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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

I'd like to welcome everyone to Kenilworth Road this afternoon, including all who have made the trip from Chesterfield for this Sky Bet League Two fixture.

Just as when they last visited us at the start of the year in the Checkatrade Trophy, our visitors are in a period of transition having parted company with manager Gary Caldwell last weekend.

However, we know that with plenty of higher level experience in their squad, having been in League One last season, the Spireites will present another difficult test – after which we hope their supporters, directors, officials, caretaker-manager Guy Branston, his staff and their players have a safe journey back to Derbyshire.

Has everyone got their breath back after last Saturday's last-gasp win at Wycombe? It was some finish to the afternoon, and I've got to admit, I didn't enjoy anything about it up until the 90th minute. But what a way to win the game.

Of course, we'd all like to win every match comfortably, playing great football from the first kick to the last. But the reality is that in League Two, you've got to earn the right to play and for long parts of the game at Adams Park, we didn't really do that.

I learned a valuable lesson from my assistant Paul Hart immediately after the final whistle about looking at the way I approach some of the away games, and as someone whose opinion I value greatly, I've listened.

Harty has been a mentor for me since I first worked with him at Charlton. He's a massive part of what we are trying to do here, continuously working to help make the players, staff and myself improve with the benefit of his experience and knowledge of the game.

Although Wycombe had the better of the first half, we did have a goal ruled out that should have stood, and we

should have had another penalty when Dan Potts was fouled, to go alongside the one that Danny Hylton saw saved in the early stages of the second half.

The character we showed to keep going right until the 98th minute was first class, and I praise the players for that, just as when they fought back from 2-0 down to take a point at Mansfield recently.

They don't know when they are beaten, and now – having put the Swindon result behind us with the 2-0 win over Port Vale in our last outing here – we have an opportunity to make it three successive wins and inch closer to the top of the table, which is where we want to be.

It took us until the final game of last season to put three straight victories together, but we are a different proposition this time around and we can't allow ourselves to be left to rue missed opportunities again.

Your unconditional support is crucial in ensuring that isn't the case. At 1-0 down last Saturday, you stuck with us and the noise in the closing stages, not to mention the scenes that followed the final whistle, was of utter jubilation. We want that to continue into today.

The lads are all fighting fit and ready to go, with some of them who haven't had so much game time of late taking the opportunity to play some excellent football and get on the scoresheet in the development match at Brentford on Tuesday.

As always, please get behind them this afternoon and make the old place rock.

Enjoy the game.

[SIMON GIBB]



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR **SIMON GIBB**

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for the visit of Chesterfield for our Sky Bet League Two encounter.

We welcome Chesterfield and their fans. This will be the third home game on the trot that we have entertained one of the teams that came down last season and Chesterfield come to us having had a disappointing start to the season culminating in Gary Caldwell, their manager, leaving after the defeat to Accrington Stanley last Saturday.

We, of course, played Chesterfield during our run to the last four of the Checktrade Trophy last year and recorded a fine 4-0 victory. It is never easy playing teams that have come down, or for that matter one who have just released their manager, but let's hope we can repeat last season's efforts today.

We come to today's game following two excellent wins over Port Vale and then a fabulous result to turn around a one-goal deficit to beat Wycombe in injury-time last week. Both the comeback at Mansfield and the very late win last week demonstrate the focus, fitness and commitment of the lads – it also demonstrates the impact of the fantastic away support we get every week from yourselves!

There have been a lot of changes this year to the squad and it takes time for the players to build understanding

with their new team-mates and adapt to their roles within the management ethos, but we as a board are very pleased with progress so far.

Indeed, all of the new players have made significant contributions through goals, penalty saves, man of the match performances, etc, which is great to see. Alan McCormack has even managed to pick up the Sky Bet League Two Goal of the Month for August for his superb volley in the opening day win at Yeovil!

FANTASTIC

It is really important that at this early stage we stay in touch with the top few teams and the fantastic win last week means we remain in good shape in fourth spot. I look forward to hearing you all getting behind the lads today as we seek the next three points to push us towards the top of the table!

On a sad note, we have recently been informed of the passing of two major contributors to our club in the past. Firstly, Mike Watson-Challis, a former owner of the club, and secondly our former kit man George Rogers. There will be a period of applause today where you can express your gratitude as a supporter.

Although we would have liked to keep the likes of Cameron McGeehan and Isaac Vassell in our squad, the levels of the financial offers received, their desires to move to a higher league level and their positions regarding contracts meant we had little option but to accept their departures if the price was right.

We did negotiate good financial deals for the club both upfront and on-going benefits if they do well. We have also, as a result, had to strengthen as well to replace them, but as a club we now believe we have a stronger all round squad than last year.

As well as strengthening the squad we are looking to use some of the monies to continue to develop our academy operation as we continue to push towards our goal of being an EPPP2 academy in due course. This can only further enhance our already successful youth set-up.

We also plan to use some monies to begin to improve our public catering, hospitality and retail shop offerings, and make the offerings work better for you, our fans, over the next few years. I hope you will agree this is long overdue.



It is particularly pleasing that we have been successful in attracting good players with experience of higher divisions, as well as top players from clubs in our division.

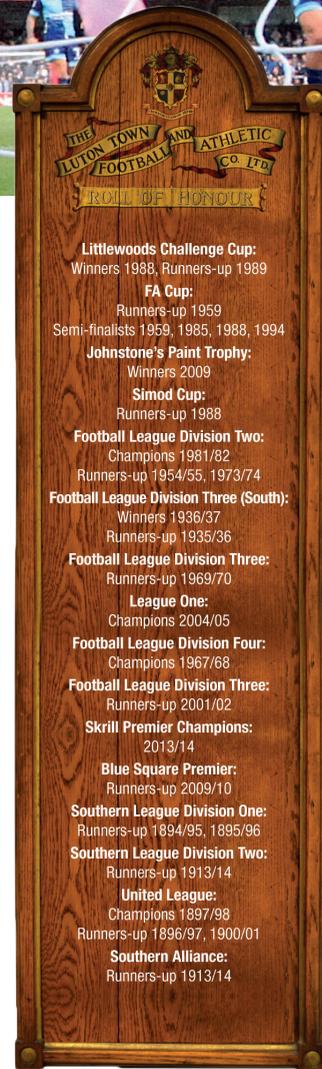
The success in obtaining these players owes a lot to the manager and his team, theirs and the club's vision and ambition, and also is supported by evidence to these players and their agents of our wanting to support the progress with the right quality of infrastructure. Recent development, future plans for our academy, training facilities, investment in sports/player analysis and, of course, the new stadium project are all examples where we have been investing time and money for the longer term.

There is not too much at this stage to update on the new stadium development, other than to say that we are pleased with progress to date and are busy responding to the various requirements thrown up by the planning process. It is taking slightly longer to get planning than

we had hoped, but this is not unusual for a project of this size, impact and complexity – and we remain confident that approval for our outline plans will be forthcoming in the near future. I am also pleased to report that the huge pile of fly tipping waste on Power Court that Stephen Browne mentioned in the boardroom notes last time has been removed, albeit frustratingly at considerable cost in money and time.

After today many of you will be contemplating the long trip to Morecambe on Tuesday night, and I would personally like to thank you on behalf of us all for your support on these long and expensive trips. I know the boys on the pitch really appreciate the vocal backing.

I look forward to seeing and talking to some of you around the ground today. Enjoy the game. COYH!





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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

How crazy was last Saturday at Wycombe?

To score and to win so late on was an unbelievable feeling and we all felt like we were on cloud nine at the full-time whistle.

I am sure our supporters did as well! It was a difficult game, so to come back into the team after my red card against Swindon and for us to get the result will hopefully go some way to putting things right.

SOCIAL MEDIA

I recently re-joined Twitter and it appears it was at the perfect time given the win at Adams Park – it was great to see all the praise after the game and to have that close connection with the supporters.

I know when we play well we will receive the plaudits, and when we don't, we certainly won't. But it was great going on there afterwards and seeing everybody buzzing after the game. It was a feeling that was certainly being replicated in the dressing room!

All these young lads – Frankie Musonda and the like – are showing me up though. I am getting too old for it! Frankie tweeted a picture of me celebrating with some crazy caption which I had no idea what it meant! After a quick look on YouTube I think I am little closer to understanding, but I am sure there will be a new trend next week.

THE VISITORS

Chesterfield parted company last week with Gary Caldwell, who I know from my days at Celtic – he was a senior pro when I was coming through the youth ranks, so obviously I was disappointed to see him go.

Today I have no doubt will be a really difficult game, as all teams who lose their manager tend to have the bit between their teeth as they look to impress whoever is taking over. That, added to the point that every team raises their game when they come here, means it will be another tough test for us, despite Chesterfield's league position at kick-off.

They were a League One side last season and, just like Swindon and Port Vale in our last two home games, that

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higher level experience within their squad needs to be respected.

SUPPORT

I saw we've taken just under 6,000 supporters to our first four away games of the season, and at this level, that is unbelievable. You will always hear us asked about our support, and it doesn't take a genius to work out why.

We've now won two on the bounce and it took us until the final day to make it three on the trot last season. We have an opportunity to do that today and as always, your vocal backing will be vital in helping us in our difficult moments.

You have been instrumental in our decent results so far this season, and it has set ourselves up well to keep up with the early pacesetters in the division. I have no doubt later on in the season I will be writing about how we caught up with them. Let's ensure we carry that on today.

Enjoy the game.



MIKE WATSON-CHALLIS

Luton Town Football Club are sorry to report the passing of former owner Mike Watson-Challis, who sadly died on Wednesday 6th September.

Mike, a loyal supporter of many year, got involved with the Town at board level and went onto play a significant role in the club's history, funding a promotion-winning campaign when he took control after the turn of the century.

Mike originally joined the club's board of directors in April 1987 at the same time as Brian Cole, at the request of then chairman David Evans. Although president of St Albans City FC, he had been a supporter of Luton for 12 years and was a member of the Kenilworth Suite. A director of Blue Arrow with homes in Florida, Guernsey and Hertfordshire, he invested a significant amount of money in the club but resigned in March 1991 holding a difference of opinion over the future vision of the club with new owners David Kohler and Peter Nelkin.

Mike eventually bought the club in June 2000 from Cliff Bassett – with some reports suggesting this came about as a present from his wife – and he handed a generous transfer budget to newly appointed Ricky Hill, who bought players that didn't quite cut the grade, leading to relegation to the bottom tier under Lil Fuccillo.

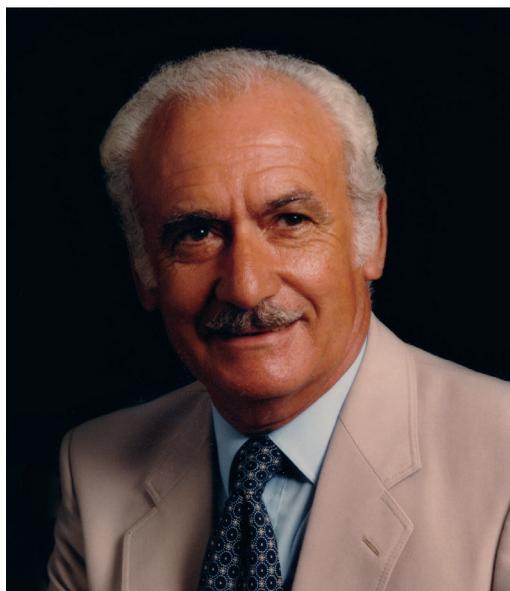
Subsequently, under Joe Kinnear, further generosity provided another sizeable transfer budget, this time resulting in the Town achieving immediate promotion to what is now League One, where the team finished a respectable ninth before Mike sold the club in May 2003.

Mick Harford was assistant-manager to Kinnear during Mike's time as owner, and the club's legendary former striker and current chief recruitment officer said: "Mike was a terrific chairman towards Joe and us as a staff in terms of what we tried to do with the playing squad.

"He was always supportive and very generous in allowing us to bring the type of players in who we wanted to recruit to get us to the next level.

"We had a close relationship with him and even though he was at quite an elderly age, he was hands on, like when we went to the Isle of Man tournament in pre-season and he came along to see how things ticked along and to have a general overview of pre-season.

"Mike was very amiable and good company to be around. He was a massive supporter of the club and he showed it with the contributions he made when we were in charge.



"He always had Luton Town Football Club at heart and even more recently, by selling the land at Junction 10 to the club, he and his family will hopefully guarantee that the club can have a vibrant future."

On behalf of Luton Town Supporters' Trust, chairman Tony Murray said: "All at LTST are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Mike Watson-Challis. He was chairman at the time of our promotion in 2002 and allowed us to sign popular players such as Chris Coyne, Kevin Nicholls and Steve Howard. Our thoughts are with Mike's family and friends at this difficult time."

Hatters CEO Gary Sweet added: "Over the years I had many dealings with Mike and Sheila and whilst I was often put in my place, both were always supportive of the Club. This supportive stance ultimately culminated in their approval for us to acquire the land at Junction 10 from the family's trust – an event which will form a vital ingredient to our future success and which, on behalf of the board and everyone connected with Luton Town, I will be eternally grateful for."

To mark the passing of a man who played a major part in Luton Town FC's history, please show your appreciation during a period of applause before today's game.

GEORGE ROGERS

Word reached Kenilworth Road recently of the sad passing on Monday 11th September of George Rogers, at the age of 97.

George was an unsung hero at the club carrying out an incredible number of roles behind the scenes with the minimum of fuss and without seeking gratification – he just enjoyed being involved.

Although born in Fulham, George moved to Luton before the war and was soon a firm Hatters fan and witnessed the famous game in 1936 when Joe Payne scored a never surpassed ten goals in a 12-0 thumping of Bristol Rovers.

He became involved behind the scenes in 1946 due to a close friendship with then manager George Martin and was, at various times, in charge of the Hatters Youth team, a member of the Beds FA, a committee member for the Wallspace League and Chairman of the Chiltern Youth League.

He refereed in local leagues for 12 years and had an unparalleled knowledge of local football, often watching four or five games a week and was instrumental in recommending many players to Kenilworth Road, including David Oldfield.

After retiring from Vauxhall Motors in 1975, George became kit man at all levels for the club and even had



a lengthy spell of washing the kit as well as helping with paperwork in the club's offices!

Tributes have been pouring in from long standing members of the Century Club (now the John Moore Lounge) of which he was a founder member, and the likes of Wayne Turner and John Moore, who made full use of George's expertise of local football and the Hatters in particular.

Words from John Moore sum up George Rogers: "Nothing was too much trouble."

Our condolences go out to his family and many friends.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD WIN 4-1 AT BRENTFORD

Hatters coach Joaquin Gomez was full of praise for the work ethic shown by members of the Town squad who haven't had much game time recently, as they won Tuesday's development match with Brentford B comfortably.

Luke Gambin netted twice, once in each half, while Jordan Cook and Elliot Lee also got on the scoresheet as the Hatters won 4-1 at the Sky Bet Championship club's Jersey Road training ground.

"It was very good from the lads," said Gomez. "The work ethic and work-rate was excellent. We said the same thing as at Northampton a couple of weeks ago, that we wanted to make it competitive and have a work-out that was harder than the Tuesday session that we normally would do.

"The only difference is that this is a better opportunity for them to show the gaffer why they should be in the team, or how they could improve the team. They did that and competed very well, dominating the game, especially in the first half, and creating a lot of chances.

"In the second half we had to work a little bit harder, because they had to try something different and they came out a little bit more aggressive and tried to go man for man. Overall, it could have been more if we had a little bit more of a clinical edge in the final third."

TOWN: *Shea (Isted), Justin, Musonda, Famewo, Senior, O Lee, Cook (Read), Gambin (Peck), McQuoid, E Lee (Neufville), Jarvis. Subs not used: Mead, Cotter, James.*

***First-year pro Kavan Cotter has rejoined Evo-Stik South Premier neighbours Hitchin Town on a one-month youth loan. The 18-year-old midfielder made five starts and two sub appearances in his first spell at Top Field in the opening weeks of this season.**

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MACCA'S GOAL VOTED AUGUST'S BEST!

HATTERS STAR PICKS UP SKY BET TROPHY FOR LEAGUE TWO'S TOP STRIKE SO FAR

Huge congratulations to Hatters midfielder Alan McCormack, who was last week announced as winner of the Sky Bet EFL League Two Goal of the Month award for August following his brilliant debut volley against Yeovil on the opening day of the season.

The 33-year-old was selected as the winner after a fan poll on skysports.com, with the Irishman taking 45 per cent of the votes.

Macca was presented with his trophy at The Brache training ground and interviewed by the league sponsors Sky Bet, who described the goal in the following way: '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.'

The summer signing from Brentford beat off competition from Lincoln City's Billy Knott and Newport County's Frank Nouble to take the prize.

Lead Sky Bet EFL Goal of the Month judge and Sky Sports pundit Don Goodman said: "McCormack has got off to a flying start at Luton Town, picking up a string of man of the match awards, and scoring this outrageous goal at the start of August.

"He'll be hoping life in Sky Bet League Two remains as smooth sailing for the rest of the season as he aims to push Luton towards promotion."

McCormack said: "I remember we were going through a corner routine, but it was actually a corner routine went wrong.



"The lad who was taking it was meant to do something else and the ball came to me completely free at the edge of the box.

"I remember the ball coming to me. My first thought was 'Don't try and hit it as hard as you can, just try and get a good connection' – and I just remember looking at it and seeing it going through all of the bodies and into the back of the net.

"It was a nice feeling on my debut, especially with the win that went with it."

Well done Macca – we hope it won't be the last trophy you're getting your hands on this season at Kenilworth Road!

AND JAMES COLLINS IS THE DIAMOND WINNER!

Striker James Collins has won the August Diamond Player of the Month award after scoring five goals in a string of fine performances.

It was a close vote between the 26-year-old and keeper Marek Stech, with the summer signing from Crawley receiving 52 per cent, beating the ex-Yeovil and Sparta Prague man, who polled 39 per cent.

Striker Collins will be presented with the trophy after today's match by Diamond season ticket holder Sean Devlin. This is just one of the benefits of a Diamond season ticket package and it's never too late to upgrade.

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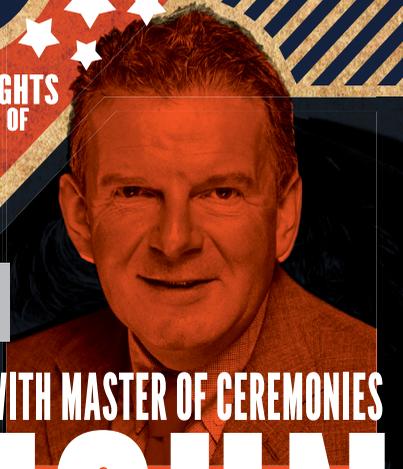


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We are excited to announce details of our forthcoming Christmas dinner.

The prestigious event, one of the highlights of the Luton Town Football Club social calendar, will be held at the Venue 360 Riverside Suite in Luton on the evening of Thursday 7th December – sponsored by A Plan Insurance.

And this year's dinner is set to be a real knockout, with two heavyweights from the world of football confirmed to appear.

Our guest speaker this year is none other than former Hatters midfielder Bruce Rioch. Bruce made 149 appearances for the Town in his five years at Kenilworth Road, scoring some 47 goals along the way. He will be familiar to many Hatters supporters as a key member of the squad that helped the club to promotion during the 1967-68 season.

After leaving the Hatters, he joined Aston Villa and subsequently enjoyed a long playing career, including stints at Derby County, Everton, the Seattle Sounders and Torquay United.

Rioch then turned his hand to management, with spells at Middlesbrough, Millwall, Bolton, Arsenal, QPR, Norwich and Wigan and Torquay – as well as overseas with Odense Boldklub, Aalborg FC and Seattle Storm.

Bruce will be joining us to recount some of his fascinating memories of his time as a player with Luton Town and elsewhere, as well as his managerial career.

We are also excited to announce that long-standing BBC commentator John Motson will be joining us as the master of ceremonies.



Motson recently announced that he will be putting the microphone down at the end of this season, drawing an illustrious career



to a close after 50 years. During that time he has become a household name in the UK and further afield, with his distinctive voice (and trademark sheepskin coats!) instantly recognised by football fans from every club.

John will be on hand to help move things along smoothly on the night, as well as sharing some of his memories and tales from a life in football.

UNIQUE

As usual, guests will be treated to a delicious three-course meal, including welcome drinks as well as an evening packed full of festive fun and laughter in the company of current Luton Town management team, players and staff.

So don't miss out! We are expecting a great deal of interest in the unique event, and space is limited.

Tickets are on sale now at a cost of just £70 per person with tables of ten available for £650. To book, simply contact the commercial team by phone on 01582 411622, or by email – commercial@lutontown.co.uk

The Christmas dinner is a glittering occasion, with a dress code of lounge suits, so you can look forward to a night of glittering entertainment. We look forward to welcoming you on the 7th December.

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ONE OF THE 'I WENT THERE ON A TUESDAY NIGHT' TRIPS, WE HEAD TO MORECAMBE IN THREE DAYS' TIME...

WHO? Morecambe have been based at their relatively new home, the Globe Arena since 2010. The gates at their old ground Christie Park were closed for the last time at the end of the 2009/10 season, and they had the perfect send off with a late winner against Dagenham & Redbridge in their final match there. Regulars in League Two since promotion from the Conference in 2007, the Shrimps best-ever finish was in the 2010/11 season, when they finished fourth. However, they were knocked out in the play-off semi-finals by the Daggers.

Town have a strong connection with Morecambe, given the Lancashire seaside town is the birthplace of arguably the Hatters' most famous supporter, Eric Morecambe. His statue on the seafront can often be found with a Luton Town scarf around his neck.

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

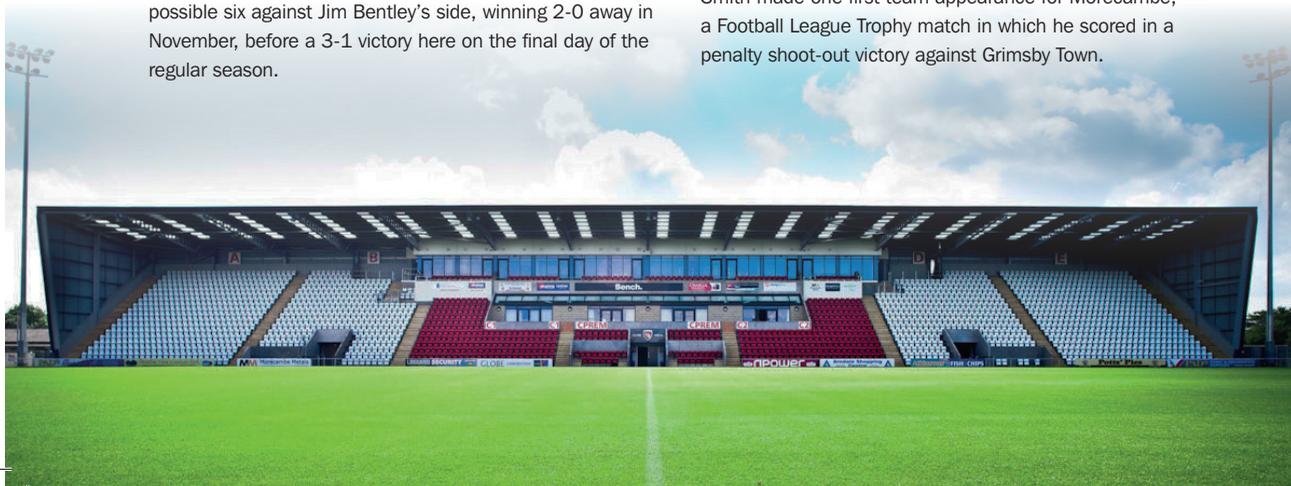
HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE There have been eight meetings between the Hatters and the Seaside, our first came in League Two in 2008, with Michael Spillane netted for the Town in a 1-1 draw at Kenilworth Road. Overall the Hatters have won five times, drawn once and lost twice to Morecambe. Last season Town took six points from a possible six against Jim Bentley's side, winning 2-0 away in November, before a 3-1 victory here on the final day of the regular season.

IN CHARGE Bentley spent a majority of his playing career with the Lancashire side, before becoming player-manager in 2011. Since he took charge, the club have finished in and around the middle of the pack in League Two. The ex-defender had a five-year spell with Telford United before joining Morecambe in 2002. He is currently the third longest serving manager in the top four tiers.



PREVIOUS FORM With nine points after eight games, the Shrimps sit 16th ahead of their Sky Bet League Two match at Stevenage this afternoon. Mixed results so far have seen them pick up wins against Cheltenham Town and Newport County, as well as an impressive point at Lincoln City. They have also been defeated by some of the early pace setters in Notts County and Accrington Stanley. Veteran forward Kevin Ellison currently leads their goalscoring charts this season, with four goals to his name.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Former Town midfielder Jonathan Smith began his career with the Shrimps, before moving onto the likes of Forest Green Rovers and York City. Smith made one first team appearance for Morecambe, a Football League Trophy match in which he scored in a penalty shoot-out victory against Grimsby Town.



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MORECAMBE

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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SAT 30TH SEPTEMBER | 3PM

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BARNET

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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SAT 7TH OCTOBER | 3PM

The Hatters have received an allocation of 350 seated tickets and 1,500 terrace tickets for this fixture. A sales plan will be available in due course. **Prices:** Adults: £20, Concessions 65+, Under-18s and students with ID): £15, Under-12s: £5. Wheelchair users need to contact Jess Fish on 01254 356950 to purchase their ticket directly. Car parking spaces are available to pre-book at £5 per vehicle. Away supporters are welcome to book hospitality spaces directly with on 01254 356950.



STEVENAGE

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SAT 14TH OCTOBER | 3PM

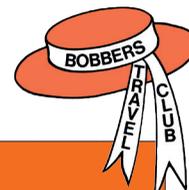
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David, who is celebrating his 21st birthday today, has been supporting Luton town from the age of two, and was also a mascot when he was five when Luton played Torquay United in 2001. David has always had a passion for football and has played from the age of six up to present day. He plays for a local team, the Jolly Topers, and last season the team won the league and cup double with him helping by scoring 22 goals. From his mum Amanda, dad Frank, Paul and Hanna, we'd like to wish him a very happy 21st birthday!

TODAY'S MASCOTS:



ALFIE BRADSHAW AGE: 6

SCHOOL ATTENDED: OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PRIMARY SCHOOL, BALLARAT (AUSTRALIA)

FAVOURITE PLAYER: PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU
ATTENDS GAMES WITH: FIRST GAME AT KENILWORTH ROAD TODAY!

HOBBIES: PLAYING FOOTBALL, AUSSIE RULES, HARRY POTTER. THIS IS ALFIE'S FIRST TRIP TO ENGLAND, AND FIRST VISIT TO THE KENNY!



WILL STUBBS

AGE: 11 TODAY!

SCHOOL: FULLBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL - WOBURN

FAVOURITE PLAYER: PELLY-RUDDOCK MPANZU

ATTENDS GAMES WITH: HIS DAD AND TWO BIG BROTHERS

HOBBIES: FOOTBALL AND PLAYING ON THE X-BOX



CALLUM WHITE

AGE: 9

SCHOOL: ST CHRISTOPHERS ACADEMY, DUNSTABLE

FAVOURITE PLAYER: JAMES COLLINS

ATTENDS GAMES WITH: HIS FAMILY

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WELCOME CHESTERFIELD

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE SPIREITES

GROUND: PROACT STADIUM

CARETAKER MANAGER:

GUY BRANSTON

LAST SEASON: 24TH IN LEAGUE ONE

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to the travelling staff, players and supporters of today's visitors, Chesterfield.

It's been a difficult start to life back in League Two for the Spireites who, with five points after eight games, find themselves in the relegation zone.

Results not going their way has already seen the Derbyshire club make a managerial change, just like last season, immediately after the match preceding their visit to Kenilworth Road.

Last January the Spireites parted company with former Hatters hero Danny Wilson two days before our Checktrade Trophy third round tie, and this time around, it is Gary Caldwell who has left the Proact Stadium following last Saturday's 2-1 home defeat to Accrington Stanley.

The ex-Celtic and Wigan Athletic defender, 35, was appointed after the club's last visit to the Kenny, but couldn't stop them falling through the League One trapdoor into the fourth tier. They have however played some of the early pace setters in the division, having taken on Notts County, Accrington Stanley and one of the favourites to go up, Coventry City.

At the time of writing, popular figure at the Proact Stadium, Jack Lester, is the favourite to take over the reins. The ex-forward's goalscoring record there speaks for itself; 94 strikes in 219 appearances. He is so well thought of by the Spireites that they retired the number 14 shirt in his honour and he is currently coaching Nottingham Forest's U23s.

The man placed in caretaker charge, however, is director of recruitment and development Guy Branston, the 38-year-old former Rotherham, Oldham, Peterborough, Kettering, Burton Albion, Bradford and Plymouth centre-half.

Today's visitors have bounced between League One and Two now for over 50 years, with their last spell in the third tier lasting three years before they finished bottom of the

Guy Branston



pile last season. It could have been a completely different story however, as Chesterfield reached the League One play-offs in 2015, only to be beaten 4-0 by Preston North End over two legs.

They've had a number of decent goalscorers over the last decade, with the likes of Lester, Eoin Doyle and Craig Davies all getting in excess of 20 goals for the Spireites. They look like they might have another capable of reaching those numbers this season in Kristian Dennis, who has four goals so far this term.

The Hatters had Jack Marriott, who scored a brace, Craig Mackail-Smith and Isaac Vassell on target the last time the clubs met in the Checktrade Trophy knock-out stages last season, with a 4-0 win for the Town marking their 17th victory over Chesterfield. The sides have drawn 11 times, with today's visitors also winning the same number of fixtures.

HATTERS V CHESTERFIELD

LUTON WINS: 17 | DRAWS: 11 | SWINDON WINS: 11
LAST MEETING: LUTON 4-0 CHESTERFIELD – 10TH JANUARY 2017

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

TOMMY LEE

The 31-year-old began his career at Manchester United, but left Old Trafford without making a first team appearance.



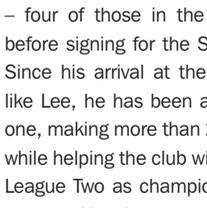
After an initial loan spell with Macclesfield Town from the Red Devils, the stopper joined the Silkmen permanently in

2006, going onto make 67 appearances, before signing for the Chesterfield in 2008. The Keighley-born stopper has been a regular for the Spireites since the day he joined, playing 371 times for the Proact Stadium outfit and helping them win the League Two title twice, and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy in 2011-12.

THE WALL

SAM HIRD

A Leeds United academy graduate, the 30-year-old is captain of today's visitors. He left Elland Road in 2007 for Doncaster, spending five years there



– four of those in the Championship – before signing for the Spireites in 2012. Since his arrival at the Proact Stadium, like Lee, he has been a starter from day one, making more than 200 appearances while helping the club win promotion from League Two as champions in his second season. He also spent time on loan at Grimsby Town in 2007.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

JORDAN FLORES

On loan from Sky Bet League One club Wigan Athletic, Flores made his league debut for his parent club at the end of the 2014/15 season when the Latics were in the Championship. He was named as the club's Young Player of the Year for the following season as they won promotion from the third tier. The 21-year-old then enjoyed a decent loan spell last term as he joined Blackpool in January, coming on as a sub against the Hatters in the play-off semi-final and then in the Wembley win over Exeter City.



THE DANGERMAN

KRISTIAN DENNIS

The 27-year-old did fairly well in his first season in the professional game, netting ten times in 42 appearances for the Spireites last season – their top scorer for the 2016/17 term. Prolific in Non-League, Dennis scored 61 times in 72 games for National League North outfit Curzon Ashton between 2011-13. Stockport County snapped him up and he scored a further 25 goals in a three-year spell, before he was loaned to back to his first club Macclesfield Town, where he really made a name for himself, netting 23 times in 39 games in the 2015-16 season to earn a move back into the EFL.



GOALKEEPER

JOE ANYON

AGE: 20

PREVIOUS CLUB: SCUNTHORPE UNITED

DEFENDERS

SCOTT WISEMAN

AGE: 31

PREVIOUS CLUB: SCUNTHORPE UNITED

IAN EVATT

AGE: 35

PREVIOUS CLUB: BLACKPOOL

LAURENCE MAGUIRE

AGE: 20

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AGE: 23

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BRADLEY BARRY

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AGE: 22

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ROBERT WEIR

AGE: 29

PREVIOUS CLUB: LEYTON ORIENT

STRIKERS

CHRIS O'GRADY

AGE: 31

PREVIOUS CLUB: BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION

DIEGO DE GIROLAMO

AGE: 21

ON LOAN FROM BRISTOL CITY

CHIGOZIE UGWU

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: WOKING

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



PHIL TOOLEY, a Chesterfield supporter of 45 years, gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Spireites...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

One of the favourites in pre-season to go back up at the first attempt, how have Chesterfield settled into life in League Two?

It's been a tough introduction to the basement, it's a division we tend to bounce back from relatively quickly. The team has shown occasional flashes of good football but we've yet to see a solid 90 minutes. The squad is more than capable of doing well and none of the teams we've played so far have looked outstanding, so hopefully the new manager will galvanise the squad and start racking up a few wins to enable us to keep looking up rather than down.

With relegation tends to come a squad rebuild, who have you been impressed by who was brought in over the summer?

Most of the new signings have yet to fire-up fully but Zac Jules, borrowed from Shrewsbury Town, looks very solid at the back and I expect to see him continue to kick on. We've seen glimpses from many of the others, but when you're next to bottom of the pile with just one win, few players have performed consistently well. I like the look of Jordan Flores and, when we've seen him, Delioli Brewster as well, but I can't wait for Jerome Binnom-Williams to recover from his pre-season ankle injury that's sidelined him so far this season.

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

Probably Jon Nolan, who went to high flying Shrewsbury Town, although after a relegation you know the squad needs changes. Jay O'Shea technically left in the summer, for Bury, but he'd been on loan at Sheffield United for the second half of last season. We could do with him right now. Ironically, a big loss was Ritchie Humphreys, who wasn't a regular player, but his calming influence in the dressing room would have been good over the last couple of months.



A climber through Non-League and into the EFL, Kristian Dennis is your top scorer so far this season. Is he going to be your biggest threat this afternoon?

He's a natural scorer, confident in front of goal and a hard worker –

he's bound to be a threat, but Gary Caldwell played him too deep on occasions, which was frustrating.

Gary Caldwell departed last weekend, is it a decision you agree with?

Gary was a very hard-working manager who carried out his duties with integrity and pride, but it just wasn't coming together. Crowds had begun to slip as the defeats notched up. He should probably have gone after the 5-1 loss at Crewe but, by all accounts, the players backed him and he remained for a couple more games, a battling 1-1 draw at Colchester United before the Accrington loss, which arguably saw some of the team's best football of the season. But that ultimately counted for nothing and the decision to part company was right at the time.

What sort of football can we expect to see your side play this afternoon?

Not sure! Guy Branston will be in caretaker charge. He's not a candidate for the job long-term, so his job this week will be about getting the players in a confident frame of mind. He'll probably want the team to try and play football, but not conceding will be a high priority in this game.

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Seats

Who are your rivals? Mansfield Town!

Favourite all-time manager?

Paul Cook

Predict your player of the season?

Kristian

Dennis

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

At the moment, the recently deceased Bill Green to marshal the defence



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

Paul Cook, Dave Caldwell, Bob Newton, Gordon Banks, Lee Richardson

Most treasured piece of Chesterfield memorabilia?

Chris Perkins' No.11 shirt worn in the FA Cup semi-final

What league will the Spireites be in next season?

League One (born optimist)

Who will win promotion from League Two?

Chesterfield, Luton Town, Exeter City, Coventry City

MY ALL-TIME SPIREITES XI...

GK: BILLY MERCER

We've had some great keepers, but he's as solid as any and he's also a great bloke.

RB: ALBERT HOLMES

Mr Dependable. One club man who never let you down. One of my early heroes.

CB: BILL GREEN

Solid as a rock, great skipper, hard as nails, just what every team needs.

CB: SEAN DYCHE

No-one would get beyond him and Greeny! Trouble is they'd be fighting over the armband.

LB: SEAN O'NEILL

Club legend with the famous 'Sean Shuffle', which he demonstrated regularly when he attacked down the left.

RM: ALAN BIRCH

Wizard on the wing and the scorer of plenty of goals, generally excellent ones.

CM: DANNY WILSON

Could tackle, pass, kick, lead and inspire. My favourite ever player who played in the best (1980-81) Chesterfield side I've ever seen.

CM: PAUL HOLLAND

Could defend, attack and score. A class act and another semi-final hero.

LM: GARY ROBERTS



Born winner; he's been in the play-offs or better for the last eight consecutive seasons, an all-time record. Scores and assists for fun.

S: KEVIN DAVIES

The man who sparked national attention during our remarkable 1996-97 FA Cup run.

S: ERNIE MOSS

Club record scorer, local legend and the best aerial Spireite that's ever walked the planet.



TOP BOYS

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

KEVIN RANDALL



Striker Kevin Randall formed a lethal partnership with Ernie Moss in Chesterfield's 1969-70 Fourth Division title success. Initially with Droylsden, he moved via Bury to Chesterfield in July 1966 and was leading marksman three times. He netted 96 goals in 258 League games prior to joining Notts County in August 1972 and helped win promotion in 1972-73, then reunited with Moss at Mansfield in their 1976-77 Third Division title campaign. Later with York City, Burton Albion, Alfreton and Goole, he assisted John Duncan at Chesterfield either side of a spell as their manager. He has since scouted for Neil Warnock.

ERNIE MOSS

Record goalscorer Ernie Moss starred alongside Kevin Randall in Chesterfield's 1969-70 Fourth Division title triumph. Locally born, he signed professional for the Spireites in October 1968 and was

ever-present in 1974-75. He moved via Peterborough to Mansfield in December 1974 and helped clinch the Third Division title. Rejoining Chesterfield in January 1979, he starred in the 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final success. He returned from Doncaster for a third spell in July 1984 and helped win the Fourth Division title in 1984-85, netting 162 goals in 469 League games for the Spireites. He later managed several non-League clubs.

RODNEY FERN

Balding striker Rodney Fern was Chesterfield's leading goalscorer in three successive seasons. Initially with Measham Imperial, he joined Leicester City in December 1966 and played in the 1969 FA Cup final. He also featured in their 1970-71 Second Division title triumph, moving to Luton Town for £45,000 in June 1972 and helping win promotion in 1973-74. Joe Shaw paid £8,000 for him in July 1975 and he netted 54 goals in 152 League games for Chesterfield prior to joining Rotherham United for £35,000 in



June 1979, helping them win the Third Division title in 1980-81. He later became a publican and ran a coal business.

ALAN BIRCH

Goalscoring winger Alan Birch was leading marksman as Chesterfield won the Anglo-Scottish Cup in 1981. Signing professional for Walsall in August 1973, he featured in their 1974-75 and 1977-78 FA Cup runs and moved to Saltergate in July 1979. He was an important figure in Chesterfield's 1979-80 promotion near-miss, joining Wolves in August 1981. Returning to Chesterfield via Barnsley in August 1983, he netted 40 goals in 122 League games overall for the Spireites before joining Rotherham United in March 1984. Later with Scunthorpe United and Stockport County, he was licensee of the Globe Inn in Tamworth.

LES HUNTER

Big central defender Les Hunter was ever-present in Chesterfield's 1984-85 Fourth Division title triumph. Signing professional for the Spireites in August 1975, he was 'Player of the Year' in 1978-79 and joined Scunthorpe United in July 1982. He helped them to win promotion in 1982-83, following John Duncan back to Chesterfield in January 1984. Rejoining Scunthorpe in March 1986, he played for Lincoln City before returning to Chesterfield in December 1987. He netted 20 goals in 295 League games overall prior to joining

Matlock in February 1989, then played for Buxton and joined the Derbyshire Constabulary.

SHAUN O'NEILL

Versatile left-back Shaun O'Neill starred in Chesterfield's 1984-85 Fourth Division title triumph. Initially with Leeds United, he failed to secure a first-team slot and joined Chesterfield in July 1974. He was equally at home in either full-back berth or the centre of defence and ever-present as the Spireites narrowly missed promotion to the Second Division in 1979-80, also featuring in the 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final success. Scoring six goals in 442 League games before joining Staveley Works in September 1986, he played for Matlock and Alfreton while a publican and has since worked for Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce.

SEAN DYCHE

Versatile central defender Sean Dyche skippered Chesterfield to the FA Cup semi-finals in 1996-97. A former Nottingham Forest trainee, he joined the Spireites in February 1990 and helped reach the Fourth Division play-off final that season.



He also featured in the 1994-95 promotion campaign and netted eight goals in 231 League games before being sold to Bristol City for £350,000 in July 1997. Featuring in their 1997-98 promotion success, he joined Millwall in July 1999 and was a promotion winner again in 2000-01. He later appeared for Watford and Northampton Town, since managing Watford and currently Burnley.

KEVIN DAVIES

England U-21 international striker Kevin Davies starred as Chesterfield took Middlesbrough to an FA Cup semi-final replay in 1996-97. Signing professional at Saltergate in April 1994, he was leading marksman in



Chesterfield's 1994-95 promotion success and netted 22 goals in 129 League games prior to joining Southampton for £750,000 in May 1997. He joined Blackburn Rovers for £7,25m in June 1998, returning to Saints as part of the Egil Ostenstad deal in August 1999. Moving to Bolton Wanderers in July 2003, he made his full international debut for England in October 2010 and joined Preston in July 2013.

MARK WILLIAMS

Northern Ireland international central defender Mark Williams was Chesterfield's 'Player of the Year' in

1997-98. Initially with Newtown, he joined Shrewsbury Town in March 1992 and featured as they won the Third Division title in 1993-94. He moved to Chesterfield for £50,000 in August 1995 and starred as they took Middlesbrough to an FA Cup semi-final replay in 1996-97, netting 12 goals in 168 League games prior to joining Watford in July 1999. Moving to Wimbledon in July 2000, he later played for Stoke City, Columbus Crew, MK Dons and Rushden & Diamonds. He now organises golfing holidays in Marbella.

IAN BRECKIN

Central defender Ian Breckin captained Chesterfield to promotion in 2000-01. A nephew of ex-Rotherham full-back John Breckin, he turned professional with the Millers in November 1993 and featured in their



1996 Auto Windscreens Shield final triumph. He moved to Chesterfield for £100,000 in July 1997 and scored eight times in 212 League games before sold to Wigan Athletic for £150,000 in June 2002. Helping win promotion in 2002-03 and 2004-05, he joined Nottingham Forest in July 2005 and was a promotion winner again in 2007-08. He rejoined Chesterfield in July 2009 and has coached Wickersley Wanderers.

[ROGER WASH]

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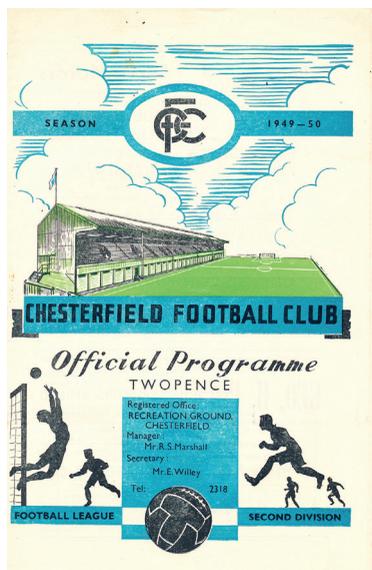


◀ DECEMBER 1938

Hugh Billington hits four goals in a 5-0 whitewash in this Division Two (now Championship) clash.

▶ APRIL 1939

After a hugely successful Easter, with all three games won, the Town have an outside chance of promotion. The chances are helped with a 2-1 win at Saltergate in the return fixture.

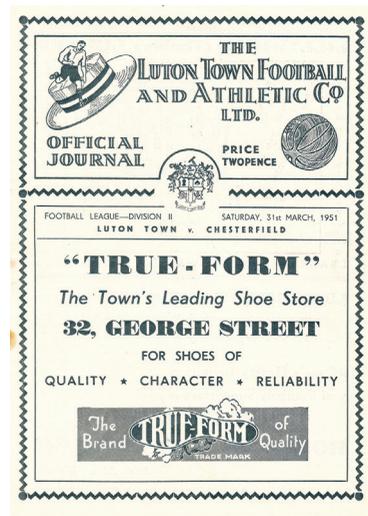


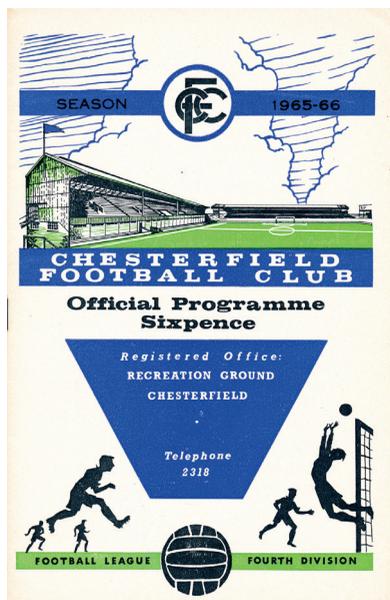
◀ DECEMBER 1949

After a four-game winless streak the Town surprisingly win 1-0 at Chesterfield. George Stobbart scores the only goal to secure the first away win of the season.

▶ MARCH 1951

An important 3-0 win as the Town leapfrog Chesterfield at the bottom of Division Two. The victory effectively saves the Town and sees the Spireites go down.



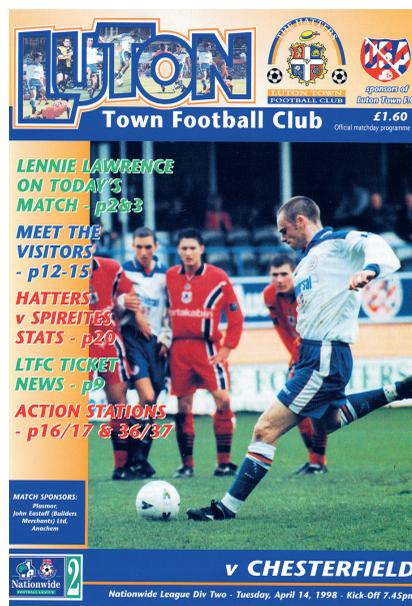


▲ MARCH 1966

Goals from John O'Rourke, Gordon Riddick and Fred Jardine seal a fine 3-1 win at Saltergate as the Town seek immediate promotion from Division Four (now League Two).

▼ DECEMBER 1966

After a humiliating 8-1 defeat at Lincoln, the Town sign Max Dougan from Leicester to shore up their defence. The new-boy has an impressive debut and helps the Hatters to a 3-2 victory.

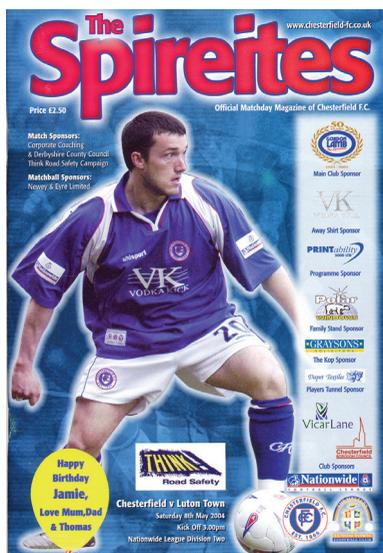


▲ APRIL 1998

Loan signing extraordinary Rory Allen inspires the Town to a 3-0 win over Chesterfield which means that the real threat of relegation from Division Two (now League One) is all but ended.

▼ MAY 2004

The last game of the season sees the Town in mid-table but Chesterfield needing a win to stay up. The Hatters do not roll over but are unable to prevent Glynn Hurst netting for the home side in the final minute to set up mass celebrations.





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TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

Usually Josh McQuoid, Glen Rea and Gambo – the Hitchin lads – but sometimes it's all mixed up, depending how everyone feels.

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

Pelly – I'm in the corner, so I've got a good spot.

Who do you room with?

Gambo – by choice as well. He's a good roomie, brings a lot to the table.

Most annoying on away trips?

Johnny Mullins and Danny Hylton. When they room together it's carnage, always trying to get the spare key.

Best trainer?

Olly Lee every time. Technically he's one of the best players we've got.

Worst trainer?

Glen Rea – he'll kill me for saying that.

Strongest in the gym?

Pelly, for his legs – quads and hamstrings.

Quickest feet?

Gambo's got lightning quick feet.



Nutmeg king?

Me and Olly Lee. If we are in the same box, you are guaranteed to have a couple at least.

Biggest moaner?

Collo is up there – he likes a moan.

Gaffer's pet?

Hylts.

Best taste in music?

The young kid, Ciaren Jones, who came in for the game against Tottenham had a great mix on. He stepped up and put it on the speaker in the dressing room! It was more house music, which is more me than Pelly's rap, which is too slow for me.

Worst taste in music?

Johnny Mullins has got bad taste, but he's old – so I'll say Pelly.

Best initiation song?

Isaac Vassell when he was here – Montel Jordan's 'This Is How We Do It'.

Worst initiation song?

Shinns, because he forgot the words two or three times. It was Robbie Williams as well – an easy one!

Best dressed?

Sheez...and Shinns has got some decent gear too!

Worst dressed?

For me, Pelly's got some awful tracksuits and flowery tops. I just don't know why you'd do it. And I would put Dan Potts there because for coming into training, he's horrendous in some terrible tracksuits, but if he's having a go when you're going out for food and stuff, he's good.

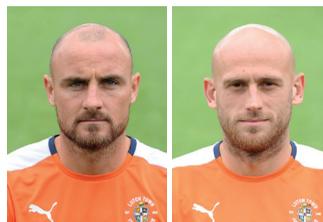


Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Pottsy. Every time I go to the toilet in the morning, he's doing his hair.

Most intelligent?

The Mitchell brothers – Macca and Scott Cuthbert.



Best banter?

Gambo makes me laugh all the time, and Mulls, because he makes me smile to be fair.

Most likely to be a manager?

Potty is quite intelligent, so maybe him as a manager, and Sheez – I can see him becoming a good coach.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

Pelly!

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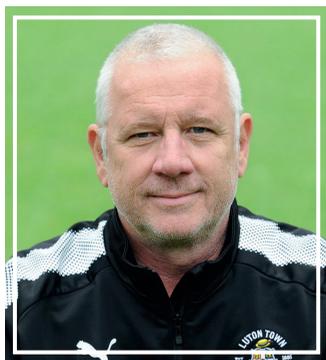


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TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

What a rollercoaster ride that was at Wycombe! You cannot beat a 98th minute goal – there's no coming back from that.

That's the best thing about football. The sense of community and shared emotion it can create. The Luton end at Wycombe was bouncing. I was approached by a Wycombe fan after the game who wanted to protest about the passion Luton were showing and how she was carefully bringing up her children to respect things.

At this point I did have to point out that they were flashing V signs at the Luton players. Never too happy when you win and never too sad when you lose, that's my advice.

The big debate since Port Vale has been: 'Was Jack Stacey's goal a shot or a cross?' Apparently after having to suffer ten replays at Jack's house, Harry Comick has had to concede it was a shotcross. Whichever way, it hit the onion bag and possibly takes Jack into his best ever scoring run. Imagine how it's going to progress if he keeps his eyes open.

On the injury front I can report that no-one has shaved their legs, causing infections like Real Madrid's Marco Asensio. How do you go about explaining that one to the manager? Good news is we won't have that problem at Luton. The lads all wax them or use Veet. Let's move on.

My first injury is Macca, only because he is the most recent and nothing to do with hair removal products. Macca had to come off against Wycombe after his groin tightened up, so as a precaution we decided to make a change but thankfully it's not too serious. With the squad being strong we don't have to take unnecessary risks, although I will be reminded, you must have your best players on the pitch.

There is more positive news with regards to Lawson, who is now back running on grass and doing some ball work. We took advantage of an Alter G treadmill at BMI Hendon Hospital. This allows the player to run weightless, reducing stress on the joint and slowly you increase bodyweight.

So literally he is floating on air. However, at £27,000 it is an expensive bit of kit.

Our other injury has been analyst Pete Booker, who was viciously scythed down by coach Gomez. After days of whinging about the bruising, he attended A&E and was advised to get on with it. Little did he know he would nearly make a rapid return to A&E after running into a car in the car park.



It's always good to see Mick Harford around the training ground, so I invited him into the treatment room for a cup of tea. I placed his cup on the side and Mick nipped out to answer his phone. At this point Peter Kemp walked in and stated that he could murder a cup of

tea. Devilment got me and I said: "There's one on the side I just made."

Kempy grabs the opportunity to start drinking, just as Mick returns and asks: "Where's my tea?" I felt obliged to point out that "I tried to stop Kempy taking it, Mick" – who then asked if the Doctor was in later as it had been a while since he punched anyone!

Finally, I noticed that Pelly mentioned in his recent Team-Mates interview that he was the top dressing room DJ Vinyl Richie. But I have put myself into the mix. The early session of 80s, 90s, Tropical house and dance provided by DJ Fizzy Fizz is outstanding. This could lead to us taking to the decks for a spin off.

Enjoy the game and as you always do, raise the roof for the Luton Boys. COYH

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HATTERS STEWARDS ARE UP TO SPEED ON KICK IT OUT CAMPAIGN

Luton Town Football Club are delighted to support Kick It Out's campaign tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic behaviour at football stadia.

As a club the Town are totally committed to stamping out discrimination in all forms within the stadium at Kenilworth Road and give our full backing to Kick It Out's **#CALLFULLTIMEONHATE** campaign.

Pictured above are members of our stewarding workforce who have all been issued with pocket-sized guidelines on what to do if any such behaviour is reported to them.

The Hatters' senior operations manager Kevan Platt said: "It is important to us as a football club that we take every possible step towards ensuring that Kenilworth Road is a welcoming environment for all supporters to watch their football.

"The guide is there for all of our matchday staff to refer to and act upon should anyone be seen or heard directing not just homophobic, biphobic and transphobic abuse, but racial abuse and any other form of discrimination."

Ground regulations state that "racial abuse and homophobic abuse, chanting or harassment is strictly forbidden and will result in arrest and/or ejection from the ground. The club may impose a ban for one or more matches".

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TOWN 2 : PORT VALE 0



TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 7,046 | AWAY: 136

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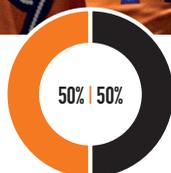


Jack Stacey fires in the second goal



JONES:

“It was a difficult night in terms of the conditions with the wind and the rain. We needed to bounce back from the weekend – it was a difficult game going down to ten men, because that changed the game. Tonight though, I thought we were very professional. We had to defend our box well because of the wind, and they put a lot of balls in the box from all angles. I thought we defended fantastically well and my keeper was excellent. My back four defended very well and on the counter attack we could have had a few more.”



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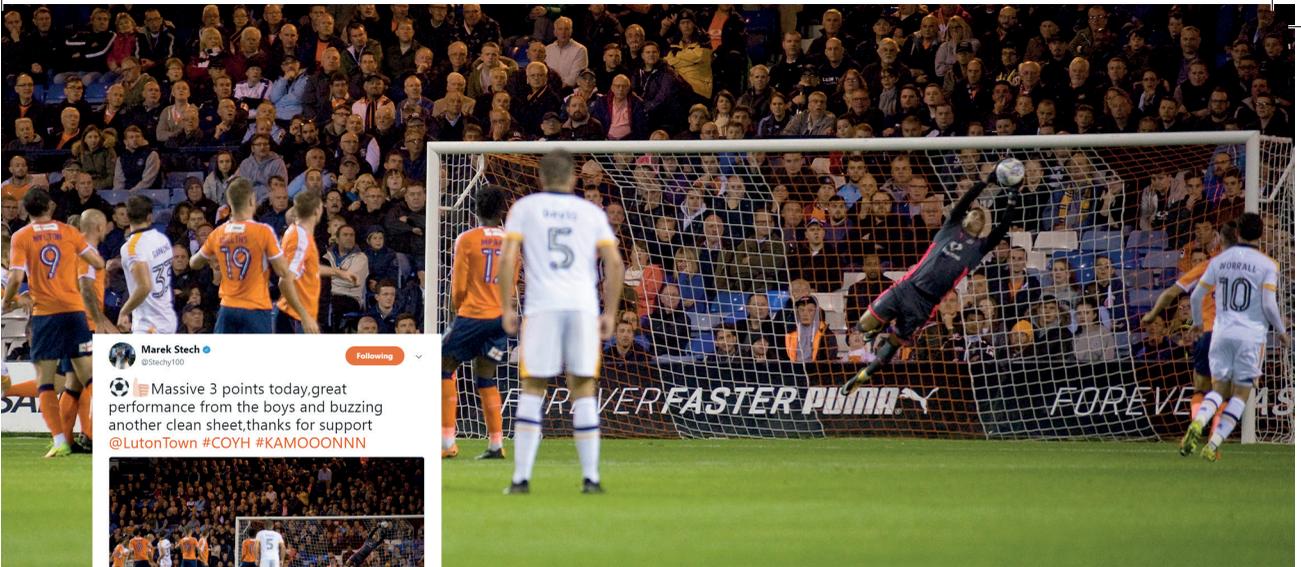
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🏆 Massive 3 points today, great performance from the boys and buzzing another clean sheet, thanks for support @LutonTown #COYH #KAMOOONNN



THE MAIN MINUTES

- 13'** Town are really pushing for an opener, Luke Berry crosses in from the right and Andrew Shinnie is guilty of missing a decent chance as he heads wide from close, when it looked easier to score.
- 20'** It's early on but Alan McCormack has been brilliant so far, tough tackling and excellent passing. He's making the midfield tick.
- 38' GOAL TO THE HATTERS!** It's an own goal. Berry gets the ball 18 yards from goal, knocks it out of his feet to take aim and shoot but Ben Whitfield smashes it past his own keeper trying to break up the attack! **1-0** #COYH

- 41'** Anthony De Freitas takes a free-kick from 25 yards and it's a decent effort, but Marek Stech is equal to it, not only saving but catching it. What a guy, he is quickly writing himself into Hatters folklore.
- 50' IT'S TWO TO THE TOWN!** A perfect counter from a Vale corner, McCormack does really well to play Jack Stacey down the right and he hammers it into the top right corner, catching out Sam Hornby in the Valiants' goal! **2-0** #COYH
- 90'** McCormack gets the sponsor's Man of the Match. We've said it enough times tonight, but just once more to let you all know, he has been absolutely superb.

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WYCOMBE 1 : TOWN 2



SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER | ADAMS PARK | ATTENDANCE: 5,512 | AWAY: 1,459

WYCOMBE GOAL: AKINFENWA 40' | **TOWN GOALS:** CUTHBERT 90, COLLINS 90+8'

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, REA (E LEE 85), SHEEHAN, POTTS, MCCORMACK (CUTHBERT 41), MPANZU, BERRY, SHINNIE (CORNICK 63), COLLINS, HYLTON. | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, MULLINS, O LEE, SHEA (GK)
YELLOW CARDS: SHINNIE, COLLINS, HYLTON

WYCOMBE: BROWN, HARRIMAN, STEWART, EL-ABD ©, JACOBSON, BEAN, O'NIEN, GAPE (SAUNDERS 34), BLOOMFIELD, AKINFENWA (TYSON 67), MACKAIL-SMITH (COWAN-HALL 90+2). | **SUBS NOT USED:** RICHARDSON (GK), UMERAH, EZE, SCARR | **YELLOW CARDS:** BEAN, AKINFENWA

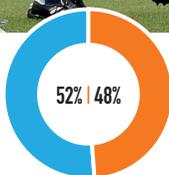


Scott Cuthbert volleys in the equaliser



JONES:

"A fantastic three points. We were nowhere near in the first half in terms of competing and how we went about it. We couldn't really handle Akinfenwa. We didn't do the ugly side of stuff and credit to Wycombe, they put a lot pressure on you, everything goes into your box, but we are having to get used to that because of what we are coming up against. I can't take it away from a wonderful, wonderful afternoon though. Bearing in mind we missed a penalty – a clear one, it could have been a sending off. What a win. I am delighted for the fans with the atmosphere they created, they had to put up with a lot. They were brilliant."



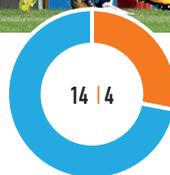
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THE MAIN MINUTES

- 24'** James Collins gets a glancing header on Alan Sheehan's inswinging free-kick and beats Wycombe keeper Scott Brown, but the linesman has his flag up. Replays suggest the Town man was onside.
- 40'** GOAL to Wycombe. Adebayo Akinfenwa heads in from eight yards to give the hosts the lead just before the break. 1-0
- 51'** PENALTY TO THE HATTERS! Hylton lifts the ball over Joe Jacobson as he runs into the penalty area and the Chairboy pushes the forward to the ground!
- 52'** SAVED by Brown. Hylton sends it to the keeper's right and he gets down well to make the save. 1-0
- 90'** GOAL TO THE HATTERS! THE SKIPPER LEVELS THE SCORE! Just moments after Nathan Jones told Scott Cuthbert to go up top and there he is, prodding in from close range to bring the score level! **1-1** #COYH
- 90+8'** GOOOOALLLLLLL TO THE HATTEERRRRSSSSSSS!!! Substitute Harry Cornick crosses in from the right, Collins heads it towards goal, it deflects off Michael Harriman and over the keeper and Marcus Bean can't clear it off the line! Town take all three points in the most unlikely of circumstances! **1-2** #COYH



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SKIPPER SCOTT LEVELS THE SCORE

CUTHBERT MAKES UP FOR RED CARD WITH ANOTHER ADAMS PARK GOAL

“Football is just an unbelievable game, isn't it?” Scott Cuthbert said in the wake of his side's 2-1 win over the Chairboys. “Just so many highs and lows. What a way to finish it.

“It wasn't a pretty game to be honest with you, I don't think we played anywhere near our best. I think we struggled first half to get a hold of the game and to deal with their threats in the box.

“But the character we have showed, the resilience, never give up and never say die. We got the two goals at the end and we are absolutely delighted.”

The Scotsman's close-range finish sent the away end into delirium as a hard-fought game at Adams Park looked as if it wasn't going to yield any points for the Town, before he slotted home in the 90th minute.

But had he listened to his defensive partner Alan Sheehan, the moment might never have happened at all.

Cuthbert continued: “Sheez was screaming at me not to go up! The manager has given me the nod and I thought I may as well, we may as well go for it and chance our luck. I don't even know who crossed it in, it has just fell for me lovely, thankfully.

“Two goals in two games at Adams Park, brilliant! The most important thing is we have won the game. In this league, you get a lot of games

that aren't pretty, away from home against big, strong sides.

“Of course we want to play well. The fans come and travel in their numbers and we want to give them a performance. But I think we will take today's result. I think they will take that as well, a 2-1 win.

SPRINGBOARD

“And we know ourselves that we've got a lot of work to do. Keep on improving and keep on working hard, but we showed unbelievable character and unbelievable desire to get the win.”

The defender's red card against former club Swindon the previous Saturday led to the Hatters slipping to a 3-0 defeat at Kenilworth Road, so Cuthbert was more than pleased to see his strike put the Town on level terms, providing the springboard for the Hatters to go onto win the game.

“Nobody beats themselves up more when they make a mistake than me, I can guarantee you that,” said Cuthbert, who started on the bench at Wycombe but came on in the 41st minute to replace the injured Alan McCormack.

“I've been beating myself up since I did it. I let the lads, the supporters, the manager and the coaches down.

“The best way to remedy that is to get them back on side and do well on the pitch. Luckily I have managed to grab a goal and we have managed to win the game.”





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COLLO'S LATE, LATE CALL KILLS OFF CHAIRBOYS

It had been a frustrating opening 89 minutes for the Town at Wycombe last Saturday.

Nathan Jones' side had gone close a couple of times and had tried to force the issue, but whatever the Hatters tried, the Chairboys were equal to it as they led 1-0 courtesy of an Adebayo Akinfenwa header in the first half.

Town thought they'd levelled the score when Danny Hylton was fouled in the penalty area just after half-time, but his resulting penalty was saved.

INCREDIBLE

Skipper Scott Cuthbert then struck for his first of the season to bring the game level in the last minute of regular time, before James Collins headed home in the eighth minute of stoppage.

"It's an incredible feeling – Wycombe is a tough place to come and they played very well," Collins said.

"But to go to Adams Park and get the win in the 98th minute, it's a really big three points.

"In teams that I have played with before, I know that it's games like this that get you promoted. The games where you are down in the last five minutes and you come back and you nick a draw or you nick three points.

"I think we will look back at this result and think it really, really mattered."

It was the ex-Crawley Town forward's sixth goal in a Hatters shirt since his summer arrival, but this one certainly felt like it took an eternity to cross the line.

However he felt it was certainly worth the wait to be able to share the moment with the supporters just a few feet behind the goal.

He continued: "It seemed to take forever to drop, but when it did over that white line, to celebrate in front of those unbelievable fans it was a great feeling.

"The support we get away from home and at Kenilworth Road is brilliant. I don't know what the exact number was here today, but they sold the whole stand out.

"So on a personal note to score in front of them late on was incredible.

ABILITY

"Any striker will tell you that if the goals are going in then you are a happy man. I think the three points was more important than whoever scored, but I am delighted though to have scored the winner."

Cuthbert scored his first goal for the Hatters at the same ground, and indeed in the same goal, last season, and Collins wasn't surprised by the defender's ability to slot the ball home confidently.



"Credit to Scotty, he does finish those in training," Collo continued. "He's not bad to be fair to him, to see him finish it off in the composed way he did was fantastic and that kickstarted the comeback.

HAPPY

"When it went to 1-1 they were still trying to slow the game down, they were happy with a draw. I think we were the side to push and win the game, and fortunately that happened."



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TOWN TRAVELLERS

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

“A quite amazing afternoon. One which I'm convinced you only get following the Town! My last interviewee described LTFC in three words as ups and downs – and we experienced it all at Adams Park.

It is never my favourite place to go at the best of times despite our good record there, but for the majority of the game my dislike of the place was growing. Wycombe were physical, ugly and everything I'm not keen on in modern day football, but despite that this never say die attitude of ours shone through again.

After trailing to what was such a predictable goal when it came from Akinfenwa, we never really looked in the game apart from a second half penalty which Danny Hylton missed. As Wycombe sat back on their

lead and injury time approached, we launched the kitchen sink and got our reward.

We levelled going into injury time when Scott Cuthbert volleyed home Hylton's cross after Elliot Lee flicked on, and then with time almost expired, a brilliant Harry Cornick cross found James Collins at the back post. His header went in, despite the efforts of the defender, to send almost 1,500 Town fans absolutely bonkers!

Fantastic scenes at the final whistle amplified by Nathan Jones' exuberant celebrations. There was much to improve on in terms of the performance but nothing beats a last-minute winner.

It turned a sour day into a brilliant one! ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FANS PETER AND LINDA LITTLE!

Where do you both sit at Kenilworth Road?

Peter: We sit together in Black B of the Main Stand.

How long have you been supporting Luton?

Peter: Since the early 60s.

Linda: Just over 20 years.

What made you start going to football?

Peter: My dad and grandad were Luton fans and they took me

Linda: I first went with Peter and have been going ever since.

Who is your favourite Luton player?

Peter: Gordon Turner. He was an excellent goalscorer.

Linda: Mick Harford!

Who is your favourite Town manager?

Peter: John Moore always impressed me.

Linda: I liked David Pleat.

Favourite LTFC memory?

Peter: The Littlewoods Cup final win over Arsenal in '88.

Linda: Same for me, but another would be Keith Keane's corner against Oxford in 2010.

You can bring back one player from the past to play in the current team. Who would you pick?

Linda: Steve Howard for me.

Peter: Yes I agree. He always scored goals.

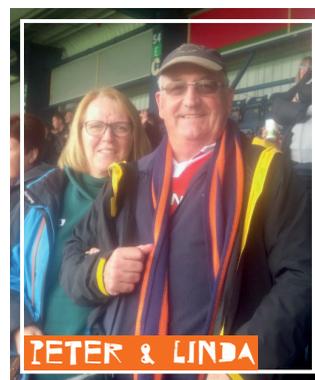
Do you have a piece of LTFC memorabilia that you treasure?

Peter: I have the match ball from when I sponsored a match vs Derby when Mick Harford scored an own goal to keep the Town up. That is something I treasure.

Where will the Town finish this season?

Linda: I will say top three. If you pushed me again I would probably say second overall but definitely top three.

Peter: I think we will finish in the top three as well.



What does LTFC mean to you?

Linda: It has become a way of life to me.

Peter: It means everything. I'm Luton born and bred, as are my family, and we are all Town fans.

Describe LTFC in 3 words.

Peter: Brave little club.

Linda: Heartstopping and frustrating!

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PART FIVE

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...



Six League games had now been played in a hectic start to the season, with four away including three trips to Wales, but thankful Luton manager Allan Brown now had a full week to assess the injury situation amongst the players at Kenilworth Road before back to back home games against York and Southend.

Brown's major problem lay in the forward line with big money summer signing Rodney Green needing to go under the surgeon's knife for a cartilage operation and stand-in centre-forward Micky Brown, at 5ft 6ins, hardly suited for the main striker's role.

A replacement for Green was therefore a priority and Bury centre-forward Paul Aimson, who had found himself out of favour at Gigg Lane, was targeted. Aimson visited Kenilworth Road, liked what he saw and heard, according to Brown, but then decided his 'business interests' in the north took priority and instead signed for our promotion rivals Bradford City for £4,000.

For the forthcoming game with York at Kenilworth Road, Brown decided to play the defensive minded Billy McDermott at centre-forward, reasoning: "He should fit quite easily into the forward line as he played centre-forward on several occasions for Leicester reserves."

He did not see this as a long-term solution though as he deputed several of the club's directors to scout striker targets rather than see the Town take on the Minstermen.

Heavy rain on the day of the game, which only eased just before kick-off, looked to have kept the crowd down but by the time the turnstiles stopped clicking a healthy 7,977 were in attendance. Brown had moaned about the pitch at Newport the previous week – 'It was rutted and believe it or not I understand that donkeys had been parading on it last week and there were hoof marks all up and down the ground' – but could have no complaints about the Kenilworth Road surface, which was flat and true at that stage in the season.



BROWN CHASES ENGLAND FORWARD

PEACOCK IS Buxton NEW TOWN for £11,000 TARGET

**BUXTON SIGNED
'BY CHANCE'
FROM DERBY
FOR £11,000**

By ALAN MANLEY

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LUTON TOWN want Alan Peacock, Leeds United England centre-forward, to bring more fire power to their attack. And this is only one lead in three-pronged negotiations now proceeding at Kenilworth Road.

During the weekend the possible move of Bury leader Paul Aimson to Luton, written off as a lamp squib on Wednesday, flared again and last night manager Allan Brown told me: "There is another very hot iron in the fire, too, but at the moment I can't say any more about that one!" Mr Brown contacted Leeds about Peacock immediately he learned that they were about to sign Sheffield United leader Mick Jones — a transfer they pulled off for an alleged £100,000.

On Saturday Peacock was watched in a Central League match with Derby County. He scored two good goals.

Mr Brown is sure the fee for Peacock would not be beyond his means, but, of course, there are snags. Plymouth are just one of the clubs known to be



ALAN PEACOCK

interested in the talented Peacock, and then there are problems of terms to negotiate.

Determination

But whether Peacock comes to Luton or not, the fact that the Town were so quickly off the mark is proof of their determination to succeed.

As far as Aimson is concerned, the player has promised to ring Luton this afternoon. Obviously although he turned down the move last week, he has had second thoughts, Mr Brown says: "I'm still very interested in Aimson but, as of this moment, I'm keener on Peacock. There's something brewing elsewhere, too. We shall have to see what happens."

Negotiations can take a frustratingly long time, but I know that Mr Brown would like a new centre-forward before Wednesday night's home match with Southend.

This is a vital game for the Town, for it is followed by three tough away fixtures — at Rochdale, Doncaster and Chester.

Peacock is a player of genuine class and ability who, until he suffered a leg injury, looked set for a long run as England's first choice leader.



IAN BUXTON (LOCAL)

LUTON TOWN paid £11,000 for Derby County centre-forward Ian Buxton this morning. He will play for Luton against Southend United tonight. Buxton, who plays county cricket for Derbyshire, agreed terms with manager Allan Brown last night after the Luton boss had driven north in a 11th hour attempt to sign a new forward before tonight's tough fixture.

Buxton, who scored nine goals in 34 Second Division appearances for Derby last season, was watched quite by chance by Luton.

Club directors went to Derby on Saturday to watch a reserve game between County and Leeds

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Rioch leads the field

OF LUTON TOWN'S forwards only Bruce Rioch has scored more than once in the nine League games played so far. All the others have netted once only. Rioch has scored six.

A study of the Town's scoresheet brings to light a goal-starved attack which belies the side's strong position in Division Four.

Luton have scored 15 League goals and conceded 11. Take away Rioch's six and that leaves one each for Green, Allen, Brown, Slough, Whittaker (penalty), Branston, French, Buxton and Moore.

Rioch also scored two in three League Cup games which brought lone goals from Allen and Whittaker (another penalty).

Green has been out for weeks with a cartilage operation, but he started in grand style with three goals in three friendlies. Allen and Whittaker also scored one piece in the friendlies.

Only Hare, Jardine and Dougan of Saturday's side — which can be regarded as the first team — have failed to score this season.

By Roger Duckworth

Reserves. Luton were interested in Leeds former England leader Alan Peacock. But they were unimpressed by Peacock's performance and far more happy with the showing of Buxton.

Inquiries were made last night Mr Brown went to see Buxton. After a long talk Buxton went home to the over Luton's offer. This morning he rang Mr Brown and accepted.

It is Luton's biggest signing since they bought John Buxton from Northampton for £12,000 four years ago. Read now for Rochdale whom Luton net on Saturday.

Buxton, a local boy for Derby, is 28. Tonight he will play at inside-right with the taller Keith Allen moving to centre-forward. Billy Derment, who played at centre-forward on Saturday, fills the 12th man place.

Luton now have a strong line-up to meet Southend tonight, one of the best sides in the Fourth Division. Southend beat Luton 3-0 at the sea on the only side to beat Luton earlier this season. They will be the only side to beat Luton in the term.

Luton's team will be: R. Hare, Jardine, Dougan, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker, S. McDerment.

Southend have Sar. McMillan at inside-left in place of the injured John Babe. Babe will be his first game since signing from Wrexham last week and he partners McKimven who passed a fit test today.

Team: Roberts, Ben. Birks, Ashworth, May, Ste. son, Ferguson, Smith, Smillie, McMillan, Sub. Substitute: Beattie.

[ROGER WASH]

Luton cheers

Luton 3 Southend 1

★ SOUTHEND lost their unbeaten record while Luton kept their 100 per cent home record intact at Luton last night.

It was never a great game but it was tension-laden and kept Luton's biggest crowd for nearly 18 months, 13,332, in constant excitement.

Southend, fast and hard working, started as if they would dominate.

Luton outlasted the early storm and scored first through

their star player John Moore after 23 minutes. Both teams had a goal disallowed and Luton's chance seemed to have gone when Jackie Ferguson equalised after 69 minutes.

Two minutes later Terry Branstion headed Luton ahead again from a corner, and Graham French made the points safe with 12 minutes left.

It was always a tough match but not a hot tempered one. Luton—Read; Hare, Jardine, Dougan, Branstion, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Riach, Whittaker. Sub: McDermott. Southend—Roberts, Bentley, Birks, Ashworth, May, Stevenson, Ferguson, Chisnall, Smilie, McMillan, McKinnon. Sub: Beesley.

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PENKNIFE THROWN AT LUTON

CROWD trouble hit Luton last night. After an open-bladed penknife had been thrown from the terraces, referee Norman Hurtenshaw threatened to abandon this top-of-the-table Fourth Division tussle. The incident happened when Luton centre half Terry Branstion regained the lead for Luton 20 minutes

after John Ferguson's 69th-minute equaliser for Southend. Graham French hit a third for Luton in the 78th minute to make sure of Southend's first defeat of the season. Luton's first goal came when Trevor Roberts parried a Bruce Riach drive and John Moore tapped in the rebound.

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Luton delight fans

Luton Town 3
LUTON TOWN, before one of their biggest crowds for a long time, 13,332, turned in a promotion-bound performance against Southend at Kenilworth Road.

Moore, whose place seemed in peril at the start of the season, gave a powerful display in defence and also put Luton ahead after 23 minutes.

At that stage unbeaten Southend were unlucky to be behind and it seemed as if they might preserve their record when Jackie Ferguson headed an equaliser after 69 minutes. But they were jolted two minutes later by Luton skipper Terry Branstion, whose header from a corner restored the lead.

Southend fought hard, but spoiled it all in front of goal by poor finishing. They were finally sunk 12 minutes from the end when Graham French scored one of his rare goals.

Ian Buxton signed during the

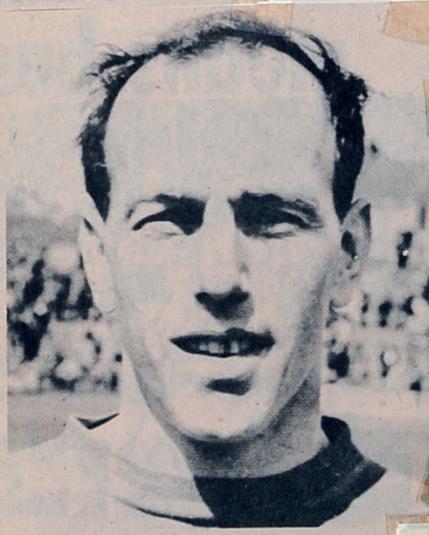
Southend United 1
day had a comparatively quiet debut for Luton, but he will not always be caught up in a match of this tension.

BRIGHT PLAY: 78%, 76%. Luton—Read, Hare, Jardine, Dougan, Branstion, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Riach, Whittaker. Sub: McDermott. Southend—Roberts, Bentley, Birks, Ashworth, May, Stevenson, Ferguson, Chisnall, Smilie, McMillan, McKinnon. Sub: Beesley.

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IAN BUXTON — plays tonight

CUT IT OUT!



A PENKNIFE LIKE THIS WAS THROWN INTO THE SOUTHEND GOALMOUTH.

IT MUST have been gratifying for all concerned with Luton Town Football Club when the Town beat Southend 3-1 last night before 13,332 spectators — their best gate for a long time.

What was far from gratifying was the act of the lunatic who threw an open penknife into the Southend goalmouth as Luton scored their second goal.

The Evening Post speaks for all connected with the club when we tell louts who can even think of throwing knives at

players to stay away from Kenilworth Road. Heaven knows, there is enough violence without bringing it into the football scene in Luton.

One of the most exciting features of any League match is the atmosphere — the cheers and counter-cheers. Players thrive on noise. Silence means apathy. But violence, quite unprovoked in this case, means one step nearer Continental grounds, where a huge steel mesh separates the crowd from the players.

In his very first column in the Evening Post, Luton manager Allan Brown wrote: "The Luton fans are among the best behaved in the country. . . by and large Luton crowds have a very good reputation. The trend towards violence on other grounds really disturbs me. When toilet rolls are substituted by darts, tin cans and bottles it beomes really frightening."

The vast majority of Luton fans will, we know, do all they can to stamp out this most vicious form of football

vandalism, whether it is perpetrated by a Town supporter or a visitor.

The younger element in the Luton crowd has picked up some good gimmicks from other grounds in the country: gimmicks like the chants and songs that were born at Anfield Road, Liverpool, and Old Trafford, Manchester. Good, clean fun it is, too.

Let's leave it at that. Let's leave the knife-throwing to professionals. . . in circuses.

'CUT IT OUT'
SAID THE
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SO I DID!

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New signing from Derby, Ian Buxton



The game was nothing to write home about in the early stages, but suddenly sparked into life on 22 minutes when York's Ted MacDougall took advantage of an initial wayward pass from the Town's Graham French and stroked the ball home from close range. MacDougall was, of course, to go on to enjoy a glittering career with Bournemouth, Manchester United, Norwich and Southampton amongst others, and once netted nine times for the Cherries in an FA Cup tie – sadly one less than our own record holder Joe Payne!

The Town now sparked into life and were soon level when Ray Whittaker threaded through the perfect pass to Bruce Rioch who waltzed around

York goalkeeper Harry Fallon before tapping the ball into an empty net.

Ten minutes after the interval Rioch was again through on goal before colliding with Fallon. After both players received treatment by the respective spongemen, the referee pointed to the spot with the resultant penalty stroked home by Whittaker.

The York players were not happy with the decision, complaining with some justification that it was a 50/50 incident, and their discipline then went, leading to the Hatters controlling the rest of the game.

Rioch scored the Town's third with six minutes left following yet another fine pass from Whittaker, but in truth 'It

could have been a runaway win' – as headlined by Chiltern in the Green'Un – such were the number of chances spurned.

Next up were table-toppers Southend, the team that had inflicted the Town's only defeat so far in the season. Before kick-off it was announced that £11,000 had been spent on Derby County forward Ian Buxton and that he would be in the Town side that evening.

Word of the new signing spread quickly and the crowd was recorded as 13,332, the best for 18 months, including a good following from Essex.

LEVELLED

The game played out at a frenetic pace between two quick-tackling, hard running sides, and I always wonder what Buxton thought he had let himself in for with the ball flying over his head all game.

He did immediately endear himself to the crowd though after being flagged marginally offside with an early effort.

The Town took the lead after 22 minutes when John Moore followed in a Rioch free-kick which was too hard for Southend goalkeeper Trevor Roberts to handle, but Southend levelled on 70 minutes through a Jackie Ferguson header.

Two minutes later, skipper Terry Branston headed in a Whittaker corner which prompted someone from behind the Oak Road goal to hurl a penknife on the pitch.

Referee Norman Burtenshaw threatened to abandon the game, but no further objects were thrown and with ten minutes left Graham French made sure of the points with a thumping shot.

We were now up to fifth!



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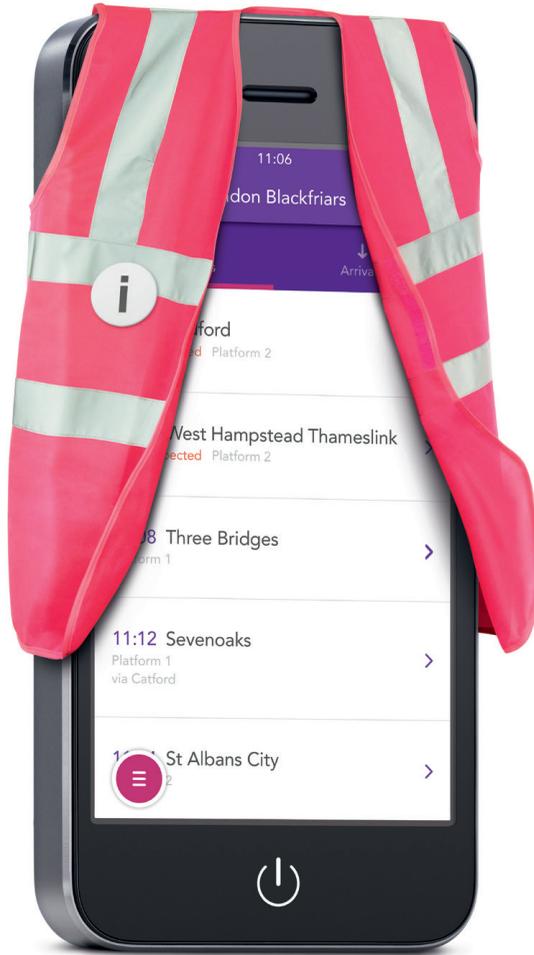
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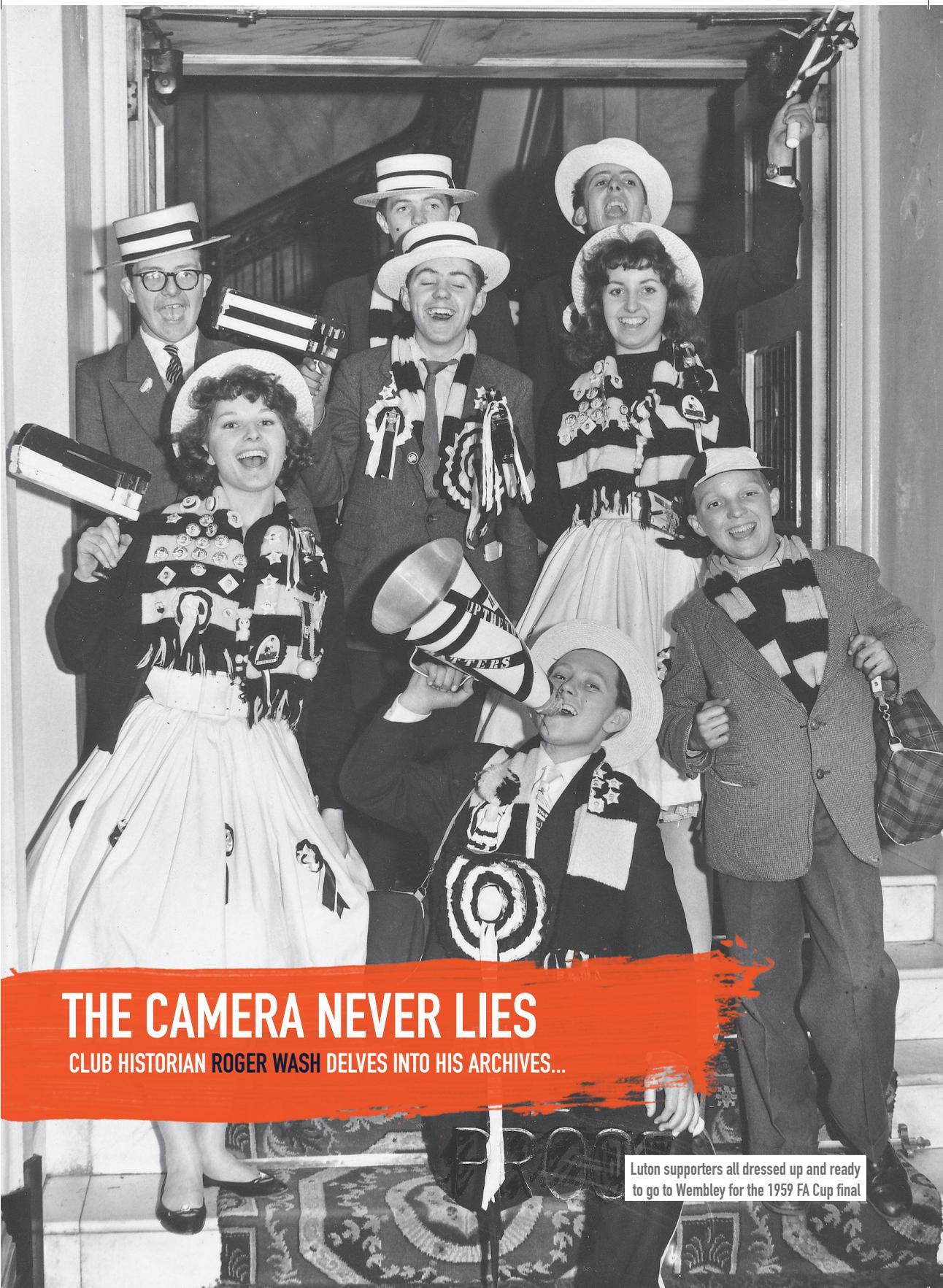
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Drew Richardson celebrates his opener



Michael Shamalo taps in the second

ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE



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

INIGO IDIAKEZ - WELCOME

We recently welcomed Inigo Idiakes to the club and the Academy as he assumes the role as Professional Development Phase Lead Coach. Following a thorough interview process, Inigo was identified as our preferred candidate and I am delighted that he accepted the role as U18s Coach and the challenge of continuing to produce more players for the first team squad.

Having previously coached at Leicester City within their Academy, the first team environment at Derby County and Leicester, and had an illustrious playing career in both Spain and England, we feel that Inigo's experience and knowledge will benefit the Academy greatly and we all wish him well in his role.

U18S

The U18s progressed to round three of the Southern Youth Alliance League Cup with a convincing 2-0 home victory over Plymouth Argyle last week. Drew Richardson put us in front early in the first half, with Michael Shamalo adding the second just after half-time.

The performance encouraged Inigo, who was taking charge of the U18s for the first time, as the players worked hard and thoroughly deserved the victory.

Thank you to those supporters (and staff members) who were able to get along and watch the game. It is always great to have numbers turn up and support the U18s, and is appreciated by us all. We await the draw for the next round which will be played on Saturday 4th November.

A local clash at home to Stevenage followed the victory over Plymouth, which saw Josh Neufville give us a deserved half-time lead before Stevenage equalised in the second half and both teams had to share the spoils. A typical, local encounter saw both teams fully committed, in what turned out to be a rather scrappy affair and a draw was probably a fair result in the end.

Up next this morning was a short journey up the M1...

APPRENTICESHIP

Obviously, the main focus for all our U18s is football, however it is worth pointing out that of late the apprentices have been busy continuing to develop different skills during their two-year apprenticeship. Recently, they have all completed First Aid & Safeguarding courses, whilst next week they will all (hopefully) pass their FA Level 2 Football Coaching Badges. In addition to that, the apprentices will also take part in Cookery, Social Media & Life

Skills workshops before the end of October. All of the above will only add to developing them as good people, which is obviously something we want to promote at the Academy.

ACADEMY MATCH DAY VENUE

With us now having the fantastic facilities at The Brache to train out of on a daily basis, Ely Way has now become the Academy matchday venue on Saturday and Sunday mornings (11am kick-offs). Thank you to all the fans who currently come along to support the boys. It would be great to see even more Hatters cheering our own on so please come along any time!

Enjoy today's game. COYH!!

Andy

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I'm really pleased to report on the successful first games last week as a result of our Beds and Luton Community Youth funded project to establish a sustainable youth football club structure in High Town.

For many years, High Town lacked any organised youth football teams. Last season we began weekly training sessions in People's Park alongside new trainee coaches, with the aim of setting up teams in this part of town to compete in local leagues from this season, as well as establish a volunteer community club structure to administer the teams.

In 2016-17 we were thrilled to report great success in Marsh Farm with the formation of a new club called Luton

Nations Youth FC. They are now well established in local youth leagues and have now been joined by our new partner club, High Town Youth FC who last week made their Chiltern Youth League debuts.

Luton Borough Council and Luton Airport work in partnership through the Community Youth Fund to improve the quality of life of the people of Luton and particularly to provide positive activities for children and young people and reduce anti-social behaviour, strengthen community cohesion and improve health and promote health equality.



Setting up new community clubs are ambitious projects, targeting socially disadvantaged areas of the Town. To help parents and kids form football clubs takes a lot of time, effort and money.

It is a challenge, especially where a high

number of parents in these areas are new to the country and English is not their first language. Talk to anyone currently involved in running a team about just one issue, safeguarding, and they will tell you how much necessary work is involved.

All that hard work and effort is well worth it when you see the youngsters turn out in their brand new kits and representing their part of Luton for the first time in many years.

If you want to start up a youth football club in Luton it may be worth giving our Community Office a call on 01582 737568 for a chat, or email us on community@lutontown.co.uk for advice.



COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING

We are launching some of our new adult learning courses in the next couple of weeks and details of the first two courses are detailed below.

1. Free Community Coaching Programme

The Hatters Trust have again been awarded funding from Luton Adult Learning and the Skills Funding Agency to provide 18 free spaces to local adults to learn coaching skills and gain their FA Level 1 badge absolutely free through successful completion of our coaching learning programme.

Our champions will then aim to deliver sports activities to members of our local community and try make a real contribution at local level to the sports provision in Luton.

The Trust now employs around 40 full-time, part-time, apprentice and volunteer staff to deliver the ever increasing number of social, health and educational projects we are involved in each week.

Not all of our staff are simply focused on our youth development or talent identification centres which feeds our schoolboy academy – many are focused on their community contribution through school work with mentoring and educational projects, as well as the increasing social cohesion work being done in some of our more deprived estates.

The type of 'coaches' we need for this kind of work don't need to budding Guardiolas or a Nathan Jones (although it would help!) – but local people who really care about Luton and the community they live and work in, and who recognise the power of football to be at the heart of all Luton's communities.

Our first induction evening is Thursday 12th October – 6pm at the stadium – and if you would like more information simply either email Daniel at learning@lutontown.co.uk, or give us a ring at the Community Office on 01582 737568.

2. Go Lead Go Stress Free adult courses available

Did you know that every year one in four of us will experience a mental health problem? It may feel like the last thing you want to talk about but the fact is that feeling stressed out is pretty common – it's bottling it up that causes the problem!

Well, the Hatters Trust have teamed up with Luton Adult Learning again to come up with courses that we hope

will help people better self-manage their mental health symptoms.

What are the symptoms? Pretty common you'll find – poor sleeping patterns, mood swings, difficulty in finding and keeping work and generally finding it stressful just dealing with everyday life, and perhaps even becoming more isolated are all sure signs of mental health problems.

Our Go Lead Go Stress Free courses are six-week sports courses specifically designed to support adults in how to develop and use leadership skills in day to day situations.



Football, Learning and Sports courses involving playing and relaxing through a combination of five-a-sides and classroom based subjects such as communication, what is a leader, working with others as well as putting it all into practise through improvising techniques.

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HATTERS LADIES

TOWN REMAIN JOINT TOP DESPITE FIRST DEFEAT

Ladies go down 4-1 on trip to face AFC Wimbledon

The Hatters were hoping to remain unbeaten travelling to Sutton United to face AFC Wimbledon on Sunday, but unfortunately ended up on the wrong end of a 4-1 scoreline.

The Town started well and had the first chance of the game after Erica Byron – who was making her first start of the season as a right-back – played Jo Rutherford in, but her shot was blocked on the edge of the box.

After 15 minutes, the home side broke the deadlock when a through ball was played to the striker who was at least five yards offside, but it wasn't given and she finished well past Town stopper Grace Brooks.

Straight from this, Jodie Bellinger had a great chance to equalise for the Hatters but the Wimbledon keeper made a good save.

On the half-hour mark, Bellinger again nearly put her side level after Rutherford did some good defensive work and played Bellinger in, but the keeper just got there first.

Just before the break, Town had two quickfire chances to equalise but couldn't get the final touch.

First Jess McKay saw space open up and hit it from distance, but it dipped just over the bar. Then McKay was involved again, unleashing a second shot that was well saved but spilt by the keeper, Bellinger unlucky not to finish the rebound.

After the break Bellinger and McKay combined well and pulled

another save from the excellent AFC Wimbledon keeper, who had also done well to keep out several well delivered set pieces from Zara Carroll and Rutherford.

After 60 minutes, the Hatters were caught on the break and the Dons took advantage with a great effort from distance that sailed into the top corner.

Five minutes later the Hatters should have gone ahead after Carroll delivered a decent free-kick and a scramble on the line was cleared after Dionne Manning tried to poke it in at the far post.

The home side then scored two quick fire goals as the Town went on the attack, however. The defence found themselves with little protection and the Dons were able to get in behind to make it three, before another worldie from distance made it four.

With five minutes left, the Hatters eventually got the goal that had been coming as Carroll took her player on and dipped it into the top corner from a difficult angle.

The remaining minutes passed with not much happening, but substitute Funmi Babalola flashed a great ball across goal but nobody was able to convert it and the Town suffered their first defeat of the league season.

Manager Nikki Baker said: "It was a frustrating game today and we couldn't get on the ball or convert that final ball.

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 | L 1-4 |
| Sun Sep 24 | Leighton Orient | H | |
| Sun Oct 1 | MK Dons | H | |
| Wed Oct 4 | Denham United | H | |
| Sun Oct 8 | Maidenhead 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 | |

*Home games are played at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium

"We had several chances in the first half but could not finish or make it stick up the top end. However, one defeat out of four is not bad and especially as we have been without key players the last few games."

The Ladies are at home tomorrow, hosting Leyton Orient, 2pm kick-off.



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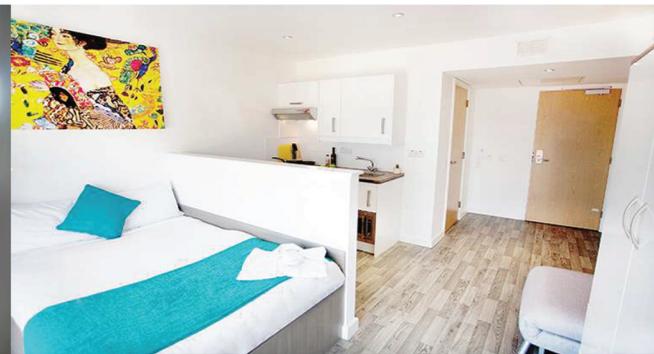


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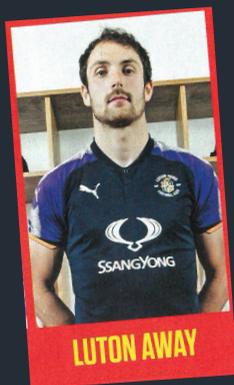
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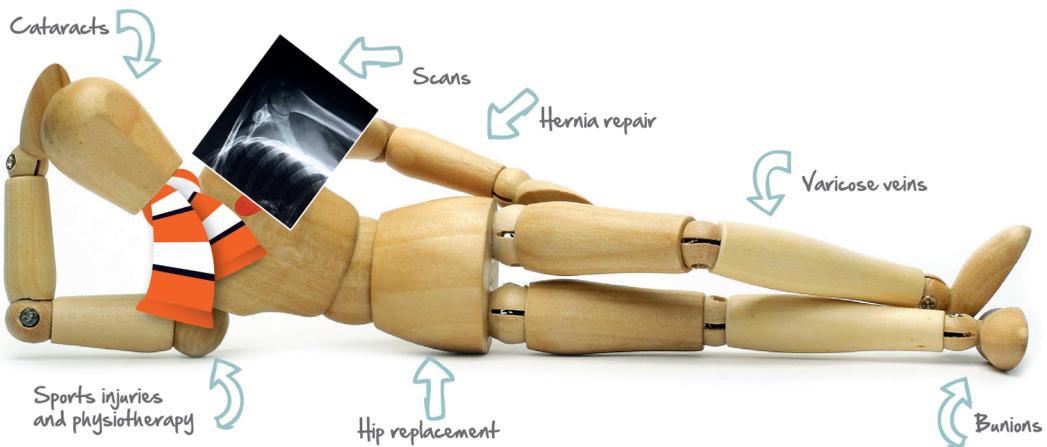
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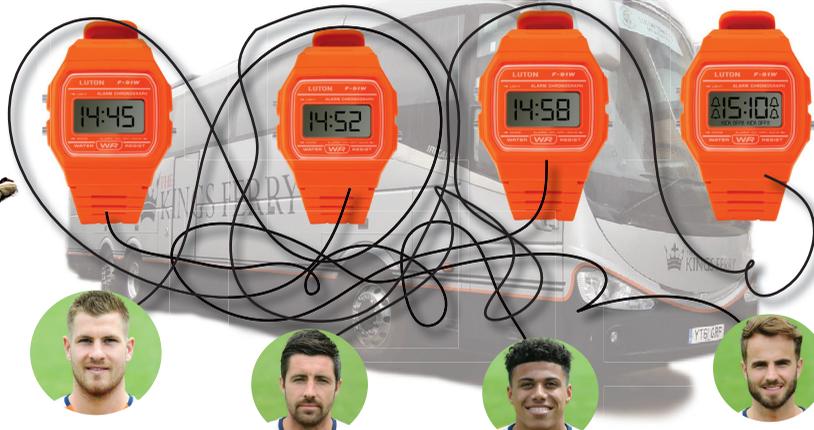
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COME ON
YOU HATTERS!



HATTY!

JUNIOR HATTERS



James Collins, Alan Sheehan, James Justin and Andrew Shinnie fell asleep on the team coach! But only one of them missed kick-off at 15:00. Can you work out which one got in trouble with Nathan Jones?



HARRY!



MASCOT FACTILE: CHESTER THE FIELDMOUSE

Chesterfield's mascot is Chester the fieldmouse - a friendly chap with very large ears. His favourite food is cheese (no surprises there then) and his birthday is on February 14th.

20:00 & 20+8!!!! THE HATTERS LEAVE IT LATE

The lads left it late. But thanks to two goals in injury time, the Hatters brought all three points back to Kenilworth Road after a dramatic end to their match against Wycombe on Saturday. Well done to goalscorers Scott Cuthbert and James Collins!



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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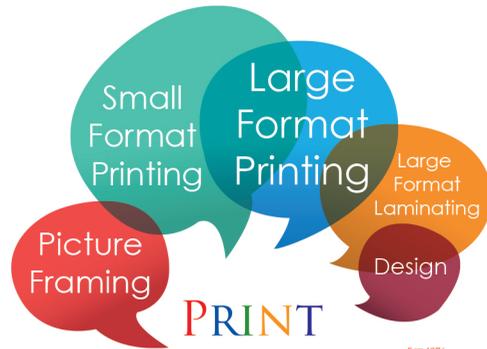


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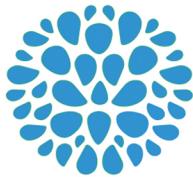
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WHEN I WAS A BOY

LAWSON D'ATH

Town midfielder gives us an insight into his footballing world as a child, as he takes questions from Happy Harry Lunch bag winner, ten-year-old **CODY MCKEE!**

CODY: What is your first football memory?

LD: It was called the Coca-Cola Cup back in the day! I was about four-years-old and I watched Chelsea beat Middlesbrough in the final. That's my first memory of watching a game on TV. Then my first live game was going to watch Leeds United versus Tottenham.

What was the first team you supported?

Chelsea and then I changed to Leeds!

What was the first team you played for?

Ducklington.

Who was your favourite player as a boy?

I had a few, so David Beckham when I was really young because I played



Little Lawson!

in his position at the time, and then Steven Gerrard took his place.

What was the first position you played in?

Right midfield.

What was your best subject at school?

PE...because I was rubbish at everything else!

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

A footballer. Always.

What was the first replica shirt you had?

It might have been a Chelsea one.

What was the first CD you bought?

I didn't actually buy the CD, my mum and dad got it for me. Well, they had

it themselves and I nicked it! It was an Eminem CD.

What make were your first pair of boots?

Lotto – I slept with them on at night!

When did you first meet one of your heroes?

I met Steven Gerrard when I was a youth team player at Reading. The first team had Liverpool in the cup and I met him in the tunnel, which was a surreal thing.

What would you be if you weren't a footballer?

A dustbin man! I don't know, maybe working with my dad on a building site.

CODY'S INTERVIEW WITH LAWSON CAN BE VIEWED ON WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

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FIXTURES PILE-UP

| DATE | TIME | H/A | OPPOSITION | SCORE | ATT | AWAY | POS | STARTING XI | | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|-----|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|---------------------------------------|-------------|---|----------|--|--|--|
| AUGUST | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 5 | 3.00pm | H | Yeovil Town | W 8-2 | 8,101 | 258 | 1 | Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts | McCORMACK 1 | • | O. LEE 1 | | | |
| Tue 8 | 7.45pm | H | Ipswich Town (Cup 1) | L 0-2 | 4,610 | 794 | - | Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Cook • | Rea | | O. Lee | | | |
| Sat 12 | 3.00pm | A | Barnet | L 0-1 | 3,555 | 2,109 | 8 | Stech Stacey Cuthbert • Sheehan Potts | McCormack | | O. Lee | | | |
| Tue 15 | 7.45pm | H | Tottenham U21 (Trophy) | D 2-2* | 2,699 | 404 | - | Shea Justin • Mullins Famewo Senior | Bakinson | | Cook | | | |
| Sat 19 | 3.00pm | H | Colchester United | W 3-0 | 7,865 | 445 | 3 | Stech Stacey McCormack Sheehan POTS 1 | Collins | | O. LEE 1 | | | |
| Sat 26 | 3.00pm | A | Mansfield Town | D 2-2 | 4,665 | 987 | 5 | Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts | McCormack • | | O. Lee ▲ | | | |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sat 2 | 3.00pm | A | Lincoln City | D 0-0 | 9,332 | 1,268 | 6 | Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts | McCormack • | | Rea | | | |
| Sat 9 | 3.00pm | H | Swindon Town | L 0-3 | 8,455 | 832 | 13 | Stech Stacey Cuthbert ■ Sheehan Potts | McCormack | | O. Lee ♦ | | | |
| Tue 12 | 7.45pm | H | Port Vale | W 2-0 | 7,046 | 136 | 9 | Stech STACEY 1 Rea Sheehan Potts | McCormack | | Berry | | | |
| Sat 16 | 3.00pm | A | Wycombe Wanderers | W 2-1 | 5,512 | 1,459 | 4 | Stech Stacey Rea ▲ Sheehan Potts | McCormack • | | Berry | | | |
| 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

Cambridge United 2-1 Coventry City

Carlisle United 1-1 Barnet

Cheltenham Town 3-1 Colchester United

Chesterfield 1-2 Accrington Stanley

Crawley Town 0-1 Notts County

Exeter City 3-0 Crewe Alexandra

Grimsby Town 2-1 Yeovil Town

Lincoln City 0-1 Mansfield Town

Morecambe 2-1 Newport County

Port Vale 1-1 Forest Green Rovers

Swindon Town 3-2 Stevenage

Wycombe Wanderers 1-2 Luton Town

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Forest Green Rovers v Swindon Town
(played last night)

Accrington Stanley v Cheltenham Town

Barnet v Crawley Town

Colchester United v Wycombe Wanderers

Coventry City v Exeter City

Crewe Alexandra v Carlisle United

Luton Town v Chesterfield

Mansfield Town v Cambridge United

Newport County v Grimsby Town

Notts County v Lincoln City

Stevenage v Morecambe

Yeovil Town v Port Vale

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

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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| GAMBIN 1 | Cornick ▲ | Hylton ◆ | E. Lee | James ● | MCQUOID 1 ◆ | Read ▲ | Peck | Jones | Shamalo | Isted |
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOANNE!

All at Kenitworth Road would like to wish supporter Joanne Macbeth a happy 35th birthday for Monday. Joanne's favourite Town player is Jack Senior and she hopes to be celebrating with husband Ian and son Ryan at the game today with three more points the ideal birthday present!

LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

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

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

| | THIS SEASON | | | | | | | | | | LFC CAREER TOT | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|----|
| | LEAGUE | | CUP | | TOTAL | | DISIP | | LFC CAREER TOT | | APPS | GLS | |
| | APPS | GLS | APPS | GLS | APPS | GLS | Y | R | APPS | GLS | | | |
| Tyreeq Bakinson | 0 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Luke Berry | 3 | (2) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 3 | (2) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| James Collins | 8 | (0) | 6 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 9 | (0) | 6 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| Jordan Cook | 0 | (3) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 2 | (3) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 47 | 4 |
| Harry Cornick | 0 | (6) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (6) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Kavan Cotter | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Scott Cuthbert | 5 | (1) | 1 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 6 | (1) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 93 | 3 |
| Lawson D'Ath | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Akin Famewo | 0 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Luke Gambin | 0 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (1) | 1 | 1 | (1) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 2 |
| Danny Hylton | 6 | (0) | 1 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 7 | (0) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 54 | 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 | (5) | 1 | 2 | (0) | 0 | 2 | (5) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4 |
| Ollie Lee | 5 | (0) | 2 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 6 | (0) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 6 |
| Alan McCormack | 8 | (0) | 1 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 8 | (0) | 1 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 1 |
| Josh McQuoid | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (1) | 1 | 0 | (1) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 8 |
| Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu | 8 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 9 | (0) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 127 | 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 | 8 | (0) | 1 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 8 | (0) | 1 | 3 | 0 | 52 | 2 |
| Glen Rea | 4 | (4) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 5 | (4) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 68 | 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 | 8 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 9 | (0) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 70 | 4 |
| Andrew Shinnie | 7 | (0) | 0 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 8 | (0) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| Marek Stech | 8 | (0) | 1 | 1 | (0) | 0 | 9 | (0) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 |
| Connor Tomlinson | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| Isaac Vassell | 2 | (0) | 2 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 2 | (0) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 16 |



HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH **JAMES CUNLIFFE** THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PAPER'S LTFC REPORTER

We're all experts at this football lark, or so we tell ourselves. We'd score that goal with our eyes closed, pick a better team and steer the ship to glory. Simple, isn't it?

From our armchairs, stadium seat, press box, pub stool, on social media and post-match radio phone-in, you name it, we know the score and how to change it. I mean, how hard can it be, really?

Some of us even take on extra curricular activities to prove our credentials. Hands up who has dedicated the time and effort it would probably take to gain an actual UEFA coaching badge to computer games and fantasy football?

UNBRIDLED

Excuse me while I get all nostalgic, but none of the modern methods can hold a candle to an old school iteration that, for the uninitiated and for those in possession of a post-90s birth certificate, might seem somewhat strange in our technologically driven age.

But it's your loss if you missed the unbridled highs and lows, and the patience, dedication and delayed gratification it took to indulge one's managerial fantasies via play-by-mail.

This was when emails were called still called letters and the only social

media was back-of-the-bike-shed transfer deals with schoolmates (sorry, managers).

THRUST

It was a full-time job. You couldn't binge your way through a whole computerised campaign in one extended bedroom all-nighter. If it was your goal to guide the Dog and Duck on a phoenix-from-the-ashes journey all the way to the big leagues then you had to hunker down for the long haul. This was paper-shuffling, playground-hustling graft.

Sellotape a couple of quid to a Match magazine coupon, send it off and Bob's your uncle, you were thrust into the world of real time football management. Well, by 'thrust' I mean a week later when the postman arrived.

A shrewd scouting acumen, wheeling and dealing (where you had to actually phone up other managers to thrash out transfers) and a sound study of form, formations and statistics were needed.

What does this do with matters in real life? Well, this process taught

me something, besides never to trust Craig in class 4B over a gentleman's agreement to sign Romario.

The game was rigged for new players (sorry managers) to hook them in and so, despite my Atletico Madrid side being on course for silverware, a classmate joined the party late and scuppered my title tilt as his no-hopers ended my winning streak – not that it has played on my mind for the last 20 years or anything!

EXPERT

The lesson I've learned from this adolescent, pre-internet injustice is: beware any club presently involved in the managerial merry-go-round.

And for this reason, against a basement boys Chesterfield today, currently between bosses, the expert in me would stomach the ugliest of three points.

Having said that, we are all still hoping for a special delivery of the fantasy football from the opening day of the season, right?

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TEAMS



MANAGER:

NATHAN JONES

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



CARETAKER MANAGER:

GUY BRANSTON

- 1 Tommy Lee
- 3 Jerome Binnom-Williams
- 4 Sam Hird
- 5 Scott Wiseman
- 6 Ian Evatt
- 7 Reece Mitchell
- 8 Jordan Sinnott
- 9 Kristian Dennis
- 10 Chris O'Grady
- 11 Gozie Ugwu
- 12 Joe Anyon
- 15 Joe Rowley
- 16 Charlie Wakefield
- 17 Connor Dimaio
- 18 Delial Brewster
- 19 Diego De Girolamo
- 20 Laurence Maguire
- 21 Jack Brownell
- 22 Jay Smith
- 23 Jordan Flores
- 24 Andy Kellett
- 25 Louis Reed
- 26 Jak McCourt
- 27 Bradley Barry
- 28 Robbie Weir
- 29 Ricky German
- 30 Dylan Parkin
- 32 Matthew Briggs
- 33 Zak Jules

MATCH OFFICIALS

- CHARLES BREAKSPEAR
 MARK DERRIEN
 CHRISTOPHER KIDD
 STUART BUTLER

NEXT HOME GAME:

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