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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the fourth time in a fortnight, with Colchester United the latest visitors for our third game of the Sky Bet League Two season.

We welcome everybody who has made the journey from the Weston Homes Community Stadium – supporters, directors, officials, manager John McGreal, his staff and their players – and wish them a safe journey back to Essex this evening.

It's been a busy opening to the campaign off the pitch as well as on it, with two players leaving since the opening day win over Yeovil and another, Harry Cornick, arriving at the club.

Harry's a player I've been aware of for a long time. He was on my list of young players to watch for Brighton in my previous job, and on Tuesday night you got an introduction to the kind of pace and promise he will bring to our attack.

After the disappointment of the last-minute defeat at Barnet last Saturday, we saw another glimpse of the bright future this club has when we drew 2-2 with Tottenham Hotspur Under-21s in an excellent advert for the Checkatrade Trophy, earning a bonus point in a penalty shoot-out win.

We have young players coming through our academy who deserve the opportunity to compete against the country's top talent, as Tottenham's youngsters are, and the likes of Tyreeq Bakinson, Akin Famewo, Arthur Read and Jack James will have learned a lot from the experience.

It was also a great opportunity to give important minutes to another such player – James Justin is only 19, remember – and Danny Hylton as they continued their progress to full fitness. Both have been chomping at the bit to get back on the pitch, but it's important we manage both of their returns safely.

In addition to that, we also had another of our talented teenage defenders – Frankie Musonda – sign a contract



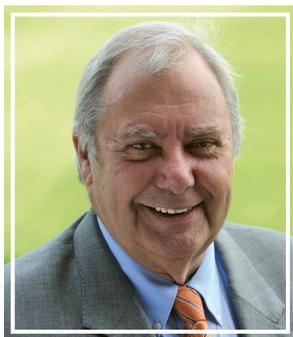
extension to the end of 2018-19, which we're really pleased about.

Finally, I was delighted that our opening day win over Yeovil was selected by the League Managers' Association as the LG Performance of the Week. The award was for all of the staff who work tremendously hard to provide a culture and environment where every player is learning and developing every single day, hopefully towards the kind of result we experienced here two weeks ago.

It was a wonderful atmosphere for that one, as it was when so many of you travelled down to Barnet last Saturday. We know your support is way above League Two, so please get behind the lads again today as we look for a big three points towards our goal of winning promotion from it.

Enjoy the game.

[DAVID WILKINSON]



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH VICE CHAIRMAN **DAVID WILKINSON**

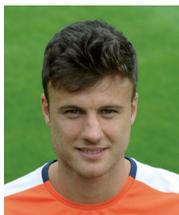
Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Today we entertain the officials, players and supporters from Colchester United. Last season was the U's first back in League Two since 2004 and they finished just outside the play-offs in eighth place. They beat us at home and away so we obviously hope to turn that around today.

After the disappointment of losing to Blackpool in the play-off semi-final it has been an eventful summer. We have seen players come and players go, about which more later, but we welcome all the new boys and hope they are successful and enjoy their time with us.

There is always a special affinity with certain players and on a personal note I would like to single out a few in no particular order.

Jonathan Smith was a dedicated and



committed player whose leg break in front of us at Barnet will haunt us forever, as much as

his amazing recovery and incredibly positive attitude will be remembered. We will miss his all action commitment.

Craig King, a talented young keeper, who some of us got to know quite well during the pre-season training camp last year. Sadly, he fell out of love with the game and despite strenuous efforts to keep him, decided to leave. He is a lovely lad and I for one hope he rediscovers his appetite because it's always a shame to see talent go to waste.

SUCCESSFUL

Cameron McGeehan, a charming and talented young man with an eye for goal, whose broken leg at Portsmouth and its unpleasant aftermath we had the misfortune to witness. His consequent absence for the rest of the season certainly contributed to our not getting automatic promotion.

I would like to wish them and all other leavers a happy and successful future.

They say variety is the spice of life, but I think we would prefer less of it. A brilliant performance against Yeovil on the opening day, followed by an unlucky loss to Ipswich in the Carabao Cup, followed by an unexpectedly lacklustre loss to Barnet in front of over 2,100 travelling Hatters, followed by an enjoyable Checkatrade Trophy win on penalties against Spurs U21s. It is vital that we

find some consistency in the league to enable us to fulfill our ambition

to achieve automatic promotion.

The importance of promotion cannot be overstated.

The financial

gap between the divisions is getting wider and because of that it is becoming more difficult to compete and, as has been seen in the recent saga over Isaac Vassell, harder to hold on to our better players.

GROW

Not only do Championship clubs receive ten times more than us from the Premier League, but a growing number of them are benefitting from both parachute payments on relegation, and wealthy owners risking their fortunes to get on to the Premier League gravy train. The inevitable result is that clubs at that level can afford transfer fees and offer salary packages way beyond what would be sensible in League Two.

Our philosophy is to find and develop players for the long-term benefit of the club. Hopefully they will grow with





us and stay with us, but there will be times when either they will leave us behind or we will leave them behind, and in those circumstances we will seek not to stand in their way, or alternatively try to help them find a suitable club.

NEGOTIATING

In the normal course of events the process works. Find a replacement and plan for departure, but sometimes as seems to be the case with Isaac, the player develops more quickly than expected, attracts unwanted attention and results in what can be unwarranted disruption.

The time and effort absorbed in trying to persuade Isaac to allow the club to complete, as we saw it, his development and, having failed, in finding and negotiating the right deal for him and the club, was quite extraordinary. Quite literally months and months of Gary, Nathan and Mick's time not made easier by having to deal through agents and representatives.

Some will say, but it's OK because you got a decent fee and can go and spend it on replacements. The trouble is that just as at the very

top, the more you've got the more it costs. Every time the money from Sky to the Premier League goes up, wages and transfer fees go up. It's no different here. It's a vicious circle.

Our philosophy generally works, but occasionally there will be surprises as there were here. We need to limit that by making sure, as best we can, that we are covered where needed. We have continued to invest in youth development and bringing in young players, which provides part of the answer, but only so long as we have some say in when and where they move.

We are part of the modern game and the higher we are up the pyramid the safer we will be, but not at the cost of our principles.

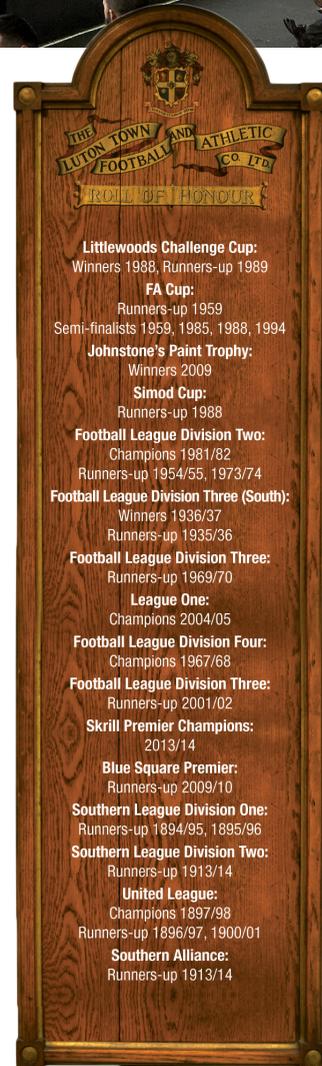
Perhaps a quote from Oscar Wilde is appropriate:

"Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing"

Enjoy the game

Come On You Hatters

David





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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon everybody and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our game against Colchester United.

After the exhilarating start to the season here, we have exited the Carabao Cup – although it was a strong performance from us – and suffered a really disappointing defeat to Barnet.

It was a frustrating match for many different reasons. From a personal point of view, coming off injured in the first half after a good five or six weeks of pre-season was incredibly annoying, but the way in which we lost was gut-wrenching, considering how many of you made the trip. We were gutted we couldn't send you home with a smile on your face.

Barnet did well to frustrate us. They've built a good a team and have a good young manager, but to lose the way we did is something we don't want to experience again any time soon.

Something we really have to improve on if we want to be promoted is our consistency. It lacked last season, but I know with the quality of player the gaffer has brought in, combined with what we have already got, that we can go on those winning runs that we weren't able to before.

Colchester have proved to be a stumbling block for us in the past, as they beat us both times last year. The defeat here was similar to the Barnet game last week in that they frustrated us and snatched the result. These types of games will define us and if we want to prove our promotion credentials, we have to win them.

Tuesday night's game against Tottenham gave a number of our younger players like Tyreeq Bakinson, Akin Famewo, Jack James and Arthur Read the opportunity to impress, but it was also great to see James Justin and Danny Hylton back out on the green stuff.

With Isaac Vassell departing, Danny's return couldn't have been timed any better. It does say a huge amount about the squad though that in the absence of our best player from last season, we have had the likes of James Collins and Elliot Lee to call on.

Collo has had a great start to life at Luton and if he can

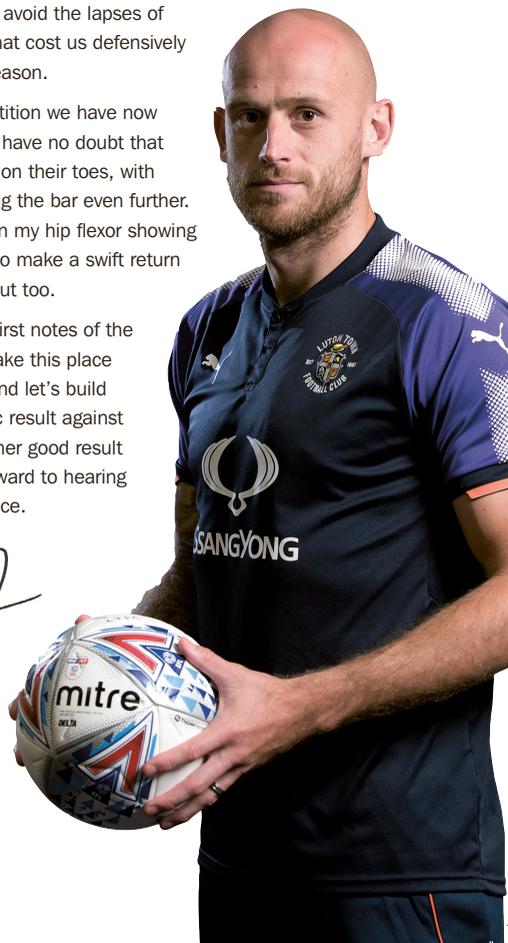
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carry on in the vein he's currently in, his goals – tied in with Danny, Elliot and Harry Cornick's efforts – has me believing that we aren't going to have much to worry about on the goalscoring front.

That's going to be so important this season, as everyone at the club knows we are aiming for automatic promotion. We have got to make sure we shore up at the back and avoid the lapses of concentration that cost us defensively so dearly last season.

With the competition we have now got for places, I have no doubt that the boys will be on their toes, with JJ's return raising the bar even further. With the scan on my hip flexor showing no tear, I hope to make a swift return myself to help out too.

As I said in my first notes of the season, let's make this place a real fortress and let's build on that fantastic result against Yeovil with another good result today. I look forward to hearing you all in full voice.



WELCOME HARRY CORNICK!

Town pay undisclosed fee to sign Bournemouth forward on a two-year deal

The Hatters completed the ninth signing of the summer transfer window last week when AFC Bournemouth forward Harry Cornick joined on the afternoon of the Carabao Cup tie against Ipswich.

The Town paid an undisclosed fee to the Premier League outfit for the 22-year-old, who put pen to paper on a two-year contract, with the potential for a further year.

Nathan Jones was delighted to add another potent attacking threat to a forward line that has already been boosted by the acquisition of James Collins and Elliot Lee this summer, to go alongside last season's top scorer Danny Hylton.

After signing the player who has been on the club's radar since his early days in Non-League football, and who has spent time on loan in League Two with Yeovil Town and Leyton Orient, Jones told lutontown.co.uk: "We tried to get Harry last year but it wasn't possible, so when we knew he was available this time, we went straight into him.

"Fair play to the board, they've backed me once again on another signing which will provide extra competition in the attacking area. He's different to what we've got. He can play wide, but we see him as a real quick front man who is a good age. He's at that tip of being potential, but he's not a young one.

"He's brave, and he's shown that with the loans he's gone on. He is committed to playing football games. He's not prepared just to stay in the comfort zone at Bournemouth. He had a number of offers, but chose to come here so we are delighted and are looking forward to working with him."

Cornick signed for the Cherries from Non-League club Christchurch after impressing on trial in January 2013, but the then 17-year-old stayed with the Wessex League part-timers until the end of the 2012-13 season while completing A-levels in biology, psychology and PE.

He returned to Non-League to gain experience on loan at National League clubs Welling United and Aldershot in the 2013-14 campaign, before a spell in the National League South with Havant & Waterlooville shortly after making his professional debut for Bournemouth as a sub in an FA Cup tie against Rotherham in January 2015.

That was his only first-team appearance for Eddie Howe's side, although Cornick has gained valuable experience of the fourth tier and League One over the past two seasons, catching the gaffer's eye especially when he scored eight times in 34 starts for Yeovil in 2015-16.

Last term he scored once in 11 starts and two sub appearances for Orient, before finishing the campaign on loan in the division above with Gillingham, where he played six times.

On making the move, Cornick said: "It feels really good to be here. I'm excited to get started on the project and hopefully I can help Luton get promoted to League One.

"The gaffer sold it to me. He's so enthusiastic. There is a good project at the club and I wanted to get on board and help do my bit. I can see the club really going places, so that's the main reason I signed."

FRANKIE MUSONDA PENS NEW CONTRACT

While Kavan Cotter goes out on loan to Hitchin

Teenage defender Frankie Musonda has become the latest of Town's talented young players to sign a contract extension, keeping him at Kenilworth Road until the end of 2018-19, with the potential for a further year.

Manager Nathan Jones said of the 19-year-old centre-half: "Frankie has shown real good promise since I came to the club, and is another of the successful youth team that won the league and cup double and reached the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup two seasons ago.

"He's developing every day in training and is a player we believe will continue to improve, so we are delighted he's committed his future to us."

Musonda follows Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and James Justin in signing new deals. He and JJ joined the Town as Under-8s together and signed their first professional contracts at the same time in November 2015.

Musonda said: "I've been here for more than half of my life now – this will be my 12th year – so it's brilliant for me. JJ has been here as long as me, so for us both to be here now for at least another two years is great news. I couldn't be happier for him with how he did last season and the new contract he's signed.



"The gaffer has given me all my opportunities with the first team and I just want to keep trying to impress him and show him that I'm ready to play more and more games.

"In training my game has definitely improved since he came in, and hopefully it will just keep getting better and better."

First-year pro Kavan Cotter, meanwhile, has joined Evo-Stik League Southern Premier neighbours Hitchin Town on a one-month youth loan. The 18-year-old midfielder has played in the Canaries' opening two games of the season at right-back, the position in which he made his senior Hatters debut at Gillingham last season in the Checktrade Trophy, and has helped them to draws with Merthyr Town and St Neots.

FAREWELL SMUDGE & VASS!

Since *This Is Our Town* went to print the day before the Ipswich game, we have seen both Jonathan Smith and Isaac Vassell leave Kenilworth Road for pastures new.

Smudge was the club's longest serving player having originally joined on loan from York City in November 2012. The midfielder went on to play 176 times for the club, including in the historic FA Cup fourth round win over Norwich City and during the momentous Conference title-winning season to regain our Football League status in 2013-14. After having his contract cancelled by mutual consent, the 30-year-old joined Stevenage last week.

Vassell, 23, joined the club from Truro City last summer after a successful pre-season trial and went onto score 14 goals in his first season.

He opened the current campaign with two against Yeovil, but following last Saturday's defeat at Barnet, the Hatters accepted an offer from Sky Bet Championship club Birmingham City for the striker, who left with a record of 16 goals in 55 appearances.

TIOT would like to thank both men for their service and efforts in a Luton shirt, and wish them every success for their future careers.

NEW ARRIVAL: Congratulations to Hatters midfielder Olly Lee and his fiancée Beth on the birth of their first child, Alfie, who was born on Wednesday 9th August. TIOT looks forward to meeting the next generation of Lee footballers soon – with a signing-on form at the ready!



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ALAN MCCORMACK

BY STUART HAMMONDS

THE BIG INTERVIEW

For someone who had netted only six goals in seven years, Alan McCormack rediscovered the knack of scoring in some style to introduce himself properly to the Kenilworth Road crowd.

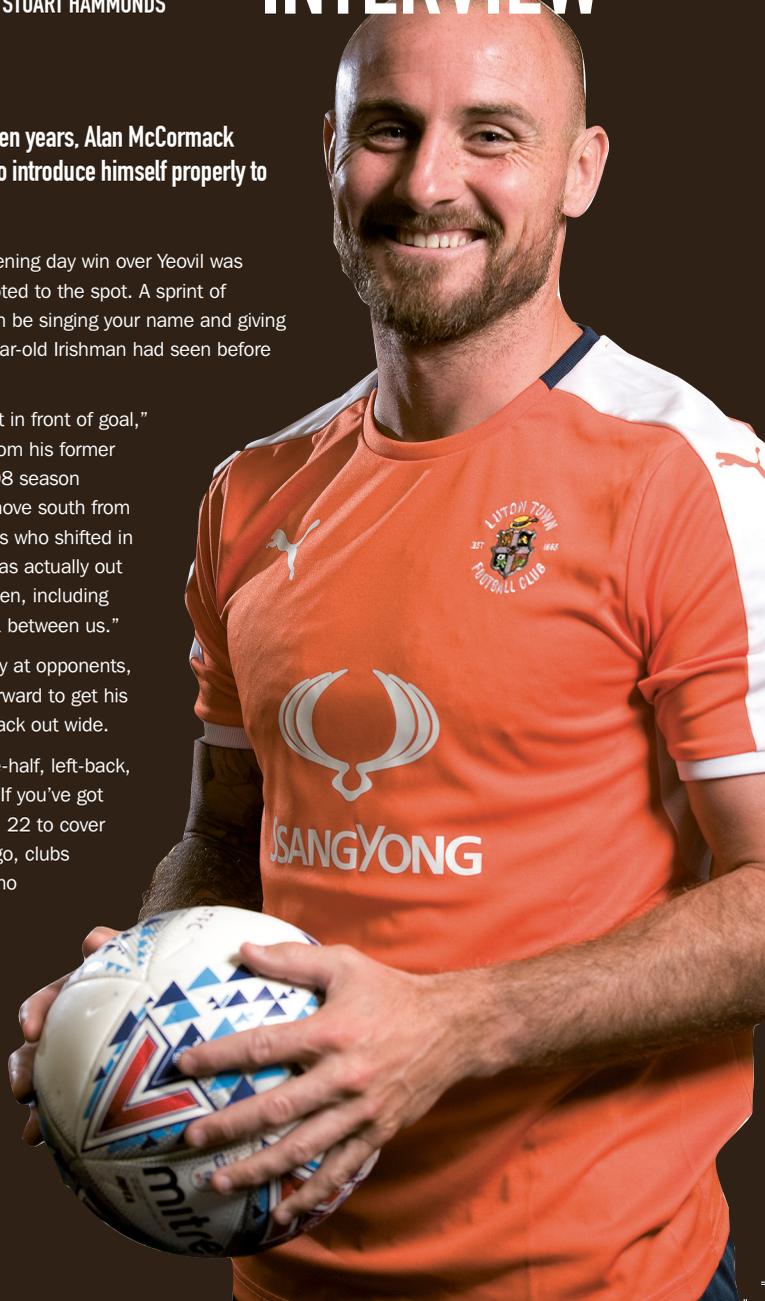
As debut goals go, his 25-yard volley in the 8-2 opening day win over Yeovil was about as perfect as you can get. Visiting keeper rooted to the spot. A sprint of celebration to your new supporters, who would soon be singing your name and giving you a standing ovation. It was something the 33-year-old Irishman had seen before though.

"I had a couple of years where I actually did all right in front of goal," laughs the Dubliner, when I share with him a text from his former midfield partner Nicky Bailey, recalling their 2007-08 season together at Southend United after he'd made the move south from Preston. We played with four central midfield players who shifted in and out. Nicky and Kev Maher were playing and I was actually out on the wing, free to come inside. I scored six in seven, including five on the bounce at one stage. Nicky and I got 21 between us."

As the Hatters' new midfield general, snapping away at opponents, cajoling team-mates, linking the play and driving forward to get his side on the front foot, it's hard to imagine McCormack out wide.

"I've played in a lot of positions – right-back, centre-half, left-back, all across midfield," he says. "Every team has one. If you've got players who can only play in one position, you need 22 to cover each position. So the lower down the leagues you go, clubs can't budget for that and need to be careful with who they bring in."

"When you've got good managers who coach you in those positions, you can pick up everything really quickly and feel natural there – and that's how I've done it. Then it's just your own experience of the game and when and when not to do things."





McCormack's know-how from more than 450 professional matches for Preston, Leyton Orient, Southend, Motherwell, Charlton, Swindon and Brentford is exactly what manager Nathan Jones wanted in the summer.

Someone to influence a game with his communication skills as well as ability, while guiding younger players in the right direction and setting an example around The Brache.

"Nathan has spoken to me a lot about that and a lot of what I try to bring to any football club is just that endeavour, hard work, commitment to playing a game of football," says McCormack. "I've had to work extremely hard in my career to do things and have some success.

"Graft helps you go a long way..."

"I've had a lot of knock-backs in my time, but I've never been the most skilful player or extremely quick, I'm not particularly powerful.

"But the one thing I've always worked at and always been brought up around is that hard work will get you further than expecting it to happen for you. In the long run, graft helps you go a long way. I've always tried to keep that as the basic kind of minimum requirement, every day."

McCormack won promotion from this division with Swindon in 2011-12, but picks out Brentford as the club where his fondest memories lie, considering the success on the pitch in winning promotion from League One and establishing the west Londoners in the Championship.

The Hatters may be a level below where the Bees were when he joined



Macca back in his days at Southend

them in 2013, but the similarities between the two clubs are uncanny, according to the midfielder.

"It's almost like being there – you just change colour of the jersey and there are different faces," says McCormack. "The training pitches are of top quality. They look like they are going to last all year round.

"The facilities we have – the gym, rehab areas, we've got the 3G... or 5G, whatever it's called now! The canteen, the food. Everything is in place for players not to have an excuse.

"The coaching staff are excellent, the ideas, the structure, the philosophy of the club, leading to where this club is on a path to success. The continuation of that each week and the progression of it can only hold the club in great stead over the course of the season.

"So yes, it's definitely very similar to Brentford, and probably why it was so easy to make the decision in the end, because I was leaving one place with all the facilities and coming to another that had given me the exact same opportunities to be successful on the pitch again."

With partner Lauren and children Olivia, five, and three-year-old son Ronnie settled in Chigwell,

McCormack stresses that it was a simple decision to pen a two-year contract at Kenilworth Road and become the first of Jones' nine summer signings.

"I met Nathan at his house and as soon as I left the meeting, I rang Lauren and told her straightaway where I wanted to go – then rang my agent to tell him to get the deal done.

"I was speaking to other clubs and a few were a little bit too far away in travelling terms. I didn't want to up sticks and move, so that probably does narrow it down.

"Straightaway when I met Nathan and came down and saw the facilities, I knew where I wanted to be. It was a great challenge that I was only happy to be a part of.

"Every day I've come in I've had a spring in my step. It's a new lease of life and that's exactly what I wanted when I left Brentford. I needed that challenge.

"I need that buzz to start playing again, to be starting games, training every day, to have good facilities, good set-up, superb bunch of lads and great coaching. There wasn't one box I looked at and thought 'I'm not sure about that'. Every box was ticked."

And from well outside another box – the one at the Oak Road End – McCormack put a huge tick against his own name in the eyes of all Hatters fans on that remarkable debut that he, hat-trick man James Collins, Marek Stech, Andrew Shinnie, Jack Stacey and Elliot Lee all had against Yeovil.

Recalling his goal, he says: "We were supposed to do a routine for a corner which a certain Ollie Lee got wrong – he thought it was a different routine! So I just found myself on the edge of the box with no-one on me.





In action for Brentford

"It just sat so nice for me. I had so much time to think about it and all I thought about was good connection, head down, don't try and put direction on it – and as soon as it left my foot, I just caught it going into the back of the net, so it was a nice moment.

"Then you forget about the rest. You just go and do your own thing in celebration! If I get one a season and they are all like that, I'm a very happy man. I'm there to stop them really, rather than score them."

When he was substituted that afternoon, having also picked up a yellow card for conceding the penalty that Stech saved just before half-time, McCormack left the pitch to a chorus

of his name being sung to the same tune the fans used to reserve for now-departed Cameron McGeehan. It clearly meant a lot.

"It's tough for new players to come into a club," he says. "You want to get the fans on your side straightaway and you want to have a good performance, you want to show them what you are about. You're not going to have a perfect game, although Collo did have a perfect game on his debut.

VITAL

"So for all the new lads who were playing, it was a great start for every one of us. We all had very good games, we were all disciplined in what we did. Excellent on the ball, excellent off the ball and yes, it was the perfect start to a good season.

"The crowd were absolutely tremendous. If we can keep those figures all season it's going to make a huge, huge difference. The support it gives the players and that little one or two per cent that it gives you, the lift is vital for league games.

"We might need them in the 89th, 90th minute – but I've got no doubt that we'll get back to producing the kind of performance that we did against Yeovil after the disappointment of Barnet. And I still think we've got another gear in us from that Yeovil performance."

Hatters fans will be in a Kenilworth Road wonderland if that proves the case – and they might also be getting a pint poured for them in a local pub next May if stories of McCormack's barman skills when Brentford won promotion, and the players celebrated in the Nelson pub in one of the corners of Griffin Park, are true.

"I don't actually remember pulling pints, but it was a great night with players, staff and fans singing and dancing together, spilling out into the streets," smiles McCormack at the memory.

"If we win promotion, I'll definitely pull a pint in any pub that we end up in. Fans are very much a part of us, as the players are.

"If you look at the fans on Saturday – over 2,100 there, 60 per cent of the crowd at Barnet. That is phenomenal.

"I know it's only down the road, but you've still got to make the effort and the fans have still got to put their money into it. That's huge.

"So I'm going to say WHEN we get promoted – because I do believe that we will – I'll be happy to pour them all a pint. Paying for them is a different story! But I'll definitely pour them all one if someone else wants to pay for it."

We'll all raise a glass to that Macca!



WE'RE ON OUR WAY

MANSFIELD TOWN

FELLOW PROMOTION HOPEFULS MANSFIELD AWAIT US NEXT WEEK AS WE HEAD UP TO THE ONE CALL STADIUM...

FORMED: 1897 | NICKNAME: THE STAGS | LAST SEASON: 12TH IN LEAGUE TWO | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @MANSFIELDTOWNFC

COLOURS: YELLOW SHIRT WITH BLUE STRIPE | GROUND: ONE CALL STADIUM | MANAGER: STEVE EVANS

WHO? After spending five seasons in the Conference, promotion as champions back into the EFL in the 2012-13 season has seen the Stags maintain their place in fourth tier with ease since their return. A completely new-look team from the one that started under Adam Murray last season, the Stags are one of the favourites for promotion this season with Steve Evans at the helm.

TICKETS Ticket information for this fixture is available opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE Our two meetings with the Stags last term ended in 1-1 draws, as a Matt Green goal was cancelled out by a Cameron McGeehan strike at Kenilworth Road back in October, before Danny Hylton's Panenka penalty levelled the score after Alfie Potter had given his side the lead back in April. That was the 34th time the sides had met, meaning they have now drawn 13 times, whilst the Hatters have won 11 games and Mansfield have been victorious in the other ten.

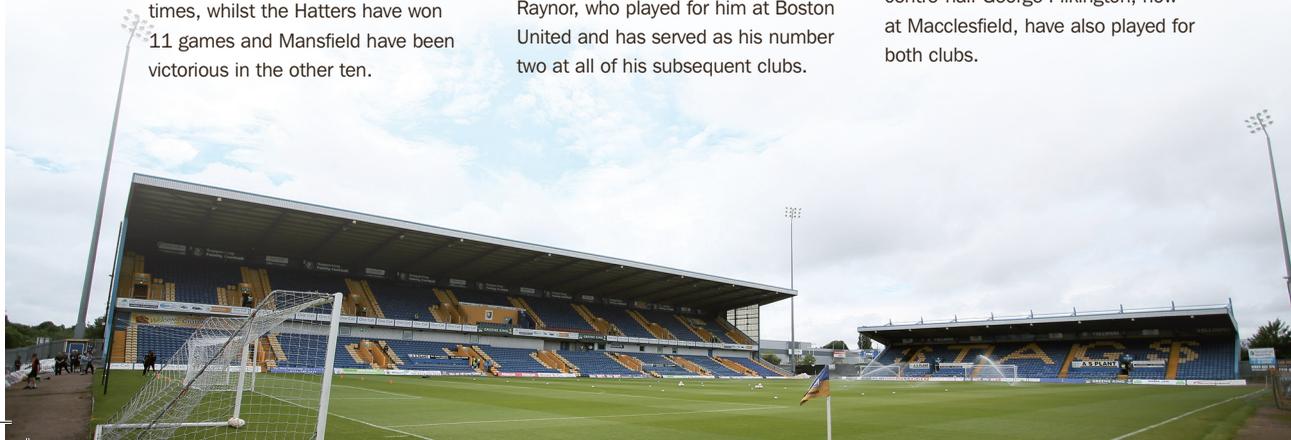


Steve Evans

IN CHARGE Former Stags midfielder Adam Murray departed the club after two years with the club and was replaced by the experienced Steve Evans midway through November. The ex-Rotherham United and Leeds United boss has transformed the hard-to-beat side to promotion hopefuls, bringing in a host of players from the divisions above as the Stags set their sights on Sky Bet League One. Evans is assisted by Paul Raynor, who played for him at Boston United and has served as his number two at all of his subsequent clubs.

PREVIOUS FORM The Stags are currently sitting second in the nascent League Two table after following up an opening day 2-2 draw at Crewe Alexandra with a 2-0 home win over Forest Green Rovers on Saturday. Striker Danny Rose has netted in both games, with David Mirfin on target at Gresty Road and Paul Anderson adding the second to fill off newly-promoted Rovers.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Town defenders Johnny Mullins and Alan Sheehan are familiar faces at the One Call Stadium, having played together during the 2006-07 season – Mullins' first of two campaigns with the Stags having made the move from Reading, and Sheehan spending two months on loan from Leicester. Ollie Palmer, who spent the second half of last season on loan with the Town, also played for the Stags, while their former manager Murray and centre-half George Pilkington, now at Macclesfield, have also played for both clubs.



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MANSFIELD TOWN

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

We have received a full allocation of 1,000 seated tickets for this fixture – which is an ALL TICKET game. Tickets are now available on general sale and will remain so, subject to availability, until 3pm on Friday 25th August. **Prices:** Adult: £20, Seniors (60+): £16, Young Person (18-21): £15, Junior (7-17): £12, Under-6: Free. Disabled/Ambulant tickets are available at normal age related price with a Carer free of charge for those with Higher Rate DLA OR Enhanced Rate PIP.



LINCOLN CITY

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SAT 2ND SEPTEMBER | 3PM

We have received an initial allocation of 1,447 seated tickets for this fixture. Tickets will be on sale to Diamond season ticket holders at two-per-person from Saturday 19th August until close of business on Tuesday 22nd August. These tickets will be on sale from the Ticket Office via phone or in person only. Season ticket holders will be able to purchase one ticket each from Wednesday 23rd August until midday on Saturday 26th August. They will be available online using your individual client reference numbers and also via phone or in person from the Ticket Office. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale online from Sunday 27th August or from the Ticket Office at 10am on Monday 28th August. Subject to availability they will remain on sale until 2pm on Friday 1st September. Supporters who have an away season ticket will automatically receive one ticket, which will be processed on Tuesday 23rd August. If any additional tickets are required (diamonds only) or you do not require a ticket for this fixture please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. **Prices:** Adult £18, Seniors (60+) £14, Student (with photo ID) £7, Under 18s £7. All Disabled tickets are priced at £14 for those with Middle/Higher rate DLA or any rate PIP. Carer tickets are available for those with Higher rate DLA or Enhanced PIP.



SWINDON TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SAT 9TH SEPTEMBER | 3PM

Tickets are now available for this game at category A prices from the ticket office in person, over the phone and online.



PORT VALE

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | TUE 12TH SEPTEMBER | 7.45PM

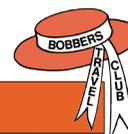
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Rachel Burns has been watching Luton religiously for 33 years and she thought it was fitting that she celebrated her 50th birthday as the match sponsor. Rachel will be joined at the game this afternoon by her daughter Amy Burns and friends Julian and Anne Hyde, George Webb, Gary and Marian Bartlett, Mark Bradbury, Richard Tilley, John Chapman, Jackie Russell, Derek Dear and Nicola, Tara and Warrick Adams.



TODAY'S MASCOTS:

TODAY WE WELCOME FOUR MASCOTS TO KENILWORTH ROAD IN OUR MATCH AGAINST COLCHESTER. WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT DAY!



JOSEPH HARDY

AGE: 7

SCHOOL ATTENDED:

CRANFIELD ACADEMY

FAVOURITE PLAYERS:

DANNY HYLTON & JAMES COLLINS

ATTENDS GAMES WITH: DAD

HOBBIES: FOOTBALL CRAZY



BRETT HENMAN AGE: 9

SCHOOL ATTENDED:

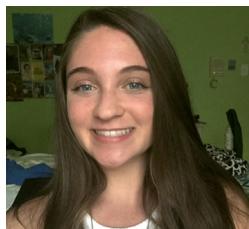
HIGH BREECHES PRIMARY SCHOOL

FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON

ATTENDS GAMES WITH:

DAD /GRANDAD

HOBBIES: PLAYING FOOTBALL, RIDING HIS BIKE AND SCOOTER, PLAYING FIFA ON PS4



CHELSEA RICHARDS AGE: 15

SCHOOL ATTENDED:

SENECA HIGH SCHOOL

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: ARTHUR READ

LOCATION: LIVES IN AMERICA

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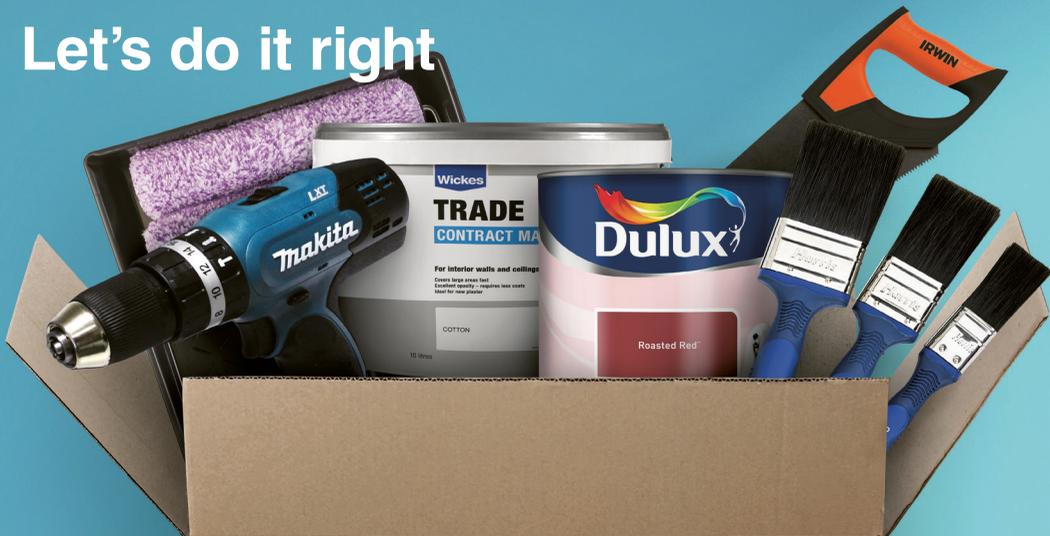
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[WELCOME COLCHESTER UNITED]



WELCOME COLCHESTER UTD

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE U'S
GROUND: WESTON HOMES
COMMUNITY STADIUM
MANAGER: JOHN MCGREAL
LAST SEASON: 8TH IN LEAGUE TWO

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

The U's fell just a point short of the play-off places last season, with a ridiculous final day of the 2016/17 term seeing them move in and out of the top seven, before they ended up in eighth.



John McGreal

Just one of three teams to beat the Town home and away last season, John McGreal's side's decent middle and end of season form highlighted to the rest of the division what they're really capable of, picking up points against the likes of Plymouth, Doncaster and Carlisle United.

After flirting with the bottom places in Sky Bet League One for a number of seasons, Colchester were relegated in 2016. The appointment of McGreal permanently at the beginning of the season saw the U's go on to have a decent finish in their first season back in the fourth tier, their first in this division since 1998.

The former Tranmere Rovers and Ipswich defender made over 400 career appearances, plying his trade across the top two tiers of English football for much of his playing years, as well as in Europe after the Tractor Boys qualified for the UEFA Cup.

He began his coaching career with the U's in 2009 in their academy, before progressing through the ranks to become Under-21s boss. A brief stint as caretaker during the 2015-16 season before returning to U21s manager was his only taste of the first team job before getting the role on a full-time basis at the beginning of last season.

The goals from Chris Porter helped fire Colchester up the table last term, as he netted 16 times to be their top scorer, but the striker has since departed for Crewe Alexandra. In his place, the club has brought in former Sunderland and Eastleigh striker Mikael Mandron, who netted his first goal for his new side in their 1-1 draw against Stevenage last weekend.

The target man would have been served up some fantastic left-wing crosses by the talented Brennan Dickenson, who although predominantly a left-back, scored 12 goals last season.

However, the former Dorchester Town man ruptured his anterior cruciate ligament right at the end of last season so is currently sidelined along with club captain Luke Prosser, who was hoping to be back in contention come the beginning of this season, but a set-back from a knee operation now means he won't be in action for at least another month.



Ryan Jackson

The Essex side have signed five players this summer, with Mandron joined by defenders Cole Kpekawa and Ryan Jackson, goalkeeper Rene Gilmartin and on-loan Coventry winger Kyel Reid as the new faces in McGreal's squad.

Town have played Colchester 26 times, the first of which was a 3-1 win at Kenilworth Road in January 1964 for the Hatters. Colchester have gone onto beat Town eight times, whilst the sides have drawn nine times and the Hatters have won nine matches.

HATTERS V COLCHESTER

LUTON WINS: 9 | DRAWS: 9 | COLCHESTER WINS: 8
LAST MEETING: COLCHESTER 2-1 LUTON | 25TH MARCH 2016

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

SAM WALKER

A fans' favourite at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, he missed most of the 2015/16 campaign with a knee injury, but returned to take back the number one



jersey for last season. The towering keeper had been an ever present for the U's in 2013/14 and only missed

two games the following year. Walker is now a fairly experienced stopper despite only being in his mid-20s, as he closes in on 250 career appearances. He started his career off with Chelsea, before going on loan to a number of clubs including Northampton Town and Yeovil Town.

THE WALL

FRANKIE KENT

The 21-year-old established himself as a genuine first team contender in 2014/15 and regularly partnered Tom Eastman before injury cut his campaign short. He made his real breakthrough in 2015/16, and his performances were acknowledged as he received the Young Player of the Year



vote at the end of the season. That good form continued into 2016/17, as he picked up the EFL Young Player of the Month for

December, but his season was again cut short in February 2017 with an ankle injury.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

SEAN MURRAY

A former Republic of Ireland Under-21 international, the attacking midfielder joined Colchester United at the end of the January 2017



transfer window from Swindon Town. Murray made 18 League One appearances for the Robins after leaving Watford in 2016, where he played

85 times. His contract was cancelled at the Country Ground on the final day of the January transfer window, and he immediately signed for John McGreal's side on an 18-month contract. He made 16 appearances for the U's last season.

THE DANGERMAN

SAMMIE SZMODICS

A Colchester youth product, the 21-year-old

joined the U's at the age of seven and has gone onto make 80 career appearances, up to last Saturday's draw with Stevenage. The energetic



forward broke into the squad during pre-season ahead of the 2013/14 campaign and appeared eight times as a substitute that year. Having signed a three-year contract last season, Sammie went on to be a regular in the first team in 2014/15, before he spent time out on loan at Braintree Town in the 2015/16 season, where he netted twice in three appearances.

GOALKEEPER

RENE GILMARTIN

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: WATFORD

DEFENDERS

LEWIS KINSELLA

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: ASTON VILLA

RYAN JACKSON

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: GILLINGHAM

THOMAS EASTMAN

AGE: 25

PREVIOUS CLUB: IPSWICH TOWN

COLE KPEKAWA

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: QPR

KANE VINCENT-YOUNG

AGE: 21

CAME THROUGH THE YOUTH RANKS

AT COLCHESTER

MIDFIELDERS

TOM LAPSLIE

AGE: 21

CAME THROUGH THE YOUTH RANKS

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AGE: 29

ON LOAN FROM COVENTRY

DOUG LOFT

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: GILLINGHAM

CRAIG SLATER

AGE: 23

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CHARLEY EDGE

AGE: 20

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AT COLCHESTER

STRIKERS

DENNY JOHNSTONE

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: BIRMINGHAM CITY

MIKAEL MANDRON

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: WIGAN ATHLETIC

TARIQ ISSA

AGE: 19

CAME THROUGH THE YOUTH RANKS

AT COLCHESTER

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



GRAESON LAITT, a Colchester United supporter of 35 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as their top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the U's.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

How agonising was it last season to go so close to making the play-offs, but ending what could have been an amazing final day just a point and a place outside the top seven despite winning?

We were a nearly club: nearly good enough, nearly bottom of the league at one point, nearly very good, nearly a fit team, nearly in the play-offs. Finishing a point outside the play-offs (and being in them with a few minutes to go!) but ultimately missing out, summed up our campaign.

Is there an expectation among the fans that John McGreal and the players will use that disappointment to drive them on this term?

Yes. The majority of the squad remains here and there would be something very wrong if past experiences and disappointments were not used proactively.

You had the joint second-best home record in the division last year – how important will the Weston Homes Community Stadium be for you?

It's the same for any club. If you can have a decent home record, then you know (normally) that you will pick up a few points on your travels...you're going to be there or thereabouts if you do that.

Kyel Reid's arrival last week took the number of signings this summer to five. Which of the new boys are you most excited about?

Probably right-back Ryan Jackson. I've heard good reports from the pre-season games – hopefully he will be the effectual replacement for the outstanding Brennan Dickenson, who will be out injured until February.

And who have you been most disappointed to see leave since the end of last season?

George Elokobi and Macauley Bonne, who both left to join Leyton Orient. Elokobi was a figurehead and link between the fans and the team, whilst youngster Bonne was a natural goalscorer. Sadly, we didn't play a system that suited him.

Who do you expect to fill the 16-goal void left by Chris Porter's departure?

Hopefully Kurtis Guthrie – currently injured but he scored a dozen goals last season. He'd probably have finished top scorer had he not missed the last two months of the campaign.



The season didn't start too well for you with defeat at Accrington and then against Aston Villa in the Carabao Cup, although you pushed Villa all the way. Dried out yet?

The rain was biblical all day – we passed someone building an Ark as we left the ground. Real credit to the groundsman Dave Blacknall and his team for getting the game on.

You did the double over us last season. Are you hopeful of a decent result today? What do you think the score will be?

Of course – every fan thinks their side will get a result! Both sides are better when concentrating on attack so I think we'll grab the points by the odd goal in five.

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats?

Getting old now so seats – but have fond memories of my days on the terracing at Layer Road

Who are your rivals?

Southend and Ipswich, but divisionally we'll be looking at Cambridge and Wycombe this year

Favourite all-time manager?



Phil Parkinson. Took a bunch of free transfers and rejects to the second tier of English football for the first time in the club's history.

Predict your player of the season?

Tom Lapslie – gives it his all every game and never gives up.

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

Lomana Tresor Lua Lua. The most skilful and exciting player I've seen. You could hear a buzz in the crowd (home or away) whenever he got the ball.

Which five current or former U's players or managers would you invite to a dinner party?

Roy McDonough (he has plenty of stories to tell!), Neil Franklin for his time in Colombian football, the late Dick Graham for his time at the club and the victory over Leeds, Phil Parkinson and Arthur Turner – the only English survivor to be rescued from the Bay of Biscay after his Lancaster Bomber crashed whilst sinking a German U-boat during WW2.

Most treasured piece of Colchester memorabilia?

Don't really own any memorabilia, but was thrilled to be asked by the club to transcribe the club's first ever minute book from their inaugural 1937/38 season.

What league will United be in next season?

I'm a pessimist by nature so I'll say League Two. There's a good squad there, but a couple of astute signings could turn it into a very good one.

Who will win promotion from League Two?

I have the Hatters to go up as champions, which has probably ended all your hopes here and now! Sensible money would go on Coventry and Swindon for the two other automatic places. I know a lot of people believe Mansfield will be there, but I think sides will soon suss them out, so I'm going for Lincoln. The Cowley brothers have done great jobs with the Imps and Braintree before them – they leave no stone unturned so they could go up via the play-offs.

MY ALL-TIME COLCHESTER XI...

GK: SCOTT BARRETT

Forty-nine clean sheets in 107 games and scored crucial winner against Wycombe.

RB: GREG HALFORD

Could play a RM as well. Had a bomb for a throw and scored some spectacular goals.

CB: STEVE WIGNALL

Classy central defender who always had time on the ball.

CB: TONY ENGLISH

Could play anywhere and had two hat-tricks to his name. One of the first players to be inducted in the club's Hall of Fame.

LB: NICKY SMITH

More of a left wing-back but an integral part of the Conference-winning side on 1991/92.

RM: PERRY GROVES

One of the quickest players I've seen he could turn defence into attack in an instant.

CM: MARK KINSELLA

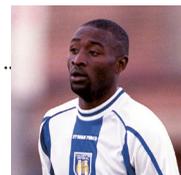
Played for Eire in two World Cups and oozed class. Scorer of terrific long-range goals as well.

CM: JASON DOZZELL

Always seemed to have an extra second on that ball that mere mortals can only wish for.

LM: LOMANA TRESOR LUA LUA

Just the greatest, most exciting player ever to pull on a U's shirt.



S: ROY McDONOUGH

The best target man in the old style. Defenders must have dreaded playing against him.

S: TONY ADCOCK

Luton fans didn't see the best of him in his time here – but deadly inside the penalty area for the U's.

TOP BOYS

**FOOTBALL HISTORIAN
LEIGH EDWARDS** PROFILES
TEN WINNERS OF
COLCHESTER UNITED'S
'PLAYER OF THE YEAR' AWARD

PERCY AMES

Goalkeeper Percy Ames was Colchester United's first 'Player of the Year' in 1964-65. Initially with Bedford Avenue, he joined Tottenham Hotspur in May 1951 but failed to make an impact and moved to Layer Road in May 1955. He starred as Colchester narrowly missed promotion to the Second Division in 1956-57 and took Arsenal to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1958-59. Ever-present five times, including their 1961-62 promotion campaign, he made 397 League appearances before joining Romford in July 1965. He later coached Kempston Rovers, then was a motor mechanic and died in Bedford in December 1998.

RAY CRAWFORD

Former England international striker Ray Crawford was leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' as Colchester United defeated Leeds United en route to the FA Cup sixth round in 1970-71. Initially with Portsmouth, he joined Ipswich Town in September 1958 and starred in the 1961-62 League Championship success. He had spells with Wolves, West Brom, Ipswich



again, Charlton Athletic and Kettering Town before moving to Colchester in June 1970, netting 25 goals in 45 League outings prior to joining Durban City. Later youth coach at Brighton and Portsmouth, he is now a retired merchandiser living in Fareham.

MICKY COOK

Versatile right-back Micky Cook was Colchester United's 'Player of the Year' in 1971-72. A former Orient apprentice, he followed Dick Graham to Colchester in July 1969 and featured in their 1970-71 FA Cup run and 1973-74 promotion success. He was ever-present as the U's were League Cup quarter-finalists in 1974-75, won promotion in 1976-77 and reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1978-79. Scoring 21 goals in a club record 613 League games before leaving in May 1984, he managed Wivenhoe Town, then was Colchester's community officer and youth team boss. He has coached at Colne Community College in Brightlingsea.

RAY HARFORD

Central defender Ray Harford was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in Colchester United's 1973-74 promotion success. Initially with Charlton Athletic, he joined Exeter City in January 1966, then had spells with Lincoln City, Mansfield Town and Port Vale before moving to Colchester in January 1973. He helped them beat top-flight Carlisle United en route to the League Cup fifth round in 1974-75, netting four goals in 108 League games prior to becoming their youth team coach. Later managing Fulham, Luton Town's 1988 League Cup final triumph, Wimbledon, Blackburn Rovers, West Brom and QPR, he died in August 2003.

STEVE WIGNALL

Central defender Steve Wignall was Colchester United's 'Player of the Year' in 1978-79 and 1983-84. A former Liverpool junior, he joined Doncaster Rovers in March 1972 and moved to Colchester in September 1977. He starred as



they reached the FA Cup fifth round in 1978-79, then took Newcastle United to a third round replay in 1981-82. Scoring 21 goals in 281 League games, he joined Brentford in August 1984 and played in the 1985 Freight Rover Trophy final, then helped Aldershot to win promotion in 1986-87. He has since managed the re-formed Aldershot Town, Colchester, Stevenage, Doncaster and Southend.

MIKE WALKER

Former Welsh U-23 international goalkeeper Mike Walker was Colchester United's 'Player of the Year' on three occasions. Initially with Reading, he had spells with Shrewsbury Town and York City prior to joining Watford in September 1968. He starred in their 1968-69 Third Division title triumph and 1969-70 FA Cup run, moving to Colchester in June 1973. A key figure in their 1973-74 and 1976-77 promotion campaigns as well as successive Cup runs, he was ever-present seven times and made 451 League appearances before becoming manager in April 1986. He later managed Norwich City (twice) and Everton, settling in Cyprus.

COLIN HILL

Northern Ireland international defender Colin Hill was Colchester United's 'Player of the Year' in 1987-88 and 1988-89. Signing professional for Arsenal in August 1981, he gained top-flight experience

prior to joining Portuguese side CS Maritimo in July 1986. He moved to Colchester in October 1987 and made 69 League appearances before sold to Sheffield United for £85,000 in August 1989. Helping the Blades to regain top-flight status in 1989-90, he joined Leicester City for £200,000 in March 1992 and later played for Swedish side Trelleborgs and Northampton Town. He has since run a PR business in Northampton and is now the Commercial Director for the PFA.

MARK KINSELLA

Midfielder Mark Kinsella was capped 48 times by Republic of Ireland after leaving Layer Road. Initially with Home Farm, he joined Colchester in August 1989 and was a key figure in their 1991-92 Conference title and FA Trophy 'double' triumph. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1993-94 and again as the U's qualified for the Third Division play-offs in 1995-96. Scoring 30 times in 233 League games, he moved to Charlton Athletic for £150,000 in September 1996 and helped them win promotion in 1997-98 and 1999-2000. He later appeared for Aston Villa, West Brom and Walsall, since coaching back at Charlton and Colchester.

RICHARD WILKINS

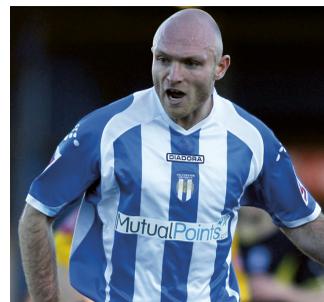
Midfielder Richard Wilkins was captain and 'Player of the Year' as



Colchester United won promotion via the Third Division play-offs in 1997-98. He impressed with Haverhill Rovers before moving to Colchester in November 1986 and helped them to qualify for the Fourth Division play-offs in 1986-87. Ever-present in 1987-88, he joined Cambridge United in July 1990, starring in their 1990-91 Third Division title triumph. Moving via Hereford United back to Colchester in August 1996, he netted 33 goals in 279 League games overall until a knee injury ended his career in June 2000. He has since managed Bury Town and Leiston.

WAYNE BROWN

Central defender Wayne Brown was captain and 'Player of the Year' in Colchester's 2005-06 promotion success. Starting with Ipswich Town, he featured in their 1999-2000 promotion campaign and was loaned to Colchester before joining

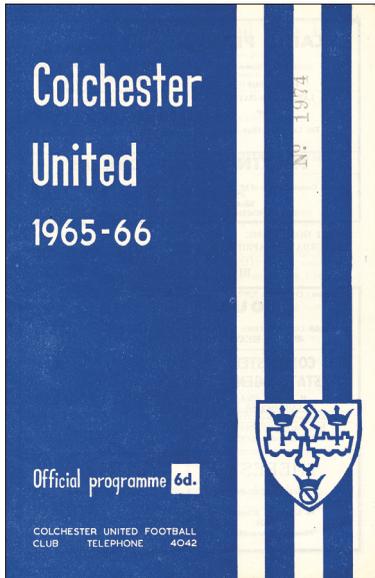


Watford in December 2002. He returned to Colchester in February 2004 and also skippered them to the FA Cup fifth round in 2005-06. Ever-present in 2006-07, he netted four goals in 140 League games for the U's, moving to Hull City in July 2007. Starring in their 2007-08 Championship play-off final triumph, he joined Leicester City in January 2009, then played for Preston and Bury Town.

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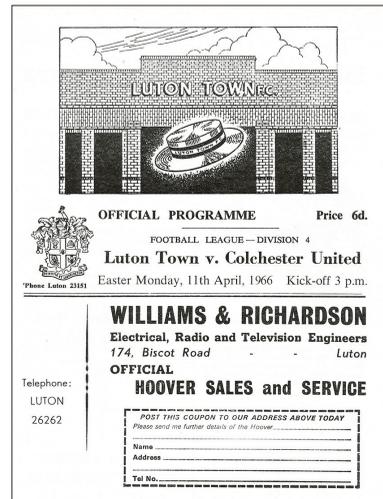


◀ APRIL 1966

10,200 at this Good Friday Division Four (now League Two) promotion clash at Layer Road with Dick Edwards and Ray Whittaker on target in a 2-2 draw.

▶ APRIL 1966

The return, three days later, is watched by 15,309 with Gordon Riddick on the scoresheet in another draw. One more point that season would have earned promotion at Colchester's expense!

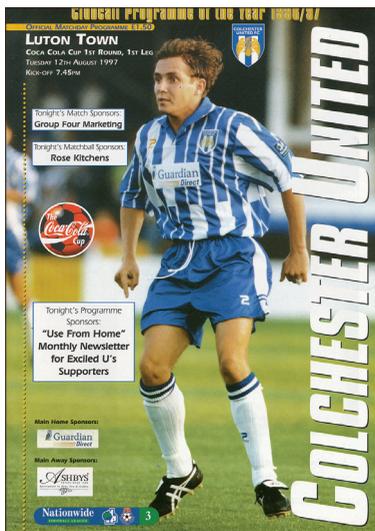


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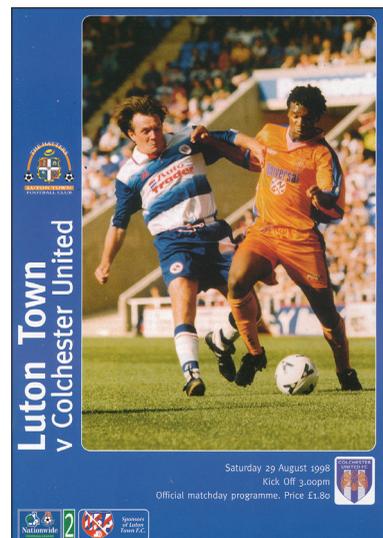


◀ AUGUST 1997

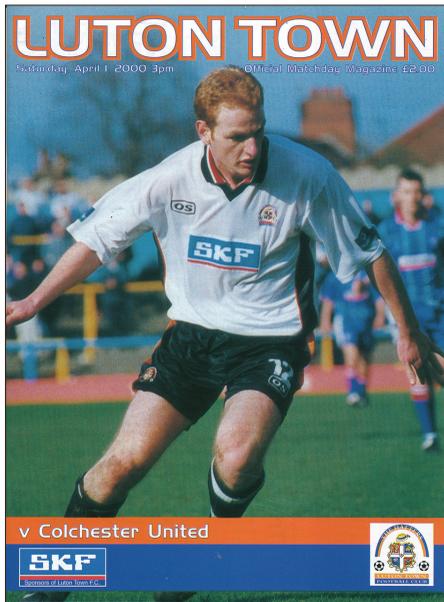
Tony Thorpe nets a late goal in a 1-0 win in this Coca-Cola Cup first round, first leg tie. He scores again in the second leg when the Town are held 1-1 but go through. Paul Buckle plays for the U's!

▶ AUGUST 1998

Goals from Stuart Douglas and Steve Davis see the Town ease through in this Division Two (now League One) clash. The Hatters are down to ten men for most of the second half following the dismissal of Marvin Johnson.



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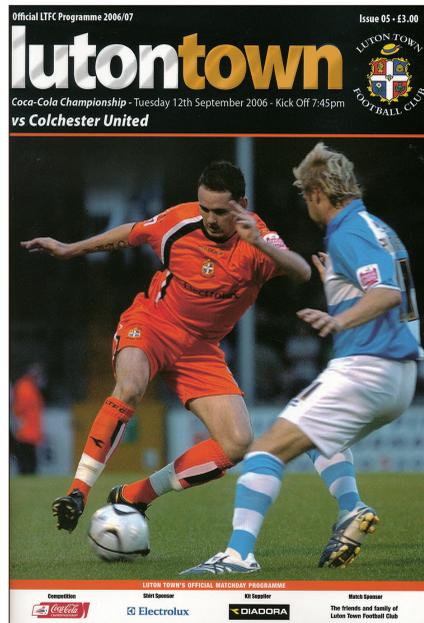
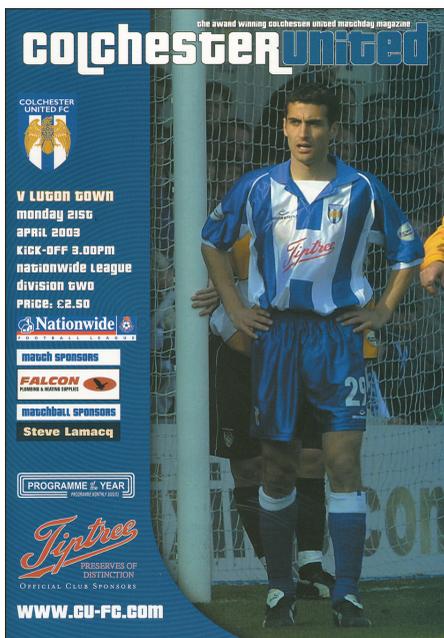


▲ APRIL 2000

An unstoppable Matthew Taylor shot late on secures a 3-2 victory in an end-to-end contest in Division Two.

▼ APRIL 2003

Another Division Two contest sees Colchester, unbeaten in eight, hammered 5-0 with Steve Howard netting the second hat-trick of his career.

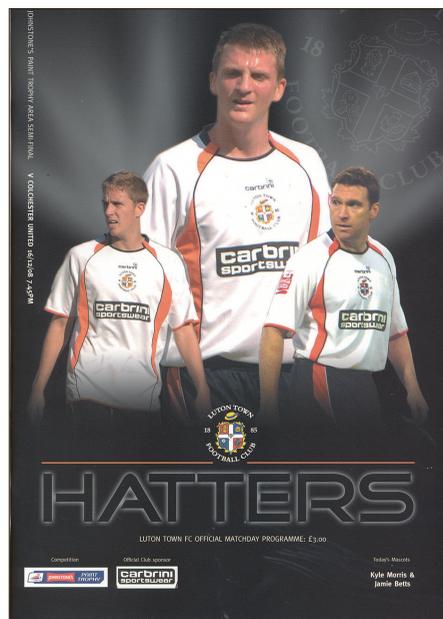


▲ SEPTEMBER 2006

Colchester goalkeeper Aidan Davison has a game to remember, pulling off save after save to preserve a point in a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road in the Championship.

▼ DECEMBER 2008

The Town ride their luck in this Johnstone's Paint tie but a solitary goal from Claude Gnakpa secures the win on the road to Wembley success.



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JOHNNY MULLINS'

TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

Super James Collins, my new car school partner. It's been great so far but he's trying to get me over to the dark side with coffee. I'm not a coffee drinker, but he's persistent.

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

I am sandwiched between the Mitchell Brothers – Scotty Cuthbert and Alan McCormack!

Who do you room with?

Danny Hylton. It's really quiet. We just chill out on away trips, relaxing and have a nice cup of tea!

Last year you told us you like to wrestle in your room?

We do wrestle every now and then. It's just if the mood takes. We are normally trying to trash people's rooms – well, that's what we get accused of anyway.

Most annoying on away trips?

Apart from Hylts, the boys are all quite good.

Best trainer?

Olly Lee, hands down.

Worst trainer?

Pelly can have a few sticky sessions, maybe Glen too.

Quickest feet?

Gambo's got quick feet – down there for dancing.

Nutmeg king?

Olly gets a few on a Friday when we do the Rondos, and Cookie gets a few as well.

Biggest moaner?

Where do I start? Danny Hylton, Alan Sheehan likes a little moan, so do

Scottie and Macca. Probably most of the older lads. I don't know if they're just miserable and getting old...I think you're allowed to at that point.

Loudest in the dressing room?

There's a few quiet lads, but Pell's loud, Gambo as well. It depends on what day. I can be quite loud if it's not a Monday morning.

Gaffer's pet?

I know he's my roomie, but I can't look any further than Super Dan!

Best taste in music?

This is where I struggle because I'm a Michael Buble fan and nobody really appreciates him. Hylts and Sheez have got a good plethora of music that comes out on the away trips, but there's not enough Buble!



Worst taste in music?

Probably myself.

Best initiation song?

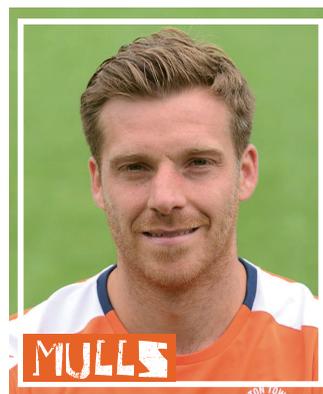
Macca's Wild Rover was good in Slovenia – it got the guys bouncing.

Worst initiation song?

Lawson D'Ath. His attempt at Teenage Dirtbag was the worst I've ever seen. Crumbled. I've got it on my phone – Accrington Stanley away – and it was cringeworthy. Embarrassing.

Best dressed?

Sheezy always looks smart.



Worst dressed?

Danny Hylton, because he always comes and leaves in his training kit. Scruffy!

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

James Collins. The amount of times I'll be driving and catch him looking at himself in the mirror. I think he's just had his teeth whitened – and he's always flicking with his hair, which I reckon he gets straightened at the barber's!

Most intelligent?

Now we are struggling. I've got a degree, but I can't give it myself. I'm going to go for Dan Potts or Cookie.

Best banter?

Pell's got decent banter.

Most likely to be a manager?

Potts. I know he's young, but he knows his stuff, studies the game and he's a bright lad.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

A three-way race...James Collins, Danny Hylton or Pelly-Ruddock.

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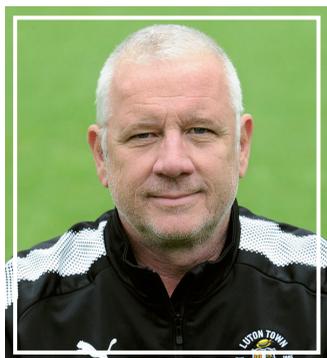
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A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

Everyone enjoys a good fairy story and normally the frog turns into a handsome prince.

However, once upon a time there was a Truro striker named Isaac Vassell who came to Luton Town, worked hard and turned into a Championship striker at Birmingham. In the days of £200m transfers it's refreshing that players can still progress from the so-called lower levels. So good luck to Isaac and hopefully it all works out for him.

Of course, in this day and age it's all about increasing your profile, and if you're a goalkeeper, maybe sneaking that extra inch of height to impress. So when I reviewed the team photo it was interesting to see that Harry Isted seemed to be taller. Closer investigation revealed he was on tip toes. Sneaky devil.

Tuesday night against Tottenham U21s saw the welcome return of James Justin and Danny Hylton. As they always say, it's like having two new signings.

It's been emotional working with Dan, and there's never a dull moment. Not only have I seen him recover from the operation and watched his Twitter account grow, but his six-year-old son beat him in the crossbar challenge. That hurt.

The Spurs match was a good game to play in for both, and the game time was the important factor. The match gave us the first taste of the ABBA system and clearly the first opportunity to pop in a gag, as under this format, The Winner Takes It All. Phew...got that out of the way!

Injury wise, Lawson D'Ath rolled his ankle in training and is well on his way to recovering. We will be pushing him on as quickly and safely as we can. This is where our new

Aeroflooring will be fantastic. Also Lawson has had the benefit of the new Watt bike, describing it as an evil machine whilst sweating buckets on it.

Scott Cuthbert pulled up at Barnet after feeling some pain around his hip. We are still assessing his scans at present and then working out his rehabilitation plan.



Lawson on his favourite bit of training kit

This week has also seen us doing some testing with the youth team. We have to do various measurements for the FA monitoring programmes. So Ali, our youth sports science guru, starts by measuring the thigh. Up steps candidate one. Ali says: "Lift up your shorts leg so I can measure."

A bemused youth lad stands there. So Ali repeats the request. At this point the lad looks at his leg and replies: "I don't think I've got short legs."

We seem to be on a bit of a baby boom at the minute with little ones arriving, some due

and some in the process of being made – Olly Lee being the latest with arrival of Alfie. All the crying, the temper tantrums and arm throwing...the baby is never going to get any rest with all that racket coming from his dad. Congratulations, although Uncle Elliot's a bit upset the baby is already taller than him.

A final mention for my media colleague Stuart. Not only was he arrested and detained for a charitable cause this summer (although some say it was deserved for crimes against journalism), but the pressure really got to him after the Yeovil game when he interviewed Nathan about a 7-2 victory. Stuart, my door is always open.

Enjoy the game...COYH!

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We are delighted to announce that the official club charity of the year for 2017-18 is Transitions UK.

The Luton based charity are the first of our three official charities for this season to be announced, with the players' and the supporters' charities of the year to be announced in the coming days.

Transitions UK is a charity working to support disadvantaged young people supporting a positive transition to a happier, more inclusive and more productive life as young adults.

They provide vital support through positive relationships tailored to each individual in need through mentoring, befriending and guidance, whilst helping them learn and achieve the skills they need to find their place in society under four key banners:

- Achieve - for young people with learning disabilities and special needs.
- Affirm - for young people with emotional issues or mental health problems.
- Aspire - for young people at risk of offending or re-offending.
- Attain - for young people leaving care, towards independence.

Once again this season shirt sponsors SsangYong will be surrendering their space on the front of the players' shirts, this time in aid of Transitions UK for our match against Exeter on Saturday February 3rd.

Hatters Chief Executive Gary Sweet said: "Everyone at Luton Town Football Club is looking forward to working with yet another fantastic local charity.

"Having worked so well with CHUMS and Level Trust I am sure we will be able to develop another great relationship with Transitions UK, this relatively new, Luton based charity. Their work with young people between the ages of 14-25, particularly those with learning difficulties or those with mental health and emotional needs really struck a chord with us – those young people deserve our help and deserve a real chance to enjoy a positive life within our community. We are a club that prides itself on our work within the community of our town and countywide – I am sure our partnership will prove to be a perfect fit.

"I know our staff are excited about increasing Transition UK's profile and when we take the field against Exeter City on February 3rd then all Luton fans will definitely know all about their excellent work. I must, at this point, thank our main sponsors, SsangYong for their kind gesture in donating their shirt sponsorship for this one-off occasion – I know it is much appreciated by everyone at Transitions UK."

Ron Overton, Chief Exec at Transitions UK said: "We are delighted to be chosen as Luton Town's charity for 2017-18 and look forward to working in partnership with the



club throughout this season. As a charity we work with disadvantaged young people across the community, including those with learning disabilities, and we provide support that changes young lives. Check us out on www.transitionsuk.org

"We want very much this year to develop a great relationship with the whole club, including its brilliant supporters. It's a particular pleasure to work with a community focused and socially minded club like Luton Town, and we are thrilled to have that opportunity."


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THE MAIN MINUTES

K0 Three changes for the Town with Glen Rea, Jordan Cook and Elliot Lee coming in

34' Goal for Ipswich – dangerman David McGoldrick latches onto a through ball from Bersant Celina and slips it past Stech into the bottom corner – 0-1

39' Chance for the Hatters as James Collins chests down to Andrew Shinnie, who finds Elliot Lee – but his 20-yarder curls just past the post

45+3' Great chance for the Town to level as Jordan Cook's

shot is parried by Dean Gerken, but Elliot Lee can't steer in the rebound and it goes over

52' This is good from the Hatters. Jack Stacey delivers a great cross on the run which Shinnie meets, but can't direct his header on target

62' Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu fires over from 20 yards at the other end as the game really opens up

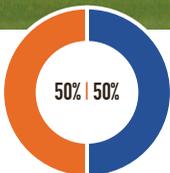
90+3' It's 2-0 now to the visitors and the Town's hopes of a comeback are over, McGoldrick with his second

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JONES:

"There are still elements of naivety because they've got real Championship quality and David McGoldrick has been one hell of a player for a good while. That was the difference really – two bits of quality from him won them the game. As far as performance wise and how we went about our work. We acquitted ourselves really well and it was a really evenly contested game, so I'm very proud of them today."



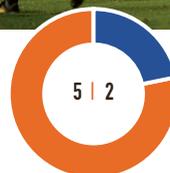
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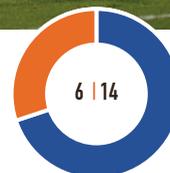
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BARNET: STEPHENS, JOHNSON (CLOUGH 5), SANTOS, NELSON ©, WESTON (70), CAMPBELL-RYCE, COULTHIRST, TUTONDA, H TAYLOR (J TAYLOR 36), VILHETE, AKPA AKPRO | **SUBS NOT USED:** ROSS (GK), AKINOLA, BOVER, AMALUZOR | **YELLOW CARDS:** J TAYLOR, CAMPBELL-RYCE

THE MAIN MINUTES

- K0** Nathan Jones keeps the starting XI the same from the 8-2 win over Yeovil, one change on the bench though as new signing Harry Cornick takes Jack Senior's place.
- 17'** Fantastic save from Jamie Stephens in the Barnet goal. Alan Sheehan's corner is met by Dan Potts who heads towards goal, but the keeper somehow manages to tip it onto the bar!
- 54'** Marek Stech is forced into a good save as he gets down low to his left to palm away Jamal Campbell-Ryce's deflected effort from 20 yards out for a corner. Sound reflexes from the Town stopper.
- 68'** James Collins cuts in from the left of the Barnet box, dribbles in and smashes an effort across the face of goal with his left boot, that beat everyone – and the post. Very close from the striker.
- 90+1'** GOAL to Barnet. Substitute Jack Taylor receives the ball 22 yards from goal and curls it beyond Stech into the bottom right corner. 1-0 to the hosts.
- 90+4'** Sheehan delivers a corner from the left that sub Elliot Lee meets with a thumping header, tipped over by Stephens to prevent an equaliser.





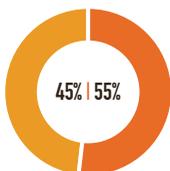
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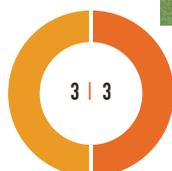
JONES:

"We just didn't do the basics well enough. We didn't pass the ball well enough, we didn't cause them enough problems. We didn't win our headers, we didn't win the second balls. We didn't get a foothold in the game. We didn't do it, we absolutely didn't do it. The pitch didn't help, it's a real sticky pitch. It wasn't conducive for a fluent game, but if we do the basics right, we get a draw."

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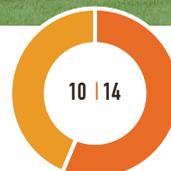
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LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST PRESS OFFICER KEVIN HARPER'S VIEW FROM BARNET...

“ Not the best of beginnings to our away season. After the excitement and euphoria of the huge win over Yeovil it was back down to earth in a big way with a low-key, disappointing defeat.

In truth it was a match we never got going in but even then it looked like finishing 0-0 until a Barnet midfielder unleashed a bullet in injury time which flew into the corner.

We did hit the bar early on and had a header brilliantly saved late on, but in truth we didn't really deserve anything from the game. We could not find

the level of passing and movement that we had against Yeovil and ultimately went down at the death.

Such a flat performance was a pity because it was another excellent away day until that point with the bar behind the stand at The Hive doing a healthy trade.

Thankfully the journey home was not a long one and I was back in plenty of time to see the British men win gold in the athletics which made forgetting the disappointment of the game much easier. ”

...AND HIS FIRST INTERVIEW IN A NEW SERIES INTRODUCING HIS FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FANS

Kevin Harper: How long have you been a Luton fan?

Sally Mayne: I've been a fan for 35 years after going to my first game back in 1982.

Who do you come to matches with?

My family. I come to most matches with my nephew Sheldon.

What made you start coming to watch Luton?

My brother first went with the cubs and I didn't want to be left out, so I went along too and have been going ever since!

Whereabouts in the ground do you sit?

I have a season ticket in the Main Stand Enclosure down by the tunnel.

What was the first match you attended?

It was at home to QPR in May 1982. We won 3-2 and David Moss scored. It was the night we won the then Division Two title.

Who is your favourite Luton player of all time?

It is hard to pick one. My two favourite players that I've seen play for the Town are David Moss and Paul Walsh.

What is your favourite Luton match of all time?

Littlewoods Cup final in 1988 when we came back from 2-1 down to beat Arsenal 3-2 at Wembley – a great day!

Do you prefer seats or terraces?

Terraces



Who is the best player you've seen watching Luton?

Zlatan Ibrahimovic when we played Ajax in a friendly in 2005.

What is the funniest thing you've seen watching the Town?

Elliot Lee was warming up at AFC Wimbledon in 2015 and had a shot that missed the goal and hit a cup of tea all over a lady. A few minutes later he did the exact same thing again! It was very funny at the time.

What does LTFC mean to you?

Luton Town is a part of life.

TOWN 2 : TOTTENHAM U21s 2



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jackkkjames What a night 🙏 First team debut ⚽



THE MAIN MINUTES

19' TOWN TAKE THE LEAD as debutant Harry Cornick's low ball finds Luke Gambin in the box and the ex-Barnet man slots home from close range!

21' GOAL to Spurs. Pritchard's effort from 20 yards hits the post but bounces in off James Shea who had dived to make save.

47' GOAL for Spurs. Loft slots the ball into the bottom right corner after being put in the clear by William Miller.

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51' GOAL FOR THE HATTERS!!! Jack James puts in a superb cross from the right and the 17-year-old's fellow sub Josh McQuoid is there to head it in at the back stick!

90' FT: LUTON TOWN 2-2 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR U21. We will now have a penalty shoot-out, the winner gets an extra point.

Gambin scores from the spot after Elliot Lee, McQuoid and Jordan Cook had put it away from 12 yards! **Town win 4-2 on penalties!** #COYH

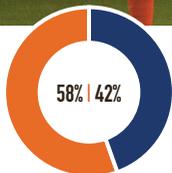
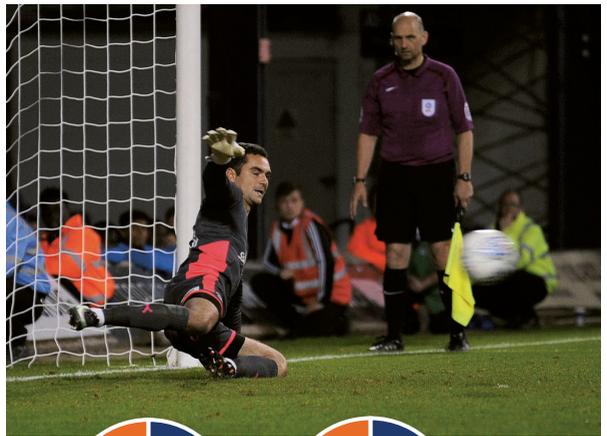


JONES:

"I thought it was an excellent game. Tottenham are a good under-21 side, they came out and they play and they are a very sharp and they gave us a real good test out of possession.

"We started very well, we should have been a couple up, we had a couple of great chances. We finally took the lead and then sloppiness gave them an equaliser. But I thought it was a thoroughly entertaining game."

Luke Gambin slots in the winning penalty



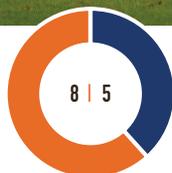
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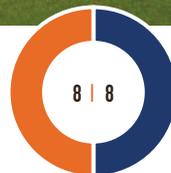
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CERTSURE SPONSOR HATTERS FOR NINTH YEAR

Dunstable based firm Certsure has renewed its deal to sponsor the back of the Luton Town shirts.

Certsure operates the NICEIC and ELECSA brands for registered electricians and the NICEIC and ELECSA logos will appear on the home and away shirts of the Hatters for the 2017/18 season.

It will be the ninth year in a row the NICEIC name has appeared on the Luton shirt – a partnership which dates back to 2009.

Paul Collins, Certsure's communications manager, said: "We are delighted to once again be putting our brands behind Luton Town FC and continue the partnership we have built up with the club.

"As one of the largest employers in the area it is important we show our support for our local team and the club is a great ambassador for our brands.



"We would like to wish the management and the players all the best and are looking forward to another great season working together."

STEVE TOYER

On the morning of Friday 11th August, Hatters supporter of over 50 years Steve Toyer was rushed to hospital and tragically died that night, aged 59, of septicaemia blood poisoning.

Steve had not been in the best of health and was in a wheelchair in recent years, but that did not stop his enthusiasm and love of watching the Town. He had a season ticket in the disabled area for that period, as well as one for the last 30 odd years in all parts of the ground.

Fellow supporter Alan Adair got in touch with This Is Our Town, writing: "Steve attended his first game against Southport on 25th February 1967 as a ninth birthday treat, and we sat together with our late fathers.

"We followed the Hatters all over the country – even Dunkirk, France for a 1975 pre-season friendly, paying £9 return on Tricentrol Coaches!

"It's so poignant that Steve's last Hatters game was the one that created history – Luton 8 Yeovil 2! A record opening day LTFC victory and for both of us – the first time our beloved Hatters had scored eight goals in a Football League match!

"RIP Steve my buddy, you will never be forgotten by SO many friends and fellow Hatters."

The thoughts of all at Kenilworth Road are with Steve's family and friends at this sad time.





GET GAME READY



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PART TWO

In the summer of 1967, a 15-year-old Luton schoolboy decided to keep a comprehensive scrapbook of the forthcoming Division Four (now League Two) campaign.

It is easy to say now that he knew this was about to become one of the most glorious seasons in the club's history, but looking back it was merely the labours of a boy with too much time on his hands in the days before the internet, social media and mobile phones (or normal phones in his case).

Step back 50 years and let the boy who grew into club historian ROGER WASH remind us of the highs and lows of that ultimately successful 1967/68 season...



With the pre-season friendly games now out of the way, manager Allan Brown was in a reflective mood when he gave an interview to 'Chiltern' of the Luton News before the long trip to Wrexham for the opening Division Four clash of the campaign.

Brown spoke of a summer of arrivals and departures with some players being moved on 'because they were not up to our standard', while the new recruits 'look like meeting my requirements'.

Brown did not include trainer Charlie Watkins in the 'not good enough' department, but wanted his own man and had taken on ex-Arsenal full-back Dennis Evans to replace him, feeling that his attacking ideals were more in tune with his own.

Finally, Brown was asked for his view on substitutes. The allowing of a single substitute during a game had been introduced two years before but only as a replacement for an injured player. Naturally, this ruling was abused by some

so for the start of the 1967/68 season it was decreed that a substitution could be made for any reason. Brown was happy to take advantage of this change in the law.

The Town had played three times previously at the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham, with all producing a similar 2-0 defeat. Given our abysmal away record the previous season of one win, four draws and 18 defeats, the pessimists among us could see only one result.

But this was a new-look Luton and surely there was no way the players would allow my new scrapbook to record an opening day defeat!

The Town were without big money summer signing Bill McDermott, who had suffered a groin strain during the week, as well as right back Max Dougan who was still recovering from an ankle injury that had disrupted his pre-season. Alan Slough and Tommy Hare were more than adequate replacements.



THEY JUST REFUSED TO BE BEATEN

WREXHAM 1, LUTON TOWN 1

SENSATION followed sensation in the Town's opening match of the season at Wrexham this afternoon. To cap it all the Town, reduced to nine men as against Wrexham's 10, saved a point two minutes from the end when Rodney Green paid back a slice of his transfer fee by securing a dramatic equaliser. Incidentally, that was the Town's first goal on this ground in four visits.

I doubt whether the Town will have a tougher match this season, and I fancy that tonight there will be a heavy list of bruises and various injuries to attend to. Town could well do without them, in view of the League Cup-tie with Charlton on Wednesday.

Most of the incidents, some of them ugly, happened in the second half, when tempers became frayed, and resulted in French and Bradbury being sent off 25 minutes from the end.

French's departure reduced the Town to only nine men, because Brian Johnson, who came on as substitute for the second half, for Slough, lasted only 11 minutes in this bruising struggle before being carried off, not to return.

From start to finish, the pattern of this game was grimness and determination, with neither side prepared to yield an inch.

At half-time we were reasonably satisfied that this was a case of two teams tackling tremendously hard, and, despite the number of free kicks, without real malice.

It was after a first-minute goal after the interval to Wrexham and the injury to Johnson that the game erupted. Probably the previous happenings, and the toughness of the tackling caused saturation point to be reached.

From the football point of view there was very little finesse.

All credit is due to the way in which the Town defence played in difficult circumstances, especially when their ranks were reduced.

Branston obviously is going to be an invaluable general, Hare matched some of the Wrexham tackling in determination, and Jardine and Moore were never out of it.

From Read there was a brilliant display. Really, this was no day for forwards, but we have plainly seen the potential of Allen and Green as strikers, and Rioch as the midfield link.

On this showing, the Town's away record is going to be very different from last season's. From start to finish they refused to accept defeat, and came away with a point from a side which was unbeaten at home last season.

Estimated attendance: 10,000.

GREEN UN' LOCAL 19-8-67 →



MICK BROWN

(LOCAL)



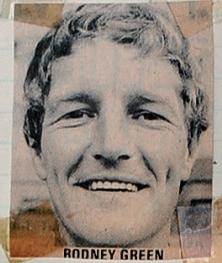
ALAN SLOUGH

(LOCAL)



BRUCE RIOCH

(LOCAL)



RODNEY GREEN

(POST)

Two sent off, one booked

by GWYNNE DAVIES
Wrexham 1 Luton 1

WREXHAM SKIPPER Terry Bradbury and Luton's Graham French were both sent off after a disgraceful incident in the 56th minute of this tough encounter.

French, the former England youth international, appeared to kick Wrexham's left full back Steve Stacey. Bradbury walked over to the Luton right winger and appeared to be taking when suddenly French wrapped his arms around the Wrexham left half and both fell to the ground.

French was immediately sent off and it appeared that Bradbury was getting away with a booking when he too began the long walk to an early bath. Referee Mr. C. I. Robinson (Manchester) also booked Wrexham's left winger Tony McLoughlin in the 82nd minute for a foul on goalkeeper Tony Read.

In fact the incident left Luton with only nine men. Wing half Alan Slough was substituted by Brian Johnson at the beginning of the second half and he himself was led off in the 86th minute with a leg injury. £10,000 signing from Southampton, headed home a wonderful goal to put the Welsh club in front.

Ninety seconds from the end Luton's left winger Ray Whitaker had a fine run, and then squared the ball neatly into what seemed to be a forest of red Wrexham jerseys.

Somehow the ball went through Luton's centre forward Rodney Green, who side-footed it home.

Stokoe's tribute to Green

Rodney Green, Luton Town's new centre-forward, starts the season below the 13st. mark for the first time for a number of years. Green joined Luton just over a fortnight ago from Charlton Athletic, whose manager, Bob Stokoe, claims that his carefully-prepared training schedule was mainly responsible for the player's reduction in weight.

"Green also deserves full credit himself," says Stokoe. "No player could have worked harder during the early days of pre-season training."

WREXHAM 1, LUTON TOWN 1

LUTON grabbed a late equaliser in a dull game which suddenly sparked into life when Terry Bradbury, playing his first game for Wrexham, and Graham French of Luton were sent off.

French was involved in an incident with Stacey and Bradbury, as Wrexham's new skipper went over to speak to the players. In the next moment Bradbury and French were rolling on the ground.

Defences dominated play but Wrexham broke through when a neatly placed Griffiths free kick gave new centre-forward Smith his chance to head in.

Luton never gave up the struggle and when Wrexham relaxed Moore found himself with a loose ball which he passed to Green, who scored.

WREXHAM: Schofield 7; Inzie 7; Shaw 7; Misztrak 7; Stacey 7; Bradbury 6; Bealland 6; GRIFFITHS 6. LUTON: READ 6; McLOUGHLIN 6; Jardine 6; Moore 7; Branston 6; French 6; Allen 7; Green 7; Whitaker 6; Robinson (Manchester) 5.

Wrexham 1, Luton 1. Luton right winger Alan Slough was substituted by Brian Johnson at the beginning of the second half and he himself was led off in the 86th minute with a leg injury.

It was a punishing game for Luton. At half-time they had to drop Alan Slough, who had taken a hard knock. And substitute Brian Johnson played for only ten minutes before he went off injured.

A fine header by Ray Smith put Wrexham in front in the first minute of the second half.

Luton's nine men were mostly at the receiving end but their strength and courage carried them through to an equaliser by Green.

New signing, Terry Branston, from Northampton, slotted well into the defence to keep it tight.

IN LEAGUE SIDE AT SEVENTEEN

Mickey Brown, the Luton Town inside forward, was off to an early start in big football. He joined Fulham straight from school, and was given his first-team debut at 17 by Bedford Jezzard, then manager of the West London club. Brown had played for Slough Boys and the district county team, and his future looked bright.

Unfortunately for Mick he was crowded out at Fulham by better-known players, and when the chance to move to Millwall came in February, 1965, he was glad to take it. He joined Luton at the beginning of July.

GREEN UN' LOCAL 16-9-67

DEPLETED TOWN IN NO MOOD TO SURRENDER

By CHILTERN

WREXHAM 1, LUTON TOWN 1

ON this showing, the Town's away form which earned them a meagre six points out of 46 last season is going to make a very different reading this time.

Despite being beset by injury and having the potential of their attack largely contained by some tackling that sometimes came into the fearsome category they never slackened in their determination even when they were reduced to nine men when French was ordered off.

This happened 25 minutes from the end after French had retaliated after having been fouled by Stacey, and Bradbury, who intervened and who was involved in a scuffle with the winger, also received his marching orders.

Altogether, it was a regrettable incident and French, who was sent off at Halifax about nine months ago, should have learned that retaliation does not pay despite the undoubted provocation.

Previous reduction of the Town's forces had taken place 11 minutes after Johnson came on as substitute for Slough, who bruised a knee late in the first half.

LOOKED ANYTHING BUT HOPEFUL

Johnson was carried off with damaged knee ligaments and, with the Town a goal down at that stage, their case looked anything but hopeful.

That goal came in the first minute of the second half after the Town had fought their way doggedly through to keep the score-sheet blank at the interval.

Griffiths took one of the many free kicks with which this match was punctuated, floated the ball over accurately from the left and SMITH moved like a flash to head it in fractionally before Read could cut off the danger.

Until then, there had been few clear-cut openings, such was the effectiveness of the covering and the hardness of the tackling of both teams.

For a long time, it looked as if that would be the limit of the scoring, especially as the Town were having to improvise with their depleted forces and also had to cope with the fact that Wrexham had a spare man.

However, the match, which had produced so much toil, not all that much pure football, but plenty of incident, was destined to end on a sensational note because, with a bare two minutes remaining, the Town equalised, a happening that had appeared a somewhat remote possibility.

GREEN FOUND AN OPEN SPACE

Whittaker made it possible, initially, by going on determinedly in the face of a challenge by Ingle and he switched the ball to Moore, who was backing him up.

Quickly, the left-half crossed it low and, for once in a while, the home defence failed to converge on GREEN, who found for himself an open space and he made no mistake from close range.

This was a bruising, tough test for the season and they can congratulate themselves on gaining a point, a feat that few teams are likely to emulate.

Basically, the strength was vested in the defence which was equally as determined as that of the home side and which never spared itself in the tackle.

A fine general, Branston mostly had control of the middle of the field and he was well supported by the hard-tackling Hare and Jardine, who were always in the thick of things.

So, too, was Moore, who had another good game and, considering his shortage of match practice, Slough was doing well until his injury.

POTENTIAL WAS PLAIN TO SEE

As for the forwards, they were given little chance to play the football of which they are capable through the spoiling tactics of the home defence. To try to keep possession was always nearly fatal and all came in for some heavy tackling.

Even so, the potential of the inside trio was there for all to see, but the wingers did not really get the scope and support with which they could be expected to flourish.

All in all, it was a tremendous fighting display by the Town in the face of extreme difficulty.

WREXHAM: Schofield; Ingle, Stacey; Showell, Mielczarek, Bradbury; Beanland, Griffiths, Smith, McMillan, McLoughlin. Substitute: Kinsella.

LUTON TOWN: Read; Hare, Jardine, Slough (Johnson), Branston, Moore; French, Allen, Green, Rioch, Whittaker.

Referee: C. I. Robinson Manchester.

Attendance: 9,321.

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BRUCE RIOCH (DAILY TELEGRAPH)



ROONEY GREEN



MAX DOUGAN

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JOHN MOORE
FRED JARDINE



ALAN SLOUGH

(POST)



MICKY BROWN (POST)

BRUCE RIOCH (LOCAL)

"TRAFFIC DELAYS MEANT THE TEAM ARRIVED AT THE RACECOURSE JUST 40 MINUTES BEFORE KICK-OFF"

[ROGER WASH]



The Town line-up at the start of the season. Players only. Back row left to right: Moore, Slough, Dougan, Walker. Middle row: Read, French, Allen, Jardine, McDerment, Bruce Rioch, Brown, Hare, Branston, Whittaker, McDonald. Front row: Mooney, Neil Rioch, Beaven, Wainwright.



After traffic delays, the team arrived in Wrexham only 40 minutes from kick-off, but two coachloads of Luton supporters from the Bobbers Club were there to greet them amongst a crowd of 9,514.

The game was fast and furious with tackles flying in and with neither side gaining the upper hand. In one of the more cruder challenges, Slough was barged into the perimeter wall which resulted in him failing to reappear after the interval, being replaced by another youngster, Brian Johnson.

A minute after the re-start Wrexham took the lead when Ray Smith just beat Luton goalkeeper Tony Read to a floated free-kick to head home. Soon after, the Town were reduced to ten men when Johnson was carried from the field with blood pouring from his ankle after being clogged by Ray Mielczarek.

On 65 minutes, Town winger Graham French was fouled by Wrexham's Steve Stacey. French retaliated by kicking Stacey before home defender Terry Bradbury decided to get involved, resulting in both players rolling around on the pitch aiming punches at each other. Unsurprisingly both were dismissed, or given their 'marching orders' in the parlance of the day.

Down to nine men and a goal down, the new battling Hatters refused to be beaten and two minutes from the end debutant Rodney Green fired in a deserved leveller from a pass by John Moore.

Slough and Johnson were missing from the starting line-up for the Town's League Cup tie against Second Division (now

Championship) Charlton at Kenilworth Road the following Wednesday, but McDerment was now able to take his place in the side.

A dull first half exploded in the second after Alan Campbell put the away side ahead on 49 minutes. From then on it was the Town attack against Charlie Wright in the Charlton goal, and although Keith Allen forced an equaliser, a replay was the least we deserved on a magical night under the lights in front of a crowd of 9,001.

The league was far more important however, so it was disappointing to hear that both Green and Moore would be missing for the forthcoming home clash with Barnsley having suffered knee and calf injuries against Charlton.

Slough returned to the side while summer signing Micky Brown replaced Green at centre-forward. Thirty minutes before kick-off, the Town 'wired' the Football League to register trialist Dennis Walker so that he could sit on the bench.

A crowd of 7,887 gathered to see another dull first half but much better second. Barnsley showed little in attack but were uncompromising defensively and it took a mistake by their goalkeeper Ray Wood who, worried by the recent 'four step rule', mis-hit a clearance straight to Bruce Rioch, who returned it first time into an unguarded net.

The points were made safe six minutes from the end when Allen rocketed a shot past Wood following a pass from Brown.

'All's well that ends well' said Chiltern in the 'Green 'Un' after the game.



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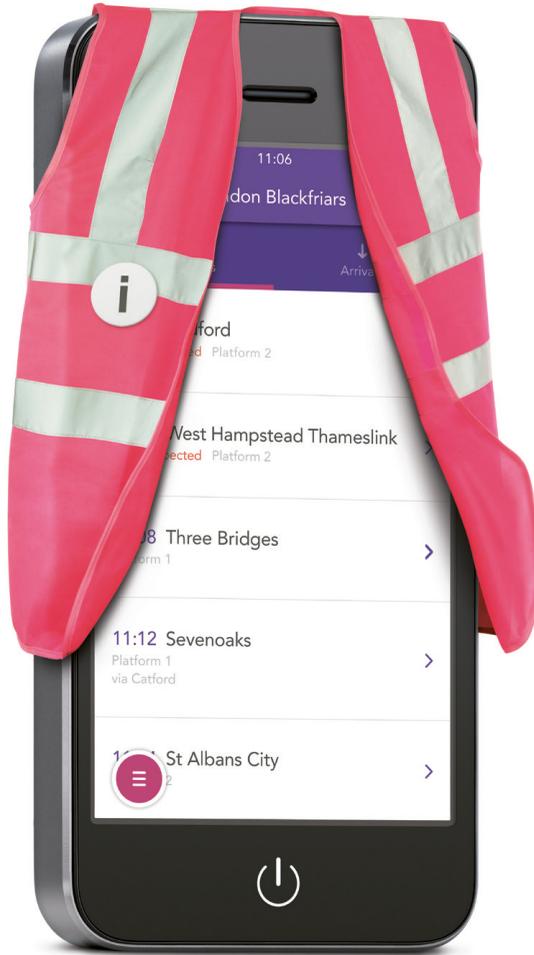
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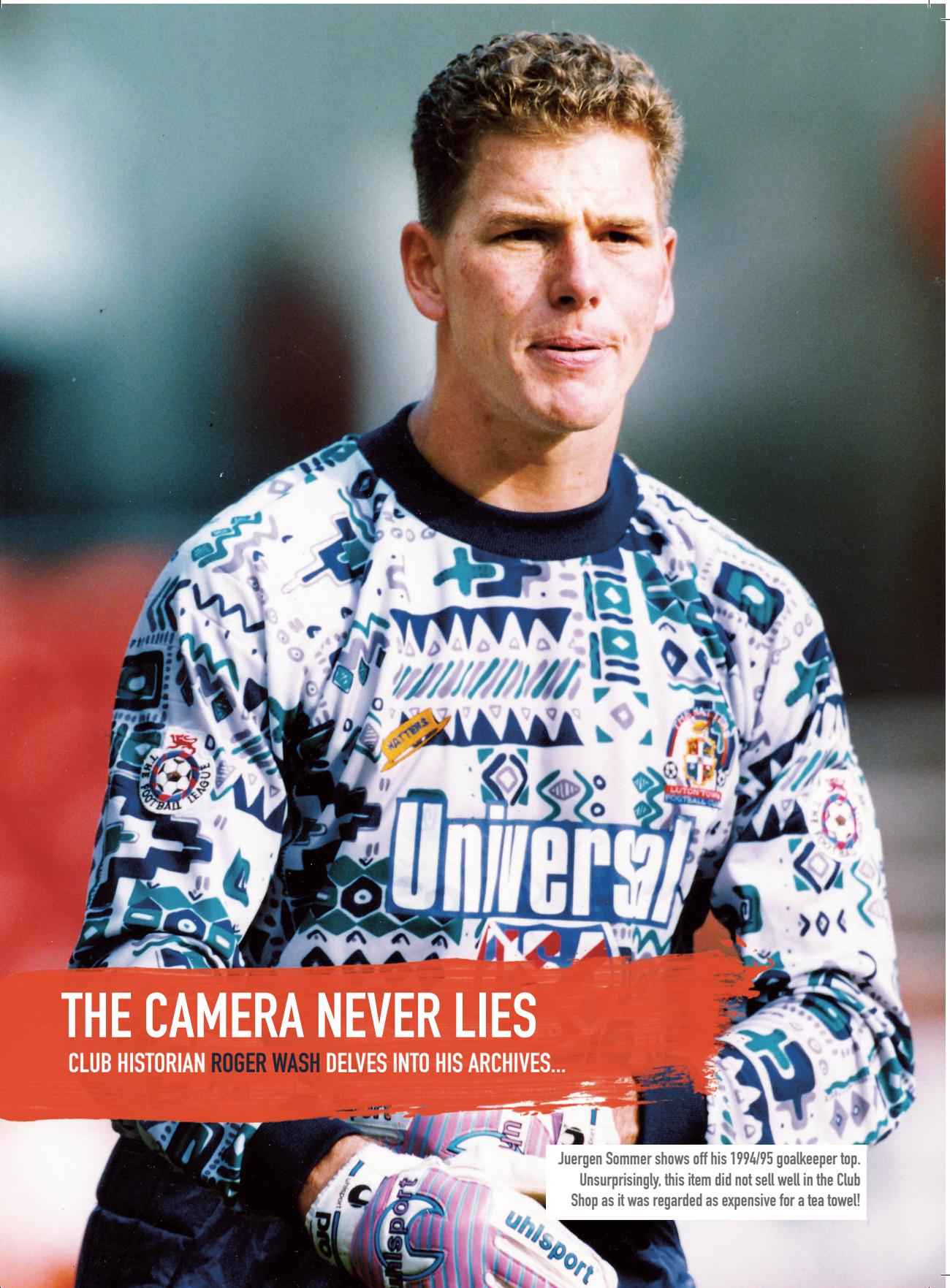
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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

Juergen Sommer shows off his 1994/95 goalkeeper top. Unsurprisingly, this item did not sell well in the Club Shop as it was regarded as expensive for a tea towel!

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CIAREN JONES YOUTH PROFILE

AGE: 17

BIRTHPLACE: BEDFORD

POSITION: CENTRE BACK/LEFT BACK

Year you joined the Hatters:

2011

Describe your playing style in three words:

Composed, intelligent, loud

Aspect of your game you would most like to improve on:

Being more consistent

Your most talented team mate:

Arthur Read

Which first team player do you look up to?

Alan Sheehan

Favourite music artist:

Ed Sheeran

Favourite food:

Lamb shank

Biggest influence on your career:

My dad

Player you used to pretend to be as a kid:

Cristiano Ronaldo

In ten years' time what do you hope to have achieved?

I hope to be Luton captain, playing in the Championship and to have won silverware with the club.



Andy Awford

H: AVAILABLE
A: AVAILABLE



ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game v Colchester United.

U18S

The Youth Team got their first league victory of the season last Saturday, with a 1-0 victory away at Leyton Orient. Kitan Sorunke popped up with the goal on the hour mark, after good work from Michael Shamalo.

Overall, we were pleased with the level of performance, which was an improvement on the previous fixture away at Dagenham & Redbridge the week before. The winning goal even brought out a fist pump celebration from coach Jordan McCann!

Well done to Stefan Vukoje, an Under-16 who made his first competitive start for the U18s.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

We have a busy schedule in the next couple of weeks with away games against Barnet (today), Southend United on Tuesday and then we will play our first competitive home game of the season in the Southern Alliance League Cup versus Barnet next Tuesday. The cup game versus Barnet will see us use our new changing facilities at Ely Way, that have been totally revamped and upgraded.

A huge thank you firstly to Gary Sweet and the board for funding the project, and secondly to Peter Kemp and his maintenance team for the great work they have done in getting the facility ready in time for us to use.

U18s LEVEL 2 COACHING

For the past four Wednesdays the apprentices have been taking their Level 2 Coaching badges under the expert eye of the PFA Coach Educator Chris Fairclough. This is a vital part of the boys' education programme and sets them up nicely to progress on to the Level 3, should they wish to venture into the world of football coaching at some point in the future.

SCHOOLBOYS

The schoolboys have done a few miles of late with the Foundation Phase (U8-U11s) travelling to play Manchester City, Stoke City, Watford and Spurs, whilst the Youth Development Phase have been to Aston Villa, Spurs, Wolves and Leyton Orient.

Coupled with a detailed training programme on the 3G at The Brache, the boys have had a great first three weeks' work since they returned after some down time in June and July.

JACK JAMES

Well done to Jack James on making his first team debut in the Checktrade Trophy on Tuesday night at home versus Spurs. Everyone at the academy was thrilled to see him get 45 minutes of action coming on at half-time to replace James Justin. Well done JJ!

Enjoy today's game. COYH!! **Andy**



EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST DIVISION FIXTURES 2017/18

Sat Aug 5	Dag & Red	A	L 0-2
Sat Aug 12	Leyton Orient	A	W 1-0
Sat Aug 19	Barnet	A	
Tue Aug 22	Southend Utd	A	
Boots & Laces Training Ground, SS2 4DX 1pm KO			
Tue Aug 29	Barnet	H	LGcupR1
Ely Way, 1pm KO			
Sat Sep 2	P'borough Utd	H	
Sat Sep 9	Gillingham	A	
Sat Sep 16	Stevenage	H	
Sat Sep 23	MK Dons	A	
Sat Sep 30	Cambridge Utd	H	
Sat Oct 7	N'hampton Town	H	
Sat Oct 14	AFC Wimbledon	A	
Sat Oct 21	Southend United	H	
Sat Oct 28	P P'borough Utd	A	
Sat Nov 11	Gillingham	H	
Sat Nov 18	Stevenage	A	
Sat Nov 25	Cambridge Utd	A	
Sat Dec 2	MK Dons	H	
Sat Dec 9	N'hampton Town	A	
Sat Dec 16	AFC Wimbledon	H	
Sat Jan 6	Dag & Red	H	
Sat Jan 20	Leyton Orient	H	
Sat Jan 27	Barnet	H	

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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY **KEVIN THOBURN** HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

Tonight, we take our third and final look at the Community Trust close season activities which kick into action as soon as the first team fixtures have been completed.

PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS INTEGRATION CUP

This has now become an important showcase event for the Trust's integration work we do through the Premier League Kicks project, which seeks to use football to bring different groups of young men in Luton together on a regular basis to socialise and play sport.



We once again kicked off our community weekend at the Stadium back in May with our annual Kicks football tournament on the pitch, which again attracted over 200 young men from all over the town.

Every week, the club's Community Trust coaches deliver football coaching using sport and our badge to engage with the lives of disadvantaged young men, particularly in the Marsh Farm, Lewsey Farm and Farley Hill areas of town.

On the night, players from all three estates join with other groups from across the town to play each other on the pitch in a fantastic competitive tournament.

As part of the evening (and part of the deal for them playing on the pitch!) the young men also attended various workshops in the John Moore Lounge from Luton Borough Council Youth Services, Bedfordshire Police Cadets, Luton Live Well and Prince's Trust, as well as listening to speakers on hate crime.

The whole evening is designed to offer young men off the estates opportunities and pathways, as well as having a 'tear up' on the pitch!

Once again, the lads from Lewsey Farm finished up claiming the 2017 Kicks Integration Cup to retain bragging rights for yet another year!

The three integration projects run every Thursday at Lea Manor Recreation Centre from 8.30pm, in Lewsey Farm at Chalk Hills Academy every Friday from 6.30pm, and Farley Hill at Stockwood Park Academy every Friday from 7pm.

Males aged 16-24 can simply turn up and join in for £1.00 pay and play sessions. The sessions are lively and the banter is even livelier – but so far no sign of trouble, so don't believe everything you read or hear about certain parts of town. There are far more good young people around than people would imagine.

If you would like further information, or know someone who would be interested in coming along, please call the community office on 01582 737568 – or just turn up and join in!



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Our Centre of Excellence end of season tour to Holland in June to compete in the Juliana Malden Cup for the second year in a row turned out to be an almost clean sweep of trophies with our U11s, U12s and U13s all winning their respective tournaments.

Our Centre of Excellence squads are boys who train with the club once a week at four centres that cover the whole county in Luton, Dunstable, Kempston and Arlesey. These boys are all recruited, but remain with their local grass-roots clubs while we monitor their progress as they look to work their way up the schoolboy development ladder of pre-academy squads, and onto the full-time academy. The boys play games regularly against other professional clubs' development squads and finish off the season with a three-day training camp at Stowe School, plus an overseas trip as part of their football education.

So, almost a clean sweep this year with only the U9s, who finished second and third by contriving to beat each other to allow hosts Juliana 31 FC to lift the cup, and the U14s, who found playing up in the U15 tournament a tough call, going out in the quarters.

The U11s beat two-time winners SC Veluwezoom and inflicted their first defeat in three years to win their age

group. The U12s was an all-Luton final, while the U13s beat SV Koedijk to make it a hat-trick of trophies.

A great effort on the last day as temperatures reached the mid 30s, making the elements almost as tough as the opposition!



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HATTERS LADIES

TOWN LADIES SET FOR THE SEASON

After a tough pre-season, where the Hatters Ladies faced a number of higher level opposition, the Town are ready to start the season tomorrow against Stevenage.

Hatters manager Nikki Baker has made some good signings, including young keeper Grace Brooks from London Bees, central midfielder Lisa Nixon from Watford and striker Steph Gale from Leicester.

A number of youth players have also made the step up, including defender Rebecca Ferris and attacker Funmi Babalola.

At the beginning of pre-season the ladies were unlucky to lose 2-1 against a good Leicester City side from the league above. Nicola Henman scored the only goal for the Town, after Jodie Bellinger had one ruled out, and Dionne Manning was very unfortunate not to win a penalty.

At Worthing United, the Hatters ran out 7-1 winners with two 16-year-olds, Jodie Bellinger and Babalola, scoring a hat-trick each and Jodi McClelland adding the seventh.

The best result of pre-season was away at QPR, who are a league above. New striker Steph Gale hit a

double on her debut and Henman added the third, while keeper Grace Brooks made some great saves to keep a clean sheet.

Finally, the Town travelled to Portsmouth, the toughest test of pre-season. The home side came out 5-1 winners, with Jess McKay scoring the Town's goal. Baker admitted after the game that her side were well beaten against a very good Pompey side, but there have been plenty of positives.

"Portsmouth was a tough test for us but I'd rather play against better teams and test ourselves," said Baker. "Against Leicester we took a very young side and we were superb.

"Against QPR we were excellent, very clinical in front of goal, and we showed how well we can finish at Worthing. The new signings have added to the team well and we now have a very competitive squad with depth. We are excited to start the campaign and to get going after a good pre-season."



FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION ONE FIXTURES 2017/18

Sun Aug 20	Stevenage Ladies	H
Sun Aug 27	Enfield Town	A
Sun Sep 3	Leyton Orient Women (Cup)	H
Sun Sep 10	Haringey Borough Women	H
Sun Sep 17	AFC Wimbledon Ladies	A
Sun Sep 20	Denham United Ladies	H
Sun Oct 1	MK Dons Ladies	H
Sun Oct 8	Cambridge United Women	H
Wed Oct 11	Denham United Ladies	A
Sun Oct 15	AFC Wimbledon	H
Sun Oct 22	Norwich City Ladies	A
Sun Oct 29	MK Dons Ladies	A
Sun Nov 5	Enfield Town Ladies	H
Sun Nov 12	Haringey Borough Women	A
Sun Nov 19	Ipswich Town Ladies	A
Sun Nov 26	Norwich City Ladies	H
Sun Dec 10	Leyton Orient Women	A
Sun Dec 14	Ipswich Town Ladies	H
Sun Jan 21	Leyton Orient Women	H
Sun Jan 28	Cambridge United Women	A
Sun Feb 11	Stevenage Ladies	A
Sun Apr 29	Actonions Ladies	A
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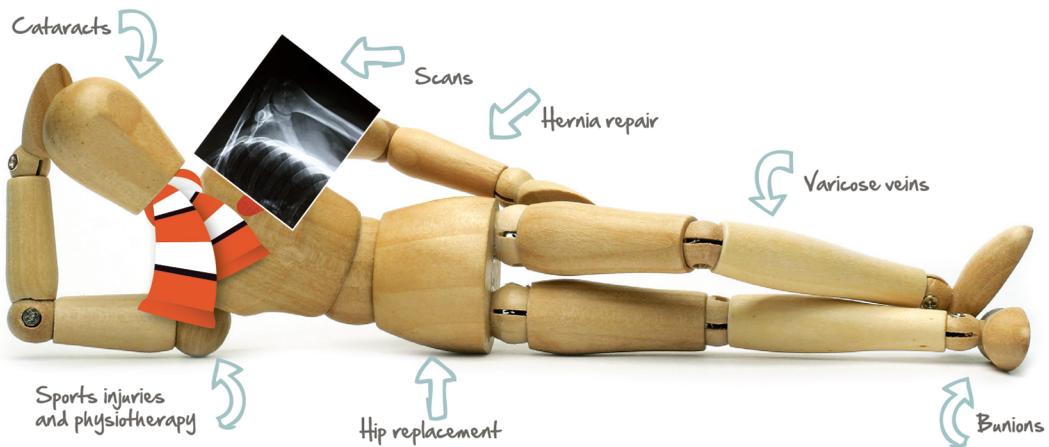
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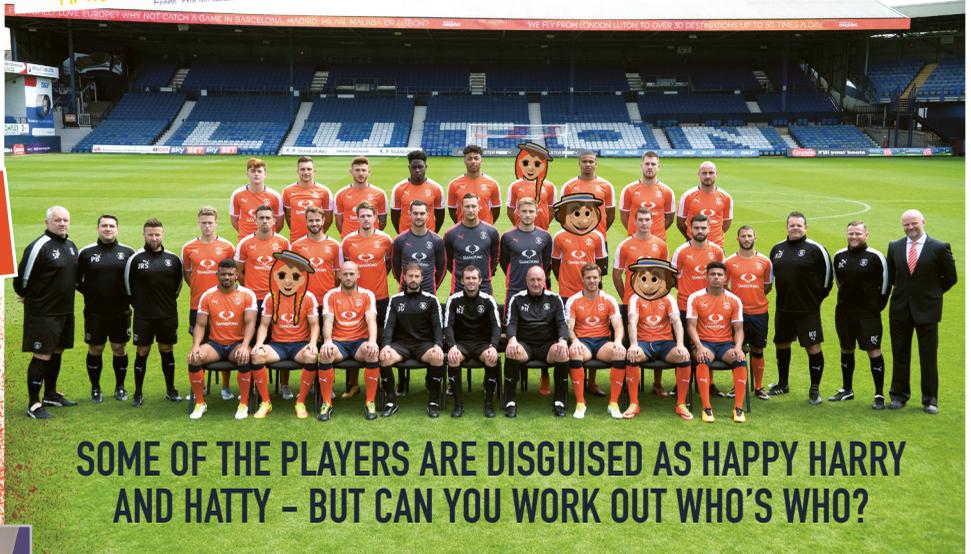


ERIN'S ART

Thanks to Erin Gill, a season ticket holder in the John Moore Lounge, and Tuesday evening's mascot for our Checktrade Trophy match against Spurs Under 21s who sent in this creative design. We took it to show Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu & Glen Rea - they thought it was ace!

SEND US YOUR PICTURES!

It's always great to see Luton Town inspired drawings and designs - especially from our younger supporters! If you'd like to see your work in our programme send them to: **Junior Hatters, Luton Town FC, Kenilworth Stadium, 1 Maple Road East, Luton LU4 8AW.**



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Team pic (left to right) Danny Hylton, Dan Potts, Tyreeq Bakinson, Alan Sheehan

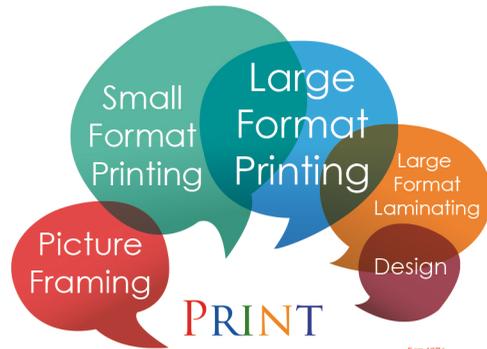


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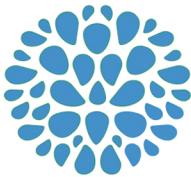
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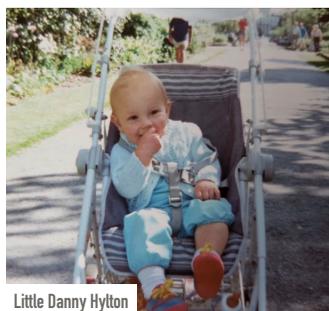
WHEN I WAS A BOY

DANNY HYLTON

Hatters striker steps back in time as he's interviewed by our first Happy Harry's Lunch Bag winner... eight-year-old **FELIX VARLEY!**

Felix: What is your first football memory?

DH: Probably when I used to play for a little youth club football team called KX Lithgow. We used to play over at Regents Park, near where I grew up, on a Saturday morning. We used to run over there with our kits on!



Little Danny Hylton

What was the first team you supported?

I grew up supporting Arsenal, who do you support?

Luton Town!

Of course! Have you got a Premier League team?

No.

No? I grew up supporting Arsenal, probably forced into it by my mum!

Who was your favourite player when you were a boy?

Thierry Henry. I thought he was a good player. Do you like him?

I don't know he is!

You don't know who he is? That makes me feel so old! You need to

look him up on YouTube, he was a really good player.

What was the first position you played in?

I started in central midfield for that team and for my school. I just used to run all over the place.

What was your best subject at school?

I really liked maths! I liked it, I surprised myself and got a B in my GCSE. I was really pleased with that.

What did you want to be when you were growing up?

I never really knew what I wanted to be. I never really had my heart set on being a footballer, it just kind of happened for me. I am glad it happened and I'm lucky enough to play football.

What was your first replica football shirt?

Arsenal. My mum bought me an Arsenal shirt – she forced me to support them!

What was the first CD you bought?

For Christmas, I got a CD player and one of the Now CDs. I used to have it on in my room while playing on the PlayStation, with old school songs on. You probably won't know them, I won't sing them to you either!

What make were your first pair of boots?

Puma Kings. They were red and white and a big tongue on the front. Football boots have changed so



much, but they were quite rascal.

When did you first meet one of your heroes?

I really don't know. I haven't really met heroes. It's a tricky question. I have never met the likes of Thierry Henry. I have played against decent players in cup games, but none were heroes of mine.

How do you feel last season went for you and how do you think this season will go?

Personally I was really happy with how it went. I scored the most goals that I have ever scored. I was happy with the amount of time I played. Obviously I would have liked to have contributed more to the team. Obviously we would have liked to have been promoted. I would trade all the goals in for promotion. It wasn't to be, but hopefully we will go one step further this season and get promoted and hopefully I can score even more goals than I did last year.

FELIX'S INTERVIEW WITH DANNY CAN BE VIEWED ON WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

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FIXTURES PILE-UP

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
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Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	W 8-2	8,101	258	1	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack 1 • O. LEE 1
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Ipswich Town (Cup 1)	L 0-2	4,610	794	-	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Cook • Rea O. Lee
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 0-1	3,555	2,109	8	Stech Stacey Cuthbert • Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee
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Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United					
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town					
SEPTEMBER								
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City					
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Swindon Town					
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Port Vale					
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Chesterfield					
Tue 26	7.45pm	A	Morecambe					
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Newport County					
OCTOBER								
Tue 3	7.45pm	H	Barnet (Trophy)					
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley					
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Stevenage					
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Exeter City					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Coventry City					
Tue 31	7.45pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Trophy)					
NOVEMBER								
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town					
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United					
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United					
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra					
DECEMBER								
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Notts County					
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town					
Tue 26	3.00pm	A	Swindon Town					
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Port Vale					
JANUARY								
Mon 1	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City					
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Chesterfield					
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Morecambe					
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town					
FEBRUARY								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City					
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Stevenage					
Tue 13	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Coventry City					
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town					
MARCH								
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley					
Fri 16	7.45pm	A	Newport County					
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Barnet					
Fri 30	3.00pm	A	Colchester United					
APRIL								
Mon 2	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town					
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town					
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers					
MAY								
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County					



G'DAY DAVE & DORIS!

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road to Dave Keens – who is watching his first Luton game since 1982, when he emigrated to Perth, Australia! With Dave is his wife Doris, who emigrated to Australia from Germany. They met and married in Perth and Dave has converted Doris to a Luton Town fan. This is her first visit to the Kenny – have a great day guys!



HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY JACK PIPKIN!

Wishing you a happy 10th birthday - love from Mum, Dad, Nanny Pip, Bampa, Uncle Mick and the guinea pigs – Brian & Bob

LAST WEEKEND'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS

- Barnet 1-0 Luton Town
- Cambridge United 1-2 Carlisle United
- Cheltenham Town 1-0 Crawley Town
- Colchester United 1-1 Stevenage
- Crewe Alexandra 1-1 Newport County
- Grimsby Town 0-2 Coventry City
- Lincoln City 1-1 Morecambe
- Mansfield Town 2-0 Forest Green Rovers
- Notts County 2-0 Chesterfield
- Port Vale 2-3 Wycombe Wanderers
- Swindon Town 1-1 Exeter City
- Yeovil Town 3-2 Accrington Stanley

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- Accrington Stanley v Mansfield Town
- Carlisle United v Cheltenham Town
- Chesterfield v Port Vale
- Coventry City v Newport County
- Crawley Town v Cambridge United
- Crewe Alexandra v Barnet
- Exeter City v Lincoln City
- Forest Green Rovers v Yeovil Town
- Morecambe v Swindon Town
- Stevenage v Grimsby Town
- Wycombe Wanderers v Notts County

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Mpanzu	Shinnie ▲	COLLINS 3 ◆	VASSELL 2	Rea ●	E. LEE 1 ◆	Mullins ▲	Cook	Senior	Gambin	Shea
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Mpanzu	Shinnie ◆	Collins	Vassell ◆	Rea ●	Cook ◆	E. Lee ▲	Mullins	Cornick	Gambin	Shea
GAMBIN 1	Cornick ▲	Hylton ◆	E. Lee	James ●	MCQUOID 1 ◆	Read ▲	Peck	Jones	Shamalo	Isted



WELL DONE, RON!

Well done to Diamond season ticket holder Ron Hedley, who raised £2,500 for Prostate Cancer UK by completing the last 25-mile leg of Jeff Stelling's March For Men.

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES CRAIG!

One of our American supporters, Dianne Jolly, wants to wish her former work colleague Craig Clarke a belated happy birthday for 7th August!



LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

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

OPLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON										LFC CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP						
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
James Collins	2	(0)	3	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	3	0	0	3	3
Jordan Cook	0	(1)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	1	0	45	4
Harry Cornick	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	89	2
Lawson D'Ath	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	13	0
Akin Famewo	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	7	0
Luke Gambin	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	1	1	(1)	1	0	0	19	2
Danny Hylton	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	48	27
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
James Justin	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	41	1
Elliot Lee	0	(2)	1	2	(0)	0	2	(2)	1	0	0	15	4
Ollie Lee	2	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	1	0	0	83	5
Alan McCormack	2	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	1	1	0	2	1
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	1	0	(0)	0	0	0	44	8
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	1	0	121	7
Johnny Mullins	0	(1)	0	1	(1)	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	32	1
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	8	1
Dan Potts	2	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	46	1
Glen Rea	0	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	2	0	62	3
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	2	0
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	17	0
James Shea	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Alan Sheehan	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	64	4
Andrew Shinnie	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Jack Stacey	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Marek Stech	2	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	0	0	3	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Isaac Vassell	2	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	2	0	0	55	16

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WITH **MIKE SIMMONDS** LUTON NEWS SPORTS EDITOR

Much has been made of Luton being a selling club this week after Isaac Vassell completed his protracted move to Birmingham City, but unfortunately that's just the way of the world these days.

Every club is, it's as simple as that. Look at Swansea, desperate to hang on to Gylfi Sigurdsson, but eventually receiving an offer they just couldn't turn down, with the midfielder eventually joining Everton.

Meanwhile, Southampton are just waiting, it would seem, for Liverpool to offer silly money to let Virgil van Dijk leave, with the Reds having vulture issues of their own, Barcelona continuing to circle around Philippe Coutinho, who you can bet will end up at the Camp Nou.

You can even go right to the top, with Barca unable to keep Neymar from joining Paris St Germain, who met his whopping £198m release clause to confirm that no club is safe.

Although those kind of figures are nothing like what the fee Town received for Vassell, it's further proof that this will continue to happen. Throw into the equation too that the forward was out of contract in the summer and at 24, could leave for nothing in May, then can you imagine the stick the club would have received for not taking the money, especially with it being made clear a new deal wouldn't be signed.

The relief from manager Nathan Jones at the move being done was obvious during his press conference on Monday, as his efforts behind the scenes in attempting to secure Vassell's future had been clearly taking their toll.

Fending off questions or re-answering the same ones about the forward were an unfortunate bi-product of the whole saga, but thankfully for the boss, he can now concentrate his mind on winning promotion this season.

Back to matters on the pitch and it was great to see another debutant make his bow for the Hatters at Kenilworth Road on Tuesday night, with young right-back Jack James becoming the 12th academy graduate used by Jones since he took over.

The best thing is these aren't debuts just handed out on a whim, for the final few seconds where a touch of the ball is a bonus, as he was on at the break for James Justin.

James more than held his own, showing his skills at both ends of the pitch, setting up Josh McQuoid's close-range header, while making a number of important blocks too.

The joy on his face at realising the prime role he played in Town's equaliser was a great thing to see too, with a beaming James looking as happy as if he had scored it himself.

If he can have the same meteoric rise as a certain other JJ who plays in the same position, then the conveyor belt at Kenilworth Road will have churned out yet another young star.

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TEAMS



MANAGER:
NATHAN JONES

- 1 Marek Stech
- 2 James Justin
- 3 Dan Potts
- 4 Alan McCormack
- 5 Johnny Mullins
- 6 Scott Cuthbert
- 7 Jack Stacey
- 8 Olly Lee
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Andrew Shinnie
- 14 Harry Cornick
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 19 James Collins
- 21 Jack Senior
- 22 Luke Gambin
- 24 Lawson D'Ath
- 27 Tyreeq Bakinson
- 33 Kavan Cotter
(On loan at Hitchin Town)
- 35 Arthur Read
- 36 James Shea
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 38 Elliot Lee
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 40 Harry Isted
- 44 Alan Sheehan



MANAGER:
JOHN MCGREAL

- 1 Sam Walker
- 2 Ryan Jackson
- 3 Lewis Kinsella
- 4 Tom Lapslie
- 5 Luke Prosser
- 6 Frankie Kent
- 7 Drey Wright
- 8 Doug Loft
- 9 Denny Johnstone
- 10 Sammie Szmodics
- 11 Brennan Dickenson
- 12 Cole Kpekwa
- 14 Alex Wynter
- 16 Sean Murray
- 18 Tom Eastman
- 19 Mikael Mandron
- 21 Dion Sembie-Ferris
- 22 Kane Vincent-Young
- 23 Tommy O'Sullivan
- 24 Craig Slater
- 25 Dillon Barnes
- 28 Kurtis Guthrie
- 29 Rene Gilmartin
- 31 Tariq Issa
- 32 Diaz Wright
- 33 Louis Dunne
- 35 Cameron James
- 39 Charley Edge

MATCH OFFICIALS

- SEB STOCKBRIDGE
 ADRIAN WATERS
 MARC WILSON
 DANIEL COOK

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