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[THE MANAGER'S NOTES]



NATHAN JONES

THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for our Emirates FA Cup first round tie with Portsmouth.

Pompey have been familiar faces to us all at Luton in recent times with the two clubs having been in Sky Bet League Two together, and having gone up to League One as champions last season, they clearly give us a benchmark to aim for this term.

There is a healthy respect between the two clubs on and off the pitch, having gone through similar recent histories in terms of falling through the divisions through the mismanagement of previous owners, then, led by genuine supporters, trying to get back on their feet and up the league ladder.

Portsmouth managed that last season and we give them great credit for that. They beat us here just under 12 months ago but the game was a cracking advert for League Two with both sides going for it, and I'm sure today will act as the same for the FA Cup.

It's a real nostalgic tie between two famous names, and for me it's the pick of the first round draw; one big club near the top of their division at home to another who have made a solid start at the level above. It has all the features you'd want for live coverage, but I understand that the first round is where the Non-League clubs drawn at home in similar scenarios will figure more prominently in the TV selections.

Of course, we welcome everyone who has travelled from Fratton Park – supporters, directors, officials, manager Kenny Jackett, his staff and their squad – and wish them a safe trip back to the south coast this evening after the game.

With the successful Checkatrade Trophy trip to AFC Wimbledon on Tuesday closely followed by this one, we have a little opportunity to take a break from the league

and recharge the batteries.

We had a tremendous October and although we didn't finish it how we'd have liked against Coventry last Saturday, we achieved the players' target of ten points from five games in the month, and played some wonderful stuff to beat Accrington, Stevenage and Exeter to move into the automatic promotion spots.

We had chances against Coventry and while they came and did a job defensively – and we give them credit for that – we could easily have got something out of the game had we scored in that second-half burst when we were really on top.

Those who travelled to Wimbledon on Tuesday saw another entertaining Checkatrade Trophy win in which several young players, and some needing minutes, produced another fine performance in a competition we enjoy. We were delighted to go through to the knockout stages as group winners, securing home advantage in the draw, ahead of a League One club who put out a strong side featuring plenty of experienced campaigners.

We hope to bring you more cheer in a different competition today – THE most famous knockout tournament in world football. So please play your part in getting behind the team and let's see if we can add another cup 'scalp' to the growing collection from my 22 months at the club so far.

Enjoy the game.



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH CHIEF EXECUTIVE GARY SWEET

Good afternoon one and all to our first round proper Emirates FA Cup tie.

A warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road to our League One opposition today; to their supporters, officials, staff and players for what promises to be a big occasion and an exciting game.

I'm especially looking forward to catching up with Mark Catlin and Tony Brown today – Pompey's CEO and FD, respectively. Two decent football guys who have become friends over recent times, and who have steadied their ship in not a dissimilar way to us over recent years, as they fell on challenging times.

Pompey's recent story is an interesting and, in some ways, a familiar one. Their supporters' trust wrestled custodianship of their Club from the series of poor and self-indulgent operators preceding them. They are subsequently being faced with a huge moral dilemma – whether to relinquish control to a new ownership model in the form of Mr Eisner, or whether to test itself in an attempt to become the highest placed English trust-owned Club.

It's a thought-provoking predicament for any supporter. Particularly one with our history of apparently unwittingly attracting unhealthy (and unwealthy in some cases) owners who we, as supporters, rely on to stabilise our respective Club's finances, create a befitting and representative culture of our communities, and deliver the ambition we all expect (or not, as the case has often been proved!).

Retaining control within a supporter-based ownership model may allow you to retain a greater sense of attachment and pride but will – more often than not – place a ceiling on the Club's footballing ambitions. Whilst, on the other hand, allowing a relatively random, more fiscally mobile individual or company to take the reins introduces risks which could result in a distancing of your emotional relationship with the Club you love and belong

to, amidst its aim to climb the pyramid hunting for success, whatever that may look like.

It's a question that is very relevant to our current position as we continue to seek greater stability in a new home and look at the even longer term future for Luton Town. Indeed, it is a question we should all ask ourselves; from our board members through to supporters.

I'm sure it won't have gone unnoticed to many that the rapidly changing nature and increasing industrialisation of the football business – led by higher risk ownership models – means the challenge of breaking through the leagues (without taking a high-risk gamble) is becoming more difficult year on year. It's a challenge we're determined to meet and ever eager to try to unravel in a way that doesn't mean 2020 selling up or taking such risks that compromise who and what we are!

The Pompey Supporters' Trust themselves voted on its Club's future direction – which was exactly the right way for them to decide – and opted to welcome the Eisner family into its fold. I have faith in their ability to make the right choice and wish them well, including Mr Eisner, in their quest – and genuinely hope they are successful. Most importantly, as too many of our fantastic football clubs sell their souls to compete at the highest level, I hope the culture and spirit of the Club is retained and evolves in the right manner; as their supporters wish it to be.

Talking of loyalty, it was fabulous to be a part of Loyal Luton Supporters' Club's reunion for the late (and great) Bob Bates in the Eric at last week's Coventry game. After a disappointing result the buoyant spirit in the room was simply astounding and so positive, showing that there is more to life than the misery of defeat, occasionally. A massive thanks to all who organised it and attended.



Of course, the big question on everyone's lips was surrounding our progress on Power Court and Newlands Park. We're now in our 16th month of having our applications reviewed by Luton Council and the delay in seeing a determination is a real frustration for us, naturally, as it will be for you; especially as we see other largescale applications submitted and determined within this period.

However, it has been necessary for the Council to ensure that our applications have been reviewed more than robustly to avoid a successful challenge from those parties who seem happy for Luton to stagnate. I can report that after being asked to jump high hurdles we are in the final throes of the process and still hope to hear of a successful determination by the end of the calendar year.

Thank you for your patience on this vital development.

Meanwhile, aside from fending off further incursions of travellers onto our Power Court site all week, by the time you read this our new car parks on site should be finished and ready for public use. Usage of the site is

important to us – we could never understand why more hasn't been done to bring some life to Power Court, even if it is temporary (until we start constructing more permanent and exciting features, of course!).

As of next week we will have around 500 car park spaces available for use on a newly laid and illuminated surface for town centre users. RCP will be our operating partner on a day-to-day basis and introductory charges will start at just 50p per hour and £4 per day. Please use it when you can as all income will go towards the stadium development.

Hopefully, further developments will continue to unlock Power Court in the short term too, so keep your eyes peeled. The more activity we put on site the less it will be seen as an eyesore.

Meanwhile, on the football front, when the FA Cup gets going you know the season is fully underway. I'm sure most of you will be happy with our progress so far. Having had a good run, scoring goals for fun and a handful of clean sheets it's crucial, after a disappointing single point from the last two games, that we use these two cup games as a



springboard for the start of another League run. A good win at Wimbledon with a young team set us up nicely for today's more serious battle.

Recent games against Pompey haven't quite gone our way, despite playing well in most, so today is a great chance to set that record straight too. Enjoy the game and make your voices heard today so we're in the hat for Monday's second round draw!

COYH!

Gary



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THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

A warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road, a week after we were last here for what proved to be a disappointing end a fantastic month with the defeat against Coventry.

It was a shame we couldn't finish a statement-making few weeks off strongly by extending the unbeaten run to ten matches, but Tuesday night's win in the Checkatrade Trophy got us back on the right track and we'd love to make progress on the long road to Wembley again today.

After a tough month, with a lot of travelling and some big matches against clubs up there challenging for promotion with us, it's nice to have a little break from the league where we have been able to focus on the final group game at Wimbledon, and now on Portsmouth in the Emirates FA Cup first round – a one-off game.

I see the cups as a huge positive, rather than a distraction. It gives you an opportunity to play against a team that won the league last year and to gauge where we are at against what we know will be a decent side from the division above.

For me, they were the best team in the league last season. Obviously, it showed by winning the title, although it took them to the last day to overtake Doncaster and Plymouth, but on the two occasions we played them I felt they were excellent – especially when we played them here at Kenilworth Road.

It's been all change there with the manager and a lot of players going, but they are a big club and they'll bring good support, so it should be another good game for the fans to watch – this time hopefully with us being on the right side of the scoreline to make sure we're in Monday's second round draw.

One man who'll miss today's game is Glen Rea, courtesy of his red card

GREAT SCOTT

right at the death in the Coventry game. The score was a bit flattering for them as I'd gone forward trying to get involved to get us a goal to get us back on level terms. It was a tactic that worked last month at Wycombe, but it didn't this time unfortunately.

We were caught on the counter attack and Glen, in trying to stop what looked a certain goal, took the guy down as the last man.

He's been different class this year, whether at centre-half or in the midfield holding role while Alan McCormack's been out. On Tuesday at Wimbledon he wore the captain's armband and played both roles at various stages of the game, showing real leadership qualities.

He's been a massive part in the run that we've gone on to get to the top of the table. It's a shame that he'll have to sit today's game out, but it's only one match and he'll be back, chomping at the bit to be involved again at Cheltenham next week.

I expect we'll see massive support in the Cotswolds again next Saturday, as you always travel in great numbers, but first to today's game. The FA Cup is always special so please get behind us and together let's make it a Kenilworth Road cup occasion to remember once again.

Enjoy the game!



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The Emirates FA Cup first round proper weekend got underway last night with three ties, and by the time the final match of the round kicks-off at Chorley's Victory Park on Monday evening for the live BT Sport 1 or BT Sport 4kUHD, we'll have a rough idea of who'll be facing who in the second round.



We hope the Hatters will be in the silk bag for that second round draw, which will take place in the build-up to game between the Vanarama National League North side and Sky Bet League One Fleetwood Town.

So tune into BT Sport and BBC2 from 7pm – or keep an eye on the club's social media feeds and website if we're in it – to find out what the weekend of Saturday 2nd December holds in store.

POTENTIAL REPLAY TICKET PRICES:

If today's match ends all-square, a replay will take place on Tuesday 14th November – or another night that week depending on TV selections – at Fratton Park.

Ticket prices would be: Adults £20, Senior (age 63+) £15, Young Person (age 18-22) £15, Under-18s £5.

THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST ROUND TIES

LAST NIGHT:

Port Vale v Oxford United
Notts County v Bristol Rovers
Hyde United v Milton Keynes Dons
(live on BBC2)

TODAY:

Shaw Lane AFC v Mansfield Town
(12.30pm live on BT Sport 1)
Stevenage v Nantwich Town
Bradford City v Chesterfield
Morecambe v Hartlepool United
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Wigan Athletic v Crawley Town

Gateshead v Chelmsford City

Newport County AFC v Walsall
(5.15pm live on S4C)

TOMORROW (all 2pm kick-offs):

Cambridge United v Sutton United
Guiseley AFC v Accrington Stanley
Leatherhead v Billericay Town
Coventry City v Maidenhead United
Dartford v Swindon Town
Woking v Bury
Solihull Moors v Wycombe Wanderers
Charlton Athletic v Truro City
Exeter City v Heybridge Swifts

MONDAY:

Chorley v Fleetwood Town
(7.45pm live on BT Sport 1)



Pictured here are a further group of LTFC safety stewards seen here receiving their NVQ Level 2 certificates in spectator safety from Hatters' boss Nathan Jones last week. Congratulations to these hard-working members of our matchday safety team who form part of the club's commitment to ensuring that all of supporters enjoy a safe and secure environment when visiting Kenilworth Road.

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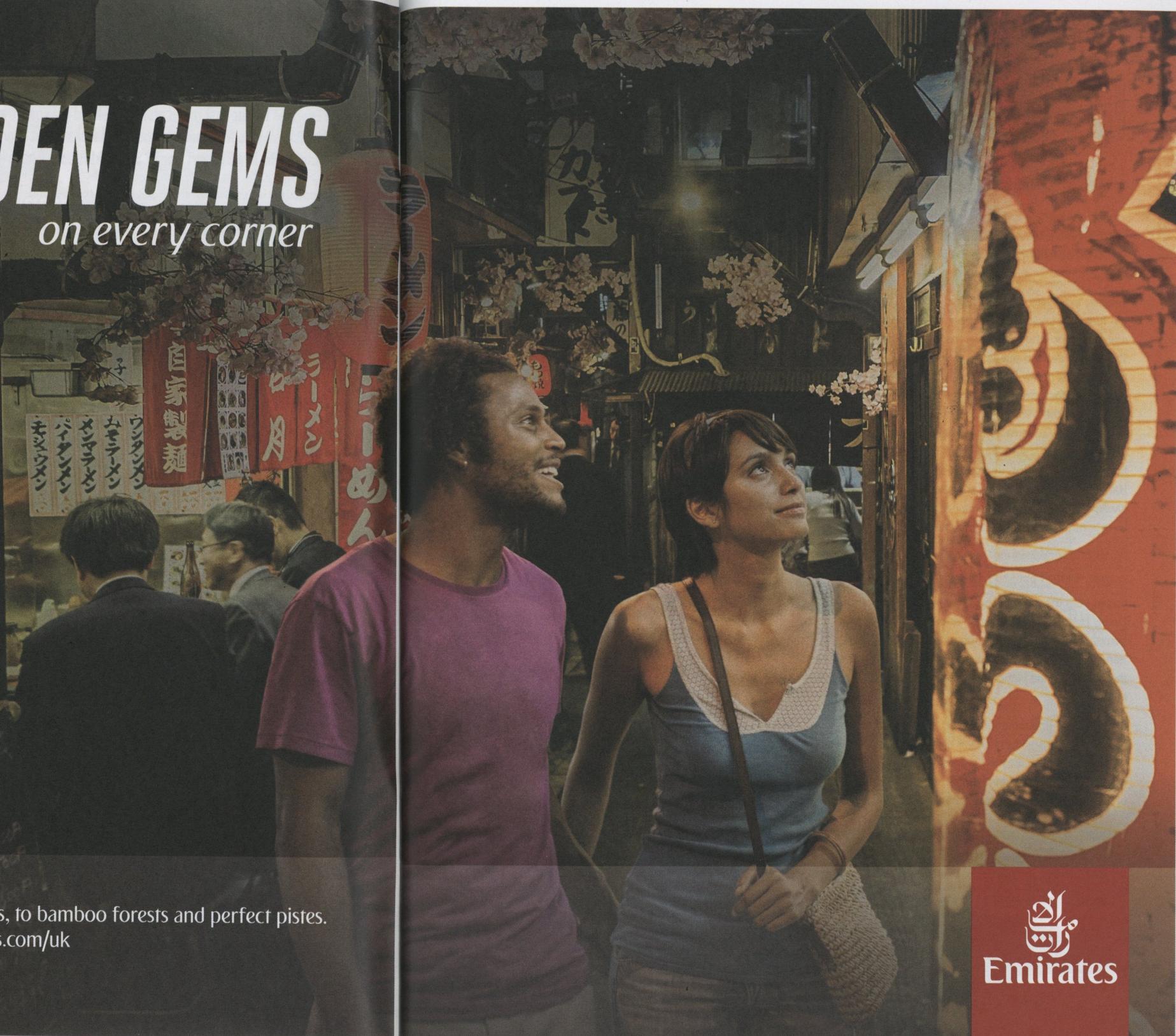


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WHO? Promoted in the 2015-16 season from the National League, they were the first club in 27 years to achieve the feat of bouncing straight back up as champions after relegation from the EFL – they managed it with 101 points. The Robins avoided relegation by just four points as they finished 21st in Sky Bet League Two last season with a poor run of form from late October through to the New Year putting them in danger of slipping back down to the fifth tier. They currently sit a lot more comfortably than they did last season, a full seven points clear of 23rd placed Morecambe, with Gary Johnson's side occupying 14th. The Hatters will also face one of the toughest home sides in the division this season, as Cheltenham have picked up five wins from their eight league matches at Whaddon Road.

TICKETS Ticket prices are on the opposite page.

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE Johnson's side picked up four points from the six available last season against us, as Danny Hylton's fantastic finish earned us a point away from home, but we slipped to a frustrating 3-2 home defeat on transfer deadline day in January. Of the 11 games between the two sides, the Hatters have won three, drawn five and lost three.

IN CHARGE Ex-Peterborough United, Northampton and Yeovil Town boss Johnson has been in charge at Whaddon Road since March 2015, where he oversaw the Robins' relegation from League Two and immediate return to the division. One of the 61-year-old's greatest achievements was guiding the



Glovers to the Championship via the League One play-offs, at one point going on a run of eight consecutive League One wins. Father of Bristol City boss Lee Johnson, the Robins manager boasts a win record of 42 per cent with nearly 1,000 games as a boss under his belt.

PREVIOUS FORM: Four points from their last two games against sides who are expected to be right up there come the end of the season in Lincoln City and Wycombe Wanderers have highlighted the Robins' strength at both ends. A clean sheet against a physical Imps side and a point in a 3-3 draw against a free scoring Chairboys team displayed good defensive solidity as well as the potential to find goals when they needed them.

KNOWING ME KNOWING YOU The Hatters and the Robins have had a number of players represent both teams over the years. Former Town midfielder Jake Gray had a short loan spell with Cheltenham in 2015 making four appearances, whilst Asa Hall – who had been with Cheltenham since 2014 until the summer when he moved to National League outfit Barrow – made 89 appearances for the Town, scoring 16 goals. Amari Morgan-Smith made 48 appearances for Town, netting 18 times in a two season spell between 2010-12. He made his loan to York City a permanent deal in the summer. Paul Benson had a short loan spell with the Robins from parent club Swindon Town, before going on to join the Hatters, whilst Ryan Inniss had a loan spell with both clubs, making three appearances for Town, scoring once.

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Prices: Adults: £21, Seniors (65+): £15, Student: (with photo ID): £7, 18 and under: £7.00



CAMBRIDGE UNITED

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

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CARLISLE UNITED

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER | 3PM

Tickets for this fixture are now available from the Ticket Office at category C prices.



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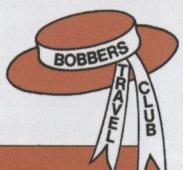
The Hatters have received an initial allocation of 1,053 seats in the Whitby Morrison Stand for this fixture. Supporters who have taken an **away season ticket** will automatically receive one ticket which will be processed on Monday 6th November. If you require two tickets or do not require a ticket for this fixture please let the Ticket Office know by emailing ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. Tickets are on sale now to **Diamond season ticket holders** at two-per-person until close of business this afternoon.

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HALLOWE'EN HATTER!

George Lewington loved being mascot for the Town last season – and he was on the ball (a big orange one, predictably!) last week when he posed for this picture with his brilliant pumpkin with the club crest carved in it.

We hope you enjoyed trick or treating with little brother Freddie, George!



DIAMOND PLAYER OF THE MONTH VOTING OPEN

Town goalkeeper Marek Stech won the Diamond season ticket holder Player of the Month for September – and voting is now open for the October award.

The stopper picked up 40 per cent of the vote, with Danny Hylton finishing second.

The 27-year-old was presented the trophy by Jonah Wilson, who as a part of being selected to present Stech with the trophy, won a Junior diamond mascot package.

Voting is now open until Friday 17th November to Diamond season ticket holders to vote for their Player of the Month for October.

One supporter that votes for the eventual winner will be drawn out of the hat and will be invited to present the trophy in the Eric Morecambe Suite after the game against Carlisle on 21st November. An adult winner will receive two tickets in Hospitality and a junior season ticket holder will receive a Diamond Mascot package.





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WELCOME PORTSMOUTH

Today we extend a warm welcome to the visiting staff, players and supporters who have made the journey north from Portsmouth for this Emirates FA Cup first round tie.

The Fratton Park outfit were winners of this competition ten years ago, when Harry Redknapp led the then-Premier League side all the way to Wembley and a 1-0 success over Cardiff City – Nwankwo Kanu scoring the goal for a team that contained England internationals Glen Johnson, Sol Campbell and ex-Hatters coach David James.

Their infamous financial meltdown then led to them plummeting to the bottom division inside five years, however, where they stayed for four years – three of them as divisional rivals with the Hatters – until they finally beat us to escape the EFL basement last May as League Two champions.

The Hampshire side were already promoted going into the final day, but managed to jump above both Doncaster Rovers and Plymouth Argyle to claim the silverware by hitting Cheltenham Town for six.

Manager Paul Cook left in the summer to return to his native north-west to take over at fellow League One outfit Wigan Athletic, and has been replaced by former Millwall and Wolves boss Kenny Jackett, who has overseen an overhaul of the squad that was one of only three sides to do the double over the Hatters last season.



Key attackers Gary Roberts and Carl Baker were allowed to leave in the close season, while several regulars from the championship-winning side – 15-goal top scorer Kal Naismith and midfielders Gareth Evans and Danny Rose among them – have struggled for game time this term.

Jackett has added experience, however, with former AFC Bournemouth forward Brett Pitman hitting nine goals so far in 14 appearances for the club. He also brought in former Hemel Hempstead striker Oliver Hawkins from Dagenham & Redbridge on transfer deadline day in August, with the 25-year-old Londoner joining fellow Non-League graduate, Jamal Lowe, in their attacking ranks after the wideman signed from Hampton & Richmond Borough midway through last season.

Pompey's start to the season has been solid, if unspectacular. After

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: POMPEY
GROUND: FRATTON PARK
MANAGER: KENNY JACKETT
LAST SEASON: 1ST IN LEAGUE TWO

16 games in their first League One campaign since 2012-13, they currently sit in 14th spot, five points off the play-offs and five above the drop zone.

They arrive at Kenilworth Road having suffered three straight defeats, two on the road at Doncaster and Blackburn Rovers, before high-flying Bradford City beat them on their own pitch last Saturday. Like the Hatters, they haven't scored in either of their last two league matches.

There is nothing to choose between the two clubs in terms of historical meetings; of the 81 previous Luton v Portsmouth clashes, there have been 33 wins apiece and 15 draws, although Pompey hold the upper hand in the six encounters since the Hatters returned to the Football League in 2014, recording four victories and two draws. The Hatters are unbeaten in four FA Cup ties against Portsmouth, however, as club historian Roger Wash details from page 44 of today's *This Is Our Town*.

**HATTERS
v POMPEY**
 LUTON WINS: 33 | DRAWS: 15
 PORTSMOUTH WINS: 33
 LAST MEETING:
 PORTSMOUTH 1 LUTON 0 – 2ND JANUARY 2017

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

LUKE McGEE



The 22-year-old signed his first professional contract with Tottenham Hotspur back in 2014 and had a deal with

the north Londoners until 2019, but left without making an appearance for the Premier League giants. He spent last season on loan at Peterborough United, where he played 44 times for Grant McCann's side. McGee joined Pompey in the summer on a three-year deal and has been a regular for Kenny Jackett's team since his arrival, making 16 appearances so far for his new side.

THE WALL

MATT CLARKE



An academy graduate at Ipswich Town, who he joined at Under-9 level, the 21-year-old made five appearances

for the Tractor Boys before heading out on loan for the entirety of the 2015-16 season to Fratton Park. He impressed then boss Paul Cook enough to make it a permanent deal – signing a three-year contract – at the beginning of last season and he has now gone onto make over 70 appearances for the Hampshire side.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

JAMAL LOWE



From Harrow, the 23-year-old joined Pompey at the end of October last year from National League South side Hampton

& Richmond Borough following a prolific spell, netting 33 times in 54 appearances for the Beavers. He started his career off at Barnet, making 15 appearances for the Bees, as well as heading out on loan six times to the likes of Hitchin Town and St Albans City. He joined the Saints and then Hemel Hempsted on permanent deals before joining Hampton & Richmond.

THE DANGERMAN

BRETT PITMAN



One of the most prolific goalscorers in the third tier, Pitman has nine goals to his name so far this term having joined

from Ipswich Town in the summer. Although still only 29-years-old, he has amassed over 450 career appearances, having started out at AFC Bournemouth and gone onto play for the Tractor Boys and Bristol City. He has scored 145 goals during that time, many of which helped propel the Cherries from the foot of the EFL to the Premier League.

GOALKEEPER
ALEX BASS

AGE: 19

POMPEY YOUTH ACADEMY PRODUCT

DEFENDERS
DAMIEN MCCORY

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: BURTON ALBION

CHRISTIAN BURGESS

AGE: 25

PREVIOUS CLUB: PETERBOROUGH UNITED

JACK WHATMOUGH

AGE: 21

POMPEY YOUTH ACADEMY PRODUCT

NATHAN THOMPSON

AGE: 26

PREVIOUS CLUB: SWINDON TOWN

DREW TALBOT

AGE: 31

PREVIOUS CLUB: CHESTERFIELD

MIDFIELDERS

DANNY ROSE

AGE: 29

PREVIOUS CLUB: NORTHAMPTON TOWN

STUART O'KEEFE

AGE: 26

ON LOAN FROM CARDIFF CITY

MATTHEW KENNEDY

AGE: 22

ON LOAN FROM CARDIFF CITY

DION DONAHUE

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: CHESTERFIELD

KAI NAISMITH

AGE: 25

PREVIOUS CLUB: ACCRINGTON STANLEY

STRIKERS

OLIVER HAWKINS

AGE: 25

PREVIOUS CLUB: DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

CURTIS MAIN

AGE: 25

PREVIOUS CLUB: DONCASTER ROVERS

CONOR CHAPLIN

AGE: 20

POMPEY YOUTH ACADEMY PRODUCT

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD

PAUL BOYNTON, a Portsmouth supporter of 47 years gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League One and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road in the first round of the Emirates FA Cup, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for Pompey...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

It was a quite impressive end to last season for Portsmouth, did you ever have the feeling you were going to snatch the League Two title at the death?

I don't think many people, certainly around where I sit in the South Stand, considered it a serious possibility until the second half of the Cheltenham game on the last day of the season, which we won 6-1. There was little talk of it prior to the game. I think everybody was just relieved that we were escaping from the division. As the second half of the Cheltenham game wore on we were aware that if the scores remained the same then the title was ours, but I think most of us expected Plymouth to snatch a late goal, which they very nearly did.

That success was achieved under Paul Cook, who has since moved onto Wigan Athletic. How has his replacement Kenny Jackett got on?

I think Kenny Jackett is as good a manager as we could have hoped to attract. He certainly has the track record at this level. He has changed almost the entire side, except for the central defensive partnership of Clarke and Burgess, and the average age has come down significantly. With so many changes, the team has been a bit inconsistent, but League One has proved to be a bigger step up than many expected, especially with teams coming to Fratton Park and not 'parking the bus' – as has been the case in the last couple of seasons. However, the manager knows what is required in this league and with the injury situation clearing, we should see more consistency as the season progresses.

Although you are currently outside the play-off places, you're certainly within shooting distance of the top six, do you

think two promotions in as many seasons is a real possibility?

In my opinion, only a vague possibility at the present time. I think most fans this season would settle for a top half finish, and a flirtation with the play-offs. The automatic promotion places already look out of reach, but if you can sneak into the play-offs then anything can happen. We will need to find much more consistency for that to become a reality, and, as already mentioned, I think most Pompey fans were slightly surprised at the increase in the quality of League One opponents.

Jackett brought in Brett Pitman over the summer and he seems to have been a revelation at Fratton Park. How has he been received by supporters?

Pitman has scored some quality goals since he arrived. He sometimes gives the impression that he is strolling



about, which did get a bit of a reaction in the first few games. Pompey fans love to see players working hard, chasing and closing down, but he has won them over with the class of some of his goals, and you can tell he has played the game at a higher level. One fan's response to another fan, criticising his work rate, was: 'If Pitman scores two goals every game, he can sit on his backside in the centre circle for 88 minutes as far as I am concerned'. I'm not sure I would go that far, but you get the gist.

Pitman is the obvious one because of the goals he has scored, so which other summer arrival have you been impressed by so far?

I can't say I've been disappointed with any of them. Luke McGee looks a very good young keeper who has grown into the position after his initial first few games. Nathan Thompson is a solid full-back who likes a tackle. Stuart O'Keefe and Matt Kennedy – both on loan from Cardiff – have settled in well, and Ollie Hawkins has made a good start in his step up from the Conference with three goals, although ironically, I thought his best performance so far was as an emergency centre-half at Gillingham. Dion Donohue has been playing at full-back, and we may well see the best of him if he gets a chance in a midfield role.



Who were you most disappointed to see leave in the most recent transfer window?

Enda Stevens was out of contract, and left in the summer on a free for Sheffield United. Almost as soon as the season had finished he was gone, but most fans wished him well as it was clear he could play at Championship level, and so it has proved. He was an excellent full-back, always willing to overlap, and contributed a good number of assists, as well as an important goal at Newport County. We have not properly replaced him yet, although the manager has been thwarted in his attempts by injuries to both Tareiq Holmes-Dennis and Damien McCrory.

You have a fairly strong record against us in recent times. Do you think that goes out the window when it comes to cup ties?

Yes, especially with the current trend of many clubs not taking much interest in some of the cup competitions, and making a number, sometimes a large number, of changes. I suppose it all depends on priorities. Last season Paul Cook was only interested in promotion, probably quite rightly, but I would expect the current manager to play a strong side today with a view to progressing in the competition. Your manager may take the same view as Cook, and only be looking at promotion. Either way, I think this is one of the most difficult ties we could have drawn out of the hat.



Alan Ball, one of Paul's favourite managers. Turn to page 25 to read who the others are.



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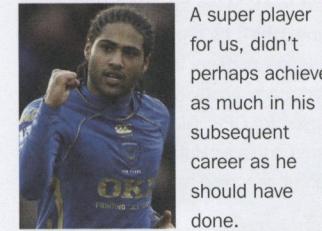


MR ALL-TIME POMPEY XI...

GK: ALAN KNIGHT

Played over 800 games for the club, and deserved to play more at a higher level.

RB: GLEN JOHNSON



CB: NOEL BLAKE

Totally won over the fans after a tough start. A colossus of a centre-half.

CB: BILLY GILBERT

You can't really have one without the other, a great partnership with Noel Blake.

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Seats

Who are your rivals? Southampton

Favourite all-time manager?

A toss-up between Frank Burrows, Alan Ball, and Harry Redknapp.



Predict your player of the season?

A tough question this early in the season. Jamal Lowe?

LB: KENNY SWAIN

A calming, classy, influence in a team of characters.

RM: ALBERT MCCANN

I only saw him towards the end of his career, but his bandy legs seemed to be all over the park.

CM: MICK TAIT

Played in almost every position over a seven-year period. Never let us down in any of them.

CM: PAUL MERSON

A one season wonder for Pompey, but what a season. To receive a standing ovation from the home fans, in a 5-0 away win at Millwall, says it all.

LM: NICK JENNINGS

A fast, tricky and brave winger.

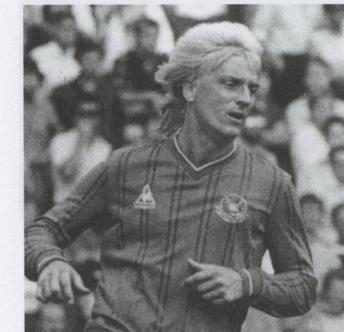
Scored two goals in my second ever game at Fratton Park.

ST: MARK HATELEY

Had everything you could wish for in a Centre-forward. Power, pace, and the ability to score goals in the air, and on the ground.

ST: ALAN BILEY

The goalscoring hero of his generation.



Jack Tinn – manager from 1927 to 1947, winning the FA Cup.

Bob Jackson – manager from 1947 to 1952, winning two First Division Championships.

I could learn the history of the first 50 years of the club from these gentlemen.

Most treasured piece of Portsmouth memorabilia?

The programme from my first Pompey game in 1970.

What league will Portsmouth be in next season?

League One.

Who will win the Emirates FA Cup this season?

Either of the Manchester clubs.

TOP BOYS

ALAN KNIGHT



Long-serving England U-21 goalkeeper Alan Knight was Portsmouth's 'Player of the Year' a record three times. Given his League debut in Pompey's 1-0 victory at Rotherham United eleven months before turning professional in March 1979, he was ever-present in their 1982-83 and 1986-87 promotion successes and played for the club in all four divisions. Starring as Pompey reached the FA Cup semi-finals in 1991-92 and First Division play-offs in 1992-93, no other keeper has made more than his 683 League appearances for one club. Awarded the MBE in 2001, he has since been a goalkeeping coach and ambassador at Pompey.

ALAN BILEY

Striker Alan Biley was leading scorer and 'Player of the Year' in Portsmouth's 1982-83 Third Division title triumph. A former Luton Town

apprentice, he moved to Cambridge United in July 1975 and starred in two consecutive promotion successes. He joined Derby County for £300,000 in January 1980 and moved via Everton to Pompey for £100,000 in August 1982. Partnering Billy Rafferty and Mark Hateley in attack, he netted 51 goals in 105 League games before joining Brighton in March 1985. He has since managed Potton, Ely City, Diss Town and Spalding United whilst running his own health and fitness centre in Biggleswade.

MARK HATELEY



England international striker Mark Hateley was Portsmouth's leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' in 1983-84. The son of Tony Hateley, he turned professional with Coventry City and featured in their 1980-81 League Cup run. Top scorer in 1981-82, he joined Pompey in June 1983 and gained the first four of his 32 caps while at Fratton Park. Netting

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

22 goals in 38 League outings before sold to AC Milan for £915,000 in June 1984, he moved via Monaco to Glasgow Rangers in June 1990 and won many Scottish honours. He then played for QPR, Glasgow Rangers again and was Hull City's player-boss before coaching at Dundee.

NEIL WEBB

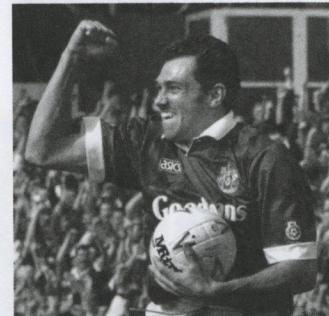
Midfielder Neil Webb was 'Player of the Year' as Portsmouth missed promotion to the top-flight on goal difference in 1984-85. Initially with Reading, where his father Dougie was a favourite, he joined Pompey for £83,000 in July 1982. He starred in their 1982-83 Third Division title triumph and netted 34 goals in 123 League games before sold to Nottingham Forest for £250,000 in June 1985. Scoring in their 1989 League Cup final success, he joined Manchester United for £1.5m in July 1989 and was an FA Cup winner in 1990. The England international rejoined Forest in November 1992, then several other clubs.

NOEL BLAKE

Central defender Noel Blake was Portsmouth's 'Player of the Year' in two consecutive seasons including their 1986-87 promotion triumph. Starting with Sutton Coldfield, he joined Aston Villa in August 1979 and followed Ron Saunders to Birmingham City in September 1982. He moved to Pompey for £150,000 in August 1984 and was twice ever-present in promotion near-misses,

scoring ten goals in 144 League games prior to joining Leeds United in July 1988. Reuniting with Alan Ball at Stoke City in February 1990, he then played for Bradford City and Dundee before managing Exeter City. He has held youth coaching posts.

GUY WHITTINGHAM



Striker Guy Whittingham was Portsmouth's leading scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 1989-90. A former soldier, he impressed with Waterlooville and Yeovil Town, moving to Fratton Park in June 1989. 'Corporal Punishment' was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1991-92 and scored a club record 42 goals as Pompey reached the First Division play-offs in 1992-93. Sold to Aston Villa for £1.2m in August 1993, he moved via Sheffield Wednesday back to Pompey in July 1999, netting 99 goals in 195 League games overall, joining Wycombe Wanderers in March 2001. He was a Pompey coach and manager, then Crawley's assistant-boss.

DARREN ANDERTON

Young winger Darren Anderton was 'Player of the Year' and scored as Portsmouth took eventual winners Liverpool to an FA Cup semi-final replay in 1991-92. Signing professional at Fratton Park in February 1990, he made his League

debut in Pompey's 0-0 draw at home to Wolves nine months later and netted seven goals in 62 League games before moving to Tottenham Hotspur for £1.75m in June 1992. He overcame a series of injury problems to feature in their 1999 League Cup final triumph and gained 30 England caps prior to joining Birmingham City in August 2004, then Wolves and AFC Bournemouth.

STEVE CLARIDGE



Much-travelled striker Steve Claridge was Portsmouth's 'Player of the Year' in two consecutive seasons. A former Pompey apprentice, he had spells with Fareham, AFC Bournemouth, Weymouth, Crystal Palace, Aldershot, Cambridge United, Luton Town, Birmingham City, Leicester City, Pompey on loan and Wolves before rejoining Pompey for £200,000 in August 1998. He was twice leading marksman and briefly player-manager, netting 36 goals in 114 League games overall prior to joining Millwall in March 2001. Later Weymouth's player-boss, he then appeared for several other clubs and has since been a football pundit.

LINVY PRIMUS

Central defender Linvoy Primus was 'Player of the Year' in Portsmouth's 2002-03 First Division title triumph. Initially with Charlton Athletic, he moved to Barnet in July 1994 and

was ever-present in 1996-97. He joined Reading for £400,000 in July 1997 and moved to Fratton Park on a Bosman transfer in August 2000. Starring as Pompey reached the FA Cup sixth round in 2003-04, he missed just two matches in the top-flight in 2006-07 and netted five goals in 198 League games until injury ended his career in May 2009. He has since worked in Pompey's community scheme and raised funds for the Faith and Football charity.

DAVID JAMES

England international goalkeeper David James was 'Player of the Year' for the second consecutive season as Portsmouth won the FA Cup in 2008. Initially with Watford, he was ever-present in 1990-91. He joined Liverpool in June 1992 and



featured in their 1995 League Cup final success, moving to Aston Villa in June 1999. An FA Cup finalist in 2000, he moved via West Ham and Manchester City to Fratton Park in August 2006. He was ever-present in 2006-07 and captained Portsmouth in the 2010 FA Cup final, playing 134 Premier League games before joining Bristol City in July 2010. He then appeared for AFC Bournemouth.

TOWN 0 : COVENTRY 3

SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 9,670 | AWAY: 1,067

COVENTRY GOALS: McNulty 17, Shipley 90+, Nazon 90+

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, CUTHBERT ©, MULLINS (MPANZU 58), POTTS, REA, O'LEE, BERRY, CORNICK (SHINNIE 74), COLLINS (E LEE 80), HYLTON. | SUBS NOT USED: JUSTIN, GAMBIN, D'ATH, SHEA (GK)
YELLOW CARDS: HYLTON, O'LEE, CUTHBERT | **RED CARDS:** REA

COVENTRY: BURGE, GRIMMER, WILLIS, MCDONALD, KELLY, VINCENTI (BIAMOU 81), DOYLE (C), MCNULTY, JONES (SHIPLEY 90), HAYNES, PONTICELLI (NAZON 81). | SUBS NOT USED: STOKES, DAVIES, O'BRIEN (GK), MAYCOCK | **YELLOW CARDS:** MCNULTY



THE MAIN MINUTES

14' The Hatters get away with one as Marek Stech's half clearance only reaches Liam Kelly in the centre of the park and his first-time 40-yarder hits the crossbar. Very close from the former Leyton Orient midfielder.

17' GOAL to Coventry. Mark McNulty meets Jodi Jones' left-wing cross to head past Stech. 0-1

60' CLOSE! Town counter through Harry Cornick, who gets it to substitute Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, before Olly Lee sets Danny Hylton through. The striker takes a touch away from goal before shooting, but Lee Burge does well to get down to make the save!

78' It should be level. Second sub Andrew Shinnie hammers a superbly taken volley from eight yards straight at Burge,

before the ball is put back into the box by Jack Stacey, Hylton takes it down with a brilliant touch but he scuffs his shot and the Coventry keeper scoops the ball up in relief!

90+1' RED CARD: Glen Rea is sent off as he brings down McNulty after the Sky Blues forward was put through on goal. The visitors have a free-kick right on the edge of the Town area.

90+2' GOAL to Coventry. Sub Jordan Shipley curls the ball into the top left corner from the free-kick in emphatic style. 0-2

90+6' GOAL to Coventry. Duckens Nazon's effort from inside the box deflects up off Dan Potts and past Stech and into the back of the net. 0-3 #COYH



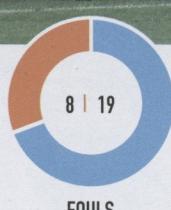
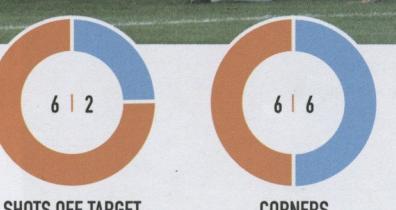
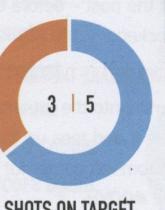
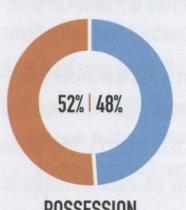
JONES:

"I am disappointed. Credit to Coventry, they defended, they had a game plan. The game lacked a real flow to it and we were trying to create that, but we couldn't.

"They got a goal early on out of nothing, but they defended resolutely. We know they have got the best defensive record and we tested it. Their keeper has made some good saves, we have missed chances and I am disappointed.

"We have been on a good run so far this season and this month, it's just disappointing to finish the month with just one point from the last two games.

"We knew the first goal would be vital. They came here, defended well and hit us on the counter attack in the second half. First half we have given them that goal, we have switched off a little bit from the cross and that set the tone really."



AFC WIMBLEDON 1 : TOWN 2

TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER | CHECKATRADE TROPHY SOUTHERN GROUP F
THE CHERRY RED RECORDS STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 581 | AWAY: 98

TOWN GOALS: SHINNIE 12, 73 | **WIMBLEDON GOAL:** TAYLOR 14

HATTERS: SHEA, JUSTIN, MUSONDA, REA, FAMEWO, SENIOR, MPANZU, D'ATH, SHINNIE (BERRY 80), GAMBIN, E LEE (JARVIS 83). | SUBS NOT USED: POTTS, O LEE, SHEEHAN, RICHARDSON, ISTERD (GK)
YELLOW CARDS: D'ATH

WIMBLEDON: McDONNELL, OSHILAJA, ROBINSON ©, MEADES (EGAN 74), SIBBICK, KENNEDY, ABDOU, HARTIGAN, FORRESTER (BARCHAM 62), TAYLOR (KAJA 41), McDONALD. | SUBS NOT USED: TZANEV (GK), FRANCOMB, SOARES, KALAMBAYI. | **YELLOW CARDS:** MEADES



Andrew Shinnie nets the opener



THE MAIN MINUTES

12' **TOWN OPEN THE SCORING!** Good link up on the left between Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Jack Senior sees Andrew Shinnie get the ball inside the Dons' box, he does a step over before hammering it in from close range – a classy finish! **0-1** #COYH

14' **GOAL for Wimbledon.** The hosts immediately reply as Lyle Taylor curls it into the bottom right corner from inside the box, beating ex-Wimbledon keeper James Shea in the net for the Hatters. **1-1**

40' The Dons go close to taking the lead – they win a corner on the far side, Paul Robinson meets it well, but he glances it wide.

59' Lovely counter from a Dons corner – Elliot Lee bursts forward, doing well to get past a Wimbledon player before he gets it to Pelly, who plays a one-two with Gambin, before getting a low cross in but it's just behind Shinnie, who would have had a tap in.

65' **SHINNIE HITS THE POST!** The Scot collects the ball from Lee after a patient build-up involving captain Glen Rea, Frankie Musonda and Akin Famewo, but his rocket of an effort cannons back off the post – before Gambin has a follow-up shot blocked.

73' **TOWN RETAKE THE LEAD!** Lee turns his defender and bursts into the area before crossing, Gambin gets it and tees up Shinnie, who curls it into the bottom left corner for his second of the game! **1-2** #COYH



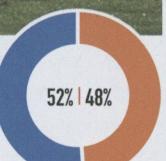
JONES:

"It took a bit of time to get to grips with them, they're very strong in terms of what they do and their top front man, they played up to him.

"So it was a good test for our two young centre-halves. We had to change early on to give them a bit of a hand to get to grips with the game. Once we did that I thought it was a real good game.

"Credit to Wimbledon – they wanted to top the group, we wanted to top the group and I thought it was an excellent game.

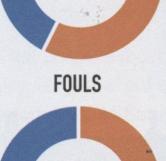
"It was competitive and I am really, really pleased because I thought the first half was a really even contest, but second half I thought we were excellent, I really did. We had a couple of opportunities as well to score again."



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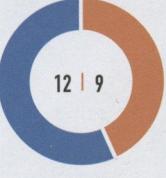
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[ANDREW SHINNIE ON COVENTRY CITY & AFC WIMBLEDON]

SHINS IS GLAD TO BE BACK IN THE GAME... AND GOALS!

Midfielder Andrew Shinnie could certainly take the positives from last Saturday's disappointing home defeat to Coventry, after making a lively return from injury as a second-half substitute and almost triggering a comeback in the closing stages.

The Scot had initially injured his ankle in the 2-2 draw at Mansfield in August, then suffered a recurrence early in the home win over Chesterfield on 23rd September.

His arrival last week as a replacement for Harry Cornick in the 74th minute brought an end to five weeks of frustration on the sidelines for the Birmingham loanee – and he could have brought the scores level within moments of his arrival with a well-struck volley saved by City stopper Lee Burge's legs.

"It has been really frustrating, but I had to do it for my ankle because if I kept coming back too soon it was probably going to keep happening, so I had to just take a few weeks off to strengthen it up," said the 28-year-old.

"I've been watching the boys and they were doing the business, so it's been a happy camp. I've not been

down or anything. With the boys around me it's been good fun but obviously frustrating on a Saturday afternoon.

"Now I'm back though and I enjoyed it out there. Obviously we got beat, but I enjoyed playing again with the boys and I'm looking forward to the next few games."

He certainly took that literally on Tuesday night in his next outing, netting both goals in the Checkatrade Trophy win at AFC Wimbledon to open his account for the club.

Speaking after the game at the Cherry Red Records Stadium, he said: "I want to add more goals to my game. When I'm playing regularly it's a part of my game I feel I can do a lot better in, and hopefully that's kick-started it tonight.

"I get chances most games when I play, it's just about taking them. I was unfortunate on Saturday that I caught



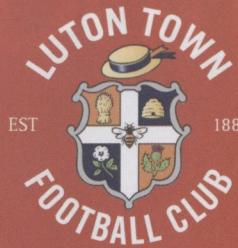
one really well and the goalie saved it. If that had gone in we maybe could have won the game.

"I want to score and contribute to the team, help the team win games, so I was just glad to do that tonight."

He also explained his goal celebration. "It's just off FIFA," laughed the midfielder. "Me and Olly Lee were playing a lot at the weekend and we can't master the celebration – every time one of us scored, that was the only celebration we could do.

"So we had a little personal joke that if I scored tonight, I would do that. I'm probably going to look stupid when we watch it back, but it was enjoyable."





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STORY OF THE MATCH

The Hatters youth team were knocked out in the first round of the FA Youth Cup earlier on this week as Inigo Idiakiez's side fell to a 2-1 defeat to Stevenage at Kenilworth Road.

The visitors took the lead through defender Ben Wilmot as he headed past Tiernan Parker at the back stick from a corner on the far side after six minutes. They doubled their lead four minutes after the restart when the lively Andronicos

Georgiou curled home from 20 yards in fine style after he pounced on a loose ball in the Hatters' half.

Substitute Michael Shamalo got on the score-sheet in the 91st minute for the Hatters as he curled an effort past Nathan Harness into the bottom right corner, but it proved to be nothing more than a consolation goal as the Town crashed out of the competition.



LUTON TOWN UNDER-18s 2017-18

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NEXT YOUTH TEAM FIXTURES

Saturday 11 November: Gillingham (Home), 11am Ely Way. Saturday 18 November: Stevenage (Away), 11am
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YOUTH PROFILE: JACK JAMES

AGE: 17 | BIRTHPLACE: BEDFORD | POSITION: RIGHT-BACK

Year you joined the Hatters?

2014

Describe your playing style in three words:

Athletic, strong, composed

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

Crossing

Your most talented team-mate?

Joe Mead

Which first team player do you look up to?

James Justin

Favourite music artist?

Marvin Gaye

Favourite food?

Chicken

Biggest influence on your career?

My family

Player you used to pretend to be as a kid?

Wayne Rooney

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

I hope to be a professional footballer, hopefully playing in the Premier League!



JAMES JUSTIN'S TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

I usually travel in on my own because I live so close. It takes me less than ten minutes every day so it's alright.

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

Frankie Musonda and Kavan Cotter. Kav's always leaving bottles around and Frankie's the same, it's so annoying sitting next to them!

Who do you room with?

I usually room with Pelly, but this season we have only roomed with each other twice because I was away with England and then he got suspended. Other than that I have roomed with Luke Berry. Pelly's my room-mate though, he's not actually that noisy! We listen to the same kind of music so we get on quite well.

Most annoying on away trips?

It's a given – Hylts and Mulls. They're always acting up, always banging on doors. Really annoying!

Who is the best trainer?

Olly Lee is definitely up there. Collo is also a good trainer, so I would say one of those two.

Who is the worst trainer?

Glen has his days. But he has been alright this year to be fair. Pelly can sometimes have a bad day, but I'd go with Glen.

Strongest in the gym?

It would be Pelly, but he doesn't touch the gym! Josh McQuoid is probably strongest in the gym. A couple of the big boys as well, like Stechy and Scott Cuthbert.

Quickest feet?

Gambo. All day. You don't want to get caught up in a twist by him. Cookie is up there too.

Nutmeg king?

A lot of people have said Olly Lee, but I would say Cookie. In games, it's Hyts when he gets to the by-line, every time he just sells the defender a dream!

Biggest moaner?

100 per cent Collo – closely followed by all the older lads!

Gaffer's pet?

Hylts or Glen.

Best taste in music?

Pelly, that's why he's the DJ I guess.

Worst taste in music?

Sheez is up there. When we went away for Morecambe, he was on the speaker. That didn't get us up for the game! He had old songs that I wouldn't really know – Oasis type of music.

Best initiation song?

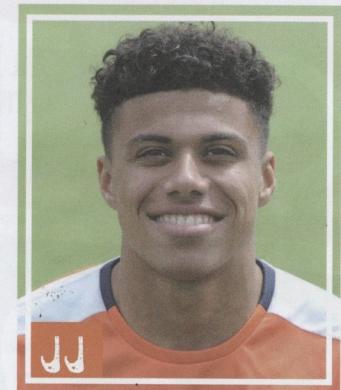
Macca has to be up there, I can't remember what he sung though. (It was Wild Rover, JJ – Ed)

Worst initiation song?

Shinnie. Oh my god. I have got it on video. It is absolutely horrendous. Lawson is up there for last year, he just pauses. Not in tune, not in rhythm. Horrendous.

Best dressed?

Cookie, with Shins close behind.



Worst dressed?

Glen Rea and Aaron Jarvis are up there. Jarvo wears rascal gear and is never colour coordinated.

Who spends longest in front of the mirror?

Pottsy. I don't know if he thinks it, but he is a pretty good-looking lad. He probably does!

Most intelligent?

Pottsy is quite intelligent. Macca and Scotty have got a bit as well.

Best banter?

Pelly, Gambo and Glen when they are together...those three for me.

Most likely to be a manager?

Macca I would say. He is doing his coaching badges at the moment and he seems like he would control a changing room.

Predict your player of the year?

Stechy.

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

Afternoon Hatters fans – it's great to be here for a proper first round Emirates FA Cup game.

It's great from my perspective to again be involved in the FA Cup, the oldest cup competition in the world and something us as staff and players look forward to every year as these games tend to be a different challenge and are always entertaining, as highlighted by our second round tie here last year against Solihull Moors.

Today's game follows on from Tuesday night's Checkatrade Trophy trip to AFC Wimbledon which saw us win our final game in the group stages and top the group, meaning we progress to the next round with the added benefit of a second round home draw.

As the gaffer mentioned in his post-match press conference on Tuesday, it's again great to see us surpassing our achievements of last season in which we finished second in the group to a League One team, this season progressing from the group top after beating AFC Wimbledon.

With ten changes made from Saturday (Glen Rea being the only remaining starter given his suspension for today), it was great for those lads to get a good competitive run out.

I was buzzing for Shins to get his two goals as he has worked hard in his rehab and his integration back into training. He's been a pleasure to work with.

For those of you who were wondering what his goal celebration was about – this is his online celebration on FIFA 18 when he beats Olly Lee, who is apparently a bit of a whipping boy on the game!

Focusing back on real football, the Checkatrade games are a real benefit from my point of view as it gives us a chance to give the lads who aren't currently playing the opportunity to get some valuable match competitive minutes under their belt.

The beneficial physical gains from such games is coupled with the way that we meticulously plan training so that our non-starters are constantly receiving top-up sessions targeting fitness and conditioning.

This then ensures when they are selected by the manager that they go into the team flying, and that they themselves get the best opportunity to display what they can do and why they deserve to be in the team.

We have a big number of players and it isn't always easy, but we have a great group of lads who really buy into what we are trying to achieve and although sometimes disappointed and frustrated, they understand why and what they have to do and crack on really well with the physical work. This is a contributing factor in games like Tuesday where we are then able to go on to perform, outwork and beat a strong League One team.

It would be easy to see the Coventry game last time out at Kenilworth Road as an overshadowing factor for October, but it was a great month both on and off the pitch.

Although a disappointing result, it was a month which saw us top the table after playing some tough games against teams we expect to be up and around it at the end of the season, and we are well on track to achieve our target of promotion this season.

There has been a real feel-good factor around the place and the training ground is a joy to come into every day. The lads are in strong spirits and along with a lot of hard work, this entails a lot of banter and laughs around The Brache (usually at the expense of Johnny Mulls and Glen Rea!).

Enjoy today's game and see you all at Cheltenham.

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[KEVIN HARPER]

TOWN TRAVELLERS

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

“Crawley is another place I hate going to and a wet and windy day did nothing for my enthusiasm.... until I remembered we were going there top of the league!

On a really horrible day and a pitch which wasn't conducive to any sort of decent football let alone the version we like to play, the game had an air of 0-0 about it from a pretty early stage.

In a game devoid of chances we probably had the best one when Glen Rea forced a good save from the

keeper, while Elliot Lee hit the post late on. After a fantastic week prior to the game, a draw wasn't the end of the world especially with results going our way which ensured we were still top heading back to Bedfordshire.

Not a game that will live long in the memory or take up too much time in the end of season highlights DVD, but it might turn out to be a decent point down the line. ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN – AND FORMER PLAYER – ANDY BURGESS!

How long have you supported Luton?

I was born in 1981 so ever since then!

What got you into supporting Luton?

My family. My late grandparents were season ticket holders all their lives, my cousin and best mate James has been a season ticket holder all his life, and my family were all born and raised in the town.

Where did you use to sit/stand at Kenilworth Road?

I was a 'schoolboy' from when I was 11-15 so I used to get tickets at the back of the Main Stand.

When you get to Luton games now who do you go with?

My son, Max.

What was the first Luton game you went to?

QPR at home on the plastic with my dad.

Who is your all-time favourite Luton player?

Tough one. Mick Harford I think is this club's ultimate icon.



ANDY WITH SON MAX

Kenilworth Road with my name on my back and my grandparents in the stand watching me do that meant I had realised my dream.

What was your biggest memory from your time as a Luton player?

Walking through the home dressing door at Kenilworth Road for the first time and seeing my shirt hanging on the wall.

Which 5 past or present LTFC connections would you invite to a dinner party?

Eric Morecambe and Simon Parsell, both for entertainment value. Simon Pitts to settle any statistical debates, and my Grandma and Grandpa to hear all their memories of supporting Luton Town all their lives.

What does LTFC mean to you?

It's been a huge part of my life. It was everything to me growing up and it's given me so many special memories.

Describe LTFC in 3 words...

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PICTURE THE PAST

CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...



Mick Harford thunders in a header past Portsmouth goalkeeper Alan Knight to put the Town 3-1 up during the FA Cup quarter-final tie at Kenilworth Road in 1988

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A LOOK BACK AT THE HATTERS' PREVIOUS FOUR FA CUP CLASHES WITH PORTSMOUTH

Today will be only the fourth time we have been paired in the FA Cup with the boys from Hampshire in our long histories with the Hatters coming out on top in all our previous clashes, writes club historian, ROGER WASH.

1921/22

In season 1921/22 the Town were drawn to play at Fratton Park in a first round tie. We had already drawn there in a League clash earlier in the campaign as well as winning at Kenilworth Road, so were quietly confident of a result despite several players still suffering following an influenza epidemic that had swept through the club.

Pompey were missing two influential players in future Hatter Ralph Hoten and Bill Probert, but that did not seem to put off supporters as a crowd of 22,437 still turned up on a murky day – the best of the season at that point.

From the start, the match was evenly contested with Luton winger and dangerman Louis Bookman well held by Arthur Knight, while at the other end John Foster and Jimmy Walker controlled the Luton defence.

In the 37th minute Hatters centre-forward Ernie Simms switched play to the other wing, where Ted Bassett cut inside and fired a fierce shot in off a post. The lead lasted until 68 minutes, when Frank Stringfellow

took advantage of a free-kick deflected into his path by Luton's Alf Tirrell to net from close range.

The game finished all-square, so it was back to Luton four days later for an afternoon replay. Kenilworth Road was mostly open to the elements in those days but a hailstorm 30 minutes from the start did not deter the crowd, which was a healthy 10,480.

Sid Hoar replaced the out of sorts Bookman in the Luton side, while Hoten was fit to return for Pompey in a match that was evenly placed and made even more of a leveller when another storm mid-way through the first half turned the pitch into a quagmire.

The closest that either side came to a goal in the first half was a shot from Simms which was pushed on to





Wally Shanks goes for the ball with Pompey's Jimmy Dickinson during the FA Cup clash at Kenilworth Road in 1951



the bar just before the interval, but the game opened up in the second period, leading to Harry Higginbotham firing home for the Hatters on the hour mark after being set up by Simms.

THE PITCH HELPED THEM TO ACHIEVE THEIR AIM.

Five minutes later Knight fouled the Town's George Butcher in the area, with Hoar making no mistake from the spot. Pompey gained a

consolation through Stringfellow in the last minute, but the Town were now through to face Aston Villa at Villa Park in the next round, where they went down 1-0 but pulled in a fair amount of money from a crowd of 53,832.

Luton Town: Bailey, Lennon, Tirrell, Foster, Walker, Roe, Bassett, Higginbotham, Simms, Butcher, Bookman.

Portsmouth: Robson, Knight, Abbott, Wilson, Brown, Martin, Blyth, Stringfellow, Cherrett, Watson, Beedie.

(In the replay Hoar replaced Bookman in the Luton side while for Portsmouth Hoten came in for Watson with Harwood replacing Bowen).

1950/51

Our next meeting was in 1950/51 against a Pompey side who had won the League championship in each of the previous two seasons, and were at the peak of their powers with a settled side that had played together, virtually unchanged, since the end of the War.

They were expected to make short work of the Division Two (now Championship)*Hatters, but the Luton supporters felt that Portsmouth's perceived over-confidence would be punished by a side that was enjoying a mini-revival in fortune in the League.



A different view, to that shown on page 44, of Mick Harford heading home the Town's third goal during the FA Cup quarter-final tie at Kenilworth Road in 1988

The day of the game opened with rain falling which made the notorious Kenilworth Road pitch heavier than normal.

The rain probably kept the attendance down, but even so the crowd of 21,631 was comfortably the best of the season at that stage.

The Town's game plan was to get stuck into their aristocratic opponents and not to let them settle into playing their clever football. The pitch helped them achieve their aim as Pompey got bogged down in midfield with the Town players swarming all over them.

The goal the Hatters deserved for their hard work came after 25

minutes when Willie Davie latched on to a clever through pass from George Stobbs to smash the ball past Maurice Leather in the Portsmouth goal.

Portsmouth tried to get back in the game but their danger man, centre-forward Duggie Reid, was well held by Luton skipper Syd Owen, who enjoyed an immaculate display in front of an England selector in the stand.

As well as Owen in defence, Bernard Streten in goal and full-backs Bud Aherne and Billy Cooke, who played with a plaster cast on his arm, kept the Pompey forwards at arm's length.

The second, and clinching goal, came shortly after half-time with this time winger Alec Glover the provider, crossing to give South African Willie Havenga, another player turning out in a plaster cast, a straightforward chance.

Luton Town: Streten, Cooke, Aherne, Morton, Owen, Watkins, Glover, Shanks, Stobbs, Davie, Havenga.

Portsmouth: Leather, Stephen, Rookes, Scoular, Flewin, Dickinson, Harris, Ryder, Reid, Phillips, Frogatt.





Danny Wilson shows his delight after firing the Hatters into an early lead against Portsmouth during the FA Cup quarter-final tie at Kenilworth Road in 1988



1987/88

The final clash took place during our glorious season of 1987/88 when we were advancing towards Wembley on three fronts, as well as doing well in Division One (now the Premier League).

We had moved past Hartlepool, Southampton and QPR to reach the quarter-finals of the FA Cup for the third time in four years where we were to meet Pompey, also of Division One, at Kenilworth Road.

The crowd of 12,857 had hardly settled in their seats before Danny

Wilson cut in from the wing after picking up a Mick Harford headed pass to hammer a shot past Alan Knight in the Portsmouth goal. The lead was doubled after 22 minutes when Mark Stein latched on to another Harford flicked header before firing home. The game looked over, but Pompey gained a lifeline soon after when the seemingly offside Terry Connor raced down the wing before putting in a cross that was turned in by Mick Quinn.

Pompey made life more difficult for themselves straight after the

break when Quinn was dismissed for elbowing Luton skipper Steve Foster, but it was not until two minutes from time that the game was made truly safe and fully reflect the Town's superiority when Harford rose majestically at the far post to head home a pin-point Tim Breacker cross.

Luton Town: Sealey, Breacker, Grimes, McDonough, Foster, Donaghy, Wilson, Johnson, Harford, Mark Stein, Allinson.

Portsmouth: Knight, Gilbert, Hardyman (Mariner), Dillon, Blake, Ball, Horne, Fillery, Quinn, Connor, Hilaire.

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CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...



Happy Hatters await the start of the FA Cup clash with Portsmouth at Kenilworth Road in 1951

LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

October half-term week turned out again to be the Trust's busiest week of the year with lots of player visits on our soccer camps, and over 60 development fixtures for our young recruited players as well as our first organised fixtures of the season for our Girls PDC and the trip down to Arsenal FC for an U16 KICKS tournament.

SOCER CAMP PLAYER VISITS

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Last week the first team were out in force at our soccer camps handing out medals and coaching tips to over 300 soccer crazy youngsters all over Luton and Bedfordshire.

The visits make such a difference to all our young fans and even though lots turn up predictably in Premier League club strips, it's only through this 'real' contact with the club that we can show the next generation of football fans that we are their local club and worth supporting.



Thanks to Harry Cornick, Jack Stacey, Danny Hylton, Luke Berry and young pros Kavan Cotter and Aaron Jarvis for doing the honours.

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Our Kicks projects is now in its second year and aims to use football as a hook to engage and target young people in an attempt to divert them away from crime and anti-social behaviour, by providing training and employment and volunteering opportunities.

In the longer term it all leads to improved health and self-esteem where boys can feel safer through improving cohesion by bringing different communities together.

Last week we travelled down to our pals from Arsenal FC to play in the first U16 KICKS tournament of the season

with Southend, Stevenage and Crystal Palace making up a competitive five-ball.

We took two teams made up from boys from both Lewsey Farm and Marsh Farm and it ended up in an all-Luton Final.

Hatters Trust Community Operations Officer Daniel Douglas commented: "Kicks is a fantastic project that encourages young people of all ages and abilities to come together and enjoy football. We are using the games as rewards for the boys who attend and behave."



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FOOTBALL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Like many other EFL Clubs, our fully integrated youth player development structure at the club is run by the Community Trust. It starts with players as young as four-years-old who simply 'pay and play' each week, through to our Skills Performance Centres Talent Identification Coaching Programme for boys up to 16 years of age who train on our 10-week coaching programme. In total over 20 of these centres run all year round through our development programme.

All of the boys, together with recruited boys, continue their journey for an academy place at our Centre of Excellence Centres in Luton, Dunstable, Kempston and Arlesey, which have over 300 boys in whom we see long-term development potential, with a further 140 boys signed at our Luton Pre-Academy level for boys with shorter term potential.

An important part of the process is the games programme and during half-term we played as far afield as Walsall and Ipswich while hosting Wycombe, Cambridge and Northampton.



GIRLS' PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FIXTURES V BRENTFORD FC AND SWINDON FC

Probably the highlight of the October half-term week was the Girls' PDC fixtures of the season against Brentford and Swindon, who all made the journey to Creasey Park in Dunstable. With four combined age groups from U8/9 to U15/16, it was a real festival of football and a mark of how far our girls' football project has come.



Nicole Robinson, Hatters Girls' Football Development Officer, said: "The games were fantastic and closely fought. Overall it was a great day and wonderful atmosphere at the games with fantastic enthusiasm from everyone involved. A fantastic first round of fixtures, with more to come during the season."



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HATTERSLADIES

TOWN LOSE OUT TO MK DONS AFTER DISAPPOINTING FIRST HALF

After losing 2-1 to the Dons a month ago in the 96th minute to a very controversial back pass, the Hatters Ladies were looking for pay back on their travels last Sunday.

Manager Nikki Baker made one change from the league cup win over Gillingham with striker Joanne Rutherford replacing Steph Gale.

It was the Town who had the first chance of the game after some clever footwork from Rutherford, but her shot was well saved. Shortly after, however, Dons went ahead when Abbie Roberts found Laura Mills and she found the roof of the net with her effort. The home side then should have doubled their lead, but Town stopper Angelika Kopec made a good save.

Zara Carroll then saw her free-kick from 30 yards just skim the post, and Rutherford's header should have found the net.

Laura Mills doubled the Dons' lead just before half-time with a similar goal to the first, this time a knock on from a goal-kick found its way through to Mills, who finished well.

In the second half, the Hatters came out determined to turn the game around won several corners, one of which was cleared off the line from Jess McKay.

The Town eventually did score within six minutes of the break, as some excellent combination play from Carroll, McKay and Rutherford saw Nicola Henman taken down in the box. Rutherford stepped up and converted the penalty well. The Hatters pushed for the equaliser and were very unlucky not to get it



through Henman's shot and then another scramble from a corner, which the Dons eventually cleared.

Some much better defending from the Town in the second half compared to the first limited the home side to shots from distance that were easily dealt with by Kopec.

Despite heavy pressure from the Hatters, the Dons' defence stood firm and saw the game out, meaning the Town ended their four-game winning streak.

After the game, Baker (pictured) said: "Today was immensely frustrating as we served them up two goals from our lack of defensive shape. After sorting it out in the second half we looked a lot better and were very unlucky not to get the equaliser.

"Unfortunately the damage was already done from the first half and we gave ourselves a mountain to climb."

Next up for the ladies is Enfield Town tomorrow at Stockwood Park Athletics Stadium, 2pm kick-off.

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
Wed Oct 18	Denham United	A W 5-1
Sun Oct 22	Gillingham (WPL Plate) (AET)	A W 4-3
Sun Oct 29	MK Dons	A L 1-2
Sun Nov 5	Enfield Town	H
Sun Nov 12	AFC Dunstable (FACR1)	A
Sun Nov 26	Norwich City	H
Sun Dec 10	Southampton Saints (LC)	H
Sun Jan 07	WFA Cup R2	
Sun Jan 14	Ipswich Town	H
Sun Jan 21	Woburn (County Cup)	A

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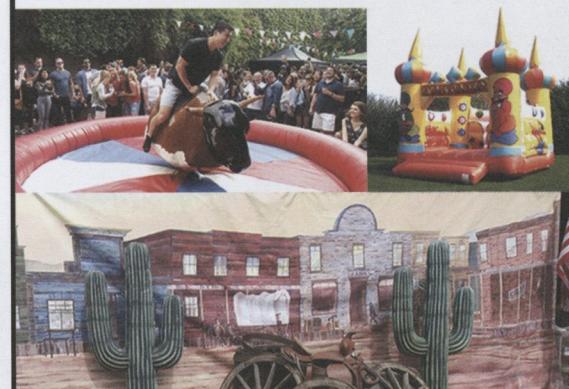
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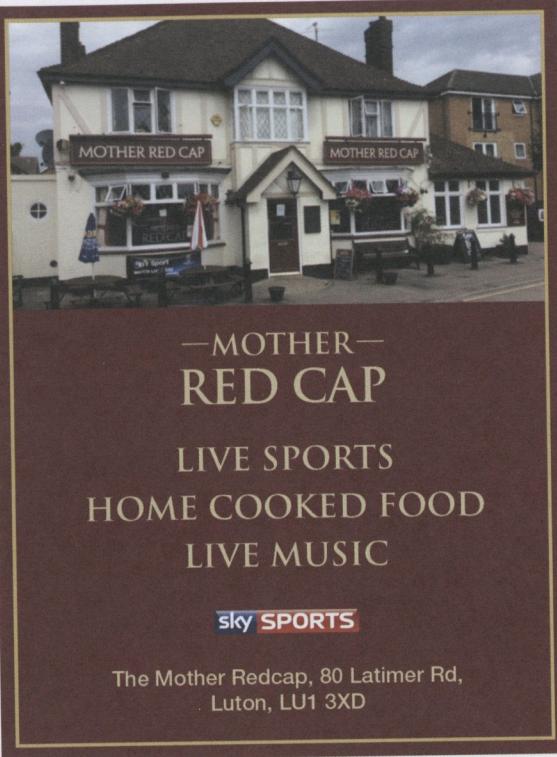
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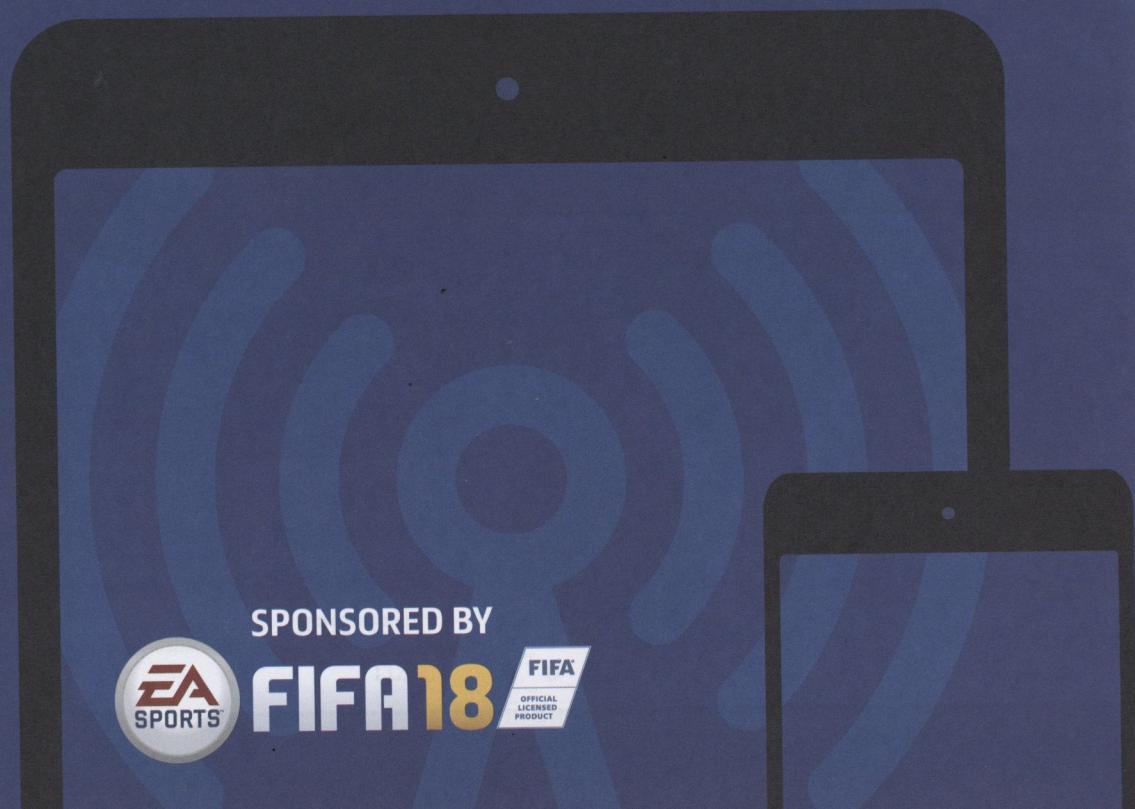

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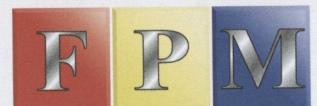
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LATE TACKLE

CHRIS DUNLAVY

The Ameobi brothers doubled up again on Saturday, with Shola netting for Notts County whilst younger brother Sammy bagged for Bolton.

It is the second time in three weeks the former Newcastle duo have scored on the same weekend.

What's more, the Ameobi dynasty has a third brother – Tomi – currently plying his trade for Edmonton in the NASL. Sadly, he wasn't on the pitch last weekend. Yet impressive as the Ameobi's family's sporting prowess is, we still reckon they'd lose to this lot...

The Sodjes – Efe, Akpo, Sam, Onome, Steve

People joke that big families should field their own five-a-side team. The Sodjes could – and, on summer get-togethers, often did – field two.

Of the ten siblings, Efe, Akpo, Sam and Onome were all professional footballers. Defender Sam played for Reading in the Premier League whilst Efe, a centre-back, represented Nigeria in the 2002 World Cup.

A fifth brother – Steve – played in Non-League for the likes of Welling and Tonbridge whilst a cousin, Bright, was a dual-rugby player renowned for his try-scoring who turned out for Wakefield Wildcats, Hull KR and Sheffield Eagles.

The Clarkes – Frank, Allan, Derek, Kelvin, Wayne

From 1961 to 1995, the professional game was never without at least one member of the Clarke family. In fact, between 1977 and 1978, all FIVE of them played in what is now the EFL!

Of the doyen, there is no doubt – second-eldest Allan formed a deadly double act with Mick Jones at Leeds in the 1970s, scoring 151 goals and powering Don Revie's Lilywhites to the First Division title in 1974. But the rest were no also-rans. Eldest Frank netted 150 times for the likes of Ipswich and Shrewsbury, Derek was an Oxford United legend whilst youngest Wayne won three promotions and a First Division title with Everton in 1987. Sadly, a career-ending injury at 21 meant Kelvin never hit the same heights. Curiously, all but Frank turned out for Walsall at some stage.

The Shanklys – Alec, Bill, Jimmy, John, Bob

Liverpool legend Bill once claimed that when he and his five brothers were at their peak, they would have beaten any five brothers in the world. Which, given the statistically slim chances of five professional brothers all playing at the same time, is probably true.

Bill, of course, was a Preston great, playing 339 times in the famous side of Tom Finney before leading Liverpool to greatness as a manager.

Bill Shankly



Elder brother Alec played for Ayr, Jimmy played for seven clubs (including both Portsmouth and Southampton) while John counted Luton and Blackpool among his many stops.

And whilst youngest brother Bob pulled up few trees on the pitch, his career in the dugout saw him lead Dundee to a Scottish title (their first and only to date) and a European Cup semi-final.

With five Shankly sisters also kicking about, just imagine if women's football had thrived in the fifties!

FIXTURES PILE-UP

WHO, WHEN AND WHERE THE HATTERS ARE PLAYING THIS SEASON

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

DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI	SUBS										
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	Mpanzu	Shinnie	▲	COLLINS 3	♦ VASSELL 2
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Ipswich Town (Cup 1)	L 0-2	4,610	794	-	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	Collins	E. Lee
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 0-1	3,555	2,109	8	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	Collins	Vassell
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)	D 2-2*	2,699	404	-	Shea	Justin	Mullins	Famewo	Senior	Bakinson	Cook	GAMBIN 1	Cornick	▲	Hyton	• E. Lee
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	W 3-0	7,865	445	3	Stech	Stacey	Rea	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. LEE 1	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	COLLINS 1	• HYLTON 1
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	4,665	987	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	COLLINS 1	• HYLTON 1
SEPTEMBER																			
Sat 2	3.00pm	A	Lincoln City	D 0-0	9,332	1,268	6	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	• Rea	Mpanzu	Berry	♦	Collins	• Hyton
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Swindon Town	L 0-3	8,455	832	13	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	Collins	• Hyton
Tue 12	7.45pm	H	Port Vale	W 2-0	7,046	136	9	Stech	STACEY 1	Rea	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	Berry	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	Collins	• Hyton
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Wycombe Wanderers	W 2-1	5,512	1,459	4	Stech	Stacey	Rea	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack	Berry	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	COLLINS 1	• Hyton
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Chesterfield	W 1-0	7,575	310	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Gambin	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	Collins	• Hyton
Tue 26	7.45pm	A	Morecambe	D 0-0	1,354	326	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Gambin	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	Collins	• Hyton
Sat 30	3.00pm	H	Newport County AFC	W 3-1	7,681	296	5	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Gambin	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	COLLINS 1	• HYLTON 1
OCTOBER																			
Tue 3	7.45pm	H	Barnet (Trophy)	D 1-1**	1,530	68	-	Shea	Justin	Mullins	Famewo	Senior	Jarvis	Cook	Mpanzu	D'Ath	•	E. LEE 1	♦ Berry
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Accrington Stanley	W 2-0	2,193	587	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. LEE	Mpanzu	Berry	♦	Collins	• Hyton
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Stevenage	W 7-1	9,208	595	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Mullins	JUSTIN 1	Rea	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	Collins	• Hyton
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Exeter City	W 4-1	4,209	353	1	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	POTS 1	Rea	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	COLLINS 1	• Hyton
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	D 0-0	3,494	1,642	1	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea	O. Lee	Mpanzu	Shinnie	♦	Collins	• Hyton
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Coventry City	L 0-3	9,670	1,067	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Mullins	Potts	Rea	■ O. Lee	Mpanzu	D'Ath	•	HYTON 1	• Hyton
Tue 31	7.45pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Trophy)	W 2-1	581	98	-	Shea	Justin	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	E. Lee	Shinnie	Mpanzu	D'Ath	•	E. LEE 1	♦ Berry
NOVEMBER																			
Sat 4	3.00	H	Portsmouth (FACR1)																
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																
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Mon 2	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town																
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Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United																
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers																
MAY																			
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County																



LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

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

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1	Notts County	16	10	3	3	28	16	12	33
2	Accrington Stanley	16	10	2	4	30	19	11	32
3	LUTON TOWN	16	9	4	3	34	15	19	31
4	Exeter City	16	9	3	4	23	18	5	30
5	Swindon Town	16	9	1	6	24	18	6	28
6	Coventry City	16	8	3	5	17	8	9	27
7	Wycombe Wanderers	16	7	6	3	31	25	6	27
8	Newport County AFC	16	7	4	5	23	18	5	25
9	Lincoln City	16	6	6	4	16	14	2	24
10	Cambridge United	16	7	3	6	16	10	2	24
11	Stevenage	16	7	3	6	24	27	-3	24
12	Grimsby Town	16	6	5	5	19	21	-2	23
13	Colchester United	16	6	4	6	23	21	2	22
14	Mansfield Town	16	5	7	4	22	21	1	22
15	Cheltenham Town	16	6	3	7	23	23	0	21
16	Carlisle United	16	5	5	6	22	23	-1	20
17	Yeovil Town	16	5	4	7	24	29	-5	19
18	Crewe Alexandra	16	5	2	9	16	25	-9	17
19	Crawley Town	16	4	4	8	12	16	-4	16
20	Forest Green Rovers	16	4	3	9	16	32	-16	15
21	Barnet	16	3	5	8	19	24	-5	14
22	Port Vale	16	4	2	10	16	23	-7	14
23	Morecambe	16	3	5	8	12	22	-10	14
24	Chesterfield	16	2	3	11	15	31	-16	9



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WITH **JUSTIN DEALEY** BBC THREE COUNTIES RADIO PRESENTER

In the last few months I've seen a town unite, a last-minute play-off exit and my team scoring seven and eight goals in two home games. There's never a dull moment at Luton Town and that's why I love them.

Recently I've seen a change in play on and off the pitch. On the pitch I'm now seeing a flavour of football far superior to last season. Some of the football against Stevenage in the second half was an absolute joy.

Off the pitch, I genuinely feel that Ken Ford from Capital and Regional and his opposition to a town centre football stadium has brought the people of Luton together in a way I have never seen or reported on before.

A town centre location for a football stadium would be different to some of the other soulless, bland new stadiums and would put the club at the very heart of the community.

I'm told the planning application feedback to Luton Borough Council was the biggest in UK planning history, and that tells you everything you need to know.

Following my car crash interview with Ken Ford in the summer, I experienced a passion for the club and town on an unprecedented scale. "You're a big lad," is how many people greet me following that painful listen.

The meeting with supporters, the council and MPs that followed made me feel proud to be associated with this club and town.

It wasn't boozed football fans looking for a ruck. It was people who were clearly proud of their town showing unity, intelligence and demonstrating why a football stadium at Power Court would benefit not only football fans, but a town as a whole.

The people of Luton know best – not a man/company in their London offices.

When the new stadium is built, this football club can really go places. The future for my future kids (who will be Luton fans) is very exciting.

I hope there is some news on it in the foreseeable future, but we've waited decades already – so what's a few months?

Back to this season and there will be highs and lows – we've had some already – but I've been encouraged by what I've seen. Marek Stech, in particular, has made my nerves a little better.

Come what may, automatic promotion is the only satisfactory end to this season, and the players I've spoken to agree.

When that happens – again it's your chance as fans to demonstrate to the local council how popular and loved this club is.

Enjoy today's game. It's a great tie between two proper football clubs and a clash between two sides with great cup history.

I'm old enough to remember coming to an FA Cup quarter-final tie against Pompey in 1988. The semi that followed... let's not go there.

A lot has certainly happened to both clubs since.

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TEAMS



MANAGER:
NATHAN JONES

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

MANAGER:
KENNY JACKETT

- 1 Luke McGee
- 2 Damien McCrory
- 3 Tareiq Holmes-Dennis
- 4 Danny Rose
- 5 Matt Clarke
- 6 Christian Burgess
- 7 Stuart O'Keefe
- 8 Brett Pitman
- 9 Oliver Hawkins
- 10 Milan Lalkovic
- 11 Matty Kennedy
- 14 Curtis Main
- 16 Jack Whatmough
- 17 Dion Donohue
- 18 Jamal Lowe
- 19 Conor Chaplin
- 20 Nathan Thompson
- 22 Kal Naismith
- 23 Kyle Bennett
- 25 Drew Talbot
- 26 Gareth Evans
- 30 Adam May
- 32 Christian Oxlade-Chamberlain
- 33 Ben Close
- 35 Alex Bass
- 38 Brandon Haunstrup



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IAN DUDLEY ROBERT MASSEY-ELLIS

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