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THE MANAGER

NATHAN JONES

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our second successive Saturday home game, this time against Newport County AFC.

It goes without saying that as a proud Welshman, I always like to see the clubs from my home nation do well. Newport's surge to survival was one of the stories of last season and they've continued that form into the current campaign.

Naturally, I hope it falls by the wayside for 90 minutes today, but we know we are in for one of our toughest tests of the season so far and whatever the outcome, I wish manager Mike Flynn, his staff, their players and all Newport supporters, directors and officials who have made the journey a safe trip back across the Severn Bridge this evening.

CREDENTIALS

This fixture kicks-off a run of five out of our next six league matches against clubs who were alongside us in the Sky Bet League Two play-off and automatic promotion places following the midweek programme.

Of course, teams may move up or drop out of that top seven before we play them. But the table starts to take on a fair reflection around the ten-game mark, so we know we have a month ahead that is sure to test our credentials for achieving our overall goal for the season.

We believe we have the quality and depth of squad to gain League One status for next season, and that is being put to the crunch at the moment with two suspensions and injuries that saw us travel to Morecambe without seven first-team players on Tuesday night.

Despite that, we remain in good form and although we lacked the cutting edge to convert one of the 19 chances we created at the Globe Arena, we came away with our four-game unbeaten run intact.

It was a bit like on Saturday here against Chesterfield, when we engineered the same number of goalscoring opportunities, but passed many of them up. On that occasion though, we managed to get the all-important breakthrough with Danny Hylton's effort seeing us home despite going down to ten men for the last 20 minutes, a period in which we should have added three or four to the scoreline.

CEMENT

What we have shown in our recent run, especially when you think back to the late goals to overturn a deficit at Wycombe, is character and resilience in abundance.

We've kept three clean sheets in the four matches, recreating our fine defensive record of last season, and although we were disappointed not to make it four wins on the bounce at Morecambe and firmly cement ourselves in the top three, we have another opportunity this afternoon.

As ever, we need your help from the stands. To have a quarter of the crowd at a Tuesday night game more than 200 miles from home was outstanding, but it's what I've come to expect of this club's supporters.

We are making Kenilworth Road a real fortress this season, with four wins from five matches so far, and please do not underestimate the role you are playing in that. Together we are stronger, so let's hear you from minute one to the final whistle, and enjoy the game.

[MIKE HERRICK]



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR **MIKE HERRICK**

Today we welcome the fans, players and directors of Newport County AFC to Kenilworth Road.

What a difference a few months makes. With just 12 games to go to the end of last season the Exiles were adrift at the bottom of the table in a seemingly impossible position, 11 points from safety.

Their great escape was not confirmed until almost the final minute of the final game when Mark O'Brien, one of our old boys, scored the goal that amazingly lifted them out of the bottom two.

Now, just ten games into this season they sit rather comfortably level on points with us in a play-off position. Their recent form matches ours exactly with ten points from the last five games. It all adds up to an intriguing encounter which is likely to give some of our squad who have been waiting patiently in the wings a chance to shine.

Recently, the directors met at The Brache training ground for a full board meeting. These are held on a monthly basis and always start with a full financial review of the business where every aspect of the club's income and expenditure is examined via detailed reports presented by finance director Simon Gibb.

Recently I was browsing through the minutes of a board meeting from

several years ago and it's amazing to see just how the business has grown in complexity during this period.

It reminded me just how much of a struggle it was then, and how careful we had to be to keep our heads above water during those early years in the Conference, with their very limited central funding.

Though we were never short of ideas and innovative schemes for increasing our revenue, most of these required capital to be invested to kick-start and fulfil the projects – capital which was always hard to find. Moving towards the financial stability that was, and must remain, one of our principal objectives was a very slow process.

It certainly helped that the board was, and still is, full of committed, long-term supporters. This is in stark contrast to a number of clubs who are now controlled by absentee owners who know little about the history and tradition of the clubs they run. Unfortunately, it seems to be an increasing trend.

Indeed, we saw an example of this at our most recent game at Morecambe. I must add, though, that the local staff – often volunteers – who entertained us there were very

hospitable and warm-hearted, but it was a shame to see the uncertain future that this business model gives rise to.

Moving on, I'd like to remind you all of two events in the near future. Firstly, we have an agreement with Luton Ladies to play one of their League matches each season at Kenilworth Road.

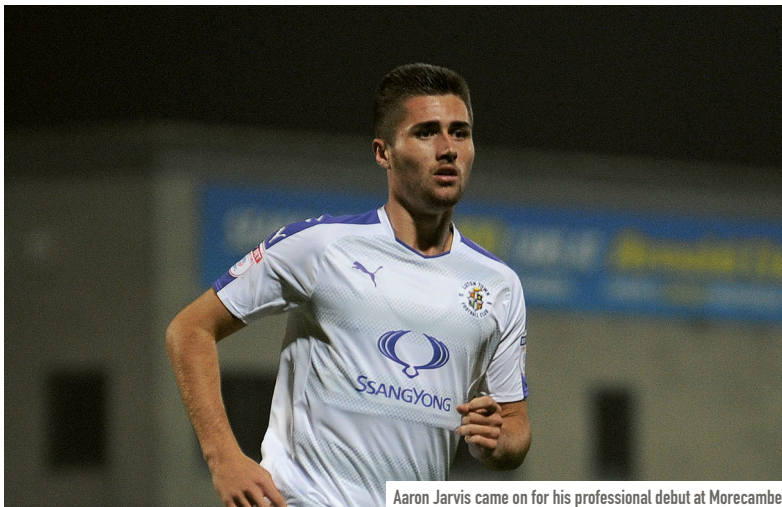
This year's game is next Wednesday (4th October) against Denham United. Admission is free with a 7.30pm kick off.

Ladies football is currently enjoying a higher profile and, like all teams, I know that all support would be welcomed.

Secondly, you will see advertised elsewhere in the programme the club's Christmas dinner at Venue 360 on Thursday 7th December.

Compered by John Motson, the main speaker is Bruce Rioch – one of our favourite sons. A local boy – brought up at Stopsley High School – he made his first team debut in 1964 when the club was very much in the doldrums.

He was, however, an integral part of the team that went on to achieve promotion by becoming Champions



Aaron Jarvis came on for his professional debut at Morecambe

of the old Fourth Division (now League 2) in 1968. This was without doubt my favourite season of all time (so far), as it was the first time I had witnessed the highs that promotion could bring. This is the season that is being so expertly chronicled and serialised in these pages by Roger Wash.

The first ten years of my journey with Luton Town had seen a steady decline from Division One (now the Premier League) to Division Four.

Missing only two games (over Christmas!), Bruce contributed 27 goals in a team which played exhilarating football from start to finish. He is fondly remembered by all who were privileged to watch him play.

It promises to be a nostalgic evening but be aware that tickets are going fast for this event.

Also, many of you will be aware that next Saturday is national Non-League Day – a national initiative to encourage people to visit their local Non-League football clubs.

With the Hatters away at Accrington Stanley, if you're not planning on travelling to the north-west, why not visit one of our neighbours to take in a game?

Our friends at Hitchin Town, for example, are holding a 'Pay What You Want' policy for their Evo-Stik South Premier Division game against Stratford Town – just as they did when they stepped in to host us at the 11th hour in pre-season when our friendly at St Albans City was called off in tragic circumstances – and a percentage of the gate is being donated to a homeless shelter in the town.

Other local options to take in a game include Dunstable Town, who host Farnborough at Creasey Park in the same division, and Kempston Rovers, who are home to Hythe Town in the FA Trophy preliminary round.

Make sure you get down to Ely Way first though to support Inigo Idiakez's Hatters youth team in their 11am kick-off against Northampton Town!

Talking of Non-League and youth, it was wonderful to see Harry Cornick make his first league start for the club, and 19-year-old Aaron Jarvis – our recent recruit from Basingstoke Town – get on as a late substitute for his professional debut at Morecambe (pictured above). Well done to both young men, who we hope will have a bright future at Kenilworth Road.



And so to the main event today.

Though our three-game winning run came to an end at Morecambe, the unbeaten run was extended to four matches and we can be assured that the squad will aim to start another winning sequence today.

As always, your exceptional support will be an enormous benefit to help us achieve this.

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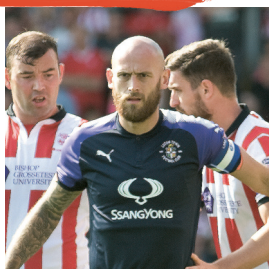


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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Today we welcome Newport County AFC to Kenilworth Road, and with them a face familiar to us all with Mark O'Brien returning.



I know Obi well having signed for the club around the same time in the summer of 2015 and I'm delighted for him because he had a couple of injuries that restricted his opportunities here, but he's gone to Newport and scored that last-minute winner to keep them in the League.

It was a fantastic story, and from what I hear, he's doing well for them again this year so it'll be good to meet up with him and have a catch-up – hopefully after we've put a bit of a dent in that form!

MIDWEEK AT MORECAMBE

Considering we had so many players out and our squad's quite stretched at the moment, we started with a positive line-up and really came out of the blocks quickly at Morecambe on Tuesday night.

Their keeper pulled off a couple of great saves and on another night we could have gone in at half-time two or three up.

Unfortunately we didn't, but we defended well and Marek pulled off a great save in the second half to ensure we kept another clean sheet and made it four games without defeat.

It's five shut-outs in ten league games now, and if we can continue keeping clean sheets, we are confident that with the strike force we've got, we will get goals.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

It was good to see Harry get his first league start for the club and his confidence is high at the moment. He's playing well and proving a real threat. Hopefully he can keep on producing.

It was great for Aaron Jarvis to come on to make his professional debut, too.

GREAT SCOTT

He came in from Basingstoke and has been with us for less than a month, so I was delighted for him to get an opportunity so soon.

We also had Jack James and Arthur Read travel with us for the first time. I remember being a young lad their age travelling with the first team, and although you know you're not going to have too much involvement on the pitch, it's great to be around the senior lads to get a little feel for it. Experience-wise will have done them the world of good.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

A lot is made of the long midweek trip and although it's not ideal on a Tuesday night that you're having to travel a couple of hundred miles, getting home at 4am, every club has to do it at some stage.

We recover really quickly because we have a top sports scientist in Jared Roberts-Smith who does things right. We didn't meet for training until Monday afternoon, so we had the morning to ourselves to rest and relax.

We then had a long journey up there into the evening, but after the game we had Wednesday and Thursday morning off, before returning to training on Thursday afternoon. One of the most important things to recover is your sleep, so there is plenty of time for us to do that and get the right food on board. The club are excellent from that point of view, so you won't see it affecting us today.

Special thanks to the 326 supporters who made the trip – your backing was tremendous, as ever. More of the same today please and enjoy the game!

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WELCOME BACK **PETER ANDERSON!**

BY ROGER WASH

The man whose sale saved the club returns to Kenilworth Road for the afternoon

Making a welcome return to Kenilworth Road this afternoon, on a short holiday break from the USA, is Peter Anderson, whose transfer in 1975 arguably saved the club from going out of business.

Peter was an amateur, plying his trade with Hendon whilst, away from the game, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant. The lure of a professional contract proved too great, however, and he signed for the Hatters in February 1971 and made his League debut soon after in a 1-0 home win over Watford in Division Two (now the Championship).

A clever, all action midfielder with an eye for goal, Peter actually top scored for the Hatters in 1971/72 and remained virtually ever present as the Town won promotion to the top flight in 1974, before failing gloriously to maintain their Division One (now Premier League) status the following year.

The money spent in the vain attempt to keep Division One football came back to bite the club and by Christmas 1975, with rumours of the players not being paid and the electricity being cut off, forced the directors to admit that the club would be liquidated if money were not found immediately.

The Hatters had turned down a bid of £150,000 from Aston Villa for Peter a year before and hoped to sell him for a figure approaching this to Antwerp, but when the Belgians heard of the club's financial difficulties a fee

of £55,000 was eventually agreed, which staved off the immediate demands of the creditors. Peter did his bit by scoring twice in a 5-1 win at Charlton in his final game, his 208th competitive appearance for the Town.

Peter tells the tale, and he can perhaps confirm the truth this afternoon, that Luton manager Harry Haslam told him he was going to Anderlecht. When meeting up with Antwerp representatives, Peter queried this and was told by Haslam, "I knew it began with an A".

After two years with Antwerp, Peter joined an increasing number of European players in moving to the USA for his football. Peter enjoyed a good spell with Tampa Bay Rowdies, then moved to Sheffield United for £80,000, where he top scored in 1978/79.

It was then back to the States with firstly San Diego Soccers and Tampa Bay again where, with the latter, he played in a friendly game at Kenilworth Road.

In December 1980 he surprisingly took over as player-manager of Millwall and saved them from relegation, before eventually hanging up his boots and then leaving the Den in 1982.

Peter then became a highly successful businessman, setting up Bayshore Technologies in Tampa.

Welcome back Peter.

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JACK STACEY

THE BIG INTERVIEW

BY STUART HAMMONDS

Even Jack Stacey's own social media posts left Luton Town fans wondering whether he'd intended his first goal for the club in the recent home win over Port Vale.

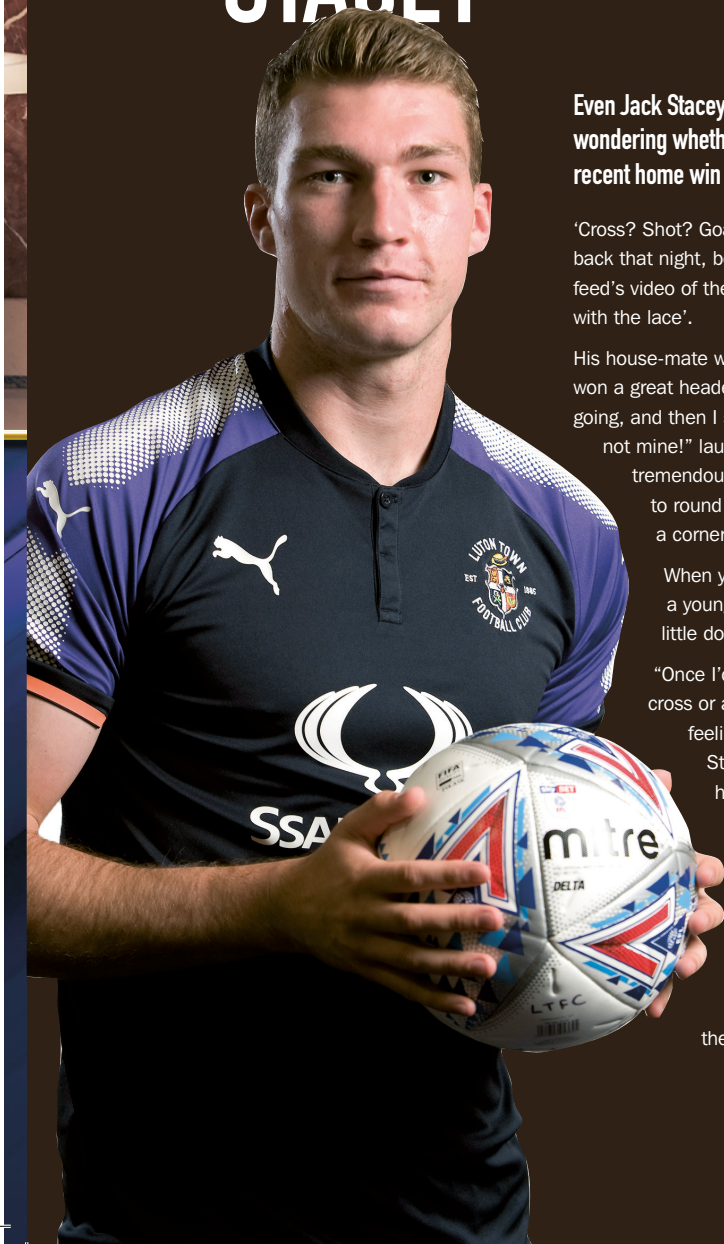
'Cross? Shot? Goal' with a tick emoji, posted the 21-year-old right-back that night, before he followed up the club's official twitter feed's video of the goal by tweeting 'Don't see many crosses drilled with the lace'.

His house-mate was of little doubt. "I was marking in our box, Glen won a great header to Macca, then he beat one player and set me going, and then I shanked it in the top bins – Harry Cornick's words, not mine!" laughs Stacey when I ask him to talk us through the tremendous strike inside Vale keeper Sam Hornby's near post to round off a move which started with the Town defending a corner.

When you consider that Stacey is a Tottenham fan who, as a young striker, idolised Teddy Sheringham, there can be little doubt that he meant it.

"Once I'd dodged all the questions about whether it was a cross or a shot, to open my account for Luton was a great feeling and hopefully there's many more to come," says Stacey. "I can honestly say now it was a shot. I can't honestly say it was meant for the exact position it ended up in, but I'm happy with the goal and I'm probably not going to admit that again!

"The manager says we are one of the best counter attacking teams in the league, and that was another example of that – breaking from a corner and ending up with a goal. I was just happy to play my part in a much-needed win and get off the mark for the club."





It was a goal that summed up Stacey's general progressive contribution to the Hatters' team down the right flank since his summer switch from Reading, where his roots were embedded in the attacking part of the game.

Growing up in nearby Ascot, Stacey the young forward went to watch Spurs with dad Phil whenever his commitments with the Berkshire club's academy allowed.

"I'm a Tottenham supporter because of my dad," says Stacey. "I supported them from a really young age and went to watch them a lot when I was younger. We went whenever we could.

"Obviously I played a lot of football when I was younger, and that took over the weekends, but whenever we could get there we went.

"I was a striker when I first started playing, so my hero was actually Teddy Sheringham for the time he was at Spurs. I always used to watch him, but I also enjoyed watching England so it was more David Beckham and probably Michael Owen as a striker.

"Crossing is certainly something I'd like to keep improving in my game

and add a lot more assists, so Beckham's probably the best one to learn from in that respect.

"I've pretty much played everywhere. I moved to central midfield and then out on the right, and it was only last season really at Exeter that I've moved to right-back and I'm still learning the position, but I'm really enjoying it."

Stacey joined Reading as an Under-8 and progressed through the academy to make six first-team appearances in total, having made his debut as an 18-year-old on the opening day of the 2014-15 Championship season.

"I went for my first training session at Reading when I was six years old, signed at eight years old and I was there the whole way through the academy system until last year," said Stacey.

"Lawson D'Ath was there, but he was a couple of years older than me. There's a few of us now that are still playing in the league. Three of us went from the Under-8s all the way through to the 21s – Liam Kelly, who is now in the Reading first team, Rob Dickie, who is on loan at Lincoln, and me.

"There's quite a few who have been at Reading that we've played against this year and it's interesting to play against them in a proper environment in men's football, and see how everyone is faring."

Stacey was handed his debut by then-Royals boss Nigel Adkins as a substitute at Ipswich in August 2014, and he went onto make two starts and three further sub appearances.

"I think I got the whole of two minutes and one touch on my debut!" he smiles, "but it was a great moment and I'd been there for ten

years at that point, so it was brilliant making my debut for Reading and a great memory for me.

"I made six appearances in total at Championship level, and that's something that no-one can take away from me. That's where I strive to get back to."

It says much for Stacey's desire and hunger to play matches that he went out on short-term loans twice to the fourth tier, first to Barnet in November 2015, and then to Carlisle the following March.

It was at Brunton Park that he would have really caught Nathan Jones' eye, scoring the Cumbrians' goal in a 2-1 defeat against the Hatters in April 2016.

"It was for the last ten games of the season and I think it taught me a lot, moving away from home, living so far up north, but I just wanted to play football and I think it showed that I was willing to sacrifice quite a lot to go and play football," says Stacey. "I ended up really enjoying it there, and I had a really good time under Keith Curle.

"Nathan said that with all the players he's brought in, he's been watching them for a while, and maybe that's the first time I came up on his radar, and you never know – that goal might be the reason I'm here now. It's weird how football works."

Stacey really caught the eye last season, however, making 38 appearances as Exeter rose from the bottom reaches of the table to make the play-off final courtesy of another stunning strike from the converted right-back – this injury-time left-footer ironically coming against Carlisle!

"It was on deadline day in August that I joined Exeter, and it was something



I really wanted to do," he says. "I wanted to get a full season out on loan, gain experience and keep learning the game. I adapted in to a right-back, really enjoyed it and thought I did really well at Exeter.

"I think it was because of injuries in my third game down there, and there was no-one that could play in that position. I'd played there a little bit for Reading U23s, the manager asked me and I ended up doing well and got a run of games, played the rest of the season at right-back."

This season has certainly started well for both Stacey and the Hatters, and the ultimate goal for the young defender is to make up for the personal disappointment he suffered at Wembley in May when Blackpool, the Town's conquerors in the semi-final stage, came out on top in the play-off final.

"It was opposite ends of the scale in terms of emotions, but it was one of the main reasons behind me joining Luton, that we'd be challenging for promotion this season and it's something that I definitely want to put right and gain promotion," he explains.

"I think Luton felt it as much as me in the fact that once you get to the play-offs, if you don't win them, then ultimately it's a massive disappointment. It's something that I want to put right this season, and obviously with what happened to Luton last season, all of us here want to."

Having recently moved into a house with fellow new summer recruits Cornick and goalkeeper Harry Isted, Stacey has settled in quickly with the Hatters and that has shown in his form on the pitch as the Town have started the campaign well.

"It's nice to be living in the area now with the two Harrys and the fact that I've been in the team at the start of the season really helps, and obviously with the help of the older pros, I think I've settled in very quickly," he adds.

"We're in a house not too far away from Lawson and Jack Senior, so there's a little group of us. I'm definitely the boss of the house and look after it the most, but the other two are learning. I'm teaching them!"

"All three of us have the shared goal of individual and team promotion this

season. We are all at similar stages of our career and it really helps being together.

"We've all got individual goals and me and Harry Cornick talking the other day about wanting to play at the highest level we possibly can, so that's what we are aiming for.

"I've been happy with how the season has started. There's great competition for every place in the squad, and everybody knows that in order to keep their place, they have to be performing got a high level.

"So that's something we are all aiming to do throughout the season and hopefully it will end successfully with promotion."

And finally, after playing against the Hatters for both Carlisle and Exeter, Stacey has now got to experience having the Kenilworth Road faithful behind him.

"I've been really impressed with the atmosphere both at Kenilworth Road, and also the amount of fans that travel away.

"We must take the most away fans in this league, and it really helps to have the support of those fans behind you.

"If we can turn Kenilworth Road into a bit of a fortress, which we have done so far with four wins from five, then that will hopefully be the basis of a good season."



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WHO ARE THEY? One of the pacesetters in the division so far, Accrington are certainly one of the teams to beat at this early stage of the Sky Bet League Two season. It comes as little surprise though, as Stanley were just five points short of a play-off place last season and finished in the top seven the previous year. One of the smaller clubs in the EFL, that certainly doesn't reflect in their style or results, as their track record under John Coleman will no doubt see them pushing for a place in League One next year.

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

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE Three meetings last season between the sides saw the Hatters take all six points in the league – a 1-0 home win and 4-1 away victory – but a trip to the Wham Stadium in January in the Emirates FA Cup saw the Hatters knocked out in the third round. Those results have set up next week's game as a potential decider in who has one over the other, as the Hatters have won, drawn and lost three against Accrington.

IN CHARGE Now in his second spell at the club, Tuesday night's game against Port Vale marked John Coleman's 750th game as Stanley manager. His initial stay at the club lasted 12-and-a-half years, making him the

longest serving boss in the club's history. During that time he oversaw three promotions as champions, leading the club into the Football League in 2006. He left the club in 2012 to manage Rochdale, before departing Spotland in 2013 and taking over the helm at Southport and then Sligo Rovers. He returned to Stanley in 2014 and the Wham Stadium outfit have become a major player in the fourth tier ever since.

PREVIOUS FORM Stanley's 2-1 win over Port Vale in midweek saw them barge their way past us and into third spot, which means they have now picked up 20 points in 10 games, having won six of those, losing only twice in the league so far. Goals have been easy to come by for Coleman's side, who have scored 20, but they've kept only one clean sheet.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Ex-Hatter Shaun Walley played for Accrington between 2006-08, before signing for the Town in 2013. He went out on loan to AFC Telford United that season and won promotion with them, therefore earning a champions medal with both the Bucks and the Town. Former Town boss Mike Newell, who also played for and managed the Hatters, was on the coaching staff at Accrington in 2015/16 season. Ex-loanee goalkeeper Matt Macey had a spell at the Wham Stadium in 2015, whilst current Stanley defender Janoi Donacien was on the Town books as a youth player, having lived locally while growing up.



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ACCRINGTON STANLEY

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

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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | TUE 17TH OCTOBER | 7.45PM

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CRAWLEY TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER | 3PM

Season ticket holders will be able to purchase two-per-person from today. These will remain on sale until close of business on Saturday 7th October. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sale on Monday 9th October. Ambulant disabled tickets are priced at normal rate with a carer free of charge. Wheelchair disabled tickets should be purchased directly from Crawley on 01293 410000. **Prices:** Seating: Adult: £20, Seniors (over 65): £15, Under-21: £13, Under-18s: £10, Under-16s: £4, Under-11s: £1, Family (One Adult, One Under-16): £17, Family (Two Adults, Two Under-16s): £34 Terrace: Adult: £16, Senior (over 65): £12, Under-21: £11, Under-18: £10, Under-16: £4, Under-11s: £1, Family (One Adult, one Under-16): £15, Family (Two Adults, Two Under-16) £30.

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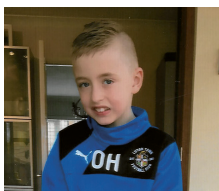
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Since junior school, Andrew Willett has supported his beloved Hatters and although never a season ticket holder, he has attended many home and away games supporting the team through good and bad times. Remembering the 1980s, Andy's Hatters heroes

were Brian Stein and Ricky Hill, and his most memorable games include the Arsenal 3-2 win in 1988 and, of course, the brilliant first home game this season; what was the score again? With the ball sponsor as a gift from his wife and family, Andy will be celebrating his 50th Birthday in style at the hallowed ground.

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DANNY HYLTON



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WELCOME

NEWPORT COUNTY AFC

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE EXILES

GROUND: RODNEY PARADE

MANAGER: MIKE FLYNN

LAST SEASON: 22ND IN LEAGUE TWO

The Hatters extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players and supporters from south Wales as we entertain Newport County AFC.

A fairytale equal to that of Huddersfield Town's promotion to the Premier League – although maybe not quite as glamorous, or profitable – saw the Exiles survive on the final day of last season when former Hatter Mark O'Brien curled home in superb fashion to ensure Newport remained in the EFL.

Similar in style to Leicester City's survival in the top tier before maybe the greatest story in footballing history, the Exiles now seem destined for greater things. Buoyed by their 'get out of jail' status, they now seem intent on continuing the good form they found, as they have started this season well.

Defensively robust and excellent going forward, the architect of County's late season burst, Mike Flynn, has put together a strong side with shrewd pieces of business that have seen him strengthen the spine of his team.

Keeper Joe Day has been at Rodney Parade for almost three years, but the arrival of defender Ben White, midfielder Matty Dolan and striker Frank Nouble has helped propel the Exiles into unfamiliar territory, fighting it out for a place in the higher reaches of the division.

The Flynn effect on Nouble can be illustrated with one fact – the 26-year-old has now equalled his best season tally with five goals, and it's only

Mike Flynn



the end of September. He was also nominated for Sky Bet League Two Goal of the Month for August, but his 25-yarder against Chesterfield lost out to our own Alan McCormack's screamer against Yeovil!

The manager at Rodney Parade has written himself into the history books of the club with his rescue act last season, with the help of ex-Hatters boss Lennie Lawrence. Flynn is Newport born and bred and the club looked to him in their hour of need last March, with the side 11 points adrift of safety with less than two months of the season to go when they parted company with Graham Westley.

After seven victories from 12 matches kept County up, and the impressive start to this season, the 36-year-old could boast a 52 per cent win record as Newport boss following Tuesday's win at Crawley – which if he can maintain throughout this season, today's visitors will be challenging for promotion to League One.

Their last visit to Kenilworth Road ended in jubilation for the home support, but heartbreak for the away fans, as Cameron McGeehan's last-minute penalty for the Town – who were down to ten men – ensured a 2-1 victory for Nathan Jones' team.

They did however take a point off the Town at Rodney Parade in March, with Danny Hylton's early penalty cancelled out before half-time by Sean Rigg's long-range free-kick.

HATTERS V EXILES

LUTON WINS: 30 | DRAWS: 16 | NEWPORT WINS: 15
LAST MEETING: NEWPORT 1-1 LUTON – 21ST MARCH 2017

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

JOE DAY

Newport's longest serving player, the ex- Rushden & Diamonds and Peterborough stopper was the Exiles' record signing after he initially arrived from the Posh on loan in December



2014. With over 100 appearances to his name at Rodney Parade, the 27-year-old cut his teeth in Non-League after having loan spells with the likes of Alfreton Town and Eastbourne Borough. He signed a new two-year deal with the Exiles earlier on this year.

THE WALL

BEN WHITE

The 19-year-old has found his feet at Rodney Parade having joined on a season-long loan from Brighton & Hove



Albion. He has become a regular starter in Mike Flynn's side, who have one of the tightest goals against records in the division so far. The central defender has made two appearances for his parent club as well as being a key performer in the club's under-23 team last season, with the Seagulls reaching the knockout stages of the Checkatrade Trophy.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

MATTY DOLAN

With over 150 career appearances to his name, the 24-year-old has a fair amount of experience under his belt, having plied his trade predominantly in the bottom two tiers of English football. He started his career off with Middlesbrough, but enjoyed successful loan spells at Yeovil Town and Bradford City. He made his move to the Bantams permanent, before joining the Glovers on a two-year deal in 2015. He was a hit at Huish Park, but rejected a contract extension at the club to sign for the Exiles in the summer.



THE DANGERMAN

FRANK NOUBLE

The 26-year-old has Premier League experience having played at the top level with West Ham United early on in his career. He has gone onto play for a number of clubs, more recently Coventry City, Gillingham and Southend United. He hasn't quite hit the heights that were maybe expected from him at the start of his career, however he has certainly hit the ground running at Rodney Parade, having already equalled his best season return of five goals – including a 13-minute hat-trick in a 4-1 win over Chesterfield in August.



GOALKEEPER

JAMES BITTNER

AGE: 35

PREVIOUS CLUB: PLYMOUTH ARGYLE

DEFENDERS

DAVID PIPE

AGE: 33

PREVIOUS CLUB: EASTLEIGH

DAN BUTLER

AGE: 23

PREVIOUS CLUB: TORQUAY UNITED

JAZZI BARNUM-BOBB

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: CARDIFF CITY

SCOT BENNETT

AGE: 26

PREVIOUS CLUB: NOTTS COUNTY

MARK O'BRIEN

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: LUTON TOWN

MIDFIELDERS

JOSS LABADIE

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

ROBBIE WILLMOTT

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: CHELMSFORD CITY

LAMAR REYNOLDS

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: BRENTWOOD TOWN

BEN TOZER

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: YEOVIL TOWN

TOM OWEN-EVANS

AGE: 20

EXILES ACADEMY PRODUCT

STRIKERS

PADRAIG AMOND

AGE: 29

PREVIOUS CLUB: HARTLEPOOL UNITED

MARLON JACKSON

AGE: 26

PREVIOUS CLUB: OXFORD CITY

JOE QUIGLEY

AGE: 20

ON LOAN FROM BOURNEMOUTH

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



JEFF CHALLINGSWORTH, a Newport County AFC supporter of 50 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 Exiles...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

We are sure any excuse to relive the final moments of last season is an opportunity gladly taken for you, did any of you believe the greatest of escapes was possible all along?

Like all football supporters, you always have to have hope. Even at the darkest moment following a 4-0 home defeat to relegation rivals Leyton Orient, I always hoped that a miracle was just around the corner and we could stave off almost certain relegation. Eleven points adrift (15 behind Hartlepool) it seemed a long shot, but whilst it was mathematically possible, there was still a chance. It's not all over till the lady sings, but she was definitely warming up her vocal cords. Twelve games later the almost impossible happened and we were saved by Mark O'Brien's late, late winner against Notts County.

Obviously the person who a lot of people put down that late season burst is Mike Flynn, he must have written himself into Exiles folklore? How popular is he with supporters?

The club and its supporters really owe Mike (and his team) a real vote of thanks for pulling off a real modern-day miracle. Newport born and bred, he lives and breathes Newport. I don't think there is one person in Newport who thinks that Mike doesn't deserve his place amongst County's footballing heroes. He certainly has earned it in my opinion.

Former Town defender Mark O'Brien scored one of, if not the most important goal in the history of your club, how has he got on with Newport since his arrival in January?

I first met Mark just after he had signed for the Club, when he called into the club shop where I work, to get fitted out with his training gear. Quiet and polite, he is the kind of player that often goes unnoticed even with his consistent, strong displays at the heart of our defence. You do, however notice the difference when he not playing. Defenders very seldom get the limelight, which is generally

reserved for strikers or keepers. He's struck up a great partnership with Mickey Demetriou and the whole defence has shown a "never say die" attitude this season. A solid defence is always the basis for a great side.

You haven't started this season too badly either, do you think you can carry on your early season form and challenge for one of the top seven places in the division?

After two seasons of struggle at the wrong end of the division, I would like to think that we can mount a promotion challenge in view of our good start to the season. Despite having to play our first five league and cup games away due to our Rodney Parade pitch being relaid, and despite having to mostly play sides who had made similar starts to ourselves, it's great for a change to experience 'stress' on a matchday for all the right reasons. The team is playing with a conviction that we can win every game we play, creating numerous goal scoring opportunities and keeping clean sheets. That has to bode well for the rest of the season.

You've had a number of ins and outs, who were you most disappointed to see leave over the summer?

We had two players, Josh Sheehan (midfield) and Alex Samuel (striker) on loan from Premier League outfit Swansea City. Both players returned to their parent club at the end of the season and I had hoped that a deal could be done for them both to return. Unfortunately, Josh injured his knee ligaments and is out for a while whilst Alex was snapped up by league rivals Stevenage. Disappointingly striker Ryan Bird was also let go due for financial reasons, subsequently signing for Dover Athletic, where he's one of their leading scorers. I'm a bit old fashioned in Ryan's case as I like the traditionally big British centre forward style striker as opposed to the smaller modern day strikers.

Out of your summer acquisitions, who have you been impressed with so far?

As already mentioned, I'm a fan of the big centre forward and big Frank Nouble certainly fits the bill. I can still see his first goal of his hat-trick v Chesterfield (in a 4-1 win), which is more than the poor keeper did. Padraig Amond (right) has recently joined us from Hartlepool United and he's a real "Fox in Box" with three goals in his first four home starts. And I must mention young defender Ben White, who we signed on a season long loan from Brighton & Hove Albion. His performances this season have belied his age and he's won four Supporters' Club Man of the Match awards so far this season. He is one who I am certain will grace the Premier League. I've got "White 6" on the back of my shirt.

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

After we go four up, expect us to park the bus (only joking)! Kenilworth Road was always one ground that I wanted to visit having staged top-flight football. After years in Non-League it's a real treat for us to play at



grounds like yours, Coventry, Leeds, Portsmouth etc. We've only managed a couple of draws in recent seasons, and last year's late penalty defeat was really hard to take. Still we will approach today's game like all the others this season and go out to win. I can see chances at both ends so I don't think it will finish 0-0. I would always take a point away from home, but would really like to see a win. You are in fine form too, so it will be difficult, but as we proved at Coventry (1-0 win) football is a funny game. Prediction 1-1.

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Forest Green Rovers

Favourite all-time manager?

Got to be Mike Flynn

Predict your player of the season?

Ben White

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

John Aldridge

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

Any of our current squad as they all love Nando's which would make it a

relatively cheap evening and also help with my diet!

Most treasured piece of Exiles memorabilia?

Almost complete home/away programme collection (1954 - 2017) including two from Wembley!

What league will the Newport be in next season?

Hope for League One, settle for another in League Two.

Who will win promotion from League Two?

Too early to say but will be diplomatic and say Luton, Newport and two others in any order.

MY ALL-TIME EXILES XI...

GK: MARK KENDALL

Simply brilliant

RB: JOHN RELISH

Mr Consistent. Great manager.

CB: MARK O'BRIEN

Winner v Notts County. Enough said.



CB: GARY WARREN

Reliable, solid defender. Club Captain.

LB: BEN WHITE

One for the future.

RM: NIGEL VAUGHAN

4th Division version of David Silva.

CM: JOSH LABADIE

Would run through a brick wall for the team.

CM: SAM FOLEY

Free scoring midfielder.

LM: JOSH SHEEHAN

Ran or midfield at the end of last year.

ST: JOHN ALDRIDGE

Out and out all-round goalscorer.

ST: CHRISTIAN JOLLEY

ST: AARON O'CONNOR

Goals in Wembley play-off final win over Wrexham.

[LEIGH EDWARDS]

TOP BOYS

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

GARY PLUMLEY



Goalkeeper Gary Plumley was Newport County's ever-present 'Player of the Year' in 1976-77. He turned professional with Leicester City in March 1974 but failed to make an impact and joined Newport in June 1976. Starring in their 1979-80 promotion and Welsh Cup 'double' success, he moved to Hong Kong side Happy Valley in August 1981, then played for Cardiff City and Ebbw Vale. He had three further spells at Newport during injury crises and made 187 League appearances overall, also making an emergency appearance for Watford, where his father Eddie was secretary, in the 1987 FA Cup semi-final. He ran a wine bar in Caerleon.

WILLIE SCREEN

Former Welsh U-23 midfielder Willie Screen was Newport County's 'Player of the Year' in 1973-74 and

1974-75. Signing professional for hometown club Swansea in March 1967, he was a Welsh Cup finalist in 1969 and featured in their 1969-70 promotion success. He appeared alongside his younger brother Tony and reunited with Billy Lucas at Newport in June 1972. Starring in County's 1972-73 promotion near-miss, when pipped by Aldershot on goal average, he netted seven goals in 142 League games before joining Ammanford in July 1976 and became their player-manager. He was later employed at Cwmfelin Steelworks, then at Swansea Guildhall.

HOWARD GODDARD



Striker Howard Goddard was Newport County's leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' in 1977-78. Initially with Bournemouth, he made his League debut as a 15 year old in their 2-0 defeat at Halifax in April 1973 and moved to Swindon Town in July 1976. He joined Newport in

August 1977 and was ever-present top scorer in 1978-79 but then sidelined by a broken leg midway through their 1979-80 promotion campaign. Netting 42 goals in 105 League games, he rejoined Bournemouth in December 1981 and helped them to clinch promotion. He appeared for Aldershot, then played and coached overseas before managing Whitchurch United.

STEVE LOWNDES

Welsh international winger Steve Lowndes won the first two of his ten caps while at Newport County. He turned professional at Somerton Park in October 1977 and was ever-present as Newport won promotion and the Welsh Cup in 1979-80. Also featuring prominently as they reached the ECWC quarter-finals in 1980-81, he netted 39 goals in 208 League games before moving to Millwall in August 1983. Helping win promotion and reach the FA Cup sixth round in 1984-85, he joined Barnsley in August 1986 and moved to Hereford United in October 1990. Later with Newport AFC, he became Academy director of coaching at Cirencester College.

NIGEL VAUGHAN

Welsh international midfielder Nigel Vaughan gained the first three of his ten caps while at Newport County. Signing professional at Somerton Park in May 1977, he was 'Player of the Year' as Newport won promotion and the Welsh Cup in 1979-80, then

were ECWC quarter-finalists in 1980-81, netting 32 goals in 224 League games before reuniting with Len Ashurst at Cardiff City in September 1983. He joined Wolves in August 1987 and featured as they won the Fourth Division title and Third Division title in consecutive seasons. Moving to Hereford United in August 1990, he then assisted several non-League clubs including a spell at Newport AFC.

TOMMY TYNAN



Striker Tommy Tynan was top scorer as Newport County narrowly missed promotion to the Second Division in 1982-83. Starting with Liverpool, he had spells with Sheffield Wednesday and Lincoln City before moving to Newport in February 1979. He starred as they won promotion and the Welsh Cup in 1979-80, then were ECWC quarter-finalists in 1980-81, netting 66 goals in 183 League games prior to joining Plymouth Argyle in August 1983. Top scorer six times, he helped reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1983-84 then win promotion in 1985-86 after rejoining Argyle from Rotherham United. He later played for Torquay United and Doncaster Rovers.

GRANT DAVIES

Central defender Grant Davies was Newport County's 'Player of the Year' in 1981-82. A former Preston apprentice, he turned professional in October 1977 and moved to Newport in July 1978. He made his League debut in the following month's 3-1 defeat at AFC Bournemouth and helped beat West Ham in the 1978-79 FA Cup third round, then win promotion and the Welsh Cup in 1979-80 and reach the ECWC quarter-finals in 1980-81. Scoring once in 150 League games for Newport, he had a loan spell at Exeter City before joining Risca United in July 1983, then Cwmbran Town. He later joined the Welsh Police and gained representative honours.

CHRIS LILYGREEN

Striker Chris Lilygreen was Newport AFC's 'Player of the Year' in 1990-91. Born locally, he impressed with Newport YMCA before joining Newport County in August 1983 and scored four times in 31 League games. He moved to Yeovil Town in June 1985, then had spells at Forest Green Rovers, Bath City, Mangotsfield and Ebbw Vale prior to joining the newly-formed Newport AFC in July 1989. Leading marksman in successive seasons including their 1989-90 Hellenic League and Cup 'double' success, he joined Barry Town in September 1993, then Ebbw Vale, Mangotsfield and Cwmbran Town. He has managed Caldicot Town and Chepstow Town.

BRADLEY THOMAS

Midfielder Bradley Thomas was Newport AFC's 'Player of the Year' in 1997-98 and 1998-99. Initially with Sharpness, he had spells at Cinderford and New Zealand side

New Plymouth, moving to Newport in November 1997. He was an important figure as the Exiles won promotion as Southern League Midland Division runners-up in 1998-99 and consolidated Premier Division status the following season, joining Forest Green Rovers in December 1999. Briefly returning to Newport in December 2000, he then rejoined Cinderford in February 2001 and later appeared for Bath City, Weston-Super-Mare, Gloucester City, Slimbridge and Cinderford again.

JOHN ALDRIDGE



Striker John Aldridge was leading marksman in Newport County's 1979-80 promotion and Welsh Cup 'double' triumph. Initially with South Liverpool, he joined Newport in May 1979 and starred as they reached the ECWC quarter-finals in 1980-81, netting 69 goals in 170 League games before being sold to Oxford United for £70,000 in March 1984. The Republic of Ireland international starred as they won the Second Division title in 1984-85 and League Cup in 1986, moving to Liverpool for £775,000 in January 1987. Helping them twice win the League Championship, he later played for Real Sociedad and Tranmere Rovers, where he had a spell as player-manager.

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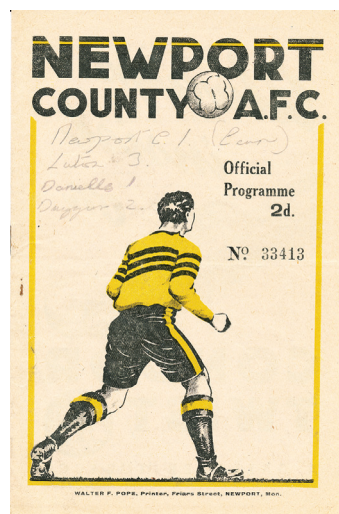


◀ NOVEMBER 1935

After a poor start to the season the Town make it four wins in a row with a 7-0 thumping of County in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 10,085.

▶ OCTOBER 1946

County won promotion to Division Two (now the Championship) as war broke out, so needed to wait seven years to taste this level of football for the first time. Ted Duggan, with two, and Mel Daniel score the goals in a 3-1 victory at Somerton Park, making it in an increasingly tough time for the home side.



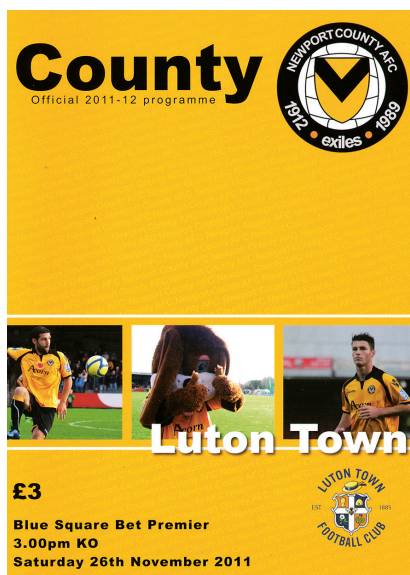
◀ MAY 1947

The season is extended due to the bad winter and County are already down as they lose 6-3 at Kenilworth Road. Hugh Billington nets three to make it 23 for the season.

▶ SEPTEMBER 1966

The Hatters make it two home wins out of two at the start of the season with a 3-1 victory. Alan Rivers, Ray Whittaker and Bruce Rioch are on the scoresheet.



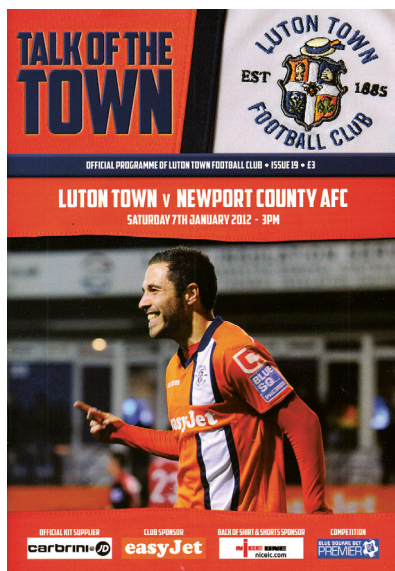
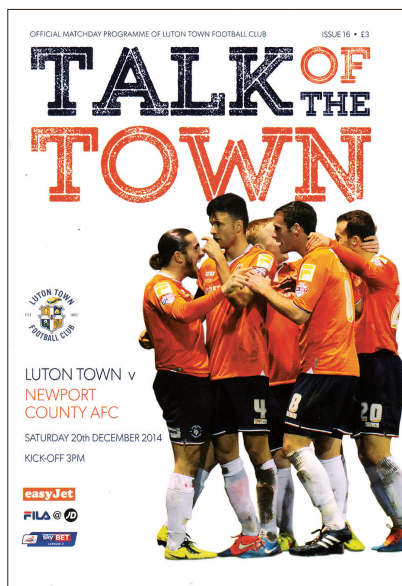


▲ NOVEMBER 2011

A miserable Conference game is brought briefly to light with Danny Crow's last-minute winner to earn the Town all three points.

▼ DECEMBER 2014

After knocking County out of the FA Cup at Kenilworth Road, the Town follow it up with a 3-0 League Two victory moving the Hatters up to third.

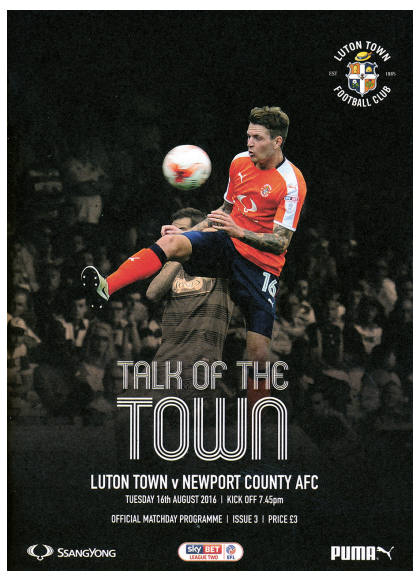


▲ JANUARY 2012

The Hatters make it four wins in a row with a comfortable 2-0 win in the return. Aaron O'Connor and Danny Crow net the all-important goals.

▼ AUGUST 2016

A controversial last-minute penalty from Cameron McGeehan earns the points in a 2-1 victory on County's last visit to these parts.



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ALAN SHEEHAN'S

TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

I travel in with the original gangster, Frankie Musonda!

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

Akin Famewo is on one side, and Nicky Toone has a seat next to me when he comes in on a Thursday. It goes by numbers so I'm down with most of the young boys.

Who do you room with?

Glen Rea. We've been roomies for a long time now. Always been close with him. He knows he's weird, but sometimes weird is good. I like weird as well!

Most annoying on away trips?

I try to stay out of it, but Mully and Hylts are the main culprits messing up people's rooms.

Best trainer?

Olly Lee. He loves playing around with the football on a training pitch. He won our Champions League last year. On a Friday we have our set sevens and you get a Champions League point for winning different things. Olly had the most points accumulated over the season.

Worst trainer?

I'd say Glen – he's awful in training, but he's a game player. He turns into a different animal on a matchday.

Strongest in the gym?

The strongest on a pitch is Pelly. Gym-wise, I don't know, I don't really go in the gym!

Quickest feet?

Gambo and Cookie.

Nutmeg king?

Olly Lee, Cookie and Gambo. Olly usually gets dirty ones in the Rondos. They are the most skilful.

Biggest moaner?

Jesus – I'd be up there! Then you've got Hylts, Macca, Collo, Scott – all the old boys who just moan at each other. Sometimes I moan at people and 20 seconds later I think 'What was I even moaning about?!' I moan just for the sake of it sometimes and I think the boys would agree.

Loudest in the dressing room?

Pelly's a character. You can usually hear him and Gambo.

Gaffer's pet?

Hylts. Collo is getting there...he's giving Hylts a run for his money!

Best taste in music?



tunes that Hylts and Mully put on.

Worst taste in music?

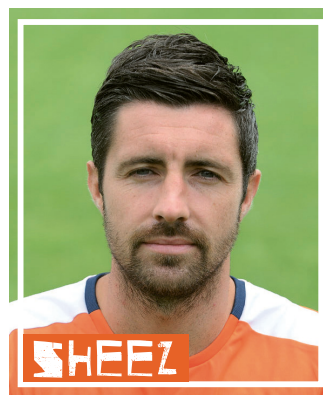
A lot of the young boys. Travelling in with Frankie, some of the stuff he puts on in the car is incredible – I just nod along and try to fit in!

Best initiation song?

Alan McCormack's 'Wild Rover' and James Collins singing Uncle Kracker 'Follow Me'.

Worst initiation song?

Andrew Shinnie – he just crumbled!



Best dressed?

After me, Pottsy's got some good gear – and Shinns has too – but I'll go for Pottsy.

Worst dressed?

Lawson D'Ath. I sit across from him and he loves these matching shorts and shirts. He's having a tough time at the moment.

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Pottsy loves the mirror. He's a good looking lad though so probably just likes looking at himself.

Most intelligent?

Pottsy's the fines master, so he's able to count up the cash. Alan McCormack knows his stuff too, very thorough in everything.

Best banter?

Collo and Gambo are very funny.

Most likely to be a manager?

Scottie and Macca are doing their badges – they know the game well.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

Stechy.

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SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 7,575 | AWAY: 310

TOWN GOAL: HYLTON 53'

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, CUTHBERT ©, SHEEHAN, POTTS, MPANZU, O LEE (CORNICK 73), GAMBIN (REA 66), SHINNIE (COOK 21), COLLINS, HYLTON. | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, SENIOR, JARVIS, SHEA (GK)
YELLOW CARD: SHEEHAN | **RED CARD:** MPANZU

CHESTERFIELD: ANYON, HIRD ©, WISEMAN, O'GRADY (UGWU 74), DE GIROLAMO (MITCHELL 69), FLORES (MCCOURT 64), KELLETT, REED, WEIR, BRIGGS, JULES. | **SUBS NOT USED:** LEE (GK), DENNIS, DIMAIO, BREWSTER | **YELLOW CARDS:** HIRD



Danny Hylton fires in the Town winner

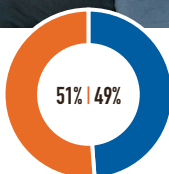


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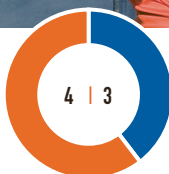
"We have had clear cut chances, not half chances. We have had 19 chances today and a lot of them were clear cut. James Collins has probably had four or five, ones that I would not envisage him missing on another day.

"That's a game we would have drawn last year. Not when we went down to ten men, because we saw games out when we had ten men, we are good at that.

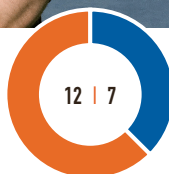
"What we would have done last year is conceded earlier on. We would have been a bit sloppy, we wouldn't have shown as much quality. That didn't happen today and I am pleased. I don't want to be disrespectful, but we had enough chances to win that game by far more."



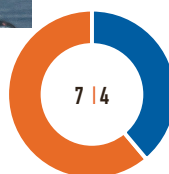
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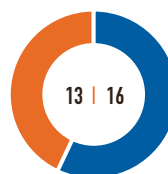
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THE MAIN MINUTES

11' Luke Gambin – who is making his first league start of the season – has looked lively so far, he takes the ball down well on the left before crossing in, James Collins pokes over. Town have started well.

15' Town have it in the back of the net as Dan Potts heads Olly Lee's cross back across goal and Collins has a tap in, but the linesman has his flag up for a goal-kick after Lee's ball had strayed out of play.

35' Great save from Marek Stech as Andy Kellett gets on the end of Chris O'Grady's knock down. The shoots but Stech quickly gets down to keep the Spireites out. Important save there.

53' GOOALLL TO THE TOWN! A truly fantastic ball from Jordan Cook puts Danny Hylton through as the visitors just appeared to be starting to grow into the game. He cuts in from the left and smashes it past Joe Anyon! **1-0!** #COYH

77' RED CARD: Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu gets a straight red for a late tackle just inside the Chesterfield half. Town will have to see out the game with ten men.

90' What have we got to do to make it 2-0?! Stech sees two long kicks go all the way down the other end, first to Harry Cornick and then James Collins, both are clear on goal but neither can take advantage. The Hatters have been fantastic with 10 men – but they could have had a hatful this afternoon!



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HYLT'S LOVES HIS COOKIE ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON!

BUT HIS SATURDAY NIGHT PACKET OF BISCUITS IS OFF THE MENU...

Danny Hylton told last year how he treats himself to a Saturday night pack of biscuits when he's had a good game – but last week against Chesterfield he had a Cookie in the second half to help him gobble up his second goal of the season!

The Hatters' talisman is still finding his fitness after missing pre-season following summer surgery, but he put the previous week's saved penalty at Wycombe behind him to latch onto an exquisite pass from first-half substitute Jordan Cook and net the winner with his first goal in five matches.

Afterwards, the 28-year-old told iFollow Hatters: "I'm happy to score because it's been a little bit of a drought. I'm never too concerned when I don't score, as long as the team is winning.

"We've been doing quite well but I've been a bit frustrated with my performances lately, so I felt a little bit more like normal today and, the goal topped it off, but the main thing is that we won.

"It was a fantastic ball and Cookie's got that, he's a fantastic player. Every day we see it in training. He's got quality. Technically he is so good, he works hard and he's got everything.

"He's been unlucky to not play as much as he wants to. Maybe he needs a little bit of confidence here and there, so hopefully that assist today will give him a little bit of a lift because he's a great player and I thought when he came on, he did really well."

Manager Nathan Jones insists that last season's 27-goal top scorer is still "effectively in his pre-season", having used matches to work him up to full fitness.

"People always say how important pre-season is, and it's not until I've missed it for the first time that I've realised – it is so important," said Hylton.

"The weights and the physical side that you don't get to do, and can't do because you're playing catch-up. You can't do too much because you're going to fatigue yourself as you're trying to play games.



"But yes, I'm starting to feel stronger and better every game and I'll just keep trying to do my best and try to bring something to the team."

His partnership up front with James Collins is also bringing something to the team – not least eight goals between them before Tuesday's trip to Morecambe – and Hylton is happy with how their link play is developing.

"The more I play with Collo the more I'm starting to understand, because partnerships take time," said Hylton. "Today you saw a little bit more of that. I'm starting to know what he wants and where he's going to be, and I thought today we clicked a little bit better."

And as for his Saturday night treat of a packet of Maryland Chunkies, Danny insists he's a changed man this season.

"I'm trying to stay away from the biscuits at the minute," he smiled. "The wife's out tonight and I've got the kiddies, so it'll be X-Factor then Match of the Day – just chilled!"

MORECAMBE 0 : TOWN 0



TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER | GLOBE ARENA | ATTENDANCE: 1,354 | AWAY: 326

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, CUTHBERT ©, SHEEHAN, POTTS, REA, O LEE, GAMBIN, CORNICK (COOK 81), HYLTON, COLLINS (JARVIS 87). | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, SENIOR, MUSONDA, FAMEWO, SHEA
YELLOW CARDS: LEE

MORECAMBE: ROCHE, BROUGH, OLD, THOMPSON, OLIVER, CAMPBELL (LANG 76), WILDIG (ELLISON 38), LUND, OSBORNE (FLEMING 61), MULLER, ROSE. | **SUBS NOT USED:** NIZIC (GK), MCGOWAN, KENYON, LAVELLE



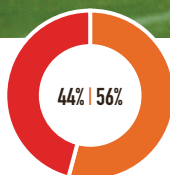
THE MAIN MINUTES

- K0** With the appeal against Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu's red card against Chesterfield unsuccessful and Andrew Shinnie injured, manager Nathan Jones makes two changes – bringing in Glen Rea and Harry Cornick, for his first Town start #COYH
- 5'** First shot on goal for Town and it's Cornick, who's made a great start. In a blistering opening ten-minute spell the Hatters dominate, with James Collins and Dan Potts also going close
- 35'** Closest Town have come. After Danny Hylton's shot is blocked and Cornick creates space in the area, but Morecambe keeper Roche beats the forward's shot away before making another crucial save from Potts on the stroke of half-time. 0-0
- 57'** Alan Sheehan makes a great interception at one end, then Town break and Luke Gambin bends one towards the top corner from 25 yards, moments before the Maltese international sends a cross in just too far ahead of Cornick
- 65'** Marek Stech makes a terrific save to deny Kevin Ellison, and then Adam Campbell, who was trying to get on the rebound. Steve Old soon volleys an inswinging free-kick over as Morecambe enjoy a spell of pressure.
- 90'** The Hatters' final corner is headed half-clear by Ellison, but only as far as Rea who sends a left-foot half volley inches wide of the far post soon after Morecambe sub Callum Lang had headed onto the roof of the Town net. Final score 0-0 #COYH



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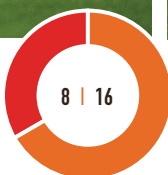
"I was pleased for the most of the night with our performance. I thought we started very well in terms of having a real intensity about us. We got in some great areas consistently – we tested the keeper early, but we probably lacked just a little bit of cutting edge. They could have nicked it late on. They came into it and could have nicked it with the through balls across the box, but I thought for an away performance we moved the ball nicely. We have come away with a clean sheet and we have defended well for most of the night, so it's hard to be too disappointed. Obviously we will be, because we would have liked to have gone four wins on the bounce."



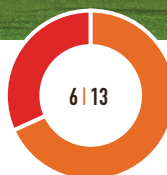
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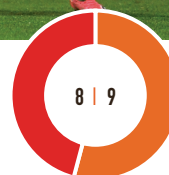
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HARRY'S MAD FOR A HATTERS START

Harry Cornick spoke of his determination to cement a place in the Hatters' team after being handed his first league start by Nathan Jones at Morecambe on Tuesday night.

The August signing from Bournemouth had played from the first whistle against Tottenham in the Checkatrade Trophy, but his seven league appearances before the midweek trip north had come from the bench.

His impact in matches had resulted in Jones praising the 22-year-old and pondering when to give him his chance.

"It was good to get the start," said Cornick. "I've worked hard coming off the bench trying to make an impact, and it's good to get my start and try to establish myself in the team."

HAPPY

"It's taken a bit of time. I've been coming on for the last 20 minutes and I think that's when I'm strongest sometimes in games, when the defenders are a bit tired and I can use my pace and really have an effect on the game."

"I'm happy to get a start though and now I've got to try and break into the team and hang onto my place."

Cornick had an early effort that flew just wide, then drew a 35th-minute save from Morecambe keeper Barry Roche after fashioning space for himself just inside the penalty area once Danny Hylton's initial shot had been blocked.

"I thought I did well," said the forward. "I wanted to try and make an impact, create chances and score goals, but tonight we just didn't really have the cutting edge."

"We were on top for most of the game and had the better of the chances, but couldn't quite take any of them."

"The keeper's made a good save from me, and he's made a good save from Pottsy as well when the ball's fallen in the box. He's done well, but we should be taking our chances and winning this game."

"It's hard when you come to these places and you know you're not going to get 100 chances in the game, but the ones you do get, you need to take."

"These are the places you need to come to and win 1-0 or 2-0, and just get a result. We were unfortunate today to only pick up a point, but a point's a point and we kick on now for Saturday."

Cornick did everything but score at the Globe Arena, running himself into the ground before having to be taken off with cramp in the 81st minute.

The away fans showed their appreciation of his efforts with a rapturous ovation as he was subbed,



and on his fitness, he said: "I haven't had a 90 in a while so I'm working with the team trying to get fit and trying to push towards the 90. I did 80 tonight, so I'm getting there. I'll just keep working hard."

Cornick also paid tribute to those 326 travelling Hatters who had made the 400-plus mile round trip for a midweek match.

"On a Tuesday night it's brilliant that they are coming up, three-four hours away from Luton," said Cornick. "It's crazy support, brilliant. When they get right behind us it really does spur us on, and if they keep the support up all season, we'll just keep trying to repay them."



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

“ Long way to go for a 0-0 draw, but to be fair I wasn't as disappointed as I usually am at travelling so far for such a game. With the players we had out I don't think we played badly by any means.

On what was a pretty warm evening we played some lovely stuff in the first half, with our build-up play very good. At times we lacked that killer end product, and when we did produce the goods we ran into a goalkeeper in very good form, which happens from time to time.

The second half was not much of an event, but at least we came away with a point rather than a defeat,

which would perhaps have been the outcome of such a match last season. That was our fifth clean sheet of the season in just ten matches, so we're defending well.

It would have been nice to extend our winning run to four matches, but we remained unbeaten for this spell which is no bad thing, and if we can pick up a win in the home match to follow, we shouldn't be far away.

Thankfully the roads were pretty kind to us on the way back, apart from one diversion, so I was back home with a reasonable gap between getting in and the early morning alarm! ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN KEVIN BARRETT!

Where do you sit at Kenilworth Road?

Main Enclosure

How long have you supported the Town?

26 years

What made you first go to watch Luton?

My wife Maureen

Who do you go to games with?

Maureen

What was your first Luton game?

WBA at home in 1991. We won 2-1

What has been your favourite moment as a Town fan?

Hard to split between the Newcastle and West Ham FA Cup replays in 1994

Who is your all-time favourite LTFC player?

David Preece

And your all-time favourite manager?

John Still

Who is the best player you've seen play at Kenilworth Road?

Zlatan Ibrahimovic

Tell me about a funny moment you've had supporting the Town

When John Still was manager I won a prize at a dinner to be in an official team photo. I went along on the day and sat in reception and waited to be called through. After a while of waiting I went through and saw Andrew Barringer (then press officer) who had completely forgot about me. He ended up having to get everyone together again to have another photo done much to their annoyance!

Seats or Terrace?

Terrace

If you could bring one player back from the past to play now who would it be?

David Preece

Give me five present or former LTFC connected people you'd invite to a dinner party



John Still, Leon Barnett, Jack Marriott, Claude Gnaka and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu

There would be some interesting dress sense there! What does the club mean to you?

It is a way of life now. I have met and made many friends at football and a lot of my time goes into the club.

Describe LTFC in 3 words

A. Friendly, frustrating, entertaining!



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NATHAN AND FELLOW MANAGERS DELIVER TEAM TALKS FOR PROSTATE CANCER UK

HATTERS GAFFER SUPPORTS EFL'S PARTNER CHARITY'S 'MAN OF MEN' CAMPAIGN

Luton Town manager Nathan Jones has joined forces with a host of top football managers to give the most vital team talks of their careers, after chilling statistics showed prostate cancer kills one man every 45 minutes.

The Hatters chief and Premier League bosses Sean Dyche (Burnley), Mark Hughes (Stoke City), Slaven Bilic (West Ham United), Chris Hughton (Brighton & Hove Albion) and Craig Shakespeare (Leicester City) have teamed up with their contemporaries from the English Football League (EFL), League Manager's Association (LMA) and Prostate Cancer UK.

Together they are condemning the deadly disease in a series of passionate – and life-saving – messages as part of a high-profile campaign to tackle the most common cancer in men.

Shocking figures show that two men will die during the length of a football match, reinforcing the need to take action now against the disease.

As well as speaking out about the issue, football managers, many of whom have been directly affected by the disease, will be wearing Prostate Cancer UK's iconic 'man of Men' pin badge on the touchline during the 2017/18 campaign as the leading men's charity cranks up the serious message.

Welshman Jones said: "Prostate cancer is a hugely important issue and football can make a real difference in helping spread the message about the dangers of the disease, particularly when you see the worrying stats about two men dying every single game. That's not good enough.

"It's important that clubs and fans play their part in a number of ways, from wearing the Man of Men pin badge like me and other managers to taking on epic endurance events – and I'm proud that Luton were the first club to host a game at the Prostate Cancer UK Stadium.

"When you think that the capacity of our ground equates to the number of men that will die of prostate cancer per year, that's incredibly scary. Too many men are affected by this disease and we all need to get together to help turn things around."



Jones is among more than 25 managers to pledge his support across the football landscape.

Prostate Cancer UK is the long-term Charity Partner of the EFL and is also a proud partner of the LMA allowing the charity access to football clubs, managers, players and supporters.

Many people are unaware that prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. It's a huge issue that cannot be ignored. One man will die from prostate cancer every 45 minutes in the UK. That's over 11,000 men a year. Based on current trends, if we ignore prostate cancer and do nothing, this number will rise to over 14,500 men a year by 2026.

To show your support and get a Prostate Cancer UK 'Man of Men' pin badge to wear with pride, text BADGE to 70004 to donate £5* and help stop prostate cancer being a killer. For information about the badge and the charity's work in football visit prostatecanceruk.org/whostheman.

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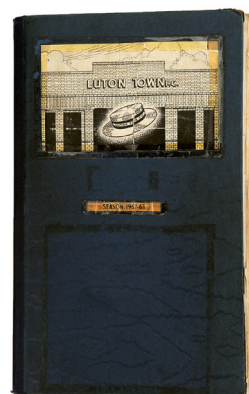
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PART SIX

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...



Luton manager Allan Brown now had his forward replacement for the injured Rodney Green by default. Having been thwarted in an attempt to bring in Paul Aimson from Bury, he had allocated games for the club's directors to view in the hope 'that something would turn up.'

Club directors were at Derby watching Leeds reserves, with ex-England striker Alan Peacock the target. Despite netting twice, the directors were unimpressed with Peacock but were more taken with the performance of Derby's Ian Buxton.

Buxton had scored nine goals in 34 Second Division (now Championship) games for the Rams the previous season, but now found himself out of favour at the Baseball Ground as new manager Brian Clough made sweeping changes.

He took a little while to make up his mind, especially as he was one of the last cricketer/footballers, having carved out a parallel career with Derbyshire, but eventually signed on the dotted line after receiving assurances that cricket took precedence at the beginning and end of each season.

He met his new team-mates on the morning of the home game with Southend and was thrown in at the deep end in a top of the table clash played at 100mph. He survived though and went on to become the last piece in Allan Brown's jigsaw. Buxton was 28, looked 20 years older, but what a player!

Only 1,884 were at Spotland, Rochdale on the following Saturday 30th September to see Buxton, now with a couple of days' training with his new colleagues, take his place in what was to become the Town's regular forward line as the season progressed. Seemingly starting as they finished the last game, the Town were soon on the attack and went close a couple of times before Buxton got off the mark in Luton colours with a clever overhead kick after 25 minutes.

The lead was doubled seven minutes later when the Rochdale defenders could not clear a Graham French corner, leaving Bruce Rioch, being watched for the second time by Fulham manager Vic Buckingham, to turn the ball in from close range.



Luton two up -but only draw at Rochdale

VERDICT

**BUXTON
SCORES HIS
FIRST LUTON
GOAL WITH
A DEBUT
OVERHEAD
KICK**

AFTER being two goals up, Luton threw this match away at Rochdale, and after a dismal second half performance had to be content with a share of the points.

Luton's new signing Buxton was the best of their forwards, with full-backs Hare and Jardine outstanding in defence.

Luton were always the more direct in approach and more dangerous in the goalmouth.

Rochdale, who have an unimpressive home record, missed some early chances as their forwards ran well. At the same time their defence was always quick in the tackle, and they kept Luton at bay for some considerable time.

The first 20 minutes brought little constructive football from either side. Luton's main fault was that their final pass always seemed to go astray.

Buxton, who cost £11,000, gave a mixed performance at the start. He showed some good touches, but once or twice he was robbed in possession. But then he seemed to settle down, and always looked dangerous near goal.

He scored Luton's first goal with a clever overhead kick, and then laid the second one on for Bruce Rioch.

LUTON TOWN took a party of 13 to Rochdale for this afternoon's fourth Division match, adding Alan Slough to last Wednesday's 12, as John Moore was suffering with a cold.

But the left-half declared himself fit at the end of the 200-mile coach trip, and Luton fielded the same side that beat Southend during the week.

Rochdale have made a poor start to the season, and there was only a handful of people on the ground 20 minutes before the start.

The home side were relieved that the cloud resting over left-half Brian Eastham had lifted. Eastham was cleared by an FA inquiry yesterday after facing a year's wait to be re-registered after playing in unaffiliated football in the United States.

A heavy shower greeted the start, and Rochdale went into an early attack, but full back Calloway centred behind the goal.

All-red strip

Luton were soon to show, and new signing Buxton featured in an early raid. From a Whittaker corner, leading

goal-scorer Rioch shot over the bar from close in.

Luton were playing in all red, as Rochdale play in the black and white normally worn by the Hatters.

Dougan and Buxton both showed well in mid-field, but both sides took some time to settle. In the fifth minute French was given off-side when in a promising position after he and Allen had combined well.

Luton goalkeeper Read had to rush out of his penalty area to kick clear a loose ball as the Luton defence was slow to cover. And then Whittaker came back to help sort out a muddle.

Read was soon in action again when he came out of his goal to dive at Riley's feet, but the winger got the ball across the goalmouth, and Smith headed wide from a good position.

Bad pass

The Luton defence was finding itself in a tangle, and forward Rioch was alert in dropping back to clear danger.

A bad back pass from Rochdale's Cockcroft gave Luton an undeserved corner, but Whittaker's cross was easily cleared.

Read mistimed a long high ball into the penalty area, and fumbled it at the feet of Fletcher. With Branstion racing back to help, he gathered the ball at the second attempt.

Rioch began a good move for Luton, but Dougan's pass, which was meant for French, went astray.

Jardine put Buxton through, but the ball was taken off his toe, and as Rochdale swept into attack Riley had a clear shot at goal, but kicked wide.

Deflected

French made a good run on the right and passed to Rioch, whose right shot was deflected off a defender for a corner. Buxton had the kick punched off his head by goalkeeper Green. The ball went for another corner, which Allen just failed to get to.

Jenkins worked himself into a good position, but headed Reid's free kick high over the bar.

French made ground on the right, and his accurate centre found Whittaker, who beat the defence before shooting wide. Buxton worked well with Jardine, and received a good return pass from the full-back but he shot over.

Branstion did well to cut off a clever through pass from Reid, but the ball found its way over to the Rochdale right wing, and Read made a good high catch to Winspear's centre.

Buxton was next to show for Luton. He took the ball quickly down to the by-line, crossed hard into the crowded goal-

mouth, and it was only the outstretched foot of a Rochdale defender that eased the pressure.

In the 26th minute BUXTON scored his first goal for Luton. It was an extremely good one, the inside right shooting overhead as he fell backwards following a Whittaker centre.

Buxton continued to impress, and two minutes later he might have had another goal. But he completely mis-kicked a pass from Rioch.

Luton continued to press, and after Dougan and Allen had combined to put the ball across to French, Green was only able to half clear French's centre. It bounced out to Buxton. He tapped the ball to RIOCH, who beat Green from close in for Luton's second goal.

Rochdale pulled a goal back in the 38th minute through a good header by right winger WINSPEAR. Jenkins nodded a long centre across the goalmouth and the winger ran in fast to head past Read.

HT: Rochdale 1 Luton 2

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FINANCE

TEAMS

ROCHDALE: Green; Cockroft, Calloway; Taylor, Smith, Eastham; Winspear, Jenkins, Fletcher, Reid, Riley. Sub: Melledew.

LUTON TOWN: Read, Hare, Jardine; Dougan, Branstion, Moore; French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker. Sub: McDermott.

Referee: Mr Dick Payne (Sheffield).

GOALS

BUXTON (Luton) 26 min.

RIOCH (Luton) 32 min.

WINSPEAR (Rochdale)

38 min.

JENKINS (Rochdale) 65 min

EVENING
POST
30-9-67

Too generous to be true!



IAN BUXTON
worth every penny
of his fee

By ROGER DUCKWORTH
Rochdale 2, Luton Town 2.

LUTON TOWN GAVE a frustratingly benevolent performance at Rochdale on Saturday. They were so generous and full of goodwill that after taking a two-goal lead and looking like chalking up a walkover, they almost gave the whole thing away and could well have travelled back without a point.

On paper an away point looks good. But Luton were so much in command at one stage that they should have ended with a generous goal bonus in their favour.

EVENING POST
2-10-67

Little class

It was a game of little class or finesse. What there was came from Luton in the first-half when they looked as if they wanted to win. In fact they could have been four clear goals ahead at the interval.

After surviving some early pressure, Luton settled down to play cool, skilful soccer. Mounting raid upon raid on the Rochdale goal, it looked as if they would score a hat-trick.

Best man on the field was Luton's new signing Ian Buxton. He worked incessantly and with a lot of skill, looking worth every penny of his £11,000 fee.

Buxton scored Luton's first goal with a clever overhead kick from Ray Whittaker's pass, and then laid on the other one for leading marksman Bruce Ritchie.

The new player seems to have come to a quick understanding with his fellow forwards. He uses to long pass to good effect and runs well with the ball. Keith Allen worked hard, as always, but was unable to relieve the goal famine which has brought him only one goal in nine League games this season.

Ritchie also played well and must have impressed Fulham manager Vic Buckingham who joined the long list of First Division clubs to watch him.

Luton's half-backs had a less happy afternoon. John Moore, who has been outstanding in recent games, can use a heavy cold as an excuse. In goal Tony Read was below his best. He must take some of the blame for Rochdale's second goal which he only half stopped and then had to watch the ball trickie into the corner of the net.

Jenkins was the scorer. Rochdale's first goal was a good header from Winspear.

Rochdale: Green; Cockcroft, Calloway; Taylor, Smith, Eastham; Winspear, Jenkins, Fletcher, Reid, Riley. Sub Melledew.

Luton: Read; Hare, Jardine; Dougan, Branstion, Moore; French, Buxton, Allen, Ritchie, Whittaker. Sub McDermott.

Referee: R. Payne (Sheffield).
Attendance 2,004.

Instead they were struggling at the end. Rochdale were abysmal in the first-half, but after realising they were being given a second-half reprieve they were first shocked, then hopeful and by the end they were almost unbelieving as Luton showed them open paths to their goal.

Luton paid the penalty of slacking off after being well in front. And Rochdale laughed all they way back to the dressing room after being handed their biggest present of the season.

The Town's away record still looks good. Let's leave it at that. In the late stages of Saturday's game they were so poor that the long-suffering Rochdale fans, who had barracked their side early on, began to get confident.

A hearty "Come on Rochdale, tha's got nowt to beat her," from a flat-capped fan just about summed up Luton's late plight as they struggled to salvage a point.

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strange incident occurred minutes from the end the referee awarded a free kick right on the line after the Rochdale eeper had stood holding all while challenged by a Ritchie flicked the ball a the goalmouth, and a terrific tussle Rochdale ed the ball away.

Attendance: 2,004

THE TOWN ARE
FRUSTRATINGLY
BENEVOLENT
ON THE TRIP TO
SPOTLAND



The Town's board members, who were each deputed games to watch in the quest for a striker, get ready to change into scouts apparel



It was now a case of how many the Town would get, but some sloppy play just before the interval allowed Rochdale a lifeline, with Jack Winspear allowed a free header in front of goal.

The Town had been cruising and the goal seemed to galvanise the home side, who made much more of a game of it in the second period.

Try as they might, the Hatters could not get back in the ascendancy and it was Rochdale who stole the equaliser after 65 minutes when Reg Jenkins shrugged off John Moore, who was suffering from a bad cold, and fired a shot that Tony Read in the Luton goal could not prevent from trickling over the line.

The Town did have some chances after this but some unorthodox saves by the tiny Rochdale goalkeeper Les Green, later to make a name for himself at Derby, kept them out. Even when he was penalised for

transgressing the new 'four step law', the Town could not take advantage of a free-kick almost on the goal-line.

It was Rochdale who finished the game the stronger, and it would have been no surprise had they gained a winner, which would have been amazing given their first half performance.

There was little time for recriminations as three days later the Town were in the north again, this time to face Doncaster who had been relegated at the end of the previous season.

Skipper Terry Branston reported fit after suffering a foot injury at Rochdale, but French dropped out with an ingrowing toenail!

Due to a clash of colours the Town could not wear their normal white, nor their red away kits, so were forced to borrow a gold strip from Watford.

In the face of a gale force wind and torrential rain, the Town had the better of the first half and looked good for at least a point, even allowing for the loss of Tommy Hare with a gashed ankle.

Buxton hit the bar and the Town had two penalty appeals turned down, but just when they looked forward to having the wind at their backs in the second period, the storm subsided.

Just as at Rochdale, the Hatters seemed to go off the boil in the second half and although Doncaster were not world beaters, they gained the upper hand and it was no real surprise when Bobby Gillfillan netted from close range on 70 minutes, after the ball was cleared off the line.

With four minutes to go Gillfillan unselfishly teed up Graham Watson for a second goal and sent the Town down to eighth spot. Promotion was now looking a long way off.



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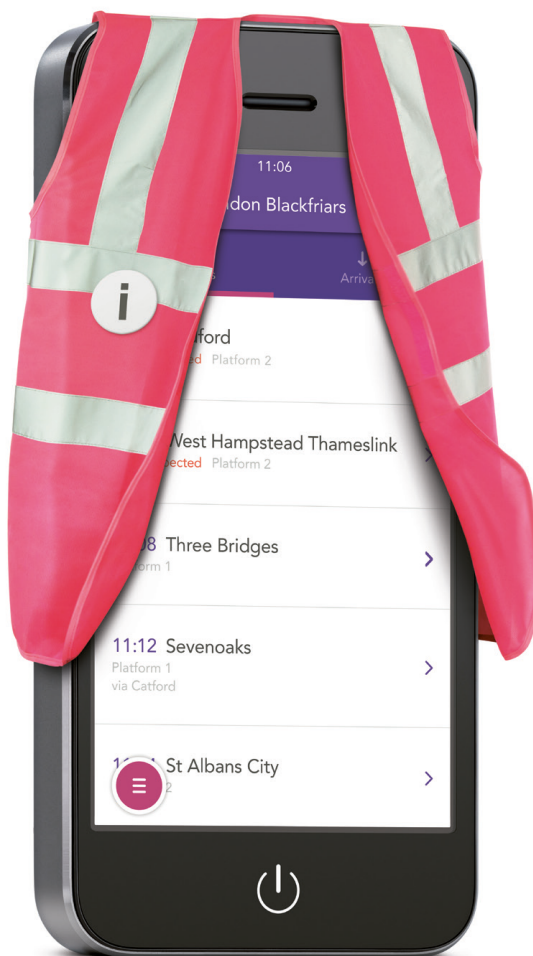
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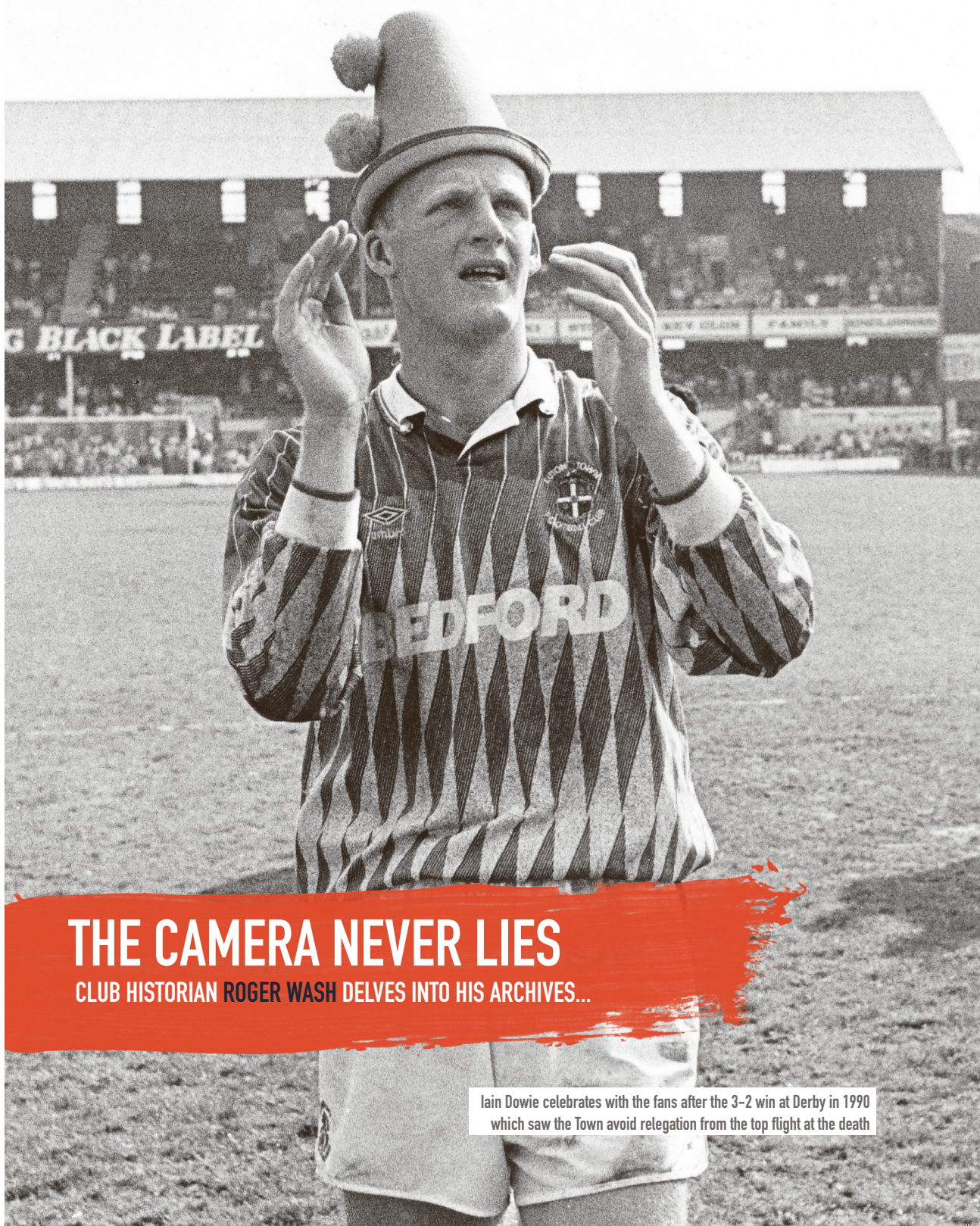
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CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

Iain Dowie celebrates with the fans after the 3-2 win at Derby in 1990 which saw the Town avoid relegation from the top flight at the death

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YOUTH PROFILE



TIERNAN PARKER

AGE: 16 | BIRTHPLACE: WELWYN GARDEN CITY | POSITION: GOALKEEPER

Year you joined the Hatters?

2014

Describe your playing style in three words:

Loud, intelligent, demanding

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

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Your most talented team mate?

Jake Peck

Which first team player do you look up to?

James Shea

Favourite music artist:?

Childish Gambino

Favourite food?

Pasta

Biggest influence on your career?

Father

Player you used to pretend to be as a kid?

Gianluigi Buffon

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

To play at a high level, having made 35-plus appearances for Northern Ireland and over 100 appearances at club level.

ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE



I am pleased that I have the opportunity to use these programme notes to enlighten you on an important few days for the club and the academy that we have coming up at the start of October.

CATEGORY 3 AUDIT ASSESSMENT

By the time we have our next home league fixture here at Kenilworth Road, the club will have gone through the process of being externally audited to ascertain our suitability to run a Category 3 academy. This happens every three seasons and will be the second time we have gone through the procedure.

The Premier League and EFL have commissioned Double Pass, a Belgian-based external company, to carry out their audit assessments and they will spend four whole days within the club from Thursday October 5th to Sunday October 8th.

The Double Pass assessments are conducted, based on a scientific model, assembling different data into one tool through documentary analysis, standardised interviews and live observations of training sessions and games.

They are executed and analysed by experienced football professionals who will formulate a report and score for each Category 3 status academy. Each club is benchmarked against other clubs in a national context.

CORE CONDITIONS

The process started some months ago with us needing to meet the Core

Conditions criteria that were set. A whole range of data was fed into the online tool for Double Pass to assess and this was followed last month by the auditors making an onsite visit to view our facilities and any outstanding documentation.

FOUR-DAY AUDIT

Having successfully completed the Core Conditions element we are now looking forward to welcoming the Double Pass auditors to the club at the beginning of October. They will base themselves at our fantastic training base, The Brache, whilst also visiting other facilities that we use such as the academy matchday venue at Ely Way.

On their remit list is to conduct interviews with various members of staff, players and parents, whilst they will also observe academy training and matches at varying age groups. They will scrutinise our procedures and protocols and look deeply into our sports science and medical department, whilst studying all aspects of our recruitment system.

It will be a fairly intense four days, with our results being made available at the end of the season when all Category 3 clubs have been audited in the same way.

EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST DIVISION FIXTURES 2017/18

Sat Aug 5	Dag & Red	A	L 0-2
Sat Aug 12	Leyton Orient	A	W 1-0
Sat Aug 19	Barnet	A	L 0-1
Tue Aug 22	Southend Utd	A	L 0-1
Tue Aug 29	Barnet (LGCup1)	H	W 8-1
Sat Sep 2	P'borough Utd	H	D 1-1
Sat Sep 9	Gillingham	A	L 0-2
Tue Sep 12	Plymouth (LGCup1)	H	W 2-1
Sat Sep 16	Stevenage	H	D 1-1
Sat Sep 23	MK Dons	A	L 1-2
Sat Sep 30	Cambridge Utd	H	
Sat Oct 7	N'hampton Town	H	

11am, Ely Way

Sat Oct 14	AFC Wimbledon	A	
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Sat Oct 21	Southend United	H	
Sat Oct 28	P'borough Utd	A	
Sat Nov 11	Gillingham	H	
Sat Nov 18	Stevenage	A	
Sat Nov 25	Cambridge Utd	A	
Sat Dec 2	MK Dons	H	

STAFF

May I take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have been involved in the audit process to date, and also to those who will play a part in the next couple of weeks. Your help, support and advice is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy today's game. COYH!!

Andy



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



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PREMIER LEAGUE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE TRUST

Following a successful debut year working with the Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF), the Trust are delighted to announce a further two-year deal that will provide over £100,000 grant funding for each of the next two seasons from the PLCF.

In simple terms, this allows the Trust to visit 50 local schools and deliver free sport to approximately 2,000 children every week of term. The funding supports three separate projects: Primary Stars, KICKS and Girls Football.

PREMIER LEAGUE PRIMARY STARS SCHOOL SPORT PROGRAMME

The PL Primary Stars programme is designed to provide primary schools with support in improving the provision of PE and sport and physical activities, both during curriculum and extra-curriculum time. The aim is to provide higher quality, positive experiences for the pupils, enabling positive teaching and learning, alongside increased participation opportunities and importantly, for the club increased player pathways through talent identification.

This support to schools includes PE curriculum lessons, enrichment sessions, through to breakfast clubs, lunch-time activities and after-school clubs, and also a range of competitive opportunities for children, helping inter-school and District Schools football programmes.

School Sport Development Officer, James Hatch, who oversees the project, commented: "We always have a great response from local schools who have asked us to come in and help with all kinds of requests, from running lunchtime clubs to coaching the schools' football teams.

"With the PLCF funding we will be able to engage with more schools than ever each week, and also promote the



club to the next generation of supporters. We hope this project will not only help schools with providing quality PE lessons, but also by involving the children with the club, provide future supporters as well as future academy players who come in as part of our school sport talent identification programme."

For any schools interested in our school sport project you can contact James Hatch at the Trust on 01582 737568 or via email at schoolsport@lutontown.co.uk



PREMIER LEAGUE GIRLS FOOTBALL

PL Girls Football began over three seasons ago and aimed to set up high quality girls-only satellite centres to give girls and women aged 14 and over new opportunities to play football. The project is now aimed at women and girls from 11 years upwards and again is seeking to increase the numbers playing and to provide pathways for players and also coaches.

The new project fits in really well with our Girls Player Development Centre staffed entirely by female coaches who have all qualified through our previous initiatives in female football.

We hope to continue to play an important part in breaking down barriers and our Girls' Football project will offer the opportunity for players of all abilities to join the female football revolution.

We hope many participants will be enjoying their first real kicks, whilst for others, the sessions will aim to reignite a sporting passion, by easing back into playing – but pressure free! Of course, new participants falling in love with the game for the first time, or all over again, have numerous pathways to graduate beyond grass-roots at the club through our pro-active partnership with Luton Ladies



FC, and whether participants wish to shine in playing, become a coach that inspires the future generation, or maybe combine education with playing in the future, then we now have the opportunity to offer the same through this partnership.

If you want to take part in any of our PL Girls Football projects then give our Girls Football Development Officer, Nicolle Robinson, a call at the Community office on 01582 737568 or email her at girlsfootball@lutontown.co.uk for more information.

PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS PROGRAMME – SOCIAL COHESION PROJECT

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Community Operations Development Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "KICKS is a fantastic project that encourages young people of all ages and abilities to come together and enjoy football. Quite often it's the first stage of a young person becoming involved with the Club's Trust, from KICKS they may also decide to, volunteer with us or sign up for employability support programmes.

"KICKS can just be about coming along to play football every night with friends, but for the majority of students it's so



much more than that – it's a step towards making positive changes within their lives."

If you want to get involved in KICKS give us a ring and speak to Daniel on 01582 737568 or email Daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk



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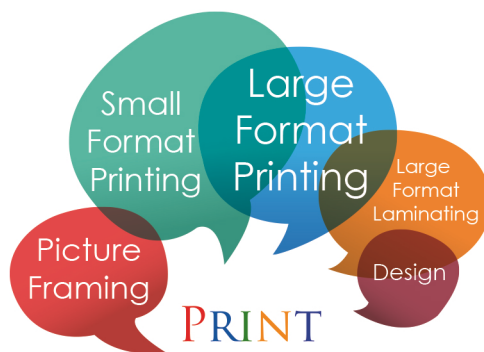


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HATTERSLADIES

TOWN REMAIN THREE POINTS OFF TOP DESPITE CONSECUTIVE LOSSES

LUTON TOWN LADIES 0 LEYTON ORIENT 4

The Hatters suffered a second successive defeat last Sunday, just a week after heading to AFC Wimbledon sitting top of the league.

This weekend was another test following the 4-1 defeat to the Dons, as clinical goal scorers Leyton Orient were the visitors to Stockwood Athletics Stadium.

With several players missing and a makeshift back four, the Town shifted formation slightly to a 4-5-1. There was a first start for striker Rebecca Kane as she performed a deeper role than usual. The Hatters had the best of the first ten minutes, with some good link up play from wide players Dionne Manning and Jess McKay.

Erica Byron, who was sitting in as full-back for the second game running, looked to add to the attack early on, but this pressure wasn't capitalised on.

A long ball over the top caused some issues for the Town defence and a mis-communication between the centre-backs and young keeper Grace Brooks resulted in a goal to the visitors.

McKay then forced the Orient keeper into a good save and Nicola Henman's header was unlucky not to go in from a corner.

Orient then took advantage of the Town's high line and scored two goals in quick succession. First, a great cross was tapped in at the back post, and then a good finish from in the

box sent the home side in at half-time trailing 3-0.

After a poor first half, Town went two up top for the second period and began attacking straight away. Some excellent play from centre midfield pair Lisa Nixon and Henman, put Manning in on goal, but her shot was just wide.

Carroll then delivered a superb corner and a goal-line scrap saw Orient just tap it away. Rachel Kosky then delivered a perfect free-kick, and it looked as if Henman might get on the end of it but the keeper punched it out, taking Henman's head with it!

A much improved second half performance where 14 attempts were recorded on goal was a good reaction to the first half, but a rare attack from Orient saw Brooks make an excellent save, before the rebound was tapped in for 4-0.

This was frustrating for the young and much-changed Town side, but they finished the half the strongest and were very unlucky not to get on the scoresheet.

Town manager Nikki Baker said:

"Today was always going to be difficult with the pure amount of players missing. We didn't deal with the ball over the top or protect the space in behind well at all, but we did much better second half.

"It is very disappointing as 4-0 makes it look like a thrashing, and it really wasn't. We have to re-group quickly

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	Leyton Orient	H	L 0-4
Sun Oct 1	MK Dons	H	
Wed Oct 4	Denham United	H	
	7.30pm. Kenilworth Road		
Sun Oct 8	Maidenhead United	A	
Sun Oct 15	AFC Wimbledon	H	
Sun Oct 22	Norwich City	A	
Sun Oct 29	MK Dons	A	

***Home games are played at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium**

now as we have a tough game next week against in form MK Dons.

"Two positives today for me were youngsters Erica Byron and Funmi Babalola. Attacker Erica has sat in at left-back and done very well, and Funmi has come off the bench the last two games and looked very dangerous."

***The Hatters Ladies will be playing at Kenilworth Road next Wednesday, 4th October when they entertain Denham United Ladies.**

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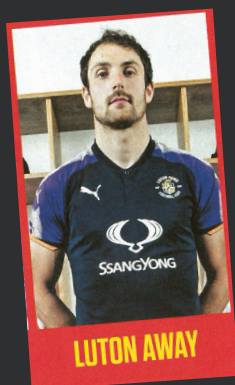
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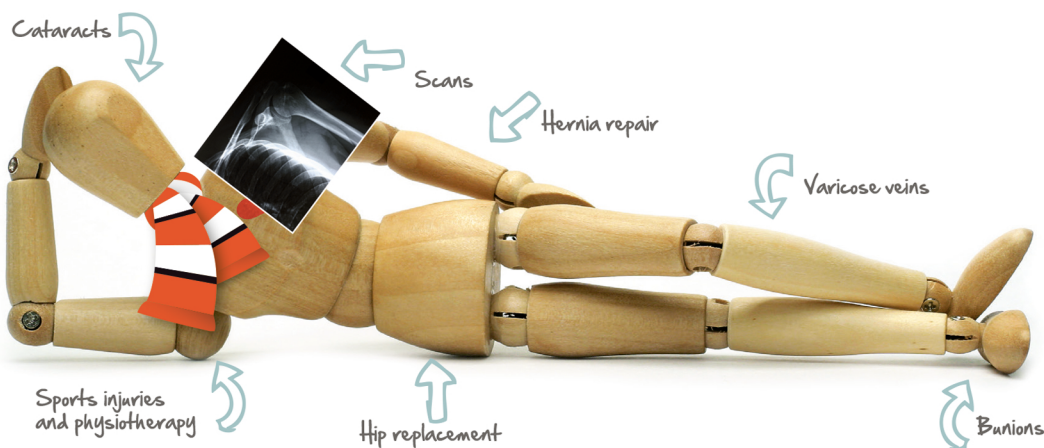
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JUNIOR HATTERS

Today, we welcome Newport County AFC and their supporters from Newport in South Wales. Welsh is still widely spoken there, so we asked Nathan Jones to set a test to see how many Welsh words you could match up to their English translations. We've mixed up the Welsh and English words and phrases below - head over to the Junior Hatters page on the website for the answers! Pob lwc! (good luck)...

Gwdih

How you say it - Good-ee-hoo

MIGHT AS WELL



Chwyrlligwgan

How you say it - Choo-urll-ee-goo-gan

HIM...OVER THERE



Sboncen

How you say it - Sbon-ken

MERRY-GO-ROUND



Meicrodon

How you say it "Micro-don"

NOT GOING IN A
STRAIGHT LINE



Smwddio

How you say it - Smoothe-yor

IRON



Wnco mwncw

How you say it - On-core moon-core

SQUASH (THE SPORT)



Pili pala

How you say it - Pill-ee Pall-ah

MICROWAVE



Onco fonco

How you say it - On-core Von-core)

BUTTERFLY



Igam ogam

How you say it - Ee-gam O-gam

OWL



Man a man a mwnci

How you say it - Man ah man ah moon-key

HER...OVER THERE



HATTY!



HARRY!



Gordon Turner



MASCOT FACTILE: SPITTY THE DOG

The Exiles' mascot, Spitty the dog, is partly named after 80s TV celebrity puppet-dog 'Spit' and partly after Newport County AFC's old home ground 'Spitty Park'. His squad number is K9.

Fetch!

HALL OF FAME

We've hidden the names of the Luton Town all-time top scorers in the grid on the right.

Can you find them all?

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T	R	E	S	E	Y	R
Y	D	O	O	M	L	D

TURNER (276)

HOWARD (103)

RENNIE (162)

MOSS (94)

STEIN (154)

YARDLEY (94)

SIMMS (122)

HARFORD (92)

MOODY (104)

PAYNE (87)



DEBUT FOR JARVIS

Congratulations to Hatters new-boy Aaron Jarvis, who made his professional debut for the Town against Morecambe on Tuesday evening.

The 19 year old signed from Basingstoke Town over the summer, having scored 17 times for them during the 2016-17 season. Well done Aaron!

ALAN MCCORMACK

WHEN I WAS A BOY...

Happy Harry Lunch Bag winner, 13-year-old **REX HIBBERT**, got to meet and interview one of the Town's newest recruits, Alan McCormack, before last Saturday's home game against Chesterfield – and the Irishman revealed all as he covered a range of subjects about his childhood.

REX: What is your first football memory?

AM: It's going back a long time, but I remember going to watch my dad play – he worked in a hospital and played on the football team there. I remember going to watch him play and train. The buzz came from that, seeing everybody together, seeing them play football and then afterwards, them all being together. So the team-work, the team effort and the bonding after a game is what got me hooked into football.

What was the first team you supported?

The first team, and always has been, is Liverpool. Since I started playing football it hasn't been quite as hardcore support as when I was a youngster growing up. But it's definitely Liverpool. Celtic have a big Irish following, so they would be my second team. Obviously, Luton have become a part of that now.

What was the first team you played for?



Little Macca, centre

A local team called Trinity Sports & Soccer Club. They went from Under-8s all the way up to Under-18s and senior men's football. I remember going training in the evenings with

one of my best mates, who is still a very close mate. We got taken down there and that's where we started playing. From then on it became a pastime of love and now it's turned into a job of dreams.

Who was your favourite player when you were a boy?

The one player growing up who is one of the best Premier League players of all-time, we play in the same position and I tried to learn from him, was Roy Keane – although he played for Manchester United. I let that one slide a little! He was one of the Republic of Ireland's greatest ever



players and always will be, and he will always be one of the Premier League's greatest ever midfielders. He has always been a player that I have looked up to, a kind of hero growing up in Ireland.

What was the first position you played?

It was striker funnily enough! I wasn't the tallest, so defending came no good to me and I didn't really tackle very much, believe it or not, when I was younger. I played up front and like most young kids, I liked to score the goals.

What was your best subject at school?

I wasn't really into school, but I get asked this quite a lot and the one thing that crosses my mind is technical drawing and technical graphics. A lot of straight lines, working shapes and sizes out and mixing them in together. You had to try and do all that with straight lines and calculations. Anything to do with building or engineering is something I was quite into when I was younger.

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

I think there's only one answer to that and that's what I do now! If I wasn't a footballer I would have liked to have been a detective. I was quite into the detective programmes and



get quite into solving problems, so the detective side of the work and the crime, it always had me intrigued. It always had me watching more TV or playing games where you had to solve things. If the football didn't happen, I think I would have gone down that route.

What was the first replica shirt you had?

It was a Republic of Ireland shirt from the 1990 World Cup – Italia 90. I remember me and a bunch of my friends all had the same top and it was the first memory of a jersey with my name on the back – in the end we actually got black tape and cut our names out because there was no printing back then! It took ages to do mine because my name was longer. I remember sitting in my front garden doing it and it took us about five hours to do it with blunt scissors and really thick black tape. But it stuck on, even after putting it through the wash!

What was the first CD that you bought?

First CD... I am still quite into my house music, funky house and mixes of the house genre. So I remember getting discs back then when I was going to the CD shops. I remember going to the music shop and getting a dance CD, I can't remember the name of it, but it was a big yellow package with three discs in it with about 100 hardcore dance songs on there. I didn't listen to it that much in the end as it wasn't quite my taste, but I remember buying it.

What make were your first pair of boots?

I keep trying to remember what they were. I am convinced they were called Patrick. My auntie got them through

friends of hers and brought them home for me one evening. They had massive studs on them. I think they were rugby boots with studs that big!

When did you first meet one of your heroes?

I have never met Roy Keane, so I don't think I have met anyone that has had a big influence on me growing up. There's people that you always like and admire playing football against, but in terms of meeting Roy Keane, I haven't done that yet. I have always been a believer that your hero should try and stay your hero and not meet them. It could be a good thing not meeting them, but he is a genuine footballing legend, so it would be nice to meet him and hear stories about him playing and what he did as a youngster growing up, what he did to keep himself the best player.

What made you join Luton Town?

It's a big football club. It's very well backed. It's got an excellent manager. The players are of great quality, and when I came to the club to have talks with the manager, I was instantly attracted to Luton Town and it was the place where I wanted to go. If you ever get that chance to be in the situation where you speak to a new manager about joining a new team, you get this feeling that it's the right decision to make. Then when I saw the training ground, I saw the pitch and the stadium – all the boxes were ticked and I felt it was a great place to come and continue playing football, to try and achieve promotion and win the league. I was itching to get the ink dry on the paper and get going.

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Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Ipswich Town (Cup 1)	L 0-2	4,610	794	-	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Cook •	Rea		O. Lee		
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 0-1	3,555	2,109	8	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert •	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack		O. Lee		
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)	D 2-2*	2,699	404	-	Shea	Justin •	Mullins	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson		Cook		
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	W 3-0	7,865	445	3	Stech	Stacey	McCormack	Sheehan	POTTS 1	Collins		O. LEE 1		
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	4,665	987	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack •		O. Lee ▲		
SEPTEMBER																	
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City	D 0-0	9,332	1,268	6	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack •		Rea		
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Swindon Town	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	W 1-0	7,575	310	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Gambin •		O. Lee •		
Tue 26	7.45pm	A	Morecambe	D 0-0	1,354	326	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Gambin		O. Lee		
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Newport County AFC														
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Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley														
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Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United														
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LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Forest Green Rovers 0-2 Swindon Town (Frid 22nd Sept)
 Accrington Stanley 1-1 Cheltenham Town
 Barnet 1-2 Crawley Town
 Colchester United 1-2 Wycombe Wanderers
 Coventry City 2-0 Exeter City
 Crewe Alexandra 0-5 Carlisle United
 Luton Town 1-0 Chesterfield
 Mansfield Town 2-1 Cambridge United
 Newport County AFC 1-0 Grimsby Town
 Notts County 4-1 Lincoln City
 Stevenage 2-1 Morecambe
 Yeovil Town 1-1 Port Vale

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

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

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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

*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

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

SUBS

Mpanzu	Shinnie ▲	COLLINS 3 ◆	VASSELL 2	Rea ●	E. LEE 1 ◆	Mullins ▲	Cook	Senior	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ◆	Collins	Collins	Gambin ●	Mullins ◆	Senior	McQuoid	Bakinson	Musonda	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ◆	Collins	Vassell ◆	Rea ●	Cook ◆	E. Lee ▲	Mullins	Cornick	Gambin	Shea
GAMBIN 1	Cornick ▲	Hylton ◆	E. Lee	James ●	MCQUOID 1 ◆	Read ▲	Peck	Jones	Shamalo	Isted
Mpanzu	Shinnie ◆	COLLINS 1	Hylton ▲	Cornick ●	Cook ◆	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Mullins	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ◆	COLLINS 1	HYLTON 1	Rea ●	Berry ◆	Cornick ▲	Justin	Gambin	E. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Berry	Collins ●	Hylton	Cornick ●	Cook ◆	Mullins	O. Lee	Shinnie	E. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	Collins	Hylton ▲	Rea ●	Cornick ◆	Berry ▲	Justin	Gambin	E. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	Collins ◆	Hylton	Cornick ●	E. Lee ◆	Justin	Mullins	Gambin	O. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ◆	COLLINS 1	Hylton	CUTHBERT 1 ●	Cornick ◆	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Mullins	O. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu ➡	Shinnie ●	Collins	HYLTON 1	Cook ●	Rea ◆	Cornick ◆	Justin	Senior	Jarvis	Shea
Rea	Cornick ●	Collins ◆	Hylton	Cook ●	Jarvis ◆	Justin	Senior	Musonda	Famewo	Shea



HAPPY BIRTHDAY OSCAR!

The Hatters would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Oscar Brown who turned nine on Monday!

Both he and his dad are here today to cheer on the Town, with the pair hoping for a belated present of Scott Cuthbert (Oscar's favourite player) getting on the scoresheet in a win for Nathan Jones' side (us too)!

We hope you enjoy today and had a fantastic Birthday!

LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Notts County	10	8	1	1	20	8	12	25
2	Exeter City	10	7	1	2	16	11	5	22
3	Accrington Stanley	10	6	2	2	20	13	7	20
4	Coventry City	10	6	1	3	13	6	7	19
5	LUTON TOWN	10	5	3	2	18	9	9	18
6	Stevenage	10	5	3	2	17	12	5	18
7	Newport County AFC	10	5	3	2	14	9	5	18
8	Wycombe Wanderers	10	5	3	2	19	16	3	18
9	Mansfield Town	10	4	4	2	15	12	3	16
10	Cambridge United	10	5	1	4	11	9	2	16
11	Swindon Town	10	5	1	4	14	14	0	16
12	Lincoln City	10	4	3	3	13	12	1	15
13	Grimsby Town	10	4	1	5	14	18	-4	13
14	Yeovil Town	10	3	3	4	17	23	-6	12
15	Barnet	10	3	2	5	14	13	1	11
16	Cheltenham Town	10	3	2	5	12	13	-1	11
17	Carlisle United	10	3	2	5	14	16	-2	11
18	Crewe Alexandra	10	3	2	5	12	17	-5	11
19	Crawley Town	10	3	1	6	11	13	-2	10
20	Morecambe	10	2	4	4	9	12	-3	10
21	Colchester United	10	2	3	5	15	18	-3	9
22	Port Vale	10	1	2	7	8	15	-7	5
23	Chesterfield	10	1	2	7	9	21	-12	5
24	Forest Green Rovers	10	1	2	7	10	25	-15	5

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON										LIFC		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		CAREER TOT				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	6	0	
Luke Berry	3	(2)	0	0	(0)	0	3	(2)	0	1	5	0	
James Collins	10	(0)	6	1	(0)	0	11	(0)	6	2	0	11	6
Jordan Cook	0	(5)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(5)	0	2	0	49	4
Harry Cornick	1	(7)	0	1	(0)	0	2	(7)	0	0	0	9	0
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	7	(1)	1	1	(0)	0	8	(1)	1	1	1	95	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	2	(0)	0	1	(1)	1	3	(1)	1	0	0	21	2
Danny Hylton	8	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	9	(0)	2	1	0	56	29
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	0	(0)	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	7	(0)	2	1	(0)	0	8	(0)	2	1	0	88	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	9	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	10	(0)	0	1	1	128	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	10	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	10	(0)	1	3	0	54	2
Glen Rea	5	(5)	0	1	(0)	0	6	(5)	0	2	0	70	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	10	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	11	(0)	0	3	0	72	4
Andrew Shinnie	8	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	9	(0)	0	1	0	9	0
Jack Stacey	10	(0)	1	1	(0)	0	11	(0)	1	0	0	11	1
Marek Stech	10	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	11	(0)	0	1	0	11	0
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Isaac Vassell	2	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	2	0	0	55	16



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WITH **ED SMITH** MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

More or less everyone in my family was born in Luton. I was born here, my brothers, my mum, my dad, their parents, and so on going back donkey's years.

I expect there was probably a branch of the family living in an ancient Briton mud hut on Waulud's Bank, and a single celled Smith hatching into life at the bottom of the pre-historic River Lea. Luton is a funny place. It gets under your skin. It's in your DNA and so is this great football club.

For a few years at the beginning of the millennium I lived in Paris. Geographically it's not that far, but there were many things I missed about home. One of my best mates over there was (still is) a Northampton Town fan, and we both found a lot of comfort in watching the progress of our teams and enjoying some football-related banter over a few beers in an expat pub. So it was less of a surprise when I started working here that there are Hatters literally EVERYWHERE.

A good illustration comes from our iFollow subscribers – with the USA, Australia, Spain, France, Norway, Canada, Sweden, Germany, Thailand and New Zealand making up the top ten. It's also fascinating to see some of the more remote locations too – we even have a subscriber in the Cayman Islands, which is in the middle of the Caribbean Sea between Honduras and Cuba. I had to look it up.

Even within the UK our reach is widespread, with supporters tuning in to iFollow from up and down the country. That's not to mention the supporters who commute to Kenilworth Road from many miles away including at least one supporter who frequently arrives BY AEROPLANE from Scotland.

There's absolutely no doubt that these supporters are every bit as passionate about the Club as the Luton dwelling Lutonians among us. In some cases even more so. For example, one of the club's most dedicated Scandinavian supporters, Thomas Moller, has turned his whole house into what looks like IKEA's Luton Town themed showroom (see photo) - with orange worktops and cupboard doors, club crests transferred onto the walls, and memorabilia framed to exacting Scandinavian standards decorating each room.



Or there's Anastasios Visvikis from Thessaloniki, Greece who fell in love with the Club when we got to the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final in 2009. He was taken with the plight of the club, and seeing 42,000 Hatters pack Wembley turned him into a dedicated Luton Fan. Brilliant.



It's always fantastic to hear from Luton supporters, wherever you are so make sure you send us your photos and stories, and you might find yourself in this programme or on our website. Or possibly even on a wall at the Brache – but more about that soon.

Here's to you Hatters, wherever you are.

Cheers.

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TEAMS



MANAGER:
NATHAN JONES

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



MANAGER:
MIKE FLYNN

- 1 Joe Day
- 2 David Pipe
- 3 Dan Butler
- 4 Joss Labadie
- 6 Ben White
- 7 Robbie Willmott
- 8 Matty Dolan
- 9 Pdraig Amond
- 10 Frank Nouble
- 11 Lamar Reynolds
- 12 Ben Tozer
- 13 Marlon Jackson
- 14 Jazzi Barnum-Bobb
- 15 Shawn McCoulsky
- 17 Scot Bennett
- 18 Jay Foulston
- 20 Tom Owen-Evans
- 22 Reece Cole
- 25 Mark O'Brien
- 27 Sean Rigg
- 28 Mickey Demetriou
- 29 Joe Quigley
- 30 James Bittner
- 32 Calaum Jahraldo

MATCH OFFICIALS

- ⚪ MARK HEYWOOD ⚪ GRANT TAYLOR
⚪ STEPHEN BROWN ⚪ CARL FITCH-JACKSON

NEXT HOME GAME: BARNET
CHECHATRADE TROPHY | TUE 3 OCT | 7.45PM

