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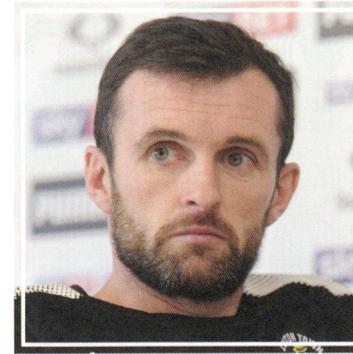
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[THE MANAGER'S NOTES]



# THE MANAGER

**NATHAN JONES**

**Good afternoon and welcome back to Kenilworth Road for this top-of-the-table Sky Bet League Two fixture with Notts County.**

I'd like to extend that welcome to all the Magpies supporters, directors, officials, manager Kevin Nolan, his staff and their players who have made the trip down the M1, and I wish them a safe trip back north this evening.

These are the kind of matches you are involved in football for. First against second with just goal difference separating the teams at kick-off, in front of a full house. It's all set up to be a cracking occasion and we know that Notts will provide us with another tough test.

Since we were last here in league action we followed up the 3-0 midweek win over Carlisle – which took us back to the top – with three points at Crewe, when we played well and should have been at least three-up before having to show our mettle late on.

We earmarked this week as a real big one for us, with two cup games leading up to this match. We've produced two really professional performances to beat Gateshead to reach the FA Cup third round, and then West Ham U21s in the Checktrade Trophy, scoring nine goals in the process. So it's two down, two successes, with the biggest one to come today.

In between, of course, we had that wonderful FA Cup draw which handed us a trip back to the north-east to face a fantastic Premier League side in Newcastle United. What I wouldn't have wanted to do is go away to another League Two club for what could be a standard league game, so this is a great game for the club, for the fans who will remember the Cup wins over Newcastle a few years ago, and a chance to test ourselves against top-flight opposition in a big stadium.

I'm really pleased, but it's one that will get the supporters more excited than us at the minute, because we've got an important period coming up in the league before we can focus on that one in the new year.

I'm delighted to win the Sky Bet League Two manager of the month award for the second month in a row, but just as with the October success, it's not just for me – it's for my entire staff and, of course, the players who have been producing the performances on the pitch.

### CONSISTENT

It was great to see Dan Potts nominated for player of the month too as he's been doing really well at both ends of the pitch, and another sign of the squad and club as a whole being in a real good place at the moment.

We need to keep producing those consistent performances over a prolonged period of time to ensure we stay there, and that is certainly the case this afternoon when we'll need all your help from the stands as we go for a sixth successive win.

You've been amazing on the road – it was the best away atmosphere I've heard at Crewe – and for so many to trek to Gateshead on a Sunday afternoon last week made me proud to be manager of your club.

Please make the old place rock today and keep building the momentum towards our ultimate goal.

Enjoy the game.



# FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH DIRECTOR MIKE HERRICK

Today we welcome the fans, players and directors of Notts County to Kenilworth Road. After a somewhat mixed season last year they have turned their form around and sit level on points with us at the top of the table. First v second will always be an intriguing clash whatever the division, and this game is one that is eagerly awaited by both sets of supporters.

Well, what a week it has been! An excellent win at Crewe was followed by two top performances in the Emirates FA Cup and the Checkatrade Trophy. In the end, the FA Cup victory at Gateshead was quite comprehensive but was overshadowed only by that very worrying injury to Scott Barrow, Gateshead's left-back. It's events like this that can really put our lives into perspective and we are all relieved to hear that Scott is now making a good recovery.

It was great to catch up with JJ O'Donnell who himself had a terrible injury which kept him out for some 18 months. The determination he showed in battling back to fitness is a credit to both himself and his family, and the affection he still shows for Luton Town was clear to see.

Who can forget his contribution in our famous win in the fourth round against Norwich City a few years ago?

## PROUD

During the week we were delighted to receive a letter from the chief safety officer at Gateshead praising the behaviour and the respect shown by the 381 fans who travelled to see the game.

We, too, are always proud of your support and it does you credit to be recognised in this way. A Sunday kick-off at 2pm was not the easiest time for many of you to make the long journey north, but you certainly made your presence felt.

The prize for the win at Gateshead, as we now all know, is a return trip to the north-east to meet Newcastle United. Who knows what further excitement lies in store? I'm sure

there will be some very interesting conversations in the Lee household over the next few weeks. I think we're all intrigued to know where Rob's allegiance will lie.

When we build our budget at the beginning of the season we plan for no income from any cup run. The reason for this is that revenue from cup competitions can never be guaranteed, even if we do progress to later rounds. Last year is a case in point.

## EAGERLY

We negotiated the first two rounds of the FA Cup but then went out to Accrington Stanley in the third. These three rounds last year were watched by a combined gate of just over 8,000. This year, though, the third-round tie alone should generate some significant income (which might possibly be boosted further by a televised replay at Kenilworth Road!)

This game has certainly caught the imagination of all at the club and we look forward eagerly to another great weekend in Newcastle.

Just two days after Gateshead we entertained the West Ham Academy in the Checkatrade Trophy. The strength of the squad was amply demonstrated by the fact that we made 11 changes from Sunday's starting line up, yet we still had enough firepower to end up with an emphatic 4-0 win.

Congratulations are due in particular to Aaron Jarvis and Kavan Cotter, who both registered the first goals in their professional careers.



## HATTERS SHOW TRUE COLOURS:

Captain Scott Cuthbert represented the club at the EFL's recent photoshoot to produce this unique picture showing football standing together in support of the Stonewall charity's 'Rainbow Laces' campaign for LGBT inclusivity in sport

We all know that we've won nothing yet but our steady progress to date augurs well for what we hope will be a successful conclusion next May.

## PLEASURE

Thursday evening saw the return of Bruce Rioch at the club's Christmas dinner and, though these notes were written before the event, we'll have surely had an evening of great nostalgia.

Bruce was, of course, an integral part of the side that won the fourth division championship in 1967/68.

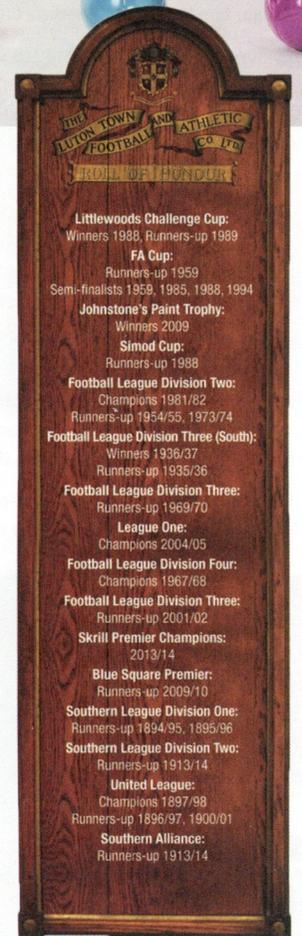
As if our week was not complete, we also took great pleasure in learning that Nathan Jones has received another Sky Bet League Two Manager of the Month award.

In the two years that he has been at the helm he has transformed the playing side of the club and I'm sure we are all delighted to see the free-flowing, attacking football that he has developed and which we all feel is part of the DNA of Luton Town.

Back to today's match. These are the big games that all players want to be involved in and all supporters want to watch. With a full house expected, all we need now is your customary vocal encouragement. Let's make Kenilworth Road rock and see where we end up at 5pm this evening.

Best wishes to all,

Mike



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- Southern Alliance:**  
Runners-up 1913/14

## NATHAN IS TOP BOSS AGAIN!

It's been another award-winning few days for Luton Town – with Nathan Jones collecting his second successive Sky Bet League Two manager of the month accolade for overseeing another few weeks to remember for the Hatters.

The gaffer, who also won the award in October, kicked off the month with an FA Cup win over Portsmouth before his side won three and drew the other of their four league games to move back to the top of the table.

The league sponsors also shortlisted left-back Dan Potts for player of the month, after he netted in three successive matches as the Hatters drew 2-2 at Cheltenham, recorded a 7-0 win over Cambridge – becoming the first side in EFL history to score seven or more three times before Christmas – and overcame Carlisle 3-0.

The players' award went to Forest Green striker Christian Doidge, however, who netted six times in October.

The Town closed the month with a 2-1 win at Crewe, a result that helped Nathan beat Mansfield's Steve Evans, Chesterfield's Jack Lester and the man in the opposite dugout today, Kevin Nolan, to land the trophy.

In their nominations press release, Sky Bet wrote: "After scoring 13 goals in five games in October, his attack-minded side were even more irresistible in November, finding the net 14 times in four matches, collecting ten points and sweeping Cambridge aside 7-0 in the process."

After being presented with his trophy, the manager said: "I'm very proud. I said last month it's an accumulation of not just my work but the work of my staff and players collectively. It's been another fantastic month in terms of results and performances and I'm very proud to receive it.

"We're a positive side. We started off this month with a 1-0 win against Portsmouth in the Cup which set the tone,



and barring a lapse of concentration against Cheltenham, we could have had maximum points for the month. We've showed we're a positive side and that we want to win games."

Congratulations Nathan, and also to Potts for his nomination – not only for this award, but also for the PFA Fans' Player of the Month award, sponsored by Bristol Street Motors. The 23-year-old and Town striker Danny Hylton – who won the award in October – were nominated, while Olly Lee predictably was shortlisted for Sky Bet League Two Goal of the Month for his 70-yard strike against Cambridge. The result of those two fans' votes were not known as This Is Our Town went to print.

Well done all four Hatters!

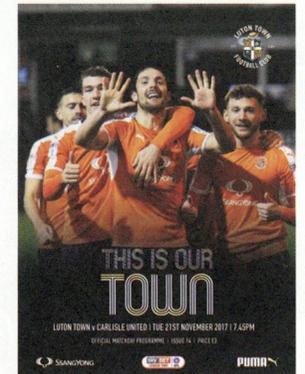
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Morecambe came a close second, according to the MPC, who wrote to say: "The quality of every club's matchday programme for the 2017/18 season was excellent, however, yours stood out from the others and received some excellent feedback from the panel of judges for its layout, informative articles, 'Covered'

article, use of colour, first impression/ shape of the cover, and brilliant value for money at only £3."

We would like to thank all of our contributors for helping us produce the 76-page programme for each home game, as well as our loyal supporters for buying a copy!



## DIAMOND VOTE IS OPEN!

Voting for the Diamond Player of the Month award for November is now open.

Diamond season ticket holders can submit their vote by emailing the name of the person they want to win to [diamond@lutontown.co.uk](mailto:diamond@lutontown.co.uk)

One person who nominates the eventual winner will be drawn from the hat and win the opportunity to present the monthly trophy in the Eric Morecambe Suite after the Grimsby game on Saturday 23rd December.

An adult winner will receive two seats for Eric Morecambe Hospitality, whilst a Junior winner will get a Diamond Mascot package.

Voting is open until Sunday 17th December and a winner will be advised shortly after the vote has closed.



## SSANGYONG PARTNERSHIP TO END

Following recent discussions, it has been decided that this season will be the last of the current partnership between Luton Town Football Club and the current main sponsor SsangYong Motor UK Ltd. An initial two-year partnership was agreed in the summer of 2016 between the Luton-based distributor of the SsangYong brand, however this will not be continued for the 2018/19 season.

We thank SsangYong for their support and look forward to continuing our close relationship until the end of what we hope will be a hugely successful season. As a result, the Hatters now begin the task of finding a replacement sponsor for, what could be, the most exciting period in the Club's history.

## FRANK BATT



We are sorry to report the passing of Frank Batt from Bedford on the 3rd November, aged 79.

John Pyper wrote: 'Frank was a regular fan at Kenilworth Road from 1946, aged eight, and followed the Hatters throughout the country. Being a writer on football and a poet, his knowledge of LTFC was second to none writing many articles over the years, one of

which was a series for the official LTSC Newsletter. He will be sorely missed by his family and fellow Luton supporters, many of whom wore LTFC colours to his funeral in Bedford on 29th November. God Bless you, Frank.'



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## HATTERS FANS PRAISED BY GATESHEAD

Following last week's Emirates FA Cup second round game at Gateshead, the club received the following note from the safety officer at the Vanarama National League club, David Culling, which we would like to share with our supporters.

'I am writing to compliment all 381 of your supporters who travelled to Gateshead yesterday. From my position in the control room it was obvious that from the moment your first supporters arrived, to the point when I stood stewards down, that the day was going extremely well, with very little air traffic from my staff.

'I mentioned this at our debrief to the Supervisor looking after the Luton end, and his reply was "In the four

years I have been doing this job that was the easiest day I have ever had and I even told a group of Luton supporters that they could come back every week if they wished".

'The Supervisor who oversaw the departure of your supporters then said "it was lovely when they were leaving, they were even thanking us for the day".

'Whilst it would be easy to think that after a 5-0 win supporters

would be in a happy frame of mind, I must reiterate that this exemplary behaviour was from first arrival. Would you be so kind as to pass on mine and my staffs thanks to anyone you feel it appropriate to do so.'

Thank you to everyone who travelled to the north-east and gave such wonderful support to Nathan and the team. That, and your conduct in doing so, is appreciated by all at Kenilworth Road!

## EMIRATES FA CUP THIRD ROUND DRAW

Monday night's draw handed the Hatters a return trip to Tyneside to face Premier League club Newcastle United, with the Town set to visit St James' Park – which overlooks Gateshead's ground – on Saturday 6th January.

The game will kick-off at 3pm after TV selections were confirmed, and a sales plan for tickets will be released in due course, so please keep your eyes on the club website [lutontown.co.uk](http://lutontown.co.uk) for details.

The full draw is as follows:

- Ipswich Town v Sheffield United
- Watford v Bristol City
- Birmingham City v Burton Albion
- Liverpool v Everton
- Brighton & Hove Albion v Crystal Palace
- Aston Villa v Woking or Peterborough United
- Bournemouth v AFC Fylde or Wigan

- Coventry City v Stoke City
- Newport County v Leeds United
- Bolton Wanderers v Huddersfield Town
- Port Vale v Bradford City
- Nottingham Forest v Arsenal
- Brentford v Notts County
- Queens Park Rangers v MK Dons
- Manchester United v Derby County
- Forest Green Rovers or Exeter City v West Bromwich Albion
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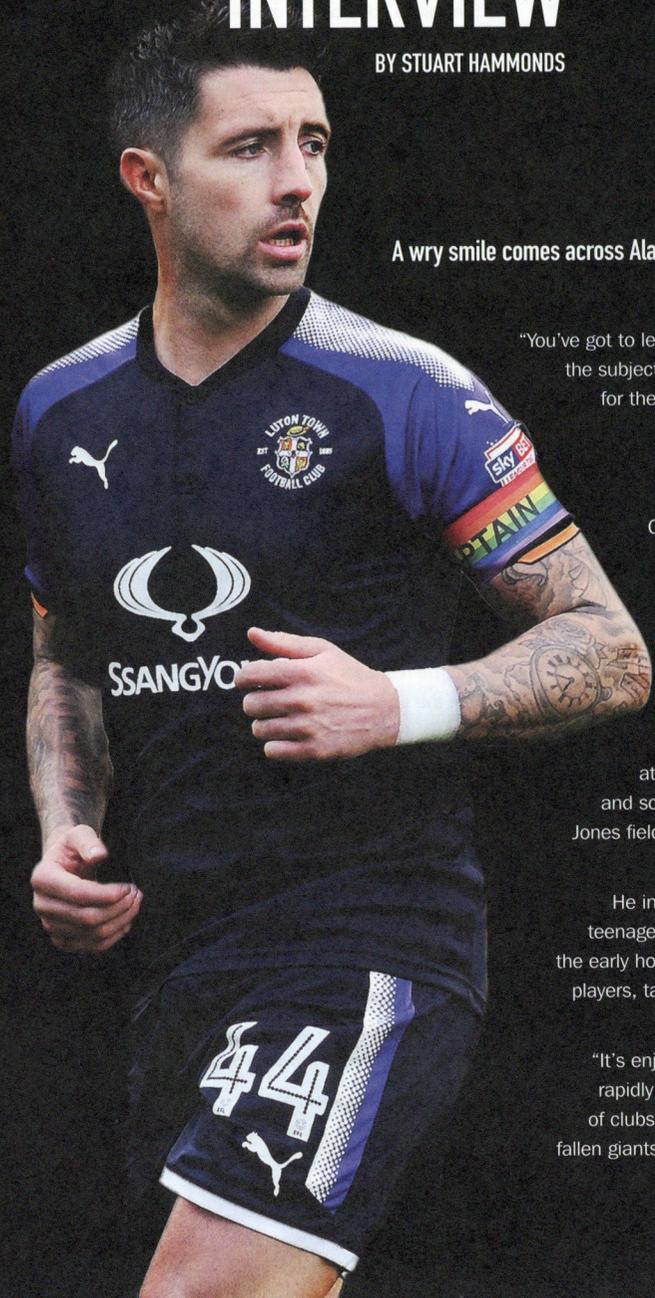
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# THE BIG INTERVIEW

BY STUART HAMMONDS

## ALAN SHEEHAN



A wry smile comes across Alan Sheehan's face when he's asked about being a father figure in the Luton Town squad.

"You've got to let this old thing go," laughs the 31-year-old when the subject inevitably turns to him recently becoming a dad for the first time, and also his influence on the younger members of Nathan Jones' squad.

It's not just the fact he's currently wearing the captain's armband in the absence of Scott Cuthbert, as his centre-half partner recovers from a groin injury. Sheehan travels into training everyday with teenage defender Frankie Musonda, and one of the enduring images I have of the Irishman from last season is the way he helped then 17-year-old Akin Famewo through his full EFL debut.

And that wasn't just on the pitch at Hartlepool, where Sheehan wore the armband – and scored a trademark free-kick – in a 1-1 draw when Jones fielded the youngest starting XI in the club's Football League history.

He insisted on doing the post-match press next to the teenager, and on the long journey back down the A1 into the early hours, Sheehan sat at a table surrounded by young players, talking to them and making them feel a big part of the squad.

"It's enjoyable trying to help them," says the man who is rapidly approaching 400 career appearances at a range of clubs from Leicester City in the Championship, to then fallen giants Leeds United, Swindon Town, Bradford City and, of course, today's opponents Notts County.





Sheehan in Notts County colours

"Without going into it, I probably made every mistake in the book so I can see sometimes that they are getting frustrated some days by not playing games, and they are hungry to do well.

"I suppose there are so many different obstacles and I just want to say the right things to them, and show them the right things to do. Fortunately, it doesn't really take much because they are such a cracking bunch of lads and some of the boys there, like JJ, Frankie, Akin and even the younger lads coming through, with Arthur Read and people like that, are such good players and listeners.

"There's a lot of good talent coming through and if I can help them and give them one or two different solutions to questions that they have, it makes me feel better as well."

Including loans, the Hatters are Sheehan's tenth club, and apart from his 142 appearances for Notts in two spells, his 82 games for the Town since signing – initially on loan – in January 2016 is the most he has made for any one of those teams.

"I could have played a lot more games at clubs if I was happy to stay on the bench for a while, but rightly or

wrongly, I always wanted to be playing football and when I was younger, I had a few injuries and stuff like that," says Sheehan. "But I suppose nobody knows what's right or wrong on the pitch and off the pitch, and I made so many wrong decisions. But I feel different now and so much more switched on.

"I can only pass on bits of info and it's up to them if they take it. Some days we do extra sessions with the defenders and they are a good bunch of lads. They know that I'm there for advice if they need it."

Since becoming Jones' first signing after taking over almost two years ago, Sheehan has seen an overhaul of the squad with just Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu, Dan Potts, Olly Lee, Cuthbert and the young homegrown players having been here longer than him.

It's fair to say it's the most settled he's been in his career, especially living with his partner Hollie and daughter Willow – who was born on the evening of the 7-1 win over Stevenage in October – and it is showing in his consistent performances at the heart of a defence that has kept 11 clean sheets so far this season.

"I'm living in the area with my girlfriend and my baby, and I'm definitely more settled now," says the Irishman. "When I was younger there was a lot of different managers and you've only got one foot in the door. But two feet are firmly in the door here and I'm really enjoying my football at the moment. It's a really enjoyable place to be.

"When I first came, I'd been at Bradford and wasn't really enjoying my football. I could have probably stayed in League One, but the manager had been in the job only a few days and I got the tip from my agent that he'd been on.

"At first I wasn't sure about dropping to League Two, but then I spoke to him for ten-15 minutes, and it was a good chat, because I was 100 per cent sure then that I wanted to come. Everything I was promised on the phone and all the expectations and things that were going to be done, the manager has kept to his word."

With his wand of a left foot, Jones' passing style of football was understandably a huge lure to come to Luton.

"Definitely the style of football for me was the main thing. I've been in a lot of teams that were long-ball specialists, and after a few games I realise it's not really me.

"But the manager knows that I like to play football and he said he was going to assemble a squad that was going to get out of this league. I feel like we have a squad to do that now. With the training ground and everything like that,

and the squad and people fighting for places, it's a club really on the up at the moment and I'm excited to be a part of it.

"The team has really moved on this year. This squad is just stronger all over with the signings that we've made. Everyone is fighting for a place and it's a squad that can not only get out of this division, but one I think would be very, very competitive in League One.

"Everybody is comfortable on the ball, everybody wants the ball, and because you are winning a lot of the time, it's a great place to be. There is a long way to go so nobody can get carried away with themselves. We have to keep doing that, and if we keep doing that, it could be a special year for us."

With the experience Sheehan has alongside his former Swindon teammate Cuthbert and Johnny Mullins, who captained Oxford to promotion and a Wembley cup final two years ago, plus promotion winners like Alan McCormack, Danny Hylton and James Collins, there is no chance of any player in the squad getting carried away.

"Exactly, and the good thing is it's a cracking bunch of lads, and when we set our goals in pre-season, there were no wires crossed," says Sheehan. "Everyone knew what the job was and the manager made it fully clear what the job was to do this year – and that's promotion.

"Nothing is done yet, but at the moment there is a great mixture of experience, youth and hunger and we've got great legs in the team. Technically we've got a bit of everything. Everyone is chipping in.

"Defensively, we've been solid so far whereas last year we were drawing

a lot. We've tightened up a few things and going forward we are looking dangerous and everything is going well.

"But we need to keep reminding ourselves that we are only just coming into December and we know we have such a long way to go. There are a lot of different obstacles we are going to have to climb over and we need to stick together and keep doing what we are doing."

And that continues this afternoon as the Hatters go for a fourth straight league win against a club Sheehan joined in 2011 and made 127 appearances for, before going back for a loan spell from Bradford shortly before joining the Town in 2015-16.

### ESTABLISHED

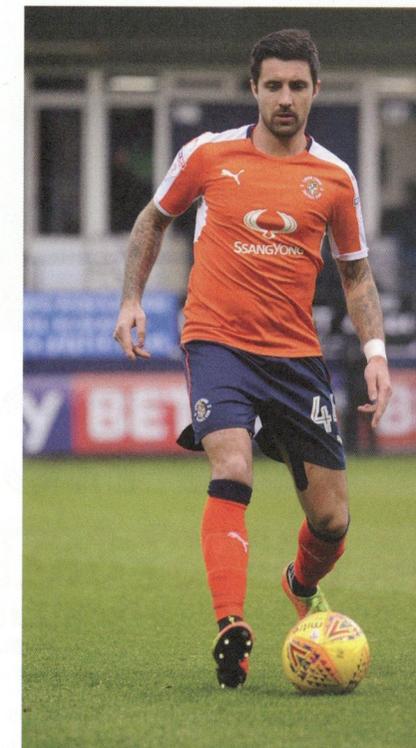
"I'd worked under Martin Allen at Leicester and he was good to me there, so when he came in for me, it was a big factor in signing for Notts County," says Sheehan.

"I went and had a look around the club and I liked it, and it was a good club in League One back then. They were established and that year we lost out on the play-offs on goal difference. I had a good time there.

"Apart from the fans, who I had a very good relationship with, it's a totally different club now. You've got new owners and 99 per cent of the people at the club when I was there are no longer there.

"The new chairman has come in with the manager, Kevin Nolan, and he's done a very good job. He saved them last season and now they are challenging with us, so it looks like they are moving in the right direction again after a poor few years."

And as we head into the festive period with both sides level on points



at the top of Sky Bet League Two, his appetite is whet for what lies ahead in front of a near-capacity crowd at Kenilworth Road this afternoon.

He adds: "It's a club I had good times at and it's first versus second, so it's set up as a top of the table clash, and at the moment, it doesn't get much bigger than that. It's one for everyone to enjoy."

Just as Sheehan is with life in general at the moment. "Of course, being a father is different. Instead of driving home from training looking forward to seeing one woman, I'm looking forward to seeing two of them now.

"It's very exciting at the moment and I look forward to taking her on the pitch – Willow, not Hollie! – at the end of the season, hopefully with a promotion medal!"

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## FOREST GREEN ROVERS

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER | 3PM

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SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER | 3PM

Tickets for this category C game are now on sale from the LFC Ticket Office.



## SWINDON TOWN

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER | 3PM

The Hatters have received a full allocation of 900 seats in the covered Arkells Stand and an initial allocation of 600 uncovered seats in the Stratton Bank Stand (max stand allocation 1,850) for our Boxing Day trip to Wiltshire. This means we have a total allocation of 2,750 for the County Ground clash that will kick-off at 3pm on Tuesday 26th December 2017. Please note that all seats are unreserved seating. Season Ticket holders are able to purchase two ticket person close of business on Tuesday 12th December. Any remaining tickets will be available on General Sale on Wednesday 13th December. These will be available online



## PORT VALE

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO | SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER | 3PM

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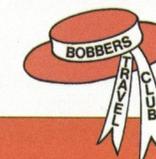
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# WE'RE ON OUR WAY

## FOREST GREEN ROVERS

FORMED: 1889 | NICKNAME: ROVERS, GREEN DEVILS | LAST SEASON: 3RD IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

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**WHO?** A fifth-tier outfit for 19 years until their promotion via the National League play-offs in May, Forest Green Rovers are now the smallest town football club in the EFL. Based in Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, with a population of just over 7,500, the Green Devils are also proud vegans – only serving vegan products for supporters to purchase on a matchday.

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

**HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?** All ten of the previous meetings between the Hatters and Rovers have taken place in the Conference, with the Town winning six and only suffering defeat once. The most recent of those matches came in April 2014, when a brace from Andre Gray and a goal each for Cameron McGeehan and Mark Cullen secured a 4-1 win here at the Kenny.

**IN CHARGE** A journeyman in his playing career, Mark Cooper started out at Bristol City in 1987, going onto play for the likes of Exeter City, Birmingham City, Rushden & Diamonds, Forest Green and Tamworth, where he was player-manager. The 48-year-old's life in management began with the Lambs, before moving to Kettering in 2007. That led him to then-Championship outfit Peterborough United for a brief spell, before returning to Non-League with Darlington and

Telford. He moved back into the League in 2013, initially as assistant at Swindon, then bossed the Robins and Notts County before dropping down again to lead Forest Green out of the National League and into the top 92 for the first time in their history last season.

**PREVIOUS FORM** Bottom of the table after 11 games with just five points, you could be forgiven for thinking Rovers weren't quite cut out for life in Sky Bet League Two. However, a remarkable turnaround has seen them pick up 15 points from the following nine games, which has put them three points clear of 23rd placed Barnet. Goals from Christian Doidge have certainly helped in that run, with the forward netting ten times in his last eight outings for the Green Devils – including a brace last Saturday in Cooper's side's enthralling 3-3 draw with Exeter City in the Emirates FA Cup.

**KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU** A couple of prominent former Hatters have at some point played for Rovers. Alex Lawless spent three seasons at the New Lawn between 2006-09, making 120 appearances before moving onto York City. He remained with the Minstermen for just over a year, before signing for us in October 2011. Jonathan Smith made over 170 appearances in a Town shirt, having also played for Forest Green for three years between 2007-10.

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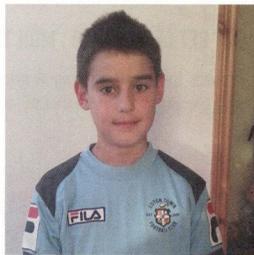
Today's matchball sponsors are celebrating Wendy Weller's 60th birthday. Wendy (nee Baker) first started watching the Town as a young girl when she lived a few minutes away from the ground on Dallow Road. Over the years friends gathered at the house for a pre-match cuppa and some of mum's rock cakes, before walking round to Maple Road. Nowadays, everyone has to come from much further afield, but we still have the Luton Town habit, regularly travelling from Nottingham and Norwich to see the mighty Hatters do their thing. COYRRH!



## TODAY'S MASCOTS:



**ALEX KRAMER** AGE: 12  
HOBBIES: GAMING, WRESTLING, YUGIHO AND FOOTBALL  
FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON



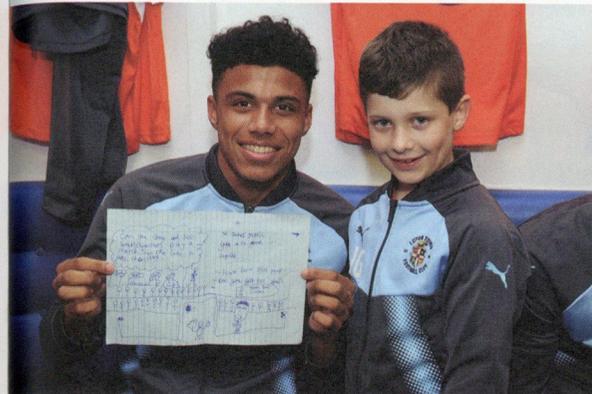
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AGE: 12 HOBBIES: FOOTBALL, TENNIS, GOLF, DARTS  
FAVOURITE PLAYER: JAMES COLLINS



**FINN DAVERN** AGE: 10  
HOBBIES: FOOTBALL, ATHLETICS, RUGBY, XBOX  
FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON



**EDWARD DOHERTY** AGE: 6  
HOBBIES: FOOTBALL  
FAVOURITE PLAYER: ANDREW SHINNIE & SCOTT CUTHBERT



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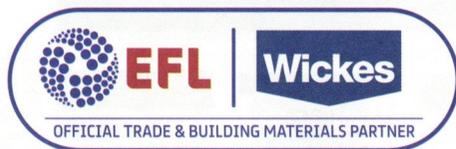
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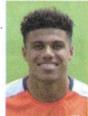
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# WELCOME NOTTS COUNTY

**FACTFILE:**

**NICKNAMES:** THE MAGPIES  
**GROUND:** MEADOW LANE  
**MANAGER:** KEVIN NOLAN  
**LAST SEASON:** 16TH IN LEAGUE TWO

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to the staff, players and supporters of Notts County, on what is sure to be a fascinating afternoon at Kenilworth Road.

The Magpies were in real trouble last season when a run of ten games without a win – nine of which were defeats – saw ex-boss John Sheridan depart at the beginning of January, to be replaced ten days later by former Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United midfielder Kevin Nolan. The 35-year-old found Notts in a perilous position, 22nd in the division, and almost immediately turned their fortunes around, guiding them to a 16th place finish.

That form has not only carried on into the new season, but improved. Since day one of this season, County have been there or thereabouts at the top of Sky Bet League Two. Having won, drawn and lost exactly the same amount of league games as the Town, the Magpies are only off top spot on goal difference – the Hatters better off by 15 goals.

Former Leyton Orient boss Nolan has dispelled any murmurs of him not

being up to the task, winning over 50 per cent of his games in charge since his arrival, bringing in a mix of older heads, as well as some excellent young talent.

With the likes of 34-year-old Jon Stead and 36-year-old Shola Ameobi up top, the summer arrival of Jorge Grant from Nottingham Forest has added another dimension to Nolan's side. The 22-year-old tops the scoring charts for County with his 14 goals in all competitions, meaning on average he finds the net every 126 minutes. He has also provided five assists for his team-mates so far, and will no doubt be the one the Magpies look to, to undo the Town defence.

A club steeped in history, County are the oldest professional association football club in the world. They lost their place in the top-flight in 1992 – the same season as the Hatters – and like the Town, have failed to reach that status since.

A five season stay in League One came to an end in 2015, and they have struggled to compete for a place near the top of this division in the following two campaigns, but are certainly in the mix for promotion this time around.

Today is the 72nd meeting between the two sides – and is arguably the tightest fixture there has been in recent times between the two – of which the Hatters have won 35 and lost 16.

Last season it looked as if the Magpies were going to add to their tally against us, when Vadaine Oliver took an 83rd-minute penalty with the game goalless, but Christian Walton pulled off a tremendous save to see the Hatters take a point. Our last meeting here in April finished 2-1 to the Town, with Ollie Palmer and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu finding the back of the net.

# THE MAIN MEN

## IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

### ROSS FITZSIMONS



Prior to this season, the 23-year-old had played a majority of football in Vanarama National League South, before making one fifth

tier appearance in 2016 for Braintree Town. After starting out at Crystal Palace, he went on loan to a number of clubs including Hendon and Farnborough before joining Bolton Wanderers in 2014. He remained there for two seasons before joining the Iron, then moving onto Chelmsford for last season, making 44 appearances for the Clarets before signing for the Magpies in the summer.

## THE WALL

### SHAUN BRISLEY



to a defence that includes the likes of Richard Duffy and Carl Dickinson. The 27-year-old has played across the EFL, starting out with Macclesfield Town in League

Two before heading to Peterborough United when the Posh were in the Championship. He went down to the third tier with them, before joining Carlisle United last season. He joined County on a two-year deal in the summer.

## THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

### JORGE GRANT



The 22-year-old is a hit across Nottingham, having signed for the Magpies from local rivals Forest on a season-long loan. With 20 appearances made for his parent club, Grant joined Kevin Nolan's side midway through the last campaign – netting six times in 17 appearances. He has carried on that superb form and already has 11 league goals to his name in just 20 outings this season. With the Reading academy until 2012, the Banbury born midfielder joined Forest in 2013.

## THE DANGERMAN

### SHOLA AMEObI



The 36-year-old started his career off at Newcastle United, breaking into the first team in 2000. He remained there for a further 14 years, before moving to Turkey to play for Gazi ehir Gaziantep F.K. where he remained for a season. He returned to England to play for Crystal Palace in 2015, before heading to Bolton Wanders and then Fleetwood Town. He has also represented the Nigeria international team, making ten appearances and scoring twice. Ameobi joined Notts last February.

### GOALKEEPER

BRANISLAV PINDRUCH

AGE: 26

PREVIOUS CLUB: MFK KARVINA

### DEFENDERS

MATT TOOTLE

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: SHREWSBURY TOWN

CARL DICKINSON

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: PORT VALE

RICHARD DUFFY

AGE: 32

PREVIOUS CLUB: EASTLEIGH

HAYDN HOLLIS

AGE: 25

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### MIDFIELDERS

MICHAEL O'CONNOR

AGE: 30

PREVIOUS CLUB: PORT VALE

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AGE: 28

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JON STEAD

AGE: 34

PREVIOUS CLUB: HUDDERSFIELD TOWN

## HATTERS V MAGPIES

LUTON WINS: 35 | DRAWS: 20  
NOTTS COUNTY WINS: 16

### LAST MEETING:

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# THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



**CHARLIE BARNETT**, a Notts County fan for 17 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 pull on a shirt for the Magpies.

## GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

**Today is the ultimate top of the table clash, level on points and only separated by goal difference. What a turnaround from last season for you, the buzz around Meadow Lane must be quite something?**

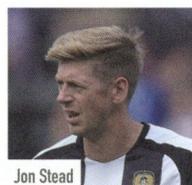
Oh definitely, the turnaround has been unimaginable. I remember standing on the terrace at Morecambe away in January, watching us get hammered 4-1 (our tenth defeat in a row), finding out that Kevin Nolan was rumoured to be our new manager. I must say I was a little sceptical due to his inexperience, but he came in with a positive mind-set and completely turned us around spectacularly. One home league defeat in 2017 under Nolan is sensational and it has really got the fans back on board and looking positively into the future.

**Your revival last season and your climb this campaign has been quite remarkable under Nolan, he must be well liked by County supporters?**

He certainly is. You can only watch and admire the job he has done at Notts County this year, and that is what the fans have done. He is such a huge name to have managing the team and you can see the quality he showed as a player has transferred onto the team this season. He's also not afraid to say things how they are, which I know after the past few

seasons is something Notts fans have really been wanting. He's a top, top manager who will surely go on to manage in the Premier League in the near future.

**You've an experienced strike force in Shola Ameobi and Jon Stead – who do you think will cause the most problems for the Town's defence today?**



Jon Stead

I'd say they're both dangerous for different reasons. Stead's vision is brilliant and

you can see his experience showing as he always seems to be three or four steps ahead of the game. He brings the other players into the game brilliantly and is always laying off the midfielders and the wingers to start an attack. Ameobi tends to be the stronger of the two. His hold-up play is excellent and despite the stereotype about tall players, he is great with the ball at his feet.

**Jorge Grant has certainly found his feet at Meadow Lane this season, is he your favourite summer acquisition? Who else has impressed?**

I think I would have to say that Grant is my favourite summer acquisition because without him we certainly wouldn't be as high up the table as

we are. His eye for goal is wonderful and you can see that he's hungry for a goal or an assist every time he gets the ball – not to mention his deadly free-kicks. However, Dan Jones has also impressed at left-back since signing in the summer. He's quick and brave in defence and he had an absolutely unbelievable game away at Port Vale earlier on in the season.

**Who were you most disappointed to see leave over the summer?**

For me personally, Thierry Audel. He was a fantastic defender and could play (and did play) anywhere in a back four. He was quick, strong, tall, a great passer and even relatively skilful for a defender. Unfortunately, it never clicked with him and Nolan and he departed for Barrow in July.

**How can we expect your side to set up today? To try and play fancy football? Hard to beat? Or neither?**

We have played noticeably differently away from home all season, so I suspect that will not change today. We like to bring the wingers into play a lot and let them cut inside, which always causes problems for the opposition's defence. I don't think our aim will be to play fancy football today. I think we will be looking to do the simple things right and try and keep a clean sheet, then attempt to win the game from there.

## MK ALL-TIME COUNTY XI...

**(I shall be picking from players from my generation as I think it's unfair of me to comment on anyone before my era!)**

### GK: BARTOSZ BIALKOWSKI

The best goalkeeper I've seen play for Notts in my lifetime, his reactions were second to none.

### LB: ALAN SHEEHAN

Kept us up with a penalty away at Oldham on the final day in 2013/14 and was a terrific defender (as you will know).

### CB: MIKE EDWARDS

Over 400 games for the club and part of the promotion team in 2010, not to mention an excellent player.

### CB: GRAEME LEE

Huge part of the promotion team in 2010, whenever someone mentions 'solid defender' I think of Graeme Lee.

### RB: DAVID PIPE

He was my first ever "favourite player"; can't remember if he was any good or not but I remember liking him!

### LM: JACK GREALISH

He was that good he went on to play in the Premier League the next season, a brilliant individual player.

### CM: ALAN JUDGE

The best player I've seen play for Notts in my 17 years, he really could make something out of nothing.

### CM: NEAL BISHOP

The definition of solid, also scored the goal against Man City in the FA Cup when we drew 1-1.

### RM: BEN DAVIES



The best crosser I've ever seen play at this level no doubt, not to mention seriously good from dead balls.

### ST: LEE HUGHES

Thirty-three goals in the 2009/10 season, was way too good for our level and a very loyal servant to Notts.

### ST: JONATHAN FORTE

Has had four spells at the club and is just a very likeable character as well as a great striker.

## QUICKFIRE:

**Terrace or Seats?**

Terrace.

**Who are your rivals?**

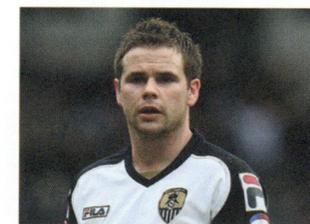
Traditionally Forest but more recently it has been Mansfield.

**Predict your player of the season?**

Jorge Grant.

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

From my generation, Alan Judge.



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

Elliott Hewitt, Matt Tootle, Kasper Schmeichel, Roy Carroll and Balint Bajner.

**Most treasured piece of County memorabilia?**

Can't say I collect much to be honest.

**What league will Notts County be in next season?**

I don't want to curse it but I'm going to remain confident and say League One.

**Who will win Sky Bet League Two this season?**

Luton.



# TOP BOYS

## DON MASSON



Scotland international midfielder Don Masson was Notts County's 'Player of the Year' on three occasions. Signing professional for Middlesbrough in September 1963, he featured in their 1966-67 promotion success and initially joined Notts County in September 1968. He was an inspirational captain in County's rise under Jimmy Sirrel and moved to QPR in December 1974, helping them to finish League Championship runners-up in 1975-76. Moving via Derby County back to Notts County in August 1978, he netted 92 goals in 403 League games overall before becoming Kettering Town's player-boss and has since been a local hotelier.

## DAVE NEEDHAM

Long-serving central defender Dave Needham was Notts County's 'Player of the Year' in 1969-70. He turned professional at Meadow Lane in July 1966, forming a notable partnership with Brian Stubbs in the heart of defence as Notts County won the Fourth Division title in 1970-71 and further promotion in 1972-73. Twice ever-present, he netted 32 goals in 429 League games prior to joining QPR in June 1977. He moved to Nottingham Forest just six months later, gaining England B honours, then had a spell as Kettering Town's player-manager. Later chairman of Hinckley Town, he is now a sign manufacturer in Leicester.

## BRIAN STUBBS

Central defender Brian Stubbs was 'Player of the Year' in Notts County's 1970-71 Fourth Division title triumph. Initially with Loughborough United, he moved to Meadow Lane in September 1968 and made his League debut in that month's 3-0 defeat at home to Swansea. He formed a notable partnership with Dave Needham as Notts won promotion again in 1972-73 and twice reached the League Cup fifth round. Ever-present in 1978-79, he netted 21 goals in 426 League games prior to joining Grantham in November 1981. He was player-boss of Calverton MW, then Keyworth, becoming a painter and decorator in Keyworth.

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

## ROY BROWN

Goalkeeper Roy Brown was 'Player of the Year' in Notts County's 1972-73 promotion campaign. Signing professional for Spurs in October 1962, he had few top-flight chances as Pat Jennings' understudy at White Hart Lane and joined Reading in July 1968. He was ever-present in 1968-69 and moved to Notts County in July 1970, featuring in their 1970-71 Fourth Division title triumph. Playing 113 League games while at Meadow Lane, he joined Mansfield Town in November 1975. After 22 years in sports centre management in Newark, Watford and Reading, he became secretary of Ham Manor Golf Club near Littlehampton.

## IAIN McCULLOCH

Scotland U-21 striker Iain McCulloch starred as Notts County won promotion to the top-flight in 1980-81. He impressed with Kilmarnock, where his father Billy had also played, before moving to Meadow Lane for a then record £80,000 in April 1978. Also appearing in the 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final, he was twice Notts County's top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in 1981-82, netting 51 goals in 215 League outings until injury ended his career in April 1985. He worked in the club's commercial department and acted as co-ordinator for the Junior Magpies. Later managing Arnold Town, he now works locally as a delivery driver.

## TRISTAN BENJAMIN



Former England Youth right-back Tristan Benjamin was Notts County's 'Player of the Year' in 1985-86. Signing professional at Meadow Lane in March 1975, he made his League debut the following month and was ever-present as they won promotion to the top-flight in 1980-81. He played in the 1981 Anglo-Scottish Cup final and helped Notts to reach the quarter-final of the League Cup in 1982-83 and FA Cup in 1983-84. Scoring four goals in 311 League games before reuniting with Kevin Randall at Chesterfield in June 1987, he later appeared for Shepshed Charterhouse, Corby and Sutton Town. He became a local bus driver.

## PHIL TURNER

Versatile midfielder Phil Turner captained Notts County to two consecutive promotions via Wembley play-off triumphs. Starting with Lincoln City, he played in the 1983 Football League Trophy final and was exchanged for Grimsby Town's Gary Lund in August 1986. He joined Leicester City in February 1988 and moved to Notts County in a

£125,000 deal including Gary Mills in March 1989. Twice 'Player of the Year' he skipped them in two Anglo-Italian Cup finals, including their 1995 success. He netted 16 goals in 237 League games while at Meadow Lane, then managed King's Lynn and is now a hospital care assistant.

## CRAIG SHORT



Ex-England Schoolboy central defender Craig Short was 'Player of the Year' in Notts County's 1990-91 promotion success. Initially at Pickering, he joined Scarborough in October 1987, starring as they reached the play-offs in 1988-89. He followed Neil Warnock to Notts County for £100,000 in July 1989 and scored in their 1989-90 Third Division play-off final triumph, netting eight goals in 128 League games before sold to Derby County for £2.5m in September 1992. Later with Everton and Blackburn Rovers, he reunited with Warnock at Sheffield United in August 2005. He has held coaching posts and managed Notts County.

## GARY JONES

Striker Gary Jones was top scorer and 'Player of the Year' in Notts County's 1997-98 Third Division title triumph. He had spells with Rossington

Main, Doncaster Rovers, Grantham, Kettering Town and Boston United prior to joining Southend United for £25,000 in June 1993. Joint top scorer in 1994-95, he moved to Meadow Lane for £140,000 in March 1996 and netted 38 goals in 117 League outings for Notts County before sold to Hartlepool United for £75,000 in March 1999. Helping them qualify for the Third Division play-offs, he then appeared for Halifax Town, Nuneaton, Hucknall, Gainsborough and Armthorpe.

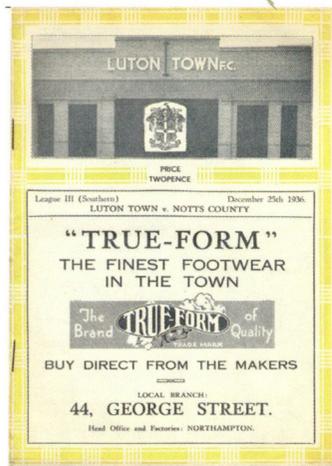
## IAN RICHARDSON



Former England Semi-Pro international midfielder Ian Richardson was voted Notts County's 'Player of the Year' on three occasions. Widely regarded as one of Dagenham & Redbridge's finest discoveries, he was their top scorer in 1994-95 and moved to Birmingham City for £60,000 in August 1995. He joined Notts County for £200,000 in March 1996 after a loan spell and helped reach that season's Second Division play-off final. Starring in Notts' 1997-98 Third Division title triumph, he netted 21 goals in 253 League games and was player-boss until May 2005, since working in the club's football in the community programme.

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## ◀ DECEMBER 1936

A Christmas Day cracker as top of the table Town take on challengers County. A Kenilworth Road crowd of 17,569 see Fred Roberts and Joe Payne net in a 2-1 victory.

## ▶ SEPTEMBER 1951

A crowd of 24,511 at Kenilworth Road witness the Hatters win 6-0 to go level top of Division Two (now the Championship). Jack Taylor and George Stobbart score two apiece.

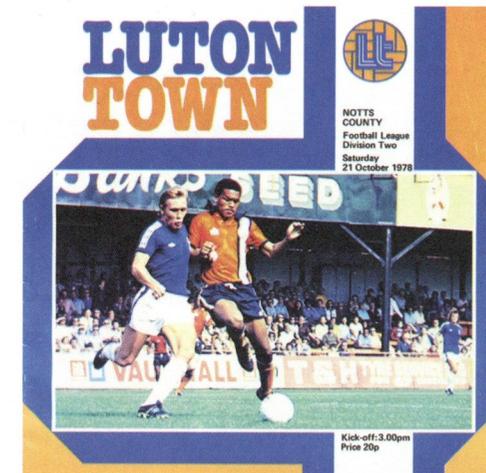
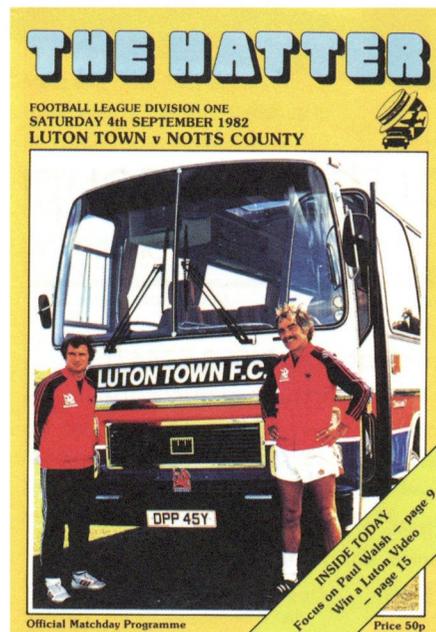


## ▲ NOVEMBER 1976

A 4-0 win for the Town at Meadow Lane in Division Two (now the Championship) with tiny Hatters forward Dixie Deans going in goal when the score was only 2-0.

## ▼ SEPTEMBER 1982

New signing Paul Walsh bursts onto the scene with a hat-trick in a 5-3 victory in the top-flight at Kenilworth Road. In fairness the score could have been 7-7.

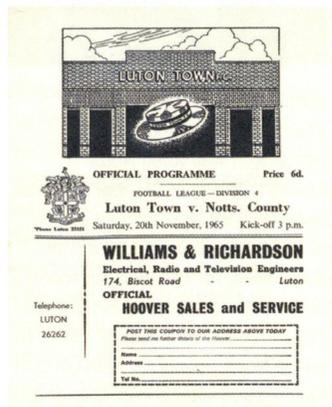
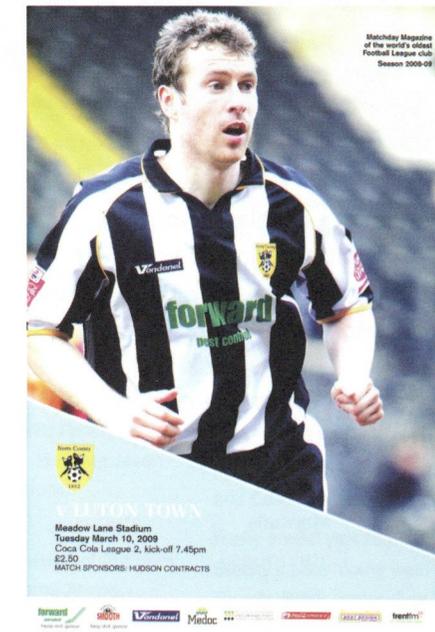


## ▲ OCTOBER 1978

In an autumn of high scoring home wins the Town hit six without reply against County, whose goalkeeper Eric McManus is the man of the match.

## ▼ MARCH 2009

In the infamous minus 30 points season, the Town are still rooted to the bottom of League Two despite a fighting 2-0 win at Meadow Lane. Chris Martin and Tom Craddock are the Luton scorers.



## ▲ NOVEMBER 1965

Tony Read, originally signed as a goalkeeper, bangs in a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory. This Division Four (now League Two) clash at Kenilworth Road sees the Town overtake the Magpies in the promotion places.



## ▲ FEBRUARY 1967

The Town's only away win of the season comes at Meadow Lane courtesy of an effort from Gerry King and a Frank Upton own goal in the 2-1 victory. Thank goodness the Hatters boasted a decent home record!

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[TOWN TEAM-MATES]

## GLEN REA'S TOWN TEAM-MATES

### Who do you travel in with?

Sometimes it's me, Cookie and Gambo, but most of the time it's just me and Gambo. I jump in his little Fiat 500 occasionally – little car for a little man – but he normally gets in with me and we drive in together from Hitchin.

### Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

The Lee brothers – Jermain and Olly Lee! I call Elliot that because he said to me once 'Do you know what I mean?', but with his Essex accent it sounded like 'Jermain'. From that day he's been 'Jermain' to me!

### Who do you room with?

Since Christian Walton left, I've roomed with Sheez. We've been good friends ever since I've been here but there's no tea-making. Normally we're just straight off to sleep!

### Most annoying on away trips?

Mulls and Hylts. They are always trying to do something, always up to no good.

### Best trainer?

The Lee brothers. They always train well and they are technically good. I'd better say Frankie Musonda too. Frank always works hard.

### Worst trainer?

Now this is where the boys have all named me, and I need to get my own back! I've got to say Pelly-Ruddock – he's just Pelly, isn't he? Danny Hylton's had a stinking week in training, so stick him in there as well.

### Strongest in the gym?

Probably Pelly because he's just massive, but it's genetic with him.

Frankie and Jack Senior are in there all the time, with Lawson and Collo as well.

### Quickest feet?

Gambo can twist you up, but he never goes round me if we're one v one. But he's definitely got the quickest feet.

### Nutmeg king?

Olly Lee in training, and Hylts does plenty in games. Shinnie loves a meg as well.

### Biggest moaner?

Probably all the old school – Macca, Sheez, Scott and Hylts. Not Mulls though.

### Loudest in the dressing room?

Gambo loves it. He loves the banter, and Pelly's a loud guy as well.

### Gaffer's pet?

One hundred per cent, Hylts!

### Best taste in music?

Pell's on the tunes normally. Hylts likes to give it a go too, and he's got a few good tunes, so I'll go for both of them. I like any music – I'll get down to anything!

### Worst taste in music?

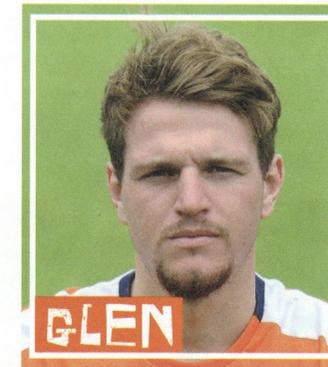
Gambo's got some shocking stuff he puts on in the car. It's all this rap stuff and I'm like: 'What are they even saying?!"

### Best initiation song?

Macca did well with Wild Rover, and Mulls was decent too. He sang Jason Mraz's 'I'm Yours'...I think!

### Worst initiation song?

Shins, hands down. He forgot the words to Robbie Williams 'Angels'. How do you do that?



### Best dressed?

Cookie, without doubt.

### Worst dressed?

There are a few in the changing room who wear some rascal gear, but I'm going to say Gambo just because he tries to copy Cookie, but he's so small it doesn't look good on him. He bought this jumper the other day that zips up over his face, because he's so small. He spent a lot of money on it too. Complete waste!

### Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Potsy and Stechy – Stechy's got the slick trim, hasn't he?

### Most intelligent?

I don't think any of them are intelligent, are they? Probably Scottie.

### Best banter?

I laugh at Gambo and Sheez most.

### Most likely to be a manager?

I'd say Sheez, Macca and Scottie – and Collo maybe one day.

### Finally, predict your player of the year?

Stechy's been doing well, and Sheez. There's a few contenders this year, though!

# TOWN 3 : CARLISLE 0



TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 7,644 | AWAY: 215

**TOWN GOALS:** SHINNIE 19, POTTS 30, CORNICK 76

**HATTERS:** STECH, STACEY, MULLINS (D'ATH 83), SHEEHAN ©, POTTS, REA, MPANZU, BERRY, SHINNIE (FAMEWO 88), HYLTON, E LEE (CORNICK 72). | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, COOK, GAMBIN, SHEA (GK).  
**YELLOW CARDS:** SHEEHAN, MPANZU.

**CARLISLE:** BONHAM, T MILLER, GRAINGER ©, JOYCE (COSGROVE 85), LIDDLE, PARKES (ETUHU 46), JONES (BENNETT 74), HOPE, LAMBE, S MILLER, HILL. | **SUBS NOT USED:** DEVITT, BROWN, O'SULLIVAN, GEORGE (GK).  
**YELLOW CARDS:** HOPE, JOYCE, GRAINGER.



## THE MAIN MINUTES

- 3' Early chance for the visitors as Reggie Lambe gets a decent cross in from the right, Hallam Hope dives to meet it 12 yards out but Sheehan does just enough to put the striker off and Marek Stech is able to claim the ball low down.
- 19' **GOAL TO THE HATTERS AND IT'S ANDREW SHINNIE!** Elliot Lee chips the ball through the Carlisle defence, Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu leaves it for Shinnie and the Scotsman curls it past Jack Bonham into the bottom right corner, brilliant goal! 1-0 #COYH
- 26' Not too far away from a second there for the Hatters, Lee chips a fantastic ball through again this time for Hylton, but he can't quite flick it towards goal and Bonham can gather.
- 30' **2-0 TO THE TOWN!** Luke Berry is fouled 40 yards from the Carlisle goal, Alan Sheehan swings in the resulting free-kick and Dan Potts is there at the back stick to nod it in for his fifth of the season and third in as many matches!

- 68' Glen Rea is putting in some vital challenges at the moment, this time denying Lambe who was ten yards out and ready to shoot, with the Hatters midfielder blocking it out for a corner. Town counter from it through Pelly and he does well to win a corner down the other end!
- 76' **GET IN THERE! 3-0!** Substitute Harry Cornick adds to the Hatters lead - Jack Stacey plays the ball through for the former Bournemouth man to chase, it's him versus the keeper with Hylton there for what would have been an open goal, but Cornick slots it into the bottom right corner! #COYH
- 78' **PENALTY TO THE HATTERS!** Clint Hill pushes Danny Hylton over after the striker had cut into the area past him on the right byline. Hylton takes it himself, but Bonham dives to his left to keep out the striker's effort from 12 yards!



Andrew Shinnie nets the opener

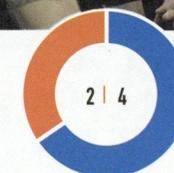
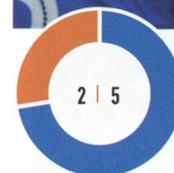
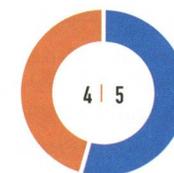
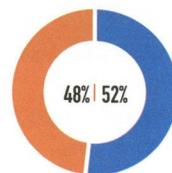
## JONES:

"It was brilliant, absolutely brilliant. Especially the manner of the win as well. Carlisle come here unbeaten in six, in real good form. They have got real good players, experienced at the level who know how to play the game. It was a brilliant first half. We score a wonderful goal through Andrew Shinnie, then score another from a set-play, so we go in two up.

"We knew that they would change and we had to weather a bit of play, fair play to Carlisle, they came out in the second half and gave it their all. When teams do that we know we have got a counter-attacking threat and we did that. Harry Cornick did that. It was brilliant for him to get a goal. A real good performance and great to be back at the top."



Harry Cornick slots in the third



# CREWE ALEXANDRA 1 : TOWN 2



SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER | GREYSTY ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 4,571 | AWAY: 1,244

**TOWN GOALS:** HYLTON 63, BERRY 67 | **CREWE GOAL:** MULLINS (OG) 81

**HATTERS:** STECH, STACEY, MULLINS, SHEEHAN ©, POTTS, REA, O LEE (FAMEWO 90+3), BERRY, CORNIC (SHINNIE 60), HYLTON, E LEE (MPANZU 84). | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, COOK, GAMBIN, SHEA (GK)  
**YELLOW CARDS:** HYLTON.

**CREWE:** RICHARDS, NG, WALKER, PORTER, DAGNALL ©, COOPER, NOLAN, AINLEY (BOWERY 46), PICKERING, STUBBS, GRANT (REILLY 72). | **SUBS NOT USED:** GARRATT (GK), KIRK, FINNEY, LUNDSTRAM, OFFORD | **YELLOW CARDS:** NG



## THE MAIN MINUTES

**11'** Danny Hylton chips the ball over the Crewe defence for Elliot Lee, but he slices his volleyed effort over from 16 yards!

**26'** Disallowed goal for the Hatters – Luke Berry plays it through for Olly Lee, he crosses to the back stick and Elliot Lee heads in but the referee gives a free-kick the other way for a push from the striker!

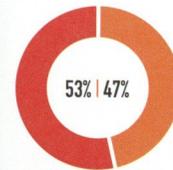
**63' TOWN GO 1-0 UP!** Elliot Lee does superbly on the left, running down the byline before crossing it in and Hylton hammers into the roof of the net from close range for his 12th of the season! Get in there! **CA 0-1 LT** #COYH

**67' LUKE BERRRRRRYYYYYYYY! 2-0 TO THE HATTERS!** Andrew Shinnie has been brilliant since coming on, he pinches the ball on the right before crossing it low into the Crewe box and Berry hits it low into the back of the net! **CA 0-2 LT** #COYH

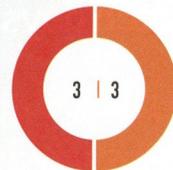
**75'** It should be 3-0... Elliot Lee breaks away and has one defender to beat, he elects to pass to Shinnie who has to go slightly wide and sees his shot saved, before Hylton smashes it wide!

**81'** GOAL to Crewe. A cross goes into the Town box and Johnny Mullins turns it into his own net with Porter ready to strike. **CA 1-2 LT**

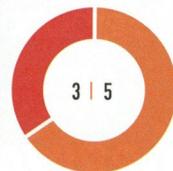
**90'** Crewe are really pushing for an equaliser, Brad Walker crosses in and Jordan Bowery heads just wide to the right. Apart from the own goal, Town have been superb at the back today.



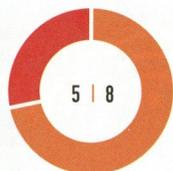
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**JONES:**



"After the own goal it lifted their spirits slightly and they threw everything at us. We had to defend that out, but we should have been out of sight by then, we had enough chances.

"I am very, very pleased though. It's topped a wonderful week off – nine points, we remain top of the league, three different victories and

performances, but I am so pleased. We really showed quality, we scored one and then two straight away, and we could have had more, especially on the counter. Shinnie had a great chance after great hold up by Danny. But I am really pleased. I would have taken 2-1 any day of the week."

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[JOHNNY MULLINS ON CREWE]

## MULLY FULLY FOCUSED ON MAINTAINING STARTING SPOT

Town defender Johnny Mullins has had an injury-hit year, but has seamlessly filled the gap left by injured captain Scott Cuthbert in recent weeks as the Hatters have maintained their excellent form.

The ex-Oxford United captain came in for the 3-0 win over Carlisle United having previously made two league starts this campaign, and then turned in an excellent performance in the 2-1 win up at Crewe a fortnight ago – although he did put through his own goal with just under ten minutes to go!

"I thought their striker was behind me, hopefully on Sky Sports it has gone down as his goal!" smiled Mullins afterwards. "I knew he was behind me and I have had to stick out a leg.

"Obviously I am not pleased with it, it changed the feel of the game. They were all of a sudden in the ascendancy, putting balls in the box. But we defended that very well at the end.

"I think it's a testament to the character of the lads. They dug me out of a hole, making important blocks, and that's what you need if you want to get promoted and win the league."

With Cuthbert's injury presenting the 32-year-old with the opportunity to get back in the team, Mullins has been a calm head in a backline that has now kept 11 clean sheets in league and FA Cup matches this season – a feat that took until April in the 2016-17 campaign to achieve.

Although disappointed to see the skipper miss out, Mullins believes the squad has the depth to cope and he hopes he can put his own problems behind him as he looks to secure his place in the starting XI.

"Scott has been excellent, but the gaffer talks about it all the time – it's a squad game," Mullins continued. "The lads that are coming in are testament to that.

"You've just got to look at Elliot. He's been really frustrated, but has done really well. The squad we have is excellent and when you come in you're trying to make sure you keep that shirt and when you don't, you try to get it. That only bodes well for the team and the club.



"It's been a very frustrating period, but it's nice to get games back-to-back. Long may that continue. Hopefully I can grow into it, I am enjoying being back out there. It's just part and parcel of this team and I am really enjoying it.

"It has been a tough period for me. Going back to last season it's been a frustrating time. Fingers crossed it's behind me and I am looking forward. I am just trying to stay positive and stay in the team."

# GATESHEAD 0 : TOWN 5



SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER | FA CUP R2 | INTERNATIONAL STADIUM | ATTENDANCE: 1,339 | AWAY: 381

**TOWN GOALS:** O LEE 41, POTTS 63, E LEE 67, HYLTON 90+1, BERRY 90+4

**HATTERS:** STECH, STACEY, MULLINS, SHEEHAN, POTTS ©, REA (MPANZU 74), O LEE (GAMBIN 69), BERRY, SHINNIE, HYLTON, E LEE (COOK 69). | **SUBS NOT USED:** JUSTIN, SENIOR, D'ATH, SHEA (GK).

**YELLOW CARDS:** REA, HYLTON.

**GATESHEAD:** HANFORD, TINKLER, KERR, BYRNE ©, BARROW (FYFIELD 45+11), HANNANT, MAXWELL (PRESTON 53), MCLAUGHLIN, JOHNSON, BURROW, O'DONNELL (PENIKET 54). | **SUBS NOT USED:** MONTGOMERY (GK), VASSELL, YORK, WILLIAMS. | **YELLOW CARDS:** FYFIELD.



Elliot Lee strokes home the third



## JONES:

"We are delighted with the win. We would have been delighted with any win, but to do it in the manner we did it in, we are very happy."

"We have got three games this week, in which everyone is going to play and get involved. We want to move forward in three competitions; three big, big games, so you go as strong as you can in the first one and then Tuesday we will make sure everyone gets game time, but some will double up."

"Then we've got a massive game on Saturday. We know we are going to have to utilise the squad and we did that today as well."



Dan Potts heads in the second



Luke Berry adds the fifth



Ollie Lee nets the opener



## THE MAIN MINUTES

**13'** Great save by Dan Hanford at his back stick – Alan Sheehan swings in a corner from the far side, Dan Potts is there to head it down towards the bottom left corner, but the keeper does well to palm it away for another corner – Sheehan takes, Potts heads it back across to Glen Rea, but it's straight at the keeper.

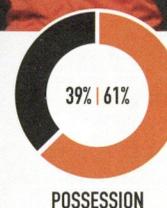
**41'** **GOAL TO THE HATTERS!** Ollie Lee fires past Hanford! There's a defensive mix-up between the keeper and defender Scott Barrow – who is knocked out in the process – and Ollie Lee takes a touch before curling past the defender on the line. **6 0-1 LT** #COYH

**63'** **POTTS MAKES IT TWO TO THE TOWN!** Potts heads in from Andrew Shinnie's right wing cross for the defender's sixth goal of the season! **6 0-2 LT** #COYH

**67'** **3-0!** Ollie Lee's shot from the edge of the box is blocked, but it falls nicely for his brother, Elliot, who curls it into the bottom right corner from 12 yards! **6 0-3 LT** #COYH

**90+1'** **HYLTON MAKES IT 4-0!** Shinnie puts Jordan Cook through, he sees Hylton making the run and picks him out at the back stick. The striker hammers it towards goal and it's slid in by a Gateshead defender! #COYH

**90+4'** **IT'S NOW 5-0!** Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu crosses it in from the right, Luke Berry controls it and then smashes it into the top left corner from just inside the box! #COYH



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[OLLY LEE ON GATESHEAD]

# OLLY'S CALLING THE RIGHT TOON!

Midfielder Olly Lee's season has gone from strength-to-strength, playing alongside his brother, his son being born, scoring from inside his own half and being top of the league – then, to put him on cloud nine, Town were drawn against the team he wanted in the FA Cup third round!

Olly notched his third goal of the season in last Saturday's win over Gateshead as he continues to impress in the middle of the park for the Hatters, whilst his brother Elliot netted his fifth of the campaign, slotting home Olly's blocked effort.

It's the second time this season Elliot has scored in a game after his brother, and Olly is sure his younger sibling is desperate to match him – with the ex-West Ham boys including Dan Potts having a little competition going on between them.

Olly said: "He keeps copying me! We have got a little goal contest going on, but Potts is running away with it at the moment! There's a few of us chipping in and hopefully by the end of the season we will all be on a lot of goals.

"Potts must have had a step ladder, I don't know how he got on the end of that cross! He's doing really well and I am delighted for him.

"I will take an assist for Elliot's goal, but that's what he is about. He sniffs out chances, the ball has always dropped for him like that, it's happened since he was a kid. There will be a lot more goals from him like that I would imagine."

The players travelled up to the north-east on the Friday, two days before last Sunday's second round tie, to give them as much time as possible to prepare to face the Heed, with Lee believing that was instrumental to the resounding win.

He continued: "The gaffer wants us to be relentless, he wants us to keep going and that's what we're doing. It's ingrained in us now.

"We had really good prep, it was nice to get all the boys together for two days. There was a good bit of banter going around which is good for team spirit. It was good to be up there because it's a long journey, but it was very good preparation for the game."

The 26-year-old was incredibly impressed by the travelling support for the game, with 381 Hatters making the long journey to Gateshead for the game.

"It was unbelievable they all made the journey up here on a Sunday afternoon," Olly said. "They'll all no doubt have work tomorrow, so we thank them very much for that, it's great support."

As for the third round draw on Monday evening, it's fair to say like

everything else at the moment, it went Olly's way!

When asked who he wanted in the draw, the midfielder – who spent the first 11 years of his life in the north-east as dad Rob played for Newcastle United – said: "Newcastle away, I am desperate for Newcastle away!"

He got his wish!





# GET GAME READY



## BRING IT ON!

# TOWN 4 : WEST HAM U21S 0



TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER | CHECKATRADE TROPHY 2ND ROUND | ATTENDANCE: 1,670 | AWAY: 108

**TOWN GOALS:** D'ATH 28, JARVIS 56, COTTER 86, COOK 90+1

**HATTERS:** SHEA, JUSTIN, MUSONDA ©, FAMEWO, SENIOR, MPANZU, COTTER, D'ATH (READ 88), GAMBIN, COOK, JARVIS. | **SUBS NOT USED:** POTTS, O LEE, REA, BERRY, E LEE, ISTD (GK). **YELLOW CARDS:** REA, HYLTON.

**WEST HAM:** TROTT, HAKSABANOVIC, MARTINEZ, QUINA, PIKE, SAMUELSEN, MAKASI (C), POWELL, AKINOLA (HECTOR-INGRAM 70), JOHNSON, COVENTRY (DIANGANA 53). | **SUBS NOT USED:** MATREVICS (GK), SCULLY, LEWIS, WELLS, COSTA DA ROSA. | **YELLOW CARDS:** QUINA.

## THE ACTION

The Hatters reached the last 16 of the Checkatrade Trophy on Tuesday night as they put four past West Ham United Under-21s without reply at Kenilworth Road.

It was an evening of firsts for the Hatters, as Lawson D'Ath, Aaron Jarvis and Kavan Cotter all opened their scoring accounts for the Town, whilst Jordan Cook got his first for the campaign. D'Ath headed in Luke Gambin's perfect cross from eight yards just before the half hour mark, with Aaron Jarvis firing in on the half volley 11 minutes in to the second half to round off a brilliant 11-pass period of possession. Cotter then hammered in from 12 yards, before Cook pounced on an attempted clearance by keeper Nathan Trott, diverting it into the back of the net.

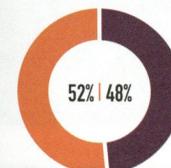


Lawson D'Ath's header puts Town in front



### JONES:

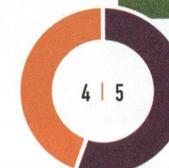
"We go about these games in the right way and we see what test we are going to get. I thought at times we were very good. We managed the game well, we knew they were a good footballing side, they want to press you. We changed slightly in our approach and we got in from that. I thought we scored three good goals and one that we earmarked if they want to be very expansive and the keeper wants to play in his own six-yard box, then we will press them."



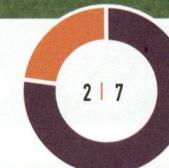
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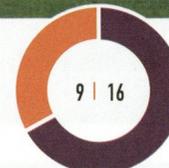
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[KEVIN HARPER]

# TOWN TRAVELLERS

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

“ On an absolutely foul afternoon for football, this was a win which highlights the progress we have made from last season where at times we lacked the ugliness to get stuck in and grind out a win like this.

The day began with a trip to the fish and chip van outside the home end once we arrived in Crewe in filthy conditions with the rain lashing down. Once that was devoured, it was time to concentrate on the football.

We made two changes to the side which beat Carlisle with Olly Lee and Harry Cornick back for Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu and Andrew Shinnie. A decent atmosphere was building in the away end as the Town embarked on taking on the home side and the conditions in the first half. We coped pretty well and going in at half-time 0-0 was certainly no shame. We might even have led but for a disallowed goal.

Andrew Shinnie came on after an hour and immediately he impacted the game. He fed Luke Berry who sent Elliot Lee into the box. He skinned the defender and cut back for Danny Hylton to score. Shinnie then rolled in Berry moments later to make it 2-0, and could have scored a third himself but for a good save from the goalie.

A late own goal from Johnny Mullins, which in fairness he couldn't do a lot about, made for a nervy last 10 minutes or so, but with the rain continuing to lash down and balls being pumped into our box, we stood firm to maintain our position on top of the league.

It was a cold and dank day but none of that matters when the Town battle to victory like that. There is no doubt that was a big win which made the journey home pass that much smoother once I'd dried out and warmed up! ”

## ...AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH FELLOW TRAVELLING TOWN FAN PETE GURNEY

**How long have you been a Luton fan?**  
Since 1986 so coming up to 32 years.

**What was the first Town game you went to?**  
Luton vs West Ham. It finished 0-0!

**What made you start going to watch the Town?**

My dad. I was initially a West Ham fan but I changed as soon as I saw Luton play and have been a Hatter ever since.

**Where do you sit at home games?**  
Main Stand Enclosure

**Who do you go to games with?**  
I go with a group of mates

**What is your favourite memory as a Town fan?**  
Winning the Littlewoods Cup in 1988

**Who is your favourite all-time Luton player?**  
Brian Stein.

**And your favourite Town manager?**  
Joe Kinnear.

**Who is the best player you've seen at Kenilworth Road?**  
Kevin Nicholls.

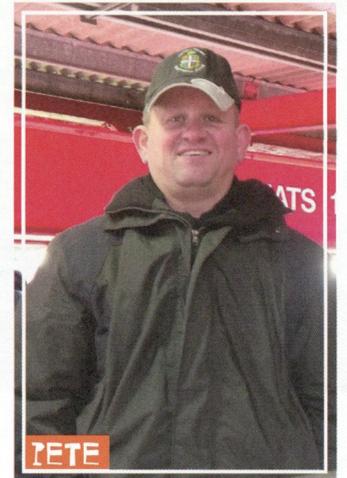
**If you could bring one player back from the past to play in the current team who would it be and why?**

Mick Harford. He had a tough style and is a legend at the club.

**Do you prefer seats or terrace at away games?**

I prefer to be on the terrace.

**Where will the Town finish this season?**  
Second



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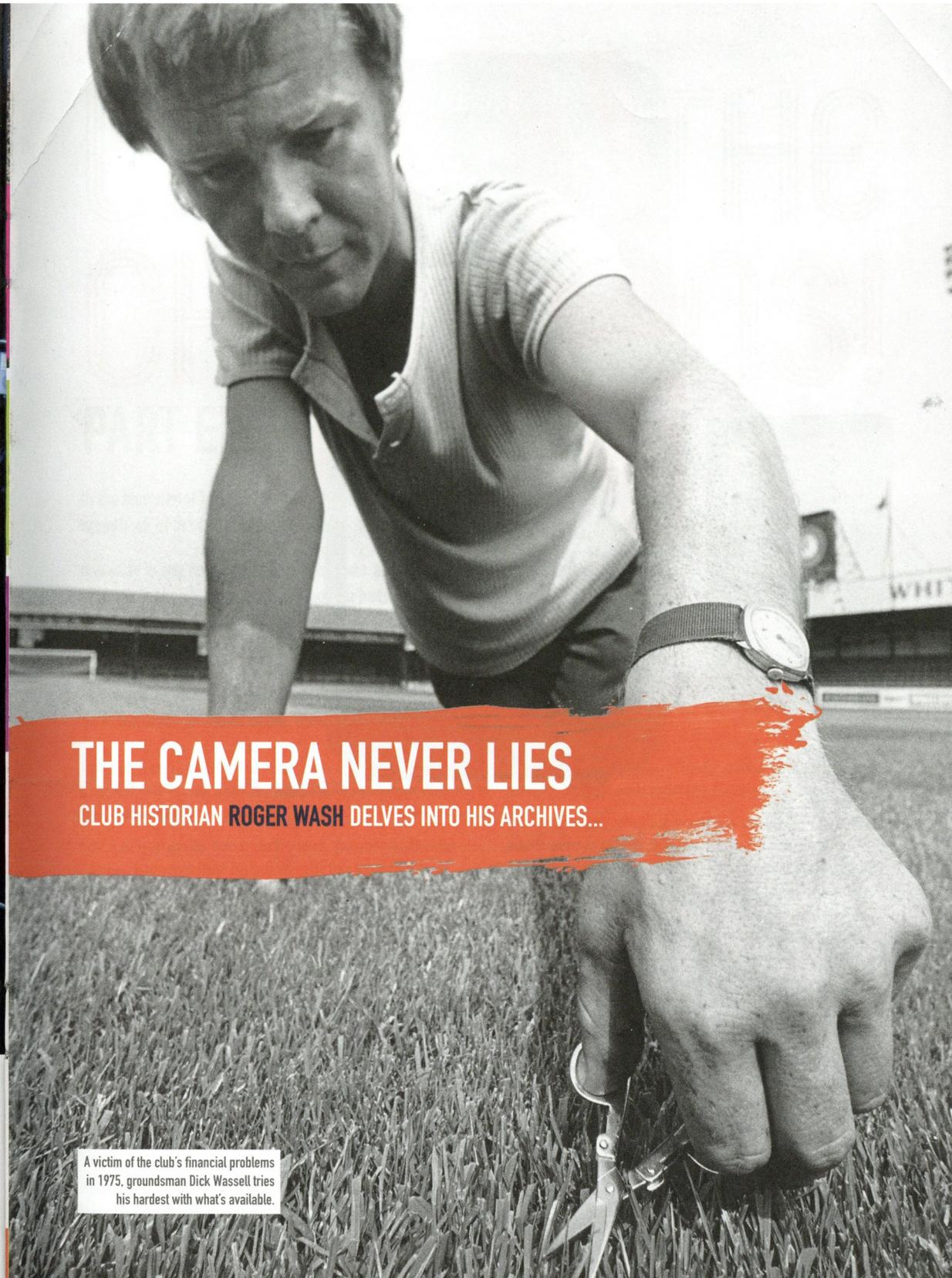
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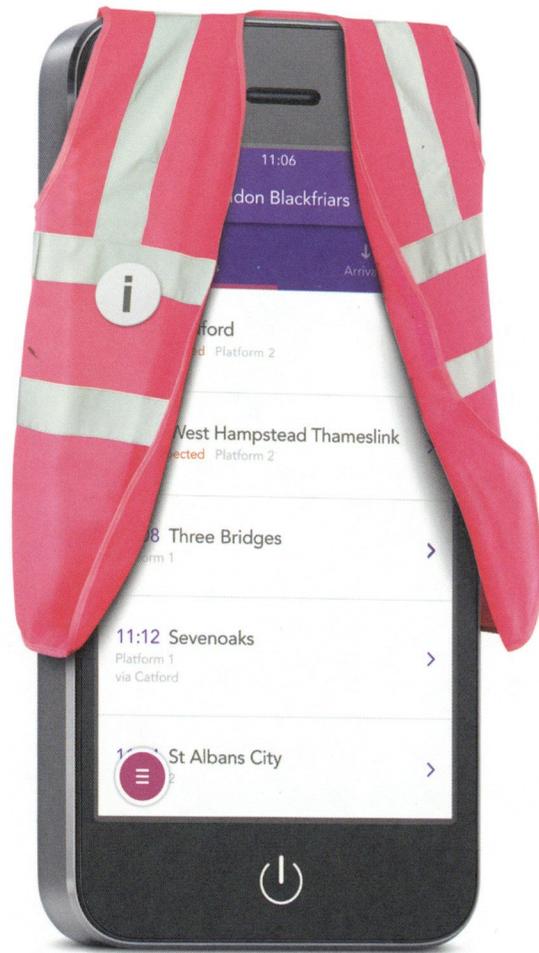
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CLUB HISTORIAN **ROGER WASH** DELVES INTO HIS ARCHIVES...

A victim of the club's financial problems in 1975, groundsman Dick Wassell tries his hardest with what's available.



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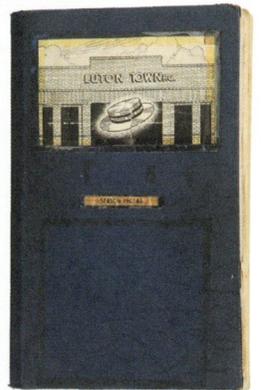
# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

## PART ELEVEN

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 eight straight wins the Town were likely to face their toughest test so far when they travelled to Bradford City on 2nd December.

City had won seven and drawn one of their previous eight games, and were level on points with the Hatters, albeit having played three games more.

The Bantams had wanted to switch the game to the Friday evening due to the counter attractions of the Australian Rugby team playing at Odsal and Leeds taking on Stoke nine miles away. The Town refused.

The crowd at a misty Valley Parade was still a respectful 7,957, including a fair few from Luton who wanted to see the Town's new centre-forward, Hugh McLeish, a 19-year-old Scot who was on trial at Kenilworth Road after an unsuccessful two month spell at Sunderland. His pedigree was that he had experience with the Dundee United 'A' team!

After two runs in the reserves, McLeish found himself thrust in at the deep end as Keith Allen was about to miss

his first game for the Town since joining from Stockport the previous March, after twisting his knee in training.

The Hatters got off to the worst possible start, conceding a goal after only nine minutes following a mix-up in defence between the normally reliable Tony Read in goal and skipper Terry Branston. To add salt to the wound, the scorer was Paul Aimson, who had turned down the Town's approaches earlier in the campaign citing 'business interests in the north.'

In truth the Town's defence took a pasting in the first half from a very fast and inventive City, and we were all pleased to go in at the interval only one goal down. Whatever manager Allan Brown said at half-time didn't work as City doubled their lead two minutes after the re-start through Charlie Rackstraw, who netted at the second attempt after the ball rebounded kindly to him.

For the rest of the game the Hatters rallied and forced City back, but the damage had already been done.



# LUTON IN CUP DEADLOCK

## They refuse to play under Oxford City's floodlights

**AMATEURS** Oxford City and Fourth Division promotion probables Luton Town will today ask the Football Association to decide a date for their postponed first-round Cup clash.

Last night, the two clubs were still arguing over when and where to play their tie, which was one of twelve postponed on Saturday.

Luton secretary Bob Readhead admitted: "It's deadlock. We can't agree to their proposals and they don't seem keen on ours."

The game is scheduled for City's Isthmian League ground.

The amateurs want to play an evening match there under floodlights, or switch the tie to neighboring Oxford United's Third Division ground on Thursday night.

Luton object to both ideas. Manager Allan Brown says "We were willing to use City's floodlights for the second half on Saturday. But to play a complete match under them is a vastly different proposition."

### Vital

"We are objecting to Thursday at Oxford United because the pitch will be cut up by United's replay with Chelmsford the previous day."

Luton also feel that Thursday is too close to their vital League game against Wrexham on Saturday.

Luton offered to stage the game at their ground—with the strong possibility of a near-20,000 gate—or play at Oxford City's ground on Wednesday, with a 2.15 afternoon kick-off.

City were unable to agree to either proposal.

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SHIPPEY THE SUPERB STOOD BETWEEN CITY AND A HIDING

## SHIPPEY THE HERO AS BRAVE CITY GO DOWN

Oxford C 1, Luton 2; By NIGEL CLARKE

OXFORD CITY goalkeeper John Shippey was cheered off the field last night after a great performance for the Isthmian League amateurs.

Shippey the superb stood between City and a hiding in this FA Cup first-round tie, which was switched to Luton's ground after Saturday's postponement.

Shippey inspired his teammates to push Luton—1959 Cup Finalists—to the edge of defeat in a game they should have won without worry.

He kept out the Fourth Division side with a series of great saves, until the sixty-second minute.

Then he was unslighted as

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## The big Cup switch

# IT'S AT LUTON ON THURSDAY - OFFICIAL!

By BOB HARRIS

**THURSDAY, 7.30pm, at Kenilworth Road. This is the day, time and place for the Luton Town v Oxford City FA Cup first round tie. The three day deadlock was broken last night when Oxford agreed to surrender their ground advantage and the tie, postponed on Saturday, was officially switched to Luton.**

The only other feasible date was for Thursday afternoon at Oxford, with a 2.15 start—and it was this that persuaded the City's management committee to switch the venue.

A spokesman for the Oxford club said: "The decision was not taken lightly, but it was unanimous. It was taken because of the difficulty in getting players released from work and finding gates for a 2.15 kick-off."

"We also considered the size of the crowd. The club's finances have to be considered."

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Finances with an amateur club are a major factor. They obviously have little hope of reaching Wembley, and a big gate is their major ambition in the competition. Luton are likely to attract a 15,000 crowd on Thursday night as against a mid-afternoon start.

But the players' availability was also a major point. Two are schoolteachers, Eric Metcalfe, the inside left and skipper, and right back Bob Jackson, while two more, John Lamb and Steve Morton are both in the Forces. All four would have had difficulty in obtaining time off.

### Support

Oxford will not be without support, however. About 3,000 fans are expected to make the trip, as it is half-day closing in the city. To make this possible the club are arranging special coaches for ticket holders, who will be able to make the 30 miles round trip for a nominal fee of 2s 6d.

The decision was naturally welcomed at Kenilworth Road, and plans are going ahead to cater for a 15,000 gate. Tickets bought for the Oxford game will be valid, although it is not an all-ticket match.

# LOCKDOWN WIN-BUT CITY STEAL GLORY

OXFORD CITY, a gallant band of amateurs, were given a standing ovation by the 13,000 Luton crowd as they trooped dejected, but far from disgraced, off the Kenilworth Road pitch last night after giving Luton Town the fright of their lives in this FA Cup, first round tie.

Though leaden-footed at the end, the four factory workers, two school-teachers, two salesmen, a bricklayer and two members of HM Forces had covered themselves in glory and were the first to score in a hard-fought game.

For the first 45 minutes the Isthmian League amateurs understood an all-out bombardment. Until half-time the incessant tide of Luton attacks was foiled by a 26-year-old brewery representative goalkeeper John Shippey.

Shippey made his point in the first hectic five minutes as Luton's forwards swarmed around him like so many bees. And for the rest of the half he continued to astonish the 13,324 spectators with some "out-of-this-world" saves.

Luton's Allen, Buxton and Rioch were on the suffering end, and Oxford backed up their goalkeeper with some spirited defending and successful use of the offside game which, if not pleasing to the crowd, proved effective in keeping the flow of white shirts at bay.

### Frustrating

That was the tale of the first half. It was so frustratingly one-sided in Luton's favour that a second half reversal was always on the cards.

Sure enough, it came, three minutes after the break when City's goal-grabbing bricklayer, John Woodley, took a through pass from Caffel in his stride and thumped a low shot past Read.

You could have heard a rosette drop! Apart from being against the run of play, the goal was a bolt from the blue that demoralised Luton to such an extent that three minutes later they could have gone further behind. Winger Steve Morton passed inside to Woodley instead of running on, the centre forward would have found it easy to score.

Woodley does not miss open goals like that. In his 10 matches with Oxford he has 10 goals—a club

But what a turn-up it was in the first half Luton had forced 16 corners to Oxford's one. Now they were trailing. But the amateurs, though as big-hearted as ever, were beginning to fail in strength against the professionals.

Luton, smarting from the goal and getting the slow handclap from a section of their long-suffering fans, needed a Rioch free-kick to put them level. It came in the 60th minute after a foul on Sloughy Bradbury, who received a second warning, and Rioch beat Shippey from 30 yards.

### Mistake

Spurred on by this goal, and with the tension relieved, Luton knuckled down to winning, and five minutes later Shippey blotted his copybook when he dropped a Whittaker corner under pressure from Allen, and Buxton scored from close in.

This goal knocked the stuffing out of Oxford and Luton gave City an uncomfortable last quarter of an hour.

Luton missed Terry Branton, who dropped out just before the start with an ankle injury sustained in training. He

was replaced by Billy McDermott who was the best of the defenders on the night.

Again Allen and Buxton were the engines of the attack and French, although he missed a couple of easy-looking chances, provided a fairly steady flow of centres.

On the left Whittaker used the cross to good effect, but was limping after a first half knock. Rioch worked well in midfield, and had a handful of hard shots saved by Shippey.

The whole of the Oxford defence must be given full marks for its first half fight, but for which Luton could have been six goals ahead at the break.

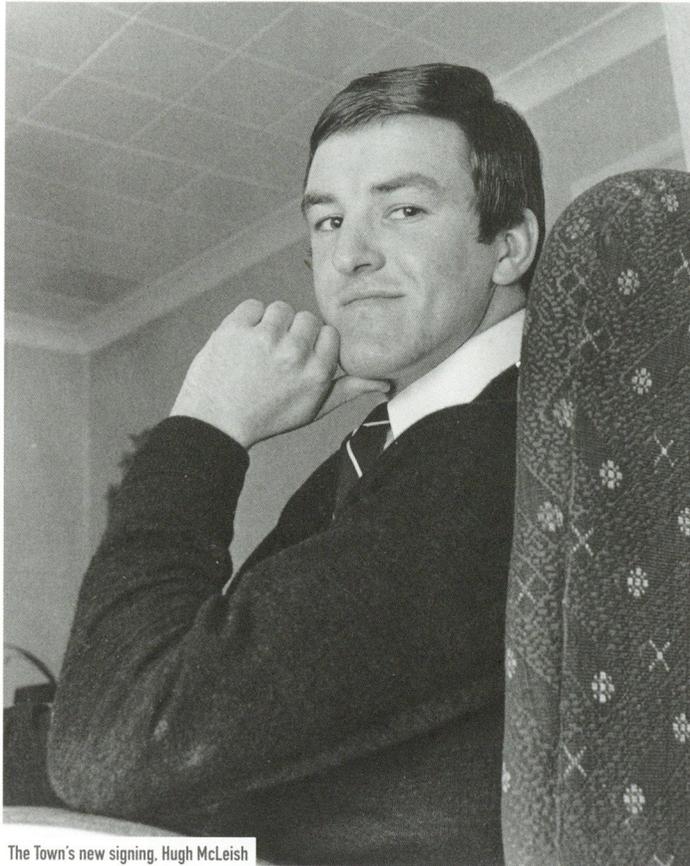
Afterwards City's team manager Tony Bricknell said: "I am thrilled with the way the lads played. I am not disappointed because we knew we had a struggle on our hands. That's football. I think they rose to the occasion and wasn't it nice of the crowd to clap them off at the end!"



No doubt about the star of last night's Luton Cup-tie with Oxford City: John Shippey, City goalkeeper, stole all the thunder. Here, he clears from Keith Allen.

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OXFORD CITY WERE GIVEN A STANDING OVATION AT THE END



The Town's new signing, Hugh McLeish



If a fierce shot from McLeish had gone in rather than hit a post with ten minutes left, the final knockings could have been interesting, but we had to face facts and say we had lost to the better team on the day.

According to the man sitting behind Roger Duckworth of the Evening Post, Luton were the best team seen at Valley Parade that season and 'Luton will win promotion this year, as sure as sheep grow wool.' Regional stereotypes were positively encouraged in those days.

The players could now forget about the League for a couple of weeks as

their next mission was to progress in the FA Cup, where their first round opponents were to be Oxford City of the Isthmian League at the White Horse Ground.

On the Thursday night before the game three inches of snow fell and as we sat on the coaches in Oak Road on the Saturday morning, it did not come as a real surprise to find that the match was off.

There then came a battle of wills between the two clubs deciding when the game should take place.

Luton refused to play the whole game under City's lights, or to play

at Oxford United's ground on the Thursday evening as the pitch would have been cut up from a game the previous night.

City, on the other hand, would not allow the game to kick-off on a mid-week afternoon as they had the normal butchers, bakers and schoolteachers in their amateur ranks, so eventually and reluctantly agreed to switch the tie to Luton with a Thursday evening start.

The Town were not really happy with this compromise as playing on a Thursday evening brought back memories of a bruising Cup replay with Exeter the previous season, leading to an 8-1 defeat at Lincoln less than 48 hours later.

They were happy though with the crowd of 13,394 who turned up, given the short notice, and were pleased to see the Town on the attack from the start, racking up 16 corners in a one-sided first half with only Oxford's amateur international goalkeeper and bricklayer John Shippey standing between them and a landslide.

As so often happens, a goal came against the run of play soon after the break, but with the crowd getting restless a thunderbolt from Bruce Rioch levelled the tie on the night before Shippey made his only mistake, dropping a corner at the feet of Ian Buxton, who netted from two feet.

City and Shippey received a standing ovation at the end, but we were happier as we got a refund of our 4/- (20p) Oxford ticket (City had refused to offer concessions) and paid our normal 2/- (10p) at Kenilworth Road.



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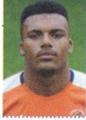
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## YOUTH PROFILE: JOSH NEUFVILLE

AGE: 16 | BIRTHPLACE: LUTON | POSITION: WINGER/STRIKER

**Year you joined the Hatters?**  
2009

**Describe your playing style in three words:**  
Quick, sharp, aggressive

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

**Your most talented team-mate?**  
Jack James

**Which first team player do you look up to?**  
Danny Hylton

**Favourite music artist:**  
50 Cent

**Favourite food:**  
Macaroni cheese

**Biggest influence on your career:**  
Friends and family

**Player you used to pretend to be as a kid:**  
Ronaldinho

**In ten years' time what do you hope to have achieved?**  
Be a professional footballer who has won a cup/title, as well as have a family who I can support.



# ANDY AWFORD'S ACADEMY UPDATE

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

## U18S

Since my last programme notes the U18s have had a busy schedule and shown a marked improvement in their performances, which in turn has led to a good set of recent results.

We managed to overcome Swindon Town (1-0) in the quarter-final of the Southern Youth Alliance Cup, thanks to an injury-time winner from Michael Shamalo.

We then put in a disciplined, professional performance in the league at Cambridge United to win 1-0, with Connor Tomlinson heading our winner in the first half. This was followed up with a 4-1 victory over Barton Rovers in the Beds Senior Cup, goals from Connor Tomlinson, Arthur Read, Drew Richardson and Michael Shamalo doing the damage.

Last Saturday saw us fully deserve to beat MK Dons 4-0 at Ely Way with second half goals from Scott Belgrove, Connor Tomlinson and Josh Neufville, who scored two.



We await the semi-final draws in both cup competitions and look forward to the upcoming league games before the Christmas break away at Northampton today, at home to AFC Wimbledon next Saturday and a re-arranged away game at Stevenage on Tuesday December 19th.

## CHRIS PHILLIPS

It appears the club has a new lucky mascot in our new U18s Physiotherapist, Chris Phillips. Since joining us at the start of November, Chris has been the lead physio at a total of eight fixtures that have all resulted in victories. He is quietly letting people know of his 100 per cent record in the hope that his run continues and he might get invited to board the coach to Newcastle!

## CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

We are very grateful to Tottenham Hotspur who kindly gave us 20 complimentary tickets for their Champions League fixture against

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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 (LGCupDF)	A	W 1-0
Sat Nov 25	Cambridge Utd	A	W 1-0
Sat Dec 2	MK Dons	H	W 4-0
Sat Dec 9	N'hampton Town	A	
	11am, Moulton College NN3 7QL		
Sat Dec 16	AFC Wimbledon	H	
	11am, Ely Way		
Tue Dec 19	Stevenage	A	
	1pm, Aston Lane SG2 8TH		

Apoel Nicosia at Wembley last Wednesday evening.

The apprentices and academy staff members had a great night, and I'm sure the apprentices will have learnt a great deal from the experience.

Enjoy today's game.

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# LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY



BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

## CREATING DIALOGUE AND UNITING LUTON THROUGH FOOTBALL

Luton Town FC Community Trust in partnership with Luton Council, and global charitable organisation 'Football for Peace', have agreed to deliver a project across the Town that uses the power of football to encourage dialogue and unite young people to create greater mutual understanding and respect across communities.

Describing the project, head of Trust Kevin Thoburn said: "Football for Peace is a diplomatic sports movement that uses football to create dialogue and unite people. We are looking for young people to work together within Luton's communities to create greater mutual understanding and respect as well as developing personal skills in the process."

The Community Trust have secured funding from the Home Office's 'Building a Stronger Britain Together' programme to create a group of 30-

plus ambassadors from school Years 11 and 12.

As well as having the chance to organise a peace football tournament at the stadium next May, ambassadors will be able to attend workshops that will cover events management, conflict management, team building, and equality and diversity.

The ambassadors will also be able to gain recognised Level 2 sports



### BUILDING A STRONGER BRITAIN TOGETHER

qualifications and develop skills that will be helpful for them in the future whilst also benefitting the whole community.

Kevin added that "30 young Peace Ambassadors will be recruited to:

- get involved in something worthwhile that will affect their career choices
- have their voice to be heard in Luton and potentially the rest of the world

- help to organise a showcase Peace Tournament at Luton Town FC
- hear more about conflict resolution, diversity, events management
- gain a recognised L2 sports qualification
- be part of the new Luton Youth Council"

For those interested in becoming ambassadors, there will be a recruitment evening at the Stadium on Monday 11th December at 6:30pm in the Eric Morecambe suite.

Cllr Aslam Khan, Porfolio Holder for Safer, Stronger Communities, said: "If you are aged 16 or 17, love sport, and are keen to make Luton a better place for everyone, becoming a peace ambassador is a great chance to have your say and make a real difference. I would urge

anyone thinking about becoming a peace ambassador to go along to the recruitment event and find out more."

Kashif Siddiqi, Co-founder and patron of Football for Peace, said: "Football for Peace, is delighted to be able to bring our programme to Luton in partnership with the Council and the football club.

"We hope our contribution will help create greater mutual understanding and cohesion across the Town whilst developing the skill sets of the young people involved. They are the creators of change within their community and welcome them as our new ambassadors".

Luton Town FC Community Operations Manager, Daniel Douglas, said: "We recognise the impact that a relatively small number of young people from

across the town can have as leaders in changing perceptions and raising aspirations. We know that Luton's young people have a lot to contribute to making Luton a place to be proud of and we would like to work with them to achieve this. The project will be covering transport costs, workshops will be free and there will be free LTFC match tickets and lots of sports activities to get involved in.

"If you are aged 16 or 17, love sport and are keen to make Luton a better place for everyone this is your chance to have your say and make a real difference."

For more information about the event, or to register your attendance on Monday please call Daniel Douglas on 01582 561622 or email Daniel.douglas@lutontown.co.uk to secure a place.

## EFL GIRLS CUP U13S – THE ROAD TO WEMBLEY!

Congratulations to Westfield Middle School from Bedford who won the area final of the EFL Girls Cup during half-time at the Cambridge game.

They will now go on to represent the Hatters at the Regionals to be held in Luton early next year and possibly National finals at Wembley should they progress, as The EFL Girls Cup competition culminates in a final prior to the EFL Checkatrade Trophy Final at Wembley Stadium in March.

Before that Westfield play the winning schools from Barnet, 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 Westfield can go one better!

Good luck to all the girls playing in the regionals next year and also thanks to Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu for presenting the girls with their winners' pendant after the game!





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# HATTERSLADIES

## HATTER'S LADIES THROUGH TO THE 3RD ROUND OF THE FA CUP

At the same time as Nathan Jones' Hatters were progressing through to the third round of the Emirates FA Cup last Sunday, Luton Town Ladies progressed through to the same stage of the Women's FA Cup by beating Harlow Ladies 3-2 after extra-time.

The Town continued their good form and made it only one loss in the last ten games in all competitions. Harlow travelled to Luton and it was the away side who started the better, with Town not quite up to standard for the first 20 minutes. Some poor defensive work from the Hatters on a very slippery pitch led to the first goal of the game. The Harlow winger was able to run down the flank and cut inside, before superbly dipping the ball into the top corner.

This seemed to wake Town up, and they began to get a grip on the game. A great cross from Jo Rutherford was just too high for Jess McKay to reach, and McKay then hit two efforts just wide of the goal. Dionne Manning had a shot saved just before half-time, but the hosts couldn't get the much-needed goal before the interval.

The second half saw a much-improved display from the Hatters and it didn't take long before McKay levelled from close range.

Soon after, Kim Farrow scored her first goal for the club to put Town ahead. The rest of the half was dominated by Luton, but they saw chance after chance saved or fly over the bar. In the dying minutes of the tie, Harlow managed to grab an equaliser after a scrap in the goal area to take it to extra-time.

For the next half-hour, Town continued to dominate but could not find the net, until McKay picked up the ball in the centre circle in the 119th minute, and superbly smashed it into the roof of the goal, sending the Hatters through to the third round.



Jess McKay

Manager Nikki Baker said: "We worked hard and dominated, but Harlow kept coming back at us and made it difficult. Jess scored another worldie, as she keeps doing, and we just about scraped through. We are in good form and overall on stats, deserved to win the game."

The Hatters have drawn Chichester City Ladies away in the third round, with the tie to be played on 7th January.

### 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 (FAC30R)	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	W 3-2
Sun Nov 26	Norwich City	H	W 8-2
Sun Dec 3	Harlow Town (FACR2)	H	W 3-2(AET)
Sun Dec 10	Southampton Saints (LC)	H	
Sun Jan 7	Chichester City (FACR3)	A	
Sun Jan 14	Ipswich Town	H	

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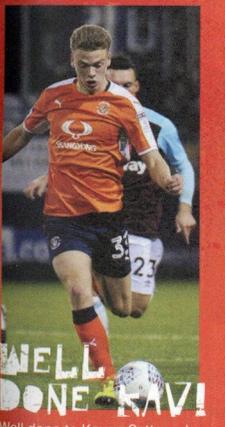
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WELL DONE KAVI!  
Well done to Kavan Cotter, who scored his first professional goal in our Checktrade Trophy win over West Ham U21s on Tuesday!

**JUNIOR HATTERS**

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Hatters stars Akin Famewo & James Justin went to Harlington Lower School recently to help launch the song.

Today we welcome Harlington Lower School Choir who have recorded a special Christmas song to raise money for **CHUMS**. The locally based charity supports children, young people and their families through difficult times. Many of you will remember them as our charity of the year in the 2015-16 season. The choir will be walking a lap of the pitch at half-time while the song plays in the stadium - so sing along and give them a very warm welcome. Well done guys!

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

### Afternoon Hatters!

It's been a while since my last column and what a fine occasion to get back to it with a top of the table clash ahead of us. Make sure you get behind the lads in what I'm sure will be close to a sell-out, so as you normally are, please be that 12th man and get the Kenny rocking!

In the six weeks since I last wrote, we have scored 24 goals, won six out of seven matches (drawing the other), gone back to the top of the table and progressed to the third round of both FA Cup and Checkatrade Trophy.

This run has bought everyone so much closer together and the buzz around the place at the moment is second to none with the culture, environment and ethos of how we are going about our work continuing to grow and develop. This is clearly being displayed on the pitch at the moment.

It's been really pleasing to see some recognition for both our players and the manager and backroom staff. Danny Hylton winning the PFA player of the month after some great goalscoring performances and his usual hard work; Dan Potts being nominated for League Two player of the month after a number of stellar performances seeing him notching four goals and keeping four clean sheets; and Nathan scooping two manager of the month awards in a row.

All thoroughly deserved and really pleasing to be able to contribute to their individual successes, and as I'm sure you will agree such individual accolades only help contribute to a winning culture and feel to the whole team.

From a sports science focal point, as is usually the way when results are going well, we have also been doing really well physically. Using our monitoring systems such as our GPS analysis and databases, we have registered some record high individual and team performances since my time at the club. This includes some of the highest individual and team total distances, highest high intensity meterage and highest speeds we have observed over the last 18 months.

These are all great objective markers to monitor the lads on when it comes to fitness and physical outputs. Such statistics are no coincidence and all the players at Luton have been putting in some real strong work both on the training pitches and in the gym to ensure we keep moving forward with such physically determined parameters, and it's great to see their hard work paying off.

Unfortunately we picked up a couple of injuries over the November period which were really innocuous, in James Collins and Scott Cuthbert. Focusing on these from a sports science view point, we break down and analyse a number of factors when serious injuries occur and look at variables such as injury mechanism, physical loading via GPS, health, lifestyle and preparation monitoring – which the players complete daily – gym based loading, screening and strength testing, as well as overall seasonal statistics such as availability and training and match play frequency.

Such analysis then flags up any highlighted areas which allows us to be proactive in both individually addressing such issues with the injured player themselves, as well as implementing strategies in a team based setting to further prevent any risk of injury to whole squad. The injured lads always work really hard and follow the trend of the whole squad with the great working environment that we have. It's a pleasure to have such a great group of players to work with.

That's all for today folks and although lacking in comedy, hopefully it has given you a good insight in to some of the sports science work we do. I'm sure I'll get a bit of stick from the lads for being too busy, but as my personal motto states #busysisbetter.

As this will be my last column before Christmas, may I take the opportunity to wish all Hatters fans near and far a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope you enjoy the festive period packed with great games for us!

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DATE	TIME	H/A	OPPOSITION	SCORE	ATT	AWAY	POS	STARTING XI
<b>AUGUST</b>								
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 Potts McCormack
Sat 12	3.00pm	A	Barnet	L 0-1	3,555	2,109	8	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack
Tue 15	7.45pm	H	Tottenham U21 (Trophy)	D 2-2*	2,699	404	-	Shea Justin Mullins Famewo Senior Bakinson Cook
Sat 19	3.00pm	H	Colchester United	W 3-0	7,865	445	3	Stech Stacey Rea Sheehan POTTS 1 McCormack O. LEE 1
Sat 26	3.00pm	A	Mansfield Town	D 2-2	4,665	987	5	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan Potts McCormack ● O. Lee ▲
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>								
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 McCormack ● 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
<b>OCTOBER</b>								
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 POTS 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 Rea ■ O. Lee
Tue 31	7.45pm	A	AFC Wimbledon (Trophy)	W 2-1	581	98	-	Shea Justin Musonda Famewo Senior E. Lee Shinnie ●
<b>NOVEMBER</b>								
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 POTS 1 Rea O. LEE
Sat 18	3.00pm	H	Cambridge United	W 7-0	8,721	642	2	Stech Stacey Cuthbert Sheehan POTTS 1 ▲ Rea O. LEE 1
Tue 21	7.45pm	H	Carlisle United	W 3-0	7,644	215	1	Stech Stacey Mullins ● Sheehan POTTS 1 Rea Berry
Sat 25	3.00pm	A	Crewe Alexandra	W 2-1	4,571	1,244	1	Stech Stacey Mullins Sheehan Potts Rea O. Lee ▲
<b>DECEMBER</b>								
Sun 3	2.00pm	A	Gateshead (FACR2)	W 5-0	1,339	381	-	Stech Stacey Mullins Sheehan POTTS 1 Rea ▲ O. LEE 1 ●
Tue 5	7.45pm	H	West Ham U21 (Trophy R2)	W 4-0	1,670	108	-	Shea Justin Musonda Famewo Senior COTTER 1 COOK 1
Sat 9	3.00pm	H	Notts County					
Sat 16	3.00pm	A	Forest Green Rovers					
Sat 23	3.00pm	H	Grimsby Town					
Tue 26	3.00pm	A	Swindon Town					
Sat 30	3.00pm	A	Port Vale					
<b>JANUARY</b>								
Mon 1	3.00pm	H	Lincoln City					
Sat 6	3.00pm	A	Newcastle United (FACR3)					
Sat 13	3.00pm	A	Chesterfield					
Sat 20	3.00pm	H	Morecambe					
Sat 27	3.00pm	A	Grimsby Town					
<b>FEBRUARY</b>								
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					
<b>MARCH</b>								
Sat 3	3.00pm	A	Cambridge United					
Sat 10	3.00pm	H	Accrington Stanley					
Fri 16	7.45pm	A	Newport County AFC					
Sat 24	3.00pm	H	Barnet					
Fri 30	3.00pm	A	Colchester United					
<b>APRIL</b>								
Mon 2	3.00pm	H	Mansfield Town					
Sat 7	3.00pm	A	Yeovil Town					
Sat 14	3.00pm	H	Crewe Alexandra					
Sat 21	3.00pm	A	Carlisle United					
Sat 28	3.00pm	H	Forest Green Rovers					
<b>MAY</b>								
Sat 5	3.00pm	A	Notts County					
TBC		H	Wycombe Wanderers					



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### SATURDAY'S LEAGUE TWO RESULTS

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

### TONIGHT'S LEAGUE TWO FIXTURES:

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

## SUBS

Mpanzu	Shinnie ▲	COLLINS 3 ●	VASSELL 2	Rea ●	E. LEE 1 ●	Mullins ▲	Cook	Senior	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie	Collins	E. Lee ●	Gambin ●	Mullins ●	Senior	McQuoid	Bakinson	Musonda	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	Collins	Vassell	Rea ●	Cook ●	E. Lee ▲	Mullins	Cornick	Gambin	Shea
GAMBIN 1	Cornick ▲	Hylton ●	E. Lee	James ●	MCQUOID 1 ●	Read ▲	Peck	Jones	Shamalo	Isted
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	COLLINS 1 ●	Hylton ▲	Cornick ●	Cook ●	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Mullins	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	COLLINS 1	HYLTON 1	Rea ●	Berry ●	Cornick ▲	Justin	Gambin	E. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Berry	Collins ●	Hylton	Cornick ●	Cook ●	Mullins	O. Lee	Shinnie	E. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	Collins	Hylton ▲	Rea ●	Cornick ●	Berry ▲	Justin	Gambin	E. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	Collins ●	Hylton	Cornick ●	E. Lee ●	Justin	Mullins	Gambin	O. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	COLLINS 1	Hylton	CUTHBERT 1 ●	Cornick ●	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Mullins	O. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie ●	Collins	HYLTON 1	Cook ●	Rea ●	Cornick ▲	Justin	Senior	Jarvis	Shea
Rea	Cornick ●	Collins ●	Hylton	Cook ●	Jarvis ●	Justin	Senior	Musonda	Famewo	Shea
Rea	Cornick ●	Collins	HYLTON 2	Cook ●	Justin ●	Mullins	Jarvis	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea
Mpanzu	D'Ath ●	E. LEE 1	Berry	Musonda ●	Read	James	Mead	Tomlinson	Neufville	Isted
Berry ●	Cornick ●	COLLINS 1	HYLTON 1	D'Ath ●	Justin ●	Mullins	Cook	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea
BERRY 3	Cornick ●	Collins	HYLTON 2 ▲	Mpanzu ●	GAMBIN 1 ●	E. Lee ▲	Cook	D'Ath	Famewo	Shea
Berry ▲	CORNICK 1 ●	COLLINS 1 ●	HYLTON 1	Justin ●	E. Lee ●	Mpanzu ▲	Mullins	Cook	Gambin	Shea
BERRY	Cornick ▲	Collins	Hylton ●	E. Lee ●	Mpanzu ●	Cook ▲	Justin	Mullins	Gambin	Shea
Berry	Cornick ●	Collins ▲	Hylton	Mpanzu ●	Shinnie ●	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Gambin	D'Ath	Shea
Mpanzu	D'Ath	Gambin	E. Lee ●	Jarvis ●	Berry ●	Potts	O. Lee	Sheehan	Richardson	Isted
Berry	Shinnie ●	COLLINS 1	Hylton	Cornick ●	Justin	Gambin	D'Ath	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea
Berry	Cornick ●	Collins ●	Hylton	E. LEE 1 ●	Mpanzu ●	Justin	Cook	Shinnie	D'Ath	Shea
Berry	Shinnie ●	E. LEE 2	HYLTON 3	Mpanzu ●	Cook ●	Justin ▲	Mullins	Cornick	Gambin	Shea
Mpanzu	SHINNIE 1 ▲	E. Lee ●	Hylton	Mpanzu ●	D'Ath ●	Famewo ▲	Justin	Cook	Gambin	Shea
BERRY 1	Cornick ●	E. Lee ●	HYLTON 1	Shinnie ●	Mpanzu ●	Famewo ▲	Justin	Cook	Gambin	Shea
BERRY 1	Shinnie	E. LEE 1 ●	HYLTON 1	Cook ●	Gambin ●	Mpanzu ▲	Justin	Senior	D'Ath	Shea
Mpanzu	D'ATH 1 ●	Gambin	JARVIS 1	Read ●	Potts	O. Lee	Rea	Berry	E. Lee	Isted

### LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 LUTON TOWN	20	12	5	3	48	18	30	41
2 Notts County	20	12	5	3	35	20	15	41
3 Accrington Stanley	20	11	4	5	32	22	10	37
4 Exeter City	20	11	3	6	28	22	6	36
5 Wycombe Wanderers	20	9	6	5	38	29	9	33
6 Coventry City	20	9	5	6	21	12	9	32
7 Mansfield Town	20	8	8	4	30	23	7	32
8 Swindon Town	20	10	2	8	30	25	5	32
9 Newport County AFC	20	8	6	6	27	22	5	30
10 Lincoln City	20	8	6	6	24	19	5	30
11 Colchester United	20	8	5	7	26	23	3	29
12 Grimsby Town	20	8	5	7	24	26	-2	29
13 Cambridge United	20	8	5	7	17	23	-6	29
14 Carlisle United	20	7	6	7	28	27	1	27
15 Stevenage	20	7	5	8	26	31	-5	26
16 Cheltenham Town	20	6	6	8	27	29	-2	24
17 Crawley Town	20	5	6	9	17	23	-6	21
18 Yeovil Town	20	5	5	10	27	38	-11	20
19 Crewe Alexandra	20	6	2	12	21	34	-13	20
20 Forest Green Rovers	20	5	5	10	23	39	-16	20
21 Morecambe	20	4	7	9	15	25	-10	19
22 Port Vale	20	5	3	12	19	31	-12	18
23 Barnet	20	4	5	11	21	29	-8	17
24 Chesterfield	20	4	5	11	23	37	-14	17

### PLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON										CAREER TOT		
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISIP				APPS	GLS	
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS			
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	0	6	0
Luke Berry	12	(2)	4	3	(1)	1	15	(3)	5	3	1	18	5
James Collins	17	(0)	8	2	(0)	1	19	(0)	9	4	0	19	9
Jordan Cook	0	(8)	0	4	(1)	1	4	(9)	1	3	0	55	5
Harry Cornick	9	(8)	2	1	(1)	0	10	(9)	2	1	0	19	2
Kavan Cotter	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	0	2	1
Scott Cuthbert	15	(1)	1	2	(0)	0	17	(1)	1	2	1	104	3
Lawson D'Ath	0	(2)	0	3	(0)	1	3	(2)	1	1	0	18	1
Akin Famewo	0	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	4	(2)	0	0	0	12	0
Luke Gambin	3	(1)	1	3	(2)	1	6	(3)	2	0	0	26	3
Danny Hylton	18	(0)	12	3	(0)	1	21	(0)	13	6	0	68	40
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1	0
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	2	(1)	1	2	(2)	1	0	0	4	1
James Justin	1	(4)	1	4	(0)	0	5	(4)	1	0	0	49	2
Elliot Lee	3	(10)	4	5	(2)	8	10	(6)	6	0	0	29	9
Oly Lee	16	(0)	3	3	(0)	1	19	(0)	4	5	0	99	8
Alan McCormack	8	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	1	4	0	8	1
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	0	(								



# HOLD THE BACKPAGE

WITH **STUART HAMMONDS** PRESS & COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

**If someone had told my 12-year-old self, as I sat at Wembley cheering Tommy Johnson and Dave Regis' play-off final goals for Notts County, that a quarter-of-a-century later I'd be wanting another team to beat the Magpies, I'd have thought they were mad.**

That 3-1 win over Brighton in 1991 took County into the top-flight of English football and left me mesmerised by both the Twin Towers, and what I'd seen from Neil Warnock's side.

Growing up in Nottingham, it was an obvious choice to support the smaller of the city's two clubs after being introduced to Meadow Lane by my dad when we went to watch a testimonial for Iain McCulloch – the old boy's manager at amateur club GPT, family friend and future gaffer of my own at Arnold Town – against Manchester United.

Whenever I could, I'd go to the Lane to watch County as they rose through the divisions, and then went tumbling back down – alongside the Hatters, of course, during that 1991-92 campaign in which we both suffered relegation in that final season of the old First Division.

The only two clubs to be signatories to the deal that created the Premier League, but to have never played in it, Luton Town and Notts County have plenty in common. And that includes a big part of my heart.

We have to show a bit of professionalism in the Press box, but colleagues will tell you there was no

doubting my allegiance in October last year when Christian Walton produced that amazing one handed save from Vadaine Oliver's late penalty to preserve us a point on our trip to Meadow Lane.

Same goes for the goals Ollie Palmer and Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu scored when we beat them 2-1 at Kenilworth Road in April to set off on a three-match winning run for the first time last season to book our play-off place. You'll notice how I now refer to Luton and Notts.

In October, as our boys ran riot at the start of the second half at Exeter to give us an unassailable 4-1 lead, I sat refreshing my phone continuously to check that County were still losing at Crewe and we'd be going top.

It's a strange situation to be in, looking at the League Two table and needing Notts to drop points for us to strengthen our position, but that's the way it is these days.

This club has a way of seeping into your blood, and just like Alan Sheehan and Paul Hart, who have both enjoyed long spells with the Magpies and hold the club with affection, professionally I want the Hatters to do the job this afternoon without hesitation.

I'm sure that like me, all Hatters would settle for Luton and County going up this season, embarking on a rise back up the EFL ladder together. It's going to be some tussle, not just this afternoon but over the next five months as a whole.

And as much as that first play-off experience has lived with me forever in a positive way, after the last one we saw here in May, my ultimate hope is that neither of us will need an extension to the season to make it happen.

Current league positions for them and us will do just fine for me! COYH

## THE SPY WHO BAGGED AT COUNTY!

The Hatters had a spy on the pitch at County last week, with former Town youngster Rob Sinclair – who has been scouting for our academy in recent times – equalising for Oxford City in their FA Cup game at Meadow Lane! Ex-Town youth coach Joe Deeney is Oxford's assistant-manager, too, but unfortunately for the Non-League boys, Jorge Grant netted a late winner as Notts progressed 3-2.

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# TEAMS



MANAGER:  
**NATHAN JONES**

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



MANAGER:  
**KEVIN NOLAN**

- 1 Adam Collin
- 2 Matt Tootle
- 3 Carl Dickinson
- 4 Elliott Hewitt
- 5 Richard Duffy
- 6 Haydn Hollis
- 7 Lewis Alessandra
- 8 Michael O'Connor
- 9 Shola Ameobi
- 10 Jorge Grant
- 11 Terry Hawkrigde
- 12 Elliot Hodge
- 13 Branislav Pindroch
- 14 Jonathan Forte
- 15 Curtis Thompson
- 16 Shaun Brisley
- 17 Alan Smith
- 19 Nicky Hunt
- 20 Liam Walker
- 22 Ryan Yates
- 23 Dan Jones
- 24 Rob Milsom
- 26 Callum Saunders
- 30 Jon Stead
- 34 Ross Fitzsimons

## MATCH OFFICIALS

- 🕒 CHARLES BREAKSPEAR
- 🕒 ANTHONY DA COSTA
- 🕒 DANIEL COOK
- 🕒 GEOFFREY RUSSELL



**NEXT HOME GAME:**

**GRIMSBY TOWN**

**SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER | 3PM**