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NATHAN JONES

THE MANAGER

Good evening and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our second home game in quick succession, with Port Vale the visitors for this Sky Bet League Two fixture.

We welcome everybody who has made the journey from Vale Park – supporters, directors, officials, manager Michael Brown, his staff and their players – and wish them a safe journey back to Staffordshire this evening.

The Valiants will provide another big test for us because we know that they were a League One club last year and have good quality and experience in their squad, however we will be looking to put Saturday's result against Swindon firmly behind us with a positive performance and outcome.

That was a game in which we started brightly, were moving the ball well and creating a few opportunities to open the scoring. Then the double blow of conceding the penalty and the sending off changed the game, and it was an uphill task from there.

We tried to remain positive by bringing a third forward on at half-time, because we knew that the next goal in the game would be vital and if we got it, the place would be bouncing. Unfortunately, they got it, the timing killed the game and Swindon deserved their result.

Tonight is the perfect opportunity to put that right. We don't want to lose too much ground on the teams above us, but it's still very early days with only six matches played. There are 40 games to go and one win can see us jump several positions in the table.

We know that when we play and we are right at it, we are an excellent side – and there is a lot to be positive about within our squad.

We've just had our top goalscorer, James Collins, shortlisted for the League Two Player of the Month for August and we've currently got another new signing, Alan McCormack, in the running for the Goal of the Month after his stunning strike against Yeovil on the opening day.

We've also had two of our players represent their country with James Justin winning his first caps for England Under-20s and Luke Gambin playing in a World Cup qualifier for Malta, and we're the joint second top scorers in the country in the top four divisions.

Off the pitch, of course, we have the brilliant backing of the best supporters in the league. Our attendance on Saturday was comfortably the highest in League Two, and I'm sure the same will apply tonight.

DELIVER

It was wonderful to meet so many of you recently at the open training session we held at Kenilworth Road and I can assure you that we all want to deliver what you crave the most – promotion to the higher echelons of the EFL.

Please stick with us, as you did on Saturday even though the game wasn't going as we all hoped, and be our 12th man. We know what a great atmosphere it can be here under the lights, and hopefully we can give you plenty more to shout about tonight.

Finally, I would like to welcome Inigo Idiakez to the club as our new Under-18s coach. Inigo had a terrific playing career in Spain and this country, and has been coaching at first-class clubs in Leicester and Derby, so we all look forward to working with him to continue the academy's fine tradition of producing players for the first team here at Kenilworth Road.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR **STEPHEN BROWNE**

A warm Tuesday night welcome to the Valiants as we enjoy another evening under the floodlights, and also to their fans who have made a long trip to see the game.

Michael Brown's team have had a tough start to the season so they will be looking to put some more points on the board – I am sure this will be a stern contest where both sides compete hard for the points.

After the disappointment of Saturday, we need to make our home games count. Before going down to ten men we looked like we were taking control of the game and were just looking for that one ball that could lead to an opener.

Afterwards however, we just couldn't find space and they made their extra man count, jumping onto opportunities to pick us off – 60 minutes is a long time to play with ten men. I didn't see what the red card was for, but Scott didn't raise a single complaint and took the punishment on the chin so I immediately assumed that the ref was probably, unfortunately, right.

In the boardroom, the madness of the transfer window is now over for another few months, and whilst that tested the resolve of the Board and Nathan, that didn't mean the pace on other important issues slows at all. As we progress further and further

with the proposed twin developments to take the town and the Club forward, we are pleased with how things are unfolding.

Recently the Planning Inspector, operating on behalf of central government, published his report regarding the Luton Borough Council Local Plan after hearing submissions from a variety of parties, predominantly back in January's examination – some of you may have followed the live stream of events at the time.

EMPOWER

His subsequent report, which ultimately becomes the final say on the Local Plan, was issued publicly only last week and has concluded to be very helpful to our cause. A number of very valid issues were noted by the Inspector which should have helped all parties to clarify matters.

The Inspector has ensured that there is a path forward to empower the Council to help regenerate our town – which doesn't just help our key developments but also others. This is good news for us all and means the Council is in firm control

of the decisions they will be taking – people who genuinely care about Luton as opposed to City-based plc shareholders who may have never visited our town. I am sure that matters will continue to move forward swiftly and as soon as there is more news, we'll report it in these pages.

CONSIDERABLE

However, as we've always said, and will continue to insist, that nothing is settled until a positive determination is given. Until then we have to work hard to ensure we cross every 't' and dot every 'i' and make sure we keep our focus on the best for the Club and the town.

Whilst we are at this stage of the planning approval process we are somewhat limited as to what we can do to the sites we own. We have installed security at the sites at some considerable cost but without daily use they have become targets for unlawful actions.

Dumping 500 tonnes of rubbish and causing damage to our property after trespassing on and breaching both the barriers of the Council and our land certainly seems far more difficult than targeting an easier site.

Whilst this costs time, money, and resources, within days of the break in and illegal dumping – working through the proper legal channels and in tandem with our advisors, the Council and the Police – we (should, by the time you read this) have cleared and re-secured our Power Court site.

On to brighter matters, there has been a real step change at the Club since my last notes, and it became blatantly apparent to me by the huge interest shown in our players of all ages and all levels in recent weeks and months.

PEDIGREE

Since 2020 became custodians nine years ago we have always known the importance of the academy – where this week we welcome new U18s coach Inigo Idiakez, a UEFA Pro Licence holder with fantastic pedigree as both a player and coach – the development squad, all our young boys and girls, all our partners throughout Bedfordshire, and the work we do with so many youngsters.

We always knew that, on the sporting front, only a proportion would make the grade to enter professional status, and even then we always knew that some might play for us, and some would further their careers elsewhere.

Whilst it's always hard to see any talent leave Luton Town we are also very realistic and want the best for all the players that come through the Club, so we'll never stand in anyone's way if that's in the interests of everyone – and that is where we try and ensure that somehow the Club gets some 'future value'.

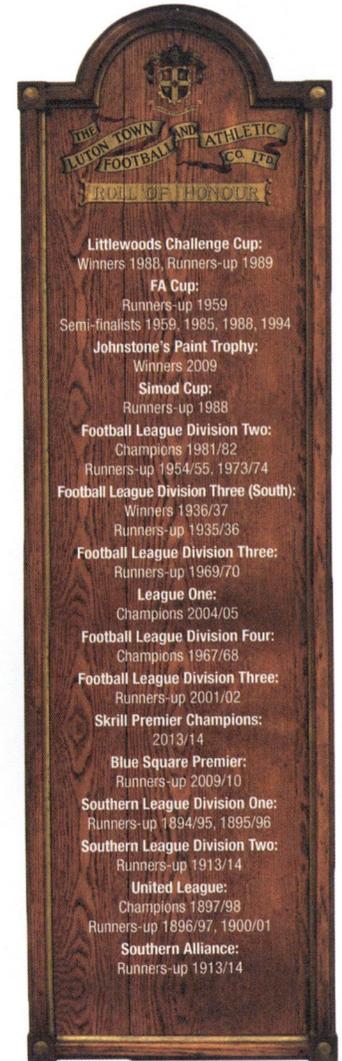
That's why we are always interested in the careers of great talents like

Isaac and Tyreeq because not only does their success give great pride to our coaches, but they also deliver some value to the Club – value we have reinvested in facilities and yet more talent to develop. Even Dave Edwards' recent move to Reading delivered some value to us and that was the first deal 2020 had any influence over when the Administrator was at the Club back in 2008.

The development of players takes a long time to put in place and then see the results, and then even more time to maximise. Everyone at the Club has had huge faith in the work we do 'behind the scenes' at schools and clubs throughout the area, and sometimes on the journey you wonder how well things are really going and if this is going to work for everyone.

Now however, there is a very strong line of players both at the Club and outside the Club that can help us to achieve our ambitions. This is not only a fantastic revenue stream that did not previously exist, but it has enhanced the reputation of Luton Town, our coaches, and our approach amongst the vast host of league clubs.

What is fantastic to see from the Board perspective is that whilst the Club gets involved in a very wide range of activities where many would be a 'business' in their own right... from the Academy to first team to community to retail to property to commercial.....every single head of department, every single member of the staff and coaches, strives to do the very best in their field so that when everything is added together, every single person has played a their part.



That's a big culture change – across all of our activities – from what we had just under a decade ago: everyone striving for the very best... together.

So, that includes us in the stands! As ever, join me and give your superb support to the lads, and sing up!

COYH!

INIGO APPOINTED AS TOWN YOUTH TEAM COACH

UEFA PRO LICENCE HOLDER IDIAKEZ STARTS HATTERS UNDER-18 ROLE

We are pleased to announce that UEFA Pro Licence holder Inigo Idiakez has been appointed as Luton Town's new Under-18s coach.

The 43-year-old is a former Spain Under-21 midfielder who started his playing career in his homeland with Real Sociedad, Oviedo and Rayo Vallecano, before moving to England in 2004 to play for Derby County and then Southampton.

Idiakez also had a loan spell with Queens Park Rangers before retiring in 2008 and moving into coaching in Spain with Anorga U18s and then Non-League clubs Euskalduna and Berio.

He gained further experience as assistant to his former Derby manager George Burley with Apollon Limassol in Cyprus, before returning to this country to become Leicester City's lead youth development coach under his ex-Southampton boss Nigel Pearson in 2013.



Pearson then took Idiakez back to Derby as first team coach following his appointment in the summer of 2016, but they left the Championship club last October.

He joins the Hatters as replacement for Paul Driver, who left the club at the end of last season to relocate to Yorkshire.



Academy & development manager Andy Awford said: "I am delighted to welcome Inigo to the football club as our new Under-18s coach. After a thorough interview process we identified Inigo as our number one target and I was thrilled when he accepted last week.

"I look forward to working alongside Inigo in our quest to produce more players for our first team, I am sure he will bring new, fresh ideas to the Academy as he brings with him great knowledge and experience from his previous playing and coaching roles."

Speaking ahead of his first day coaching at The Brache yesterday, Idiakez said: "When the job came up it was one that really excited me because of the reputation Luton Town have in English football for producing young talent.

"I see it as a really good opportunity for me to develop the excellent youngsters already here and prepare players for Nathan. He's a top manager and we share similar

philosophies on how the game should be played, plus the connection from when he spent time playing in Spain.

"I've also got the link with Joaquin Gomez, who worked with us at Derby, and I know Paul Hart well, so I'm looking forward to working with such good people who have so much knowledge of the game.

"I was in charge of Under-12s to Under-16s at Leicester, but managed the Under-16s. It was a great experience and there were several players who are now coming through to be senior players, like Ben Chilwell and Harvey Barnes, who has been out on loan in the Championship.

"My hope is to get to work with the talented young players at Luton and do similar things here. I know this is a Category 3 academy at the moment, but the aspiration is there to progress quickly. Hopefully I can bring my experience to that process. I can't wait to get started."

Welcome to Kenilworth Road, Inigo!



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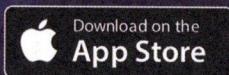
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[NEWS]

MACCA'S MAGIC MOMENT

TOWN MIDFIELDER NOMINATED FOR LEAGUE TWO GOAL OF THE MONTH

Hatters midfielder Alan McCormack's stunning opening day strike in the 8-2 win over Yeovil has made the shortlist for Sky Bet EFL League Two Goal of the Month for August.

The Irishman was making his debut for the Town when he let fly with a first-half volley after the Glovers could only half-clear a corner, netting the Hatters' third goal.

The Sky Bet EFL's judging panel of Sky Sports' EFL expert Don Goodman – the former Wolves and Sunderland striker – Sky Bet Sponsorship Manager David Tweed and EFL Senior Media Manager Rob Meaden picked Macca's magic moment as one of the top three after fans made their suggestions via Twitter.

Voting closed at 6pm this evening – and we will discover on Friday if the Town man's strike has won.

Here's what the league sponsors Sky Bet had to say about Macca's goal, and the two he is up against by Lincoln's Billy Knott and Newport County's Frank Nouble, in their press release...



ALAN MCCORMACK LUTON TOWN v YEOVIL TOWN 5TH AUGUST

Standing 35 yards out at a corner, McCormack strode forward to a dropping ball and let fly with an unstoppable dipping volley over the crowd of players in front of him.

BILLY KNOTT LINCOLN CITY v CARLISLE UNITED 26TH AUGUST

Picking up a loose ball 10 yards outside the box, Knott instinctively allowed the ball to run across his body before curling an exquisite left-shot into the far corner.

FRANK NOUBLE NEWPORT COUNTY v CHESTERFIELD 26TH AUGUST

How to begin a 13-minute hat-trick in style. Nouble intercepted a pass, saw defenders drop off him and struck a hammerhead 25-yard shot into the top corner.

To suggest a goal to be considered for future Sky Bet Goal of the Month awards, fans can tweet details of their nominated goal to @SkyBet using #SkyBetGotM.

DIAMOND SEASON TICKET POTM VOTING STILL OPEN!

Diamond season ticket holders have until tomorrow to vote for their Player of the Month for August.

Any Diamond season ticket holder can cast their vote by emailing their nomination to diamond@lutontown.co.uk.

One person who nominates the eventual winner will be drawn from the hat and win the opportunity to present the monthly trophy in the Eric Morecambe Suite after the Chesterfield game on Saturday 23rd September.

An adult winner will win two seats for Eric Morecambe Hospitality and a junior winner will receive a Diamond Mascot package.

Voting is open until 5pm tomorrow and a winner will be advised shortly afterwards.

INTRODUCING THE PLAYERS' & SUPPORTERS' OFFICIAL CHARITIES OF THE YEAR...

The Hatters squad have chosen Luton-based charity Families United Network (FUN) as their players' charity of the 2017-18 season.

FUN is a member-based charity supporting children and young people living with additional needs or disabilities throughout Bedfordshire, offering leisure opportunities, activities and clubs that families without disabled children take for granted.

What began 20 years ago as a group of families who would go swimming together, or meet in hired halls, became a charity in 2002 and moved to its present premises in Britannia Estates on Leagrave Road in August 2015.

FUN aims to provide support for over 500 families by creating a relaxed and non-judgmental environment which supports inclusion – and Scott Cuthbert, Danny Hylton, Andrew Shinnie, Dan Potts and Olly and Elliot Lee got involved in the FUN and games during Holiday Club recently!

The Town players were in the ball pool, playing skittles, air hockey, pool and giant Connect Four with the children, as well as posing for selfies and signing autographs before being given a tour of the charity's sensory room, lounge, IT suite, meeting room, coffee shop and offices.

Captain Cuthbert said: "It's always great as a player to be able to reach out to local charities and when Families United Network popped up as a candidate to be the players' charity, it was an obvious one for us to choose.

"As a parent, you take your children's health for granted a bit at times. It's not until you come into situations like this, where there are children as young as my daughter that struggle with autism or any form of disability, that you realise. It's nice to come here and give a little bit back to the community. Some of these boys and girls come to the games regularly to support us, so it's nice for us to show our support for them.

"Charities like Families United Network struggle with the publicity side of it, reaching out to people. With our profile within Luton, we can help to raise their profile and funds that they can put into these great facilities and continue helping the young children."



The charity's community and corporate fundraiser, Laura Smythe, said: "We are a small local charity in Luton who support and help children with additional needs and disabilities throughout Bedfordshire, but we are still little known, so this means the world to us.

"It means the name of our brand can be out there, we can be on Luton Town's social media, and we can shout from the rooftops that we've been lucky enough to have been selected.

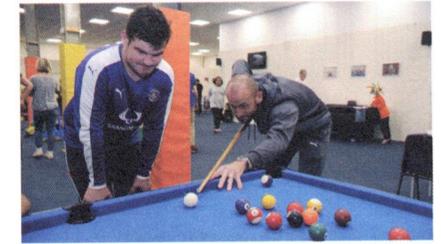
"Today has been the best turn out that we had through the summer holidays and we've been overwhelmed not only by the fact that the players were here, but that they were so engaging and they got involved. The children have photos and memories that are going to stay with them."

For more information on Families United Network, please visit www.familiesunitednetwork.org.uk or follow them on social media:

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We are delighted to announce that the Supporters' Charity of the Year for this season will be Keech Hospice Care.

The Luton based charity, who provide hospice care for adults and children with life-limiting and terminal illnesses, complete the roster of the Club's official charity partners for 2017-18, joining Club charity of the year Transitions UK and the players' charity of the year Families United Network.

Keech Hospice Care were chosen from a shortlist by almost 1,700 Luton Town fans, who took part in an online poll to decide which organisation would benefit from their support. The charity will now receive additional fundraising support from our official supporters' groups, as well other online communities and individuals. They will also benefit from a dedicated matchday, where volunteers will be on hand to raise funds and awareness at Kenilworth Road for our match against Cheltenham on Saturday February 24th 2018.



John Miller, Luton Town's supporters' liaison officer said: "It is truly exciting that supporters have voted in such numbers for Keech Hospice Care to be their charity for the 2017-18 season. Hatters fans are legendary in their support for good causes, and Keech Hospice Care will already be a favourite among most fans because of their outstanding work over 25 years in helping local people with life limiting illnesses.

"Many fans may be unaware that Keech have to raise 70% of their funds themselves in order to continue their work on behalf of local families from their base on the outskirts of Luton.



"Our supporter groups including Luton Town Supporters' Trust, Loyal Luton, the Luton Town Disabled Supporters' Association and Hatters Talk are in the course of planning a number of events over the year to support their selected charity. But we need as many supporters as possible to get involved. If you'd like to help, you can contact your supporter group, or email me directly - john.miller@lutontown.co.uk. This is our third Supporters' Charity of the Year and I know, with the support of the Club's loyal fans, we can make a huge difference and make this a record breaking partnership. Come on you Hatters!"

Lifelong Luton Town Football Club fan Rob Figgins was cared for by Keech Hospice Care after being diagnosed with cancer in April 2017. He also chose to spend his final days at the hospice, where he died last month.

Gill Fujino, Rob's wife, said her husband would have been delighted to know he had helped Keech Hospice Care to secure this new partnership with his favourite team.

"Rob loved Luton Town Football Club and Keech Hospice Care equally," said Gill. "He knew he wanted to end his days at Keech Hospice Care, and if there was a way his beloved team could help the charity, he would have been delighted to have been a part of it.

"Every week, Rob looked forward to spending the day at Keech's Palliative Care Centre, talking to others who knew what he was going through and having reflexology. He received excellent care and support from all Keech Hospice Care's fantastic nurses.

"If we had anything we were worried about we knew we could ring Keech Hospice Care anytime and there was a kind voice at the end of the phone who could provide the expert support we needed."

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WHO? Celebrating their 130th anniversary, the Chairboys went close to challenging for the top places in Sky Bet League Two last season, but fell short right at the end. Now in their sixth consecutive season in the division, Gareth Ainsworth has recruited former Town striker Craig Mackail-Smith to help in what will surely be another season fighting at the top for Wycombe.

TICKETS Ticket information is available opposite.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Our two meetings yielded four points last season, as Danny Hylton's hat-trick at home helped us on our way to a 4-1 win, whilst Scott Cuthbert's first goal of his Town career opened the scoring in a 1-1 draw at Adams Park. Those results helped Town maintain their decent history over the Chairboys, having won ten of the 23 meetings between the two, drawing nine and only losing four.

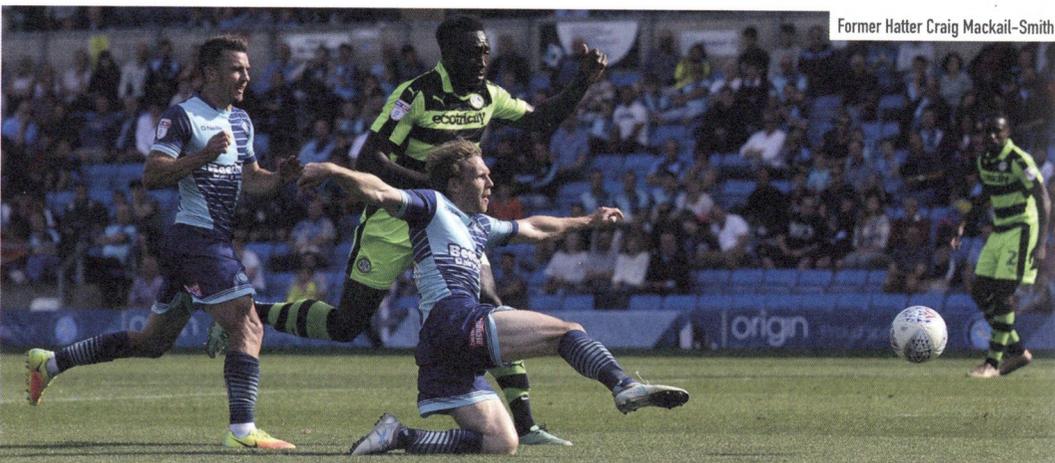
IN CHARGE Gareth Ainsworth was an attacking midfielder in his playing days, turning out for the likes of Lincoln City, today's visitors Port Vale, Wimbledon and QPR, as well as the side he currently manages. Prior to his appointment as boss at Adams Park, the 44-year-old had brief stints as caretaker manager at the Rs, where he built up his reputation as a coach, before taking over the reins at Wycombe in 2012. He briefly came out of retirement last

season, as he brought himself on as a late substitute in the Chairboys' 3-0 win over Northampton Town in the Checkatrade Trophy, in which he teed up now Morecambe striker Garry Thompson for Wycombe's third of the game.

PREVIOUS FORM Sixth in the League Two table after the weekend, Wycombe have started the season well and in free-scoring form since drawing 2-2 at home to Lincoln on the opening day. The Chairboys netted three times in each of their victories over Port Vale, Grimsby and Forest Green, and even scored twice in their only defeat – 4-2 at home to Notts County – before a goalless draw at Newport on Saturday.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU As mentioned, Mackail-Smith now plays for the Chairboys, having departed the Hatters in the summer. The striker joined the Town in 2015 after leaving Brighton, going onto score five times in 40 appearances – his time here hampered by a leg break sustained in March 2016. Gary Doherty started his career off at Kenilworth Road, playing 83 times for us and scoring 15 goals, before moving onto Spurs. He finished his career with the Chairboys, spending two years with them before hanging his boots up in 2014. Viv Busby signed for the Hatters in 1970 after beginning his career with Wanderers, making 86 appearances for the Hatters, scoring 16 goals.

Former Hatter Craig Mackail-Smith



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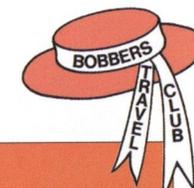
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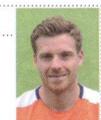
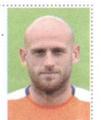
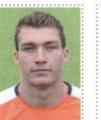
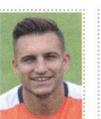
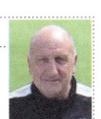
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WELCOME PORT VALE

FACTFILE:
NICKNAMES: THE VALIANTS
GROUND: VALE PARK
MANAGER: MICHAEL BROWN
LAST SEASON: 21ST IN LEAGUE ONE

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to the players, staff and supporters of Port Vale.

The Valiants are plying their trade in the fourth tier again for the first time in four seasons, having won promotion from Sky Bet League Two back in 2013 under Micky Adams.

That season Tom Pope scored 33 times for Vale, becoming the division's Player of the Year, before Adams left the club in 2014 and Pope the following year.

Now 32, Pope returned to his hometown club over the summer after two seasons at Bury, but is yet to add to his impressive goalscoring haul of 69 from 196 appearances from his first spell.

Former Leeds United and Sheffield United midfielder Michael Brown is now at the helm at Vale Park having been given the job permanently over the summer following a stint as caretaker boss.

VOID

The 40-year-old has made 650 career appearances that spanned over 20 years and it still may not be over, as he is currently registered as a player with the Valiants to provide cover for his side.

There has been a high turnover of players over the summer at Port Vale, with 13 players leaving at the end of last season with over 15 brought in to fill the void. Included in those is a player Town supporters will recognise from our Conference-wiping season – Joe Davis.

Son of now Leyton Orient boss, Steve, the 23-year-old played nine times for the Town whilst on loan from the Valiants. He has since gone onto join Leicester City and Fleetwood Town, before returning on a permanent deal with Vale over the summer.

Vales started the season in promising fashion, taking all three points from an opening day trip to Crawley with Michael Tonge, Antony Kay and Dan Turner on target in a 3-1 win for the Vale.



Michael Brown

Turner found the net again, along with Ben Whitfield, in their next league outing at home to Wycombe, but that one ended in a 3-2 defeat and Vale have since gone on to lose their next four matches without scoring.

Of that five-match losing streak, the last three have all been by a solitary goal to Crewe, Notts County and, most recently, on Saturday's trip to Coventry that left them rooted to the foot of the League Two table.

The Hatters have met Port Vale on 35 previous occasions, with the Town coming out on top in 16 of those games, Vale in 11 while the other eight have finished all-square.

The Hatters have had the better of recent clashes, picking up six wins from the last ten matches between the two clubs. The most recent of those successes came at Vale Park in February 2009, when Asa Hall, Kevin Gallen and Chris Martin were the Town scorers in a 3-1 victory.

HATTERS V VALIANTS

LUTON WINS: 16 | DRAWS: 8 | SWINDON WINS: 11
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THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

ROB LAINTON

A summer arrival from Bury, the 28-year-old will be hoping to establish himself as the number one at Vale Park having been unable to secure the number one jersey for a majority of his career due to injury. Having started out at Bolton Wanderers, he joined the Shakers having not made a single appearance for the Trotters. He played 45 times for Bury, as well as going out on loan to Cheltenham Town last season, where he made one appearance.



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THE WALL

ANTONY KAY

The experienced defender has made over 600 career appearances since his debut back in 2000 for hometown club Barnsley. He spent eight seasons at Oakwell before he left for Tranmere Rovers, then going onto play for Huddersfield Town and MK Dons, before spending last season with Bury. The 34-year-old joined the Valiants over the summer, and he brings a good pedigree with him, having won three promotions over his career.



THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

MARCUS MYERS-HARNES

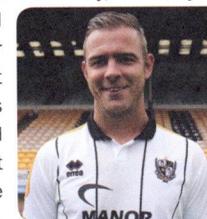
On loan from Championship side Burton Albion, the wide midfielder came through the Coventry City youth ranks, before joining the Brewers. He made his debut for the Staffordshire club in 2013, going onto help them to two promotions from League Two all the way to the second tier. He made ten appearances for Nigel Clough's side last season, as they managed to avoid the drop. The tricky winger has explosive speed and is a direct threat for Michael Brown's side.



THE DANGERMAN

TOM POPE

Playing for his boyhood club for the second time in his career after re-joining in the summer from Bury, the 32-year-old is a crowd favourite after the amount of goals he bagged in his first spell at Vale Park. The 31 league strikes he netted in the 2012-13 season helped the Vale on their way to promotion from the fourth tier. The target man started his career off in Non-League before spells with Crewe Alexandra and Rotherham United prior to joining the Valiants permanently in 2011.



GOALKEEPER

SAM HORNBY

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: BURTON ALBION

DEFENDERS

LAWRIE WILSON

AGE: 29

PREVIOUS CLUB: BOLTON WANDERERS

TYLER DENTON

AGE: 22

ON LOAN FROM LEEDS UNITED

JOSEPH DAVIS

AGE: 23

PREVIOUS CLUB: FLEETWOOD TOWN

NATHAN SMITH

AGE: 21

CAME THROUGH THE VALIANTS YOUTH RANKS

GAVIN GUNNING

AGE: 26

PREVIOUS CLUB: GRIMSBY TOWN

MIDFIELDERS

DANNY PUGH

AGE: 34

PREVIOUS CLUB: BLACKPOOL

JAMES DUNNE

AGE: 27

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DAVID WORRALL

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: MILLWALL

WILLIAM REEVES

AGE: 27

CAME THROUGH THE VALIANTS YOUTH RANKS

ANTHONY DE FREITAS

AGE: 23

PREVIOUS CLUB: VARZIM

STRIKERS

TYRONE BARNETT

AGE: 31

PREVIOUS CLUB: AFC WIMBLEDON

ANTON FORRESTER

AGE: 23

BLACKBURN ROVERS

DAN TURNER

AGE: 19

CAME THROUGH THE VALIANTS YOUTH RANKS

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



MARK PORTER, a Port Vale Supporter of 40 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season and this evening on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Valiants...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

It's been a summer of rebuilding at Vale Park with Michael Brown taking charge on a permanent basis. How well do you think the Valiants have equipped themselves for this season?

I feel it has been a difficult summer with the situation after relegation, it always seems to have a knock-on effect for the following season. The problem is that it takes a while to settle into a new league.

After a decent scoreline on the opening day, results have been hard to come by for your side, what do you put this down to – a hangover from last season?

It's been a disappointing start after a fantastic first game of the season. I feel we need to try and build some confidence back and look at what we can achieve. It could well be a hangover from last season, but we have had such a turnover of players in the last two years that we need to start rebuilding the team and getting them to gel together and build confidence.

With the rebuilding there's been a squad overhaul – which summer signing have you been impressed by so far?

Marcus Myers-Harness has been really impressive since he joined the Vale on loan from Burton Albion, he has been really impressive – I feel he will go onto to have a great football career.

On the flipside, who do you think supporters were most disappointed to see leave?

Wow! The turnover of players was massive. I think the Vale supporters were most disappointed to see Jak Alnwick leave in the January transfer window, also Remie Streete and Chris Eagles were both big losses to the club.

The goalscoring form of Tom Pope helped fire you out of this division last time you played at this level, his return must have been welcomed by supporters?

Tom Pope returning has been a massive lift for the supporters, making his 200th appearance for the



Valiants at Chesterfield in August was a great achievement, I know he is a Vale fan and the Vale supporters have welcomed him back with open arms.

As with most relegations, the Valiants were guilty of conceding too many last term, who has been brought in to plug the hole?

I think Nathan Smith is the player who can plug the gap. He won all the accolades last season, I feel he can move on this season and be a success again, he certainly has a bright future in the game.



It's been a difficult time for Vale of late, not scoring in the last four defeats, what approach do you think they'll adopt at Kenilworth Road tonight?

I think we will play one up front and hope that we can hit you with a sucker punch then pack the midfield and defence to try and keep you out. However, I personally would love to see two up front. I guess the best form of defence is attack.

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Seats

Who are your rivals? Stoke City

Favourite all-time manager?

John Rudge

Predict your player of the season?

Nathan Smith



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

Gareth Ainsworth



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

I couldn't limit it to five! I'll go for Roy Sproson, Andy Jones, Lee Hughes, Tom Pope, Bob Newton, Neil Aspin, John Rudge, Micky Adams and Brian Horton!

Most treasured piece of Vale memorabilia?

Programme for the semi-final of the FA Cup in 1954 v West Brom.

What league will Port Vale be in next season?

League Two.

Who will win promotion from League Two?

Coventry City, Wycombe Wanderers, Exeter City & Luton Town

MY ALL-TIME PORT VALE XI...

GK: PAUL MUSSELWHITE

Great keeper. Outstanding servant and a legend at Vale Park.

RB: SIMON MILLS

Consistent, decent no-nonsense right-back who did everything a right-back should do.

CB: NEIL ASPIN



Solid centre-half. Should have played at a higher level. Incredible player – Vale legend.

CB: ROY SPROSON

837 games for the Vale says it all, no-one comes close to Roy Sproson.

LB: RUSSELL BROMAGE

Really dependable, solid left-back.

RM: GARETH AINSWORTH

Absolutely incredible player. Quick, skilful and an absolute legend.

CM: ROBBIE EARLE

Local lad who went on to become a legend. Scored the goal against

Bristol Rovers in the play-offs in 1989 to get us promoted to the old Second Division.

CM: ROBIN VAN DER LAAN

Scored the goal to take us to Wembley in the AutoGlass in 1993 against Stoke at the Victoria Ground – and him into Vale folklore!

LM: STEVE GUPPY

Absolute quality, never forget the cross he put in to John McCarthy to score the goal that knocked Everton out of the FA Cup in 1996.

S: BOB NEWTON

Excellent player. Typical old school centre-forward, he is still the king of Burslem!

S: TONY NAYLOR



Scored 89 goals for the Vale, always played well skilful and settled in the area long after

his playing days. Even does charity games now for Dementia charities, he is a legend.



TOP BOYS

ROY SPROSON



Long-serving central defender Roy Sproson was Port Vale's 'Player of the Year' in 1966-67. Initially an amateur with Stoke City, he turned professional with Port Vale in July 1949 and was an influential figure as Vale won the Third Division (North) title and were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1953-54, then won the Fourth Division title in 1958-59. Ever-present five times, including the 1969-70 promotion campaign, he netted 30 goals in a club record 760 League games before joining Port Vale's coaching staff in May 1972. He was manager between January 1974 and October 1977, then became a newsagent and died locally in January 1997.

JOHNNY GREEN

Influential central defender Johnny Green was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in Port Vale's 1969-70 promotion success. Initially with Stockton Heath, he joined Tranmere

Rovers in February 1958 and moved to Blackpool in March 1959. He impressed in the top-flight and was a League Cup semi-finalist in 1961-62 and ever-present in 1964-65, joining Vancouver City/Royals in May 1967. Following a loan spell, he moved to Port Vale in November 1968 and netted seven goals in 94 League outings prior to becoming Northwich Victoria's player-boss in June 1971. He settled near Wigan, becoming a high standard crown green bowls player.

JOHN RIDLEY

Versatile central defender John Ridley was an important figure in Port Vale's 1982-83 promotion campaign. He turned professional at Vale Park in July 1973 and was ever-present 'Player of the Year' for Vale in 1975-76. Sold to Leicester City for £55,000 in October 1978, he joined Chesterfield for £35,000 in August 1979 and starred in their 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final triumph. He returned to Vale in August 1982 and netted eight goals in 270 League games overall. Moving to Stafford Rangers as player-coach in July 1985, he then was coach/manager of Matlock Town, Newcastle Town and Eastwood Hanley while a maths teacher in Stoke.

ANDY JONES

Welsh international striker Andy Jones was Port Vale's 'Player of the Year' in 1986-87. A former Wrexham apprentice, he starred for Rhyl prior

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to joining Port Vale for £30,000 in May 1985 and was top scorer in their 1985-86 promotion success, netting 47 goals in 90 League games before sold to Charlton Athletic for £350,000 in September 1987. He rejoined Vale on loan in February 1989, then played for AFC Bournemouth, Leyton Orient, Poole Town, Havant and Ringwood. Still living in Ringwood, he was product manager for Mizuno soccer boots, then a service manager for British Telecom and now director of a food waste recycling plant.

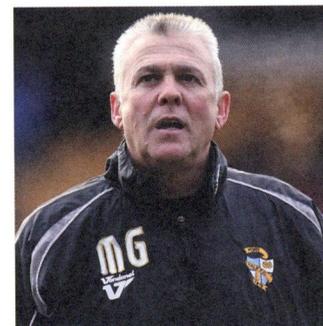
RAY WALKER

Ex-England Youth midfielder Ray Walker was twice voted 'Player of the Year' at Port Vale. Initially with Aston Villa, he helped win the FA Youth Cup in 1980 but had limited top-flight chances and was loaned to Port Vale in September 1984. He rejoined Vale for £12,000 in July 1986 and skippered their 1988-89 promotion success, but missed Vale's 1993 Autoglass Trophy final triumph and most of their 1993-94 promotion campaign due to injury.

Scoring 34 goals in 366 League games overall for Vale, he became Leek Town's player-coach in June 1997, then was Newcastle Town's player-manager. He is now Crewe Alexandra's community officer.

MARK GREW

Goalkeeper Mark Grew was Port Vale's 'Player of the Year' in 1988-89 and 1991-92. Signing professional for West Brom in June 1976, he was an FA Cup and League Cup semi-finalist in 1981-82 and moved to Leicester City in July 1983. He had a spell with Ipswich Town prior to joining Port Vale in June 1986, starring in their 1987-88 FA Cup run



and 1988-89 promotion campaign. Ever-present in 1991-92, he played 184 League games before moving to Cardiff City in August 1992 and helped them win the Third Division title in 1992-93. Briefly with Stafford Rangers, he rejoined Port Vale as youth coach, then goalkeeping coach, giving 25 years' service.

IAN TAYLOR

Attacking midfielder Ian Taylor was Port Vale's leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' in 1992-93. He impressed with Moor Green before moving to Port Vale for £40,000 in May 1992 and starred in their 1993 Autoglass Trophy final triumph. Also helping win promotion in 1993-94,

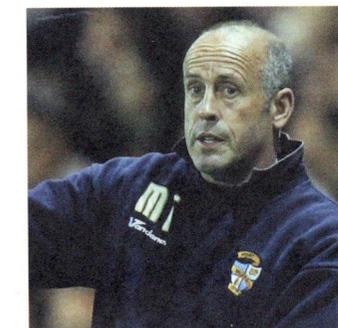
he netted 28 goals in 83 League games before being sold to Sheffield Wednesday for £1m in July 1994. He joined Aston Villa for the same fee five months later and scored in their 1996 League Cup final triumph, then was an FA Cup finalist in 2000. Moving to Derby County in July 2003, he then helped Northampton Town win promotion in 2005-06.

NEIL ASPIN

Hard-tackling right-sided defender Neil Aspin was twice voted 'Player of the Year' at Port Vale. Signing professional for Leeds United in October 1982, he helped them reach the FA Cup semi-finals and Second Division play-off final in 1986-87. He moved to Vale Park in July 1989 and starred in Port Vale's 1993 Autoglass Trophy final triumph, also playing at Wembley in that season's Second Division play-off final. An influential figure in Vale's 1993-94 promotion success, he netted three goals in 348 League games prior to joining Darlington in July 1999, then Hartlepool. He has managed Harrogate, Halifax Town and Gateshead.

MARTIN FOYLE

Striker Martin Foyle was Port Vale's 'Player of the Year' in 1994-95. Signing professional for Southampton in August 1980, he moved to Aldershot in July 1984 and was



top scorer in 1984-85. He joined Oxford United in March 1987 and was leading marksman in 1988-89. Moving to Port Vale in June 1991, he helped to win the Autoglass Trophy and reach the Second Division play-off final in 1992-93. He was top scorer in Vale's 1993-94 promotion campaign, netting 83 goals in 296 League games. Later Vale's coach, then manager from February 2004 until November 2007, he has since managed York City, Northwich, Hereford United and Southport.

GARETH AINSWORTH

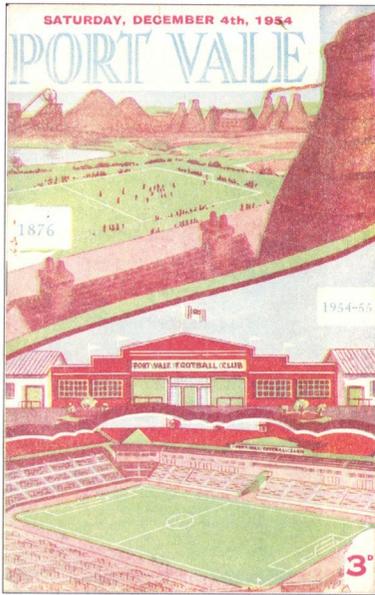
Skilful winger Gareth Ainsworth was Port Vale's 'Player of the Year' in 1997-98. A former Blackburn Rovers trainee, he had spells with Northwich Victoria, Preston and Cambridge United prior to rejoining Preston in December 1992. He joined Lincoln



City in October 1995 and was twice 'Player of the Year', moving to Vale Park for £500,000 in September 1997. An important figure as Port Vale took Arsenal to an FA Cup third round replay that season, he netted ten goals in 55 League games before being sold to Wimbledon for £2m in November 1998. He then appeared for Cardiff City, QPR and became Wycombe Wanderers' player-manager.

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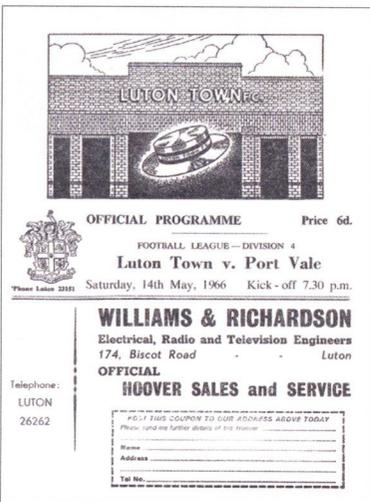
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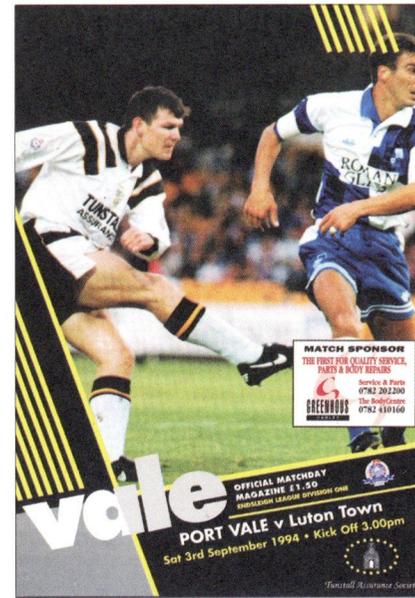
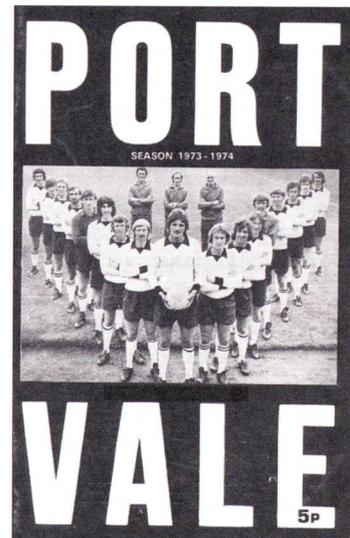


◀ MAY 1966

Played on the evening of the FA Cup final the Town go goal crazy and are 5-0 up at half-time. No further goals are added in the second period much to the disappointment of the crowd of 12,054.

▶ JANUARY 1974

Brian Horton inspires Vale to a 1-1 draw against opponents from a higher division in this FA Cup third round tie. The Town make no mistake in the replay, winning 4-2.

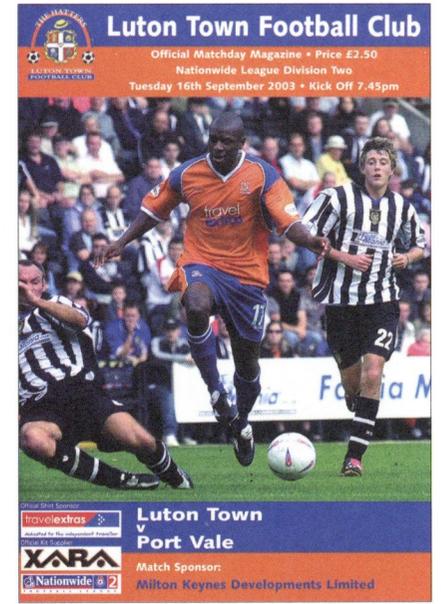
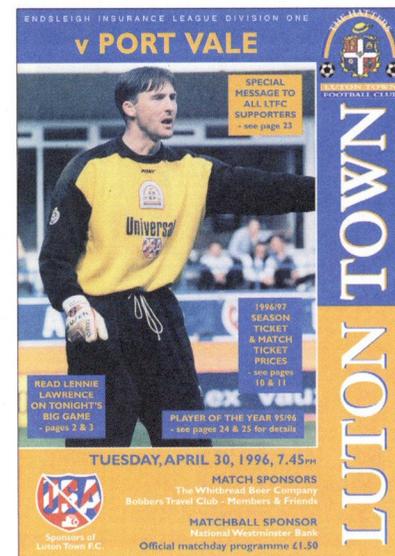


▲ SEPTEMBER 1994

Dwight Marshall scores his first League goal for the Town to secure the points in this Division One (now Championship) clash watched by a Vale Park crowd of 8,541.

▼ APRIL 1996

The Town's final home game of a disastrous season sees Tony Thorpe net twice in a 3-2 win. It is a shame only 5,443, the lowest of the campaign, are there to see it.



▲ SEPTEMBER 2003

The Town take on the league leaders in this Division Two (now League One) contest and are worthy 2-0 victors. Kevin Foley and loanee Gary McSheffrey are on target.

▼ FEBRUARY 2009

Avenging a home defeat to Vale on the opening day the Hatters secure their first away win since October with a surprising 3-1 victory. Asa Hall, Kevin Gallen and Chris Martin all score in a 20-minute spell.





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TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

By myself – I'm a lone ranger!

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

Glen Rea and James Collins at the stadium, and Cookie and Luke Gambin at the training ground.

Who do you room with?

I lost two room-mates this summer with Cameron and Vass leaving, so I'm rooming with James Justin now.

Most annoying on away trips?

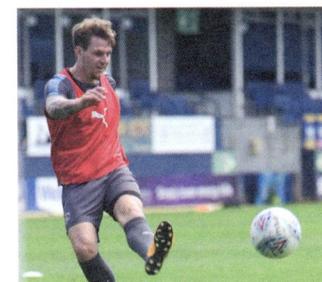
Has to be Hylts or Mulls – those two are always up to something.

Best trainer?

Olly Lee.

Worst trainer?

I can't believe I've cropped up in Mulls and Hylts' interviews so far! I'll give it to Glen – he's bad!



Strongest in the gym?

That's a tough one. I'll give it to Josh McQuoid – he's got them biceps!

Quickest feet?

I could be up there, but I'll say Gambo first – then me and Olly Lee.

Nutmeg king?

Olly Lee, he loves a nutmeg in training. In a match it's me or Gambo.

Biggest moaner?

Got to be Sheez or Macca – the Irish boys love a moan!

Gaffer's pet?

Danny Hylton, straight.

Best taste in music?

I'm the DJ – I've got a taste for everything, everyone likes my music, so it's got to be me. They trust me. I've been DJ for the four years I've been here, so I am the man with the tunes. Everything – RnB, hip-hop, house, funky, sing-alongs – you name it, I've got it.

Worst taste in music?

I don't know, people don't really play their music out loud, but I'll go Glen Rea again – he doesn't know anything about music.

Best initiation song?

Since I've been at the club, Isaac Vassell's got to be up there with Montel Jordan's 'This Is How We Do It'.

Worst initiation song?

Lawson D'Ath.

Best dressed?

I'm up there, because mine's a bit out there – but I'll give it to Dan Potts. He's got the stuff.

Worst dressed?

James Collins. He comes in his personal training gear – shorts and a football T, or a sports T, tights on and running trainers – so I'll give it him.

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Lawson D'Ath if he's got a hairdryer, or Dan Potts – those two love a look in the mirror.

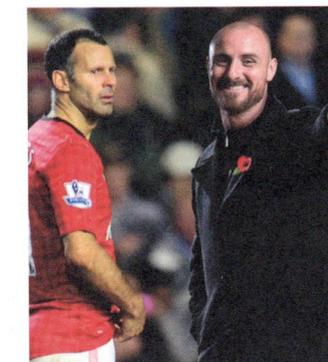


Most intelligent?

Sheez – he's got brains and he's good at maths.

Best banter?

I'm up there – I'm putting myself up there. Me, Hylts and Mulls – top three!



Most likely to be a manager?

Macca. He's got some management skills in there, and he'd be stern – not taking any rubbish from anyone.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

James Collins – because these strikers get everything!

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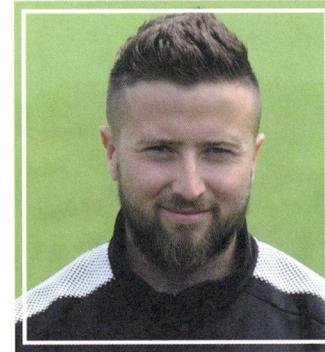
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[JARED ROBERTS-SMITH]



THE SCIENCE OF EVERYTHING LUTON

THE TOWN'S HEAD OF SPORTS SCIENCE, JARED ROBERTS-SMITH, GIVES US AN INSIGHT INTO HIS WORK WITH THE HATTERS LADS...

After an eventful couple of weeks on the road it's good to be back at the Kenny for the first Sky Bet League Two Tuesday night game of the season...nothing better than a rocking evening fixture under the lights.

It's been a promising start to the season, especially with two good points on the road at two away grounds that were really lively in Sincil Bank and the One Call Stadium, before Saturday's set-back against Swindon.

It's been great to see a strong travelling faithful yet again this season with great support at all three of our away league fixtures. Long may that continue as it really does give everyone involved a big boost on a match day.

I particularly liked the air raid siren at Lincoln last week. I think we need to get one of those in the office at the training ground as our goalkeeper coach Kevin Dearden has a habit for letting them rip without warning, so I think it could be really useful!

It's been nice to see a few new faces come in since my last column, and I think the additions of Harry Cornick and Luke Berry are another two great signings which really add to and enhance our squad. I'm hoping their performances on the pitch are a bit better than their singing initiations anyway.

There was also the acquisition of young Aaron Jarvis, and he is young, hungry and enthusiastic as they come – and that's not just because he's been able to swap his Tesco name badge for the LTFC crest. Although he will take a couple of weeks to get up to speed with our training approaches, he's been great since coming through the door.

With regards to sports science, the last month has given us a chance to again get back to the hard graft on the training pitches after an initial busy couple of weeks to the season.

We have had a mini pre-season with a lot of intensive work completed with our training weeks being free of fixtures, and I think we have come through that looking really well with 25 available players going into the three-game week we are currently in.

We, of course, have Lawson on the sidelines still but he has been working really hard behind the scenes to come

back from a niggling ankle injury, but he is on the other side of it now and will be back with the lads soon.

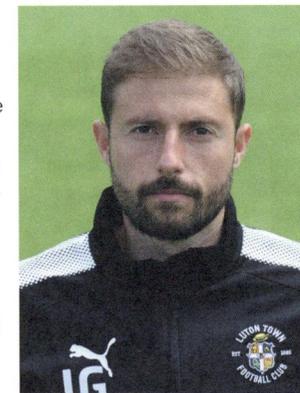
PERFORMANCES

Away from the hard work that takes place on both the training pitches and upstairs in the offices, this season has seen the introduction of staff football on the new 3G pitches at The Brache. I myself have been carrying a knock on my ankle which I sadly suffered as a by-product of rattling in a 35-yard worldie – bar and in goal – in a recent charity game.

I'm glad I have an excuse for my poor performances, and I also hope our first team coach Joaquin 'Twinkle Toes' Gomez (pictured) and analyst Peter 'Bulldog' Booker have similar excuses to back up their poor performances.

I must admit the gaffer was outstanding last time we played...and although I got a few of Brad Bobleys favorite megnuts on him with half an ankle, I can't believe he never got a call up for Wales!

That's enough for this week...COYH.



Wigan go close early on in the game at Springfield Park



THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY

BY ROGER WASH

COME APRIL 24TH 2018, IT WILL BE 30 YEARS SINCE WE ENJOYED THE MOST GLORIOUS DAY IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY WHEN LIFTING THE LITTLEWOODS CUP AT WEMBLEY. IN THIS OCCASIONAL SERIES, WE WILL BE LOOKING BACK AT THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY WITH ALL ITS TWISTS AND TURNS BEFORE FINALLY STEPPING OUT AT THE 'TWIN TOWERS.'

Season 1986/87 had finished with the Hatters in seventh spot in the top-flight, the highest in our history.

The decision of manager John Moore to resign after only one year in the job in the summer of 1987 came somewhat as a surprise, feeling personally uncomfortable at the high-profile nature of the role, and also having to fend off criticisms of the club that had nothing to do with him, such as the artificial surface at Kenilworth Road as well as the banning of away supporters.

The board turned to Moore's assistant Ray Harford, who gladly accepted the position and immediately bought in Danny Wilson from Brighton for £150,000 to bolster his midfield.

No sooner had he done this when another midfielder, Peter Nicholas, decided that the lure of European football at Aberdeen was too good to

turn down, and left in exchange for a cheque for £350,000. One in, one out with a profit of £200,000 was the sum total of an unusually quiet summer.

The Town started the season on a five-game winless run which set the alarm bells ringing. The players could not get used to Harford's style of football, and as soon as he reverted

to the 'old' way, the results took an immediate turn for the better, and by the time of the visit of Wigan in a Littlewoods Cup second round first leg tie at Springfield Park, we were up to mid-table.

In the previous campaign the club's stance on away supporters meant we were excluded from the now Littlewoods sponsored competition after 5,000 Cardiff fans professed to be willing to travel to Kenilworth Road for a second round mid-week tie! As such the trip to Wigan was our first ever Littlewoods Cup tie.

Wigan were top of Division Three (now League One) and their highest crowd of the season at that stage of 5,018 were present to see the home side miss two glorious opportunities in the opening 15 minutes.

Playing direct football, Wigan pierced the Town's defence twice with Bobby Campbell and Mark Hilditch blasting the ball wide from good positions.

Gradually the Town settled down and took the sting out of the Latics by scoring after 18 minutes with a gem of a shot from Micky Weir.

QUALITY

Weir had been signed from Hibs a couple of weeks before. The Town offered £50,000, Hibs wanted £300,000 and we eventually paid a tribunal fixed fee of £230,000. Making his full debut on the wing, Weir aided the forthcoming tribunal by putting in a quality performance which the Latics could not handle.

Wigan huffed and puffed after the goal, but could not find a way through a Luton rearguard ably marshalled

by Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy. The only downside to a professional display was the ankle injury suffered by David Preece which was to keep him out for seven months.

The second leg took place two weeks later when only 4,240 turned out to witness what everyone regarded as a foregone conclusion. The artificial surface was not a great leveller and lower division sides always struggled at Kenilworth Road, given the precision passing needed.

**WE WONDERED
WHAT THE FINAL
SCORE WOULD BE**

Mick Harford was at his awesome best that evening and was virtually unplayable, especially in the air as proved by two rocket headers after 25 and 35 minutes from accurate crosses from full back Tim Breacker and Weir.

Darron McDonough, replacing the injured Ricky Hill, hit a third before half-time and with wingers Weir and 19-year-old Kingsley Black, in for Preece, tormenting the Wigan rearguard, we wondered what the final score would be.

Perhaps complacency set in mid-way through the second period as Wigan suddenly scored twice to bring a little uncertainty into the Luton ranks. Firstly David Hamilton rocketed in a header, and then Foster turned Paul Jewell's low cross into his own net.

Wigan found new heart but had the stuffing knocked out of them two minutes later when Harford rifled home his hat-trick goal – and with it a comfortable 5-2 aggregate win.



Tim Breacker wins the ball in the second leg at Kenilworth Road

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IN MEMORY OF...

We are sorry to report the passing of several loyal Luton Town fans in recent weeks. Our thoughts are with the family and friends of all who have left us...

ANDREW NIGHTINGALE



Fellow supporters will have been sad to learn of the passing of Diamond season ticket holder Andrew Nightingale last week, at the age of 52, after being diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Andrew had followed the Town since moving to Bedfordshire in the 1970s and sat in the Main Stand enclosure Block D.

Son James said: "Dad travelled home and away from Carlisle to Exeter, Norwich to Wrexham and is solely responsible for the addition to the Luton Town ranks of myself, my son, my uncle and cousin."

Andrew's friend, Dave Gadsden, added: "We have travelled the country following the town, taking the occasional box down the years and both praying for a new stadium – something unfortunately he won't see, but his son and grandson will. RIP mate."

ARTHUR REYNOLDS



Supporter Arthur Reynolds passed away recently, aged 68, after a battle with prostate cancer.

His funeral was on Thursday, and Arthur's daughter Antonella got in touch to say: "My dad was a devout Luton fan and was always at matches up to and beyond his move away on retiring, yet he managed to come to a game with us before cancer took his ability to walk."

"I hope this will be a stark reminder to all men to be checked regularly for prostate problems, even without any symptoms. All my dad had was a pain in his shoulder and we discovered it had spread to his bones."

DEREK WILLIAMS

We are sorry to report that Derek Williams, who was once on the Hatters' books, passed away on 20th August in Hampshire.



His friend and fellow Town supporter Mel Smith contacted the club to pass on the sad news of Derek's death.

Mel wrote: "Derek was a magnificent keeper, and had it not been for the likes of Ioworth Hughes, Bernard Streten and Ron Baynham, I feel sure he would have appeared in the first team."

"As it was his games were mainly restricted to A team games. He appeared at Wembley for the RAF in a representative armed services game."

"Around 40 years later I met Derek as a member of Corhampton Golf Club. We had chats about his old times as a professional and he showed me his 'club card' that listed the dos and don'ts prior to match day. Quite apart from our connections with the club, I can honestly say that you would not meet a finer gentleman."

PAT CREMORE



The Hatters are sad to learn of the passing of supporter Pat Cremore, who died at the end of June, aged 88.

Pat attended games with his son Robin, who is now a Hatter through and through, and leaves behind Patricia, to whom he was married for 64 years.

ROBERT FIGGINS



The Town would like to pass on their condolences to the family of Robert Figgins, who passed away in July after a battle with bowel cancer, aged 45.

A season ticket holder for over 20 years in the Main Enclosure, Robert began supporting the Hatters aged 12, and attended games with son Sam, brother-in-law Barrie, cousins

Richard and Michael and his friend Tony, Mark and Mike.

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST

Hello and welcome to the first update of the season from the Luton Town Supporters' Trust.

BACKGROUND

I was privileged to be the first Chair of the Trust and find myself once again in this role. We have come a long way since the dark days of 2003 when the Trust was formed. A lot of good people have stepped up and battled for the welfare of our beloved football club.

In the 14 years of being in existence, our organisation has become increasingly supportive and influential with the club. We have taken steps to become more professional, and work very closely with the current custodians of our club, and the other supporters' bodies.

THE PRESENT

We have upped our game. We have a bigger media profile, have control of certain club assets, and are working steadily to empower our supporters.

We are lucky to have 2020 at the helm of our club. They consult us on a regular basis and encourage our involvement. The latest being the Trust podcast, which you can listen to via our website. This is going to be a regular feature and we would like our members to get involved.

UNSUNG HERO

If we go back a few months we were dealt a bad blow. We lost my dear friend, Kevin Catlin, who had been working behind the scenes since



the very beginning. The majority of supporters will not know how much they owe this man. Without him there would no longer be a Luton Town.

I was honoured to speak at his funeral and these were my words:

"I'd like to thank Kevin's family for asking me to speak here today. I'm deeply honoured to be given this opportunity to help celebrate his life and to say goodbye.

I set myself a huge task, I wanted to try and find a word that would sum Kevin up. An impossible thing to do, you might think. How would I be able to find one word for this unique, cantankerous, clever, obstinate, complex man, who had a simple soul with a generous spirit.

After much deliberation the word I chose was "impact". Why this particular word? Because that is what he did, he impacted your life.

I remember some time ago, on a Sunday morning, my wife and I were doing our weekly trek to Yorkshire. She was driving and as we joined the motorway at junction 11, my phone rang. Before I could answer it she said "Who's that?"

I looked and said "I'll talk to you about it on Tuesday."

"Oh it's Kevin," came the reply. You knew you'd be on the phone for hours but it was always worth it.

Then there were the emails, or as I thought of them the gospel according to Kevin. A conversation where you put in a throw away thought or idea would prompt: "I'll think about that and drop you a few lines."

You'd open that mail and the few lines were usually two, three, four or more pages! He'd take that thought in whole new directions. You see, Kevin didn't think outside the box, he lived outside the box. He wasn't just a step ahead he was in the next county!

On visiting him at his home his first question was usually "tea or coffee?" You were getting a drink whether you wanted one or not!

A few minutes later I'd be presented with a mug.



"Kev, this is coffee, I asked for tea."

"No you didn't"

"Yes I did and it's got sugar in it! I gave up sugar years ago!"

"No you didn't"

In the end it was easier to just accept what you were given and just grin and bear it.

I'd then ask him how he was and the reply: "I'm ok, don't worry yourself about me. How are you? I've been worried about you."

That was the man, in his mind he didn't matter but you always did.

On one occasion, we were having a conversation; well, actually, Kev was having a conversation and I was managing to get the odd word in here and there. I honestly don't remember what it was about, but I then managed to do something reckless that I bitterly regretted; I uttered the fateful words:

"I'm sorry Kev but I must disagree with you there!"

Five to ten minutes later; I was thinking "Please Lord, make it stop. I promise I'll be good!"

I was also thinking about the one ninja skill he had completely mastered; otherwise known as the amazing disappearing Kevin Catlin!

The first time I experienced this was a Tuesday night game at Kenilworth road. We were sitting in the Kenny end, it wasn't a great match. There were 10 to 15 minutes to go and I was intently watching the game whilst talking to Kev.

I look around and he's gone. Vanished, there's no trace. Looking at the faces of the people sitting around me; I'm left wondering, just how long have I been talking to myself!

Later, when I spoke to him about it, all he said was: "I'd had enough."

"Well you could have said something!"

"Why?" That was all I was going to get from him.

Apparently I'm not the only one who's had this twilight zone experience. He'd done it on numerous occasions. He truly moves in mysterious ways!

I think I've finally worked out his secret; somehow he'd built a miniaturized Star Trek transporter and he kept it under his hat. That's the only logical and rational explanation.

I mentioned an impact earlier. There are many different types of impact but I think of a shooting star hitting the ground. What's left? A big hole in the ground, a crater. That's how I now feel and that's what we've been left with a massive hole in our lives but we need to remember that we have all been immeasurably enriched by this loveable, selfless and caring shooting star.

So I'll close with two song titles from Pink Floyd and a few lines from Gladiator:

"Shine on you crazy diamond, how I wish you were here. I will see you again but not yet, my friend, not yet."



I make no apologies for repeating this here. There are people stepping up to succeed him but they can never replace him.

RALLYING CRY

We now need our memories of Kevin to motivate us for what maybe the most important battle of all; for our future. I'm talking about the crucial developments of Newlands Park and Power Court and what these will mean for the club and the town.

Now we need everyone, not just supporters but the people of Luton, to pull together and do our utmost to make Capital and Regional accept the will of the people and drop the block.

Remember this is our town, this is our time.

**Tony Murray, Chairman,
Luton Town Supporters' Trust.**

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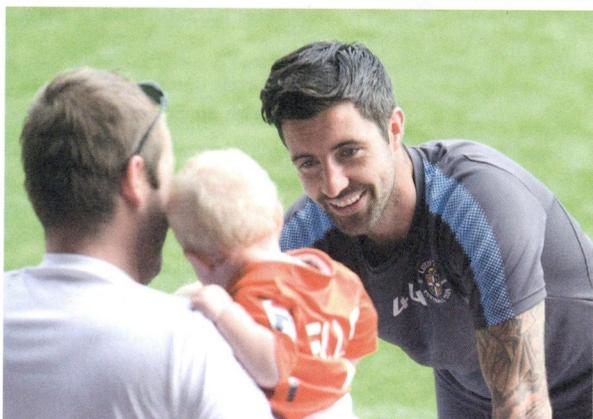
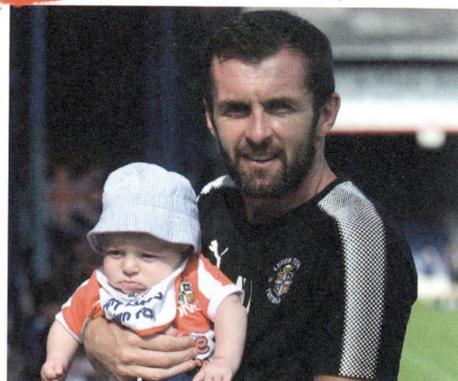
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NATHAN AND HIS SQUAD PUT ON AN OPEN TRAINING SESSION FOR YOUNG SUPPORTERS



Almost 350 supporters attended an open training session at Kenilworth Road recently and were given a great insight as to how Nathan Jones and the team go about their daily work at The Brache.

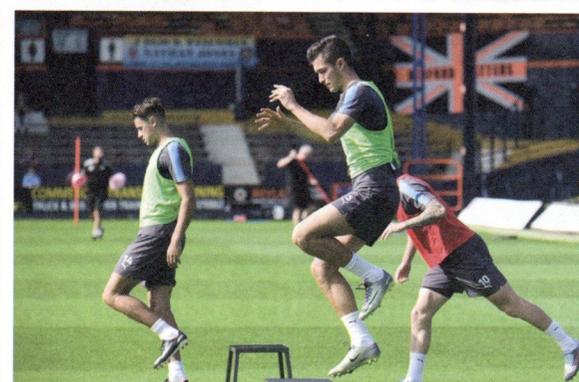
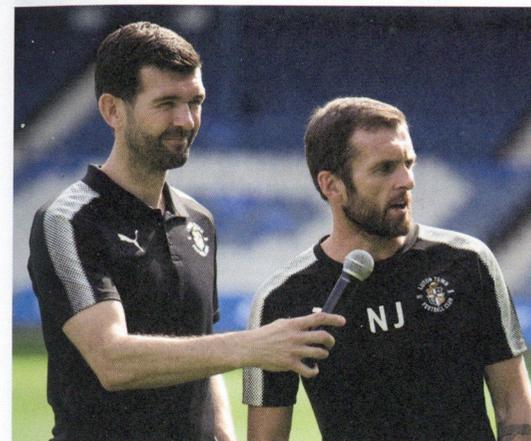
Junior Diamond season ticket holders were given free entry along with an accompany adult, with everyone else in the attendance of 334 paying £1 for entry – raising a terrific £240 for club charity of the year Transitions UK.

Nathan met fans young – very young in one case! – and slightly older in the Main Stand enclosure, posing for pictures and signing autographs while his squad went through their warm-up exercises. Then the gaffer took the mic to explain exactly what drills and games the players would be going through with the ball as a “reintegration day” after a tough test at Mansfield in the previous game.

The session closed with the whole squad spending 20 minutes mixing with the supporters, signing shirts, autograph books, programmes and posters – as well as smiling for selfies – to earn praise from many parents attending with their children.

Afterwards, the manager said: “Our supporters are excellent and really important to us, so this is a chance for us to give a little bit back to the fans in terms of giving them an insight and a closeness to the players that they don’t normally get, and it’s vital.

“All clubs do it – I know that – but our fans are so important to us. They are magnificent and we try to give them as much as we possibly can on the pitch, but if we can give them little extras as well, it’s vital. I wanted to tell them why we do things and give them the full package.”



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[KEVIN HARPER]

TOWN TRAVELLERS

LUTON TOWN SUPPORTERS' TRUST MEDIA OFFICER KEVIN HARPER'S VIEW FROM LINCOLN...

“ A game which never really matched the glorious skies it was played under. If it was a date you would have left before the main course rather than get to the taking it home to meet your parents stage!

We began well and on another day we may have scored, but the longer the match went on the harder it became to watch, with the ball in the air a lot, and a physical battle ensuing.

With my mind on both Sincil Bank and on my other sporting love Hampshire CCC at T20 Finals Day I found myself checking my phone for the cricket score more often than I had anticipated!

Given Lincoln's home form I don't think it was a bad result by any means. Had you offered me a point

when we set off mid-morning from Luton I would happily have taken it and in a match where neither keeper was severely tested or had much to do, I think that was a fair result.

Unfortunately, my delight at the point for the Town was tempered slightly by Hampshire snatching defeat from the jaws of victory in Birmingham, but it was hard to be too disappointed on what was otherwise a good day.

A clear journey home meant I was back for much of the cricket final.

Just a shame Hampshire were not in it.

Maybe they are saving it for a double celebration along with the Town in 2018! ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN LES MILLER!

Kevin Harper: How long have you supported Luton?

Les Miller: 52 years

When was your first Luton match?

I can't remember the exact match but it was in 1965. Before that the first game I had been to was between Bedford and Wisbech.

What made you first start going to Luton matches?

My father and grandfather took me.

Where do you sit at Kenilworth Road?

Kenilworth Lower. Block C.

Who do you go to matches with?

I go to home games with my father Doug, my brother Roger, his son Darren and his grandson Reece. My wife Sue also comes with me when her health allows. There are a group of us from the Bobbers Travel Club who sit together at away matches.

Who has been your favourite LTFC player?

David Moss

What is your favourite moment supporting the Town?

The 1988 Littlewoods Cup final win.

Who is your favourite Luton manager?

David Pleat

If you could invite five past or present LTFC connections to a dinner party who would you choose?

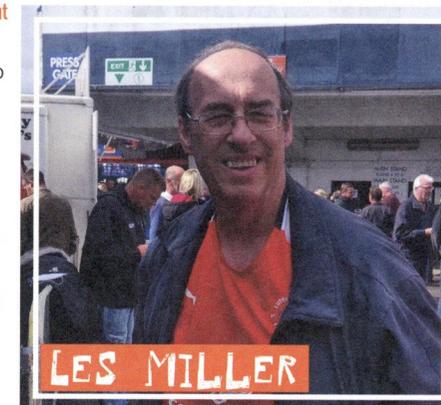
Graham French, Les Sealey, John Moore, Mick Harford and Eric Morecambe.

If you could bring one former Town player from the past back to play in the current team who would it be?

Graham French. As he was then, not now of course!

What does the club mean to you?

Some would use the word obsession! I have been involved in various



LES MILLER

organisations connected to the club as a committee member. These include the Bobbers Travel, Trust in Luton/LTST and FLAG. I've only missed eight league games since 1976 and seen LTFC play on 240 different grounds.

Describe LTFC in 3 words.

Ups and downs!

TOWN 0 : SWINDON 3



SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 8,455 | AWAY: 832

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, CUTHBERT ©, SHEEHAN, POTTS, MCCORMACK, O LEE (CORNICK 46), MPANZU, SHINNIE (REA 32), HYLTON (BERRY 74), COLLINS. | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, GAMBIN, E LEE, SHEA (GK)
YELLOW CARDS: COLLINS, SHEEHAN, POTTS | **RED CARD:** CUTHBERT

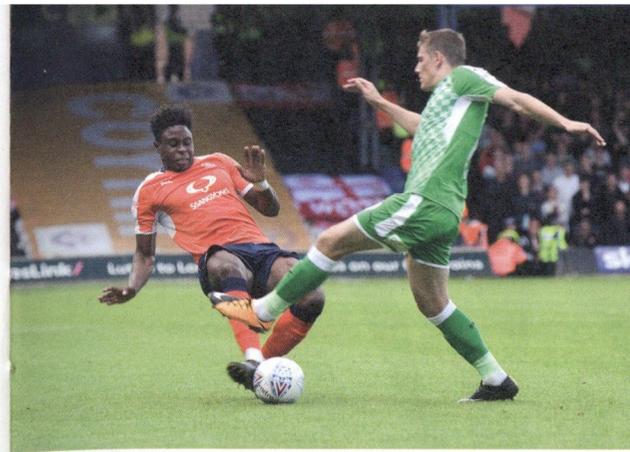
SWINDON: VIGOUROUX, PURKISS, LANCASHIRE ©, CONROY, HUSSEY, MULLIN, DUNNE, ELSNIK, ANDERSON (GORDON 82), NORRIS (TAYLOR 64), WOOLERY (LINGANZI 85). | **SUBS NOT USED:** ROBERTSON, BROPHY, SMITH, CHARLES-COOK (GK) | **YELLOW CARDS:** ANDERSON



THE MAIN MINUTES

- 9' Superb play on the left from the Hatters, James Collins plays it to Andrew Shinnie, he gets it into Dan Potts who puts in a low cross for Danny Hylton who was sprinting to get on the end of it but he can't direct it to goal! #COYH
- 29' Jack Stacey again with a great cross in from the right, Potts this time runs onto it but his volley from the edge of the Robins' box is just over! Great move. #COYH
- 32' PENALTY TO SWINDON. Red card for Scott Cuthbert as he pulls down Keshi Anderson with the striker denied a clear goalscoring opportunity. Luke Norris takes the spot-kick and sends Marek Stech the wrong way, giving the visitors the lead. 0-1 #COYH

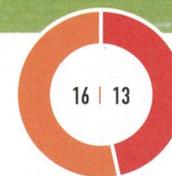
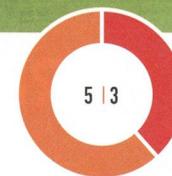
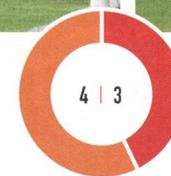
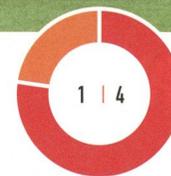
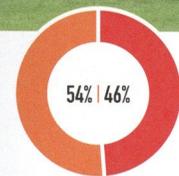
- 46' Town bring on Harry Cornick for Olly Lee, as Nathan Jones' side go to a 4-2-3, the Hatters full-backs pushing right up. Positive set-up from the gaffer. #COYH
- 51' GOAL for Swindon. Chris Hussey curls the ball into the Town net from 18 yards with the outside of his left boot. 0-2 #COYH
- 62' GOAL to Swindon. Paul Mullin hammers in at the back stick from a right-wing cross. 0-3 #COYH
- 84' Collins is fouled just outside the Swindon box, Alan Sheehan takes it and forces a good save from Lawrence Vigouroux, with the visitors able to clear.



JONES:

"I am bit shell-shocked really, because we went down to ten men and it was my decision to be a little bit more positive."

"When we have been down to ten men before we have clawed the game back. I am just disappointed with the result. We had started OK in terms of moving the ball well, when we gave it away they had set up to contain us and hit us on the counter-attack, and I felt we were trying to force the issue, and then obviously the penalty changed the whole course of the game."





GET GAME READY



BRING IT ON!

[ALAN MCCORMACK ON SWINDON]

MACCA'S OUT TO MAKE UP FOR SATURDAY

MIDFIELDER IS STILL LEARNING ABOUT HIS GAME, EVEN AT THE AGE OF 33

Winning the man-of-the-match award was little consolation for the 3-0 defeat suffered against his old club Swindon for midfielder Alan McCormack, who vowed to spend Saturday night studying his own game in order to improve for tonight's game against Port Vale.

It says much for the 33-year-old's appetite for the game that his first experience of defeat at Kenilworth Road would prove educational for him, after battling away right to the death against the side he helped to promotion from League Two five years ago.

McCormack said: "It's football at the end of the day. You're paid to work hard and it's an extremely hard job at times. Today was a hard day for us in terms of being a man down.

"Man of the match for getting beat 3-0 is not something I really aspire to, but people have to pick it and people have to do a job, so appreciation to them.

"I'm sure every player that is given the award when they've been beaten feels the same way - that they'd rather have the three points than the award.

"But it's done now and I want to go home and watch my clips tonight, and try and move on and become better from it for Tuesday."

McCormack felt the Town were in control of the game, having created good early openings for Olly Lee and Danny Hylton, and a volley for Dan Potts, before Scott Cuthbert was

shown a straight red card for hauling down Keshi Anderson and Luke Norris slotted home the 32nd-minute penalty opener.

"Until the sending off I thought we were quite comfortable," he said. "I thought we had control of the game without creating too many opportunities, and then the penalty happened, the decision was made and Scottie left the field.

"From then on it became more and more difficult for us to get into their box to create anything. We did try to change things at half-time, changed formation and shape to try and cause them more problems down their sides.

"But they dropped deep and tried to play on the counter and they came away with the result."

At the interval, McCormack felt the Hatters were still in with every chance of making it three wins from three at home, with manager Nathan Jones throwing Harry Cornick into a three-man attack to try to take the game to Swindon.

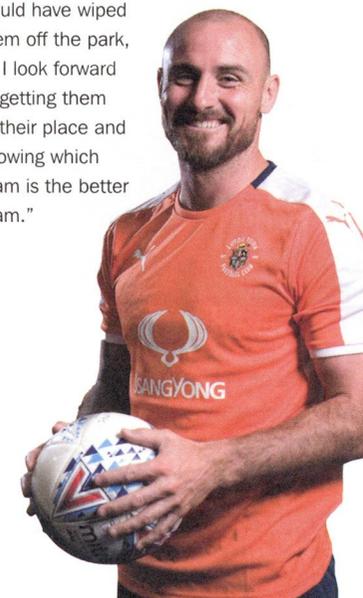
"Even at half-time the conversation between ourselves was 'Look, stay patient'," he said. "We still had a massive belief that we could create

chances and we changed formation. We knew that we could get chances, we knew we could get inside.

"But we've just got to give Swindon credit at the end of the day. They did defend well, they stopped what we had and in the end we ran out of steam a little bit.

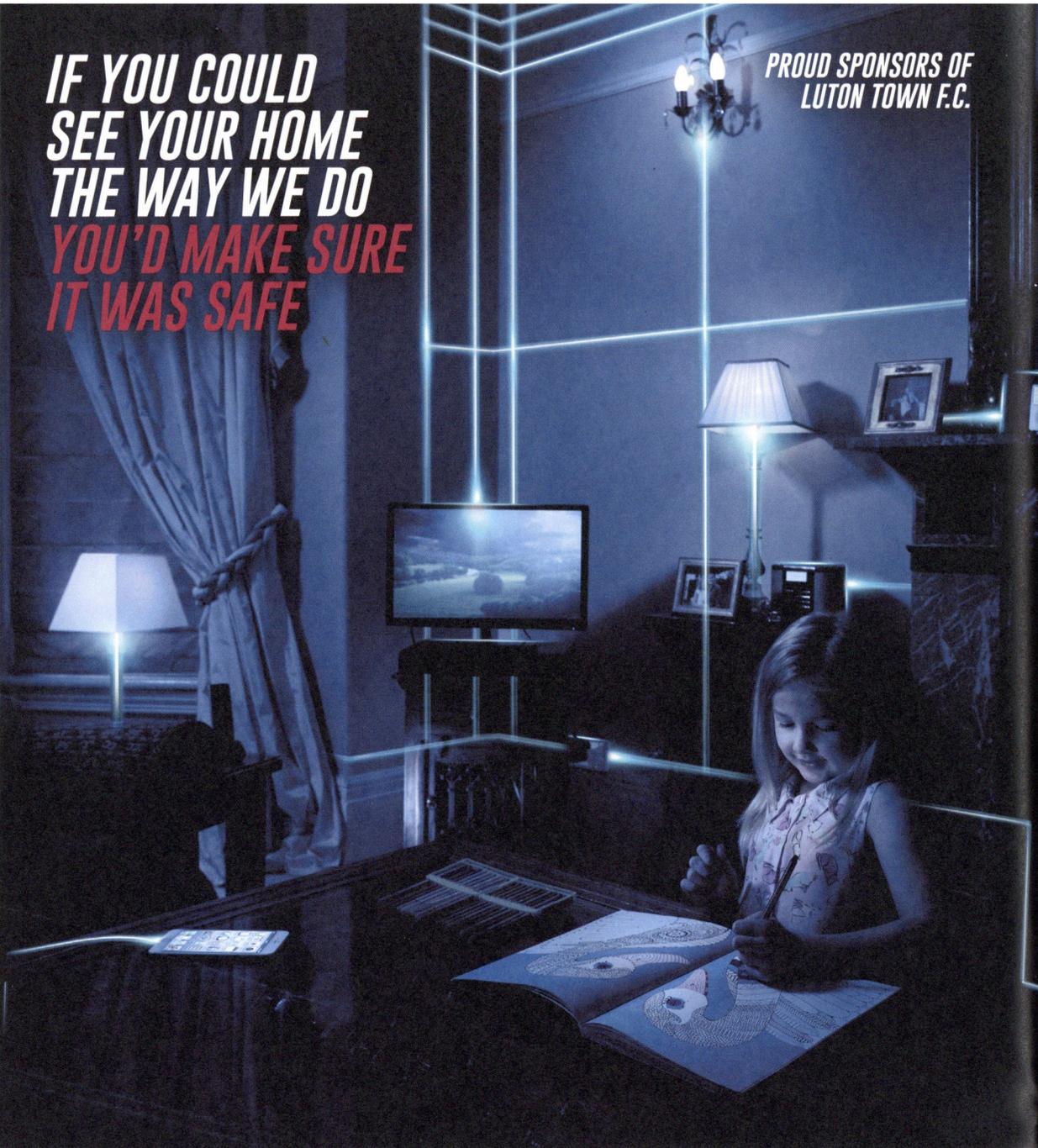
"I thought we controlled the possession in the second half, but just couldn't create anything and being a man down, they could just set up numbers to over-press and have extra bodies in certain places.

"At 11 v 11, I've got no doubt we would have wiped them off the park, so I look forward to getting them at their place and showing which team is the better team."



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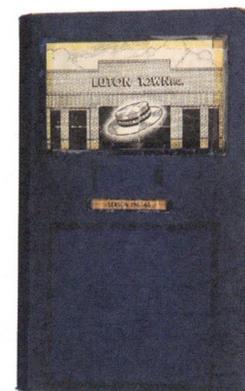
WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

PART FOUR

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...



After suffering the first defeat of the season at Southend due, in the main, to injuries to crucial players, Luton manager Allan Brown had several days to ensure that the 'walking wounded' would be fit to face unbeaten Hartlepool United at Kenilworth Road on 9th September.

He succeeded on most fronts but would still be without big centre-forward Rodney Green, who was due to see a specialist regarding his knee injury.

A healthy crowd of 8,347 gathered partly to see whether the Southend defeat was a one-off, and also to witness the 'attractive girls in white sweaters and black skirts' who would be selling tickets for the Hatters new jackpot scheme.

Hartlepool seemed intent on sticking with the point they started the game with and funnelled men behind the ball at every opportunity. That being said, the Town missed several good scoring opportunities in the first half, and just when the forwards seemed to have run out of ideas, Bruce Rioch

netted his fifth goal in seven games with what was fast becoming a typical effort.

Picking up the ball just inside the Hartlepool half, he surged past three defenders before drawing the goalkeeper and passing into an empty net. A goal fit to win any game, and this one did.

My scrapbook was just about to get much better as, on the Monday following the Hartlepool game, came the first edition of the Evening Post. Bold and brash in a way that the rather more considered Luton News wasn't, we now got banner headlines, a column written by the manager and all sorts of gossip in those pre-internet days.

The Evening Post's football reporter, Roger Duckworth, had a plum game to start his away trips following the Town around the country with a midweek visit to Leeds in the second round of the League Cup the following Wednesday.



Hatters play their hearts out



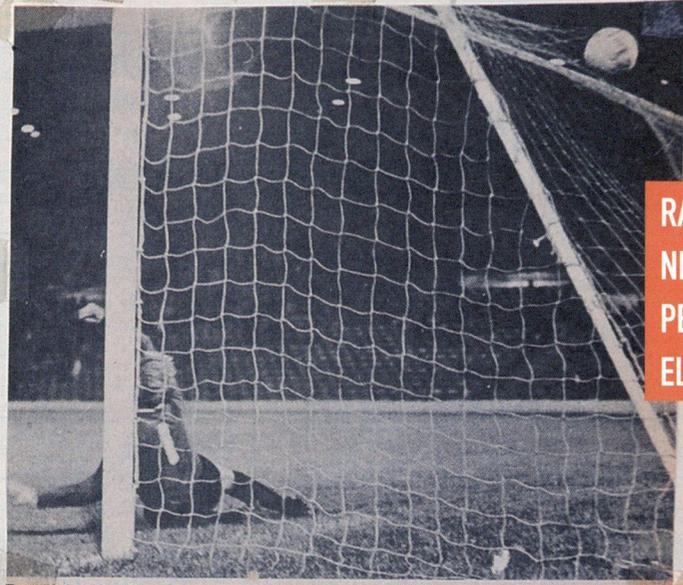
Keith Allen makes a valiant scoring attempt in the second half, while Jackie Charlton watches. Sprake smothered the shot.

Tommy Nero gives away a corner in a hectic moment in the early minutes, while apparently making a back for Jackie Charlton.

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COURAGEOUS
TOWN BOW OUT
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RAY WHITTAKER
NETS A LIFELINE
PENALTY AT
ELLAND ROAD

Town's 'keeper Tony Read punches clear from a corner kick by Greenhoff. Remember, in all the pictures Town are in dark strip — they played in all scarlet.

The net bulges. Gary Sprake, Leeds' Welsh international goalkeeper, dives desperately — and Luton have scored. The man responsible: Ray Whittaker, with a 62nd minute penalty.



TONY READ
COLLECTS



Happy Hatters on the Bobbers coach to Leeds



Allan Brown had been to watch Leeds, who were then one of the top teams in the country, and reckoned that he had spotted one or two 'chinks in their armour'. He was hoping for a money-spinning replay!

A crowd of 11,473 were present to see the Town set up defensively against a full-strength Leeds and manage to hold out for almost an hour before Peter Lorimer netted with a shot that hit a defender and the post before nestling in the net. Four minutes later the Hatters were thrown a lifeline when Leeds goalkeeper Gary Sprake upended Micky Brown in the area, with Ray Whittaker calmly netting the resulting penalty. Sadly, the Town could not hold out and two more goals from Lorimer, one from the spot after John Moore handled, and a flying header meant that we were beaten but not disgraced.

In what was to become an ongoing tradition with Roger Duckworth, we were treated to the first of his 'bloke behind me in the stand' quotes. This one said: 'It's laughable to think that Luton are in the Fourth Division and Leeds in the First. This Luton team will go far.'

Next up was a third trip of the season to Wales, with Newport the destination for a Saturday afternoon fixture. With Green about to undergo a cartilage operation we were still light up front, especially as winger Graham French was missing as he had been at Leeds. Rumours were now going

the rounds that we were about to dip into the transfer market for another forward.

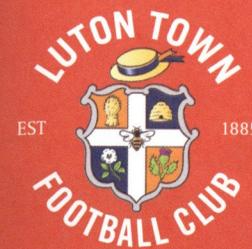
The two previous trips to the Principality, to Wrexham and Swansea, had ended in draws and the Town were now hoping for the first away win of the season against the weakest of the Welsh sides.

The midweek exertions had got the better of the players though and the first half display at Somerton Park was a complete anti-climax. Newport, with ex-Hatter Gerry King unstoppable, were rampant and the Town struggled to get out of their own half.

It was a surprise that we managed to keep a clean sheet until a minute before the interval, when the boot of King put the home side deservedly ahead.

The second half started no better and, on the hour, Allan Brown decided to take advantage of the change in the substitution law and take off an uninjured player, Micky Brown, and replace him with Alan Slough. Within a minute, Slough had levelled the score with a rocket shot.

The game was suddenly more even and degenerated into a hacking contest, culminating in Newport's Alan Wood being dismissed in the final minute after kicking Rioch. Gaining a point when not playing well was promotion form we all told ourselves!



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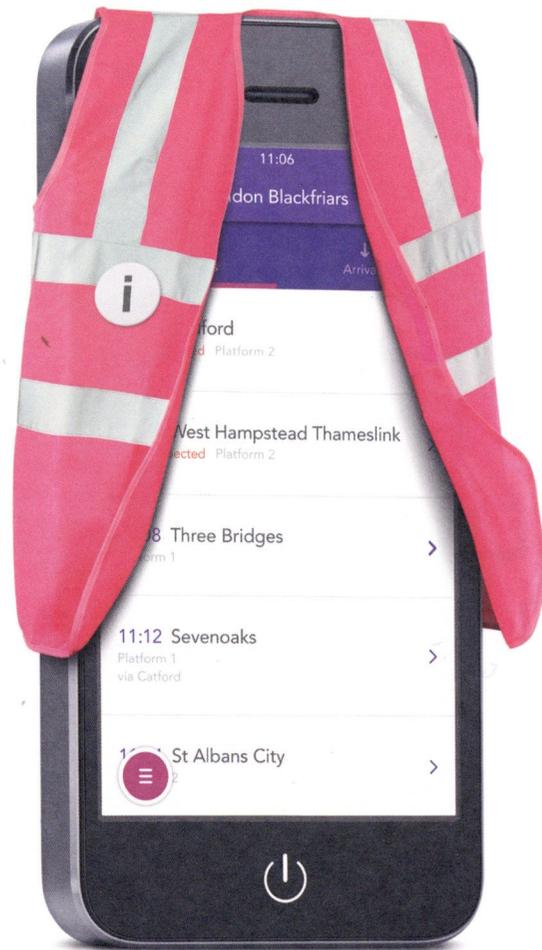
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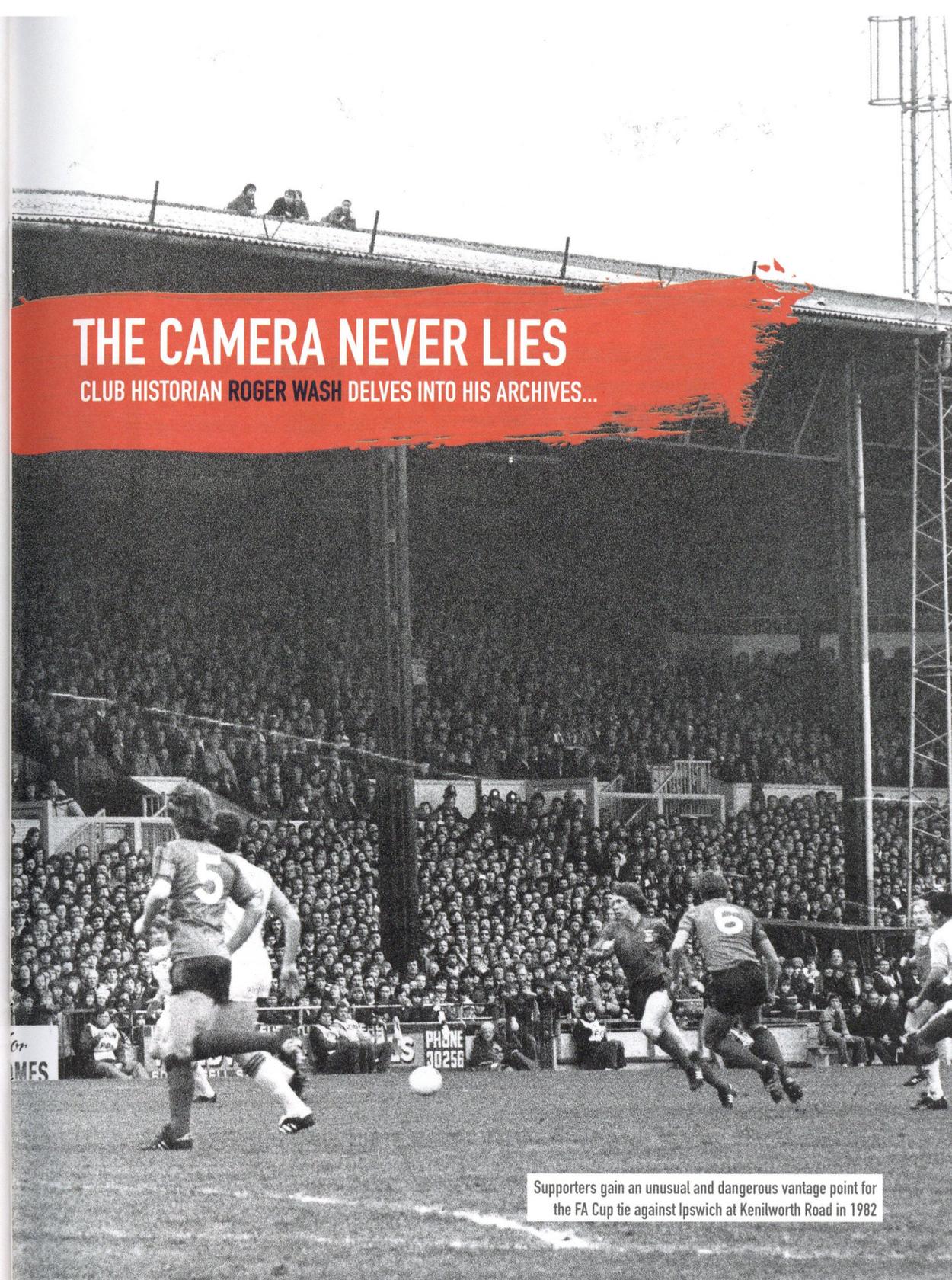
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CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

Supporters gain an unusual and dangerous vantage point for the FA Cup tie against Ipswich at Kenilworth Road in 1982

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MICHAEL SHAMALO

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 POSITION: STRIKER

YOUTH PROFILE

Year you joined the Hatters?
2009

Describe your playing style in three words:
Pace, feet, finishing

Aspect of your game you would most like to improve on?
Movement off the ball

Your most talented team mate?
Former team mate Jack Snelus

Which first team player do you look up to?
Elliot Lee

Favourite music artist?:
K-Trap

Favourite food?
Plantains

Biggest influence on your career?
Zinedine Zidane

Player you used to pretend to be as a kid?
Ronaldinho

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

To be playing in the Premier League and Champions League, scoring goals every season



Andy Awford
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ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's game versus Port Vale.

U18S

The Youth team suffered a disappointing 2-0 defeat away at Gillingham on Saturday. Another tight game saw us come out second best, after again failing to convert chances. Another missed penalty at 1-0 down summed up our league programme so far this season, and then conceding the second to the last kick of the game was a tad harsh. A steep learning curve for the boys, however they must start to score more goals from the chances that are created. Individually there were some positives and the boys will have had the opportunity to put things right quickly as we entertained Plymouth Argyle at Ely Way earlier today in the second round of the Southern Alliance League Cup.

INIGO IDIAKEZ

I am delighted to welcome Inigo to the football club as he assumes the role of U18 coach. After a thorough interview process, Inigo was identified as our number one target and I am thrilled that he has accepted to take on the challenge to continue to add our homegrown players to the first team squad.

Having previously coached within the Academy at Leicester City and also having worked in the first team environment at Leicester and Derby County, Inigo will bring fresh and new

ideas as well as good experience that will add to the existing staff knowledge and skill set.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Academy staff, in particular Jordan McCann, for helping me with the U18s' schedule since the start of pre-season. In typical Hatters style, the staff have all mucked in and it is great to work alongside such good people.

Good luck Inigo and welcome aboard!

TYRELLE NEWTON

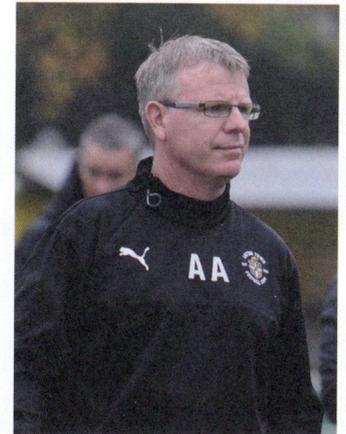
Well done to Tyrelle Newton, who has just returned from an U15 England training camp. Tyrelle is one of our U14 Academy players and therefore to be selected for the camp at an age group higher is a tremendous achievement on his part. Well done Tyrelle!!

ACADEMY MATCHES

It has been great to see so many fans at our games recently. For those who are not aware, our U18s and U16s play their home games at Ely Way on a Saturday morning (11am kick-offs), with the schoolboys (U9-U14s) also playing there on a Sunday morning (11am kick-offs). All supporters are more than welcome to come along and cheer the boys on.

Enjoy tonight's game. COYH!

Andy



EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST DIVISION FIXTURES 2017/18

Sat Aug 5	Dag & Red	A	L 0-2
Sat Aug 12	Leyton Orient	A	W 1-0
Sat Aug 19	Barnet	A	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	L 0-2
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	
Sat Oct 14	AFC Wimbledon	A	
Sat Oct 21	Southend United	H	
Sat Oct 28	P P'borough Utd	A	
Sat Nov 11	Gillingham	H	
Sat Nov 18	Stevenage	A	
Sat Nov 25	Cambridge Utd	A	
Sat Dec 2	MK Dons	H	
Sat Dec 9	N'hampton Town	A	
Sat Dec 16	AFC Wimbledon	H	
Sat Jan 6	Dag & Red	H	
Sat Jan 20	Leyton Orient	H	
Sat Jan 27	Barnet	H	



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The Hatters coaches are all running in the Love Luton 10K race in October to raise the £1,000 needed to provide Jason, who has learning disabilities, with the special support he needs to complete the challenges needed to earn his Gold Award, which will involve two weeks away in the Lake District climbing and camping.

Jason has been a Hatters fan since he was born, thanks in whole to his family. He is a devoted follower and supporter attending all home games with mum and dad, and frequently travelling to support them on away games.

Jason is a genuinely great young man. He enjoys playing football having been in the school team since it started, and

more recently stepping into the captain's 'boots' to lead the team. With the additional support he requires, he is hoping to complete his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and go to Buckingham Palace to receive his award.

School Sport Support Manager, James Hatch, said: "Woodlands School contacted us to see if we could support Jason with his huge challenge and learning he was a massive Luton fan, our coaching staff decided to take on a slightly easier challenge to support him.

"We've set up a donate page on our community website at www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk where anyone can donate and sponsor a coach. It looks like it could be a bit of a popularity contest!"

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PRE-SEASON GAMES

The last week of the school holidays turned out to be one of the Trust's busiest weeks on record with over 40 development fixtures and assessment games for over 500 of our young recruited players and trialists against teams from Norwich City, MK Dons, Cambridge Utd and Derby County.

All of these boys start their journey for an academy place at our Centre of Excellence Centres in Luton, Dunstable, Kempston and Stotfold, which have over 350 boys who we see long term development potential with a further 140 boys signed at our Luton Pre-Academy level for boys with shorter term potential. The pre-academy boys train with the club twice a week and remain with their local club sides,

while the boys at Centre of Excellence train once a week while remaining with their local club. At the same time, all of the boys play around ten games a season, mostly during school holidays for the club against other professional clubs – the boys now have fixtures coming up in October with Coventry City, Ipswich Town and Stevenage.

These games are invaluable in assessing which boys are ready for progression. It is a huge pool of local talent supporting the academy, making sure our youth talent identification programme works effectively for both Luton Town FC and for local boys playing in local leagues.





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HATTERS LADIES

HATTERS MAKE IT A HAT-TRICK TO GO TOP OF THE LEAGUE

After winning both their opening league games before losing in the cup last week, the Hatters Ladies were on the hunt for a third win in a row to go top of the league when they played host to Haringey Borough Women's FC on Sunday.

Haringey had lost both games heavily and so manager Nikki Baker opted to go on the attack, playing 3-4-3.

This soon paid off as the front three were causing issues straightaway, with Zara Carroll and Dionne Manning both sending headers just wide.

Five minutes in, Jodie Bellinger was fouled in the box and Jo Rutherford converted well from 12 yards to give the Town the lead.

Soon after, Rutherford hit the post as she curled a corner in, and Bellinger then doubled her side's advantage, scoring from close range.

On the half-hour mark, Bellinger had the ball in the net again, but it was harshly ruled out for offside. This didn't stop her as she soon scored her second of the game, converting the rebound after Manning's shot was well saved.

Early in the second half, Carroll delivered a free-kick and Rutherford was shoved in the back, resulting in another penalty which Rutherford smashed into the top corner.

Haringey then pulled a goal back from a rare attack, before Rebecca Kane came on and scored with almost her first touch to make the score 5-1.

Baker said: "It is really pleasing to win the first three games. The girls have worked hard and scored some good goals.

"We have been in and around the top four for the last three seasons and we want to push on now and be a real title contender."



Jo Rutherford

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	W 5-1
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	
Sun Apr 29	Actonions	A	
Sun May 13	Actonions	H	

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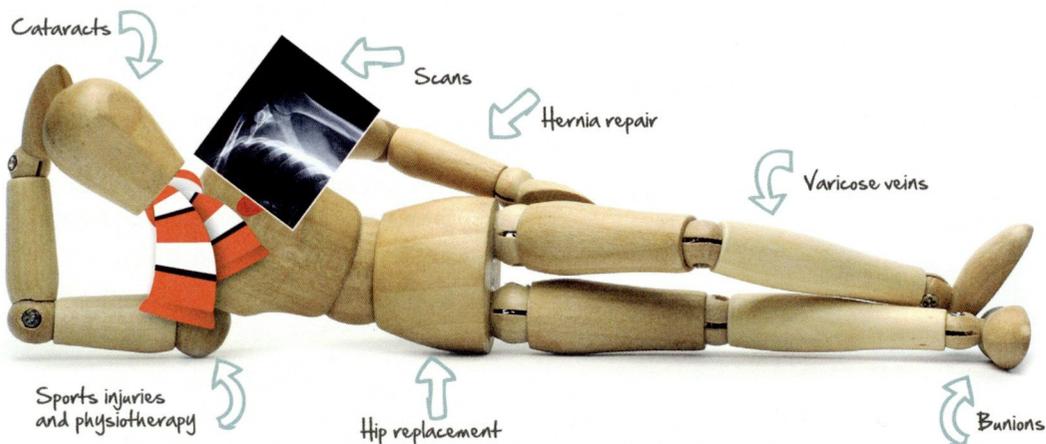
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DUGOUT HATTERS

This season, we're selecting Junior Hatters and their families from the crowd to come and sit in the dugout during the players' warm up.

Many supporters have never seen the stadium from this perspective before, so it's a great experience. On Saturday we welcomed Aimee, Rebecca, Barry, Finley, Zac and Louise into the home dugout along with matchday volunteer Jenny. Some of the players came across to say hello and sign autographs. We hope you all enjoyed it!



CODY'S QUESTIONS

Young Cody McKee was the lucky winner of an opportunity to interview Hatters midfielder Lawson D'Ath on Saturday, after his dad pre-ordered him a Happy Harry's lunch bag for the Swindon match. Cody spent a few minutes with Lawson, asking him about his memories of being a young player. You can watch the interview in full on our youtube.com channel now: www.youtube.com/lutontown.

FAMILY FUN!

Saturday's 'Family Fun Day' went off with a bang or two - the sound of balloons popping at the Kenilworth Road end! Supporters enjoyed the extra activities, which included singer 'Rivers', face masks, a balloon modeller, face painter, candy floss, ice cream van, inflatable goal and much more. Our next family fun day is on 14th October for our match against Stevenage.



JUNIOR HATTERS MEMBERSHIP PACKS

We're excited to let you know that the all-new Junior Hatters membership packs are now available! These superb packs contain a Luton Town pencil and pen, a rubber, autograph book and a membership badge - everything you need as a Junior Hatter. Junior season ticket holders can pick their packs up FREE from the ticket office from today, along with a welcome letter and new membership card.

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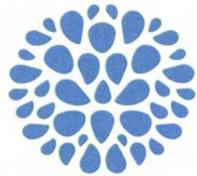


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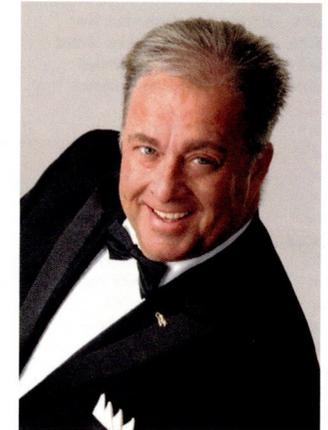
Master of Ceremonies: **Ian Richards**

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Date: **Saturday 7th October**



Micky Quinn is a well known ex-professional footballer (Portsmouth, Newcastle, Coventry) who now works at TalkSPORT as a football guru. With a wealth of experience in the game, Micky has some great stories and anecdotes and is a much sought after speaker.



Ian Richards is a highly professional and hugely popular Master of Ceremonies and after dinner speaker and a great supporter of the local community. Ian has been King Rat of the Grand Order of Water Rats in 2016 and 2017, a great accolade from his fellow performers and we are delighted to have secured his services for what should be a super night out.

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FIXTURESPILE-UP

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

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 Fawcett Senior Bakinson Cook
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	W 3-0	7,865	445	3	Stech Stacey McCormack Sheehan Potts 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	L 0-3	8,455	832	13	Stech Stacey Cuthbert ● Sheehan Potts McCormack O. Lee ●
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Port Vale					
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Chesterfield					
Tue 26	7.45pm	A	Morecambe					
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Newport County					
OCTOBER								
Tue 3	7.45pm	H	Barnet (Trophy)					
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley					
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Stevenage					
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Exeter City					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Coventry City					
Tue 31	7.45pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Trophy)					
NOVEMBER								
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town					
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United					
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United					
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra					
DECEMBER								
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Notts County					
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town					
Tue 26	3.00pm	A	Swindon Town					
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Port Vale					
JANUARY								
Mon 1	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City					
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers					
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Chesterfield					
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Morecambe					
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town					
FEBRUARY								
Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City					
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Stevenage					
Tue 13	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town					
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Coventry City					
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town					
MARCH								
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley					
Fri 16	7.45pm	A	Newport County					
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Barnet					
Fri 30	3.00pm	A	Colchester United					
APRIL								
Mon 2	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town					
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town					
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers					
MAY								
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County					

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LAST WEEKEND'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS

- Accrington Stanley 3-0 Carlisle United
- Barnet 3-1 Cambridge United
- Colchester United 3-1 Crawley Town
- Coventry City 1-0 Port Vale
- Crewe Alexandra 5-1 Chesterfield
- Forest Green Rovers 1-3 Exeter City
- Luton Town 0-3 Swindon Town
- Mansfield Town 4-1 Grimsby Town
- Newport County 0-0 Wycombe Wanderers
- Notts County 2-0 Morecambe
- Stevenage 1-2 Lincoln City
- Yeovil Town 0-0 Cheltenham Town

TONIGHT'S FIXTURES

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

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LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

	THIS SEASON							LTCF CAREER TOT	
	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL	DISIP	Y	R	APPS	GLS	
1 Exeter City	6	5	1	0	11	5	6	16	
2 Accrington Stanley	6	4	1	1	14	8	6	13	
3 Notts County	6	4	1	1	11	7	4	13	
4 Crewe Alexandra	6	3	2	1	10	5	5	11	
5 Stevenage	6	3	2	1	10	7	3	11	
6 Wycombe Wanderers	6	3	2	1	13	11	2	11	
7 Barnet	6	3	1	2	10	6	4	10	
8 Coventry City	6	3	1	2	6	3	3	10	
9 Swindon Town	6	3	1	2	8	9	-1	10	
10 Mansfield Town	6	2	3	1	12	8	4	9	
11 Lincoln City	6	2	3	1	9	6	3	9	
12 Newport County AFC	6	2	3	1	9	6	3	9	
13 LUTON TOWN	6	2	2	2	13	8	5	8	
14 Colchester United	6	2	1	3	10	10	0	7	
15 Cambridge United	6	2	1	3	4	6	-2	7	
16 Carlisle United	6	2	1	3	8	11	-3	7	
17 Yeovil Town	6	2	1	3	10	16	-6	7	
18 Crawley Town	6	2	0	4	7	8	-1	6	
19 Grimsby Town	6	2	0	4	8	13	-5	6	
20 Morecambe	6	1	2	3	4	7	-3	5	
21 Cheltenham Town	6	1	1	4	5	10	-5	4	
22 Forest Green Rovers	6	1	1	4	9	18	-9	4	
23 Chesterfield	6	1	1	4	5	14	-9	4	
24 Port Vale	6	1	0	5	5	9	-4	3	

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON							LTCF CAREER TOT					
	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL	DISIP	Y	R	APPS	GLS					
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	6	0	
Luke Berry	1	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	1	(2)	0	1	0	3	0
James Collins	6	(0)	5	1	(0)	0	7	(0)	5	1	0	7	5
Jordan Cook	0	(3)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(3)	0	2	0	47	4
Harry Cornick	0	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(4)	0	0	0	5	0
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	5	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	1	1	92	2
Lawson D'Ath	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	13	0
Akin Fawcett	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	4	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	5	(0)	1	0	0	52	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)	2	3	(0)	1	0	0	16	4
Ollie Lee	5	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	2	0	0	86	6
Alan McCormack	6	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	6	(0)	1	3	0	6	1
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	1	0	(1)	1	0	0	44	8
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	6	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0	125	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	6	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	6	(0)	1	3	0	50	2
Glen Rea	2	(4)	0	1	(0)	0	3	(4)	0	2	0	66	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	6	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	2	0	68	4
Andrew Shinnie	5	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Jack Stacey	6	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	0	0	7	0
Marek Stech	6	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	7	(0)	0	1	0	7	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

*Score at full-time: 2-2. (Hatters won 4-2 on penalties for a bonus point)



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There has been much comment about the mind-boggling amount of money that swirled around the upper echelons of European football this last close season.

It wouldn't be too bad if a fair proportion filtered down to the grass-roots instead of a lot of it landing up in the deep pockets of agents. Indeed, some say that the very future of the game we all love depends upon it.

How things have changed. I was passed a letter last week by the son of a man selected to play for a Luton Town representative side in 1935. He was told to "bring along his own boots" in time to meet the rest of the team to catch a bus to the away match.

Meanwhile, there has been widespread debate about the new Wales teenage wonderkid, Liverpool's 17-year-old Ben Woodburn. Off the bench to score the vital winner that took the Welsh three points above close rivals Austria the weekend before last, he was at it again last Tuesday, coming on to get an even more important assist for their opener in Moldova after 80 minutes of toil by his starting team-mates.

Born and raised in England of English parents, his decision to plight his troth with Wales has received plenty

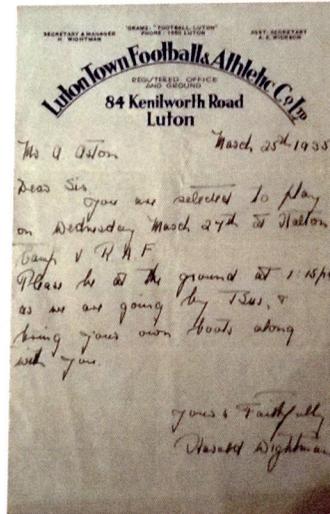
of scorn from my fellow journalists.

The truth is that he has never appeared for England at any level, has lived within a couple of miles from the Welsh border and probably heard tales of the Dragons derring-do on his Grandfather's knee.

My message to detractors of the talented youngster is 'pick on the myriad, more blatant examples of country switching in the sporting world'. Have a look at rugby union for a start. South Africans, New Zealanders and South Pacific Islanders in home country teams, let alone those in Australian line ups. And what about the South Africans on the England cricket scene; going back to Tony Greig, with Kevin Pietersen, Matt Prior and more following on.

I am reminded of a remarkable statistic I would have been proud to have researched. Hatters supporters of (quite) a few years standing will remember Tony Grealish. In his playing days my late father and I had season tickets in the Bobbers Stand, before the boxes materialised.

A feisty midfielder, when Paddy thrived, Luton thrived. On other



occasions – let us be kind, and say the Town suffered the inconsistency we have seen all too often since.

Grealish was a Republic of Ireland international. The remarkable stat is that he, along with the vast majority of the Republic's team and squad at that time, were born in Greater London.

So, let's give the lad Woodburn a break and enjoy the boy's talent regardless, whenever he turns out for Liverpool. And Wales.

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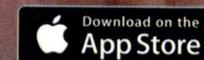


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- 7 Jack Stacey
- 8 Olly Lee
- 9 Danny Hylton
- 10 Jordan Cook
- 11 Andrew Shinnie
- 14 Harry Cornick
- 16 Glen Rea
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu
- 18 Luke Berry
- 19 James Collins
- 21 Jack Senior
- 22 Luke Gambin
- 24 Lawson D'Ath
- 27 Aaron Jarvis
- 33 Kavan Cotter
- 35 Arthur Read
- 36 James Shea
- 37 Frankie Musonda
- 38 Elliot Lee
- 39 Akin Famewo
- 40 Harry Isted
- 44 Alan Sheehan



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MICHAEL BROWN

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- 2 Lawrie Wilson
- 3 Tyler Denton
- 5 Joe Davis
- 6 Antony Kay
- 7 Marcus Harness
- 8 Danny Pugh
- 9 Tom Pope
- 10 David Worrall
- 11 Cristian Montano
- 12 Sam Hornby
- 14 Tyrone Barnett
- 15 Anton Forrester
- 16 Adam Yates
- 17 Michael Brown
- 18 Billy Reeves
- 19 Dan Turner
- 20 Graham Kelly
- 21 James Gibbons
- 22 Rekeil Pyke
- 23 Ryan Boot
- 24 Nathan Smith
- 25 Charlie Walford
- 28 Anthony de Freitas
- 29 Mike Calveley
- 30 Kjell Knops
- 31 Ben Whitfield
- 32 Michael Tonge
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