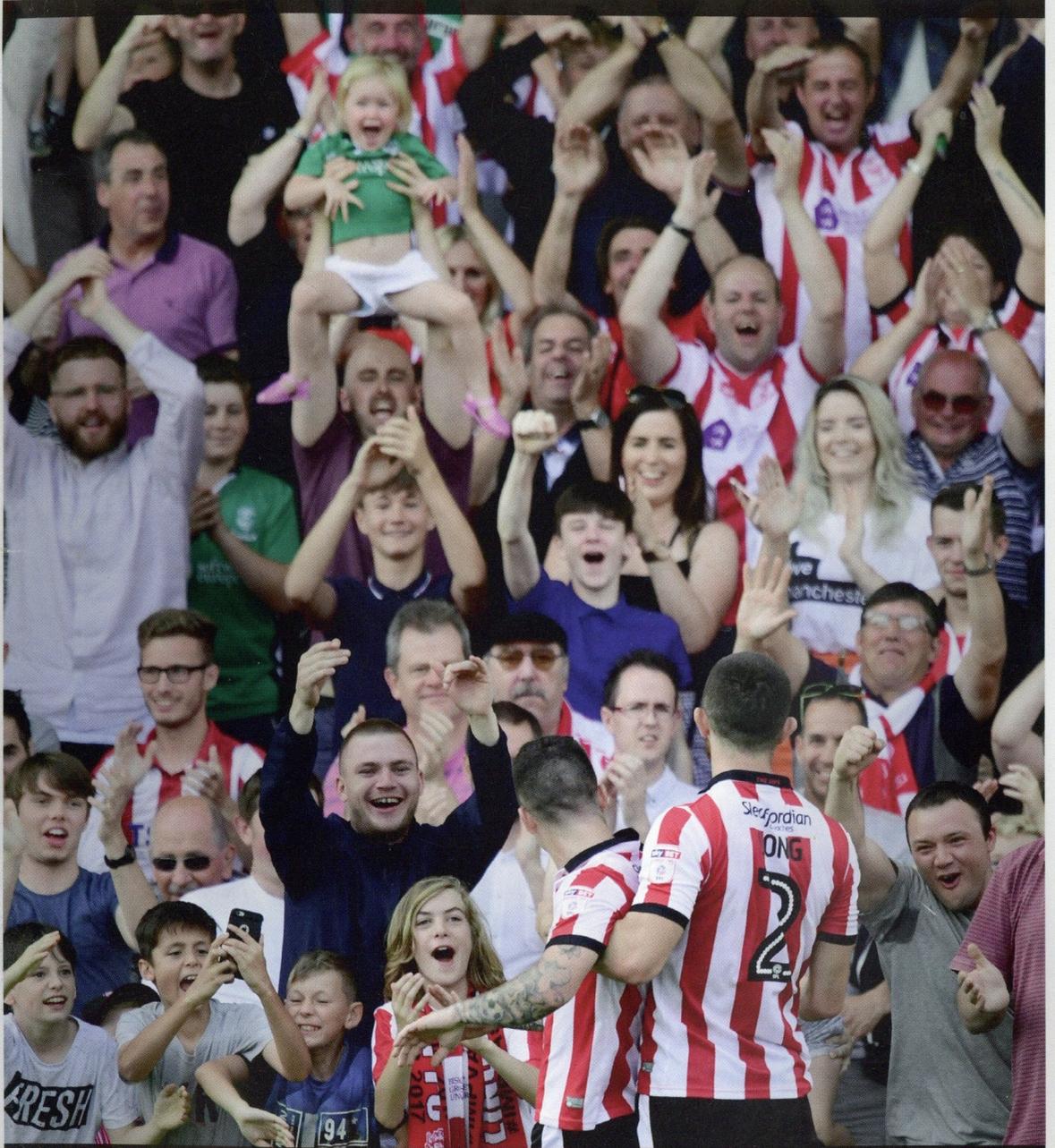


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Danny Cowley

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Nathan Jones and his Luton Town team to Sincil Bank. They are a club with a well developed infrastructure, a squad of players with quality and depth in equal measure and an excellent support base.

When you are working so hard, day in and day out, to achieve promotion from the National League it is the thoughts of these games that really inspired us. Luton have a clear identity and style of play that they believe in and really stick to. They have a group of players with real technical quality and will look to dominate and control possession. We will have to be at our very best to counteract this and get the game on our terms.

We come into the game on the back of a two-game winning run, which is a good response off the back if a disappointing result at Exeter. To beat Carlisle United in the League and then Mansfield Town in the Checkatrade Trophy was an excellent return for our efforts.

The Carlisle win was important for us as a group. To get our first win back in the English Football League at home and in front of our wonderful support made it an special day for the Club.

We managed to score some really well worked goals at pivotal times against a good team who I expect to be competing at the top end of our division. We played well in patches of this game but still had periods where we could have achieved better control. To win 4-1 against a team as good as Carlisle United should give us a lot of confidence going forward.

The Mansfield game was played at a good intensity and was really good advert for a competition that has received lots of negativity. What was apparent from the outset was the depth of the Mansfield squad. They were able to make 10 changes and still have first team players on the bench that wasn't involved in their League game on the Saturday. For us, we

are probably the smallest squad in the League with only 19 players, however we have a group that is very together and one where everybody contributes.

We had to weather the storm early on. Credit to Mansfield as they started with a real purpose and intent to their play. They deservedly went a goal up and we had to work hard just to stay in the game in the opening period. When you play against teams like Mansfield you have to stand up for yourselves and earn the right to play.

Our goal allowed us to get a foothold in the game. It was a typical Elliott Whitehouse goal, great timing of his run and an excellent header. I was really pleased not only for Elliott but all the boys that came in to the team. Their attitude and work ethic have been exemplary and I was pleased that they got the performance that their hard work deserved.

We got stronger and stronger as the game went on and was really pleased to get the second and third goals. It was particularly good for Ollie Palmer to get the all important goal, that will really benefit him. Ultimately we won the game on the back of our togetherness but also our physical fitness. Credit to everyone for that.

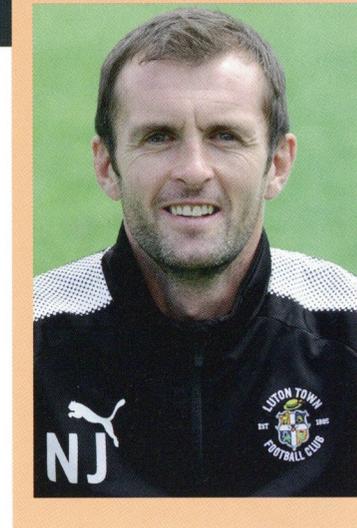
Can I take the opportunity to again thank you on behalf of the players and staff for your unconditional support. I think we were all overwhelmed by not only the numbers that went to Mansfield but also the noise you made. Your passion for the Club keeps us all honest and entuses as to work as hard as we can to keep getting on the right side of winning.

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Danny Cowley



THE GAFFER
Nathan Jones
 Welshman Jones was appointed as John Still's successor in January 2016. A former coach and assistant-manager at Brighton & Hove Albion, Charlton Athletic and Yeovil Town, he was a player at Kenilworth Road in 1995 but left without making an appearance. Jones spent a year in Spain before returning to the UK and playing for Southend, Brighton and Yeovil, making over 500 appearances. The 44-year-old began his coaching qualifications while still a player with Yeovil and achieved his UEFA Pro-Licence in 2014.



IN OPPOSITION

Luton Town



IN GOAL

Marek Stech

Stech started his career in Czech Republic with Sparta, before joining West Ham United at 16 and gaining experience on loan with clubs including Wycombe Wanderers and Yeovil Town. The 6ft 5ins stopper earned cult hero status in Somerset after signing permanently in 2012, helping the Glovers to promotion to the Championship for the first time in the club's history.

AT THE BACK

Dan Potts

Joined the Hatters in summer 2015 from West Ham United, where he made 13 appearances after being handed his debut in a Championship win over Barnsley. Potts gained valuable Football League experience on loan at Colchester and Portsmouth before agreeing a two-year deal with the Town.

Johnny Mullins

Started out at Reading, but left in 2006 without adding to the 50 appearances he'd made during two lengthy loans with Kidderminster. Mullins then spent two years at both Mansfield and Stockport before joining Rotherham in the summer of 2010. He helped the Millers win promotion to League One in 2012-13, but left to sign for Oxford the following summer. Mullins made 51 appearances in his last season, before joining The Hatters.

Scott Cuthbert

Cuthbert signed for the Hatters in the summer of 2015 having spent two years at Leyton Orient. He helped the O's reach the League One play-off final the season before last, and prior to that his influential

performances enabled Swindon to do the same. He has been capped at B level for Scotland and came through the youth ranks at Celtic.

Jack Stacey

A Reading youth product, the 21-year-old played six times for the Royals in the Championship, but really found his feet with Exeter last term. A full season at St James Park saw him flourish as he made 38 appearances including the Play-Off Final. Joined the Hatters on a two-year contract after Town agreed terms with the Madejski Stadium outfit.

Glen Rea

Rea joined the Hatters on loan from Championship club Brighton & Hove Albion in March 2016, making ten appearances, and signed permanently in June 2016. The Sussex-born player had made his debut for Albion in August 2015 in the Capital One Cup against Southend, who he went on to join on loan for a three-month spell before his temporary stint at Kenilworth Road.

Jack Senior

A 2016 summer transfer deadline day signing from Huddersfield Town, left-back Senior won the Professional Development League 2 Championship in the 2015/16 season with his former side. The 20-year-old left the Terriers after a nine-year association with the club, signing for the Hatters on a two-year-deal.

James Justin

First joined the Hatters in 2005 and won the Aarau Masters as an Under-11, beating

Bayern Munich in the final. Made his senior debut against Exeter on the final day of the 2015-16 season and has gone onto make 39 first team appearances in 2016-17.

Alan Sheehan

The left-footer can operate at either full-back or in central defence, and has made over 300 appearances in his career so far with the majority coming during two spells with Notts County. Sheehan also counts Leeds United and Swindon Town among his former employers.

THE ENGINE ROOM

Jordan Cook

Began his career in the Premier League at Sunderland. He gained experience on loan at Darlington, Walsall and Carlisle, before heading south to sign for Charlton Athletic in 2012. Cook first worked with Town boss Nathan Jones at The Valley, and after spending two years at Walsall in League One, he jumped at the chance to be reunited with his old Addicks coach last summer.

Andrew Shinnie

Started out with Rangers, enjoying loan spells away from there with Dundee, but after his departure from Ibrox he went onto play for Inverness Caledonian Thistle, impressive enough to be on the four-man shortlist for the 2012-13 SPFA Players' Player of the Year award. Moved south to Birmingham in 2013, but they have loaned him out for the past 18 months, first to Rotherham and then on a full season loan in 2016/17 with Neil Lennon's Hibernian, which saw him win the Scottish Championship title.

Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu

Former West Ham United academy graduate Mpanzu has just enjoyed his longest sequence of matches after an injury-disrupted couple of years. Versatile to play in central defence, midfield, on the wing or even up front – Pelly is a real crowd favourite and he passed the 100-game mark for the Hatters during 2016-17.

Olly Lee

Lee joined the club on an initial short-term deal in August 2015, before quickly earning a contract to 2017 which was then extended to the summer of 2018 at the end of an impressive first campaign with the Hatters. The brother of ex-Town loanee Elliot Lee, Olly started on the books of West Ham.

Luke Gambin

Maltese international who became Nathan Jones' second signing of the January 2017 transfer window when he moved from Barnet for an undisclosed fee. Gambin had been with the Bees since joining as an apprentice in 2009 and had made 136 appearances, scoring 15 times. The Sutton-born midfielder has gained top-level experience by playing for Malta in a World Cup qualifying group that contains England and Scotland.

Luke Berry

The midfielder joined the Town on a three-year deal for an undisclosed fee from Sky Bet League Two rivals Cambridge United in August 2017. One of the top scoring midfielders in the division in recent seasons, the 25-year-old netted 22 times in

2016-17 for the club with whom he started his career.

Alan McCormack

Joined the Hatters officially on 1st July 2017, after his contract expired with Sky Bet Championship side Brentford. With a number of promotions to his name, including from League Two with Swindon Town and League One with the Bees, McCormack's arrival was a signal of intent for what Nathan Jones aims to achieve in the 2017/18 season. The Irishman has proven his versatility over the years with the likes of Southend and Charlton, while amassing over 450 career appearances.

UP FRONT

Danny Hylton

Hylton started his career with Aldershot Town, where he made over 200 appearances in the Conference and League Two before joining Rotherham United in 2013. He played just one game for the then-League One club, however, and was loaned out to Bury and AFC Wimbledon prior to his move to Oxford. While at the Kassam Stadium Hylton hit 30 goals in 84 starts, but turned down the offer of a new contract in order to pen a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road.

Harry Cornick

Joined the Hatters from Premier League club Bournemouth in August 2017 for an undisclosed fee. He signed for the Cherries in January 2013 as a 17-year-old after impressing on trial, but continued playing for Wessex League club Christchurch until the end of that season while completing his A-levels.

James Collins

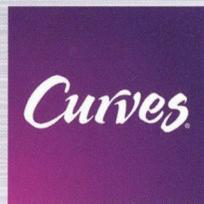
Having netted over 100 career goals – most of which have come in the fourth tier – Collins adds even more firepower to the Town frontline, after signing in June 2017 for an undisclosed fee from Crawley Town. Since leaving Aston Villa, the 26-year-old pursued a career in the lower leagues, going onto score regularly for the likes of Shrewsbury Town, Swindon Town and the Red Devils.

Elliot Lee

Lee is in his second spell at the club – this time on a permanent deal – having had a short loan spell from West Ham United in 2015. The 22-year-old was an instant hit at Kenilworth Road, netting with his first touch away at AFC Wimbledon, before scoring twice against Wycombe Wanderers at home. Whilst at West Ham, the forward had loan spells with Colchester United, Southend United and Blackpool.

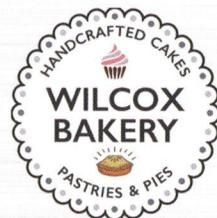


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Danny Cowley



Ten Things You Never Knew About...

LUTON

Why are Luton known as the Hatters?

Plaiting and straw hat making were very popular in Luton in the 19th Century. Plaits used to be imported from Italy but the Napoleonic wars stopped that and a Luton businessman, Thomas Waller, started buying them from prisoners of war and the people in and around the town who plaited. You don't find that sort of information in many football programmes by the way.

When were the club formed?

11th April 1885, and they made quick progress. In 1891 Luton became the first club in southern England to be fully professional. The club was a founder member of the Southern Football before joining The Football League for 1897-98, although they returned to the Southern League for the 1900-01 season for financial reasons.

How long have they been at Kenilworth Road?

Since 1905. They were there when they got back into the Football League in 1920-21 and for their best pre-match season of 1936-37, when the team finished top and won promotion to the Second Division. Joe Payne was the star in those days: he scored ten goals in one match against Bristol

Rovers, which remains a Football League record.

Other than their golden era in the 1980s what other memorable moments did they have?

The 50s were a great period - they reached the FA Cup Final against Nottingham Forest in 1958-59 but by 1964-65, were playing in the fourth tier. The 70s saw stars such as Bruce Rioch and Malcolm Macdonald while comedy legend Eric Morecambe's spell on the board kept them in the public eye.

What colour do they wear?

The club is associated with two different colour schemes—white and black (first adopted in 1920), and orange, navy and white (first used in 1973).

The 80s were the best years...

David Pleat had played for the Hatters and was made manager in 1978. By 1982-83 the team was back in the top flight. Stars such as Ricky Hill, Brian Stein, Steve Foster, Mal Donaghy and Les Sealey shone as Luton relished life at the top. Pleat dancing across the pitch at Man City after Raddy Antic scored to keep them up, and a dramatic Wembley League Cup final win over Arsenal

remain iconic moments in their history.

They had a wilderness spell, but like us

Administration and point deductions meant that despite winning the Football League Trophy in 2009 they were relegated to the Conference.

How long have they been back?

In 2013-14, under the management of John Still, Luton won the Conference Premier title with three games to spare, and thereby secured a return to the Football League



What do you think of it so far?

With apologies to Nick Owen, Luton's most famous fan is still comedian Eric Morecambe

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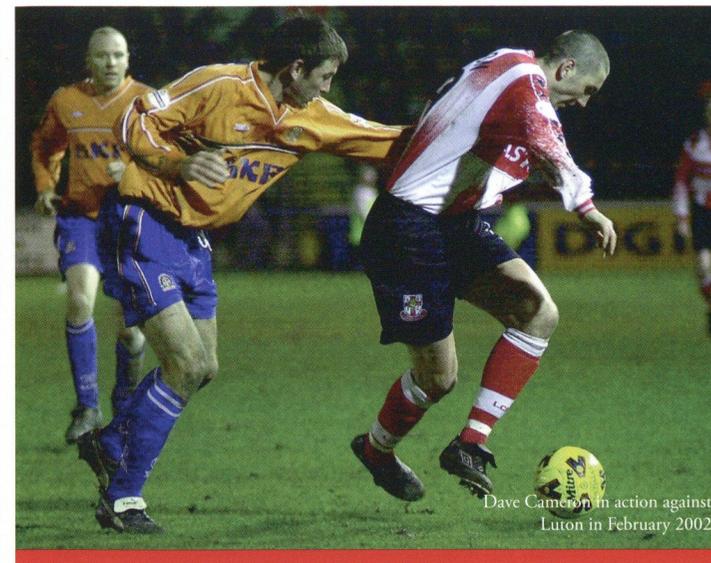


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Dave Cameron in action against Luton in February 2002

MEMORY MATCH

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Billy Cobb had a day to remember as he became the first City player to score a hat-trick on his City Football League debut as the Imps hammered Luton Town and recorded their biggest win in over 13 years of football.

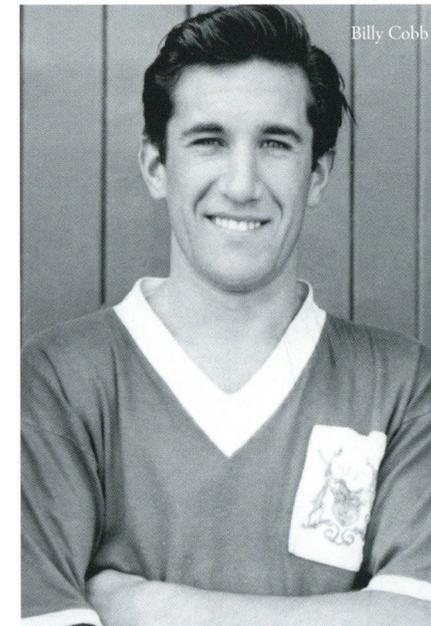
City went straight for the jugular with Roger Holmes opening the scoring in the second minute before Cobb bagged his first and second either side of a Bruce Rioch effort for the Hatters.

Three goals in as many minutes, two for Roy Chapman and one for Joe Bonson, put the outcome beyond doubt before Cobb completed his hat-trick with a spectacular over head kick with 11 minutes remaining. Bonson wrapped things up with his second of the game to secure City's biggest win in over 13 years.

City: Treharne, Brooks, Jones, Chapman, Moore, Grummett, Anderson, Cobb, Bonson, Holmes, Allison.

Luton Town: Read, Thomson, Jardine, Riddick, Moore, Slough, Johnson, Reid, Pleat, Rioch, King.

Attendance: 2,893



Billy Cobb



Head to Head

SEASON	COMP	HOME	AWAY
1897/98	FL Division 2	4-2	3-9
1898/99	FL Division 2	2-0	0-2
1899/00	FL Division 2	2-0	2-0
1931/32	FA Cup Rd 2	2-2	1-4
1948/49	FL Division 2	4-4	0-6
1952/53	FL Division 2	1-2	0-4
1953/54	FL Division 2	1-1	0-1
1954/55	FL Division 2	1-2	1-2
1960/61	FL Division 2	1-1	0-3
1965/66	FL Division 4	2-2	0-0
1966/67	FL Division 4	8-1	1-2
1967/68	FL Division 4	2-3	2-4
1998/99	FL Division 2	2-2	1-0
1999/00	FA Cup Rd 2	0-1	2-2
2001/02	FL Division 3	0-1	1-1
2008/09	FL League 2	0-0	2-3
2011/12	Conference	1-1	0-1
2012/13	Conference	1-2	0-3
2013/14	Conference	0-0	2-3

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Home	18	4	8	6	34	27
Away	18	2	3	13	16	47
Total	36	6	11	19	50	74

Most Appearances v Luton Town

NAME	APPEARANCES
Roger Holmes	8
Tony Emery	7
Roy Finch	6
Bobby Owen	6
Lee Thorpe	6
Roy Chapman	5
John Finnigan	5
Andy Graver	5
Horace Green	5
Jim Grummett jnr	5
Jimmy Munro	5
Doug Wright	5

Most Goals v Luton Town

NAME	GOALS
Roy Chapman	5
Billy Cobb	3
Allan Hall	3
Joe Bonson	2
Tom Docherty	2
Jimmy Hartley	2
Arthur Hulme	2
Thomas McCairns	2
Hugh Robertson	2
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TURNING TO JELLY

Following the recent theft of the Club's GPS vests, Head of Sports Science Luke Jelly gives us a positive update...

We've had 20 vests kindly donated to us by another club on an interim basis, which we will have use of for the next two weeks, and hopefully our new vests will arrive in that period, meaning that we can now begin to collect data again.

Thankfully, we still have the monitors and heart rate belts so all we've had to acquire are the vests - it was just the black vests themselves that we needed to collect the data.

We always take a subjective load off a player. So, at the end of each training session we ask the player to rate how hard they think they have worked, which is called Rate of Perceived Exertion (RPE). We have a calculation where we multiply how hard the player thinks that they have worked out of 10, by the amount of minutes that they have worked for which gives us a training value, which we put

together at the end of the week.

We still have the subjective number from the player, we just haven't had the objective amount due to the lack of numbers from the lack of GPS usage.

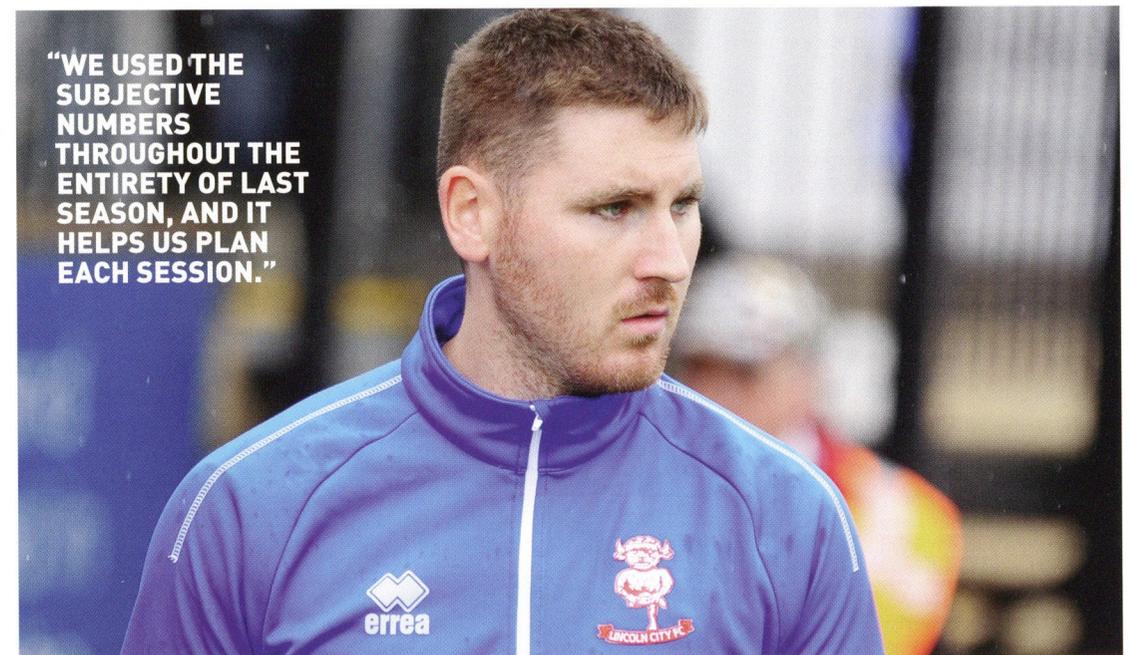
We used the subjective numbers throughout the entirety of last season, and it helps us plan each session. As a Sports Science department, we'd be looking at players to be working at an eight or a nine out of 10 each Tuesday, whereas a Thursday or Friday would be significantly less due to decreasing the workload going into a weekend's game. It's just an honest after-thought for each

athlete to give us post-session.

Friday morning was the first day for us to be able to use the interim vests meaning that we can now be objective with our figures to the players once again, rather than relying solely on their opinions, and will be used for each training session and game until the end of the season. The only issue we have found is that it will take us about 28 days per day lost to recover the data we have lost from not using the GPS daily.

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in trying to help us recover the GPS vests.

"WE USED THE SUBJECTIVE NUMBERS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF LAST SEASON, AND IT HELPS US PLAN EACH SESSION."



Q&A

Paul Farman

WE ASKED OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS TO SEND IN THEIR QUESTIONS FOR GOALKEEPER PAUL FARMAN. A SELECTION OF THESE ARE INCLUDED HERE WHILE THE FULL Q&A WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE TO IFOLLOW IMPS SUBSCRIBERS...

Q - You've always mentioned how you'd love to play in the EFL with the Imps, is it everything you thought it would be so far?

PF - Going into the summer I didn't really think about it that much, it was more of a celebration to begin with really. It sort of kicked in a couple of weeks after the season ended when we were given our plans and then we knew how much hard work it would be. The standard of this league is very good this year and I'm just really enjoying it.

Q - Who's your biggest inspiration? (@roazza.n)

PF - Probably my Grandad. Since I was a young lad he's travelled up and down the country to watch my games. He's done an awful lot and I'd probably go as far as saying he's my biggest inspiration.

Q - Who's your school boy hero on the pitch? (Shaun Symons)

PF - It's a difficult one that, I think goalkeeper wise it's probably Peter Schmeichel. I probably appreciate his playing style now, but back then I probably liked him because of who he played for. As a player, I'd probably go with Alan Shearer. I had a Season Ticket for years watching him and he bagged loads of goals.

I can spend hours on Youtube watching other goalkeepers. Kasper Schmeichel manages to spread himself really well at the minute, I'd probably go as far as saying he does it better than his dad. It's something as a goalkeeper that you really thrive on, making them blocks. When it's a 50/50 you've just got to enjoy the impact of the ball hitting you in the face or where it's going to hurt.

Q - Keith Curle mentioned in an interview prior to the Carlisle United game that you were a goalkeeper who "can lump it and land the ball inside the opposition box with his kick" - is your distribution something which you work on regularly?

PF - To be honest, I don't work too much on my kicking. I don't get out and kick 20 balls in training. I tend to go

to the gym and do a lot of working on the smaller muscles in my legs to prevent injury. Whenever I was a young lad I wasn't great at kicking off the floor, I was better kicking out of my hands, but the last three seasons I keep being able to get more and more distance on my kicks. I can't really say what the technique is to it, but it's quite nice to be recognised by other managers in the EFL.

Q - If you weren't a footballer, what would your profession be? (Ross.wilko)

PF - If I wasn't a footballer, I'd probably have looked into becoming a fireman. If there ever comes a time when I don't play football, that's something I will look to get into.

Q - If you had the opportunity to work with anyone in football and why? (James Brownlow)

PF - Probably Sir Bobby Robson, another Newcastle legend. He's just so well thought of and with his involvement with my boyhood club, he'd be one I'd like to have worked with given half a chance.

Q - How was the feeling of getting promotion with the Club that you've been at since pretty much the start of their National League journey? (J.ms16)

PF - I was enjoying winning the games and all the media attention, but it wasn't something I was used to since being here. We tried to not let it affect us as much as we could, but at times you would get back home, sit back and realise what was going on. But when you sat back at the end of the season with a beer, that's when you really could enjoy it. By far, it's the best thing I've ever achieved in my career. I always said to my family and my missus that if I ever gain a promotion or play at Wembley in my career then I can retire a happy man.

Q - What tips do you have for young goalkeepers coming through? (Duane Leach)

PF - It's generally a cliché, but more for parents really, if your child wants to be a goalkeeper you just have to back

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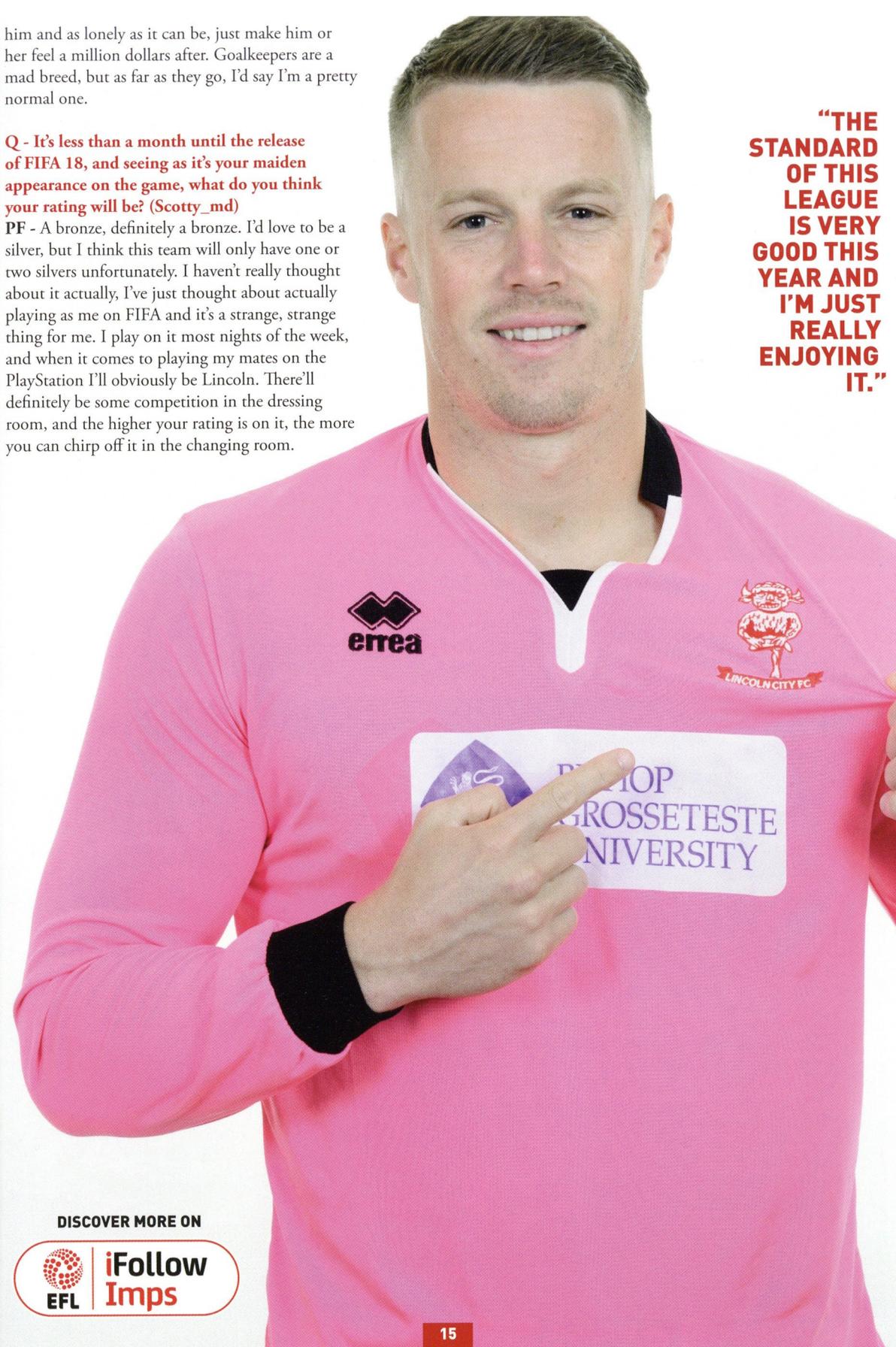
'Farms' was a Season Ticket holder at Newcastle United when he was younger!

him and as lonely as it can be, just make him or her feel a million dollars after. Goalkeepers are a mad breed, but as far as they go, I'd say I'm a pretty normal one.

Q - It's less than a month until the release of FIFA 18, and seeing as it's your maiden appearance on the game, what do you think your rating will be? (Scotty_md)

PF - A bronze, definitely a bronze. I'd love to be a silver, but I think this team will only have one or two silvers unfortunately. I haven't really thought about it actually, I've just thought about actually playing as me on FIFA and it's a strange, strange thing for me. I play on it most nights of the week, and when it comes to playing my mates on the PlayStation I'll obviously be Lincoln. There'll definitely be some competition in the dressing room, and the higher your rating is on it, the more you can chirp off it in the changing room.

"THE STANDARD OF THIS LEAGUE IS VERY GOOD THIS YEAR AND I'M JUST REALLY ENJOYING IT."



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IN THE COMMUNITY

From September we are delivering our new and exciting Development Centres right here at Lincoln City Football Club.



We are running a number of Football Development Centres at Sincil bank which are currently open for registration of new players. We are opening our Development Centres to any young player who has a good attitude and wants to learn. The Development Centres also act as part of our New Player Development pathway which can later lead to our Advanced Development Centre and the Clubs Academy.

We have introduced a new curriculum into our Development & Advanced Development Centres which will be followed in all sessions from September, we will be constantly challenging all the players we work with in game realistic pressure situations which will lead to better transfer from training into matches.

A lot of changes have taken place at the club over the summer which are all very positive and it has allowed us to offer high level training not only to those players who have higher ability levels but also to many other young players who are keen to learn and progress in the game.

We are also starting a new girls Football Development Centre which run on Tuesday evenings at Sincil Bank, we are aiming to get more young local girls out playing and enjoying Football in a fun environment that challenges each player to maximise their potential. If you know of a young girl who falls into the U7-U12 age groups pass on this information and hopefully we can start to grow the girls game in Lincoln again.

If you know a child who would Like to train with Lincoln City Development Centres please e-mail dave.fox@lcfset.co.uk or call 01522 563792 for more information.

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- **TUESDAY**
Development Centre Sincil Bank (U7-U12)
 - **TUESDAY**
Girls Development Centre (U7 – U12)
 - **SATURDAY**
Development Centre (U7 – U12)
 - **SATURDAY**
Goalkeeper Development Centre
- All development centres cost £20 per month over 10 months which cover 40 sessions per year.

Mason Stone celebrates his special day with the Imps

Today, Mason Stone is celebrating his 9th birthday with his friends here at Lincoln City. Mason will take part in footballing activities, have a photo with a player and then a chance to walk out with the boys plus much more. We wish Mason a happy birthday and hope that he enjoys his day with the Imps.



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Community Staff Profile

Name: Thomas Padden
Job Title: Junior Imps Co-ordinator
Thomas joined us before the start of last season and has been at the centre of all things Junior Imps. Tom also works with Children and Young People at RAF Scampton leading their youth club. A fun fact about Tom is that he used to work for Domino's so knows his way round a pizza.



Junior Imps Club

The Junior Imps Club continues to go from strength to strength with new members joining each week. The club hopes to improve on last year by increasing the number of events that are available for members. This year the JIC VIP ballot is continuing which provides one lucky Junior Imp the chance to watch the game from the VIP area. The member along with two guests see what it is like to be a VIP for the day plus get the chance to see the players up close and also chance to get a photo and autograph.



Last weeks Junior Imps Club VIP was Gracie Lynch who watched the game against Carlisle United. Following the game she chose her man of the match who was Alex Woodyard. Gracie presented her trophy to him and Alex took some time to talk to her and make her day extra special.

For more information about joining the Junior Imps Club and all the benefits of being a member, in which is only £10.00 per year to sign up your child (must be 14 and under), then visit www.lcfset.com or email JIC@lcfset.co.uk. Come and join the Imps family.



Matchday Mascots



NAME: Lewis Hopkins
AGE: 9
SCHOOL: St Peter at Gowts
HOBBIES: Football and cricket
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Paul Farman and Nathan Arnold
PREDICTION: 2-1



NAME: William Marriott
AGE: 8
SCHOOL: Wragby Primary school
HOBBIES: Football, football and more football
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Paul Farman and Nathan Arnold
PREDICTION: 2-1



NAME: Lewis Merryweather
AGE: 10
SCHOOL: Fosse Way Academy
HOBBIES: Football, FIFA and Playing the Guitar
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Paul Farman and Nathan Arnold
PREDICTION: 2-1



NAME: Benjamin Loughton
AGE: 10
SCHOOL: Manor Leas Junior
HOBBIES: Playing the drums and Football (watching the mighty IMPS)
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Matt Rhead and Nathan Arnold
PREDICTION: 3-1



NAME: Jason Brennan
AGE: 7
SCHOOL: Saxilby C of E
HOBBIES: Football, PlayStation and Fishing
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Josh Ginnelly and Matt Rhead
PREDICTION: 2-1



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Sean LONG	2	2
Luke WATERFALL	5	3
Matt RHEAD	9	5
Matt GREEN	10	6
Jordan MAGUIRE-DREW	14	8
Michael BOSTWICK	16	9
Neal EARDLEY	23	11
Sean RAGGETT	25	14
Nathan ARNOLD	28	16
Alex WOODYARD	30	19

subs

Sam HABERGHAM	3	4
Elliott WHITEHOUSE	4	7
Ollie PALMER	8	10
Billy KNOTT	11	15
Rob DICKIE	15	17
Harry ANDERSON	26	20
Josh VICKERS	21	23

Referee: Eddie Ilderton

Assistants: Joe Clark & Michael D'Aguiar

Fourth Official: Alfie Greenwood

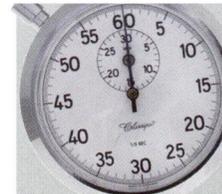
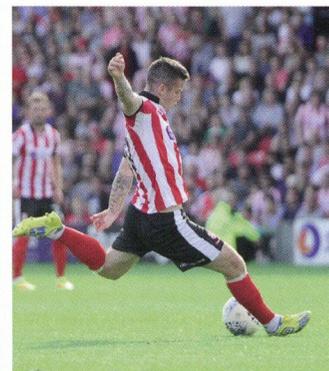
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Mike JONES	
Hallam HOPE	
Jamie DEVITT	
Richie BENNETT	
Mark ELLIS	
Reggie LAMBE	

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Luke JOYCE	
Jason KENNEDY	
Nicky ADAMS	
Sam COSGROVE	
James BROWN	
Shaun MILLER	
Shamal GEORGE	



TIMELINE

-  **31**
Woodyard
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Bennett
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Knott for Maguire-Drew
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Ashton's Mutterings

The Imps return to Sky Bet League Two away action following successive Saturday home League matches punctuated by Tuesday evening's trip to Mansfield in the Checkatrade Trophy with a visit to Stevenage next Saturday and then to the village of Nailsworth the following Tuesday evening for the game against Forest Green Rovers.

It will only be City's second visit to Stevenage following the initial trip in 2011 for a match which ended in a 2-1 defeat for the Imps. The match subsequently turned out to be the second of an 11 game winless spell for City at the end of the 2010/11 campaign which led to the Imps' relegation to the Conference.

The visit to Stevenage in March 2011 came during Stevenage's first season in the Football League following their promotion from the Conference. It may surprise some of you to be told or reminded that four of the Stevenage side that afternoon have or had Sincil Bank connections and I'll also tell you the Imps had five men on loan in the starting line-up that afternoon so for ardent 'quizzers' amongst you see how many of the nine men you can get. I'll give a clue to one of the Stevenage men by telling you he is currently in the Lincoln line-up while the Imps' goal scorer – from the penalty spot to give the lead – was one of City's loanees.

Before giving you the nine names I'll confirm that next Saturday the City faithful will be sat in the stand behind the goal which they occupied on our previous visit and that the car park for visitors is situated at the other end of the ground – the practical problem being the car park is across a very busy dual carriageway from the ground. Travelling Imps fans using that car park are strongly advised to use the subway underpass to get over the dangerous busy road.

To inform you or put you out of your misery I'll now tell you the nine names. The Stevenage four with Lincoln City connections were Michael Bostwick, Luke Foster who has had two spells at Sincil Bank, goalkeeper Chris Day who had previously had a loan spell at Lincoln and Craig Reid who had a non-contract spell at the Bank.

The five City loanees were Carson, Kelly, Hunt, Howell and Grimes with the latter being the goal scorer. The game was the last match

Carson and Hunt were to play for City while of more local interest young Andy Hutchinson came on for a substitute appearance which coincidentally also turned out to be his last senior appearance for the Imps.

At the risk of getting 'egg on my face' I'll confidently predict that next Saturday, Stevenage won't have so many players playing who have had Lincoln City connections; the Imps won't have so many loan players in the starting 'line up' and that not so many men will be playing their last game for the Imps. More importantly I hope the 2017/18 City team gain a more positive result than in the only other previous league visit to Stevenage.

One thing I hope doesn't happen next Saturday is a repeat of the reported heavy handed stewarding at Stevenage's last home game against Grimsby Town which led to a series of complaints. While, at the time of me writing this article no formal response had been issued, the Stevenage club had promised to look into the complaints with them being reported in last Sunday's 'The Football League Paper' as saying "the club takes these allegations seriously and will both study the CCTV footage and speak to the relevant parties to ensure that no infringements of accepted procedure took place." Whatever the accepted procedures are it would be totally unacceptable for any female supporter to be asked (as has been alleged by Grimsby fans) to pull up their tops to show their bras. Like me I'm sure you know Imps female fans past and present who would in an appropriate manner, give any steward making such a 'request' very 'short shift'. Putting on my Travel Section hat – we in the Travel Section – like I'm sure all civilised Imps fans – will strongly support any travelling fan in refusing to accede to such a request. Hopefully this won't be a matter/concern next Saturday.

Before finishing muttering, about the trip to Stevenage – I have read that Stevenage are to

imminently start work on a 1,600 seater stand at the North end of the ground to replace the North Terrace. The Stevenage fans are reported to have raised £500,000 in a month to help build the new stand which will be ready for the start of the 2018/19 season.

After Stevenage comes the midweek trip to Nailsworth for the first ever Football League meeting between Forest Green Rovers and the Imps although there have been adversaries in the Conference/National League during City's spell in the fifth tier of English football. The Imps' 3-2 victory at Forest Green in a televised game last season was seen by many as the pivotal moment of the campaign with City coming from two behind and a potential 12-point Forest Green lead at the top of the table to gain the victory which set the Imps off on a great run and ultimately to the title – aided by the Imps victory in another televised match in the return game at Sincil Bank.

Omen seekers have pointed out this week that Alex Woodyard's first and only goal of last season was City's first at Forest Green which was the turning point of the campaign and are hoping that his first – followed by his second in the second half – goal of the season (as well as his first at Sincil Bank) led to the Imps' first victory of this season last Saturday and hope that this will be the starting point for City's 'run to glory' this campaign.

Travelling City fans to Forest Green should note that once again the Gloucestershire club have said there are no seats available for visiting supporters and that this season they will be situated on the open terrace opposite the main stand – this being due to ground work at The Lawn.

So we've two away trips to look forward to in the next 10 days and hopefully to celebrate the first away victory since returning to the English Football League.

Chris Ashton



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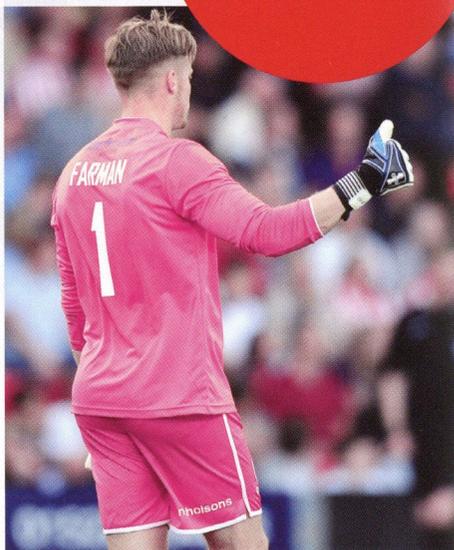
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After having several months out due to illness it felt good to finally be playing my first competitive 90 minutes of football. I was both nervous and excited to get my first touch of the ball and to also meet my new team mates at Pinchbeck United. After meeting the lads I settled in quickly and enjoyed an intense warm up in the build-up to the game. It was a tough, hard fought draw with an eventful first half with two red cards but I enjoyed the difference in physicality from moving from youth to senior football and would encourage other young players to go out on work experience to get this different type of experience.

Lewis Cox – First Year Apprentice

Match Analysis Helping Players To Learn

Analysing performances is a really important part of our personal development. We make sure that we watch every one of our games back in detail to see what we did well and

what we need to improve on.

After a match on a Saturday, we can download video footage of the match on Sunday which allows us to analyse the game as individuals before we do it as a team on Monday.



The academy has been able to increase the level of analysis this year and the biggest addition is that we now get individual statistics from each game so that every player can identify what they did well and need to work on to develop their game.

Danny Horton – First Year Apprentice

Learning Basic Coaching Skills

Over the past few weeks, the first year scholars at Lincoln City have been studying the FA Level 2 Coaching Certificate, taken by former Nottingham Forest and Leeds

United player Chris Fairclough, who now works as a regional tutor for the PFA.

During the sessions, which have taken place at the Club's learning resource centre, we have been learning how to become a well-presented young coach as well as learning the rules and regulations we need in order to coach young people. The course so far has included coaching players aged between 13-16, focusing on the different things a young footballer needs to work on to improve their game.

These sessions have been around 2-3 hours long and included lots of useful information to help us become a coach and at the end of the course we will receive a Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Football.

Harry Troop – First Year Apprentice

FOOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE

Date	Opposition	Res
05.08.17	Notts County	H 4-0
12.08.17	Chesterfield	A 0-1
19.08.17	Bradford City	H 2-0
26.08.17	Notts County (YAC)	H 2-2
02.09.17	Grimsby Town	A
09.09.17	Hartlepool United	H
16.09.17	Accrington Stanley (YAC)	A
23.09.17	Rotherham United	H
30.09.17	York City	H
07.10.17	Grimsby Town (YAC)	A
14.10.17	Scunthorpe United	A
28.10.17	Burton Albion	H
11.11.17	Oldham Athletic	A
18.11.17	Doncaster Rovers	H
02.12.17	Mansfield Town	A
09.12.17	Preston North End (YAC)	H
06.01.18	Hartlepool United	A
20.01.18	Grimsby Town	H
27.01.18	York City	A
10.02.18	Rotherham United	A
24.02.18	Burton Albion	A
03.03.18	Scunthorpe United	H
17.03.18	Doncaster Rovers	A
24.03.18	Oldham Athletic	H
14.04.18	Mansfield Town	H
21.04.18	Notts County	A
28.04.18	Chesterfield	H
05.05.18	Bradford City	A



70 YEARS AGO

LOOKING BACK AT 1947/48
by Gary Parle

Last season saw City win a championship for just the 10th time since 1884.

Previous successes came in the Midland League in 1889/90, 1908/09 and 1920/21, the Central League in 1911/12 and the Conference in 1987/88 whilst Football League titles have come in Division 3 North in 1931/32, 1947/48 and 1951/52 with the Division 4 title in 1975/76.

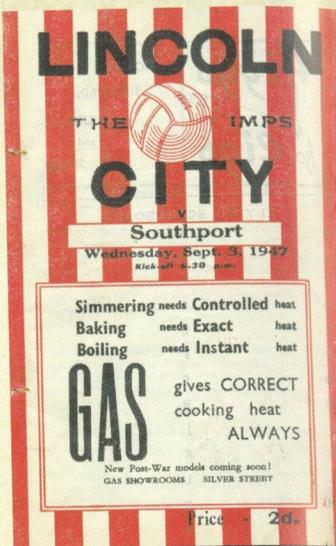
This season therefore is the 70th anniversary of one of those Division 3 North titles and whilst the 1931/32 with Allan Hall's record seasonal goal tally, 1951/52 with the record win and most goals scored and 1975/76 for all the records set seasons are fairly well documented the 1947/48 success hasn't perhaps received the coverage it deserves.

Over the course of this season it is hoped to put that right by looking back at events during the season, the players, items in the news and some of the adverts from the match day programme (thanks to Phil Skayman, Gary Parkin and Mark Duckering a full set of home and nearly all away issues have been compiled) and local press from mainly local companies and many long since gone. If anyone has any memories of the season we would love to hear them so please email Gary Parle at southparkerimp@hotmail.co.uk

DOUBLE TRAGEDY, A SLOW START, DROUGHT OF WATER AND MILK, RUMOUR AND THE FIRST WIN

Tragedy struck twice in Lincoln over the course of Wednesday night August 27th and Thursday morning 28th as firstly a Barnsley man, joiner John Mitten, fell 90 feet from the top of one of cooling towers at the new St Swithin's power station where he was part of a work gang and sustained multiple injuries from which he later died whilst 13-year-old Geoffrey Vasey of Henry Street became the first child in two years to be killed on Lincoln's roads when he rode out of Sewell's Walk onto the High Street and was struck by an Army lorry. At later inquests it was stated that Mr Mitten had not secured a wooden block being removed from the tower to a chain and on removing it the combined weight of himself and the block had caused his safety belt to snap leading to his fall so a verdict of "accidental death" was recorded whilst the lorry driver was exonerated of all blame for the youngster's death with a verdict of "death by misadventure" being recorded.

Despite the criticism for the City forwards, and the fact the reserves had opened their Midland League campaign by scoring 10 goals in two games, no changes were originally planned for the trip to Stockport, who had started the season with two victories, with the management feeling the forwards should be given an opportunity to settle down. However



centre half and captain Tom Johnson failed to recover from a knee injury sustained at Southport so Tony Emery replaced him for just his second Football League appearance.

Emery played like a veteran and along with his fellow defenders kept a dangerous County attack quiet with a display of determined precision. Geoff Marlow gave City the lead in the first half with a low shot that gave the goalkeeper no chance whilst James



DO YOU REMEMBER?

Hutchinson (dubbed a "man of menace" by the home crowd for his outstanding performance) and Tommy Cheetham went close and Ken Walshaw was unlucky when he beat the 'keeper only to see his effort cleared. The hosts' equaliser came about when the City defence paused waiting for an offside flag which never came and George Moulson was beaten from 18 yards.

Three games in and without a win wasn't the start anticipated but the mood remained optimistic that if the weaknesses in attack could be remedied and the general improvements maintained prospects for the side remained bright.

September 2nd saw a new official record set for Lincoln as it was the 29th successive day (since records began) without any measurable rainfall in the city breaking a record set in 1925. It was another nine days before any rain fell when the Lincoln Meteorological Station recorded 0.02 overnight on September 11th. For the city residents a further liquid set back was announced as well with the milk ration being cut from two to one pint a week for the foreseeable future due to the effects of the drought elsewhere in the country affecting production.

Prior to the midweek return fixture with Southport the Club was forced to issue a statement to quash rumours that left half Bob Owen had been transferred to Everton for £5,000 stating that no offer had been made to the Club of any amount for any player. Bill Anderson said "I do not know of any club watching Owen, and certainly no approach has been made. Players are always being watched by First and Second Division clubs without the knowledge of the club concerned. There is nothing extraordinary about that."

In his programme notes for the Southport game Anderson noted that "the display at Stockport indicated that the team is settling down for to gain a point against a side of that calibre on their own ground is no mean feat."

On the pitch the game with Southport, who had just the point from the previous game against City to date, saw Johnson return to the side in place of Emery but within nine minutes of the 6.20pm kick off time the visitors had stunned most of the 9,091 crowd (the lowest of the season as it turned out) when a Billy Bean back pass to Moulson was intercepted and winger Roy Tickell beat the goalkeeper to score the only senior goal of his career.

It was almost all one way traffic after that early set back though as Marlow hit the cross bar with Cheetham seeing his follow up effort also forced onto the woodwork, before the hard worked William Henderson in the Southport goal made a succession of saves before finally being beaten in the 35th minute when a fine team goal involving George Stillyards, Jimmy McCormick and Jimmy Hutchinson ended with the latter scoring. Three minutes later another Hutchinson effort was only parried by the keeper but Cheetham blazed the rebound over the goal but just before half-time he did score his second of the season after another Hutchinson effort had rebounded to him.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first with Cheetham twice guilty of missing good chances but Southport on the rare occasions they did manage to get into the City half did cause the crowd some anxiety and it wasn't until the final minute that Hutchinson put the result beyond doubt and secure the first win of the season.

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Born: Lincoln 25/08/1915

Died: Lincoln 25/11/1993

Known as Billy (after his father) he had joined City in 1934 from local side Corinthians and apart from six war time games with Nottingham Forest he spent the rest of his career with the Imps retiring in the summer of 1949.

He made his debut at outside left at Chester in 1935 but established himself initially at half back and then left back where he played most of his games after the war. A consistent performer and determined tackler he was also the team's penalty taker.

He played 38 times, scoring four goals, in the title winning side and in total made 174 Football League appearances for City scoring 10 goals as well as playing in the three expunged games in 1938/39 and 16 cup ties. During the war he made 204 City appearances scoring one goal.

Employed as a draughtsman he worked at Robeys for many years.



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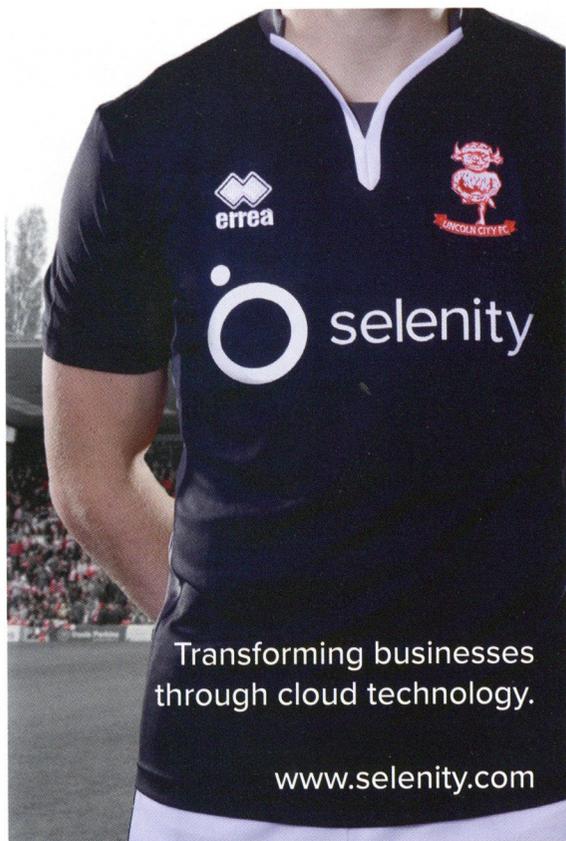
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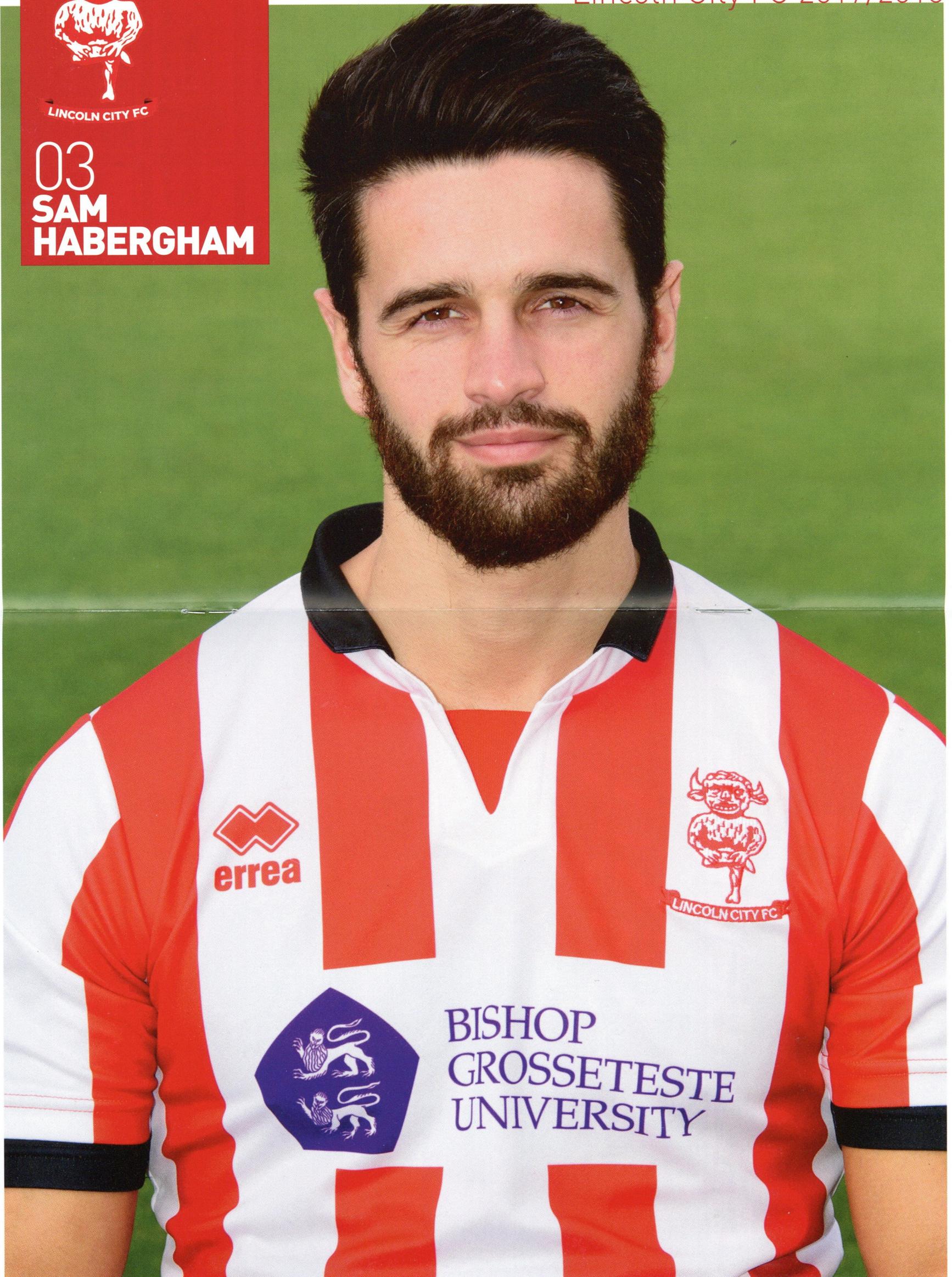
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City striker Mick Harford in the thick of the action against Sheffield Wednesday. Mick, who is now Luton's chief recruitment officer having been the club's manager between January 2008 and October, scored 46 goals in 126 League and cup games for the Imps at the start of his career and later bagged 93 goals in 217 games in two stints with the Hatters.



Amongst the Sheffield Wednesday scorers 39 years ago today was a certain Tommy Tynan, who joined the Imps a month later for a then Club record fee of £33,000. Tynan played just nine games for City, scoring just the one goal, before moving on to Newport County. He went on to score a further 10 goals against the Imps during the following eight years making him a regular thorn in our side. Tynan is now a taxi driver in Plymouth.

ON THIS DAY

YEAR	OPPONENTS	V	COMPETITION	CROWD	RES
1893	Rotherham Town	h	FL Division 2	-	1-1
1899	Middlesbrough	h	FL Division 2	-	3-0
1905	Burslem Port Vale	h	FL Division 2	-	3-1
1907	Derby County	a	FL Division 2	-	0-4
1912	Wolves	a	FL Division 2	-	0-2
1914	Leicester Fosse	a	FL Division 2	-	2-2
1916	Bradford PA	a	War League	-	0-1
1922	Halifax Town	h	FL Division 3N	-	0-0
1929	Rotherham United	a	FL Division 3N	6605	0-1
1933	Manchester United	a	FL Division 2	16987	1-1
1935	Crewe Alexandra	a	FL Division 3N	5195	1-2
1944	Notts County	a	War League	-	5-4
1950	Mansfield Town	a	FL Division 3N	13111	1-1
1959	Portsmouth	a	FL Division 2	18827	2-1
1961	Hull City	h	FL Division 3	6495	0-3
1964	Barnsley	a	League Cup Rd 1	4262	1-2
1966	Stockport County	h	FL Division 4	5582	0-1
1967	Rochdale	a	FL Division 4	2467	2-1
1970	Chester	a	FL Division 4	4709	0-1
1972	Crewe Alexandra	a	FL Division 4	2283	1-1
1978	Sheffield Wed	h	FL Division 3	7007	1-2
1980	Swindon Town	a	League Cup Rd 2 leg 2	4907	0-2
1981	Hull City	h	League Cup Rd 1 leg 1	3498	3-0
1986	Wolves	h	League Cup Rd 1 leg 2	2396	0-1
1989	Doncaster Rovers	h	FL Division 4	3906	2-1
1995	Barnet	a	FL Division 3	1813	1-3
1997	Mansfield Town	h	FL Division 3	3539	0-2
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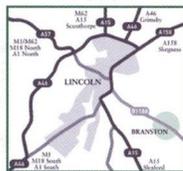


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WHEN YOU THINK OF THE SO-CALLED BAD START WE'VE HAD THIS SEASON, IT DOESN'T SEEM TO COMPARE TO THOSE FIRST TWO GAMES OF OUR GMVC SEASON.



On September 5th almost 30 years ago, a player called Paul Smith made his debut for City against Stafford Rangers. We had splashed out £40k for a forward who would go on to form an integral part of the GMVC winning team. He made over 300 appearances for Lincoln, latterly as a full-back after converting under the watchful eye of Steve Thompson. He was even voted in at 74th in the centenary 'top 100 legends'. Today, 22 years after he left the Club, he is barely ever mentioned when talking about the all-time greats.

Paul Michael Smith was voted in ahead of players such as Graham Bressington and Ian Branfoot in the 2006 poll, but in 1987 he was just another Football League quality player willing to swap the prestige of the Football League for Murphy's Mission in the GM Vauxhall Conference. His first four years were spent at Sheffield United, but after 36 appearances for the Blades he moved to Port Vale. He had just one season with the Valiants, scoring seven times in 44 outings.

His first appearance at Sincil Bank coincided with my own first trip too. It was against Enfield on September 19th, and instead of kicking the makeshift ball around the living room (as described in the last two programmes), I had finally been allowed to go to a match. Here's how 'statto' I am; this was my fourth ever City match after Hartlepool, Cardiff and Swansea in our relegation year. I imagine most people

remember their first match, but fourth? Fifth? (Bath City 3-0).

This was to be my first full season as a Lincoln fan and this was the first home match I'd been to in the GMVC. I'd witnessed most of the relegation season, and my first proper hero, Gary Lund, had moved on. I was on the look-out for a new idol and Paul Smith nominated himself immediately. The main reason he caught my eye was his striking ginger hair, matching my own. He played up front too, which was my preferred position for Wragby Primary School when I wasn't booting something around our living room trying to frighten the budgie. After the first 90 minutes, he'd scored twice as I watched City win 4-0, and in my mind a hero was born.

It helped significantly that he scored both goals right in front of me at the home end. Even at the age of nine I was felt pure elation when City scored, and this constituted the joint-biggest win I'd ever seen with my own eyes. Lincoln came alive that day and the deep red hair of Paul Smith seemed to be behind everything good we did. The following week I scored twice for Wragby as we beat Bucknall 6-0, and despite the nasty green itchy shirts I believed I was Paul Smith. Bright green shirt, bright ginger hair, I must have looked quite a sight.

His hairstyle was questionable, a proper eighties mullet untouched at the back but trimmed at the sides. In a dubious fashion

move I decided to do the same, convinced everyone at my school would instantly know who I was emulating. They didn't, they imagined I was perhaps a mildly mutated Chris Waddle, but nobody had heard of Paul Smith.

As the season wore on he took to spiking the fringe at the front, but leaving that red dangling down his neck like a fox tail. I took to spiking the front as well, and aside from my seven skinhead years, I have done it ever since. Paul Smith became a style icon that has stayed with me for a lifetime. I'd like to say I even wore his scent, but that isn't the same Paul Smith.

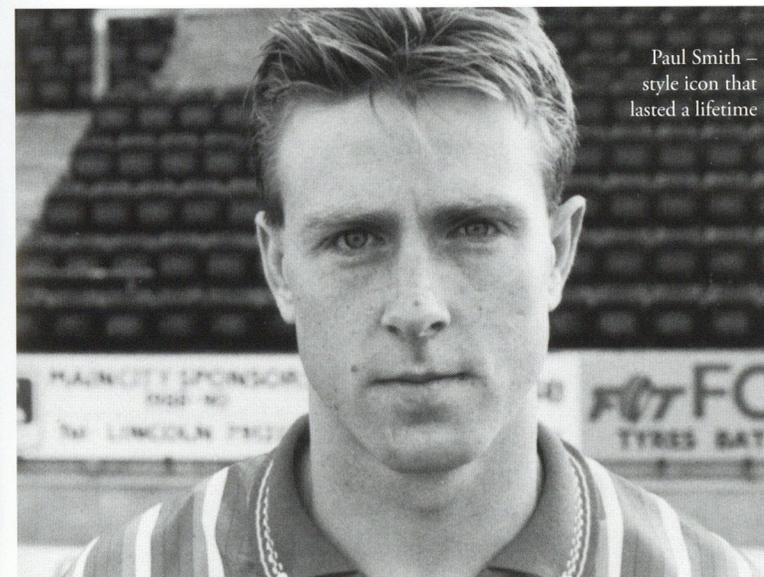
I often pondered on what had happened to Paul. I attended a dinner to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the Conference win, and he wasn't there. Even the fountain of all knowledge, Google, failed to help me. After all, Paul Smith is far more common name than Marcus Stergiopoulos. It seemed as though I would never get to meet my childhood hero.

As recently as last season I decided to do an article about him on my website (www.staceywest.net) enquiring as to his whereabouts and if anyone knew what he was up to. The child in me wanted to shake his hand just once, maybe even get him to put his signature on my Wycombe programme from May 1988. Paul Smith had eluded me for 30 years, but I wasn't giving up. Fan-boys never do.

I received an email out of the blue a couple of weeks later, and it was from Paul Smith. He'd been directed to my blog and thanked me for my kind words. Since then we've exchanged many emails, I've conducted an interview with him (to be published soon) and we've talked about him coming to Sincil Bank. Despite his stellar service to the red and white, he's never been back to the ground.

Never isn't forever though, and I'm delighted to tell you he'll be coming to the Mansfield game as a guest of the Club. I'm excited as anything to finally meet my hero, my first proper football idol. He's retired now (early) and he can't wait to come back and see how the Club has changed. It will be an honour and a privilege to facilitate that comeback.

Now, do I have time to grow a mullet before September 16th?



Paul Smith – style icon that lasted a lifetime

Gary Hutchinson

Murphy's Mission



30 Years On...

Murphy's Mission

Continuing our look back at City's Conference championship-winning season of 1987/88 and here's how the Lincolnshire Echo reported the Imps' home win over Runcorn and the 4-1 success at Stafford Rangers.

Mick Waitt rises high at the near post



IMPS TRIUMPH OVER RUGGED OPPONENTS

**LINCOLN CITY 1
RUNCORN 0**
GM Vauxhall Conference
Monday 31st August 1987

LINCOLN CITY will face some tough battles this season - hopefully none will be as dour or as indisciplined as this latest encounter with Runcorn.

It was the full-time side who fought longest and hardest to grab a late goal against a crude side to ensure the Imps' second GM Vauxhall Conference victory in a tense, often physical drama.

Mick Waitt scored the only goal, slamming the ball in the back of the net after 79 minutes.

Runcorn made it clear from the outset that they had come to kick - not necessarily the ball. But City gave as good as they got much to the disgust of the surly band of visiting supporters.

YELLOW CARD

A consistent, authoritative referee might have helped matters, but Mr A Ward of Sleaford, officiating over City for the third time in six games, set about his task in an amateurish way.

He failed to produce the yellow card for a fracas involving the majority of players after Runcorn's Rambo Billy Rodaway charged in limbs asunder. The linesman had to help break the jostling teams up.

Neither did he penalise City 'keeper Nigel Batch and John McMahon who were embroiled in fisticuffs on the goal line.

Batch had already earned a booking after bringing Dave Mather down clinically so maybe referee Ward was being lenient.

Yet in comparison mere taps were seized upon.

City's Batch, Andy Moore and Waitt, Runcorn's Mark Carter, Tommy Miller and Dave Barnett all had their names taken.

But football came through even if it was a struggle at times with Runcorn apparently willing to settle for a draw.

But City broke the deadlock with a well-worked move which

started deep in their own half.

Moore halted Carter's attempt at goal with a thumping clearance to Dave Mossman on the halfway line.

The midfielder times his move well and played the ball out to Jack McGinley who ran down the left flank before crossing neatly to Waitt who scored with a first time shot.

Once again, City created plenty of chances, despite stifled in midfield, while the backline is starting to look a tighter proposition with teenager Shane Nicholson producing a particularly impressive display at left back.

LINCOLN CITY: Batch, Franklin, Nicholson, Brown, Matthewson, Moore, Mossman, Sertori, Waitt, Cumming, McGinley. Subs: Hunter, Gamble.
RUNCORN: McBride, Byrne, Densmore, Miller, Carrol, Rodaway, McMahon, Barnett, Carter, Mather, Anderson. Subs: Rooney, Cummins.

REFEREE: A Ward (Sleaford)
ATTENDANCE: 2,330

IMPS SERVE UP FEAST OF GOALS

**STAFFORD RANGERS 1
LINCOLN CITY 4**
GM Vauxhall Conference
Saturday 5th September 1987

CONFIDENT Lincoln City dished out a football lesson and the first defeat of the season to Stafford Rangers to earn their first away victory in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Striker Mick Waitt bagged a hat-trick and substitute Dave Clarke added another in superb fashion in the final minute.

The win delighted club chiefs who only hours earlier had splashed out on a club and non-League record fee for Port Vale frontman Paul Smith.

But once again it was a whistle-happy referee who managed a high profile, producing his notebook with monotonous regularity in a game which was by no means too physical.

FEAST OF GOALS

City's Phil Brown for dissent (6 minutes), Waitt for a foul on Fraser Wood (19), Nicholson for a foul on Russell Gordon (78).

For Rangers, John Cockerill for fouling Waitt (25), Gordon Hill, who failed to

retreat far enough from a free-kick (30) and Gary Simpson for dissent (55).

But the match must be remembered for the more controlled, team performance by City and - considering the challenge in hand - for the feast of goals.

Waitt's first strike came after 11 minutes as he charged between Wood and Charlie Williamson, pouncing on the defenders' glaring blunder and planted the ball firmly past keeper Mark Harrison.

His second was a swift 26th minute retort after he had been fouled by Cockerill.

Andy Moore's long free kick from inside his own half picked out the tall forward whose back header floated into the net.

After dominating the first-half, City allowed the home side to grab a foothold.

But solid performances from skipper Trevor Matthewson and Moore at the heart of the defence held Rangers' dangermen, Hill and Malcolm Dunkley, in check.

Stafford's perseverance looked to have paid off when Cockerill sprang the off-side trap only to fire his shot at the upright.

His side's goal came instead from a 79th minute Dunkley showpiece.

The 6ft 5in striker took advantage of the new free-kick rule for the third time this season and headed Hill's kick from the left through the goalmouth muddle.

But the effort proved a mere consolation, as less than a minute later Waitt helped himself to his third after Harrison had palmed away a shot from Smith who did not look 100 per cent fit.

Clarke, who took to the pitch for his first appearance this term in place of Mark Sertori, after 70 minutes, completed the victory in the dying seconds.

City are bound to come up against stiffer opposition than Rangers who appeared to be in awe of their former League visitors.

But Imps fans must have been impressed by the commanding, encouraging performance, particularly in midfield, which stamped its authority on the proceedings at the kick-off.

STAFFORD RANGERS: Harrison, Wood, Upton, Beech, Turley, Cockerill, Gordon, Simpson, Dunkley, Williamson, Hill. Subs: Ridley, Brown.

LINCOLN CITY: Batch, Mossman, Nicholson, Sertori, Matthewson, Moore, Brown, Cumming, Waitt, Smith, McGinley. Subs: Hunter, Clarke.

REFEREE: D Mansfield
ATTENDANCE: 2,111

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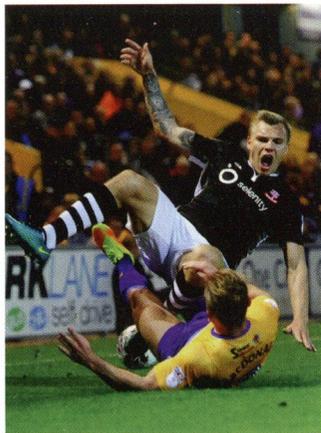
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Match:	Premier Scaffolding
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MOM:	Mercedes Benz
Ball:	Sleafordian Coaches
SAT JAN 27	NEWPORT COUNTY
Match:	Curves Gym
MOM:	Bridge McFarland
Ball:	AVAILABLE
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Match:	Sleafordian Coaches
MOM:	Cropwise
Ball:	AVAILABLE
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MOM:	AVAILABLE
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MOM:	Soper of Lincoln
Ball:	University of Lincoln
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Match:	Lincolnshire Co-op
MOM:	AVAILABLE
Ball:	Selenity
SAT APR 7	WYCOMBE WANDERERS
Match:	Selenity
MOM:	Curves Gym
Ball:	Countrywise Water Coolers
SAT APR 21	COLCHESTER UNITED
Match:	Bridge McFarland
MOM:	AVAILABLE
Ball:	University of Lincoln
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Jimmy SPENCER	15	8
Hayden WHITE	16	11
Alfie POTTER	17	14
Johnny HUNT	19	15
Jack THOMAS	20	26
Omari STERLING-JAMES	21	30

subs

Rhys BENNETT	2	9
Mal BENNING	3	10
Will ATKINSON	11	16
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Joel BYROM	26	25
Danny ROSE	32	28
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- 38** MacDonald
- 40** Whitehouse
- 42** Digby
- 65** Bostwick for Woodyard
- 65** Eardley for Habbergham
- 72** Atkinson for Thomas
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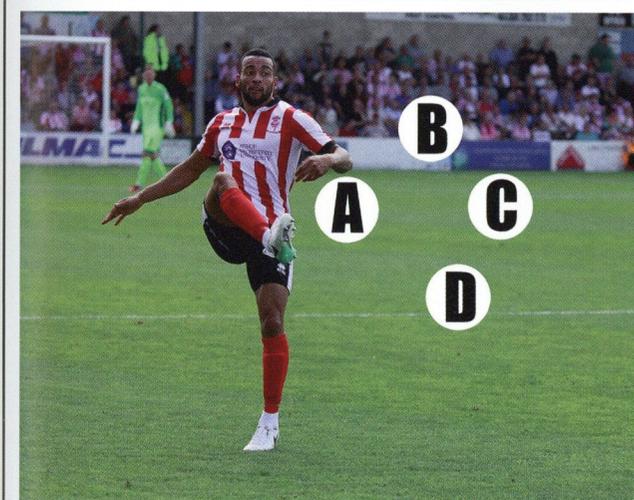
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- I am awaiting my debut at my new club.

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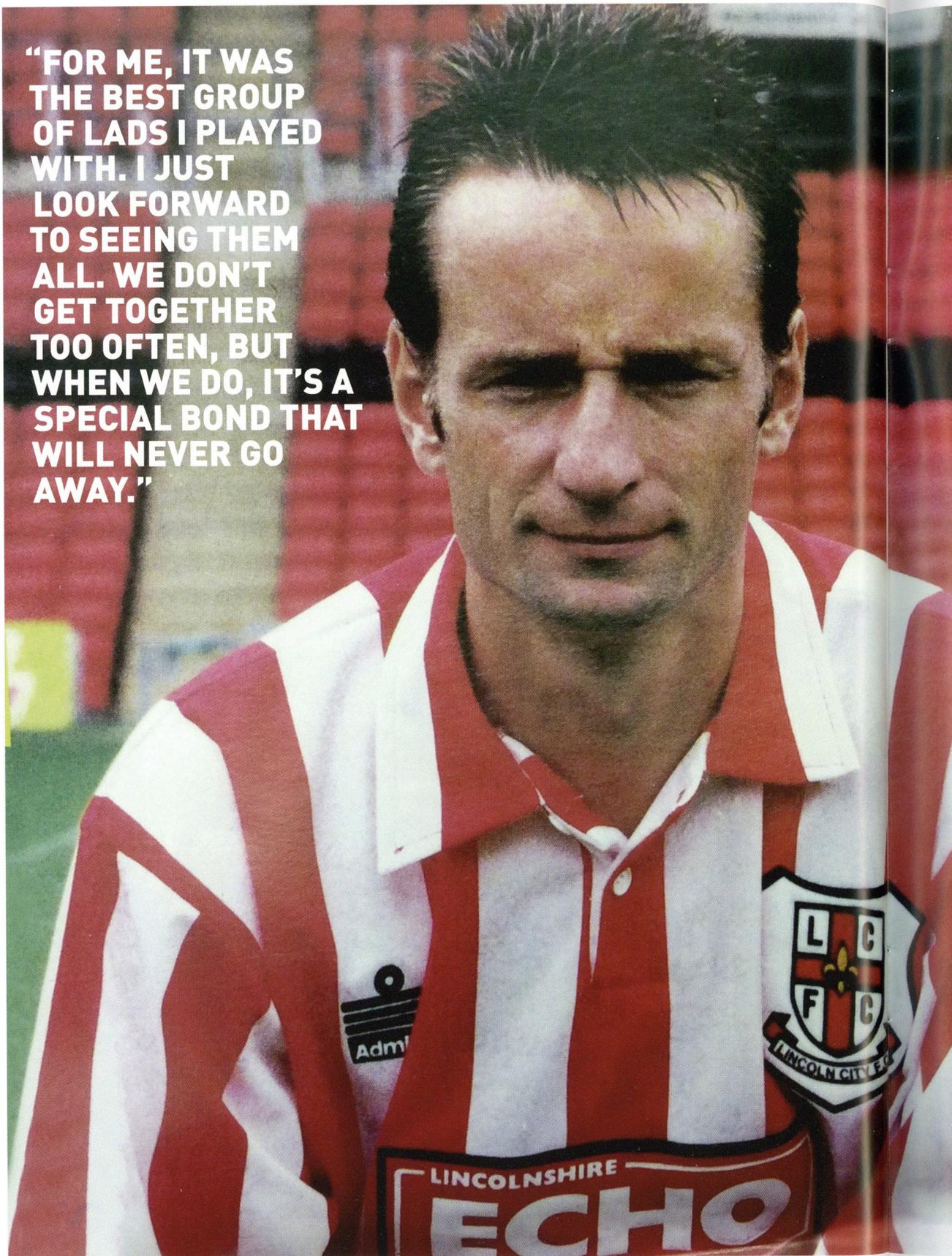
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Name The Stadium

Which ground is this?

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Throughout this season, we will speak the promotion-winning squad as they share their greatest memories of the campaign and this week we speak to...

Mark Hone

Back in the summer of 1996, a 28-year-old Mark Hone was on the verge of linking up with Mick Halsall at Peterborough United before a consortium led by Barry Fry took over at London Road and dismissed Halsall, meaning Hone was still in search of a move.

Hone remembers John Beck calling him, and things moved pretty quickly between the then Imps boss and the southern-based combative midfielder-come-defender.

“John Beck called and asked me to come up to Lincoln. At the time John Still was his assistant and I had played against his teams in the Conference. John was keen to get me involved. Beck called me and I signed almost immediately,” Hone said.

“The biggest thing for me was moving my family up. I didn’t think the world existed outside of London if I’m honest, so it was a big move for me. It took a little while but it all worked out well. I settled very quickly.”

Settling in at Sincil Bank...

“It was best group of lads I’ve ever played with in terms of team spirit and getting on with each other,” The former Crystal Palace man recalled.

“I’ve played in one or two successful places, but even when we meet up now it’s still there. We played in a legends game a few years ago, and it’s still there. Everyone knew their own roles, it just absolutely worked. It was such good times, I do miss them times.”

It wasn’t just the players that Hone and the rest of the squad got along with well though, with Beck receiving significant praise from Hone.

“John Beck was quite weird actually. Away from the ground he was a lovely guy, I stayed at his house a month before signing, he was such a nice guy. In and around the football ground he was a different guy - he was a real Jekyll and Hyde type bloke,” he said.

“He became this really focussed and motivated bloke on the football ground. I wouldn’t say he alienated the players against him, but some of the things he did made us bond together. I remember we went to an army camp in pre-season and he would have us awake at 5am each day, it was hard work. Every player that came in just bought into what Becky did. We enjoyed ourselves on the pitch and off the pitch.”

Game by game...

Hone, who joined Lincoln having left Southend United, spoke about how the lads took it game by game and how end-of-season success wasn’t too deep in their minds.

“We were having too much fun to realise we were close to getting promoted,” ‘Honie’ chuckled.

“Every time we went out on the pitch we did what we needed to do to win the game, whether that was by hook or by crook, whether we needed to beat teams up - which we did most of the time!

“We just enjoyed ourselves on and off the pitch. I don’t ever remember a point where we thought we could get promoted. It was strange, I don’t think I could just pinpoint a game. We just looked forward to the next game, and it was the next night out.

“The social and football never clashed, the football always came first. But we certainly enjoyed ourselves afterwards. Win, lose or draw we were going to go out and enjoy ourselves.”

Team spirit, even on a Monday morning...

Mark, whose son Danny went on to make 100 appearances for the Club, reminisced about how everyone would be involved in the changing rooms before a training session each morning.

“We used to play a game called ‘Donkey’ - it was called something else but I won’t swear to you!” He laughed.

“I remember most going in to training every morning. We used to get in the changing room every day and play that. I just remember that and I couldn’t wait to get into the changing rooms each morning.

“We used to have games like keep the ball up and all 20 of us would play - you know how small the dressing room is at Sincil Bank! Each time you’d make a mistake you’d get a letter and so on. I just remember that every morning and loving it! We just loved to go into training. Becky had us organised and we knew what we were doing.”

The Lincoln bug...

Mark was released at the end of the promotion season and rejoined Welling United where he’d previously made nearly 200 appearances.

Welling played the Imps in the FA Cup the following season, and he fondly remembers the reception he received from the City support.

“The fans were fantastic with me. I came back with Welling and got a really big applause and it was really special for me,” the Croydon-born man added.

Mark soon returned to the Lincoln area with spells at Lincoln United, Spalding and Lincoln Moorlands Railway while his son Danny was bursting through the ranks here at Lincoln City.

He said: “I call Lincoln home now, I don’t class myself as a Londoner anymore - even though I still have the slight twang! It’s a great place to live.”

What are the Hones up to at present?

Mark does a bit of reporting and summarising for BBC Radio Lincolnshire and he coaches with son Danny’s Mini Kick franchise on a Saturday morning too. He is also a Probation Officer working for a Criminal Justice Agency.

Danny, meanwhile, left FC Halifax Town in the summer to have a year out of football. Mark believes other priorities have taken over, so explained that he’s having a season off to see if he’s missing it and to see how well his Mini Kicks project progresses.



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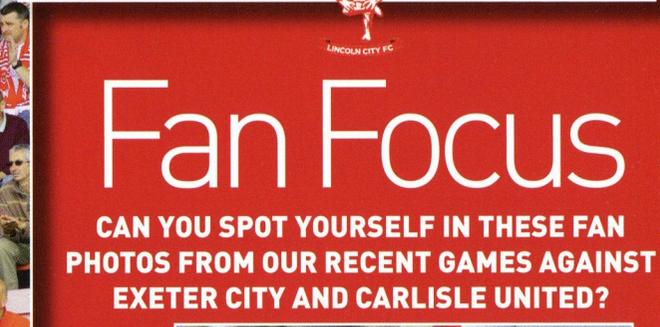


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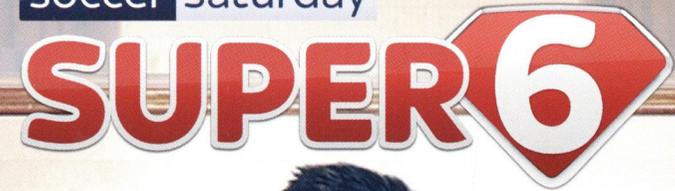
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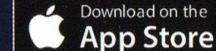
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Fans Eye

Well, last Saturday was a relief wasn't it?

I think many City fans were expecting us to give someone a hiding soon, but maybe not to a decent Carlisle side as they were one of the better teams seen in recent times at City and we scored goals just at the right times last week.

The rush of adrenaline when we score at the moment seems indescribable, and you can easily see how Sincil Bank has become fortress Sincil Bank in the last year. Yes, I've seen bigger crowds and perhaps noisier receptions at the odd "big game" over the years, but the will to win at SB week in, week out, is not something I've experienced in 40 odd years since 1976, and it probably wasn't as apparent then, as it is now under the Cowleys. The fans have been incredible, carrying on from where they left off last season.

It's addictive, as I'm sure many of our new and returning fans will agree, a legal high that takes some time to come down from on a Saturday night and by Sunday morning, when the withdrawal symptoms become apparent, I can be found shivering, hairs standing up on the back of my neck, clutching an iPad secretly watching

wonder if the late, great Graham Taylor had a rye smile on his face as Harford spent the best years of his career at arch rivals Luton, but was a prodigy of the nursery sides he set up in the North East whilst at Lincoln in the mid-seventies, never seeing the benefit as he had left City by the time Harford had made his mark as a 20-year-old.

Aside from that connection, I can only be grateful to Luton once in my lifetime, for loaning us Wayne Turner in 1981, who probably scored the best goal of his career whilst on loan, ironically at Vicarage Road against Graham Taylor's Watford in a 2-2 draw in the Milk Cup, a game we should have won had it not been for butter fingers Naylor, our keeper at the time...

Luton though, to City, have been somewhat of a "bogey" side in recent years (and, younger fans, I don't mean that they were covered in bogeys, although arch rivals Watford may disagree!) No, we haven't beaten them since 1999, and before that you have to go back to 1966 when we thrashed them 8-1 for another victory, so we are long overdue. History doesn't seem to matter



some highlights of last season or this, without the rest of the family knowing, just to get my "fix".

Is that weird, or are there others yet to "come out?" Maybe I should seek help...

It's approaching a year unbeaten at home now, but I expect today to be one of the sterner tests that we've had to face in recent months. Managed by Nathan Jones (were his parents fans of the Supremes or Bananarama I wonder?) Luton haven't quite had the start to the season they were maybe hoping for, and certainly not the all conquering start that some of their fans on social media were predicting, but it will be tough, as everybody is beating everyone else early on in the season.

We don't have too many connections with Luton, but I suppose the most tangible is Mick Harford, England international and one of the best centre forwards to grace (if that's the right word!) Sincil Bank in his early career, where he first made his name for a hatful of headed goals and not least a hatful of head butts. I often

to this team though under Danny and Nicky Cowley, as they seem to be intent on making it and breaking it at every opportunity themselves.

It would be remiss of me whilst mentioning Luton Town to not mention Kenilworth Road, the stadium everyone "loves to hate". Luton moved there "in a rush" apparently in 1905...and it still looks like they did.

It splits fans across the country from the "cosy and compact" to the "downright dreadful" and has seen little improvement in that time aside from the addition of seats to replace terracing-something they may have regretted after the infamous visit of the Millwall "seat throwers" in 1985 who decided they'd make good frisbees.

So bad was the trouble that away fans (some visiting fans may say thankfully!) were barred until the 1990 season and Luton fans were forced to carry the dreaded identity cards to get into their own ground.

They did however, get a little carried away in the '90s by adding not just one, but a full

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length pitch side of conservatories (sorry I mean executive boxes) down one side at the expense of the small terrace that once stood there, which only added to the quirks of the ground. Maybe they got confused into thinking the extensions would add value to the property when they finally move, as in "football ground for sale - compact and bijou living area, 17 conservatories, large garden, no garaging", I don't know!

A ground move was first mooted in 1955 in Luton - surely the longest planning process in football history and they still seem some way off completing a move away, such are the complexities of finding the right site in southern towns and cities these days.

It does though, have atmosphere, that can't be denied. But a word of warning, anyone thinking of travelling down on New Year's Day for the return fixture should remember the 5'2" rule, like the one you see on theme park rides, only the other way round. Any taller and I'm afraid you won't be able to sit down unless you are a contortionist or an Olympic gymnast. You have been warned - if you happen to sit behind anyone taller than this should they have actually managed to get in, then you won't be able to claim a refund for restricted view, but you will be able to moan about it on Lincoln City Banter if that helps, along with perhaps losing your match day programme in all the confusion under one of those rickety old seats like at Exeter. It does though, make Blunder Park's away end seem like the view from the top of Lincoln Cathedral....

So famous is Kenilworth Road that it even features on "Trip Advisor", though I wouldn't recommend holidaying in Luton, or going at all unless you really have to. Ratings, as you'd expect vary from the polite "Old Skool" as a definition of the ground, to the best though, coming from a visiting fan - "the toilets are from the 19th century and the burgers may well have been cooked then too."

So, for all you fans who like to reminisce about the past, you can actually go and experience a piece of living history, a relic, like it used to be in the Hovis adverts, and they may even provide you with sepia glasses for all I know. Please remember though, to take a few potted plants or a nice cake to drop off at the neighbouring houses whose passageways, living rooms and gardens you have to access to get into the away end, I'm sure they'll be appreciative of the gesture as you gawp in their windows...

So, that's about it for this week, aside to mention that I do know a couple of ex work colleagues who are exiled Luton fans in our fair city and should Luton win they never, ever, let you forget it more than most, as I've found to my cost in previous years. They know who they are, so come on City, another piece of history today please?

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Concession (60+ / disabled)	£14	£15
Junior (under 18)	£7	£8
Student (in full-time education with valid photo ID)	£7	£8
Family* (1 adult + 1 junior)	£22	£22
Family* (1 concession + 1 junior)	£17	£17

NOTES

Junior: Under 18 years of age
Concession: 60 years or over / Disabled with proof of medium/high rate of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or any rate of Personal Independence Payment (PIP). To qualify for a complimentary helper's ticket, the supporter must be in receipt of a high rate of DLA or the enhanced rate of PIP. Proof of such criteria is always required when applying for tickets and will only be issued at the discretion of LCFC. Wheelchair disabled supporters will be located in the Bridge McFarland Stand.
Student: In full-time education. Valid Photo ID will be required if purchasing tickets in advance and on entry via the turnstiles on match day.

• Early Bird prices will be in operation until 5.00pm on the last working day before the day of the game.

• Tickets can be purchased online at lincolncityfc.eventbrite.com or in person at the Stadium Ticket Office or by telephone using a credit/debit card on 01522 880011. Ticket Office opening hours: 9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday, 10.00am-5.15pm (Saturday home game), 9.00am-10.00pm (midweek home game).

• Please note that cheques are not accepted as payment for match tickets.





SKY BET LEAGUE TWO TABLE 2016/17

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

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

TODAY

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

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017

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

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017

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

Key:

CC - Carabao Cup
 Home games in **BOLD RED CAPS**

Imps Statistics 2017/18

DATE	OPPOSITION	RES	ATT	AWAY	PTS	POS	REF
AUGUST							
Saturday 5	Wycombe Wanderers	2-2	5,538	1,433	1	11	G Horwood
Tuesday 8	Rotherham United (CC1)	1-2	5,489	1,706	-	-	S Stockbridge
Saturday 12	MORECAMBE	1-1	8,060	124	2	18	G Ward
Saturday 19	Exeter City	0-1	3,980	316	2	22	C Hicks
Saturday 26	CARLISLE UNITED	4-1	8,345	616	5	13	E Ilderton
Tuesday 29	Mansfield Town (CT)	3-1	2,495	898	-	-	D Webb
SEPTEMBER							
Saturday 2	LUTON TOWN						
Saturday 9	Stevenage						
Tuesday 12	Forest Green Rovers						
Saturday 16	MANSFIELD TOWN (1pm)						
Saturday 23	Notts County						
Tuesday 26	BARNET						
Saturday 30	Grimsby Town (1pm)						
OCTOBER							
Saturday 7	CHESTERFIELD						
Saturday 14	CAMBRIDGE UNITED						
Tuesday 17	Swindon Town						
Saturday 21	Cheltenham Town						
Tuesday 24	EVERTON U21 (CT)						
Saturday 28	CRAWLEY TOWN						
NOVEMBER							
Tuesday 7	NOTTS COUNTY (CT)						
Saturday 11	Crewe Alexandra						
Saturday 18	COVENTRY CITY						
Tuesday 21	Colchester United						
Saturday 15	PORT VALE						
DECEMBER							
Saturday 9	Yeovil Town						
Saturday 16	ACCRINGTON STANLEY						
Saturday 23	Newport County						
Saturday 26	STEVENAGE						
Saturday 30	FOREST GREEN ROVERS						
JANUARY							
Monday 1	Luton Town						
Saturday 6	Mansfield Town						
Saturday 13	NOTTS COUNTY						
Saturday 20	Barnet						
Saturday 27	NEWPORT COUNTY						
FEBRUARY							
Saturday 3	SWINDON TOWN						
Friday 9	Cambridge United						
Tuesday 13	CHELTHENHAM TOWN						
Saturday 17	Crawley Town						
Saturday 24	CREWE ALEXANDRA						
MARCH							
Saturday 3	Coventry City						
Saturday 10	Chesterfield						
Saturday 17	GRIMSBY TOWN (1pm)						
Saturday 24	Morecambe						
Friday 30	EXETER CITY						
APRIL							
Monday 2	Carlisle United						
Saturday 7	WYCOMBE WANDERERS						
Saturday 14	Port Vale						
Saturday 21	COLCHESTER UNITED						
Saturday 28	Accrington Stanley						
MAY							
Saturday 5	YEOVIL TOWN						

STARTING XI

Farman, Long, Eardley, Dickie, Raggett, Woodyard, Bostwick, **Ginnelly**, Arnold, Rhead, **Green**
 Vickers, Long, Eardley, Dickie, Raggett, Woodyard, Bostwick, Anderson, Maguire-Drew, **Knott**, **Green**
 Farman, Long, Eardley, Dickie, Raggett, Woodyard, Bostwick, Maguire-Drew, Arnold, Rhead, **Green**
 Farman, Long, Eardley, Waterfall, Raggett, Woodyard, Bostwick, Maguire-Drew, Arnold, Rhead, **Green**
 Farman, Long, Eardley, Waterfall, Raggett, **Woodyard**2, Bostwick, Maguire-Drew, Arnold, **Rhead**, **Green**
 Farman, Long, Habbergham, Waterfall, Dickie, Woodyard, **Whitehouse**, Maguire-Drew, Anderson, Knott, **Palmer**

SUBS

Knott (for Rhead 63), Maguire-Drew (for Ginnelly 79), Palmer (for Green 84), Whitehouse, Howe, Anderson, Vickers
 Palmer (for Green 63), Arnold (for Maguire-Drew 67), Rhead (for Knott 82), Whitehouse, Howe, Chapman, Farman
 Palmer (for Rhead 83), Anderson (for Maguire-Drew 83), Whitehouse, Waterfall, Howe, Knott, Vickers
 Palmer (for Rhead 60), Knott (for Maguire-Drew 68), Anderson (for Arnold 68), Habbergham, Whitehouse, Dickie, Vickers
Knott (for Maguire-Drew 56), Palmer (for Rhead 70), Anderson (for Green 74), Habbergham, Whitehouse, Dickie, Vickers
 Bostwick (for Woodyard 65), Eardley (for Habbergham 65), **Green** (for Maguire-Drew 77), Rhead, Raggett, Arnold, Vickers

50/50 HALF-TIME DRAW WINNERS

v Carlisle United, 26/08/17

£300 (48378) – Greg Kent

£170 (48437) – Graham Thorpe

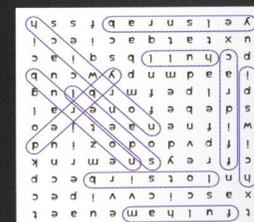
50/50 tickets cost just £1 and sellers can be found around the Stadium before kick-off. The more tickets that are purchased, the bigger the prizes!

If you're interested in helping the club sell either 50/50 tickets or match programmes please call 01522 880011 or email info@lincolncityfc.co.uk



Quiz Answers

GUESS THE PLAYER: Ousmane Dembele
 NAME THE STADIUM: Fratton Park, Portsmouth
 NAME THE LOGO: Malaga CF
 SPOT THE BALL: B
 BIG MONEY MOVERS: 1. Kevin Wimmer, 2. Chris Wood, 3. Blaise Matuidi, 4. Ousmane Dembele, 5. Samir Nasri



AUTOGRAPHS

Lincoln City v Luton Town
Saturday 2nd September 2017

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