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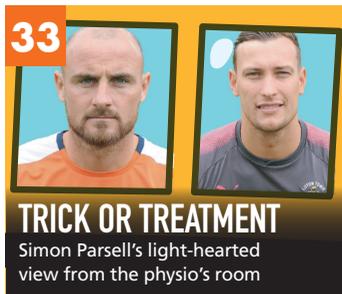
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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the first time in three weeks, with Swindon Town kicking off a run of three home games against sides who were in Sky Bet League One last season.

We welcome everybody who has made the journey from the County Ground – supporters, directors, officials, manager David Flitcroft, his staff and their players – and wish them a safe journey back to Wiltshire this evening.

Swindon started the season with two excellent away wins against Carlisle and Morecambe, so we know we'll face a real test this afternoon, but we are hoping to build on a couple of excellent points gained on our own travels to Mansfield and Lincoln in the past fortnight.

Following on from the wonderful 3-0 victory over Colchester here in our last home game, when I felt our performance overall was better than in the 8-2 opening day win against Yeovil, we have travelled to face two sides I expect to be challenging this season.

POSITIVE

Mansfield is never an easy place to go with everything you have to deal with both on and off the pitch. They were the bookmakers' pre-season title favourites and although we weren't able to impose our preferred fluent passing style on the game, we showed terrific character to come back from 2-0 down with 85 minutes played.

It was similar at Lincoln last Saturday, in terms of coming up against a direct style and a club that are on the up. They haven't lost at home for almost a year, and no team had prevented them from scoring there for nearly 11 months, so it felt like a huge positive coming away with our second clean sheet of the season.

It is an honour to walk out at grounds like these and see the away end packed with our travelling supporters. To have almost 1,000 at Mansfield and nearly 1,300 at Lincoln is phenomenal.

There is no doubt that the magnificent backing you gave us, even at 2-0 down, was critical to us mounting a comeback at Mansfield.

And we could hear you loud and clear (despite the air raid siren!) as we defended resolutely under an intense aerial bombardment at Lincoln, so thank you.

INTRODUCTION

I'll close by welcoming our latest two signings, Luke Berry and Aaron Jarvis, to the club. As one of the top players in this division, Luke needed no introduction before making a big impression on his debut during that second half at Mansfield. His arrival brings further experience to our midfield, not to mention goalscoring capability.

Aaron is different as he's stepped up from Non-League football, and he'll be given every opportunity to settle in to the professional game. We look forward to working with him to develop another striker who is clearly hungry for his chance.

Finally, as we embark on a run of four home games in our next six matches, please keep up the terrific support you've shown in our successful opening two league games here at Kenilworth Road. We want to make the old place a fortress and the noise 8,000-plus Hatters can generate can be worth an extra man to us – as proved by six points and 11 goals so far.

Please keep it up and enjoy the game.

[MIKE HERRICK]



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR **MIKE HERRICK**

Today we welcome the fans, players and directors of Swindon Town to Kenilworth Road for a league match for the first time in ten years.

That 2007/08 season was not a good one for us being, as we were, in the midst of our descent down the leagues and losing both games with the Robins. Today, however, we meet with renewed optimism as we look to continue our journey in the opposite direction.

Much has happened around our club since I last penned these boardroom notes.

We spent a hugely enjoyable week at the pre-season training camp in Slovenia. It never ceases to amaze me when I see at first hand the commitment and dedication of our staff and players. It was both a pleasure and a privilege to watch from the sidelines as our team took shape for the new season.

The transfer window has opened and closed and our dealings during this period are reviewed in some detail by Gary Sweet over the next two pages of this programme.

Suffice to say we feel we have achieved our aim to come out with a stronger squad than that with which we entered the window shortly after our agonising play-off semi-final defeat to Blackpool last May.

It's always sad to say goodbye to those who represented us so well during their time here, but life moves on and it's often a delicate balance to maintain forward momentum without denying opportunities for progression to those who are ready to step up a level or two.

We shall certainly keep an eye out for their continued progress – and not just because of the financial benefits they will continue to bring us – which will enable us to move forward and develop as a football club.

Those newcomers signed earlier in the window have settled in well and are now familiar faces, but our newest recruit is Aaron Jarvis – a young prospect from Basingstoke

Town signed on deadline day – who has already made his bow in a development game v Northampton Town earlier this week. It will be interesting to watch how he steps up from Non-League to being a full-time Football League player. We wish him well and we embrace him as part of the Luton Town family.

We've now moved fully into the superb new training facility at the Brache and it's quite heartening to see the effect this has had on all who use it. Players are more keen to join us and the staff are able to carry out their jobs more effectively. It has given everyone a huge lift and it is wonderful to hear all the experienced players who have joined us this





summer talk about the facilities in great regard, when you consider that many of them have previously gone to work each day at Premier League and Championship training grounds.

The recent international week has seen two of our players represent their countries. We congratulate Luke Gambin on his 10th cap for Malta when he came on as a substitute against Scotland at Hampden Park, and on James Justin for making his debut and then his first start for England U20.

IMPRESSIVE

I was at Telford for his debut against the Netherlands, where he came on for the last 16 minutes. He took to it like a duck to water and – unsurprising to those who know him – gave a very impressive display. I wanted to shout out to all those around me ‘He’s one of ours you know’ – such was my pride.

With a squad absolutely dominated by the big Premiership clubs it is testament to the incredible work done by our own academy staff, and of course to JJ himself, that we can hold our heads up in such company.

Now that the dust has settled in these areas our attention is focused on the planning applications as we draw ever nearer to the resolution

that we fervently hope will secure our future and bring us the long-term stability that we crave. We’ve been patient for what seems like an age, and I know we can last out as long as it takes until the result is made known. The enthusiasm and support of all those willing us on has been, and still is, magnificent and will play no small part in the final determination.

And so to today’s game which comes after two very gritty away performances at Mansfield and Lincoln. It’s a pleasure to sit in the stands and feel the optimism surrounding all areas of the club at present, so let’s hope that this can be translated into the right result this afternoon.

I’d like to thank you all for your exceptional support. The numbers who have travelled to Barnet, Mansfield and Lincoln so far this season have been amazing, and the vociferous home crowds have been rewarded with maximum points and an abundance of goals.

Here’s to more of the same on all scores today. Come On You Hatters!

Mike



[GARY SWEET]

YOUR TRANSFER WINDOW QUESTIONS ANSWERED...

After a busy summer of ins and outs, Town chief executive Gary Sweet answers all the pertinent questions Hatters fans may have about the club's transfer window activity...

With Cameron McGeehan, Jack Marriott, Isaac Vassell and Tyreeq Bakinson all sold this summer, have Luton Town become a feeder club for higher level teams?

Absolutely not. The summer window is always busy for most clubs, every year, including us. In general, we've not released any more players than we have in previous summers, it's just that we've managed to attract good fees for more of them, which is a testimony to our long-term progress. If people deem us to be a selling club then everyone else is, at every level. For example, most top Premier League clubs have sold more players for fees than we have, often to clubs higher up and as we climb the leagues, this will inevitably continue.

Has the departure of Vassell and Marriott left us short of firepower up front?

I wouldn't say so and it's impossible to answer that question without balancing it with our new recruits, James Collins, Elliot Lee, Harry Cornick and Aaron Jarvis. Whether it is the player who initiates the move or the club, it is always our objective to strengthen the whole squad for this season and the longer term. We firmly believe we have achieved that.

How close did we come to signing a new central defender?

Quite simply, whilst we browsed and pushed a couple of buttons, we couldn't land a player who was better than what we had and who was suitable for us, at this moment. We shouldn't underestimate the quality of defence we had last season (and now) so although we looked to strengthen, we did so by adding three new goalkeepers, a full-back full of potential and an experienced holding midfielder, all of whom should contribute to the team letting in fewer goals than we did last term.

How much profit have we made from players sold this summer?

A reasonably good profit on balance, over time. However, it's difficult to be specific on values when we can't or don't feel it appropriate to disclose individual fees. The

net income is sufficient to give our generous shareholders a well-earned break from covering operational losses. As a rule of thumb, if we make a profit on a player (the balance remaining from transfer income minus sell-on costs) we generally re-apportion it three ways – to strengthen the squad, to invest in longer-term performance infrastructure (such as training facilities, conditioning equipment, academy facilities) and to ease the burden on the shareholders. This summer's trading has enabled us to achieve this and also help provide some reserves to support our planning applications too.

Statistically speaking:

- Including loans in and out, we said goodbye to 15 players and replaced with 11;
- We committed to spend on fees, less than a quarter of what we received;
- We have increased our future potential income on balance by securing good add-on clauses and very good sell-on percentages;
- Our wage bill remained broadly static, as did the squad's average age.

Do we get the majority of the money straightaway?

As bizarre as it sounds – and contrary to the way other clubs operate – we have no objection to phasing income payments over a longer period, not only because it provides longer term stability but it also enables us to negotiate better contingent clauses in transfer contracts. Similarly, when we buy, we tend to negotiate robustly with the temptation of an immediate payment in full.

Why don't we disclose transfer fees paid or received?

I mostly explained this in my Ipswich programme notes but I'll expand. Whilst we always prefer to be transparent in this respect, there can be a number of reasons a fee is undeclared. Firstly, if the trading club wishes it to be undisclosed, we cannot. Secondly, if the player is a

teenager, we don't think it appropriate to draw unnecessary pressure on them. Thirdly, when we're expecting an active market, we prefer not to show our hand and weaken our position. Lastly, and probably most validly, the complexity of transfer contracts these days generally tends to be high, and especially so with us (due to pushing the negotiation in every way we can), which makes it very difficult to estimate a comparable value to any sale. It's not untypical for a transfer agreement to contain up to 30 clauses and sub-clauses, all of which would need to be publicised in order for the deal to be fairly valued, at which point confidentiality would then be breached. Needless to say, we categorically do not call them undisclosed in order to drain profits from the business – as has happened in the past. Indeed, as shareholders, Trust In Luton representatives will be shown the full detail of our transfer activity at our next board meeting.

Why are we selling our young prospects from the academy?

It isn't a primary strategy to sell our young prospects. Of course, everybody's dream scenario would be to recruit a young boy at seven, debut him at 17 and retire him at 37 by turning him into a successful academy coach. In the real world however, this simply isn't going to happen so we must ask ourselves what the objective of an academy is, and whilst it remains that its aim is to deliver players into our first team, we must face a number of stark reality checks.

Firstly, our academy is in transition on a journey from a well-established EPPP3 academy with the short-mid-term aim of elevating to Category 2. This means we currently do not have a full development squad so the opportunity to join a regular games programme is limited, which suits some lads but not others.

Secondly, we're the victims of our own success. Our league and cup adventures of the 2015/16 season were because we had an overabundance of rich talent at that particular age group. Despite this success it simply isn't feasible to expect more players to be introduced to the first team when our expectations to gain promotion are greater than ever. Additionally, winning the U18s double also brings an over-expectation amongst that age group whereby, for them, such success generates more desire to take the next step up without necessarily having to graft as hard as they would need to without the success. This is a challenge every young player needs to face and every coach needs to manage.

Thirdly, in order to further develop our academy status, we need to generate income to fund it. For example, the



income which will be received from Tyreeq's transfer fee and potential future values will go some way to help build a 3G dome – a prerequisite for EPPP2 status! So, whilst this isolated case may seem like a backwards step, it is a giant leap forward for the academy as a whole providing a more stable long-term platform for the Club.

Part of the 2020 mission statement was that Luton's first team should include, on average, at least three players developed from its own youth academy and three more from its development squad. Does this policy still stand?

Firstly, since the creation of 2020 Mission almost ten years ago, the introduction of the EPPP framework run by the Premier League has made those objectives much, much more difficult, as did our five-year formal departure from academy football! Without opening the can of worms to assess where that all went wrong while we were away however, our original policy stated that we should aim to give three academy players professional contracts, which we are delivering. The most challenging phase in a young player's career now – not just at Luton but at every club at every level – is how they elevate from turning pro to securing a first team position. James Justin is the perfect example of how it should be done and we see great delight in watching JJ's professional career progress so magnificently. But don't we also take great delight in looking out for those who have moved on, such as Jay and Cole DaSilva or Cauley Woodrow? I certainly do.

On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate the summer transfer window from a club's perspective?

There's no denying, from a business perspective, it has been an excellent window, but it would be wrong to rate it just now. But, if we get promoted this season it'll be a 10!



TWO BERRY GOOD DEALS FOR THE HATTERS!

Luke links up from Cambridge while Aaron leaves Basingstoke and Tesco to join the Town!

A busy summer transfer window closed with the acquisition of midfielder Luke Berry from fellow Sky Bet League Two club Cambridge United for an undisclosed fee – and the late addition of teenage striker Aaron Jarvis from Non-League side Basingstoke Town.

Jarvis, who stepped up from the seventh tier Evo-Stik League Southern Premier side on transfer deadline day, became the 11th addition of the summer to Nathan Jones' squad – while Tyreeq Bakinson became the tenth departure as he left for Championship club Bristol City's development squad as 11pm approached.

Berry, 25, signed a three-year contract, with potential for a further year, and made his debut the day after joining as a second-half substitute in the 2-2 draw at Mansfield.

The midfielder scored 24 times in 135 appearances for Cambridge, where he came through the youth ranks, before spending the 2014-15 with then-League One club Barnsley. He returned to Cambridge two years ago and netted a further 35 times in 106 games – including 22 last season.

Manager Nathan Jones: "Luke's a player who has been prolific goalscoring wise at this level and he fits the mould of what we want here. He's young, he's ambitious, he's technically good, he gets goals – and he's a little bit like Cameron McGeehan in terms of the way he played, so we are delighted to have him."

Berry was equally happy to be joining a squad challenging for promotion to the third tier – a level he wants to return to with the Town.

"That's one of the main aspects why I've come," said Berry. "I feel that Luton can really push on this season and get promoted, get ourselves back in League One and hopefully keep progressing from there."

"It's a club that's on the up. It's not settling on this and it wants to keep on improving – like myself. I want to keep on improving with the club."

Jarvis, 19, started in Basingstoke's academy four years ago and scored 17 goals in his first season in senior football last term. The Town paid the Hampshire side an undisclosed fee for the striker, who has signed a year's contract with a year's option.

He had been training full-time with Basingstoke, while supplementing his football income by working at the local Tesco supermarket.

Interviewed at 10.35pm on deadline day, he told iFollow Hatters: "It's absolutely amazing – a dream come true for me to sign my first professional contract for Luton."

"I found out about it at 4pm today, then the final news at 5pm and quickly tried to make my way up here but got stuck on the M25 in traffic, so I arrived quite late tonight but I'm glad the deal's done now."

"I was meant to have my work shift at Tesco tonight – but it was worth the cancel. I've not handed my notice in yet, but I will do soon!"

Welcome to Kenilworth Road, Luke and Aaron!



FIRST CAPS FOR JJ, THE TOWN'S YOUNG LION!

Everyone at Kenilworth Road was proud to see teenage defender James Justin make his England Under-20 debut after being called up for last week's friendlies.

JJ had been involved in training camps leading up to the UEFA U19 European Championships in the summer, but didn't make the final group that travelled to Georgia and won the tournament.

The 19-year-old was selected for the first squads of the new season at U20 level, however, and manager Keith Downing gave him his first cap as a second-half substitute in the 3-0



win over Holland at Telford's New Bucks Head Stadium on Thursday 31st August.

Four days later, the Hatters' Luton-born right-back made his first start for his country as the young lions kept a clean sheet in a goalless draw in Switzerland.

Well done, JJ!

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to Kenilworth Road as we take on one of my former sides, Swindon Town.

I was signed by Luton legend Danny Wilson back in 2009 when he was Swindon boss. I had a fantastic time there and in all honesty, I was disappointed I was let go after two years.

It was my first move south of the border – I was 22 at the time – so I learned a lot of important lessons at the County Ground, many of which I still use in my game now.

There's actually quite a few of us here who have played for Swindon – James Collins, Alan Sheehan and Alan McCormack have also at some point played for them, and we all speak well of the Robins.

However, today's game will be business as usual for us and we will be pushing to take maximum points from this afternoon and Tuesday's home game against Port Vale.

UNBELIEVABLE SUPPORT

Our supporters once again were unbelievable last weekend, as we took nearly 1,300 on our travels to Lincoln. Their support throughout what was a very difficult game really helped pull us over the line.

There might be a perception that because they're a promoted side, Lincoln will be fighting relegation, but we certainly think they're going to be pushing for a top place like ourselves, and I am sure we will look back on Saturday as a point earned.

Obviously as a defender the clean sheet was fantastic, but I think it shows how far we have come since last season. We have learned a lot from last year and one of the big points for us was to cope better with big, physical teams – and the Imps are certainly one of them.

HOME FORM

I made the point in my first programme notes of this season that we need to ensure Kenilworth Road is a fortress and six points from the six available is a great start.

However, we have got another 21 games to play here and it's so important we try and continue that form. It was

GREAT SCOTT



another important point for us reflecting on last year that we really improve our home form, and the supporters have been a big part in helping us achieve that so far.

NEW BOYS

Since my last notes we've welcomed two new acquisitions to the squad, and we all know what Luke Berry is capable of after seeing him score so regularly for Cambridge over the years.

The other new signing, Aaron Jarvis, joined us from Basingstoke Town and a lot has been made of it – because he had to cancel his shift at Tesco to come to Kenilworth Road on deadline day to sign!

It's a great story, and Aaron has fitted in well so far, but it's a big step up from playing part-time football and working to full-time football. Hopefully though, he will prove to be another diamond in the rough like Isaac Vassell last year.

I hope you enjoy today's game.

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

James Collins poses with the EA Sports FIFA 18 shield he received for being selected in the EFL Team of the Week after the 8-2 win over Yeovil, and asks what it's for?

"The hat-trick you bagged on the opening day of the season", is the straightforward answer, but the 26-year-old is a rarity among professional footballers these days. He's not on social media and he doesn't play FIFA.

That'll probably come when his son Cooper gets to the PlayStation stage, but for now he's content with family life at home in Coventry with the toddler, who turns two next month, and his fiancée Georgia – as well as banging in the goals for Luton Town. Plenty of them.

Collins had five in five league matches coming into today's game against one of his eight former clubs, plus a nomination for Sky Bet League Two Player of the Month, after a prolific start since signing for the Hatters from Crawley, amid reported interest from the hometown club he grew up supporting.

"I was a season ticket holder at Highfield Road with my dad," says Collins. "It was when I was about six or seven until I was probably 12, when I started playing on a Saturday so I couldn't go. There was a bit of interest in the summer, but nothing materialised and I couldn't have asked for a better move than coming here to Luton."

Collins started at Aston Villa, joining the academy at Under-13s and staying until he was 21 with loan spells at Darlington and Burton Albion giving him his first taste of senior football – apart from a Europa League trip to Rapid Vienna, when he was selected in the 20-man squad.





Pointing the way at Shrewsbury

"I used to train with them quite a lot, but I was never close to getting in the squad apart from travelling the once to a Europa League tie when Martin O'Neill had left," he says. "They were a top six side when I was there, so it was a tough ask to get in that team.

"But I enjoyed my time there and I've still got loads of friends from when I was there, so I wouldn't change it for anything."

After impressing at Burton under Paul Peschisolido in the early part of 2010-11, Collins joined Shrewsbury for the first time in January 2011, helping them reach the play-offs before securing the first of his three promotions from League Two in 2011-12.

That summer, however, he left the Shropshire side to join today's opponents Swindon, who had gone up alongside them as champions.

"We lost in the play-offs at the end of my only season, but I loved my time at Swindon," says Collins. "We had a great side under a good manager in Paolo Di Canio. I managed to get 18 goals in League One and did OK.

"If Di Canio hadn't left in January, I fully believe we'd have got promoted. He left and we lost in the play-offs to Brentford."

How did he find playing under the Italian at the County Ground, where he also came across current team-

mate Alan McCormack for the first time?

"It was tough, really tough. There were no days off – we were in seven days a week – and he demanded high standards from you. We had a really good side, we played some really good stuff and I enjoyed it under him. I liked him.

"He was good for me because I was only young, and I was always eager and willing to learn. Plus, he's a legend in the game, isn't he?

"Macca was our skipper and he'd probably say the same, because he'd won promotion the year before into League One with Di Canio. We could have gone up again, you never know."

At the end of a season which included a "surreal" four-goal haul as a substitute against Portsmouth, Collins moved north of the border in a £200,000 switch to Scottish Premiership side Hibernian.

His one-season spell at Easter Road is the only really disappointing campaign of his senior career, netting just six goals as Hibs were relegated from the top tier.

Collins moved back to Shrewsbury and scored 17 as Salop won promotion once again from League Two – "probably the most special of my three because I had a lot of mates in the side and I was settled there" – as well as a League Cup winner against Norwich to book a home tie against Chelsea.

Midway through the following season, 2015-16, he dropped back into the fourth tier to secure back-to-back promotions – completing his personal hat-trick – while scoring eight times in 16 starts on loan at Northampton.

With Cobblers manager Chris Wilder moving on to Sheffield United, Collins

didn't step up to League One but once more stayed in the bottom division – joining Crawley.

"It was a strange one really because Micky Mellon wanted to change things at Shrewsbury and I still had a year left on my contract, so we came to an agreement to part ways," says Collins.

"I'd just had my little boy and I wanted some security, and Crawley came in with a three-year deal, which I thought would be a good thing for me and my family.

"We were nowhere near being close to promotion, which I sort of knew going down there. But when you've got kids you look at things in a different way, and fortunately enough I went down there and did OK, which led me to get my move here."

Scoring in both games against the Hatters, in a total of 22 for a side that finished sixth-from-bottom,

A word from Paolo Di Canio at Swindon





James with his FIFA 18 shield

was certainly enough to impress Town boss Nathan Jones. Town paid an undisclosed fee to bring the forward to Kenilworth Road on the three-year deal.

After never previously spending longer than a year-and-a-half with any club other than Villa, the striker views his move to the Town as his pathway to finally making it back above League One while laying some roots with a club.

He says: "I've done a lot of travelling since I was 20. I lived at home when I was at Shrewsbury because that was commutable, so that was nice. But moving to Swindon, then up to Scotland and down to Crawley, it was quite a lot.

"Now I'm settled at home. I've got my family at home. My fiancée and my little boy are here, and I see Luton as a club that I don't want to just come in here for a few years and then leave. I want to really achieve something here and get the club back where it belongs.

"One of my aims has always been to play in the Championship, so if I can do that with Luton, which I think is a

real, real strong possibility, it would be amazing. With the new ground hopefully coming up, it's all a recipe for success."

"Any goal is a good goal..."

After a pre-season in which he scored freely, Collins hit the ground running on the opening day with that treble against Yeovil – and had continued with five in four league games before hobbling out of last week's draw at Lincoln after suffering a knock to his hip in the opening half-hour.

"It couldn't have gone any better," he says of the Glovers goal-fest.

"I've never been involved in as high a scoring game as that. Then to score three myself and set a couple up as well, and for us to win 8-2 – a new club, my family in the crowd – everything about the whole day was just surreal.

"You need to remember those days and make sure it sinks in, because they don't come along very often. Everything that's come my way since then has been great."

[THE BIG INTERVIEW: JAMES COLLINS]

That has included a stunning effort bent into the top corner in the 3-0 home win over Colchester, and a more straightforward finish from almost on the line to spark the late revival to earn a 2-2 draw at Mansfield a fortnight ago – the kind of goal Jones says his side wouldn't have registered last term – as he forged a formidable partnership with fit-again Danny Hylton.

"For me as a striker, as most will tell you, any goal is a good goal," adds Collins. "If it hits you on the backside and goes in, or if it's a worldie from 25 yards, it still counts.

"When I spoke to the gaffer in the summer, he said that he wanted me in the box, causing havoc and getting on the end of things – and at Mansfield I couldn't really miss.

"Jack Stacey did all the hard work, but it was an important goal because it got us back in the game, and I was as delighted with that one just as much as I have been any of the other four.

"Danny then got the equaliser and he's a pleasure to play with. I played against him for years and always thought he was a good player. Last year he was the best in the league, and he's kicked on.

"He makes my job a lot easier and he's got the right attitude where he works hard and he wants to be successful.

"I think we are both going to push each other on this year, along with the other strikers at the club, because we've got some great players.

"Even though there is no competition to finish top scorer, we all want to score as many as we can and get this club into League One for next season."

That's what we all want, Collo!

HOME COMFORTS

PORT VALE

BACK IN THE FOURTH TIER FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2013, PORT VALE WILL BE LOOKING TO IMMEDIATELY BOUNCE BACK TO LEAGUE ONE . . .

**FORMED: 1876 | NICKNAME: THE VALIANTS | LAST SEASON: 22ND IN LEAGUE ONE | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @OFFICIALPVFC
COLOURS: WHITE SHIRT, BLACK COLLAR | GROUND: VALE PARK | MANAGER: MICHAEL BROWN**

WHO? The Burslem-based outfit are back in Sky Bet League Two after a four-year absence, having won promotion in 2013 after finishing third. The goals from hometown boy Tom Pope helped fire them up that term, netting 33 times, before he departed for Bury – he returned to the Vale Park outfit over the summer and will be hoping to repeat his heroics.

TICKETS Ticket information for this fixture is available on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Tuesday night's game will mark the 36th time the Hatters have played the Valiants, with the Hatters triumphant in 16 of those games. Vale have won 11 and the other eight have ended in draws. Recent history certainly favours the Hatters, having picked up six wins from the previous ten games between the two. The most recent of those was a 3-1 win at Vale Park back in February 2009.

IN CHARGE Michael Brown is in his first permanent managerial role, having been appointed after a stint as caretaker boss. The 40-year-old former Manchester City, Sheffield United and Leeds United midfielder is registered as a player for the upcoming season as cover for his side, but he hasn't been called into action yet. Vale started last season well under boss Bruno Ribeiro, but their form dropped off and he departed on Boxing Day last year, with Brown taking over the reins. He couldn't stop the side slipping down a division, but did enough to prove to the Port Vale hierarchy that he deserved the job.

PREVIOUS FORM After a promising start on the opening day – picking up a 3-1 win at Crawley Town – the Valiants haven't won a game since, losing all but one. Last weekend they were defeated 1-0 at home by Notts County

Michael Brown



and this afternoon they face the tough task of taking on Coventry City at the Ricoh Arena.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU George Pilkington kickstarted his career at Vale Park, making over 200 appearances for the Valiants after his release from Everton. The 35-year-old signed for the Hatters in 2008 and remained with the club until 2012, making over 150 appearances. Brian Horton played 258 times for Port Vale between 1970-76, going onto play for Brighton & Hove Albion before signing for the Town, captaining them in the first division. A slightly more recent connection is Danny Green, who left the Town at the end of 2016/17 and played for Vale as a trialist in pre-season, before joining Chelmsford City permanently.

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PORT VALE

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Today I swap the Kenny End for the sponsors' box to celebrate my 73rd birthday with big brother Rod (Walt), sons Paul and John, amazing only grandson Ben and long term family friends Mick and Nick, courtesy of my long-suffering wonderful wife of 52 years, Anne. Not joining me today as they are yet to receive the LTFC calling are much-loved granddaughters Emily, Abbey, Eva, Mya and Isla. I attended my first Luton Town game in 1955 and the best game I've seen was at Wembley in 1988, the Littlewoods Cup win! My favourite ever player was Bob Morton, and Alan Sheehan is my favourite current Hatter. My prediction for this season is that we'll go up as champions – and my biggest hope for the future is that Power Court becomes reality!



TODAY'S MASCOTS:



MOLLY MAGUIRE AGE: 11

SCHOOL ATTENDED:
CARDINAL NEWMAN

HOBBIES: NETBALL (PLAYS FOR LUTON TORNEDOS), FOOTBALL, DANCE & DRAMA

FAVOURITE LUTON PLAYER: OLLY LEE



SAMMY MAGUIRE AGE: 9

SCHOOL: BUSHMEAD PRIMARY
HOBBIES: PLAYS FOOTBALL FOR AFC WARDEN AND PLAYS RUGBY FOR LUTON RUGBY CLUB, JIU JITSU
FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON



AIMEE FITZGERALD

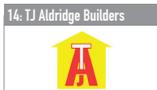
AGE: 6
SCHOOL: BUSHMEAD PRIMARY
HOBBIES: DANCING, ART AND GYMNASTICS



EMELIE FITZGERALD

AGE: 4
SCHOOL: BUSHMEAD PRIMARY
HOBBIES: SWIMMING, READING AND DANCING

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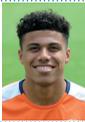
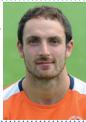
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[WELCOME SWINDON TOWN]



WELCOME SWINDON TOWN

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE ROBINS

GROUND: THE COUNTY GROUND

MANAGER: DAVID FLITCROFT

LAST SEASON: 22ND IN LEAGUE ONE

The Hatters would like to welcome the players, staff and supporters of today's visiting team, Swindon Town.

Today's away following may feel just at home here as they do at the County Ground, given that the Hatters have a bit of a Robins reunion party going on at Kenilworth Road.

Alan Sheehan, Alan McCormack, James Collins and Scott Cuthbert have all pulled on a Swindon shirt in recent times, with McCormack captain of the side that won promotion to the third tier in 2012, whilst Collins was their top scorer the following season. Former Hatters Paul Benson and Jonathan Smith have also played for both clubs, so there is certainly a connection between the sides.

Swindon's stint in Sky Bet League One looked as if it might be a short one – not because of the threat of relegation, rather them striving for promotion to the Championship, as they had a number of top half finishes and reached the play-off final in 2015, only to lose 4-0 to Preston North End at Wembley.

However, a bottom half finish in the 2015/16 season was followed by relegation last year, which led to the departure of head coach Luke Williams.

His replacement David Flitcroft brings with him a good pedigree at this level, having guided Bury out of the fourth tier in 2015, taking the club away from the relegation zone upon his arrival the season before. With a win percentage of 38 per cent as a manager, he certainly has the numbers to suggest he will be a success at Swindon.



Luke Norris

The new manager has also had to build a new team with a number of departures over the summer, with few kept from the previous regime. Two players that have remained include their top scorer this season, Luke Norris, who played for Hitchin Town at youth level, before being picked up by Brentford.

David Flitcroft



He will be expected to find the back of the net regularly for the Robins, whilst Lawrence Vigouroux will be expected to keep them out at the other end. The ex-Liverpool man was one of the few shining lights in their relegation battle last term.

Hatters trying to gauge how the Robins will do today prior to kick-off might struggle, as their last two games – both played at the Country Ground – have ended in heavy defeats to Crawley Town and Barnet.

On the flipside, they are the only side to have taken points off Exeter City this season having drawn 1-1 with them – and Flitcroft's side's away record so far has been superb, having beaten both Carlisle United and Morecambe on their own turf.

The Hatters have played the Robins 102 times, the most recent of those the 3-2 away for Nathan Jones' side last season in the Checkatrade Trophy. That marked the 46th win for the Town, with Swindon winning 35 and drawing the other 21 meetings.

HATTERS V SWINDON

LUTON WINS: 46 | DRAWS: 21 | SWINDON WINS: 35
LAST MEETING: 2ND DECEMBER 2016 SWINDON 2-3 LUTON

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

LAWRENCE VIGOUROUX



Starting his career off with Tottenham Hotspur, the 23-year-old enjoyed a loan spell with Hyde before departing

for Liverpool in 2014. A loan spell in the 2015/16 season at the County Ground was enough to convince Vigouroux to depart Anfield and join then boss Luke Williams' side permanently. Now an established player for the Robins and a fans' favourite, the Chilean stopper is closing in on his 100th appearance for the club.

THE WALL

OLLY LANCASHIRE

A summer signing after he cancelled his contract with Shrewsbury Town, the centre-back began his career with Southampton. Whilst on the south coast he was loaned out on three occasions to Grimsby Town, before moving permanently to Walsall in 2010, where he remained for two seasons.



He went onto have spells with Aldershot Town and Rochdale, before signing for the Shrews. Selected as David Flitcroft's captain for this season.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

MATTHEW TAYLOR

A familiar face here at Kenilworth Road, the 35-year-old came through the youth ranks here before going onto make 146 appearances in a Town shirt, scoring 17 times. He signed for Portsmouth in 2002, then moving onto play in the Premier



League for Bolton Wanderers, West Ham United and Burnley. He has since moved closer to home and plied his trade in the EFL with Northampton Town last season, before signing for the Robins last month.

THE DANGERMAN

LUKE NORRIS

The 24-year-old played some of his youth football with Hitchin Town, before being picked up by Brentford. He made five appearances for the Bees as well as going out on loan to the likes of Boreham Wood, the Cobblers and Dagenham & Redbridge, before signing permanently for Gillingham. He spent two seasons there between 2014-16, then signing for the Robins at the beginning of last season.



GOALKEEPER

WILL HENRY

AGE: 19

CAME VIA THE ROBINS YOUTH RANKS

DEFENDERS

BEN PURKISS

AGE: 33

PREVIOUS CLUB: PORT VALE

CHRIS HUSSEY

AGE: 28

ON LOAN FROM SHEFFIELD UNITED

CHRIS ROBERTSON

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: AFC WIMBLEDON

DION CONROY

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: CHELSEA

KYLE KNOYLE

AGE: 20

PREVIOUS CLUB: WEST HAM UNITED

MIDFIELDERS

JOHN GODDARD

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: WOKING

JAMES DUNNE

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: CAMBRIDGE UNITED

JAMES BROPHY

AGE: 23

PREVIOUS CLUB: EDGWARE TOWN

DONAL MCDERMOTT

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: ROCHDALE

AMINE LINGANZI

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: PORTSMOUTH

STRIKERS

PAUL MULLIN

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: MORECAMBE

HARRY SMITH

AGE: 22

ON LOAN FROM MILLWALL

KAIYNE WOOLERY

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: WIGAN ATHLETIC

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



MATTHEW DAVIES, a Swindon Town supporter of 16 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 his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Robins...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

A new manager and a new look squad at the County Ground, how have the Robins settled into life in Sky Bet League Two?

A mixed start to the campaign so far. We looked competitive at this level and kicked off the season with a great win at Carlisle, followed by a draw at home to Exeter and a win away to Morecambe. However back-to-back defeats at the County Ground to Crawley Town and Barnet have left some scratching their heads.

Out of your summer arrivals, who has really caught your eye at this early stage in the season?

Striker Paul Mullin looks like a decent pick-up from Morecambe, he was one of 16 new arrivals at the club and has hit the ground running. He managed to bag a debut goal up at Brunton Park and is just a bit of a nuisance for defenders to deal with. On-loan defender Chris Hussey has also stood out, his delivery from set pieces will be a real threat this year.

Who were you most disappointed to see leave in the summer?

After last season I think it's fair to say not many players were highly regarded by the Town fans. However, skipper Nathan Thompson was one



could have left much earlier than he did. Most Swindon supporters can understand why he left, he is far too good a player for League Two, when fit.

David Flitcroft is a fairly experienced manager in the EFL, is it felt amongst your supporters he can be the man to guide the Robins back into the third tier?

I think so, while Luke Williams was a fantastic coach, I think it's fair to say he wasn't given the tools he needed last term. When searching for a new manager Swindon fans were after someone who has experience at getting teams out of the fourth tier, so hopefully Flitcroft can repeat the results he produced at Bury.

What sort of style has he built his side on – can we expect a sharp passing side or one that will look to frustrate us and try and nick a goal or neither?

You can expect a hard-working team to come down, a side who are effective at set-pieces and look to

get on top early on. Flitcroft has built a resolute and rugged team who are more than happy to grind out a win if need be.

We seem to have reunited a number of your former players – Alan Sheehan, Scott Cuthbert, James Collins & Alan McCormack – out of those who would you most like to see back in a Swindon shirt?

Alan McCormack. During his time at the County Ground he was absolutely



crucial to our promotion winning side. Signed as a midfielder, then

turned out to be a fantastic defender. His versatility and leadership are a real asset and I wish we'd got him back here.

Paul Mullin has got a couple of goals for you so far, but who do you think Luton supporters will be impressed by in your ranks this afternoon?

Perhaps a less fashionable choice but our goalkeeper Lawrence Vigouroux. Since signing from Liverpool he has been mainstay in our team. Personally I am surprised he is still at the County Ground, a great talent nonetheless.

QUICKFIRE:**Terrace or Seats?**

Terrace

Who are your rivals?

Oxford United, and both Bristol clubs

Favourite all-time manager?

Paolo Di Canio.

**Predict your player of the season?**

Paul Mullin.

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

Charlie Austin

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

Nathan Thompson, Charlie Austin, Alan McCormack, Simon Ferry and Glenn Hoddle.

Most treasured piece of Robins memorabilia?

I have a couple of bits and bobs, but I do have a signed Paolo Di Canio shirt from our promotion season.

What league will Swindon be in next season?

League One.

Who will win promotion from League Two?

Mansfield Town, Luton and Swindon (if one more, I would say Exeter).

MY ALL-TIME SWINDON XI...**GK: WES FODERINGHAM**

A great keeper who was as good with his feet as he was with his hands.

RB: PAUL CADDIS

He never stopped running up and down the flank, was pretty handy at taking penalties too.

CB: GORDON GREER

Another great leader who was willing to put his head where it hurts.

CB: ALAN McCORMACK

Not the biggest defender ever but was great at bringing the ball out from the back.

LB: ALAN SHEEHAN

Fantastically consistent for us at the back, has a great free-kick on him too.

RM: MATT RITCHIE

Never grew tired of Ritchie cutting in onto his hammer of a left-foot, scored some ridiculous goals.

CM: JONATHAN DOUGLAS

His second season wasn't the greatest but when he first arrived he was great in the middle of the park.

CM: YASER KASIM

On his day, a great footballer. There is no doubt in the boy's talent, he was imperious at times.

LM: DANNY WARD

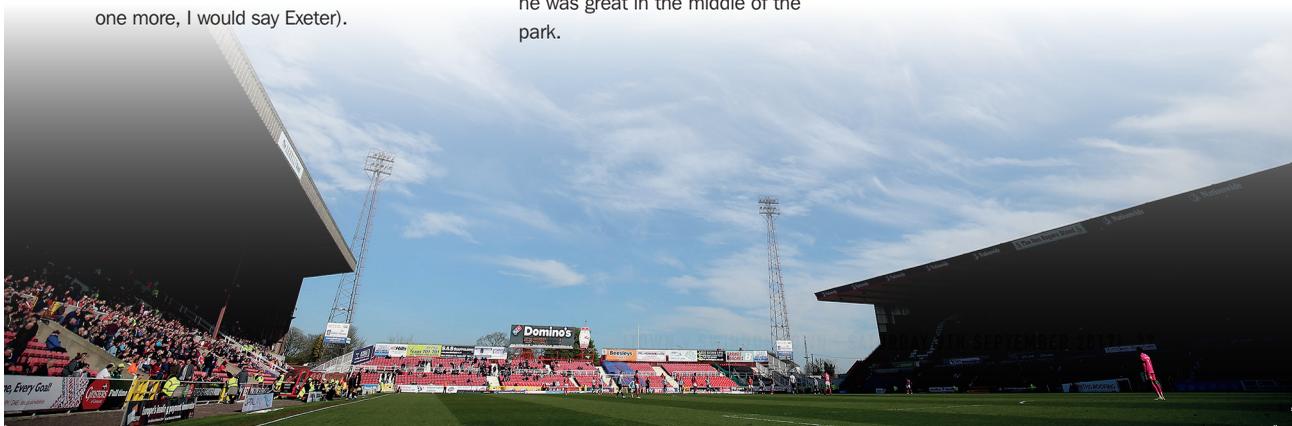
His stay was short and sweet, arrived on loan as a striker but shoved out wide by Danny Wilson, worked well with Sheehan.

S: CHARLIE AUSTIN

What can you say about him, his goal record speaks for itself and is no surprise he's playing at the top level.

S: SAM PARKIN

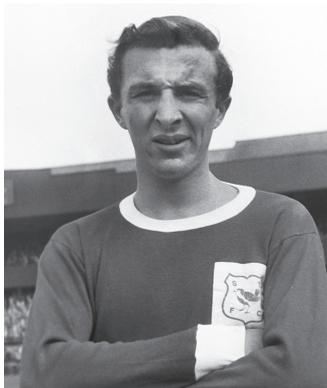
While I was a little younger for his time at Swindon, he is called Super Sammy Parkin for a reason, a great striker for the club.



TOP BOYS

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

MIKE SUMMERBEE



Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion success. He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City for £35,000 in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of honours under the Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Later playing for Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, where player-manager, he has since been a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

DON ROGERS

England U23 winger Don Rogers scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured

in Swindon's 1962-63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons. He starred as the Robins won promotion again in 1968-69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall before reuniting with Stan Harland at Yeovil Town in March 1977. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH

Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in Swindon Town's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. Signing professional for hometown club Halifax in September 1960, he moved to the County Ground in exchange for Bill Atkins in August 1965. He was ever-present as Swindon reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1969-70 and made 274 League appearances prior to joining Bradford City in November 1973. Twice ever-present, he starred as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1975-76 and won promotion in 1976-77. He had a testimonial match in May 1980 and later worked at a power station, settling in Stainland.

JOE BUTLER

Versatile midfielder Joe Butler was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1969-70 and 1972-73. He turned

professional with hometown club Newcastle United in September 1960, given his League debut against Manchester City in April 1964, but failed to secure a regular first-team slot and joined Swindon in August 1965. Starring in their 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, he was ever-present in two consecutive seasons and helped the Robins to win the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970. He netted 18 goals in 342 League games prior to joining Aldershot in March 1976, then played for Witney Town. Settling in Swindon, he has run a taxi firm.

JOHN TROLLOPE

Long-serving left-back John Trollope holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962-63 promotion success. He featured in Swindon's 1968-69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as



their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was their coach, then manager between November 1980 and March 1983. Later Swindon's youth team boss, he was awarded the MBE.

COLIN CALDERWOOD

Central defender Colin Calderwood was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and was 'Player of the Year' as Swindon stormed to the Fourth Division title in 1985-86.



He also starred as they won promotion in 1986-87, then featured in two further play-off finals including the 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993, then Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He later managed Northampton Town, Forest and Hibernian, since assisting Chris Hughton at various clubs.

FRASER DIGBY

England U21 goalkeeper Fraser Digby was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' on three occasions. Initially with

Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in September 1986, appearing in their 1986-87 promotion campaign. He was ever-present in 1988-89, starring as the Robins qualified for the play-offs in consecutive seasons including their 1993 Wembley triumph and were League Cup semi-finalists in 1994-95. Also featuring in the 1995-96 Second Division title success, he had a testimonial match in July 1997 and played 417 League games, joining Crystal Palace in August 1998, then Barry Town, QPR and Kidderminster Harriers.

ALAN McLOUGHLIN

Republic of Ireland international midfielder Alan McLoughlin was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon Town reached the Second Division play-off final in 1989-90. Starting with Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in August 1986 and helped qualify for the play-offs in successive years. He scored 19 times in 106 League games before sold to Southampton for £1m in December 1990. Moving to Portsmouth in February 1992, he was ever-present as they reached the First Division play-offs in 1992-93. He joined Wigan Athletic in November 1999, then played for Rochdale and Forest Green Rovers, since holding coaching posts.

SHAUN TAYLOR

Influential central defender Shaun Taylor captained Swindon Town to the Second Division title and FA Cup fifth round in 1995-96. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and skippered their 1989-90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was ever-present as the Robins won promotion to the

Premier League in 1992-93. He was their 'Player of the Year' three times and netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Bristol City in September 1996, he captained them to promotion glory in 1997-98. He has since coached at Exeter City and Torquay United.

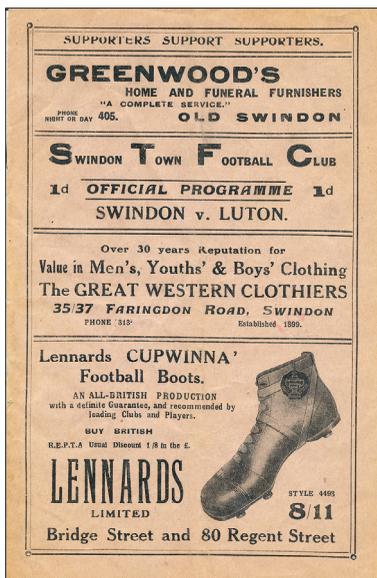
LEE PEACOCK

Former Scotland U-21 striker Lee Peacock was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon Town won promotion in 2006-07. Initially with Carlisle United, he helped them to win the Auto Windscreens Shield and promotion in 1996-97. He joined Mansfield Town in October 1997 and moved via Manchester City to Bristol City in August 2000. Starring as they won the LDV Vans Trophy and reached the Second Division play-offs in 2002-03, he joined Sheffield Wednesday in July 2004. He moved to Swindon in January 2006 and netted 20 goals in 125 League games before joining Grimsby Town in January 2010, then Havant & Waterlooville and Eastleigh.



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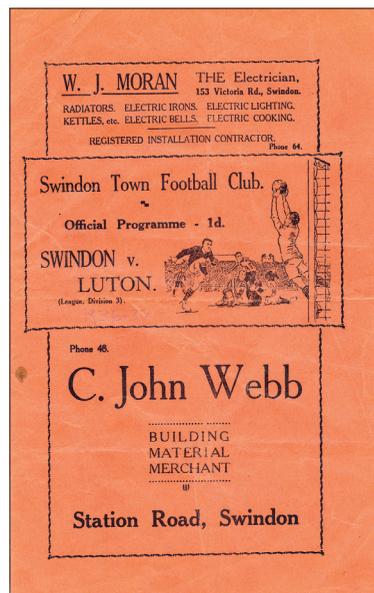


◀ NOVEMBER 1931

A 5-0 win at Swindon in a first round FA Cup tie. George McNestry and Jimmy Yardley each score twice with Andy Rennie also netting. Top scorer Tom Tait has an off day!

▶ APRIL 1937

The Town pick up a valuable point in a 2-2 draw at the County Ground on the way to promotion. Joe Payne and George Stephenson are on the scoresheet.



◀ JANUARY 1938

A new Kenilworth Road crowd record with 25,746 present to see the Hatters win 2-1 in an FA Cup fourth round tie. Charlie Ferguson and George Stephenson are the Luton scorers.

▶ FEBRUARY 1952

The record is broken again with 27,553 at Kenilworth Road for an FA Cup fifth round clash. The Hatters win 3-1 this time before going out to Arsenal two weeks later in front of yet another record crowd.



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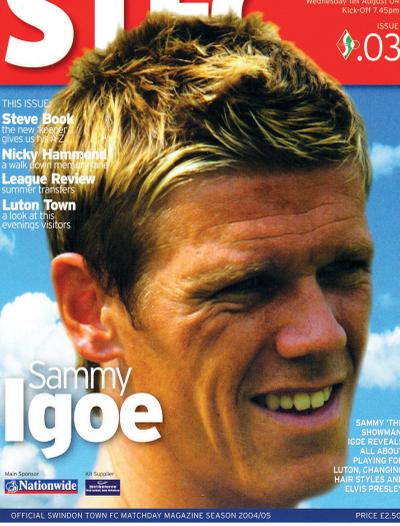
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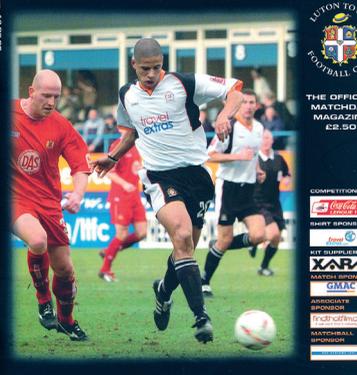
▲ AUGUST 2004

The Hatters maintain their 100 per cent start to the season with a 3-2 win at the County Ground. Kevin Nicholls, Steve Howard and a Roy Fallon own goal set us up on the road to promotion.

▼ MARCH 2005

In the return game, the Town are comfortable 3-1 winners in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 8,173. The Hatters are clear at the top of the League One table.

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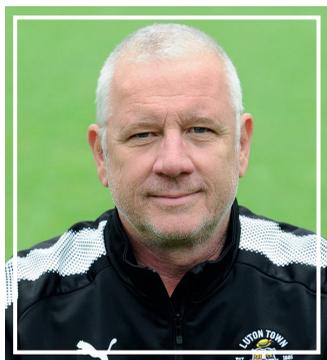
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A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

After a couple of weeks on the road and two hard-fought draws, it's good to get back to Kenilworth Road.

The ball at Lincoln certainly gained more air miles on Saturday than my Tesco Clubcard has in two years.

Unfortunately Collo had to come off after taking a blow to the hip. We hope to have him fit for today's game. He is definitely keen to add to his goals tally after his nomination for Player of the Month, but it did give us a chance to see Harry Cornick. Is it just me, or does he look a little bit like ex player Dan Walker?

Getting to training has always been a source of conversation. Who can travel with who, in what car and whose turn is it to drive. But never before, have I heard of a group getting a mini bus.

The Essex Massive have taken that decision under the guidance of Bus Conductor Cuthbert, ably assisted by his clippy, Dan Potts. Seats are already limited and people are waiting to board. It will give them more chance to discuss Game of Thrones as a group. But which characters do you think they look like?

Lawson is progressing, but unfortunately at a slower pace than we would like. It was a nasty ankle sprain and when we watched it back, the damage should have been far worse, so it will take time. It's frustrating for him but Lawson is a good lad and continues to work hard.

Now sometimes you have to think on your feet, so when stadium manager Peter Kemp was faced with a problem, he acted quickly. The bell that the referee rings to notify teams it's time to go broke down in the home dressing room. Quick as a flash Kempy installed a new one. So when the referee activated it against Colchester, nobody expected a chorus of Greensleeves.

He had fitted his own front door bell, I think!

Talking of surprises, Michelle, our training ground chef got one when she asked Arthur Read to wash his plates up and he replied: 'How do you do that?' She couldn't believe it and said, 'You don't know how to wash up?' Readie replied 'No, my mum does it!' Not an unreasonable answer.

How many of us have landed up in hot water. Well, literally me and Daz the masseur did when Hylts decided to stretch in the showers at Mansfield and lean on the shower button. We normally set our treatment beds up in the shower areas out the way, but Hylts certainly cleared that area. I was wetter than an Otter's pocket.

So I got too thinking, what does your average footballer do with his time spent in the shower? Twenty-five per cent reliving the game and convincing yourself you had a good game, 25% building up courage to turn off the water and step into the cold air, 20% turning in a circle to maintain even hot water distribution, 10% catching the water in your mouth and spitting it out, 10% contemplating whether to have takeaway or not, 7% washing hair and 3% washing other parts. Funny creatures footballers. COYH



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TOWN GOALS: O LEE 45+3, COLLINS 52, POTTS 83

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, REA, SHEEHAN ©, POTTS, MCCORMACK, O LEE, MPANZU, SHINNIE (COOK 88), COLLINS (CORNIC 87), HYLTON (E LEE 88). | **JUSTIN, MULLINS, GAMBIN, SHEA (GK)** | **YELLOW CARDS:** MCCORMACK, POTTS

COLCHESTER: WALKER, KINSELLA, LAPSLIE © (MURRAY 54), KENT, WRIGHT (ISSA 76), LOFT, SZMODICS, KPEKAWA (JOHNSTONE 63), EASTMAN, MANDRON, VINCENT-YOUNG. | **SUBS NOT USED:** O'SULLIVAN, GILMARTIN (GK), JAMES, MCKEOWN | **YELLOW CARDS:** KINSELLA, KENT



Dan Potts gets on the score sheet



THE MAIN MINUTES

00 Hylton and Collins get the game underway. What a strike partnership this could be! Danny is making his first start in the league this season replacing the departed Isaac Vassell, whilst Glen Rea comes in for the injured Scott Cuthbert.

11' Lovely ball from Olly Lee down the right, Jack Stacey crosses and Hylton is there at the back stick to meet it and his header is well saved – what a return that would've been!

45+3' Town take the lead just before the break. A corner is cleared, McCormack heads it back in, Hylton flicks it on and O Lee stabs in from close range! That's his second of the season! **1-0**

49' What an unbelievable save from Sam Walker! Town win a corner, it's cleared to McCormack who hammers it at goal, and the keeper somehow tips it away!

Can't underplay that save. The ball looked set for the top corner, but the U's No.1 just managed to get fingertips to it.

53' GOAL No.2! Stacey crosses from the right, Collins collects it on the other side of the box, he plays a one-two with Andrew 'Shinniesta' Shinnie and the striker curls it into the top right corner! Brilliant goal! **2-0**

56' Marek Stech matches the quality of save from Walker just minutes ago, somehow palming Sammie Szmodic's header off the line with his left hand. Absolutely incredible save!

82' THREE-NIL! Alan Sheehan crosses from the right from a free-kick after Stacey was fouled, Dan Potts runs onto it and meets it at the back post to steer it into the net... **3-0** to the Town!

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The Town players celebrate the second goal by James Collins



Olly Lee nets the opener

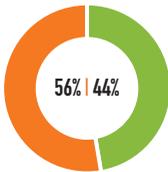


JONES:

"I am delighted with every aspect. Performance wise, I thought we were outstanding. That was actually a better performance than the opening day of the season in terms of our all-round display. We had a clinical edge to us as well and we saw out the game professionally. I was very, very pleased."

 **Marek Stech** @Stechy100

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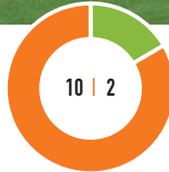
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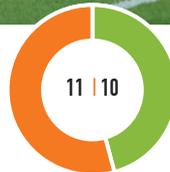
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MANSFIELD 2 : TOWN 2



SAT 26TH AUGUST | ONE CALL STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 4,665 | AWAY: 987

MANSFIELD GOALS: BENNETT 23, ANGOL 71 | **TOWN GOALS:** COLLINS 85, HYLTON 89

MANSFIELD: LOGAN, BENNETT, BENNING, PEARCE, MELLIS (DIGBY 75), ANGOL (SPENCER 90), ANDERSON ©, ATKINSON, MIRFIN, HEMMINGS (ROSE 82), BYROM | **SUBS NOT USED:** OLEJNIK (GK), MACDONALD, TAFT, STERLING-JAMES | **YELLOW CARDS:** MELLIS, BENNING, HEMMINGS, BYROM, ANGOL, BENNETT

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THE MAIN MINUTES

A minute of applause is held just before kick-off for the former Mansfield boss Duncan Russell, who sadly passed away last week – perfectly observed by both sets of supporters. #COYH

- 23'** GOAL to Mansfield. Rhys Bennett fires in from close range as the Hatters fail to clear the ball from a free-kick from the right. MT 1-0 LT #COYH
- 46'** Danny Hylton nutmegs a defender on the right before crossing in for James Collins who volleys 18 yards out but he hammers it over! Bright start in the second half from the Hatters, that was a good chance. #COYH
- 71'** GOAL to Mansfield. The hosts go on the counter as Glen Rea's pass is intercepted, with Lee Angol put through on goal and he slots the ball past Marek Stech from 12 yards. MT 2-0 LT #COYH
- 85'** The comeback is on. The Hatters are back in it with five to go, Jack Stacey's low cross from the right is tapped in by Collins from all of a yard... MT 2-1 LT #COYH
- 89'** **THE HATTERS ARE LEVEL!** Dan Potts crosses in from the left after good play from Collins and Hylton does superbly well to get down low to head in! Great cross! What a comeback! 2-2!! #COYH
- 90+5'** **STECH SAVES A PENALTY!** Goodness gracious me! Scott Cuthbert was adjudged to have handled in the area, Jimmy Spencer took it but Stech guesses correctly diving to his left to ensure the Town take a point from the game!

Danny Hylton heads in the equaliser



Marek Stech saves Jimmy Spencer's penalty





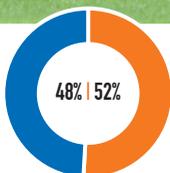
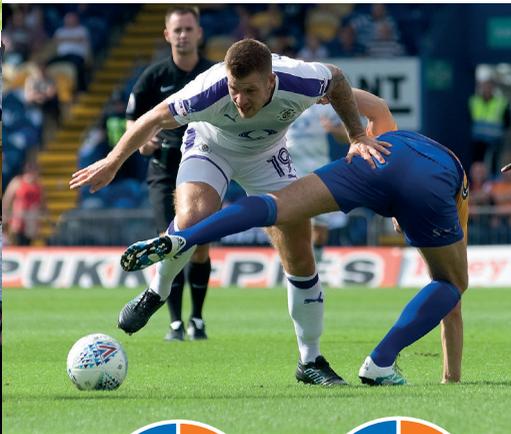
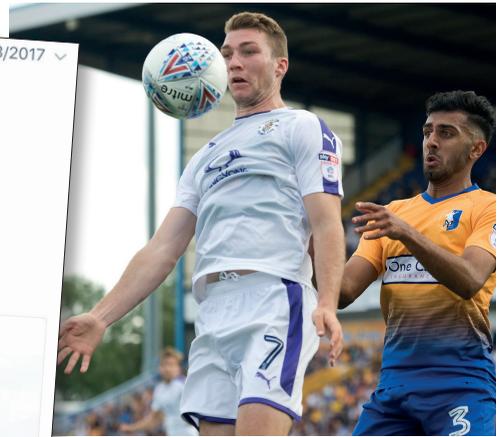
JONES:

"We didn't get to grips with it. We didn't get enough of the ball, we didn't play with enough energy. We didn't win the second balls. We didn't win the battle first half, second half we were better. We had to change shape which suited us a little bit more on the day and it caused them a lot more problems apart from on the counter for one goal. But after that I thought we were excellent. They could have nicked it, but 2-2 is a fair result. I thought the two sides had a right go."

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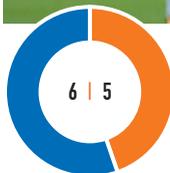
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TOWN TRAVELLERS

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

“What an afternoon of football! What looked like a lost cause for much of the afternoon suddenly became one of our best comebacks in recent times, but even then we had to see the game out the hard way!

We were not at the races for the first hour. Mansfield scored in the first half from a set-piece but we had enough warning that was the danger before then, and soon into the second half we were 2-0 down when Glen Rea was dispossessed and former Hatter, Lee Angol, went through and scored.

I thought our race was run, or it might have been had we got out of the starting blocks at any point, but credit to the manager. He changed formation in the second half and we were brilliant from there. Goals

from James Collins and Danny Hylton soon had us level, and for a minute I thought we were going to win it.

Then Mansfield were given a controversial penalty in injury time and the jubilation soon looked to be turning to despair, but the big man between the sticks kept another spot-kick out to send us all crazy again!

What looked like being another in a long list of rubbish afternoons at Mansfield became one of the most entertaining away games in recent times! Although it was just a draw in the end that certainly felt like a win, one which I duly celebrated with a couple of ciders in the pub on a sunny evening when I got back! ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN BRIAN THOMPSON!

Kevin Harper: Where do you sit at Kenilworth Road?

Brian Thompson: Main Enclosure

How long have you been supporting Luton?

Since 1955. This is my 62nd season.

What made you first start coming to matches?

My father took me.

What was your first Town match?

It was on the 15th October 1955. We played a friendly against the Great Britain Olympic Team.

Who do you go to matches with?

My nephew.

What has been your favourite moment supporting the Town?

The 1988 and 2009 Wembley wins. Both were wonderful days.

Who is the best player you've seen in your time as a Luton fan?

Duncan Edwards was a fantastic player. He was still up and coming at Manchester United at the time but he went on to have an excellent career.

Who are the best players you've seen wearing the Town shirt?

Malcolm Macdonald and Gordon Turner. Both were great goalscorers with amazing quality. A pleasure to watch.

Who is your favourite Luton manager?

Allan Brown. He turned us around despite having no budget to work with.

Which five men associated with LTFC, past or present, would you invite to a dinner party?

It would have to be about the stories they could tell! With that in mind I would choose Allan Brown, Alec Stock, Joe Kinnear, David Pleat and Lennie Lawrence. Lennie attended a function at my golf club once and was charming company.



What does LTFC mean to you?

Supporting us for so long it means a lot to me. The unpredictable excitement is addictive!

Describe LTFC in three words.

Incredibly exciting rollercoaster.

LINCOLN 0 : TOWN 0



SAT 2ND SEPTEMBER | SINCIL BANK | SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | ATTENDANCE: 9,332 | AWAY: 1,268

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YELLOW CARD: COOK



THE MAIN MINUTES

- 2'** Unbelievable run from Hylton, cutting in from the left, sending a couple of Lincoln players the wrong way with a fake-shot before his following effort is saved by Paul Farman! #COYH
- 28'** Billy Knott runs at the Town defence before hammering an effort from 18 yards just wide of Stech's goal... #COYH
- 44'** Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu goes so close to breaking the deadlock as he curls an effort just wide of Farman's goal from 20 yards! #COYH
- 50'** There's a break in play as Rhead and Cuthbert clash heads, the Town captain stays down but he looks as if he will be OK. A round of applause from both sets of supporters when Scott got back on his feet, greatly appreciated @LincolnCity_FC #COYH
- 59'** Town should have the lead! Harry Cornick charges down a clearance and blocks it 25 yards from the Lincoln goal, Hylton claims it out on the left, Farman closes him down, the striker takes it past him and crosses, but it's cleared! #COYH
- 73'** Stech pulls off a fantastic save at his near post as Nathan Arnold sees his shot blocked from close range and it's out for a corner! #COYH
- 42**



JONES:

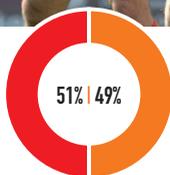
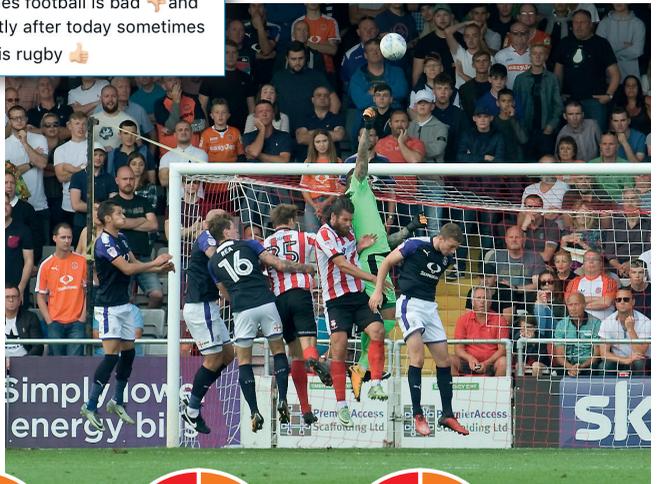
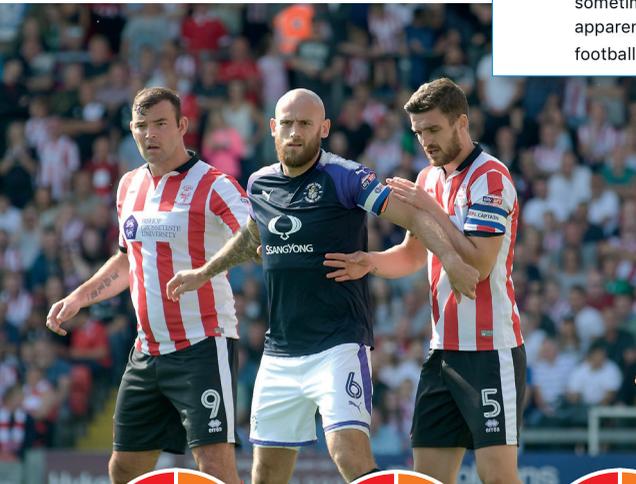
"It's a good point, not many will come here and keep a clean sheet. I thought we battled. A clean sheet

was vital today considering how they play, but it's a real difficult place to come because there's no flow in the game, there's constant free-kicks. They could win a free-kick in their corner and they'd put it into your box.

"There's no chance of any real flow or anything. We had to live on scraps, we had to make sure we competed and we got on seconds, then hit them on the counter-attack. It's not an open game or a building game when you can press."



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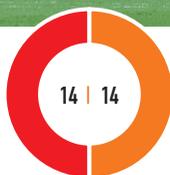
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HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS FOR HARRY

Summer signing from AFC Bournemouth, winger-turned-striker Harry Cornick, believes the Hatters' home form is going to be pivotal in helping them if they want to achieve promotion.

Town are currently the top scoring side in the division, with the 8-2 thrashing of Yeovil on the opening day going a long way to boost that.

Cornick played his first league minutes for the Town in the 3-0 win over Colchester, coming on as a late substitute, and he is hoping that after appearing as a 27th-minute sub for James Collins at Lincoln last Saturday, he can get more game time today.

He said: "It's always good to play at home. We have scored 11 league goals at Kenilworth Road in two league games. We need to make home a fortress, if we carry on the way we are then I think we will be close to promotion.

"At Kenilworth Road we don't look at the opposition sometimes because we have got what we believe to be the best team in the league.

"If we do our own thing then nobody is going to be able to cope with us. We have to go into every game believing we are the best team. If we play our style of football then I don't think anyone is going to be able to cope with us."

The 22-year-old believes he has settled in well so far as he looks to make the transition from wide midfielder to forward under Nathan Jones, with the Town gaffer so impressed by the ex-Glover's progress he decided not to add to his established frontline further during the transfer window.

"That's a compliment," Harry said. "The competition here is good, there are four strikers and every single one could start every game and that's a bonus for the team. We all offer something different. I try to make things happen on the pitch. If I can get the fans off their seats then that helps.

"Playing up front is something different and I think I am getting better. There's a lot more improvement to be made and hopefully one day I can be the finished article.



"There's a good competition for places, we have got an excellent squad. It's a deep squad with a lot of players who can play in a number of positions, so we are all fighting to play. I thought I took my chance against Lincoln well and made a couple of chances."

After playing in front of 1,268 travelling Hatters in the 9,332 crowd at Sincil Bank, Cornick admitted he was incredibly impressed by the showing from the Town's fantastic away following.

"The away support has been brilliant," he added. "There was a couple of thousand at Barnet, there was another 1,000 at Mansfield – it's amazing to take that many fans every away game."

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PART THREE

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...



Difficult to beat, but fairly unconvincing, would be a fair verdict on the Town's opening games at the start of the campaign with injuries disrupting the chances of manager Allan Brown picking a settled side.

This early season injury mini-crisis did not abate and several late changes had to be made for the midweek League Cup replay at Second Division (now Championship) Charlton. Both full-backs, Tommy Hare and Fred Jardine, cried off while striker Rodney Green, desperate to play against his old club, was barely fit.

The patched-up Luton side, with Alan Slough occupying his third different position since the start of the season, went behind to a header from future Hatter Matt Tees after only 55 seconds.

Made of sterner stuff than had been shown in recent seasons, however, the Town fought back and levelled through Bruce Rioch on 16 minutes following a typical powerful surging run.

The game then hinged on several smart saves from goalkeeper Tony Read, poor finishing from the Charlton forwards and referee Roger Kirkpatrick stopping play frequently for minor infringements. We thought we had seen the last of him when he ran off the pitch soon after half-time, but he was ordering a tannoy announcement demanding that a 'mystery whistler' desist (one persistent whistler was enough)!

With the scores still level after 90 minutes, extra-time was played with the Town taking the lead through the head of Rioch after 107 minutes. There were a few scares, but the lead was held until the end, setting up a second round tie at mighty Leeds two weeks later.

Before this though, the Hatters faced two tough league games away in the space of three days, with first up a long trip to Swansea on Saturday 2nd September.

Allan Brown was forced to pick the same side that had fought through 120 minutes at Charlton for the clash with



VICTORY CUP DASHED FROM THEIR GRASP

SWANSEA 2, LUTON TOWN 2

A DRAMATIC GOAL in the last seconds at Swansea this afternoon deprived the Town of their second away win in a week, and one which I think would have been well deserved on the run of the play.

However, to get a point from Vetch Field is something that anyone can be proud of, and this success, partial though it was in the finish, brought the Town's unbeaten record to eight matches.

What pleases me about it all is their fighting spirit and determination away from home.

In the last two seasons to become a goal down early on, as they were today and at Charlton on Wednesday, meant just about the end.

Not so now, because there is a new spirit all the way around.

They held the lead for more than half the game, looked like holding it and then perhaps because they placed understandably too much emphasis on defence in the closing stages, had to concede a point.

Not that there is going to be any criticism from me, because a point was what was hoped for from this match, and the onl disappointment is that the other was lost so late.

No-one could really be said to be blameworthy in this respect because the equaliser was a very fortunate affair and was bad luck on Read, who had stood out with his brilliant anticipation and the way in which he cut out a succession of high centres.

In fact, when one thinks that this was largely a re-cast Town team—even though it was the one that triumphed at Charlton—this was an exceptional performance.

Everybody fought, with McDerment again showing that he can fill the right-back position if required and Slough, the utility man of the defence filling in splendidly at left-back.

So, too, did Allen, at right-half, where his height was an advantage. Again we saw the value of Branson who allows very little to pass down the middle.

Forward, Rioch was again prominent, laying on a goal and scoring for the third consecutive match. But there was some disappointment about the work of the wingers and the Town's problems may have been increased by the fact that Whittaker had to leave the field shortly before the end.

Dougan's availability could make a considerable difference on Monday when there is another tough task at Southend.

Despite the disappointment of losing the lead so late, this was a great performance and underlines the fact that the Town are going to be a considerable power this season. Attendance: 6,674.

**BIG SIGNING
RODNEY GREEN
TO HAVE KNEE
OPERATION**

OP' FOR GREEN?
Rodney Green, Luton's 27,000 centre forward signing from Charlton, who damaged a knee at Southend on Monday, will have an immediate operation if a specialist confirms cartilage trouble.

DAILY MIRROR 6-9-67

Luton slip in last seconds

by MICHAEL BOON

SWANSEA 2 Luton 2
LUTON LEFT the Vetch Field complaining about their luck—victory snatched from them with a Keith Todd goal in the last 30 seconds.
Ivor Alchurch, 38 next month, but still with a brand of skill good enough for any team, probed them cleverly as he hunted for any weakness—and he set up Swansea's first goal in the 14th minute.

His perfect cross was met with equally perfect anticipation by Herbie Williams, who smashed the ball past Tony Read.
Now it looks like Swansea all the way, but Luton fought with grim determination and leveled 13 minutes later. A stabbed through-pass from Bruce Rioch was collected in full stride by Moses Brown and he drove the ball home.
Billy McDerment switched the ball across the field and Rioch headed in from the edge of the penalty area.

Superlative

Read was superlative. Time and again he refused Swansea's attacks with anticipation and handling that would be good enough for any First Division side. His finest save came from rasping shots by Alchurch, Dennis Coughlin and Williams before he was left stranded on the pitch trying to beat back the last attack—there wouldn't have been time for another.

Willie Humphries should have centred the ball but, knowing that time was almost gone, he lashed the ball to the goal and it struck the underside of the bar.

Read flung himself at it desperately but could not get near it and there was Todd perfectly poised on the goal-line to nod in the easiest of goals.

SUNDAY EXPRESS 3-9-67

STRONG-MAN TERRY BOOBIS

SWANSEA 2, LUTON 2
TOUGH luck on Luton's strong man Terry Branson, who ruled the pitch for 89 minutes—and then made a fatal slip.

Branson had blotted out Swansea's Keith Todd. Then he left his man to chase Willie Humphries, who had managed to beat Alan Slough at last.

But Branson did not quite make the tackle. Humphries shot rebounded from the underside of the bar to the unmarked Todd, who nodded in the point.

Goalie-like Luton were a goal up at half-time after Swansea snatched an early lead with a fine header by Herbie Williams.

Alan Jones hesitated to let Bruce Rioch set up a chance and Brown turned it into the equaliser after holding off three tackles inside the penalty area.

Rioch put Luton ahead with a gentle, placed header which caught Di John standing on the wrong side of his goal.

From then on Luton concentrated on defence, and let Swansea stream into almost continuous attack.

It worked, too, as Swansea kept making errors—until the final minute.

SWANSEA: John G; Comersall (in.); Jones G; PURCELL S; Evans (R) G; Coughlin G; Williams (M) G; Humphries J; Todd G; Alchurch T; Evans (B) G; Sub: Thomas J.

LUTON: Read T; McDerment G; Moore T; BRANSTON S; Slough T; Allen G; Rioch T; French G; Brown T; Green T; Whittaker (in.) G. Subs: Higgins J; Taylor (Wolverhampton) S.

PEOPLE 3-9-67

Cool Southend look promising

Southend 3 Luton Town 0
EVEN so early in the season, this display stamped Southend as real promotion hopes. Any team which could survive the strong tackles of the Luton defenders and still continue to play precision football with untruffled calm must have a chance to go up. Added to this, they found their shooting form at last.

Luton skipper Branson was bonked and Slough substituted when Green went off injured in the 22nd minute.

Smillie scooped Southend into a 20th-minute lead after Baber and Ferguson had made the opening.

Luton looked dangerous in the first five minutes after half-time, but Brown shot yards wide from the penalty spot after Rioch had been tripped by Stevenson.

A fine build-up led to Baber increasing the lead in the 56th minute, and after Slough had hit the bar, another three-man move led to Smillie completing the scoring after 75 minutes.

BRIGHT PLAY: 80%, 65%.
Southend — Roberts, Bentley, Birks, Ashworth, May, Ashroon, Ferguson, Chinnell, Smillie, Baber, McKivren, Sub: Kelly.

Luton—Tinsley, Hare, Jardine, McDerment, Branson, Moore, Hearn, Atkin, Green, Rioch, Brown, Sub: Slough.

★ SOUTHERN
Striker Andy Smillie sent Luton tumbling with goals in the 21st and 75th minutes of an absorbing clash.

Luton, perhaps, will say they were unlucky. But they can't deny they had their chances. Smillie snatched the first goal from a John Ferguson pass after a dazzling midfield run by John Baber.

Baber rammed in the second goal and 15 minutes from the end Smillie got the third.

Smillie had to battle desperately as Ken Brown and Rioch mounted counter-attacks.



DAILY EXPRESS 5-9-67

DAILY MAIL 5-9-67

TOWN CALLED ON A 17-YEAR-OLD

APPRENTICE BEAVEN WAS GIVEN HIS FIRST CHANCE

Colin Tinsley another who was called upon

By CHILTERN

MONDAY is not the best day of days for a mid-week match, as Town manager, Allan Brown discovered yesterday morning, when he had to sort out his best available team for the visit to Southend United.

At the end of the story, he found himself without Tony Read, Graham French and Ray Whittaker, all injured and this was barely counter-balanced by the fact that Tom Hare and Freddie Jardine were able to return to resume their full-back partnership.

IN all, there were seven changes, three of them positional, compared with the team that drew at Swansea on Saturday and an unexpected first chance came the way of the 17-year-old apprentice professional, Ken Beaven, who gave some impressive performances in the reserve team last season.

Although his physique is rather slight, he has plenty of determination and courage, and there was no hesitation about putting him in when French reported with a strained leg.

Usefulness of Brown was emphasised

ALSO out was the other regular winger, Ray Whittaker, who bruised a knee on Saturday and the vacancy on the left was filled by switching Micky Brown from inside-right to emphasise the usefulness of the former Millwall player, who has already filled four forward positions in his short spell with the club.

Fortunately, the return of Hare and Jardine, enabled Keith Allen to switch back to his old spot of inside-right and Billy McDerment to move forward to right-half. This meant that there was no place in the re-shuffle for Alan Slough, who became the substitute, and a very useful one at that.

Quick call on Colin Tinsley's services

WISDOM of securing an experienced goalkeeper like Colin Tinsley, who was signed only last Wednesday, in time to be eligible for the next round of the League Cup should he be required, was

underlined because he was needed for duty last night. This was because Tony Read suffered a slight strain at Swansea, and could not be considered.

Tinsley made a splendid start to his second spell with the club for the Reserves at Colchester last week, but he could scarcely have expected such a quick call to League duty.

None of the injuries is serious and the Town should be back at something like full strength by the weekend, providing of course, that they did not run into further trouble last night.

The team was: Tinsley; Hare, Jardine; McDerment, Branston, Moore; Beaven, Allen, Green, Rioch, Brown. Substitute: Slough.

Last-minute goal cost Town a point

WITHIN seconds of registering their first League away win of the season and rounding off what would have been a very good week for them, indeed, were the Town at Swansea on Saturday.

By my watch the 90th minute had just ticked away when the bolt from the blue arrived. In a sudden raid, Humphries, who had had a frustrating sort of game, suddenly drove the ball high at goal.

Read actually got a hand to it, deflecting it on to the bar, from which it bounced gently and perversely to Todd, who had merely to nod it into an empty net.

Despite the disappointment, the Town were well satisfied with a point from this encounter, because Swansea are

FOR THE RECORDS

SWANSEA TOWN ... 2
Williams, Todd.

LUTON TOWN ... 2
Brown, Rioch.

SWANSEA TOWN:
John; Evans (R), Gomersall (Thomas); Coughlin, Purcell, Jones; Humphries, Williams, Todd, Allchurch, Evans (B).

LUTON TOWN: Read; McDerment, Slough; Allen, Branston, Moore; French, Brown, Green, Rioch, Whittaker (Dougan).

Referee: J. K. Taylor, Wolverhampton. Attendance: 6,674.

always difficult to hold on their own Vetch Field.

Had to come from behind again

ONCE again the Town underlined the increase in their determination and fighting spirit in away matches, because they went into arrears early on, though not so dramatically early as they did at Charlton on Wednesday.

Fourteen minutes had gone when Allchurch, still a fine player despite the fact that he is rising 38 years of age, made a centre from the right, and Williams was on hand to head through.

It was quite a time before the Town began to settle down as an attacking force, but once they overcame their tendency to treat the ball as if it were red hot, and began to hold it, they began to look dangerous.

Rioch had a hand in both goals

A SHREWD through pass by Rioch enabled them to draw level after 25 minutes with a brilliant goal by Brown, his first for the club.

He controlled the ball in a flash, gave the dummy to the defence, and drove it hard past John. After this, the Town were on top, and after John had saved well from Green, they took the lead five minutes from half-time.

It was the direct result of a bad clearance by John, because the ball went to French, and Rioch headed it into the far corner of the net with the goalkeeper badly positioned.

Both teams brought on a substitute

AT THE moment, Rioch is in a real purple patch because this was the third consecutive match in which he had scored and he is laying on chances for others, too.

Both teams had opportunities in a hard-fought second half, but the Town seemed to have done enough to win until there was that sensational late break through by the Welsh team.

Nine minutes after the interval, Thomas came on as substitute for the injured Gomersall, whose quick, hard-tackling had made it largely an unproductive game for

French and Dougan came on eight minutes from the end for Whittaker, who had received a kick on the knee.

Dougan's first of the season

APPEARANCE of Dougan was interesting, because it was his first of the season and the brief spell available to him proved that the ankle he damaged in training is now fully recovered, though it was scarcely helpful that he received a knock on the other one.

So the Town took their run of games without defeat to eight, and four of these have been away from home, where they found points dreadfully difficult to accumulate last season.

However, there is altogether more confidence now, not a little of it stemming from the way in which Branston is dominating the penalty area.

Branston had the measure of Todd

UNTIL his late goal, Todd, despite his experience, was never a real threat and Branston had his measure from the start.

In fact, the whole, somewhat utility-looking defence did well, with McDerment perfectly competent in his new-found place of right-back and Allen doing a good job, even though he could not completely quieten Allchurch, the player from whom the Town always had most to fear.

There was another sturdy display by Slough, and Moore ranged up and down the middle of the field, ever ready to plug any gap that might appear.

Brilliant handling by Read again

AS for Read, he really is in remarkable form these days, showing the maximum amount of confidence, particularly in the way he cuts out high centres.

Scarcely anything eluded him on this occasion and he was certainly unlucky when the equaliser came.

Forward, Rioch, was again the architect of many raids, but the closely-marked Green, perhaps feeling the effects of recent injuries, did not have a great deal of opportunity.

Brown was always a willing worker and might have had another goal, but neither winger is really justifying himself to the full at the moment.

TUESDAY PICTORIAL 5-9-67

LAST MINUTE GOAL SHATTERS TOWN ON THEIR TRIP TO SOUTH WALES



Big signing Rodney Green, who suffered a knee injury at Southend which would keep him out until the end of the year



the Swans, who were also unbeaten at that stage in the season.

As at Charlton, the Town went behind to an early goal with Herbie Williams heading in an inviting cross from veteran winger Ivor Allchurch after 14 minutes. Swansea were on top for a while after this, but a brilliant piece of opportunism from Micky Brown earned an equaliser on 25 minutes.

Brown latched on to a through ball from Rioch before selling the Swansea defence an outrageous dummy and firing a shot past the wrongfooted Dilwyn John in the home goal.

It was now the Town who were in the ascendancy and five minutes from the interval, the increasingly prolific Rioch netted with his head once more. A poor clearance from John was picked up by winger Graham French, who sent over a cross which was gently headed home past the stranded goalkeeper.

The Town, whether wisely or not, decided to sit on their lead in the second period and as the game wore on, were easily seeing off the rare attempts at goal from an increasingly dispirited Swansea side.

That is until the final minute when skipper Terry Branston, who had Swansea dangerman Keith Todd in his pocket all afternoon, decided to leave his man to chase down inside-forward Willie Humphreys. The Swansea man managed to get his shot away, which was pushed onto the bar by Read, and the ball fell invitingly to the unmarked Todd who gratefully headed in an undeserved equaliser.

There was no time for massive recriminations after the game as we had to get ready for another difficult game on the following Monday evening at early season pacesetters Southend.

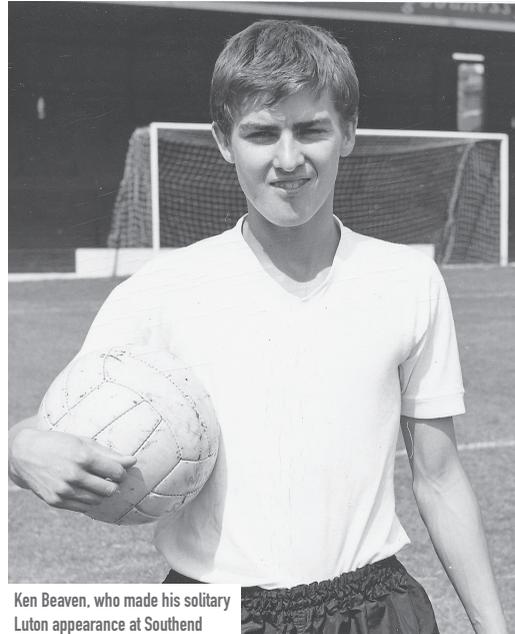
Although Hare and Jardine were fit to return for the clash at Roots Hall, we were now needing to find replacements for wingers Ray Whittaker and Graham French as well as goalkeeper Tony Read, who had all picked up knocks at Swansea.

Goalkeeper Colin Tinsley, who had left the Town at the end of 1965/66, had played the following season at Kettering but had not re-signed for them in the summer, as 70 games in a long campaign for the Northants side interfered with his other job as a bricklayer.

The Town became aware that there was a free agent on their doorstep and signed him up for the Southend trip, where he took his place in a Luton side which also handed a debut to 17-year-old apprentice Ken Beaven.

A subsequent 3-0 defeat looked bad on paper but did not tell the full story. Green limped off with what turned out to be a cartilage injury after 20 minutes; Brown sent a penalty, awarded for a trip on Rioch, yards wide; and both Bill McDerment and Alan Slough hit the bar, with the latter's effort seeming to bounce down over the line.

Things could only get better – and they would!



Ken Beaven, who made his solitary Luton appearance at Southend



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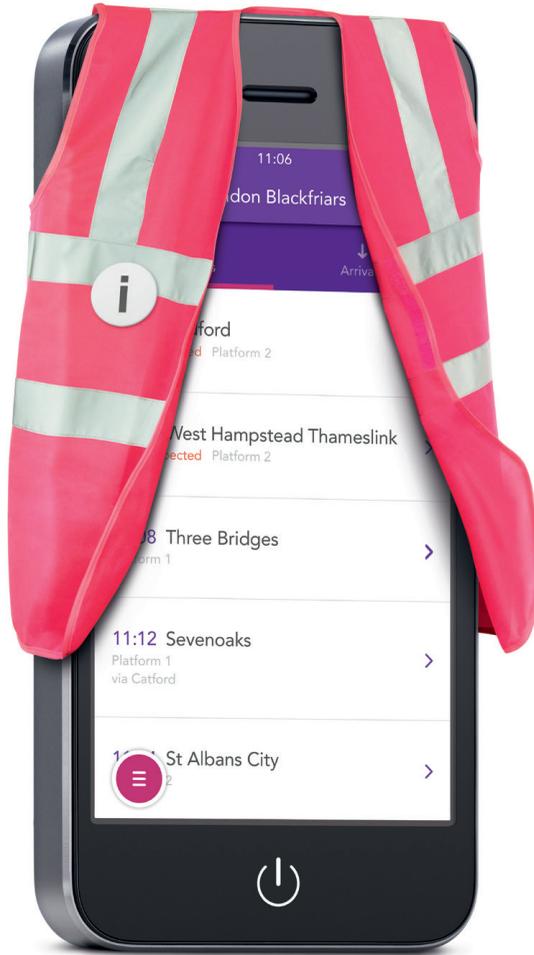
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KITAN SORUNKE YOUTH PROFILE

AGE: 17

BIRTHPLACE: HARROW, LONDON

POSITION: CENTRE MIDFIELD, RIGHT BACK

Year you joined the Hatters?

2010

Describe your playing style in three words:

Simple, athletic, short

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

Finishing

Your most talented team mate?

My old team mate Jack Snelus

Which first team player do you look up to?

James Justin

Favourite music artist?

Drake

Favourite food?

Jollof rice

Biggest influence on your career?

My Mum & Dad,
Joe Deeney

Player you used to pretend to be as a kid?

Robinho

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

To be playing football regularly at a high level

Andy Awford

H: AVAILABLE
A: AVAILABLE



ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Swindon Town.

U18S

The youth team finally found their shooting boots with an 8-1 victory versus Barnet last week in the Southern Youth Alliance Cup. After going behind very early in the game, the players showed good character to recover and ran out very comfortable winners, showing some excellent play and some fantastic goals. We have been drawn at home to Plymouth Argyle in the next round which will take place at Ely Way on Tuesday September 12th, 2pm kick off.

The following Saturday saw us draw 1-1 with Peterborough United in a physical encounter at Ely Way. After playing well first half, we conceded a sloppy goal on the half hour mark, but again recovered well in the second half to equalise through Connor Tomlinson and unfortunately missed numerous chances, including a penalty, to win the game. The overall display was encouraging however, and we now need to start consistently converting the chances we are creating.

An away trip to Gillingham is up next.

STAFF

I would like to offer a warm welcome to the new staff that have joined us recently. Tre Bogle (U10s coach), Dan Lockeron (U12s coach) and Paul Benson (U13s coach) have all been appointed to the coaching

department, whilst I hope to have news on the appointment of a new U18s coach very soon.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our existing staff, who have covered sessions, fixtures and 'mucked in' as we have made the above appointments. Their willingness to go the extra mile and ensure that the Academy still runs effectively and efficiently is testament to them and their commitment to the cause is greatly appreciated.

U10S TOUR TO FRANCE

Well done to the U10s, who came back from France with the winners' trophy after defeating Lille 1-0 in the final of a competitive tournament. Ross O'Kane has asked for a bigger desk to store the trophies that his Foundation department have won recently!



SPECIAL GUEST

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Richard Ware and his family who are attending today's game as guests of the academy. Richard is a lifelong Hatters fan, who now lives and works in the USA, but still finds time to come over and watch academy and first team games and is in regular contact with me regarding academy world. Enjoy today's game Rich, hope it's awesome, as you would say!

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	L 0-1
Tue Aug 22	Southend Utd	A	L 0-1
Tue Aug 29	Barnet (LGCupR1)	H	W 8-1
Sat Sep 2	P'borough Utd	H	D 1-1
Sat Sep 9	Gillingham	A	
Tue Sep 12	Plymouth	H (LGCupR2)	
	Ely Way. 2pm KO		
Sat Sep 16	Stevenage	H	
	Ely Way. 11am KO		
Sat Sep 23	MK Dons	A	
Sat Sep 30	Cambridge Utd	H	
Sat Oct 7	N'hampton Town	H	



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Glen Rea and Luke Gambin hand out medals to the Central Beds children



SUMMER SOCCER CAMP 2017 – FUN WITH THE FIRST TEAM

Massive thanks to the first team who all turned out at our soccer camps over the summer holidays to meet over 800 young Hatters who attended the courses all over Luton and Bedfordshire. It makes such a difference to all of our young footballers when they have the chance to meet a real life professional footballer and all of our players were on form battling away questions about wages, cars and favourite players etc, while handing out our famous LTFC medals and prizes to all of our competition winners. Only six weeks until October half term!



SKILLS PERFORMANCE CENTRES – TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME 2017-18

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Monday sees the start of our 2017-18 Skills Performance Centre talent identification programme which feeds into our youth development structure. We have 12 regional football development centres, with three in Luton, open to all youngsters aged from school year 2 up to year 11.

The Skills coaching centres offer termly programmes ending with a trial match for everyone. Successful boys then progress onto our centre of excellence and pre-academy development centres, with eventual pathways into our youth academy.

Our successful 'Skills' Development Programme is now in its tenth year of operation and provide high quality coaching for up and coming young footballers. Whether you're an ambitious player wanting to progress towards becoming a professional, or a newcomer wanting to develop the basics, the Skills Programme has something to offer you. To date over 70 players have been signed into our development programme through the Skills programme, which has proved our most successful recruitment tool in the past.

The cost is £25-£35 per term, which includes practical sessions and one assessment. In addition to the trial match, players will receive a report on their personal development during the programme.

If our coach feels you have shown the right levels of ability and attitude during the term you will be given the opportunity to progress to the Centre of Excellence/Pre-Academy. Players who display talent can be moved through the programme after only a few weeks if appropriate. All players receive a written player assessment towards the end of term.

Our weekly centres run in Arlesey, Bedford, Dunstable, Flitwick/Amphill, Harpenden, Kempston, Leighton Buzzard, Luton (3), Milton Keynes, St Albans and Wheathampstead.

If you would like further information on the programme starting next week, simply ring the Community Trust office on 01582 737568 or email us at tips@lutontown.co.uk for an information leaflet. You can book your place online at www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk



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HATTERSLADIES

UNBEATEN START TO THE LEAGUE SEASON FOR THE LADIES

The Hatters Ladies have had the best possible start to the season, picking up maximum points from their opening two games by beating Stevenage 5-2 and Enfield Town 2-1.

There was a resounding victory for the Ladies on opening day in the Women's Premier League South East, as they powered past rivals Stevenage with a scintillating attacking display.

The same fixture in May finished 0-0, so perhaps this result is indicative of the progress made by Nikki Baker and her team during the summer, as they seek to improve on regular top four placings in recent seasons and launch a serious promotion bid.

The Hatters assumed control of the contest early in the first half as they surged into a 3-0 lead.

Zara Carroll notched first with a thunderous strike into the top corner from over 30 yards out and she also got the second, guiding the ball over the keeper after Rachel Kosky's free-kick was headed into her path by Jessica McKay.

McKay was then on target herself, springing beyond the opposition's backline and curling one sumptuously into the far corner.

Stevenage then got themselves back in the game with two quickfire goals before half-time, before the Hatters finished off their fine attacking display in the second half, Nicola Henman scoring twice to seal the three points.

Last week away at Enfield Town, the hosts scored early on from a corner before Jo Rutherford got her side back in the game almost immediately with a neat finish.

Just before half time, Dionne Manning scored her first of the season, getting beyond the back line with her pace.

The second half was a superb defensive display, giving Town their second successive win in two and putting them second in the league on goal difference.



Dionne Manning

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

Sun Aug 20	Stevenage	H	W 5-2
Sun Aug 27	Enfield Town	A	W 2-1
Sun Sep 3	Leyton Orient (Cup)	H	L 2-4
Sun Sep 10	Haringey Borough	H	
Sun Sep 17	AFC Wimbledon	A	
Sun Sep 20	Denham United	H	
Sun Oct 1	MK Dons	H	
Sun Oct 8	Cambridge United	H	
Wed Oct 11	Denham United	A	
Sun Oct 15	AFC Wimbledon	H	
Sun Oct 22	Norwich City	A	
Sun Oct 29	MK Dons	A	
Sun Nov 5	Enfield Town	H	
Sun Nov 12	Haringey Borough	A	
Sun Nov 19	Ipswich Town	A	
Sun Nov 26	Norwich City	H	
Sun Dec 10	Leyton Orient	A	
Sun Dec 14	Ipswich Town	H	
Sun Jan 21	Leyton Orient	H	
Sun Jan 28	Cambridge United	A	
Sun Feb 11	Stevenage	A	
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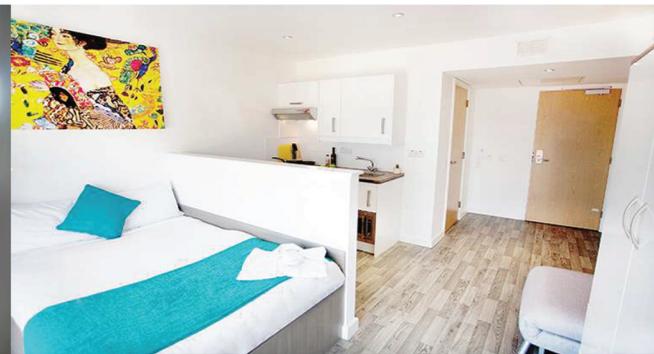


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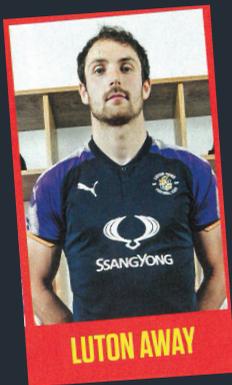
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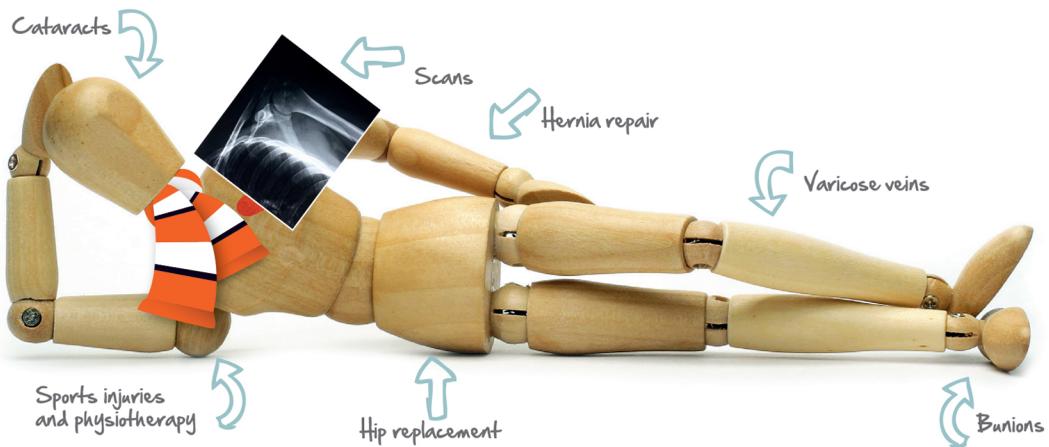
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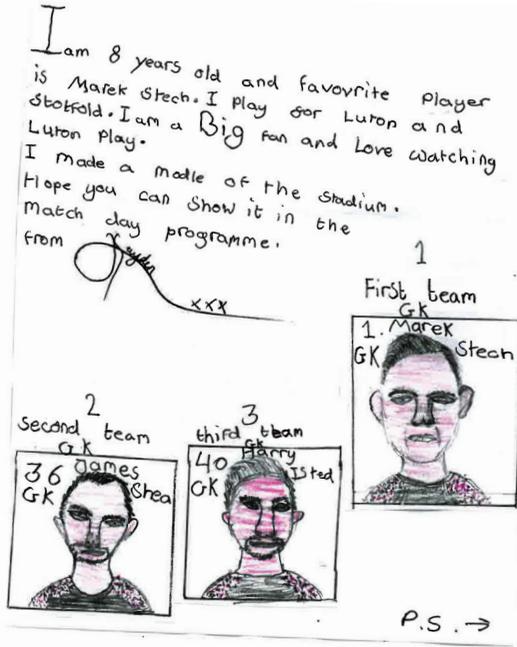
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HARRY!

HAYDEN'S A MODEL HATTER!

We received a terrific letter from 8 year old Hayden Mennis, who's a big fan of Hatters keeper Marek Stech. Not only did he send us some excellent drawings, he even made a model of Kenilworth Road! Great stuff Hayden!

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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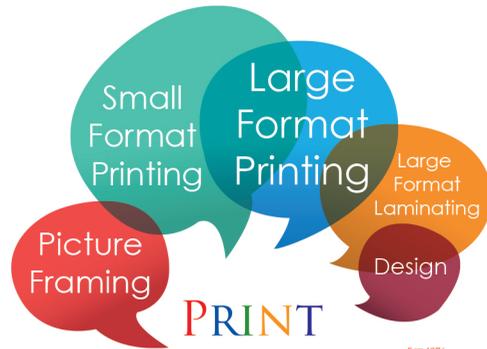


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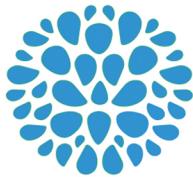
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SCOTT CUTHBERT

Town skipper Scott Cuthbert steps back in time as he's interviewed by our second Harry Harry's Lunch Bag winner... five-year-old **LUCAS!**

LUCAS: What is your first football memory?

SC: Going to the park with my dad and my grandpa probably when I was about four or five. The three of us would go up there on a Sunday and practice – to work on my touch, work on my shooting and everything. That was the first time I started to enjoy football.

What was the first team you supported?

It was a blue one! I supported Rangers as a boy. I was a season ticket holder with my grandpa and my dad.

What was the first team you played for?

The first team I played for was a team called Goldenhill Boys' Club, that was before I went to Celtic.

Who was your favourite player when you were a boy?

My favourite player was Paul Gascoigne. He signed for Rangers and was a bit of a hero for me.

What was the first position you played in?

I was a striker – I wanted to score all the goals! Then when I was 11 or 12 my coach said, 'No, you're not a striker, get in defence and stop the goals' – and I have been there ever since.

What was your best subject at school?

My favourite subject was history. I got a good result in that in my exams.

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

From a young age I wanted to be a footballer, but if that didn't work out, I wanted to be a fireman like my dad.



A young Scott



What make were your first pair of boots?

My first pair I remember were Mizuno. They were blue with a big tongue – I had to tie it down to stop it flapping up every time I ran.

When did you first meet one of your heroes?

When I first signed for Celtic I saw a lot of famous faces at European games. I remember being very star-struck by a lot of them. Steven Gerrard, Michael Owen – people like that when Liverpool came.

Who is your favourite superhero on TV?

I watch a lot of kids' programmes with my little girl. I try and stay away from Peppa Pig, I don't really like it! I watch Rusty Rivets, Blaze and the Monster Machines, Mickey Mouse Clubhouse – that's a big one in our house!

What was your first replica football shirt?

I think it was a Manchester United top. I got it as a gift when I was young.

What was the first CD you bought?

It was one of the Now CDs – and it was so long ago it was probably Now 65, something like that. It wasn't a CD though, it was a cassette. That shows how old I am!

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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI						
AUGUST														
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
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)	D 2-2*	2,699	404	-	Shea	Justin	Mullins	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	Cook
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	W 3-0	7,865	445	3	Stech	Stacey	McCormack	Sheehan	POTTS 1	Collins	O. LEE 1
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	4,665	987	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. Lee
SEPTEMBER														
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City	D 0-0	9,332	1,268	6	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	Rea
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											
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Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town											
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Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Barnet											
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DIAMOND SEASON TICKET POTM VOTING IS OPEN!

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Voting is open until Wednesday 13th September and a winner will be advised shortly afterwards.

LAST WEEKEND'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS

Cambridge United 1-0 Colchester United

Carlisle United 1-1 Mansfield Town

Cheltenham Town 0-1 Stevenage

Chesterfield 0-0 Coventry City

Crawley Town 2-0 Yeovil Town

Exeter City 1-0 Newport County

Grimsby Town 1-0 Crewe Alexandra

Lincoln City 0-0 Luton Town

Morecambe 1-2 Accrington Stanley

Port Vale 0-1 Notts County

Swindon Town 1-4 Barnet

Wycombe Wanderers 3-1 Forest Green

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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

Mansfield Town v Grimsby Town

Newport County v Wycombe Wanderers

Notts County v Morecambe

Stevenage v Lincoln City

Yeovil Town v Cheltenham Town

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Mpanzu	Shinnie ▲	COLLINS 3 ◆	VASSELL 2	Rea ●	E. LEE 1 ◆	Mullins ▲	Cook	Senior	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie	Collins	E. Lee ●	Gambin ●	Mullins ◆	Senior	McQuoid	Bakinson	Musonda	Shea
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
Mpanzu	Shinnie ◆	COLLINS 1 ●	Hylton ▲	Cornick ●	Cook ◆	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Mullins	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ◆	COLLINS 1	HYLTON 1	Rea ●	Berry ●	Cornick ▲	Justin	Gambin	E. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Berry	Collins ●	Hylton	Cornick ●	Cook ◆	Mullins	O. Lee	Shinnie	E. Lee	Shea

BIRTHDAY MESSAGES

BARRIE WATERFIELD



Many happy returns of the day to Kenilworth Road end season ticket holder Barrie Waterfield, who is celebrating his 73rd birthday at the game today.

Barrie has been a Town fan for over 50 years and his family and friends would like to wish him a happy birthday.

Have a great day, Barrie!

RITA GARDNER



Peter Garner got in touch to wish his wife, Rita, a belated happy birthday for last Tuesday, 5th September. Rita is also a Kenny End season ticket holder and has supported the Hatters since 2000.

Happy birthday, Rita!

LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

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

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON										LIFEC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP		CAREER TOT		APPS	GLS	
	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
Luke Berry	1	(1)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	1	0	2	0
James Collins	5	(0)	5	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	5	0	0	6	5
Jordan Cook	0	(3)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(3)	0	2	0	47	4
Harry Cornick	0	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(3)	0	0	0	4	0
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	4	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	1	0	91	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	3	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	4	(0)	1	0	0	51	28
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	(3)	1	2	(0)	0	2	(3)	1	0	0	16	4
Ollie Lee	4	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	5	(0)	2	0	0	85	6
Alan McCormack	5	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	1	3	0	5	1
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	1	0	(1)	1	0	0	44	8
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	5	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	1	0	124	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	5	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	5	(0)	1	2	0	49	2
Glen Rea	2	(3)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(3)	0	2	0	65	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	5	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	1	0	67	4
Andrew Shinnie	4	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(0)	0	0	0	5	0
Jack Stacey	5	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Marek Stech	5	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	1	0	6	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



HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH **TIM STREET** FORMER BEDS ON SUNDAY LTFC REPORTER

You may by now have seen the sad announcement that the Bedfordshire on Sunday paper is going to close, and with it their website.

Which also means the six brief but hugely enjoyable months I have been covering Luton Town have now come to an end.

It was a role I was proud to put my heart and soul into – indeed it feels like I have spent the past half-year totally immersed in the club.

All of my previous roles in my 13 years as a sports journalist have seen me cover patches rather than clubs, thus flitting between different clubs and different sports.

But when you're covering just the one club (aside from the odd day covering for colleagues), it does feel like a total immersion. Luton would be the last thing I thought about before going to sleep at night and the first thing I'd think about upon waking, not to mention the hours in between.

It's been a pleasure learning more about the club's history – all the ups and down from years gone by – and the current project Gary Sweet, Nathan Jones et al are plotting to bring the glory days back.

The plans for the new ground look very exciting and I hope, just like the impressive new training facility, they come to fruition.

To a man, everyone I have met has been brilliant. From Stuart Hammonds and Charlie Hanson in the media team

to Simon Pitts on the commentary team, Kevin Harper in the supporters' trust, photographer Gareth Owen and Mike Simmonds at the Luton News – all people I will truly miss – and many others.

DRAMATIC

And what a way to go out the match at Mansfield Town was! Two goals down going into the final five minutes, I was already penning a piece lamenting Luton's travel sickness, with a second successive away defeat all but sealed.

Cue not only a dramatic comeback, but a last-ditch penalty save by keeper Marek Stech to make sure it was not all in vain. The first draft of the match report was scrapped and a complete rewrite necessary, but it was worth it to witness such drama.

It also convinced me that the Hatters have developed the spirit and character necessary, alongside the undoubted talent in this season's squad, for a title push.

It's what I believe was missing at crucial times last term – but if that sort of determination can be shown over the next eight months, I have no doubt the club will be celebrating promotion come next May. Wherever I am, I will raise a glass.

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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
- 18 Luke Berry
- 19 James Collins
- 21 Jack Senior
- 22 Luke Gambin
- 24 Lawson D'Ath
- 27 Aaron Jarvis
- 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:
DAVID FLITCROFT

- 1 Lawrence Vigouroux
- 2 Ben Purkiss
- 3 Chris Hussey
- 5 Chris Robertson
- 6 Olly Lancashire
- 7 Paul Mullin
- 8 James Dunne
- 9 Luke Norris
- 10 John Goddard
- 11 James Brophy
- 12 Will Henry
- 14 Ellis Iandolo
- 15 Tom Smith
- 16 Amine Linganzi
- 17 Harry Smith
- 18 Donal McDermott
- 19 Timi Elskin
- 20 Kellan Gordon
- 21 Reice Charles-Cook
- 22 Kaiyne Woolery
- 24 Kyle Knogle
- 25 Dion Conroy
- 26 Jordan Young
- 27 Scott Twine
- 30 Keshi Anderson
- 31 Matty Taylor

MATCH OFFICIALS

- GRAHAM SALISBURY
 GRAHAM KANE
 LEIGH CROWHURST
 ROB SMITH

NEXT HOME GAME:
PORT VALE | TUE 12 SEP | 7.45PM

