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PENALTIES!

If tonight's match ends all square after 90 minutes, there will be extra-time. If it is still level after that period, penalties will follow and the EFL's new ABBA shoot-out format – where the team taking penalty number two then take the third, and the team who went first will then take two successive penalties for the fourth and fifth, and so on – will be put into practise.

This system, which is designed to alleviate any apparent advantage the team going first will have, is to be trialled in all EFL competitions this season including Carabao Cup, Checkatrade Trophy and the play-offs and replaces the usual ABAB format. There will also be the option for each side to introduce a fourth substitute, but only during the extra-time period.



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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our second home game of the season, this time in the Carabao Cup against Ipswich Town.

I would like to welcome everybody who has travelled with our visitors from Portman Road; supporters, directors, officials, manager Mick McCarthy, his staff and their squad. We hope they enjoy their visit to Bedfordshire and have a safe trip back to Suffolk tonight.

Like ourselves, Ipswich started with a home league win on Saturday against Birmingham City and just as last year, when we hosted Aston Villa and Leeds United in this competition, we know we will be tested to the full by a side from the Sky Bet Championship.

I always enjoy getting the chance to take on clubs from a division I've operated at in recent seasons in my previous job at Brighton because it's a level I aspire to take this club to eventually.

We've not done badly against higher level clubs in my time here, as we saw with that win over Villa and the Checkatrade Trophy victories over Gillingham, West Brom U21s, Swindon and Chesterfield last season, and we relish the opportunity that tonight presents again.

The club has a rich history in this competition, and this being the 30th anniversary of the Littlewoods Cup win over Arsenal was brought into focus on Saturday by Olly and Elliot Lee becoming the first brothers to appear in a competitive game for the club since the Steins, Brian and Mark, at Wembley.

I know there were a number of firsts in the game against Yeovil; the club's biggest ever win in the first game of the season and I understand we are the first team to score eight on the opening day since Wolves in 1962.

These are all things to cherish because this group wants to make fresh history and write their own names into the club's annals, and that will come most importantly by

winning enough games to get this club promoted – which is the overall goal for us this season.

It was lovely for the Lee brothers to score the opening and closing goals on an afternoon when some of our attacking play was outstanding, with a real clinical edge to the finishing from those two, James Collins, Isaac Vassell and that terrific strike from Alan McCormack.

It wasn't quite perfect because we conceded twice. But we had our goalkeeper Marek Stech prove why we brought him in with a couple of magnificent saves, including a penalty just before half-time and a wonderful one-handed stop just after the break that prevented it becoming 5-2 and maybe giving Yeovil hope.

If someone had offered me that result on any day of the season though, I'd have taken it. Now we need to maintain that level of performance.

There was a great atmosphere on Saturday and I thank you for your wonderful support. We love to hear the songs as we come off afterwards, but especially during the game – it can really help the lads out on the pitch.

We'll need it tonight as well. Night games under the lights here are always special, so please make the old place rock and let's see what we can do.

Enjoy the game.

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FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE GARY SWEET

Wow! What a summer that was! So much for calling it a break!

I'll be happy once the transfer window closes so we can have a break and move forwards into the season without the uncertainty surrounding the stability of the squad.

As I warmly welcome Ipswich – their players, staff, directors and, most importantly their supporters – to tonight's exciting Carabao Cup tie, my attentions are turned towards yet another summer of restructure on and off the pitch.

EIGHT

This is my first chance to welcome our seven new permanent signings; Marek, Alan, Jack, Elliot, Harry and the two Jameses, plus Andrew Shinnie on loan from Birmingham City. I am sure you were all more than impressed with the contribution made by all on Saturday with no fewer than five of our eight goals coming from players making their debuts (or re-debuts, in Elliot's case).

It was a great way to start the new season – to be the team everyone was talking about over the weekend and to be featured so heavily in the media – let's hope for more of the same throughout the season ahead, but it's vitally important we do not get ahead of ourselves.

As well as those eight new players we were also pleased to award Kavan Cotter his first professional contract and to agree extended deals with several existing players including Dan, James Justin and Pelly, all of which adds to the strength and stability within Nathan's squad.

Inevitably, we have said goodbye to players who have moved on – some having provided some great memories during their time with us. Cam, Smudge, Jack, Stephen, Jake, Craig, Danny and Zane all played their part over the course of the last few seasons and I would like to thank them for their contribution and wish them well at their respective new clubs.

I cannot also fail to mention Craig King's departure from Kenilworth Road. Craig had been with us for nine years and we offered him a new contract for this current season. However, bravely, he took a big personal decision to step away from professional football, publicly declaring his problems with depression and his desire to try and enjoy his life again. I really respect him for his choice and wish him well in his life away from Luton Town – we hope to see him back here as a fan during the season.

There has been some comment about why we do not announce transfer fees paid or received with 'undisclosed' sums being given for each transaction. Technically, it is against EFL rules to disclose transfer fees, but more importantly it is about doing what is best for Luton Town Football Club. Not only should we never wish to give other clubs a clear picture of our financial capability, but the complexity of transaction in the way we structure them doesn't allow for a single figure to be meaningful at all.

To example this, if we are seeking to buy a player the day after bragging about receiving £1m for the transfer of one of our players from another club, the fee of any incoming player we are looking at then inflates significantly. Additionally, it can be possible that a transfer with a 'published' initial fee of £100,000 could be worth more to us than another transfer published at £1m.

That said, as an assurance, we are very pleased with our business this summer so far and you can be proud to learn that any excess in transfer fees received over fees paid will be re-invested towards our overriding aim to win promotion this season and our football ambitions longer-term.



Hopefully you will believe, as we do, that we have improved the overall quality of the squad and, not only that, we continue to support Nathan and his staff with the best of equipment, facilities and technology behind the scenes, seeking to achieve those marginal gains which, when added together do improve our chances.

BETTER

And I would also like to address some commentators who have labelled us as 'big spenders' splashing the cash to buy promotion. I am pleased to say that after our busy transfer window, so far, our overall monthly player wage bill has reduced from the end of last season; we are operating with fewer professional players; we have received more transfer fees than we have expended; and we have negotiated better future contingent payments and sell-on fees than we have offered.

Away from football the summer months have seen the usual hive of activity around the stadium and training ground. Pitches have been relaid; walls have been painted; sterling work has continued at The Brache and Ely Way; and commercially the summer months are traditionally the busiest time of the year.

I would like to thank our main sponsor, SsangYong for their continued support as they enter their second season as our shirt sponsor. We enjoyed our first season with them and hope that they too enjoyed the relationship with their local club and the extra exposure four live televised matches brought them. In fact, I should thank all our sponsors for their continuing support – I can assure them that it is very much appreciated.

Many of you will have seen and may already have joined LutonLotto, and for those of you who have not yet

done so, then I urge you to join. It is a fantastic way to support our Academy and help us continue to develop young local talent – all of the proceeds from this fantastic scheme will go straight to Andy Awford's budget and you have the chance to win some serious prize money too. Give it a try – visit lutontownlotto.com

ENVIOUS

Season ticket sales are currently running ahead of last season's figures and only a handful short of last season's final tally, which included all sales up to Christmas – your support is vital and we will never take it for granted. Other clubs in our division are envious of both the quantity and quality of our support. Not only are you very sensible people (if Saturday was anything to go by), but you can and do make the difference – thank you from all the Board for your faith and unwavering support.





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In the Boardroom, you will all have seen by now that Nick Owen has stepped down from his role as non-executive Chairman after nine years. Nick has been fantastic for Luton Town Football Club 2020 Ltd since we took over, providing a familiar and reassuring profile for the club during what was an incredibly difficult period in our history. His contribution has been immense and whilst he is no longer Chairman, he has become a Vice-President and we will still see him at Kenilworth Road on a regular basis.

At the same time we have taken the opportunity to fully recognise the long-time support of Richard Banks, and he has taken up the title of Life Vice-President. Richard, a former long-standing Director of the club, has been unstinting in his support since 2020 took over in 2008, and the Board felt it only correct that his efforts should be recognised in this way. On a personal level, I have greatly appreciated the sage advice and generosity offered to me and others during this time.

We are also delighted to announce that Ben and Emma Banks have become Vice-Presidents, further enhancing the Banks family presence in the Boardroom. Both Ben and Emma have been visiting Kenilworth Road with Richard since they were children and it's a pleasure to be able to add their immense commercial capability to our extended list of advisors.

With such a wealth of knowledge, experience and capability we now have in our boardroom on a matchday, we'll look to provide more of an insight into the people who are vice presidents and what their ambassadorial functions include in future programmes.

Our planning applications remain with Luton Borough Council and we are patiently awaiting what we all hope will be a positive determination over the course of the next two or three months. We were requested to supply some additional information regarding certain aspects of the application at the back end of last season – which we duly supplied – and the Planning Officer is currently writing his report to present to the full committee. It is hard to be patient, but we have no choice and if we do receive a positive determination, whenever that may be, then we can all look forward to truly exciting times for Luton Town.

I was asked to attend a Supporters Trust event back in June and the overwhelming message sent from fans to Capital & Regional (Operators of the Mall) who were in attendance was very loud and very clear. The event was broadcast by BBC Three Counties Radio and the clamour



for a removal of the Mall's objections was made eloquently by our two MPs, Gavin Shuker and Kelvin Hopkins, by senior members of Luton Borough Council, local residents and also by supporters themselves. I was pleased to be able to attend and contribute – it made me proud to be a Lutonian to see everyone, well nearly everyone, united in such a common and common-sense cause.

Looking forward to tonight and beyond, we have achieved some excellent League Cup results in recent seasons and hopefully we will be in Thursday night's draw for the second round by beating the Tractor Boys. Thank you for your support if you've travelled from the east and let's hope you all contribute to a spectacle this evening.

Clearly, as you would all wish, our aim for the season is simply to win promotion to League One and we will do everything in our power to achieve exactly that. But cup success is always welcome and any financial benefits from such success adds further to the pot in support of our primary objective – promotion!

Enjoy the game – COYH!

Gary

WE'RE ON OUR WAY

BARNET

THE HATTERS TRAVEL SOUTH TO BARNET THIS WEEKEND, AND WE HOPE THE WEATHER AND THE RESULT ARE AS GLORIOUS AS OUR LAST VISIT TO THE HIVE...

FORMED: 1888 | NICKNAME: THE BEES | LAST SEASON: 15TH IN LEAGUE TWO | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @BARNETFC

COLOURS: BLACK WITH AMBER STRIPE | GROUND: THE HIVE | MANAGER: ROSSI EAMES

WHO? Entering their third consecutive season back in the fourth tier, Barnet have done well to establish themselves in the division following their promotion from the Conference in 2015 as champions. The goals from John Akinde have certainly helped since his arrival in 2014, having netted 83 times in 145 appearances. He finished joint top scorer in the division last season alongside Doncaster's John Marquis, both on 26 goals. The Bees went through a couple of managers last term including former Hatters assistant boss Kevin Nugent, but have settled with Rossi Eames, who had a decent stint as caretaker boss prior to Nugent's appointment and then after his departure.

TICKETS Ticket prices for this fixture can be found on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE We head into Saturday's game with a strong record against the Bees, having picked up six wins from the eight meetings between us.



Olly Lee's goal celebrations on our last visit to The Hive

Our only defeat was a 2-1 loss at The Hive in March 2016. We took all six points off them last term; a 3-1 win over the Bees at Kenilworth Road on New Year's Eve, before Olly Lee curled home his only goal of the season in the 1-0 away win at the beginning of April.

IN CHARGE Rossi Eames had two temporary spells last season, winning seven of the 16 games he oversaw. Now in full-time charge at the club, Eames is the youngest manager in the EFL at 32. Having been in charge of the club's development squad at the start of 2016/17, Eames was promoted to interim manager after Martin Allen left for Vanarama National League side Eastleigh. He led the side from the beginning of December until mid-February when Nugent was appointed. Nugent was in charge until the second week of April then Eames once again stood in on a caretaker basis and was given the job permanently in May.

PREVIOUS FORM: The Bees had a tough start to the season with a trip to newly-promoted Forest Green Rovers, and at half-time it looked like they'd end matchday one with no points as they trailed to a Christian Doidge double. Barnet hit back after the break, however, to earn a draw with Jean-Louis Akpa Akpro and Jamal Campbell-Ryce netting in quick succession to send them into tonight's Carabao Cup tie at League One side Peterborough United on a high.

KNOWING ME KNOWING YOU Town midfielders Luke Gambin and Olly Lee have both played for the Bees, the former beginning his career there before joining the Town in January, whilst the latter had a loan spell with them. Brian Stein, Paul Furlong and Rossi Jarvis have represented the Hatters and the Bees at different points during their careers, whilst John Still was manager there in the late 90s and early 2000s.

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BARNET

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MANSFIELD TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SAT 26TH AUGUST | 3PM

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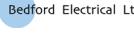

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LAST SEASON: 16TH IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to the staff, players and supporters of the travelling Tractor Boys.

Embarking on their 16th consecutive season in the Championship, Ipswich will be looking to improve on their finishing position last term after being more used to ending up in the top half. A 16th placed finish for 2016/17 was Mick McCarthy's lowest since his arrival at Portman Road in 2012, but with the 58-year-old's expertise and knowledge for the division, no doubt they will be a serious force in their league this term.

The ex-Republic of Ireland international and Barnsley defender counts the Blues as the fifth team he has managed, having also been in charge at Millwall, with the Republic, Sunderland and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

He has never been out of a job longer than ten months since he first became a manager in 1992 with the Lions, where he finished his playing career. He made nearly 600 appearances during his playing days, plying his trade across the top four tiers of English football, as well as a spell with Scottish Premier League outfit Celtic, and a short stint with French top division side, Olympic Lyonnais.

Formed in 1878, the Blues have been slightly more used to being a

top division side in the post WW2 era, enjoying five years in the Premier League more recently and UEFA Cup football, but they dropped down into the second tier in 2002 and have resided there ever since.

In both the 2003/04 and 04/05 season they reached the Championship play-offs, but lost in both semi-finals to West Ham United. More recently the club reached the same stage in 2015, with former Hatter Daryl Murphy's goals that season helping them on their way, but that time they lost in the semi-finals to local rivals Norwich City.

Since Murphy's departure to Newcastle United at the beginning of last season, the Tractor Boys have struggled to replace his goals, as Tom Lawrence was their top scorer with 11 to his name in 2016/17. New signing from Rangers, Joe Garner, who has plenty of experience at that level having played for the likes of Nottingham Forest and Preston North End, will be relied on to alleviate some of that pressure.

The addition of defender Dominic Iorfa and midfielders Besant Celina, Tom Adeyemi and Emry Huws will strengthen McCarthy's side considerably, with the latter

a player in demand after enjoying a decent loan spell at Portman Road from Cardiff City last season.

Tonight's game will mark the 30th meeting between the Hatters and Ipswich, and our first competitive fixture in just over a decade. Our last game against them was a 2-0 home defeat to the Tractor Boys in March 2007. Of the 29 games played, Luton have won 12 times, lost 11 and drawn six.



Mick McCarthy

HATTERS V IPSWICH

LUTON WINS: 12 | DRAWS: 6 | IPSWICH WINS: 11
LAST MEETING: LUTON 0-2 IPSWICH | 2ND MARCH 2007

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

DEAN GERKEN



The stopper has recently extended his deal until 2019 as he approaches a century of appearances for the Blues.

The 32-year-old has made over 300 career appearances, having started out with Colchester United before joining Bristol City 2009. He departed Ashton Gate in 2013, joining the Tractor Boys initially on trial and impressing Mick McCarthy so much so the keeper has been at Portman Road ever since.

THE WALL

TOMMY SMITH



The 27-year-old recently made it a decade with the Blues after joining them in July 2007, progressing

through the Portman Road youth ranks. A New Zealand international, the central defender has also been out on loan to Stevenage, Brentford and Colchester United. Combining those loan spells with his time at Ipswich he has gone onto make over 250 first team appearances, as well as having won 32 caps for the All Whites, including playing at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

GRANT WARD

The 22-year-old had near enough the perfect debut for the Blues when he came on from the bench at half-time against Barnsley on the opening day of last season to net a hat-trick in a 3-2 win. He had arrived at Portman Road last summer for an undisclosed fee from Tottenham having impressed on loan at Rotherham United the season before, where he picked up both Young Player of the Year and Goal of the Year awards. He has also enjoyed loans with MLS side Chicago Fire and then-League One side Coventry City.



THE DANGERMAN

FREDDIE SEARS

A former England U19, U20 and U21 international, the 27-year-old started his career off at West Ham United, where he made a number of appearances for the club in the Premier League and in the Championship. He went out on a number of loans to the likes of Crystal Palace, Coventry and Colchester, before joining the U's on a permanent deal in 2012. He spent three seasons there before moving in 2015 to Portman Road, where he has made over 100 first team appearances.



GOALKEEPER

BARTOSZ BIALKOWSKI

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: NOTTS COUNTY

DEFENDERS

LUKE CHAMBERS

AGE: 31

PREVIOUS CLUB: NOTTINGHAM FOREST

JONAS KNUDSEN

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: ESBJERG

JORDAN SPENCE

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: MK DONS

ADAM WEBSTER

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: PORTSMOUTH

DOMINIC IORFA

AGE: 22

ON LOAN FROM WOLVES

MIDFIELDERS

EDWARD BISHOP

AGE: 21

CAME THROUGH IPSWICH YOUTH RANKS

COLE SKUSE

AGE: 31

PREVIOUS CLUB: BRISTOL CITY

KEVIN BRU

AGE: 28

PREVIOUS CLUB: LEVSKI SOFIA

EMRY HUWS

AGE: 23

PREVIOUS CLUB: CARDIFF CITY

ANDRE DOZELL

AGE: 18

CAME THROUGH THE IPSWICH ACADEMY

STRIKERS

DAVID McGOLDRICK

AGE: 29

PREVIOUS CLUB: NOTTINGHAM FOREST

JOE GARNER

AGE: 29

PREVIOUS CLUB: RANGERS

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



PETER HUMPHREY, an Ipswich Town supporter of 40 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season and this evening on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Tractor Boys...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

You've been in the Championship for a number of seasons now, are you hopeful this one can bear a little more fruit than years gone by?

Not this season, money controls who goes up. We clearly are destined to stay put, although I see Corals the bookies have us as third favourites to be relegated!

The Tractor Boys have made a number of decent acquisitions over the summer, who do you think will leave their mark on this season?

One of the problems with football is you need a few games with your best team to get going... often then you may have dropped too many points. You need a good start to the season. Hoping for a play-off position.

Mick McCarthy has been at the helm with the Blues for what will be his sixth season now, how has he improved your team?

Poor Mick has his hands tied. He came in and took over from Paul Jewell, who in turn had come in after Roy Keane – who was a fantastic footballer but can not manage people or players. We would have been relegated if the club had stuck with him.



Emrys Huws has signed a permanent deal with Ipswich after a loan spell last season, how pleased are you with that addition?

Really pleased. Emrys looked a great midfielder who has a few goals in him when he was with us on loan from Cardiff City.

We imagine the Town's FA Cup victory over Norwich in 2013 put a smile on your face, how keen are you to avoid a similar outcome?

I've got to be honest, I'm not worried about this cup – we often go out in the first round to lower teams. In the last four years we've lost to Crawley and twice to Stevenage, so it wouldn't surprise me!

The Hatters last played Ipswich in 2007, it finished in a 2-0 win for you lot at Kenilworth Road, any memories of that fixture?

Yes...how desperate you are for a new ground! It will then help you attract better players (if you need any!).





QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats?

Seats

Who are your rivals?

Silly question, Norwich

Favourite all-time manager?

Bobby Robson



Predict your player of the season?

Big Pole in the Goal – Bartoz Bialkowski

If you could bring one player from the past back into the Ipswich team, who would it be? Kevin Beattie

Which five current or former Ipswich players or managers would you invite to a dinner party?

Jim Magilton, George Burley, Mick Mills, Bobby Robson and John Wark

Most treasured piece of Ipswich memorabilia?

Signed photo of Bobby Robson

What league will Ipswich be in next season?

Championship

Who will win the Carabao Cup this season?

Luton

MR ALL-TIME IPSWICH XI...

GK: ASMIR BEGOVIC

Total good all-rounder with a big presence

RB: MICK MILLS

Captain Fantastic, 100% consistent, a great leader and club captain

CB: TERRY BUTCHER

Dominant in the air, solid stopper with a big presence at the club

CB: KEVIN BEATTIE

‘The best player England never had’! Such a sweet left foot, his timing was second to none. So solid he was a pleasure to watch

LB: GEORGE BURLEY

Scotland and Ipswich, quick, fast and reliable.

RM: ARNOLD MUHREN

Poetry on the park, such balance and precision. Brilliant player.

CM: JOHN WARK

A true legend, dynamo, 100% every game, goals galore and one of the best midfield players ever.

CM: JIM MAGILTON

A fiery Irish dynamo who could always do something different. A great team man.

LM: MATT HOLLAND

What an engine he had, non-stop commitment, breaking up attacks from opposition, setting up attacks and capable of scoring a few decent goals

S: PAUL MARINER

Gifted centre forward who was good in the air, but had such good feet. A naturally gifted player

S: MARCUS STEWART

A lively striker who had the gift of goals, helping Ipswich win the 2000 play-offs into the Premier League.



TOP BOYS

KEVIN BEATTIE

England international central defender Kevin Beattie was Ipswich Town's 'Player of the Year' in two consecutive seasons. He turned professional with Ipswich in July 1971 and was PFA 'Young Player of the Year' in 1973-74. Forming an excellent partnership with Allan Hunter, he helped Ipswich to win the FA Cup in 1978 and netted 24 goals in 228 League games before a knee injury halted his top-flight playing career. After unsuccessful comeback bids with Colchester United and Middlesbrough, he had spells with several Norwegian sides, then Barnet and Clacton Town. He has since worked in the licensed trade.

GEORGE BURLEY

Scotland international right-back George Burley was Ipswich Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1976-77. Signing professional at Portman Road in June 1973, he starred in Ipswich's 1978 FA Cup final success and netted six goals in 394 League games prior to joining Sunderland in September 1985. He later played for Gillingham and Motherwell, then was Ayr United's player-boss and managed Colchester United before rejoining Ipswich as boss in December 1994. Plotting promotion in 1999-2000 and twice guiding them into the UEFA Cup, he left in October 2002, since managing Derby, Hearts, Southampton, Scotland and Crystal Palace.



MICK MILLS

Long-serving England international full-back Mick Mills was Ipswich Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1977-78. A former Portsmouth apprentice, he moved to Portman Road in February 1966 and was ever-present for Ipswich on seven occasions, starring in successive League Championship near-misses under Bobby Robson. He captained Ipswich's 1978 FA Cup and 1981 UEFA Cup final triumphs, gaining 42 caps and scoring 22 goals in a club record 561 League games prior to joining Southampton in November 1982. Later Stoke City's player-boss, he then managed Colchester United and has held various coaching posts.

PAUL COOPER

Long-serving goalkeeper Paul Cooper was 'Player of the Year' when Ipswich Town won the UEFA Cup in 1981. Initially with Birmingham City, he helped win promotion and reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1971-72. Bobby Robson paid £27,000 for him in March 1974 and he earned a reputation as a penalty saver.

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN
LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES
TEN WINNERS OF
IPSWICH TOWN'S 'PLAYER
OF THE YEAR' AWARD

Starring as Ipswich won the FA Cup in 1978, he made 447 League appearances before joining Leicester City in June 1987. He moved to Manchester City in March 1989 and helped them clinch a top-flight return two months later, then played for Stockport County. Now living in Tenerife, he runs golfing holidays.

ALAN BRAZIL

Scotland international striker Alan Brazil was Ipswich Town's leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' in 1981-82. Signing professional at Portman Road in May 1977, he was a key figure as Ipswich won the UEFA Cup in 1981 and scored a club record five goals against Southampton that year. He netted 70 times in 154 First Division outings before moving to Spurs for £500,000 in March 1983. Sold to Manchester United for £700,000 in June 1984, he was swapped for Coventry City's Terry Gibson in January 1986 but a back injury ended his career soon after joining QPR in June 1986. He became a football commentator.



PAUL MARINER

England international striker Paul Mariner was Ipswich Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83. Initially with Chorley, he moved to Plymouth Argyle in July 1973 and starred in their 1973-74 League Cup run and 1974-75 promotion success. He joined Ipswich in a then club record £220,000 deal in September 1976 and was leading marksman in three successive seasons, starring in their 1978 FA Cup and 1981 UEFA Cup final triumphs. Scoring 96 goals in 260 First Division games prior to joining Arsenal in February 1984, he then played for Portsmouth and has since coached in the United States as well as a spell back at Plymouth.

TERRY BUTCHER

England international central defender Terry Butcher was Ipswich Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1984-85 and 1985-86. Signing professional at Portman Road in August 1976, he formed a notable partnership with Russell Osman as Ipswich won the UEFA Cup in 1981. He scored 16 goals in 271 First Division games before moving to Glasgow Rangers in August 1986



and was a key figure in Scottish League and League Cup successes. Appointed Coventry's player-boss in November 1990, he has since managed Sunderland, Motherwell, Sydney, Brentford, Inverness Caledonian Thistle, Hibernian and Newport County.

JOHN WARK

Scotland international favourite John Wark was Ipswich Town's 'Player of the Year' a record four times. Signing professional at Portman Road in August 1974, he starred as Ipswich lifted the FA Youth Cup in 1975, FA Cup in 1978 and UEFA Cup in 1981, when PFA 'Player of the Year'. He was sold to Liverpool for £450,000 in March 1984 and won numerous honours, returning to Ipswich in January 1988. After a year at Middlesbrough, he rejoined Ipswich again in August 1991 and helped them to win the Second Division title in 1991-92. He netted 135 goals in 539 League games overall before joining Ipswich's coaching staff.

RICHARD WRIGHT

England international goalkeeper Richard Wright was Ipswich Town's 'Player of the Year' in 2008-09. Signing professional at Portman Road in January 1995, he was ever-present in three successive seasons and starred in Ipswich's 1999-2000 promotion success. He helped qualify for the UEFA Cup in 2000-01 and moved to Arsenal for £6m in July 2001. Understudying David Seaman in their 2001-02 'double' success, he joined Everton in July 2002, then moved via West Ham back to Ipswich in July 2008. He briefly returned from Sheffield United in November 2011, making 299 League appearances overall.

**MATT HOLLAND**

Republic of Ireland international midfielder Matt Holland skippered Ipswich Town's 1999-2000 First Division play-off final triumph. He turned professional with West Ham in July 1992 and joined AFC Bournemouth initially on loan in January 1995. Voted their 'Player of the Year' in 1995-96, he moved to Ipswich in July 1997 and was ever-present in five successive seasons, twice captaining them to UEFA Cup qualification. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1997-98 and 2002-03, netting 38 goals in 259 League games before joining Charlton Athletic in June 2003. Gaining 49 caps overall, he became a TV football pundit.



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LEAGUE CUP CLASHES WITH THE TRACTOR BOYS

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...



Mark Stein tries to get clear of the Ipswich defence at Portman Road in 1987

Tonight will be the third time we have been paired with the boys from Suffolk in the League Cup (or its various guises) with the Hatters coming out on top in our previous clashes.

In 1987/88 top-flight Luton had got past Wigan, over two legs, and Coventry before sealing a fourth round tie at Ipswich, then as now in Division Two (now the Championship). Ipswich had got past Northampton and Southend to claim their meeting with the Hatters.

A best of the season, at that point, crowd of 15,643 turned out at Portman Road on a cold November evening to see a Luton side decimated by injury with six regular first teamers out.

Despite this we took the lead after four minutes via an expert finish from Brian Stein. Mark Stein threaded a pass through the middle to his brother who stepped around two defenders, drew the goalkeeper and passed the ball into the net.

From then on it was one-way traffic as Ipswich laid siege on the Luton goal with the tall Mich D'Avray the focal point of the attacks. The Hatters' defence held firm with Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy marshalling their young fellow defenders, aided

by a superb display from goalkeeper Les Sealey who, it was revealed afterwards, had been receiving treatment right up until kick-off for a shoulder injury.

Afterwards manager Ray Harford was asked if he thought the Town had been lucky. "Two clean sheets (the Town had won 2-0 at Sheffield Wednesday the previous Saturday) against teams that come at you is not luck. It's good play," was his reply.



Steve Davis heads the Town 4-3 ahead on aggregate in 1998



The Hatters were, of course, to go all the way that season and lift the trophy in glorious fashion the following April, but the glory days were behind us when the Hatters and Ipswich next clashed in the competition in a two-legged second round tie in September 1998.

By this time we were in Division Two (now League One), while Ipswich were one division higher. Again injuries were a problem with Jimmy Cox handed his debut in midfield alongside two other 18-year-olds, plus 'veteran' Sean Evers at 20! The young midfield was full of pace and precision passing and it was a shame that counter attacks, which often exposed Ipswich, could not produce the final telling shot.

In David Johnson and James Scowcroft, Ipswich possessed a top quality attacking combination and proved it two minutes into the second half when the former set up the latter to put the home side ahead.

The Hatters did not give up though and after Douglas netted when wrongly adjudged offside (I was in line), he got it right on the hour after taking a clever pass from Evers.

A draw looked the likely outcome until ten minutes from time when Gavin McGowan went to head clear a long cross with the ball rebounding off Ipswich's Matt Holland right to the feet of Manuel Thetis, who accepted the chance with easy expertise.

By the time of the second leg a week later a few of the walking wounded were fit to play, so it was very deflating when Johnson gave Ipswich a 1-0 interval lead to go 3-1 up on aggregate.

In the second period the Hatters turned the game round with firstly Andrew Fotiadis bustling his way through the Ipswich defence to fire a fierce shot past Richard Wright and

then, with six minutes to go, Douglas turning his man before shooting past Wright.

It was all level now and after 180 minutes of football the two sides could not be separated, and so it was on to extra-time and Kenilworth Road erupted when skipper and centre-half Steve Davis headed home a Graham Alexander corner on 98 minutes.

Hero turned to villain with two minutes to go though when he stretched to clear a cross and put through his own goal. Ipswich were now ahead on the away goals rule.

Step forward defender Marvin Johnson, who netted around one goal a season during his long career at Kenilworth Road. With the seconds ticking away, the Town won a corner which was swung over by Matthew Spring into a packed penalty box.

Wright did not get enough on the ball and pushed it to 'Marvellous Mar', who saw his header loop over everyone and drop just under the bar.

Cue mass celebration as Marvin led a charge back up the field before being mobbed by his team-mates. There was barely time to re-start the game before the referee signalled the end of a brilliant night under the lights.



Marvin leads the charge after his last gasp winner

CENTRE SPOT





SUPERMAC MK II! Alan McCormack leads the celebrations after netting the stunning third goal in Saturday's 8-2 victory over Yeovil Town at Kenilworth Road

TOWN 8 : YEOVIL TOWN 2



SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 8,101 | AWAY: 258

TOWN GOALS: O LEE 12, COLLINS 19, 58, 66, MCCORMACK 24, VASSELL 36, 38, E LEE 90+9

YEOVIL GOALS: KHAN 7, ZOKO 67

HATTERS: STACEY, CUTHBERT ©, SHEEHAN, POTTS, MCCORMACK (REA 64), OLLY LEE, MPANZU, SHINNIE (MULLINS 75), COLLINS (ELLIOT LEE 69), VASSELL | **SUBS NOT USED:** COOK, SENIOR, GAMBIN, SHEA (GK)
YELLOW CARDS: MCCORMACK, MPANZU, REA

YEOVIL: KRYSIAK, ALFEI, DAVIES (SOWUNMI 46), NATHAN SMITH, DICKSON, GRAY, BAILEY ©, CONNOR SMITH (SANTOS 64), KHAN, ZOKO, OLOMOLA (SURRIDGE 71) | **SUBS NOT USED:** BROWNE, MADDISON (GK), JAMES | **YELLOW CARDS:** CONNOR SMITH, OLOMOLA, ALFEI



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JONES:

"It's a dream start in terms of the amount of goals and how clinical we were, but we work a lot on our attacking play, so it's just

rewards for the work we do. It's a wonderful start for us and we'd have taken that all day long, as anyone else in the world would have. We had some other excellent chances that we could have had more, but to score eight in any game at any level is wonderful. To do it here in the first game, after the disappointment of last year, puts a few things to bed."



POSSESSION



SHOTS ON TARGET



SHOTS OFF TARGET



CORNERS



FOULS

THE MAIN MINUTES

7' GOAL to the visitors. Otis Khan curls home in a free-kick 20 yards from the Town goal. The Hatters had been the dominant side up until that point. **0-1**.

12' GOAL TO THE HATTERS!!! Olly Lee slots the ball into the bottom left corner in fine style from Isaac Vassell's left wing cross! **1-1**

19' 2-1 to the Hatters! James Collins opens his account for the Town. Andrew Shinnie's excellent pass finds the striker and he chips it over Artur Krysiak from just inside the visitors' box. Wonderful stuff!

24' PICK THAT OUT! WHAT A GOAL! Vassell wins a corner, Sheehan takes, it's headed clear and Alan McCormack volleys it from 25 yards into the top corner! Outrageous stuff from the Irishman! **3-1!**

36' It's **4-1**. Vassell deservedly gets a goal, he has been everywhere so far. He battles with two defenders to get through before slotting it home from 16 yards!

38' What is going on? Collins plays the ball over this time, Vassell gets it on the left side of the Yeovil box and slots it into the bottom right corner beyond Krysiak. **5-1**.

41' Yeovil win a penalty after McCormack trips Ryan Dickson – with the Town man picking up a booking. Khan takes the spot kick and Stech saves well, diving to his left!

58' Collins now has a brace as he fires it past Krysiak from inside the Yeovil box to make it **6-1!** The Hatters have looked incredible so far.

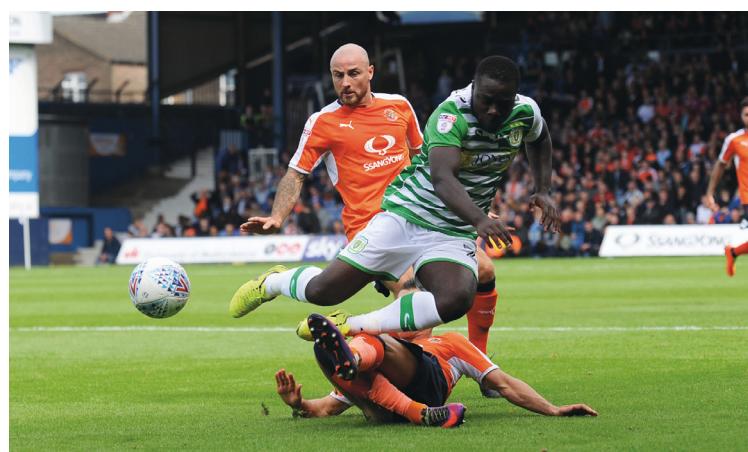
66' HAT-TRICK ON HIS DEBUT! Collins once again gets himself in a good position and makes no mistake with the shot, rifling it past Krysiak! **7-1!**

67' GOAL for Yeovil, Dickson crosses from the left and Francois Zoko heads in from close range. **7-2**.

90+9' The first brothers to play on the same pitch for the Town since the Stein brothers, Olly Lee sends in a free-kick from the left, Elliot nods in at the back post to make it **8-2**, making it Town's **best opening day victory ever!**



James Collins nets the first of his hat-trick



Alan McCormack scores the third with a terrific 25-yard volley



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COLLO COLLECTS A DEBUT TREBLE!

AND THE STRIKER EXPECTS MORE TO COME WITH THE QUALITY OF HIS TEAM-MATES

It was a Town debut to remember for a number of Hatters in the 8-2 win over Yeovil Town, but none more so than for striker James Collins who netted a hat-trick in front of the Kenilworth Road faithful.

Three smart finishes, one in the first half and two in the second, helped Nathan Jones' side to an emphatic win as the new signing took his chance with both hands in the absence of last season's top scorer Danny Hylton.

Fellow new signing Andrew Shinnie assisted in all of Collins' goals and he said: "Debuts like that don't come along very often! I am delighted to get off to a start like that. It was an emphatic win for the club as well, so a good day all round.

"Shins set all of my goals up today. He has got that quality that once he's got the ball at his feet he will find you, so I am really happy that he was able to do that.

"As soon as Olly Lee got the equaliser, there was only going to be one winner I thought and all the lads who played did a good job as well because we went onto play some good football.

"When you have got midfielders with the quality we have got, I think it makes mine, Isaac Vassell, Elliot Lee and Danny Hylton's job a lot easier, because you know once you make the movement you'll get the ball to feet, whether that's in behind or it's into feet – with quality as well. They certainly make our life a lot easier."

The arrival of Collins from Crawley Town and Elliot Lee from Barnsley has added power to an already potent strike force in Hylton and Vassell, with the 26-year-old expecting the competition for a starting place to be even more fierce upon the return of Hylton, who's recovering from a summer op.

"We are really blessed at this club with some good quality and that's without Hylts even setting foot on a pitch yet," Collins continued. "So imagine the firepower we are going to have once he is fit and raring to go. It's only good for this football club and good going forward."



The ex-Aston Villa and Shrewsbury Town man was also keen to praise the fans for their impact on the game, as they carried on with their vocal support even after an early setback.

"The supporters were outstanding," he said. "Once you walk out that tunnel it gives you goose bumps and to come off to a standing ovation it's really, really nice as well."

"They were great, even when we went 1-0 down they were still cheering us on. I just hope we can do it for them this year."

"My family and my little boy Cooper, who'll enjoy playing in the garden with the matchball, were in the crowd. It was a quality day all round really."

IT'S A LOVE-LEE FAMILY AFTERNOON OUT!

GOALSCORERS OLLY AND ELLIOT BECOME FIRST BROTHERS TO PLAY FOR THE TOWN SINCE THE STEINS IN 1988

When Elliot Lee came on as a second-half substitute against Yeovil, joining elder brother Olly on the Kenilworth Road pitch, the Hatters had their first set of siblings playing in a competitive game together since Brian and Mark Stein in the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final at Wembley.

With 26-year-old midfielder Olly opening the Hatters' account with his volleyed equaliser on 12 minutes and Elliot, 22, netting the eighth nine minutes into injury-time, it was certainly a day to remember for the Lee family.



"It's nice to create a bit of club history and with both of us getting a goal as well, it's a good day," said Olly when the two were interviewed together for iFollow Hatters.

"I was pleased with mine because they got a goal against the run of play and we could have been 2-0 up before that, so it was nice to get a quick reply and it set us off nicely.

"It was a good all-round team performance. We did well, we looked strong and we could have had more goals."

Having watched the first seven goals fly in before replacing hat-trick hero James Collins in the 69th minutes, Elliot was in a good position to comment on the overall performance.

"You don't mind sitting on the bench when you're watching football like that," said the recent signing from Barnsley. "It was brilliant from the boys and you can only sit back and applaud – well, actually I was getting up every ten minutes to stand and applaud another goal, so it was a great day at the office!"

As we ask Elliot about his far post header, big bro – who provided the assist with a free-kick from out by the left corner flag – chips in: "Put it on a plate for him, didn't I? Couldn't miss, could he? It's nice to set him up for a goal and it's a long season so hopefully there'll be plenty more to come."

Of course, it wasn't Elliot's first goal in a Luton shirt – he netted three times during his loan from West Ham in 2014-15 – but asked for his thoughts on Olly's description of the assist, he replies: "I'm not sure about that – I had to move a little bit to get it."

And when it's suggested that he might not score too many with his head, he laughs: "No, do you know what, I'm actually all right in the air."

"Andy Carroll, he is!" Olly laughs, before Elliot continues: "I might be a little Hobbit, but I'm all right in the air – I've got a decent leap on me."

The joy of playing together is clearly there for both brothers, and Olly explained that dad Rob and mum Anna were all at the game on Saturday, too, just as they were throughout pre-season.

REACTION



"I'm sure they'll have been loving it – it's nice that they're all here today and they'll have seen us score a couple of goals, hopefully there's a few more to come," said Olly, who played a big part in helping manager Nathan Jones bring his brother, his best mate Andrew Shinnie and former West Ham team-mate Marek Stech in during the summer by answering all of their questions about the club.

GOING PLACES

"I've put a good word in and got a lot of mates here, so it's nice – it's going to be a good season I feel," he continues when asked about his unofficial 'agent' role.

"Obviously as soon as I knew about El coming in and Shinnies and that, they text me and asked me what's going on.

"We were actually on holiday when I got a call asking me about Els, so I just told them that it's a great place to be and we are going places. Everyone wants to be a part of it.

"We couldn't have dreamed of a start like we got today, but we know how good we are. We've only improved from last year and we've got the fire in our belly from last season. We are ready to kick on and hopefully win the league this season."

After barely playing for Barnsley last season, Elliot says he was only too keen to sign for the Town, knowing so much about the club through both his loan spell before Olly arrived in the summer of 2015, and what his brother has told him since.

"When I got the call in the summer, like Olly said, it really appealed to me and then I spoke to the gaffer, he completely sold it to me," said Elliot. "I think everyone can see we are a club going places. We aren't a League Two club, like I've said before, and I think we made a real statement today."

FEAR

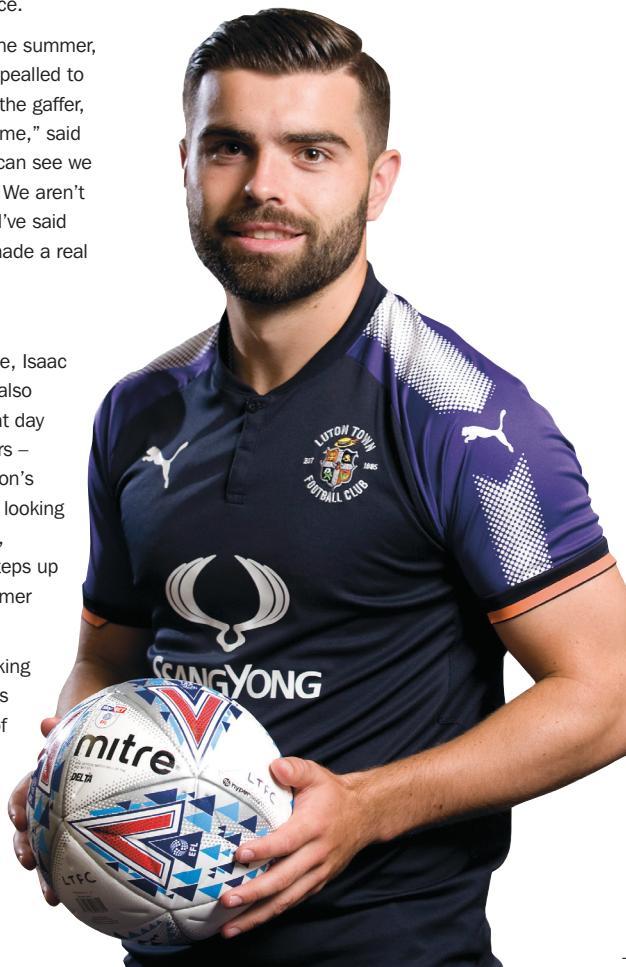
With Collins scoring three, Isaac Vassell a pair and Elliot also registering, it was a great day for the the Town's strikers – especially with last season's top scorer Danny Hylton looking on from the Main Stand, champing at bit as he steps up his recovery from a summer operation.

"I think other teams looking at us are going to fear us every game with some of the strikers we've got and the midfielders who can score as well," added Elliot.

"The all-round quality in the team is frightening to look at and I think the only way is up for the team."

And on being part of a midfield quartet that controlled the game, with Alan McCormack in the holding role, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and himself to the sides of the diamond and the excellent Shinnie at the tip, Olly added: "It was a joy to play with them all.

"They are all good players and we all like to think we could play at a higher level. We've just got to keep proving that every week and hopefully we'll keep getting the wins on the board and get us promoted."





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ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

Good evening everyone and welcome to tonight's game versus Ipswich Town.

U18S

The Youth Team got off to a disappointing start from a 'result' perspective, with a 2-0 defeat away at Dagenham & Redbridge on Saturday.

Two set pieces – a corner and a long throw – were our downfall, in a game that we felt we controlled in terms of possession, however we lacked a bit of a cutting edge in the final third and although we missed a few chances, we should have and could have made more of the opportunities that we had.

A steep learning curve for the boys – not all Academy football is easy on the eye and pure football, as some would have us believe. You have to do the ugly things well and unfortunately we did not, and the players need to learn quickly from that point of view as we prepare for another away fixture at Leyton Orient on Saturday.

We fielded a very young team against Dagenham (we ended the game with four 15-year-olds on the pitch) and we will this season be 'pushing' the U16 players on again, testing them to the hilt as they play in the U18s' league fixtures.

This approach is all about improving the individual and sometimes the team and the result will suffer as a result. This is something that we as a club strongly believe in, and will

continue with as we look to push more players through our Academy system and up to the first team squad.

TYRELLE NEWTON

We are all very proud of Tyrelle Newton, who is one of our U14 Academy players. Tyrelle is currently away on a training camp with England U15s at Loughborough University, and I am sure you will all wish him well as he trains and competes with the top, elite boys in the country. It is a fantastic achievement and Tyrelle will gain hugely from the whole experience. It is also another huge positive for the club, the Academy and the staff who have all worked with him. Well done Tyrelle and well done to the staff!

STAFF UPDATE

Interviews to replace Paul Driver for the U18s role have now been completed and we are hopeful of making an appointment in the next couple of weeks. We have also conducted interviews for coaching roles within our Foundation and Youth Development phases, and again are hopeful of announcing our new recruits within the next 10-14 days.

SCHOOLBOYS

The schoolboys' (U9s-U16s) pre-season training programme is fully underway now that the boys have



broken up for the school summer holidays. During this period we try to give them a varied training and fixture schedule. The Foundation phase players (U8-U11s) have enjoyed playing footgolf and footrounders, as well as trips to take on Premier league opposition at Leicester City, West Ham United and Stoke City. The Youth Development phase (U12-U16s) have enjoyed trips to Liverpool and Southampton, whilst all being tested against older opposition versus Aylesbury United.

FIRST TEAM

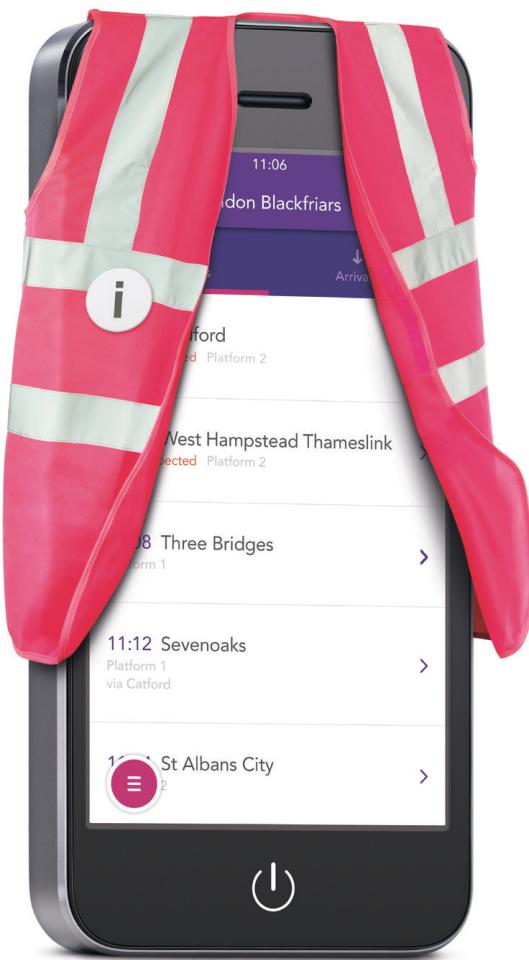
I do not normally comment on the first team results and leave that to other people. However, I must congratulate the gaffer, his staff and the players on the 8-2 Yeovil victory on Saturday. The performance was scintillating and we all know it is early days, but that was breathtaking and a joy to watch.

Enjoy tonight's game. COYH!!

Andy

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THE SCIENCE OF EVERYTHING LUTON

Welcome back all you amazing Hatters fans to the first game under the lights here at the Kenny this season.

It's been a while since my last column and that gives me plenty to update you on, with regards to both everything Luton Town as well as sports science specific.

It was a summer of disappointment, post the play-offs and I think it left a bitter taste in everyone's mouth. But I truly believe that discontent bought everyone back for our first day of pre-season on June 26th with the most determined, focused and hungry mentality that I have seen since being at the club.

That kicked off things brilliantly and the lads were in great shape. Post the testing they were put through, we could see everyone had completed their off-season programmes to a really high level and with great compliance.

The feel-good factor around the camp over the first few days was brilliant and this was further enhanced by the quality acquisitions the manger, Mick Harford and the board secured during the off season.

Those lads quickly settled in and have since brought a lot to the party, especially with the mix of experience in Macca, Collo and Shins, as well as the youth of Stace and Elliot.

I think one of our central midfielders, a certain Mr Olly Lee, was especially happy with both his best friend Shinnie and little brother El being signed, and has been especially chirpy since their additions.

I must also give a quick shout out to our new trio of goalkeepers who have been different class to work with and are major contributors to both the training ground banter and level in which we are training at.

As well as the new boys it has been great working with the lads from last season (even Glen and Mully), and with a year's worth of good work behind them (in every aspect; technically, tactically, physically, socially), it's great to see we are streets ahead of where we were this time last season.

I feel it's been a great five-week pre-season period and this was boosted with a great trip to Maribor, Slovenia in week three. From the pictures expertly taken by part time paparazzi Simon Parsell and Daz Cook, I'm sure you guys could get a feel for what a great week it was, how hard the lads worked and how it drew us closer again as a group through the time spent together.

Sports science wise it's been a really good summer for our department. This was kicked off at the end of last season with the design and installation of a brand new LTFC specific gym at the great new facility that is The Brache.

This was installed by Perform Better, the industry leaders with regards to gym equipment provision. This was coupled with the board providing us with our new Catapult Sports



GPS system, which has helped us improve our monitoring and planning strategies and really optimise how we are tracking the boys in both training and matches.

Furthermore, we have two new additions to our first team sports science department, with new assistants Elliott Plant and Luke Sanders. With the added manpower in the department this season this allows us to leave no stone unturned and as the season progresses we hope to be facilitating first class sports science delivery of the highest level.

I'd like to take the opportunity to extend my thanks to Gary Sweet and the board for backing our department and the initiatives we are aiming to develop moving forward.

Enjoy the game and the season ahead!

COYH

Jared



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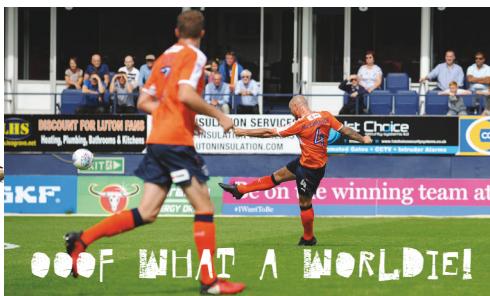


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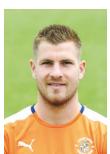


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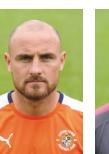
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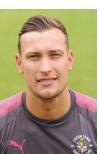
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FELIX INTERVIEWS HYLT

Young Felix Varley bagged himself the chance to interview none-other than super-striker Danny Hylton. Felix's dad pre-ordered him one of Harry's lunch bags and his name was pulled out of the hat to meet and interview the Hatters frontman. The interview took place just before kick-off, and Hylton managed to get a few of his own questions in too!

His Dad, James said: "Thanks to the Club and to Danny for the interview, Felix is absolutely buzzing! Good luck for the season and all the best".

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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Today we are continuing to look at the activities of the Trust over the summer months starting with our Walking Footballers who qualified for the EFL National Finals held at Aston Villa's training ground in June.

HATTERS WALKING FOOTBALLERS MAKE EFL NATIONAL SEMI-FINALS BUT LOSE OUT TO EVENTUAL WINNERS!

As winners of the EFL Eastern Region National Walking Cup which the Trust organised at Venue 360 in Luton at the end of last season, our over-50s team competed in the EFL National Finals in scorching temperatures, narrowly losing out in their attempt to become national champions, losing 2-0 to eventual winners Sheffield United in the semi-finals.

As one of the top ten qualifiers from the regional qualifiers the Hatters were drawn with Blackpool, Cheltenham Town, Notts County, Colchester United and Bradford City in the group stage, ending up with one win, one loss and three drawn games in a very tight group to qualify for the semi-finals, where the Blades proved just too strong, going on to win the competition beating Kidderminster Harriers in the final.

Arthur Mason, Hatters skipper on the day, commented: "It was a fantastic day that we all enjoyed and gained some great experience playing against what are the best sides in England.

"I think we faired very well against the tough opposition, losing only one group game to a last-minute winner by the 2016 champions Blackpool. We beat Cheltenham Town 2-0 in our first game, had the defeat and then drew our remaining game to finish second in the group. We came up against a very powerful Sheffield Utd side in the semi and eventually lost 2-0."

Kevin Thoburn, Head of the Hatters Community Trust, added: "Walking football is growing fast and is a great way to stay fit for over 50s who still want to play.



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Anyone of any ability over 50 who is interested in joining our walking footballers' group can register their interest by ringing the community office on 01582 737568 or emailing community@lutontown.co.uk.

Our sessions currently run every Wednesday at V360 in Gipsy Lane from 6pm in the Prozones.



COMMUNITY DISABILITY SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

As well as the massively popular Hatters Youth Cup in May which is a major part of our Community weekend at the stadium, we also invited participants from our 'Every Player Counts' SEN School League down to the stadium for the afternoon to play out their monthly schedule of fixtures.

Six local school teams participated; Cedars Academy, Chiltern, Ivel Valley, St Johns, Weatherfield and Woodlands. A total of 70 young footballers graced the hallowed turf – the stuff of dreams.

Whilst fixtures were played in the usual format, the fact that everybody was smiling proved this was a special occasion worth cherishing.

The every player counts school League runs across the academic year and includes cricket and athletics at our regular venue at AFC Kempston. The programme is jointly funded by the EFL Trust and The Wembley National Stadium Trust

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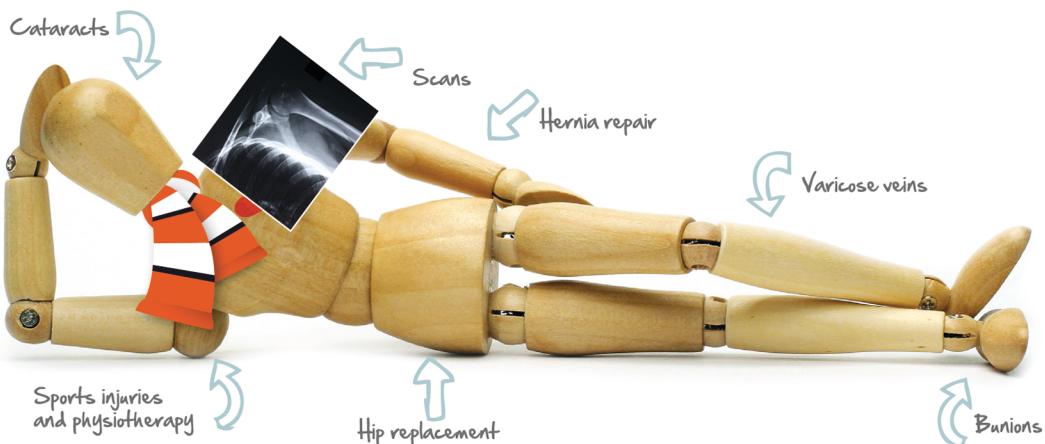
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Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet						Sheehan
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)						Potts
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United						MCCORMACK 1 • O. LEE 1
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town						
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Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City						Peterborough United v Barnet
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Swindon Town						QPR v Northampton Town
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Port Vale						Reading v Gillingham
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers						Rotherham United v Lincoln City
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Chesterfield						Scunthorpe United v Notts County
Tue 26	7.45pm	A	Morecambe						Sheffield Wednesday v Chesterfield
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Newport County						Southend United v Newport County
OCTOBER									
Tue 3	7.45pm	H	Barnet (Trophy)						Wigan Athletic v Blackpool
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley						Wolves v Yeovil Town
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Stevenage						Wycombe Wanderers v Fulham
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Exeter City						WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town						Colchester United v Aston Villa
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Coventry City						Crewe Alexandra v Bolton Wanderers
Tue 31	7.45pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Trophy)						Leeds United v Port Vale
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Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United						THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST
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Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers						
MAY									
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County						

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Accrington Stanley v Preston North End

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Barnsley v Morecambe

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Bradford City v Doncaster Rovers

Bristol City v Plymouth Argyle

Bristol Rovers v Cambridge United

Cardiff City v Portsmouth

Coventry City v Blackburn Rovers

Exeter City v Charlton Athletic

Fleetwood Town v Carlisle United

Forest Green Rovers v MK Dons

Grimsby Town v Derby County

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Oxford United v Cheltenham Town

Peterborough United v Barnet

QPR v Northampton Town

Reading v Gillingham

Rotherham United v Lincoln City

Scunthorpe United v Notts County

Sheffield Wednesday v Chesterfield

Southend United v Newport County

Wigan Athletic v Blackpool

Wolves v Yeovil Town

Wycombe Wanderers v Fulham

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST

Colchester United v Aston Villa

Crewe Alexandra v Bolton Wanderers

Leeds United v Port Vale

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Sheffield United v Walsall

THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST

Bury v Sunderland

ALBERT GAY & COLIN SMITH

All at Kenilworth Road were sorry to hear of the passing of two former club employees in recent months.

Sadly, ALBERT GAY – who worked as the LTFC cellar man from 2000-04 – died on 17th July. His funeral took place at the Vale Crematorium, Stopsley last Friday. Supporter Derek Borino got in touch to say that “everyone that knew Albert loved him a lot”.

Joshua Woolnough contacted the club to inform us that his grandfather, COLIN SMITH, passed away following a battle with pneumonia whilst on holiday in Turkey. Colin worked at the club as a doorman and steward for over 30 years and “was a passionate Luton Town fan who listened to every game in his later years, attending less frequently due to poor health”, according to Joshua.

Both men will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with their family and friends.

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

SUBS

Mpanzu Shinnie ▲ COLLINS 3 ♦ VASSELL 2 Rea ● E. LEE 1 ♦ Mullins ▲ Cook Senior Gambin Shea

MEET THE REF

Tonight's match is to be refereed by Andy Haines, who kicked off his season on Saturday by taking charge of Swindon's 2-1 Sky Bet League Two win at Carlisle United – a match in which he showed four yellow cards.

Haines refereed the Hatters twice last season, both in the early stages – the 2-1 defeat at Stevenage on 20th August and then the fine 3-1 win over Doncaster Rovers at Kenilworth Road in September.

In total last season, Haines took charge of 37 matches and showed 113 yellow cards and five reds, including one to Hatters striker Danny Hylton for a second yellow in the Doncaster match.



LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS		
1 LUTON TOWN	1	1	0	0	8	2	6	3		
2 Coventry City	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3		
3 Accrington Stanley	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3		
4 Grimsby Town	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3		
5 Port Vale	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3		
6 Morecambe	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3		
7 Swindon Town	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3		
8 Exeter City	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3		
9 Newport County AFC	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1		
10 Stevenage	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1		
11 Barnet	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		
12 Crewe Alexandra	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		
13 Forest Green Rovers	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		
14 Lincoln City	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		
15 Mansfield Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		
16 Wycombe Wanderers	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		
17 Carlisle United	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0		
18 Cheltenham Town	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0		
19 Cambridge United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0		
20 Chesterfield	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0		
21 Colchester United	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0		
22 Crawley Town	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0		
23 Notts County	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0		
24 Yeovil Town	1	0	0	1	2	8	-6	0		

	THIS SEASON						LFC CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP	APP	GLS
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS			
Tyreeq Bakinson	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0
James Collins	1 (0)	3	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	3	42	4	1
Jordan Cook	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0
Kavan Cotter	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0
Scott Cuthbert	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	87	2	2
Lawson D'Ath	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0
Akin Famewo	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	6	0	0
Luke Gambin	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	17	1	1
Danny Hylton	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	47	27	27
James Justin	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	40	1	1
Elliot Lee	0 (1)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	1	12	4	4
Olly Lee	1 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	1	81	5	5
Alan McCormick	1 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	1	1	1	1
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	119	7	7
Johnny Mullins	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	30	1	1
Frankie Musonda	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	8	1	1
Dan Potts	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	45	1	1
Glen Rea	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	60	3	3
Arthur Read	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1	0	0
Jack Senior	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	16	0	0
James Shea	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0	0	0
Alan Sheehan	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	62	4	4
Andrew Shinnie	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	0
Jack Stacey	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	0
Marek Stech	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1	0	0
Connor Tomlinson	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1	0	0
Isaac Vassell	1 (0)	2	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	2	54	16	16

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LATE TACKLE

CHRIS DUNLAVY

Just when Sunderland fans thought life couldn't get any worse, Darron Gibson goes and gets lairy down the local.

Filmed on a night out following the Black Cats' 5-0 pre-season thrashing at home to Celtic, the hammered midfielder told fans exactly what he thought about the team and some of his colleagues.

Still, 29-year-old Irishman Gibson is far from the only player to launch a civil war...

WILLIAM GALLAS

Never shy of baring his soul – remember that bizarre sit down protest against Birmingham? – Arsenal's French skipper gave his young team-mates both barrels during an interview in 2008.

"They are not brave enough in battle," he said. "They need to be soldiers. They have to be warriors, to face up to these attacks. That is how they will forge their character."

He also bemoaned a perceived lack of respect, complaining that his attempts to criticise certain players on the field were met with vitriol and insults.

"I'm taking all the blame and it's very frustrating," he said. "I'm 31, the player is six years younger than me. There comes a time where we can no longer comprehend how this can happen."

Arsene Wenger couldn't comprehend why Gallas opened his mouth, and promptly stripped him of the armband.

CRISTIANO RONALDO

After a depleted Real Madrid lost to city rivals Atletico in 2016, the ever-gracious Cristiano Ronaldo wasn't about to shoulder responsibility.

"If we were all at my level, maybe we would be leaders," Ronaldo told Marca. "I don't want to disrespect anyone, but when the best players aren't available it's harder to win."

"I'm not saying the others like Lucas Vazquez, Jese and Mateo Kovacic aren't good players – they are very good players – but it's not the same."

And how was the untouchable revenue-generating superstar punished? Let's just say not very heavily.

ROY KEANE

After Man United's shambolic 4-1 defeat to Middlesbrough in 2005, injured skipper Roy Keane was invited to "play the pundit" on in-house TV channel MUTV.

He didn't so much play the pundit as play havoc. Kieran Richardson was described as a "lazy defender who deserved to get punished". John O'Shea was accused of "strolling around". Alan Smith was apparently "lost... he doesn't know what he's doing".

Next in the firing line was Rio Ferdinand. "Just because he's paid £120,000 a week and plays well for 20 minutes against Tottenham he thinks he's a superstar."

Followed in turn by pretty much every other member of the squad. "It seems to be rewarded by this club you have to play badly. Maybe that's what I should do when I come back."

Only Roy never did come back. Though the incendiary interview was never aired, Alex Ferguson seized a copy and, two weeks and one bust-up later, Keane's 12-year stint at Old Trafford was over.



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- 4 Alan McCormack
- 5 Johnny Mullins
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- 1 Dean Gerken
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- 4 Luke Chambers
- 5 Tommy Smith
- 6 Adam Webster
- 7 Teddy Bishop
- 8 Cole Skuse
- 10 David McGoldrick
- 11 Bersant Celina
- 12 Jordan Spence
- 14 Joe Garner
- 15 Tom Adeyemi
- 17 Danny Rowe
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- 19 Luke Hyam
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