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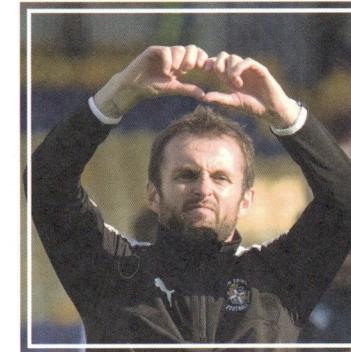
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[THE MANAGER'S NOTES]



NATHAN JONES

THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome to Kenilworth Road for today's Sky Bet League Two fixture against Cambridge United.

I extend a warm welcome to the visiting directors, officials, supporters, manager Shaun Derry, his staff and their players, who have made the short journey over from the Cambs Glass Stadium today, and wish them a safe trip back east this evening.

Cambridge provided the opposition for my first game in charge here in January 2016, and we had two very keenly contested games against them last season, so we know today will be another real test as we look to move back into the promotion places.

I'll start by saying how proud I was of the team for the outstanding form we showed in October, which enabled me to pick up the first manager of the month award of my career. It has my name on it, but it's an accolade for the whole staff who work tirelessly alongside me as we look to bring success back to this wonderful club.

It wasn't so much the curse of the award striking last Saturday, because we didn't lose the game at Cheltenham. It certainly felt like it though, having conceded in the 95th minute, but the draw extended our unbeaten run away from home to eight matches, and there were so many positives to take.

Of course, we were bitterly disappointed in the manner of losing two points at the end of an excellent away performance, and the margins are so fine that we went from first to fourth in the table in that instant.

But for 94 minutes, the players did everything I asked them to do apart from that one spell right at the end, where we didn't manage the game well enough – like against Stevenage and Blackpool last year – and we've got to learn from that.

Those are things that we've put into place and worked at now, so it's a learning curve for everyone and I have to say, we do usually see games out very well, as was the case against Portsmouth in the FA Cup last time we were here.

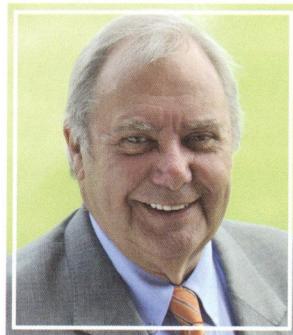
We've been in excellent form – winning two cup matches against League One sides before last Saturday – and have only lost once in our last 14 matches in all competitions, so we are in a good place right now.

Congratulations

Off the pitch, I would like to congratulate Gary Sweet on winning the League Two CEO of the Year award. I was fortunate enough to be invited along to the Football Business Awards a couple of weeks ago with Gary, and it's a sign of how far the club has come that his fine work off the pitch in trying to take the club and the town forward is recognised nationally.

Congratulations also to our vice-president Rob Stringer on his Music Industry Trusts Award for outstanding contribution to the music industry – and finally to Danny Hylton, who was on song throughout October with four goals in five games earning him the PFA player of the month award.

Back to today, let's get the old place rocking as it has been so often this season. Please get behind the lads, as you always do, and 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 Cambridge United. It's always good to catch up with Dave Doggett, Jez George and the rest of their management team. Over the years we have had many thrilling tussles with the U's, from grabbing victory from the jaws of defeat under Mick's leadership, or last gasp winners by Mark Cullen in our Championship season, to Richard Money's time in charge, it has been eventful in the extreme. But isn't that what keeps us coming, gets the heart racing and the blood pumping?

Let's hope that today's game is exciting, but perhaps not quite so stressful.

We had a great October, which culminated in our achieving self-imposed targets and, at times, playing some lovely football, which resulted in Nathan winning Manager of the Month. Congratulations to him and his coaching team – very well deserved. Let's hope this is the first of many.

Last Saturday's result at Cheltenham was hard to take, because we had handled their horrible, aerial long ball

game really well until the last minute of the game. It was like something out of the Land of the Giants and their cavalry charge after Elliot scored our second would have been comical if the result hadn't been so devastating. I normally console myself by thinking that a point away is always a good result, but not this time.

It was also good to see the development squad turn out at Barnet on Tuesday and win 1-0 in a competitive game with Jordan Cook scoring the goal. It is sometimes a worry that regular subs and fringe players don't get enough football, and these games and Checkatrade Trophy matches help to address that concern, as well as for players who have been out injured, as we saw with Alan McCormack playing for around an hour on his return from a hernia operation.

Off the field it has also been an active time. Due to a prior engagement I was sorry not to have been there when Gary Sweet collected his award at Tobacco Dock in London for winning League Two Chief Executive of the year for last year. Well done, Gary.



Of course, this recognition also reflects positively on the Club and the team helping him.

Also last week we were privileged to have a Luton Town table at the Music Industry Trust Awards. It was very generously arranged by the recipient of this year's award, Rob Stringer, Chief Executive of Sony Music Entertainment and one of the most powerful men in the music industry. Rob is an avid, life-long Town fan and although he lives in New York, he gets to as many games as he can. He made sure that the Club had many mentions throughout the evening and everyone was left in no doubt how much we mean to him.

The award has previously been won by such luminaries as Roger Daltrey, Simon Cowell, George Martin, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elton John and Jools Holland.

There were many tributes from his artists and friends and live music from Harry Styles, George Ezra, Camila Cabello and headlining ELO. It was a very special evening and as Rob (pictured with our group, left) himself said, it was one of those rare opportunities when our two worlds could collide.

Now to the business end of things. The planning process is grinding on. I know it seems interminable, but it is progressing and I'm sure Gary will have more news for you soon.

Isn't it wonderful, though, to see some of the perimeter fencing coming down at Power Court? The area, which has been derelict for decades is at last showing some early signs of life with 500 new car parking spaces created, as you can read about on page 13 of today's programme.

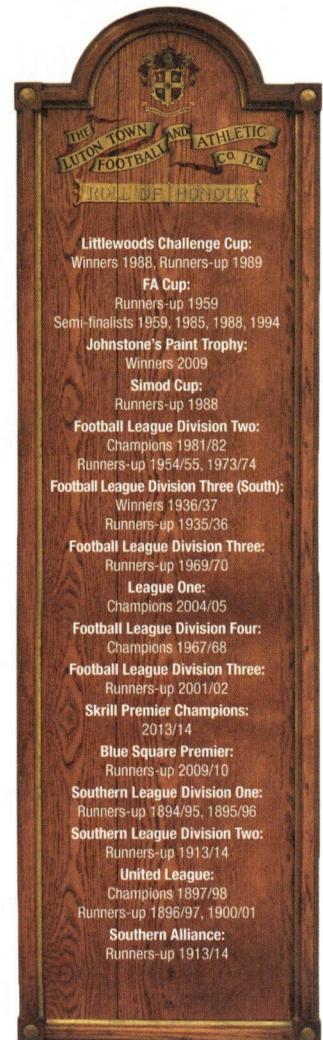
Security on the site has been a nightmare. Uninvited and unwelcome visitors and their caravans have regularly tried to gain access, as well as dumping hundreds of tonnes of rubbish, which has cost the Club and the Council significant amounts to clear.

This will be a temporary use of the facility until we can start to implement our long-term plans, but it is important that we make our assets and investments work, and we strongly encourage you to use them when you can. Every space that is used will help us finance the maintenance of the sites ready for development, when and if permission is received.

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[SCOTT CUTHBERT]

THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Good afternoon everybody and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for what is another big game in League Two, as we play Cambridge United.

Today is the designated matchday for our Players' Charity of the Year, Families United Network (FUN), who are having bucket collections around the ground.

They are a fantastic charity who work with children in Luton who live with additional needs and disabilities. Your donations will go a long way to helping them support those families who need a place to go and experience leisure opportunities, social activities and groups that so many of us without disabled children take for granted.

A few of us players were fortunate enough to meet some of the great kids they help and see first-hand the work the staff do at their base on Leagrave Road. It really was inspirational to see what goes on in the local community, so please give generously if you are able.

Today is the first of two home games in the space of four days – as we take on Carlisle United on Tuesday night – which provides us with a strong opportunity to get back to winning ways and continue to push for a place in the top three.

The manner of last week's draw at Cheltenham Town was obviously frustrating and something that as defenders we worked on dealing with throughout the week in the build-up to the game. I think though, after the feelings of disappointment have subsided a little, we will look at it as a good point.

Cheltenham have decent home form this season and we dealt with their threats very well for 94 minutes, but in future we need to ensure we see out games better than the way we did.

Cambridge pose a similar physical presence and although Uche Ikpeazu is suspended, he and Jabo Ibehre together have proved a real handful this season. I have played against Jabo many times throughout my time in England. He's a big lad and he has done well for the U's since he joined them in the summer, and I have no doubt he will be doing his utmost to try and get past us today.

His presence from corners and free-kicks will obviously pose a challenge, but one thing we have worked incredibly

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hard on this year is set-pieces – both defensively and in an attacking sense, as Joaquin Gomez and Paul Hart come up with innovative ways to unlock other teams.

That has certainly reflected in results as we have conceded far fewer goals this term from those situations and have scored a lot more, especially Dan Potts who has popped up a number of times already.

Potts is finally having an uninterrupted run in the first team having picked up knocks or little injuries since he joined us. He got his third of the season last Saturday, but it's not only his goalscoring form that has impressed, his defensive work is brilliant and it's great to see him kicking on.

Enjoy the game today and we hope to see as many of you as possible here for Tuesday night's game, too.



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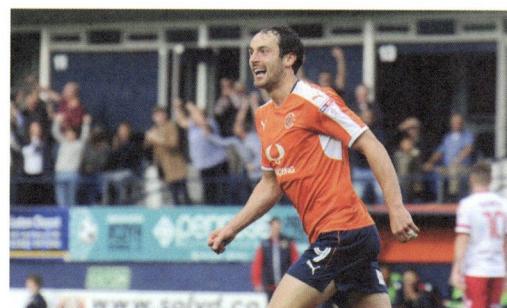
The first couple of weeks of November have seen the strength of the Kenilworth Road trophy cabinet tested to the max – with manager Nathan Jones, striker Danny Hylton, chief executive Gary Sweet and vice-president Rob Stringer all picking up prestigious awards!

For what we've seen on the pitch during a real purple patch in October, the gaffer was named Sky Bet League Two Manager of the Month – while Hylts was voted the Bristol Street Motors' PFA Fans' Player of the Month after netting four times in five matches.

The Sky Bet press release that accompanied Nathan's award highlighted how he "has built a side full of attacking intent, as shown by their 13-5 goal differential in collecting ten points from five games", which included "a 7-1 home win over Stevenage followed three days later by a 4-1 victory at promotion rivals Exeter".

The Town boss said: "I'm very proud, I know people say it every time they win, but this is recognition not just for my work but for the work of the coaching staff and all the team and everyone associated with the football club. It's nice to have it, it's my first one and I'm very proud to have it."

"Our goal is promotion; our goal is automatic promotion. It was the same last year and we were just one place out. This year we have to go one better. It's not pressure that



anyone else is putting on us, it's pressure we're putting on ourselves. We believe we've got the tools to achieve that but so do a lot of other clubs in the league."

Former Scotland boss George Burley chairs the Sky Bet Manager of the Month judging panel, and he said: "If you are a Luton fan, it must be very exciting watching them play at the moment. Nathan has got them playing great attacking football scoring 13 goals in October."

Danny will be presented with his player of the month award at The Brache in the coming days, while two glittering occasions in London saw Gary and Rob – the CEO of Sony Music Entertainment – collect their prestigious accolades.

Gary won the League Two CEO of the Year award at the Football Business Awards 2017 – an event that recognises and rewards the hard work that takes place in supporting the success of the game.

The Town chief was honoured at Tobacco Dock as the fourth tier's winner along with Tottenham's Daniel Levy – who won the Premier League and overall title – Preston North End's John Kay from the Championship, Stephen Bettis of last season's League One champions Sheffield



United and Aberdeen's Duncan Fraser from the Scottish Premiership.

"It's a reflection of the respect the football club has got right now," Gary told lutontown.co.uk.

"We've changed our image. There is a good culture at the football club. We've got a professional manner in the way we engage with other clubs and suppliers and everybody within the industry. Everybody should be quite proud of this. Not proud of me. It's not about me, but proud of the fact we've won something and been recognised for something."

"I had Andy Awford, Nathan Jones and Mick Harford around the table, amongst others, and I said 'Look, let's make sure this isn't our last bit of silverware this season'. It's nice to get in the winning habit."

Vice-president and lifelong Hatters fan Rob picked up the prestigious Music Industry Trusts Award for his outstanding contribution to the music industry, following in the footsteps of previous winners including Roger Daltrey CBE, Sir Elton John and Simon Cowell.



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Rob was joined at London's Grosvenor House Hotel by an LTFC contingent including Gary, Nathan, Mick Harford, vice-chairman David Wilkinson and Rob's fellow VPs, Ben Banks and Gary Chamberlain, who saw the Sony CEO presented with his award by Nicky Wire of Manic Street Preachers – an artist and band he signed in 1991.

Also supporting Rob (pictured below accepting his award) were regular visitors to the Kenny and famous names in the music world, supporters Cerys Matthews and Ian Montone, plus Mike Pickering and Ian Broudie.

To coin one of the latter's Lightning Seeds tracks, a 'Marvellous' evening saw the audience enjoy performances by Harry Styles, Jeff Lynne's ELO, George Ezra and Camila Cabello – all chart-topping artists who have worked with Rob during his career – while the programme featured a dedication from his friends here at Kenilworth Road (above).

Congratulations Rob on a fantastic achievement – and, of course, to Nathan, Danny and Gary. Keep up the wonderful work, guys!



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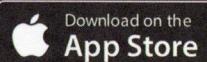
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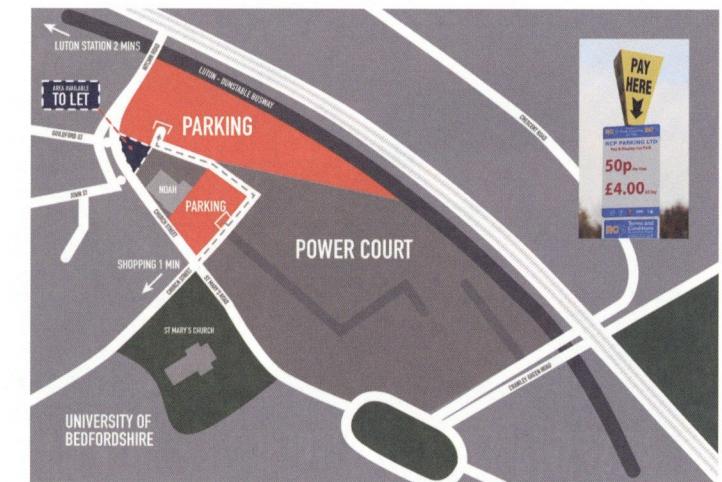
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The land at Power Court was acquired by the club's development arm – 2020 Developments – in December 2016 and planning permission is currently being sought to build a new stadium for Luton Town FC on the site.

While the application process continues, the constructive use of the site as a parking facility will provide welcome additional income which will be reinvested into the applications for the stadium and the associated development at Newlands Park. The temporary use of the site as a car park will also cover the period post planning when the detailed design and contract tendering process takes place.



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A section of the site measures approximately 2,500 sq ft is also available on a short term (in the run up to Christmas for example) or a 12-month let basis. This area would be ideal for a pop-up kiosk or seasonal business such as a Christmas Tree lot, subject to planning. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact us.

FA CUP & CHECKATRADE TROPHY

The Hatters' Emirates FA Cup second round tie at Gateshead has been scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd, with a 2pm kick-off at the International Stadium.

The clash with the Vanarama National League hosts has been selected for extended highlights on the BBC, and admission prices for cash turnstiles on the day – as well as any potential replay – are available on page 17,

with the whole second round draw listed on the centre spread.

The draw for the Checkatrade Trophy has also taken place, and the second round tie at home to either Swindon Town or West Ham United U21s will remain as scheduled for Tuesday 5th December, with a 7.45pm kick-off. We will discover our opponents following the Hammers' final group match at Wycombe on Tuesday 28th November.

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WHO? Early on last season Keith Curle's (pictured) side looked destined for promotion back to the third tier, as it wasn't until their 16th game of the league season before they suffered defeat. Their form dropped off from then and their season ended in similar fashion to the Hatters as they suffered play-off heartbreak – Exeter City winning 6-5 over two legs with an injury-time winner from our own Jack Stacey. The Cumbrians were playing in League One as recently as the 2014-15 season, having won automatic promotion from the fourth tier as champions in 2006.

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

HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? The honours were even on both occasions in the league last season, the fixture here at Kenilworth Road ending 1-1 as Danny Hylton equalised after Jason Kennedy gave the visitors the lead. The trip up to Brunton Park on a Tuesday night in March finished 0-0. In total, the sides have met 28 times, with the Hatters winning 11 of those, drawing ten and losing seven. Our last victory came back in April 2016, when Joe Piggott and Josh McQuoid both scored in a 2-1 win in Cumbria – with Stacey, then on loan at Brunton Park from Reading, netting the Carlisle goal.

IN CHARGE Former England international Keith Curle has been in charge at Carlisle since September 2014. He began his playing career with Bristol City before having spells with the likes of Manchester City, Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sheffield United. He has spent time as both a manager and a coach, having worked with Neil Warnock at QPR and Crystal Palace and bossed Mansfield Town, Chester City, Torquay United and Notts County.

PREVIOUS FORM The Cumbrians registered their first home win since August last Saturday as they put four past Yeovil Town without reply. Danny Grainger and Hallam Hope both got on the scoresheet, and the pair currently top Carlisle's scoring charts on six each for the season. Away from home Curle's side have been in fairly good fettle, picking up four wins from eight, losing three and drawing once. One of those victories on the road came at Crewe, where they thumped the Railwaymen 5-0, with other notable victories coming at Cambridge United and Morecambe.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Hatters midfielder Jordan Cook joined United on loan from Sunderland back in 2012 and netted four goals in 14 League One appearances, and as already mentioned, Jack Stacey played nine times for Carlisle on loan from Reading in the final weeks of the 2015-16 campaign, scoring twice.



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The Hatters have received confirmation that the Emirates FA Cup second round tie at Gateshead has been scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd, with a 2pm kick-off at the International Stadium. The clash with the Vanarama National League hosts has been selected for extended highlights on the BBC. There will be no tickets pre-sold for the game, so admission will be via cash turnstiles on the day. **PRICES:** Adults: £15, Concessions (over 60 years): £8, Students and 16-17-year-olds: £5, Under-16s: £3

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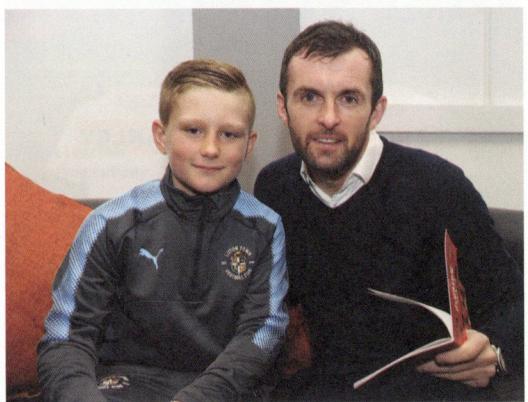
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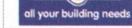
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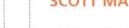
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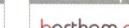
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WELCOME CAMBRIDGE UNITED

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to the visiting staff, players and supporters of Cambridge United.

Off to a fairly decent start in the league, today's visitors will no doubt want to make amends for falling short of the play-off places last season. The U's were still within shooting distance of the top seven going into the final day of last term, but like many clubs that day, just missed out.

Strong home form has certainly helped Shaun Derry's side this season and a goalless draw against Accrington Stanley last Saturday sees the U's sit on 25 points in 12th, just two off seventh placed Wycombe Wanderers and seven behind the Hatters in fourth.

Ex-Notts County, Crystal Palace and QPR midfielder Derry made over 600 appearances before calling time on his playing career and taking over the reins at Meadow Lane in 2013. He departed County in March 2015 and took up the role at the Cambs Glass Stadium seven months later. He has now been in charge for over 100 matches and has won over 40 per cent of games there.

A familiar face to both sides who now resides in the Hatters' camp, Luke Berry was the U's top scorer for four out of the previous six seasons – netting over 60 times from midfield for United in 255 appearances – before his move to Kenilworth Road in August.

Berry's goals have been replaced by Uche Ikpeazu, who was already there, and summer arrival Jabo Ibehre, who counts the U's as his tenth club. He started his career off at Leyton Orient, netting 41 times in 243 games, before going onto play for the likes Walsall and Colchester United. He signed for Derry's team from Carlisle United over the summer.

The pair have hit 12 goals between them so far this season, with Ikpeazu leading the goalscoring charts with seven to his name – although he misses this afternoon's game having picked up his fifth booking of the season last week.

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CAMBRIDGE WINS: 9

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FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: UNITED, THE U'S
GROUND: CAMBS GLASS STADIUM
MANAGER: SHAUN DERRY
LAST SEASON: 11TH IN LEAGUE TWO

THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

DAVID FORDE



With the departure of Will Norris to Wolverhampton Wanderers over the summer, a strong replacement

for the 24-year-old was needed and boss Shaun Derry has certainly found that in David Forde. With 24 Republic of Ireland caps to his name, the 37-year-old actually includes the Hatters as one of his former clubs, having played for us at the beginning of the 2007/08 season, making six appearances during a loan spell from Cardiff City. He also counts Millwall and Portsmouth among his other previous sides.

THE WALL

LEON LEGGE



A late arrival to the professional game, the 32-year-old played for a number of Sussex based clubs including

Hailsham Town and Lewes whilst also working as a care worker, before signing a professional deal with Brentford in 2009. He stayed there for four seasons, before moving onto Gillingham. A three-season spell at the Priestfield Stadium after an initial loan from the Bees, saw the 6ft 4ins defender give the Gills a 'Legge' up to the third tier as they finished top of League Two in 2013. Joined the U's in the summer of 2015 and has racked up a century of appearances.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

PIERO MINGOIA



The 26-year-old started his career with Watford, making seven appearances, whilst also enjoying loan spells at Boreham Wood and Accrington Stanley – the latter of which he joined on a permanent deal in 2013. He spent three seasons at the Wham Stadium and played an integral role in Stanley's promotion push in the 2015/16 term, playing in every single league game, as they missed out on an automatic spot on goal difference before losing in the play-off semi-finals. He joined the U's on a two-year deal in 2016 and has since made 69 appearances, scoring eight goals.

THE DANGERMAN

JABO IBEHRE



With fellow frontman Uche Ikpeazu suspended after picking up his fifth yellow card of the season last weekend, it will fall to Ibehre to lead the line for the U's this afternoon. The 34-year-old started off at Leyton Orient, where he scored 41 times in 243 appearances over eight years before joining Walsall. He has since gone onto play for a number of clubs including MK Dons, Colchester and Carlisle, plus loans at the likes of Southend, Stockport County, Oldham Athletic and Barnsley. With 129 career goals to his name from over 600 appearances, Ibehre certainly knows where the back of the net is.

GOALKEEPER

DIMITAR MITOV

AGE: 20

PREVIOUS CLUB: CHARLTON ATHLETIC

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JAKE CARROLL

AGE: 26

PREVIOUS CLUB: HARTLEPOOL UNITED

BRAD HALLIDAY

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: MIDDLESBROUGH

GREG TAYLOR

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AGE: 24

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PREVIOUS CLUB: 27

GEORGE MARIS

AGE: 21

PREVIOUS CLUB: BARNESLEY

THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD

WILL HUNTING-JONES, a Cambridge United supporter of 27 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 U's...



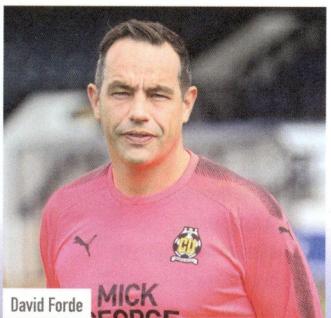
GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

You weren't far at all off the play-off places last season, do you see your team pushing for a position in the top seven this year?

We certainly have the players capable of it – we have a more balanced squad this campaign and while it has been a mixed opening quarter, I can see us sneaking into the top seven if we can avoid injuries to key players. At home we have been solid and seen little of the insipid, lifeless football which blighted our campaign last year. We have produced a much more entertaining brand of football at home and Shaun should be commended for that. Away from home we set up to avoid defeat and stifle the game. While this doesn't often produce thrilling matches we have picked up

some decent results in the last month. Our players give everything they've got and I'm sure today will be no exception.

Shaun Derry has won over 40 per cent of his games in charge at the Cambs Glass stadium, what positive steps has he taken to improve the side?



David Forde

MICK FORDE

Shaun has been at the Abbey for two years now – progress and improvements have been quite slow in all honesty, but over the summer we have made some decent additions to the team; notably in the form of David Forde, who signed from Portsmouth, and has been a revelation in goal, producing some incredible match-winning saves. Shaun is well liked in the dressing room and he's certainly made us a tough nut to crack away from home more often than not. We do struggle against sides at the top and being able to take points from other sides pushing for a top seven spot is still our Achilles heel and something we must address to avoid another season of ultimate

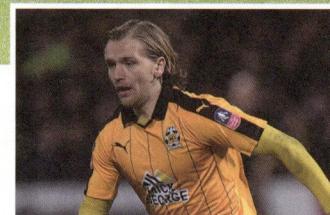
disappointment. Shaun still has a lot to prove but has a set of players at his disposal now who really could take us to the next level with the right guidance.

He brought in Jabo Ibehre over the summer who seems to be delivering up top. How has the 34-year-old got on in your eyes?

Jabo has been a fantastic addition and knows where the goal is too; his experience is also proving invaluable to the likes of Uche Ikpeazu, as despite the size of him, people forget he's still young and in his early 20s. He has a lot to learn and Jabo is proving a great role model and certainly given us some stability and added presence going forward.

His signing might be an obvious one to pick out, so which other summer arrival have you been impressed by so far?

As I mentioned earlier, Forde has been simply incredible so far this season. We did a good bit of business over the summer there, losing Will Norris to Wolves, but in Forde have signed one of the best keepers I've ever seen between the U's sticks. We also saw the arrival of Gary Deegan, who has been pivotal in many of our wins this season playing the holding midfield role - many fans were concerned when we released James Dunne in the summer but in Deegan we have certainly upgraded based on the



season so far. He's not a new signing, but Greg Taylor switched from full-back to centre-back this season and it's been like a new signing, as he's been superb and formed a great pairing with ever-reliable Leon Legge in the heart of the defence.

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

Let's see...take a wild guess? We all knew keeping hold of Luke Berry would be tough after the season he had last year, but fair to say losing him to a side in the same division left quite a bitter taste in the mouth. That said,

Luke doesn't owe our club anything and gave absolutely everything he had for us over two fantastic spells – playing a huge part in keeping us up when he was brought into the side when Jez George was the manager, to the huge part he played when we won promotion back to the League and won the FA Trophy. And, of course, all the goals and memories from last season. It was hard to lose him, but I hope he will get a decent reception from the U's faithful this afternoon as he did our club proud for many years, as I am sure he will do yours. Ironically, since he's left, we have

looked more balanced as a unit and other players have stepped up to the plate – we set our team up around him and since he's left are playing a much less constrained formation.

The U's have done well at home, but have struggled a little on the road. What do you put this down to?

Well we haven't got Luke Berry popping up to score the winning goals anymore, have we? Thanks for that!

I think we have ground out some decent results away from home but have also had some tough matches. Today will be an ideal opportunity to put that right and turn our away form around and lay down a marker for the rest of the season. I think it's been a few years since our last win at Luton so perhaps we're due.

How can Town supporters expect your side to play this afternoon – open and attacking? Direct football? Or neither?

That made me chuckle. We'd love to see us play open attacking football away from home, but I very much doubt you will be seeing any of that today. We will set ourselves up as hard to beat; likely two holding midfielders and will deny you much space or time on the ball. We are a physical side, strong, well organised and committed and if we get a foothold in the game it could end up as a frustrating day for the home support. Let's hope so!



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Dave was always destined for the very top of the game

CM: PAUL WANLESS

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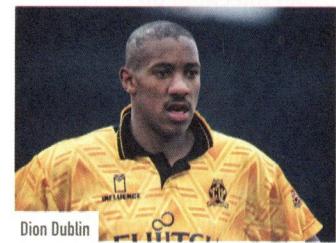
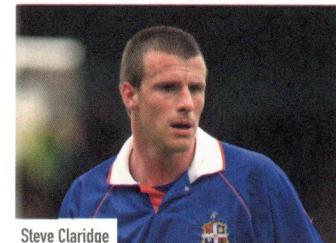
Scruffy and unconventional he may have been, but he was dynamite and such a character

LM: LEE PHILPOTT

Fast, incredible crosser of the ball and popped up with some peaches of goals, too

ST: DION DUBLIN

Big Dion never let us down and scored some of our most famous goals



QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats? Terrace

Who are your rivals? Peterborough United

Favourite all-time manager? John Beck

Predict your player of the season? David Forde has this sewn up already!

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

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

Lionel Perez, Roy McFarland, Danny Potter, Martin Butler and of course Steve Guinan – he loves a dinner party!

Most treasured piece of U's memorabilia?
My programme from the play-off win at Wembley.

What league will Cambridge be in next season?

League Two.

Who will win Sky Bet League Two this season?

Anyone but you!



Will's favourite Cambridge manager, John Beck, leads the U's out at Wembley for the 1990 Fourth Division Play-off final against Chesterfield – who were managed by the man who is now the Hatters' assistant-manager, Paul Hart!

TOP BOYS

BRIAN GREENHALGH

Striker Brian Greenhalgh was leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' in Cambridge United's 1972-73 promotion success. Initially with Preston, he moved to Aston Villa with Brian Godfrey for £35,000 in September 1967, then played for Leicester City and Huddersfield Town in the top-flight prior to joining Cambridge in July 1971. He topped their goalscoring charts on three occasions, netting 47 times in 116 League games before being sold to AFC Bournemouth for £35,000 in February 1974. Later appearing for Watford and several non-League clubs, he has since been a scout for Everton, Watford and Aston Villa.

STEVE SPRIGGS

Long-serving, diminutive midfielder Steve Spriggs holds Cambridge United's all-time appearance record. Signing professional for Huddersfield Town in February 1973, he failed to secure a regular first-team slot and moved to Abbey Stadium in July 1975. He was Cambridge's 'Player of the Year' in 1975-76 and an important figure in their rise from the Fourth Division to Second in two seasons. Scoring 58 goals in a club record 416 League games prior to joining Middlesbrough on loan in March 1987, he then played in Cyprus. Still living in the Cambridge area, he has since worked as a subcontractor in the roofing industry.

MALCOLM WEBSTER



Long-serving goalkeeper Malcolm Webster starred as Cambridge United soared from the Fourth Division to Second in two seasons. Signing professional for Arsenal in January 1968, he joined Fulham in December 1969 and featured in their 1970-71 promotion success, moving to Southend United in January 1974. Ron Atkinson signed him in August 1976 and he was Cambridge's 'Player of the Year' in 1976-77, making 256 League appearances before becoming youth team coach. Later assistant-manager, he became a specialist goalkeeping coach with various clubs, assisting George Burley at Ipswich, Derby, Hearts and Southampton.

STEVE FALLON

Long-serving central defender Steve Fallon was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in Cambridge United's 1977-78 promotion success. Initially with Kettering, he was Ron Atkinson's

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first signing for Cambridge when he followed him to Abbey Stadium in December 1974 and also starred in their 1975-76 Fourth Division title triumph. He scored 27 goals in 410 League games over 13 seasons at Cambridge before briefly working in the club's commercial department. Later becoming Histon's player-coach, he then played for Cambridge City and had a successful spell as their manager before rejoining Histon as manager.

DAVE STRINGER



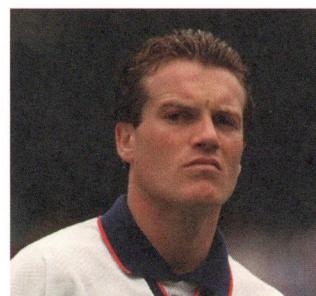
Experienced defender Dave Stringer was ever-present in Cambridge United's 1977-78 promotion success. Signing professional for Norwich City in May 1963, he was ever-present in their 1971-72 Second Division title triumph and also starred in the 1974-75 promotion success. He featured in two League Cup finals and moved to Abbey Stadium in September 1976. An important figure in Cambridge's 1976-77

Fourth Division title campaign, he was 'Player of the Year' in 1978-79, scoring once in 157 League games before rejoining Norwich as youth team boss in November 1980. He was later manager, then assistant Academy director.

TOM FINNEY

Northern Ireland international midfielder Tom Finney gained a club record seven caps while at Cambridge United. He impressed with Crusaders prior to joining Luton Town in August 1973 and featured in their 1973-74 promotion success, moving to Sunderland in July 1974. Helping secure top-flight status in 1975-76, he initially joined Cambridge in August 1976 and starred in their rise to the Second Division. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1979-80, returning from Brentford to score 61 goals in 332 League games overall before joining Cambridge City in July 1986. Later managing Ely and Histon, he has worked for Securicor.

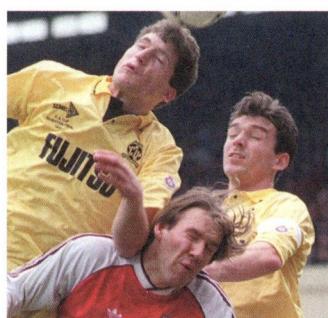
ANDY SINTON



Brilliant winger Andy Sinton gained 12 England caps after leaving Cambridge United. He was Cambridge's youngest-ever League player at 16 years 228 days old in November 1982 and starred in a struggling side. Voted 'Player of the Year' in 1983-84, he netted 13 goals in 93 League games before moving

to Brentford in December 1985. He joined QPR in March 1989 and followed Trevor Francis to Sheffield Wednesday for £2.75m in August 1993. Moving to Tottenham Hotspur in January 1996, he featured in their 1999 League Cup final success, then played for Wolves and Burton. He has managed Fleet and Telford United.

ALAN KIMBLE



Attacking left-back Alan Kimble was an important figure in Cambridge United's meteoric rise under John Beck. Signing professional for Charlton Athletic in August 1984, he moved to Abbey Stadium with his twin brother Garry in August 1986 and starred as Cambridge reached the FA Cup sixth round in two consecutive seasons. He was 'Player of the Year' in 1987-88 and 1988-89, scoring 24 goals in 299 League games prior to joining Wimbledon in July 1993. Featuring in successive Cup runs, he reunited with Joe Kinnear at Luton Town in August 2002, then appeared for Dagenham & Redbridge and Ebbsfleet United.

JOHN TAYLOR

Long-serving, popular striker John Taylor holds Cambridge United's all-time goalscoring record. Signing professional for Colchester United in December 1982, he moved via Sudbury Town prior to joining

Cambridge in August 1988. He starred in their rise under John Beck before being swapped for Bristol Rovers' Devon White in March 1992, then appeared for Bradford City, Luton Town, Lincoln City and Colchester again on loan prior to rejoining Cambridge in January 1997. An experienced figure as the U's won promotion in 1998-99, he scored a record 86 League goals and was then manager until March 2004.

MARTIN BUTLER

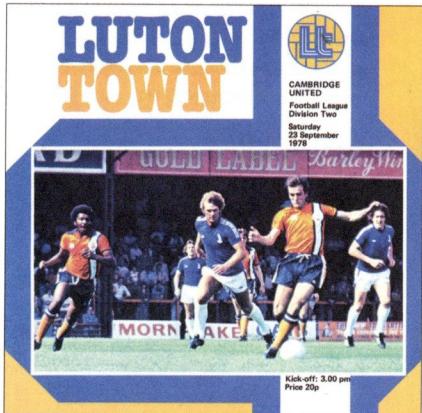
Striker Martin Butler was leading marksman and 'Player of the Year' in Cambridge United's 1998-99 promotion success. He turned professional with Walsall in May 1993 and moved to Abbey Stadium for £22,500 in August 1997. Cambridge's top scorer in 1997-98,



he netted 41 goals in 103 League games before sold to Reading for £750,000 in February 2000. He helped win promotion in 2001-02, then joined Rotherham United for £150,000 in September 2003. Returning to Walsall in July 2006, he starred in their 2006-07 League Two title triumph, then played for Grimsby Town, Burton Albion and Worcester City.

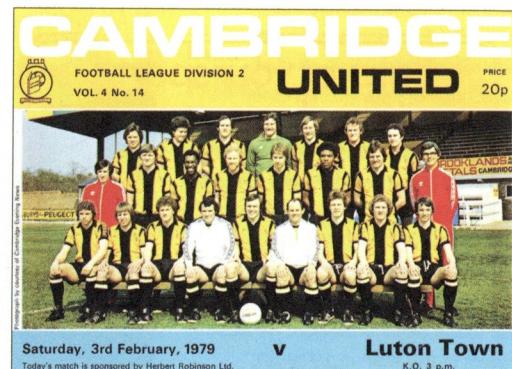
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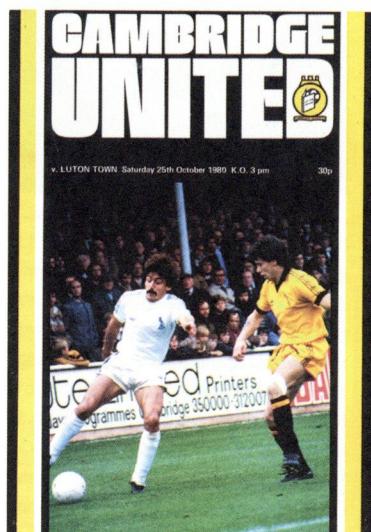
▲ SEPTEMBER 1978

In the first League meeting between the sides, United hold the free-scoring Town to a 1-1 draw. Ex-Hatter Alan Biley is on the scoresheet for the 'U's.



▲ FEBRUARY 1979

The first League clash at the Abbey finishes in a disappointing 0-0 in front of a crowd of 8,125.

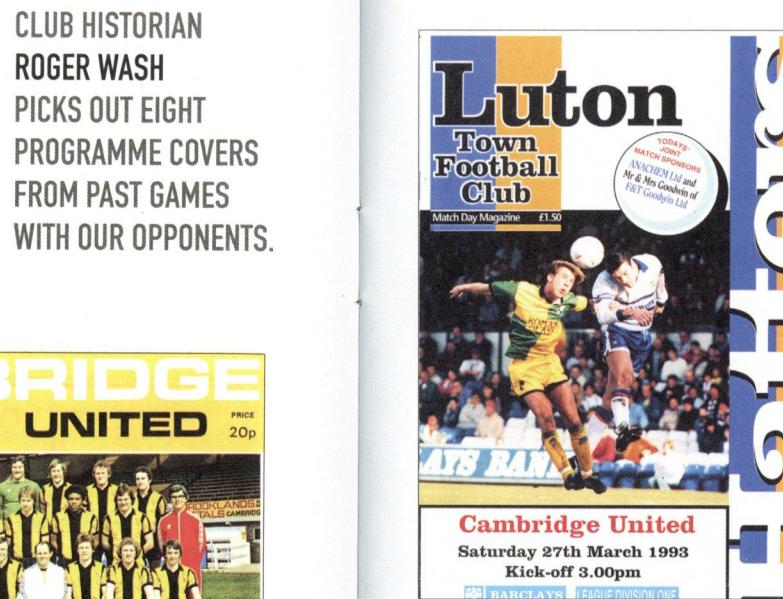
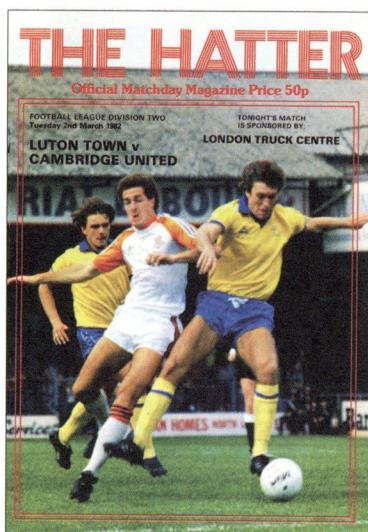


◀ OCTOBER 1980

Ten man Luton win 3-1 at the Abbey against the odds with makeshift goalkeeper Mal Donagh thwarting a Cambridge onslaught.

► MARCH 1982

The Hatters finally beat United at Kenilworth Road at the fourth time of asking. A rocket shot from skipper Brian Horton separates the sides.

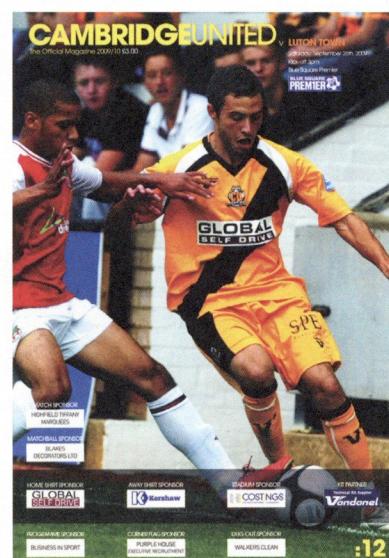


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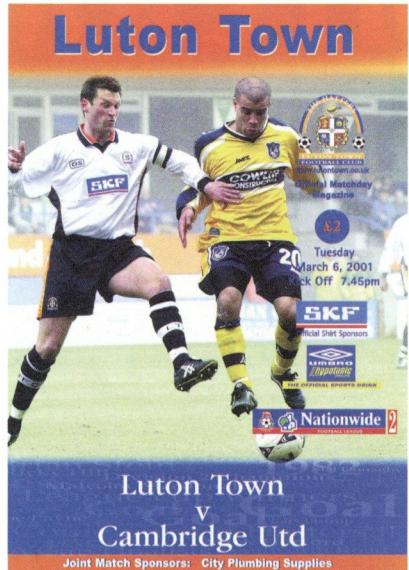
A relegation six-pointer at Kenilworth Road sees the Town win through 2-0 with goals from Kerry Dixon and Scott Oakes.

▼ SEPTEMBER 2009

Ten man Luton win again at the Abbey, this time 4-3 in a remarkable contest which sets the scene for our Conference clashes.



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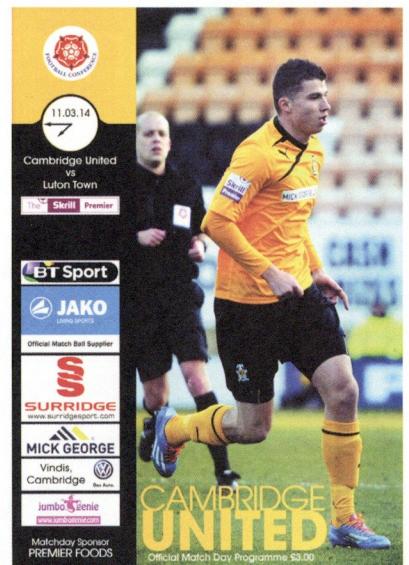


▲ MARCH 2001

A 40 yard effort from Matt Taylor secures a valuable 1-0 win in another relegation tussle.

▼ MARCH 2014

A late Mark Cullen leveller heads off United's late bid for top spot and virtually assures the Conference championship for the Hatters.



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[SIMON SAYS...]



TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

It's been a tough but enjoyable time recently. Ranging from the grass at Crawley that had been fed on Whiskey, because it was half cut, through to games against Exeter, Accrington, Wimbledon, Cheltenham, Stevenage and Coventry plus Portsmouth in the FA Cup.

In amongst that the Gaffer scooped up Manager of the Month (did that once myself on FIFA) and Gary Sweet became League Two CEO of the Year. Congratulations to them and another indication of the positive direction the club is moving in.

Congratulations also to the following new dads at the club. Sheezdog now has young Willow, Joaquin has Olimpia and the Gaffer has Winnie – a lovely looking Maltipoo. Finer footballing men you couldn't wish to meet.

The discussions on how to defeat the diamond, are Real Madrid as good as Tottenham and can the Republic qualify for the World Cup have been replaced. We now discuss how much sleep did you get last night? (Six hours being a privilege.) Baby bowel movements, and how you can fill up a 4GB memory card with baby photos. And they have now developed the technique of unwrapping a chocolate bar without making a noise.

Tattooing always seems to be a favourite footballing pastime. Jordan McCann in the Academy is particularly keen on them. He wants to get a tattoo of himself on his entire body, only two inches taller.

Injury wise we are looking good. Macca has been back in training and has completed some minutes in a game at Barnet. Mully rolled his ankle against Coventry but is now back in training.

We recently avoided serious injury at Exeter. Being the first to use the away dugout, as I looked across I saw the staff sit down and a large crack led to the seats crumbling. There has been a lot of finger pointing about who was last to sit down. All I can say is I was outside the dugout, so my slim stature had no bearing. But a nice man arrived with some chairs that were better than the ones I have around my dining room table.

We look forward to our weekly visits from John Buttle to get merchandise signed. John saw Mully on the treatment table and enquired: "How long will it be?" Mully replied: "I don't know, I will leave it with the Physio."

"No," John shot back, "how many games for the red card against Coventry?" A case of mistaken identity, but alarming for Mully that John thinks he looks like Glen Rea!

Whilst travelling on the coach Hyts and Glen had a heated discussion

about vegetarians, especially with Danny being one. Danny was saying that vegetarians don't eat meat that's why they are veggie. Glen thought and replied: "What's a fish then? They eat that." A point that led to further discussion. Maybe becoming a vegetarian was a missed steak.



Finally, a mention for my mate Darren Cook and his excellent photography at Cheltenham of the shirts and Poppies. He took time on the presentation and was then given no credit by our press officer as he tweeted out. (Ed – See the credits on page three.) In the photography world that's the kind of thing that can make you snap.

Enjoy today's game and as you always do get behind the lads. COYH.

TOWN 1 : PORTSMOUTH 0



SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER | EMIRATES FA CUP FIRST ROUND
KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 5,333 | AWAY: 1,143

TOWN GOAL: COLLINS 45+1

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, CUTHBERT ©, SHEEHAN, POTTS, MPANZU, O LEE, BERRY, SHINNIE (CORNICK 83), COLLINS, HYLTON. | SUBS NOT USED: JUSTIN, GAMBIN, D'ATH, E LEE, FAMEWO, SHEA (GK)
YELLOW CARDS: COLLINS, O LEE

POMPEY: MCGEE, CLARKE, BURGESS, O'KEEFE, PITMAN © (CHAPLIN 62), HAWKINS, KENNEDY (BENNETT 62), LOWE, THOMPSON, CLOSE, HAUNSTRUP. | SUBS NOT USED: ROSE, LALKOVIC, DONOHUE, EVANS, BASS | **YELLOW CARDS:** THOMPSON, LOWE, BURGESS, O'KEEFE | **RED CARD:** THOMPSON



THE MAIN MINUTES

30' Tremendous tackle from Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu on Ben Close. The Pompey man was in on goal but Mpanzu gets a foot on the ball sending it out for a corner when the visiting midfielder looked set to score!

44' An absolutely glorious chance for the Town, Andrew Shinnie's cross finds Danny Hylton eight yards out, but he directs it straight towards the keeper who has an easy job gathering it.

45+1' GOAL TO THE HATTERS! That. Was. Brilliant. Shinnie crosses to Hylton on the opposite side of the box, he passes it first time to Collins and he half volleys it into the bottom left corner from 16 yards! What a fantastic strike. **1-0** #COYH

55' Olly Lee picks out Luke Berry on the edge of the box, he sets himself up looking for the top right corner and forces a great save from Luke McGee, who tips it onto the bar and out for a corner!

59' SUPERB SAVE! Matt Clarke heads towards goal from a corner, it's looping over everyone and set for the top left corner, but Marek Stech tips it onto the crossbar and it's cleared!

86' RED CARD: Nathan Thompson drags Collins to the ground and the Pompey defender picks up his second yellow card of the game.

90+1' An absolutely unbelievable save from Stech! Close shoots from 20 yards, it's bound for the bottom left corner but the keeper tips it around the post with a stunning save!



James Collins cracks in the winner

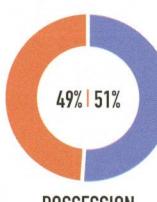
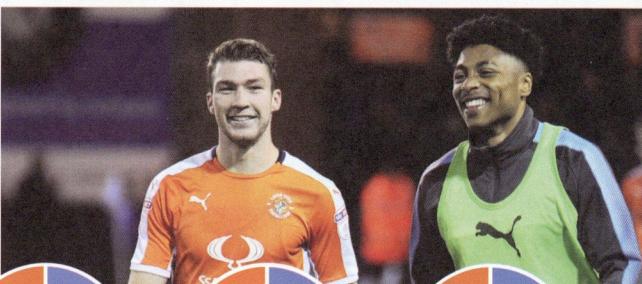


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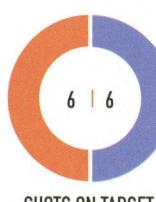
"Obviously being in the hat for the next round is the main thing but we are delighted with the performance as well. The goal was fitting to win any game and I thought it was a terrific cup tie – especially second half. We controlled the second half, we really did."

"Bar a little bit of cutting edge we could have gone even further ahead, but it was a great goal to break the deadlock, a great time to score and then I thought it was a terrific cup tie."

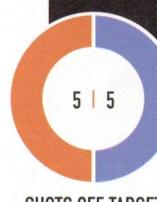
"To win a game of this quality is wonderful. It's great going up against higher league. We love going up against higher league ones and testing ourselves. I thought we were excellent and we acquitted ourselves very well."



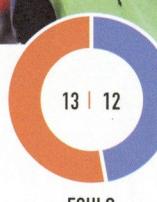
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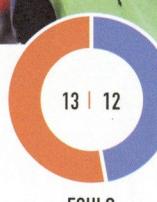
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SUPER STECH LAUDS POMPEY PERFORMANCE

TOWN STOPPER MAREK STECH HAILED HIS TEAM'S PERFORMANCE IN THE EMIRATES FA CUP WIN OVER PORTSMOUTH, WHEN HE PULLED OFF SOME SUPERB SAVES

In a Man of the Match performance here at Kenilworth Road, Marek Stech came to the rescue of the Hatters on more than one occasion as he pulled off a couple of game defining saves to see the Town safely through to the second round of the competition.

The stopper said: "They were a decent side. I know the gaffer wanted to win the game, because he was disappointed that we lost twice against Portsmouth last season.

"They got promoted, they're doing well, but like the gaffer was saying the other day, they did the double over us so he wanted to make sure that we win the game and get into the next round which we've done, so we're really pleased.

"Especially for him, and for all of us after losing 3-0 against Coventry in our previous game, it was really important to win and go to the next round. We're absolutely buzzing. We wanted to win the game and wanted to get into the second round of the FA Cup which we've done."

Although pivotal in the Hatters getting through, the 27-year-old played down his role in the victory, saying he was just doing his job when he pulled off what seemed to be the impossible as he denied both Matt Clarke and Ben Close with a pair of astounding saves.

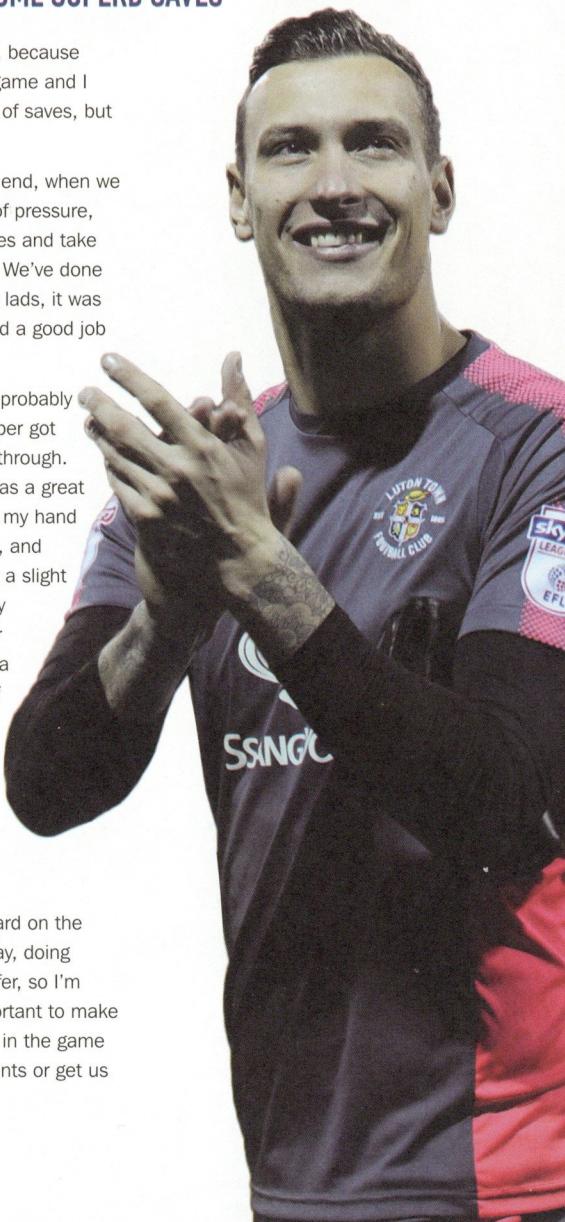
"They had the pressure, because they were chasing the game and I had to pull off a couple of saves, but that's why I'm there.

"Especially towards the end, when we came under a little bit of pressure, I had to come for crosses and take a bit of pressure off us. We've done that and fair play to the lads, it was a great performance and a good job well done.

"My favourite save was probably the last one as the keeper got it and then Close went through. Fair play to the lad, it was a great strike. I just tried to get my hand there and leave it there, and then as I dived, just got a slight touch on it, so I'm really pleased. Then the other one [from Clarke], was a deflection and it kind of flicked over my head.

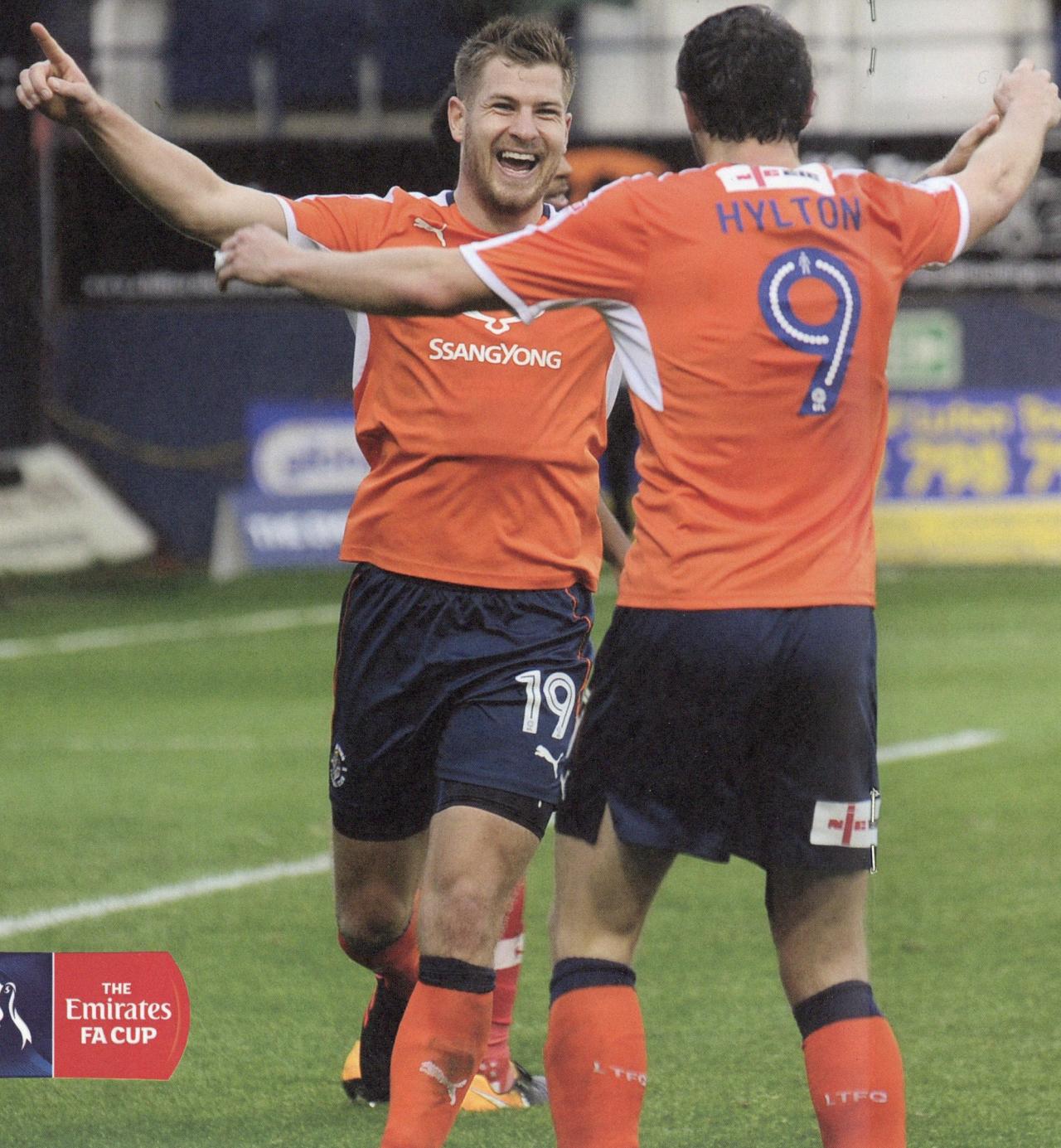
"I could see it above me and I pushed with my left leg and just got a touch on it and it hit the bar and went away.

"We've been working hard on the training ground every day, doing some stuff with the gaffer, so I'm really pleased. It's important to make these saves to keep us in the game and either get three points or get us into the next round."



IN THE HAT!

James Collins is all smiles after netting the winner, set up by Danny Hylton, to see off Portsmouth in the Emirates FA Cup first round to book a place in the draw for round two...



EMIRATES FA CUP SECOND ROUND DRAW

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

AFC Fylde v Wigan Athletic (BBC2, 7.55pm)

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

Notts County v Oxford City (BT Sport, 12.30pm)

Bradford City v Plymouth Argyle

Doncaster Rovers v Scunthorpe United

Fleetwood Town v Hereford FC

Forest Green Rovers v Exeter City

Gillingham v Carlisle United

Mansfield Town v Guiseley

Milton Keynes Dons v Maidstone United

Newport County v Cambridge United

Port Vale v Yeovil Town

Shrewsbury Town v Morecambe

Stevenage v Swindon Town

Wycombe Wanderers v Leatherhead or Billericay

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER (all 2pm)

AFC Wimbledon v Charlton Athletic

Blackburn Rovers v Crewe Alexandra

Coventry City v Boreham Wood

Gateshead v Luton Town

Woking v Peterborough United

MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Slough Town v Rochdale (BT Sport)



CHEL滕HAM 2 : TOWN 2



SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER | LCI RAIL STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 3,900 | AWAY: 1,007

TOWN GOALS: POTTS 11, E LEE 86 | **CHEL滕HAM GOAL:** GRIMES 37, BOYLE 90+5

HATTERS: STECH, STACEY, CUTHBERT ©, SHEEHAN, POTTS, REA, O LEE, BERRY, CORNICK (MPANZU 90), HYLTON, COLLINS (E LEE 46). | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, COOK, SHINNIE, D'ATH, SHEA (GK)

YELLOW CARDS: HYLTON, CORNICK, BERRY, STECH

CHEL滕HAM: FLINDERS, GRIMES, CRANSTON (O'SHAUGNESSY 34), STORER ©, PELL, WINCHESTER, BOYLE, SELLARS, EISA (HINDS 79), GRAHAM (WRIGHT 75), MOORE. | **SUBS NOT USED:** FLATT (GK), BOWER, DAVEY



Dan Potts nets the opening goal



THE MAIN MINUTES

11' **GOAL TO THE HATTERS!** Town win a corner on the far side, Alan Sheehan swings it in and Dan Potts heads it past Flinders at the back stick to give Nathan Jones' side the lead. That's Dan's 3rd goal of the season! **CT 0-1 LT** #COYH

21' Town should be 2-0 up. Luke Berry does brilliantly to get to the left byline, he stands up a great cross to the far post and Danny Hylton heads wide from inside the six-yard box.

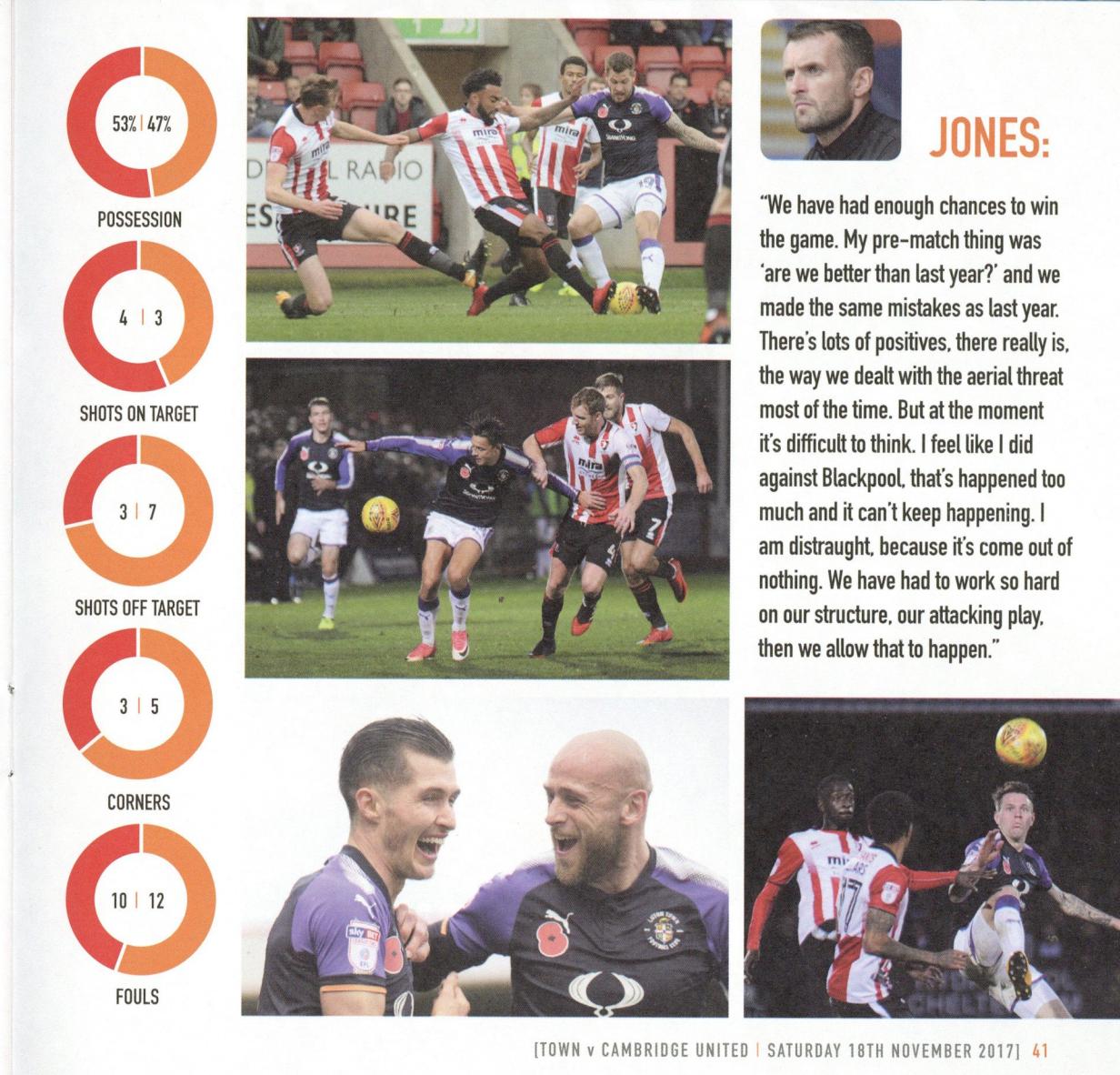
37' **GOAL to Cheltenham.** Jamie Grimes taps in from close range after the Hatters fail to deal with a cross from Daniel O'Shaugnessy on the Robins' left. **1-1**

45+2' Two great chances for the Town, as James Collins sees his shot deflected over from ten yards, before Harry Cornick is put through one v one but Flinders makes the save.

81' Olly Lee receives the ball 30 yards out, lines up the strike and hammers it towards the top left corner, but it's inches over!

86' **YYEEESSSS! ELLIOT LEE GIVES US THE LEAD!** Luke Berry is fouled on the edge of the Robins' area, Sheehan takes, it deflects off the wall then hits a Cheltenham defender into the path of Elliot, who makes no mistake from close range! **2-1** #COYH

90+7' **GOAL to Cheltenham.** Goalkeeper Scott Flinders heads it down from a corner and Will Boyle is there to nod in from close. **2-2** #COYH



JONES:

"We have had enough chances to win the game. My pre-match thing was 'are we better than last year?' and we made the same mistakes as last year. There's lots of positives, there really is, the way we dealt with the aerial threat most of the time. But at the moment it's difficult to think. I feel like I did against Blackpool, that's happened too much and it can't keep happening. I am distraught, because it's come out of nothing. We have had to work so hard on our structure, our attacking play, then we allow that to happen."



GET GAME READY



BRING IT ON!

[ELLIOT LEE ON CHELTENHAM]

LEE LOOKING TO MAKE ONE ELL OF AN IMPACT!

Striker Elliot Lee made the perfect impact last Saturday as he came off the bench to score what everyone thought was the winner against Cheltenham Town, only for the Robins to level late on.

That was the summer signing from Barnsley's third goal of the season and his second in Sky Bet League Two, having also scored in the 8-2 win over Yeovil Town on the opening day.

The 22-year-old is hoping to use last week as a springboard for more first team opportunities as he looks for a run of games in a Town shirt.

He said: "I have had a few chats with the manager about it. The front three have been doing well so I can't complain too much. But I came here to play football and I want to play football and I want to score goals for Luton Town.

"I'll take my opportunity wherever it comes. I am chomping at the bit every week to play and I feel like I have taken my opportunity today, so we will see what happens from now."

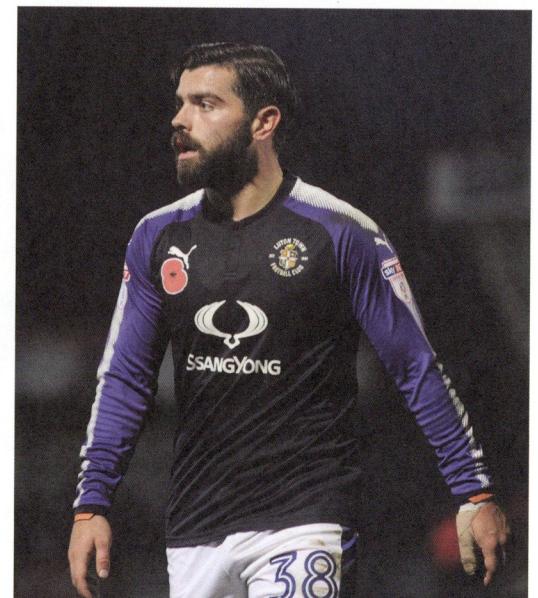
The West Ham United academy graduate thought he'd netted the goal that would secure the Hatters the three points a week ago as he turned in Alan Sheehan's deflected free-kick with four minutes of time to play, but Will Boyle bundled the ball into the Town net in the seventh minute of extra-time that saw the spoils shared.

WINNING

"Originally I wasn't going to stand there," said Lee. "Sheez actually told me to get in the wall, so I got in the wall and it's hit the defender on the back and then come out to me and it's an open goal from there. Obviously it's a great feeling scoring, we all thought we'd won it."

"Personally, for me it's a bitter-sweet feeling, but three points was the main thing. We go into games wanting three points and it was always going to be a tough game coming here."

"After I'd come on at half-time I thought I had got the winning goal, I think everyone did. Then it was obviously just not meant to be today because they scored right at the death."



The late leveller from the hosts came about after goalkeeper Marek Stech allowed the ball to go out of play for a corner, but the former Sparta Prague man has been vital in the Hatters getting results throughout the season – a late penalty save against Mansfield Town and a string of fine saves against Portsmouth to name but a couple of the Czech Republican's exploits.

Lee said: "Nobody is being harsh on Stechy. He has got us out of loads of worse situations this season, but it was going from one emotion to the other very quickly. I guess that's football."

"It could have been worse, it could have been better. The only thing we can do is pick ourselves up. We haven't lost. We might look at this as a good point at the end of the season."

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TOWN TRAVELLERS

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

“On Halloween there were few scares for the Town as we secured top spot in the group in style by winning what was an entertaining match.

We named a fairly strong side with the likes of Glen Rea, James Justin, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Andrew Shinnie starting, and all four made good impressions. Shinnie really impressed on the night and soon put us 1-0 up with a rifled finish with his left foot. We didn't lead for long as the impressive Lyle Taylor proved to be a pain in our backsides again by getting in and finishing well. Chances came and went at both ends but it was 1-1 at half time.

The Town took real control in the second half. Shinnie smashed a shot against a post and a couple of other chances weren't taken, but eventually we got the winner we fully deserved. Elliot Lee did brilliantly to turn his man and the ball reached Shinnie on the edge of the box.



He calmly slotted home in style to win the game, and as it turned out, win the group for us.

All in all a really good night of football and well worth the trip to London. We were back in good time too, which was an added bonus. With a home tie in the next round and being four wins from Wembley all is good! ”

...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN PAUL WRIGHT

How long have you supported Luton?

37 years.

Can you remember your first match watching Luton?

Yes, we beat Sheffield Wednesday 3-0 in 1980. Being a glory hunter I would have probably supported them instead, had they won!

What got you into supporting Luton?

My parents and other family members.

Where do you sit at home matches?

Main Stand, Block B.

Who do you go to games with?

Friends and family.

What is your favourite memory of supporting Luton?

The Littlewoods Cup win is too obvious. But the early/mid 1980s

team was wonderful to watch, playing attractive and attacking football, beating big clubs. Watching the likes of Hill, Stein and Walsh was a pleasure.

Who is your all-time favourite Luton player?

Les Sealey. Completely bonkers but an exceptional goalkeeper.

Who is your all-time favourite Luton manager?

David Pleat.

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

Zlatan Ibrahimovic, he occupied Curtis Davies' back pocket all evening! Best LTFC player would be Ricky Hill. Scandalous he won so few England caps even when playing in the same era as Glenn Hoddle.

If you could bring a player back from the past to play in the current team who would it be and why?

Steve Foster for his leadership qualities. He'd be a massive help in central defence given the physical nature of our opponents in League Two.

Do you prefer seats or terrace at away games?

Don't mind as long as it's under cover!

Where will Luton finish this season?

Top. The squad should be strong enough to be automatically promoted save for a crippling injury crisis. There would be no other valid excuse.

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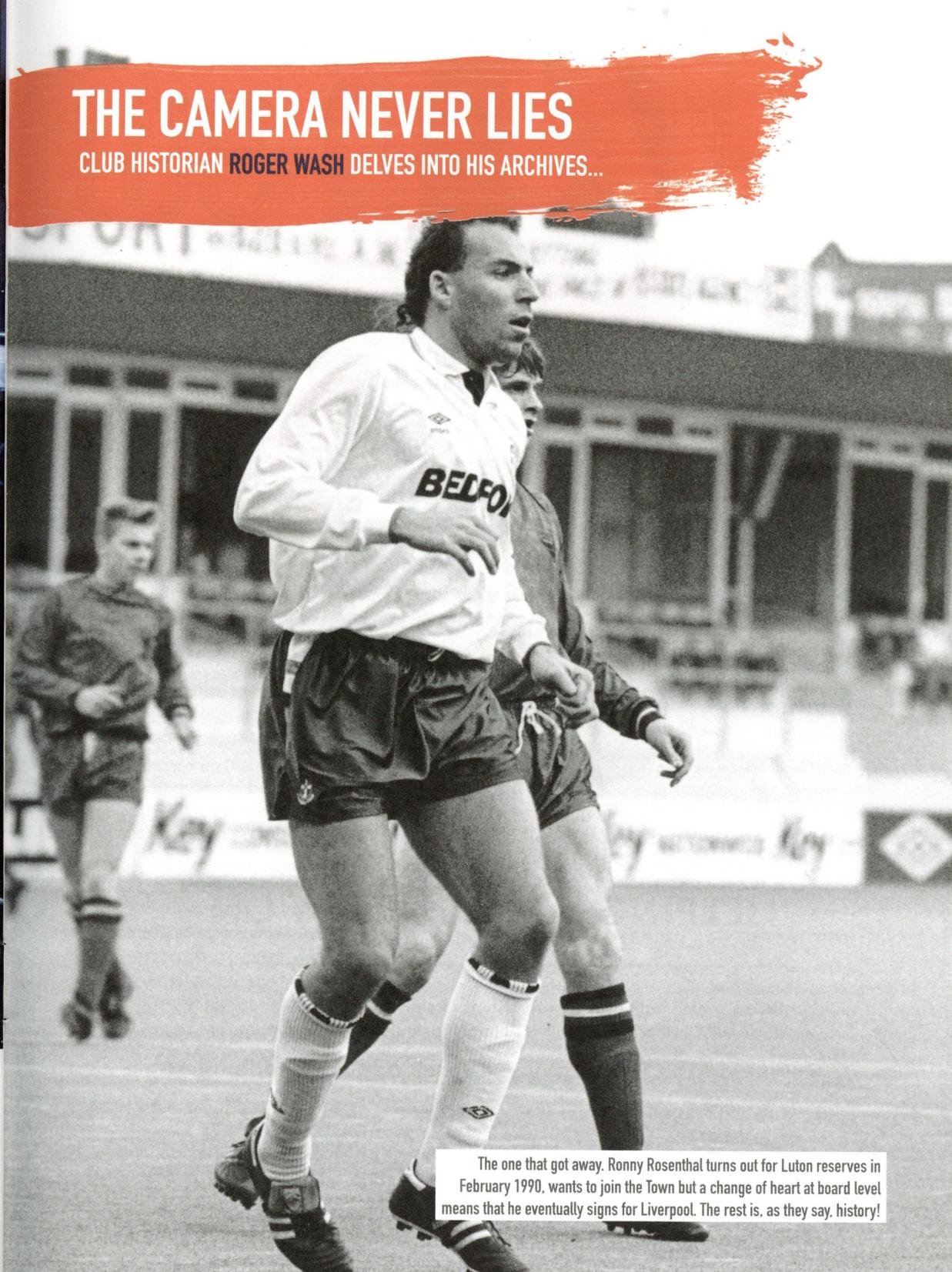
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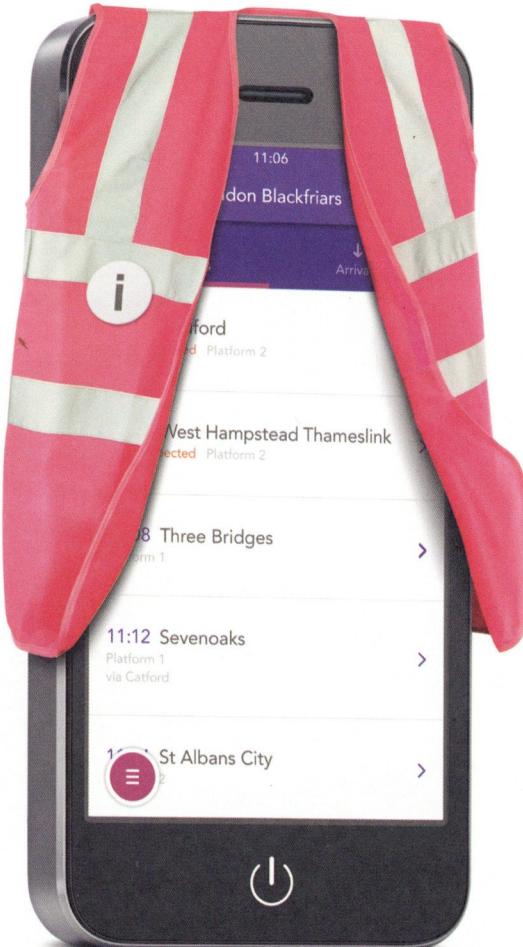
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THE CAMERA NEVER LIES
CLUB HISTORIAN ROGER WASH DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...



The one that got away. Ronny Rosenthal turns out for Luton reserves in February 1990, wants to join the Town but a change of heart at board level means that he eventually signs for Liverpool. The rest is, as they say, history!



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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

PART NINE

In the summer of 1967, a 15-year-old Luton schoolboy decided to keep a comprehensive scrapbook of the forthcoming Division Four (now League Two) campaign.

It is easy to say now that he knew this was about to become one of the most glorious seasons in the club's history, but looking back it was merely the labours of a boy with too much time on his hands in the days before the internet, social media and mobile phones (or normal phones in his case).

Step back 50 years and let the boy who grew into club historian ROGER WASH remind us of the highs and lows of that ultimately successful 1967/68 season...

After the 5-3 home win over Doncaster on 25th October, the Town had moved up to fourth place, two points behind leaders Bradford City, and it was felt that the season was now up and running and a promotion push was in full gear.

Frustratingly the weather then conspired to hold us back. The Hatters had installed a new drainage system during the close season and secretary Bob Readhead boasted on the eve of the forthcoming home clash with Darlington: "The pitch is in better condition than it was on Wednesday night (for the Doncaster game) despite all the rain. The new drainage system has worked perfectly."

The rain didn't let up on the day of the game and although the gates were opened to admit 9,415 soggy supporters, it was plain to see that the pitch was unplayable with standing water all over the surface.

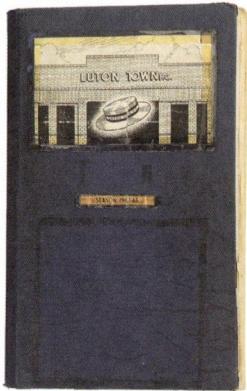
That the game was started would seem unbelievable today, but it did and after seven minutes of the players splashing around, it was abandoned much to the annoyance of a large minority who felt it was a con as no money could be refunded.

The Town therefore had to endure a blank week before their next match – away at Aldershot – with manager Allan Brown failing to arrange a midweek friendly fixture to keep the players match fit.

A good number of Luton supporters travelled to the Recreation Ground, Aldershot to find that the referee had called off the game at 1.30pm. Some of us wandered in and went on the pitch to see if his decision was correct – it was!

With only one other game called off in Division Four (and only one the previous week as well) the Town were now playing catch-up, but were still only four points behind the leaders, who had played three games more. At least Graham French would have served his three-week suspension before the next game which was at home to Workington on 11th November.

After the long lay-off Brown decided to stick with the same side, which meant no place for French.



Luton recall French tonight



GRAHAM FRENCH
... back tonight

By ROGER DUCKWORTH

LUTON TOWN bring back Graham French on the right-wing in place of newcomer John Ryan. Swansea drop three forwards, including Wales' most capped international Ivor Allchurch.

This is the news for tonight's Fourth Division game at Kenilworth Road, in which Luton defend their 100 per cent home record.

It will be French's first League game since he ended his 21-day suspension, imposed for fighting in the first game of the season at Wrexham. Ryan had a brilliant debut at Exeter, but since has failed to impress the home crowd in two games.

Manager Allan Brown said this morning: "I want to give Ryan a little more time to settle. I have not dropped him because he has been playing badly. He works hard, but I think he needs more time to become adjusted to this type of football."

"I don't want the supporters to get at him. John will come good it's just a matter of time."

Along with Allchurch, Swansea have dropped international centre forward John Roberts who played for Wales against England last month, and inside right Brian Grey.

It is the first time Swansea have dropped Allchurch who, at 38, is in his 21st year of first-class football. He has played for his country 67 times.

Transfer-listed

What is more surprising is that the three players Swansea have recalled are all on the transfer list. They bring in Alan Jones at right-half, normal right half Herbie Williams, switched to inside-right and Keith Todd comes in at Centre-forward.

Swansea move 18-year-old

Billy Screen to inside-left from the left-wing to replace Allchurch.

In Wales they say that Screen is the most brilliant player Swansea have produced. He weighs only nine stone and has come straight up from the colts side this season.

Brian Evans is recalled on the left-wing.

Luton have plenty to remember Swansea for. When the two sides met at Vetch Field in September, the Welshmen scored in the last seconds to earn a draw.

As well as seeking revenge, Luton will have the added incentive of guarding their unbeaten home record. Apart from French coming in for Ryan, Luton are unchanged.

Read and Branston have recovered from injuries received when they collided on Saturday, and Moore and Whitaker have recovered from leg strains.

LUTON: Read, Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Riach, Whitaker. Sub - McDermott.

SWANSEA: John: Evans R, Gomersall, Jones, Purcell, Davis, Humphries, Williams, Todd, Screen, Evans B.

Luton Town expect their biggest gate of the season for the home game with Swansea tonight. Secretary Bob Read head says: "If you are coming to the game, come early. Remember that parking restriction signs are not enforced after 1pm on Wednesdays."

"Well, here it is — but they haven't paid up yet!"

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FRED JARDINE grooms his moustache.

**TOWN SEEK
REVENGE
AGAINST THE
SWANS**

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John, the Swansea goalkeeper leaps to take the ball off the head of Buxton, the Luton inside-forward at Kenilworth Road last night.

LUTON SHATTER SWANSEA IN FOUR-GOAL SPELL

By DAVID MILLER

Luton Town 4 Swansea Town 0 LUTON celebrated the first anniversary of Allan Brown's management in style, with four goals in six minutes a quarter of an hour from the end against luckless Swansea at Kenilworth Road last night.

Watched by their largest crowd for over two years (14,973), Luton thus narrowed the gap behind the leaders at the top of the Fourth Division. Exactly a year ago they were faced with a fight against re-election.

Swansea, by far the quicker, more co-ordinated and imaginative side until that point, left the pitch bitterly disappointed and still protesting, with some justification I thought, to the referee.

Luton's first goal, scored by French with 14 minutes to go, looked suspiciously like Slough put the ball through. Ironically, French had done nothing before this, being completely outshone by Humphries and Brian Evans.

WHISTLE EXPECTED

Present for Buxton

Two minutes later, Whitaker presented Buxton with a free-kick after Swansea players had stopped in their tracks, expecting the whistle for a foul on one of their defenders.

Before they could recover, Riach hit the third after Luton had been awarded a free-kick that seemed to me as if it might well have gone the other way. Finally, with Swansea reeling, Buxton scored his second.

It was the most remarkable turn of fate. From the beginning, Swansea had moved with purpose, and could well have been two or three up at half-time. Luton's defence continually finding itself beaten for goal.

With 21 minutes gone, Branston chested down a shot by Todd and Screen, the man who has taken over from Ivor Allchurch, pounced on the loose ball, only to see his hooked shot skid across the face of the goal with Read beaten.

And before half-time Roy Evans and Screen, and afterwards Todd, all went close, and with 25 minutes to go Williams lobbed inches wide of an empty goal with Read hopelessly out of position. Little did Swansea imagine what was in store for them.

Luton - Read, Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Riach, Whitaker. Subs - Jones, Purcell, Davis, Humphries, Williams, Todd, Screen, Evans B.

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Luton crack four in seven minutes

Express Soccer Reporter: Luton 4 Swansea 0

STAR LUTON smashed brave Swansea with a devastating four-goals-in-seven-minutes burst in the final 14 minutes.

That quick-fire demolition job stretched their winning run to six matches.

It maintained their unbeaten home record this season. It boosted their goals tally to 18 in the last four games.

And it was cheered by Luton's biggest crowd of the season, 14,973.

It was a staggering finish to a match that looked like ending in a scoreless draw.

Much-changed Swans played well for most of the game with wins from Willy Humphries and Brian Evans giving a lot of trouble.

But the Welshmen crumbled from the time Graham French hit the first goal 14 minutes from the end.

Swansea claimed French was offside. But the goal allowed and almost immediately afterwards Ian Buxton hit the second.

Then Brian Riach and Buxton collected two more within the space of 60 seconds to send the Swans slithering.

But the score-line did fighting Swans out of the picture.

With 18-year-old Billy Screen always dangerous in Ivor Allchurch's inside-left position, the Welshmen had again come out.

And Screen and Humphries were both unlucky not to score.

Read, Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branston, Moore, French, Buxton, Allen, Riach, Whitaker. Subs - Jones, Purcell, Davis, Humphries, Williams, Todd, Screen, Evans B.

GRAHAM FRENCH
... started rout

IAN BUXTON
... scored twice

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**DEVASTATING FOUR
GOALS IN SEVEN
MINUTES BURST**



Bruce Rioch's perfect body swerve beats Alan Kirkman of Workington during the Town's 4-0 win



The largest Saturday attendance of the season so far of 10,935 (despite a bus strike) gathered to see the Town take the lead in the second minute when Slough ran through from midfield to slam a shot home from the edge of the area, after the ball had only been half cleared following a Ray Whittaker cross.

Naturally the crowd anticipated another goal frenzy but the Luton players showed some rustiness and the first half failed to live up to its early promise.

Allan Brown had 'words' with the players at half-time and in the second period the Town shook themselves out of their torpor and produced a scintillating display of fast attacking football.

Winger Ray Whittaker made the match his with two goals, while Ian Buxton made several great runs

which caused major problems in the Workington defence. The icing on the cake was provided by Bruce Rioch, who netted the Town's fourth goal in typical fashion four minutes from the end.

Collecting the ball midway in his own half, he surged through before beating Ian Ower in the Workington goal with a fierce shot.

Winger John Ryan had failed to replicate his performance in the 5-0 win at Exeter in subsequent games, so it was no real surprise to hear that Graham French was to be recalled for the forthcoming midweek home game against Swansea on 15th November.

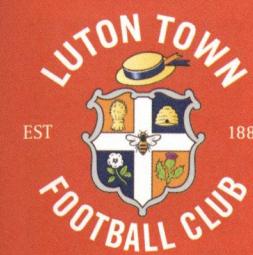
A crowd of 14,973 – the best of the season – turned out to watch a strange game which could easily have ended in defeat but turned into a 4-0 victory.

Swansea were by far the quicker, more co-ordinated and imaginative side until 14 minutes from the end when French, looking suspiciously offside, ran on to a through ball from Alan Slough before thumping the ball home.

Two minutes later, Whittaker presented Buxton with the second after the Swansea players had stopped in their tracks expecting the whistle for a foul on one of their defenders.

Before they could recover, Rioch hit the third after the Town had been awarded a free-kick that should have gone the other way, and with the Swans reeling, Buxton scored his second.

What a way for Allan Brown to celebrate his first year in charge at Kenilworth Road!



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YOUTH PROFILE: KAI PHELAN

AGE: 16 | BIRTHPLACE: LUTON | POSITION: CENTRE-BACK

Year you joined the Hatters?

2007

Describe your playing style in three words:

Intelligent, composed, physical

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

Pace

Your most talented team-mate:

Jake Peck

Which first team player do you look up to?

Scott Cuthbert

Favourite music artist:

Drake

Favourite food:

Pasta

Biggest influence on your career:

Dad

Player you used to pretend to be as a kid:

Frank Lampard

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

Captain the club and play at Premiership level as a centre-back



ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

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

U18S

We were all bitterly disappointed to see our U18s exit this year's FA Youth Cup in Round One, suffering a 2-1 home defeat to Stevenage.

Credit to Stevenage, who were the better team on the night, however our young players will need to show far more desire, intensity and passion if they wish to have a future career with the football club. The players have been reminded, in no uncertain terms, of the basics required every time they step foot onto the pitch wearing a Luton Town shirt. The performance was not acceptable and although the players are young, they need to learn very, very quickly and turn that negative evening into a positive.

Since the Stevenage defeat, the reaction from the players has been good. The intensity of training has certainly increased and this was followed up with a dominant 3-1 victory in the league over Gillingham at Ely Way last Saturday. Those levels now need to remain in place and act as the bare minimum that the coaches will accept.

We travel to Swindon Town on Tuesday for the EFL Southern Alliance Cup Quarter-Final, and then face Cambridge Utd away next Saturday in the league programme. We will continue to demand of the players the required levels and hopefully this will be reflected in their individual and collective performances in these games.

NEW STAFF

I would like to welcome three new members of staff who have recently joined The Academy.

Chris Phillips has joined us from Barnet FC and has assumed the role as Senior Academy Physiotherapist, whilst Oliver Sharples and Craig Ince have joined the medical staff as part-time Sports Therapists. We wish them all well and look forward to working alongside them.

SCHOOLBOYS

The U9-U14s have had a varied games programme of late. We recently hosted an Under-10 Festival at Ely Way that included West Ham United, Norwich City and Wolverhampton Wanderers. The day was a resounding success with plenty of skilful play catching the eye on many an occasion.

Meanwhile the U9s have recently been down to Bristol City to take part in a European qualification tournament. Unfortunately, we missed out on qualifying by just the one point, however the boys got a great experience playing against different clubs.

The U9s also travelled to Arsenal today for a fixture in which we hope we can hold our own.

The regular games programme has seen us go head to head with Southend United, Leyton Orient and Portsmouth in recent weeks.

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	D 1-1
Sat Oct 21	Southend United	H	L 2-4
Sat Oct 28	P'borough Utd	A	L 0-2
Wed Nov 1	Stevenage (FAYCR1)	H	L 1-2
Sat Nov 11	Gillingham	H	W 3-1
Tue Nov 21	Swindon (LGCupQF)	A	1pm, Stanley Park, Chippenham, SN15 3RW
Sat Nov 25	Cambridge Utd	A	11am, Clare College Sports Ground, CB2 8AW
Sat Dec 2	MK Dons	H	11am, Ely Way
Sat Dec 9	N'hampton Town	A	11am, Moulton College NN3 7QL

Overall, we have come out of those fixtures quite favourably, with some good individual performances on show across all age groups.

Enjoy today's game.

COYH!!

Andy



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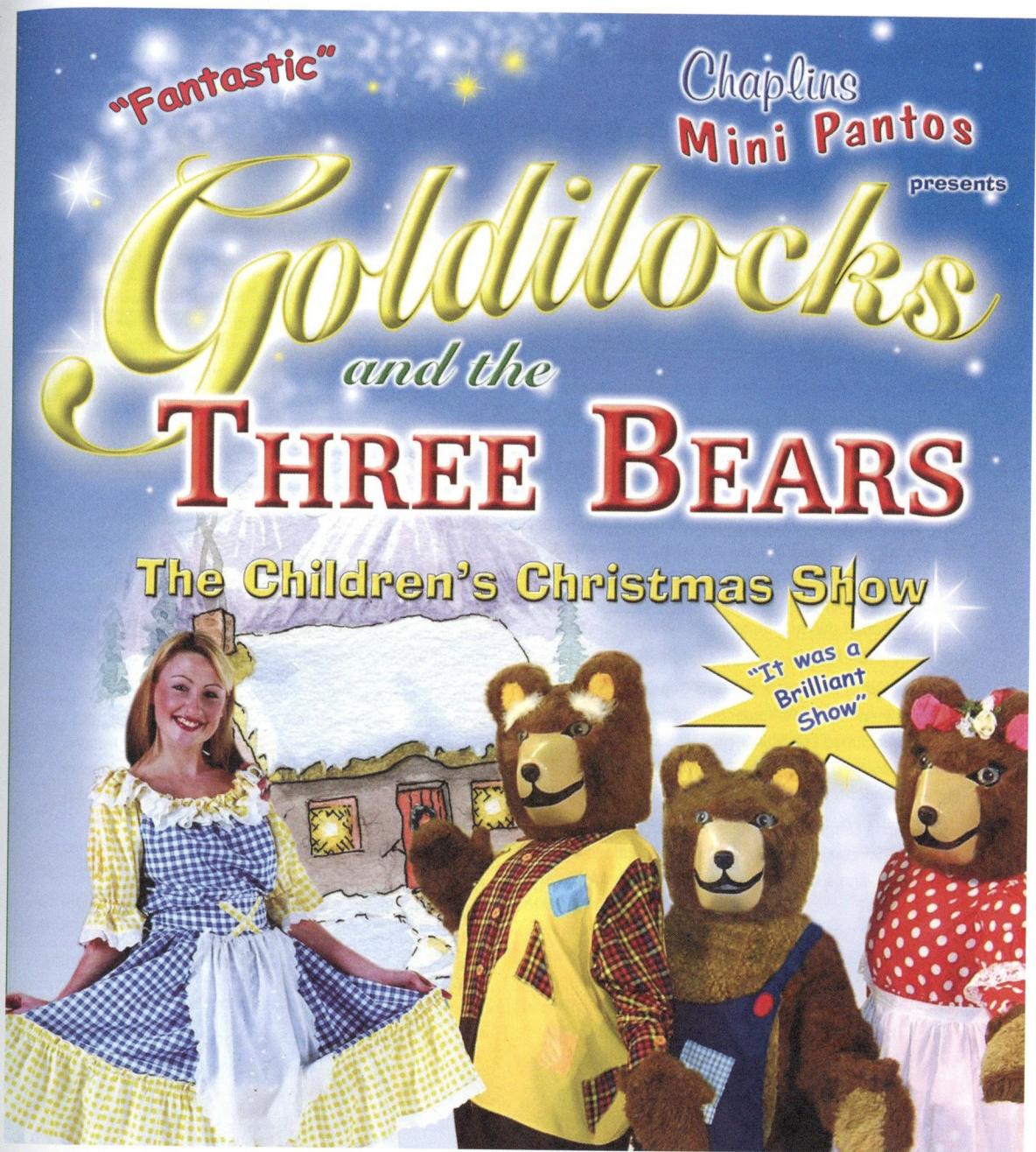


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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

EFL GIRLS CUP U13S – THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY!

Today at half-time is the big school finals day for EFL Girls Cup with Luton's Chalk Hill Academy taking on Westfield Middle School from Bedford. The two teams qualified for today's final through our local County Tournament held at Ely Way earlier this month, so please show them your support at half time!

Every EFL Club is involved in the Girls Cup and today's teams reached the final through our regional tournament which also included Lea Manor High, Denbigh Girls, Cardinal Newman, Lealands High, Brooklands Middle, Fulbrook Academy and Stopsley High.

Every Football League club is involved in organising their local Kids Cup competition for teams representing schools at U13 level, and a Girls Cup for teams representing schools at U13 level. In each of the last three years, nearly 2,500 schools and 20,000 children have participated in these competitions, giving them an incredible experience as well as encouraging them to maintain that elusive

healthy lifestyle 'thing'. Our winners from today will go on to represent the Hatters at the Regional and National finals at Wembley should they progress.

The EFL Girls Cup competition is a six-a-side competition that culminates in a final prior to the Checkatrade Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium in March.

Before that the winners of today's final will then proceed to the area final, which this season we are hosting here in Luton, to play the winning school from Barnet, today's visitors Cambridge Utd, Southend, Stevenage, Colchester, Ipswich Town and Norwich City, with the overall winners proceeding to a regional North v South final with the eventual final to be played at Wembley Stadium.

Last year our representatives from Queensbury High reached the last stages only losing out in the last game from appearing at Wembley – let's hope one of today's finalists can go one better! Good luck to all the girls playing in today's final!



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BEDS FA ABILITY COUNTS DISABILITY LEAGUE – EE AYE ADDIO WE WON THE LEAGUE!

A busy half-time today and I know everyone will join in with the Community Trust and Club in welcoming our Adult Disability Footballers, who this year have won the Beds FA Ability Counts Championship League.

The league programme started back in March this year and involves competitive games every week through to October against other teams from both Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, with three leagues running once a month. We are happy to support the League and in between games we hold training sessions for all of our players every Friday – on a good day well over 30 players join us making for the best session of the week.

Coach Luke Hyde, who project manages the Trust's disability sports programme, said: "The matches are great fun but very competitive and it is always great to see so much enjoyment and enthusiasm on display during games.

"The guys have really excelled this season, and we now have one or two who help out with the matchday management of teams and the training sessions every week. We've made real progress and the numbers joining our teams continues to grow.



"The leagues are seeded so that all abilities can enjoy a competitive game every other week and believe me, once the ref blows his whistle those 'disabilities' soon disappear and it's game on!"

The Trust currently run ten separate sessions a week in local sports centres and schools for both adults and children with PAN disability in addition to our adult disability football sessions through our Every Player Counts programme, jointly funded by the EFL Trust and Wembley National Stadium Trust. Anyone interested can find out more about our disability sports sessions by contacting the Community Trust office on 01582 737568 or emailing Luke at everyplayercounts@lutontown.co.uk

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Today we launch the Hatters Cup Youth Football Tournament played at the stadium over the weekend of Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May. The youth tournament runs over two days for age groups U6 to U12 and is open to all affiliated local clubs and is a great opportunity for all of our local footy-mad youngsters to play on the hallowed Kenilworth Road pitch.

Clubs can enter a maximum of ten players per squad and this season due to increasing demand we are restricting places to two per club in each age group.

You can download the application form at www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk – but please be quick as

spaces tend to go very fast and we are usually full by Christmas! If you are successful in gaining a place this will be confirmed on receipt of your application form and we will look forward to seeing your players on the pitch in May.

PS: It is Cup final weekend and if the Hatters are there we will be televising the game on the main concourse!





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HATTERS LADIES

FOUR-MIDABLE HATTERS LADIES UP FOR THE CUP

Luton Town Ladies thumped local rivals AFC Dunstable Ladies 4-0 on Sunday as they progressed into the second round of the Women's FA Cup.

The visitors dominated the match at Creasey Park from the outset and emerged with a richly deserved victory.

After a frustrating 0-0 draw with Enfield Town Ladies in their previous league game, the Hatters created several opportunities in the opening exchanges and Dunstable, who ply their trade a division below in the Eastern Region Women's Football League, spent the vast majority of the opening half-hour containing them.

The hosts served Luton a warning with a lob that drifted just wide of Kezia Hassall's goal, however, and the Hatters needed to capitalise on their dominance swiftly.

The identity of the player who opened the scoring was unsurprising as Jess McKay, who scored the winner in the previous round at Maidenhead United Ladies, bent a terrific shot into the top corner from 25 yards out.

Having struggled so long for a goal the previous Sunday, the opener seemed to inspire Nikki Baker's team and by the half-time whistle they had settled the contest with Dionne Manning's cut-back buried into the net by the impressive Nicola Henman before McKay volleyed in her second emphatically from inside the box.

The in-form left-winger could have secured her hat-trick after the interval as she latched on to Henman's ball in behind and saw her shot across goal palmed wide by the keeper.



Dionne Manning hammers home Luton's fourth goal

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	D 0-0
Sun Nov 12	AFC Dunstable (FACR1)	A	W 0-4
Sun Nov 19	Actonians	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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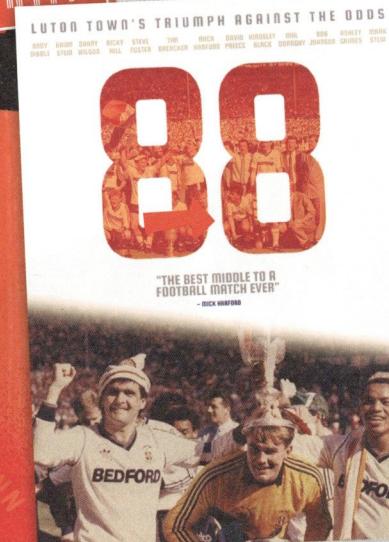
The Hatters take on the U's at Kenilworth Road this afternoon for the first time this season. We've hidden 8 Luton Town and Cambridge Utd related words in the grid below, can you find them all?

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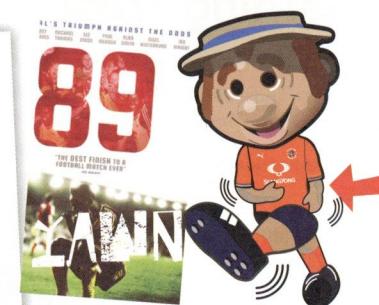
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When we saw that there was a new film coming out about Arsenal's 1989 championship winning season called '89 The Film' we couldn't help teasing them with our own version of the poster as the Hatters famously beat the Gooners to win the Littlewoods Cup in 1988. The picture was picked up on Twitter and went viral - even ending up in The Sun online and the Mirror!



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FACTFILE**

Formed:
1912 (as Abbey Utd)

Stadium:
The Abbey Stadium

Capacity:
8,127

Manager:
Shaun Derry



Last season
Finished 11th (Lg. 2)

**Head to head
with Luton:**

Luton wins - 15
Draws - 15
Cambridge wins - 9

Last time...



Luton 2 - 0 Cambridge

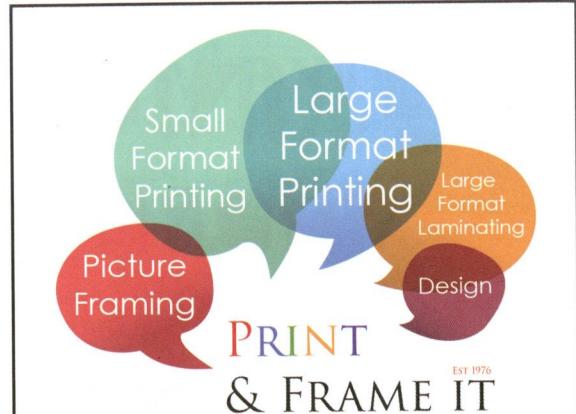


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[THE HAPPY HARRY WINNER INTERVIEW]

WHEN I WAS A BOY...

ALAN SHEEHAN

Happy Harry's Lunch Bag winner **DYLAN SMITH** got to meet Town defender Alan Sheehan and the Irishman revealed all as he covered a range of subjects about his childhood.

D: What make were your first pair of boots?

A: The first position I played was up front, so I was the guy scoring all the goals. Then as I got older I moved into midfield for a long time and I signed for Leicester City as a central midfielder. Then I ended up going into defence and midfield for a few years, and now defence.



DYLAN: What is your first football memory?



ALAN: It would be winning an Under-8 tournament. My dad was the manager for a team in Ireland. That's the first proper memory of football I have.

D: What was the first team you supported?

A: The first team I supported was Manchester United! I know, you were expecting Luton.

D: That's risky!

A: I know!

D: What was the first team you played for?

A: It was my local town St Francis and my dad was manager. That's where all my first memories come from – good times.

D: Who was your favourite player when you were a boy?

A: My favourite player growing up was Roy Keane. As an Irish lad, he was my hero. I just loved him, I think he is the best Irish player ever. He was the captain of Manchester United as well and I supported them.



D: What was the first position you played?

A: The first position I played was up front, so I was the guy scoring all the goals. Then as I got older I moved into midfield for a long time and I signed for Leicester City as a central midfielder. Then I ended up going into defence and midfield for a few years, and now defence.

D: What was your best subject at school?

A: My best subjects were maths and geography. I love different capitals and countries and all that. With maths I am very quick to get the answer.

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

A: I always wanted to be a footballer. Even looking back at old school books, when I was asked 'what do you want to be when you grow up?', it was always a footballer. It was a dream, and to actually live that dream has been amazing.

D: What was the first replica shirt you had?

A: The first football shirt I had was a Manchester United one, because my family, my dad and my cousins all support them. In Ireland they try to bring you into that as quickly as possible!

D: What was the first CD that you bought?

A: It was tapes back then – does that make me sound old?! It was a Wolfe Tones one, they were an Irish rebel band. They were huge where I was living at the time. I don't know if you have heard of them, I hope not!



A: It was an Adidas boot, I had three or four pairs that my dad got for me. They were Copa Mundial kind of old school boots. They were lovely.

D: When did you first meet one of your heroes?

A: I first met one of my heroes when I went over to a Manchester United game with my dad and my cousin and we met Roy Keane. It was good. We were Irish and he was Irish, living over here. Then I met him again when I was at Leicester after a game and he was very nice again, so I got to meet my hero, thank god.

D: Do you have any superstitions when you get ready for a game?

A: I always put my left boot on first – because I hope that's where a lot of my goodness is going to come from in the game! I always put my left boot on first and then bless myself and say a prayer before every game.

DYLAN'S INTERVIEW WITH ALAN CAN BE VIEWED ON WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

To stand a chance of winning the opportunity to interview a member of the Hatters squad, pre-order a Happy Harry's lunch bag by 12.30pm on the Friday before a home game!

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 OPPPOSITION SCORE ATT AWAY POS STARTING XI

AUGUST

Sat 5	3.00pm	H	Yeovil Town	W 8-2	8,101	258	1	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCORMACK 1 • O. LEE 1
Tue 8	7.45pm	H	Ipswich Town (Cup 1)	L 0-2	4,610	794	-	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Cook	Rea • O. Lee
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 0-1	3,555	2,109	8	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	McCormack • O. Lee
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)	D 2-2*	2,699	404	-	Shea	Justin •	Mullins	Famewo	Rea	POTTS 1 McCormack • O. LEE 1
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	W 3-0	7,865	445	3	Stech	Stacey	Sheehan	Potts	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	
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Stevenage	W 7-1	9,208	595	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Mullins	JUSTIN 1	Rea • O. Lee	
Tue 17	7.45pm	A	Exeter City	W 4-1	4,209	353	1	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	POTTS 1	Rea • O. Lee	
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Crawley Town	D 0-0	3,494	1,642	1	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Rea • O. Lee	
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Coventry City	L 0-3	9,670	1,067	3	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Mullins •	POTTS 1	Rea • O. Lee	
Tue 31	7.45pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Trophy)	W 2-1	581	98	-	Shea	Justin	Musonda	Famewo	Senior	Jarvis	Cook

NOVEMBER

Sat 4	3.00	H	Portsmouth (FACR1)	W 1-0	5,333	1,143	-	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Mpanzu	O. Lee
Sat 11	3.00pm	A	Cheltenham Town	D 2-2	3,900	1,007	4	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	POTTS 1	Rea	O. Lee
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United										Berry	

DECEMBER

Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Notts County	W 1-0	5,333	1,143	-	Stech	Stacey	Cuthbert	Sheehan	Potts	Mpanzu	O. Lee
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers										Berry	
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town											
Tue 26	3.00pm	A	Swindon Town											

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											
Sat 17	3.00pm	H	Barnet											
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town											
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	A	Crewe Alexandra											
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United											
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers											

MAY

Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County											
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LAST SATURDAY'S RESULTS

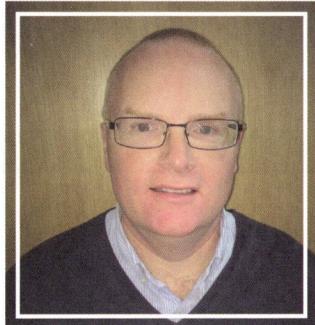
Barnet 0-1 Colchester United
Cambridge United 0-0 Accrington Stanley
Carlisle United 4-0 Yeovil Town
Cheltenham Town 2-2 Luton Town
Coventry City 0-1 Mansfield Town
Grimsby Town 0-1 Barnet
Crawley Town 1-1 Forest Green Rovers
Crewe Alexandra 1-4 Lincoln City
Exeter City 2-0 Grimsby Town
Morecambe 2-1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

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

*Score at full-time: 2-2. (Hatters won 4-2 on penalties for a bonus point) ** Score at full-time: 1-1. (Hatters won 4-3 on penalties for a bonus point)

SUBS

Mpanzu	Shinnie ▲	COLLINS 3 +	VASSELL 2	Rea •	E. LEE 1 +	Mullins ▲	Cook	Senior	Gambin	Shea
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GAMBIN 1	CORNICK 1	COLLINS 1 •	HYLTON 1	CUTHBERT 1 •	E. LEE 1 •	MULLINS 1	READ 1	PECK 1	JONES 1	ISTED 1
Mpanzu	Shinnie	Collins	Hylton	Cornick	E. Lee ▲	Mullins	Read	Cook	Tomlinson	Neufville
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HOLD THE BACK PAGE

WITH SIMON OXLEY BBC THREE COUNTIES COMMENTATOR

It was like stepping back in time. An FA Cup tie between two famous old clubs, both playing in their first-choice kits, and at 3 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon. I was half expecting to get home and find JR on the television. But what a game it was.

If you weren't there you're probably fed up by now of friends who were, telling you what a treat you missed, so I won't go on. As I said in commentary on the day with the ground half full, despite seeing most of my football courtesy of working for the BBC, I know how expensive watching football can be.

What it deserved was a better second round draw. Speaking on 3CR after the game, Nathan Jones jokingly predicted a "horrific journey and non-romantic tie", and I think what we ended up with - Gateshead away ticks both those boxes.

I have been further north, just the other side of the River Tyne in fact, for a Luton Town cup tie. That of course was back in 1994 when Tony Thorpe's goal earned David Pleat's Hatters a one-all draw at Newcastle, which was followed by a famous replay win over Kevin Keegan's side with John Hartson helping Luton to a 2-0 victory.

Older fans may recall travelling to Sunderland for a 1973 quarter-final, which Luton lost 2-0. Sunderland went on to win the cup that year –

Ian Porterfield against Leeds etc etc – and I can remember John Moore telling me once that the defeat at Roker Park was one of the biggest disappointments of his career.

When the Gateshead trip comes around, I'm sure you'll be reading about or hearing from JJ O'Donnell, the former Luton midfielder, now recovered from serious injury and playing for the National League side. There's always a story with the FA Cup!

O'Donnell's reunion prompted me to watch the highlights from the FA Cup win at Norwich, and his cross to set up Scott Rendell to score the winner on that famous day in 2013. Blimey, nearly five years ago! But another name caught my eye in the line-ups from that fourth round tie. I had forgotten that Norwich started with a young loanee from Tottenham up front, but he was subbed at half-time as he was unable to get the better of the Luton central defensive duo Janos Kovacs and Lathaniel Rowe-Turner. I think it's safe to say that Harry Kane has put that disappointment behind him.

Speaking of disappointment, there was no doubting Nathan Jones' verdict on last week's draw at Cheltenham. Sometimes you might caution a manager against coming out to air his views so soon after a game. That might be the case if he's

angry with a refereeing decision, and he might be better off calming down so as not to get into trouble.

But sometimes it makes for such compelling radio that you're glad he was able to let rip, and I think that was the case last Saturday. Whether you were tuning in at home having listened to the match, were trying to pick up 3CR on your way back along the A40, or were listening on catch-up, it must have been heartening to hear Nathan speak with the passion of a lifelong supporter, airing the frustration we all felt.

In some ways you wanted to interrupt so as to try and lift his gloom, but maybe it was best to just let him get it off his chest. You might disagree with a selection here and there, but you can't doubt how much he cares.

Finally, back to Portsmouth and my colleague Justin Dealey was showing similar passion in the programme a fortnight ago over the new stadium. We have moved on a little since then with the adoption of the local plan, but it's a frustrating time.

Soon I hope we can start debates about whether to have the "Mick Harford Stand" or the "David Pleat Stand", but can I make a proposal for another part of the new stadium. Since these are my first notes since his passing, I would be delighted to take my seat in the "Brian Swain Pressbox".

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- 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:
SHAWN DERRY

- 1 David Forde
- 2 Brad Halliday
- 3 Jake Carroll
- 4 Gary Deegan
- 5 Greg Taylor
- 6 Leon Legge
- 7 Piero Mingoia
- 9 Uche Ikpeazu
- 11 Harrison Dunk
- 12 George Taft
- 13 Dimitar Mitov
- 14 Jabo Ibehre
- 15 Emmanuel Osadebe
- 16 Liam O'Neil
- 18 George Maris
- 19 David Amoo
- 20 Jevani Brown
- 21 Medy Elito
- 22 Paul Lewis
- 24 Leon Davies
- 26 Matt Foy
- 27 Kyle Howkins

MATCH OFFICIALS

- ⌚ NICK KINSELEY
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- ⌚ IAN RATHBONE
- ⌚ ADRIAN WATERS

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