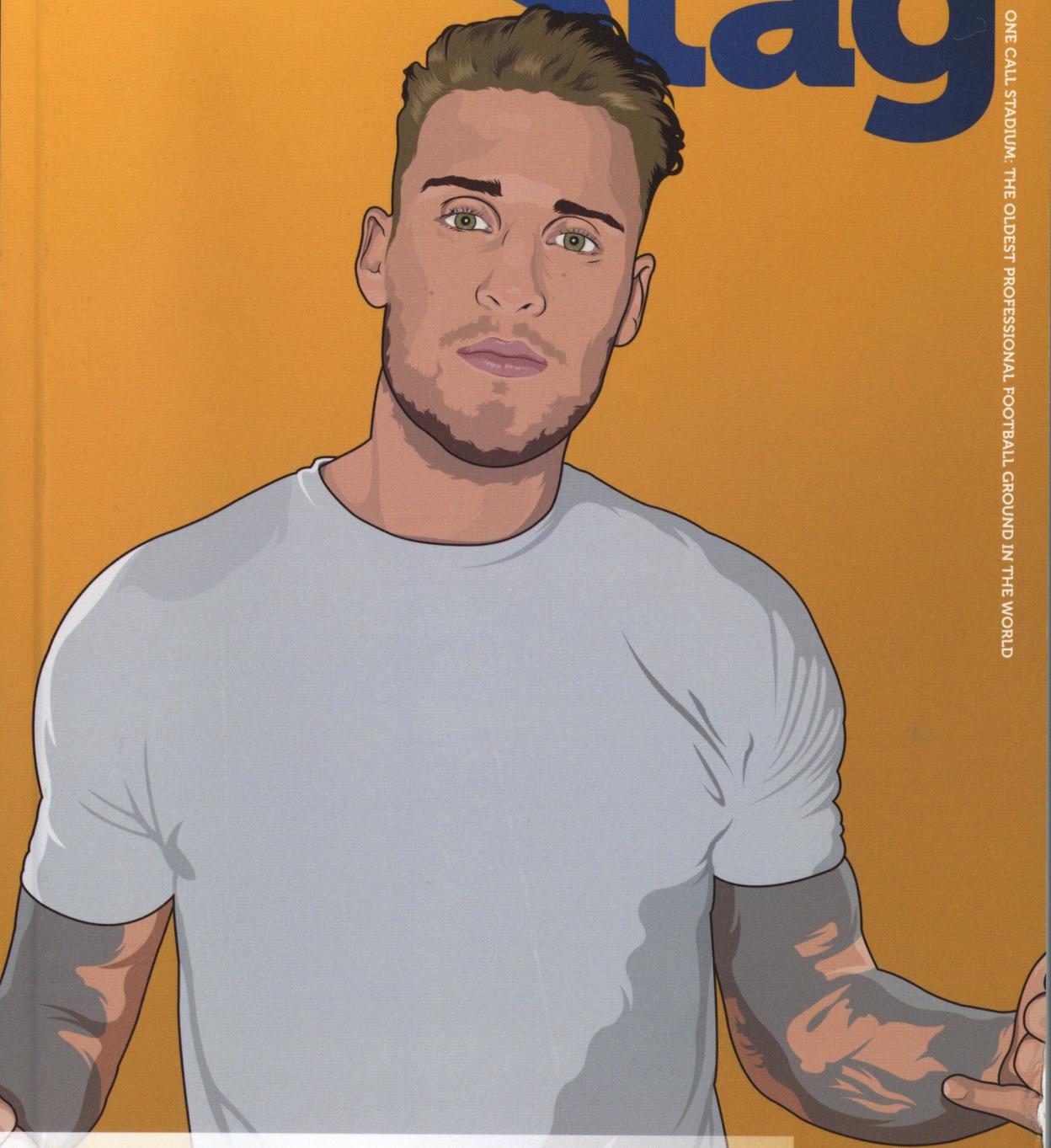


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LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Football Conference	
Premier Champions:	2012-13
Football League Division 2	
(Highest place 21st):	1977-78
Football League Division 3	
Champions:	1976-77
Football League Division 4 Champions:	1974-75
Midland Counties League	
Champions:	1923-24, 1924-25, 1928-29
Central Alliance Championship:	1919-20
Central Alliance Champions:	1915-16

Nottinghamshire FA County Cup Winners:
1937-38, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1986-87,
1987-88, 1988-89, 2006-07
Joint winners:
1938-39

Nottinghamshire FA Senior Cup Winners:
1922-23, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1930-31, 1931-32
Anglo Scottish Cup Semi Final: 1975-76, 1978-79

OTHER LEAGUE HONOURS

Football League Division 3 (North)
Runners-up: 1950-51
Football League Division 3 Third place: 1964-65
Division 4 (or League 2) Promotion: 1962-63,
1985-86, 1991-92, 2001-02
Midland Counties League Runners-up: 1925-26
Midland Combination Runners-up: 1926-27

CUP COMPETITIONS

FA Cup 6th Round (Quarter Final):	1968-69
Football League Cup	
5th Round (Quarter Final):	1975-76
Associate Members Cup Winners:	1986-87
Northern Area Final:	1984-85
FA Trophy Runners-Up:	2010-11
Midland Combination Cup Winners:	1967-27

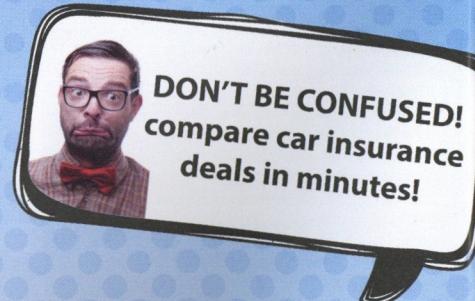
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The Chairman



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Welcome to Nick Owen, Luton Town's chairman, to One Call Stadium this afternoon.

I am writing these notes directly after a well-fought 1-0 win at Adams Park, Wycombe, on Good Friday.

My pride for the team is currently at great levels after a performance which saw good attacking play and defensive resilience in equal measure. Carolyn and I were quite literally on the edge of our seats throughout and were bursting with pride when the full-time whistle was sounded.

In truth, I have not yet looked at the league table, but of course I know we are still in the play-off hunt. The excitement will surely be close to fever pitch against Luton and I want to

see that carnival-like atmosphere spill from the stands and onto the pitch to aid our boys.

This is crunch time, with priceless points available.

To all of an amber and blue persuasion this afternoon, support our team like never before, make the difference in the stands with your encouraging vocal backing.

Finally, I am delighted to welcome back to the club this afternoon the Wembley heroes of 1987. The squad which defeated Bristol City on penalties in the Freight Rover Trophy Final 30 years ago this May are back with us today as we celebrate that famous day in the capital. The players will be presented on to the hallowed turf at half-time today and I know

you will give them the reception they deserve. The winning of the Trophy was one of our club's finest hours. The players and management of that famous triumph will be forever etched into our history books. Thank you for coming back to north Nottinghamshire this afternoon. We are delighted to host you once again and our current crop of players are trying to emulate the successes which you brought us three decades ago.

Together we can do this!

Come on you Stags!

John Radford

A warm welcome to the One Call Stadium this afternoon to Luton Town's management team of Nathan Jones and Paul Hart.

Paul is doing a wonderful job as assistant manager, guiding a young manager in Nathan through the pitfalls of management. I haven't hid the fact that at one point after I left Leeds United I thought about joining another big club in the Championship and asked Paul to join me. That is the respect for which I have of the man, his character and the job he does.

My welcome is extended to Gary Sweet, the chief executive, and Nick Owen, the chairman: two men who I have met on many an occasion and two men who I see as a real reason why Luton Town are again becoming a club that will surely find themselves playing Championship football in the near future.

However, we have to focus on the Stags and after our match at Doncaster Rovers, I have to note that we weren't too down following that game because after looking at the league table, we remained hopeful and energised ahead of our Good Friday fixture at Wycombe. Had other teams won around us it may have sent us down but we kept spirits high.

We executed a perfect game plan at Adams Park. The boys knew we had to head to Wycombe and have a go. We played some wonderful football and conversely had to deal with an aerial bombardment. It was a collective effort and I was delighted for our supporters who made the journey to High Wycombe. My sincere thanks to you for travelling to support the team. I think you may have been frustrated at a few of the decisions but sometimes when that happens there is nothing more wonderful than knowing that the

points are in the bag.

We will have a different game plan for today against a team which is full of talent.

I remember one of my first pre-season fixtures last summer was watching Luton Town play Bedford Town with some of my family. It was a very comfortable 9-0 win by Luton, but it was the quality and movement in the performance which led me saying to my family, 'go and have a bet on them for promotion!' They looked that good. People like Danny Hylton, who played for me at Rotherham, should have been in the Team of the Year. Since that time he has displayed a wonderful maturity that makes him one of the best strikers in League Two.

In my time at Rotherham United, when we achieved promotion out of League Two, my captain was Johnny Mullins, who will be one of the centre-backs on the field today.

I can simply state that without Johnny Mullins my team would not have won promotion in that period.

Back to us and it's important today that we perhaps consider to freshen up the team. There'll be lots of hours put in by the management staff in preparation for today's match, analysing what we watch in training as we look to implement a team that we hope can give us a real opportunity to go forward and make a real game of it.

All I want to do is to ensure that every Stags' fan in the ground today, and none more so than our chairman and chief executive, views the league table with even greater interest when we leave the stadium this evening.

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Sponsors meet & greet players

Sponsors of our first team squad enjoyed a delicious lunch and then mingled with their sponsored players in a meet and greet event at One Call Stadium a fortnight ago.

The players spoke with sponsors and presented them with a certificate and match shirt.

David Hinds, sponsor for club captain Lee Collins, praised the event, saying: "It's good to include supporters [in luncheons like this] and it's nice for us to actually meet the players we're sponsoring.

"I can imagine that from the player's point of view it's nice to meet people who are putting something back into the club."

Head of Russ Moore Accountancy Services, Russell Moore added: "It's tremendous. It's a big improvement from days gone by so we're really happy with the way our sponsorship has gone and how things are going on and off the field."

Pat Hoban's sponsor, Andrew Edwards, is excited for the final four games of the season in Sky Bet League Two as we aim for a top seven finish.

"There's probably a bit more to come with some exciting games to come and it's a toss of a coin really but having been down here for forty years it's been a good season overall," said Mr Edwards.

Commercial manager Paul Nyland added: "On behalf of the club, we'd like to thank all of our home and away player sponsors. We hope they all had a great afternoon and look forward to their support of the club next season."

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ROSE IS MARCH'S PLAYER OF THE MONTH



Striker Danny Rose was voted as the supporters' Player of the Month for March in a poll which took place online on the Stags Wall recently.

Stags won two, lost two and drew one during March and former Bury frontman Rose was pivotal in Stags picking up crucial points in their play-off hunt.

The Barnsley-born man came off the bench against Colchester and although Stags slipped to a 2-0 defeat, Rose helped to change the game and put the U's defence under severe pressure throughout the second half.

He was then rewarded with starts in Stags' back-to-back wins against Carlisle United and Morecambe. Rose played magnificently against Carlisle, contributing hugely to a 2-0 win, before bagging a brace in the 3-1 victory over Morecambe a week later.

The 23-year-old picked up 35 percent of the votes in the poll, beating striker Matt Green in second, who got 20 percent, and Ben Whiteman, who came third with 14 percent of the vote.

Green and Whiteman both scored a goal apiece during March, in the wins over Carlisle United and Morecambe, respectively.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the poll on the Stags Wall.



STAGS' PLINTH INTRODUCED ON MATCHDAYS

Our last home match against Exeter City saw the introduction of a Stags' plinth which held the matchball prior to kick-off.

The new plinth, sponsored by Greene King, will be situated on the goal line near the players' tunnel before every home match.

Commercial manager Paul Nyland said: "A new plinth adds an extra touch of theatre to

matchday proceedings.

"It will be a smart addition to the club's matchday set-up before the players come out of the tunnel.

"My sincere thanks to the plinth's sponsors, Greene King, who continue to support the club in every way they can."



New sports facility gets go ahead

Proposed plans for the build of a new sports facility at Woburn Lane, Pleasley, have been approved by Mansfield District Council.

The club was given the green light to start work at a council meeting two weeks ago.

The new sporting facility will include: a full 3G floodlit pitch, three full-sized grass pitches and a mini pitch.

Furthermore, a Pavilion will be erected to facilitate eight dressing rooms to cater for all age groups.

Moreover, a 'Main Pavilion' would also be built and will include a function room, two classrooms, offices and a physio room.

Director Steve Hymas is hopeful that work on the project will commence in the summer.

"The club and everyone concerned are very pleased with the outcome of the planning committee to approve the building of our new sports facility at Woburn Lane, Pleasley," said Steve.

"The facility will be of benefit to both the football club and the local community and will benefit our ever-expanding academy.

"This project can now move onto the next stage where construction can be planned and is the accumulation of a lot of hard work by various people.

"These type of projects take a long time to put together but if all goes well we will look to start work on the grass pitches in early May and the 3G/ pavilion some time in July.

"We would like to thank the local council and everyone concerned who have shown support for the facility."

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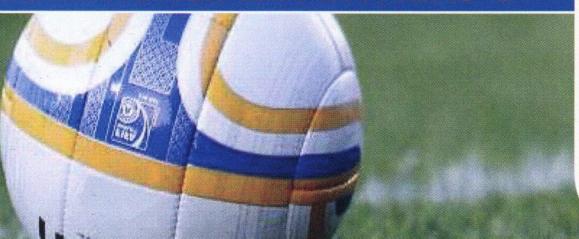
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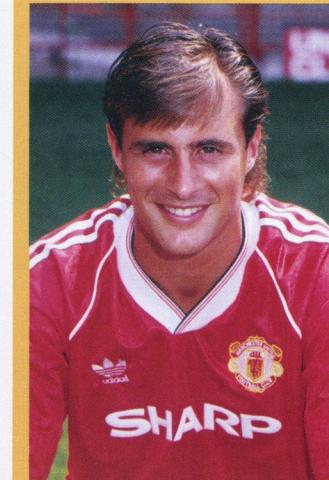
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Former Manchester United midfielder Clayton Blackmore will be the star attraction at One Call Stadium in July when he shares the inside stories from an illustrious career.

The Reds' legend is our next special speaker as part of a series of highly successful 'Sportsman's Dinners' at One Call Stadium.

Taking place in our 1861 Suite on Friday 14 July, the former Welsh footballer, who played for United between 1982 and 1994, was widely regarded as one of the most versatile players in the top tier of English football.

He went on to enjoy great success, mostly under Sir Alex Ferguson, and earned winners' medals in the FA Cup, Cup Winners' Cup and Premier League in the early 90s.

Expect to hear a host of insightful stories from his days at Old Trafford, which included a highly successful spell under one of Britain's best ever managers.

The 52-year-old will be complemented by John Stiles, son of England World Cup winner Nobby, who will host the evening.

Tickets, which include a two course meal, are priced at just £32 per person or £300 for a table of ten. There will also be a chance to win a number of exclusive signed merchandise.

Guests are asked to arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets must be pre-purchased by telephoning our commercial manager Paul Nyland on 01623 482 482 (option 3) or e-mailing sales@mansfieldtown.net

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Stags deliver Easter eggs to local hospice



Our players helped spread Easter joy last week by visiting patients at John Eastwood Hospice in Sutton-in-Ashfield.

The visit was made by defenders George Taft and Rhys Bennett, along with midfielder Jamie McGuire, winger CJ Hamilton and frontmen Yoann Arquin and Matt Green.

After handing out Easter eggs, players spent time chatting with patients and staff, signing autographs and posing for photos.

Diane Humphreys, trust manager at John Eastwood Hospice, praised the players for their generosity of spirit.

"They're very friendly lads and have created a really good atmosphere," said Diane. "The staff have looked forward to the visit and it's been a great boost to us."

Defender Rhys Bennett said: "This has given us an opportunity to give something back to the community and bring some joy to people who may be missing it over the Easter period."

Striker Matt Green added: "We've tried to put smiles on faces, doing our bit as a team and club. Hopefully our visit has made the day a little brighter to the people who we met."

The club would like to thank Booker who donated the Easter eggs.



A POLITE REMINDER

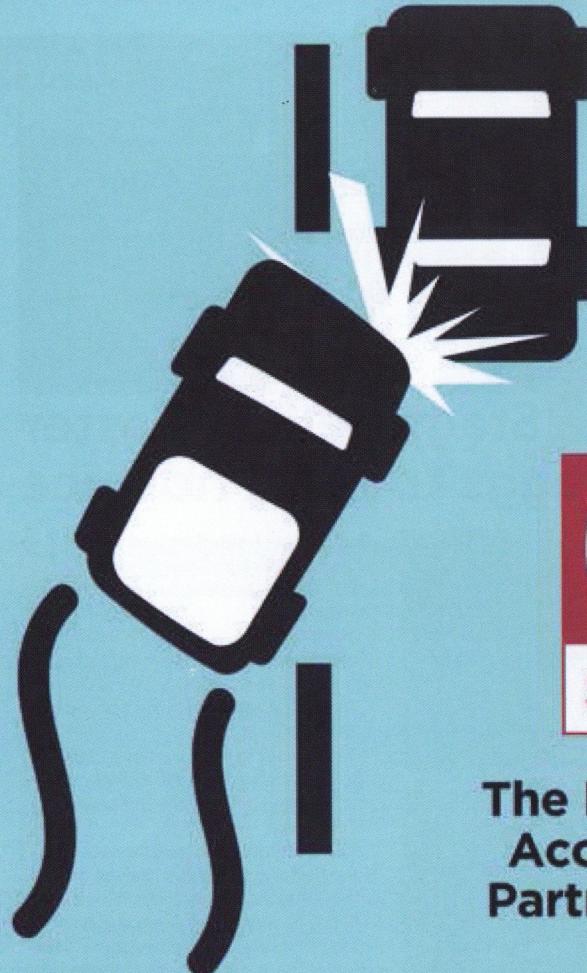
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LAW 17: THE CORNER KICK

When is a corner kick awarded?

A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the defending team, and a goal is not scored.

Are you allowed to score directly from a corner kick?

A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick but only against the opposing team. If the ball directly enters the goal of the team who are taking the corner, a corner will be awarded to the opposing team.

The corner must be taken from the side closest to where the ball crossed the goal line and the ball must be stationary in the corner area, which is a quarter circle with a radius of 1 yard from each corner flag post, drawn inside the field of play.

Opponents must be at least 9.15m (10 yards) from the corner arc until the ball is put into play. There is an optional law to have a mark off the field of play to indicate 10 yards from the corner arc, and these arcs must be at a right angle to the goal lines and the touchline.

Are you allowed to move the corner flag post when taking a corner kick?

The corner flag post must not be moved in any instance, if it happens to be knocked over play must not restart until it has been put back in its correct place.

A flag post must be at least 1.5m (5 ft) high and have a non-pointed top, there must be one placed in each corner of the field.



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COACH TRAVEL

The Stags Supporters' Association will be making the trip to our penultimate away match of the season and prices are still to be confirmed.

The bus will be departing at 10am and to book your place on the family-friendly away travel, please call the SSA's booking hotline on **07967 689597**.



BY ROAD

Our away following who are travelling by road are advised to get on the A1 from the A6191 and continue on that route.

Follow signs for London whilst continuing on the A1, and take the A602 exit to Stevenage/Ware. At the roundabout, take the first exit which will lead you towards Broadhall Way, where you'll reach your destination.

BY RAIL

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PARKING

Fans are advised to avoid parking at the nearby Roaring Meg Retail Park on Saturday matchdays as you are only allowed to park there for 90 minutes and staying longer could result in you being issued with a £100 parking ticket.

There is plenty of street parking surrounding the ground, but supporters are advised to get there in plenty of time in order to get a good spot.

There will be free matchday parking for 500 vehicles at Fairlands Valley Car Park to the north of the ground and this is signposted from junction seven of the A1.

TICKETS

We have been allocated 600 South Stand tickets to sell in advance for the fixture, but can request up to 1,390 if needed.

Please note, tickets will be available on the day directly from Stevenage, however all categories are subject to a £2 increase.

Prices for the clash are as follows:

Adults (22-59): £20

Concessions (60+): £17

Under 22 (17-21): £12

Under 16 (11-15): £8

Under 12 (11 & under): £6

Family of three (one adult, two U16s): £30

Family of four (two adults, two U16s): £40

Wheelchairs users will be seated within the home supporters and they must call Stevenage's ticket office to book their spaces on **01438 223223**. Please note, there are only six disabled bays available for use and the carer will receive a ticket free of charge.

Ambulant disabled supporters will be required to purchase a ticket in the relevant age-related category.

Pre-purchased tickets will go off-sale at 2.00pm on Friday 21 April.

PUBS

'Our Mutual Friend' is a pub 15 minutes away from the ground which is highly rated, while The Roebuck Inn serves real ale and is a ten-minute walk from the away end.

Towards the town centre, plenty of pubs can be found including 'The Standard Bearer' which is a Weatherspoons outlet.

TOTAL DISTANCE

The exact distance between One Call Stadium and The Lamex Stadium is 120 miles, which takes two hours and 19 minutes by road, approximately.



LAST TIME WE MET

The last meeting between the two sides ended in defeat for the Stags as a goal in each half secured a 2-1 victory for Stevenage.

Stags dominated the early exchanges of the game as defenders Rhys Bennett and Mal Benning both saw chances go begging.

Following a clash of heads with Stevenage's Ben Kennedy, defender Krystian Pearce was forced off for treatment, meaning the Stags had to play six with minutes with ten men.

Pearce was reintroduced to the action and goalkeeper Scott Shearer was called into action for the first time, pulling off a smart stop to deny Boro striker Harry McKirdy.

After midfielder Kevan Hurst fired just over from 25 yards out, Boro took the lead in the next meaningful action of the match.

Midfielder Chris Clements conceded a free-kick 25 yards from goal and Charlie Lee glanced a header past Shearer from Henry Cowans' right-footed delivery.

Stags could have equalised five minutes later but Benning's header from eight yards missed the target when he should have done better.

Benning was in the thick of the action and had a penalty shout turned down in the 43rd minute when he appeared to be pushed by Ronnie Henry.

Stags got a well-deserved equaliser on 54 minutes when Stevenage failed to clear a Kevan Hurst cross and striker Pat Hoban was on hand to swivel and rifle the ball home.

Despite Stags looking to build on their equaliser, they were dealt a suckerpunch three minutes later as Stevenage re-took the lead.

Stags lost possession in midfield and McKirdy picked up the loose ball and carried it from halfway before slotting past Shearer from just inside the box.



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15.14: Stags' players celebrate defender Krystian Pearce's winner



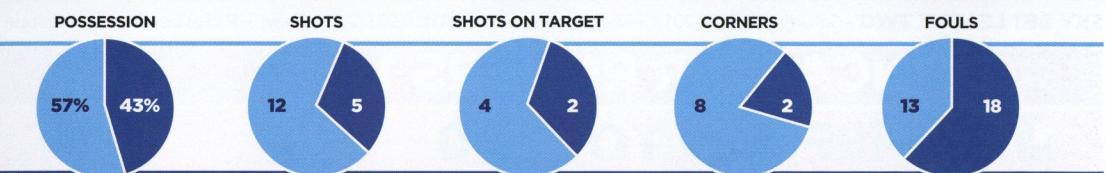
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16.45: Left-back Mal Benning is hauled down by Wycombe's Michael Harriman

16.16: Midfielder Alfie Potter challenges Luke O'Nien



16.40: Goalkeeper Jake Kean pulls off a stunning save to deny Adebayo Akinfenwa

15.07: Centre-back George Taft brings the ball out of defence

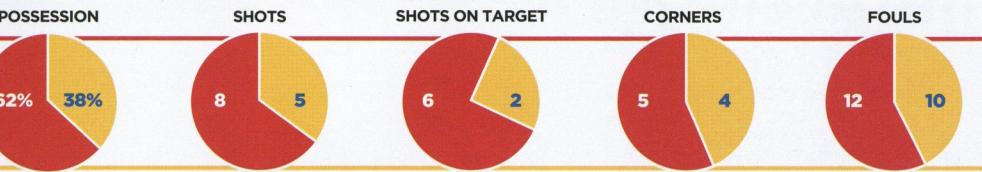


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16.11 Full-back Mal Benning charges down the wing



GT

Imposing defender determined to make big impression



While, for most players, the end of season is now in sight, for George Taft it's only really just started to get up and running.

The central defender had made just four starts and come off the bench a further three times following a summer move from Burton when injury struck and almost derailed his season completely.

A pulled hamstring sustained in the 1-0 home defeat to Barnet ruled the 23-year-old out for an initial eight weeks and, just as he was about to hit the comeback trail, it went again in training, meaning an operation and an even lengthier spell on the sidelines.

From there, it's been a frustrating road back to full fitness for the 6ft 3ins defender, who has been forced to watch on from the stands as new manager Steve Evans has helped the Stags climb the table and put themselves in the play-off picture.

But Taft never gave up hope that he could still

have a part to play in 2016-17 – and has been rewarded in the latter stages of it by earning a place back in the starting line-up following injury to right-back Hayden White.

With Rhys Bennett moving over from the middle of the defence to cover on the flank, the Leicester-born player was finally given the opportunity to show Evans what he could do in the matches against Exeter and Doncaster.

And though defeats against two of the better sides in the division followed, Taft has been eyeing a more productive Easter period, with this afternoon's bank holiday clash against Luton following



"It's really difficult to come back when most other people have been playing and training week in, week out, but now I'm in a good position and I have a real opportunity"

Words: Matt Halfpenny
Images: Chris Holloway

Good Friday's trip to Wycombe.

"It's been a long time out – and it's felt like a very long time," he admits. "It's so good to be back in the mix now and get some game time as well."

"I was always confident I would get back fit before the end of the season, but with the boys having climbed up the table and us having a decent defensive record, you wonder if you are going to get a chance in the first team."

"But thankfully I have, and I aim to make the most of it. The good thing was that I only found out I was playing against Exeter on the day of the game, so I didn't have time to worry about my hamstring or get nervous."

"After getting that game out of the way, I felt more confident against Doncaster, and the lads around me have been really good in helping. There is a lot of experience in there and they have been playing well."

"It's really difficult to come back when most other people have been playing and training week in, week out, but now I'm in a good position and I have a real opportunity."

"I don't know where I'm going to be next season, but I would love to be here in what could be an exciting time for the club. These last few games I'll be trying hard to show I deserve a contract."

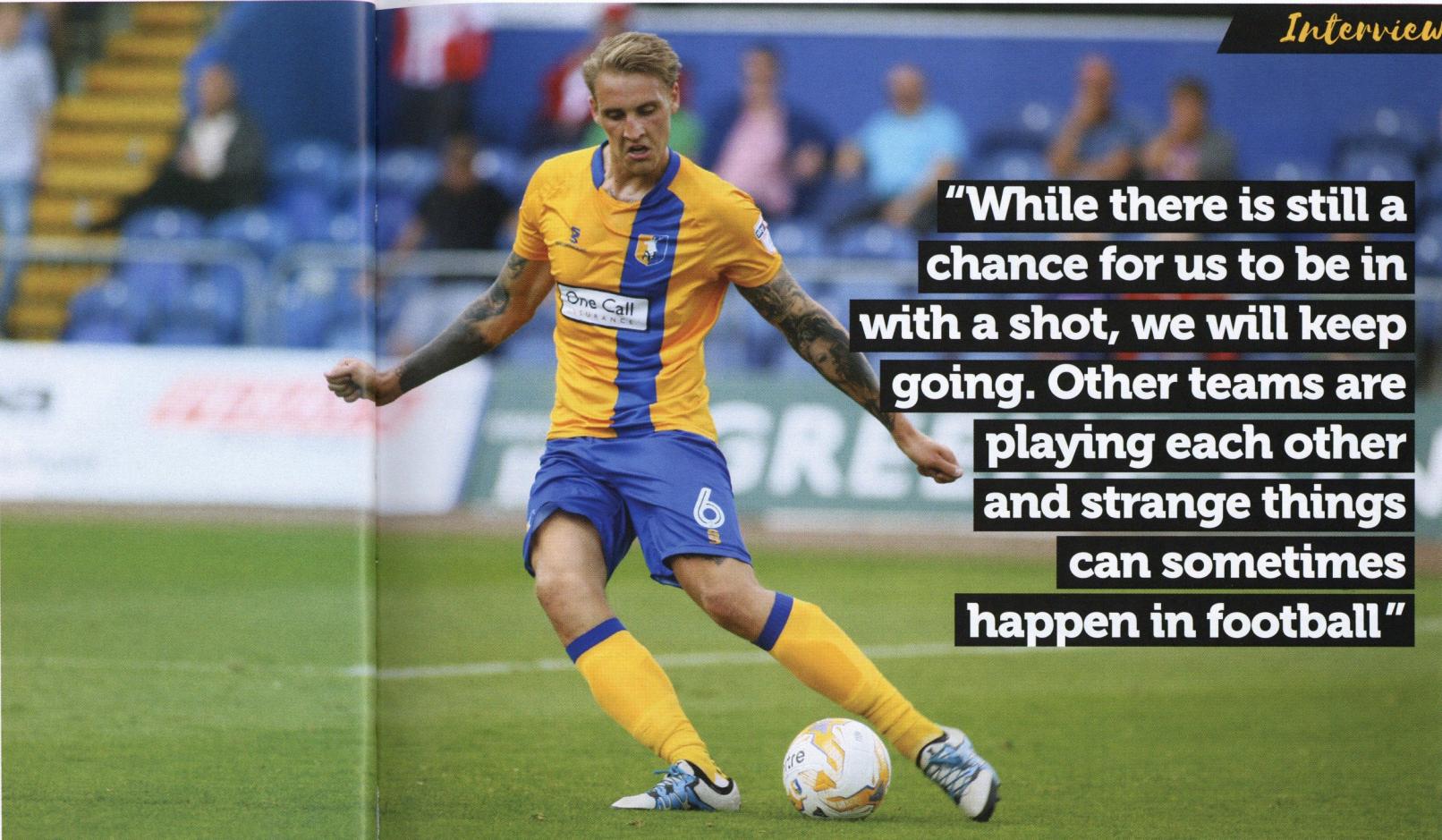
Having been out of action for almost

seven months, Taft acknowledges that it's been a tough time for him, mentally as much as physically.

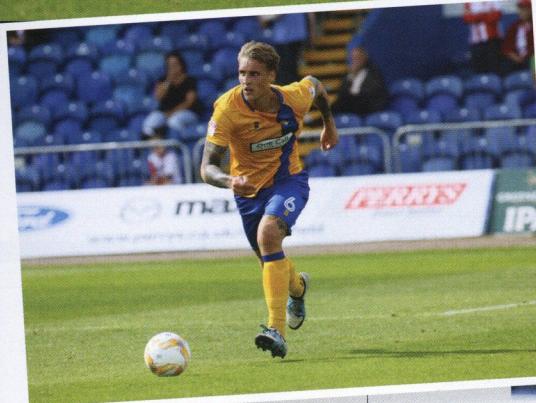
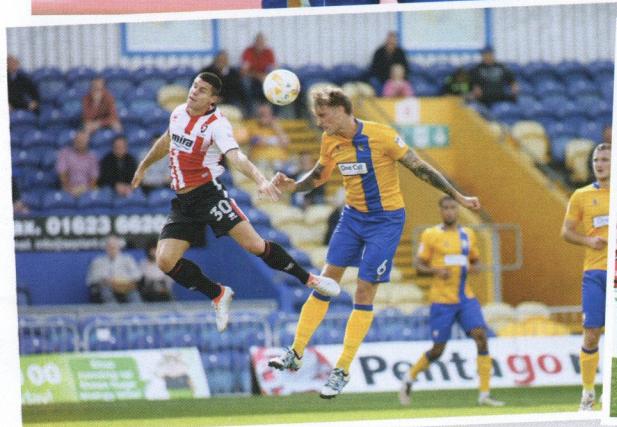
The man who helped Burton to the League Two title in 2014-15 says: "It was a lot of hard work to get back fit, but it was harder in my head than anything else."

"You're paid to go out and play football and when you can't do that it's really hard to take, especially if the team is on a really good run. You want to be part of it."

"In hindsight, I was so eager to come back the first time that I probably came back a little too soon. It's a lesson learned and I will know if and when I get injured again that I have to give my body the chance to recover."



"While there is still a chance for us to be in with a shot, we will keep going. Other teams are playing each other and strange things can sometimes happen in football"



Although a keen Leicester fan as a youngster, holding a season ticket along with his dad for several seasons, it was Derby County who first spotted a young Taft and he was on the books of the Rams' academy between the age of nine and 16.

Only then did he get the opportunity to move to his hometown club, signing on during Sven-Goran Eriksson's tenure as Foxes' boss, which eventually led to an unlikely loan move to Swedish club

Karlstad.

"That move was after Sven and his assistant Tord Grip left and Nigel Pearson was in charge, but it was through those connections that I was asked if I wanted to go to Sweden," Taft recalls. "I jumped at the chance because I wanted to get some first-team football under my belt."

"It took me out of my comfort zone because I was playing in a country with a different culture and style of football. But they all spoke very good English and

I think it did me good.

"It was out of the English season when they played and they wanted me to stay on, but I decided to come back and try to put myself in the frame at Leicester."

Taft was also called up for international duty during his time with City, representing England Under 18s, Under 19s and Under 20s; the latter as an unused squad member for a World Cup tournament in Colombia.

He made his Under 18s debut

alongside Arsenal star Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain and scored against Poland in a game played at Wycombe.

Despite that, a first team appearance never materialised at Leicester, yet he was nevertheless delighted to see the club win an unlikely Premier League title last season under the management of Italian Claudio Ranieri.

Taft says: "As someone who grew up there and has a lot of family and friends there, it was brilliant to see them do it

against such odds.

"I only managed to get to see the one game early on in the season against Crystal Palace because of my playing commitments, but it was an amazing effort by them."

Taft and fiancée Daniella are expecting their second child in June, a sibling for 14-month old daughter Isla.

But the Game of Thrones and Broadchurch fan insists he will remain totally focused on the run-in until the

end of the season, where he believes Mansfield can still have a part to play in the play-off race.

"I felt before the Wycombe game we would need to win four out of our last five games or maybe even all five, but I felt we were capable of doing it," he adds.

"While there is still a chance for us to be in with a shot, we will keep going. Other teams are playing each other and strange things can sometimes happen in football."



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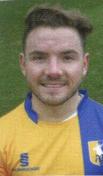
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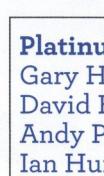
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Q&A

RICHARD COOPER
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Under 21s



My biggest influence...

From my personal point of view, I'd have to say my uncle was my biggest influence in terms of getting involved with football. I'd go to games with him and play football with him and my brothers regularly so that was what really sparked my love for football. I'd also say Paul Hart at Nottingham Forest, who was my coach when I first signed for them.

My sporting hero...

As I've been a Forest fan for the whole of my life, I'd have to say Stuart Pearce who is obviously a club legend. The fact that he's both played and managed Forest means a lot.



My first live match...

It was when Forest beat Manchester United 2-0 at the City Ground. I can't really remember anything from it as I was around six or seven-years-old but that definitely sticks in my mind as the first game I went to.

My greatest sporting moment...

My greatest sporting moment would have to be playing Fulham in the FA Cup with York City. We lost but it was still great to get that far in the cup and to play a Premier League club. Another moment that stands out was playing for the England under 20s in Nigeria which was another fantastic experience.

How would you describe yourself as a coach?

If I was to describe myself as a coach I'd use the words passionate, enthusiastic and motivated. I'm always trying to find ways to motivate myself to achieve the aims I want and I think it's always important to find new ways to coach,

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Under 21s

whilst I've been alive is Zinedine Zidane. I just think that the way he played was extraordinary and I haven't enjoyed watching any other player like him.

The best player I played alongside...

I was fortunate enough to be in the same England set-up as Frank Lampard and Steven Gerrard, among other talented footballers. However, as for players that I've actually played alongside it would probably be Wes Brown.



The best ground I played at is...

One of my best experiences has been playing at the old Wembley, but the favourite ground that I've played at, purely on tradition, would have to be Highbury. It was another great experience that I managed to enjoy during my time playing for Forest.

My earliest footballing memory...

My earliest footballing memory would just simply be playing on the local park with my family and friends which then led me to start playing for a Saturday team. After joining the Saturday team I kept going from there and was lucky enough to make it as a footballer.



Dempster – Let's finish the job

With just three games remaining of their EFL Youth Alliance campaign, Mansfield Town's under 18s need three points to retain their league crown and academy manager John Dempster is pleased to be able to use the age old cliché – just focus on the next game.

Last week's 1-0 win over Scunthorpe United extended the Stags' lead at the top to seven points with Oldham failing to win against Doncaster, meaning Stags need just three points from their remaining three games to be crowned as champions.

And Dempster is a firm believer in drilling in to his players that the next game is the most important, and

Wednesday's clash against York City is no different.

"We put loads of emphasis on winning the York game because as far back as ten games ago, we've been talking about the next game and how important the next game is and it will be exactly the same against York."

"The next game's the most important one and if we go there and perform, we've got a great chance of picking up three points, which in turn would mean that we retain our league title."

"We actually sat down with the players a number of weeks ago and highlighted that there was five games to go and how important they were and how important it is to learn to play

under pressure.

"Now we're just looking to finish it off by winning the rest of our games, which will be our target. We know if we win one of them, the league title will be ours again but we're just taking it one game at a time."

The majority of the under 18s were informed of whether they'd be offered a new contract at the club last week and Dempster has said that regardless of whether they'll be staying with the Stags, he is proud of how each individual has developed.

"As a coaching staff, we're delighted because the players that we're offering contracts to, we feel have got real potential, the players that won't be

Academy manager John Dempster



Steve Johnson
Midfielder
Quickfire Questions

Book or Magazine?

Driver or Passenger?

London or New York?

Snooker or Golf?

Cash or Card?

Chinese or Indian?

Mac or PC?

Rock or Pop?

Night Owl or Early Bird?

Tea or Coffee?

Blonde or Brunette?

Snooker or Pool?

United or City?

Pizza or Pasta?

Swim or Gym?

Letter or E-mail?

Peter Kay or Lee Evans?

Doctor or Dentist?

Youth

Fixtures and Results

Sat 06 Aug	Oldham (H)	0-0
Sat 13 Aug	Chesterfield (H)	1-0
Sat 20 Aug	Scunthorpe (H)	1-0
Sat 27 Aug	Burton (cup) (A)	2-1
Sat 03 Sep	Burton (A)	6-0
Sat 10 Sep	Shrewsbury (cup) (A)	2-2
Sat 17 Sep	Grimsby Town (A)	3-1
Sat 24 Sep	Bradford (H)	4-0
Sat 01 Oct	Doncaster (A)	1-0
Sat 08 Oct	Hartlepool (A)	0-1
Fri 14 Oct	Rotherham (H)	1-2
Sat 22 Oct	Walsall (cup) (H)	0-2
Sat 29 Oct	Lincoln (A)	3-1
Wed 02 Nov	Bedworth FAYC (A)	3-0
Sat 05 Nov	Notts County (H)	2-0
Tue 15 Nov	Dunkirk FC FAYC (H)	5-2
Sat 03 Dec	York (H)	0-1
Sat 10 Dec	Bradford (A)	3-0
Fri 16 Dec	Fulham FAYC (A)	1-3
Sat 07 Jan	Doncaster (H)	1-1
Sat 21 Jan	Rotherham (A)	2-1
Tue 24 Jan	Lincoln (H)	0-0
Sat 11 Feb	Notts County (A)	3-2
Sat 18 Mar	Hartlepool (H)	3-1
Sat 25 Mar	Oldham (A)	2-1
Fri 31 Mar	Chesterfield (A)	1-0
Sat 08 Apr	Scunthorpe (A)	1-0
Wed 19 Apr	York (A) 12pm	-
Sat 22 Apr	Burton (H) 11am	-
Sat 29 Apr	Grimsby (H) 11am	-

League table

	P	W	D	L	+/ -	Pts	
1		Mansfield Town	21	15	3	3	48
2		Oldham	21	12	5	4	26
3		Rotherham	21	13	1	7	20
4		York City	22	11	2	9	25
5		Burton Albion	22	9	7	6	23
6		Notts County	21	9	4	8	21
7		Chesterfield	20	8	5	7	29
8		Scunthorpe	21	8	3	10	27
9		Doncaster	21	7	5	9	26
10		Hartlepool	20	6	5	9	23
11		Grimsby Town	21	6	2	13	25
12		Bradford City	23	5	4	14	24
13		Lincoln City	22	4	4	14	21



Youth factfile

Head coach: John Dempster
Home matches to be played at: Clipstone FC

League name: EFL Youth Alliance
North East Division

Training venue: Brooksby Melton College (pictured above)



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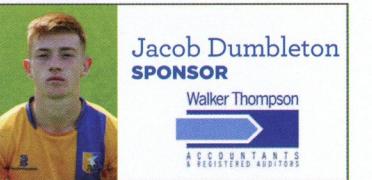
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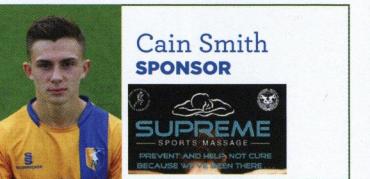


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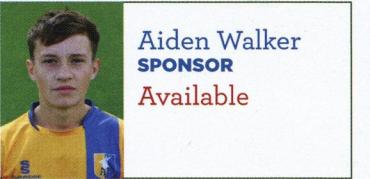


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Director of Ladies' football Allan Woodfield (left) with manager Tony Palmer



Stagettes hopeful of end of season silverware

Mansfield Town Ladies are ready and raring to go ahead of their East Midlands Regional Women's Football League Plate final against Kettering Town.

The Stagettes progressed to the final after a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Arnold Town in the semi-final and manager Tony Palmer was delighted for his players.

"We were in control in the first half," Palmer began. "We passed well, created three good chances and then went 1-0 up through top scorer Androulla Kokkinou.

"Arnold battled hard in the second half and equalised with their only shot of the game when Mollie Rowden scored from 25 yards.

"We put the pressure on them in the last 20 minutes to try and find a winner but they were holding us at bay and the game looked to be heading into extra-time.

"Fortunately in the last minute of the game, a quick combination and a quality floated shot into the top

corner from Laura Watton saw us clinch victory.

"I'm delighted for the players to reach the final and it is a culmination of our hard work this season. Hopefully we can lift the trophy next time out."

Palmer's side beat Ruddington Village 8-0 and Mansfield Hosiery Mills 3-1 to reach the semi-final and only Kettering Town stand in their way of silverware.

The Stagettes still lead the way in the league, but second-placed Sheffield United Community are only three points behind the Ladies with five games in hand. Palmer's side are the only team in the league to have finished their full complement of fixtures.

Despite appearing likely to miss out on the league title, a win in the Plate competition and a top three finish in the division will cap off an overall successful season for Palmer's side who will be looking to build for promotion next season.

Ladies Fixtures

Sun 04 Sep	Notts County Dev (H)	2-1
Wed 07 Sep	Sheff United Comm (H)	1-1
Sun 11 Sep	Rise Park Ladies (A) (Cup)	2-3
Sun 18 Sep	Mansfield Hosiery Mills (A)	10-0
Sun 25 Sep	Bedworth United (A)	7-1
Wed 29 Sep	Ruddington Village (A)	5-0
Sun 02 Oct	Arnold Town (H)	7-1
Sun 09 Oct	Rise Park Ladies (A)	2-1
Sun 16 Oct	Notts County Dev (A)	7-3
Wed 19 Oct	Sheff United Comm (A)	2-3
Sun 30 Oct	Nettleham Ladies (A)	0-3
Sun 06 Nov	Calverton (H) (Cup)	7-0
Sun 13 Nov	Ruddington Village (H)	7-0
Sun 27 Nov	Ruddington Village (A) (Cup)	8-0
Sun 04 Dec	Bedworth United (H)	1-5
Sun 11 Dec	Arnold Town (A)	2-1
Sun 15 Jan	Peterborough NS (A)	3-1
Sun 29 Jan	Mansfield Hosiery Mills (H)	2-1
Sun 05 Feb	Kettering Town (A)	1-2
Sun 12 Feb	Rise Park Ladies (H)	1-0
Sun 26 Feb	Mansfield HM (H) (Cup)	3-1
Sun 05 Mar	Kettering Town (H)	3-2
Sun 12 Mar	Nettleham Ladies (H)	3-2
Sun 19 Mar	Peterborough NS (H)	0-3
Sun 02 Apr	Arnold Town (A) (Cup)	2-1
Sun 21 May	Kettering Town (N) (Cup)	2pm

League table

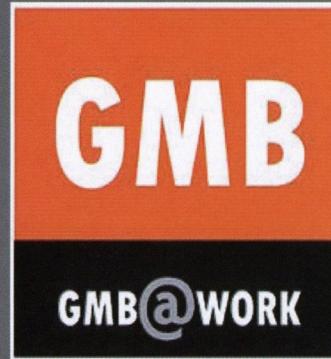
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2	Sheffield Utd	15	13	1	1	60 40
3	Bedworth Utd	16	12	1	3	31 37
4	Nettleham	16	11	0	5	31 33
5	Rise Park	18	10	1	7	13 31
6	Peterboro NS	15	10	0	5	45 30
7	Kettering Town	16	6	2	8	-1 20
8	Arnold Town	18	5	1	12	-21 16
9	Mansfield HM	18	5	1	12	-32 16
10	Notts County	16	2	0	14	-65 6
11	Ruddington	18	1	0	17	-96 3

Factfile

Head coach: Tony Palmer
Home matches to be played at: On the 'top pitch' at One Call Stadium (adjacent to 3G pitch)
League: East Midlands Women's Regional Football League
Training venue: Joseph Whitaker School

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Ladies



In Profile:

Emma Day
Defender

Do you have a guilty pleasure?
Watching the TV show 'Neighbours'.

What made you start playing football?
I was too young to remember. I've always enjoyed playing it.

What do you do for a living?
I'm a physiotherapist.

If you could have one wish what would it be?
For it to be constantly hot and sunny.

If you could eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
It would be a nice piece of steak with onion loaf.

What advice would you give your teenage self?
Work harder in everything you do.

What is your most treasured possession?
My bike.

What is your idea of a perfect day?
Eating nice food and sunbathing.

Who are your dream dinner party guests?
Frank Lampard, Michael McIntyre and Ant & Dec.

As a child what did you want to be?
A PE teacher.

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Sammy the Stag



Today's opponents are Luton Town and they have travelled from Kenilworth Road for today's game. Last season, the Hatters' biggest wins of the season were 4-1 victories over Hartlepool and Exeter.

Matchday Bingo

Each time one of these situations occur, put a cross through the correct box.

The ball hits the crossbar	A shot from either side hits the top of the North Stand	Krystian Pearce makes a slide tackle
Mal Benning takes a free-kick	Either side are awarded a penalty	The ball goes into the second tier of the Ian Greaves Stand
Matt Green celebrates with one arm in the air	The referee shows a yellow card	A goal is scored from a left foot

Can you find the eight former England managers in the wordsearch above?

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The children also got to experience a pizza-making workshop at Frankie & Benny's where the kids made their own pizza with their favourite toppings and crusts, before a winner was announced for the most creative pizza.

Week one's trip was a visit to Carsington Water, Derbyshire, for a bike ride around the scenic lakes.

The children completed the eight-mile course in under two hours, which gave them time to play on the playground equipment such as slides, swings and climbing frames.

To finish the day off, the Football in the Community staff organised a small game of football before we returned to Mansfield.



TODAY'S MASCOTS



Ciaran Denholm

Age: 9
Attends: King Edward School
Hobbies: Football
Favourite player: Danny Rose



Liam Denholm

Age: 6
Attends: Brinsley Primary School
Hobbies: Football
Favourite player: Ben Whiteman

Community Who's Who

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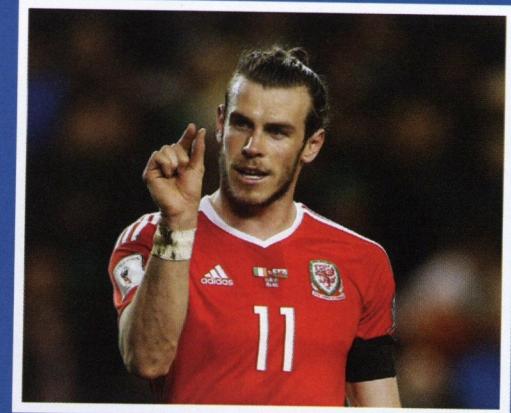


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1 Which Championship club play their home games at The Pirelli Stadium?



2 Which two Premier League clubs enter the field of play to the song 'Z Cars'?



6 In May 2007 Spurs signed Gareth Bale from which club?

7 Which club used to have its home at Filbert Street?

TEN TO TACKLE

3 Who was the England manager at the 2010 World Cup finals?

4 Alan Shearer won one League Championship winners' medal – which club did he win it with?



5 Who bought Chelsea for just £1 in 1982?

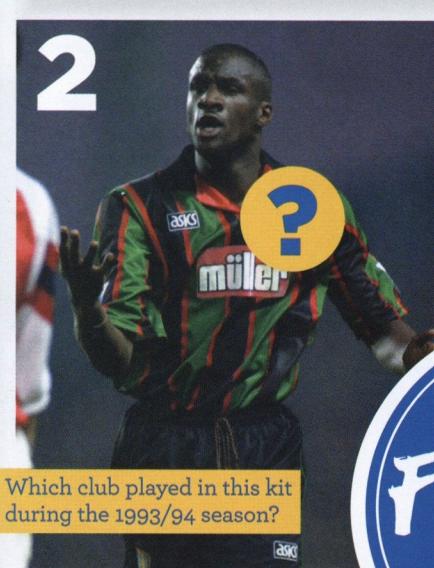


9 Who managed Fulham to the Europa League final in 2010?

10 Which Premier League team are nicknamed 'The Toffees'?



Can you name this stadium which hosts Premier League football?



Which club played in this kit during the 1993/94 season?



What is the name of this mascot and which club are they from?



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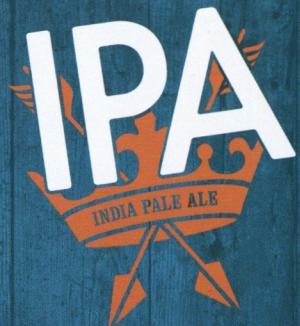


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Can you name the club whose badge this is?

TEN TO TACKLE ANSWERS:
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 Q3: Fulham; Q4: Blackburn Rovers;
 Q5: Kent Bassets; Q6: Southampton;
 Q7: Leyton Orient; Q8: Wigan Athletic;
 Q9: Roy Hodgson; Q10: Everton.
FAMOUS FIVE ANSWERS:
 1: Roy Hodgson; 2: Aston Villa; 3: Nicklas Bendtner; 4: Billy Bremner (Burton); 5: Rotherham United;
 6: Aston Villa; 7: Tottenham Hotspur; 8: Nottingham Forest; 9: Nottingham Forest; 10: Nottingham Forest.

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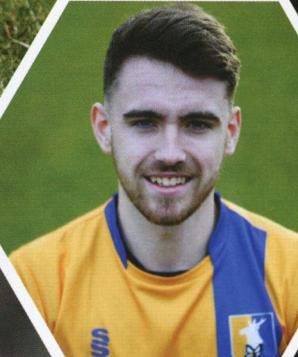


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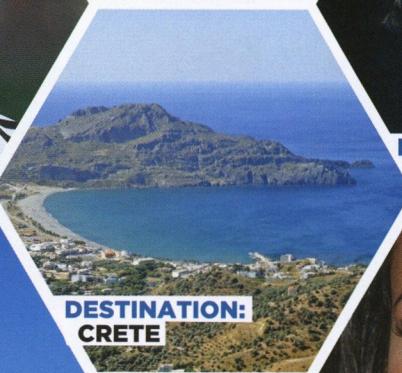
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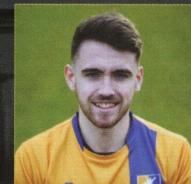
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101



*Midfielder Ben Whiteman
consigns his pet hates into Room 101...*

Entertainment: Those American crime shows like NCIS and CSI. I'm not a big fan of those at all. The storylines are terrible and you can never see it actually happening in real life. I like watching things where you can imagine it happening, so it's relatable.

Modern Life: Rude people. I think good manners and friendliness are starting to disappear from everyday life. Very few people say thank you when you let them go whilst driving, for example. Manners cost nothing and it really annoys me that people don't use them.



Sport: I really dislike hockey, but I don't know why! Whether it's ice hockey or field hockey, it's not for me. Whenever I used to play it in school, I could never get on with it.



Food and Drink: I would put seafood straight in to Room 101. I'm quite a picky eater and I can't stand the after-taste of seafood. I also dislike hot chocolate. I just don't think it tastes anything like an actual chocolate bar.

People: Arrogant people. I can't stand people who try and make everything about them. Some people just have to be centre of attention all the time. I don't like that.

Wildcard: My wildcard would be loud people. Some people speak so loudly that you can hear them in different rooms and I don't see the need to be like that. I don't understand why people need to shout on the phone, the other person will be able to hear you regardless.



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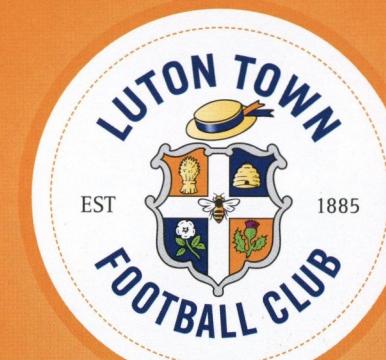
Highest attendance recorded for an FA Cup sixth round replay with Blackpool in March 1959.



Luton won their solitary League Cup in 1988.

243

Forward **Gordon Turner** holds the record of most league goals scored for Luton, hitting 243 between 1949-1964.



In Numbers

10

Striker **Joe Payne** once scored 10 goals in a match against Bristol Rovers in April 1936, an English Football League record.

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850,000 – Club record transfer fee paid when striker **Lars Elstrup** joined from Odense Boldklub in August 1989.

1891

Luton Town were formed in 1885 but didn't turn professional until 1891, becoming the first club in the south of England to turn professional.

10,356

The official capacity of Kenilworth Road.

55

Most league goals scored in a season by **Joe Payne** during the 1936/37 campaign.

LUTON

The Town

Luton is the largest town in Bedfordshire and home to one of the country's busiest airports – the London Luton Airport.

The town also gave the south of England its first professional football club in 1885 in the shape of Luton Town FC.

Luton gets its name from a sixth century Saxon outpost that was situated on the River Lea, naming the town Leatun.

The Domesday Book records the town's name as Loitone or Lintone, and this agricultural centre's population was about 700 to 800 around the time of the Norman invasion.

The 12th century saw construction of a church and a castle in Luton. The St Mary's Church still exists but has been completely redeveloped, and the castle's former site is now a Matalan store.

By 1240, the town was known as Leuton, and its agricultural base changed by the 16th century.

As the Industrial Revolution dawned, the town's hat-making industry dominated its commerce, although it declined in the early 20th century. Hats are still produced in Luton but on a much smaller scale.

Luton continues to take pride in its hat-making heritage, as is evident with Luton Town being nicknamed 'The Hatters'.

Vauxhall Motors opened a factory in Luton in 1905 before its closure in 2002, which employed around 30,000 people at its peak.

Vauxhall still has its headquarters in the town as well as a van and light commercial vehicle factory.

Aviation entrepreneurs Hewlett & Blondeau established a factory in Luton in 1914, which was then bought by Swedish electricity company Electrolux in 1920, which still operates in the town today.

Easyjet, Thomson and Monarch Airlines use London Luton Airport as their base, and the airport is Luton's largest employer.

In 1997, an £80 million redevelopment plan was made to extend the airport, which was completed in 2005.

Apart from industry, Luton further grew out of the transport system. The town centre got its railway in 1858 and the M1 motorway was completed to its west in 1959, providing links to London, the Midlands and the North.



London Luton Airport

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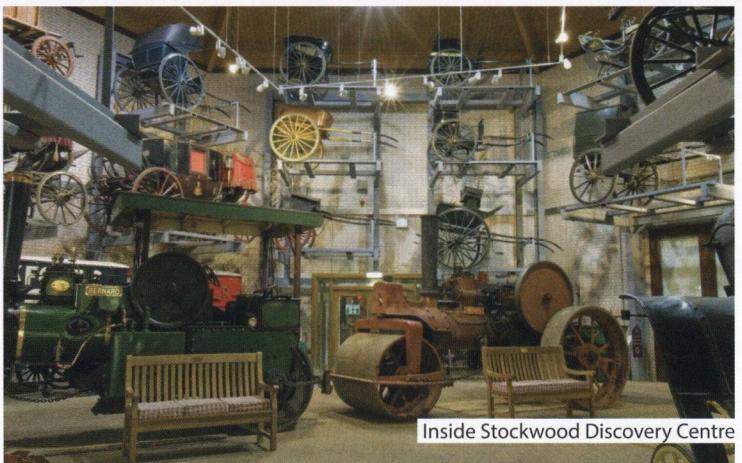
POPULATION: 210,962 (2011 census)

REGION: Bedfordshire

NEAREST AIRPORT: London Luton Airport (Two miles)

FAMOUS FAN: Nick Owen – BBC Midlands Today presenter, current Luton Town chairman

HIGHLIGHT: Stockwood Discovery Centre



Inside Stockwood Discovery Centre



Luton chairman Nick Owen

The Stadium



Luton Town were forced into the Kenilworth Road stadium in 1905 when their landlord at their Dunstable Road ground sold the land for housing at short notice.

It was 20 years after they had come into existence when the Hatters began calling Kenilworth Road their home.

Situated in the Bury Park area of the town, the all-seater stadium has a capacity of 10,226. Floodlights were installed in the stadium in 1953, and it was revamped into an all-seater facility in 1986.

Kenilworth Road had been known for an artificial pitch at the ground between 1985 and 1991.

It was around the same time that the club imposed a five-year ban on away supporters after a riot by visiting Millwall fans in 1985.

Luton Town owned the stadium between 1933 and 1989, before the freehold was sold to the Luton Borough Council and the current lease expires in 2028.

The highest attendance at the stadium stands at 30,069, when the Hatters welcomed Blackpool in the FA Cup sixth round in March 1959 and secured their progress into the next stage with a narrow 1-0 victory.

The ground is about 15 minutes away on foot from the Luton railway station, which is connected by regular trains to London St Pancras International station.

Adjacent to the ground's Main Stand is the David Preece Stand, which holds a row of executive boxes which are hired out by the club.

To the right of the Main Stand, there is the Kenilworth Stand, and the Oak Road End is to the left.

The club has been looking to relocate since 1955 and the most recent proposal includes a site in the town centre, which they want to move in to by 2020.

Kenilworth Road stadium received the EFL Family Excellence Award in 2015/16 in recognition of its family-friendly atmosphere.

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ARE YOU LUTON IN DISGUISE?

The Stag takes a look at four other clubs across the globe who share Luton's famous orange jerseys.

Brisbane Roar, Australian A-League

The club was originally formed by Dutch immigrants as Hollandia-Inala in 1957 before numerous name changes culminated in its conversion to Brisbane Roar in 2009.

In keeping with their Dutch roots, the club kept its orange kit through the name changes, despite the fact that teams originating from Queensland typically play in maroon.

They have twice won the A-League - in 2010-11 and 2013-14 - and hold the record for the longest unbeaten run in Australian football with a stint of 36 matches.

FC Ural, Russian Premier League

Ural are the smallest team in Russia's top-tier with a stadium capacity of just 10,000 and they play against the likes of Spartak Moscow, who house over four times that amount.

Founded in 1930, their orange and black kit gave them the nickname of the 'Bumblebees' and they are otherwise known as Uraltsy and Ural men.

In 2003, they retired the number 23 shirt in honour of striker Pyotr Khrustovskiy, who died in a road accident aged just 24.



Albirex Niigata, Japanese J1 League

The club name comes from a combination of the star Albireo and the Latin word 'Rex', but in 1997 the club was forced to change its name from Albireo Niigata for a breach of copyright.

Niigata had long been an amateur club until they joined the newly-formed J-League in 1998 before gaining promotion to the top flight in 2003.

They play at the Niigata Stadium, also nicknamed the Big Swan, which was a venue for the 2002 World Cup.

Termalica Bruk-Bet Nieciecza, Polish Ekstraklasa

Formed in 1922, Nieciecza reached the Polish top-tier for the first time in its history in May 2015 and went on to retain their top flight status last season.

With a stadium capacity of 4,595, they are not only the minnows of the Polish league, but with a population of just 750 people, Nieciecza is the smallest village to ever host a top flight football club in any European league.

They are nicknamed The Elephants, however there is no evidence to suggest why.



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FAB FOUR

Football historian Leigh Edwards highlights four leading Luton Town figures from 70 post-war League seasons.



MALCOLM MACDONALD

Striker **Malcolm MacDonald** was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Luton in July 1969. He was twice top scorer, including their 1969-70 promotion success when he was named 'Player of the Year' and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974 and League Cup finalist in 1976, he joined Arsenal for £333,333 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield and now works in the media.



RICKY HILL

England international midfielder **Ricky Hill** was 'Player of the Year' when Luton Town won the Second Division title in 1981-82. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in May 1976, he was also 'Player of the Year' in 1980-81 and starred as Luton were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85. He also featured in two consecutive League Cup finals, including the Hatters' 1988 Wembley triumph, and netted 54 goals in 436 League games before moving to Le Havre in July 1989. Reuniting with David Pleat at Leicester City in August 1990 and later as a coach at Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, he briefly rejoined Luton as manager.



BRIAN STEIN

England international striker **Brian Stein** was Luton Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1987-88, scoring twice in that season's League Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted 'Player of the Year' again in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall before joining Barnet in August 1992. His younger brother Mark also played for Luton.



MICK HARFORD

England international striker **Mick Harford** was Luton Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1988-89. Initially with Lincoln City, he played for Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were League Cup finalists in two consecutive seasons, including their 1988 Wembley triumph, and were also FA Cup semi-finalists on two occasions. Moving to Derby County in January 1990, he returned to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then appeared for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and manager of Luton.

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Opposition

In the dugout

Manager
Nathan Jones

Luton Town appointed Nathan Jones as manager in January 2016, replacing former boss John Still.

The Hatters' 31st different permanent boss, Mr Jones signed a three-and-a-half-year contract extension this March.

Born in Rhondda, Wales, he flourished as a left-back, winning three promotions and making over 500 senior appearances for clubs like Badajoz, Southend United, Scarborough, Brighton and Yeovil Town.

The 43-year-old moved into coaching during the last leg of his Yeovil days, progressing to assistant manager in 2009.

After a coaching spell with Charlton's under 21s, he stayed with Brighton from 2013 until his arrival at Luton. He deputised for three Seagulls' managers, and also enjoyed a stint as caretaker boss in December 2014.

Mr Jones further assisted ex-England under 21s' chief Gareth Southgate before the 2015 UEFA Under-21 Championship.

Assistant manager
Paul Hart

Paul Hart arrived as Nathan Jones' understudy in May 2016, having previously worked with him at Charlton's under 21s in 2012-13.

Mr Hart, 63, has a proven track record of blooding young talent since he cut his teeth into coaching with Chesterfield in 1988, who reached the Fourth Division play-off final in 1989-90 under his guidance.

Golborne-born Hart guided Leeds United's youth side to FA Youth Cup glory in 1993 and 1997, and Nottingham Forest's youngsters to the under 19s' title in 1999-2000.

He has also overseen various academy and first-team management roles at Portsmouth, QPR, Crystal Palace, Swindon Town, Barnsley, and Rushden & Diamonds.

As a player, the former defender made 567 appearances with Stockport County, Blackpool, Leeds, Sheffield Wednesday, Forest and Notts County.

First team coach
Joaquin Gomez

Spaniard Joaquin Gomez joined Luton as first-team coach in July 2016 and reunited with Nathan Jones for a second time after the pair met at Brighton & Hove Albion in 2014.

Mr Gomez, 30, earned his UEFA Pro Licence stripes at 24, and has previously worked as a fitness coach and personal trainer.

In 2009-10, he was the youth team manager and first-team assistant manager at Spanish outfit C.P. Parla Esceula.

Brighton appointed him as technical director of women's and girls' football in 2012, after which Mr Gomez moved up the ladder from their youth level to first-team assistant performance coach.

Subsequently, he became first-team coach under manager Sami Hyypia and assistant boss Nathan Jones.

Mr Gomez was also Derby County's head of tactical analysis for a year from July 2015.

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Current Players

The lowdown on today's visitors following their last league match at home to **Leyton Orient**.



STARTING ELEVEN

Stuart Moore (GK) Age: 22

Parent club: Reading | Career appearances: 11

James Justin (RB) Age: 17

Former club: Luton Acad | Career appearances: 33 | Career goals: 0

Scott Cuthbert (CB) Age: 29

Former club: Leyton Orient | Career appearances: 373 | Career goals: 14

Glen Rea (CB) Age: 22

Former club: Brighton | Career appearances: 70 | Career goals: 3

Alan Sheehan (LB) Age: 30

Former club: Bradford | Career appearances: 356 | Career goals: 24

Lawson D'Ath (RM) Age: 24

Former club: Northampton Town | Career appearances: 149 | Career goals: 17

Olly Lee (CM) Age: 25

Former club: Birmingham City | Career appearances: 150 | Career goals: 11

Jordan Cook (CM) Age: 27

Former club: Walsall | Career appearances: 168 | Career goals: 18

Pelly Ruddock-Mpanzu (LM) Age: 23

Former club: West Ham | Career appearances: 110 | Career goals: 6

Danny Hylton (ST) Age: 28

Former club: Oxford United | Career appearances: 380 | Career goals: 107

Jack Marriott (ST) Age: 22

Former club: Ipswich | Career appearances: 143 | Career goals: 43

Opposition

Substitutes

	Craig King (GK) Age: 30 Former club: Peterborough Career apps: 376
	Stephen O'Donnell (RB) Age: 24 Former club: Partick Thistle Career apps/goals: 205/14
	Dan Potts (LB) Age: 23 Former club: West Ham Career apps/goals: 62/0
	Jonathan Smith (CM) Age: 30 Former club: York City Career apps/goals: 398/36
	Jake Gray (RM) Age: 21 Former club: Crystal Palace Career apps/goals: 63/10
	Isaac Vassell (ST) Age: 23 Former club: Truro City Career apps/goals: 56/21
	Luke Gambin (CM) Age: 24 Former club: Barnet Career apps/goals: 147/16

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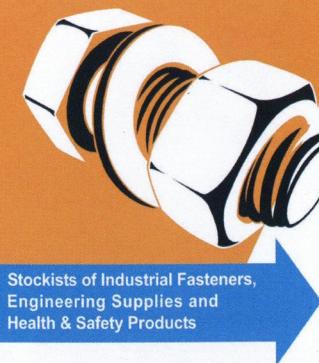
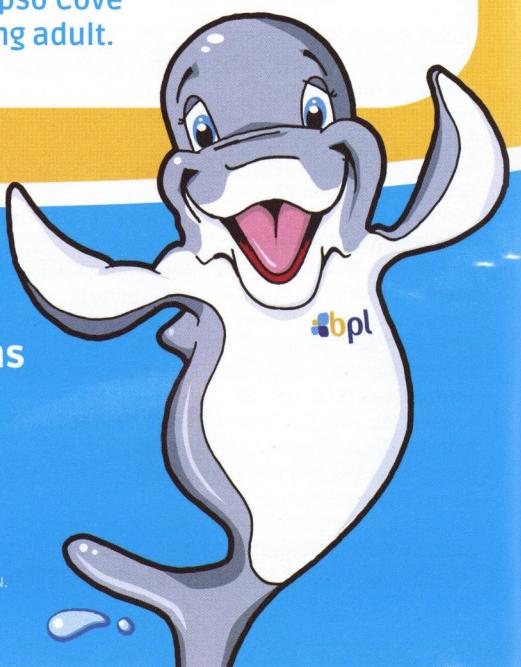
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"Once a Stag, always a Stag"



Scrapbook

During this season, we'll be delving into the club archives to look back on our Freight Rover Trophy success in 1987.

HERE'S our 'all-star' team based on the top players in our 'Matchman of the Year' averages.

MATCH SELECT XI

PEYTON	METHVEN	YATES	JONES L.
(Bournemouth)	(Blackpool)	(Notts Co.)	(Newport)
PARKER	COOPER	SINTON	
(Fulham)	(Middlesb.)	(Brentford)	
TAYLOR	CASSELLS	WALSH	SLAVEN
(Blackpool)	(Mansfield)	(Bristol City)	(Middlesb.)

REVEALING our exclusive Third Division 'Matchman of the Year' honours for the 1986/87 season. The results are based on individual player ratings for League performances taken from our unique 'Match Facts' results service which runs throughout the season.

TRIUMPHANT 'Stag' Keith Cassells can add another award to the Freight Rover Trophy winners' medal he won at Wembley last month.

After a season of commendable consistency, the much-travelled striker is named

KING

the 'Matchman of the Year' for the Third Division.

For the first time in his ten-year career, 29-year-old Keith was an ever-present in a Mansfield side which finished in a respectable mid-table position.

And he capped a fine

campaign by helping his team beat trophy holders Bristol City in a thrilling Freight Rover Final on Wembley's hallowed turf – although he did miss a penalty!

Keith, who previously had spells with Watford, Peterborough, Oxford, Southampton and Brentford, finished well clear of the runner-up in our Division Three honours list.

Blackpool defender Colin Methven heads a trio of players on 7.00 but he takes second place having gained more star ratings throughout the season.

Like winner Keith Cassells, Colin is a one-time Wembley winner. He steered Wigan to victory in the first Freight Rover Trophy Final in 1985.

Dean Yates of Notts County and Middlesbrough's Tony Mowbray occupy third and

fourth places respectively with another defender, Colin Greenall of Gillingham, completing the top five.

Blackpool's Mark Taylor is just behind in sixth place.



Andy Sinton – midfield master.

THE table below shows the 20 most consistent performers in the Third Division last season – together with their average rating. Each player must have appeared in at least 30 League games to qualify.

TOP TWENTY

Player	Av. rating
1 Keith Cassells (Mansfield)	7.18
2 Colin Methven (Blackpool)	7.00
3 Dean Yates (Notts County)	7.00
4 Tony Mowbray (Middlesbrough)	6.95
5 Colin Greenall (Gillingham)	6.93
6 Mark Taylor (Blackpool)	6.91
7 Paul Parker (for Fulham)	6.88
8 Alan Walsh (Bristol City)	6.88
9 John Williams (Bournemouth)	6.87
10 Bernie Slaven (Middlesbrough)	6.86
11 Milton Graham (Chester)	6.86
12 Gerry Peyton (Bournemouth)	6.85
13 Paul Stewart (for Blackpool)	6.83
14 Andy Sinton (Brentford)	6.83
15 Ian McParland (Notts County)	6.83
16 David Lowe (Wigan)	6.82
17 Gary Pallister (Middlesbrough)	6.80
18 Mark Whitlock (Bournemouth)	6.79
19 Colin Cooper (Middlesbrough)	6.77
20 Andy Jones (Port Vale)	6.77

● Where two players finished with the same rating, the player with the most star ratings over the season was placed ahead.

'KEEPERS

Player	Av. rating
1 Gerry Peyton (Bournemouth)	6.85
2 Andy Rhodes (Doncaster)	6.76
3 Keith Waugh (Bristol City)	6.74
4 Fraser Digby (Swindon)	6.72
5 Barry Siddall (Blackpool)	6.71

DEFENDERS

1 Colin Methven (Blackpool)	7.00
2 Dean Yates (Notts County)	7.00
3 Tony Mowbray (Middlesbrough)	7.00
4 Colin Greenall (Gillingham)	6.95
5 Paul Parker (Fulham)	6.91

MIDFIELD

1 Andy Sinton (Brentford)	6.83
2 Colin Cooper (Middlesbrough)	6.79
3 John Lewis (Newport)	6.77
4 Neil Redfearn (Doncaster)	6.76
5 Tony Lowry (Mansfield)	6.73

STRIKERS

1 Keith Cassells (Mansfield)	7.18
2 Mark Taylor (Blackpool)	6.93
3 Alan Walsh (Bristol City)	6.88
4 Bernie Slaven (Middlesbrough)	6.87
5 Milton Graham (Chester)	6.86



Top stopper – that's Gerry Peyton.

Memorable Match

The Stag recalls a match from our promotion-winning campaign in 1991-92 as we finished 3rd in Barclays Fourth Division.



MANSFIELD TOWN 2 ROCHDALE 1

Saturday 02 May 1992

Following the Stags' tense season finale at the then-named Field Mill, both the team and fans were in high anticipation as they were left waiting to hear whether Lincoln City had managed to beat Blackpool.

The game at Sincil Bank was eight minutes behind Mansfield's due to a Blackpool pitch invasion after the

travelling supporters had wrongly been informed that the Stags had failed to win their game.

If the Seasiders' supporters were misinformed, the Stags' fans were the opposite as they knew their team had done all they could and that promotion rested in the hands of Lincoln City.

Lincoln were already 2-0 to the good and the crowd of 5,671 knew that a Blackpool recovery was extremely unlikely considering that only a minute was left to play once the game resumed following the

pitch invasion.

And so it proved that the agonising wait was nothing but a delay for Mansfield's celebrations as Lincoln saw the final minute out and the Stags' promotion was confirmed.

Wild celebrations broke out in north Nottinghamshire as Stags' promotion was sealed and George Foster's men bounced right back up after being relegated the season before.

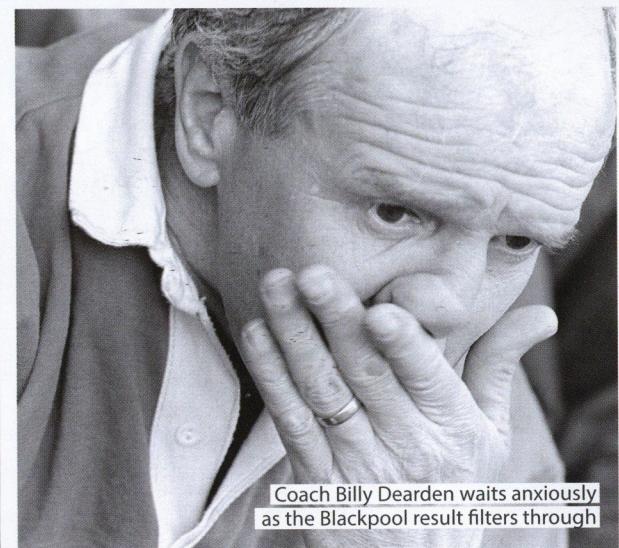
It was a finale that matched the story of the season, full of twists and turns, and a season that all Stags' fans will look back on with fond memories.

Manager George Foster points to someone in the Stags' crowd

1991-92



Supporters watch the match from behind the advertising hoardings



Coach Billy Dearden waits anxiously as the Blackpool result filters through



Stags' fans celebrate on the pitch

BIGGER PICTURE

Commemorating our Third Division title success 40 years ago, The Stag selects a classic photograph from that unforgettable campaign.

Goalkeeper Rod Arnold poses in front of the faithful as Stags beat Northampton 3-0 in north Nottinghamshire in May 1977.



In profile

Michael William 'Mick' Saxby
Centre back



Former Sherwood Hall schoolboy Mick Saxby's career was in its infancy when he played his part in the successful 1976-77 season. With Kevin Bird unfit, he had made his first team debut away at Halifax Town on Valentine's Day in 1976 with his last minute winner securing both points (in the days

of two points for a win). During the championship season Mick was used as a replacement for Ian MacKenzie whose injury problems began to escalate during the campaign. In the seasons that followed, Mick rapidly made the number five shirt his own and when he left Mansfield for Luton

Town in the summer of 1979 the fee the Stags received (reportedly £225,000) was by far and away a club record.

1976-77 appearances and goals scored (apps+subs/goals)

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Others: 0+0/0 Total 10+0/0

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One game wonders

Throughout this season, journalist Tathagata Mukherjee will recall a player who made just one appearance for the Stags. This week, he profiles winger Goma Lambu.

Goma Lambu



Goma Lambu during his time at Croydon Athletic

Leading a nomadic life as a footballer, ex-England under-16 winger Goma Lambu appeared just once for the Stags, in a match against Cheltenham Town in February 2005.

Having won their two previous Coca-Cola League Two fixtures that month against Notts County and Swansea City via identical 1-0 scorelines, Mansfield hosted Cheltenham in high spirits.

But the script unfolded untowardly at One Call Stadium, as 3,665 fans watched the tie settle against the Stags' favour 2-1.

Lambu, who had been an unused substitute against the Magpies, made his full bow against Cheltenham under caretaker manager Carlton Palmer. He replaced an ill Derek Asamoah in the starting line-up.

Although the youngster looked to create a few decent moves down the flank, he failed to impose himself over proceedings. Incidentally, Asamoah brushed aside his migraine issue to come on for Lambu at half-time.

The visitors controlled large swathes of possession in the first period, but were harmless amidst wet and windy conditions. In the second-half however, the game sparkled into life

with all three goals arriving within the last 30 minutes of regulation time.

The Robins threatened first after the change of ends, with Northern Ireland international Grant McCann forcing a superb stop from Mansfield custodian Kevin Pilkington.

However, Town were ultimately handed the initiative on 61 minutes, as Martin Devaney used the wind to his advantage and swerved home an outstanding 25-yard effort.

But Mansfield were awarded a spot kick on 73 minutes after substitute Asamoah was fouled inside the penalty area, and forward Colin Larkin stepped up to equalise successfully.

Prior to Larkin's leveller, the Stags had seen striker Richie Barker's shot cleared off the line and to compound their misery, Cheltenham edged the encounter with the winning goal on 89 minutes from midfielder John Finnigan.

Goma Lambu, of Congolese descent, arrived in English football in the early 2000s when he became a teenage trialist with Tottenham Hotspur.

But he flourished more notably under the watchful eyes of coaches at the Millwall academy, developing into a pacy and hard-working right winger, though he was initially a centre-forward.

It was also during this time that he earned several caps with the England under-16s' side.

In 2003, the Lions released Lambu,

leading to his trials with Chelsea and Bristol City. Following this, the wandering youngster joined Fisher Athletic – who have since reformed into Fisher FC.

He was with the Martyrs in January 2004, when he switched to Merton-based outfit Tooting & Mitcham United FC for the remainder of the 2003-04 season.

'He flourished more notably under the watchful eyes of coaches at the Millwall academy, developing into a pacy and hard-working right winger'

In his short stay with the Terrors, Lambu had made nine appearances and bagged one goal across league and cup competitions before making his way to Ealing, London, as part of Southall FC's squad.

He remained at their Reynolds Field stadium until October 2004, then joined east London-side Hornchurch FC – now rechristened as AFC Hornchurch.

Having failed to stake his claim regularly in the Urchins' starting-eleven, Lambu left for then-

Nationwide South club Redbridge FC in January 2005, reuniting with former Hornchurch colleagues Keith Rowland and Jim Stannard, who were Redbridge's new player-coach and manager, respectively.

He made his debut for the Motormen alongside five other new faces in a 1-0 defeat against Weston-super-Mare.

Lambu then packed his bags for Nottinghamshire, arriving at Mansfield Town, where his sole appearance was against Cheltenham.

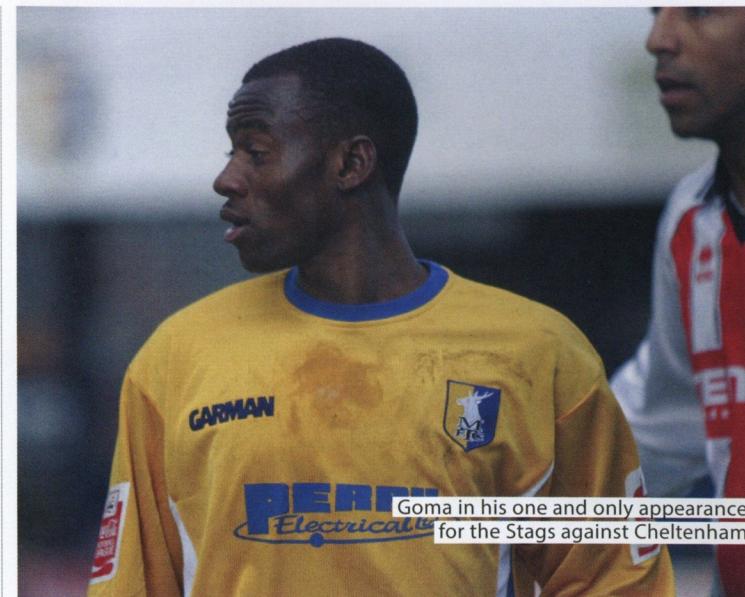
Dulwich Hamlet FC were his next club, who roped him in before the start of the 2005-06 season, but without much success.

Still only 21, Lambu signed on the dotted line for then-Nationwide Conference National side Woking FC in August 2006; and his career's most successful spell had begun.

Having impressed on trial during pre-season with the Surrey-based club, he was tied down on a non-contract basis, which was made permanent in September 2006.

Although his first involvement at Kingfield Stadium was as an unused substitute against Crawley Town, Lambu gradually established himself as a legend in these parts with over 100 appearances across three seasons, which was aided by a new one-year deal in the summer of 2007.

When the Cards released him in 2009, Croydon Athletic came calling



Goma in his one and only appearance for the Stags against Cheltenham

in August, where Lambu would stay until 2012.

During the end-of-season awards ceremony at the Thornton Heath-outfit in May 2010, he won the Sportsman of the Year accolade.

Following the end of his days with the Rams, he briefly played for his former employers Woking in 2012, then joining Kingstonian FC, which is his last-known destination.

Most recently, Lambu was included

in the Woking Legends' line-up that was scheduled to face AFC Bournemouth on the occasion of Cards' hero Giuseppe Sole's testimonial.

Although the fixture was announced in November last year, it has unfortunately been postponed twice, the last time being in January 2017 due to a frozen pitch at The Laithwaite Community Stadium – the venue chosen for the match.



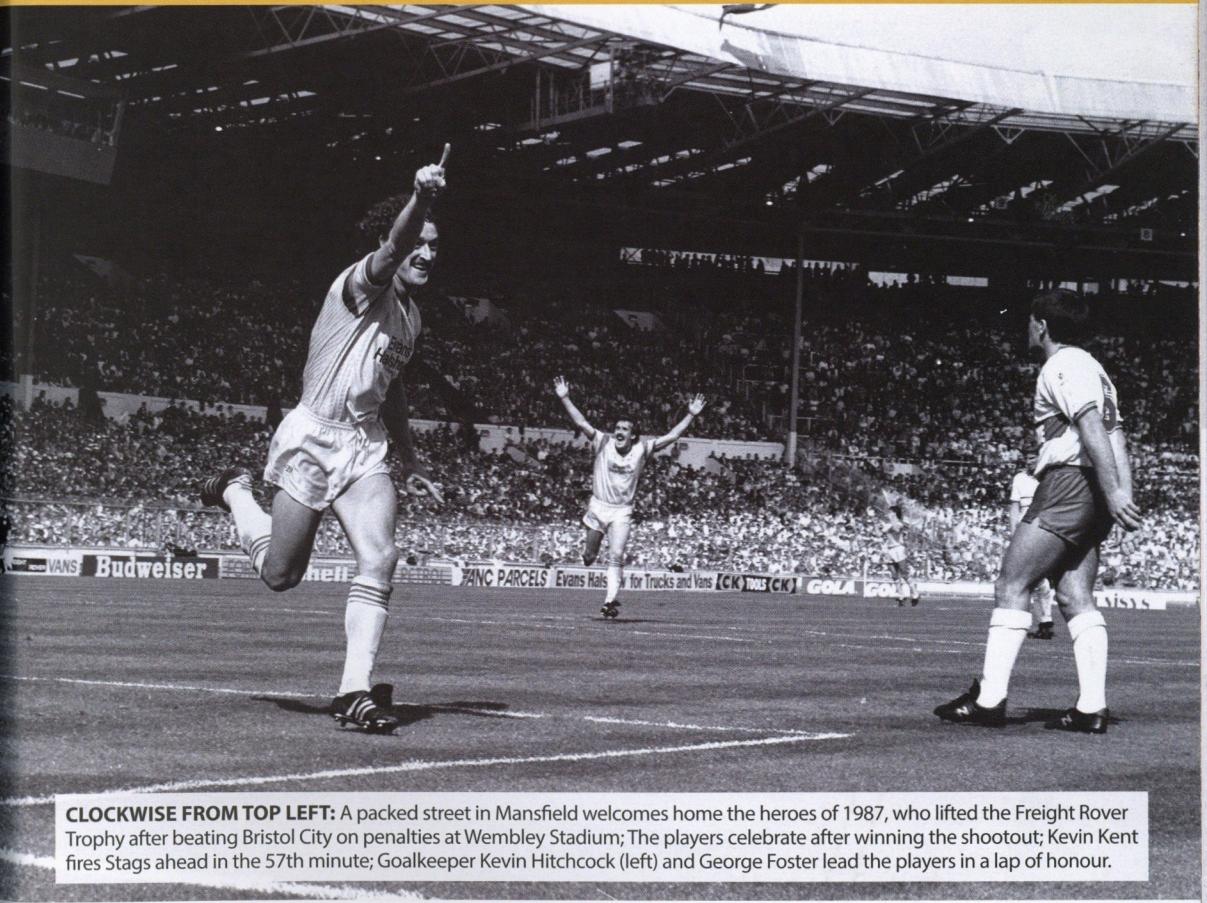
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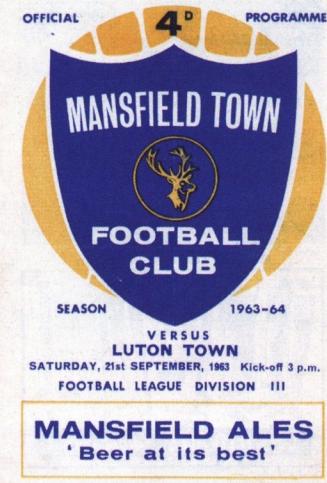
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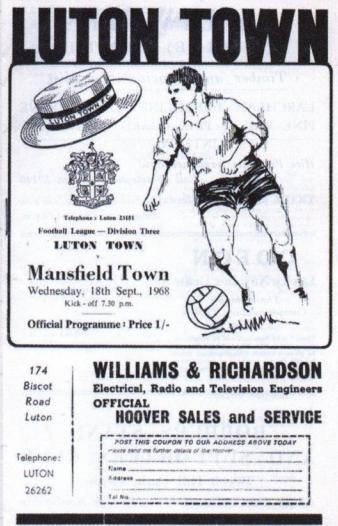
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: A packed street in Mansfield welcomes home the heroes of 1987, who lifted the Freight Rover Trophy after beating Bristol City on penalties at Wembley Stadium; The players celebrate after winning the shootout; Kevin Kent fires Stags ahead in the 57th minute; Goalkeeper Kevin Hitchcock (left) and George Foster lead the players in a lap of honour.

Cover to Cover

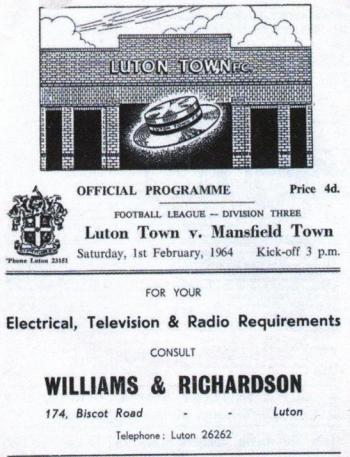
From his archive, club historian Paul Taylor selects eight programme covers from previous fixtures between the Stags and today's visitors.



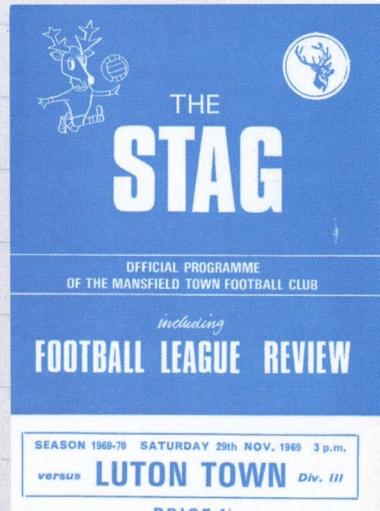
21 September 1963: Stags, managed by Tommy Cummings, draw 1-1 at home to the Hatters.



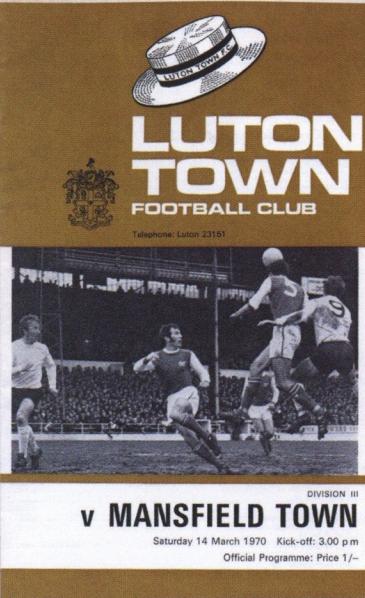
18 September 1968: Tom Eggleston's Stags win 4-2 in Bedfordshire. A crowd of 19,315 is in attendance.



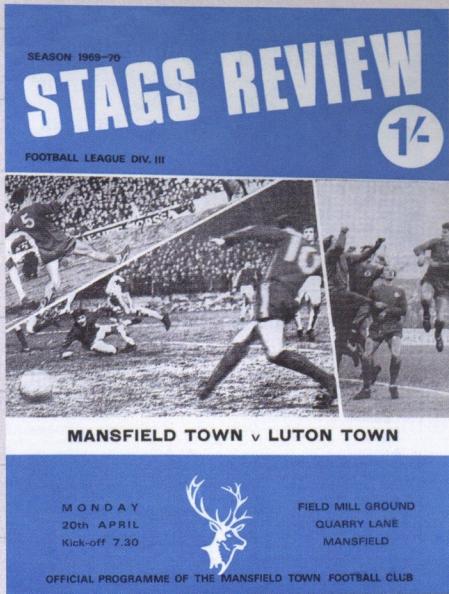
01 February 1964: Mansfield win 2-0 at Kenilworth Road in front of a crowd of 6,307.



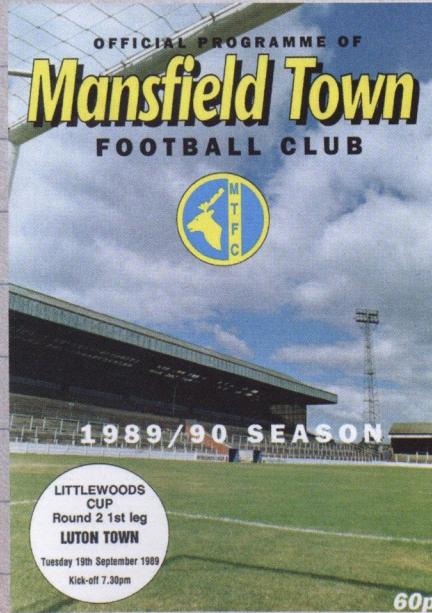
29 November 1969: The first match in November is postponed. The game, when eventually played, would be the last home game of the season with a new programme design.



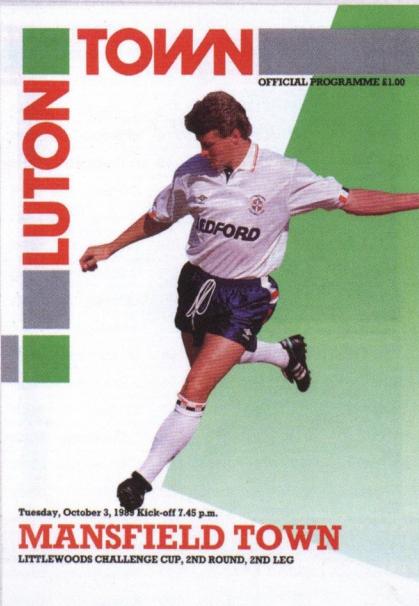
14 March 1970: A 2-2 draw is witnessed in Bedfordshire by a crowd of 12,690 at Kenilworth Road.



20 April 1970: This re-arranged fixture, a 0-0 draw, ensured Luton's promotion to Division 2. Eric Morecambe, of the famous comedy double act, is in attendance in north Nottingham.



19 September 1989: The first of a two-legged Littlewoods Cup second round tie. The Hatters, then in the First Division (Premier League now) had reached the previous two finals of the competition, beating Arsenal in the first and losing to Nottingham Forest the second time.



03 October 1989: Luton win the tie 11-6 on aggregate (4-3 and 7-2). 16 goals in the tie is a club record for most goals, equalled against Stockport County in 1997 (4-3, and 3-6).



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DATE	OPPOSITION	SCORE	POS	ATT	AWAY REFEREE	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
Sat Aug 06	Newport County	3-2	6	2,790	339	R Jones	Shearer	Bennett	Collins	Taft	Benning	M.Rose	Hurst	Clements
Tue Aug 09	Blackburn (EFLC)	1-3	-	2,885	566	S Martin	Shearer	Bennett	Collins	Howkins	Benning	Chapman	Clements***	Baxendale**
Sat Aug 13	Cheltenham Town	1-1	5	2,884	211	J Busby	Shearer	Bennett	Howkins	Taft	Benning	Collins	Hurst**	Clements
Tue Aug 16	Yeovil Town	1-0	3	2,503	130	J Brooks	Jensen	Bennett	Collins	Howkins	Benning	Chapman	Clements	Hurst
Sat Aug 20	Plymouth Argyle	0-2	7	6,935	209	B Malone	Jensen	Bennett	Collins	Howkins	Benning	Chapman**	Collins	Hurst***
Sat Aug 27	Leyton Orient	2-1	5	3,996	217	K Johnson	Jensen	Bennett	Howkins	Pearce	Benning	Chapman	McGuire*	
Tue Aug 30	Doncaster (EFLT)	0-2	(4)	1,461	337	N Swarbrick	Shearer	Bennett	Howkins***	Taft	Pearce	Hamilton	Chapman	McGuire*
Sat Sept 03	Cambridge United	0-0	5	2,981	334	D Whistone	Shearer	Bennett	Taft	Pearce	Benning	Collins	Chapman	Hurst**
Sat Sept 10	Barnet	0-1	10	2,523	122	S Stockbridge	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Iacovitti	Taft*	Benning	M.Rose***	Collins
Sat Sept 17	Hartlepool United	0-0	9	3,775	203	D Handley	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Iacovitti***	Benning	Collins	McGuire	M.Rose
Sat Sept 24	Grimsby Town	0-1	13	4,401	1,535	G Eltringham	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Collins	Benning	McGuire	M.Rose	Clements
Tue Sept 27	Accrington Stanley	1-1	14	1,134	136	D England	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Collins	Benning	McGuire	M.Rose**	Clements
Sat Oct 01	Crewe Alexandra	1-1	14	3,831	449	R Joyce	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Collins	Benning	Hamilton	Clements*	Goborn
Tue Oct 04	Port Vale (EFLT)	1-0	(3)	1,025	61	M Salisbury	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Collins	Benning	McGuire	M.Rose	Clements
Sat Oct 08	Notts County	3-1	9	5,763	1,546	C Boyeson	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Howkins	Benning	Collins	M.Rose	Clements
Sat Oct 15	Wycombe Wdrs	1-1	11	2,898	252	B Huxtable	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Howkins	Benning	Collins	M.Rose***	Clements
Sat Oct 22	Luton Town	1-1	11	7,787	295	G Salisbury	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Howkins	Benning	Collins	M.Rose***	Clements
Sat Oct 29	Stevenage	1-2	13	2,716	100	M Heywood	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Howkins	Iacovitti*	Collins	Benning	Clements
Sat Nov 05	Plymouth (FAC R1)	1-2	-	2,318	439	D Whitestone	Jensen	Bennett	Pearce	Collins***	Benning	McGuire	Clements	M.Rose*
Tue Nov 08	Derby County (EFLT)	3-2	(2)	870	357	T Kettle	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Howkins	Benning	Baxendale**	Clements	Thomas*
Sat Nov 12	Portsmouth	0-4	18	16,393	326	R East	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Howkins	Benning***	McGuire	Goborn	Baxendale**
Sat Nov 19	Crawley Town	3-1	11	2,984	72	C Boyeson	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Goborn	Benning	McGuire	M.Rose	Clements
Tue Nov 22	Blackpool	1-0	9	2,801	225	D Handley	Shearer	M.Rose	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	McGuire	Goborn*	M.Rose***
Sat Nov 26	Carlisle United	2-5	13	4,822	183	S Stockbridge	Shearer	Bennett	Pearce	Collins	Benning	McGuire	Clements	Baxendale**
Tue Dec 06	Carlisle United (EFLT)	3-2	-	1,126	41	D Webb	Shearer	Collins	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	McGuire	Clements	Baxendale**
Sat Dec 10	Doncaster United	0-0	13	3,398	237	D Deadman	Shearer	Collins	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	McGuire	Baxendale*	Clements
Sat Dec 17	Exeter City	0-2	17	3,626	124	K Johnson	Shearer	Collins	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	McGuire***	Hurst*	Clements
Mon Dec 26	Morecambe	0-1	17	3,237	79	M Haywood	Shearer	Bennett	Howkins	Pearce	Collins	McGuire***	Clements	Hemmings
Sat Dec 31	Doncaster	1-1	17	5,042	1,618	P Banks	Shearer	Bennett	Howkins	Pearce	Benning	Collins	Baxendale**	Clements***
Mon Jan 02	Blackpool	1-0	16	2,948	471	R Jones	Kean	Bennett	Howkins	Pearce	Benning	Collins	Byrom**	Whiteman
Sat Jan 07	Crewe Alexandra	3-0	14	3,040	226	M Brown	Kean	Bennett	Howkins*	Pearce	Benning	Collins	Byrom	Whiteman**
Tue Jan 10	Oldham (EFLT R3)	2-0	-	1,343	149	D Drysdale	Kean	Bennett	Howkins*	Pearce	Benning	Collins	Baxendale	Clements**
Sat Jan 14	Notts County	0-0	14	11,328	3,485	D Bond	Kean	White	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Collins	Byrom***	Whiteman
Sat Jan 21	Cambridge United	3-1	12	4,211	307	G Ward	Kean	White	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Collins	Byrom	Whiteman***
Tue Jan 24	Wycombe (EFLT QF)	1-2	-	2,047	108	D Webb	Kean	Collins***	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	McGuire	Thomas	Baxendale**
Sat Jan 28	Leyton Orient	2-0	10	3,925	279	G Salisbury	Kean	White	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Collins	Byrom	Whiteman**
Sat Feb 04	Barnet	2-0	8	1,859	391	L Collins	Kean	White	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Collins	Byrom***	Whiteman
Sat Feb 11	Hartlepool	4-0	7	4,309	331	A Madley	Kean	White	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Collins	Byrom	Whiteman
Tue Feb 14	Accrington Stanley	4-4	7	3,226	58	M Heywood	Kean	White	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Collins	Byrom*	Whiteman
Sat Feb 18	Grimsby Town	0-3	7	5,550	1,246	S Stockbridge	Kean	White	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Whiteman	Potter	Potter**
Sat Feb 25	Newport County	2-1	8	3,824	158	R Joyce	Kean*	Collins	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	McGuire**	Byrom	Whiteman
Tue Feb 28	Yeovil Town	0-0	8	2,766	111	C Sarginson	Shearer	White*	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Collins	Byrom	Whiteman
Sat Mar 04	Cheltenham Town	0-0	8	2,941	320	C Breakspear	Shearer	White	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Collins	McGuire***	Whiteman
Sat Mar 11	Plymouth Argyle	0-2	8	4,546	657	R Clark	Shearer	White	Pearce	Bennett	Benning	Collins**	Byrom	Whiteman
Tue Mar 14	Colchester United	0-2	10	2,526	172	N Kinsey	Shearer	White	Pearce*	Bennett	Benning	Collins*	Byrom	Whiteman
Sat Mar 18	Carlisle United	2-0	9	4,463	561	B Malone	Kean	White	Pearce*	Bennett	Benning	Byrom	Whiteman	MacDonald***
Sat Mar 25	Morecambe	3-1	9	1,497	327	R Jones	Kean	White	Howkins	Bennett	Benning	Byrom	Whiteman	MacDonald**
Sat Apr 01	Exeter City	1-2	9	3,878	379	B Toner	Kean	Bennett	Taft*	Pearce	Benning	Byrom	Whiteman	MacDonald*
Sat Apr 08	Doncaster Rovers	0-1	13	9,903	2,010	D Whistone	Kean	Bennett	Taft	Pearce	Benning	Byrom	Whiteman	MacDonald*
Fri Apr 14	Wycombe Wdrs	1-0	10	4,218	305	R Jones	Kean	White	Bennett	Pearce	Taft	Benning	Byrom	Whiteman
Mon Apr 17	Luton Town	3.00pm												
Sat Apr 22	Stevenage	3.00pm												
Sat Apr 29	Portsmouth	3.00pm												
Sat May 06	Crawley Town	5.30pm												

SUBSTITUTES

Chapman* **D.Rose**** **Green***** Jensen • Hoban*** • Baxendale • Howkins* • Hamilton • Hemmings** • McGuire
M.Rose Hemmings Hamilton* Jensen • Green* • Taft • Hurst • McGuire • D.Rose** • Hakeem***
M.Rose D.Rose* Green Jensen • Chapman • Baxendale • Hamilton • Hemmings* • McGuire • Henderson**
Hemmings* **D.Rose** **Green**** Taft** • Baxendale • Hurst • Hamilton* *** • McGuire • Henderson** • Hakeem
M.Rose*** Hemmings* Green Taft*** • Baxendale • Hamilton* ** • McGuire • Henderson* • Law • Hakeem
M.Rose Henderson* **Green** Shearer • Taft • Hoban • Baxendale*** • Hamilton* • Hemmings • McGuire**
Baxendale** **Hemmings** D.Rose Jensen • Benning • Collins*** • Hoban*** • Hurst* • M.Rose • Hakeem
M.Rose*** Green Henderson* Jensen • Iacovitti • Baxendale • Hoban*** • Hamilton* • Hemmings** • McGuire
Hemmings* D.Rose Green Jensen • Hurst** • Baxendale • Hoban • Hamilton* • Henderson*** • McGuire
Hamilton* Green D.Rose* Jensen • Baxendale • Hoban • Hurst • Henderson • Hemmings** • Goborn*
M.Rose Green D.Rose** Jensen • Clements*** • Hoban** • Hamilton* • Hemmings • McGuire • Henderson
Hurst* Hoban*** D.Rose** Jensen • Green*** • Hamilton • Hemmings • Iacovitti** • Goborn • Henderson
Hurst Hoban*** D.Rose* Jensen • Green*** • Hamilton • Hemmings • Iacovitti** • Goborn • Henderson
Hemmings Marriott*** Henderson** Jensen • Green** • Hurst • M.Rose *** • McGuire* • D.Rose • Shires
Hurst** Hoban*** D.Rose* Jensen • Green* • Thomas • Hamilton • Hemmings • Goborn** • Henderson***
Goborn* Hoban*** D.Rose** Jensen • Green* • Hurst • Thomas • Hamilton • Hemmings • Goborn** • Henderson***
Hurst** Hoban* **Green** Jensen • Thomas* • Hamilton*** • Hemmings • Iacovitti** • D.Rose • Henderson
Hurst** Hoban *** Green Jensen • M.Rose • Thomas* • Hamilton • McGuire • D.Rose*** • Henderson**
Baxendale** **Hemmings** Green Shearer • Hurst • Thomas* • Hamilton • Hoban • D.Rose** • Henderson**
Hemmings Goborn Henderson*** Jensen • Hoban • Green*** • M.Rose* • Hamilton* • D.Rose • Harrison
Clements Green* Hemmings Jensen • Iacovitti** • M.Rose • D.Rose*** • Hamilton • Hoban • Henderson*
Hemmings* Hoban*** Green** Jensen • Baxendale* • Thomas • Law • Hamilton • D.Rose** • Henderson***
Hemmings* Hoban Green Jensen • Baxendale • Thomas • Law • Hamilton • D.Rose* • Hakeem
Clements Hoban ** Green Jensen • Baxendale*** • Thomas • Hurst • Hamilton • Hemmings* • D.Rose**
Hamilton Hemmings* **Green***** Jensen • Hurst* • Thomas*** • Goborn • Iacovitti* • D.Rose* • Hakeem
Hamilton Hemmings Green Jensen • Iacovitti • Thomas • M.Rose • Hurst* • D.Rose* • Henderson
Hemmings Hoban** Green Jensen • Baxendale • Thomas*** • M.Rose • D.Rose • Hamilton* • Henderson**
Green Hoban ** Henderson* Jensen • Baxendale • Hurst • Thomas*** • M. Rose • D.Rose** • Hamilton*
Hamilton D.Rose* **Green** Jensen • McGuire • Hurst** • Thomas • M. Rose*** • Hemmings • Hoban*
Hamilton Arquin* **Green***** Shearer • McGuire* • Hurst • Baxendale*** • Clements • D.Rose* • Hoban
Hamilton Arquin*** **Green*** Shearer • McGuire • Thomas • Baxendale** • Clements*** • D.Rose* • Hoban
Hamilton Arquin*** **Hoban** Shearer • McGuire • M.Rose* • Hurst • Thomas** • Hemmings • Green***
Hamilton Arquin** **Green*** Shearer • McGuire • Baxendale** • Thomas • D.Rose** • Hemmings • Hoban*
Hamilton Coulthirst* D. Rose* Shearer • Baxendale*** • Thomas* • Arquin • Hemmings • Hoban** • Green
Hamilton Green Arquin* Shearer • Healey • Hakeem • Hurst • Hemmings** • Hoban*** • D.Rose*
Hamilton Coulthirst*** D. Rose* Shearer • Baxendale** • Thomas • Arquin*** • Hemmings • Hoban • Green*
Hamilton Coulthirst** D. Rose* Shearer • Baxendale • McGuire • MacDonal*** • Potter** • Arquin • Green*
Potter* Coulthirst*** D. Rose** Shearer • Baxendale • McGuire • MacDonal*** • Hamilton • Arquin*** • Green**
MacDonald** Coulthirst D. Rose*** Shearer • Collins • McGuire • Byrom** • Hamilton*** • Arquin*** • Green**
MacDonald*** Coulthirst D. Rose** Shearer • Collins • McGuire • Byrom** • Hamilton*** • Arquin* • D. Rose
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Hamilton MacDonald** Hoban* Jensen • Howkins • Baxendale • Potter*** • Byrom • Coulthirst* • Arquin**
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THE KEY
Goalscorer and number of goals in **bold**
Underline = Sent off
First substitution *
Second substitution **
Third substitution ***

Team	GP	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Doncaster	42	25	10	7	82	47	35	85
2 Plymouth	42	24	7	11	62	43	19	79
3 Portsmouth	42	22	9	11	67	37	30	75
4 Luton Town	42	17	16	9	60	39	21	67
5 Exeter	42	19	8	15	65	57	17	65
6 Stevenage	42	20	5	17	65	57	8	65
7 Carlisle	42	16	15	11	60	61	-1	63
8 Blackpool	42	15	16	11	62	44	18	61
9 Colchester	42	17	10	15	65	56	6	61
10 Mansfield	42	16	13	13	50	46	4	61
11 Cambridge	42	17	9	16	54	47	7	60
12 Accrington	42	15	14	13	54	51	3	59
13 Wycombe	42	16	11	15	52	51	1	59
14 Grimsby	42	16	10	16	55	53	-3	

ORDER OF EVENTS

09:00

Sandy Pate Sports Bar opens



10:00

Ticket office, main reception and club shop open

12:00

Kevin Bird Suite opens



14:15

14:00

Turnstiles open

14:50

Players emerge from the tunnel

15:00

Kick-off



15:45

Half-time



Kiosk prices

Hot Food: Pies/Pasties £3.00, Sausage Roll £2.00, Burger £3.00, Cheese Burger £3.50, Double Cheese Burger £4.50, Hot Dog £3.00, Mushy Peas £1.00.

Snacks: Crisps £1.00, Chocolate £1.00, Sweets £1.50.

Drinks: Bovril/Tea/Coffee/Hot Choc £2.00, Soft Drinks £2.00, Water £1.50, IPA/Carlsberg £3.50, Cider £3.50, Wine £3.50.

Meal Deals: Pie, crisps/chocolate, soft/hot drink £5.00, Hot Dog, crisps/chocolate, soft/hot drink £5.00, Pie and an alcoholic drink £5.00, Double Cheese Burger & a beer £6.00, Crisps, chocolate and soft drink £3.00.

Sammy's Meal Deal £3.00 (chicken nuggets, crisps, fruit, soft drink and sweets).

Monday 17 April 2017

MANSFIELD TOWN VERSUS LUTON TOWN



15:50

50/50 winner announced



16:00

Second half begins



16:45

17:15

Ticket office, main reception and club shop closes

23:00

Sandy Pate Sports Bar closes



FREE CONFECTIONERY ITEM IN FAMILY BLOCK!

Young Stags' fans with a ticket in the family block for today's game against Luton Town are eligible to receive a FREE confectionery item.

At every home match this season, we will be giving away a free gift to all young Stags' fans who sit in our family block.

All supporters have to do is look out for our kiosk manager in the family block (formerly block A), who will be handing out redeemable vouchers just before half-time to every fan aged 17 and under which can be exchanged for their treat at the kiosk in the Family Block.

Wickes

Let's do it right

It's a cracking line up



In store & online

**15% off
everything**
Ends Monday

...including existing
product offers



Because support begins at home

1. The discount applies to purchases made in full between Friday 14th April to Monday 17th April 2017 instore, online or over the phone. 2. The discount will be applied at checkout, instore and online via a code. 3. For to order showroom kitchen and bathroom purchases 15% off applies 29th March to 17th April. 4. The discount cannot be used on installations, worktop fabrication, delivery, gift cards or in conjunction with any other voucher promotion, monthly trade exclusive deal voucher or our Price Promise. For individual store opening times visit wickes.co.uk/store-finder. All prices inc. VAT. Visit wickes.co.uk for more details.



Manager: Steve Evans

Scott SHEARER (GK)	1	1
Rhys BENNETT	2	2
Mal BENNING	3	3
Lee COLLINS	4	4
Krystian PEARCE	5	5
George TAFT	6	6
Shaquile COULTHIRST	7	7
Alfie POTTER	8	8
Pat HOBAN	9	9
Matt GREEN	10	10
James BAXENDALE	11	11
Brian JENSEN (GK)	12	14
Kevan HURST (on loan at Guiseley)	14	16
Kyle HOWKINS	15	17
Hayden WHITE	16	19
Yoann ARQUIN	17	20
Alex MacDONALD	18	21
Jack THOMAS (on loan at Barrow)	20	22
Jake KEAN (GK)	21	24
CJ HAMILTON	22	27
Ashley HEMMINGS	23	28
Jamie McGuIRE	24	31
Joel BYROM	26	35
Ben WHITEMAN	28	36
Danny ROSE	32	37
..... YOUTH		
Lewis COLLINS (Y)	30	44
Kieran HARRISON (Y)	33	
Cameron HEALEY (Y)	34	
Corbin SHIRES (Y)	35	
Jason LAW (Y)	36	
Zayn HAKEEM (Y)	37	
Louis DANQUAH (Y) (on loan at Hednesford)	38	
Tom MARRIOTT (Y)	39	
Tyler BLAKE (on loan at Mickleover)	40	



Manager: Nathan Jones

Stuart MOORE (GK)
Stephen O'DONNELL
Dan POTTS
Jonathan SMITH
Johnny MULLINS
Scott CUTHERBERT
Jake GRAY
Cameron McGEEHAN
Danny HYLTON
Jordan COOK
Danny GREEN
Jack MARRIOTT
Glen REA
Pelly RUDDOCK MPANZU
Olly LEE
Isaac VASSELL
Jack SENIOR
Luke GAMBIN
Lawson D'ATH
Tyreeq BAKINSON
Ollie PALMER
Craig KING (GK)
Arthur READ
James JUSTIN
Frankie MUSONDA
Akin FAMEWO
Alan SHEEHAN

Also Playing

Accrington v Crawley
Barnet v Wycombe
Cambridge v Exeter
Carlisle v Stevenage
Cheltenham v Grimsby
Doncaster v Blackpool
Leyton Orient v Hartlepool
Morecambe v Colchester
Notts County v Portsmouth
Plymouth v Newport
Yeovil v Crewe

Up next at
One Call Stadium



Portsmouth
Saturday 29 Apr
3.00pm
(Sky Bet League Two)



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