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THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for another big game against a side alongside us in the higher reaches of the Sky Bet League Two table.

Having faced Newport County, who were seventh, and an Accrington Stanley side who were third in our last two outings, we are getting used to coming up against fellow challengers, and these are the games in which we have tended to thrive during my time at Kenilworth Road.

We welcome several former players back to Bedfordshire this afternoon – as we do all of the Stevenage's directors, officials, supporters, manager Darren Sarll, his staff and their squad – and wish them a safe trip home over the county border this evening.

We are in a good place, not just in terms of league position and form, but with players returning from suspension, injury and international duty to add extra competition to the squad.

In our last league outing here we produced an outstanding first half display against Newport, then stood up to a spell of pressure after half-time when they got a goal back, but managed to see the game out very comfortably.

The Checktrade Trophy match with Barnet the following Tuesday was a chance for some of the squad who hadn't been getting as much game time as they'd like recently to have 90 minutes, as well as young players like Akin Famewo, Frankie Musonda and Aaron Jarvis gaining more experience.

We also had Lawson D'Ath make his return from injury, and it was good to be able to get him back on the pitch in league action for the final few minutes of last Saturday's 2-0 win at Accrington. The Wham Stadium is always a difficult place to go, and we turned in a thoroughly professional away performance to make it 16 points from a possible 18 during our six-match unbeaten run.

The only downside was a harsh fifth yellow card of the season for Dan Potts, which rules him out of today's game. Potts was named in the EFL Team of the Weekend, however, which is the latest of several accolades that have come the squad's way in the early weeks of the season, with Marek Stech also nominated for the PFA Player of the Month award for September last week.

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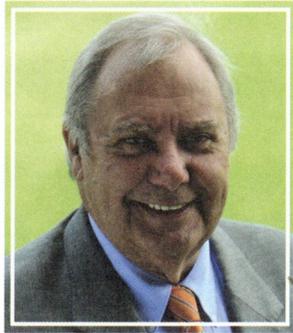
There are no medals given out at this stage, but this recognition of our players – not forgetting international honours for James Justin and Luke Gambin – shows that we are playing well and are certainly heading in the right direction on the pitch.

Off it, you supporters continue to set the standard. I hope those who made up a quarter of the crowd at Accrington dried out quickly – the performance and result should certainly have warned you – and I know you've snapped up all the available tickets for another Tuesday night trek, this time to Exeter.

Magnificent support, and I know it will be exactly that this afternoon when we also welcome the EFL's partner charity, Prostate Cancer UK, to Kenilworth Road.

Please support them via their collection buckets if you feel able, and back the boys as you always do as we look for a sixth win in seven home matches this season.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID WILKINSON

Good afternoon everyone and a warm welcome to Kenilworth Road.

Today we entertain the officials, players and supporters from Stevenage, our closest neighbour.

Although most of us don't see the fixture as a local derby, there is always a little extra because of our proximity and the fact that a number of our former players are on their playing staff.

Jonathan Smith, Ronnie Henry, Fraser Franks and Luke Wilkinson started in their last game and we welcome them back to their former home. They are remembered fondly for their time at the club and, in the case of the first three, their involvement in our promotion from the Conference in 2014.

EXCEPTIONAL

We are currently on a great run with five wins and a draw in the last six games, and the performance at Accrington Stanley was exceptional against a very good side, who, at the time, were two places above us in the table.

I always find it strange, if somewhat amusing to read the opposition comments after the game and this was never more true than when listening to Accy's manager John

Coleman on Saturday. What game was he watching?! It never ceases to surprise me how much rose-tinted spectacles can distort people's vision.

By the way, I could well be the smug ***** Luton director the Accy fan, after the game, tweeted about sitting next to. If it was me, I couldn't help it.

DELIGHT

I was sad to have missed the Newport County match and especially the chance to meet former players Peter Anderson, David Court, Ken Goodeve and Alan Garner (pictured), who, I'm reliably informed, all expressed their delight at how well treated they were by everyone at the club on what was, for Peter – the man whose sale to Antwerp in 1975 is said to have saved the club from liquidation – his first return in almost 40 years.

There was a good reason for this very rare absence from one of our matches, however. The French Government have awarded Legion d'Honneur medals to all British D-Day veterans, and my Dad was one of them.

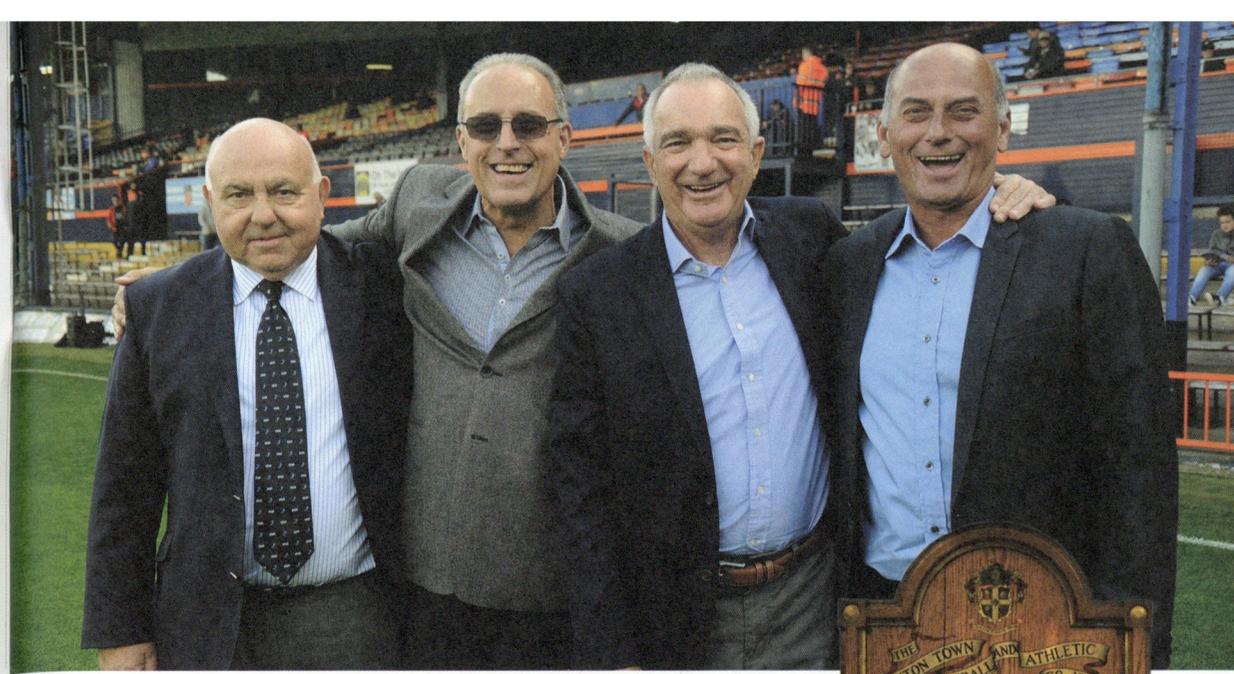
Some of the money raised from the banks for Libor fines was earmarked

to enable veterans to visit the beaches on which they landed, battlefield sites and cemeteries where their fallen colleagues were buried. My brother and I accompanied him on a fascinating, informative and sometimes moving journey and were fortunate to meet other war time heroes.

They varied in age from 92 to 97 so they won't have many, if any, more chances to go back. I consider myself fortunate to have been born after the war and not to have had to be involved in such a dreadful conflict. The personal stories of people who were there bring to mind the true horror of what it was like in a way that no film or newsreel ever can. No propaganda, just personal experiences.

It is a sobering thought that very soon there will be no one left with direct experience of what happened and in many cases, their unrecorded memories will die with them.

In the next couple of weeks I shall be entering a new decade of my life, as I see is Sir Bobby Charlton. No connection whatsoever except that he is 10 years older than me and when watching the recent celebration



of his career from the tragedy of the Munich air crash to the glory of '66 and victory in the European Cup, it took me back to the World Cup.

I was working in an accountant's office in George Street West, Luton, earning £5 a week. If my memory serves me right, which it doesn't always these days, myself and a few chums bought a block of tickets to all the 12 London games for £50. Eleven of them were at Wembley and one at White City – we saw all the Wembley games. We could never have imagined at the time how lucky we were to be present at such a historic event. It was a unique and memorable occasion and wonderful to be a part of.

Sir Bobby was, of course, a very major part of England's success and apart from being a lovely man, has been a brilliant ambassador since then for the "beautiful game." Many Happy returns Sir Bobby.

Today we're delighted to welcome Prostate Cancer UK to Kenilworth Road.

Volunteers will be collecting money outside the ground this afternoon and with your generosity will be raising vital funds to help relegate the most common cancer in men.

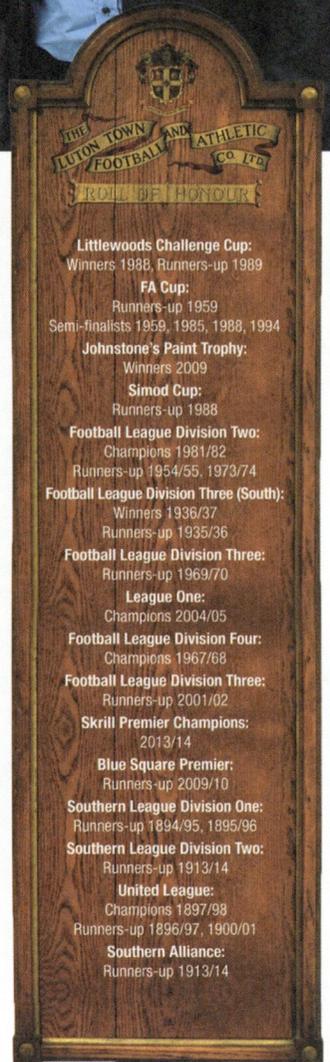
Our manager has also been showing his support by joining forces with more than 30 managers to give the most vital team talks of their careers after chilling statistics showed that prostate cancer is killing one man every 45 minutes.

If there is a thread connecting the above, it is that we should celebrate those people who bear the accidents and setbacks in life with bravery, dignity and grace.

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Enjoy the game.

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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon everybody and welcome to Kenilworth Road for what will no doubt be a difficult game against Stevenage.

I should think our supporters will have to keep their eyes peeled trying to make sure they don't confuse some of Stevenage's players with ours! We've got a number of former team mates now playing for Darren Sarll's side and I know a few of them very well. I am pleased to see Jonathan Smith is getting regular games and is doing well there, he's a top pro and I know he is well thought of here. I played with Luke Wilkinson for a few months before he left for Boro, whilst I have done some of my coaching badges with Fraser Franks. Although off the field we get on well, friendships get put to one side when you step over the white line, and it certainly won't get in our way as we look to extend our fantastic run.

CLEAN SHEETS

As a defender I am of course delighted we have kept clean sheets in half of our league games so far, but that has been a team effort, whether it's us at the back or the strikers making important clearances, we have all pulled together and that has reflected in the results. Accrington was no different, Danny Hylton and James Collins getting on the scoresheet and the whole team dealing well with the threats they had.

The stats at the moment make for impressive reading, we are averaging two-and-a-half points-per-game at Kenilworth Road and we want to maintain and improve that.

EXPECTATION

The run we have put together is brilliant, but the seven wins we have now won't get us promoted. We have monthly points targets – realistic ones – but we are an ambitious group and want to not only meet those targets, but better them. You might think that adds pressure to our shoulders, but when you walk through the door at this fantastic club, that expectation to perform at your very best every game is there from that moment.

With the experience we now have in the dressing room, Alan McCormack, Johnny Mullins, Hylts and myself to



name but a few who have enjoyed promotion, we know how important momentum is. But it's about making sure we work hard for every point and keep everyone focused.

ON THE ROAD

We've had a couple of long journeys already and Tuesday night is one of the longest we have all season. It's part of our job to make those trips – so we are incredibly appreciative as always of our following on the road, but the fact that we have sold out our allocation for the game against the Grecians speaks volumes about you lot. It's a massive match and although we are completely focused on today, I certainly hope we can send you home happy in three days' time.

Enjoy the game.



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LUTON BOSS JONES DELIVERS TEAM TALK FOR PROSTATE CANCER UK

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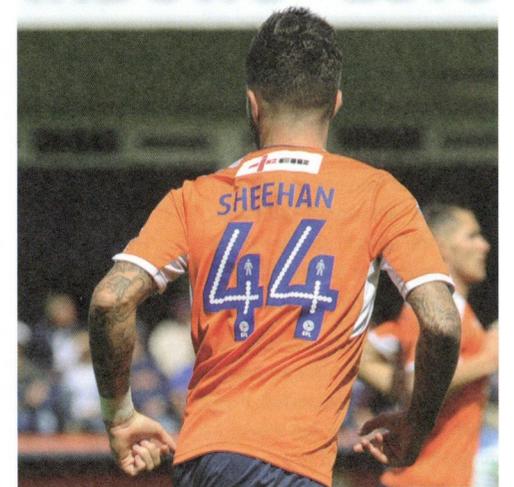
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Luton Town manager Nathan Jones has also been showing his support. He's joined forces with more than 30 managers to give the most vital team talks of their careers after chilling statistics showed prostate cancer kills one man every 45 minutes.

The gaffers include Burnley's Sean Dyche and Newcastle United's Rafa Benitez as well as Championship duo Simon Grayson and Dean Smith, who both have personal connections with the disease. All will also 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.

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."

Prostate Cancer UK is the Official Charity Partner of the EFL. Their "Man of Men" logo sits proudly in the squad numbers of every one of our players' shirts (pictured). It also adorns the lapels of football managers and pundits across the land.

You can get a badge like Nathan Jones too. Text BADGE to 70004 to donate £5 to help stop prostate cancer being a killer (and get your own Prostate Cancer UK badge to wear with pride).*

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The following interview with Hatters defender Alan Sheehan appeared in last Sunday's edition of The Football League Paper, written by John Lyons

SHEEZ HAILS GAFFER'S SHREWD SUMMER SIGNINGS!

A top-class manager and shrewd signings mean defender Alan Sheehan is confident this will be Luton Town's year.

The 31-year-old Irishman was boss Nathan Jones' first signing after the latter took the reins in January 2016, signing on loan from Bradford before making the move permanent that summer.

It looked as though the Hatters would win promotion from League Two for much of last season, but they ultimately finished fourth and then lost 6-5 on aggregate in the play-off semi-finals to Blackpool, who ultimately won promotion at Wembley.

It means Luton have had to settle for another year in the EFL basement, but Sheehan has faith in Jones to take them that extra step this term.

"He's definitely one of the best managers I have worked under,"

said centre-back Sheehan, who netted a long-range effort in the 3-1 win against Newport last Saturday. "There's been a big transformation of the club and the style of play since he came in.

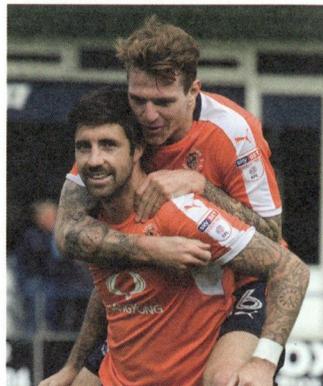
"His attention to detail is second to none and no-one works harder than him. I would like him to manage Luton in a higher division. If not at Luton, I'm sure he will be managing at a higher level one day."

It seems Sheehan is concerned clubs higher up the ladder may cast their eye Jones' way because of the job the 44-year-old is doing at Kenilworth Road.

But a promotion on his managerial CV wouldn't do him any harm – and the experienced Sheehan believes the Hatters have every chance this term.

"Last year was bitterly disappointing," he said. "Losing in the semi-finals

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how we did (to an injury-time own goal) was heart-breaking and it took us a while to get over.

"However, I think the squad is definitely stronger than last year and there's no two ways about it – we want to get into the top three.

"I do feel this year is the year to get out of this division with the squad we have."

What helps give Sheehan that degree of confidence is the quality of the signings Jones made this summer. Among them are fellow Irishman Alan McCormack and Coventry-born ex-Republic of Ireland U21 striker James Collins.

Tough-tackling midfielder McCormack, 33, arrived from Championship outfit Brentford, while Collins, 26, has already won promotion from League Two three times and netted 22 goals for Crawley last season.



Alan Sheehan up against Ben Kennedy in last season's game with Stevenage here

"Alan is a leader and brilliant to have around the place," said Sheehan, who is currently doing his UEFA B coaching licence. "He should be playing in a higher division.

"James is another great character and his scoring record speaks for itself. You know you will get 20 goals-plus from him. We dropped a few points earlier in the season, but we have got into our stride now and are looking a lot stronger."

Although the Hatters are among the favourites to win promotion this

term, it won't be easy – and a few of Sheehan's old clubs potentially bar their path. He previously played for Notts County, Swindon and Mansfield (loan), who all look as though they could be in the promotion shake-up. Indeed, Notts topped the table heading into last weekend.

Sheehan spent three years at Meadow Lane (2011-14) before returning for a loan spell in 2015.

He added: "I played against them twice last year and there aren't many people there on and off the pitch

from when I was there – and that's only a couple of years ago.

"They have a new owner (Alan Hardy), the club's been transformed and the manager (Kevin Nolan) has done a very good job. We play them in December (9th at Kenilworth Road) and it's one I'm looking forward to."

The return is on Saturday, May 5 – the final day of the season. Sheehan will be hoping both clubs have something to celebrate.

HATTERS DIARY

MONDAY: EMIRATES FA CUP FIRST ROUND DRAW

The fourth qualifying round of the Emirates FA Cup takes place this afternoon, with the Hatters and their fellow Sky Bet League Two and One clubs due to enter the competition in the next stage.

To find out who Nathan Jones' side will face on the weekend of Friday November 3rd-Monday November 6th, tune in to the draw for the first round proper on Monday evening at 7pm on BT Sport, live from the broadcaster's studios in Salford. You can also log on to www.lutontown.co.uk and our own social media channels, on which we will bring you the Town's tie as soon as it is drawn from the bag!

TOWN WALKERS WIN AT MAN CITY!

Congratulations to the Hatters' Over-50s walking team, who beat hosts Manchester City to win the Kingsmaid Walking Cup at the Etihad Campus last Monday.

TUESDAY PART 1: EXETER TICKETS SOLD OUT!

The ticket office would like to issue a reminder that the Hatters' allocation for Tuesday night's Sky Bet League Two match at Exeter City sold out last Monday.

Our counterparts in Devon have been receiving a number of calls enquiring about extra tickets being made available, but due to the current redevelopment of St James Park, this is sadly not possible.

Please do not travel to the match if you do not have a ticket and thank you, as always, for your tremendous support. COYH!

TUESDAY PART 2: BEDS FA SENIOR CUP

The Hatters development squad will head to Evo-Stik South East Division side Arlesley Town in the Bedfordshire FA Senior Cup first round on Tuesday night.

If you're not making your way to Exeter, please get down to the New Lamb Meadow Stadium to cheer on Andy Awford and the boys.

Admission will be via cash turnstiles on the night, with prices for the 7:45pm kick-off as follows: Adults £9, Concessions £5, Under-16s: Free.

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OLLY LEE'S TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

Shins, El, Scottie and Potts – nice Essex crew! We've not got the minibus sorted yet for us to travel in with Marek and Macca as well. We meet at Brentwood and travel in as a five, sometimes as a four.

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

Glen, unfortunately, then Harry and Jack Senior are just around the corner from me. We're right in the middle of the changing room here at The Brache.

Who do you room with?

Shins. We've been roomies for years, since we were at Birmingham together, and we go on holiday and room together as well. Potts was my roomie last year, but I sacked him off and he's now with El. They used to be roomies at West Ham, so it's worked out all right, wasn't too awkward.

Most annoying on away trips?

Danny Hylton and Johnny Mullins – all day long.

Best trainer?

James Shea – he's a top trainer and top goalie. He's very good.

Worst trainer?

Where to start? Glen Rea – but he's said I've got to mention that on a Friday he usually scores a worldy volley, but he's still the worst trainer.

Strongest in the gym?

There's a few. Pelly doesn't ever go in there, but he'd be the strongest.

Quickest feet?

You don't want to get stuck one-on-one with Gambo, he's decent. On

international weeks like this when he's away, I'd say Harry Cornick – he's quite sharp.

Nutmeg king?

If I can't say myself, I'll have to go with Cookie.

Biggest moaner?

There's a long list: Collo, Sheez, Scottie, Macca – they're the main four.

Loudest in the dressing room?

Hylts and Pelly, always making noise.

Gaffer's pet?

Hylts and Glen.

Best taste in music?

Pelly does the tunes. They are decent to be fair. No complaints from me.

Worst taste in music?

Shins – bad, bad music. He's just into Scottish rubbish!

Best initiation song?

Jared Roberts-Smith was world class. He got people going with Tyga's Rack City – he was up, running around the room. It was quality.

Worst initiation song?

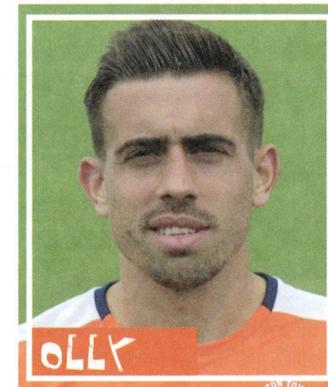
Shins – he forgot the words three times, and he'd done it before at Birmingham, so it was embarrassing. It was Robbie Williams 'Angels' as well, so not exactly difficult.

Best dressed?

Cookie. He always has a go, looks smart.

Worst dressed?

Shins again, terrible! None of his clothes fit. It's all XXL. It's All Saints showroom basically.



Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Potts, loves a mirror.

Most intelligent?

There's a few that reckon they're the most intelligent – like Potts and Scottie – but they're not. Jack Stacey tells me he's got A-levels, so he can have it.

Least intelligent?

These questions are hard you know, there's too many to choose from! I'd go Glen, Gambo and Hylts in that order.

Best banter?

Gambo and Muls for me. They're both hilarious, crack me up 24/7.

Most likely to be a manager?

Probably Scottie. He reckons he'll be a manager, and he'll just be aggressive won't he?

Old school, shouting at everyone.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

Marek.



WE'RE ON OUR WAY

EXETER CITY

FORMED: 1904 | NICKNAME: THE GRECIANS | LAST SEASON: 5TH IN LEAGUE TWO | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @OFFICIALEFCFC
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WE HEAD TO TABLE TOPPERS EXETER CITY ON TUESDAY NIGHT AS WE LOOK TO MAKE IT SIX CONSECUTIVE GAMES AGAINST THE GRECIANS WITHOUT DEFEAT...

WHO? Paul Tisdale's side have got off to an excellent start, currently top and four points clear of the Hatters. Reuben Reid and record signing Jayden Stockley have been finding the net regularly for Exeter so far this season and it reflects in their results, having won nine of their 12 league fixtures heading into this weekend. St James Park is currently being redeveloped and as a result has seen their stadium capacity drop to just over 6,000.

TICKETS Ticket information for this fixture can be found on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE Last season we had to make the trip down to Devon twice in the space of three weeks, once in the Emirates FA Cup and the other in Sky Bet League Two. Whilst we made it into the next round of the cup, we drew in the league, as well as the reverse fixture at Kenilworth Road. Of the 66 meetings between Town and the Grecians, we have won 34, drawn 15 and been defeated 17 times.

IN CHARGE Paul Tisdale is the longest serving manager in the EFL, only beaten by Arsene Wenger if you include the Premier League. The Frenchman has ten years on Tisdale's record at the helm, but the Grecians boss is five years ahead of third-placed Jim Bentley at Morecambe. The former Southampton and Yeovil Town midfielder took over at St James Park in 2006 and has overseen two

promotions – from the Conference to League One through two consecutive promotions in 2008 and '09 – and one relegation, back down to League Two in 2012. They went close to going up again last season, reaching the play-off final after overcoming Carlisle United in the semis thanks to a very late Jack Stacey rocket, but lost in the final to Blackpool.

PREVIOUS FORM With a 75 per cent win rate in the league this term, it's not difficult to see why the Grecians occupy top spot in Sky Bet League Two. They have the joint best home record this season alongside Town and Coventry City, having won five out of their six league games at St James Park. On a winning streak of two, they will be hoping to add to that when they take on Wycombe Wanderers this afternoon.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Town right-back Jack Stacey was a hit whilst on loan at St James Park last season, making 38 appearances and scoring his only goal of the season, as mentioned above, to make it 6-5 on aggregate in Exeter's favour. Now at Macclesfield Town, George Pilkington went on loan to Exeter City from Everton in 2002, making 12 appearances for the Grecians. After his release by the Toffees, he joined Port Vale, before a four-season spell with the Hatters between 2008-12. He made 172 appearances in total for Town, scoring 12 goals.

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EXETER CITY

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

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CRAWLEY TOWN

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

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COVENTRY CITY

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER | 3PM

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AFC WIMBLEDON

CHECKATRADE TROPHY | TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER | 7.45PM

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CHELTHENHAM TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER | 3PM

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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER | 3PM

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TODAY'S MASCOTS:



JOSHUA KING AGE: 7... ALMOST 8!
SCHOOL: LITTLE STANION PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOBBIES: FOOTBALL - GOALIE FOR KETTERING TOWN YFC. PLAYS TENNIS.
FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON

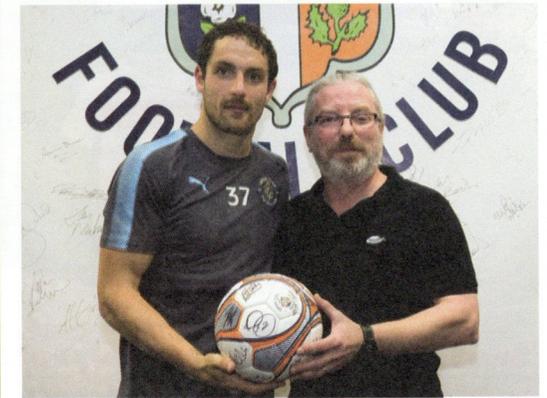
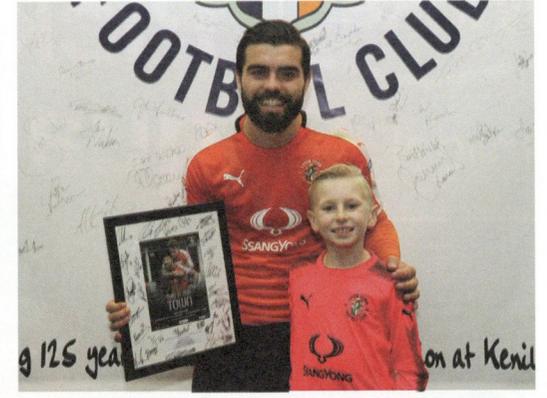


FREDDIE SPAVINS AGE: 10
SCHOOL: KIMBOLTON SCHOOL
HOBBIES: FOOTBALL, HOCKEY AND RUNNING
FAVOURITE PLAYER: ALAN SHEEHAN AND DAN POTTS



MARIA DARTS AGE: 17
SCHOOL: STATTON SIXTH FORM
HOBBIES: WATCHING WOMEN'S TENNIS
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: SCOTT CUTHBERT, JAMES JUSTIN & JACK SENIOR

ALISON DARTS AGE: 46
SCHOOL: WORKS FOR ROYAL MAIL
HOBBIES: WATCHING FOOTBALL
FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON



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WELCOME STEVENAGE

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players and supporters from Stevenage.

Just three points behind the Hatters going into today's game, Stevenage have started off at a good pace as they look to make up for the heartbreak of missing out on the play-off spots so late on last season.

The second half of last term saw Darren Sarll's side mount a serious challenge for a place in the top seven – including beating the Hatters in mid-March – and with six games to go they were fourth, five points clear of eighth.

Their form tailed off, but some strong signings over the summer have seen them mount a challenge from the start of this season, and with the promotion pedigree that the squad has, they could be contenders to be there or thereabouts come May.

Boro have experience of playing in the third tier, having won the Conference title in 2010 and earning promotion to League One at the first attempt the following year, residing there for three seasons, and reaching

the play-offs in 2011-12, before they were relegated in 2014.

A lot of the pedigree in their squad comes from the ex-Hatters contingent at the Lamex Stadium, as Fraser Franks, Luke Wilkinson, Ronnie Henry and summer addition Jonathan Smith all now play for Boro – three of whom came up from the Conference with Town in 2014. Combined the four made 369 appearances for the Hatters and all could feature today.

Another arrival Sarll will no doubt be incredibly pleased with is Danny Newton, a 26-year-old striker he picked up from Vanarama National League North side Tamworth. With six goals to his name so far in a Boro shirt, he tops the club's goalscoring charts, complementing a potent strike force which includes Matt Godden and Ben Kennedy.

Their form had been good heading into last weekend. With three wins on the bounce they travelled to Gresty Road in good spirits, but

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: BORO
GROUND: THE LAMEX STADIUM
MANAGER: DARREN SARLL
LAST SEASON: 10TH IN LEAGUE TWO

Jordan Bowerly's late strike for Crewe Alexandra was the only goal of the game, ensuring Boro's run came to an end.

Away from this term for Stevenage hasn't been too bad overall though, having picked up the seventh most amount of away points – 10 from six games. Stevenage haven't been involved in a goalless draw this season and the Hatters haven't had one at home, which – if this doesn't jinx things – should hopefully set today up for an entertaining affair!

Add into the mix the fact there's only been one draw between the sides in the ten they have played against each other, history dictates that we'll likely have a winner today. Of the other nine meetings, the Hatters have won five and lost four. Last season Boro completed the double over the Town.

**HATTERS
V STEVENAGE**

LUTON WINS: 5 | DRAWS: 1
STEVENAGE WINS: 4
LAST MEETING:
LUTON 0-2 STEVENAGE – 11TH MARCH 2017

GOALKEEPER

CHRIS DAY
AGE: 42

PREVIOUS CLUB: MILLWALL

DEFENDERS

JOE MARTIN

AGE: 28

PREVIOUS CLUB: MILLWALL

FRASER FRANKS

AGE: 26

PREVIOUS CLUB: LUTON TOWN

LUKE WILKINSON

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: LUTON TOWN

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AGE: 19

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MIDFIELDERS

JACK KING

AGE: 32

PREVIOUS CLUB: SCUNTHORPE UNITED

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AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: AFC WIMBLEDON

HARRY BEAUTYMAN

AGE: 25

PREVIOUS CLUB: NORTHAMPTON TOWN

TOM PETT

AGE: 25

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BLAIR TURGOTT

AGE: 23

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BEN KENNEDY

AGE: 20

BORO YOUTH PRODUCT

KYLE WOOTTON

AGE: 22

ON LOAN FROM SCUNTHORPE

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

JOE FRYER

On loan from Championship outfit Middlesbrough, the keeper has played every single minute of league football so



far this season for Stevenage. The 21-year-old had a loan spell last season in League Two with Hartlepool United, making his debut for the Monkey Hangers here at Kenilworth Road when the Hatters ran out 3-0 winners. He has been in impressive form for his new side this term, keeping four clean sheets so far.

THE WALL

RONNIE HENRY



One of the four Boro faces to have played for the Hatters, Henry joined the Lamex Stadium outfit in 2014 after a two-year spell at Kenilworth Road, in which he captained the Town to promotion from the Conference. The 33-year-old started his career with Tottenham Hotspur, but left White Hart Lane without making an appearance. He joined Dublin City for a brief time before spending seven years with Stevenage in his first spell between 2005-12.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

JONATHAN SMITH

Smudge joined Stevenage in the summer after a successful four seasons at Kenilworth Road. A real first team regular until last season, the 30-year-old made over 150 appearances for the Town, including being a mainstay in the team for the first half of our Conference-winning season before he suffered a broken leg. He began his career with Morecambe, going onto play for Forest Green, Swindon and York, before moving to the Kenny in November 2012.



THE DANGERMAN

DANNY NEWTON

Before this season started the 26-year-old spent time with Jamie Vardy's V9 Academy, which spots top talent in Non-League and tries to help promote them into the professional game. Signed a two-year deal in the summer after racking up an impressive goalscoring record in part-time football, netting 29 times for Tamworth in National League North last term. His former sides also include Brackley Town and Leamington.



THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD

JAMES REID, a Stevenage supporter of 12 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 Boro...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

You spent much of the second half of last season challenging around the play-off places before missing out right at the death. What's the ambition for Boro fans this year?

For most fans, the ambition is to challenge for the play-offs. I don't think many fans expected us to be where we were last season, but having kept key players such as Matt Godden, the aim has to be try and match, if not better, last season's performance.



Darren Sarll's done an excellent job since taking over from Teddy Sheringham a couple of years ago. He must be a favourite with the fans, especially having worked with the academy previously?

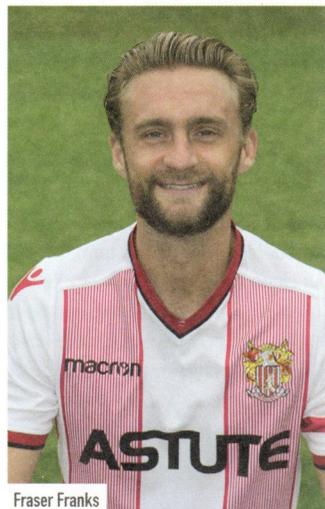
It's like having a fan in the dugout. The genuine passion he has for the club, as well as his appreciation of the fans, definitely make him a favourite. His links with the academy have seen the likes of Ben Kennedy and Dale Gorman become first team regulars under his stewardship, as well as many other academy players making their first team debuts. The opportunity is there for young players under Sarll.

There are plenty of our former players in your ranks, including Jonathan Smith, who was our longest serving player before moving in August. How has Smudge settled in?

He's been excellent, and has certainly established himself as our first choice midfielder. The way he breaks up and links play has been key to our success this season, and he's even chipped in with a goal or two as well.

Which ex-Luton player has had the biggest impact on Stevenage's fortunes in recent seasons?

Fraser Franks. He has been so consistent since he arrived and has already amassed over 100 appearances for us. He's been played all across the back four and has always been excellent wherever he's been played.



Fraser Franks

You've had a fair bit of success with strikers coming out of Non-League in the past couple of years, with Danny Newton the latest from Tamworth, via the Jamie Vardy academy. Has he caught the eye?

Most definitely. He's already our top goalscorer, and has that work ethic that endears a striker to the Boro faithful. His goal against Crawley won our goal of the month, and is well worth a look. His partnership up top with Godden looks to be forming into a formidable one for the rest of the season. He also looks like he genuinely loves playing football and scoring goals.

And out of all your summer signings, who have you been most impressed with so far?

Most of our signings so far have been very impressive. Newton will grab the headlines as our top goalscorer, but the addition of Joe Martin at left-back has been crucial. We'd never properly replaced Scott Laird when he left in 2012, but Martin looks like the man to do it. Calm, composed and with an outstanding free-kick, he should be playing in a higher division. Joe Fryer has looked good in goal, and Terence Vancooten has looked excellent since breaking into the first team.

Which player were you most disappointed to see leave in the summer?

Charlie Lee. He was a real fans' favourite and class act. I was surprised he dropped down into Non-League, as I'd have him back in a heartbeat. He always gave 100 per cent, and you could see why he had played in higher divisions.

You did the double over us last season. Hopeful of a decent result today? What do you think the score will be?

I always look forward to this fixture, as there's always an extra competitive edge. We've been in good form of late, so I'm hopeful of a positive result. 2-1 Boro.

MY ALL-TIME EXILES XI...

GK: CHRIS DAY

Affectionately known as 'Sir' Chris, he is a true legend of the club. Involved in our Conference and League Two promotions. The fact that he still plays at the age of 42 is testament to his professionalism.

RB: RONNIE HENRY

Again, another legend. He's pretty much always been in the team since I've been supporting Stevenage, bar his brief spell with you, and is well loved by the fans.

CB: MARK ROBERTS

A true leader, and one of the best centre-backs to ever pull on the red and white.

CB: JON ASHTON

Ashton and Roberts formed a formidable duo, that led to some of the most successful times we've seen at the Lamex.

LB: SCOTT LAIRD

A fantastic left-back. Every left-back we have had since has been compared to him, so it shows just how good he was for us.

RM: LUKE FREEMAN

One of the most technically gifted players we've had, and it was no surprise he went on to play at a higher level.

CM: JOHN MOUSINHO

A terrific box to box midfielder. His winning goal in the play-off final is a great memory for many Boro fans.

CM: MICHAEL BOSTWICK

A fearsome midfielder, who did the 'dirty work'. He is the kind of player every team needs, breaking up play and always puts in a shift.

LM: GEORGE BOYD

Possibly the most gifted player I have ever seen in a Boro shirt, and his

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Luton

Favourite all-time manager?

Graham Westley, purely due to the success he brought us

Predict your player of the season?

Danny Newton

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

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

Graham Westley, Mark Roberts, Darren Sarll, Ronnie Henry and Chris Day

Most treasured piece of Boro memorabilia?

2007 FA Trophy Final shirt – our first ever all white kit, and we won the first trophy at the new Wembley that day

What league will Boro be in next season? League Two.

Who will win promotion from League Two?

Mansfield, Exeter, Luton and Coventry

appearances in the Premier League show his true quality.

ST: STEVE MORISON

One of the best goalscorers we've had in the time I've been supporting the club. His winning goal in the 2007 FA Trophy Final is one of my favourite moments in football.

ST: CHRIS BEARDSLEY

Perhaps not the best striker we've ever had, in terms of technical ability and the number of goals he scored, but Beardo was a real fans' favourite due to his work rate and passion.

TOP BOYS

MARK SMITH



England Semi-Pro international central defender Mark Smith was Stevenage's 'Player of the Year' on two occasions. Initially a striker with Hitchin Town, he joined Stevenage in July 1992, switching to defence. He starred in Boro's 1993-94 Isthmian League title triumph and was 'Player of the Year' in 1994-95. Helping them to win the Conference title in 1995-96, then take eventual finalists Newcastle United to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1997-98, he was Boro's 'Player of the Year' again in 2000-01. He joined Dagenham & Redbridge in July 2001 and returned to Stevenage in November 2003, scoring 12 goals in 281 Conference games overall.

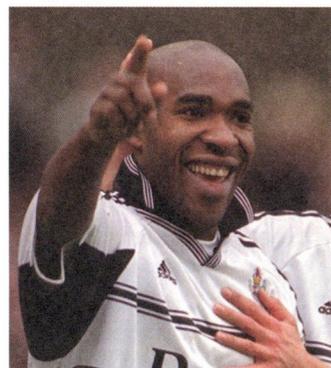
ROBIN TROTT

Central defender Robin Trott was captain and 'Player of the Year' as Stevenage took Newcastle United to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1997-98. He turned professional with

Gillingham in May 1993 and joined Hong Kong side Mansion in August 1995. Moving to Welling United a year later, he joined Stevenage for £8,000 in June 1997, helping Boro to beat Cambridge United and Swindon Town during their 1997-98 FA Cup run. He featured in the 2002 FA Trophy final and scored nine goals in 154 Conference games. Moving to Grays Athletic in March 2003, he then appeared for Gravesend & Northfleet, Billericay Town, Margate and Billericay again.

BARRY HAYLES

England Semi-Pro international striker Barry Hayles was top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in Stevenage's 1995-96 Conference title triumph. Initially with Willesden Hawkeye, he moved to Stevenage in July 1993 and helped win the Isthmian League title in 1993-94. He featured in Boro's 1996-97 FA Cup run and netted 58 goals in 103 Conference outings prior to joining Bristol Rovers for £250,000 in June 1997. Leading marksman as



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

they reached the Second Division play-offs in 1997-98, he joined Fulham for £2.1m in November 1998. The Jamaica international has since played for Millwall, Plymouth, Leicester, Cheltenham, Truro and Chesham.

LEE HARVEY

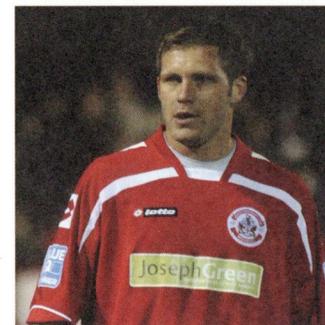
Ex-England Youth midfielder Lee Harvey was Stevenage's 'Player of the Year' in 1998-99. A former Leyton Orient apprentice, he made his League debut in their 6-3 defeat at Sheffield United nine months before turning professional in December 1984. He scored in Orient's 1988-89 Fourth Division play-off final triumph and reunited with Frank Clark at Nottingham Forest in August 1993, briefly appearing in their 1993-94 promotion campaign. Joining Brentford in November 1993, he moved via Harrow Borough to Stevenage in February 1998, making 75 Conference appearances prior to joining St Albans City in July 2000, then played for Bedford Town.

JASON GOODLIFFE

England Semi-Pro international defender Jason Goodliffe was Stevenage's 'Player of the Year' in 2001-02 and 2002-03. Initially with Brentford, he joined Hayes in August 1992 and starred as they won the Isthmian League title in 1995-96, then finished third in the Conference in 1998-99. He played a club record 146 Conference games before joining Stevenage in May 2002. Skipping Boro to the FA Trophy final in 2002, he

also starred as they were Conference play-off finalists in 2004-05, netting 15 goals in 136 Conference games prior to joining Rushden & Diamonds in February 2007. Later with AFC Wimbledon and Sutton, he became Stevenage's coach.

DANNIE BULMAN



Midfielder Dannie Bulman was 'Player of the Year' as Stevenage were Conference play-off finalists in 2004-05. Initially with hometown club Ashford Town (Middx), he joined Wycombe Wanderers in June 1998 and scored on his League debut against Bristol Rovers two months later, starring as they reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 2000-01. Moving to Stevenage in June 2004, he netted three goals in 80 Conference games prior to joining Crawley Town in August 2006. He had a spell with Oxford United, rejoining Crawley in September 2010 and helping win the Conference title in 2010-11 and promotion in 2011-12. He has since appeared for AFC Wimbledon and Crawley again.

RONNIE HENRY

Versatile full-back Ronnie Henry was captain and 'Player of the Year' as Stevenage won the FA Trophy in 2007. A nephew of former Spurs and England star Ron Henry, he turned professional with Spurs in July 2002.

He had spells with Fisher Athletic and Dublin City before joining Stevenage in January 2005. Featuring in that year's Conference play-off final, he helped Boro to win the FA Trophy again in 2009, the Conference title and FA Trophy finalists in 2009-10, further promotion in 2010-11 and reach the League One play-offs and FA Cup fifth round in 2011-12. He moved to Luton Town in June 2012 and rejoined Stevenage in August 2014.

STEVE MORISON

Striker Steve Morison skipped Stevenage to the Conference play-offs and FA Trophy final success in 2008-09. Starting with Northampton Town, he joined Bishop's Stortford in October 2004 and moved to Broadhall Way in August 2006. He was leading marksman on three occasions, scoring Stevenage's winner in the 2007 FA Trophy final. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 2007-08, he netted 67 goals in 127 Conference games before joining Millwall in June 2009 and was top scorer in their 2009-10 promotion success. The Welsh international moved to Norwich City for £2.8m in June 2011 and has since had spells with Leeds United and Millwall again.

MARK ROBERTS

Central defender Mark Roberts was captain as Stevenage won the



Mark Roberts (left) and Steve Morison

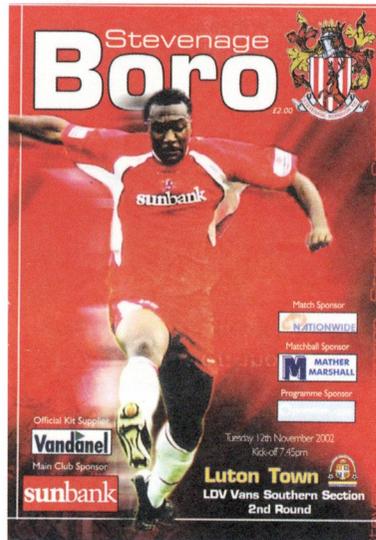
Conference title and were FA Trophy finalists in 2009-10. Starting with Crewe Alexandra, he had spells with hometown club Northwich Victoria, Accrington Stanley and Northwich again, moving to Stevenage in November 2008. Voted 'Player of the Year' in Boro's 2009 FA Trophy final success, he skipped promotion in 2010-11, then was 'Player of the Year' for the second time as they reached the League One play-offs and FA Cup fifth round in 2011-12. He scored 14 goals in 132 League games, moving to Fleetwood Town in July 2013, then Cambridge United and Forest Green Rovers.

SCOTT LAIRD

Attacking left-back who was 'Player of the Year' as Stevenage won the Conference title and were FA Trophy finalists in 2009-10. Signing professional for Plymouth Argyle in July 2006, he was loaned to Torquay United before joining Stevenage initially on loan in December 2007. He featured prominently as Boro qualified for the Conference play-offs in 2008-09 but was unlucky to miss that season's FA Trophy final triumph. Ever-present as Stevenage reached the League One play-offs and FA Cup fifth round in 2011-12, he followed manager Graham Westley to Preston in May 2012. He has since played for Scunthorpe, Walsall and Forest Green Rovers.

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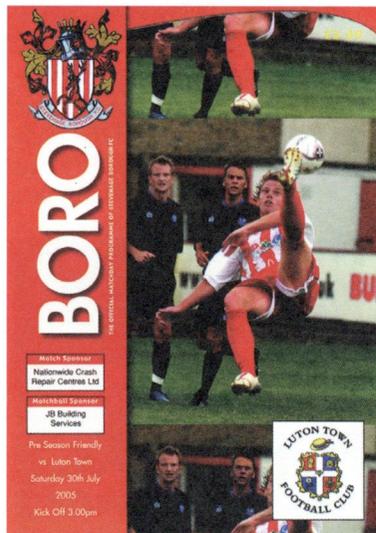


◀ NOVEMBER 2002

Ahmet Brkovic nets an amazing hat-trick in six minutes to seal a 4-3 win in an LDV Vans Trophy tie.

▶ OCTOBER 2003

Drawn together again in the LDV Vans Trophy a late Matthew Judge effort is all that separates the sides as the Town progress.

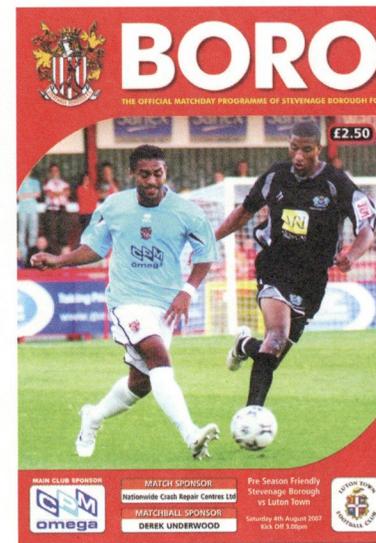
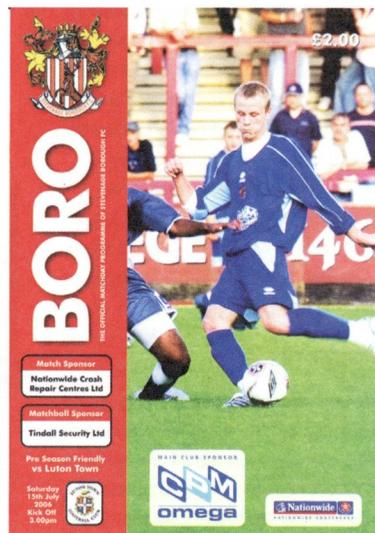


◀ JULY 2005

A 2-1 win for the Hatters in a pre-season friendly. Locked at 1-1 the Town make a flurry of substitutions and Brkovic scores a late winner.

▶ JULY 2006

Brkovic scores again in a 2-1 pre-season victory with ex-Hatter Tony Thorpe bagging a consolation for Stevenage.

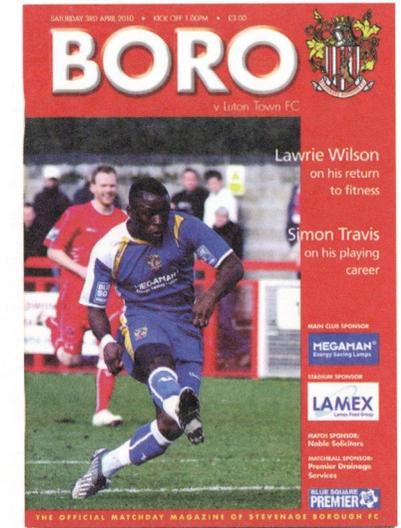
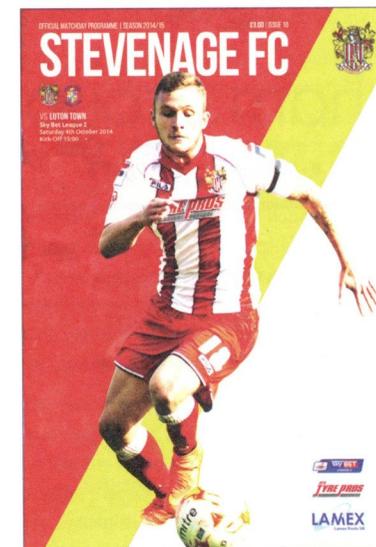


▲ AUGUST 2007

2-1 again! Paul Peschisolido and Drew Talbot are on the scoresheet this time in a fortunate pre-season victory.

▼ OCTOBER 2014

An unstoppable strike from Alex Wall earns the three points as the Town win 2-1 in the first League meeting between the sides.

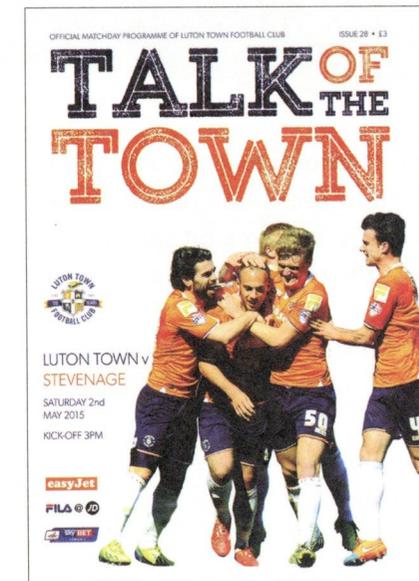


▲ APRIL 2010

A Conference thriller with Matthew Barnes-Homer scoring late on to inflict Stevenage's first home defeat of the season.

▼ MAY 2015

The Town miss out on the play-offs despite beating Stevenage on the final day. Mark Cullen and a wonder effort from Michael Harriman secure a 2-0 victory.



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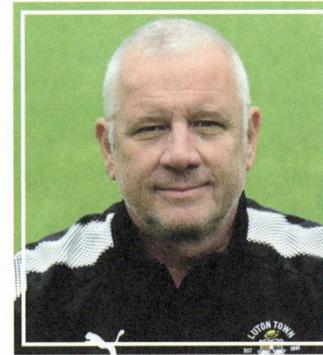
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A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

When the fixtures are published this is probably one of the games you look forward to. A local derby and the return of some old boys – Ronnie, Wilko, Fraser and Smudge. Hopefully it makes for a good afternoon's entertainment.

Talking of entertainment last weekend at Accrington we stayed in the same hotel as people playing in a Scrabble championship. Got to be honest, it didn't look that interesting from the word Go.

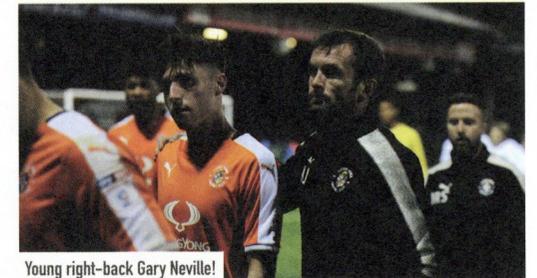
We have been on the road a fair bit lately and some of our younger members have travelled with us, namely Jack James and Arthur Read. Tradition has it that on your first trip you have to perform a song.

The X-Factor judges would have deemed Arthur as not yet ready and recommended singing lessons. Jack, however showed enough with his version of Love Yourself by Justin Bieber to get to Boot camp. However next day he was back to normal when he asked 'Is Morecambe up north near Great Yarmouth?' By the way for those of you who know Jack, is he really a Gary Neville stand in?

Last year we had a quote of the week competition and Lawson D'Ath has set the standard this season with: "A point is better than a draw." It's good to see Lawson back in action again against Barnet after a nasty injury.

The treatment room has been lonely this week with everyone out on the grass. I hope I haven't cursed myself. So it's been a time to catch up on paperwork and arrange appointments etc. Interestingly I spoke to one organisation that told me about how everything is dealt with electronically. Excellent I said, and they replied they would send the forms out for me to fill in.

Our role at the moment is just to keep things ticking over and massage is a big part. New lad Aaron Jarvis has begun to feel the rigours of full-time football and asked Darren for a groin massage. Daz told him he would have to remove his cycling shorts and sit on the bench. Anticipating Aaron would put his ordinary shorts back on, Daz was a little



Young right-back Gary Neville!

shocked to turn and see a naked man on the table. Never rub the masseur up the wrong way!

Substitutions are a big part of the game and these days it is always good to see the player and crowd exchange appreciation for each other. The other important factor is that the player should always remember what his number is.

Recently at Morecambe, the number 19 was held aloft. Unfortunately for Olly Lee, now number 8, he saw last season's number 19 and thought he was being subbed. In true fashion he began to run towards the touchline and applaud the travelling fans. As that process started, he suddenly remembered that 19 was in fact James Collins on this occasion. It's one of those occasions that you just hope nobody saw, but for Ollie it was too late!

I have been asked to give a shout out to a group of Luton fans that live close to me – the Sawtry Crew who, like a lot of you, travel the miles. Indeed Ben, who doesn't drive, catches a bus followed by a train and a long walk just to get to home games. I dread to think of his away journeys. So thanks people – Ben, Luton Chris, Chloe, Scotty, Jim, Robbie, Cockney Pete and Midlands Chris.

Enjoy the game. COYH

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LEAGUE TWO TOP FIVES

GOALS

1	COLLINS	7
2	GRANT	7
3	KEE	7
4	REUBEN REID	7
5	ADEBAYO AKI...	6

ASSISTS

1	COOPER	4
2	MCALINDEN	4
3	WINCHESTER	4
4	ADEBAYO AKI...	3
5	BOLDEWIJN	3

SHOTS ON TARGET

1	NORRIS	17
2	REUBEN REID	17
3	NEWTON	15
4	ADEBAYO AKI...	14
5	COULTHIRST	14

MINUTES PER GOAL

1	STOCKLEY	95
2	ROSE	109
3	GRANT	118
4	TURNER	125
5	JACKSON	133

% OF GOALS INVOLVED IN

1	DENNIS	60
2	SMITH	58
3	DOIDGE	55
4	COULTHIRST	53
5	NORRIS	53

MINUTES PER CHANCE CREATED

1	REID	141
2	SHINNIE	164
3	MCALINDEN	172
4	BYROM	180
5	SURRIDGE	185

FOULS

1	NEWTON	37
2	UCHE IKPEAZU	36
3	ADEBAYO AKI...	32
4	POPE	29
5	ANGOL	27

MINUTES PER GOAL CONCEDED

1	COLLINS	38
2	FLATT	40
3	ANYON	42
4	KRYSIAK	42
5	LEE	45

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Despite not scoring in his last two league matches, no player has scored more League Two goals than Notts County's Jorge Grant (7).

LEAGUE TWO SPOTLIGHT

Wycombe's Adebayo Akinfenwa has scored more headed goals than any other player in the top four divisions (5).



TOWN 3 : NEWPORT COUNTY 1



SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 7,681 | AWAY: 296

TOWN GOAL: SHEEHAN 12' HYLTON 22' 35' (PEN)

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, CUTHBERT ©, SHEEHAN, POTTS, REA, O. LEE, GAMBIN (COOK 71), CORNICK (JUSTIN 85), HYLTON, COLLINS | **SUBS NOT USED:** MULLINS, JARVIS, SHEA (GK), E. LEE, FAMEWO
YELLOW CARDS: COLLINS, POTTS

NEWPORT: DAY, PIPE, LABADIE © (MCCOULSKY 78), WHITE, WILLMOTT (REYNOLDS 72), AMOND (QUIGLEY 76), NOUBLE, TOZER, O'BRIEN, RIGG, DEMETRIOU | **SUBS NOT USED:** BITTNER, BUTLER, DOLAN, BENNETT | **YELLOW CARDS:** WHITE, O'BRIEN



Danny Hylton nets his first goal

THE MAIN MINUTES

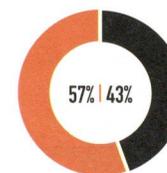
- KO** Manager Nathan Jones names an unchanged side from the 0-0 draw at Morecambe in midweek as the Town look for a fourth win in five unbeaten matches, Danny Hylton, James Collins and Harry Cornick the front men in a 4-3-3 formation
- 12' Gooaaalll for the Hatters!** Town take the lead with Alan Sheehan's curling free-kick from 35 yards out finding its way in off the far post – seemingly with the aid of a flick off Newport defender Mickey Demetriou's head! **1-0**
- 22' It's 2-0 to Town.** Collins gets the ball on the right edge of the area and crosses low for Hylton to finish with a cheeky backheel as he gets across his man at the near post!
- 35' It's 3-0 to the Hatters!!!** Glen Rea is fouled by former Hatter Mark O'Brien at a corner and Hylton produces a trademark Panenka penalty for his 4th goal of the season!!! **3-0** #COYH
- 43'** So close to 4-0! Moments after Hylton appears to be tripped in the box by Ben White – ref Mark Heywood says no penalty – Jack Stacey cuts in from the right and arrows a left-footed shot against the foot of the post.
- 55'** Newport have a goal back – 3-1. A scramble in the box ends with Joss Labadie firing in from close range. The visitors then mount a series of aerial attacks, but captain Scott Cuthbert and his back four stand firm and continuously head clear.



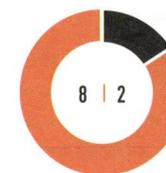
Hylton is all smiles after scoring his penalty



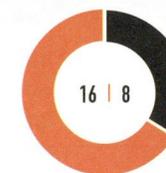
JONES: "I'm thoroughly delighted with the result, first and foremost. The performance I thought was excellent, especially first half where I thought we were really on the front foot and had a great cutting edge about us, and I think we saw the game out very well. They came into it for about a 15-minute period after they scored, and we know they put you under pressure. Apart from one chance that went past the post, we dealt with that. I'm happy with the performance, I'm happy with the win and I'm happy to finish the month in good fashion."



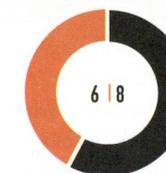
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SHOTS OFF TARGET



CORNERS



FOULS

TOWN 1 : BARNET 1

TOWN WIN 4-3 ON PENS FOR A BONUS POINT

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | CHECKATRADE TROPHY SOUTHERN GROUP F

ATTENDANCE: 1,530 | AWAY: 68

TOWN GOAL: LEE 65 | **PENALTIES SCORED:** LEE, COOK, JUSTIN, MPANZU | **MISSED:** BERRY

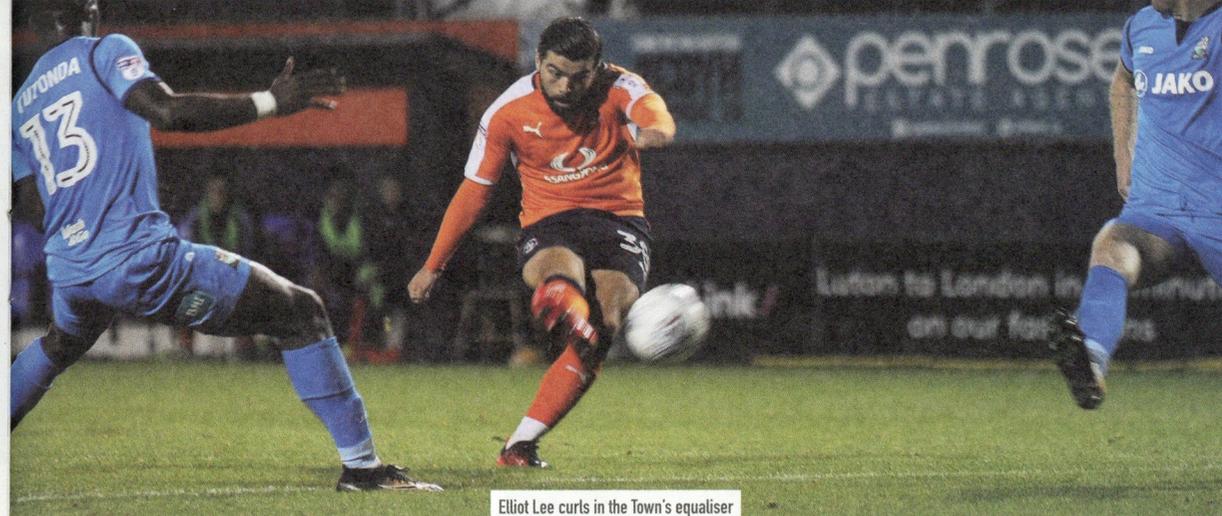
HATTERS: SHEA, JUSTIN, MULLINS ©, FAMEWO, SENIOR, MPANZU, BERRY, D'ATH (MUSONDA 46), COOK, JARVIS, E LEE. | **SUBS NOT USED:** READ, JAMES, MEAD, TOMLINSON, NEUFVILLE, ISTD (GK)

YELLOW CARDS: SHEA

BARNET GOAL: J TAYLOR (PEN) 63 | **PENALTIES SCORED:** J TAYLOR, FONGUCK, SHOMOTUM

MISSED: TUTONDA, SANTOS

BARNET: ROSS, CLOUGH, SANTOS ©, J TAYLOR, TUTONDA, BOVER (SHOMOTUM 73), FONGUCK, BLACKMAN (KYEI 69), MASON-CLARK, MARS (AGHADIUNO 61), PASCAL. | **SUBS NOT USED:** AKINOLA, H TAYLOR, SMITH, MCKENZIE-LYLE | **YELLOW CARDS:** BOVER, TUTONDA



Elliot Lee curls in the Town's equaliser



James Shea saves David Tutonda's penalty

THE MAIN MINUTES

31' The Hatters have had a number of decent opportunities so far, as Elliot Lee gets a perfect ball into Luke Berry in midfield who plays it through for Aaron Jarvis, but it bounces off the heels of the ex-Basingstoke striker when he would have been through on goal!

53' What an unbelievable strike from Lee! He curls it from the far side of the box and hits the inside of the post, but it bounces away from goal! Very close to being a special goal!

63 GOAL to Barnet. Jack Taylor scores from the penalty spot, sending it to the keeper's left, James Shea dives the right way but the ball finds the bottom corner. It came about after Shea had brought down Andre Blackman, the referee initially showed a red card to the keeper but went back on his decision and opted for a yellow after

he realised the ex-Wimbledon man had gone for the ball and the new double jeopardy rule came into play! 0-1

65' GOAL TO THE HATTERS! The hosts immediately reply as Lee runs at the Barnet defence before curling the ball inside the far post! An excellent finish from the forward who has been lively all night. **1-1 #COYH**

90+1' Craig Ross saves his side as he denies Lee and then Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu from close range, Town should have taken the lead!

FT: The referee blows the whistle which means we will now have penalties to determine who will get an extra point. Lee, Cook, Justin and Mpanzu all score for Town, with Shea saving from David Tutonda before Ricardo Santos blazes over meaning that **Town win the shoot-out 4-3! #COYH**

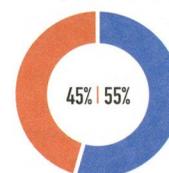
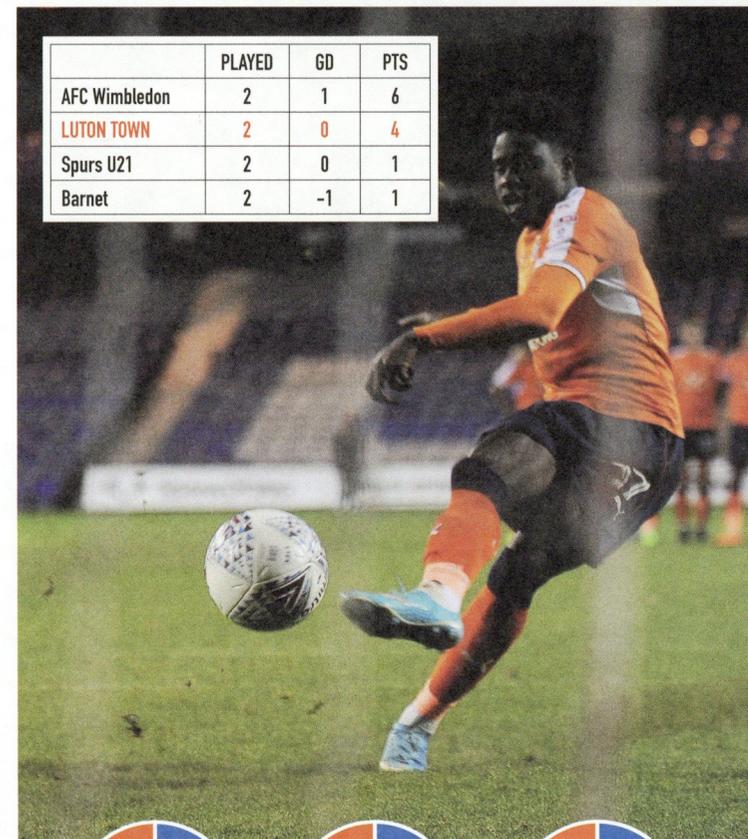


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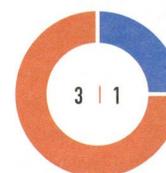
"We never looked like we were going to lose the game especially in the first half, but in terms of our overall performance we were very lacklustre. The keeper pulled off four fantastic saves – we had enough chances to have won the game.

"Credit to Barnet, it was a good, entertaining game – quite an open game. But as far as I am concerned we were off it. There were a couple of ones who were just coming back into it, needed the game time, and I think that showed."

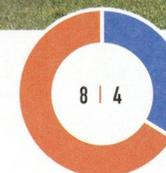
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LUTON TOWN	2	0	4
Spurs U21	2	0	1
Barnet	2	-1	1



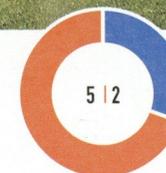
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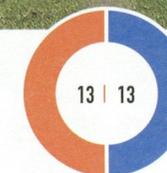
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SHOTS OFF TARGET



CORNERS



FOULS

ACCRINGTON 0 : TOWN 2



SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER | WHAM STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 2,193 | AWAY: 587

TOWN GOALS: COLLINS 22, HYLTON (PEN) 44

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, CUTHBERT ©, SHEEHAN, POTTS, REA, O LEE, BERRY (D'ATH 76), CORNICK (JUSTIN 86), HYLTON, COLLINS. | **SUBS NOT USED:** MULLINS, COOK, SHEA (GK), E LEE, FAMEWO.

YELLOW CARDS: POTTS

ACCRINGTON: CHAPMAN, HUGHES, DONACIEN, NOLAN, CLARK (MCLEOD 57), BROWN (SOUSA 78), MCCONVILLE (WILKS 57), THORNILEY, RAWSON, CONNEELY ©, KEE. | **SUBS NOT USED:** RICHARDS-EVERTON, DALLISON, WOLLAND (GK), JOHNSON. | **YELLOW CARDS:** CONNEELY



THE MAIN MINUTES

KO 21' Chance for the Hatters. Lovely footwork from Olly Lee, who drills a shot in from 20 yards that Aaron Chapman flies to his left to turn away, that's a good effort from the midfielder.

22' GOOOAALLL TO THE HATTERS! It was a lovely left-wing cross by Dan Potts, Lee won the header and James Collins was there to turn it in from almost on the line!

AS 0-1 LT #COYH

24' Stanley very nearly instantly reply, as Marek Stech has to be on his guard to deal with a left-footed shot from Clark, cutting in from the right. Safe hands from the stopper.

41' It should be 2-0! Free-kick to the Town on the left, Alan Sheehan delivers from deep and Chapman punches clear but Berry heads back at goal – somehow Mark Hughes heads clear.

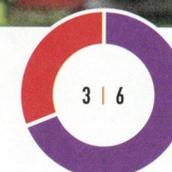
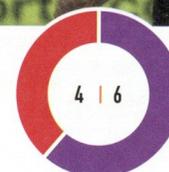
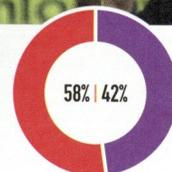
44' Penalty to the Town! Sheehan is tripped by Janoi Donacien in the penalty area. Hylton takes it...and there's no cheeky chip this week. The striker smashes it low into the bottom corner for his 5th goal of the season! **0-2 #COYH**

62' Stanley on the attack and Mekhi McLeod who has just come on as a substitute cuts inside from the left and fires a shot at goal but Stech is right behind it. He has been superb all afternoon.



JONES:

"It was a real professional performance away from home against a side that started above us going into the game. It's a difficult place to play – these are always a good side at this level. To come here and be relatively comfortable with a 2-0 win, I am delighted. We are relatively high scorers, I'd be surprised if we're not the top scorers in the league. So we know whether we take it first half, second half, 80th, 90th, 98th minute, we don't care. The level of performance today showed professionalism. The second half wasn't the most entertaining game, it wasn't as fluent. We did all the ugly stuff you have to do to win games away from home, especially when you come to difficult places."



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[JAMES COLLINS ON ACCRINGTON]

COLLO AND CO ARE COOKING UP A STORM

Town striker James Collins believes the Hatters now have the perfect recipe for success as they made it five wins from six with victory at Accrington last Saturday...

With 12 goals between them, Danny Hylton and James Collins are quickly forging a deadly partnership in Sky Bet League Two.

Tied with the power and pace of Harry Cornick, the Town's strike duo now have their eyes set firmly on firing their team to the top of the table, with the Hatters occupying third place going into today's game.

"This team reminds me a lot of teams I have had in the past who have got promoted," Collins explained. "We have got good depth in the team, we have got good experience, we have got good young lads, we have got a great manager, we have got excellent fans. It's all a recipe for success.

"It would be a disaster if we didn't take advantage of that this year. I used to work with Graham Turner (former Shrewsbury Town boss) who always used to say two points a game gets you promoted, and if we are on that track then that's a great testament to everyone."

With seven goals to his name in those 12 league appearances, you couldn't blame the ex-Crawley Town man if he was happy with his haul so far – but he said a three-game goal drought had been an itch he could only scratch by finding the back of the net again.

He continued: "I have been beating myself up for not scoring these past couple of weeks, but we have been winning so it hasn't really mattered. I am delighted for me and Hylts to get on the scoresheet. It's a big thing for strikers when they're scoring, so it's nice for us both to do so today.

"It's not as if I haven't had chances. Any striker would be lying if they said it wasn't playing on their mind, but we have been winning games so I have been getting away with it. Today I am just pleased I got on the scoresheet and it helped us onto a good win."



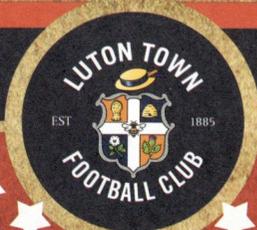
Although similar in their approach, the Collins-Hylton combination looks like it is starting to work effectively, and the 26-year-old thinks that's down to them working hard together and getting on off the field.

"I love playing with Danny," said Collins. "I have played against him for many years and now I have got a chance to play with him and Harry as well. I think we are enjoying playing together and we are all good friends off the pitch, which always helps. Long may this good run continue.

"We work hard together in training, we're all good at finishing, we always practice penalties together, we are always working on our movement.

"Me and Danny are quite similar. We like to work hard, we like to over think things and we like to practice to get better, and I think that's a good trait to have. I really enjoy working with him."

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TOWN TRAVELLERS

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

“ Accrington is never my favourite place to go, for many reasons, and I was reminded of one of them when we arrived in Lancashire. The weather was absolutely foul and the away end is not the place to be when that is the case. Luckily I had a seat ticket but even under cover we couldn't escape the rain completely.

I don't mind getting wet when the Town produce the sort of away performance we did though. I often hear of managers talking of the perfect away performance and I think this was something close to it.

On a greasy surface we battled hard and when we had the chance to play, we did so. With two goals in the first half we had the game won by half-time and then managed the second half well to ensure we left with the points.

The goals came from the two strikers. James Collins slid in to score from close range and then Danny Hylton thumped home a penalty after his fantastic

back-heel had sent Alan Sheehan through inside the box before he was brought down.

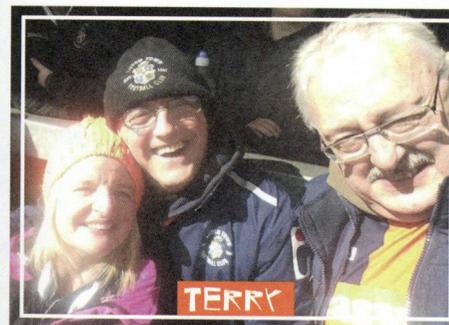
Accrington had a go in the second half, but we were wonderfully well organised and defended strongly. Marek Stech only had a couple of shots from outside the box to save in what really was such an encouraging performance against a side who I don't think will be far away come the end of the season.

Thankfully the rain stopped just before the final whistle so I was able to get back to the coach without getting too wet. The journey home was pretty swift given the driving conditions although they always feel quicker after a Town win!

That is five wins in six matches now.

The consensus on the coach home was that we're ticking along nicely. I certainly did not disagree. I was a very happy Hatter after what I saw despite the gloomy weather. ”

... AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN TERRY HOPPER



Where do you sit at Kenilworth Road?

I am a regular in the Main Stand.

Who do you go to games with?

My partner Lorraine, my cousins and some friends.

Who is your all-time favourite Luton player?

Malcolm Macdonald.

And your all-time favourite manager?

David Pleat.

Do you prefer seats or the terrace at an away game?

If I have a choice it would be terrace.

What is your favourite ever Luton game?

It has to be the 1988 Littlewoods Cup final.

If you could bring back one player from the past to play in the current team who would you choose?

Ricky Hill – he was a great player.

Where will the Town finish this season?

I think we will finish in the top three.

What does LTFC mean to you?

A lot. I have an LTFC tattoo and if you cut me open I would bleed the colour orange.

Describe the Town in three words.

Passion. Quality. Underdog.



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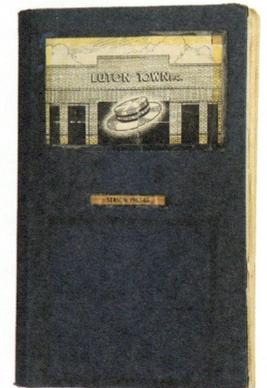
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PART SEVEN

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...



Ten games in is normally a good barometer as to how a team is likely to fare over the remainder of a season, and for Luton Town this did not make particularly good reading.

Four wins, four draws and two defeats saw the Town in eighth position and the early season optimism was beginning to wane, especially as yet another long away trip was next up, this time to Chester.

Now out of hospital after a cartilage operation was big money summer signing striker Rodney Green. He was joined on the injured list by right-back Tommy Hare, who had been hurt at Doncaster in the previous game, and winger Graham French who, having suffered from an ingrowing toenail, had seen the offending nail removed.

The Hatters had only three players who had been ever-present in league games – Terry Branston, Bruce Rioch and Keith Allen – and after a bit of pre-match re-shuffling, manager Allan Brown decided to play Max Dougan at right-back for the first time since he joined the Town, with Alan Slough given a start at right half after becoming an almost permanent substitute.

The first half at Sealand Road was a very scrappy affair with the game becoming a midfield slog with a swirling wind not helping matters. Neither side showed much in attack until, in the 39th minute, a cross from Ray Whittaker was headed home by Ian Buxton.

The Town were unable to hold the lead until the interval, however, as a minute from the break a 50/50 shirt pulling tussle between Slough and Hugh Ryden saw the Luton player penalised, with the resulting free-kick nodded in by an unmarked Les Jones.

The equaliser came against the run of play and with the players feeling that Slough was unfairly penalised, the Hatters tore into Chester in the second period and it came as no surprise when they regained the lead after 66 minutes with Allen firmly heading a Whittaker free-kick into the back of the net.

The Town did not sit back on the lead, which had been a failing in earlier away games, and a good number of the crowd of 3,967 were streaming for the exits four



Luton find away touch: 3-1 win at Chester

VERDICT

THE SECOND HALF was far more exciting than the first. Luton's Allen and Buxton were always ready to make scoring attempts, and for Chester, Moir had a brilliant match, often baffling the Luton defence with his solo runs.

Luton scored first through Buxton's header. It was an extremely well-taken goal, the new player getting to a high ball while under pressure from Carling, and the ball rising in the air before going in.

It was just reward for the work he had already done. He is still worth his £11,000.

In five minutes he levelled after Jones a free kick following a foul on Metcalf. It was moved in because of as having a very ch.

As was having to work at Chester's leading den, who has scored in his previous nine. But the Luton keeper competent.

As once again safe in in though a swirling in made catching a pass.

EAMS

Carling; Ashworth, Bennett; Metcalf, Evans, Sutton; Moir, Jones L, Loyden, Ryden, Morris. Sub: Seaton.

LUTON: Read; Dougan, Jardine; Slough, Branson, Moore; McDermott, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker. Sub: Brown.

Referee: Mr H. Williams (Sheffield).

GOALS

BUXTON (Luton) 39 min
JONES (Chester) 44 min
ALLEN (Luton) 66 min
ALLEN (Luton) 86 min.

Allen settles in

CHESTER 1, LUTON 3

Chester, who have won only one home game out of five, seldom looked like changing the theme against Luton and many of their fans left the ground before the end.

A goal from Jones in 42 minutes cancelled the one scored by Buxton for Luton and kept Chester in with a chance. But when Allen put the visitors in front for the second time in 66 minutes that was the end.

Luton did most of the pressing afterwards and Allen got his second goal four minutes from the end. Chester were lucky to escape so lightly for Chester goalkeeper, Carling, failed to hold a fierce drive from Rioch and saved only at the second attempt.

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CHESTER 1 LUTON TOWN 3

ALAN SLOUGH got his first call into the Luton side as first choice for eight matches at Chester this afternoon. He has played four times as substitute.

Slough came in at right-half after Max Dougan moved to right-back to replace the injured Tommy Hare.

Billy McDermott was retained on the right-wing for Graham French, who is also on the doctor's visiting list.

Buxton was quick to break up Chester's initial attack, and got the ball out to Allen, who was robbed on the touchline by Bennett.

Moore, Dougan and Whittaker combined well for Luton before the winger's pass, which was meant to find Rioch, was intercepted.

Whittaker was himself alert enough to stop a Chester pass which was going out to Moir, but the ball ran too far ahead of him and he was robbed.

Moore broke up a Chester attack after an Evans free kick

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BY ROGER DUCKWORTH

for a foul on Metcalf. And then Read was smart to run out of goal and catch a high cross from Moir, which was swerving in the tricky cross wind.

Read was again brought into action when he saved a Morris shot after rushing out of his goal. Half a minute later he made a good save in the top corner of the goal when he tipped a hard shot from the right from Ryden over the bar.

Branson came away with the ball after cutting off a Chester attack and got a good pass to Rioch, who had to avoid the referee before pushing a long ball through to Buxton.

He slipped it to Allen, whose hard left-footed shot across the face of the goal was only inches wide.

This was Luton's first real attack.

Robust tackle

Whittaker hit a free kick hard into the goalmouth, and Metcalf did well to head off the line.

Branson was in action when he cut out a hard low cross from the right.

Chester's Jones received attention after a robust tackle by Rioch, but Dougan was on hand to head away Evans' free kick, which floated dangerously into the penalty area.

A minute later Read made a good save off the head of Loyden after Slough had been penalised in his own half. The referee had a word with Slough, who appeared to dispute his decision.

Rioch tried a long shot from well outside the penalty area which headed straight for goal, but it struck the head of Allen and was cleared.

Branson was penalised for pulling down Loyden, but Metcalf's free kick from outside the penalty area found Loyden onside.

Offence

Buxton chased Allen's headed pass into the penalty box, but was beaten to it by Carling, who then evaded Buxton.

Luton won another free kick for a minor offence, but Rioch's effort went harmlessly by.

Read acted smartly to dive on a wayward back pass from Jardine as Ryden ran in dangerously.

Slough was the next Luton player to have a shot, but like the rest of the Luton attempts, this too was sadly wide.

Branson made a hash of an attempted overhead clearance

and let in Moir, who ran in with the ball at his feet, but his hard shot was straight at Read.

Rioch was trying hard, and he broke through the blanket of blue-shirted Chester players only to pass yards ahead of Whittaker, who was unable to catch the ball.

Quiet time

Loyden just managed to get his head to a high centre from Moir, but he was tackled hard by Branson and gave Read little trouble.

McDermott, who was having a quiet time on the right, had a chance to shine, but he made a bad pass to Rioch, who was beaten to the ball as he ran in to shoot.

Loyden was again off target when he shot from the edge of the penalty area after good work by Morris.

Luton's best effort so far came from Allen in the 33rd minute. Buxton made a shrewd through pass and Allen shrugged off two tackles before shooting hard and low, but Carling made a good save.

Jardine obstructed Moir who took the free kick quickly, accepted a neat return pass from Ashworth, but shot inches wide.

Allen was penalised for pulling down Loyden, but Metcalf's free kick from outside the penalty area found Loyden onside.

TOWN EQUAL '66-67 AWAY RECORD

By ROGER DUCKWORTH

Chester 1, Luton Town 3.

FORTY-SEVEN LOYAL Luton fans who travelled to see their side chalk up their first away win of the season at Chester on Saturday waited outside the dressing room and cheered manager Allan Brown and his victorious team all the way to their coach.

Under bar

McDermott was awarded a free kick on the right for obstruction by Bennett, but his kick went straight across the face of the goal without a Luton player getting anywhere near it, and out of play on the air side.

After looking as if they could never score, Luton went head in the 39th minute. Whittaker made a high cross and BUXTON jumped up with goalkeeper Carling, and the end and went very high to drop under the bar into the goal.

It was already over the line as Keith Allen, who was standing by, raced in to make sure.

The referee had a word with Moir after he tripped Slough on a sitting position. Then Mr Williams called Slough and Moir together after they had been involved in some crude hurt-pulling.

The incident resulted in a free kick for Chester, from which JONES headed their goal a minute before half-time.

The free kick was taken by Smith.

HT Chester 1 Luton 1

After a Branson free kick for a foul on Slough, McDermott went close with a first-time left-foot shot.

After being on the defence or some time, Luton powered back into action, and Buxton managed to get a ball across to Moir, who showed why so many First Division sides are interested in him. He chested the ball down to his strong left foot and smashed it first time into the goal. Carling made a save at the second attempt.

Rioch was hacked down by Moir, and ALLEN headed Whittaker's cross into the back of the net to put Luton back in the lead.

Ten minutes from the end, Micky Brown came on as substitute. He must have received some injury, which had not been noticed.

Branson received attention for being hit hard in the stomach by a hard drive.

The crowd began to stream on the ground when ALLEN scored Luton's third goal four minutes from the end. Brown worked hard in the centre to come away with the ball, and pass to Allen, who took the ball close and with all the time in the world slapped it low past Carling.

Attendance: 3,957

BAD LUCK BUXTON

Chester 1, Luton 3
IAN BUXTON, Luton's £11,000 forward from Derby, inspired his new side with a first-half goal but later had to retire injured.

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Chester gave them one or two anxious moments just before the interval, but it was their tendency to fall apart in the closing stages which again led to their downfall.

Luton, who were forced to play full back McDermott on the left wing, took the lead in 39 minutes when Buxton challenged goalkeeper Carling for Whittaker's cross and headed a goal.

Chester responded well and seconds before half-time Jones headed them level. Luton's lead was restored in sixty-six minutes when Whittaker's free kick went to Allen, who was unchallenged as he headed a simple goal.

Allen raced through to slip the ball past Carling for Luton's third.

LUTON CHEER ALLEN

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CHESTER 1, LUTON 3
LUTON gained their first away win of the season, but the cold truth is that they did not have much to beat. Chester, who have won only once at home and now conceded 14 goals, were ragged and spiritless.

Luton owed victory to centre-forward Allen. He had scored only once before in the League this season, but helped himself to two well-taken second half goals.

A scrappy first half saw Luton forge ahead near the interval after scarcely having troubled goalkeeper Carling.

Buxton, £11,000 buy from Derby, netted from left-winger Whittaker's high centre.

Chester had been on the attack fairly frequently but their shooting was deplorable and they showed little craft. They drew level right on half-time when inside-forward Jones flighted a header past Read following a free kick.

Luton improved after the interval and Allen restored their lead with a neat header from the left.

He collected a splendid second goal when he raced on to a pass from substitute Brown and beat Carling with a hard, low drive.

CHESTER: Carling; Ashworth 5, Bennett 6; Metcalf 6, Evans 8, Sutton 9; Moir 8, Jones (L) 7, Loyden 5, Ryden 2, Morris 2.

LUTON: Read 7; Dougan 6, Branson 7; Jardine 5, Moore 5, Buxton (L) 5; Whittaker 7, Slough 8, Branson 5, M. Williams (Chester) 6.

Best game

Full backs Dougan and Jardine made sure that goalkeeper Read did not have too much to do, and Branson and Moore again played well. Branson made a couple of mistakes, but he gets through so much work, most of it good, that these can be overlooked.

Bill McDermott, who had his best game on the right wing at Doncaster, was retained in the same position. This time he was much quieter. Bruce Rioch, who was married on Sunday, had a quiet afternoon, while Buxton looked top form until he received a knock that resulted in him leaving the field 10 minutes from the end.

He was substituted by Micky Brown who was soon in the thick of things. Five minutes from the end he fell back to win the ball way back in his own half. He dribbled it clear after beating off three tackles and showed a perfect through ball past the Chester defence for Allen to score his second goal.

Chester: Carling; Ashworth, Bennett; Metcalf, Evans, Sutton; Moir, Jones, Loyden, Ryden, Morris. Sub: Seaton.

Luton: Read, Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branson, Moore, McDermott, Buxton (Brown), Moir, Rioch, Whittaker.

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IAN BUXTON —
ALREADY PROVING
TO BE WORTH HIS
£11,000 PRICE TAG
WITH ANOTHER GOAL

Luton step up challenge with first away win

by PETER BURNS

Chester 1 Luton 3

LUTON TOWN, hard on the heels of the Fourth Division leaders, crushed Chester so easily yesterday—and scored their first away win of the season.

Now Chester, who allowed the much livelier Luton to dictate from the start are in real trouble.

Chester's weaknesses were made more obvious by the well-balanced Luton team. Chester managed to keep them out until the 39th minute.

Then it was a fairly lucky goal that put Luton in front.

Ray Whittaker took a free kick, Ian Buxton jumped with goalkeeper Terry Carling and nodded the ball upwards. It dropped inside a post.

Equalised

The home team equalised just before the interval. Barry Ashworth placed a free kick to Les Jones who headed past Tony Read.

It was only a formality when Keith Allen headed Whittaker's free kick past Carling in the 66th minute.

Allen got the third when he ran for 40 yards before shooting in just before the finish.

Chester's one spell of promise was all too brief. Ian Moir, their ex-First Division winger, got at least four chances, but no follow-up forwards missed the target.

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Graham French. Three weeks' suspension plus an ingrowing toenail!

minutes from the end when Allen took a clever through ball from substitute Micky Brown in his stride before slamming it home.

'Forty-seven loyal Luton supporters waited outside the dressing room and cheered Allan Brown and his victorious team all the way to their coach' said Roger Duckworth in the Evening Post.

I feel sure there were more than us 47 who travelled on the Bobbers coach, supporting the Town that day, as there were a good number of Lutonians who migrated from Vauxhall Luton to the new plant at Ellesmere Port in the early 1960s and would have been there to see the first away win of the

season, and with it the 'monkey off the Town's back'.

As an aside, my father was asked to move to Ellesmere Port in 1962. I am eternally grateful that he refused as I could have ended up following Tranmere and talking like Steve McNulty!

What a difference a win makes! Following the victory at Chester, which meant that the Town had earned as many away points in seven games than they had done in the whole of the previous season, the team looked forward to returning to Kenilworth Road where they enjoyed a 100 per cent record.

Chesterfield, the Hatters' next opponents, were not likely to be a pushover though. Having lost only once they stood three places and two points ahead of the Town and came to Luton ahead of a 3-1 home win over much fancied Southend.

The disciplinary committee had finally met to discuss winger Graham French's dismissal on the opening day at Wrexham and banned him for 21 days, commencing the Monday after the Chesterfield game.

For the visit of the Spireites we therefore saw, for the first time, what was to be the iconic line-up which can still be quoted verbatim by Luton supporters of a certain vintage: Read, Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker.

On a wet, horrible day a surprisingly large crowd of 10,440 attended to see the Town pile on the pressure from the opening seconds. This pressure did not relent throughout the 90 minutes, and it turned into a contest between the Town's forwards and a packed nine-man Chesterfield defence.

Had the playing conditions been kinder the Town could have knocked up a cricket score, but had to make do with a solitary effort from Buxton who converted a Whittaker centre with his head just after the hour mark.

Bruce Rioch was back to his best after a quiet game at Chester (he got married the following day) and put on a five-star show.

Strong in defence, inventive in midfield and potent up front was the recipe for a promotion winning side, but how would we fare without French for three weeks?

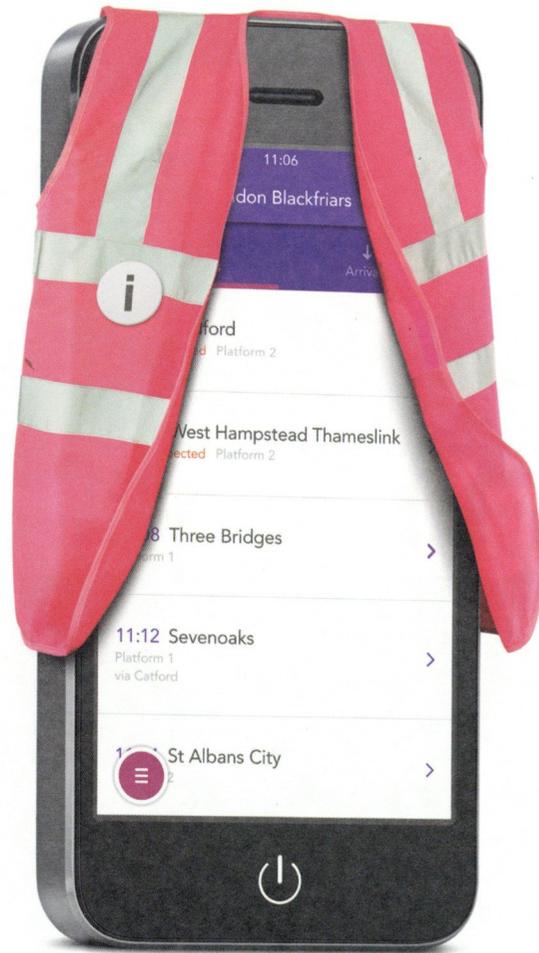


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More than 50 teenagers have scored free travel to support their sports development with the Hatters thanks to train operator Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR).

The company that runs Thameslink and Great Northern services, has promised another season of support for Luton Town FC's youth development programme, making it ten years of partnership between the two organisations. GTR has helped hundreds of youngsters gain skills and confidence through sport while studying for a BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport or A-levels at local schools and colleges.

The 54 youngsters, aged 16-19, come from across the operator's network and would struggle to afford the travel needed to get to training under the 'Luton Town FC Football Programme' at Cedars Upper School in Leighton Buzzard and The Arena in Baldock.



Callum Stead trains with his colleagues in the Hatters' youth team along with Hitchin-based goalkeeper Josh Mollison (far right of picture), another 17-year-old from the Baldock course given an opportunity to impress recently following injury to regular keeper Tiernan Parker

Callum Stead, who travelled from his home in Enfield to Baldock for training last season, aspired to earn a place in the club's main academy squad – which the 17-year-old has achieved for the current campaign. GTR supplies the striker (pictured below) with passes for the train to Luton's new training ground, The Brache.

The Hatters' Academy & Development manager Andy Awford explained: "We are really proud of the development opportunities we are able to give the youngsters, but that is only made possible with the passes provided by GTR. These teenagers come from a variety of backgrounds and situations and could not afford to be with us without the travel passes. All the people involved in this scheme, both staff and students, are very

appreciative of the help we receive from GTR."

Stuart Cheshire, Passenger Services Director for Thameslink and Great Northern, said: "Hats off to Luton Town for what they achieve – I'm really pleased we are able to help so many teenagers continue their education and have the opportunity to transform their lives.

"We work a lot with youngsters, including organising 'Get into Railways' programme with The Prince's Trust charity, which helps up to 60 disadvantaged individuals every year, and have already given safety talks to 10,000 children at schools along our Thameslink and Great Northern routes this year. All this work helps us make a difference to people's lives and I wish this group the best for the coming year."

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WELCOME BACK & HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARTIN!

Welcome back to Kenilworth Road to Martin Lord, who moved to Melbourne, Australia in 2004 but continues to follow the Hatters' fortunes Down Under.

His son, Elliot, came over to watch the play-off semi-final last May, and he got in touch with This Is Our Town to say: "Dad has been a mad Hatter since he was seven years old and never a result goes by where he doesn't know the ins and outs of the game, including all the goals and stats!

"Although he's heading back to the UK to see family, I can guarantee he's mostly looking forward to returning to Kenilworth Road for what

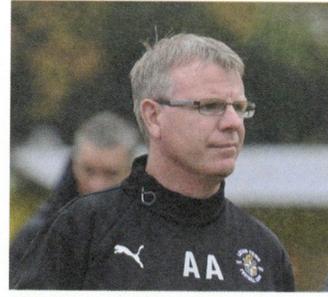
will most likely be his last time at that stadium."

Martin's favourite former Hatters include Steve Howard, Brian Stein, David Moss and Chris Coyne and Joe Kinnear, with his fondest moments supporting the club being the Second Division title success of 1981-82 and League One championship win in 2004-05.

It was also his 54th birthday last week, so enjoy your day back at the Kenny, Martin!



ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE



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

U18S

It was good to see the Youth team get back to winning ways last Saturday with a deserved 2-0 victory over Northampton Town. Michael Shamalo and Connor Tomlinson (pictured right) scored the goals.

In all honesty, the performance was not too different to those that we've had in the past couple of weeks, when we haven't managed to win.

The Northampton victory did see us be more clinical in both boxes and I'm sure Inigo Idiakez is hoping that the victory will give the players that extra little bit of confidence as they travelled down to take on AFC Wimbledon this morning.

We have been given an away draw at Swindon Town in the quarter finals of the Southern Alliance League Cup on Saturday November 4th.

Having reached the final for the previous two seasons we are obviously keen to do well again, however Swindon are going well this season and currently second in their league, so it will be a tough game, but one I'm sure, if we play to our full potential, we are capable of winning.

AUDIT COMPLETE

We completed our external audit process, following a four-day visit by Double Pass Last (a company

employed by the Premier League & EFL) last week. It was a very thorough process from start to finish, and we now wait for all other Category 3 clubs to go through the same process before results are given at the end of season.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the staff at the football club who were involved in the audit.

No matter what the results, the process has reaffirmed to me what a good group of hard working, reliable and knowledgeable staff we have at the football club. Thank you all.

TYRELLE NEWTON

We received notification that Tyrelle Newton, one of our U14 players, has been placed on standby for the upcoming U15 England training camp. Another fantastic achievement for Tyrelle and the club.

Hopefully, Tyrelle will get the opportunity to travel to St George's Park to meet up with the group in the half-term school holiday at the end of the month.

Enjoy today's game.

COYH!!

Andy



EFL YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH EAST DIVISION FIXTURES 2017/18

Sat Aug 5	Dag & Red	A	L 0-2
Sat Aug 12	Leyton Orient	A	W 1-0
Sat Aug 19	Barnet	A	L 0-1
Tue Aug 22	Southend Utd	A	L 0-1
Tue Aug 29	Barnet (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 (LGCup2)	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	L 0-1
Sat Oct 7	N'hampton Town	H	W 2-0
Sat Oct 14	AFC Wimbledon	A	
Sat Oct 21	Southend United	H	
11am, Ely Way			
Sat Oct 28	P'borough Utd	A	
11am, Oundle Rd, Peterborough, PE2 7EA			
Sat Nov 4	Swindon (LGCup2F)	A	
11am, Stanley Park, Chippenham, SN15 3RW			
Sat Nov 11	Gillingham	H	
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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

At the Trust we are always looking for ways to use the power of football to engage with our local community and especially in all of our local schools. Children are our future is a cliché, but more importantly for us they are also our future supporters and we make sure we put lots of our resources into Bedfordshire schools to get the name of Luton Town FC out there and also encourage the next generation of supporters to come to a game.

PREMIER LEAGUE READING STARS – HATTERS LITERACY DOUBLE CLUB

While our main focus of schools engagement will always be our Free School Sport project to get as many children active as possible, one of the growing ways we are engaging with local schools is through one of our newest and exciting projects, the 'Premier League Reading Stars Double Club'.

Our new programme has been designed to stimulate pupils from both a Primary and High School setting, ages 9-13, who have an interest in football but lack motivation to engage with and achieve in reading skills.

Two groups we are focusing on are those often selected from an economically disadvantaged background – and boys! Hatters School Sport manager, James Hatch, believes 'getting this project out there for every primary school in Luton is our first target'. Living in one of the most vibrant multicultural towns in the country, we have over 100 different languages being spoken in the town and we need to ensure the next generation all speak and read the same language. The language of football is a universal one, but we need to make sure it's in English!

Our community staff are using a wide range of resources to deliver ten regular weekly classroom-based lessons which we refer to the students as their weekly fixtures for a class of up to 20 pupils. The programme has made an instant impact for a lot of the children taking part already



as they cannot wait to get home to log on to their very own online 'Reading Stars' area, where they get to complete challenges which involve a lot of reading comprehensions and other tasks.

Using a wide range of children's texts (fiction, non-fiction and poetry), pupils get the chance to take home books with them each week and many other fantastic opportunities for the young reading stars including author days at top Premier League stadiums, player reading visits and their very own 'Reading Stars' classroom equipment, which includes lessons at Kenilworth Road.



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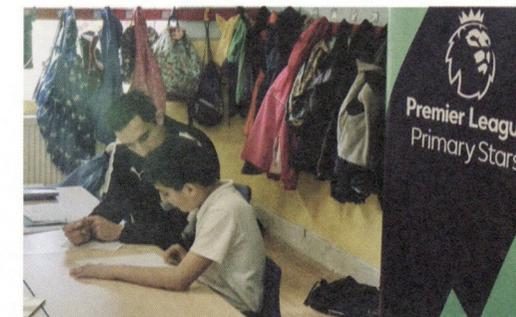


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PREMIER LEAGUE WRITING STARS – NATIONAL POETRY COMPETITION

Alongside our PL Reading Stars we are today launching our PL Writing Stars project with a national poetry competition. Any Luton or Bedfordshire primary school can enter by registering at www.plprimarystars.co.uk and win the chance for a visit from a top children's author along with the PL Trophy! The theme is 'resilience' (think Tuesday night away at Exeter!) and pupils' entries could be anything from a song lyric, rap or a poem. There are lots of resources on the website to help with your entry, and we will also be publishing our local winner in our matchday programme.

Our School Sport and Educational team, led by James Hatch, are keen to help as many lower achieving pupils in our town as possible and believe football can influence the way young people view reading and writing.



If you would like your local school to be involved, you can contact the Community Office on 01582 737568 or James direct by email at james.hatch@lutontown.co.uk

OCTOBER HALF-TERM SOCCER CAMPS

October half-term is almost here! If you are one of the 800 hundred youngsters who attended our summer soccer camps then you will already know the format and how to book – and you will also probably have received all of the details of our soccer camps already.

However, if you've not tried a soccer camp before then why not come along during half term? They are great fun, open to all abilities and run from 9.30am to 3.30pm each day. They are very competitively priced and represent great value.



There are lots of skills training and mini world cup tournaments and of course, everyone receives the legendary LTFC free medal with the chance to meet first team players on presentation days, plus a great match ticket deal!

Our courses run throughout the county from Bedford down to Luton, and you can book online at lutontowncommunity.co.uk, by giving us a call at the Community Office on 01582 737568, by texting 07725 172345 or emailing soccerschool@lutontown.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing everyone during half-term.

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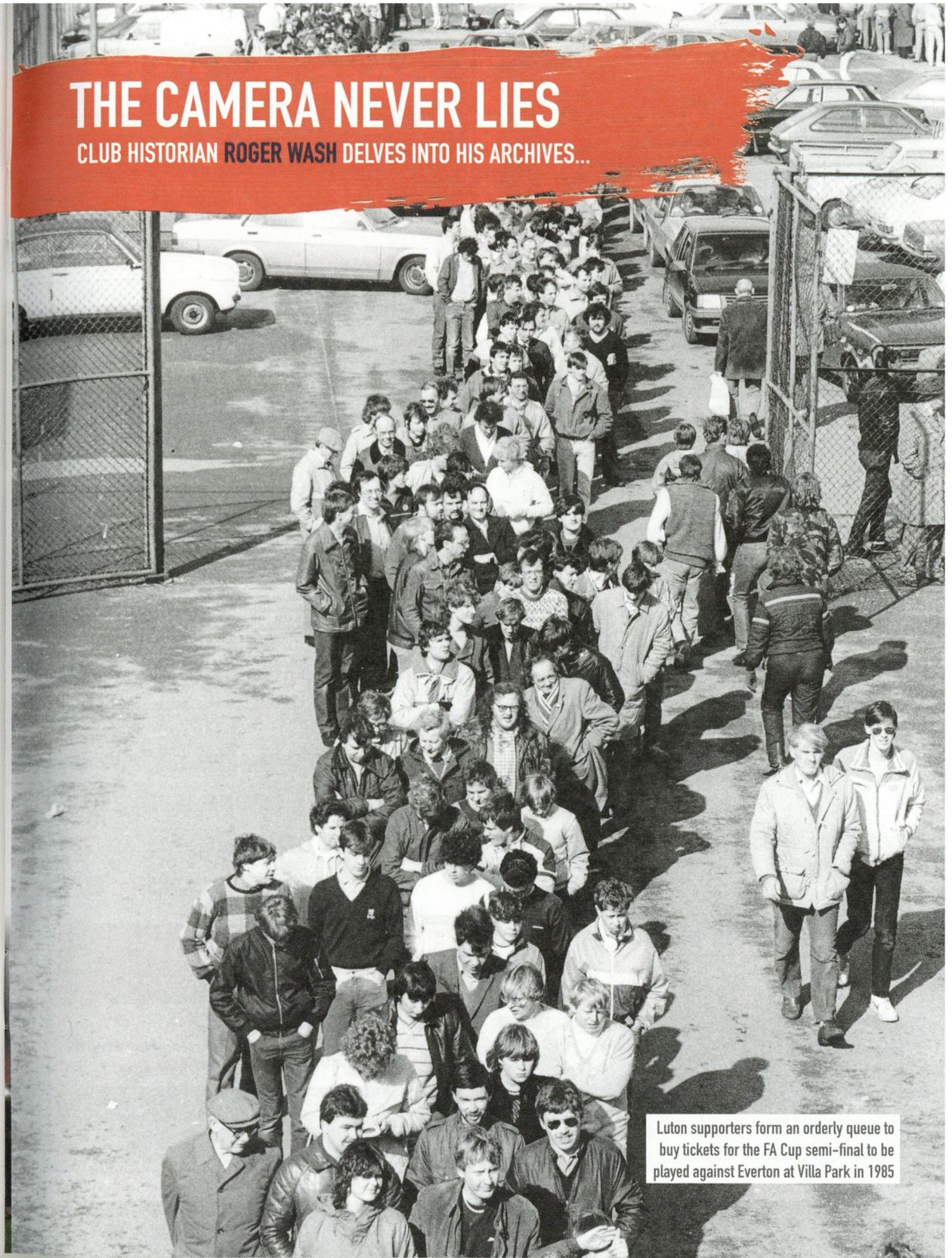
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HATTERS LADIES

MIDFIELDER MCKAY ON FIRE WITH FIVE GOALS IN THREE GAMES

The Hatters Ladies had the pleasure of playing Denham United at Kenilworth Road a week last Wednesday, and the game was full of goals.

The Town found themselves behind early on, but bounced back superbly through Jess McKay and Jo Rutherford strikes from distance before Denham scored two more quick goals to lead 3-2 at half-time.

The Hatters started strongly in the second half and McKay headed in her second to level the scores, before Rutherford followed suit to make it 4-3 after Funmi Babalola smashed her shot against the bar.

Another slip in concentration allowed the away side to get in behind and slip the ball between goalkeeper Grace Brooks and defender Erica Byron, a clash that saw Brooks stretchered off the pitch, and make it 4-4 with ten minutes left.

With substitute goalkeeper Angelika Kopec stepping up, Luton went out to try and win the game, and did so in superb fashion when McKay completed her hat-trick – and the best out of all of them into the top corner – to win it for her side 5-4.

After the tough midweek game, manager Nikki Baker was forced into some changes for the SSE Women's FA Cup third qualifying round tie away at Maidenhead United on Sunday.

With all three goalkeepers injured or away, development team defender Kezia Hassall stepped up into goal for the Hatters.

In a blank first half, Rutherford had a goal ruled out for offside and Hassall

made a good save to keep the scores level. Then, after the break, the Hatters eventually got the goal they'd been threatening and it was that girl McKay again!

Zara Carroll and Rutherford combined to get McKay running in behind. She collected the ball, held off her marker and fired in superbly for her fifth goal in three games.

In the final ten minutes, some excellent defending from Rachel Kosky and Amy Summerfield kept the score 1-0, before in the dying moments, Hassall looked like she might be beaten but raced off her line and jumped to punch the ball out of danger to send her side into the next round.

"We absolutely love playing at Kenilworth Road, and although we made it hard for ourselves, we got the three points needed," said Baker.

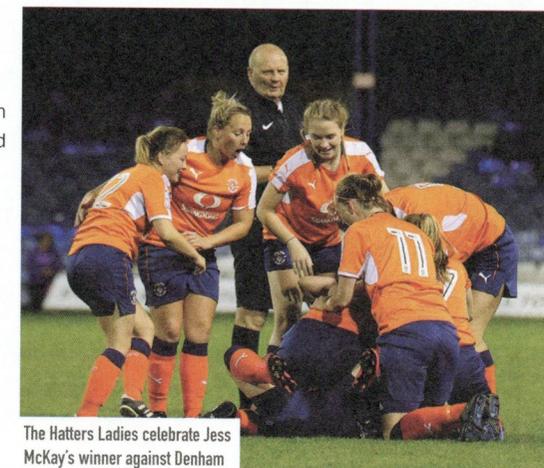
"Jess is absolutely on fire at the minute and no team can handle her. We are delighted to get into the next round of the FA Cup, and the girls worked tirelessly.

"Kezia showed great guts to say she would go in goal for us and it paid off. We were very pleased with the clean sheet and to be in the hat for the next round."

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	D 2-1
Wed Oct 4	Denham United	H	W 5-4
Sun Oct 8	Maidenhead Utd (FAC3QR)	A	W 1-0
Sun Oct 15	AFC Wimbledon	H	
Sun Oct 22	Norwich City	A	
Sun Oct 29	MK Dons	A	
Sun Nov 5	Enfield Town	H	

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The Hatters Ladies celebrate Jess McKay's winner against Denham

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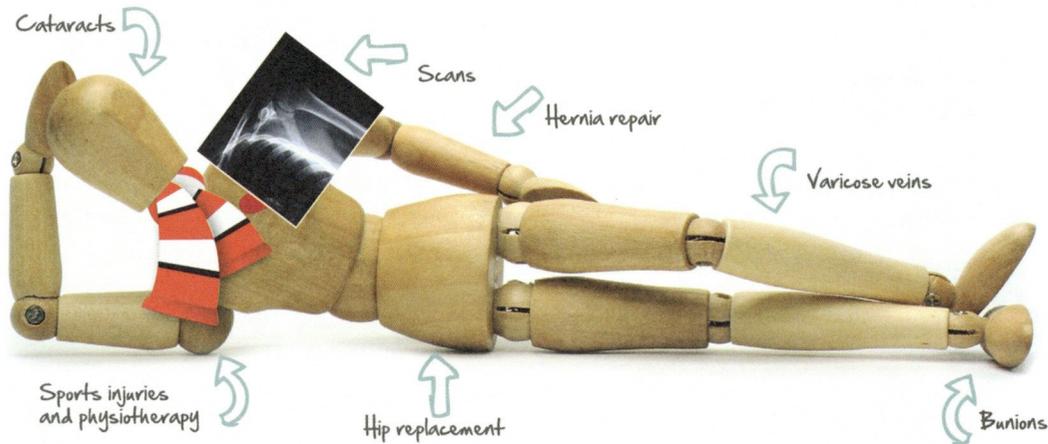
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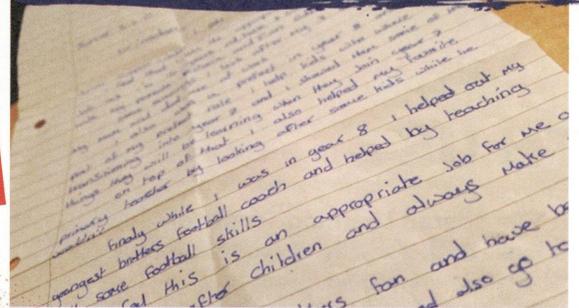
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FAMILIAR FACES

Eagle-eyed junior hatters out there will recognise some familiar faces among the Stevenage team this afternoon, with no less than four ex-Hatters helping to make up the Stevenage first-team squad. Let's welcome back Jonathan "Smudger" Smith, Luke Wilkinson, Fraser Franks and Ronnie Henry. #COYH

GET SHIRTY

Kit man Darren Cook is in a bit of a pickle because he can't remember which number goes with which player, and which player goes with which number!

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LUKE BERRY

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MADISON: What is your first football memory?



LB: My first football memory is probably playing football with my brother, we would play for ages just kicking the ball at each other, just having a good time!

What was the first team you supported?

Most of my family support Arsenal, so I support Arsenal. I really enjoyed watching Patrick Vieira and Thierry Henry, when they were good!

What was the first team you played for?

I used to play for a Sunday League team called Comberton Crusaders.



We used to play every Sunday, train on Tuesdays and Thursday and I used to just enjoy myself every day.

Who was your favourite player growing up?

Zidane. I loved Zidane. He was a great player and I admired him a lot.

What position did you first play in?

At Comberton I just used to run about everywhere, I didn't really have a position! But I do remember playing in goal. I was a goalie or anywhere really. I just ran around.

What was your best subject at school?

I used to like resistant materials, woodwork and things like that. I used to really enjoy it.

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

I always wanted to be a football player. My dad is a builder, so I always thought about being a builder as well.

What was the first replica shirt you had?

It was an Arsenal one, across the front it had JVC. It was the first ever one I had.

What was the first CD you bought?

Red Hot Chili Peppers I think it was, back in the day!



What were the make of your first pair of football boots?

I had a pair of Diadoras, with about 100 studs on! They used to keep me going.

When did you first meet one of your heroes?

I haven't met one of my heroes yet.

Who do you room with on away trips?

Harry Cornick – although I wasn't there for the last away trip, so he's done me over and gone with someone else! He's a good roommate, but he does smell a bit!

MADISON'S INTERVIEW WITH LUKE CAN BE VIEWED ON WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

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AUGUST

Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	W 8-2	8,101	258	1	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCORMACK 1	O. LEE 1
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Ipswich Town (Cup 1)	L 0-2	4,610	794	-	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Cook	Rea	O. Lee
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 0-1	3,555	2,109	8	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. Lee
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)	D 2-2*	2,699	404	-	Shea	Justin	Mullins	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	Cook
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	W 3-0	7,865	445	3	Stech	Stacey	Rea	Sheehan	POTTS 1	McCormack	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	W 3-1	7,681	296	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	SHEEHAN 1	Potts	Gambin	O. Lee

OCTOBER

Tue 3	7.45pm	H	Barnet (Trophy)	D 1-1**	1,530	68	-	Shea	Justin	Mullins	Famewo	Senior	Jarvis	Cook
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	W 2-0	2,193	587	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. LEE

NOVEMBER

Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town											
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United											
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United											
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra											

DECEMBER

Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Notts County											
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers											
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town											
Tue 26	3.00pm	A	Swindon Town											
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Port Vale											

JANUARY

Mon 1	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City											
Sat 6	3.00pm	H	Wycombe Wanderers											
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Chesterfield											
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Morecambe											
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town											

FEBRUARY

Sat 3	3.00pm	H	Exeter City											
Sat 10	3.00pm	A	Stevenage											
Tue 13	7.45pm	H	Crawley Town											
Sat 17	3.00pm	A	Coventry City											
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Cheltenham Town											

MARCH

Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United											
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley											
Fri 16	7.45pm	A	Newport County AFC											
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Barnet											
Fri 30	3.00pm	A	Colchester United											

APRIL

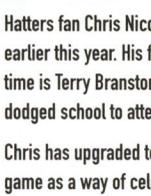
Mon 2	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town											
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town											
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra											
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United											
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers											

MAY

Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County											
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HELLO GRANDAD, I'M A TOWN TOT!
 To my Grandad... there was only one team I was ever going to support! Happy 50th birthday - we hope you have a great day. Lots of love from Clare, your Boys, Gez, Dionne, Sonny, Ruby, Tom, Archie and Nan. COYH!



CHRIS NICOLL - 60 YEARS OF SUPPORT!
 Hatters fan Chris Nicoll celebrated 60 years of watching Luton playing at Kenilworth Road earlier this year. His first game was a 4-0 defeat to Chelsea and his favourite player of all-time is Terry Branston, and his favourite match was the Blackpool FA Cup tie in 1959 - "I dodged school to attend an afternoon kick-off!"
 Chris has upgraded to hospitality in the Eric Morecambe Lounge with son Steve for today's game as a way of celebrating. Thanks for your loyal support, Chris!

LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

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

TODAY'S LEAGUE 2 FIXTURES

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

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	E. Lee ●	Gambin ●	Mullins ●	Senior	McQuoid	Bakinson	Musonda	Shea	
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	Collins	Vassell ●	Rea ●	Rea ●	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	McCormack	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	Rea ●	Rea ●	Cornick ●	Justin	Senior	Jarvis	Shea	
Rea	Cornick ●	Collins	Hylton	Cook ●	Jarvis ●	Justin	Senior	Musonda	Famewo	Shea	
Rea	Cornick ●	Collins	HYLTON 2	Cook ●	Justin ●	Mullins	Jarvis	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea	
Mpanzu	D'Ath ●	E. LEE 1	Berry	Musonda ●	Read	James	Mead	Tomlinson	Neufville	Isted	
Berry ●	Cornick ●	COLLINS 1	HYLTON 1	D'Ath ●	Justin ●	Mullins	Cook	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea	

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LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Exeter City	12	9	1	2	21	12	9	28
2 Notts County	12	8	2	2	22	12	10	26
3 LUTON TOWN	12	7	3	2	23	10	13	24
4 Wycombe Wanderers	12	7	3	2	25	18	7	24
5 Coventry City	12	7	2	3	14	6	8	23
6 Accrington Stanley	12	7	2	3	21	15	6	23
7 Stevenage	12	6	3	3	19	13	6	21
8 Newport County AFC	12	6	3	3	17	12	5	21
9 Mansfield Town	12	5	4	3	18	15	3	19
10 Lincoln City	12	5	4	3	15	13	2	19
11 Swindon Town	12	6	1	5	17	16	1	19
12 Cheltenham Town	12	5	2	5	16	14	2	17
13 Grimsby Town	12	5	2	5	16	19	-3	17
14 Cambridge United	12	5	1	6	12	14	-2	16
15 Colchester United	12	4	3	5	18	18	0	15
16 Carlisle United	12	4	2	6	15	17	-2	14
17 Crewe Alexandra	12	4	2	6	13	18	-5	14
18 Crawley Town	12	4	1	7	12	14	-2	13
19 Barnet	12	3	3	6	15	16	-1	12
20 Yeovil Town	12	3	3	6	17	26	-9	12
21 Morecambe	12	2	4	6	10	17	-7	10
22 Forest Green Rovers	12	1	3	8	11	27	-16	6
23 Port Vale	12	1	2	9	9	19	-10	5
24 Chesterfield	12	1	2	9	10	25	-15	5

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON										LUTON CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		LUTON CAREER TOT				
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Luke Berry	4	(2)	0	1	(0)	0	5	(2)	0	1	1	7	0
James Collins	12	(0)	7	1	(0)	0	13	(0)	7	3	0	13	7
Jordan Cook	0	(6)	0	3	(0)	0	3	(6)	0	3	0	51	4
Harry Cornick	3	(7)	0	1	(0)	0	4	(7)	0	0	0	11	0
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1	0
Scott Cuthbert	9	(1)	1	1	(0)	0	10	(1)	1	1	1	97	3
Lawson D'Ath	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	15	0
Akin Famewo	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	2	(0)	0	0	0	8	0
Luke Gambin	3	(0)	0	1	(1)	1	4	(1)	1	0	0	22	2
Danny Hylton	10	(0)	5	1	(0)	0	11	(0)	5	1	0	58	32
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(1)	0	0	0	2	0
James Justin	0	(2)											



HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH **GEOFF DOYLE** BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO SPORTS EDITOR

Luton Town versus Stevenage is a great fixture in League Two; you don't need me telling you that. And it feels even more so today.

Fifteen miles separate the clubs and although it's not a traditional derby, it's kind of turned into one over the last decade with the sides playing each other regularly.

There has always been a crossover of players between the clubs usually with player moving east and Jonathan Smith, Fraser Franks, Luke Wilkinson and Ronnie Henry will all relish a return to Kennilworth Road.

The atmosphere is special for this one and will be so again. Stevenage have had the upper hand in this clash on the last few occasions and the league situation which sees just three points separating them will add to the drama.

Of course, I'm a regular to both clubs and meet the managers frequently. They started their management careers at similar times at the beginning of 2016. Darren Sarll, at 34, is the second youngest manager in the top four divisions behind Rossi Eames at Barnet. Nathan Jones is ten years older but is still one of a younger crop of managers finding their way in the mad world of Football League management.

I've said it before and I'll say it again; it is such a difficult job and even

harder to get right. The hours these guys put in are incredible and their minds will hardly ever be off their role.

Pressure is huge, intensity at another level and weight of expectancy always crushingly upon them.

Thousands have the right to judge them and each call can be disagreed with, each perceived mistake a possible nail in an imaginary coffin. Their actions scrutinised, their decisions dissected, everyone with an opinion on every aspect of their job. What a mad situation. And I'm right in the middle of it.

I like both managers.

Jones has a steely determination about him. He's a thinker; focussed; quietly authoritative. He's immersed in his goal of improving the club, is driven and ambitious. Although he's quiet off the pitch he's not during games, prowling the touchline, issuing instructions, gesturing wildly whilst biting his finger nails.

Sarll is an out and out football man; determined, passionate with the game running through his veins. He's fiercely proud of his players and his football club; loud, vocal and more



open. More gregarious off the pitch, he's become a bit more reflective in the dug-out, but he's not shy on dishing it out in the technical area if need be.

I don't know how good they are as coaches but I could guess; both have improved their football clubs since taking over and are heading in the right direction. It's no coincidence that they have both accrued assistants who have huge experience in the game in Paul Hart and Glenn Roeder, so advice and wisdom is never far away. Both are intelligent and easy to deal with: I have not had a falling out with either. I get the sense you could go out for a pint with them and have a good night out.

May the best man and team win....

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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 Hyton
- 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:
DARREN SARLL

- 1 Joe Fryer
- 3 Joe Martin
- 4 Jack King
- 5 Fraser Franks
- 6 Luke Wilkinson
- 7 Chris Whelpdale
- 8 Harry Beautyman
- 9 Kyle Wootton
- 10 Ben Kennedy
- 11 Tom Pett
- 14 Blair Turgott
- 15 Alex Samuel
- 16 Chris Day
- 17 Dale Gorman
- 18 Tom Conlon
- 19 Dan Newton
- 20 Terence Vancooten
- 22 Kevin Toner
- 23 James Ferry
- 24 Matt Godden
- 25 Ronnie Henry
- 27 Ryan Johnson
- 28 Rowan Liburd
- 29 Luke Wade-Slater
- 30 Mark McKee
- 31 Jamie Gray
- 35 Afolabi Akinyemi
Chartie Wakefield

MATCH OFFICIALS

- BRETT HUXTABLE
 GRANT TAYLOR
 DEAN TRELEAVEN
 IAN COOPER

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