England international midfielder Ray Wilkins briefly appeared for Leyton Orient in 1996-97. 'Butch' was Chelsea's youngest-ever captain and twice 'Player of the Year' including their 1976-77 promotion success. Sold to Manchester United for £875,000 in August 1979, scoring in their 1983 FA Cup final triumph, he later starred for AC Milan, Paris St Germain, Glasgow Rangers and QPR. Gaining 84 caps and awarded the MBE, he had spells at Wycombe, Hibernian and Millwall. He joined Orient in February 1997, playing three League games, since coaching at Fulham, Chelsea, Watford, Millwall and Chelsea again.





Ricky Hill, showing admirable balance, forces his way through the Orient defence before firing in the Town's second goal in the 2-1 home win in March 1979. Due to the weather conditions this Division Two (now Championship) clash was watched by a crowd of only 6,003

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

LUTON TOWN 3 ORIENT 2 | 23RD AUGUST 1969

Luton Town supporters felt cheated. Having finished in third position in the old Division Three (now League One) in 1969 with 61 points (equivalent to 86 today), the Hatters failed to win promotion as only the top two went up in those pre play-off days.

It was even more galling to note that the fourth-placed club, Bournemouth, sat ten points behind us.

The summer of 1969 was therefore seen as a huge anti-climax, which was made worse when it was announced that golden boy, Bruce Rioch, was to be sold for a Division Three record fee of £100,000 to Aston Villa.

Although manager Alec Stock was handed back the money to spend on strengthening the side, the new summer signings – John Ryan, John Collins and a young full-back from Fulham, Malcolm Macdonald – hardly set the pulses racing.

As such it was a quiet and sombre crowd that gathered on the opening

day to see a poor Barrow side turned over 3-0. Because of pre-season injuries, Macdonald had been moved from full-back to the wing and then to inside forward, where his enthusiastic play, speed and strength caught the eye. But would he adequately replace Rioch? No, was the general opinion.

Those opinions changed slightly when Macdonald scored the only goal of the game at Bournemouth the following week. In what was to become a trademark strike, Macdonald surged through a slow defence before rounding the goalkeeper and netting with ease.

Next up were Orient (as they were then called) at Kenilworth Road in an early season top-of-the-table clash

between two unbeaten sides that had yet to concede a goal.

The Town were protecting a 30-game unbeaten home record and started brightly against a team that had only avoided relegation the previous season by winning their final game.

Macdonald twice went close in the early stages but it was Orient who opened the scoring in the 14th minute with a goal out of the blue. With just about their first attack of the game, Orient won a free-kick on the edge of the Luton area and as the Town players were organising a wall, full-back Mick Jones hammered the ball home.

Stung by the goal, the Town players swarmed all over the Orient defence,



Malcolm Macdonald gets the better of Orient's Tommy Taylor

where everyone had been pulled back, with Macdonald in particular leading them a merry dance but was unable to put the ball in the net.

With 15 minutes left, and the crowd accepting the inevitable, a lifeline was thrown out when Keith Allen squared the ball for Collins, who had moved in from the wing, to slam home.

Most Luton supporters felt that this was merely a consolation but five minutes later they went wild when Graham French scored a brilliant goal that has thankfully been preserved by London Weekend Television, who were recording the game.

A long clearance from goalkeeper Tony Read was headed on by Macdonald to Allen, who tangled with the Orient keeper Ray Goddard. The ball rebounded out to French, some way out of the area, who quickly sized up the situation and lobbed it back over the

### Luton stage shock rally

**Luton 3, Orient 2**  
FAIRLY safely it can be said that there will not be a more thrilling finish at Luton this season than in the last 16 minutes of this game as Luton turned what seemed a hopeless position into an exciting victory.

Orient were relying on the occasional breakaway and, completely against the run of play, doubled their lead on the hour mark when Micky Bullock headed home from point blank range after a swift raid through a depleted Luton defence.

The Town's long unbeaten home record was now in grave danger and even the introduction of the previous season's top scorer, Brian Lewis, in place of the largely ineffective Laurie Sheffield failed to galvanise the forward line.

[ROGER WASH]

stranded Goddard and the rest of his defenders.

It was all Luton now and as the seconds ticked away a free-kick, swung in by skipper Mike Keen, was headed home by the effervescent Macdonald, who had fought his way through a crowd of defenders. No wonder the crowd of 13,761, which included new supporter Eric Morecambe, who had sponsored the ball, went away happy and singing the praises of Macdonald. Who was that Bruce Rioch?

Peter Gill in the Sunday Express reported, for the benefit of London readers: 'There can be no doubt whatsoever that Orient threw this game away. They had a tremendous chance of upsetting Luton's unbeaten home run which had lasted since April of last year.'

The correspondent for the Daily Telegraph preferred to concentrate on the Luton fightback and said: 'Fairly safely it can be said that there will not be a more thrilling finish at Luton this season than in the last 16 minutes of this game as Luton turned what seemed a hopeless position into an exciting victory.'

George Rogers in The People had the final word when he confirmed that: 'Indisputably the danger man of the front line was Macdonald, who confirmed earlier impressions that he can be a match winner in his own right.'

### LUTON TURN ON GOAL POWER

THERE CAN be no doubt whatever that Orient threw this game away. They had a tremendous chance of upsetting Luton's unbeaten home run which has lasted since April of last year. With 16 minutes to go, Orient were coasting along.

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[LEVEL TRUST]

# THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR THE GAFFER!

## LEVEL TRUST TO BENEFIT FROM JONES JUMP

There are just five days to go until Hatters manager Nathan Jones straps on a parachute and launches himself out of an aeroplane in aid of Luton Town charity of the year – Level Trust.

Nathan will be joined on Wednesday afternoon by Hatters fan Mark Warne, who won the privilege of taking part in the sky dive at the club's Christmas Dinner last 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 Wednesday. "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: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LTFC](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LTFC)

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

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# TRAVELLER'S TALES



**KEVIN HARPER** ABANDONS THE BOBBERS BUS AND HIS FELLOW HATTERS FANS TO TRAVEL EAST TO COLCHESTER IN SSANGYONG STYLE, COURTESY OF THE CLUB SPONSORS. UNFORTUNATELY THE JOURNEY THERE AND BACK WAS ABOUT THE ONLY COMFORTABLE PART OF THE AFTERNOON...

## COLCHESTER UNITED – SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

### THE JOURNEY

**11.00am** – It was a much later start to the latest away game at Colchester and a different journey as I take advantage of the offer of a drive down to Essex in one of the club sponsors SsangYong vehicles.

**12.00pm** – Absolutely gorgeous day and the six of us making our way to the game in the car stop off for a quick pint at the Leicester Arms before heading to Colchester. A cider in the sunshine was a perfect start to the day!

**2.20** – We've arrived at Colchester's ground after a stop at the services.



### THE MATCH

**3.02** – After an impeccably observed minute's silence for the tragic scenes on Westminster Bridge we're off and running. No Danny Hylton for the Town today. Goes without saying that's a huge blow.

**3.06** – Oh 'eck! Colchester take the lead. A cross comes in from our right and the striker gets above Sheehan to head into the top corner.

**3.15** – We're not at the races here. Macey saves from a fierce drive at the edge of the box and shouts at the defence. Hopefully he's woken them up!

**3.17** – They've not listened. Another cross comes in. Another free header. Thankfully it is pushed over.

**3.32** – 2-0. Can't say that goal hasn't been coming. Yep you guessed it. Another cross, yet another free header which Macey can't keep out. Terrible all round.

**3.37** – Jake Gray's afternoon is done as he is the victim of a tactical switch. Game looks gone already though.

**3.49** – HT. Colchester stick another free header over the bar just before half-time. Pathetic half of football from the Town that. We've just not shown up at all.

**4.22** – Second half well underway and the Town almost get a goal back. Sheehan's shot is blocked. Justin tries his luck from the edge of the box but it is headed off the line. Close!

**4.50** – Town get consolation in injury-time as Isaac Vassell bundles the ball into the net. Too little too late though as the whistle goes shortly after. We were better in the second half but the damage was done.



### MAN OF THE MATCH

**5.30** – Stuck in the car park so time to think about the man of the match. I gave it to Lawson D'Ath. On a day of stinking performances he kept trying to make something happen throughout the game.

### THE PROGRAMME

**5.45** – Still in the car park so a quick read of the programme. Decent enough read with plenty on the Town. One brighter part of the day!

### SUMMARY

**8.45** – Back home after a couple of pit stops for a pint. A day to forget really. We never got going and when we did it was too late. Promotion looking unlikely from here sadly.

**LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST**

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# TRAVELLER'S TALES

IN THE SECOND INSTALMENT OF TRAVELLER'S TALES, HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER IS BUZZING AFTER A TRIP TO THE HIVE...

## BARNET – SATURDAY 8TH APRIL THE JOURNEY

**11.30am** – Late morning start for the short trip to Barnet. Beautifully sunny day!

**12.40pm** – After an incident on the M1 diverting us through the countryside, we've made it to Luton. Everyone is getting a free trip on the Bobbers today – a really generous offer.

**1.40** – Arrived at The Hive. I pass the journey down by organising the Grand National sweepstake on the coach!

## THE GROUND

**1.50** – Glorious day in London. The sort of day that deserves to be accompanied by a cider. Apparently there is a bar in the away end so we go in early to indulge!

**2.00** – Inside the ground now. Town behind the goal in a completely new stand. Behind the stand is an indoor bar with outdoor areas. Fantastic facility to be fair. Plenty of Town fans enjoying it with everyone in good spirits.

**2.40** – Cider consumed. Time to grab a burger and head up into the stand. Make my way in. Sun burning down on the Town fans!



## THE MATCH

**3.03** – We're underway. Town in all white this afternoon. One change. Stuart Moore replaces the departed Matt Macey.

**3.10** – Couple of dangerous crosses evade Barnet players in our box. Just looking around. Not many Barnet fans in. I wouldn't be surprised if we've got half the crowd. Lawson D'Ath is put through but his shot is saved.

**3.26** – Almost a goal for the Town. Vassell bulldozes into the box but his shot is well saved. Encouraging after what has been a quiet start. Moments later Akinde races through but fluffs his shot straight to Moore.

**3.33** – Football turned F1 here. Everyone has stopped for a drink. It is a warm day but this all seems a bit unnecessary!

**3.49** – Half-time. Barnet miss a golden chance right on half-time when Akinde gets on to a ball over the top to race clean through. Moore holds firm and makes a great save. 0-0 at the break. Not the best 45 minutes of football.

**4.05** – Back underway. Here's hoping the football is better in this half!

**4.21** – Free-kick is crossed in and headed at goal (sound familiar!?) but Moore makes a terrific save to keep it out!

**4.26** – 1-0 Town!!! Bit of pinball in the box before the ball falls nicely for Olly Lee. He coolly fires into the bottom corner to send everyone mental behind the goal!

**4.46** – Town hanging on a bit as Glen Rea hacks a shot off the line. Good work from the defender to position himself in the right place.

**4.55** – Lengthy period of injury time but we've seen it out to win 1-0! Wasn't anywhere near our best but we've ground out a win. Get in!

## MAN OF THE MATCH

**5.05** – Just before the Grand National it is time for man of the match. Simple pick this one. Stuart Moore was excellent. Two immense saves to keep us in the game.

## THE PROGRAMME

**5.15** – I combine watching the Grand National with a look through the programme. It is full of adverts and not much content, so I focus more on the big race. My horse comes fourth. Not bad!

## SUMMARY

**6.50** – Back home after a really good away day. Excellent atmosphere in our end and we won. Can't ask for much more than that!

# PRIMETIME SEASON TICKETS

Our Earlybird season ticket sales period might have passed, but don't let that stop you from renewing yours. If you're still thinking about buying one for the first time - get involved! There are significant savings to be made by purchasing during Primetime, which continues until 31st May. For example, an adult ticket is a full £40 cheaper on Primetime, than on Anytime. Our Oak Road season tickets are still great value for money at just £260 for adults and a steal for unaccompanied under 21s at just £120 each, meaning a home league game costs the equivalent of just over a fiver each. Bargain.

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SENIOR (65+)	£260.00	£280.00	£280.00	£300.00
YOUNG ADULT (19-21)	£260.00	£280.00	£280.00	£300.00
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ACCOMPANIED YOUTH (10-16)*†	£90.00	£100.00	£100.00	£110.00
ACCOMPANIED JUNIOR (UNDER 10)*†	£60.00	£70.00	£70.00	£80.00
OAK ROAD ADULT	£260.00	£290.00	£290.00	£340.00
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**IMPORTANT:** Please note that if you buy your ticket during the Primetime period you are committing to paying the full League 1 price if we gain promotion. Tickets purchased before promotion is decided will be sold at League 2 prices, and these will be held until the balance is paid.

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

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

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

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## LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 2017-18 SEASON TICKET BOOKING FORM.

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	FULL DEBIT	FULL CREDIT	CASH/CHQ	4 MONTH INST.	11 MONTH INST.	POST (+ £0.90)	CREDIT (+ £5)	AMOUNT
ADULT					£340	£0.90	£5.00	£345.90
GOLDEN SENIOR (75+)								
SENIOR (65+)								
YOUNG ADULT (19-21)								
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ACC. YOUTH (10-16)*†								
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SEASON TICKET SEAT LOCATION - New season ticket holders please contact the ticket office to select your seat.

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### AWAY SEASON TICKET

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[SIMON PARSELL]

## TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

Good afternoon and Happy Easter.

This is the start of a busy time with football to be played and Easter eggs to be eaten. There's so much choice that applies to football and Easter eggs. I was asked why people paint Easter eggs? For me, it's easier than trying to wallpaper them.

We enter the Easter period in good shape. Dan Potts is back in training following his concussion at Carlisle. We now have to follow strict protocols with head injuries. So, after CT and MRI scans, it was confirmed his brain had been like a James Bond martini. Shaken not stirred.

John Mullins is progressing after his hamstring strain. He has had some specialised injections to help cure the problem. We also use a Kinesio taping technique. So whilst I was preparing the tape I asked John to shave the area. I was surprised when he returned and announced to the lads: "I've got a hamstring strain, so I have shaved my calf."

Cameron continues to progress and is now jogging on an Alter G machine, which lets him jog at 80 per cent of his bodyweight. Literally he is floating on air.

A couple of congratulations are in order: Ollie Palmer has become a dad to Vinny. However, in amongst the birth he did find time to text Darren Cook to see if he could find his phone charger cable at the stadium. There was, however, a good question. What hurts more than childbirth? Being a dad I can confirm singing 'The Wheels on the bus go round and round' 400,000 times is painful.

Also, well done to Jack Senior for getting into the Checkatrade U16 Team of the Season. Well, he's so young looking. We worried about him at Barnet when the sun came out with that fair skin. We got some sun lotion on him quick – Factor Duffle Coat!

There was excitement with the starting of the Masters Golf and we decided to have a sweepstake. Frankie was

approached and asked if he would like a ticket in the draw for the Masters. He replied: "Why would I have a go at Masters Football and who's playing?"

The weather has unfortunately brought out some fashion items. They say fashion is a matter of taste, well these two, Stephen O'Donnell and Kev Dearden, have no taste. Plus it looks like the sale of irons is decreasing.



Finally, I had an interesting conversation with my colleague Paul Driver. He was so excited about getting his new SsangYong. I asked him if he got a good deal? "Yes," he replied. "I didn't have to put a deposit down, I just gave them my car instead."

Is that not a deposit. Apparently not. But I can't argue with him, it's his turn to drive next week.

Enjoy your Easter. COYH

# TOWN 1 : BLACKPOOL 0

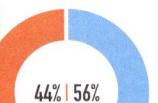
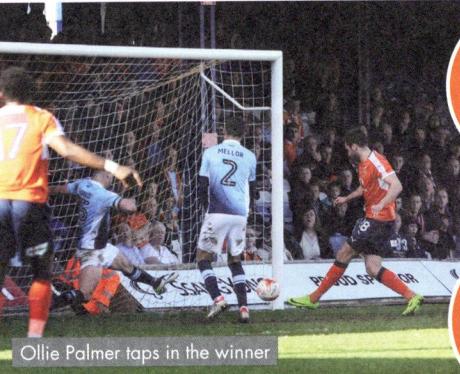


SATURDAY 1ST APRIL | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 7,968 | AWAY: 418

**TOWN GOAL:** PALMER 90

**TOWN:** MACEY, O'DONNELL (GAMBIN 86), REA, CUTHBERT ©, SHEEHAN, JUSTIN, LEE, MPANZU, D'ATH, HYLTON (MARRIOTT 75), VASSELL (PALMER 66). SUBS NOT USED: SMITH, BAKINSON, FAMEWO, MOORE (GK) YELLOW CARD: LEE

**BLACKPOOL:** LYNESS, MELLOR, ROBERTSON, POTTS (ODELUSI 86), CULLEN (K VASSELL 67), FLORES, ALDRED (C), OSAYI-SAMUEL (DELFOUNESO 66), DANIEL, PAYNE, DANNS. SUBS NOT USED: AIMSON, MATT, BLACK, SLOCOMBE (GK) | YELLOW CARD: DANNS



## STORY OF THE MATCH:

Substitute Ollie Palmer scored a last-minute winner to breathe new life into the Hatters' promotion push against top-seven rivals Blackpool – then admitted he'd forgotten his pre-planned celebration dedicating the goal to his fortnight-old son Vinny!

The on-loan Leyton Orient man scored his second goal in a Town shirt to send the 7,500 Luton fans inside Kenilworth Road wild and bring to an end Nathan Jones' team's five-match winless run, lifting them back above the Tangerines into fifth position in the Sky Bet League Two table.

It came late, very late indeed with 90 minutes up. But it was a victory Jones' side thoroughly deserved after being consistently denied throughout the front-foot performance by visiting keeper Dean Lyness, who produced telling saves from Danny Hylton, Isaac Vassell and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu among others.

Palmer couldn't really miss, the ball landing at his feet a yard out after Lyness got a hand on Luke Gamin's low cross-shot.

But the big striker had earned the opportunity, forcing his way into the Blackpool box with the ball glued to his foot before laying it off to fellow sub Gamin to deliver.



**JONES:** Today, we were quality. It could have been more with the chances we had.

"After last week, I asked them for a response and they gave me it, fair play. They don't disappoint me. Now and again they let themselves down, not me. But they were outstanding today.

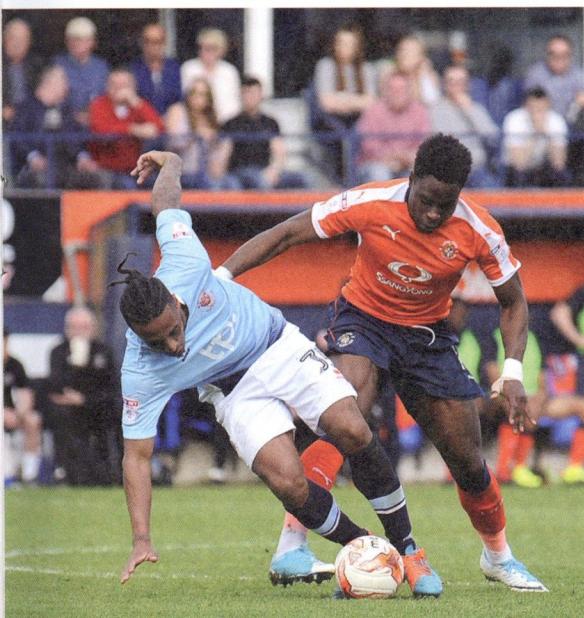
"For the first 20 minutes, Blackpool didn't get out of their half. Let's remember, Blackpool are a team that are flying. We played them in December – they were flying, we beat them.

"Today, we were quality. We had a real structure about us and it could have been more with the chances we had.

"They had shots from distance, our keeper had to make saves. But we had some real clear cut opportunities we could have done a lot more with.

"They showed me today they have got a real load of character. There's a lot of negativity floating about. But I believe in this group and they have responded once again. Brilliant.

"In the first 20 minutes we were unlucky not to take the lead. Danny had a great chance, an unbelievable chance to get us in the lead and that's what we worked on. But we were superb. Our structure from start to finish was excellent. We were quality."





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# OH BABY

## OLIE'S CELEBRATING LIKE MAD!

Leyton Orient loanee Ollie Palmer dedicated his late goal in the win over Blackpool to his new-born son Vinny – but when wheeling away the 25-year-old completely forgot his planned celebration!

"I want to dedicate that goal to my son, I was meant to do a little something for him, but I lost my head and just went mad," the ex-Mansfield and Grimsby striker explained. "My missus is going to be very annoyed when she sees that! That goal was for my family, my little boy – who has changed my life."

"I was just going to do a cradle the baby celebration, or put my thumb in my mouth. But I just hit my head in the end, I don't know what I was doing."

"I am a little bit crazy. I lost my head and went mental and then got bundled. So I didn't get a chance to do the celebration. The main thing is we won."

Substitute Palmer's terrifically timed goal was the perfect tonic for Nathan Jones' team as they hadn't won in five matches, but pushed for the full 90 minutes against the Tangerines for the opener.

It took the new dad and fellow substitutes Jack Marriott and Luke Gambin, who both played a part in the goal, to come off the bench and seal the three points to emphasise the 'game changers' tag that manager Nathan Jones gives his replacements.

The level of importance of that goal could prove to be vital, as it moved the Hatters into fifth and back above the Seasiders, whose recent run of fine form had put them in contention for promotion.

"They don't come more important than that really, not in these circumstances," said Palmer. "It's a club fighting for promotion and we want to get into the automatic places. So it was a very important goal."

"I am centre-forward, so any goal is a good goal. I don't care if it's two yards out, 20 yards out or 50 yards out!"



"At the end of the day the boys did fantastically. It's not about me being in the right place at the right time, it's about the boys digging deep and I think we were the better side for 95 minutes. I think there was only one side that wanted to win."

It was Palmer's second goal in a Town shirt – both of which have come at Kenilworth Road – and the atmosphere against Blackpool was the best the striker has heard it since his arrival in January.

Palmer continued: "The fans were fantastic all game, it's the loudest I have heard them, it was brilliant."

"The fans probably thought 'who's this guy the gaffer has brought on for the last ten minutes'. I was having a bit of a beast to be honest!"

"That happens in football, you're not always going to do great things. But the fans have been fantastic with me since the beginning."

# BARNET 0 : TOWN 1

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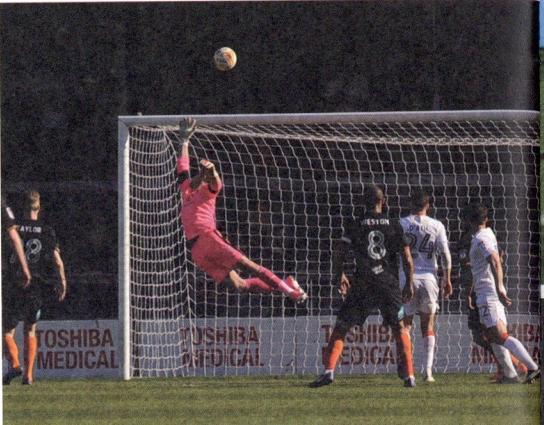
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Olly Lee slots home the Town goal



## STORY OF THE MATCH:

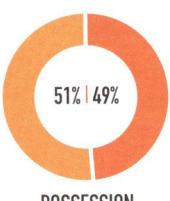
On Grand National Day, Olly Lee scored the second-half winner at his old club Barnet as the Hatters jumped another hurdle in the race for promotion from Sky Bet League Two.

With the final furlongs of the season being run, Nathan Jones' side are looking to put a winning surge together and they moved up to fourth place in the table courtesy of a second successive 1-0 victory, and Stevenage's 4-0 defeat at Colchester, on a sun-drenched afternoon at The Hive.

Apart from the one enforced change from last Saturday's win over Blackpool, with goalkeeper Matt Macey having been recalled by parent club Arsenal in midweek, Jones otherwise stuck with the same starting XI that beat the Tangerines.

Stuart Moore got the nod between the Town sticks, with Craig King – recalled from his loan spell with Vanarama National League side Southport – on the bench, and the Reading loanee pulled off a string of fine saves to deny Bees top scorer John Akinde in a man-of-the-match display.

Soon after his best save, this time from a Mauro Vilhete header, the Town had the breakthrough with Lee side-footing unerringly past home keeper Jamie Stephens' outstretched arm and into the bottom corner, after a ball he tried to play to Ollie Palmer rolled invitingly back into his path on the edge of the area with 66 minutes on the clock.



**JONES:** It puts us in a great position



"Obviously at this stage of the season I am delighted with the result. Performance wise we were nowhere near it. To be fair we were a little bit fortunate, Barnet probably had the best chances."

"We had a glorious one in the first half with Isaac Vassell and a few opportunities. But they had a few opportunities and as I said we were nowhere, nowhere near it in terms of our performance."

"What I said to them was get the first goal, keep a clean sheet and win the game, and that's what we did."

"I am proud of them because they gave me everything, we needed a little bit more know-how, a little bit more guile. But the pitch was very, very difficult, it's very dry. Barnet have raised their game, that's the best they have played for a while – I have watched a lot of their games."

"They raise their game when they are playing against us, but look, I am absolutely delighted with the win. It puts us in a great position. Performance wise if I wanted to be critical I could. I'd rather win and play badly at this stage of the season than play brilliantly and lose."

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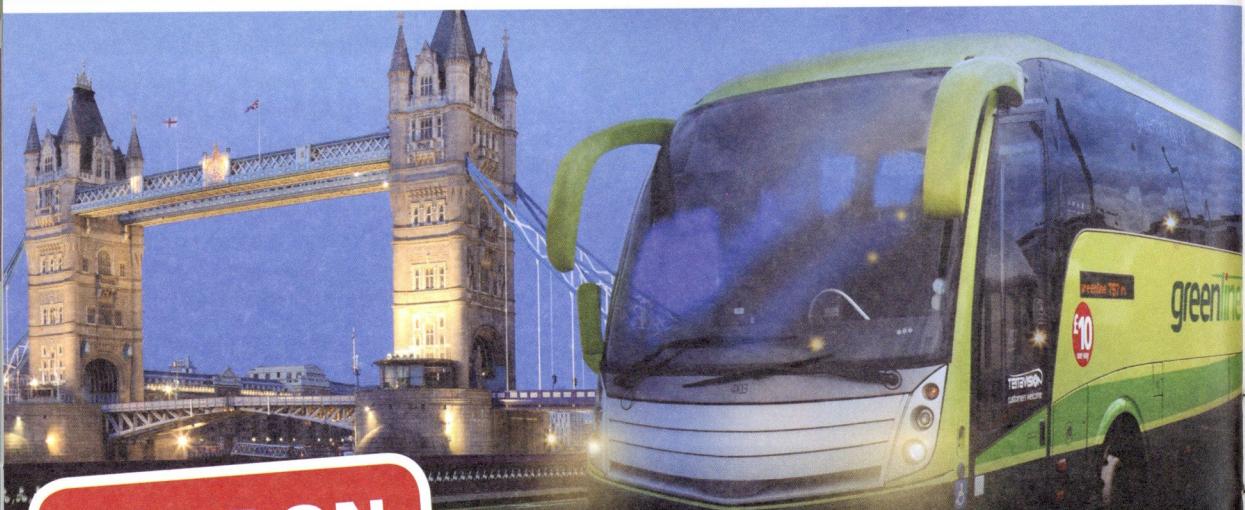
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# OLLY LOVES HIS SONGS OF PRAISE!

## MATCH-WINNING MIDFIELDER'S NAME RINGS AROUND THE HIVE

Olly Lee was over the moon to hear the travelling Town fans singing his name on Saturday after netting the winning goal against former club Barnet.

Following on from his impressive performance in the previous week's win over Blackpool, the midfielder bagged his first of the season just a fortnight after coming in for criticism from some fans in the defeat at Colchester.

The 1,687 Town fans in the away end at The Hive continuously sang the 25-year-old's name after his fine 66th-minute strike, and the ex-Barnet man said: "It was nice to see the words changed today, hopefully we won't hear the other song again and this is the start of something good.

"Obviously it's not nice to hear bad things like that, but criticism doesn't bother me. I'm going to play my game whatever. Football is a game of opinions. Some people are going to like you, some aren't going to like you.

"It's not nice to hear it, but they turned it round today and I thank them for that. It tops it to hear them singing my name today and long may it continue."

On the goal, which came after Lee's attempted pass into substitute Ollie Palmer rolled invitingly back into his path to curl left-footed around Barnet keeper Jamie Stephens from the edge



the ball rolling for the final five games of the season as they look to secure promotion to League One.

"Listen, we are just one game after the next," he said. "We play Orient now, win that. Then Mansfield, win. We've got to keep grinding out wins.

"Morale is really high now. Everyone is backing each other. We've put two solid performances in and hopefully there is a third to come."

Lee also found time to praise goalkeeper Stuart Moore for a series of match-winning saves at The Hive, including a brilliant second-half stop to keep out a Mauro Vilhete header destined for the top corner.

"Stu was brilliant all game," said Lee. "He's come in and had a tough time, but he's got his chance now and taken it with both hands. Credit to him, he's a great lad and it's nice that he can put a performance like that in."

"He was my man of the match and he kept us in it at times, so he was brilliant. That save from the header was different class. I know their lad who headed it and he couldn't believe that he didn't get a goal there, so long may it continue."

of the area, Lee said: "I can't really remember what happened. I think we just lumped it into big Ol and probably his first touch got away from him, it came to me and I slotted it home, so it was a nice moment. I was really pleased with it.

"My first goal of the season has been a long time coming. I normally get three to five, so I'm not happy with just one. Hopefully there's a few more to come. It'd be nice, wouldn't it?"

With two wins on the bounce, Lee is confident the Hatters players can keep



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# STAR MAN STU WANTS MOORE NOW!

## ON-LOAN READING KEEPER RELISHES RECALL OF HIS OWN

On-loan Reading goalkeeper Stuart Moore earned a place in the EFL Team of the Week for his performance in the 1-0 win at Barnet last week, having been given his first start in over two months following Matt Macey's midweek recall by Arsenal.

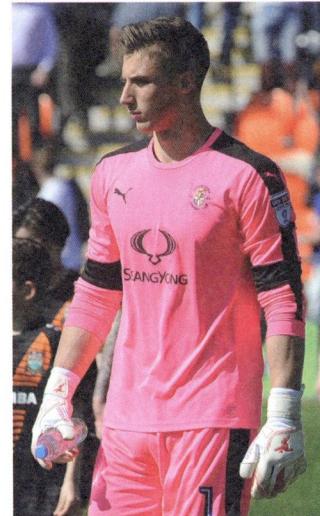
The 22-year-old told afterwards he was buoyed by being picked by manager Nathan Jones for the trip to The Hive, after experiencing a difficult debut in the defeat to Cheltenham a few hours after signing on a rushed January transfer deadline day following Brighton's recall of Christian Walton.

Moore did play in the following game at Grimsby – a 1-1 draw – but had to sit on the bench and watch Macey play in the 13 games before his fellow 22-year-old's return to the Emirates.

Moore said: "It came as a bit of a shock, Matt getting recalled. You never know when that's going to happen. It's obviously unfortunate, but you can take it either way for him. He wants to play games, but he's sat on the bench in the Premier League for Arsenal, which is a great achievement for him."

"I get on well with all the goalkeepers here and we've got such a good group working here, so I'm happy for him."

"It wasn't ideal being on the bench, but I've just got to make sure I'm ready every time. I was working hard



in training and I had to wait until I got my chance, it's come today and I think I showed that I have been working hard and I'm ready."

With Craig King called back from his loan at Southport and Liam Gooch still training everyday with the Hatters

keepers under the watchful eye of goalie coach Kevin Dearden while on loan at Non-League side Biggleswade Town, Moore is enjoying his time at Kenilworth Road.

"We are lucky here, we've had great keepers," said Moore. "I know

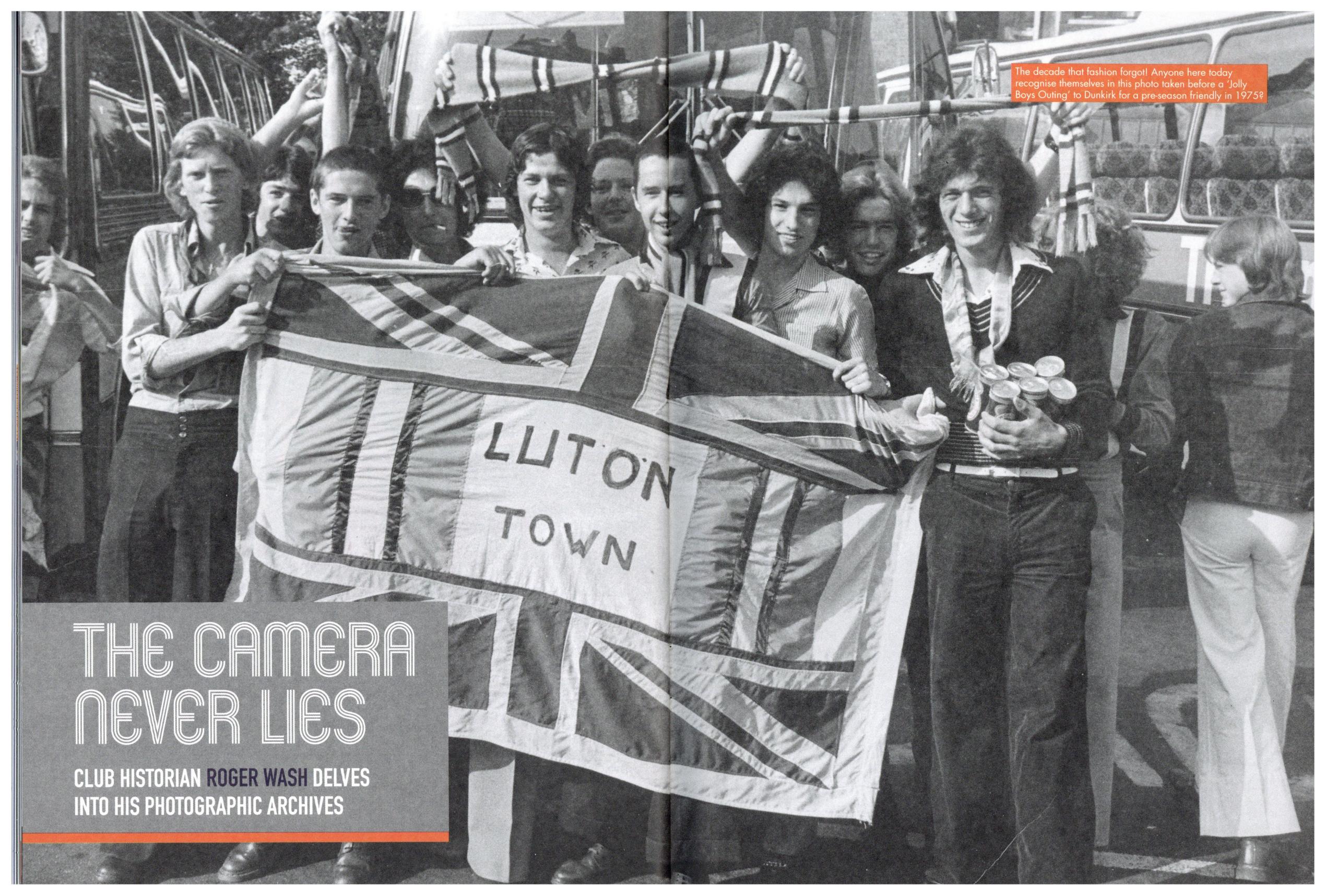
Christian was here before and he did well. Matt came in and he did very well, and every day we push each other. We work very hard and we are lucky to have such a good working group at training.

### PUSH

"In football you never know what's around the corner. You never know what could happen. I've got a lot of competition here. I know with Liam and Craig, they are both very good goalkeepers so I can't take my foot off the gas. And in terms of pushing for promotion as a whole, no-one can afford to take their foot off the gas, so we've really got to push for it now."

After his starring role at the Hive, Moore couldn't wait for today and the visit of Leyton Orient to come around, adding: "I'm ready for the next game. The games can't come quick enough now."

"Every game we just take on at a time, make sure we get a result in that game and move onto the next one. We don't look too far ahead, just take it a game at a time and that's all we can do – focus on ourselves."



The decade that fashion forgot! Anyone here today recognise themselves in this photo taken before a 'Jolly Boys Outing' to Dunkirk for a pre-season friendly in 1975?

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[ACADEMY UPDATE]

## ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

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

### FIXTURES

The Academy have had a nice array of fixtures recently. The U18s have played against Gillingham, Bristol Rovers and Plymouth Argyle – who we beat 5-1 on Tuesday – in the EFL Merit League 1 and Tottenham Hotspur in a friendly fixture.

The U15/16s have gone up against Gillingham, Plymouth Argyle and Fulham, whilst our younger teams (U9-U14s) have had games versus Manchester City, AFC Wimbledon, Doncaster Rovers and Fulham.

It was also great to see our U7s and U8s take part in organised festivals against Norwich City, Charlton Athletic and Reading.

All of the above fixtures have seen some fantastic football on show and have provided our Academy players with some great experiences against differing systems, philosophies and cultures. The players can now look forward to some 'downtime' over the Easter period before we go again and look to finish the season strongly.

### ACADEMY PHILOSOPHY

It has been rewarding of late to see a good number of our players featuring across age groups. This is a philosophy that we have implemented since the turn of the year, which has allowed a lot of players to play in older age groups. This obviously, provides them with greater challenges and 'stretches' every corner of their development.

Results may be slightly more negative with this approach, however as I and the staff always stress, our priority is to improve and progress the players individually.

A fine example of this took place last weekend when our U18s travelled to Bristol Rovers. Our starting 11 that day contained two U15 players, four U16 players and five U17 players, whereby Bristol's side was made up of seven U18s and four U17s.

We lost the game 1-0, deserved a draw in my opinion, however the result was secondary as our young players will have gained so much from the experience of playing up against older, more physically developed players.

This philosophy is something that we will persevere with as we look to produce more players from the Academy for the first team, and one that we are all on board with.

### TOURS

We have a number of Academy tours coming up between now and the end of the season. The U8s travel to the north-west to take on Everton and Manchester United at the end of April, whilst our U11s travel to Germany for a festival in mid-April. The beginning of May sees our U9s and U10s tour Germany on consecutive weekends, and the seasonal tours wrap up with our U12s, U14s and U15s heading to Holland at the end of May.

All of the above provide the players, staff and parents with a great experience, and we learn an awful lot about the boys as they are outside of the normal working environment. Well done to all the staff for organising, and the ongoing support from the parents that make the tours such a success.

Enjoy today's game.

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# LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

The Trust have engaged with over 800 children over the last two weeks of the Easter school holidays with 330 centre of excellence boys visiting Stowe School in Buckingham for our annual residential football camp, 160 pre-academy boys travelling to Amsterdam to compete in



## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

PRE-ACADEMY PREPARE FOR AMSTERDAM TRIP WITH GAMES AGAINST NORTHAMPTON TOWN FC AND OXFORD UNITED FC AND CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE BOYS VISIT STOWE SCHOOL.

This weekend 160 boys in our pre-academy U9 to U16 squads are in Amsterdam competing in the Holland Cup, and last week prepared with games against neighbours from Oxford and Northampton.

Our fully integrated youth player development structure at the Club is run by the Community Trust to support our schoolboy academy. It starts with players as young as four-years-old who simply 'pay and play' each week, through to our Skills Performance Centres Talent Identification Coaching Programme for boys up to 16 years of age, with routes into our Development Centres for recruited boys. In total over 20 of these centres run all year around through our development programme.

An important part of the process is the games programme and during last week our pre-academy boys played final warm-up games ahead of defending several age group wins from last year's Holland Cup tournament. Fair to say

the Holland Cup, over 250 boys and girls attending our local soccer camps, 50 of our Player Development Centre Girls playing Northampton Town FC and our KICKS squads welcoming Arsenal FC to Lewsey Farm.

our pre-academy squads are competitive at all age groups providing stiff opposition for most clubs, and following this week's games the boys travel to Amsterdam in good spirits.

Meanwhile, over 300 centre of excellence boys attended our annual residential Easter training camp at the fantastic facilities at Stowe School in Buckingham last week. This was our ninth annual visit to the famous old public school and as well as great team building exercises and all kinds of sports activities, it does allow our coaching staff a good opportunity to see the boys both on and off the pitch as we look to promote boys into the pre-academy level to replace boys who have progressed to academy level.

The COFEX boys will now spend the next few weeks preparing for their end of season tour, which is also to Holland to compete in the Juliana Malden Cup in May. We will be reporting on both tours in future matchday programmes – so watch this space!



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## PL KICKS PROGRAMME WELCOMES CHARLTON ATHLETIC, MK DONS AND STEVENAGE FC TO MARSH FARM AND ARSENAL FC TO LEWSEY FARM

The Trust's PL KICKS programme this season recently came out second most popular in the EFL in terms of participants attending new club projects this season (just behind Leeds United), and our projects have quickly attracted visiting clubs to the Town for games at U11, U14, U16 and U19s, and we are now a recognised regional hub for the KICKS project.

The PL KICKS scheme seeks to engage young people from areas of high need in football, sport and personal development by using football as a hook to engage and target young people and attempt to divert them away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Last week we held an U16 PL KICKS tournament in Marsh Farm and an U11 tournament in Lewsey Farm, with the Hatters teams made up from boys from all over Luton. Hatters Trust Community Operations Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "Kicks is a fantastic project that encourages young lads of all ages and abilities to come together and enjoy football. We are using the games as rewards for the boys who attend and behave.



"We won the U16 tournament beating MK 1-0 in the final, and in our first U11 tournament our friends from Luton Nations YFC made up of Marsh Farm and Lewsey boys won the final against Arsenal FC – so a double win for Luton!"

Beds Police Cohesion team helped us on both days and Sgt James Hart presented the U16 trophy. He said: "It was great to see boys from all over Luton playing as one team and united behind the Club's badge, which is a powerful tool we are happy to support in achieving our aims of closer community cohesion in Luton."



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# HATTERSLADIES

## TOWN COLLAPSE IN ACTONIANS DEFEAT

BY ROSIE BONASS

Luton Town Ladies saw their five-game unbeaten run come to a close as they suffered an uninspiring 3-1 defeat to Old Actonians on Sunday.

Town were undone by three set pieces scored by Melissa Jung and Alessandra Barreca (2) before Amy Summerfield pulled one back for the Hatters late on.

The defeat left Town boss Nikki Baker displeased and after the game she admitted that the team must improve ahead of their next fixture that sees them play Offley & Stopsley in the County Cup final.

"We started off well and should have gone ahead twice, but a lack of strength and aggression across the pitch meant we couldn't get hold of the ball well enough in key areas and our composure in the final third as well as our defending was just not good enough," Baker said.

"Three set pieces is just so disappointing and cannot be excused. Free headers at corners and free-kicks, I just don't accept and it happened too many times today.

"We must work on playing simply, the final ball in the attacking third and basic defending. We have been much better at set pieces in recent weeks so today was disappointing."

Jess McKay came extremely close to giving Town an early lead when she curled the ball in towards the bottom right corner, but her effort went just wide.

Actonians, who sit above Town in fifth place, opened their account after seven minutes when Carla Williams crossed the ball in from the right flank and Jung was able to head in at the near post.

Barreca doubled Actonians' tally 15 minutes later as she headed in a free-kick from close range that was delivered by Jessica Byrne.

Ten minutes later, Actonians extended their lead after Town failed to clear a free-kick and Sinead Friel sent a second ball into the box that Barreca smashed in from six yards.

Paige Hornsnett made two excellent saves for Actonians to deny a long-range attempt from Erica Byron and then Joanne Rutherford, who tried to convert the rebound.

Town had yet another chance to score just before the break when Zara Carroll hit a long free-kick superbly, but her strike just crept wide of the top right corner.

Actonians continued to trouble Town after the interval as Carla Williams volleyed the ball just over the crossbar, and shortly after Jessica Devoti had to make two stops to deny shots from Friel and Barreca.

Summerfield pulled one back for Town with ten minutes to go as Rutherford fed a brilliant ball into the box that the midfielder fired in from close range.

The away team weren't done and dusted and Rachel Kosky made an exceptional last ditch tackle to stop Sinthujah Sooriyakumar, who was one-on-one on goal after she had managed to get past Devoti just minutes before full-time.

Town play next against Offley & Stopsley in the County Cup final on 19th April.

\*The Development side had an excellent win as they beat Enfield Town reserves 4-2 at home, twice coming from behind with a brace apiece for Jodie Bellinger and Kezia Hassell, who scored with two headers from corners.



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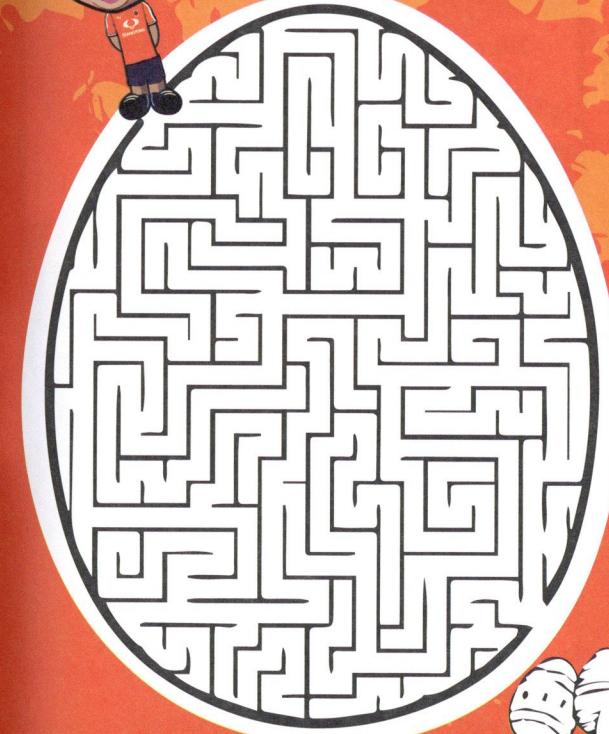
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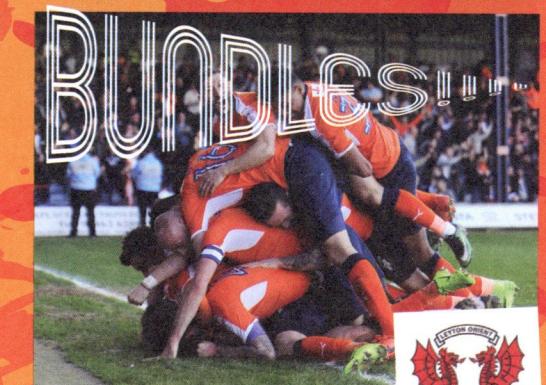
## HARRY'S EGG HUNT

It's Easter, and Harry's been given loads of chocolate eggs. Hatty's played a trick on him and hidden them in a maze. Can you help him find them?



## GOAL!!!

OLIE PALMER NETS A 90TH MINUTE WINNER AGAINST BLACKPOOL, MOMENTS LATER...



## LEYTON ORIENT

This afternoon's opponents are Londoners, Leyton Orient - or 'The O's' as they are also known. Orient currently sit at the bottom of the League 2 table, with 7 points between them and Newport County, so they'll be desperate to pick up some points on their visit to Kenilworth Road.

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Hatters target man, and Blackpool goal hero Ollie Palmer is currently on loan from Orient. Here's to another three points...#COYH



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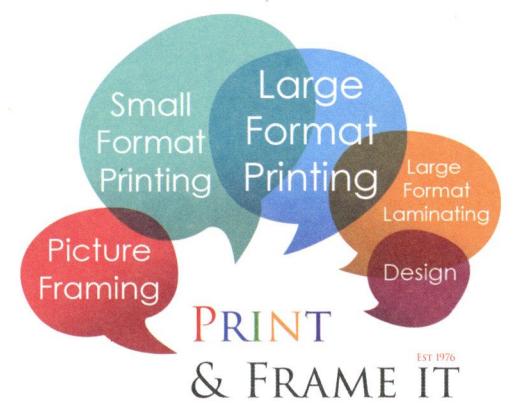


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**NEIL WARNOCK WILL KICK OFF NEXT SEASON WITH CARDIFF AIMING FOR A RECORD-BREAKING EIGHTH CAREER PROMOTION.**

The 68-year-old – now in his 37th year as a manager – is currently tied on seven alongside Dave 'Harry' Bassett and the late Graham Taylor. Yet, as the Bluebirds boss seeks to surge out in front, competition is fast approaching from the rear.

Victory for Doncaster on Saturday marked Darren Ferguson's fourth promotion at the tender age of 45, whilst Chris Wilder made it three in seven years after leading his beloved Blades to League One. Here's how the current EFL managers stack up...

### NEIL WARNOCK - 8

Warnock's reputation as a promotion specialist was built on a spectacular purple patch during the eighties and nineties. Starting with Scarborough's scramble from the Conference and ending in Nott County's improbable rise to the top-flight, the Yorkshireman won five promotions in nine seasons – four of them via the play-offs.

Promotion to the Premier League with Sheffield United (2006) and a first-ever EFL title with QPR in 2011 cemented his status as a Championship expert.

### GARY JOHNSON - 5

Johnson started out as right-hand man to the infamous John Beck and was actually the brain behind many of the maverick tactics behind Cambridge's ascent to Division One.

He hit his stride in the mid-noughties with Yeovil, taking the Glovers from the Conference to League One and completing a sequence of three promotions in five years by leading Bristol City to the Championship. But for THAT Dean Windass goal in the 2007-08 play-off final, it might have been four in six. Still, a fairytale return to Huish Park brought victory in the League One play-offs before last season's romp to the Conference title with Cheltenham.

### STEVE BRUCE - 4

Nobody knows how to seize a place in the Premier League quite like the former Man United defender. Last year's play-off victory with Hull marked the FOURTH time the 56-year-old has scrambled out of the Championship – one more than Warnock, Taylor or Bassett. In fact, nobody in Football League history can match Bruce's record, which will almost certainly be extended if he stays at Aston Villa.

### SIMON GRAYSON - 4

Uniquely amongst anyone on this list – and indeed the EFL – Grayson holds the distinction of having been promoted with every club he's worked for.

A League One specialist now doing a magnificent job at Preston, the 47-year-old has taken Blackpool, Leeds, Huddersfield and the Lilywhites into the Championship.

### DARREN FERGUSON - 4

The youngest man on this list, Ferguson was just 36 and still registered as a player when he won the first of two promotions in as many years with Peterborough in 2008. He returned from a miserable spell at Preston to seal a third – and second to the Championship – in 2011. With a second League Two title now in the bag, Ferguson has plenty of time to hunt Warnock down.

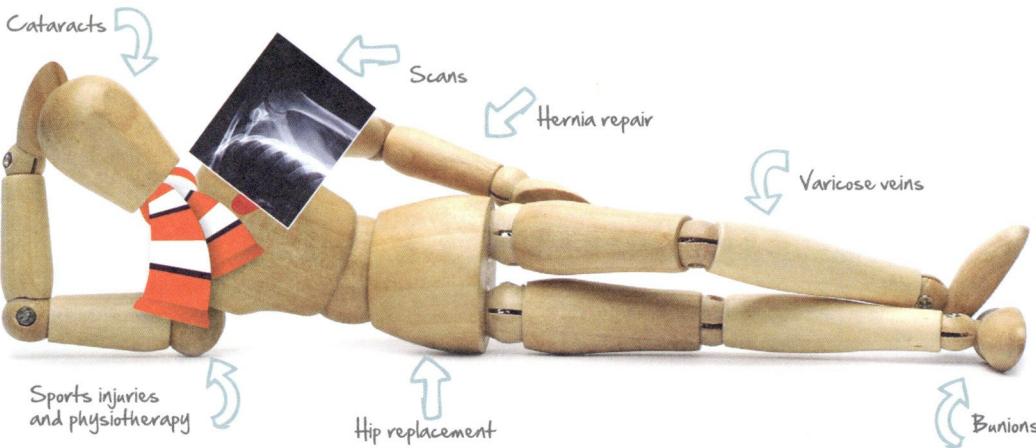
### STEVE EVANS - 4

The less said about Boston's rise to League Two in 2002 the better, but the rehabilitated Scot has since proved he doesn't need brown paper bags to win promotion. Having led Crawley to the Conference title in 2011, he joined Rotherham in April 2012 with the Red Devils all but certain of a place in League One. What seemed an odd decision was soon vindicated – two years and two promotions later, the Millers were in the Championship.



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[LEAGUE TWO ROUND-UP]

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## TODAY'S LEAGUE TWO FIXTURES

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

## LAST WEEK'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS

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

## PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	LEAGUE	THIS SEASON				LTC CAREER TOT					
		APP	GLS	CUP	GLS		APP	GLS	Y	R	APP
Alex Atkinson	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
Tyreeq Bakinson	0 (0) 0	3 (1) 0	2 (2) 0	2 (2) 0	2 (2) 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	5 0
Zane Banton	0 (0) 0	2 (2) 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	14 0
Jordan Cook	30 (4) 3	5 (1) 1	35 (5) 4	4 (1) 0	4 (1) 0	40 4	40 4	40 4	40 4	40 4	40 4
Kavan Cotter	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0
Scott Cuthbert	32 (1) 1	3 (3) 0	35 (4) 1	1 (0) 0	1 (0) 0	79 1	79 1	79 1	79 1	79 1	79 1
Lawson D'Ath	5 (2) 0	0 (0) 0	5 (2) 0	0 0	0 0	7 0	7 0	7 0	7 0	7 0	7 0
Akin Famewo	1 (2) 0	3 (0) 0	4 (2) 0	0 0	0 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	6 0
Luke Gammie	7 (6) 1	0 (1) 0	7 (7) 1	1 0	1 0	14 1	14 1	14 1	14 1	14 1	14 1
Alex Gilliehead	10 (8) 1	3 (0) 1	13 (8) 2	2 0	2 0	21 2	21 2	21 2	21 2	21 2	21 2
Jake Gray	9 (6) 1	9 (0) 3	18 (6) 4	4 0	4 0	24 4	24 4	24 4	24 4	24 4	24 4
Danny Green	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	30 6	30 6	30 6	30 6	30 6	30 6
Freddie Hinds	0 (0) 0	0 (2) 0	0 (2) 0	0 0	0 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0
Danny Hylton	35 (1) 19	6 (0) 5	41 (1) 24	13 1	13 1	42 24	42 24	42 24	42 24	42 24	42 24
James Justin	19 (5) 0	7 (1) 0	26 (6) 0	0 0	0 0	33 0	33 0	33 0	33 0	33 0	33 0
Craig King	0 (0) 0	4 (0) 0	4 (0) 0	0 0	0 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0
Ollie Lee	19 (9) 1	5 (1) 0	24 (10) 1	9 0	9 0	73 4	73 4	73 4	73 4	73 4	73 4
Matt Macey	11 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	13 (0) 0	0 0	0 0	13 0	13 0	13 0	13 0	13 0	13 0
Craig Mackail-Smith	0 (2) 0	2 (2) 1	2 (4) 1	1 0	1 0	40 5	40 5	40 5	40 5	40 5	40 5
Jack Marriott	24 (12) 5	4 (3) 4	28 (15) 9	1 0	1 0	87 25	87 25	87 25	87 25	87 25	87 25
Cameron McGeehan	24 (0) 10	4 (0) 1	28 (0) 11	7 0	7 0	106 31	106 31	106 31	106 31	106 31	106 31
Josh McQuoid	1 (2) 0	5 (0) 2	6 (2) 2	2 0	2 0	43 7	43 7	43 7	43 7	43 7	43 7
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	29 (8) 1	6 (2) 0	35 (10) 1	5 1	5 1	111 6	111 6	111 6	111 6	111 6	111 6
Stuart Moore	3 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	3 (0) 0	0 0	0 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
Johnny Mullins	21 (2) 0	6 (0) 1	27 (2) 1	2 2	2 2	29 1	29 1	29 1	29 1	29 1	29 1
Frankie Musonda	0 (0) 0	5 (0) 1	5 (0) 1	0 0	0 0	8 1	8 1	8 1	8 1	8 1	8 1
Stephen O'Donnell	27 (1) 1	6 (3) 2	33 (4) 3	1 0	1 0	70 4	70 4	70 4	70 4	70 4	70 4
Ollie Palmer	1 (12) 2	0 (0) 0	1 (12) 2	1 0	1 0	13 2	13 2	13 2	13 2	13 2	13 2
Dan Potts	18 (1) 0	2 (1) 0	20 (2) 0	3 1	3 1	38 0	38 0	38 0	38 0	38 0	38 0
Glen Rea	31 (3) 2	8 (0) 1	39 (3) 3	10 1	10 1	52 3	52 3	52 3	52 3	52 3	52 3
Arthur Read	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
Jack Senior	9 (1) 0	6 (0) 0	15 (1) 0	3 0	3 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0
Alan Sheehan	27 (3) 2	5 (0) 1	32 (3) 3	4 1	4 1	55 4	55 4	55 4	55 4	55 4	55 4
Jonathon Smith	12 (12) 1	8 (2) 1	20 (14) 2	7 0	7 0	175 11	175 11	175 11	175 11	175 11	175 11
Jack Snelus	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 0	0 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
Connor Tomlinson	0 (0) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Isaac Vassell	19 (16) 5	6 (5) 5	25 (21) 10	2 0	2 0	46 10	46 10	46 10	46 10	46 10	46 10
Christian Walton	27 (0) 0	6 (0) 0	33 (0) 0	1 0	1 0	33 0	33 0	33 0	33 0	33 0	33 0

# FIXTURES PILE-UP

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

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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS																	
<b>AUGUST</b>																										
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1	SMITH 1							
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hyton	Marriott	Smith	Cuthbert							
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton	O'DONNELL 1	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Cook	McGeehan	Mpanzu	Hyton	Marriott	Gray	Smith						
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 2	Cook	Hyton	Marriott	Fawero	Vassell						
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	L 1-2	3,517	1,674	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Rea	Potts	Lee	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	Cook	Hyton	Marriott	Vassell	Smith						
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Leeds United (EFL Cup 2)	L 0-1	7,498	1,510	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee	Smith	McGeehan	Gray	Hyton	Marriott	Smith	Cuthbert						
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-0	5,606	1,690	2	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1	Smith	Vassell						
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King	Cotter	MUSONDA 1	Fawero	Justin	Bakinson	SMITH 1	Gray	Banton	McQuoid	Cuthbert	Smith	Read						
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																										
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 4-1	8,097	530	1	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	COOK 1	HYLTON 3	Marriott	Smith	Vassell	Famewo					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town	L 1-2	8,005	539	3	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	Hyton	Marriott	RE 1	Vassell	Gilliehead					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 0-2	2,904	1,052	7	Walton	O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Smith	McGeehan	Cook	Vassell	McQuoid	Hilton	Marriott	Cuthbert					
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-1	7,917	554	3	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	MC GEEHAN 2	Cook	Hyton	MARRIOTT 1	Sheehan	Gray	O'Donnell					
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United	D 1-1	3,533	311	2	Walton	Justin	SHEEHAN 1	Fawero	Potts	Lee	Gray	McGeehan	Gilliehead	Mpanzu	Marriott	Vassell	Cook	Smith					
<b>OCTOBER</b>																										
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,660	923	4	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Vassell	Famewo					
Tues 4	7.30pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)	W 2-0	1,441	89	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	GRAY 1	Smith	GILLIEAD 1	McQuoid	Banton	Vassell	Hinds	Cotter					
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra	D 1-1	7,716	254	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Gray	McGeehan	Mpanzu	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Gilliehead	Rea	McQuoid					
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-1	5,471	1341	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Cook	MC GEEHAN 1	Gilliehead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Mullins	Gray					
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	D 1-1	7,787	295	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Gray	MC GEEHAN 1	Gilliehead	Cook	Marriott	Vassell	Smith	Mackail-Smith					
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Notts. County	D 0-0	6,313	2,033	4	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Cook	McGeehan	Gilliehead	Hyton	Marriott	Lee	Potts	Smith	Gray				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																										
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Exeter City (FAC1)	W 3-1	2,972	310	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	RE 1	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 2	Gilliehead	Smith	Mackail-Smith	O'Donnell	Gray				
Tue 8	7.30pm	H	Millwall (EFL Trophy)	L 1-3	2,251	370	-	King	O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	GRAY 1	Smith	MC GEEHAN 1	Mackail-Smith	Vassell	Read	Snelus	Cotter					
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 1-0	8,008	101	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook	Gilliehead	Hilton	Marriott	Smith	Mullins	O'Donnell	Gray					
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	W 2-0	1,507	520	4	Walton	Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Gilliehead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Gray	McQuoid					
Tue 22	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-3	8,808	975	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook	MC GEEHAN 1	Gilliehead	Cook	Marriott	Mackail-Smith	Cuthbert	King					
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 0-0	3,823	634	5	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook	McGeehan	Hilton	Vassell	Lee	Potts	Smith	Mackail-Smith	King				
<b>DECEMBER</b>																										
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Solihull Moors (FAC2)	W 6-2	3,512	635	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	MULLINS 1	Cook	McGeehan	Gilliehead	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 2	O'DONNELL 2	Potts	Vassell	Smith				
Tues 6	7.45pm	A	Swindon Town (EFL Trophy)	W 3-2	1,692	134	-	King	Justin	Musonda	Senior	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	Smith	MC QUIDO 2	Mackail-Smith	Banton	Tomlinson	Snelus	Cotter					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United	D 1-1	7,953	380	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mullins	Rea	McGeehan	Gilliehead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Gilliehead	Smith	McQuoid				
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W 2-0	3,992	1,095	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Justin	Lee	Mullins	MC GEEHAN 1	Gilliehead	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1	Smith	Mullins	Smith	McQuoid			
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	L 0-1	9,164	490	5	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Lee	McGeehan	Gilliehead	Hyton	Marriott	Vassell	Lee	Smith	Gray	Gooch			
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Barnet	W 3-1	8,262	494	5	Walton	O'Donnell	SHEEHAN 1	Potts	Rea	Mullins	Rea	McGeehan	Gilliehead	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 2	O'DONNELL 2	Justin	Lee	Smith	McQuoid	King		
<b>JANUARY</b>																										
Mon 2	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	17,402	1,547	6	Walton	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Smith	McGeehan	Gilliehead	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 2	O'DONNELL 2	Potts	Vassell	Smith	Mpanzu	Lee		
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley (FAC3)	L 1-2	1,717	482	-	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mullins	Lee	Smith	MC GEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hyton	Marriott	Smith	Banton	Cotter	McQuoid	Snelus	Gooch	
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	Chesterfield (EFL Trophy)	W 4-0	1,655	152	-	Walton	O'Donnell	Musonda	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith	McGeehan	Gilliehead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Gilliehead	Smith	McQuoid	King	King		
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-1	4,368	995	6	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mullins	Rea	D'Ath	MC GEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hyton	Marriott	Smith	Mullins	Smith	McQuoid	King		
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	5,387	1,800	6	Walton	Justin	CUTHBERT 1	Senior	Mullins	Rea	Mpanzu	Gambin	Rea	Hyton	MARRIOTT 2	VASSELL 1	Lee	Vassell	Smith	Smith	D'Ath		
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	8,917	997	4	Walton	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith	Gambin	COOK 1	VASSELL 1	MARRIOTT 1	VASSELL 1	Rea	D'Ath	Smith	Smith	McQuoid		
Tue 31	7.45pm	H	Cheltenham Town	L 2-3	6,708	83	5	Moore	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith	Gambin	COOK 1	VASSELL 1	MARRIOTT 1	VASSELL 1	Lee	D'Ath	Smith	Smith	McQuoid		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																										
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town	D 1-1	5,114	468	5	Moore	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Gray	Gambin	COOK 1	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Vassell	Smith	Marriott	Senior	McQuoid		
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Yeovil Town (EFL Trophy)	W 5-2	2,480	88	5	Macey	O'Donnell	Mullins	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith	COOK 1	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 2	Palmer	Smith	Rea	Marriott	Senior	McQuoid	King		
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town	W 2-1	7,316	225	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	Smith	COOK 1	HYLTON 2	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Rea	Gilliehead	Smith	Smith	McQuoid		
Tue 14	7.45pm	H	Hartlepool United	W 3-0	6,965	90	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Mullins	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	D'Ath	GAMBIN 1	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Rea	Marriott	Senior	McQuoid	King		
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	D 1-1	7,506	1,619	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	Smith	COOK 1	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Rea	Gambin	Marriott	Senior	McQuoid		
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	D 1-1	9,124	1,027	5	Macey	Justin	Cuthbert	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	Smith	COOK 1	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Rea	Gambin	Marriott	Senior	McQuoid		
<b>MARCH</b>																										
Wed 1	7.45pm	H	Oxford United (EFL Trophy)	L 2-3	6,901	742	-	Macey	Justin	Mullins	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	Gray	Cook	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Gambin	Marriott	Cuthbert	Potts	Smith	Lee	King	
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	W 4-0	4,194	698	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	RE 1	MPANZU 1	Smith	Gray	Cook	HYLTON 2	VASSELL 2	Potts	Palmer	Mullins	D'Ath	Justi	Moore		
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Stevenage	L 0-2	9,045	699	6	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Potts	Smith	COOK 1	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Rea	Gambin	Marriott	Gray	D'Ath			
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United	D 0-0	4,052	377	5	Macey	O'Donnell	Lee	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Potts	Gambin	Cook	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Rea	Gambin	Marriott	Smith	Fawero		
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Exeter City	D 1-1	7,657	415	5	Macey	O'Donnell	Senior	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Smith	Gambin	COOK 1	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Rea	Gambin	Marriott	Smith	D'Ath		
Tue 21	7.45pm	A	Newport County	D 1-1	2,304	311	5	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Gray	D'Ath	Cook	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Lee	Smith	Marriott	D'Ath	Fawero		
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Colchester United	L 1-2	5,445	1,775	6	Macey	O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Gray	D'Ath	Cook	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Lee	Smith	Marriott	D'Ath	Fawero		
<b>APRIL</b>																										
Sat 1	3.00pm	H	Blackpool	W 1-0	7,968	418	5	Macey	O'Donnell	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Lee	D'Ath	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Gambin	Marriott	Potts	Smith	Lee	King		
Sat 8	3.00pm	A	Barnet	W 1-0	3,313	1,687	4	Macey	O'Donnell	Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Lee	D'Ath	HYLTON 1	VASSELL 1	Palmer	Rea	Smith	Cook	Bakinson	Fawero		
Fri 14	3.00pm	H	Leyton Orient	Mon 17	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Notts. County	Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	Sat 6	5.30pm	H	Morecambe	Palmer	Rea	Smith	Smith	Smith	Bakinson	Fawero

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WITH SIMON PITTS  
HATTERS PLAYER COMMENTATOR

As this will probably be my final "Last Word" article of the season, and with the Supporters' Trust holding their annual presentation awards night next weekend, I thought I would take this opportunity to review some of the 2016/17 season and to look ahead to the evening that I'm proud to have been asked to host once again.

We're on the back of two 1-0 wins, which in itself is unusual as there have only been three 1-0 wins all season, the other at home to Accrington Stanley back in November. Today we're looking for a third consecutive league win for the first time this season, which possibly tells a story in itself, but you also don't need me reminding you that the number of draws has ultimately been the difference between being in the play-offs positions rather than the top three.

Congratulations should go of course to Doncaster who have already been promoted, but given Luton are unbeaten against the champions-elect, whether it be Rovers or indeed Plymouth, it shows that the Hatters are equally capable, at times, of being in those top three places.

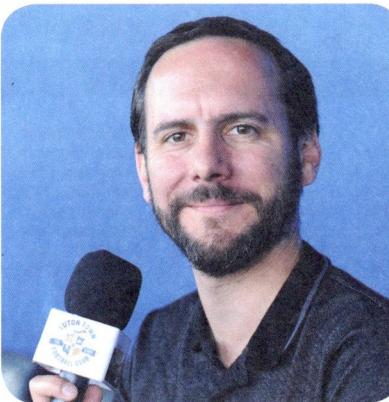
Looking back just over a month ago and automatic promotion was in our hands; however a run of just three points from a possible 15 meant we were nervously looking over our shoulders rather than being positive about the automatic promotion possibilities. How we need Portsmouth

to now suffer a similar fate to ours over the next few weeks!

Danny Hylton's goals and overall contribution saw him nominated for the EFL League Two Player of the Season, and whilst he unfortunately lost out to John Marquis at Sunday's presentation night, it certainly shows he's a very strong contender for picking up an award of some description from the fans' event next weekend.

At the time of writing Danny has netted 24 goals, 18 of these with his right foot, three by headers, two with his left foot, and one with whichever part of his body touched the ball from the cross by Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu for the opening goal against Wycombe back in September.

One award Danny won't be winning though is the goal of the season as despite being top scorer he's not made the shortlist! Stephen O'Donnell is in the running with his only league goal of the season, that thunderbolt against Yeovil. You also have to credit Alan Sheehan who has managed to



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- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jake Gray
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Danny Green
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 19 Olly Lee
- 20 Isaac Vassell
- 21 Jack Senior
- 22 Luke Gambin
- 24 Lawson D'Ath
- 27 Tyreeq Bakinson
- 28 Ollie Palmer
- 31 Craig King
- 36 James Justin
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 44 Alan Sheehan

- 1 Alex Cisak
- 3 Callum Kennedy
- 4 Liam Kelly
- 6 Tom Parkes
- 7 Michael Collins
- 8 Robbie Weir
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- 11 Gavin Massey
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