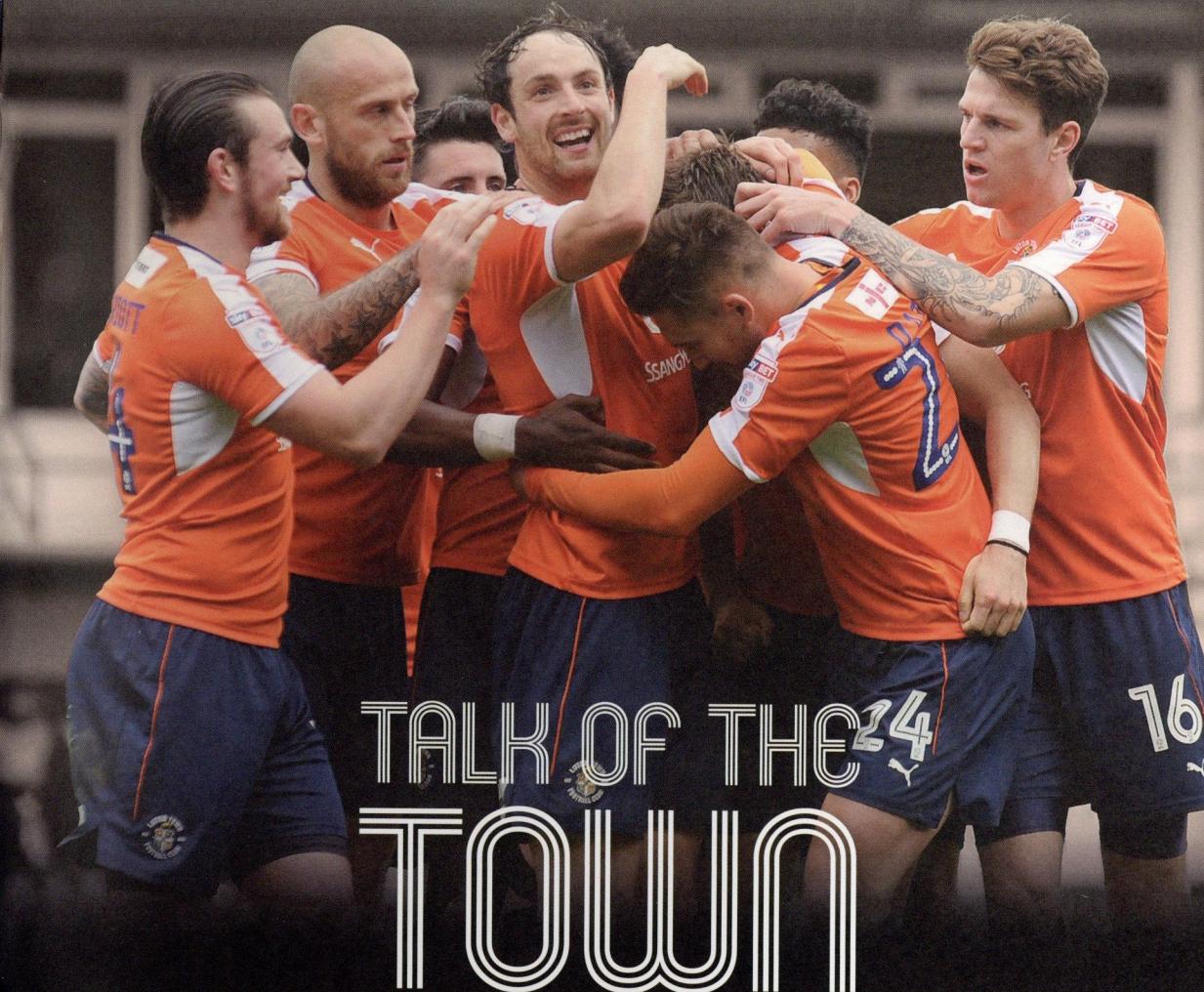




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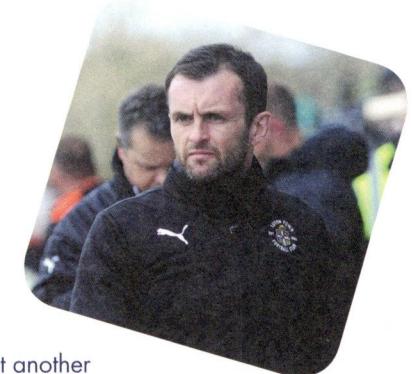
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THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for yet another big game as we try to win promotion from Sky Bet League Two.

I would like to welcome everybody from our visitors Notts County – including supporters, directors, staff, manager Kevin Nolan and his squad – and wish them a safe journey back to the East Midlands this evening.

Firstly, the fact I'm able to write these notes tells you I survived my skydive on Wednesday in aid of club charity of the year, Level Trust. You'll read about my experience on page 10, but I'd like to thank everyone who has sponsored me – and remind you that you still can still donate to a fantastic cause via justgiving.

Back on terra firma, we discovered that Danny Hylton had been named in the PFA League Two Team of the Year – something he should be really proud of because now he has his peers saying he's one of the top players in the division, as well as the managers who voted him as one of the best three for the EFL awards recently. Well done Danny.

We're now four unbeaten after recording two draws on the bounce in the Leyton Orient game here on Good Friday and then Monday's trip to Mansfield, but we now know we can't make the automatic promotion spots.

Congratulations to Plymouth and Portsmouth on sealing their immediate passage up to League One. That's what our ultimate goal was for the season and while we are of course disappointed not to have hit those heights, our main objective in winning promotion is still very much alive.

We want to be playing third tier football next season and over the next five weeks we aim to prove that on the pitch, continuing the consistent performances we have shown throughout the campaign with a bit more of a cutting edge.

We need to remember, however, that we are still at phase one on that pathway from where we were when I came to the club in early January last year, so we are going to

improve all aspects over the summer, which will be helped by moving fully into our new training ground at The Brache.

On the pitch, we are an evolving group. We are a young team and we want to improve it during the summer in certain areas, as any club does, but I already have a group of players I believe would do well at the higher level.

We've gone from 18th place in the table after my first game in charge in January 2016, to our current position of fourth. A rise of 14 places in 15 months is a massive step in the right direction and we are in a good place compared to where we were, but we are a work in progress.

Doncaster were in League One last season while Plymouth and Portsmouth were both in the play-offs. The latter two sides have managers who have been in their role for two full seasons, while Darren Ferguson took over at Doncaster two months into 2015-16. So those who have been promoted are at least a year ahead of us in their development, which puts our work so far into perspective.

Of course, we are looking to improve on all levels and join them in being promoted this season, and that starts by nailing down our play-off spot with a solid performance this afternoon.

With your backing we can turn this next few weeks into another wonderful chapter in the club's history; a Luton Town team going up via the play-offs – and Wembley – for the first time.

Keep believing and together we can make it happen.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH VICE-CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON

Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

This afternoon we give a special welcome to all the officials, players and fans of Notts County. They have had a difficult season although their form has picked up dramatically of late and they are assured of League Two football again next year.

It is an odd coincidence that in consecutive games we have played at the oldest ground in the Football League followed by meeting the oldest professional football club.

Mansfield's stadium first hosted matches in 1861. There are records of games involving Notts County as early as November 1862. They have played more Football League matches than any other club and have had several spells in the top division.

Now that we are at the "business" end of the season and these are probably my last notes until next year, perhaps I can give my take on the campaign to date.

I hardly miss a game home or away and where I can I see development and youth games as well, so my opinion is based largely on first-hand experience. I sometimes wonder what certain people see when they are watching a game and even more so how they interpret the quality of the performance from reading and listening to the various media coverage.

A friend, who was listening to the Mansfield game on the radio last week, told me that the commentary made us sound dire in the first half, which in my view we were not. I said that I thought we deserved a better result, but that it was a decent performance and that the stats agreed. We all understand that in today's world social media enables unsubstantiated statements to be posted anonymously without reason or responsibility, so I thought it would be good to put some FACTS out there.

We are currently fourth in League Two with 68 points. Only Doncaster the leaders and probable champions have lost less games than us. Only Portsmouth have conceded less goals than us. Our goal difference mirrors our league position. Of course, we are disappointed that we won't be going up automatically and that we have drawn too many games, but we don't have a divine right and as far as we see it we are making great strides in the right direction.

We have a young manager learning the game who has developed a passion for our club. He has a high quality team to help him and between them they are the envy of many. We have a young squad (second youngest in the league, I believe), which will improve with age

and experience. We have a Board that ensured the Club's survival and provides the necessary support for the management and playing staff.

We have a fantastic new training facility with ambition to lift ourselves above level three of youth development and funding.

We have a planning application before the Council for a major project including a stadium, which should transform our Town. The vision that persuaded investors to join 2020 is intact.

We shouldn't need reminding of where we have been, where we are and where we are going. It is not an easy ride. There are 72 clubs in the Football League and it is a genuine competition. Every club hopes for promotion and fears relegation and we know both only too well. We need support more than ever now for those on and off the field.

On a positive note, our young fans are the lifeblood of the club and need to be encouraged as they will carry our club forward when we are long gone. They are the ones who will keep our traditions alive and the memories fresh.

Investor and director Bob Curson's grandson Josh is a tremendous example. He recently was



commended for a speech he gave at his school so I thought you might be interested with a few extracts.

"Today I'm going to talk about a brief history of Luton Town Football Club. This is an important topic because I feel Luton have been misrepresented of late, many people think they are a side that do not play good football, just because they are in League Two. These people are unaware of their unusual, if not unique history".

Josh then takes his audience through our early history and we pick it up again as we get back up to League Two.

"Our first season in League Two was a downhill because we had lost a key player Andre Gray, who now plays for Burnley in the Premier League. Another problem to this season was our manager John Still, who was sacked because of a bad winning

streak and had left the club. This was a shame because he was such a nice man.

"I enjoy my home visits to the town with my family and I have been lucky enough to meet many of the players and managers and I have also been a mascot for three games over the past few years, Aston Villa, Peterborough and Brentford. I am confident that the Hatters will make it to either the Championship or League One in the next few years. Being a Luton supporter has, however, been anything but dull over the past 131 years."

Well said Josh and well done.

Finally, congratulations go to Danny Hylton again for making the PFA League Two Team of the Season. Danny has had a wonderful first year with us. Let's hope he can keep the goals coming over the new few weeks, that we make the play-offs and get where we all want to be.

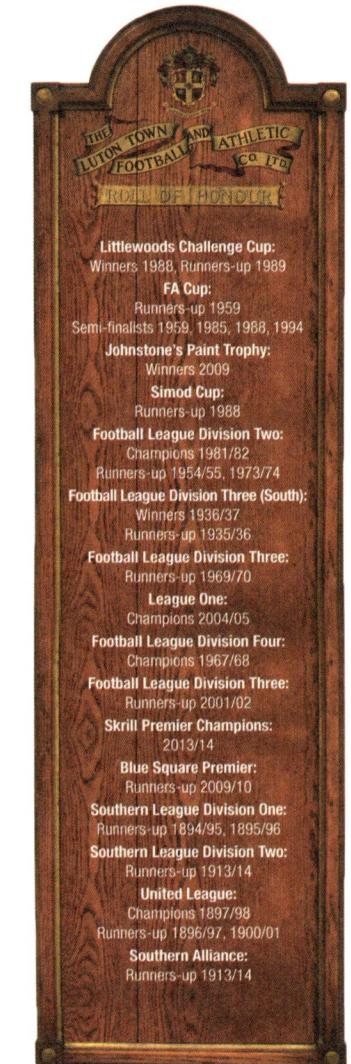
Have a great summer!

"It's not the size of our problems, but the smallness of our belief, that causes us to complain." A quote taken from Jeremy Taylor, who wrote a discourse on toleration in the 17th century.

Enjoy the game

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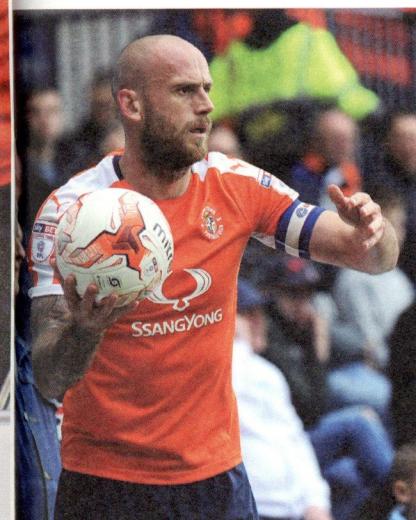
GREAT SCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for today's game against Notts County.

We drew up at Meadow Lane earlier in the season and everyone recalls Christian Walton's wonderful late penalty save that preserved a clean sheet. They've had a change of manager since and with Kevin Nolan coming in, he's stamped his way of playing on the side and they've certainly picked up, so we know it'll be a typically tough League Two fixture.

When we were last at home, on Good Friday against my old club Leyton Orient, we let ourselves down in the opening 15 minutes of the second half. We look back and we could have had four or five in the first half, when their keeper has pulled off a few brilliant saves.



We came out after the break and started quite slowly, which allowed Orient back into the game, but the important thing was that Vass came on and got the goal back for us, which meant we didn't lose.

Up at Mansfield on Monday, even though we didn't create too many opportunities in the first half, the only chance they had was the goal, when we switched off on the edge of our box, which we were obviously disappointed about.

I felt we were in control for the majority of the game. They are always going to put pressure on you with the long balls and the long throws into your box, but I felt we dealt with it and on another day, with Hylts' two chances at the end, could probably have nicked it.

All in all, I think a point at Mansfield was a good result, but we wanted to win as many games as we could and put the pressure on Portsmouth over the Easter weekend. Then hopefully, if results had gone our way a little bit, we could have clawed some points back on them.

But it wasn't meant to be with Pompey and Plymouth both securing the last two automatic spots to go up with Doncaster, and we now know we'll have to do it via the play-offs, where the battle to finish in the top seven is amazing.

We are sitting in fourth place and when you look at the table, there's not a lot of points separating ourselves and clubs like Wycombe and Grimsby in 13th and 14th, so it's going to be an interesting last three games of the season.

Naturally all those teams that are outside the play-offs will be putting pressure on those that are in the play-offs, and it's up to us to try and get the three points – hopefully against Notts County this afternoon – to try and secure that play-off place as quickly as we can.

Our aim from the start of the season was for us to get promotion. We've missed out on our ultimate goal of getting promoted automatically, but we still have it in our hands and it's still massively positive in our dressing room. We know we are good enough to get promoted.

It's now a case of cementing that play-off place, starting this afternoon when we will need you right behind us, just as you were at Mansfield with another amazing away following.

Enjoy the game.



HERE ARE THE SKYLIGHTS!

NATHAN AND TOWN FAN MARK JUMP OUT OF A PLANE
FOR CLUB CHARITY OF THE YEAR LEVEL TRUST



Hatters boss Nathan Jones scaled the heights in the name of charity on Wednesday afternoon by jumping from an aeroplane at 13,000 feet over Northamptonshire in tandem with Town fan Mark Warne.

The skydivers were raising funds for Level Trust – with Mark paying £750 for the privilege at the club's Christmas dinner – as we work towards the £16,000 target set for our club charity of the year, who help the 14,000 children living below the poverty line in Luton with essential clothing and equipment to aid their education.

Speaking immediately after landing back on the grass at Hinton Skydiving Club, near Brackley, Nathan said: "It's the craziest thing I've ever done in my life! It's something I never thought I'd do and it was absolutely amazing. Such an experience.

"From the time that we got to 13,000 feet, they opened the door and then there was just bodies jumping out and I was the last to go. When we got to the end, you're literally there with a little bit of a briefing and then 'Bang', you're gone.

You can still donate to Level Trust via our fundraising page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LTFC



MARK WARNE (KENILWORTH ROAD BOX HOLDER AND MD OF DOTGROUP INTERNATIONAL):

"It was an honour and a privilege, and I thank Nathan for doing it. Neither of us had done it before and I found the whole thing fantastic. It was an amazing experience, and all for a worthy cause that makes it twice as enjoyable."

"In that moment you just hit the air, you're spinning and you're dropping at some ridiculous speed. Nothing can prepare you for that, no briefing or anything.

"The worst thing about it is going up on the plane. You are used to flying and the quiet jet engines. You're used to smooth take-offs. But this is a small, rickety old plane and you go up there and that's probably the most daunting thing.

"But when you get up there, the instructor was amazing. We were talking as we go along, then they open the door

and then there is that initial shock. Nothing prepares you for the jump, nothing. The speed is the biggest shock.

"I'm so pleased to have done it for Level Trust as well. That's the big thing. To be able to do this for a good cause and for the club as well, it was amazing. I was glad I was given the opportunity to do it.

"My partner Mark, who has paid for the privilege, loved it as well, so it was a real good experience. One off the bucket list!"



JANE MALCOLM (FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF LEVEL TRUST):

"This partnership with Luton Town has been a real pivotal step for us because it has raised our profile so much. To have someone as high-profile as Nathan Jones jumping out of an aeroplane for us really is the icing on the cake of all that the club has done for us."

UP NEXT

ACCRINGTON STANLEY

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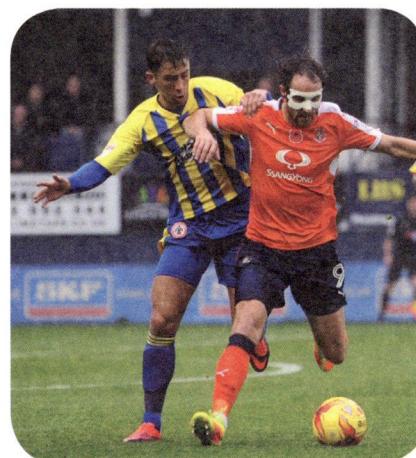
WHO? Accrington Stanley? Who are they? Well, last season they very nearly reached the third tier of English football, finishing fourth in League Two, only to fall to a defeat in the semi-finals of the play-offs to eventual promotion winners, AFC Wimbledon. After a 1-0 away defeat to the Dons, Stanley were Wembley-bound for eight minutes after Josh Windass and Piero Mingoia gave the Wham Stadium outfit an aggregate lead, before Adebayo Akinfenwa levelled the tie. Lyle Taylor ensured progression to the final when he scored in extra-time. Unfortunately for John Coleman and his side, they haven't been able to repeat those heroics, although they are now part of a group of teams who are making a very late push for some involvement in the play-off places.

TICKETS Tickets information for this fixture at the Wham Stadium are available on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE

It's one a piece so far this season, having taken all three points at Kenilworth Road earlier on in the season, the Hatters' trip to the Wham Stadium in January didn't prove quite as fruitful, as a 2-1 defeat to Stanley in the Emirates FA Cup saw them drop out at the third round stage.

IN CHARGE Having managed over 700 games as Accrington boss over two spells, Coleman is very much Mr Stanley. His initial stay at the club lasted 12-and-a-half



THE HATTERS ARE ON THE ROAD AGAIN NEXT SATURDAY WITH A SECOND TRIP OF THE SEASON TO THE WHAM STADIUM...

years, making him the longest serving boss in the club's history. During that time he oversaw three promotions as champions, leading the club into the Football League in 2006. He left the club 2012 to manage Rochdale, whom he departed in 2013, before taking over the helm at Southport and then Sligo Rovers. He returned to Stanley in 2014 and since then they have threatened to break into Sky Bet League One.

PREVIOUS FORM Within shooting distance of the play-off places, Accrington will be gunning for all three points next weekend if they want to try and secure a place in the top seven, as they face stiff competition from a number of clubs. Their form though is promising, having only lost twice this calendar year. It highlights a remarkable turnaround in form, having been in 21st place after a win at Crewe on New Year's Eve, they are now ten places better off and just two points short of seventh placed Blackpool after a 15-match unbeaten run.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Former Town boss Mike Newell, who also played for the Hatters, was on the coaching staff at Accrington last season, while goalkeeper Matt Macey – who was recently recalled from his loan at Kenilworth Road by parent club Arsenal – had a loan spell at the Wham Stadium in 2015. Stanley defender Janoi Donacien was on the Town books as a youth player, having lived locally while growing up.

GET YOUR TICKET



ACCRINGTON STANLEY

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL | 3PM

The Hatters have received an allocation of 300 seated tickets and 1000 Terrace tickets for their away fixture at Accrington Stanley on Saturday 29th April. Season Ticket holders will be able to purchase two tickets each from Tuesday 18th April until prior to the Notts County fixture on 22nd April. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone on 01582 416976 or in person. Tickets will be available on general sale after the Notts County fixture on Saturday 22nd April until close of business on Friday 28th April, they will also be available online at this time.

Prices: Adults: £20, Seniors: (64 and over) £15, Students (with ID): £15, Under 18s: £15, Under 12s: £10. Wheelchair spaces need to be booked through Accrington directly by ringing 01254 356950 (Jessica Fish). Away season ticket holders will be actioned on the Tuesday 18th April. One Seated ticket will be allocated unless otherwise advised to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk



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HYLTS NAMED IN PFA TEAM OF THE YEAR!

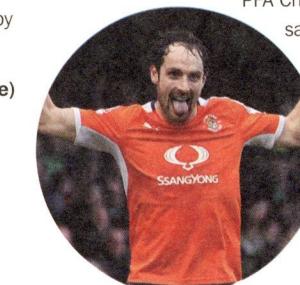
The PFA Divisional Teams of the Year have been announced ahead of the 44th PFA Awards to be held in the Grosvenor House in London next Sunday – and Hatters striker Danny Hylton is in the League Two team of 2016-17!

Danny, who has hit 26 goals so far this season and was in the shortlist of three for the EFL League Two player of the year award earlier this month, is selected up front alongside the overall winner of that accolade, John Marquis of Doncaster Rovers.

Well done to Hylts from all at Kenilworth Road on another wonderful achievement in a terrific first season with the Hatters.

The PFA League Two Team of the Year, sponsored by Panini, is as follows:

Goalkeeper - Luke McCormick (Plymouth Argyle)
Defender - Kelvin Mellor (Blackpool)
Defender - Sonny Bradley (Plymouth Argyle)
Defender - Christian Burgess (Portsmouth)
Defender - Enda Stevens (Portsmouth)
Midfielder - Nicky Adams (Carlisle United)
Midfielder - Luke Berry (Cambridge United)



PFA Chief Executive, Gordon Taylor OBE, said: "The PFA Awards is always a special occasion and one of the biggest nights in football's social calendar. For the winners who are honoured at the awards, there can be no greater personal accolade than that of being recognised by your peers; an honour to be cherished."

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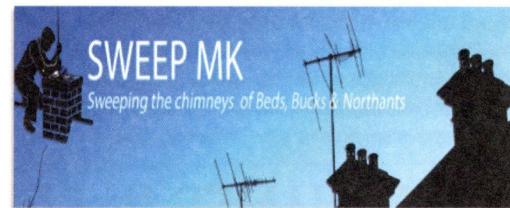
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Anthony Reid has been a fan since the mid 1980s - his earliest memory is putting seven past Shilton! His first game at Kenilworth Road was against Man Utd in April 1992 - almost 25 years to the day. Since then he's experienced the highs and lows that come with being a Luton fan! Usually seated in the Oak Road Stand, he's enjoying the day with some fellow Luton fans.



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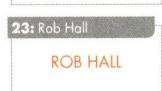
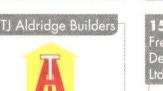
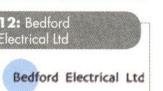
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Age: 8
Favourite Player: Danny Hylton



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WELCOME NOTTS COUNTY

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

Now well and truly clear of the relegation zone, this season has very much seen a period of change at Meadow Lane, as new owner and fan Alan Hardy took over with the club in financial difficulty, as well as the appointment of former Bolton Wanderers, Newcastle and West Ham midfielder Kevin Nolan as manager.

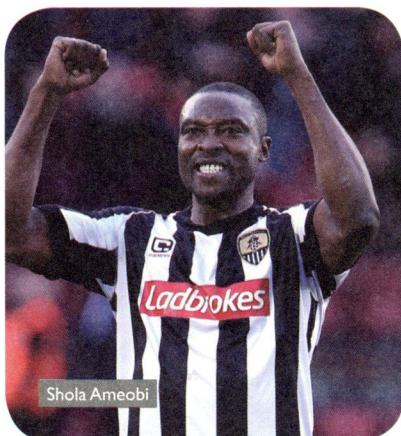
Nolan took over from John Sheridan when they were just a point clear of 23rd with 29 games played, but are now more than safe from relegation, with an 11-point cushion between themselves and second bottom club Newport County with three games to play.

Their recent form has really helped propel them up the table and they now sit 15th, having gone on an unbeaten run of five matches – four of which were wins – prior to their home defeat to now-promoted Portsmouth on Monday.

That run has seen Nolan's former Newcastle team-mate, striker Shola Ameobi, net three times in those five games, having joined the club in February.

The oldest professional football club in the world, County have bounced between League One and League Two for the past 20 years having missed out on the inaugural Premier League season by a matter of months alongside the Hatters, when both were relegated from the top-flight in 1992.

Since then the Magpies have had a number of high scoring centre-forwards, with the likes of Gary Jones, Mark

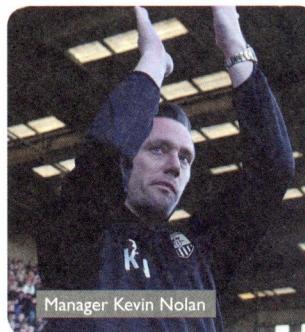


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Stallard, Danny Allsop and more recently Lee Hughes, who scored 30 times for the Magpies in the 2009-10 season, finding the net for their team.

They now have ex-Huddersfield Town forward Jon Stead leading the line, and were it not for an injury back in October which ruled him out for a couple of months, he would surely have more than the 14 goals he has mustered so far.

The 34-year-old has scored well over 100 career goals in nearly 550 career appearances and looks set to be the Magpies' top scorer for the second consecutive season.

Last time the Hatters played Notts County was earlier on in the season, when on-loan keeper Christian Walton masterfully kept out Vadaine Oliver's late penalty

with a strong left hand to ensure the Town earned a point in a 0-0 draw at Meadow Lane.

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TEAM PROFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE MAGPIES, COUNTY | GROUND: MEADOW LANE | MANAGER: KEVIN NOLAN
LAST SEASON: 17TH IN LEAGUE TWO | LAST LEAGUE MATCH: NOTTS COUNTY 1-3 PORTSMOUTH

MEET THE VISITORS

THE BOSS

KEVIN NOLAN

The ex-Newcastle United and West Ham midfielder tried his hand at management for the first time last season with Leyton Orient, before taking over the reins at Meadow Lane in January after the departure of John Sheridan.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

ADAM COLLIN

The ex-Workington, Carlisle United and Rotherham United stopper joined County at the beginning of the season after his contract with the Millers came to an end.

IN DEFENCE

RICHARD DUFFY

The former Exeter City and Port Vale centre-back is another name to have joined the Magpies at the start of the season and has been a regular for the Meadow Lane outfit since his arrival.

MATT TOOTLE

After starting his career off at Crewe Alexandra making over 200 first team appearances for the Railways, the 26-year-old joined County after a season with Shrewsbury Town.

CARL DICKENSON

Another former Vale player now at Meadow Lane, the 30-year-old counts Stoke City, Barnsley and Portsmouth as his ex-teams.

HAYDN HOLLIS

A Magpie academy graduate, the 24-year-old had loan spells with Barrow, Hinckley United and Darlington before establishing himself at County.

ELLIOTT HEWITT

The right-back, who can also play further forward, started his career off at Macclesfield Town before joining Ipswich Town. He signed for County in 2015.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

ROBERT MILSOM

After leaving first club Fulham, the 30-year-old played for the likes of Aberdeen and Rotherham United before joining County in June 2015.

JONATHAN FORTE

The 30-year-old has had a couple of loan spells with the Magpies throughout his career, but signed permanently in July 2016. He has played for a host of clubs including Sheffield United and Scunthorpe.

ADAM CAMPBELL

The ex-Newcastle United forward brought his time on Tyneside to an end in 2015 after a number of loan spells away from the club, penning a contract with County that year.

SHOLA AMEOBI

The vastly experienced former Newcastle United striker joined the Magpies in January and has since scored four times in 14 appearances.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH MELVYN WATSON

Melvyn Watson, a Notts County supporter of 62 years, gives us his thoughts on his team's season in Sky Bet League Two and how they will fare this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road...

► THIS SEASON

A season of upheaval for the Magpies – are they on the right track now?

Under the ownership of Alan Hardy and the managerial leadership of Kevin Nolan there seem to be exciting times on the horizon for Notts County. Safety has been secured and hopefully now we can push on next season to challenge for promotion.

As you mention, as well as behind the scenes changes, Nolan is now the boss at Meadow Lane. A good appointment?

Kevin Nolan has been a breath of fresh air and his man-management skills have been evident in the improvement of the players since his arrival. A brilliant appointment.

There were question marks over your survival earlier on in the season. Who is your unsung hero who has helped change the course for your team this term?

Kevin Nolan and all the squad together have been excellent. There has been a togetherness instilled within the squad and Nolan has stamped his never-say-die attitude onto the players which served him so well during his playing career.

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

All of the players have stepped up since January but the first half of the season, and a run of ten straight league defeats, is not a time they or the fans will look back on fondly.

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

Genaro Snijders. The winger was immensely popular with the fans at Meadow Lane and it was a shame to see him leave.

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

Jorge Grant. The Nottingham Forest loanee has scored five goals in his loan spell and has learnt a lot from Kevin Nolan with his off-the-ball movement and intelligent use of the ball.



► SEASONS PAST...

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

My first game was against York City in 1955 in the sixth round of the FA Cup when there were 47,000 people there - still a club record attendance. Notts were favourites to win but an Arthur Bottom goal for York ruined our big day. I remember being passed over peoples heads like all the other kids so we could see the game on the cinder track around the pitch.

What do you love most about the Magpies?

Our club is now a real family club with more youngsters coming to our home games thanks to the chairman offering free tickets for under 12s.

Who's your favourite Notts County player of all time?

It has to be Les Bradd - a fantastic striker and the club's record goalscorer.

What has been your favourite season following County?

There have been many with many trips to Wembley in the Anglo Italian Cup and play-off finals, but the latest great season was 2009-10 when we won the League Two title.

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

Jimmy Sirrel, Lee Hughes, Bill Brindley, Brian Stubbs and Martin Allen.

► LUTON AND NOTTS COUNTY...

Since the 0-0 draw between ourselves and Notts earlier on in the season, in what way has your team improved?

We are more organised and have self-belief in our own ability as well as having added new additions to the side which have brought more quality to move us away from the relegation scrap.

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

I expect it to be a tight game, although there is now no pressure on us whereas you are still trying to confirm a play-off place. I think we will be a challenge for you on the counter-attack and my prediction is a 1-1 draw. I love being with the fans in the away but I find the seating here a little tight with not a lot of leg room.

► QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Mansfield Town



Predict your player of the season?

Rob Milsom

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

Lee Hughes

Most treasured Notts County piece of memorabilia?

A signed birthday card from the players

What will be a satisfactory final finishing position for County? 15th

Who will be promoted from the Sky Bet League Two play-offs this season? Stevenage

Ginsters
of Cornwall

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FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN BIG-NAME NOTTS COUNTY PLAYERS NOT USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLUB

GARRY BIRTLES



Former England international striker Garry Birtles starred as Notts County qualified for the Third Division play-offs in 1987-88. He impressed with Long Eaton United

prior to joining Nottingham Forest for £2,000 in December 1976 and featured in two European Cup final triumphs. Sold to Manchester United for £1,250,000 in October 1980, he rejoined Forest for £250,000 in September 1982 and moved to County in June 1987. He scored nine times in 63 League outings before joining Grimsby Town in August 1989, twice helping them win promotion. He is now a Nottingham Evening Post columnist and local radio presenter.

DAVE WATSON

England international central defender Dave Watson had two spells at Notts County. Initially with Stapleford Old Boys, he joined Notts County in January 1967, moving to Rotherham United in exchange for Keith Pring plus £8,000 in January 1968. He joined Sunderland in December 1970 and starred in their 1973 FA Cup final triumph. Joining Manchester City in June 1975, he helped win the League Cup in 1976, then played for Werder Bremen, Southampton, Stoke City and Derby County. He rejoined Notts in September 1984, scoring twice in 50 League games overall, then assisted Kettering Town before running his own marketing business.

MARTIN O'NEILL

Northern Ireland international midfielder Martin O'Neill helped Notts County reach the FA Cup sixth round in 1983-84. Initially with Distillery, he joined Nottingham Forest in October 1971 and featured in their successes under Brian Clough. He moved to Norwich City in February 1981, then Manchester City and Norwich again prior to joining Notts County for £40,000 in August 1983. Scoring five goals in 64 League games before hanging up his boots in February 1985, he has since managed Grantham, Shepshed, Wycombe Wanderers, Norwich, Leicester City, Celtic, Aston Villa, Sunderland and Republic of Ireland.

ANDY GRAY

Ex-Scotland international striker Andy Gray made four League appearances while on loan at Notts County in August 1987. He impressed with Dundee United prior to joining Aston Villa in October 1975 and was PFA Player of the Year as they won the League Cup in 1977. Sold to Wolves for a record fee in September 1979, he scored the winner in the 1980 League Cup final and joined Everton in November 1983. He starred as they won the FA Cup in 1984 and League Championship in 1984-85, then rejoined Aston Villa in July 1985 and later played for West Brom, Glasgow Rangers and Cheltenham. Now working as a TV pundit.



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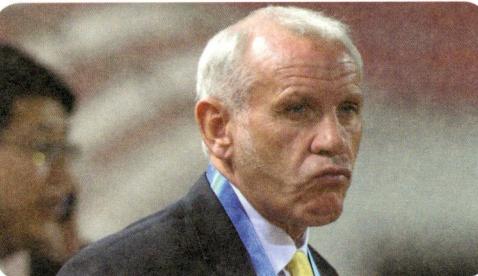
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[LEIGH EDWARDS ON NOTTS COUNTY]



in 1977-78, also starring in two European Cup triumphs. Joining Leeds United in October 1981, he reunited with Peter Taylor at Derby County in February 1984, then played for Barnsley and several Non-League clubs. He became a publican, then a sales rep for Minster Giftware.

PETER REID



Ex-England international midfielder Peter Reid briefly played for Notts County during the 1993-94 season. Initially with Bolton Wanderers, he starred as they were League Cup semi-finalists in 1976-77 and Second Division champions in 1977-78. He joined Everton for £60,000 in December 1982 and amassed numerous honours under Howard Kendall. Joining QPR in February 1989, he was Manchester City's player-boss and moved via Southampton to Notts County in February 1994. He made five League appearances before moving to Bury in July 1994, then managed Sunderland, Leeds United, Coventry, Thailand and Plymouth.

STEVE NICOL

Former Scotland international central defender Steve Nicol had a spell as Notts County's player-coach. He impressed with Ayr United before moving to Liverpool for £300,000 in October 1981 and amassed a vast collection of honours while at Anfield. Voted PFA Player of the Year in 1989, he moved to Meadow Lane in January 1995 and was briefly caretaker-boss after Howard Kendall's dismissal. He scored twice in 32 League outings for the Magpies prior to joining Sheffield Wednesday in November 1995. After a loan spell at West Brom, he moved to Doncaster Rovers in June 1998, then was coach of New England Revolution.

CLAYTON BLACKMORE

Welsh international defender Clayton Blackmore was capped 39 times before joining Notts County. He turned professional with Manchester United in September 1982 and appeared in every outfield position, helping win the

FA Cup in 1990, ECWC in 1991 and Premier League title in 1992-93. Following Bryan Robson to Middlesbrough in May 1994, he was a promotion winner in 1994-95 and an FA Cup and League Cup finalist in 1997. He moved via Barnsley to Notts County in July 1999, scoring twice in 21 League games prior to joining Leigh RMI in June 2000, then was player-manager of Bangor City and Porthmadog.

GEOFF THOMAS

Ex-England international midfielder Geoff Thomas played for Notts County at the end of the 2000-01 campaign. He had spells with Littleborough and Rochdale before moving to Crewe Alexandra in March 1984. Joining Crystal Palace in June 1987, he starred as they won promotion in 1988-89, were FA Cup finalists in 1990 and won the ZDS Cup in 1991. He moved to Wolves in June 1993 and helped reach the First Division play-offs in 1994-95. Later with Nottingham Forest and Barnsley, he joined Notts in March 2001 and scored once in eight League games, rejoining Crewe in August 2001. He has battled leukaemia.

SOL CAMPBELL

Ex-England international central defender Sol Campbell made his only League appearance for Notts County in their 2-1 defeat at Morecambe in September 2009. He began with Spurs and was ever-present in 1996-97, starring as they won the League Cup in 1999. Joining Arsenal in July 2001, he was a key figure in their 2001-02 'double' success, also helping win the Premier League title in 2003-04 and FA Cup the following season. He scored in the 2006 European Cup final and moved to Portsmouth in August 2006. Skipping their 2008 FA Cup final success, he briefly joined Notts County, then played for Arsenal again and Newcastle United.





Luton defender Bud Aherne ushers the ball back to his goalkeeper Bernard Streten during the 1-1 draw with Notts County at Kenilworth Road in March 1951. The Magpies player on the left, Jackie Sewell, was transferred to Sheffield Wednesday two weeks later for a new British record fee of £34,500!

PICTURE THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES

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David Moss fires in the Town's fourth goal

AS OTHERS SAW US

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

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After David Pleat was handed the manager's job at Kenilworth Road in January 1978 he had some difficulty in finding his feet during his first few months in charge.

Fortunately, the points gained in the early part of that season were enough to ensure that we did not exactly struggle to avoid relegation but it was a close run thing when you look back at the league table.

In his first close season, Pleat took stock and quickly decided that he wanted his own men around him and set about one of the biggest

clearouts in the club's history.

This clearout and subsequent signing frenzy meant that seven players made their debut for the Town on the opening day of the following campaign, at home to Oldham. A bemused but very curious Luton crowd of 8,043 gathered to have a look at the new boys, and I would reckon that most people in the

ground purchased a programme that afternoon in order to check the names of the players.

Unfortunately, when the half-time whistle sounded with the

Town 1-0 down, we all thought that the players should spend the interval reading the programme so that they might recognise their team-mates!

Taking heed of our advice, the team started the second period like whirlwinds and scored two quick goals through Hatton and Moss before people had taken their seats, and went on to win the game 6-1 to send the crowd home happy and praising the ability of David Pleat in the transfer market.

The bubble soon burst as the next two games, away at Crystal Palace and Newcastle, were both lost. At Kenilworth Road, though, we were a different side, as proved when

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CLASSY LUTON LOOK GOOD BET

By PETER KEELING



Charlton visited us in our second home game of the season and returned to London having suffered a 3-0 defeat.

With the team now boosted by the return of Paul Price and Alan West from a summer playing in the USA, a trip to Bristol Rovers was not seen as particularly difficult and the ideal opposition to take on and break our away duck.

Our 2-0 defeat in a lacklustre performance was therefore seen as a massive disappointment, and this was reflected when the crowd dropped to 7,752 for the visit of Cardiff to Kenilworth Road the following week.

Cardiff included ex-Luton goalkeeper Keith Barber, who was on loan from Swansea, but there was no happy homecoming as everything the Town players tried came off, and when the final whistle sounded the lucky few in the ground had been treated to a 7-1 victory. Suitably disgusted, Barber decided to call it a day and did not play League football again.

The crowd increased by over 3,000 for the first ever visit of Cambridge to Kenilworth Road the following week, but with an 11-man defence they managed to hold out for a 1-1 draw to shatter our home record.

It was now back to normality as we broke our away duck by drawing

at Sheffield United, narrowly beat Wrexham at Kenilworth Road, and then fought out a 0-0 stalemate at Blackburn. Those big victories at Kenilworth Road were just a flash in the pan, we all thought!

Next in line, as we slowly climbed the table, were Notts County, who were one place above us in seventh position. The crowd, after the early season excitement, had dipped back to 8,651 and they were treated to a fairly even opening spell with Mick Vinter and Iain McCulloch going close for Notts, while Hatton and Stein brought good saves from Eric McManus.

The deadlock was broken after 22 minutes when Hatton rounded off a four man move, and we went further ahead just before the interval when Stein headed home a cross from the increasingly dangerous Moss.

A comfortable victory was on the cards we all thought, but we had forgotten how potent the Luton forward line could

be, given the chance, and the second period turned into yet another rout with a further four goals coming in a 20-minute spell.

West, Moss, Stein and Lil Fuccillo were the players whose efforts counted but it could have been more had McManus not performed heroics.

The Sunday Express correspondent said: 'Luton played with almost majestic confidence and overwhelmed Notts County with a truly magnificent second half performance.' While Peter Wood in the People 'could see only one small cloud on the horizon – Luton's dismal away record'.

Peter Keeling in the Sunday Telegraph was happy just to comment on Luton's home form and said: 'This surpassed the thrashing of Oldham and Cardiff for quality football which well deserved the two standing ovations.'

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TODDINGTON ROVERS WIN A WICKES KIT FOR KIDS!

LOCAL UNDER-8S RECEIVE NEW STRIP AT KENILWORTH ROAD AS EFL COMPETITION WINNERS

Hatters stars Danny Hylton, Jordan Cook and Alan Sheehan were at Kenilworth Road recently to hand over new kit to budding stars of tomorrow as part of EFL sponsors Wickes' commitment to local grassroots football.

Toddington Rovers Under-8s were the lucky winners of a 'Kits For Kids' competition run by the league in conjunction with each of the 72 member clubs' local Wickes stores and Mitre.

The youngsters received a brand new Mitre strip from Jordan Benton, the manager of Wickes in Luton, plus two Hyperseam footballs, 15 bibs and agility and speed sets for training, one coach's bench jacket and 16 tickets to come back to Kenilworth Road to watch the boys in action.

The three Town players posed for pictures and signed autographs for the youngsters in the Eric Morecambe Lounge before heading down to the home dressing room, where their new kit was hung up waiting for them to wear before going out onto the pitch.

Father-of-three Hylton said: "It was great to see the excitement on the kids' faces when they saw the kit hanging up. My eldest boy is six and he loves going to his football sessions, so I know that it means so much to them to have quality gear to use in training and clubs are always having to raise funds or ask parents to pay for it, so this scheme is a great idea."

Sheehan added: "Every footballer loves to look the part and the kids certainly did once they'd got their new kit on."

Seeing them going home in it takes you back to when you first start playing football and you just live in your kit. They probably won't take it off all holiday!"

Toddington Rovers play in the Milton Keynes Development League and despite being a fan of our rivals Watford, coach Luke Mitchell was delighted to be able to bring his boys and girls to the home of football!

"It's a brilliant initiative that Wickes have organised with the EFL and most of our kids support Luton, so they couldn't wait to get here," said Luke. "Their game has developed so much this season as they start to understand football more, and coming to a big stadium like this will hopefully inspire them.

"They loved meeting the players and experiencing what they go through on a matchday, getting changed in the dressing room and walking down the tunnel onto the pitch. We'd like to thank the players for giving up their time after training, and also the club for making us so welcome.

"The equipment and balls will certainly come in handy on training nights and I can't wait to see them wearing the kit in a game now. They'll be the smartest team in the league!"

TRAVELLER'S TALES

HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER IS BACK ON BOARD THE BOBBERS BUS FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY TRIP TO MANSFIELD...

THE JOURNEY

11.00am – 10.30am – Another mid-morning start for the Bank Holiday trip up the M1 to Mansfield. I was back on the coach for this one so it was off to Ampthill and then through the villages to get to Luton to pick up the majority of the passengers.

11.40 – Everyone is on board and off to Mansfield we go. I can't confess to being too excited about this one. Mansfield isn't my favourite ground to go to and our record there in my time is pap. Hopefully it improves a bit today! There is plenty of holiday sport on so I stick the iPad on and watch some of it to speed up the journey!

1.50pm – Pretty smooth journey on the way up and although we've taken the scenic route to the ground by a police escort from the motorway we eventually park up. With over an hour to go until kick-off there is plenty of time for a Burger King at the bottom of the retail park!

THE GROUND

2.35 – Burger King polished off and we've made the five minute walk back up to the ground. We head straight in and take up our seats in the front row behind the goal. Already quite full in the stand to our right. Dugouts have moved to that side since we were last here too. I guess the other side is too far for Steve Evans to walk!



2.55 – Here come the teams. Town in all white once again. A decent Town following. I would say around the 900-1,000 number have made the trip. We've made two changes. Dan Potts comes in, I would imagine as much for his height as anything else, and Isaac Vassell is back too. Jack Marriott and Jordan Cook have made way.

THE MATCH

3.01 – We're underway. The teams swapped ends at the toss so the Town are shooting towards us in the first half like we did last season. I hope the result is the same!

3.08 – Hylton almost gets Vassell in with a clever pass through a defender's legs. Vassell was a bit slow to react though and the keeper claims.

3.09 – Penalty shout for the Town. Pelly gets into the area and belts a shot away. It hits the Mansfield man on the arm but he couldn't do a lot about it. Wishful thinking that one, I would suggest.

3.23 – First chance to Mansfield. A corner comes in and is headed towards goal by one of the many man mountains in the home side. Couldn't quite tell if it went wide or got deflected wide but either way, it didn't go in!

3.24 – This one has though. A long throw is partly cleared but the next cross isn't and after a bit of pinball in the box the ball falls to Alfie Potter who slammed it home. Town behind for the second time in 72hrs.

3.47 – That's half-time. Not much happened after Mansfield took the lead. In truth we never got going in that half. Here is hoping for a significant second half improvement!

4.02 – We're back underway. No changes at the break.

4.07 – PENALTY!! The handball in the first half was wishful thinking but this one was clear cut. Hylton lifts the ball past the defender who clearly swipes it away with his hand. Hylton steps up..... and Panenkas it down the middle! 1-1!!

4.16 – Oooh chance! A cross is tipped up in the air by the keeper and Potts is about to tap in but the defender gets there first! Much better from the Town. There could be a winner in this yet.

4.23 – Close again! Ollie Palmer is now on and has left three giants in his wake. He crosses in and Hylton dives to meet it with his head, but it flies just wide. Deserved better that.

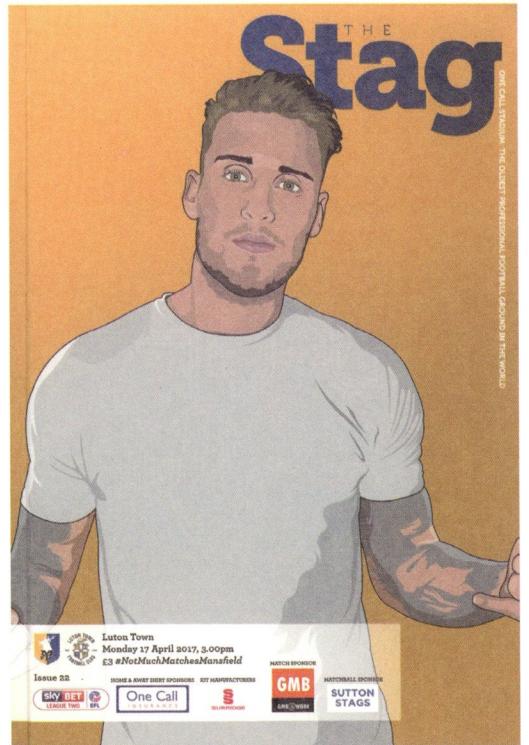
4.38 – Another chance for Hylton. Harder one this time. Dan Potts gets a good cross in but Hylton can't quite get enough power on it to beat the keeper.

4.45 – Not sure how we're not winning here! Another chance goes begging. Olly Lee swings a corner in. Hylton gets across his man to power a header at goal but it goes inches wide. Pretty sure Lawson D'Ath thought it was in judging by his reaction. I did too for a minute!

4.55 – That's that. 1-1 full time. Stuart Moore made a good save in injury time but all in all that was a decent point against a side who are always tough to play against. We toughed it out well and weren't really under much pressure at any point. We just couldn't quite find that winning goal. Portsmouth have won so the best we can do now is the play-offs. That was a good point towards that.

MAN OF THE MATCH

5.20 – Back on the coach and after a bit of a to do at the bottom of the hill, we're finally away. The coach isn't picking a man of the match today as the season award has already been decided, but I will. It was Dan Potts for me. I thought he was assured in possession, got a couple of dangerous crosses in, did his defensive work well and made a couple of crucial blocks. A solid return to the side for the former West Ham man.



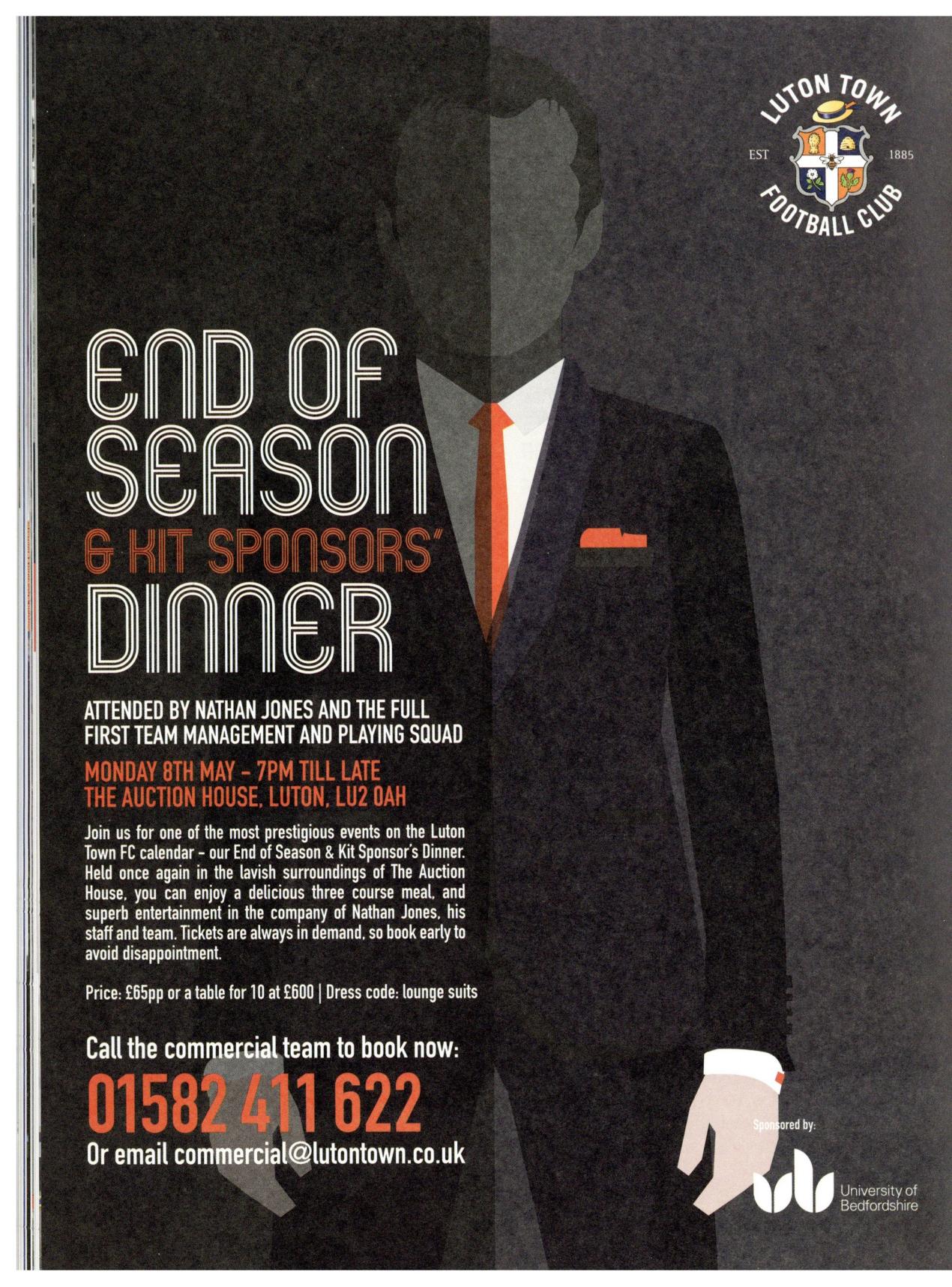
THE PROGRAMME

5.30 – Usually at this point I'd have a gander through the programme but they were sold out before we even got to Mansfield, so I didn't get one. Not the best result that to be fair! (Ed - it's pictured above Kevin, so you can see what you missed!)

SUMMARY

7.45 – Bit of traffic at J12 of the M1 so we're coming off at 13 and I'm getting dropped off first which is a result!

8.10 – Back home now. All in all not the worst day. I think a point in isolation is a good one, but after the Good Friday draw it doesn't look the best. We played well enough in the second half and were good value for the point. We could've got all three. Slightly disappointing that we can't go up automatically but having missed out on Wembley in the Checkatrade Trophy, we'll just have to go there in the play-offs instead! Hopefully it doesn't involve going via Mansfield though. Not my favourite place so I'm glad to be home!



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THE TOWN'S HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE, JARED ROBERTS-SMITH, GIVES US AN INSIGHT INTO HIS WORK WITH THE HATTERS LADS...

[JARED ROBERTS-SMITH]



Afternoon Hatters fans,

It's been a while since my last article...despite our Press & Comms manager Stu asking me a few times!

Hopefully that means my piece has been missed and you Hatters fans have been asking for more sports science updates, though I think that may be an optimistic view point from myself! Thankfully Simon Parsell has been keeping up appearances with his first-class column.

It's been a good couple of months around camp and this has been followed with some good performances, although that hasn't always resulted in the best outcomes.

Despite that, the lads have continued to be really upbeat and Ely way has been an ever-positive environment contributed to by both us as staff, but driven by the players.

Everyone has been training really well, although at this stage of the season we are having to manage training loads really carefully, and with the amount of fixtures we have had to face since the turn of the year, some lads have had limited training exposure with focus turning to match performances.

We have to individualise and specify training loads to each player using our performance analytics, and this is really well received by the coaching staff, who are really receptive and forthcoming with such information.

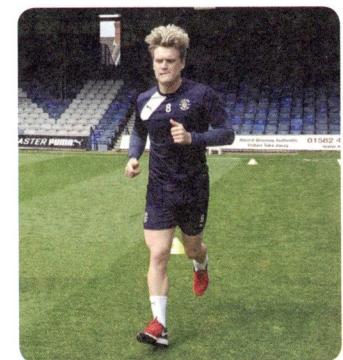
I feel this really shows how far the club has come over the last season and we really are running things behind the scenes like a top-level club, which has translated to the pitch and seen us move forward in comparison to last season.

It's been great to see such continued amazing support – walking out to be greeted by the away following at Barnet a couple of weeks ago was brilliant and it was great to get a hard-earned three points there. That was backed up by another packed away end at Mansfield last Monday, and despite not being able to secure the win, the way the fans drove the team in the second half allowed us to dominate proceedings and get a good result.

I think it's key that continues now and I know that if everyone gets behind us and continues with such amazing support, we can have a great end to the season via the play-offs, hopefully have a great day out at Wembley and then move onto League One – that is the goal!

Cam's been back in the building with us for a while now and those who got down to Kenilworth early on Good Friday may have seen the end of his first functional outdoor session which, like everything else, he cruised through. He really is making great progress and this is credit to his attitude and hard work.

This also comes through support from other players such as Danny Green, who despite some of his set-backs hasn't once come in down in the dumps. Greeny's had a constant smile on his face and remains working hard to get back to his best.



Although you don't want to have to rehab anyone and aim to keep everyone fit and healthy, having Johnny Mullins in your rehab groups is always a good laugh. Although his joviality can sometimes be testing, he too has been working hard and is soon to return to the fold and, thankfully, out of my hair!!!

Although today's game is going to be tough, get right behind us like you always do and help us secure this play-off spot. Then hopefully I can squeeze another article in before the end of the season!

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TOWN 2 : LEYTON ORIENT 2

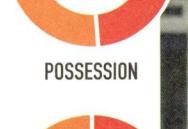
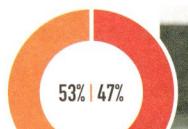


FRIDAY 14TH APRIL | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 8,601 | AWAY: 380

TOWN GOAL: HYLTON 33, VASSELL 73 | **ORIENT GOALS:** KELLY (PEN) 55, ABRAHAMS 61

TOWN: MOORE, JUSTIN, CUTHBERT ©, REA, SHEEHAN, LEE, MPANZU (GRAY 85), D'ATH, COOK (GAMBIN 24), HYLTON, MARRIOTT (VASSELL 66). SUBS NOT USED: O'DONNELL, POTTS, SMITH, KING (GK)
YELLOW CARDS: GAMBIN, CUTHBERT

ORIENT: SARGEANT, KELLY ©, COLLINS, MEZAGUE, SEMEDO, POLLOCK, ADEBOYEJO, DALBY (ABRAHAMS 46), ALZATE (KOROMA 80), OCHIENG (MONCUR 88), CLARK. SUBS NOT USED: GRAINGER, LIBURD, ALDERSON, HAPPE | YELLOW CARDS: OCHIENG, SARGEANT



STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters were held to a 2-2 draw by relegation-threatened Leyton Orient at Kenilworth Road as Nathan Jones' side failed to record a third successive league win for the first time this season.

Danny Hylton had given the Town a first-half lead with his 25th goal of the campaign just after the half-hour, but the bottom-of-the-table side put their off-field problems to one side to take a 2-1 lead by the 61st minute with Liam Kelly's penalty and substitute Tristan Abrahams' neat finish.

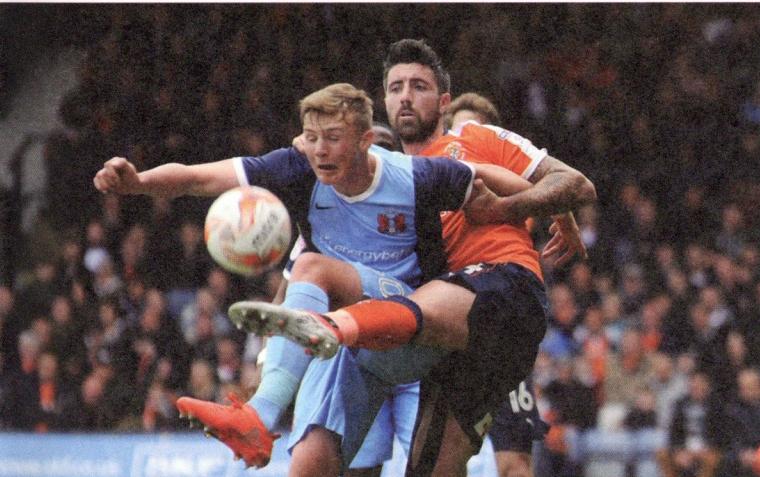
The Hatters maintained fourth position in the table, however, and a six-point cushion above the play-off chasing pack thanks to a 73rd-minute equaliser by a sub of their own, Isaac Vassell, and – just as crucially – a point-saving challenge by James Justin as Orient's Josh Koroma raced clear in injury-time.

Olly Lee set Hylton clear in the 33rd minute with a superb ball over the top, and the top scorer slipped his left-footed shot low past Orient keeper Sam Sargeant just as the visiting defence were catching him.

The Town spurned several chances to increase the lead, Sargeant saving twice from Luke Gamin and Jack Marriott firing over the bar, and Orient were awarded a penalty by ref Brett Huxtable ten minutes after half-time when Glen Rea handled Henry Ochieng's 25-yard shot in the box.

Kelly netted from 12 yards, then the midfielder played Abrahams in six minutes later to give Orient the lead before Vassell came off the bench to race onto Hylton's flick and grab the Town's 73rd minute equaliser.

The Cornishman might have won two penalties to give Town a chance to win it in injury-time, before Justin's heroics denied Koroma a winner right at the death.



HART:
We didn't start brightly enough and we paid a price for it.

"I thought we dominated the first half. I think overall we needed another goal in that first half to cement the dominance.

"But Leyton Orient did extremely well, with a young side, and I think we contributed to our own downfall in the second half. We didn't start brightly enough and we paid a price for it.

"The previous two games we have kept clean sheets and we are feeling more and more confident of keeping a clean sheet. But we always felt we could have done with another one.

"I don't think we could have been begrimed a second goal in that first half dominance. But, the game is 90 minutes and plus and so you have to perform for that length of time, and I don't suppose we did."





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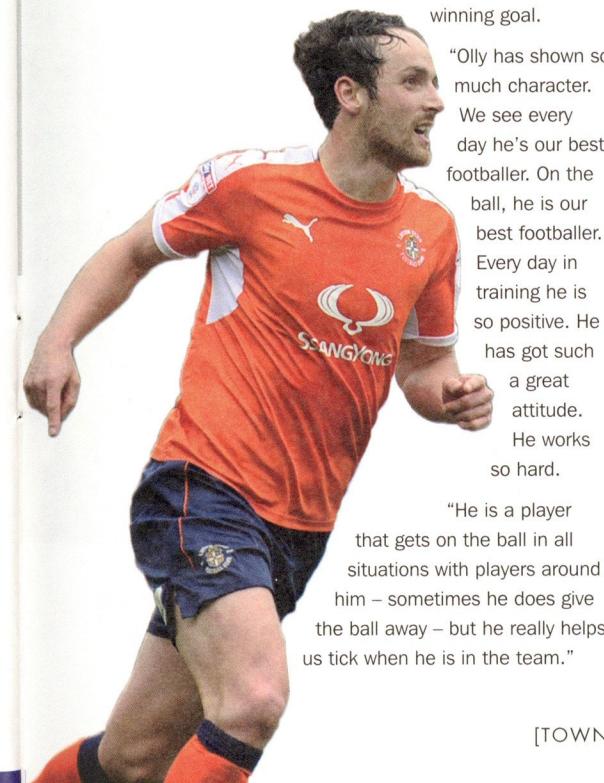


DAN PASSES ON THANKS TO OLLY... AFTER MIDFIELDER'S PASS PUTS HIM IN FOR GOAL NO.25!

Town top scorer for the season Danny Hylton lauded the quality of midfielder Olly Lee after the 2-2 draw with Leyton Orient, when the former Birmingham City man played a wonderful ball over the top for the striker to convert his 25th goal of the season.

The assist comes on the back of a string of strong performances from Lee, who in the previous game had scored the winner against his old club Barnet.

Hylton was full of praise for the 25-year-old for his quality on the ball, saying: "What a fantastic ball from Olly Lee. He clipped it out and I managed to get a touch, get out of my feet and score. It was a real nice goal. Yes, I was delighted to score. It would have been nicer if it was the winning goal.



"Olly has shown so much character. We see every day he's our best footballer. On the ball, he is our best footballer. Every day in training he is so positive. He has got such a great attitude. He works so hard.

"He is a player that gets on the ball in all situations with players around him – sometimes he does give the ball away – but he really helps us tick when he is in the team."

The forward also believes Lee is a key player in the philosophy of how boss Nathan Jones wants his team to play, and he loves playing with a midfielder who has a real eye for a class pass.

The 28-year-old continued: "He helps us play the way we want to. He has got that quality that when you're a forward, he gets the ball, you make the run and he will find you.

"The last three games he has come into the team and he has put in really good performances. He got his goal and I thought he played really well today – that assist was fantastic."

CONTROL

The surprise draw against the O's did maintain the Town's position in fourth, but Hylton believed that after scoring midway through the first half, his team would have gone onto win the game.

"It's a game we should have taken control of and won really," explained Hylton, who added goal number 26 for the season three days later at Mansfield. "No disrespect to Leyton Orient, but everyone seems to be playing them and getting three points recently.

"They're going through a tough time with everything that's going on at their club. We thought if we got the first goal we could capitalise and go on and become quite comfortable.

"We let ourselves down when we came out for the second half. We didn't start on the front foot and we thought the game was won."

MANSFIELD 1 : TOWN 1



MONDAY 17TH APRIL | ONE CALL STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 4,632 | AWAY: 892

MANSFIELD GOAL: POTTER 23 | **TOWN GOAL:** HYLTON 51

MANSFIELD: KEAN, BENNETT, BENNING, PEARCE (C), TAFT, COULHIRST, POTTER (HAMILTON 77), WHITE (MACDONALD 60), BYROM, WHITEMAN, ROSE (GREEN 80). SUBS NOT USED: JENSEN (GK), COLLINS, HOWKINS, ARQUIN. | YELLOW CARDS: ROSE, KEAN

TOWN: MOORE, JUSTIN, REA, CUTHBERT (C), SHEEHAN, POTTS (O'DONNELL 84), MPANZU, LEE, D'ATH, HYLTON, VASSELL (PALMER 64). SUBS NOT USED: SMITH, GRAY, MARRIOTT, GAMBIN, KING (GK)



Danny Hylton chips in the penalty for the Town's equaliser

STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Hatters had to settle for a 17th draw of the season at play-off challenging Mansfield as top scorer Danny Hylton netted from the penalty spot to cancel out Alfie Potter's first-half opener for the Stags.

The Town's 13th 1-1 stalemate, combined with Portsmouth's win at Notts County, means Nathan Jones' side will have to go via the play-offs if the season is going to end with promotion to Sky Bet League One, with three games left to confirm a place in the end-of-season shoot-out.

The hosts took the lead after Hylton had just cleared a header off the line, before George Taft connected with the

next corner, heading it back for Potter, whose first volley was blocked, but the former Oxford and Northampton man made no mistake with his second from 15 yards.

By the 51st minute the Town were back on terms, Hylton attempting to flick a Justin cross past Taft, who could only halt his progress with the use of a hand.

Ref Mark Brown correctly pointed to the spot, and the Town top scorer stepped up to chip his effort nonchalantly down the centre of the goal as Stags keeper Jake Kean dived to his right.



JONES:
It's not a bad result

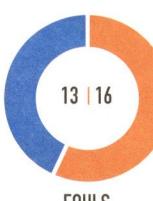
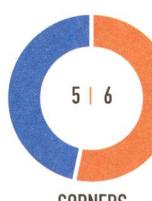
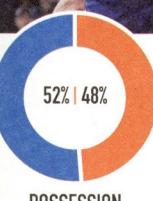
"I think content is the word, not really happy. We wanted three points, but in terms of the scale of the game and what it means I think it's pretty much a fair result. It's not a bad result."

"We negated them to set-plays, that was it. They had no other threat apart from set-plays. We negated that because we controlled the ball, we didn't go back to front and we didn't allow them to build any steam up."

"The frustrating thing is we conceded from being sloppy from a set-play. The ball comes out, no one is marking on the edge of the box, people let a runner go and that's frustrating. No matter how much work you do, that's just a discipline. That's the only thing. Apart from that we weren't under any real pressure."

"All they do is knock the ball long, they try and fight, try and get on the second balls, but we negated that. I can't remember them creating much apart from late on when they just put it in our box."

"So it was a pretty controlled performance, second half we were the better ones. First half we just never had a killer instinct about us."



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POTTSY PUTS PLAY-OFFS BEFORE FUTURE

LEFT-BACK IS FOCUSED ON JUST ONE THING AFTER MAKING COMEBACK

Town defender Dan Potts wants to put his injury problems that have hampered him in the second half of this season behind him as he looks to impress boss Nathan Jones in an attempt to earn himself a new contract.

The 23-year-old joined in 2015 from West Ham United, signing a two-year deal.

That contract is set to expire at the end of the season, but Potts – who has only just recently returned to the starting XI having taken longer than expected to recover from a head injury suffered at Carlisle last month – would rather see his team confirm their place in the play-offs before he sits down with his manager to discuss his future.

Potts said: "Obviously I would like to get that sorted before the end of the season, I would be lying if it wasn't on my mind. But at the moment we just want to secure the play-offs and once that's sorted, we can look at my contract.

"It's been frustrating, the first half of the year it was good, but I had a couple of setbacks that have been frustrating to say the least.

"Maybe now I can put those to bed and concentrate on being fit and playing games."

The head injury that Potts sustained came at the worst time for the left-back, who had just returned to the first team fold having recovered from a knee injury he picked up against Barnet on New Year's Eve.

CONFIDENT

"I'd say I have been a bit unfortunate this calendar year," he explained. "Obviously I had the knee injury and then came back and got the concussion at Carlisle and that took longer for me to recover than I expected.

"There is a protocol for head injuries, but it took a bit longer to go away. It's gone now and hopefully that's the end of it. I feel good, confident heading the ball, that's the main thing."

"It's ironic, the first header I went up to challenge for against Mansfield, the other guy went down with a bit of concussion – that sort of sums it up!"

This season has seen the Hatters play remarkably young sides, but with players like Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu aged 23 and Cameron McGeehan just 22 having made over 100 first team appearances each, Potts doesn't see age as a factor in the experience that his team currently has.

He said: "It's young on paper, but there's enough experience. Some of our starting XIs have been young, but a fair few of the boys have played over 100 games."

"Yes, it's young but at the end of the day, if you're doing it on the pitch, I don't think age really comes into it."





AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – FOOTBALL WELCOMES

Eighty years ago this month, when General Franco ordered Nazi planes to drop 22 tonnes of explosives on Guernica during the Spanish Civil War – killing hundreds of civilians and leaving the historic Basque town in ruins – he committed an atrocity that would become an enduring symbol of the horrors of war, immortalised in Picasso's painting Guernica.

Thousands fled the bombs raining down on the Basque Country, including nearly 4,000 children who arrived in Southampton from Bilbao on a recommissioned cruise ship a few weeks later. No-one knew it then, but six of the boys on the boat would become professional footballers in England, making them some of the first refugees to play in the English league. Luton Town are proud to be one of many EFL clubs supporting Amnesty International's Football Welcomes initiative this weekend, celebrating the contribution they made, and that refugees continue to make, to the game.

When news of what had happened in Guernica reached British newspapers, a public outcry convinced a reluctant Prime Minister – Stanley Baldwin – to finally offer the children a safe place to live and the chance to rebuild their lives in the UK.

It was the British public too who then welcomed the children into communities all over the country. To help raise funds for their upkeep, the girls would put on performances of Basque dance, and the boys played football matches against other local teams. The practice served them well. Emilio Aldecoa, who was 14 when he boarded the SS Habana in Bilbao, turned out to be a skilful left-winger. In 1943 and aged 20, he was spotted by a scout for Wolverhampton Wanderers. He proved to be an effective signing, finishing the season as Wolves' top scorer, with 11 goals in 30 games.

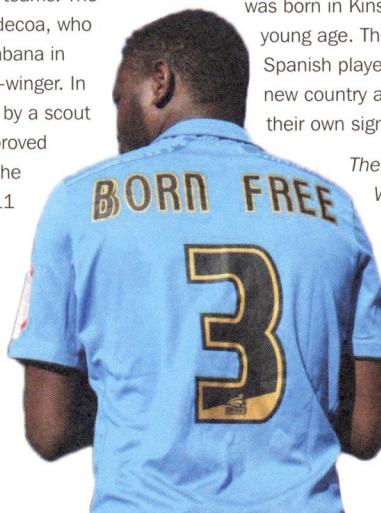
He moved to Coventry for two seasons in 1945, before returning to Spain to join Athletic Bilbao and then later, Barcelona. He played once for Spain, before coming

back to the UK as assistant manager of Birmingham City in 1960. Meanwhile, five others were making their way into the English game – Jose Bilbao joined Aldecoa at Coventry for the 1945-46 season, and Sabin Barinaga signed as a forward with Southampton's reserves, before returning to Spain and Real Madrid, scoring the first ever goal in the newly-built Bernabeu stadium in December 1947.

Raimundo Perez Lezama played in goal for Southampton, and Antonio Gallego took up the same position at Norwich. His brother Jose, played on the wing for Brentford, Southampton, Colchester United and Cambridge United.

Since then, refugee footballers have been making their mark on the English game. Among them are Coventry's Gael Bigirimana, who scored the first goal in the Checkatrade Trophy final at Wembley earlier this month.

He, like Stoke City's Saido Berahino, fled the civil war in Burundi in the 1990s. Former Bolton Wanderers midfielder Fabrice Muamba escaped the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo, while former Colchester United, Newcastle United and Portsmouth striker Tresor LuLuwa was born in Kinshasa, DRC, but moved to England at a young age. They will all understand what those early Spanish players fleeing war went through to succeed in a new country and in football, while they continue to make their own significant contribution to the beautiful game.



The EFL is proud to support Football Welcomes – a part of Amnesty International's I Welcome campaign for a better international response to the global refugee crisis. The campaign encourages local communities to work together to create a more welcoming environment for people fleeing conflict and persecution.

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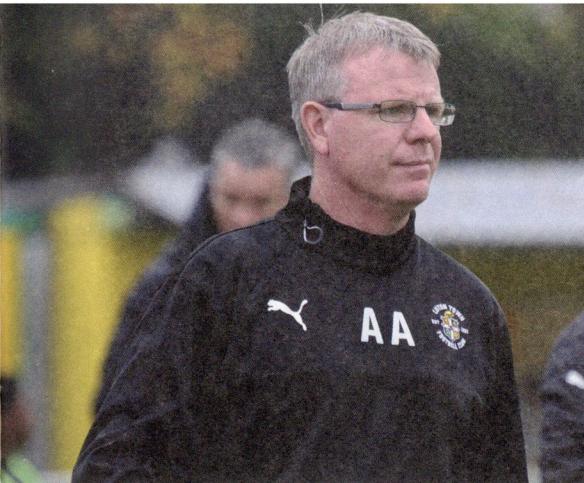


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[ACADEMY UPDATE]

ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

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

U18S

With no Merit League One fixture scheduled today, we took the opportunity to organise an U17 friendly versus Millwall at Ely Way. Millwall currently run a Category 2 Academy and therefore I'm sure will have provided our boys with a stern test this morning.

Next week sees our penultimate Merit League One fixture as we host local rivals Stevenage and then we round off the season with another home fixture versus Leyton Orient.

Both of these fixtures will see us again send out very young squads as we look to give vital U18 match minutes to our U16 and U15 players, which will only benefit them individually in the long run.

THE BRACHE

Our young schoolboy players have started to use the new facilities available at our new training base, The Brache, during their evening training sessions.

The brand new full size floodlit 3G pitch and the fantastic smaller sized floodlit 3G cages are currently being used by our young players. The staff and players are all so excited to be 'in' and cannot wait until we are there on a permanent basis from the start of July next season.

The facility is first class, providing all of the Academy staff and players with a wonderful environment to work out of, whilst we continue to try and take the players on their journey from Academy graduate to first team professional.

No doubt The Brache will aid all of us in the long run and a sincere thank you to everyone at the club who has contributed to making it happen.

SoLYD

On the pitch today at half-time, the committee members from SoLYD (Supporters of Luton Youth Development) will present the Academy with a handsome cheque.

The money will go towards outside of the box Academy initiatives that the club also fully support.

A sincere thank you to SoLYD, from all of us at the Academy, for the financial support that they have given once again this season.

For those of you who are not aware, SoLYD was set up a few years ago to contribute to the funding of the Academy. They are still currently able to do this as our fans are still generously donating to them and we really do appreciate the fans' generosity and SoLYD's assistance.

For any fans who would like to donate please do so by contacting Kevin Barrett (kevinbarrett69@gmail.com), who will be more than happy to talk through the various options available.

Enjoy today's game.

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BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

PRE-ACADEMY U9 TO U16S TOUR TO AMSTERDAM 2017

Our Pre-Academy squads travelled out to Amsterdam again this Easter and while our first day results were better than last year with a magnificent six teams out of ten qualifying for the main day two Holland Cup competitions, ultimately, we were not able to match the fantastic achievement of last year in reaching four finals with all six teams being knocked out by the thinnest of margins on day two qualifying groups.

Ironically, the four teams who failed to make the main Holland Cup competition on day one ended up as winners in three of the four Challenge Cups – so more silverware for the trophy cabinet – an impressive achievement by any standard when bearing in mind our boys all played up a whole year group in European age groups

UNDER-16S

Our two U16 squads thundered their way through the first day U17 groups with 100 per cent records and impressive performances, and then fate drew them together in the first game of day two which meant only one team could progress.

The game drew a sizeable crowd from competing teams who came to watch 'defending champions' and although a hard-fought 0-0 draw meant honours finished even, ultimately this result cost both teams the opportunity to qualify.

UNDER-15S

We also entered two U15 teams in the U16 section, one from the pre-academy and one from our centre of excellence, and while our centre of excellence (Cofex) boys exceeded expectations with two wins out of three, our U15 pre-academy squad never got going and found themselves out of the main competition fairly quickly.

Day two saw a reversal of fortunes as the pre-academy boys ruthlessly dismissed all opposition before them



winning 6-0 in the final of the Challenge Cup against Scottish side FC Salveson.

The Cofex boys found day two tough, but a fantastic effort nevertheless in making the final stages.

Let's hope next year our retained pre-academy boys decide to turn up on day one as while winning the Challenge Cup was the least we expected, it did show they had 'qualified' for the wrong competition!

UNDER-14S

On to the U14s, who probably had the unluckiest draw out of everyone coming up against feeder club to Ajax, FC Amsterdam. They quickly ran up a 4-0 margin as our boys struggled to get to grips with older and more athletic boys.

Credit though to the boys and the coach, who recovered by winning the second half 1-0 and while not enough to alter the result, a fantastic effort. The defeat cost them a place in the main competition, but day two saw the boys win the third and fourth place play-off in the Challenge Cup against Dutch opposition vONA.

UNDER-13S

Our U13 squad probably had the most impressive tournament after winning all of their qualifying games on day one, even though they didn't win any silverware.



Day two's first game against European U14 boys from Amsterdam club FC Waterwijk saw a defeat effectively ending progression early doors, but the boys recovered finishing with two victories – the last coming from 2-0 down to win 4-2 against Danish side FS Galten.

Both our U14 and U13 squads deserve great credit as these age groups present the most physical challenge in playing up a year on full size pitches, and both squads showed the capacity to compete physically and come back from set-backs.

UNDER-12S

The U12 boys were the surprise package in that they won their first game on day one in style, but then fell to two 'avoidable' defeats which meant progression to the Challenge Cup and, much like the U15 boys, they fairly easily progressed through to the final against Danish opposition FC Hattig-Torsted, eventually winning 3-2 and picking up the cup.

UNDER-11S

Our U11s had a great first day with a 100 per cent record and looked impressive into day two, starting with two more victories to clock up five straight wins.

It was only a late 2-1 defeat to English academy set-up VCD that knocked the boys out in a very tight game against effectively a Spurs U12 pre-academy squad. Great tournament from the boys and a group that shows a lot of promise.

UNDER-10S

Our U10s clocked up the biggest score of all of our teams in the tournament, winning the first game 10-0 and that result was enough in itself to see the boys through to the main Holland Cup competition.

A tough day two set of fixtures saw two defeats against Belgium side AS Chelles and FC Fredericksun BoldKlub from Denmark to end their dreams of lifting the Holland Cup.

UNDER-9S

The U9's gained some revenge beating FC Fredericksun BoldKlub in the final of the Challenge Cup 1-0.

It was a great reward for the youngest team on tour who had a difficult first day, but pulled it together on day two to win more silverware for the club.

Overall, a very successful weekend saw four trophies return with our ten touring squads and a great experience for all of our boys who are looking to achieve a full academy place with the club.



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JOURNALIST **AMY POLLARD** WROTE THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE ABOUT THE HATTERS' AUDIO EQUIPMENT RECENTLY INTRODUCED TO ENHANCE THE MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORTERS AT KENILWORTH ROAD...

TOWN THE LATEST TO PROVIDE AUDIO HEADSETS

Luton Town has become the latest football club to provide commentary headsets to their visually impaired fans. They were first used during the Hatters' home fixture against Plymouth in March.

The headsets, which were funded by the Luton Town Supporters' Trust, provide live audio commentary for supporters who are blind or partially sighted, in order for them to understand the game.

A number of Hatters' fans have already used the service, which is also available at a number of other clubs including Exeter City and Ipswich Town. Before the headsets were available, carers would often have to commentate the game themselves. For many carers, they didn't know much about football and often got important details wrong.

Kevin Hutson, who has had a visual impairment for most of his life, used



to listen to Hatters Player before the headsets became available. There was around a 40-second delay on this, so often fans would be celebrating a goal, which hadn't happened on the Player transmission yet.

"I told my wife I couldn't listen to it anymore and I asked her to commentate for me, so that's what she started doing," said Mr Hutson.

"When she told me about the headsets I said I'd like to book one of them and see how it goes. It was fantastic."

Sarah Batty, mother to an eight-year-old boy that uses the headsets, could immediately see the difference that the headset had made to her son's experience at the game.

She said: "The commentary was brilliant and it really made a difference. He was enjoying it and knew exactly what was going on and who had the ball. You could see by the smile on his face after the match how much it meant to him."

The commentary is provided by Simon Pitts, an experienced football commentator and Hatters fan.

"He's brilliant with his commentary," explained Mr Hutson.

"He will tell you the colours, whether they're kicking from left to right or right to left. He's just brilliant – an absolute godsend."

Luton Town Football Club has often been praised in the media for their disabled facilities. Compared to many other grounds, which are failing to meet guidelines set by the Football Stadia Improvement Fund and the Football Licensing Authority, Kenilworth Road has more seats for disabled supporters than the recommended number. This means that more disabled fans are able to attend and enjoy games.

The addition of the headsets has further added to this, as now visually impaired supporters can enjoy the games too.

"For the age of the ground, the disabled facilities are good," reflected Mr Hutson.

"They are also very good with their disabled supporters. The people at the ticket office knew me straight away and the stewards also keep an eye on us."

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00000FFFF! Lawson D'Ath leaps like a salmon to head the ball against Mansfield last Monday. Can you work out which square the ball should be in? Answer below.

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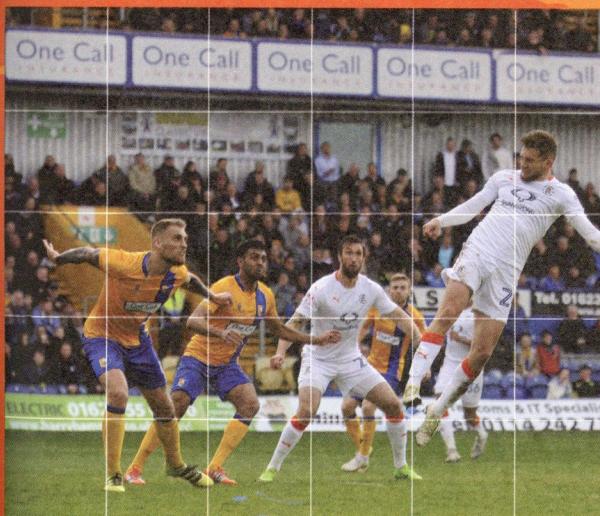
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Q: Why couldn't the pony sing himself a lullaby?
A: He was a little hoarse.



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Q: What do elves learn in school?
A: The elf-abet.

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Q: Why was 6 afraid of 7?
A: Because 7, 8



NOTTS COUNTY

Notts County (who are also known as the Magpies) are the oldest professional football club in the whole wide world! The Club was formed in 1862. Just to give you an idea quite how old that actually is, the first ever man-made plastic was invented in the same year! #Factoid. The Hatters met the Magpies at their Meadow Lane ground back in October last year, when a dramatic penalty save by Christian Walton helped earn the Town a point in a 0-0 draw. Let's hope for all three points this afternoon. #COYH

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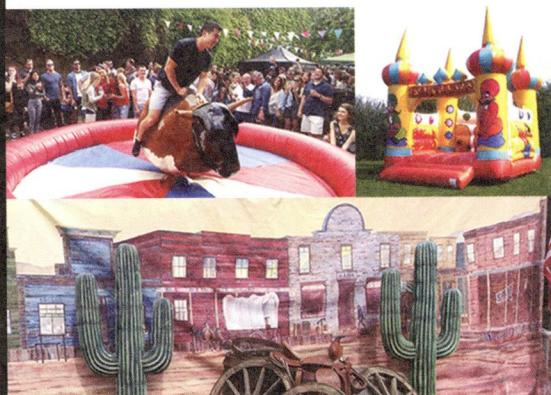


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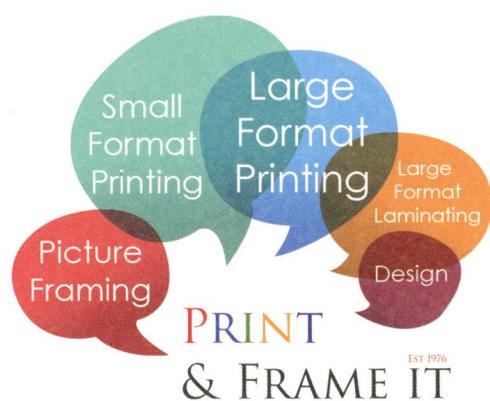


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THE LAST TIME BRIGHTON KICKED A BALL IN ENGLAND'S TOP-FLIGHT, SPANDAU BALLET WERE TOP OF THE CHARTS AND CHRIS HUGHTON WAS A YOUNG FULL-BACK AT SPURS.

But after a storming season capped by victory over Wigan on Easter Monday, the Seagulls are returning to the summit for the first time in 34 years.

For those who remember - and those who don't - it's been a hell of a wait. Yet Brighton are only seventh on the list when it comes to waiting for another shot at the top flight - here are the sides who eclipse them.

BRADFORD CITY | 77 YEARS

When the Bantams followed bottom-of-the-table Manchester United (whatever happened to them) out of the 22-team First Division in 1922, little did anyone realise it would take seven decades to slog their way back.

So severely did fortunes slump that City were twice forced to seek re-election to the Football League before Paul Jewell eventually hauled them back to the Premier League in 1999. The dream lasted two seasons before crushing debts sank them back to the basement.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC | 69 YEARS

Rocked by the departure of long-serving manager Herbert Bamlett - who also refereed the 1914 FA Cup final, aged 32 - the Latics were relegated a year after Bradford.

So followed a similar path of lower league ignominy before the legendary management of Joe Royle yielded a Second Division title, three years of Premier League football and an FA Cup semi-final in the early nineties.

BRISTOL CITY | 65 YEARS

Clive Whitehead's promotion clinching strike against Portsmouth at a packed Ashton Gate on Good Friday 1976 remains, for many City fans, the finest moment in the club's history.

Which is understandable - nobody could remember the last such moment in 1906, when the Robins had fought off the likes of Leicester Fosse, Glossop and...Manchester United.

NOTTS COUNTY | 55 YEARS

County - who had last played a top-flight match in 1926 - were at a low ebb in the summer of 1980. Rivals Forest had just won the European Cup and a limp 17th place finish saw bookies offer odds of 66-1 on the Magpies winning the Second Division.

But with a young Howard Wilkinson pulling the strings behind manager Jimmy Sirrel, County's revolutionary passing game secured the title with a game to spare - and ended half a century outside the top-flight.

CARDIFF CITY | 51 YEARS

Cardiff's return to the top-flight in 2013 was like waiting years for your favourite band to release a new album only to hit play and discover it's earache. Two generations starved of top-flight football were forced to endure managerial upheaval, stodgy football and finally relegation at the hands of an overpromoted Ole Gunnar Solskjær. Hopefully they won't be forced to wait 51 years for another shot.

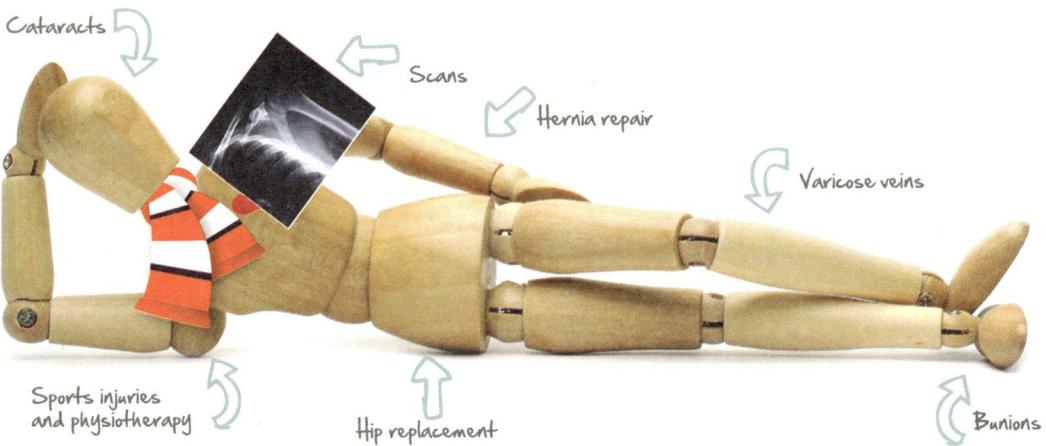
BLACKPOOL | 39 YEARS

Like Notts County, the Seasiders were tipped for relegation in 2009. Like County, they surprised everyone with a stylish brand of football that nobody could counter. The fairytale was completed with a play-off victory over Cardiff at a sun-drenched Wembley in May 2010, their first such promotion since 1970. So drastic has been their subsequent decline, you fear it may be even longer before Blackpool come back.



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

GOOD FRIDAY'S LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

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

MON 17TH APRIL LEAGUE 2 RESULTS

Accrington 1-0 Crawley
Barnet 0-2 Wycombe
Cambridge 1-0 Exeter
Carlisle 1-1 Stevenage
Cheltenham 2-1 Grimsby
Doncaster 0-1 Blackpool
Leyton 2-1 Hartlepool
Mansfield 1-1 Luton
Morecambe 1-1 Colchester
Notts County 1-3 Portsmouth
Plymouth 6-1 Newport
Yeovil 3-0 Crewe

PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON								LFC CAREER TOT	
	LEAGUE	CUP	LEAGUE	CUP	LEAGUE	CUP	DISP			
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS
Alex Atkinson	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	1	0
Tyreeq Bakinson	0 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	3 (1)	0	0	0	5	0
Zane Banton	0 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	2 (2)	0	1	0	14	0
Jordan Cook	31 (4)	3	5 (1)	1	36 (5)	4	5	1	41	4
Kavan Cotter	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	34 (1)	1	3 (3)	0	37 (4)	1	5	0	81	1
Lawson D'Ath	7 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	7 (2)	0	0	0	9	0
Akin Farnewo	1 (2)	0	3 (0)	0	4 (2)	0	1	0	6	0
Luke Gambin	7 (7)	1	0 (1)	0	7 (8)	1	2	0	15	1
Alex Gillease	10 (8)	1	3 (0)	1	13 (8)	2	3	0	21	2
Jake Gray	9 (7)	1	9 (0)	3	18 (7)	4	0	0	25	4
Danny Green	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	30	6
Freddie Hinds	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0	0	2	0
Danny Hylton	37 (1)	21	6 (0)	5	43 (1)	26	13	1	44	26
James Justin	21 (5)	0	7 (1)	0	28 (6)	0	2	0	35	0
Craig King	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	0	0	4	0
Oliy Lee	21 (9)	1	5 (1)	0	26 (10)	1	9	0	75	4
Matt Macey	11 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	13 (0)	0	0	0	13	0
Craig Mackail-Smith	0 (2)	0	2 (2)	1	2 (4)	1	1	0	40	5
Jack Marriott	25 (12)	5	4 (3)	4	29 (15)	9	1	0	88	25
Cameron McGeehan	24 (0)	10	4 (0)	1	28 (0)	11	7	0	106	31
Josh McQuoid	1 (2)	0	5 (0)	2	6 (2)	2	2	0	43	7
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	31 (8)	1	6 (2)	0	37 (10)	1	5	1	113	6
Stuart Moore	5 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	0	0	5	0
Johnny Mullins	21 (2)	0	6 (0)	1	27 (2)	1	2	2	29	1
Frankie Musonda	0 (0)	0	5 (0)	1	5 (0)	1	0	0	8	1
Stephen O'Donnell	27 (2)	1	6 (3)	2	33 (5)	3	1	0	71	4
Ollie Palmer	1 (13)	2	0 (0)	0	1 (13)	2	1	0	14	2
Dan Potts	19 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	21 (2)	0	3	1	39	0
Glen Rea	33 (3)	2	8 (0)	1	41 (3)	3	11	1	54	3
Arthur Read	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	1	0
Jack Senior	9 (1)	0	6 (0)	0	15 (1)	0	3	0	16	0
Alan Sheehan	29 (3)	2	5 (0)	1	34 (3)	3	4	1	57	4
Jonathan Smith	12 (12)	1	8 (2)	1	20 (14)	2	7	0	175	11
Jack Snelus	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	1	0
Connor Tomlinson	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0	0	1	0
Isaac Vassell	20 (17)	6	5 (5)	5	26 (22)	11	2	0	48	11
Christian Walton	27 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	33 (0)	0	1	0	33	0

FIXTURES PILE-UP

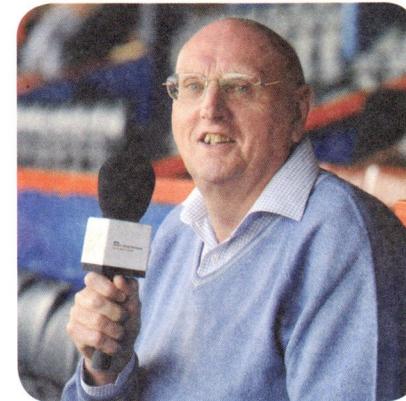
WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

KEY: • First Substitute | • Second Substitute | ▲ Third Substitute | ■ Sent off | GOALSCORER

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS													
AUGUST									McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1	SMITH 1	Lee	Gray	Justin	Vassell	McQuoid	King			
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Plymouth Argyle	W 3-0	9,761	1,019	1	Walton O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Smith	Cuthbert	Cook		
Wed 10	7.45pm	H	Aston Villa (EFL Cup 1)	W 3-1	7,412	1,487	-	Walton O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Justin	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Smith	Vassell	McQuoid	King		
Sat 13	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	D 1-1	7,800	303	1	Walton O'DONNELL 1	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Rea	Cook	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Smith	Gray	McQuoid	King	
Tue 16	7.45pm	H	Newport County	W 2-1	7,058	115	1	Walton O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 2	Cook	Hylton	Marriott	Gray	Vassell	McQuoid	King	
Sat 20	3.00pm	A	Stevenage	L 1-2	3,517	1,674	3	Walton O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Rea	Potts	Lee	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	Cook	Hylton	Marriott	Famewo	Smith	McQuoid	King	
Tue 23	7.45pm	H	Leeds United (EFL Cup 2)	L 0-2	7,498	1,510	-	Walton O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee	Smith	McGEEHAN 1	Gray	Hylton	Marriott	McQuoid	Vassell	McQuoid	King	
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United	W 3-0	5,606	1,690	2	Walton O'Donnell	Mullins	Rea	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 1	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1	Smith	Cuthbert	Smith	King	
Tue 30	7.45pm	A	Gillingham (EFL Trophy)	W 2-1	2,128	137	-	King Cotter	Musonda 1	Famewo	Justin	Bakinson	SMITH 1	Gray	Banton	Vassell	McQuoid	Atkinson	Tomlinson	Read	Hinds	Snelus
SEPTEMBER									McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1	SMITH 1	Lee	Gray	Justin	Vassell	McQuoid	King			
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers	W 4-1	8,097	530	1	Walton O'Donnell	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Smith	Cuthbert	Cook		
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town	L 1-2	8,005	539	3	Walton O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Smith	Vassell	McQuoid		
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	L 0-2	2,904	1,052	7	Walton O'Donnell	Mullins	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Smith	McGEEHAN 2	Cook	Hylton	Marriott	Gray	Gilliead	Gray		
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Doncaster Rovers	W 3-1	7,917	554	3	Walton Justin	Mullins	Cuthbert	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 2	Cook	Hylton	MARRIOTT 1	Sheehan	Gilliead	Smith		
Tue 27	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United	D 1-1	3,533	311	2	Walton Justin	SHEEHAN 1	Famewo	Potts	Lee	Gray	McGeehan	Gilliead	Hylton	Marriott	Vassell	O'Donnell	Smith	Musonda	
OCTOBER									McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 1	SMITH 1	Vassell	Famewo	Gray	Gilliead	Gray	Read	McQuoid	Famewo	
Sat 1	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 1-1	3,660	923	4	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Smith	Gilliead	O'Donnell	King	
Tues 4	7.30pm	H	West Brom (EFL Trophy)	W 2-0	1,441	89	-	King O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	GRAY 1	McGEEHAN 1	Cook	Hylton	Banton	Vassell	Hinds	Cotter	Atkinson	
Sat 8	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra	D 1-1	7,716	254	5	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Lee	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Gilliead	McQuoid	O'Donnell	King	
Sat 15	3.00pm	A	Leyton Orient	W 2-1	5,471	1,341	4	Walton O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Cook	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Gray	Banton	Vassell	
Sat 22	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town	D 1-1	7,787	295	4	Walton O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	Cook	Marriott	Vassell	Lee	Smith	Mackail-Smith	
Sat 29	3.00pm	A	Notts County	D 0-0	6,313	2,033	4	Walton O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Mullins	Rea	Cook	McGeehan	Gilliead	Hylton	Marriott	Lee	Mpanzu	Potts	Gray	King
NOVEMBER									McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 2	GILLIEAD 1	SMITH 2	Mackail-Smith	O'Donnell	Gray	Potts	Vassell	Bean	Read	Atkinson	
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Exeter City (FAC1)	W 3-1	2,972	310	-	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	REA 1	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Smith	Banton	Snelus	Read	Gooch
Tue 8	7.30pm	H	Millwall (EFL Trophy)	L 1-3	2,251	370	-	King O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	GRAY 1	McGEEHAN 1	McQuoid	Hylton	Marriott	Vassell	Hinds	Smith	Atkinson	
Sat 12	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley	W 1-0	8,008	101	5	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Smith	O'Donnell	King	
Sat 19	3.00pm	A	Morecambe	W 2-0	1,507	520	4	Walton Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Mpanzu	McGeehan	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Gray	Banton	Vassell	
Tue 22	7.45pm	H	Portsmouth	L 1-3	8,808	975	5	Walton Justin	Mullins	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Mpanzu	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	Cook	Marriott	Vassell	Lee	Smith	Cuthbert	
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Exeter City	D 0-0	3,823	634	5	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Lee	Cook	McGeehan	Gilliead	Hylton	Marriott	Lee	Mpanzu	Potts	Mackail-Smith	King
DECEMBER									McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 2	GILLIEAD 1	SMITH 2	Potts	Mackail-Smith	O'Donnell	Gray	Potts	Vassell	Bean	Read	Gooch
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Solihull Moors (FAC2)	W 6-2	3,512	635	-	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	MULLINS 1	Cook	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Smith	Banton	Snelus	Smith	Atkinson
Tues 6	7.45pm	A	Swindon Town (EFL Trophy)	W 3-2	1,692	134	-	King Justin	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	GRAY 1	McGEEHAN 1	McQuoid	Hylton	Marriott	Vassell	Hinds	Cotter	McQuoid	
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Carlisle United	D 1-1	7,953	380	5	Walton O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Mullins	Rea	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Smith	Smith	Lee	McQuoid	
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Blackpool	W 2-0	3,992	1,095	5	Walton O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Justin	Lee	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Vassell	Smith	Senior	McQuoid	
Mon 26	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	L 0-1	9,164	490	5	Walton O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Justin	Lee	McGEEHAN 1	Gilliead	HYLTON 1	Marriott	Cook	Smith	Gray	Senior	
Sat 31	3.00pm	H	Barnet	W 3-1	8,262	494	5	Walton Justin	SHEEHAN 1	Potts	Rea	Mullins	Rea	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	Marriott	Vassell	Lee	Smith	McQuoid	Gooch
JANUARY									McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 2	O'DONNELL 2	Potts	Vassell	Smith	Potts	Vassell	Lee	Read	Atkinson	
Mon 2	3.00pm	A	Portsmouth	L 0-1	17,402	1,547	6	Walton O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	MULLINS 1	Cook	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Banton	Snelus	Read	McQuoid
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley (FAC3)	L 1-2	1,717	482	-	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	REA 1	Cook	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	D'Ath
Tue 10	7.45pm	H	Chesterfield (EFL Trophy)	W 4-0	1,655	152	-	Walton O'Donnell	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Rea	McGEEHAN 1	MACKAIL-SMITH 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Cotter
Sat 14	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-1	4,368	995	6	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	D'Ath	Cook	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Mackail-Smith
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	D 1-1	5,387	1,800	6	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	MULLINS 1	Gambin	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Mackail-Smith
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 2-0	8,917	997	4	Walton Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	MULLINS 1	Gambin	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Lee
Tue 31	7.45pm	H	Cheltenham Town	L 2-3	6,708	83	5	Moore Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Gambin	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Sheehan
FEBRUARY									McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 2	O'DONNELL 2	Potts	Vassell	Smith	Potts	Vassell	Lee	Read	Atkinson	
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town	D 1-1	5,114	468	5	Moore Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Banton	Snelus	Read	McQuoid
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Yeovil Town (EFL Trophy)	W 5-2	2,480	88	5	Macey O'Donnell	Mullins	Senior	Rea	SHEEHAN 1	Smith	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	King
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Crawley Town	W 2-1	7,316	225	4	Macey O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Moore
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Hartlepool United	W 3-0	6,965	90	4	Macey O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	D'Ath	Potts	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Moore
Sat 18	3.00pm	A	Doncaster Rovers	D 1-1	7,506	1,619	4	Macey O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Moore
Sat 25	3.00pm	H	Plymouth Argyle	D 1-1	9,124	1,027	5	Macey Justin	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Moore
MARCH									McGeehan	Cook	HYLTON 1	MARRIOTT 2	O'DONNELL 1	Gambin	Marriott	Cuthbert	Potts	Smith	Lee	Read	Atkinson	
Wed 1	7.45pm	H	Oxford United (EFL Trophy)	L 2-3	6,901	742	-	Macey Justin	Mullins	Senior	Rea	Mpanzu	Sheehan	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Banton	Snelus	Read	McQuoid
Sat 4	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town	W 4-0	4,194	698	4	Macey O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	REA 1	Smith	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	D'Ath	
Sat 11	3.00pm	H	Stevenage	L 0-2	9,045	699	6	Macey O'Donnell	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Rea	Mpanzu	Gray	McGEEHAN 1	GRAY 1	Hylton	MARRIOTT 2	Smith	Bakinson	Smith	Senior	Famewo
Tue 14	7.45pm	A	Carlisle United	D 0-0	4,																	

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WITH **BILL COLE**
PRESS LOUNGE MATCHDAY HOST



So, (hopefully) it's the play-offs again. A point a game should do it.

Fair play to Doncaster, Plymouth and Portsmouth, they have been consistently winning lately (six, six and seven out of the last ten) whilst the Town have been consistently drawing (five in ten).

Management and players have not been conceding this until now, but the fans have known for a while it would be the lottery – didn't we?

Talk in the Press box at the Leyton Orient game was of nothing else. Relegation a done thing, the Orient Press corps were full of concern for us because their record post-season is almost as bad as ours. We have gone out twice in the semis (to Crewe and York), and twice in the final to AFC Wimbledon and York again.

PAINFUL

They, even more bitterly, three times in the final itself. The most painful in 2014 to Rotherham. Two-nil up late in the game, they were undone on penalties. Hatters fans will know that empty feeling.

2014 was the time a certain Francesco Becchetti bought the O's from Barry Hearn to supposedly take

them on to better things. Eleven managers later they face the dreaded drop into the Conference.

At least he stumped up £250,000 owed to HMRC recently to avoid liquidation, but staff and players fear for their mortgages as wages have been paid late.

Orient of course are not the only the only ones to suffer under dodgy owners.

SACKED

Blackburn Rovers were bought by Indian chicken producers Venky's, who have seemingly been at war with their fans ever since. Relegated from the Premier League in 2012, they are in grave danger of falling into League One right now having been through Ince, Allardyce, Kean, Berg, Appleton, Bowyer, Lambert, and Coyle as managers in recent years.

Birmingham City's owners, a Chinese company TTAL, sacked super young manager Gary Rowett in December, appointing Chelsea legend Gianfranco Zola to "move the club in a new direction". He has done that alright, from a virtual play-off position to

the verge of the drop, winning just two of 22 games under his tenure. Harry Redknapp takes over with three games to play.

GENUINE

Finally spare a thought for Torquay United. Their man in charge owns several clubs and deals in real estate. A substantial lower league club not too long ago, they now face dropping out of the National League altogether: as do unfortunately York City. (Note the anguish).

All the above, plus Cardiff City and others, leads me to believe how lucky Luton fans are that Town backers 2020 are genuine Luton Town fans.

They have kept up investment into the club and even the youth set-up when Football League funding was lost in those dark days of the Conference. So, let us put all negative thoughts behind us and believe:-

a) We get to the play-offs – hopefully in fourth or fifth place as it gets us a home second leg.

And b) We get promotion.

We deserve it.

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- 2** Stephen O'Donnell
- 3** Dan Potts
- 4** Jonathan Smith
- 5** Johnny Mullins
- 6** Scott Cuthbert
- 7** Jake Gray
- 8** Cameron McGeehan
- 9** Danny Hylton
- 10** Jordan Cook
- 11** Danny Green
- 14** Jack Marriott
- 16** Glen Rea
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- 27** Tyreeq Bakinson
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- 31** Craig King
- 36** James Justin
- 37** Frankie Musonda
- 39** Akin Famewo
- 44** Alan Sheehan

- 1** Adam Collin
- 2** Matt Tootle
- 3** Carl Dickinson
- 4** Alan Smith
- 5** Richard Duffy
- 6** Haydn Hollis
- 8** Michael O'connor
- 9** Shola Ameobi
- 10** Mark Yeates
- 11** Jonathan Forte
- 12** Rob Milsom
- 13** Scott Loach (Gk)
- 14** Tahvon Campbell
- 15** Curtis Thompson
- 16** Marc Bola
- 17** Jorge Grant
- 18** Elliott Hewitt
- 19** Jordan Richards
- 20** Wes Atkinson
- 23** Josh Clackstone
- 24** Adam Campbell
- 30** Jon Stead
- 31** Thierry Audel
- 35** Joe Searson-Smithard
- 37** Mike Edwards
- 44** Kevin Nolan
- 47** Alex Howes



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