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club honours

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 FA Cup Quarter-Finalists: 1952/53
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 8,144 (v Grimsby Town, 4 May 2014)
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Gateshead's Sevcon Set to Hit Top Gear

AFTER over 50 years in the town Gateshead FC sponsor Sevcon is now entering the most exciting-period in the company's history. The Team Valley firm, which makes components for electric and hybrid vehicles, says its future has never looked so promising.

In the last year or so it has signed £320m of deals with some of the world's leading motor manufacturers as they embark on the global switch from the internal combustion engine to electric vehicles.

This move to electric vehicles has been witnessed by the UK Government's move to ends sales of all new petrol and diesel cars by 2040.

Sevcon's strengths as a leading player in this global electrification shift has attracted interest from US automotive giant BorgWarner leading to an offer to buy the Gateshead company for \$200m. This is expected to complete by the end of the 2017.

Sevcon President and CEO Matt Boyle said: "The future has never been brighter for Sevcon.

"The worldwide electrification movement is prompting our ambitious research and development agenda, leading to the recruitment of new sales and engineering staff and the securing of a number of new patents.

"We are in a growth-mode strategically and this has been encouraged by positive economic comments from most customers across our worldwide markets.

"We see the market is now making a meaningful shift towards larger electric and hybrid vehicles, and our product roadmap has the potential to put us in the sweet spot for this next phase of electric vehicle market growth."



"Gateshead are an ambitious club and we hope the support of ourselves and our staff will help the club achieve its ambitions, and help in their bid to secure promotion to the Football League."

Sevcon President and CEO Matt Boyle

the gaffer

Heed boss Steve Watson is planning on causing a slight upset this afternoon.

GOOD afternoon everyone and welcome back to the International Stadium for today's FA Cup Second Round tie against Luton Town.

As always, I'd like to extend that welcome to Nathan Jones and the Luton players, staff and fans who join us here on a cold December day on Tyneside.

Firstly touching on last weekend down at Solihull - we were very disappointed not to have picked up three points.

Obviously, extenuating circumstances were at play as Russ Penn has made a bad decision and paid the price with a red card. But he quickly apologised and no one was hurting more than him after that match.

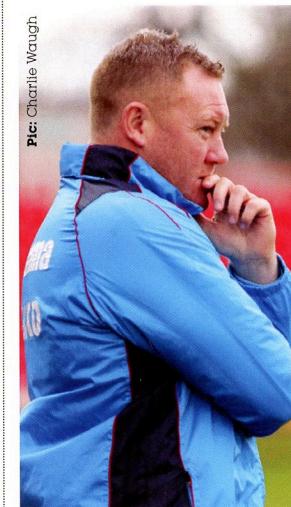
But it was two points dropped and now a suspension so overall it was a poor weekend for us.

It wasn't poor in terms of the effort and performance because those elements were all there.

On the back of that result, we've been preparing all week for a completely different type of challenge against one of the in-form sides in the county, let alone their league.

Luton are the highest scorers in the country and some of the football they play and the goals they score show that they are an incredibly talented group.

But we all know that this is the FA Cup and it's a competition that has proven over the years that every round throws up one or two surprises.



We've been working hard all week on giving us the best chance of being one of those surprises.

We're looking to be solid as a unit but also utilize our players that we know can cause them problems as well.

I'm hoping it will be an entertaining tie for the viewing public both in the stadium and across the country.

It's a chance for our players to compete against players, even though they're only in the league above, who are performing brilliantly on a higher level than us at the moment.

As players, you hope to raise your game to their level and that's what I'll be expecting from our lads this afternoon.

It's a bit of a cliché but it's one of those games where a lot of people will have us as favourites to lose which takes the pressure off us slightly and gives us a bit of freedom to possibly cause a bit of an upset.

But to do that we'll need to score a goal. You certainly can't go up against a side against Luton and set-up expecting to defend for 90 minutes because that wouldn't be a spectacle at all so we've got to find the right balance.

It will be hard but I believe we have what it takes.

Enjoy the game.



richard
bennett
chairman

in the boardroom

Chairman Richard Bennett is in good spirits ahead of today's second round clash.

GOOD afternoon everyone and welcome to the International Stadium for this Sunday's big FA Cup match against Luton Town.

We're delighted to be in the second round of such a prestigious competition. It's the furthest we've reached during my tenure here and the plan is to keep going and get into the hat for the third round.

We've had a decent journey so far under Steve Watson with good wins against Buxton and Chelmsford.

With both those sides being lower than us in the pyramid we obviously would have been disappointed if we weren't still in the competition but now we look forward to what is by far our biggest test so far.

The form book can often go out the window in the FA Cup and the beauty of it is that you always have a chance of causing an upset no matter how many divisions are between you.



Pic: Rob Chambers



In this case, Luton are only in the division above and the gulf in class between League Two and the National League isn't too significant and we hope to prove that this afternoon.

But it's a very prestigious competition and it's great to be involved in as a non-league side as a decent cup run can really give us a boost on and off the pitch.

Going on a cup run would be a great for the teams' confidence which can, in turn, help them as far as the league is concerned.

There are also the financial benefits as well. To a Premier League side it doesn't make an awful amount of difference but for teams like us, it's massive.

We also get a decent amount of media coverage from it as well, it's great to see today's match be picked up by the BBC for their Sunday highlights show.

Overall, I've been satisfied with our performance in the competition so far but the aim is to get into the third round and a potential tie against a big Championship or Premier League club which would be fantastic.

We've got a hard job to do first though, let's get behind the lads today!

Enjoy the game.

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Both fixtures will be all ticket matches (for Gateshead fans) and will require fans to purchase tickets in advance should they wish to attend the match.

Gateshead welcome Hartlepool to the International Stadium on Boxing Day before travelling down to Victoria Park for the reverse fixture on 1 January 2018.

Tickets are only on sale during home matchdays prior to each respective fixture (subject to availability).

Alternatively, tickets can be bought online via the club website and will be posted out via recorded delivery at an additional cost of £1.75.

All Gateshead FC 2017/18 season ticket holders will only need to buy a ticket for the away match as they are already granted admission to the home fixture.

Be part of the Boxing Day and New Year's football tradition and support the Heed this festive period.

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Tuesday 26th December 2017

Adult: £15
Adult (NUFC / SAFC season ticket holders): £10
Concession (Over 60 / Armed Forces): £8
16-17 / Student: £5
Under-16: £3
Family (2 adult + 2 u16): £25
+£1.75 postage when purchased online

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Monday 1st January 2018
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today's visitors

Today's FA Cup opponents are mounting a significant promotion charge in League Two this season.

THE HEED welcome Hertfordshire outfit Luton Town to the **GIS** this afternoon in the FA Cup second Round.

The Hatters have been in sublime form this season and have been scoring for fun under Nathan Jones, as they look to earn a place back in the third tier.

Luton have proved to be a tough side to beat under Jones with only three defeats in their 20 league games this season, a feat considerably due to their impressive defensive record.

The partnership of defenders Scott Cuthbert and Alan Sheehan, in front of Goalkeeper Marek Stech, has been a wall for the Hatters this season, with League Two leaders conceding less than a goal a game – a record only bettered by Coventry City.

It's not just the Hatter's defence which has had heads turning though, as Luton's goal scoring record is the best in the country.

Nathan Jones' side have nearly hit their half-century with 48 goals already scored after just 20 league games, which has included the thrashings of Yeovil Town (8-2), Stevenage (7-1) and Cambridge United (7-0).

Luton's haul of goals this season has been mainly down to the exploits of James Collins and Danny Hylton, who have bagged 21 goals between them already this season.

Hylton, in particular, has been in phenomenal form of late. The former Oxford United striker has scored 10 in his last 10 games and that includes seven times in Luton Town's last eight victories.

The Hatters booked their place in the hat for the FA Cup second round draw with a 1-0 First Round win over League One side Portsmouth.

The game was a close run affair but a single strike on the stroke of half-time from James Collins was enough to separate the two sides.

Pompey became another cup victim of the Hatters under Nathan Jones as, in just under two years, the League Two side have knocked out higher tier opposition in the form of West Bromwich Albion, Aston Villa, Gillingham and AFC Wimbledon.

The Hatters have progressed past the Second Round in three of the last five seasons, even reaching the Fifth Round in 2013, knocking out Wolverhampton Wanderers and Norwich City, before being defeated 3-0 by Millwall.

Gateshead have not progressed to the third round since 2015, when the Heed suffered a 7-0 defeat against Premier League side West Bromwich Albion.

The Heed last met the Hatters two years prior to the visit to the Hawthorns, in Luton's last season in non-league football.

The league's eventual champions tore through Gateshead at Kenilworth Road in December 2013, cruising to a 4-2 victory.

The Hatter's were 4-0 up inside an hour but the Heed reduced the deficit late on with strikes from John Oster and Liam Hatch.



the gaffer

NATHAN JONES arrived at Kenilworth Road just under two years ago when the club was fighting against possible relegation back to non-league.

The Welshman however, won 11 of his first 21 games in Hertfordshire and guided the Hatters to safety.

As a player, Jones operated from left-back and enjoyed long spells at Brighton and Hove Albion and Yeovil Town, before accepting a coaching role at Grovers in 2009.

Jones left Huish Park in 2012 by mutual consent and quickly was offered a role at, then Championship side, Charlton Athletic as their under-21 professional development coach.

A year later, the Welshman was installed as the assistant head coach at his former side Brighton and Hove Albion, under Oscar Garcia. In his time at the Amex Stadium, Jones worked under three different managers as both assistant manager and first-team coach.

After Sami Hyypia's resignation in December 2014, Jones assumed the role as caretaker manager and won one out of two of his games in charge, before current seagulls' manager Chris Hughton was appointed.

Following his appointment at Kenilworth Road, Jones led the Hatters to the semi-final of the EFL Trophy as well as the semi-finals of the League Two play-offs, after finishing fourth. Luton however, were defeated 6-5 on aggregate by Blackpool.

PLAYER PROFILES

THE SQUAD 2017-18

GOALKEEPERS

- 01 Marek STECH
- 36 James SHEA
- 40 Harry ISTEAD

DEFENDERS

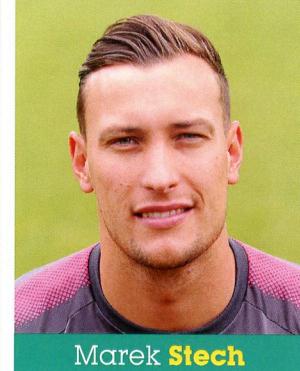
- 02 James JUSTIN
- 03 Dan POTTS
- 05 Johnny MULLINS
- 06 Scott CUTHERBERT
- 07 Jack STACEY
- 16 Glen REA
- 21 Jack SENIOR
- 37 Frankie MUSONDA
- 39 Akin FAMEWO
- 44 Alan SHEEHAN

MIDFIELDERS

- 04 Alan McCORMACK
- 08 Olly LEE
- 10 Jordan COOK
- 11 Andrew SHINNIE
- 17 Pelly-Ruddock MPANZU
- 18 Luke BERRY
- 22 Luke GAMBIN
- 24 Lawson D'ATH
- 35 Arthur READ

FORWARDS

- 09 Danny HYLTON
- 14 Harry CORNICK
- 19 James COLLINS
- 27 Aaron JARVIS
- 38 Elliot LEE



Marek Stech

DOB: 28.01.1990

The former West Ham United and Sparta Prague graduate joined the Hatters from Prague in the summer after a second spell in his native country.

Stech failed to make an appearance for the Hammers senior side in a four-year spell at the club and went on loan to a number of Football League sides.

Following his departure from the London club, Stech joined Yeovil Town in 2012 where he made over 70 appearances for the club.



Alan Sheehan

DOB: 14.09.1986

One of the most experienced players in the Hatters line up, the former Leicester City man made a handful of experiences at the foxes before signing for Leeds United after a number of loan moves.

The full-back went on to represent a number of Football League sides but his most successful spell came at Notts County where he made over 100 appearances before signing for Bradford City.

Sheehan joined the Hatters on loan in 2016 from the Bantams before signing on a permanent deal later that year and has since become a pivotal part of Nathan Jones' side.

He will captain the Hatters this afternoon following an injury to Scott Cuthbert.



**SHOT
STOPPER**



**ROCK
SOLID**



Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu

DOB: 22.03.1994

The versatile midfielder who can also play in defence raced to over 100 appearances for the club despite only being 24.

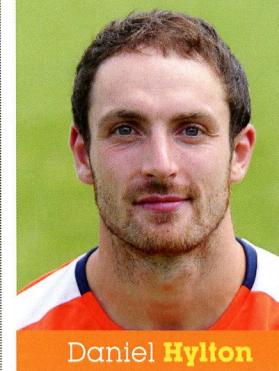
Signing for the Hatters from West Ham, Ruddock's previous clubs include national league side Boreham Wood.

The combative midfielder joined Luton originally on loan before becoming a part of John Still's side that won the Conference Premier title.

The striker has surpassed a half-century of appearances for the club and boasts an impressive goalscoring record of 33 goals.



**FLAIR
PLAYER**



Daniel Hylton

DOB: 25.02.1988

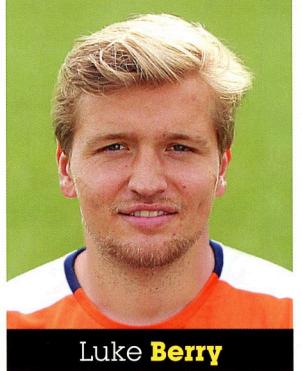
Prolific striker Hylton began his career at Aldershot town before going on to represent Rotherham United and Oxford United.

Hylton turned down a new contract with Oxford to sign for League Two club Luton Town on a two-year contract on 31 May 2016 before signing a contract extension in the summer this year.

The striker has surpassed a half-century of appearances for the club and boasts an impressive goalscoring record of 33 goals.



**GOAL
THREAT**



Luke Berry

DOB: 12.07.1992

Berry was part of the Cambridge side that defeated Gateshead in the 2013/14 play-off final.

Berry made over 100 appearances for the U's before signing for Barnsley in 2014 where he scored a single goal in his only spell at Oakwell before rejoining Cambridge.

Berry was linked with a move to Scottish side Hibernian in the summer before joining rivals Luton for an undisclosed fee on a three-year contract.



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CLUB NICKNAMES

Can you match these Second Round clubs to their nickname?

Mansfield Town

Hereford

Luton Town

Yeovil Town

Swindon Town

Morecambe

The Glovers

The Robins

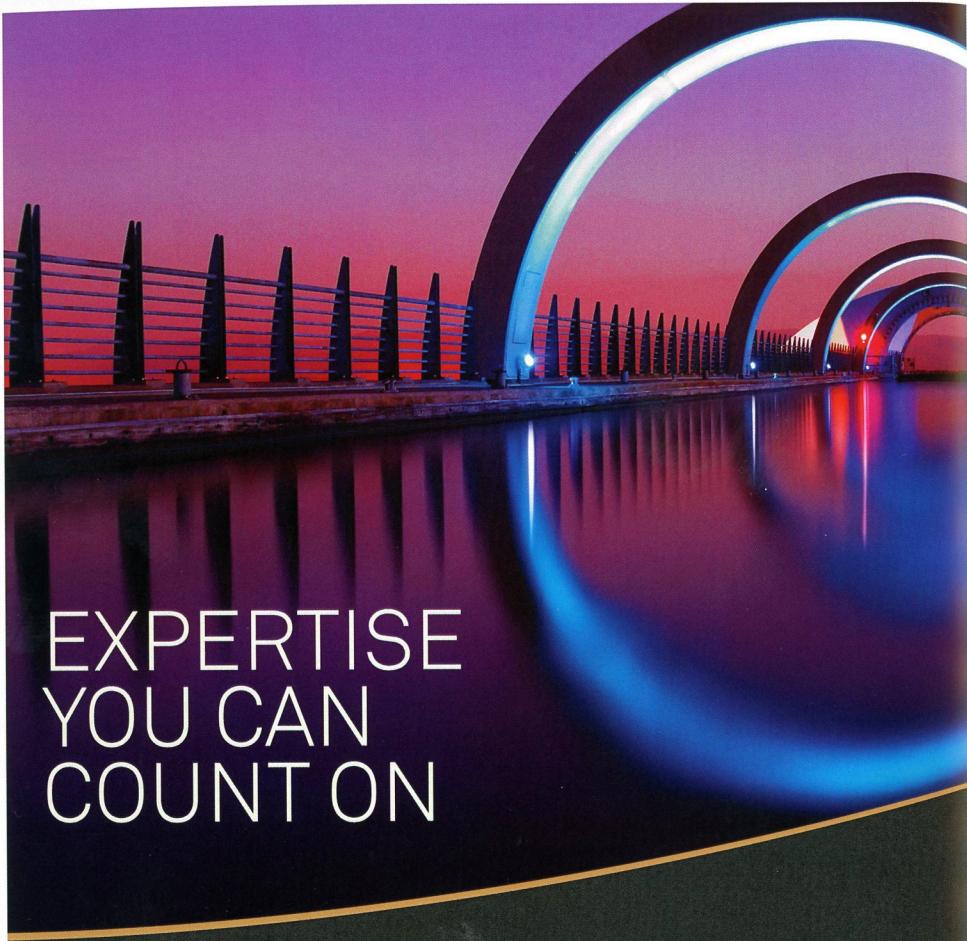
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The Stags

The Hatters

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the press pack

Press Officer Dominic Scurr on the media magic surrounding the FA Cup.



GOOD afternoon everybody and welcome to the International Stadium for our very own 'Super Sunday' match in the FA Cup.

It's obviously going to be a tough game against an in-form Luton side so I won't bore you by rambling on for the next five paragraphs explaining why that is (if you'd like a credible insight to the fixture, I'd suggest looking at both the Gaffer's and JJ's pieces at the front and back of this programme respectively).

But we go into today's game on the back of a 'disappointing' result down at Solihull Moors. It seems strange being so disappointed with a draw away from home when we've had 10 men for the majority of the game but I suppose that just shows the standard and expectations we have.

Anyone who was at Damson Park last Saturday could probably back me up in saying that we would have probably won the game quite comfortably with 11 players

on the field which is largely why it feels like two points dropped.

The results generally went our way as well with a number of the teams at the top dropping points.

A good example of just how crazy the National League table is this year is the fact that before the weekend, we sat 15th yet we were closer in terms of points to the league leaders than we were to the bottom four.



But it's all about the FA Cup for us this weekend and what an occasion it could prove to be should we be able to progress.

It's great to be in the competition at this stage but Luton and ourselves know the third round is where you really want to be.

A chance to play one of the best sides in the country or in some cases, the world, is something that doesn't come around too often for non-league sides in particular.

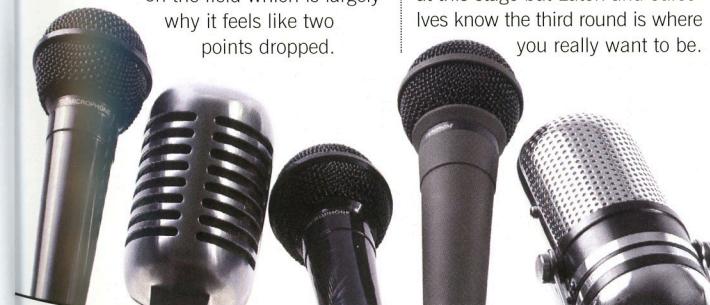
So it's all to play for this afternoon and it's great to get a decent amount of attention and coverage from the BBC and various national media outlets surrounding this match.

As far as my involvement with the club is concerned, a cup run can really work wonders and it's refreshing to see the BBC turn their spotlight to the smaller clubs in the competition with all non-league sides still in the competition featuring live at some point over the weekend.

Finally, I must remind those who like to discuss the often irrelevant and varied professions of non-league players; Gateshead Football Club has a squad of 24 players, all of whom are full-time professional footballers - who'd have thought!

Let's hope we can properly demonstrate that this afternoon and earn our place in the hat for the third round.

Enjoy the game.



action replay

Vanarama National League
Tuesday 21 November 2017

GATESHEAD 1 BARROW 2

Gateshead International Stadium

Attendance: 663 (67 Barrow)

Referee: Andrew Miller

GATESHEAD fell to their first defeat in five matches last time out at the International Stadium as Barrow ran out as 2-1 winners.

Bluebirds forward Byron Harrison put the visitors ahead after 33-minutes as he latched onto Bradley Baress' threaded pass and placed the ball past Dan Hanford and into the bottom left corner of the goal.

It was the first time the Heed had conceded in over 500-minutes of competitive football but they equalised 10-minutes later as Wes York turned in Luke Hannant's through ball to make it 1-1 just before half-time.

After the break, a 30-yard wonder-strike from Harry Panayiotou rocketed into the top left corner of the goal and ultimately sealed the three points for Barrow.

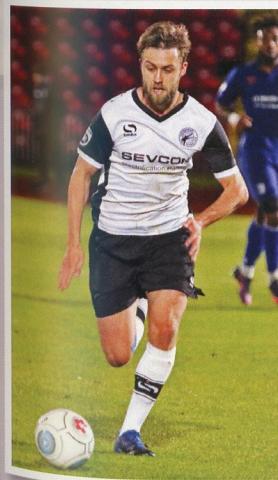
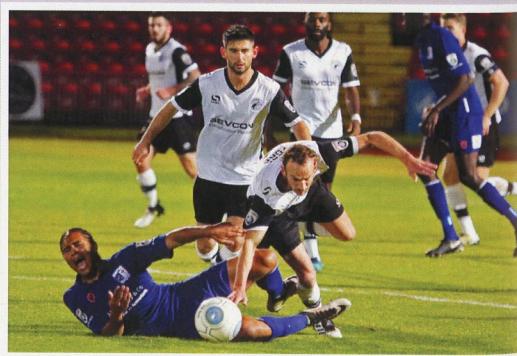
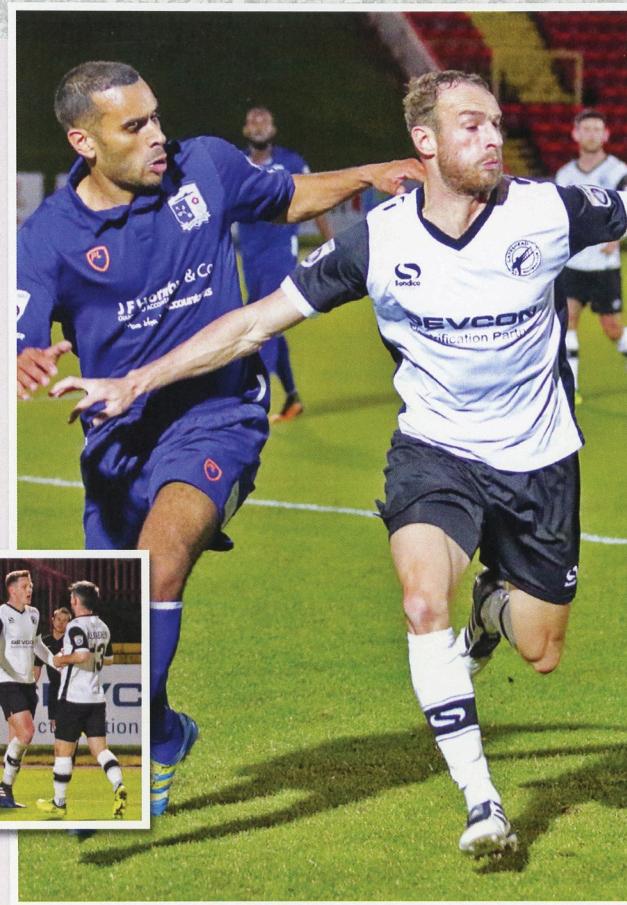
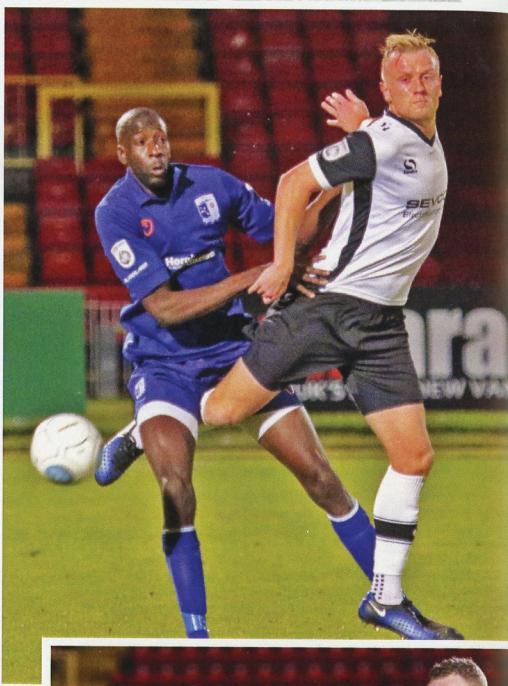
Following the match, Heed boss Steve Watson commented: 'I'm hugely disappointed not just with the result but the lack of quality in the end.

'We maybe got away with it against Tranmere but on this occasion, we went up against a team who have got some good footballers and I expect them to start climbing the league.'

'It's another home game where we haven't really dominated or put our stamp on it. We've been playing some really good football away from home but here, we've got some good wins but we haven't been really dominant with the ball.'

'After being so tight at the back, the goals we conceded were disappointing.'

"We just didn't do enough to win the game on the night."



Pics: Charlie Waugh, Rob Chambers

Gateshead Line-up [4-3-3]

21 Hanford

12 Tinkler

03 Barrow (O'Donnell 87)

05 Byrne

06 Fyfield

19 Hannant

13 McLaughlin

15 Maxwell (Penn 63)

09 Johnson

07 York (Peniket 73)

10 Burrow

Substitutes

01 Montgomery (GK)

02 Vassell

08 Peniket

15 Maxwell

16 Penn

Goals:

Harrison (34), York (43), Panatioutou (58).

Cautions:

Tinkler (55), Diarra (69).





as it happened

	DATE	RESULT	OPPOSITION	COMP	ATT	POS	REFEREE	MOM	SCORERS
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AUGUST	Tue 08	W 1:0	H Guiseley	VNL	629 (67)	11	G. Hart	Williams	Byrne (53).
	Sat 12	W 3:0	H Torquay United	VNL	756 (62)	3	P. Wright	Burrow	Higgins (og 19), Peniket (78), Anderson (og 82).
	Tue 15	1:0 1	A Wrexham	VNL	4,097 (35)	9	K. Evans	Penn	Reid (72).
	Sat 19	W 3:0	H Macclesfield Town	VNL	633 (73)	6	D. Middleton	Preston	Kerr (5), Burrow (45+1), Preston (72).
	Sat 26	D 0:0	A Ebbsfleet United	VNL	1,446 (24)	6	C. Pollard	Vassell	
	Mon 28	D 0:0	H FC Halifax Town	VNL	1,118 (232)	6	A. Miller	Vassell	
	Sat 02	1:1 3	A Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL	1,356 (21)	10	N. Hair	Hannant	Whale (13), Lokko (og 42), Ferrier (30), Romain (87).
SEPTEMBER	Sat 09	D 1:1	A Sutton United	VNL	1,805 (19)	11	S. Allison	Hanford	Johnson (pen 15), Walton (pen 27).
	Tue 12	W 3:2	H Chester	VNL	567 (65)	11	S. Lucas	Williams	Halls (og 41), Peniket (46), Hannan (73), Waters (90+1), Mitchell (og 90+4).
	Sat 16	1:0 1	H Aldershot Town	VNL	654 (127)	14	K. Evans	O'Donnell	Robert (83).
	Sat 23	D 2:2	A Maidstone United	VNL	2,530 (29)	14	S. Purkiss	Fyfield	Hines (pen 11), Wynter (67), Peniket (69), Johnson (80).
	Sat 30	D 1:1	H Boreham Wood	VNL	606 (23)	14	P. Marsden	Barrow	York (30), Shakes (87).
OCTOBER	Tue 03	D 0:0	A AFC Fylde	VNL	1,494 (29)	15	P. Gibbons	Fyfield	
	Sat 07	1:1 2	H Bromley	VNL	853 (52)	16	J. Hull	Vassell	Johnson (68), Dennis (pen 84), Williams (90+3).
	Sat 14	W 2:1	A Buxton	FAC4QR	653 (68)	16	D. Richardson	McLaughlin	McLaughlin (28), Burrow (pen 44), Hardy (pen 68).
	Sat 21	1:2 3	A Eastleigh	VNL	1,597 (23)	17	R. Hulme	McLaughlin	Williamson (5), Constable (62), Preston (74), Vassell (87), Strevers (90+5).
	Tue 24	W 2:0	A Leyton Orient	VNL	3,468 (63)	15	C. Brook	Burrow	Burrow (8, 80).
	Sat 28	D 0:0	H Dover Athletic	VNL	816 (58)	17	P. Wright	Burrow	
NOVEMBER	Sat 04	W 2:0	H Chelmsford City	FAC1R	732 (123)	16	P. Gibbons	Barrow	Burrow (30), Johnson (34).
	Sat 11	W 3:0	A Maidenhead United	VNL	1,377 (117)	15	S. Allison	Hannant	Hannant (5, 50), Johnson (8).
	Sat 18	W 1:0	H Tranmere Rovers	VNL	1,140 (428)	11	K. Evans	Tinkler	Sutton (og 90+3).
	Tue 21	1:1 2	H Barrow	VNL	663 (67)	13	A. Miller	Fyfield	Harrison (34), York (43), Pancratou (58).
	Sat 25	D 1:1	A Solihull Moors	VNL	534 (107)	15	I. P. Marsden	Peniket	Burrow (pen 13), Atkinson (66).
DECEMBER	Sun 03	1:0 0	H Luton Town	FAC2R					
	Sat 09	15:00	H Woking	VNL					
	Tue 12	19:45	A Torquay United	VNL					
	Sat 16	15:00	H Guiseley	FAT1R					
	Tue 26	15:00	H Hartlepool United	VNL					
	Sat 30	15:00	H Wrexham	VNL					
JANUARY	Mon 01	15:00	A Hartlepool United	VNL					
	Sat 05	15:00	H Sutton United	VNL					
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	Sat 20	15:00	A Chester	VNL					
	Sat 27	15:00	H Maidstone United	VNL					
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	Sat 17	15:00	A Boreham Wood	VNL					
	Tue 20	19:45	A Barrow	VNL					
	Sat 24	15:00	H Solihull Moors	VNL					
MARCH	Sat 03	15:00	A Tranmere Rovers	VNL					
	Sat 10	15:00	H Maidenhead United	VNL					
	Sat 17	15:00	H Ebbsfleet United	VNL					
	Sat 24	15:00	A Macclesfield Town	VNL					
APRIL	Fri 30	15:00	H Dagenham & Redbridge	VNL					
	Mon 02	15:00	A FC Halifax Town	VNL					
	Sat 07	15:00	A Bromley	VNL					
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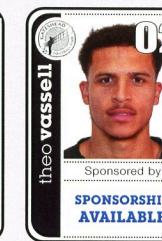
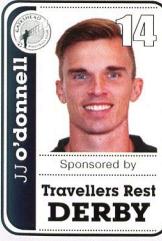
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01	James MONTGOMERY	11	0	0	0	0	0	23	0
21	Dan HANFORD	13 (1)	0	0	0	1	0	43	0
25	Iain MacLEOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEFENDERS									
02	Theo VASSELL	16 (2)	1	0	0	3	1	18	1
03	Scott BARROW	14	0	0	0	1	0	14	0
04	Fraser KERR	10 (2)	1	0	0	0	0	12	1
05	Neill BYRNE	23	1	0	0	3	0	23	1
06	Jamal FYFIELD	17 (1)	0	0	0	5	0	59	2
	Fraser HORSFALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Danny BURNS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Jon MELLISH	4 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
24	Callum WILLIAMS	18	0	0	0	1	0	18	0
MIDFIELDERS									
07	Wes YORK	6 (7)	2	0	0	0	0	60	13
12	Robbie TINKLER	7 (4)	0	0	0	2	0	11	0
13	Paddy McLAUGHLIN	22 (2)	1	0	0	0	0	112	11
14	JJ O'DONNELL	6 (3)	0	0	0	1	0	45	2
15	Luke MAXWELL	6 (4)	0	0	0	2	0	10	0
16	Russell PENN	19 (2)	0	0	0	4	1	37	0
17	Kieran GREEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
19	Luke HANNANT	16 (1)	2	0	0	4	0	39	4
22	Tom WHITE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
FORWARDS									
08	Richard PENIKET	13 (8)	3	0	0	1	0	21	3
09	Danny JOHNSON	14 (5)	6	0	0	1	0	100	39
10	Jordan BURROW	17 (6)	6	0	0	1	0	48	14
11	Jordan PRESTON	12 (9)	2	0	0	0	0	21	2
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youth update

Heed youngsters third successive league win.

Gateshead U19s 3-0 FC United of Newcastle

GATESHEAD under-19s manager Robbie Pringle hailed three points as "the most important thing" following his side's 3-0 win over rock-bottom FC United of Newcastle.

After last weekend's cup defeat, The Heed youngsters got their form on back on track with a comfortable victory on Saturday afternoon to make it three wins in a row in the Northern Alliance Premier Division.

Macaulay Langstaff headed Gateshead in front in the opening two minutes as he connected with Liam Butler's cross from the left wing, before the forward saw a second goal ruled out for offside.

Butler found the top corner with a 25-yard strike to double the lead in the second half before tapping home a rebound to make sure of the three points.

Pringle said that his side were more clinical than their opponents on the day, despite not playing as well as they have done in other games this season.

"It was a really scratchy game," he said.

"There wasn't a lot of pretty football being played but we were just better in the final third in terms of the quality that we had.

"The most important thing was getting three points which the lads have done.

"They've done it in decent style when you look at the scoreline, 3-0 and a clean sheet and you're happy."

Gateshead sit 14th in the league thanks to their improved performances in recent weeks, and Pringle believes the result was the main positive to take from the win.

"The performance was ok, but the most important thing was the result," he added.

"Based on where [FC United of Newcastle] are at I would have taken any performance regardless of what it looked like if we got three points.

"We were always reasonably comfortable without actually playing really well and we didn't give them any real goal-scoring chances, so I'm pleased with the result.

"The lads know that it wasn't their best performance, but it was one that got them a win."



Gateshead U19s: Macleod, Lee (Lam), Luaba (Mitchell), Hastings, Billiclough, Butler, Hailes, McDougal, McArdle, Langstaff (Studholme), Halliday.
Goals: Langstaff, Butler (2).



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terrace talk

Columnist Ross Black is hoping for another great cup day for the Heed.

TODAY is going to be a slightly weird experience as I'm not used to football on a Sunday afternoon at the International Stadium.

The FA Cup has brought me so many mixed emotions as a Gateshead fan. The loss at home to Tamworth who then got a dream tie away to Everton was a real sickener, plus two recent games at home to Worcester and Alfreton when we simply weren't good enough.

On the flip side of the coin I've had days I'll never forget away at Blyth, Notts County and of course the party we had down at West Brom.

Today is an opportunity to get to the Third round once again and we can't kid ourselves for a club of our size and the magnitude, it would be absolutely huge for us. The publicity if we got a draw against a Premier League side and the potential financial boost it would bring.

The second round draw wasn't too nice though if we are all thinking logically.

Luton are a really big club and I've been in the away end at Kenilworth road when that stadium is packed and, if I'm honest, I haven't heard many more intimidating and vocal atmospheres.

Fair play to them coming up all this way in decent numbers as I'm sure some would have preferred the fixture to be on a Saturday especially with some potentially going back to work on Monday morning.

With no games at all in the area at the same time as us, I'll be honestly devastated if



we can't break the 1,000 mark in the home end.

I'm like a broken record but can't understand why everyone is shunning us with the football we play, the atmosphere we have shown we can create and the top factor of it all, it's a lot of people's local club!

The players need us today as we are obvious underdogs. The atmosphere home and away has been nothing but positive and our numbers away from home have been excellent lately. The away end at Solihull was great and if we had sneaked a win at the end there would have been great scenes.

Our next away day that's accessible for our fan base is the big one down at Hartlepool on New Years Day.

Away travel has been sorted for that day and I'd really hope we take a few hundred down that day.

But enough about what's coming up a positive performance and a nice crowd today would boost everything I've mentioned.

I'm loving following the club this season as the people involved home and away are all united and positive again.

I'm not expecting a win today but I hope we give a good account of ourselves on the pitch and in the stands.

Anything else is an amazing bonus!

Cheers, Ross.



on the road

AFTER back to back 100+ away followings, the Heed Army would be forgiven if they struggled to maintain those numbers for the Tuesday night away trip to Torquay.

The longest league trip in English football taking place on a Tuesday evening has certainly raised a few eyebrows after it was rearranged from 23 December.

However a draw this afternoon could see the National League encounter switched back to the original date in order to accommodate for the replay.

Still, those who do make the mammoth journey will almost certainly be applauded by football fans across the country for their loyal support.



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Robert Waugh	B2	George Alder		E2	F2

PS3

The Gateshead Soul	Erin Pinkerton	Elisa Atkins	E3	Sean Hamilton	
Harry Watson	B4	C4	Alex Jackson	E4	F4

North

Alan Price	B5	C5	D5	E5	Andrew Gelder
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John Corbett	Mark Walton	C7	Steepy & Nicey	Michael Hood	
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PS1

Daniel McGuirk	Joseph McGuirk	Brian Humphrey	Michael Humphrey	Andrew Humphrey	Ben Humphrey
Paul McGuirk	Iraci McGuirk	C10	D10	E10	F10

A11	B11	C11	JCMA	E11	F11
A12	Extra Heed	C12	D12	Dek Simpson	F12

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H5

William Alder

K5

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Ron Hann

K6

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Joshua Robson

Mark Walton

Trish Wilson

H8

J8

Jamie Hann

K8

Charlotte Rankin

G9

H9

I9

Amelia Shield

Emma Connolly

G10

Gilly

I10

J10

Bloodknock

Lawrence Allen

Ken Allen

Dave Allen

Andy Evans

Ross Black

Sam Turnbull

G12

Stan Rankin

Micky Barrass

J12

Molly Hutchinson

L12

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Brian Rankin

Toni Barrass

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K13

Joss Wilder

South

**Gay, Adam, Owen & Daniel
McNall**

**Ravensworth
263**

PS13

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PS15

final word

Former Hatter JJ O'Donnell is relishing going up against his former side.

HI everyone and welcome back to the Gateshead International Stadium for today's FA Cup Second Round match against Luton Town.

Ever since the draw was made I've been very excited about today's match as it's going to be a very emotional day for me personally.

The past few weeks the focus has been on the league but now it's all about the cup and hopefully, I can play a part for Gateshead this afternoon.

I've done all I can in training to get myself ready for the game because it's such an important one for me and my family.

I've got a lot of people who have made the trip up to be here today but it's a game that I'm desperate for Gateshead to win, it's as simple as that.

As I mentioned, it'll be emotional because I had a lot of good years there at Luton and this time last year I couldn't have imagined that I'd be playing against them for Gateshead.

Now my sole focus is doing well for Gateshead and helping us get into the next round.

But it'll be tough, after our game, Luton is the first match I look out for on a Saturday and I often call my Dad to chat about how Luton are getting on, and at the moment they are flying.

I don't want to big them up too much but they are a great club with excellent support and they'll probably be playing in League One next season so we're not deluded as to how tough the game is going to be, but it's the FA Cup and anything can happen.

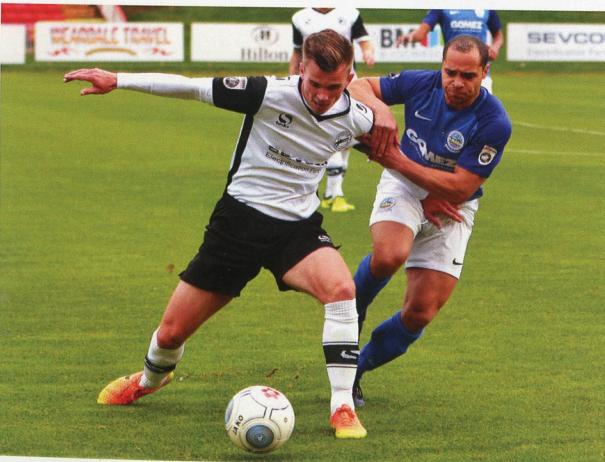
I found that out first hand with Luton when we went on that great run back in 2013, beating then Premier League side Norwich at Carrow Road and reaching the Fifth Round so there's nothing stopping us beating them this afternoon.

We have to go into the match full of confidence because we've got nothing to lose - people will expect Luton to win so there's no reason why we can't give it a really good go.

There are a few injuries and suspensions for us but we've got a squad here where everyone plays their part with the Gaffer rotating it each match.

So I like to think that after a good week of training and planning that we've got a great chance of doing something special this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.



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06 Jamal **FYFIELD**
07 Wes **YORK**
08 Richard **PENIKET**
09 Danny **JOHNSON**
10 Jordan **BURROW**
11 Jordan **PRESTON**
12 Robbie **TINKLER**
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15 Luke **MAXWELL**
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17 Kieran **GREEN**
18 Danny **BURNS**
19 Luke **HANNANT**
20 Macaulay **LANGSTAFF**
21 Dan **HANFORD** (GK)
22 Tom **WHITE**
23 Jon **MELLISH**
24 Callum **WILLIAMS**
25 Iain **MacLEOD** (GK)



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Steve **WATSON**



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Coventry City v **Boreham Wood**
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Gateshead v Luton Town
Mansfield Town v **Guiseley**
Newport County v Cambridge United
Woking v Peterborough United
Wycombe Wanderers v Leatherhead



League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Aldershot Town	22	11	6	5	37	24	13	39
2 Sutton United	22	11	6	5	31	26	5	39
3 Wrexham	22	11	6	5	20	14	6	39
4 Macclesfield Town	22	11	5	6	24	21	3	38
5 Dagenham & Redbridge	22	10	7	5	37	25	12	37
6 Dover Athletic	22	10	7	5	27	15	12	37
7 Boreham Wood	22	9	8	5	33	22	11	35
8 Bromley	22	10	5	7	33	28	5	35
9 Woking	22	10	3	9	29	30	-1	33
10 Maidstone United	21	9	6	6	25	27	-2	33
11 Tranmere Rovers	22	8	7	7	25	18	7	31
12 Ebbsfleet United	22	7	10	5	29	24	5	31
13 Hartlepool United	22	8	7	7	23	22	1	31
14 Maidenhead United	22	7	9	6	32	32	0	30
15 GATESHEAD	22	7	8	7	27	21	6	29
16 AFC Ryde	20	7	7	6	32	27	5	28
17 FC Halifax Town	22	6	8	8	24	31	-7	26
18 Eastleigh	22	4	5	13	21	24	-3	25
19 Barrow	22	5	7	10	27	31	-4	22
20 Leyton Orient	22	5	6	11	27	39	-12	21
21 Chester	22	3	9	10	21	36	-15	18
22 Torquay United	22	4	5	13	21	24	-3	17
23 Guiseley	21	3	8	10	19	36	-17	17
24 Solihull Moors	22	3	4	15	20	41	-21	13

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