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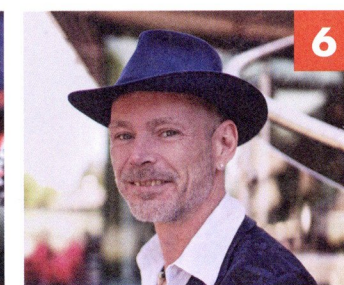
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NATHAN JONES

The boss welcomes Morecambe
to Kenilworth Road



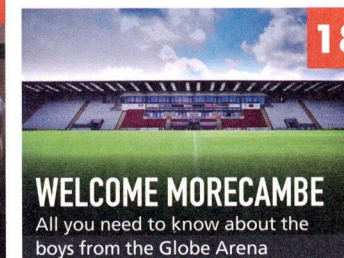
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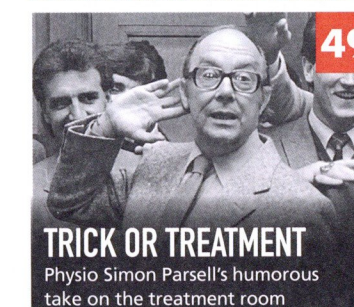
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LTST'S Player of the Season
Presentation Evening



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All you need to know about the
boys from the Globe Arena



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Physio Simon Parsell's humorous
take on the treatment room



EFL FAMILY EXCELLENCE

Hatters hailed for matchday
experience young children and
families get at Kenilworth Road

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THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



[MANAGER'S NOTES]

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the 23rd and final home game of the Sky Bet League Two programme.

As we now know, we'll be back once more in just under a fortnight's time for what we want to be a huge send-off to a Wembley play-off final. There is a lot of work to be done to make that possible though, and that starts today with the visit of Morecambe.

I would like to welcome everybody from the Globe Arena – including supporters, directors, staff, manager Jim Bentley, his assistant Ken McKenna and their squad – and wish them a safe journey back to the north-west this evening.

Since we were last here for the Notts County match a fortnight ago, we've secured the play-off spot we'd virtually guaranteed with our 2-1 come-from-behind win that afternoon.

I was delighted with how we dealt with an in-form side, who have improved since the arrival of Kevin Nolan as manager and who boasted more Premier League experience in their ranks with Jon Stead and Shola Ameobi up front.

They were very direct up to those two and took the lead, but in truth it was their only real chance until late on and we could have had more than the two Ollie Palmer and Pelly-Ruddock scored before half-time.

We made sure of a top-five finish by seeing off another side who have been in terrific form since the turn of the year, with Accrington unbeaten in 15 before the previous week's loss at Newport, and having not tasted defeat at their Wham Stadium since before Christmas.

They knew they had to win to keep alive their own hopes of making the play-offs and it made for an entertaining game. They had to go for it and we exploited the space they left behind, scoring four times and it could have been more.

We are determined to finish fourth as we look to continue the recent six-match unbeaten run, to head into the play-offs with the momentum we've built up since the start of April driving us on.

We attended the Luton Town Supporters' Trust's Presentation Evening the night after the County game, and although Danny Hylton couldn't be there to collect his four awards because of the PFA presentation being on the same night, the rest of the squad were.

I'd like to congratulate Danny, James Justin, Scott Cuthbert, Stephen O'Donnell and Pelly on their awards, and also physio Simon Parsell, head of sports science Jared Roberts-Smith and their team for being shortlisted for an award from the League Medical Association. I have continually said over the course of the season that we have the best personnel in the league working to keep the players fit, so it's nice to have that view reinforced.

Finally, a word of thanks and a special plea to you, the fans. For the past nine months you've backed us like no other set of supporters in this league. It is going to be a ten-month season and you can make the difference over the next three weeks.

Please turn up the volume again today – and for what we hope will be three games after that – and let's see where we can go together.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR **STEPHEN BROWNE**

Good afternoon everyone and it's great to see you all here for our final home League game of the season – of course we still have one more home game to come in the play-offs!

More on that shortly, but first a warm welcome goes to all our visitors today from Morecambe, and Jim Bentley and his staff and players. They have made a long trip for their last game of the season after finishing just below mid-table. However, after a poor run of results that saw them slip down the table, the Shrimps have only lost one in five so, as ever, there is no easy game in this league and I'm sure we'll see a great contest.

Elsewhere in the league it's sure to be a fascinating afternoon. Seven clubs are contesting just two final play-off places so it is almost certain that the league table will change regularly during these late kick-off games. The contests include head-to-heads where fans could see a winner-takes-all scenario, and many will be listening to radios and watching videoprinters for last gasp goals – just as Guiseley proved last week, it's not over till it's over!

Meanwhile, congratulations to Lincoln City for regaining their League status from what we know is a very difficult league – they have had quite a fairytale season.

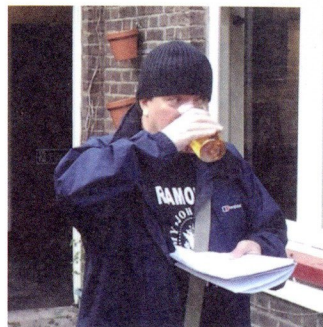
We wish all the ex-Hatters involved in the play-offs the best of luck, although many will play each other!

In true Brucie style, I have to say the Daggars are 'my favourite' for obvious reasons – sorry Macca....

At this stage we do not know who we will be playing in our own play-offs out of the teams where the maths makes it a possibility. It could be against a near neighbour, or a long journey across the country. For that reason we do not know what the arrangements will be so please keep your eye on our website – lutontown.co.uk – for the latest ticket news for both the away leg and the home leg. We'll need all the support you are able to give!

Unfortunately I am the bearer of sad news again, and I know that there are many Lutonians and Luton fans that will be heartbroken at the news of the sudden loss, within a week of his 57th birthday, of a dear friend and Hatter, Kevin Catlin. Known to many by many names – Son, Dad, Brother, Grandad, Kevin, Eric O(lthwaite), KC, Tiddles, The WonderCat – but unknown to the vast majority for what he did. Our thoughts are with his mother, sister, daughter, grandchildren, and family and friends.

Instantly recognisable with his woolly hat, chaotic appearance, and mass of curly black hair, this short, chubby



man was not to be taken at face value. He was a genius whose brain was much admired, with quick and incisive wit. He could unearth things, deduce things, suggest things that would not only amaze, but also be used solely for the benefit of others, never himself. He was considerate and caring, and was always more interested in how you were than talking about himself. He fought for justice and he fought no matter your background or needs. He did not give his trust easily, but when he did you knew you had been granted something special. His uniqueness, kindness, eccentricities, and inspiration will be so sadly missed.

The outpouring of disbelief and respect has come from across the world, and from many people that



were last actively involved back in the struggles of 2007/8 with the ousting of Jayten. Kevin is still bringing old friends back together.

Precisely because of his modesty and desire for being firmly in the background, most will have no idea of what he did, for who, or when. I know that directly and via social media Kevin's family have received hundreds of messages of condolences that show the depth of our feelings. I have to say I blubbed immediately Jeff Stelling gave his tribute last Saturday.

'Toodle pip' old chum, you leave a chasm, but immense love.

Unfortunately we have lost too many great Hatters in recent times. My last programme notes sadly spoke about another dear friend, Jack Sapsworth. Again, a wonderful person who did so much to help the Club and also his town. Again, another caring, humble, and unassuming man who would always praise others rather than seek plaudits himself. Another who helped those less able, or those young and inexperienced, to achieve their dreams.

'Director', 'CEO', 'Chairman', 'Manager', 'Player' are titles and roles that are there for all to see – our heads are above the parapet. But they are not above the parapet because we have done this alone or deserve all the credit. No. We are there because we are standing on the

shoulders of others hidden behind the walls and, without their support, we would fall. Inside and outside the Club, so many unsung heroes. We are a lucky Club.

So, what should we do now? Wallow in the hole that such people leave? That's not our style.

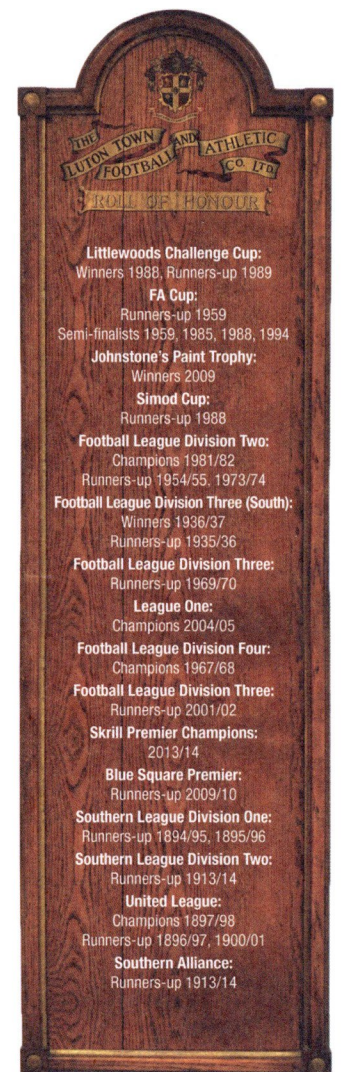
We will not honour anyone's memory if we don't stand up, raise our heads high, be counted, and get this job done! We want to play football at a higher level. We want our new stadium. We want the future everyone has worked for. Together with our absent friends we have come so far, and with memories in our hearts and fire in our bellies, let's pick up their baton and go for it!

We will make them proud if we finish the key job we started this season and get promoted. What will make them smile is the rest of us singing louder to make up for their voices. Pulling together, let's ensure the world and our opponents know we will only accept victory. As dear ones leave us, young ones come in so let's show our newest additions to our circle of friends what this Club means and infect them with our lifelong passion. Be loud and proud and let the players feel the positive energy blasting from every seat, from every mouth. Every time the players get a lift from us, the opposition takes a hit.

We will have two tough games before we can even think of the ultimate prize so our support for the team can make every difference. An atmosphere like the last ten on a Tuesday night taking a corner from the Kenny is what we need from kick off! From the stands, the noise we can create is worth a goal, and gives every single player a boost and the belief that they can be heroes.

We must do our best on this journey and give it every ounce of passion we have. Sing giving every last decibel you can raise. Cheer until you are hoarse, leave nothing. Three games, 270 minutes; make every second count and let's make the Kenny rock! COME ON YOU HATTERS!!!!

Stephen



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[SCOTT CUTHBERT]

GREATSCOTT

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to Kenilworth Road for what is our last regular league fixture of the season.

I am delighted to be involved in the play-offs, but the recent momentum we have built up is so important. I have been at both ends of the scale in my experience of the play-offs before, going into them in a side that's got no form, and playing in a team that has really good form.

From those two seasons with Swindon and Leyton Orient, I can tell you the six-game unbeaten run puts us in a really good place for our upcoming games.

We were 99.9 per cent sure of the play-off place when we beat Notts County, who are rejuvenated under

Kevin Nolan. They're really direct and I felt we dealt with that really well.

We lost an early goal and naturally because of that the crowd get a bit edgy. We have spoken about that as players and the manager has spoken to us about dealing with it. We didn't change our game plan or let ourselves be flustered. We played our normal game and managed to get ourselves back into it, with the fans getting right behind us. When the crowd are up it really pushes us forward in such a positive way.

We carried that on going up to Accrington, which is a difficult place to go. We found that out last year and earlier this season when they beat us in the FA Cup. They've got some very good footballers, so we were absolutely delighted that we were able to come away with a 4-1 win. It was a fantastic away result for us.

Today's visitors Morecambe have really impressed me, as their well-documented struggles off the pitch this season haven't reflected on it anywhere near as badly as most might have expected. The players, staff and everyone behind the scenes have shown a lot of character and for them to be finishing comfortably is a credit to all the hard work they have put in.

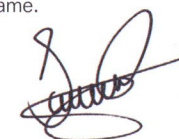
Nonetheless, we want to finish the regular season strongly with maximum points. That'd make it three wins on the bounce for the first time, and seven unbeaten. That's near enough perfect form to be going into the play-offs with, so hopefully we can get the result we need to today in order to continue that run and secure fourth spot.

Finally, we've been fortunate enough to move into the new training ground this week ahead of today's game. The club have put a lot of money into The Brache and the facilities are really impressive.

It'll be completely finished for pre-season, but it's been great to be able to use the pristine pitches at a time of year when many will be bare and rutted, and it's given everyone a boost for the play-offs.

On the subject of which, we look forward to seeing you all again on 18th May for the second leg of our semi-final. Who we'll be playing is anyone's guess, but the fact it could be any one of seven clubs makes this final day a fascinating one.

Enjoy the game.



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HYLTON WINS FOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS...

BUT THE ACE STRIKER CAN'T BE THERE AS HE WAS COLLECTING ONE FROM THE PFA BASH!

The Luton Town Supporters' Trust's Player of the Season presentation evening took place a fortnight ago at Venue 360 – with Danny Hylton winning four awards!

The Hatters' 26-goal top scorer couldn't be there to collect his trophies as he was attending the PFA awards in London, having been named in the League Two Team of the Season (see picture of him collecting his award from PFA chairman Ritchie Humphreys).

But to highlight what a fine campaign the 28-year-old has had since joining from Oxford United last summer, Hylton's name was etched on awards for the Junior Supporters', Internet, Players' and overall LTST Player of the Season accolades. He will be presented with them on the pitch before today's game, along with the other winners from Nathan Jones' squad, who were:

Goal of the season: Stephen O'Donnell v Yeovil

Ian Pearce Memorial Trophy (for most Man of the Match awards, from the Luton News for impartiality, in home matches): Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu (for the second year running)

Bobbers Travel Club Away Player of the Season: Scott Cuthbert

Young Player of the Season: James Justin (chosen by Nathan Jones and his management team)



The LTST also give an award for **Outstanding Contribution**, and that went to former Trust secretary Steve Townsend, while supporters' charity of the season, Autism Bedfordshire, collected a cheque for £825 raised by raffles during LTST events including Evenings with Mick Harford and Nathan, plus a quiz night.

Well done to all the Town players for wonderful contributions to a fine season.



PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINAL TICKET INFO

Although the Hatters' opposition in the Play-Off semi-finals is yet to be decided, due to the limited sales periods for these games the Ticket Office have announced the following:

For the away leg, which will be played on Sunday 14th May with a 6:30pm kick-off, a sales plan will be announced as soon as our opponents are known.

The home leg will be played on Thursday 18th May with a 7:45pm kick-off, and tickets for the match are now on sale for this fixture, at category A prices.

Those prices are:

- Adult £23
- Young Adult (18-21) £18
- Senior (65+) £18
- Golden Senior (75+) £15
- Youth (10-17) £11
- Accompanied U10s £8

Season Ticket Holders can purchase their own seats – which will be held until Wednesday 10th May – and up to four additional tickets. Season Ticket holders' own seats can be booked from the Ticket Office in person or by phone only – 01582 416976. It is hoped that from Friday 5th May, Season Ticket holders will also be able to book their own seat online. Any additional tickets can currently be purchased online at www.eticketing.co.uk/lutontown.

Non-Season Ticket seats are also now available on general sale. Any supporter may purchase up to four seats in person, by phone or online.

Oak Road Season Ticket holders will be able to take their normal seats in the Oak if they wish, and additional seats are available in this area on a first come first served basis.

The Ticket Office would like to apologise, but due to the number of card details that have now expired and to save any confusion, Automatic Cup Authorisation forms will not be processed for this fixture.

TOWN UP FOR LEAGUE TWO MEDICAL & SCIENCE TEAM OF YEAR

The Luton Town medical and sports science staff have been shortlisted for the Football Medical Association's League Two Medical & Science Team of the Year Award.

The FMA Annual Conference and Awards evening is the flagship event for medical and science practitioners in professional football, and the fact that physio Simon Parsell and his team have been shortlisted a huge testament to the immense work they have put in throughout the season keeping Nathan Jones' squad fit and well.

Parsell – whose team consists of head of sports science Jared Roberts-Smith and assistant Ali Kerr, masseur Darren Cook, academy physio Dan Simm, club doctor Dr Paul Deeley and club chiropractor David Leu – said: "It's great to be nominated for any award, but to be nominated by Football Medical Association is even more special as it comes from your peers. It is recognition of all the hard work of the those in the department.

"I must say a big thank-you to Nathan, who trusts us to get on with our job, and to Gary Sweet and the board, who have backed us financially when we have asked for things.

"We are always trying to provide the best possible standards of care, rehab and preventative protocols to ensure we keep our players fit and available.



"The players have taken these the new protocols on board and listened to us.

"I would also like to thank Bobbers Travel Club who continue to support the medical and science department with contributions. I think it really shows the unity at the club."

The winner of the award will be announced at the Football Medical Association Annual Conference and Awards evening, which takes place on 27th May at the Radisson Blu East Midlands Hotel.



LUTON'S LEVEL TRUST LYCRA LADS!

WHILE NATHAN JONES AND THE TEAM WERE AT ACCRINGTON LAST WEEK, HATTERS SECRETARY **CHRIS CLARK** AND PRESS & MARKETING EXECUTIVE **CHARLIE HANSON** WERE TAKING PART IN A 200-MILE CYCLE RIDE FROM LUTON TO PARIS IN AID OF CLUB CHARITY OF THE YEAR LEVEL TRUST. HERE CHARLIE SHARES HIS ACCOUNT OF THE LUTON LYCRA LADS' WEEKEND ON TWO WHEELS...

Friends, families and supporters, I know I speak on behalf of every person who took part in the ride from Luton to Paris for Level Trust when I say; we couldn't have done it without you.

That tied with the fact that Cameron McGeehan was there to wave us off and the players donating a part of their win bonus to the charity, it meant we had to get the job done!

Whilst the players were travelling up to Accrington, club secretary Chris Clark and I were heading in the opposite direction, powering our way through Harpenden, St Albans, through the centre of London and onto Brighton.

And when the players were probably venting their anger at being caught in two hours of traffic on the way to Lancashire, we were using what little energy we had left to climb over the Ditching Beacon, something I can only compare to Mount Doom in Mordor – it was simply ridiculous.

Were it not for the support of Chris, our new friends Rob Palmer from Ssangyong and Iain 'Frostie', who was a law to himself and didn't want to go at a slightly more normal pace EVER, I would certainly have not made it to the end.

Leaving St Matthew's Primary School on the morning of the first day was a spectacle, as the kids waved their home-made flags and cheered us on.

We were a part of what you might call the pace setting group, before splitting off and leading the way down to Brighton.

Three hours' sleep on the floor of the overnight ferry from Newhaven to Dieppe certainly wasn't the 12 hours in a king-sized bed I had hoped for, but strangely enough when we got back on the bike on the other side at 6:45am local time, I don't think the ones who could face it felt too bad.

A 25-mile ride to where we were having breakfast through picturesque French villages was the perfect tonic to our pain, but the rolling hills certainly took their toll and by the end of the day I was interchanging between angry Charles and nearing tears Charles. Both of which are a fairly unpleasant sight. I am not a pretty crier.

A couple of pain au chocolats and hot chocolates for breakfast went down well and watching Chris' back wheel for the next 65 miles or so whilst he kept saying, "Come on Charles, you can do it", kept me pedalling along.

The final ride into Paris as a big group was a truly wonderful sight – us all wearing our Level Trust cycling jerseys and finally getting our pictures in front of the Eiffel Tower.

I started by saying thank you and I will finish with a couple more. Jane Malcolm, Dan Coyle, your excellent team and your wonderful parents, thank you ever so much for such an excellently organised occasion.



And Dan, your dad's celebration at the small Madagascan restaurant in Chars where we stopped for lunch when Celtic took the lead against Rangers will stay with me for the rest of my life.

You can still sponsor the Kenilworth Road duo on their JustGiving pages:

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*More information on Level Trust can be found on their website www.leveltrust.org – and donations can also be made by texting "LTFC70" and the amount to 70070



FROM EVERTON TO LUTON IN MEMORY OF TOM CLOSE

At half-time of today's game, a group of cyclists will walk around the pitch after completing a cycle ride from Everton's Goodison Park to Kenilworth Road in memory of Town fan Tom Close.

Tom was a season ticket holder and a passionate football fan, supporting LTFC and Everton – his family's team. He was just 20 years old and training to become a commercial pilot, flying being his other passion, when he passed away in May 2015.

Tom's family and friends, some of whom have only recently taken up cycling, have just ridden from Merseyside to the Kenny in his memory and to support a charity that was close to Tom's heart – Fly2help – covering some 200 miles over four days.

Fly2help is a charity that uses the power of flight to raise the spirits of people young and old living in difficult personal situations, and inspire young people as they consider their future lives.

The Air Smiles Days and Aim High educational programmes takes everything that is exhilarating about flying and uses it to do something extraordinary.

The Tom Close Scholarship has been set up with the charity and every year ten young adults aged between 14



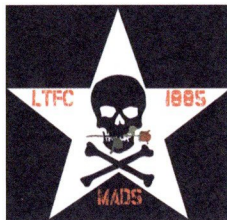
and 18 selected from our local schools and colleges are invited onto the programme, which takes place at Luton Airport. It's an opportunity for students who are interested in a career in aviation to experience all aspects of the industry.

Tom's passion for flying is living on in the lives of others. In order for this programme to run on an annual basis, Tom's family and friends are raising money and have included Tom's love of football by cycling between his two favourite teams.

SPEAKING COMMERCIALLY

MATCH SPONSORS: MADS – KEVIN CATLIN

Today was meant to be a celebration of the MADS by some friends who recognised the pivotal roles they played in 2003 and 2008 during a difficult time in the Club's history. Instead, many of us find ourselves absolutely heartbroken at the loss of one of our own, one of the original MADS and one of the truly great unsung heroes of this football club. It's difficult to put into words just how we all feel but it's not an overstatement to say that the way things turned out would have been entirely different without him. RIP Kevin Catlin aka Tiddles aka Eric O – this one's for you.



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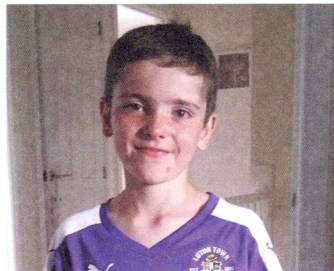
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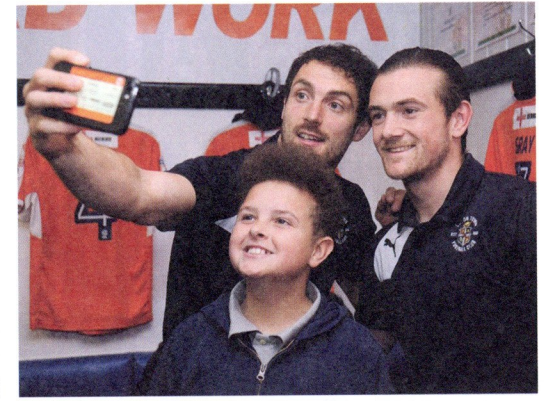
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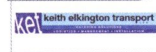
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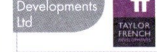
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WELCOME MORECAMBE

BY HARRY WRIGHT

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

Another season under the third longest-serving manager in English football has seen the Shrimps retain their EFL status comfortably for another season, sitting 18th with 52 points, seven clear of the dreaded drop zone.

With Luton sitting comfortably in the play-off spots, today's visitors will be out for revenge after goals from Danny Hylton and Isaac Vassell secured a 2-0 win for the Hatters at the Globe Arena back in November.

That win condemned Morecambe to a seventh consecutive home defeat and was part of Town's run across September, October and November that saw us lose just one game in 12 in all competitions.

May 13th will bring up six years in charge for Liverpool-born Bentley, who has been at Morecambe for 15 years as a player and manager, making 329 appearances in nine years, scoring 34 goals before taking up the manager's job in 2011.

The 40-year-old was captain of the Morecambe side that gained promotion to the Football League for the first time in the club's history in 2007 and part of the squad that lost in the League Two play-off semi-finals in 2009-10.

Founded in 1920, it took the Shrimps 87 years to reach the Football League after beating Exeter 2-1 in the play-off final following two unsuccessful play-off campaigns in 2002-03 and 2005-06.

After their promotion, the Lancashire club consolidated with two top-half finishes in their first two seasons in the fourth tier, followed by a fourth-place finish in 2009-10

that saw the Shrimps lose to Dagenham & Redbridge in the play-offs.

A disappointing campaign the following season meant Morecambe finished just four points above the relegation zone in 2010-11, but under Bentley, they went on to finish between 11th and 18th for the next four seasons before a 21st-place finish last season.

A focal point of Morecambe's continued success in League Two has been 38-year-old forward Kevin Ellison, who has scored 69 goals in 273 appearances since joining from Rotherham in 2011.

Bentley's men come into the final game of the season having won just one game in April, a 1-0 victory over Stevenage. The Shrimps' last outing saw them draw 1-1 with Wycombe, the play-off chasing Chairboys equalising late on after Ellison had given Morecambe the lead.

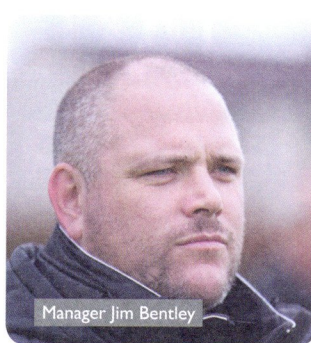
Since the Hatters' return to the Football League, we shade the record between the two teams, winning three of the five meetings, all consecutively, whilst Morecambe came out victorious in the first two. The overall record stands at four Luton wins and two for the Shrimps, with one draw.

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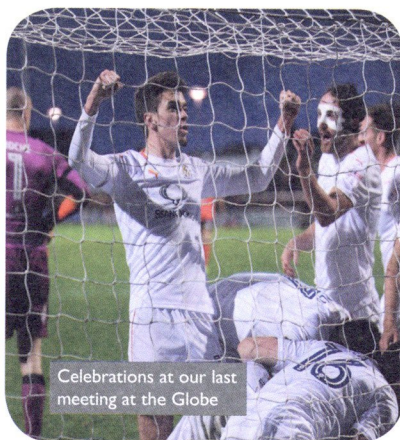
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Manager Jim Bentley



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MEET THE VISITORS

BY HARRY WRIGHT

THE BOSS

JIM BENTLEY

The former centre-half was given his first opportunity in management at the Globe Arena on in 2011. Bentley has been at Morecambe in various capacities since 2002 and led the team to promotion to the Football League as captain.

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

DANIJEI NIZIC

The 21-year-old Australian has taken over from Barry Roche in recent weeks after joining last summer from Premier League Burnley, and has been called up by the Australia U23 development squad.

IN DEFENCE

AARON MCGOWAN

Exciting young defender who has come through the ranks at Morecambe and made his debut aged just 16 in League Two in 2013. Went on to make 26 appearances last season and 35 this campaign, scoring his first goal aged just 18.

DEAN WINNARD

Signed for Morecambe since last summer. The 27-year-old former reserve and youth team captain at Blackburn left Ewood Park in 2009 and made 282 appearances for Accrington in seven seasons.

RYAN EDWARDS

The 23-year-old Edwards is Morecambe's joint-leading

appearance maker this season with 49 in all competitions. Joined Morecambe in 2014 from Chesterfield following a loan spell, making 135 appearances in three seasons since.

ALEX WHITMORE

Defender, 21, who has made 42 appearances this season following a move from Burnley after loan spells at non-league Chester and Gateshead.

LUKE CONLON

Northern Ireland U21 defender Conlon joined permanently in 2016 following two loan spells from Burnley last season. Has played 25 times in 2016/17.

ACROSS THE MIDDLE

AARON WILDIG

The 25-year-old Wildig joined Morecambe from Shrewsbury, for whom he played 71 times, in 2015. Has made 77 appearances in two-and-a-half seasons, scoring six goals.

MICHAEL ROSE

Experienced Rose has played 49 times this season following his move from League One Rochdale last summer, netting six times. Former Manchester United trainee with over 550 career appearances.

PETER MURPHY

Captain Murphy moved back to the north-west last summer after leaving Wycombe. Up to his 2015 switch south, he made 176 appearances for Accrington Stanley scoring 18 goals.

Netted seven times in 42 league games for Wycombe last season.

ANDY FLEMING

Midfielder who joined from Wrexham in 2010 and has made over 200 appearances for the Shrimps since then, scoring 22 times. Has made 29 appearances this season.

ALEX KENYON

Former Everton youngster Kenyon is in his fourth season at the Globe Arena after joining from Stockport aged just 20 in 2013. Has played 139 times in four seasons, scoring six goals.

UP FRONT

KEVIN ELLISON

Experienced wide man and fans' favourite with more than 650 career appearances to his name. The 38-year-old former Hull, Tranmere and Chester man has scored 69 goals for Morecambe in six seasons.

PAUL MULLIN

Former Liverpool and Huddersfield man Mullin has ten goals in 46 appearances this season. Was signed by Morecambe aged just 18 and has scored 28 goals in 139 games in all competitions.

RHYS TURNER

The Shrimps signed Turner on a two-year contract in 2016 after the 21-year-old was released by Oldham. He had scored three goals in 25 appearances since joining them from Stockport in 2014.

FROM THE OAK ROAD

WITH DEREK QUINN

DEREK QUINN, a Morecambe supporter of 35 years, gives us his thoughts on how this season has gone for the Shrimps in Sky Bet League Two, and how he expects their visit to Kenilworth Road this afternoon to pan out...

► THIS SEASON

Your campaign in 100 words...

It has been without doubt the toughest since joining the Football League. The club always faces a battle every year with the lowest budget in the league and the lowest crowds, but add to that the nightmare scenario that has played out over the takeover of the club by Diego Lemos, the non-payment of wages, the loss of the three top goalscorers, the lack of training facilities etc, it has been a remarkable achievement that safety has been secured.

The third longest serving boss in the top four tiers, Jim Bentley has once again proved his worth this season, how important is he to the Shrimps?

Jim is an inspiration and without him I have no doubt Morecambe would have been down and out this season. He is dedicated and passionate and has led this club through its blackest days with dignity and strength. He has been at the club for 15 years now and lives and breathes Morecambe Football Club. I cannot speak highly enough about the man.

What positives can you take from this season going into the next?

Survival is the main positive but as well as that there has been a real coming together of the team and the fans. For many fans that connection had been lost after the move to the new ground, but after the fans rallied round on one afternoon to raise £1,000 to pay Jim Bentley's FA fine for being sent to the stands against Cheltenham, it showed that there was still an amazing spirit around the club.

Which of Bentley's signings for 2016-17 have you been most impressed with over the whole season?

The one that sticks out is Michael Rose. He has played nearly every game in the centre of midfield and been a real inspiration in the middle of the park. Cole Stockton was a great loan signing who the club wanted to keep, but he did so well that his parent club Tranmere took him back in January.

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

Cole was a big loss but the biggest blow was to lose Tom Barkhuizen to Preston North End. Tom was the latest player to be given a second chance in his career by Bentley and he was playing superbly well, scoring goals and causing

opponents all sorts of problems with his pace before he was sold quickly to pay the wages. He has since starred for North End in the Championship and shown what a talent he is.

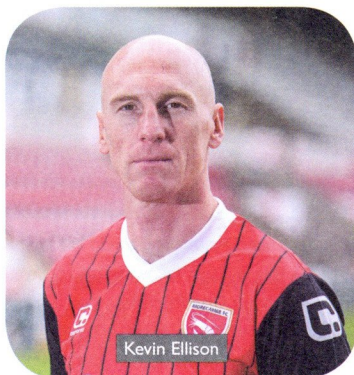
Who do you think Hatters fans will watch today and think 'I wish we had him' this afternoon?

I met a Luton fan in Benidorm two years ago and he told me that he "hated Kevin Ellison but would have him in his team any day". That is something I hear wherever I go.

► SEASONS PAST...

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

I first saw Morecambe in 1975 when they played West Ham in a friendly at Christie Park. I was about six or seven at the time and loved every minute of it. I started to go



regularly when I was about 11 and was a programme seller and a turnstile operator, and apart from university days and journalistic assignments, I've been going ever since.

What do you love most about the Shrimps?

The club has always been a massive part of my life. For me it is football you can touch and feel and over the years I have been privileged to be part of it. I love how the club has always battled its way to success and been a solid, hard-working outfit with dedicated people behind the scenes.

Who's your favourite Morecambe player of all time?

Really hard one this but Jim Bentley was a legend. Before that there was Stewart Drummond, Brian Healy, Dave McKearney, John Norman, Justin Jackson, Paul Burns, Paul Tomlinson, John Coleman, Andy Grimshaw, Ian Cain and Jim McCluskie. Going back even further there was Paul Lodge and a goalkeeper called John McKenna.

What has been your favourite season following the Shrimps?

There have been two promotion seasons that were obviously fantastic, but I would probably say the first season in the Conference and the first season in the Football League were my favourites, as they were both adventures. There was a real buzz about going to the likes of Kidderminster and Woking years ago, and a similar buzz in 2007-08 after promotion to the League.

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

John Coleman, Robbie Armstrong, Paul Burns, Paul Tomlinson and the late Garry Dullaghan because you would just laugh all night.

► LUTON AND MORECAMBE...

Since the Hatters ran out 2-0 winners at the Globe Arena in November, in what way has your team improved?

It has been a bit up and down but the players have shown an amazing spirit and dedication, and shocked a few of the top sides along the way.

Eric Morecambe is the obvious link between the two clubs, and our midfielder Jonathan Smith started his career with you. What's your favourite Morecambe-Luton connection?

It has to be the Eric Morecambe link. I am a little too young to remember Eric in his prime but he does bring the clubs together in a marvellous link.

► QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or seats? Terrace.

Who are your rivals? Accrington Stanley.

Who is your player of the season? Ryan Edwards.

If you could bring one player from the past back in the Morecambe team, who would it be? Justin Jackson.

Most treasured Morecambe piece of memorabilia?

I have a bottle of champagne that was given to the players after beating Exeter at Wembley to seal promotion. I also have a programme signed by Sol Campbell after his only game for Notts County.

Are you happy with your final league position?

I am. I always said that anything above the bottom two would be a triumph this year.

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

Mathematically it seems there are seven teams in with a chance of making the play-offs along with Exeter and Luton.

I feel that Blackpool should be there as they play Orient today – barring any protests affecting the game – and have a massive goal difference, so that leaves one spot up for grabs for me. Carlisle are in the driving seat and the fact they play Exeter, who have already secured their place and may field a weakened team, could help them.

After an incredible season though who knows what will happen?!

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[LEIGH EDWARDS ON MORECAMBE]

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

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RAY CHARNLEY



England international centre-forward Ray Charnley was a favourite during two spells at Christie Park. Born locally, he joined Morecambe from Bolton-le-Sands in September 1954 and was leading marksman as they reached the Lancashire Combination Cup final in 1956-57. He moved to Blackpool in May 1957 and topped their goalscoring charts on seven occasions, joining Preston in December 1967. After spells at Wrexham and Bradford PA, he rejoined Morecambe in June 1970 and netted 98 goals in 177 games overall before leaving in May 1972. He became a painter and decorator in Blackpool and died in November 2009.

GEOFF TWENTYMAN

Player-manager Geoff Twentyman plotted Morecambe's 1965 Lancashire Combination Cup final triumph. Signing professional for Carlisle United in February 1947, he helped them take Arsenal to an FA Cup third round replay in 1950-51 and joined Liverpool in December 1953. He was ever-present in 1955-56 and had a spell as Ballymena's player-manager, then rejoined Carlisle before moving to Morecambe as player-boss in May 1964. Also guiding the Shrimps to third place in the Lancashire Combination in 1964-65, he became Hartlepool's boss in June 1965, then managed Penrith and was Liverpool's chief scout for 19 years.

RONNIE CLAYTON

Ex-England international right-half Ronnie Clayton had a spell as Morecambe's player-manager. Signing professional for Blackburn Rovers in August 1951, he played alongside his brother Ken and made his England debut against Northern Ireland in November 1955. He became captain of club and country, leading Blackburn to promotion in 1957-58 and the FA Cup final in 1960. Twice ever-present, he became Morecambe's player-boss in July 1969 and netted three goals in 22 games before sacked in August 1970. Later with Great Harwood, he was a sales rep for a tyre company and died in Blackburn in October 2010.

ALAN TAYLOR

Former Morecambe striker Alan Taylor scored both goals in West Ham's 1975 FA Cup final triumph. He impressed with Mayfield United in local football prior to joining Morecambe in August 1971, netting seven goals in 30 games for the Shrimps before moving to Rochdale in May 1973. Sold to West Ham for £45,000 in November 1974, he also played in the 1975 FA Charity Shield and was a ECWC finalist in 1976, joining Norwich City for £90,000 in August 1979. Later with Vancouver Whitecaps, Cambridge United, Hull City, Burnley, Bury and Norwich again, he was Thetford's player-coach and is now a newsagent in Norwich.



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[LEIGH EDWARDS ON MORECAMBE]



ALAN SPAVIN

Experienced midfielder Alan Spavin had a spell as Morecambe's player-manager. He turned professional with Preston in August 1959 and scored on his First Division debut, starring as they were FA Cup finalists in 1964. Ever-present in 1964-65, he was 'Player of the Year' in North End's 1970-71 Third Division title triumph and became Telford United's player-coach in June 1974. He was appointed Morecambe's player-boss in June 1975 and scored once in 22 games while at Christie Park before resigning in March 1976. Later with Washington Diplomats and briefly Preston again, he then ran a travel company in Florida.

KEITH NEWTON

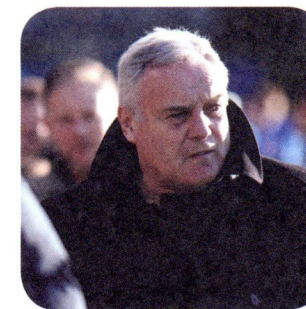
Former England international right-back Keith Newton was capped 27 times before joining Morecambe. He began with Blackburn Rovers and starred as they were League Cup semi-finalists in 1961-62. Sold to Everton for £90,000 in December 1969, he helped win the League Championship that season. He moved to Burnley in June 1972 and starred in their 1972-73 Second Division title triumph. Joining Morecambe in June 1978, he scored once in 27 games, then was Clitheroe's player-manager. He ran a newsagent, then sold trophies before acting as an agent selling Vauxhall trucks to small businesses and died in June 1998.

DAVID EYRES

Former Morecambe striker David Eyres was leading marksman in Burnley's 1993-94 promotion success. Starting with the Shrimps, he played three games, then had spells with Southport and Rhyl before joining Blackpool in August 1989, featuring in two Fourth Division play-off finals, including their 1992 Wembley triumph. Following Jimmy Mullen to Burnley in July 1993, he was top scorer in their 1993-94 promotion success and moved to Preston in October 1997. He helped win the Second Division title in 1999-2000, then played for Oldham Athletic, helping them reach the Second Division play-offs in 2002-03, before Mossley.

DAVE JONES

Former England U-21 defender Dave Jones had a spell as Morecambe's player-coach. He appeared for Everton, Coventry and Preston, then was assistant-boss at Southport, Mossley and Morecambe, playing his only game for the Shrimps in April 1990, becoming Stockport's youth



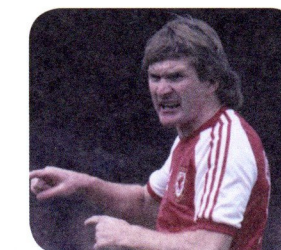
coach in July 1990. He worked his way up the ranks to manager in March 1995 and guided them to promotion and the League Cup semi-finals in 1996-97. Later Southampton's boss, he took charge of Wolves in January

2001 and plotted promotion in 2002-03. He managed Cardiff City to the 2008 FA Cup final, then became Sheffield Wednesday's boss. Was most recently in charge of Hartlepool before parting company with the League Two strugglers last week.

ALAN KENNEDY

Ex-England international left-back Alan Kennedy played for Morecambe during the 1990-91 season. Initially with Newcastle United, he was an FA Cup finalist in 1974 and League Cup finalist in 1976. He moved to Liverpool in August 1978 and starred as they won the League Championship five times and League Cup on four occasions. Scoring the winning goal in Liverpool's 1981 and 1984 European Cup final triumphs, he joined Sunderland in September 1985, then Hartlepool, Wigan and Wrexham. He moved to Morecambe in March 1991 and made nine appearances, then had spells with Netherfield and Barrow.

LEIGHTON JAMES



Former Welsh international winger Leighton James managed Morecambe's 1994 Lancashire Senior Cup final success. Signing professional for Burnley in February 1970, he starred in their 1972-73

Second Division title triumph and moved to Derby County in October 1975, then QPR, Burnley again, Swansea City, Sunderland, Bury, Newport County and Burnley once more. Appointed Morecambe's player-boss in January 1994, he appeared in the 1-1 draw at home to Horwich RMI three months later. He was sacked in May 1994, then managed Netherfield, Ilkeston, Accrington and Llanelli before working in the media.

PICTURE THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES



No harm in recalling the events of 29 years ago when the Hatters won the first major trophy in their long history after beating Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley and lifting the Littlewoods Cup. Here we see Brian Stein net the winner at the death on a magical day.

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Molby has big task to change fortunes

Report by
JOHN FIELDHOUSE
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ALMOST an hour after the final whistle and a group of Hull City fans were still waiting patiently at a bus stop on Boothferry Road.

As if reflecting on an abysmal performance by their own team wasn't a humiliating enough experience, they had to endure the taunts of passing Luton Town supporters as they made their way back to their matches.

A few hundred yards away and City's crestfallen first team staff were climbing into their cars and shaking their way home.

It's a pity there was nobody around to order them to put in an appearance at that bus stop.

Perhaps they could explain to those loyal and badly let-down fans exactly what has gone wrong this season.

And while they are at it, perhaps they could explain how a team that cost £1m to put together – and is one of the best paid in the Third Division – can play with so little pride and so little passion.

Those fans will still wear their amber shirts with pride, even though they have witnessed so many disappointments since the turn of the year.

Saturday, though, must surely rank alongside the all-time lows.

It should have been Joe Molby's day. The new manager was given a rapturous welcome, but with 10 minutes to go, only Luton's fans were singing and dancing.

Where the City supporters had been with so many other teams.



BEATEN TO IT: Stand-in skipper Mark Greaven is tackled as he tries to play the ball off his feet. He was forced out of the game by a foul from Luton's Jason Van Dijk.

AS OTHERS SAW US

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

HULL CITY 0 LUTON TOWN 4 | 6TH APRIL 2002

With the Hatters back in the football basement for the first time since 1968, following the bleakest run of results and with the poorest team in living memory, it was always going to be a summer of frantic activity as far as manager Joe Kinnear was concerned.

There were comings and goings galore and when the dust had settled, five new players made their debut at Carlisle on the opening day of the new campaign, with two more the following week.

Understandably, it took a while for the new intake to gel with early results being patchy, but the season really took off towards the end of September with the introduction of Jean-Louis Valois to the Kenilworth

Road faithful for the home game against Torquay. His skill, ball control and vision inspired the Hatters to a 5-1 win, a victory which gave the team the impetus to climb the table.

There were a number of mishaps along the way, but by the time the Hatters travelled to Hull on 6th April they were attempting to smash all existing club records by going for their 12th straight win in what was already a record-breaking season.

The Town, who had already clinched a promotion spot a week before following a 3-1 win at Swansea, were neck and neck with Plymouth at the top and were looking to take over pole position from their west country rivals.

Hull's season had petered out into major disappointment. The bookies' favourites for promotion had looked a decent side when they won at Kenilworth Road in November, but since then they had drifted into mid-table obscurity leading to the inevitable sacking of manager Brian Little.

Little's successor Jan Molby was in charge of Hull for the first time for the

Hatters go top as Plymouth stutter



visit of the Town and an interested crowd of 9,379, including 1,674 from Luton, turned up at Boothferry Park to see whether the Tigers could put a hold on the Hatters' headlong assault on top spot.

The Hatters went ahead on 23 minutes when Matthew Taylor's perfect cross into the six-yard box found the head of top scorer Steve Howard, who made no mistake from close range.

Valois then went close before Dean Crowe doubled the Town's lead before the interval after taking advantage of a poor Jason van Blerk clearance and stabbing the ball home.

Howard bagged his second goal on 79 minutes after feeding Taylor down the left and then charging into the penalty box to meet the talented 20-year-old's precise cross with a close-range side-footed finish.

The watching Newcastle manager Bobby Robson was no doubt impressed by Taylor's contribution in both of Howard's first two goals.

It was captain Kevin Nicholls, though, who turned provider for Howard's hat-

MOLBY'S PRIDE 'HURT' BY CITY

trick effort a minute from time. The big forward collected a clever through pass into the penalty box before coolly rounding Paul Musselwhite and finding the net.

The players and supporters were ecstatic as the final whistle sounded, but none more so than Steve Howard who marched off with the match ball having cemented his place at the top of the Division Three (now League 2) scoring charts.

As the Luton supporters made their way home they received the news that Plymouth had only drawn at home to Southend and their heroes were now in top spot.

Unfortunately the Pilgrims soon regained the status quo when winning their game in hand over the Town, but the trip back from sunny Hull that

spring afternoon will live long in the minds of the lucky Luton supporters present.

John Fieldhouse, reporting in the Hull Daily Mail, was not a happy man and poured scorn on a team that had cost £1million to put together and was one of the best paid in the division.

He wrote: 'Apart from a couple of early openings, City were outplayed, out-thought and out muscled in every possible department, and that by a Luton side which hardly had to break sweat to claim three points.'

'It would be easy to extol the virtues of Joe Kinnear's men who duly registered a club record 12th consecutive victory thanks to a hat-trick from Steve Howard and a goal from his strike partner Dean Crowe.

'That's not the point though. The visiting press could not believe how far City have declined since that 1-0 win at Kenilworth Road in November. Sadly, they weren't alone in that. The current squad, admittedly shorn by injuries, is short on just about everything...except flash cars!'

In the same newspaper Tigers manager Jan Molby said it was a performance to forget for all the wrong reasons, and added: 'We can spend all day talking about how good Luton were but that doesn't concern me. We won't be playing Luton next year – and you can see why – and it's certainly a benchmark in terms of how good we need to become.'



Steve Howard shows off the match ball after his hat-trick at Hull in 2002

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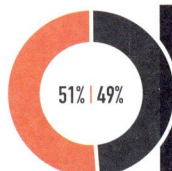
SATURDAY 22ND APRIL | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 7,719 | AWAY: 382

TOWN GOALS: PALMER 16, MPANZU 45+2 | **COUNTY GOAL:** HEWITT 6

TOWN: MOORE, JUSTIN, REA, CUTHBERT (C), SHEEHAN, POTTS, LEE, MPANZU, D'ATH (GRAY 61), HYLTON, PALMER (VASSELL 72). **SUBS NOT USED:** O'DONNELL, SMITH, MARRIOTT, GAMBIN, KING (GK)

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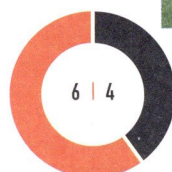
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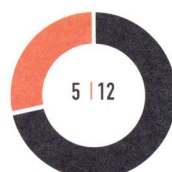
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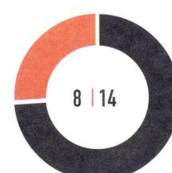
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STORY OF THE MATCH:

First-half goals from Ollie Palmer and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu gave Nathan Jones' Hatters a 2-1 win over Notts County – and virtually assured their place in the Sky Bet League Two play-offs.

Jones made one change from the 1-1 Bank Holiday draw at Mansfield, with striker Palmer coming in for his second start in a Luton shirt up front alongside Danny Hylton, after the pair linked up well in the closing stages at Field Mill.

After a fairly even start, it was the visitors who took an early lead when Hewitt latched onto a loose ball on the edge of the penalty area and fired past Hatters keeper Stuart Moore.

Parity was restored by the 16th minute when Palmer was quick to pounce on the bouncing ball after Hylton's 30-yard curler had come back off the crossbar, the on-loan striker burying his header past grounded County keeper Adam Collin from 12 yards.

The Town took the lead in first half added time with what proved to be the winner when Lawson D'Ath made his way across the edge of the area and rolled the ball to Mpanzu, whose first-time shot from inside the D made its way past Collin's outstretched arm and into the bottom corner for his second goal of the season.

The Hatters were reduced to ten men in injury-time when Hylton received his second yellow of the afternoon, but managed to see the game out and secure three points.



JONES: I thought our back three were immense

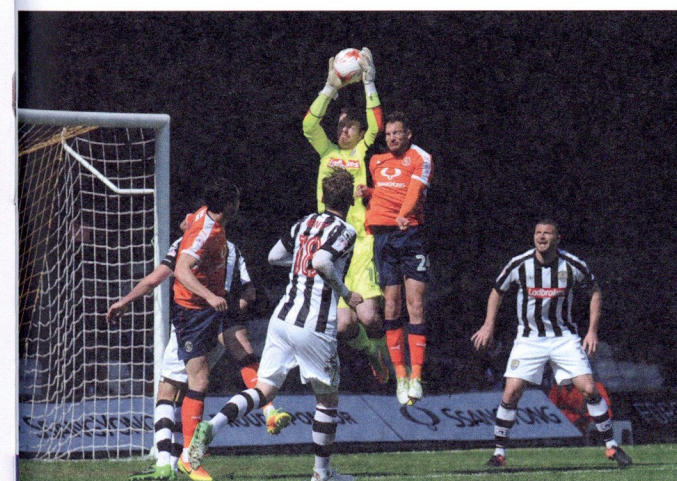
"We knew a win today would kind of guarantee our place in the play-offs. We are in good form, that's five unbeaten now.

"We would have liked to have done it a bit sooner, but we have cemented it now, so barring a real big turnaround we should be in there. Now it's about placings.

"I am delighted with the performance today. They are a very, very direct side. They smash it up there and they have got two huge giants up there who are experienced, outstanding centre-forwards and we had to cope with that. I thought our back three were immense.

"It could have been far more, we had some wonderful, wonderful chances to put the game out of sight and we should have done that. I am happy with 2-1 and it's a good day. We needed that. We needed a big performance and they showed a lot of character after going behind so early from a second ball, it was a great finish from the lad and we had to show a lot of character.

"But Hylton was magnificent with his shot, Ollie Palmer following that up and it was great to see Pelly-Ruddock [scoring]. We have been encouraging him to get more goals and we need that from him, but it's one of those things."



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[ALAN SHEEHAN ON NOTTS COUNTY]

MR CONSISTENT CALLS FOR MORE

SHEEZ WANTS PLAYERS TO BE READY FOR THE PLAY-OFFS

Town defender Alan Sheehan believes the consistency the Hatters lacked in their attempts to secure an automatic promotion spot is now there in order to see his team go onto be successful in the play-offs.

The 2-1 win over Notts County – courtesy of goals from Ollie Palmer and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu – all but confirmed the Town's place in the play-offs, and another win at Accrington a week later did seal the deal.

The Town have been unable to string three league wins together this term, but made it five unbeaten with the victory over the Magpies – form that has Sheehan confident for the next few weeks.

He said: "Plymouth, Doncaster and Portsmouth went up obviously, but on any given day, are they better than us? Probably Portsmouth were better than us when we played them. Maybe the other two, not really.

"It was consistency really and we have got a younger group and we have got the play-offs coming up. So we are going to have to be ready and consistent and hopefully win that."

On-loan goalkeeper Stuart Moore's form has caught the Irishman's eye since the 22-year-old returned to the starting XI following Matt Macey's recall by Arsenal, with the team unbeaten since Jones put Moore back in the side.

Sheehan said: "I am so happy for Stuart, because when he came in it was a tough start and it's difficult to come back from that when you're a young lad.

"You sign on the day and things don't go well for you on your debut. Stuart has come in the past few games and hasn't put a foot wrong. He's getting better and better and he's a great lad, his attitude even when he was out of the team was brilliant. I am absolutely delighted for him."

The Reading loanee's form isn't the only thing that has delighted Sheehan, as Mpanzu marked his return to form with what proved to be the winning goal against the Magpies.

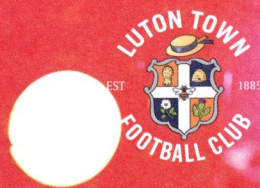


That saw the 23-year-old make his 23rd consecutive start, having been brought back into the team against Chesterfield in January after a spell on the bench.

"Pelly has been off – he had a little bit of a dip of form," Sheehan continued. "I hear it's his first full season though.

"When Pelly is at it it's quite scary. He has got the potential to be what he wants. His final ball lets him down sometimes, but he has got everything; he is strong, quick, brave, he wants to get on the ball.

"He can be anything he wants and if me, Scotty Cuthbert and Johnny Mullins help him and get him to where he wants to be, he is definitely a higher player. Hopefully that's with Luton Town."



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[LATEST NEWS]

LIVE STREAMING PLATFORM IFOLLOW UNVEILED FOR GLOBAL EFL FANS

NEW SERVICE WILL ENABLE OVERSEAS FANS TO FOLLOW THEIR TEAM'S 2017/18 SEASON

The EFL this week unveiled iFollow, an innovative digital live streaming and content platform that will revolutionise the way football fans overseas can follow their EFL teams.

iFollow will, for the first time in English football, enable EFL fans based outside the UK and Ireland to watch their team during the regular EFL season. With an estimated 270,000 EFL fans based outside the UK, iFollow will allow clubs to enable their supporters to follow the action wherever they are in the world.

Kicking off at the start of the 2017/18 EFL season, overseas subscribers will pay the equivalent of £110 per season for the service which will provide coverage of up to 46 live games per club. More than 1,500 matches will be available in HD quality, with iFollow showing every EFL league match live unless that match has been selected by the EFL's overseas broadcast partners.

EXCLUSIVE

Fans based in the UK and Ireland will still also have access to live audio commentary, highlights packages and exclusive content as part of the new offering, rebranded to replace the EFL's existing PlayerHD platform.

At launch, the vast majority of EFL clubs have opted in to utilise the iFollow platform and those who have not will have access to the same live streaming opportunity and will provide their fans with access through their own club digital services.

Research commissioned by the EFL suggests that there is significant demand for a service like iFollow amongst fans based overseas. A survey of over 1,600 such fans showed that 73% would be very likely or quite likely to subscribe to a live match streaming service and almost half would be happy to pay an annual subscription fee to do so.

The findings suggest over 55% of the EFL's fans are located in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand



where the potential audience for the iFollow platform could reach into the hundreds of thousands.

EFL Chief Executive Shaun Harvey commented: "The launch of iFollow is a notable development and will revolutionise the access thousands of overseas fans enjoy when following their EFL team.

"The new iFollow platform represents a potentially significant new revenue stream for Clubs, while enabling enhanced engagement with existing fans now living abroad.

"iFollow will also present the EFL with an important opportunity to stimulate the interest of new groups of supporters who follow our clubs overseas, which in turn will help support the growth of our competitions on the international stage."

The live streaming of matches will be available from the start of the 2017/18 season in conjunction with a brand new digital presence for clubs via official websites and apps, together creating the largest sporting digital network in the world.

US-based company NeuLion, a market leader in online video delivery, whose clients include the NFL, NBA and the Premier League, have developed the integrated streaming service alongside UK company Realise who have built the club websites. The two suppliers were appointed by the EFL in July 2016 following a competitive procurement process.

PRIMETIME SEASON TICKETS

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

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SENIOR (65+)	£260.00	£280.00	£280.00	£300.00
YOUNG ADULT (19-21)	£260.00	£280.00	£280.00	£300.00
UNDER 19 (17-18)	£190.00	£210.00	£210.00	£230.00
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ACCOMPANIED YOUTH: (10-16)*†	£90.00	£100.00	£100.00	£110.00
ACCOMPANIED JUNIOR (UNDER 10)*†	£60.00	£70.00	£70.00	£80.00
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ACCRINGTON STANLEY 1 : TOWN 4



SATURDAY 29TH APRIL | WHAM STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 2,150 | AWAY: 590

STANLEY GOAL: PEARSON 40 | **TOWN GOALS:** JUSTIN 28, BECKLES OG 49, VASSELL 54, MARRIOTT 90+2

STANLEY: : RODAK, RODGERS, BECKLES, HUGHES, DONACIEN, CLARK (EDWARDS 75), PEARSON, CONNEELY ©, MCCONVILLE, KEE, MCCARTAN (OGLE 88). **SUBS NOT USED:** BROWN, GORNELL, BOCO, HUSIN, CHAPMAN (GK)

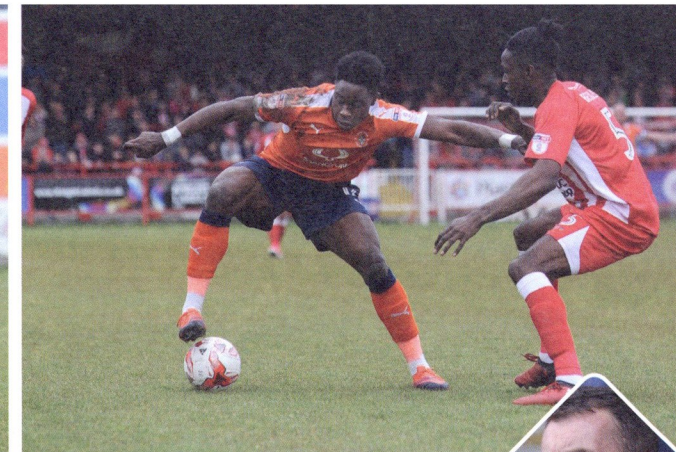
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James Justin scores the Town's opener



Isaac Vassell scores the third



JONES: We had a real cutting edge about us

"A lot has to happen for us not to get fourth place with the goal difference side of it, but we want to finish on a high anyway so we are going to make sure we get that fourth place."

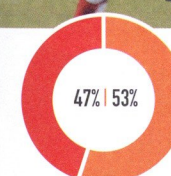
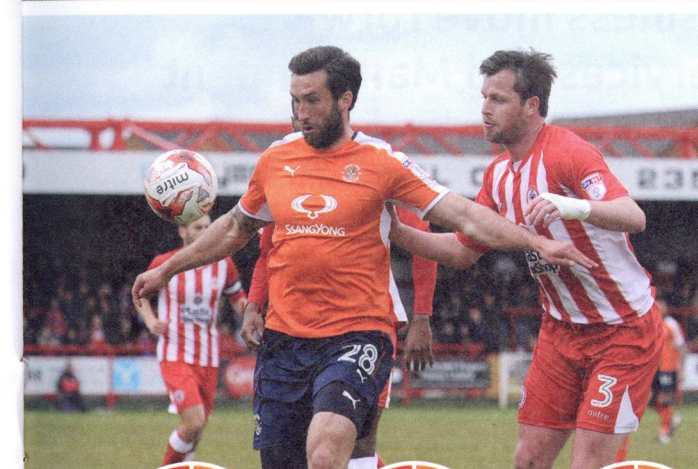
"I thought we were excellent today. We had to scrap it out in the first half and we should have been two up when James Justin had a great chance, but it took a little bobble late on."

"I didn't really see them scoring unless it was a set play. We know their threat from set plays and we didn't defend it well enough, which was a little bit of a disappointment."

"But second half we came out and were right at it. Obviously we got a bit of fortune with the first goal but after that it could have been six or seven, because they had to go for it – they knew they had to win."

"But I thought we were excellent. We had a real cutting edge about us and it could have been a lot more."

"We are delighted with the win. To come here and win 4-1 – it's a real difficult place to come and win, and to do it in the style that we did was extra special."



POSSESSION



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FOULS

STORY OF THE MATCH:

The Town made certain of their place in the Sky Bet League Two play-offs – and strengthened their grip on fourth place – with an entertaining 4-1 win at Accrington Stanley.

James Justin netted his first senior goal for the club to give Nathan Jones' side a first-half lead, and after Matty Pearson had levelled before the break, the Town took all three points with an Omar Beckles own goal putting them back in front before Isaac Vassell and substitute Jack Marriott got in on the act.

With in-form Accrington needing a win to keep their own play-off hopes alive, it made for an end-to-end match at the Wham Stadium.

Justin finished well after being played in on the right by Ollie Palmer just before the half-hour, then he made a valiant attempt to keep out Pearson's 40th-minute header, but the ball had crossed the line.

Beckles' comedy header back to his keeper looped over Marek Rodak four minutes after half-time to restore the Town's advantage, then Olly Lee and Palmer combined to set up Vassell for his 12th goal of the season to provide a two-goal cushion.

Substitute Marriott netted his tenth of the campaign in time added on, racing on to another fine through ball by Lee to finish coolly past the advancing Rodak.



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[JAMES JUSTIN ON ACCRINGTON STANLEY]

JJ'S GOAL RUN STARTS AT STANLEY

TEENAGER'S OFF AND RUNNING AFTER HIS FIRST SENIOR STRIKE

Town defender James Justin wants to see his first full season in senior football finish with a flourish after he netted his first professional goal in the 4-1 win at Accrington Stanley.

The 19-year-old marked his 37th career appearance with a well driven effort against John Coleman's side, which gave the Town the first-half lead and helped them on their way to the victory.

He said: "When you come up to stay overnight, a long trip as well, all the fans come down, to get my first goal is incredible.

"There was almost too much time to think about it to be fair, just get your mind straight and focus about the connection and it went in.

"We have basically cemented fourth spot in the play-offs, now hopefully we can push on and win them!"

The Hatters started with three centre-backs, a tactic that suited Justin who uses the system to roam up and down the right flank, before reverting to a back four in the second half.

"You see from the goal, I was just making the space both times and I think they switched off to me," he continued. "They didn't know whether to track me or not, and it just gives you that freedom going forward, knowing there's that security at the back.

"Then second half we changed to a four and that was doing just as well, even better, going forward to be fair."

After the Hatters were pegged back to 1-1 just before half-time, Jones' side regained the lead in peculiar circumstances, as Omar Beckles headed past his own keeper from six yards out.

Justin said: "That was crazy, that was like a comedy show! I saw him check over his shoulder to see if the keeper was there. As he went to head it, his keeper stepped forward and he headed into his own net, I have never seen it before!"

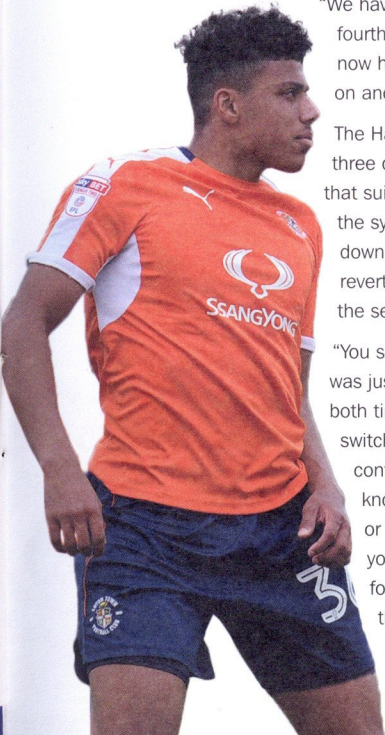
The result came on the back of a great week for the teenager, who also picked up Young Player of the Year at the Luton Town Supporters' Trust's Presentation Evening, as voted for by Nathan Jones and the coaching staff at the football club.

Since he first arrived at Kenilworth Road as a youngster in 2005, Justin has won a number of accolades at youth level, before making his professional debut on the final day of last season in the 4-1 victory over Exeter City.

From then he has proven to be a vital asset to Jones' team, who Justin hopes he can help to promotion in the Welshman's first full season as a manager.

"It has been a wonderful couple of weeks for me," said Justin. "Hopefully, in my first season in senior football, I can go to Wembley and get promoted.

"Over the years, especially in the Conference, the amount of times we have travelled to Wembley, it never goes in our favour. But hopefully this year we can turn it the right way."



TRAVELLER'S TALES

HATTERS FAN KEVIN HARPER SWAPS THE WHAM STADIUM TERRACE FOR THE LUTON TOWN TWITTER ACCOUNT AS HE JOINS THE HATTERS MEDIA TEAM FOR AN AFTERNOON AT ACCRINGTON...

THE JOURNEY

7.25am – The final away game of the regular season meant another early start to Ampthill for the Bobbers coach to Accrington. I don't normally look forward to going to Accrington but today is a bit different as I've volunteered to help out in the press box as the usual man Charlie is cycling to Paris for Level Trust. I'm very much looking forward to doing that!

8.30 – We've gone through the usual villages to Luton. Two coaches are loaded up and it is off on the long journey to Accrington.

10.20 – Quick stop off at the services on the M6. Having skipped breakfast I grab the chance to get a quick bite to eat before getting back on the bus for the rest of the journey.

1.20pm – We've arrived in Accrington. Decent enough journey. Been plenty of banter flying around about me being in the press box! I have a right result by winning the raffle on the coach too!

THE GROUND

1.25 – Still a bit of time before I'm needed inside the ground so I join my good friends Mr Smith and 'Part Time Pete' for a quick pint in the pub. Press pass collected on the way. I'm going to be allowed in – another result!

2.05 – Quick cider dealt with, which had to be done on a sunny day. Plenty of Luton fans enjoying themselves in the pub. I saw 'Jesus', the mad hatter and plenty more!

2.15 – Back at the Stadium and I'm to head in through a closed red gate. Thankfully there is a steward there to let me in and it is up to the press box. Meet Stuart Hammonds who shows me where to set up. The photographer Gareth Owen, Mike Simmonds of the Luton News, Matt Storey of Beds on Sunday and Simon Pitts were already there.

2.30 – All set up ready to do the live updates. Twitter is full of people laughing at York's relegation. Many a #karma doing the rounds both on twitter and from myself in the press box!

THE PROGRAMME

2.40 – One of the benefits of the press box is a free team sheet and a programme, so I grab the chance to look through the programme to see if there are any nuggets I can use on the coverage. It is full of adverts. Pretty glad I didn't pay the £3 for this one!



THE MATCH

3.02 – The players are out and the match is underway. So are my updates! Two changes for the Town. Gray and Vassell in for D'Ath and Hylton.

3.17 – Quiet start to the game. Starting to worry that my live coverage debut is going to be a damp squib!



3.28 – Chance! Town almost lead as Alan Sheehan's free-kick is goalbound but the keeper pulls off a superb save to stop it finding the corner.

3.30 – GOOOOOOOOOOOOAL!! We don't have to wait long for the deadlock to be broken. Palmer plays in Justin down the right and the defender fires home from 20 yards for his first senior goal and my first goal covering the Town! Get in!

3.40 – Chance again! Carbon copy of the goal. Palmer plays in Justin, but as he goes to shoot the ball bobbles and Justin ends up hitting it somewhere in the vicinity of Burnley! So unlucky!

3.42 – Ouch. There's the sucker punch. A corner comes in and Pearson powers a header towards goal. Justin tries to keep it out. I thought he had but those around me assure me it was in. 1-1.

3.50 – HT 1-1. Moore made a fine save just before HT to keep us level. I've been able to follow the other scores. Cambridge in the play-offs as it stands. I can live with that!

4.05 – Back underway. Hopefully the second half is as entertaining as the last 20 minutes of the first half.

4.08 – Oh my word! What have I just seen!! Town lead through a comical own goal from Omar Beckles. A cross comes over and with no Town player near him the defender heads it over his keeper, who has gone walkabouts, and into the net!

4.12 – Crowd just been announced with 590 visiting fans. I guess that is 591 with me! Superb support.

4.13 – GOOOOOOOOOOOOAL!! 3-1! Town running riot here! Palmer gallops down the right. He looks up and slides it across to Vassell, who can't miss. He doesn't miss! I should sit here more often!!

4.18 – Stuart Moore makes a second fine stop of the afternoon to deny Pearson. Moments later Alan Sheehan puts in a great block. Really good game this!

4.25 – Almost 4-1! Vassell leaves Hughes for dead in a way Roadrunner used to whizz past the Coyote in the cartoons. His shot is blocked and

somehow the rebound is put over from two yards out by a combination of Palmer and Vassell.

4.30 – Accrington aren't done yet. The left-back gets in behind but nothing else is beating Moore today it seems.

4.47 – Couple of close efforts from either end but the Town look to be seeing this out well.

4.52 – Olly Lee sends Jack Marriott through to score Town's fourth of the afternoon. A rampant victory!

4.55 – FT 4-1. I sign off from doing the updates and head back to get the coach home. Brilliant match!

MAN OF THE MATCH

5.15 – Back on the coach. Easy choice for me this. I thought Stuart Moore was brilliant. Others in the press box gave it to Alan Sheehan and I wouldn't disagree and there were one or two calls for Omar Beckles too after his comedy goal! Moore's saves were brilliant at key times. He is looking very good now.

SUMMARY

9.45 – Back at home now after one of the most enjoyable days I've ever had at football. Not only did I get the opportunity to cover the side I support but Town were absolutely brilliant. Really fantastic day. Enjoyed being in the press box. Thanks to those who gave me the chance and to everyone who made me feel so welcome.

If we can repeat that performance four more times we're going to enjoy the next month! To round off a great day I'm back in time for the big fight so it is off to the pub for a few celebratory drinks and to watch the boxing!



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[SIMON PARSELL]

TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK



Today sees Morecambe v Morecambe at Kenilworth Road and it's a chance for us to remember Eric Morecambe – big Luton fan and funny man.

I still recall his jokes particularly when it comes to football. "I used to play football but my eyesight was a problem, so I became a referee," along with the phrase when he spoke to Ernie: "He's got short, fat hairy legs." I thought he was talking about our analyst Pete Booker!

because material is so easy to find. Enter Glen Rea at Mansfield. He shouts: "Quick, I need some Vaseline." I reply: "Are you cut?" and Glen responds: "No, I've got sore lips!"

It's been a good season with us qualifying for the play-offs, but whilst players will rightly get the credit, I would like to mention a couple of people behind the scenes that work hard to help us – starting with Dr Paul Deeley and club chiropractor David Leu.

Then there is Peter Kemp, who is a maintenance man supremo. He did tell me about all the metalwork at the stadium one day. I found it rivet-ting. He started to talk about toilet U bends, but I couldn't get my head round it.

Then there's the father and son ground staff of Dickie and Rog. Rog always brings a pot of tea in to the dressing room on a match day. The teapot has a metal handle. On three occasions now he has placed it in front of a fan heater and returned to pick it up burning his hand on the metal handle. He will learn one day.

Laundry lady Vera and our cleaner Elizabeth deserve a special mention, and finally Dave Romans and his kitchen staff, who have excelled themselves since they got that cookery book at Christmas.

People tell me I should write a book about my experiences as a physio in football, and it has crossed my mind



That game provided more material as Pottsy, who had been out with concussion, ran straight into the dugout, banging his head. At least he wasn't stretchered off.

That leads nicely to injury news. Lawson, if not included for today's game, will be fit for the play-offs, as will Jordan Cook.

Cameron continues to make good progress and is now including ball work in his rehab. It was a good operation because his touch looks to have improved.

Greeny is also back running. He has had a rough time with his injury, but has always been positive and credit to him for that. He did ask though: "Have I put any weight on?" I said "You're not fat, just easier to see!"

We have had many quotes this season from players, but Zane has stepped up to the plate late in the season with this little gem. "I'm steady. I'm not thick, but I'm not the brightest!" You have to love him.

A final thank you to you, the fans. You have been fantastic home and away. I know you will get behind the boys for the play-offs and hopefully we can enjoy League One football next year. COYH.



THE CAMERA NEVER LIES

CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES INTO HIS PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES

Happy Hatters in the Bobbers Stand before the Town's 5-5 draw with Leicester in the FA Cup in 1949. A crowd of 26,280 was present in a yet to be fully developed Kenilworth Road, hence the reason why young supporters were allowed to sit pitchside of the fence.

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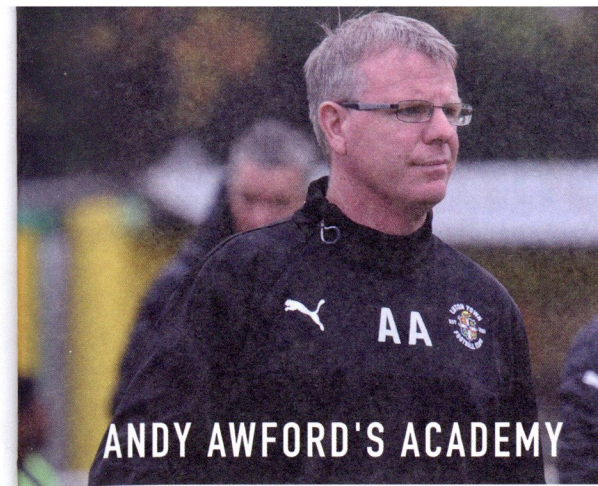
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ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY

UPDATE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the final league fixture of the season versus Morecambe.

U18S

Since my last notes the youth team have had two tough fixtures against Millwall and Stevenage Borough respectively.

The game against Millwall saw us draw 2-2, with goals from Scott Belgrove and Connor Tomlinson. A draw was a fair result, with us edging the first half and they came back strong in the second. It was pleasing to see us compete well against a higher rated Academy (Millwall are Category 2), there were some really positive individual performances from some of our younger players, who were playing 'up' a year or two.

The fixture against Stevenage saw us put in a fine performance and run out deserved 3-0 winners. We totally dominated the match from start to finish and although 2-0 up at the interval, with goals from Ciaren Jones and Scott, we could and should have been further in front, such was our supremacy. Jake Peck notched the third midway through the second half after some excellent work from Arthur Read.

We were delighted with the players' efforts overall, although lessons will have been learnt in their overall development as the game became a little feisty towards the end. In a local derby, at any age, there is always a little

[ACADEMY UPDATE]

bit of 'needle', and whilst we want our players to show aggression, they must at all times display control and not let their emotions get the better of them.

With a couple of the Stevenage players upset and frustrated by the result, it threatened at one point to boil over, but thankfully we retained our discipline to see the game out.

Well done to the U18s on a fine couple of recent results that set up nicely for the final fixture of the season at home today versus Leyton Orient.

DIFFICULT DECISIONS

The joy and sense of satisfaction the Academy staff feel when an Academy graduate represents the first team is immense and there is no greater feeling, if you are fortunate enough to be part of that particular player's development.

However, by far the worst part of the job is having to inform players that they are being released from the football club. It is coming up to that time of the season, whereby decisions on players of all ages have to be made.

We have recently informed some of the U18 players that unfortunately we will not be retaining them for the forthcoming season and although never an easy process, you have to be honest.

We wish George Murray, Geo Craig, Harry Bean and James Verney the very best and thank them for their contributions as unfortunately they will not be with us next season.

EXTERNAL FACILITIES

With the season drawing to a close, I would like to say a huge thank you to the organisations that have 'hosted' the majority of our Academy schoolboy training and match day programme this season. Stockwood Park Academy, Chalk Hills Academy, Creasey Park Community Football Centre and Luton Sixth Form College have this season 'housed' our boys, and we are all extremely grateful for your continued support.

The new training ground, The Brache, will allow us to centralise the vast majority of our work there next season, and therefore our usage of the external sites will reduce dramatically. However, we will not lose touch with these vital friends and still look to build relationships and partnerships next season and beyond.

Enjoy today's game.

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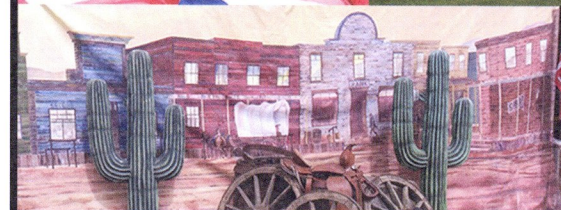


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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST



EFL DAY OF ACTION SHOWCASES THE POWER OF FOOTBALL

More than one million people are now participating in football-led community programmes and activities every season.

On Tuesday 25th April, all 72 EFL clubs came together for the EFL's Community Day of Action to highlight and showcase the impact of this work in towns and cities nationwide.

EFL Clubs use the power of football to have a positive effect on thousands of people's lives in the UK every day, helping participants to improve their lives with programmes focused on health and wellbeing, education, community outreach and much more.

The EFL's Community Day of Action presented a unique - and brand new - opportunity for all EFL clubs to

EFL DAY OF ACTION

simultaneously raise awareness of the impact they are having by creating a national platform to highlight the community work that happens across 72 towns and cities, 365 days a year, seven days a week.

Approximately £50million is being invested every season by the EFL Trust and Club Community Trusts into key areas, using the power of football to help people in need across sport, education, health and community engagement programmes.

HATTERS TRIO'S CHALLNEY BOYS SCHOOL VISIT

CUTHBERT, LEE AND POTTS TEACH SCHOOLBOYS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS NEW SKILLS

As a part of the EFL Day of Action going on across all 72 EFL clubs, Town captain Scott Cuthbert was accompanied by Olly Lee and Dan Potts to Challney High School for Boys to see one of the Luton Town Community Trust's current programmes in action.

Community Trust assistant football development officer Luke Hyde takes ten children from Challney Boys aside each week who have special educational needs, taking them through some football drills and giving them the opportunity to play the sport they love - an opportunity they may not get outside of school.

Lynsey Holton, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Manager at the school said: "We selected a group of ten students from year eight up to year ten to partake in a SEND session. The range of students that we have got here range in different disabilities such as ADHD, Autism and brain injuries, there are a number of different conditions.

"Today has been a fantastic opportunity for the children who wouldn't necessarily normally be able to participate in this sort of session outside of school to get the exposure. Because they do have special educational needs, they are quite possibly sheltered outside of school as they do require additional support.

"To be able to get the Luton Town Community Trust involved with them is a fantastic opportunity for them to get the exposure they need."

Cuthbert, Lee and Potts got involved in a kick around with the boys, something the club captain appeared to thoroughly enjoy, as well as being incredibly impressed by



the amount of work the Community Trust do for the local area. He said: "It's always nice to be involved with this sort of thing. Some of these boys will come and watch us play at Kenilworth Road. It's great to be able to come down here and see all the great work the teachers and support staff do, and I think the boys really enjoyed it.

"The Community Trust are like the unsung heroes, the amount of work they put in, not just here but behind the scenes as well and it's fantastic to see the work they do with the kids."

Headteacher, Daniel Connor, was over the moon to see the boys in the group getting some top class tutoring, as well as getting to play football alongside the pros.

"It's been absolutely brilliant having the players from Luton Town here with us today," he explained. "We are so appreciative of the time they have spent with us - the boys have found it just magnificent.

"It's been great for them to be able to play football with professionals - real athletes - helping the boys raise their standards and for them to meet some of their idols.

"This is a fantastic initiative and we are so pleased the club have been able to send the players to work with us, we are really grateful."

On behalf of the Hatters' Community Trust, Luke added: "We visit Challney Boys School as part of our Every Player Counts project, which is funded by the Wembley National Stadium Trust.

"The funding allows us to visit special educational school groups all over Bedfordshire as well as provide adult disability multi sport sessions. These sessions give participants with a variety of disabilities the opportunity to enjoy sport and interact with other groups through our various team competitions.

"The players visiting our Challney session made such a difference to the group who were so excited to meet and play with real professionals. We are looking forward to inviting Challney Boys to our special disability event at the Stadium in a couple of weeks' time."



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LTFC MEN'S WALKING TEAM WIN REGIONAL FINAL

The Luton Town Men's Walking Football team recently won the Regional Cup at Venue 360 in the EFL Walking Football national competition.

The victory means the team set up by the Hatters' Community Trust are now through to the finals of the competition, where they will fight it out for the title at Sky Bet Championship club Aston Villa's training ground – Bodymoor Heath.

It highlights a fantastic year for the side, who have also won the Beds County Cup, Advanced and Intermediary cups and the Cedars Cup. That, added to the fact they were runners-up in the regionals to Bedford in the People's Cup, shows just how far the team have come in the two years they have been together.

Player-manager Arthur Mason said: "We have got a really good bunch of guys together now, some really good footballers. I am really, really proud of them. To win on Saturday was such a great feeling. The nine guys there played their hearts out and to beat Colchester, who were the holders, was special. It's been a great experience for us so far.

"We have some ex-footballers come down and a couple of the lads are just there for fitness, it's a really varied group with people from all walks of life. But it is hard work! The sweat pours off you when you play walking football. Starting up from two years ago when none of us knew each other, the achievement of all that has been incredible."

Victories over Wycombe, Peterborough, Norwich in the group stages secured their place in the quarter-final, where they beat Stevenage. A semi-final win over Barnet saw the Hatters take on Colchester in the final, a game Mason's team won 3-0.

The manager has been really pleased with the impact that it has had on the men since they have joined, as it has not only helped improve their fitness, but also provided them with the chance to carry on playing the sport.

"Everyone is over the moon with how it's gone since they have joined, in terms of their fitness and meeting new people," Mason continued.



"It's a gateway to continue playing football, a sport they have played all their lives, but haven't been able to keep up with say, a Sunday league team.

"This walking football gives them the opportunity to carry on doing something they enjoy. A lot of them have got their heart for the game again."

The following teams will also be at the Birmingham-based training ground to contest the title: Colchester, Blackpool, Blackburn, Notts County, Kidderminster, Sheffield United, Bradford, Gillingham, Dagenham & Redbridge, Plymouth and Cheltenham.

Head of Trust, Kevin Thoburn, added: "Our walking football group has really grown over the season and their success has been great in raising the profile of the project, which aims to get more over 50s active and socially engaged.

"The group meet every Wednesday at V360 between 6-7pm and is open to all abilities. With the numbers growing we will be starting another weekend session shortly and anyone interested should drop us an email at community@lutontown.co.uk, or give us a ring at the Community office on 01582 737568."

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HATTERSLADIES

TOWN LADIES ARE COUNTY CUP WINNERS AGAIN!

BY ROSIE BONASS

Luton Town Ladies retained the County Cup for a second successive season after defeating Offley & Stopsley 3-0 in the final at Bedford Town FC.

Nicola Henman gave Town a well-deserved lead before the break, while goals from Zara Carroll and Jodie Bellinger went on to cushion the merited victory in the second half.

Town have now won the competition an impressive seven times, making them the most decorated women's cup winners in Bedfordshire.

Manager Nikki Baker made one change to her starting line-up as Erica Byron made way for Asia Brown, who was reinstated in defence. Town had an early chance to go ahead as Carroll intercepted the ball brilliantly in midfield and combined with Jess McKay on the wing who let rip from 18 yards but her effort went narrowly wide of the target.

At the other end, Nicola Hollick appeared to be through one-on-one, only for Town skipper Rachel Carter to make a vital interception. Within three minutes Rachel Lewis fired another attempt just wide in what was Offley's best period of the game.

Keeper Kelly Moss made an important save moments later as she just managed to get her fingertips to the ball to push a powerful long range effort from Henman over the crossbar.

Town continued to search for an opener and youngster Lucy Webster went on another brilliant run through the middle of the field, drilling the ball towards the bottom corner, only for Moss to get down well and push it behind.

The goal did eventually come for Town in the 31st minute as Dionne Manning swung the ball into the box and Henman converted coolly from six yards.

Town doubled their advantage immediately after the interval. Just after Moss had made another sublime save to deny Amy Summerfield's header, the ball fell to Carroll who poked into the net from close range.

Half-time substitute Bellinger had three great chances to score after coming off the bench, and she finally got her reward in the 83rd minute with a superb flick in the box to make it 3-0. Striker Joanne Rutherford almost made it four in injury time after she chipped the keeper, but her terrific attempt rattled the crossbar.

Afterwards, Baker said: "I am very happy with a clean sheet. We defended brilliantly with three at the back and moved the ball well throughout the game. We took the final seriously and I told the girls that they had to earn the right to play. We dominated throughout and I am very happy to retain the trophy."

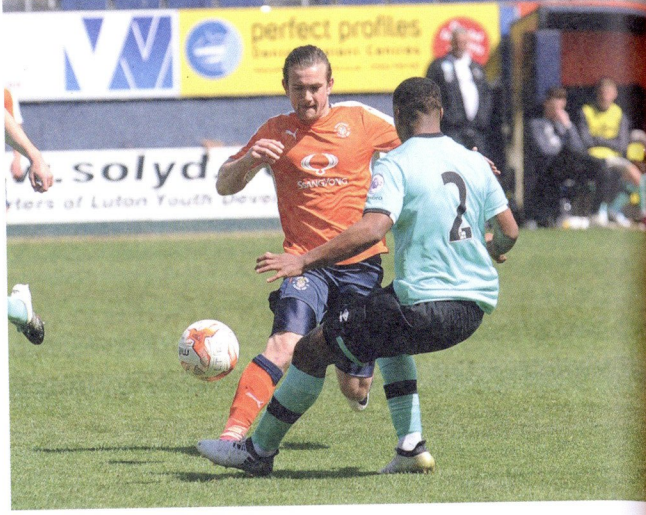
Baker went on to praise Offley & Stopsley after they proved to be tough opponents and denied Town from going on a scoring spree.

"Offley made it difficult for us and worked hard," Baker added. "It could have and should have been a lot more. I have to give credit to Kelly who was in goal for Offley as she was outstanding."

BY CALLUM MCINTYRE

TOWN RESERVES 4 : DERBY COUNTY 1

TOWN GOALS: MARRIOTT 26, TRIALIST (WRIGHT) 41, BANTON 78, SMITH 84 | COUNTY GOAL: JAKOBSEN 34



A strong Hatters reserves side put a young Derby County development side to the sword last week – running out 4-1 winners at Kenilworth Road.

The game was a great opportunity for the players and trialists involved to show the Town coaching staff what they're capable of as the 2016-17 Sky Bet League Two season reaches an exciting finale.

For the first 20 minutes the Hatters were fairly dominant, although they didn't have much to show for their efforts until the 26th minute, when Jake Gray slotted the ball through to Jack Marriott, who struck the ball past Derby keeper Henrich Ravas to give the Town the lead.

With 34 minutes on the clock, Town conceded a free-kick 25 yards from goal which the visitors took full advantage of to bring the score level. Emil Riis Jakobsen took it, hitting the ball hard over the wall and into the bottom left corner past the Town's trialist goalkeeper, Ben Killip from Norwich City.

Shortly after Derby equalised the Hatters upped the ante, looking to take control of the match once more.

Just before half-time, Jack Senior had passed the ball to Marriott, leaving the defence stranded. Marriott teed up

the Town's other trialist, ex-West Brom striker Andre Wright, who headed the ball into the bottom left corner from inside the County six-yard box to restore the hosts' lead.

The start of the second half saw both sides struggle to create chances as the respective defences stood up to the questions asked by each other's forwards.

In a ten-minute spell, the Town threw three substitutes into the action, with Joe Mead, Arthur Read and Zane Banton coming on for Johnny Mullins, Gray and Marriott.

With 78 minutes on the clock, Town gave themselves a two-goal lead after a very good passage of play that caught the opposition by surprise. Read created the chance, passing the ball into the path of O'Donnell, who crossed to Banton inside the visitors' box. Everyone could only watch on as Banton virtually dribbled the ball between the posts to score.

The Hatters secured the win with a goal six minutes from time, as O'Donnell managed to lay on another assist for his team. The former Partick Thistle defender crossed the ball into Jonathan Smith, who side-footed the ball into the bottom right-hand corner to ensure victory for the Hatters.

(CALLUM MCINTYRE IS A 14-YEAR-OLD TOWN FAN AND LEA MANOR HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL WHO SPENT A WEEK ON WORK EXPERIENCE WITH THE CLUB'S MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS TEAM)

COME ON YOU HATTERS! COME ON YOU HATTERS! COME ON YOU HATTERS! COME ON YOU HATTERS! COME ON YOU HATTERS!



JUNIOR HATTERS

ALL IN A MUDDLE

We've muddled up a picture of one of the club's most celebrated supporters. Can you work out who it is? Fill in the missing letters from our players' names below to help solve the puzzle.



ALAN SHE_HAN
STUART MOO_E
OLL_E PALMER
JORDAN_OOK
JACK_ARRIOTT
CAMER_N MCGEECHAN
DANNY_G_EEN
SCOTT CUTHB_RT
_RAIG KING
D_ANNY HYLTON
JOHNNY_ULLINS
LUKE GAM_IN
GL_N REA

YOU MUST BE JOKING

Q: What is a ghost's favourite position in football?
A: Ghoul keeper

YOU MUST BE JOKING

Q: What's harder to catch the faster you run?
A: Your breath!

YOU MUST BE JOKING

Q: What type of music are balloons scared of?
A: Pop music!



MORECAMBE FC

We're delighted to have been awarded an EFL Family Excellence Award for 2017, which is given to clubs who go the extra mile for families and younger supporters. Over the past two seasons we've introduced a number of initiatives to improve the experience for families on matchdays, with even more to come next in 2017-18. Thanks for your support!



MORECAMBE FC, OR 'THE SHRIMPS' AS THEY ARE ALSO KNOWN RETURN TO KENILWORTH ROAD THIS AFTERNOON. THE TWO SIDES HAVE MET JUST SEVEN TIMES IN THEIR HISTORY. OF THOSE, LUTON HAVE WON FOUR AND LOST TWO OF THE ENCOUNTERS, WITH ONE DRAW. EARLIER THIS SEASON THE HATTERS BAGGED A 2-0 WIN AT MORECAMBE'S GLOBE ARENA THANKS TO GOALS FROM DANNY HYLTON AND ISAAC VASSELL. SHRIMP FACT: DID YOU KNOW THAT MANY SHRIMPS SERVE AS CLEANERS FOR OTHER FISH REMOVING PARASITES FROM THEIR MOUTHS. LET'S HOPE THAT NATHAN'S BOYS CLEAN UP TODAY – AND SWIM INTO THE PLAY-OFFS IN STYLE. COME ON YOU HATTERS!

HATTERS HAILED IN EFL FAMILY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The EFL Family Excellence Award winners have been announced for the 2016/17 season and a record breaking number of 51 clubs from across all three divisions in the EFL have been recognised – with Luton Town among them!

Created in 2007, the EFL Family Excellence Award recognises the outstanding experience provided by clubs for young fans and families, as well as their efforts to enhance the match day experience.

The Hatters were nominated for awards in two categories: 'The Welcome to the Club Award', particularly referencing the section on the official website giving 10 Quick Steps for the first time visitor to Kenilworth Road, and the 'Magic Moments Award', which included our Happy Harry lunch bags and the fact that one person each game from the bag sales is invited into the dug-outs during the players' warm-up.

Other initiatives that take place each matchday include mascots visiting the dressing room and having pictures taken with manager Nathan Jones, his staff and the squad (who often end up taking the selfies for the excited youngsters, as the picture James Justin shows!) free face painting for junior supporters at the Kenilworth Road end of the ground, the Half-Time Hot-Shots competition on the pitch and, of course, being entertained by club mascots Happy Harry and Hatty!

Hatters senior operations manager Kevan Platt attended the EFL Family Excellence event and he said: "Although we did not win any of the six mini awards, it was pleasing to be nominated in two categories with our efforts in making the matchday experience a welcoming and enjoyable one for youngsters and families at Kenilworth Road recognised by the judges.

"We know we are restricted at our current ground compared to what some clubs with more modern facilities can offer, and the proposed new stadium at Power Court will be a huge help in the future to making a day at Luton Town the complete package for all fans.

"We will be meeting once the season is over, however, to discuss ways in which we can continue to improve as we



strive to top the table in family football terms off the pitch, while Nathan and the team provide entertainment on it."

Now in their 10th anniversary year, an unprecedented number of clubs have attained the Family Excellence Award for 2017, with a significant increase in the benchmark standard being applied by the judging panel. Four clubs – Cambridge United, Mansfield Town, Newport County and Aston Villa – have also received the accolade for the first time this season.

More than ever this year, EFL clubs are providing families with engaging and innovative matchday entertainment, as they continue to find new and unique ways to attract fans and their families to matches. Such experiences include high levels of ticket booking assistance for families, extensive pre-match advice, exciting entertainment both inside and outside stadiums, access to players, mascots and dedicated family zones and activities.

Over the past ten years, more and more young people have made their way through the turnstiles in the EFL, with junior season ticket sales having increased by a staggering 37 per cent since 2007, and 20 per cent of all EFL club match attendees now under the age of 16. Such evidence is a strong indication of a healthy future for football in this country according to Shaun Harvey, EFL Chief Executive.

He said: "The EFL Family Excellence Awards have proven to be a fantastic vehicle for celebrating and highlighting the excellent progress that clubs are making in providing families with improved match day experiences.

"Now in their tenth year, the Awards have made a significant impact and this year's winners have once again shown how innovative thinking and a strong commitment can enhance the experience for both home and away.

CLUBS RECEIVING THE AWARD IN 2017:

AFC Wimbledon	Cheltenham Town	Mansfield Town	QPR
Aston Villa	Chesterfield	Millwall	Reading
Birmingham City	Colchester United	MK Dons	Rochdale
Blackburn Rovers	Crawley Town	Morecambe	Rotherham United
Bolton Wanderers	Crewe Alexandra	Newport County	Scunthorpe United
Brentford	Derby County	Northampton Town	Sheffield Wednesday
Brighton & Hove Albion	Doncaster Rovers	Norwich City	Shrewsbury
Bristol City	Exeter City	Nottingham Forest	Southend United
Bristol Rovers	Fulham	Oldham Athletic	Stevenage
Cambridge United	Huddersfield Town	Oxford United	Wolverhampton Wanderers
Cardiff City	Ipswich Town	Peterborough United	Wycombe Wanderers
Carlisle United	Leeds United	Portsmouth	Yeovil
Charlton Athletic	Luton Town	Preston North End	

ANNABELLE ROARS INTO KENILWORTH ROAD!

We are used to seeing Nathan Jones prowling the touchline at Kenilworth Road, but at the last home game against Notts County there was a little tigress making her debut in the Town technical area!

Annabelle Hollands, aged four, was attending her first Hatters match with her family and got to watch the pre-match warm-up from the home bench after having her face painted in the family area outside the Kenny End of the ground, where she collected her Happy Harry's lunch bag.

In becoming a Luton fan, Annabelle is following her grandad, uncle and dad Jack, who have been season ticket holders in Block D of the Kenilworth Upper since 2010, and her favourite players are Danny Hylton and Jack Marriott.



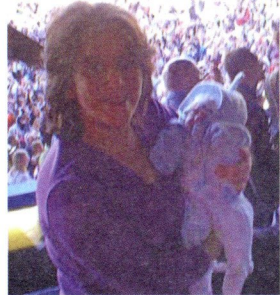
ALEX CELEBRATES A DOZEN YEARS A HATTER

Season ticket holder Malcolm Ginsberg got in touch to tell Talk of the Town about his grandson's birthday – and anniversary of first Town game – that passed this week:

"On 30 April 2005, Luton Town celebrated winning League One with a 4-2 home win

against Brentford – Brkovic, Nicholls (pen), Showunmi and Robinson scoring," wrote Malcolm. "Three days earlier Alex Kramer had been born. Mother Jackie, then as now a true Luton supporter, could not miss the match. He may have been the youngest football spectator of all time. 12 years later he still goes."

Happy birthday and happy Hatters anniversary, Alex!



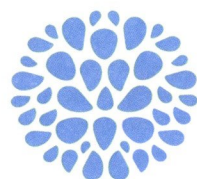


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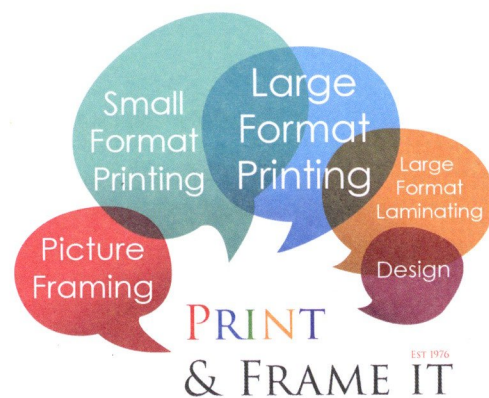
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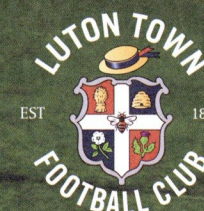
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LUTON TOWN FC UNITE AGAINST DEMENTIA

Footballers in Luton have shown a united front to help raise awareness of one of the biggest health crisis facing society.

Luton Town FC is backing Alzheimer's Society's new campaign calling on people to set aside their differences - from age to tastes, gender and race, social standing and political allegiances - and unite in the fight against dementia, as it's set to become the 21st century's biggest killer.

Players including Johnny Mullins, defender for the men's team and Dionne Manning, striker for the club's ladies team, are encouraging their fans and the wider community to support the cause.

Johnny said: "It is really important that we are all aware of dementia and the effects it can have on people living with it. It is not a visible condition but it is important that the club can show they understand the needs of their supporters, staff and wider community."

Dionne added: "Together with Johnny we have shown solidarity at Luton Town FC to make dementia centre of attention. We hope others stand up and try to find out about how they too can make a difference."

People don't have to wait long to take action as Alzheimer's Society are running a Dementia Friends Information Session at Luton Town FC during Dementia Awareness Week on Wednesday 17 May. The event is open to the club's fans and the wider community, from 6pm to 7pm in the Eric Morecambe Suite, Kenilworth Stadium, Luton, LU4

8AW. People will need to register to become a Dementia Friend before booking onto the session at the football club. Register at www.dementiafriends.org.uk

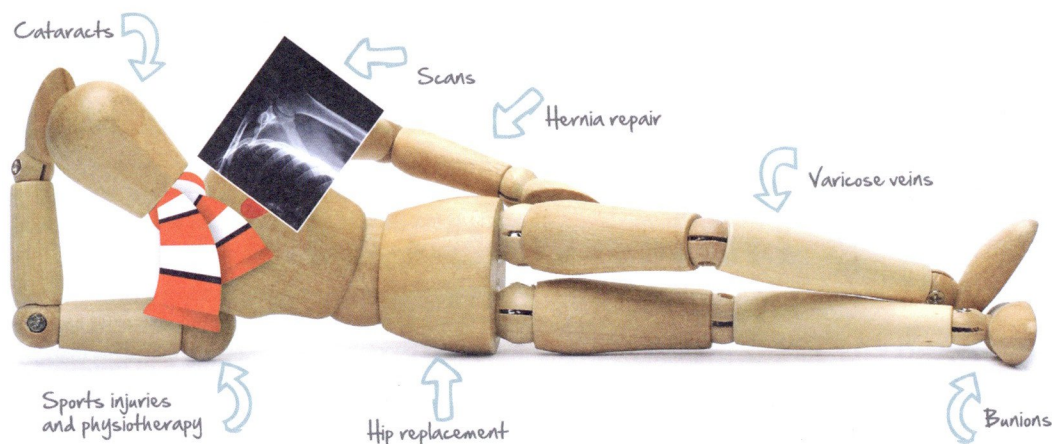
A Dementia Friends Information Session is a fun, interactive way to learn a little about dementia and how it can affect people's lives. It covers key messages that everyone should know about dementia, through activities and discussion. At the end of the session participants have the opportunity to turn their understanding into action by committing to a dementia-friendly action.

Sian Gilleard, Luton Dementia Action Alliance Coordinator at Alzheimer's Society, said: "It's fantastic that local organisations like Luton Town Football Club are so willing to get involved and learn more about dementia."

"Dementia doesn't care who you are, it could affect us all. There are 1,800 people living with dementia in Luton, we need people to unite with us now as every action brings us closer to finding a cure and giving everyone the support they need."

Alzheimer's Society is urging everyone to come together and unite against dementia to improve care, offer help and understanding to those affected and find a cure. There are many ways you can get involved - whether it's becoming a Dementia Friend, campaigning or donating to fund research for a cure. Unite now at alzheimers.org.uk

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TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES:

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

LAST WEEK'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS

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

PLAYER STATS 2016/17

	THIS SEASON										LFC	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		Y	APPS	GLS	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS						
Alex Atkinson	0	(0)	0	(1)	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0	
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	3	(1)	0	3	(1)	0	0	5	
Zane Banton	0	(0)	0	2	(2)	0	2	(2)	0	1	14	
Jordan Cook	31	(4)	3	5	(1)	1	36	(5)	4	5	1	41
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1
Scott Cuthbert	36	(1)	1	3	(3)	0	39	(4)	1	5	0	83
Lawson D'Ath	8	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	8	(2)	0	0	0	10
Akin Famewo	1	(2)	0	3	(0)	0	4	(2)	0	1	0	6
Luke Gambin	7	(8)	1	0	(1)	0	7	(9)	1	2	0	16
Alex Gilliead	10	(8)	1	3	(0)	1	13	(8)	2	3	0	21
Jake Gray	10	(8)	1	9	(0)	3	19	(8)	4	0	0	27
Danny Green	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	30
Freddie Hinds	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	2
Danny Hylton	38	(1)	21	6	(0)	5	44	(1)	26	13	2	45
James Justin	23	(5)	1	7	(1)	0	30	(6)	1	2	0	37
Craig King	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	0	0	4
Olly Lee	23	(9)	1	5	(1)	0	28	(10)	1	9	0	77
Matt Macey	11	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	13	(0)	0	0	0	13
Craig Mackail-Smith	0	(2)	0	2	(2)	1	2	(4)	1	1	0	40
Jack Marriott	25	(13)	6	4	(3)	4	29	(16)	10	1	0	89
Cameron McGeehan	24	(0)	10	4	(0)	1	28	(0)	11	7	0	106
Josh McQuoid	1	(2)	0	5	(0)	2	6	(2)	2	2	0	43
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	33	(8)	2	6	(2)	0	39	(10)	2	6	1	115
Stuart Moore	7	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	7
Johnny Mullins	21	(2)	0	6	(0)	1	27	(2)	1	2	2	29
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	1	5	(0)	1	0	0	8
Stephen O'Donnell	27	(2)	1	6	(3)	2	33	(5)	3	1	0	71
Ollie Palmer	3	(13)	3	0	(0)	0	3	(13)	3	1	0	16
Dan Potts	21	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	23	(2)	0	3	1	41
Glen Rea	35	(3)	2	8	(0)	1	43	(3)	3	11	1	56
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1
Jack Senior	9	(1)	0	6	(0)	0	15	(1)	0	3	0	16
Alan Sheehan	31	(3)	2	5	(0)	1	36	(3)	3	4	1	59
Jonathan Smith	12	(13)	1	8	(2)	1	20	(15)	2	7	0	176
Jack Snelus	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1
Isaac Vassell	21	(18)	7	6	(5)	5	27	(23)	12	2	0	50
Christian Walton	27	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	33	(0)	0	1	0	33

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

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WITH MIKE SIMMONDS
LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

After covering Luton the length and breadth of the country once again this term, it's time to hand out some awards to the stars of the show.

Player of the season: Just simply has to be **Danny Hylton**.

It's never been just about goals with Hylton, as despite sending 26 of them into the opposition's net, the manner in which he leads the line has made him an undoubted favourite on the terraces, being the kind of focal point Hatters have been missing for years.

A close second in the running is skipper Scott Cuthbert, who has been the rock on which Town's impressive defensive record has been built on.

Joint third would be Christian Walton, after excelling when on loan from Brighton, and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, for his displays since moving into that deeper role as he is now looking a proper player for the Town.

Young player of the year: Couldn't be anyone else other than **James Justin**. Coming through the youth ranks leads to an instant popularity, but the teenager fully deserves it, looking so composed at both right and left back. With a first touch to die for, he could be a real star in the future.

Breakthrough act: **Isaac Vassell**. Impressed Mick Harford enough to be offered a deal in the summer and

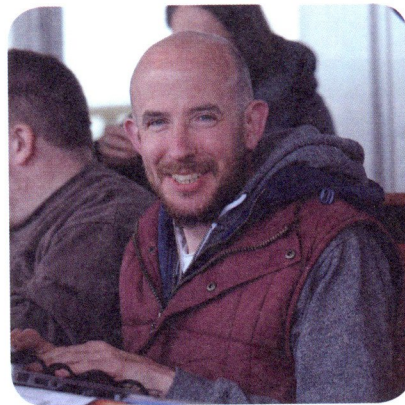
it's easy to see why as close up, his sheer pace is absolutely frightening. All-round game has come on leaps and bounds too, as he gets better and better with every passing moment.

Goal of the season: Few candidates, including Danny Hylton's curler at Morecambe (so I'm told, see below), plus Jack Marriott's scorcher in the usual win over Cambridge, but you'd go some way to better **Stephen O'Donnell's** rocket against Yeovil Town way back in August. A real 'Pick that out' effort.

Favourite Alan Sheehan free-kick of the season: Deserves his own category as the Irishman has netted three blinders this term. Hartlepool one was a cracker, but my personal favourite came against **Barnet**, where the phrase, 'there's no stopping that' couldn't have been put to better use.

Best moment of the season: **Olly Lee's** winner at **Barnet**. Midfielder had been on the end of some stick prior to the game, but the whole away contingent were singing his praises before and after his goal during the 1-0 victory.

Worst moment of the season: **Cameron McGeehan's** injury at



Portsmouth. Midfielder was into double figures already and there's little doubt Luton have greatly missed his knack of arriving in the box on cue.

Quote of the season: **Nathan Jones** on **Glen Rea**: "If I had a kid that's what I want, hopefully he's not as dull as him, but that's what I want because he's right up there and I love him." Classic.

Worst journey: Two spring to mind and that's **Morecambe** and **Carlisle**.

The trip to the Globe saw us miss kick off for the first time ever covering the Hatters, while getting back from Carlisle on a Tuesday night is bad enough, but when every single road is shut, it's even worse.

Back header of the season: The press corp are purveyors of the art and there have been some top attempts, but last week's one by Accrington defender **Omar Beckles** was by far and away the best.

Best food: **Wycombe**. It's always Wycombe. This time was no different as a delicious lasagne was served up. Extra points for dishing out more when this reporter hadn't anticipated they would run out.

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- 1 Stuart Moore
- 2 Stephen O'Donnell
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Jonathan Smith
- 5 Johnny Mullins
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jake Gray
- 8 Cameron McGeehan
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Danny Green
- 14 Jack Marriott
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Zane Banton
- 19 Olly Lee
- 20 Isaac Vassell
- 21 Jack Senior
- 22 Luke Gambin
- 24 Lawson D'Ath
- 27 Tyreeq Bakinson
- 28 Ollie Palmer
- 31 Craig King
- 36 James Justin
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 44 Alan Sheehan

- 1 Barry Roche
- 2 Liam Wakefield
- 3 Aaron McGowan
- 4 Alex Kenyon
- 5 Ryan Edwards
- 6 Dean Winnard
- 7 Paul Mullin
- 8 Peter Murphy
- 10 Lee Molyneux
- 11 Kevin Ellison
- 12 Dan Nizic
- 14 Luke Conlan
- 15 Aaron Wildig
- 16 Alex Whitmore
- 17 Andrew Fleming
- 18 Rhys Turner
- 20 Niall Maher
- 21 Antony Evans
- 22 Kyle Hawley
- 24 Michael Rose
- 25 Ben Hedley
- 26 Steve Yawson
- 27 Luke Jordan

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- JOHN BUSBY
- ROB SMITH
- ALAN CLAYTON
- 4 MARK JONES

