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[WELCOME TO LUTON TOWN v LINCOLN CITY]

WELCOME TO KENILWORTH ROAD



NATHAN JONES

A New Year message from
a proud Hatters gaffer



WELCOME LINCOLN

All you need to know about
the boys from Sincil Bank



TOWN TEAM-MATES

Luke Gambin on his pal
Glen Rea's dodgy ironing playlist!



OLLY'S 100 NOT OUT

Ollie Lee picks the five highlights
of his century of appearances

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

All at Kenilworth Road would like to thank our wonderful fans for your support during 2017 and wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. As you read through today's This Is Our Town, please be aware that due to print deadlines we weren't able to include Saturday's game at Port Vale, so the league table and fixtures and results will be one game behind. We know that we are top of Sky Bet League Two going into today's game, however, so make plenty of noise for your Luton boys to help keep it that way... and let's hope that 2018 is a year to remember for all Hatters! #COYH

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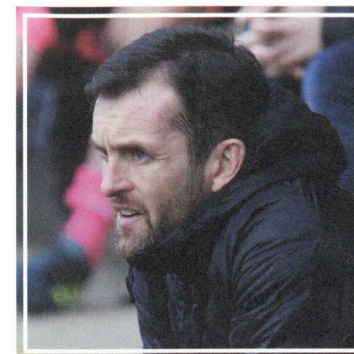
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[THE MANAGER'S NOTES]



NATHAN JONES

THE MANAGER

Let me start by wishing you all a happy New Year – and a warm welcome back to Kenilworth Road for the second time in this extremely busy spell of four games in ten festive days.

I hope you had a cracking Christmas and are looking forward to what has turned into another big clash at the top of Sky Bet League Two, after both ours and Lincoln City's excellent results of late.

Danny and Nicky Cowley have done a great job since they took the Lincoln job in the summer of 2016, and we saw when we went to Sincil Bank in early September how they have created a real buzz around the city with last season's National League title success and FA Cup run.

We said at the time that we were delighted to not only pick up a point against a side who hadn't been beaten at home in nearly a year, but also to be the first team to stop them scoring there in 11 months. That view has since been proved true with their recent run of form taking them into the automatic promotion places, as I write these notes ahead of Saturday's fixtures.

I welcome Danny, Nicky, their staff, players and everyone travelling in support of the Imps this afternoon, and wish them a safe journey home after what we know will be one of our toughest tests of the season.

We kick off 2018 sitting where we hope we'll be at the season's end – in first place – after a promising start to the season. I'm always proud of my players, but I was especially so after the clinical second-half display at Swindon on Boxing Day.

This fantastic club has such a rich history, especially with this year being the 50th anniversary of the Fourth Division title win and 30th since the Littlewoods Cup success at Wembley. We are lucky to see it every day with the legend that is Mick Harford such an integral part of our set-up.

But I want this group to write their own history, and they've been doing that since the opening day of this campaign with the 8-2 Yeovil win.

To become the first EFL side to score seven or more three times in a season before Christmas was wonderful, and now I'm told that the 5-0 Boxing Day win equalled the club's record away victory.

I've got to say though that I'm more pleased by the fact that extending our unbeaten run away from home to 11 league games broke a record that had stood since 1981 – and making it 13 without defeat on the road in all competitions set a new best for the club, too.

As I keep saying, it is a consistent run of results – not one-off high scores – that will take us to where we want to be, and those last two stats underline how the players have taken that on board.

They've sacrificed time with their families over Christmas to put themselves in the best possible condition to continue – and I know you have too in your support of them.

Another 9,000-plus against Grimsby. Most likely a sell-out today. Almost 1,500 soaked to the bone on Boxing Day. Over 7,000 tickets sold for Newcastle – and I know many more will have been snapped up by the time you read this.

It's not only the players that make me proud to manage your football club. Thank you.

Enjoy the game and together let's make it a really happy New Year!



FROM THE BOARDROOM

WITH ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR **STEPHEN BROWNE**

A very good afternoon to everyone. Everyone at the Club hopes you are enjoying the festive period and have had a great end to 2017. We all wish you every success, health and happiness for 2018.

A warm welcome to the travelling fans, who are sure to give excellent support to their management team of Danny and Nicky Cowley, their staff, and their players having sold out their allocation of 1,032 tickets. It's also good to see Ollie Palmer return to Kenilworth Road. After a headline making season in 16/17, they will be out to do the same again and achieve back-to-back promotions in the process. So far the season has gone very well for the Red Imps and they are most definitely eyeing the top spots, too. It is sure to be hotly contested three points with so much at stake.

So far (I am writing pre-Port Vale), Nathan and his team have had an excellent Christmas period with good wins against Grimsby and Swindon, seven goals, two clean sheets. The win at the County Ground had the home fans scratching their heads trying to remember the last time the Robins let in five without reply within 45 minutes at home – that goes to show just how good the second half performance was, and we were treated to some excellent moves and superb finishes. It was fantastic to see all four strikers take their goals so well and that must really give Nathan a selection headache!

It is these 'headaches' that can make or break team spirit – of course everyone wants to play in a winning side but there are only eleven places. The squad we have has huge depth and skill, and we are far from having a 'nailed-on starting 11', so the competition for places is immense. In these situations, it is all too easy for some to feel they are being overlooked or are not getting their chance.

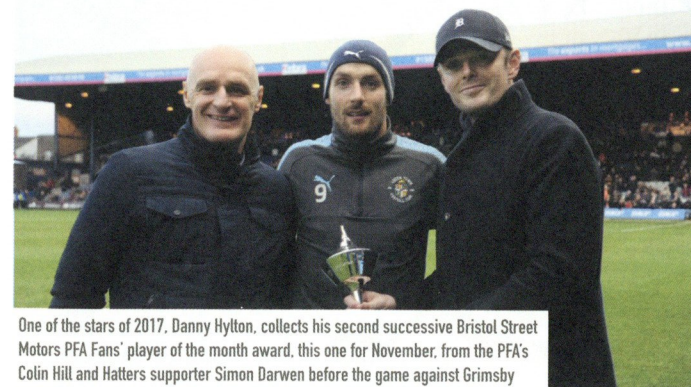
And it is here that we are building the 'off-field strength'. Every player supports their team-mates, and they are genuinely delighted when their colleagues put in a top-drawer performance, assists, saves, or scores. There might be eleven on the pitch, but there are another dozen or so that not only give everything in training but also play every minute of every game from the bench or stands. We all want success together and we all know what part we have to play in achieving that, as a team. We all know that over the course of a season we will all have to play a role and, when we are called upon, we need to deliver excellence, whether that be on or off the pitch.

The team spirit has been fantastic all season. It would have been easy to wallow in missed chances, and the

play-off defeat of 2017. Instead, we learnt from that result and know that we just have to push on even harder to get what we want. Everyone is firmly focussed on those top three automatic promotion places – being top is fantastic, we are not complaining, and the lads fully deserve it, but the top three is the first and primary target.

After the frustration of the first three or four months of the year when we couldn't quite get into a rhythm to be the real threat we so desired (and starting off at Pompey with Cam's broken leg didn't help), we then endured another play off head-to-head. We were just 15 minutes from Wembley and then we managed to snatch defeat out of the jaws of victory....let's not go there, eh?!

The close season then allowed the management to add to the squad, attract some very talented players, and to work on being the best. We got off to a cracking start with eight goals but then we were up-and-down results-wise, including an early away defeat to Barnet. But by early autumn we were getting into our stride. The hard work of the close season started to bear fruit. Big results at Mansfield, Accrington and Exeter really announced to the league that we are serious.



One of the stars of 2017, Danny Hylton, collects his second successive Bristol Street Motors PFA Fans' player of the month award, this one for November, from the PFA's Colin Hill and Hatters supporter Simon Darwen before the game against Grimsby

The run-up to Christmas got us to the top of the table. It's a place we like being. But we are not the only ones who covet that position and we are only just over 50 per cent of the way through the season, so there are a few other teams that want to have a say in that! We must just concentrate on each game as it comes, one by one, and if we do the right things, work for each other and get the right results, the reward will be waiting for us come the end of the season.

As I write (before the Port Vale trip) we are 11 points clear of fourth place. We know we have a lot to do and there are still 22 games to go, but if anyone had told us we would finish 2017 in such a position, we would have bitten their hands off! And to get promotion you have to place yourselves in such positions and build from there. We are half way through the season and Nathan and the lads have placed us in the best place to push on.

So, what will 2018 bring? Who knows, but I bet it will be exciting! It always is at Luton and we wouldn't have it any different, would we..... would we?! Nah, being a Hatter with our associated ups and downs is great for conversation, if not the heart!

One thing I know for sure is that the effort and commitment from you all will remain undiminished and the best in the country. Again, our away support has been superb over the festive period with some getting absolutely drenched at Swindon with only five goals to keep them warm. Whilst Nathan was also suitably wet from a day of miserable weather, he does have the consolation that he had a warm coach trip home – unlike those supporting heroes cheering on the lads from open terracing!

Also, I know the lads are truly amazed by the tickets being sold for our FA Cup game against Newcastle. As I write we have sold out our third allocation of tickets, we are pushing Newcastle for our full 15% allocation under competition rules, and so we are guaranteed to have 7,000 there and hopefully the full amount of 7,860. That will mean that over 3.5 million miles will be travelled by Hatters fans already for the Newcastle tie, which could potentially approach four million if we received our rightful allocation! What a staggering fact that only emphasises your loyal support, and you are showing the whole town, county and region what our Club means to the community and identity

of Luton and Bedfordshire. This also shows why our off-field plans and developments are so important to the whole essence of Luton, and why our Club is part of Luton's DNA.

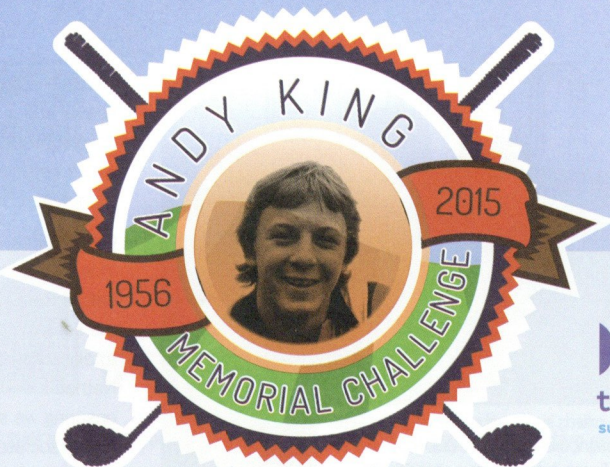
Off the pitch, all the Directors and Vice-Presidents met up the day before the Grimsby win to reflect on the season so far. All of us remain totally committed to both supporting Nathan's on-field ambitions, and to ensuring we secure our new ground and associated permissions off-field. As Gary has said previously, 'we all need to remain patient' and ensure our plans are the most professional we can do. We are well on track and very happy, so we are confident that 2018 will bring us all news that we want to hear.

Finally, we should all give a thought to those we have lost in 2017 and who are not here to witness our table-topping performances. Every person was loved but it would be unfair to all, and there are too many, to selectively name some dear absent friends here. Whether they be a Vice President, or an 'unknown from behind the scenes', or a player who thrilled, or a fan who sang. Or whether it be a person that helped our Club either on or off the pitch, to our closest loved ones who maybe support other clubs.....let's all remember our special people and give an extra cheer for them.

From us all at LUTON FC 2020, the staff, and the volunteers, thank you to each and every one of you for your amazing support during 2017. Here's to a fantastic 2018 and may it bring you memories that last forever.

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Transitions UK's 'Achieve Project' provides a two year mentoring and befriending programme for up to 35 young people with special needs each year. The transition point from school and towards adulthood and independence is a massive issue. Many young people with special needs "fall off a cliff" when they have to leave behind school friendships and familiar support. By providing life planning, positive activities and relationships, the charity helps young people when they need it most.

It costs just £2,000 p.a. to provide each young person with 350 support hours per year. Please help in any way you can; by fundraising, donating, volunteering or sponsorship. Check out www.transitionsuk.org for more details.

Ron Overton, Transitions UK founder and chief executive, said: "We'd like to wish a very Happy Christmas and New Year to all Luton Town supporters. It's been an exciting season so far, and it's a particular pleasure for Transitions UK to be the club's charity for 2017/18. We've got some excellent events coming up, and we hope to meet some of you at one of them."

Here are some ways to get involved in January:

New Year Jumpathon: Orbital Trampoline Park

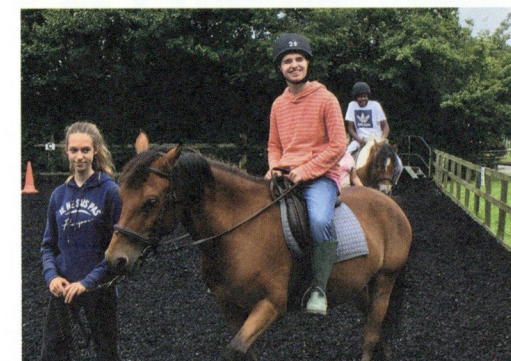
Friday 5th January: 4pm - 10pm

This event is aimed at primary and secondary/college aged young people, but adults are welcome too! It costs just £5 to jump for as long as you can - and we want all jumpers to try to raise at least £20 sponsorship. Raise £40 and get your fiver back!

Fitathon Walk at Kenilworth Road

Friday 26th January: 9am to 3pm

Come and join us for a walk round Kenilworth Rd - lots of times!! Walk round the pitch as many times as you can,



including up and down some of the seating gangways, to make a real difference to young people's lives. Some club staff will be involved and you'll be part of an enjoyable day that makes a difference.

To take part in these events please ring 01582 380620 or email support@transitionsuk.org.

Can't make either but you would like to make a Christmas gift? Go to www.transitionsuk.org/donations to make a one-off or regular donation to change young people's lives.

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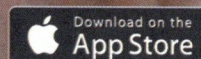


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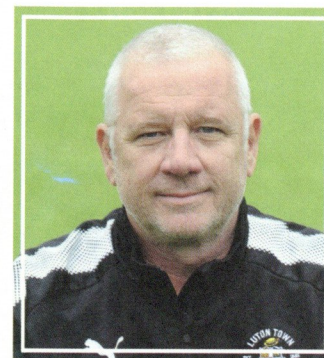
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TRICK OR TREATMENT

A HUMOROUS INSIGHT TO PHYSIO SIMON PARSELL'S WORK

I've not even opened my Christmas presents and here I am writing programme notes for January 1st 2018.

Journalistic deadlines, the pressure these boys are under. As Stuart Hammonds said to me, a good journalist never makes spelling mistakes. I hope you all had an enjoyable New Year's Eve. Remember if your cup runneth over, then you've probably reached your limit.

Today presents us with another tough test and rounds off a very busy period before we head to Newcastle. But we cannot dwell on the past or dream of the future, we have to concentrate on the present and that is today's points.

Now I am sure that you have all made New Year's resolutions which, by kick-off, should have been broken. Many will be wondering how to cancel those new gym memberships.

So why not make them more realistic. Gain weight, take up smoking and buy a lottery ticket at a luckier store. Apparently the most common illness over Christmas is an over active knife and fork.

There's always a little time for reflection and chat. So we were discussing, what was the first match you went to?

Sheez mentioned a game in Ireland, Darren Cook spoke of his first Luton

game, and I said mine would have been with my Dad at Peterborough United. The question then went to Elliot Lee, who said it would probably have been a World Cup qualifier his dad played in. Oh well, different ends of the scale.

I went with Scott Cuthbert to his recent follow up after surgery, and the news was that the injury is healing but it will be longer than first thought. Unfortunately, the initial scan we had done gave us wrong information. The scan did not fit the symptoms, so we then visited Mr Schilders in London, who told us the true extent of the injury.

I had an interesting encounter with a youth player. He presented with an injury to his thigh.

In order to examine it I said lift your shorts leg. There followed a pause and a puzzled looking player, before he replied: "I haven't got short legs."

The medical bag is always interesting to people. What do you carry in it? Not everything is medical supplies. We have to have repair kits for boots, studs, laces, pliers and a lighter. Someone asked why do you keep a lighter when you don't smoke. I said I just like certain songs. It unfortunately drifted over his head.



I must mention our club secretary Chris Clark (pictured), who is probably the fastest emailer in the world. Having just walked off the pitch at Gateshead my phone pinged and there was the e-mail informing me what ball number we were in the draw on the Monday. I am just a bit worried that he might suffer from withdrawal symptoms over the Christmas period. At the last count I had six emails about games.

Finally, may I wish everybody a successful New Year and thank you for your support. As an example, we were at the stadium the other morning around 6.50am and a lad was already queuing to try and get a ticket for the Newcastle game. That's a great effort. COYH

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DAN'S THE DIAMOND FOR NOVEMBER!

Goalscoring left-back Dan Potts has won the Diamond Player of the Month trophy for November.

The 23-year-old – who netted in three successive matches against Cheltenham, Cambridge and Carlisle and was shortlisted for both Sky Bet and PFA League Two player of the month awards – polled 49 per cent of the vote, with Olly Lee in second place.

We would like to thank all those that took the time to cast their votes.

Diamond season ticket holder Terry Thomas was drawn from the hat to present Potts with his award after enjoying hospitality in the Eric Morecambe at last week's Grimsby match.

Well done, Dan!



FUTURE FAMILY FUN DAYS!

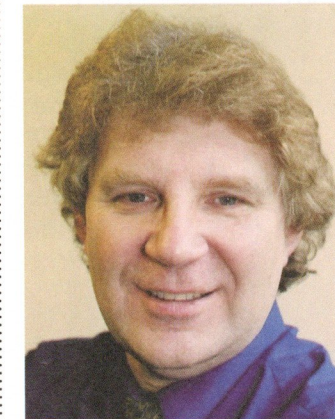
It might seem a long way off, but we're already looking forward to springtime when our popular family fun days will be returning to Kenilworth Road.

We've allocated our matches against Accrington Stanley on March 10th and Crewe Alexandra on April 14th as our next family fun days, with loads of entertainment, games, player appearances, music and food for you to enjoy.

We'll be announcing further details closer to the time, but make sure you make a note in your diaries so you can get along early and enjoy the atmosphere.

MICHAEL GEORGE MCEVOY

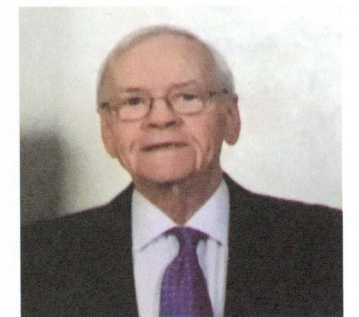
To a wonderful dad and grandad who was a lifelong Luton fan, on your 70th birthday year, this tribute is dedicated to you Michael George McEvoy – with love always, your family.

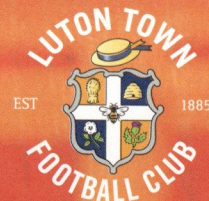


MICHAEL MADDEN

Loyal Hatters supporter Michael Madden sadly passed away on December 13th. His son Paul started attending games with him in the 1979-80 season and paid this tribute: "If it was not for him I would never have had the pleasure (and pain!) of supporting the best club in the land."

The thoughts of all at LTFC are with you and your family, Paul.





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Season ticket holders will be able to purchase one ticket each from today. They will be available online using your individual client reference number and also via phone or in person from the Ticket Office. These will remain on sale until midday on Saturday 6th January. Any remaining tickets will be available on general sales from midday online on Saturday 6th January. These will also be available in person or via phone from the Ticket Office on Monday 8th January until 2.30pm on Friday 12th January. Supporters who have an away season ticket will automatically receive one ticket which will be processed on Tuesday 2nd January. If you require two tickets or do not require a ticket for this fixture, please advise to ticketoffice@lutontown.co.uk before this date. Ambulant and wheelchair disabled tickets are priced at age related

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DATE	MATCH	ADULT	CONC.	TIME
Sat 6 Jan	Newcastle United	See page 16 for details		
Sat 13 Jan	Chesterfield	£23	£20	11.00
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SATURDAY 6 JANUARY 2018

The Bobbers Travel Club will, as usual, be running coaches to the Emirates FA Cup third round tie at Premier League club Newcastle United on Saturday 6th January, but there are a few changes from the normal arrangements.

Coach tickets for this game will only be available through the Luton Town FC ticket office (in person, by telephone on 01582 416976 or online).

NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN FOR THIS GAME ON THE NORMAL NUMBER.

The Junction 11 pick-up point will be outside the Travelodge Hotel rather than on the opposite side of the road.

Unfortunately, due to the anticipated demand for coach travel, it will not be possible to provide our normal refreshment service on this journey. We will, however, stop at a service station both on the way to Newcastle and on the return journey. The length of the stop will depend on traffic conditions.

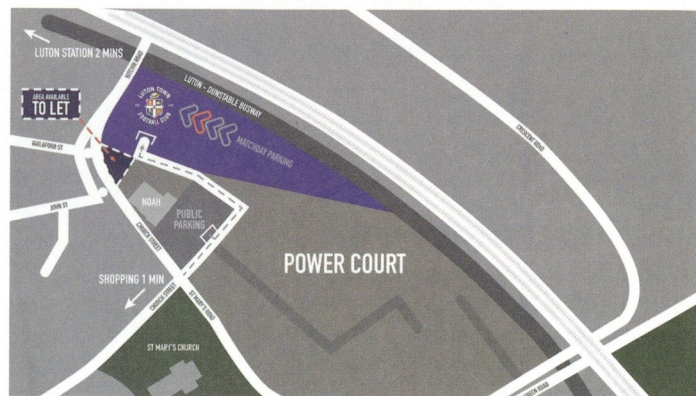
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Please be at your departure point at least 10 minutes before the time shown. We cannot be held responsible if you miss the coach because you are late.

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PRICES

£34 - Adults

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Our normal membership requirement will be waived for this game.

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TWO NEW TOON HOTELS:

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WE'RE ON OUR WAY

NEWCASTLE UNITED

FORMED: 1892 | NICKNAME: THE MAGPIES | LAST SEASON: 1ST IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP | FOLLOW THEM ON TWITTER: @NUFC

COLOURS: BLACK & WHITE STRIPES | GROUND: ST JAMES' PARK | MANAGER: RAFAEL BENITEZ

A cracking Emirates FA Cup tie lies in store as the Hatters head to St James' Park next Saturday for their third-round match against Newcastle United...

WHO? The Magpies celebrated their 125th birthday in 2017, and what better way to mark it than by winning promotion back to the Premier League. Amongst many other trophies, the club have won the FA Cup on six occasions, although the most recent came in 1955 when they beat Manchester City 3-1 at the old Wembley. With a capacity of over 52,354, St James' Park is one of the biggest grounds in the country and hosts average crowds of just over 52,000 for each home game.

TICKETS Any remaining tickets for this fixture are now available on general sale from the LTFC Ticket Office. (See page 15)

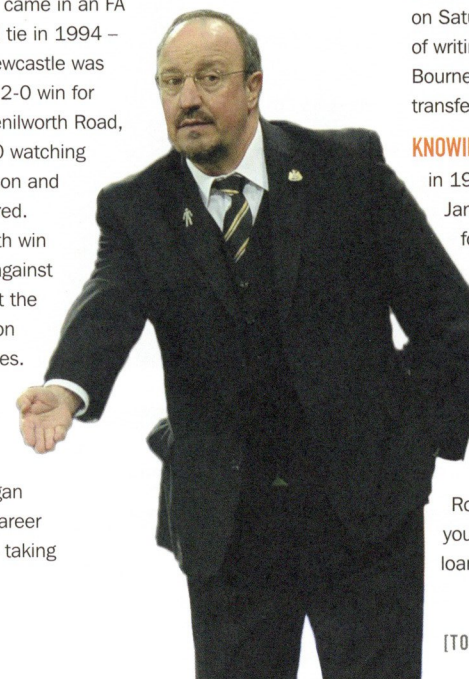
HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE? Our last meeting with the Magpies actually came in an FA Cup fourth round tie in 1994 - a 1-1 draw at Newcastle was followed up by a 2-0 win for the Hatters at Kenilworth Road, with over 12,000 watching on as John Hartson and Scott Oakes scored. That was our 17th win in 50 meetings against Newcastle, whilst the Magpies have won 22 of those games.

IN CHARGE A defender in his playing days, Rafa Benitez began his managerial career at Real Madrid - taking

charge of their B team before going on to manage a number of Spanish clubs including Real Valladolid and Tenerife. His big break came in 2001 when he took the Valencia job, where he won La Liga in his first season, before his final season in charge where he won the league and UEFA Cup double. He then spent six years at Liverpool, famously winning the Champions League in 2005. He has gone on to take charge of Chelsea, Napoli and Real, before being appointed Newcastle boss in 2016.

PREVIOUS FORM The Magpies picked up their first win in two months when they beat West Ham United 3-2 on December 23rd, the same day we ran out 2-0 winners over Grimsby Town. They have since been beaten narrowly by Manchester City, before they played Brighton & Hove Albion on Saturday. Fifteenth in the Premier League at the time of writing, with just a point between them and third-bottom Bournemouth, Newcastle are expected to be busy in the transfer window should a proposed takeover happen.

KNOWING ME, KNOWING YOU Mick Harford left Lincoln City in 1980 to join the Magpies, spending a season at St James' Park where he made 19 appearances, netting four times. He then had two spells with the Hatters, as well as spending time with Birmingham City, Derby County and Chelsea. Alan Neilson was a Newcastle trainee until 1991, when he made his first team breakthrough. He went on to play for Southampton, Fulham and Grimsby Town, before joining the Town in 2002, spending three seasons here before joining the coaching staff. He went on to be caretaker manager at Kenilworth Road on three separate occasions. More recently, young Magpies winger Alex Gilliead joined the Town on loan for half a season in the 2016/17 campaign.



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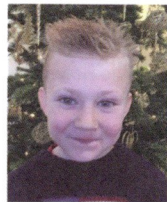
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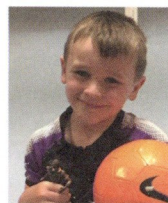
TODAY'S MASCOTS:



ALFIE GARNER
SCHOOL: PIXIES HILL SCHOOL
FAVOURITE PLAYER: ELLIOT LEE



CODY BURLAND
AGE: 6
SCHOOL: ST STEPHENS PRIMARY SCHOOL,
SOUTH GODSTONE
FAVOURITE PLAYER: DAN POTTS



ARCHIE ROYLE
AGE: 5
SCHOOL: DOWNSEND
FAVOURITE PLAYER: DANNY HYLTON



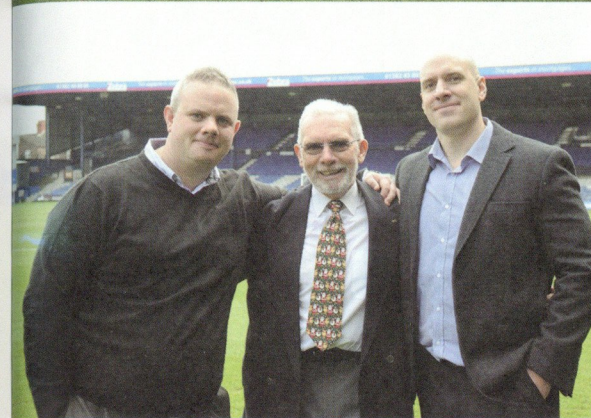
RYAN WEEDON
AGE: 14 - TODAY!
SCHOOL: CARDINAL NEWMAN
FAVOURITE PLAYER: JAMES JUSTIN & DANNY HYLTON



BEN PATIS
AGE: 12
SCHOOL: QUEENSBURY ACADEMY
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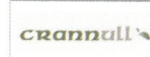
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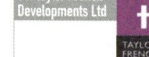
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WELCOME LINCOLN CITY

FACTFILE:

NICKNAMES: THE IMPS

GROUND: SINCIL BANK

MANAGER: DANNY COWLEY

LAST SEASON: 1ST IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

The Hatters would like to extend a warm welcome to today's visiting staff, players, directors and supporters of Lincoln City.

We've seen successive promotions before and the Imps are certainly aiming to do it this season, as they continue to climb the Sky Bet League Two table.

Finishing as champions last season to climb out of Non-League, the Imps find themselves in a decent position to go up again. In the automatic promotion spots at time of writing, Lincoln will have looked to cement their place in the top three with a good result against Forest Green Rovers on Saturday.



Imps manager Danny Cowley

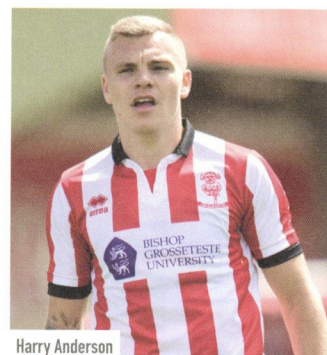
A big part of their success is down to manager Danny Cowley and his assistant, younger brother Nicky. Having been relegated from League Two in 2011, the Imps hadn't managed to get any higher than mid-table in their five seasons in the Conference before the Cowley brothers arrived. During that period, the pair took Concord Rangers into National League South, and Braintree Town to their highest-ever finish of

third in the National League, before losing to Grimsby in the play-offs.

Danny quit his job as a PE teacher to take the job at Lincoln in the summer of 2016, and it's fair to say it's worked out well for the 39-year-old. The ex-Romford and Hornchurch midfielder took the Imps up at the first attempt, amassing 99 points and netting 83 goals in the process. They also became the first Non-League side to reach the FA Cup quarter-finals in 103 years, beating Championship sides Ipswich and Brighton, then Premier League Burnley, before Arsenal ended their run at the Emirates.

The Imps' form has continued into this season, recording four wins – against Port Vale, Yeovil, Accrington and Stevenage – in five unbeaten matches going into the weekend. They have the third best goal-difference in the division, and the joint-second best defensive record, along with the Hatters, behind Coventry.

They've achieved what they have done so far this season with one of most successful strike forces in lower level English football, with Matt Green and Matt Rhead both having previously won promotion from the Conference with Mansfield, alongside former Hatters loanee Ollie Palmer. Green, who also went up with Oxford in 2010, is joint top scorer at Sincil Bank with midfielder Harry Anderson, on six goals. Anderson, 20, enjoyed



Harry Anderson

two loan spells with the Imps from Peterborough United before signing a three-year contract in the summer.

With a strong fan base, Lincoln have shown equally solid home and away support, frequently surpassing the 9,000 mark at Sincil Bank. However, the Hatters can boast the better record between the two having won 20 of the 39 previous meetings, whilst Lincoln have only won six. Their last victory over the Hatters came back in April 1999, whilst our most recent fixture against the Imps ended in a 0-0 draw at Sincil Bank back in September.

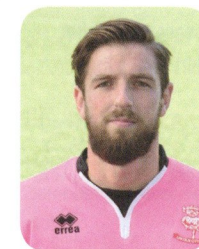
**HATTERS
v LINCOLN**
LUTON WINS: 20 | DRAWS: 13
LINCOLN TOWN WINS: 6

LAST MEETING:
LINCOLN 0-0 LUTON
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THE MAIN MEN

IN BETWEEN THE STICKS

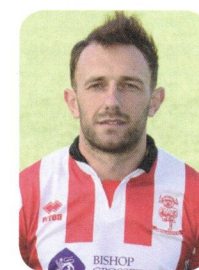
JOSH VICKERS



An Arsenal academy graduate who signed his first professional contract with the Gunners, the 22-year-old penned a two-year-deal with the Imps at the beginning of the season. He went out on loan to Canvey Island and Concord Rangers during his time at the Emirates, before signing a two-year contract with Swansea City in 2015. He joined Barnet on a season-long loan for the 2016/17 campaign making over 25 appearances, before departing the Swans for Sincil Bank.

THE WALL

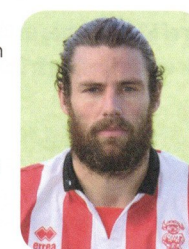
NEAL EARDLEY



With 16 Wales caps to his name, the 29-year-old has spent a lot of his career playing in the Championship, as well as a single season in the Premier League when Blackpool reached the top tier in 2011. He started out at Oldham Athletic making 129 appearances for the Latics, before joining the Tangerines. A four-year spell at Bloomfield Road came to an end in 2013 when he joined Birmingham City. An injury-hit spell at St Andrew's meant he made just 21 appearances for the Blues. He joined Lincoln on a short-term deal at the beginning of the season.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

MICHAEL BOSTWICK



A summer arrival from Peterborough United, the 29-year-old has played across the EFL as well as the top level of Non-league football. He started off at Millwall, but failed to make an appearance for the Den outfit, heading out on loan to Crawley Town. He went onto play for Rushden & Diamonds and Ebbsfleet United, before enjoying successive promotions from the Conference up to League One with Stevenage. He starred for the Posh for five seasons before joining Lincoln in the summer.

THE DANGERMAN

MATT GREEN



Another summer arrival after the Imps won promotion to League Two, Green adds a wealth of experience to Lincoln's strike force. Two seasons in Conference South with Newport earned him a move to Cardiff City in 2006, heading out on loan to Darlington and Oxford. Permanent moves to Torquay and then the U's followed, before he joined Mansfield, where he scored 57 times over two seasons. The 30-year-old stepped up to join Championship club Birmingham after the Stags won the Conference title in 2013, but he returned to Field Mill two years later.

GOALKEEPER

PAUL FARMAN

AGE: 28

PREVIOUS CLUB: GATESHEAD

DEFENDERS

SAM HABERGHAM

AGE: 25

PREVIOUS CLUB: BRAINTREE TOWN

LUKE WATERFALL

AGE: 27

PREVIOUS CLUB: WREXHAM

SEAN LONG

AGE: 22

PREVIOUS CLUB: READING

ROB DICKIE

AGE: 21

ON LOAN FROM READING

MIDFIELDERS

ELLIOTT WHITEHOUSE

AGE: 24

PREVIOUS CLUB: NUNEATON TOWN

JOSH GINNELY

AGE: 20

ON LOAN FROM BURNLEY

BILLY KNOTT

AGE: 25

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JORDAN MAGUIRE-DREW

AGE: 20

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MATT RHEAD

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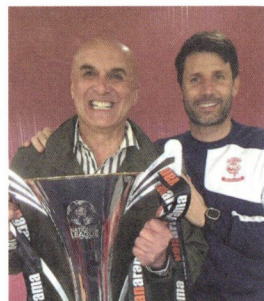
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OLLIE PALMER

AGE: 25

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THE VIEW FROM THE OAK ROAD



DAVE MARTIN, a Lincoln City supporter of 43 years gives us his thoughts on what lies in store for his team this season in Sky Bet League Two and this afternoon on their visit to Kenilworth Road, as well as his top XI players to ever pull on a shirt for the Imps...

GENERAL ENQUIRIES:

Promotion as champions last season has seen you maintain similar form and there is a lot of potential for a second successive promotion, are supporters confident that could happen?

Expectation levels vary across our fan base, some would be happy with consolidation and a mid-table finish, whilst others believe that last season's league and FA Cup exploits can be followed up with back to back promotions. Personally, I am happy with how we have fared in the first half of the season. With some strengthening in the January window, I see no reason why we cannot be there or thereabouts, either sustaining our play-off challenge or even mounting a bid for automatic promotion. Danny's sides have a history of getting stronger as the season progresses.

Danny Cowley certainly seems the right man for the job, how has he done in the 18 months since he took over at Sincil Bank?

Quite simply, Danny has been hugely instrumental in transforming us. After far too many years of underperforming and being in the doldrums, he has seized the potential he saw in our club and has had a galvanising effect in connecting it with the City and a now increasingly expectant fan base. He is extremely ambitious and will say that we are on part of our journey. This has created optimism, belief, hope and expectation that we can only get stronger, better and more successful as a football club. With massively increased gates, fans are buying into this ambition and are now clearly seeing our responsibility to help the club progress.

Out of the players he brought in over the summer, who have you been impressed by the most?

Harry Anderson was signed permanently in the summer, but having been on loan here last season his great quality was already known to us. The excellent signings of holding midfielder Michael Bostwick and full-back Neal Eardley, who have both shown why they have plied their trades at a

higher level, have demonstrated the intent of the club and the calibre we now look for.

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

Adam Marriott was a real fans' favourite. Technically a very good player but sadly injury prone, which restricted his appearances for us and which probably prompted him to seek pastures new in the summer. He often appeared for us off the bench and was responsible for some key game-changing moments and a few crucial goals. He will always be remembered for THAT pass that put Nathan Arnold clear on goal for the last-minute match-winner against Ipswich in the FA Cup.

You haven't necessarily got an out-and-out goal scorer this season, so who do you think the Hatters will have to focus their energies on dealing with this afternoon?

Harry Anderson is a key player for us going forward. Strong, fast and direct, he can be a real handful for defences. He definitely poses a goal threat and adds a high level of energy to our game. After a slowish start to the season, Matt Rhead and Matt Green are starting to forge a good forward partnership together. To complement our current forwards, I see potential strengthening of our attacking threat during the January window.

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

We seem to attract a label of being a direct side, but I don't believe that gives us due credit. We play a high intensity pressing game and can definitely mix it up. Defensively, we have been strong and make ourselves hard to beat. I think that we will try to keep the game tight today against a Luton side that is particularly free-scoring at home. That said, our attacking threat is there to keep the Luton defenders on their toes.

MY ALL-TIME LINCOLN XI...

GK: PETER GROTIER

Commanded the box, excellent shot-stopper and great reflexes.

RB: NEAL EARDLEY

Outstanding defender, versatile, good positional skills and a fine passer and crosser of the ball.

CB: TREVOR PEAKE

Head and shoulders the classiest defender I've ever seen play for the club.

CB: GARETH MCAULEY

Composed, unruffled and prominent, made the defence look impenetrable.

LB: STEVE BUCKLEY

Reliable and dependable. Brought all his top-flight experience to our title-winning side.

RM: GARETH AINSWORTH

A dynamic and exciting player always had fans on the edges of our seats.

CM: GLENN COCKERILL

Top midfielder with excellent passing and shooting skills.

CM: LEE FRECKLINGTON

Flair player with great ability to get into the box, always had a trick up his sleeve.

LM: DAVE SMITH

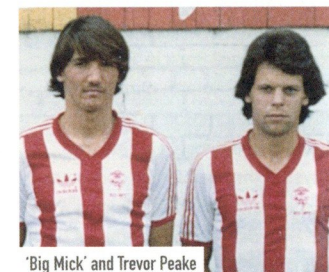
An absolute quality footballer, Imps legend through and through.

ST: PETER GRAHAM

My favourite ever Imps player. Classy, intelligent footballer who appeared to have so much time. Great header of the ball too.

ST: MICK HARFORD

No-nonsense and commanding! Of course Luton fans will also know why I rate big Mick so highly.



'Big Mick' and Trevor Peake

QUICKFIRE:

Terrace or Seats?

Terrace

Who are your rivals?

Grimsby Town

Favourite all-time manager?

Graham Taylor

Predicted player of the season?

Michael Bostwick

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

Peter Graham

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

Gareth Ainsworth, Danny Cowley, Percy Freeman, Keith Alexander and Graham Taylor (sadly some no longer with us)

Most treasured piece of Imps memorabilia?

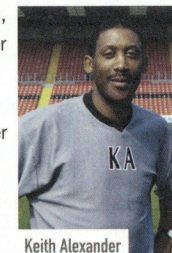
Autograph book of 1975/76 record-breaking title winning side.

What league will Lincoln be in next season?

League One!

Who will win Sky Bet League Two this season?

Luton Town



Keith Alexander



TOP BOYS

SAM ELLIS

Former England U-23 central defender Sam Ellis skippered Lincoln City's record-breaking 1975-76 Fourth Division title triumph. Initially with Sheffield Wednesday, he appeared in the 1966 FA Cup final and had a spell with Mansfield Town before joining Lincoln in May 1973. He was twice 'Player of the Year' and netted 33 goals in 173 League games, following Graham Taylor to Watford in August 1977. Later managing Blackpool and Bury, he rejoined Lincoln as manager between May 1994 and September 1995. He has since assisted Stan Ternent at Bury and Burnley, then Kevin Blackwell at Leeds United, Luton Town and Sheffield United.

PETER GROTIER

Goalkeeper Peter Grotier was ever-present in Lincoln City's record-breaking 1975-76 Fourth Division title triumph. Signing professional for West Ham in March 1968, he gained top-flight experience before moving to Sincil Bank initially on loan in October 1974. He starred as Lincoln took Burnley to an FA Cup third round replay in 1976-77 and was 'Player of the Year' in 1977-78, making 233 League appearances prior to joining Cardiff City in December 1979. Moving to Grimsby Town in March 1982, he had a spell on their coaching staff. He worked for the Essex-based family firm of footwear distributors Freight Forwarding, settling in Wivenhoe.

TREVOR PEAKE

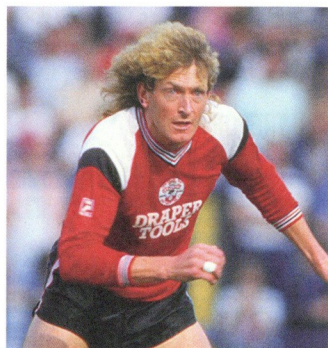


Central defender Trevor Peake captained Lincoln City's 1980-81 promotion success. Initially with hometown club Nuneaton Borough, the England Semi-Pro international moved to Sincil Bank in June 1979 and formed a notable partnership with Steve Thompson in the heart of Lincoln's defence. He was their 'Player of the Year' in two consecutive seasons and starred in the Imps' 1981-82 promotion near-miss, netting seven goals in 171 League outings before sold to Coventry City for £100,000 in June 1983. Featuring in their 1987 FA Cup final triumph, he joined Luton Town in August 1991 and starred in our 1993-94 FA Cup run, before becoming a coach at Kenilworth Road.

GLENN COCKERILL

Midfielder Glenn Cockerill was Lincoln City's 'Player of the Year' in 1982-83. From a football family, he played for Louth United before joining Lincoln in November 1976. He moved to Swindon in December 1979 and rejoined Lincoln in August 1981,

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



netting 35 goals in 186 League games overall. Sold to Sheffield United for £140,000 in March 1984, he helped to win promotion that season and joined Southampton for £225,000 in October 1985, skipping them to the 1992 ZDS Cup final. He moved via Leyton Orient to Fulham in June 1996 and helped to win promotion in 1996-97, then had a spell at Brentford before becoming Woking's player-boss.

DAVID FELGATE

Welsh international goalkeeper David Felgate starred in Lincoln City's 1980-81 promotion success. Initially with Blaenau Ffestiniog, he joined Bolton Wanderers in August 1978 and moved to Lincoln in September 1980. He was a key figure as they almost won promotion again in 1981-82 and were Football League Trophy finalists in 1982-83. Twice ever-present, he was 'Player of the Year' in 1983-84 and made 198 League appearances for before joining Grimsby Town in June 1985. He returned to Bolton in February 1987,

helping win promotion in 1987-88 and the Sherpa Van Trophy in 1989, then played for Bury, Chester, Wigan, Leigh RMI and Radcliffe.

GORDON HOBSON

Versatile striker Gordon Hobson was leading marksman five times during two spells at Lincoln City. Formerly a Sheffield plumber, he turned professional at Sincil Bank in December 1977 and scored on his League debut four months later. He was top scorer in Lincoln's 1980-81 promotion success and 'Player of the Year' in 1984-85, moving to Grimsby Town for £35,000 in June 1985. Joining Southampton for £120,000 in November 1986, he returned to Lincoln for £60,000 in September 1988 and netted 96 goals in 333 League games overall before joining Exeter City in August 1990. He had spells with Walsall and Salisbury, becoming their assistant-boss.

BOBBY CUMMING

Experienced midfielder Bobby Cumming was captain and 'Player of the Year' as Lincoln City won the Conference title in 1987-88. Signing professional for Grimsby Town in March 1974, he was an influential figure as they won promotion in 1978-79 and the Third Division title in 1979-80. He scored in their 1982 League Group Cup final success



Gareth Ainsworth

and moved to Lincoln in July 1987. Netting 12 goals in 74 Conference/League games while at Sincil Bank, he had a spell with Albany Capitals during the summer of 1989, then rejoined them in May 1990. He has settled in the United States, since employed as a factory quality control supervisor in Indiana.

GARETH AINSWORTH

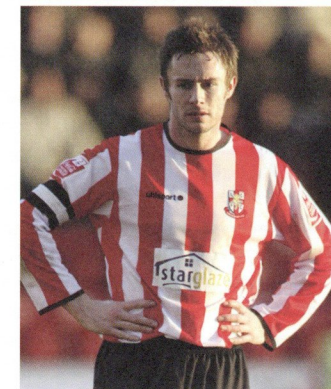
Skilful winger Gareth Ainsworth was voted Lincoln City's 'Player of the Year' in two successive seasons. A former Blackburn Rovers trainee, he had spells with Northwich Victoria, Preston and Cambridge United prior to rejoining Preston in December 1992. He reunited with John Beck at Sincil Bank for £25,000 in October 1995 and was twice leading marksman, netting 37 goals in 83 League outings for Lincoln before sold to Port Vale for £500,000 in September 1997. Joining Wimbledon for £2m in November 1998, he had a brief spell with Cardiff City in March 2003 before moving to QPR in July 2003. He became Wycombe Wanderers' player-boss.

GRANT BROWN

Long-serving central defender Grant Brown holds Lincoln City's appearance record. He turned professional with Leicester City in July 1988 and initially joined Lincoln

on loan in August 1989. Returning to Sincil Bank for a then club record £60,000 in January 1990, he helped Lincoln to beat Manchester City in the 1996-97 League Cup second round and win promotion in 1997-98. He was their 'Player of the Year' in 2001-02 and netted 15 goals in 407 League games before joining Telford United in July 2002. Later playing for Alfreton Town and Grantham, he coached back at Lincoln and has since become FootballCV academy manager.

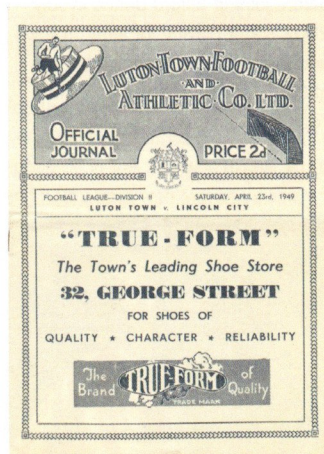
PAUL MORGAN



Northern Ireland U-21 central defender Paul Morgan was captain and 'Player of the Year' as Lincoln City reached the Third Division play-off final in 2002-03. A former Preston trainee, he turned professional in May 1997 and moved to Sincil Bank in July 2001. He was given his League debut in Lincoln's 2-1 defeat at home to Halifax the following month and featured prominently as they qualified for the play-offs in five successive seasons, netting twice in 212 League games before following Keith Alexander to Bury in July 2007. He linked up with Alexander again at Macclesfield Town and has since been physio at Bury and Accrington Stanley.

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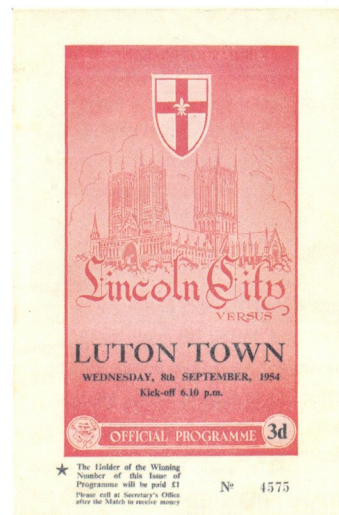


◀ APRIL 1949

Jim Mulvaney and Bobby Brennan each score twice in a 6-0 victory over the Imps at Kenilworth Road. The season shortly ends with Lincoln back in Division Three (North).

▶ SEPTEMBER 1954

In what is to become a momentous promotion season from Division Two (now the Championship), the Town gain their first away victory of the campaign when winning 2-1 at Sincil Bank. Jesse Pye bags both Luton goals.

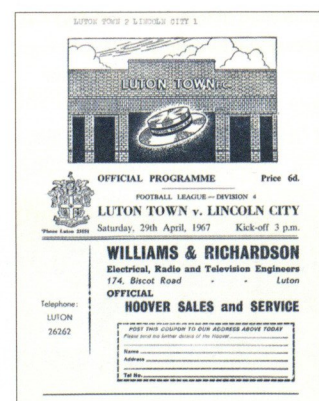
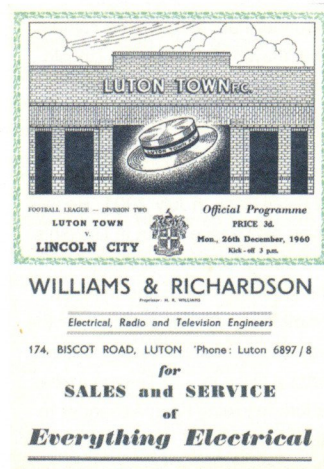


◀ DECEMBER 1960

A comfortable Boxing Day 3-0 win at Kenilworth Road over Lincoln in Division Two (now the Championship). Jim Fleming nets two of the goals, watched by a crowd of 15,283.

▶ APRIL 1967

A nervy 2-1 win against bottom club Lincoln at Kenilworth Road means that the Town are virtually safe from needing to apply for re-election to Division Four (now League Two).

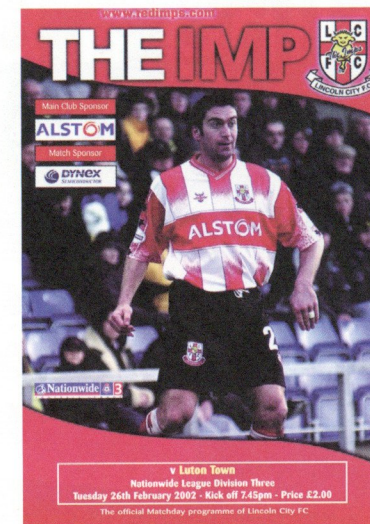
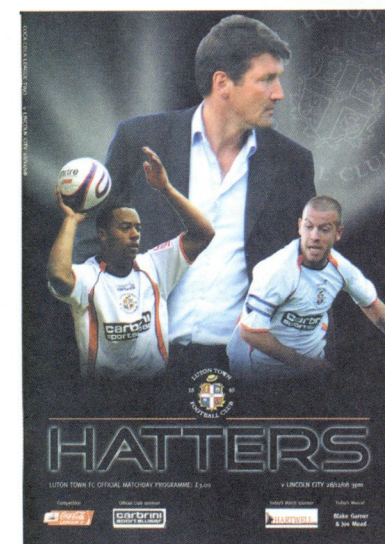


▲ NOVEMBER 1967

An altogether happier Town side win 3-2 at Sincil Bank on their way to the championship of Division Four. Two of the three Luton goals have an element of luck about them though!

▼ DECEMBER 2008

The Hatters are now on minus-one point following a fighting 3-2 victory over Lincoln in front of a Kenilworth Road crowd of 6,643. Chris Martin, with two, and Ian Roper are the Luton scorers.

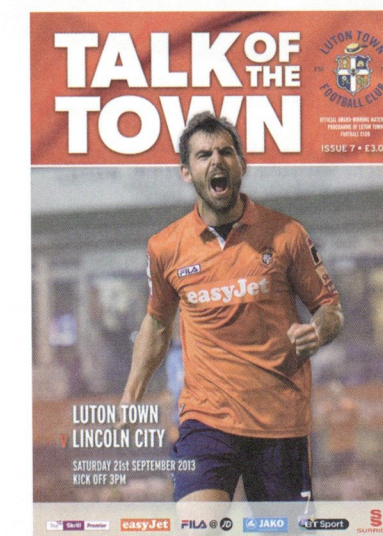


▲ FEBRUARY 2002

A mis-hit Matt Taylor shot trickles over the line to seal an important 1-0 victory at Sincil Bank as the Town plough forward in an ultimately successful attempt at immediate promotion from Division Three (now League Two).

▼ SEPTEMBER 2013

Promotion from the Conference looks a long way off when Lincoln take a 2-1 lead at Kenilworth Road, but late efforts from Luke Guttridge and Mark Cullen seal an important win.



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[TOWN TEAM-MATES]

LUKE GAMBIN'S TOWN TEAM-MATES

Who do you travel in with?

Glen Rea, me and him both live in Hitchin. We normally go in his car because he doesn't like being seen in my car for some reason!

Who do you sit next to in the dressing room?

There's a little corner of us, I have got Pelly to my right, across there's Olly Lee and Glen, then the other side Lawson D'Ath. Around the corner is Jordan Cook and Jack Senior. That's where the carnage happens!

Who do you room with?

The best roomie to have ever on an away trip – Jordan Cook. He's got all the gadgets, everything you need.

Most annoying on away trips?

There's a few, there's Danny Hylton. He's always annoying. Mullins as well... and Collo.

Best trainer?

The Lee brothers. They've always played football together though so it's kind of cheating. They only pass to each other.

Worst trainer?

To be fair, anyone can have a stinker. It's normally anyone with a green bib on – the curse of the green bib.

Strongest in the gym?

Frankie Musonda is always doing pull-ups to 50 Cent! Senior is always in there and so is Jack Stacey.

Quickest feet?

Shinnie is smooth. Elliot Lee as well.

Nutmeg king?

Hylts in games is the man to get a nutmeg.

Biggest moaner?

Collo loves a moan.

Loudest in the dressing room?

Pelly-Ruddock, 100 per cent. Glen Rea shows off in front of Pelly because he wants to be cool, but he's not really in our clique! Stechy shouts as well.

Gaffer's pet?

Hylts and Glen, but with Glen it's like a love-hate relationship – he shouts at him but he loves him really.

Best taste in music?

Probably DJ P-Rudz.

Worst taste in music?

Glen is actually the worst. I went to his house once and he was listening to Sweet Home Alabama by himself in his room doing the ironing.

Best initiation song?

Macca doing 'Wild Rover' in Slovenia was good. He was confident and got everyone going.

Worst initiation song?

Shinnie. Awful. No rhythm. Forgot the words to Robbie Williams' Angels!

Best dressed?

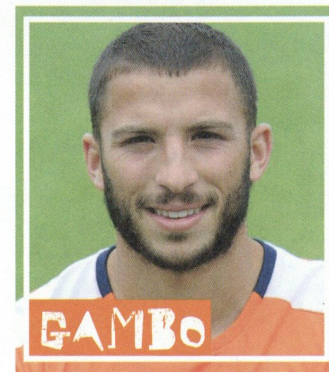
Shinnie has got a bit, Sheehan has got a bit, Cookie has got a bit – and Stechy has a go too.

Worst dressed?

Glen Rea. He's got no colour coordination. He wears trainer socks when it's winter. It doesn't make any sense.

Who spends the longest time in front of the mirror?

Laws likes it a bit. He sits next to the mirror. He has got a new beard going on as well.



Most intelligent?

Sheez.

Least intelligent?

Jack Senior or Lawson D'Ath.

Best banter?

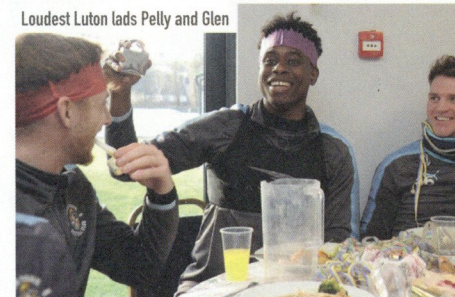
Anyone around me! Pelly, Glen, Sheez, Mulls and Hylts have got it as well.

Most likely to be a manager?

Probably Jack Senior, because he's really vocal. In training he's always shouting at people where to be. He looks like a manager.

Finally, predict your player of the year?

Stechy. He's been very good. Hylts is a scoring machine. Either one of those two.



Loudest Luton lads Pelly and Glen

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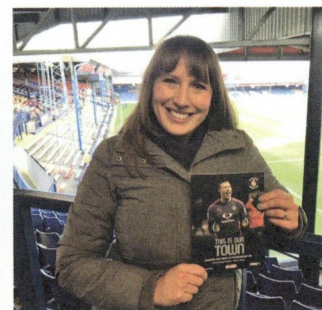
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[GUEST COLUMN]



FAYE CARRUTHERS

SKY SPORTS SOCCER SATURDAY AND PREMIER LEAGUE REPORTER

What a festive feast of football we've had since August! We've been the talk of everyone's town, not just our own for the last five months of 2017 – and we deserve to have been.

More prolific than Manchester City (I bring that up whenever I go to the Etihad!), Ollie Lee's 70 yarder (stick that in your pipe Xavi), and a buzz about the real prospect of promotion. Bring on 2018!

Unfortunately I've not been one of the lucky ones who witnessed the 8-2, 7-1 or 7-0 matches, but if those scorelines were just in the first half of the season – what can we achieve in the second half?! Great things if game No.24, when we scored five or more for the fifth time this season, is anything to go by!

EXCITEMENT

The last match I came to was our 1-1 draw against Notts County. I was reporting for Soccer Saturday – my first time covering Luton in vision, and was desperate not to appear biased in any way! I can mask my excitement on the radio – but I'm a heart on my sleeve girl and was worried my face would give me away if we went on another rout.

By our standards, the first 20 minutes we were not at our best and Johnny Mullins' header was against the run of play, so I could at least be balanced – but the second half we had the better chances and should have put the game to bed.

Overall, both managers agreed it was a fair result though and it was never going to be a free-scoring annihilation with Kevin Nolan's side easily the best to come to Kenilworth Road this season.

SURPRISED

The two wins since then, against Grimsby and that club record-equalling away victory at Swindon, ensured we'd be top of the pile going into 2018 regardless of what happened at Port Vale on Saturday.

Lincoln have surprised many this season after promotion back to the Football League. They joined us in the top three after beating Stevenage on Boxing Day, and if they continue,

going up for a second successive season would be well-deserved. I wish them well – just not today!

I met Danny Cowley and his brother Nicky at the Sports Journalists' Association British Sports Awards at the Tower of London in early December. They picked up a committee award for their title winning season and FA Cup exploits.

FLYING

When I told them I was a Luton fan, their instant reaction was: "Nathan Jones is doing an amazing job, you're absolutely flying, you're definitely going up, and hopefully we will too." We all hope they're right!

Perhaps we'll also all be lucky enough to watch a 9-0 Hatters win in 2018 – whether I'd be able to hide my glee then, I couldn't guarantee!

Happy New Year you awesome lot – here's to victory today, a fantastic end to the season and (dare I say it yet?)... promotion! #COYH



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TOWN 2 : GRIMSBY TOWN 0



SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER | KENILWORTH ROAD | ATTENDANCE: 9,102 | AWAY: 446

TOWN GOAL: BERRY 40, COLLINS 61

HATTERS: STECH, JUSTIN, MULLINS, SHEEHAN ©, POTTS, REA, O LEE, BERRY, SHINNIE (CORNICK 73), COLLINS (E LEE 83), HYLTON (D'ATH 90+2). | **SUBS NOT USED:** MPANZU, GAMBIN, FAMEWO, SHEA (GK).

YELLOW CARDS: SHINNIE

GRIMSBY: MCKEOWN, DAVIES, CLARKE ©, COLLINS, ROSE, JONES, MILLS, SUMMERFIELD, JAIYESIMI (HOOPER 66), DEMBELE (WOOLFORD 83), MATT (VERNON 75). | **SUBS NOT USED:** KILLIP (GK), OSBORNE, BERRETT, DIXON | **YELLOW CARDS:** CLARKE, MCKEOWN.



THE MAIN MINUTES

17' The ball is cleared down field, Danny Hylton chests it down for James Collins who flicks it through for his fellow striker, he runs down the left before cutting in and shooting on his right, but it's blocked!

40' WHAT A GOAL LUKE BERRY! That is absolutely brilliant. Marek Stech starts a move from a goal-kick, Glen Rea and Olly Lee play through the thirds to Collins, who shifts it left to Berry. The midfielder runs at the defence before shaping his body up and curling it into the top right corner. Keeper didn't move. Think his third goal against Stevenage, but from 25 yards out! **1-0 #COYH**

49' Close to a second for the Town – Dan Potts takes a throw out on the left, Hylton lets it bounce across his body before hitting it on the half volley from 18 yards, and it's narrowly wide.

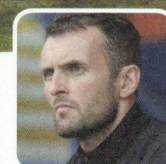
52' Not too far away from the visitors – the ball gets rolled into Jamille Matt who shoots from an acute angle. His effort hits the outside of the post and goes out for a goal-kick.

61' JAMES COLLINS MAKES IT 2-0! Andrew Shinnie is tripped 20 yards from goal, Alan Sheehan takes the free-kick and Collins gets his head on it from close range to guide it past James McKeown for the striker's 10th goal of the season! **2-0 #COYH**

87' Olly Lee draws a great save from McKeown at his near post, the midfielder shoots from a tight angle and the keeper does well to keep it out of the back of the net, before substitutes Harry Cornick and Elliot Lee go close to increasing the lead with late efforts.



James Collins heads in the second goal

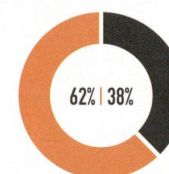


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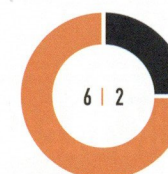
"It's a real good feeling to be where we are. We have had to earn it as we have had some tough games, but we're in good form at the minute and today was a difficult game. I knew it would be a difficult game coming into it. I thought we were excellent and I am really proud of them.

"We earmarked us starting quickly and we did – we came out of the blocks. Olly Lee had an opportunity, he had one cleared off the line. We had a succession of set-plays which we didn't take advantage of and we were really in the ascendancy. It then took a wonderful bit of play to break the deadlock.

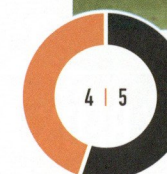
"It was a very tough decision to drop Elliot Lee for James Collins. I didn't leave him out because of his performances. I wanted to make sure we played into the front and James got a goal and an assist. Looking back on it, you think that's not a bad decision."



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[JAMES JUSTIN ON GRIMSBY]

HOME GROWN JAMES SLOTS RIGHT-BACK IN!

JJ'S HAPPY TO BE IN THE TEAM AGAIN... AND IS LOVING THE FANS' 'ONE OF OUR OWN' SONGS!

James Justin made his return to the starting side for the Hatters against Grimsby Town – and the teenage right-back says he hopes to put in a string of strong performances to tie the spot down.

Jack Stacey's straight red card for a high boot in the 2-0 win at Forest Green Rovers just over a fortnight ago provided Justin with an ideal opportunity to come back into the team and at the time of writing, the Hatters hadn't conceded a goal in the two games the 19-year-old has started since.

Despite not featuring in the side as frequently this season with summer signing Stacey in such good form, JJ insists his head was never turned – and was really happy to hear his name chanted by the Kenilworth Road faithful.

"I am not one to get too frustrated about not playing football because I am so young," said JJ. "The gaffer has reassured me to bide my time and when a suspension comes or an injury comes, then I am back in. He said as soon as the chance comes, if I do well then I can stay there.

"As I am from Luton, it's delightful to hear the fans chant my name. The support we are receiving at the moment is just incredible. I hope that continues through the season and gets us a trophy!"

The defender has played on both the left and right sides of defence this season, but with him now in on his favoured flank, he has been building a relationship with Olly Lee just ahead of him to the right of the midfield diamond.

"Me and Olly said to each other let's try and get it down and try to play, and see what we can do. They did that on the other side as well, you saw by Luke Berry's goal – it was nice play in the build-up," Justin continued.

"Luke's got an unbelievable strike of the ball. I said to him before the game stop smashing shots, just place them. Whenever he places them they go in, whenever he smashes them he skies them! That's one for him to take on the chin!



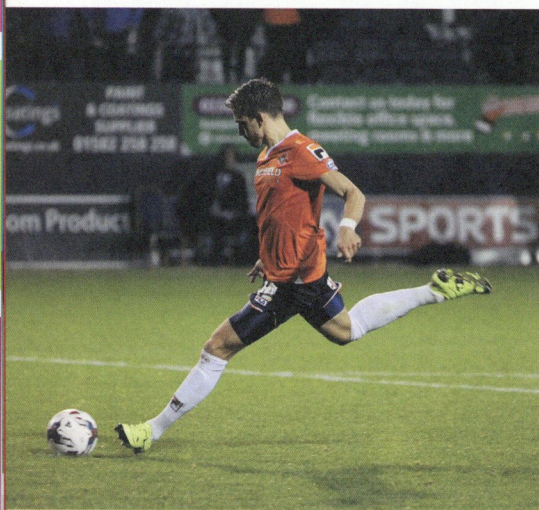
"I won't take full credit because it's him that scored it...but I will take some!"

Like most people who have watched it in recent weeks, as he has had to while waiting for his chance, the Hatters' form of late has really impressed Justin, who thinks the Town have had that little bit extra this campaign.

JJ said: "There's no better place to be really. Credit to the boys, we've been great throughout the season. The last few months we have just kicked on that extra gear and it's shown in the table."

OLLY REACHES HIS TOWN TON!

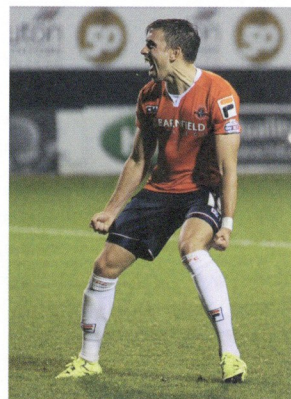
MIDFIELDER LEE MADE HIS 100TH TOWN APPEARANCE AGAINST NOTTS COUNTY –
HERE HE SELECTS HIS FIVE HIGHLIGHTS IN A HATTERS SHIRT...



25th August 2015

Luton 1 Stoke City 1 (won 8-7 on penalties)

My Luton debut against Stoke City in the second round of the Carling Cup, live on Sky. It was a strong team performance against Premier League opposition, and it was good to be back enjoying my football after leaving Birmingham. To cap it off, I scored my penalty against Shay Given, who I know well from him playing alongside my dad at Newcastle.



27th February 2016 | York City 2 Luton 3

Nathan had taken over from John Still the previous month when we went away to York. Although it wasn't a great game for the team, it was nice to score a last-minute winner with a half-decent goal after carrying the ball almost from halfway before finishing with my left foot on the edge of the box.



8th April 2017 | Barnet 0 Luton 1

I'd got a bit of stick from some of the fans a couple of weeks before, so to go back to my old club and score the winner was a fantastic feeling. Especially as it was a game that really helped get us back on form after a disappointing March. It was great to celebrate in front of a fantastic away following behind the goal and to have the fans singing a nice song about me this time!

5th August 2017 | Luton 8 Yeovil 2

What a way to start the season! An 8-2 win at home, a goal to my name and to play with my brother for first time was as good as it gets, you might think. But to set Elliot up for his goal right at the death was a great moment for the family, and my little boy Alfie being born a few days later made it the best week of my life.

18th November 2017

Luton 7 Cambridge United 0

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better after following the Yeovil win with the 7-1 against Stevenage, another big win saw us create history as the first EFL side to score seven or more three times before Christmas. Of course, scoring from nearly 70 yards in front of Alfie topped it off – along with El scoring two that weren't quite as good!



SWINDON TOWN 0 : TOWN 5

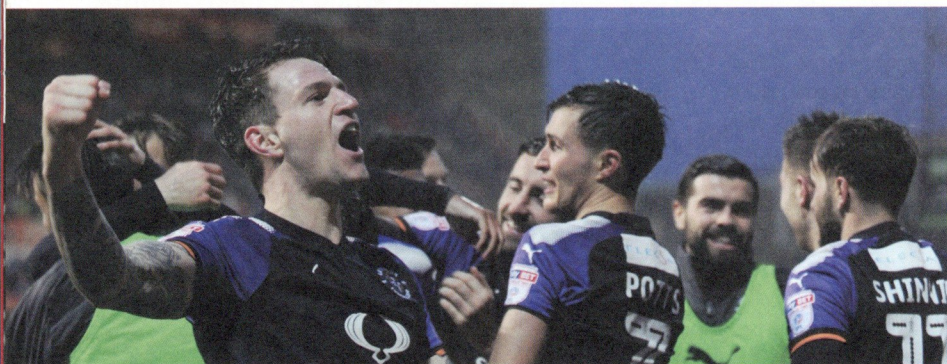


TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER | COUNTY GROUND | ATTENDANCE: 8,526 | AWAY: 1,408

TOWN GOALS: COLLINS 48, HYLTON 55, TAYLOR (OG) 65, CORNICK 73, E LEE 84

HATTERS: STECH, JUSTIN, MULLINS, SHEEHAN ©, POTTS, REA, BERRY, O LEE (MPANZU 84), SHINNIE (CORNICK 66), COLLINS, HYLTON (E LEE 76). | **SUBS NOT USED:** GAMBIN, D'ATH, FAMEWO, SHEA (GK) **YELLOW CARDS:** HYLTON.

SWINDON: VIGOUROUX, PURKISS, PRESTON, LANCASHIRE ©, MULLIN (GORDON 62), DUNNE, NORRIS, LINGANZI, WOOLERY, ANDERSON (IANDOLO 75), TAYLOR. | **SUBS NOT USED:** ROBERTSON, GODDARD, CHARLES-COOK, KNOYLE, TWINE. | **YELLOW CARDS:** DUNNE, LANCASHIRE.



LTFC RECORDS BROKEN ON BOXING DAY!

- 5-0 equalled the equal biggest away EFL win, matching victories at Exeter (1967/68) and Colchester (2002/03)
- 13 away games without defeat in all competitions, beating 12 unbeaten during 2013/14
- 11 away games unbeaten in the EFL, beating 10 over two seasons in 1981
- 126 goals scored (in 60 matches in all competitions) in 2017 beats the previous highest of 122 goals scored in a calendar year (1897 - although there was only 39 games that year!)

(With thanks to iFollow Hatters commentator Simon 'Statto' Pitts)



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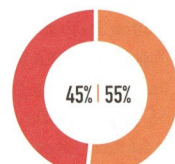
"If we do what we are good at, you don't envisage us scoring five in the second half, but you envisage us winning the game. First half we were so deep, we were content not to be on the front foot, to allow our midfield to head the ball.

"But the second half was absolutely wonderful, we showed what a good side we are. We stepped

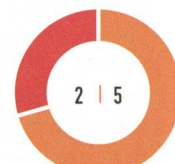
up more, we got on seconds and then in the final third, we have enough quality to hurt teams. The goal from James Collins was class, it really was.

"To be fair I think there were a few class finishes, the one from Harry Cornick was class, the finish from Elliot Lee was class and then the move and build-up for Hylts' goal was wonderful.

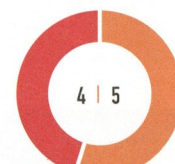
It was reminiscent of the Exeter game where we came and blew them away. That's what kind of happened today."



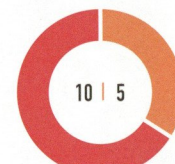
POSSESSION



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SHOTS OFF TARGET



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THE MAIN MINUTES

12' The Hatters should be a goal up – Luke Berry is fouled out on the left 30 yards from the Swindon goal, Alan Sheehan takes the resulting free-kick and both Dan Potts and Glen Rea are free at the back stick, but Potts volleys over from close range!

16' James Collins goes for goal from around 50 yards out...and Lawrence Vigouroux just tips it over! The keeper had played the ball down field, the Hatters had won it back and Collins went for it from inside the centre circle with Vigouroux off his line, but he managed to divert it for a corner!

25' Town have a let off as the hosts counter from a Hatters corner, Paul Mullin plays it down the right for Kaiyne Woolery who gets past Olly Lee, he crosses to the back stick for Keshi Anderson, but the ex-Barton Rovers man can't get on the end of it.

48' COLLINS! The Hatters take the lead! Up against his old club, Collins takes a pass from Olly Lee and cuts in from the right to curl a beauty into the top left corner from 20 yards – the keeper had absolutely no chance! **ST 0-1 LT** #COYH

55' TOWN DOUBLE THEIR ADVANTAGE! Great move down the left and Potts puts a great cross in from the left for Danny Hylton to head past Vigouroux from close range! **ST 0-2 LT** #COYH

65' OWN GOAL!!! 3-0 TO THE HATTERS!!! Ex-Hatter Matty Taylor gets another goal for the Town – but he won't want to remember this one! Glen Rea wins the ball in midfield with a superb challenge on Linganzi, Hylton plays it to Collins in the box and Taylor turns the striker's low cross into the back of his own net! **ST 0-3 LT** #COYH

73' IT'S 4-0! Substitute Harry Cornick runs at the defence before setting himself up on his right, smashing it past Vigouroux from just outside the area to extend the lead for the Hatters! Excellent stuff! **ST 0-4 LT** #COYH

84' 5-0 AND IT'S SUPERB. The ball is played forward for another of Nathan Jones' game changers, Elliot Lee, to chase. The striker slides in to win the ball ahead of a Swindon defender, Collins runs on with it before passing it back to Lee, who curls it into the bottom right corner from 18 yards! **ST 0-5 LT** #COYH



James Collins curls in the opener



Danny Hylton heads in the second





GET GAME READY



BRING IT ON!

[DANNY HYLTON & JAMES COLLINS ON SWINDON TOWN]

DEADLY DUO HELP ROCK THE ROBINS!

COLLO AND HYLTS MOVE TO 26 GOALS FOR THE SEASON BETWEEN THEM

Prolific strike duo Danny Hylton and James Collins were instrumental in the Hatters' Boxing Day rout of Swindon Town as both got on the scoresheet in the 5-0 win at the County Ground.

The pair had a joint interview after the game and were full of praise for each other – with Hylton claiming Collins is the best natural goalscorer at the club, after the ex-Robins striker fired in the opener with an emphatic effort from the edge of the box for his 11th goal of the season.

Hylton said: "Collo is the best finisher at the club by a million miles. He is, I am not just saying it. It's no surprise to see him score that. You might look at that and think 'What a great finish', but he does that every day in training. It was a great finish and I am delighted for him."

Collins went close to getting the first of the game in the first half, when his audacious effort from 50 yards was just tipped over by Lawrence Vigouroux, with the 27-year-old on the receiving end from a bit of banter from a team-mate who pulled off a similar strike six weeks ago – but from further out!

"I have been watching Olly Lee's goal against Cambridge!" Collins joked. "I don't even think it was going in to be honest, but the keeper made it look a little bit better than what it was. I have got my head up and seen him off his line. I don't think Hylts was too happy because he was in on goal!"

"I thought I'd try my luck and it didn't come off, but it's just one of those things. Olly had a little chuckle with me after I had the shot. He said 'I will show you how to do that one day!'"

"When you're doing well and the team is full of confidence, you tend to try those sorts of things, but I don't think I will ever try it again!"

Danny and James were directly involved in four of the five goals scored, with both netting, whilst Collins saw his low cross turned in by ex-Hatter Matty Taylor before he teed up Elliot Lee to round off the scoring.



Hylton was more than happy to find the back of the net for his 15th of the campaign, making it 26 between them for the season, but he insisted it doesn't matter who scores, as long as it means a win for his side.

"I am always happy to score, it's what me Collo, Elliot or Cornick try to do," said Hylton. "If we don't score then we just try and do what we can to bring something to the team. Collo got a couple of assists today. If we score or get an assist, it doesn't matter. We don't care who scores as long as we are winning games."

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REVD DAVID KESTERTON – NEW CLUB CHAPLAIN

If you are in the habit of making New Year's resolutions, I hope at least some are still going by the time you read this at 3pm on January 1st!

This New Year promises to be an exciting one for everyone connected to the club and I look forward to making a contribution as the new chaplain.

If 2018 starts the way the last months of 2017 have been going, we are in for an exciting start to the year. New year for some is a time for giving something up, but it's also a great time to take on something new, perhaps resolving to lose weight or spend more time with the people we care about.

The tradition of New Year's resolutions dates all the way back to 153 B.C. January is named after Janus, a mythical god of early Rome. Janus had two faces — one looking forward, one looking backward. This allowed him to look back on the past and forward toward the future.

On December 31, the Romans imagined Janus looking backward into the old year and forward into the new year. This became a symbolic time for Romans to make resolutions for the new year and forgive enemies for troubles in the past.

Many people wonder why a club needs a chaplain at all in these days when fewer people have religious views but in fact most clubs have someone in this role. I'm here to offer support and a listening ear to anyone no matter what their views and I'm definitely not here to push religion.

I'm available to staff or players as another source of support when it's easier to talk to someone trusted who is not employed by the club. It involves me being around at

The Brache or at Kenilworth Road from time to time. Then there are the big life and death moments when a Chaplain might be called in to offer support.

Christmas and New Year fixtures are given an extra edge because of the festive season. The weather makes its own contribution – the "underwater game" home game against Barnet on January 1st 2014 sticks in the mind!

Our 3rd round FA cup draw at Newcastle will give a terrific climax to the Christmas and New Year fixtures in 2018. January 6th is the feast of Epiphany when we think about the visit of the three kings – I'm sure our visit to St James' Park will also be memorable, especially considering that more than 6,000 Lutonians have already bought tickets!

Alongside the festivities, our thoughts turn to the needs of the less fortunate at this time of year. Many of us will give to one or other good cause that many groups raise funds for. Jesus was born into a humble setting – away from his hometown. It reminds us especially of those who are homeless and those who will be running shelters during these weeks. I'm also very aware of those who find this time of year difficult for a whole host of reasons.

I hope the new year brings you good things and perhaps the opportunity to try something new.

COYH

Safe travelling to all.

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MESSAGE FROM MEDIA OFFICER, KEVIN HARPER

Happy New Year to all our members and Luton fans around the world.

What a year it promises to be too! On the field everything looks to be geared towards the Town getting promoted in 2018, and off the field we hope to hear the positive news regarding the development at Power Court and Newlands Park that we all so crave.

Few years are quiet and dull where LTFC is concerned, but 2018 could be a very special one indeed. Here's hoping.

We hope 2018 will be a good year for Luton Town Supporters' Trust too. 2017 was a very positive year for the Trust. Those who were present at our recent AGM will have heard the many excellent strides we have taken over the course of the year and it is our aim to kick on again in 2018.

At the aforementioned AGM I was asked to remain as the media officer for a third successive year, a request I was happy to accept. In the two years I have already served in this role I am proud of the strides we have made.

SUPPORT

We have introduced a much more modern website which is getting updated regularly and throughout 2018 we will keep all kinds of content flowing.

Our Twitter and Facebook presence has significantly increased over the two year period and we are now on Instagram too.

If you haven't already liked or followed us on those platforms and would like to, we would be delighted to have your support.

More recently we have introduced a monthly podcast which is going from strength to strength. You can download the latest episode on iTunes, or on the link via our website or social media feeds.

If you would like to join us for an episode drop me an email on media@lutontownsupporterstrust.com. We would be delighted to have more fans on board.

While my role is fairly full on and requires me to be involved on a daily basis while juggling a career, it is one I really enjoy.

One of my responsibilities is to keeping banging the good drum that is LTFC, something I will always be happy and proud to do both in 2018, and the years that follow.

Enjoy the game today. See you at Newcastle!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next event is the popular **ANNUAL QUIZ**. This will be held on Thursday January 18 at the Eric Morecambe Lounge at Kenilworth Road.

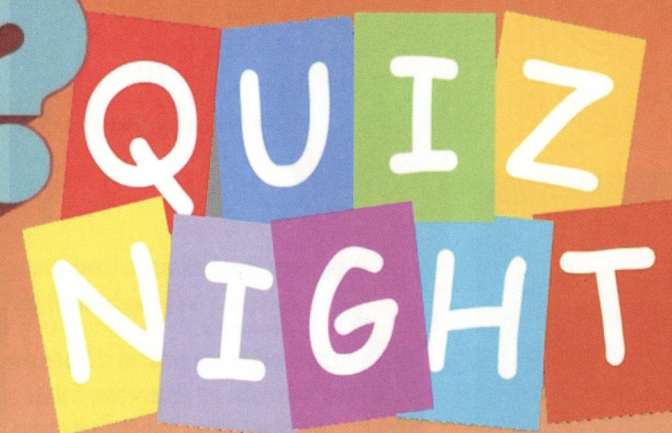
The quiz will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 and are now available via our website or through the ticket office. Tickets are going fast so if you would like to test your general knowledge against other LTST members, LTFC players and management staff, get yours now!

The **ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING** is shaping up to be another popular event. This year it will be held on Sunday April 22 at Venue 360. Ticket details will be released in due course.

Keep your eye on the social media feeds and the website nearer the time to find out how you can be there to see the stars of the season pick up their awards. We will also release information on how you can vote for your favourites nearer the time too.

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New Year's



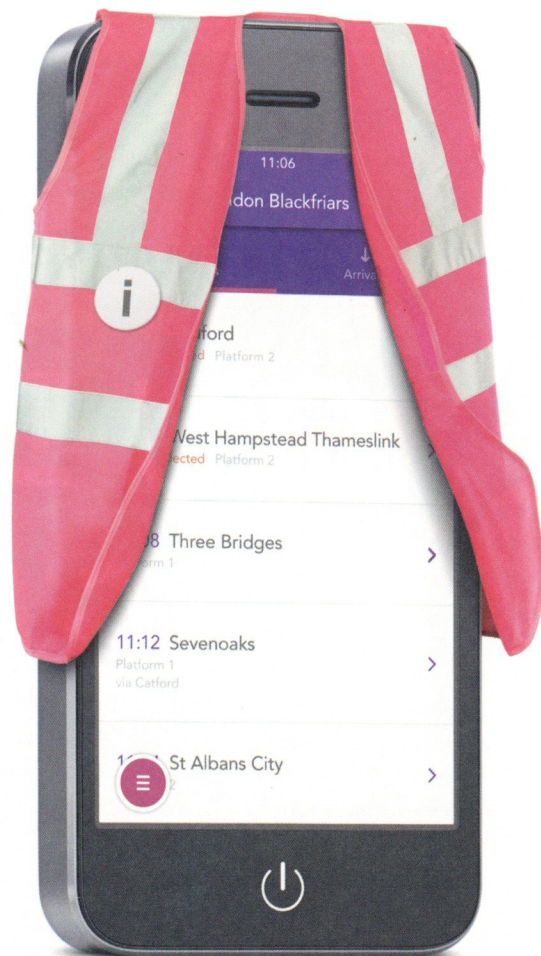
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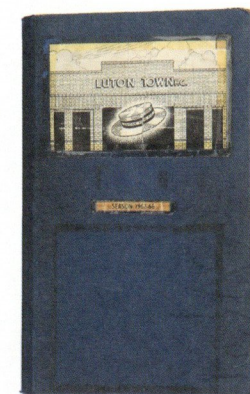
WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

PART THIRTEEN

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...



As Christmas approached, the Town were in a healthy position in the League. Third in the table with games in hand on the teams above them, and two matches against bottom club Bradford Park Avenue to come over the festive period.

A Boxing Day crowd of 16,599, the highest in the League since April 1964, turned up at Kenilworth Road to see a muddy pitch and no star performer in Bruce Rioch, who was not risked after suffering a knee knock at Barnsley in the previous game.

ANGER

Luton manager Allan Brown, a fierce Scot, loved Scottish goalkeepers and was always looking for replacements from north of the border for crowd favourite Tony Read.

His latest trialist, Bill Taylor from Partick Thistle, was handed the gloves against Bradford so 'an assessment of his abilities could be made'. Read was made substitute due to his ability to play both in goal and the forward line.

The conditions, combined with the fact that Bradford raced back to pack their penalty area whenever danger threatened,

which was often, meant that goals that frequently looked imminent just did not arrive.

After several near misses the Town's moment seemed to have arrived when Avenue's David Down blatantly handled the ball in the area only for the normally reliable Ray Whittaker to fire wide from the spot.

As it was in the previous home game, it was left to skipper and centre-half Terry Branston to show his forwards how to score when he jogged upfield to meet a John Ryan corner with a thumping header after 52 minutes.

The lead was doubled 13 minutes later when Whittaker was given another opportunity from the spot after Ian Buxton was fouled in the area.

This time he made no mistake and effectively sealed the points in a workmanlike rather than brilliant performance, where the conditions favoured Avenue, who were happy for the ball to be bogged down in the mud.



BRANSTON CAME TO RESCUE AGAIN

Threatened goal famine was ended by him

By CHILTERN

LUTON TOWN 2, BRADFORD 0

ANY idea there might have been that Bradford, anchored at the foot of the table, would prove to be easy holiday pickings for the Town at Kenilworth Road on Boxing Day, proved to be anything but the case though, in the end, the Town had no real difficulty in preserving their 100 per cent home record.

There were probably two main factors that caused them to have to struggle into the second half until they got their heads in front.

One was the very heavy state of the pitch and the other the absence of top scorer Bruce Rioch, whose strength on the ball and powerful shooting might well have been ideally suited to the conditions.

That Rioch did not play was a late decision, based on the fact that he had some fluid on a knee, following a knock at Barnsley and caused two late changes.

Original intention was to rest Slough to enable McDermont to have a full game at right-half, but the latter

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BIGGEST GATE SINCE DROPPING INTO DIVISION FOUR

was needed for inside-left and there was an SOS for Slough to fill his usual position.

On better going this might have been easy for the Town, who, however, found that the ball needed a good deal of pulling through the mud and made accuracy in front of goal difficult to achieve.

BIGGEST GATE IN IN FOURTH DIVISION

So the first half, during which the Town attacked the heavier Oak-road end, was largely a disappointment for the 16,599 fans, comfortably the Town's biggest attendance since they dropped into the Fourth Division.

The conditions, combined with the fact that Bradford raced back to pack their penalty area whenever danger threatened, which was often, meant that the goals that frequently looked imminent just did not arrive.

Hardie saved at full length from Whittaker and McDermont before Allen blazed the ball across the face of the goal, but the Town's moment seemed to have arrived when Down most blatantly pulled down the ball with his hand inside the penalty area.

WHITTAKER'S SPOT FAILURE

Whittaker, usually so trustworthy with this type of award, shot the wrong side of a post and this mostly set the pattern for the rest of the half.

Allen, Ryan, Buxton and Slough all went close, but not close enough and, meantime, Taylor's only serious task came after half an hour when he had to race out to smother an attempt by Draper.

Taylor, on trial from Partick Thistle, was given this chance so that an assessment of his

ability could be made, but there was little opportunity for that and, apart from another good save late in the game from Clancy, he was little troubled, though he did show good judgment in leaving his goal.

BRANSTON DID THE TRICK

As it was in the last home game, it was left to the skipper, BRANSTON, to come along with a vital, if not decisive, goal.

With 52 minutes gone, he came right upfield for a corner by Ryan and met the ball squarely with his head to send it into the corner of the net. A couple of minutes later he nearly repeated the feat, being a few inches too high this time.

After that, the Town's authority was never in real dispute and, 13 minutes later WHITTAKER atoned for his earlier miss by scoring from the spot after Buxton had been fouled.

This produced quite a tough reaction from Bradford and, in quick succession, Tanner and Andrews were booked by the referee.

An ankle injury to McDermont then brought on as substitute, Read, who went to centre-forward, with Allen switching to inside-left, but further Town pressure failed to produce any more goals.

There was a late show of defiance by Bradford and, after Ryan had shot wide from a good position, Clancy might have clipped the visitors' arrears in almost the last minute.

This was a workmanlike, rather than brilliant performance by the Town, who were affected more badly by the conditions than were Bradford, who found the game slowed down to their taste.

RIOCH WAS BADLY MISSED

Rioch, no doubt, was badly missed because although McDermont showed some neat touches, he had nothing like Rioch's power and, with Slough still fighting to regain his best form, the midfield link was not all it might have been.

From both Allen and Buxton there was plenty of hard work, but neither found the goal touch, even though Ryan and Whittaker provided a fair percentage of centres, but the former sometimes hung on to the ball when he should have parted with it.

With their seventh clean sheet in 11 home matches, the defence was not in much trouble, with Branson, ably abetted by Moore, a great bulwark, and Dougan and Jardine mostly limiting the threat from the wings.

LUTON TOWN: Taylor; Dougan, Jardine; Slough, Branson; Moore; Ryan, Buxton, Allen, McDermont (Read), Whittaker.

BRADFORD: Hardie; Andrews, Rowley; Lightowler, Dinsdale, Tanner; Clancy, Ham, Down, Draper, Robinson. Substitute: Barnes.

Referee: B. H. Daniels, Rainham.



BRANSTON STRIKES AGAIN

Luton 2 Bradford 0

★ TERRY BRANSTON'S value to Luton was emphasised as Bradford were sunk in the Kenilworth Road mud.

For the second consecutive match at home he set them on the way to victory with a goal headed from a corner. BRANSTON'S latest success came after the Luton forwards had spent the best part of 22 minutes hammering at the Bradford goal.

Ray Whittaker, even shot wide from the penalty spot after Dickie Down had handled, and until Branson scored it looked as if the thick mud would finally beat Luton.

★ Branson's goal changed all that, however, and 10 minutes later WHITTAKER made up for his earlier error by blasting home another penalty.

Other chances were missed but Bradford's defence—in which Gerry Lightowler, Pete Dinsdale and John Hardie stood out—deserved to get away with a respectable score-line.

Unfortunately for Bradford the skill of their forwards did not match the determination of their defence and only John Clancy and Bobby Ham really worried Luton to any extent.

LUTON: Taylor; Dougan, Jardine, Slough, Branson, Moore, Ryan, Buxton, Allen, McDermont, Whittaker, Sub: Read. BRADFORD: Hardie; Andrews, Rowley, Lightowler, Dinsdale, Tanner, Clancy, Ham, Down, Draper, Robinson. Sub: Barnes.

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It's Branson with another rescue act

Luton 2, Bradford 0

LUTON centre half Terry Branson came up with a vital goal for the second consecutive home match.

Again the forwards were missing their chances—Ray Whittaker even shot wide with a penalty.

Stormed

Then Branson stormed upfield to head in a John Ryan corner soon after half-time.

He nearly did it again a couple of minutes later.

And Bradford were finally sunk when Whittaker made up for his boob.

He banged in a penalty for a foul on fan Buxton.

This was no test for Billy Taylor, Luton goalkeeper on trial from Partick.

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This time the Bradford defence really get the better of Buxton.

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NO TEST FOR BILL TAYLOR, ON TRIAL FROM PARTICK



Ian Buxton, Luton's inside right, wins a tough battle in the air with a Bradford defender.



A rare start for Brian Johnson at Park Avenue

Brian Johnson



Leading up to the return game with Avenue on 30th December, a bombshell was dropped when it was revealed that an exchange deal involving mercurial winger Graham French and Chester wideman Ian Moir was being discussed.

Allan Brown had made no secret of his desire to replace French, even though he 'put bums on seats', due to his off-field indiscretions and had already brought in John Ryan from Wigan, who had proved fairly average and certainly not a patch on Frenchie.

Moir was different. A decent pedigree having played at both Manchester United and Blackpool in the top flight, he wanted to come to Luton and was most importantly Scottish!

French was not quite so happy to move and demanded a house as part of the deal. The Chester Board were due to meet early in the New Year to discuss this extra cost, but it was unsettling to the players as well as the supporters who travelled up to Park Avenue.

Getting the excuses in early, the Hatters were without flu victims Whittaker and French as well as Rioch, who still had some fluid on his knee. Tony Read had a strained stomach muscle which meant that Taylor retained his place in goal, and there were recalls for both Rodney Green and Brian Johnson after their long injury lay-offs.

For those here today who ever went to Bradford Park Avenue, they will agree with me that it was a far better stadium than that of Bradford City. In a nicer area, seemingly more spacious and a lot cleaner.

ABOMINABLE

One thing I can say, though, is that I am the only Luton supporter here today who almost had his scarf (a six-foot black and white one knitted by my mother as a Christmas present) nicked by a 'supporter' of Bradford Park Avenue. Not one of my proudest moments but I was more afraid of my mother than the thief!

The first 20 minutes of the clash were 'abominable', according to Roger Duckworth in the Evening Post, with neither side able to acclimatise to the appalling conditions which included rain, snow and wind, and which soon turned the pitch into a quagmire.

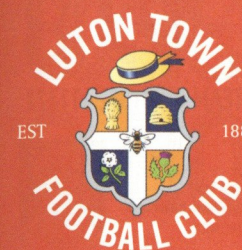
After 28 minutes the Town took the lead with a goal out of the blue. Ryan floated over a cross where Green, with his back to the goal, attempted an overhead kick which deceived the Avenue goalkeeper and nestled into the net.

The Luton supporters all thought the Town would now go on to achieve a comfortable victory, but a combination of a team playing above themselves and the treacherous conditions meant that an upset was always on the cards.

And so it proved. Avenue levelled five minutes from the break through Geoff Lloyd, who was left free to fire past Taylor, and then went ahead on the hour mark when Down took advantage of a shot which cannoned off a post to net the rebound.

Not a good end to the year, but the Town were still handily placed near the top of the table.

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Sat Jan 13 | Cheltenham (LGCupSF) | A | KO TBC

Tue Jan 16 | N'hampton | 1pm, Moulton College NN3 7QL

Sat Jan 20 | Leyton Orient | 11am, Ely Way

JARVIS AND SHAMALO'S NON-LEAGUE LOANS

Teenage Hatters striker Aaron Jarvis has joined Vanarama National League side Boreham Wood on a youth loan.



The 19-year-old, who joined the Town on transfer deadline day in August from Evo-Stik South Premier club Basingstoke Town, will spend a month with the Hertfordshire side.

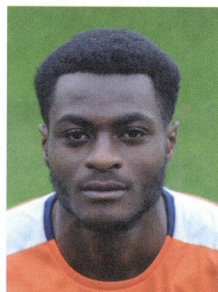
Wood are battling in and around the play-off places

in Non-League's top-flight, and Jarvis made his debut as a second-half substitute in their 4-0 home defeat to Sutton on Boxing Day.

Also moving into Non-League football for a spell is youth team striker Michael Shamalo, who has joined Evo-Stik South-East Division neighbours Barton Rovers on work experience.

The 18-year-old scored for the Hatters' development squad in their 4-1 Beds FA Senior Cup win against the Sharpenhoe Road side last month.

All at Kenilworth Road wish the lads well in their time out on loan!



WHEN I WAS A BOY...

HARRY CORNICK

Happy Harry Lunch Bag winner, six-year-old JACK, got to meet and interview one of the Town's strikers, Harry Cornick before a recent home game and the ex-Bournemouth man revealed all as he covered a range of subjects about his childhood.



JACK: What is your first football memory?

Harry: As a little boy my dad used to take me and my brother down the park and we would play World Cup Willie. Me against my brother, every day after school...four until nine at night! Five hours, just pure football every day.

J: What was the first team you supported?

H: Chelsea, I am not sure why. My brother supported them so I just followed my brother.

J: What was the first team you played for?

H: That would be Hamworthy United, my local team.

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

H: Didier Drogba. I was a Chelsea fan, so I had to support the best striker at Chelsea.

J: What was the first position you played?

H: Right wing, and then I moved to being a striker.

J: What was your best subject at school?

H: Probably maths!

J: That's mine, too!

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

H: I wanted to be a physiotherapist, which is quite weird now I am a footballer because I see the physiotherapist every day.

J: What was the first replica shirt you had?

H: I think it was a Barcelona one. I went on holiday with my family and they bought me a Barcelona top.

J: What was the first CD that you bought?

H: Now 47? Who Let The Dogs Out? I think it was that!

J: What make were your first pair of boots?

H: They were a pair of Nike Vapors, the first ever ones!

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

H: Probably when I went to watch Southampton against Chelsea at the Dell, Southampton's old ground, and I saw all the players walking in. I was star-struck!

J: What are you hoping to get for Christmas?

H: Good question, I haven't asked for much this year. If I could get anything this year though, I think it would be a new pair of trainers, because the ones I have got on are getting a little bit dirty! What have you asked for, for Christmas?

J: The Lego freight train, because I have already got the white one!

(Ed – We don't know if Harry got his new trainers, but he certainly got some golden boots judging by his wonderful strike at Swindon on Boxing Day! We hope Jack got his Lego train from Santa and had a great Christmas!)

Young Harry pictured top left



JACK'S INTERVIEW WITH HARRY CAN BE VIEWED ON WWW.LUTONTOWN.CO.UK

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LUTON TOWN IN THE COMMUNITY

BY KEVIN THOBURN HEAD OF THE HATTERS COMMUNITY TRUST

COMMUNITY TRUST ANNUAL REVIEW 2017

It's been another great year at the Trust which has seen further growth in both personnel and location together with an increase in the number of varied football and non-football projects we deliver to our local community.

As a registered charity our role is to represent the club in the wider community using the power of football to be at the heart of our community.

We rely on raising our own funds through both our coaching activities and grant funding from the EFL Trust, Premier League and PFA with support from the club and our main sponsor easyJet. Additional partnerships with Luton Adult Learning, The Princes Trust, Luton Airport's Youth Community Fund, Wembley National Stadium Trust and the Laureus Foundation and has enabled us to both expand our existing activities and begin lots of new and exciting projects and collaborations locally.

We now provide over 70 free PE lessons every week to over 2,000 local school children as part of the Premier League Primary Stars Project and easyJet Free Schools Visit Project. Lessons include both reading and numeracy modules in the classroom, as well as PE lessons, and of course we offer mentoring support to school staff who deliver PE.



We recently celebrated a landmark with easyJet after reaching a staggering 50,000 individual children who have benefitted from our free schools project in the last nine years, and we are looking forward to celebrating our ten year partnership during 2018 with lots of exciting events.

Our girls only coaching continues to increase with support from our Premier League Girls funded project. This has allowed us to appoint a full-time Girls Football Development Officer – with the number of girls taking part in football sessions growing as part of a five-year strategy of offering girls the same opportunity as boys to be involved with the Hatters. Our Girls Player Development Centre based in Luton continues to grow and provide playing opportunities for local girls.

Our growing involvement in Disability Football continues to prove hugely rewarding for both staff and participants, as well as our two adult teams, the Hatters and Boaters, who had a successful season winning one of their leagues this year. Thanks to continued support from the Wembley National Stadium Trust and EFL Trust we continue to coach weekly sessions at almost all of the special educational needs schools in Luton and Bedfordshire, as well as providing adult multi-sport sessions during the week as part of our 'Every Player Counts' project.

Our Skills Performance and Development Centres also continue to perform well with over 600 recruited boys in the system attending 16 weekly centres. Boys trialling and now playing for the schoolboy academy are approaching double figures already this season, and we continue to support the recruitment of talented local youngsters into the club.



We have also increased our football tournaments this year with the Hatters Cup involving 1,200 youngsters playing at Kenilworth Road in May, as well as also involving hundreds of additional youngsters in the national Girls Under-13 and Kids Under-11 Cups. We also have our Integration Cup for boys from Marsh Farm, Farley Hill and Lewsey Farm at the stadium which forms an important part of our social project PL KICKS on these estates, and this season we continued our programme of games against other professional clubs. There is no greater illustration of the power of our badge to bring Luton people together than to see Lewsey and Marsh Farm boys all wearing the same shirt and coming together as one team.

Our third airport funded project is also well underway and involves six primary schools in North Luton involved in mixed sports activities as part of our early intervention strategy for LU3 and LU4. We have commitments from all of these schools to host five mixed sports days each during 2018, bringing all school children together as we look to have a positive impact on community cohesion in this part of the town.

Our partnership with Luton Adult Learning continues to grow as we provide community learning opportunities to unemployed adults in Luton primarily by training over 40 new community coaches to deliver our projects, with two courses in 2018 for both men and women. We have also now begun delivering activities combining sports leader qualifications to adults suffering from stress and other mental health problems, with a series of short six-week programmes.

We have also recently received funding from the Home Office 'Building a Stronger Britain Together' initiative that will see thirty 16-17-year-olds peace ambassadors from

[IN THE COMMUNITY]

Luton deliver our Football for Peace project early in the new year in partnership with the Council. As part of this high-profile project, our peace ambassadors will gain sports qualifications, explore conflict resolution and form a youth council platform where young voices in Luton can heard. We're recruiting now and if you are interested please contact the office on 01582 561622.

The Club continues to provide continued support for our work and we have recently moved into the first team's old training ground at Ely Way. This will provide us with much needed office space for our growing workforce, as well as two dedicated learning areas to house our increased educational offer to local schools and adult education classes. The increased space offers many opportunities and allows the Trust to grow alongside the club's ambitions.

We look forward to keeping everyone updated and engaged through these pages during 2018 on all of our existing and new projects as we look to both promote Luton Town Football Club to new supporters, and also use the power of football to effect and improve the lives of as many members of our community as we can.

Happy New Year to everyone. COYH!





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HATTERSLADIES

HALF SEASON REVIEW

Halfway through the season and the ladies are sitting in a respectable fourth position in the FA Women's Premier League and still in the FA Cup, League Cup and Bedfordshire County Cup.

The Hatters started off the season well and were briefly top of the league in early September after beating Stevenage 5-2, Enfield Town 2-1 and Haringey 5-1. In these first three games, vice-captain Zara Carroll scored three and was also promoted to skipper as Rachel Carter suffered a head injury.

The first loss came against AFC Wimbledon, before two further defeats against Leyton Orient and MK Dons, narrowly in the latter after an unfair refereeing decision in the last minute. These three sides make up the top three of the current league table.

After three consecutive losses, the ladies then found the same early season form and went on a four-game winning run, beating Denham United twice, Maidenhead in the FA Cup and Gillingham in the league cup, scoring 15 goals along the way. The highlight of this run was scoring ten against Denham over two games, five of which came at Kenilworth Road, with Jess McKay scoring a hat-trick.

It was at this stage of the season that midfielders McKay and Nicola Henman started banging in the goals, and have now scored nearly 25 between them.

In late October the ladies saw a second defeat to MK Dons after a poor start to the game. Striker Joanne Rutherford got the Hatters back in the game just after half-time,

but it wasn't quite enough to grab a point.

In true Luton spirit however, the ladies bounced back and then went on another run of five games without defeat. A home draw against Enfield Town was followed by four straight wins, beating AFC Dunstable 4-0 in the FA Cup, Actonians 3-2 and Norwich City 8-2 in the league, and a 3-2 win against Harlow Town in the FA Cup.

Another highlight here was scoring eight past Norwich with seven different goal scorers!

After beating Maidenhead, AFC Dunstable and Harlow in the FA Cup, the ladies have been handed a tie against higher league opposition Chichester City in the 3rd round. This will be a good test for the Town as on their day, they can match and beat anyone.

Captain Carroll can't wait for the third round tie, saying: "We are looking forward to it. It is always nice playing a club you know nothing about and they know nothing about you."

"You can never underestimate a team in the FA Cup – that's the beauty of it. Treat all teams with respect and get the job done as professionally as possible."

"We will be the underdogs, which is in our favour, as there'll be no pressure on us to win. We'll just go out and give our everything. We have beaten

teams in the league above us before and we may well do it again. I believe on our day we are unbeatable."

Town manager Nikki Baker added: "It has been a positive season so far, and we have only lost once in the last 11 games. I believe we can finish in the top two or three of this league and have a say on who wins it."

The ladies' next game is on the 7th January away to Chichester City in the FA Cup, before hosting Southampton in the League Cup on the 14th.

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE SOUTH EAST DIVISION ONE FIXTURES 2017/18

Sun Aug 20	Stevenage	H	W 5-2
Sun Aug 27	Enfield Town	A	W 2-1
Sun Sep 3	Leyton Orient (Cup)	H	L 2-4
Sun Sep 10	Haringey Borough	H	W 5-1
Sun Sep 17	AFC Wimbledon	A	L 1-4
Sun Sep 24	Leyton Orient	H	L 0-4
Sun Oct 1	MK Dons	H	D 2-1
Wed Oct 4	Denham United	H	W 5-4
Sun Oct 8	Maidenhead Utd (FAC3QR)	A	W 1-0
Wed Oct 18	Denham United	A	W 5-1
Sun Oct 22	Gillingham (WPL Plate) (AET)A	W	4-3
Sun Oct 29	MK Dons	A	L 1-2
Sun Nov 5	Enfield Town	H	D 0-0
Sun Nov 12	AFC Dunstable (FACR1)	A	W 0-4
Sun Nov 19	Actonians	A	W 3-2
Sun Nov 26	Norwich City	H	W 8-2
Sun Dec 3	Harlow Town (FACR2)	H	W 3-2 (AET)
Sun Jan 7	Chichester City (FACR3)	A	
Sun Jan 14	Ipswich Town	H	

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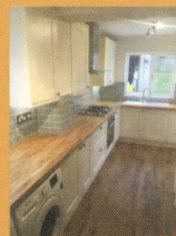


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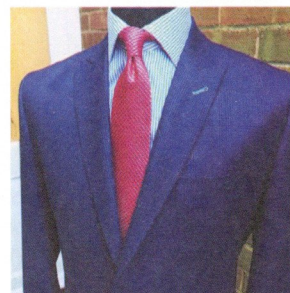
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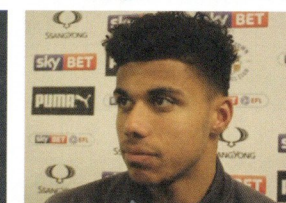
Here's what the gaffer had to say ahead of this Saturday's match against Grimsby Town at Kershow Road.



Swindon v Luton -
Extended
Highlights

Swindon v Luton extended highlights

LAST WEEK:



BACK IN THE STARTING XI
James Justin takes a range of questions after the 2-0 win over Grimsby as he looks to keep his place in the team.

DANNY AND JAMES: INSEPARABLE STRIKERS

Hylton and Collins were on target in the 5-0 rout of Swindon and there was a lot of love as they eulogised about each other's performances.



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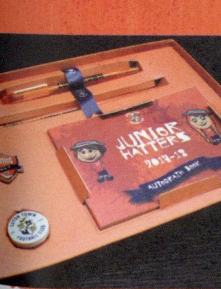
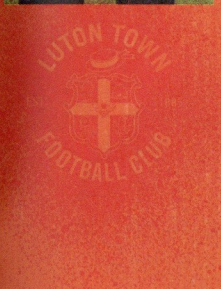
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JUNIOR HATTERS WORD SEARCH

Happy New Year! It's the 1st January, so we thought it'd be fun to celebrate with a bumper wordsearch packed full of words relating to 2018. Can you find all 10...?

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6. Olympics 7. Transfer 8. Eighteen 9. Party 10. Balloons



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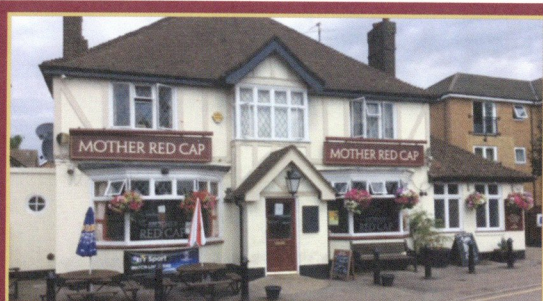
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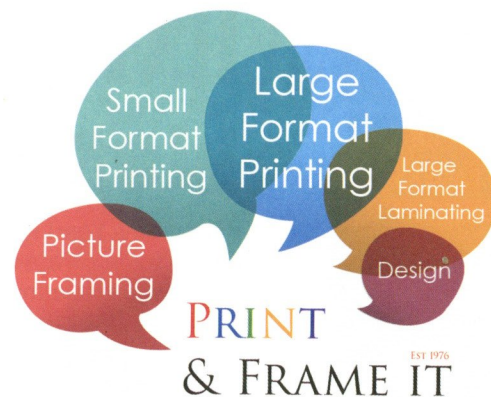


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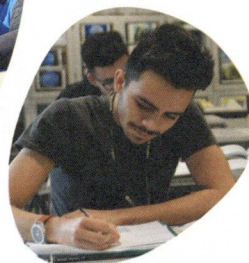
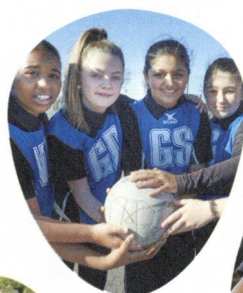
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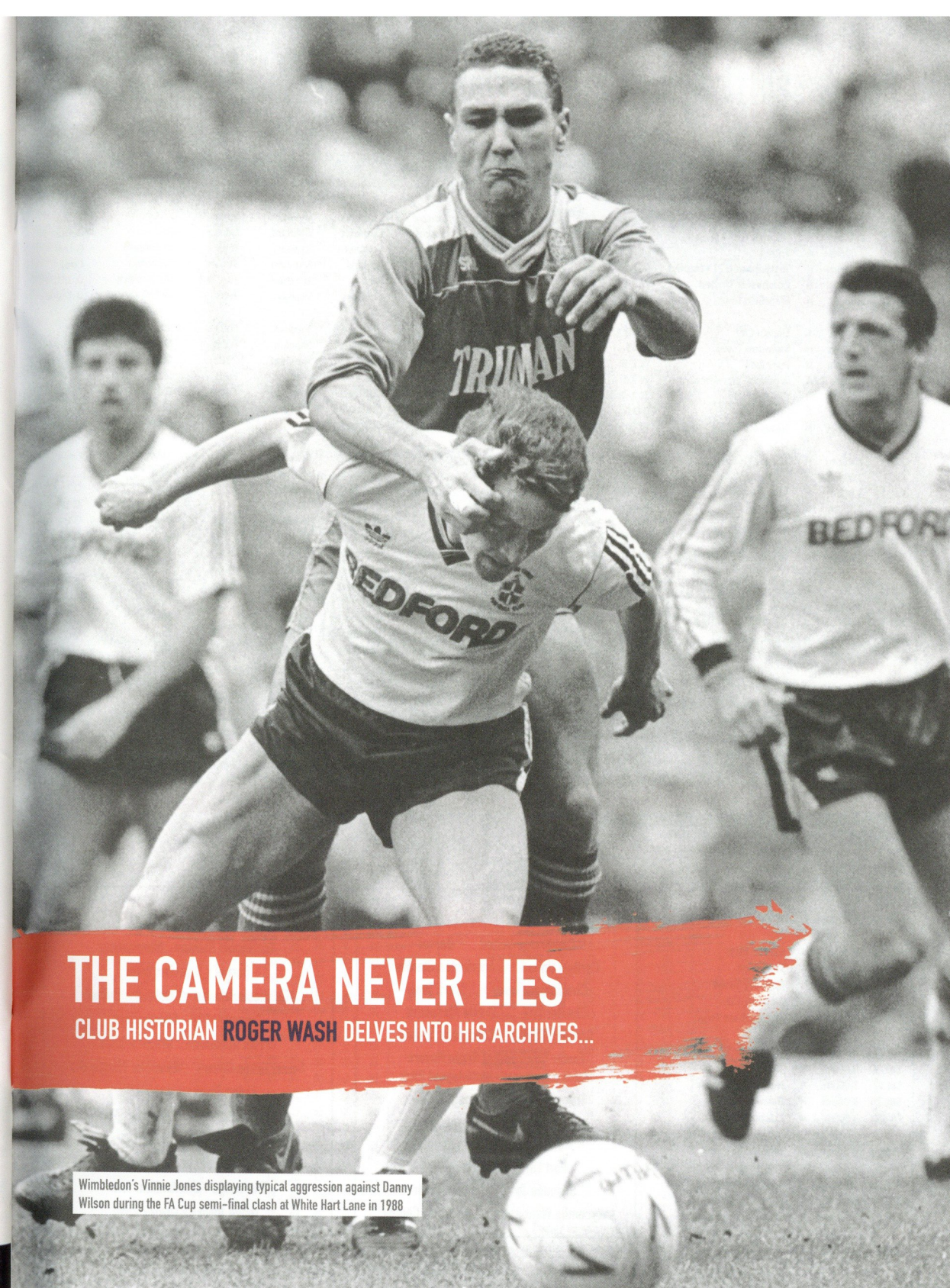
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Mpanzu	Shinnie •	COLLINS 1	Hylton	CUTHBERT 1 •	Cornick •	E. Lee ▲	Justin	Mullins	O. Lee	Shea
Mpanzu	Shinnie •	Collins	HYLTON 1	Cook •	Rea •	Cornick ▲	Justin	Senior	Jarvis	Shea
Rea	Cornick •	Collins •	Hylton	Cook •	Jarvis •	Justin	Senior	Musonda	Famewo	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
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Berry	Shinnie •	COLLINS 1	Hylton	Cornick •	Justin	Gambin	D'Ath	E. Lee	Famewo	Shea
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LEAGUE TABLE 2017/18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 LUTON TOWN	24	15	6	3	58	19	39	51
2 Notts County	24	13	8	3	43	25	18	47
3 Lincoln City	24	11	7	6	31	19	12	40
4 Wycombe Wanderers	24	11	7	6	43	32	11	40
5 Colchester United	24	11	6	7	35	27	8	39
6 Exeter City	23	12	3	8	32	29	3	39
7 Coventry City	24	11	5	8	26	18	8	38
8 Mansfield Town	24	9	10	5	33	27	6	37
9 Accrington Stanley	23	11	4	8	35	30	5	37
10 Newport County AFC	24	9	8	7	32	28	4	35
11 Swindon Town	23	11	2	10	35	33	2	35
12 Carlisle United	24	9	7	8	36	33	3	34
13 Grimsby Town	24	9	7	8	26	29	-3	34
14 Cambridge United	24	9	6	9	22	30	-8	33
15 Cheltenham Town	24	8	6	10	31	33	-2	30
16 Stevenage	24	8	6	10	32	37	-5	30
17 Port Vale	24	8	4	12	25	33	-8	28
18 Crawley Town	24	7	6	11	22	30	-8	27
19 Yeovil Town	24	7	6	11	32	41	-9	27
20 Crewe Alexandra	24	8	2	14	26	38	-12	26
21 Morecambe	24	5	7	12	20	33	-13	22
22 Barnet	24	5	5	14	24	35	-11	20
23 Chesterfield	24	5	5	14	26	46	-20	20
24 Forest Green Rovers	23	5	5	13	23	43	-20	20

PLAYER STATS 2017/18

	THIS SEASON										LFC	
	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		DISP		CAREER TOT			
	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	APPS	GLS	Y	R	APPS	GLS		
Tyreeq Bakinson	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	1	(0)	0	0	6	0
Luke Berry	16	(2)	5	3	(1)	1	19	(3)	6	3	22	6
James Collins	19	(2)	10	2	(0)	1	21	(2)	11	4	23	11
Jordan Cook	0	(8)	0	4	(1)	1	4	(9)	1	3	55	5
Harry Cornick	9	(11)	3	1	(1)	0	10	(12)	3	1	0	22
Kavan Cotten	0	(0)	0	1	(0)	1	1	(0)	1	0	2	1
Scott Cuthbert	15	(1)	1	2	(0)	0	17	(1)	2	1	104	3
Lawson D'Ath	0	(3)	0	3	(0)	1	3	(3)	1	1	19	1
Akin Famewo	0	(2)	0	4	(0)	0	4	(2)	0	0	0	27
Luke Gambin	3	(2)	1	3	(2)	1	6	(4)	2	0	0	27
Danny Hylton	22	(0)	14	3	(0)	1	25	(0)	15	7	0	72
Jack James	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	1
Aaron Jarvis	0	(1)	0	2	(1)	1	2	(2)	1	0	0	4
James Justin	3	(5)	1	4	(0)	0	7	(5)	1	0	0	52
Elliot Lee	5	(12)	5	5	(0)	2	10	(12)	7	0	0	33
Olly Lee	20	(0)	3	3	(0)	1	23	(0)	4	5	0	103
Alan McCormack	8	(0)	1	0	(0)	0	8	(0)	1	4	0	8
Josh McQuoid	0	(0)	0	0	(1)	1	0	(1)	1	0	0	44
Pelly-Ruddock Mpanzu	10	(8)	0	5	(1)	0	15	(9)	0	2	1	142
Johnny Mullins	8	(1)	1	3	(1)	0	11	(2)	1	1	0	42
Frankie Musonda	0	(0)	0	2	(1)	0	2	(1)	0	0	0	11
Dan Potts	23	(0)	5	2	(0)	1	25	(0)	6	8	0	69
Glen Rea	19	(5)	0	3	(0)	0	22	(5)	0	4	1	86
Arthur Read	0	(0)	0	0	(2)	0	0	(2)	0	0	0	3
Jack Senior	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	0	0	20
James Shea	0	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	4	(0)	0	1	0	4
Alan Sheehan	22	(0)	2	3	(0)	0	25	(0)	2	7	0	86
Andrew Shinnie	14	(2)	1	4	(0)	2	18	(2)	3	3	0	20
Jack Stacey	22	(0)	1	3	(0)	0	25	(0)	1	1	1	25
Marek Stech	24	(0)	0	3	(0)	0	27	(0)	0	2	0	27
Connor Tomlinson	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	(0)	0	0	0	1
Isaac Vassell	2	(0)	2	0	(0)	0	2	(0)	2	0	0	55

N.B. Due to print deadlines, the league table and player statistics do not include the Port Vale game.



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WITH JAMES CUNLIFFE

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PAPER'S LTFC REPORTER

There's a scientific supposition that our world is just one version in an infinite cosmic sea of parallel planets and multiverses — where never-ending versions of you exist and every conceivable possibility for your life has already happened and will again.

This is the Many Worlds Theory and, having recently been befuddled by a BBC Horizon documentary, I now have an expertise in the subject akin to the interpretations of Association Football laws exhibited by most Kenilworth Road-assigned referees.

So, send me to Specsavers if I've got this wrong, but this all theoretically means that, while things are going great for Luton in our iteration of the space-time continuum, there exists in an alternate galaxy far, far away, a footballer that looks exactly like Olly Lee, but he has never been to St Albans, let alone scored from there.

On a neighbouring planet, there's a Danny Hylton doppelgänger that couldn't Panenka his way out of a paper bag; a molecularly margarine-fingered Marek Stech and a dark matter Dan Potts who doesn't dare dart over the halfway line.

One small step from there, could be a carbon copy Glen Rea, still yet to take giant leaps forward, and on the third rock from a distant sun there's

a manager barking long-ball tactics, to no discernible effect. There's no lunar-bred likeness to the Luton boss though, because there's only one Nathan Jones anywhere in the great celestial vastness, isn't there?

It might take a team of quantum physicists to pontificate on that possibility, but you and I know there's a far simpler answer as to just why his Hatters have set their phasers to stun.

Goals, goals, goals.

A stellar squad sprinkled with stardust, they've shown laser precision at one end of the pitch and with defence shields up at the other, they have been relentless and ruthless.

Forget New Year's Day as a time for new beginnings, Town's Big Bang was atomic in August against Yeovil. The shockwaves have and must continue.

You'll know the results, stats and records off by heart by now, from becoming the first Football League

team ever to score seven or more goals on three occasions before Christmas; to being the only team in the EFL to score an astronomical 50 goals already this season, with 11 consecutive different scorers and 11 league clean sheets before Christmas.

And these are just some of the particles that Town have been bashing together in the Large Hadron Collider that is League Two. Surely only complacency could see this side implode in on itself as the gravitational pull of the third tier grips them.

In fact, such is their current lofty orbit, it's a shame that the club's Power Court stadium application is still rattling round a planning black hole. Let's hope that, just as it is in space, nobody can hear retail monopolists scream.

But given the infinite possibilities, there's nowhere else in this universe, or any other, for that matter, that I'd rather be than right here, right now.

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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
(On loan at Boreham Wood)
- 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:

DANNY COWLEY

- 1 Paul Farman
- 2 Sean Long
- 3 Sam Habergham
- 4 Elliott Whitehouse
- 5 Luke Waterfall
- 6 Callum Howe
- 7 Josh Ginnelly
- 8 Ollie Palmer
- 9 Matt Rhead
- 10 Matt Green
- 11 Billy Knott
- 12 Ellis Chapman
- 14 Jordan Maguire-Drew
- 15 Rob Dickie
- 16 Michael Bostwick
- 21 Josh Vickers
- 23 Neal Eardley
- 25 Sean Raggett
- 26 Harry Anderson
- 27 Jamie McCombe
- 28 Nathan Arnold
- 30 Alex Woodyard
- 31 Richard Walton

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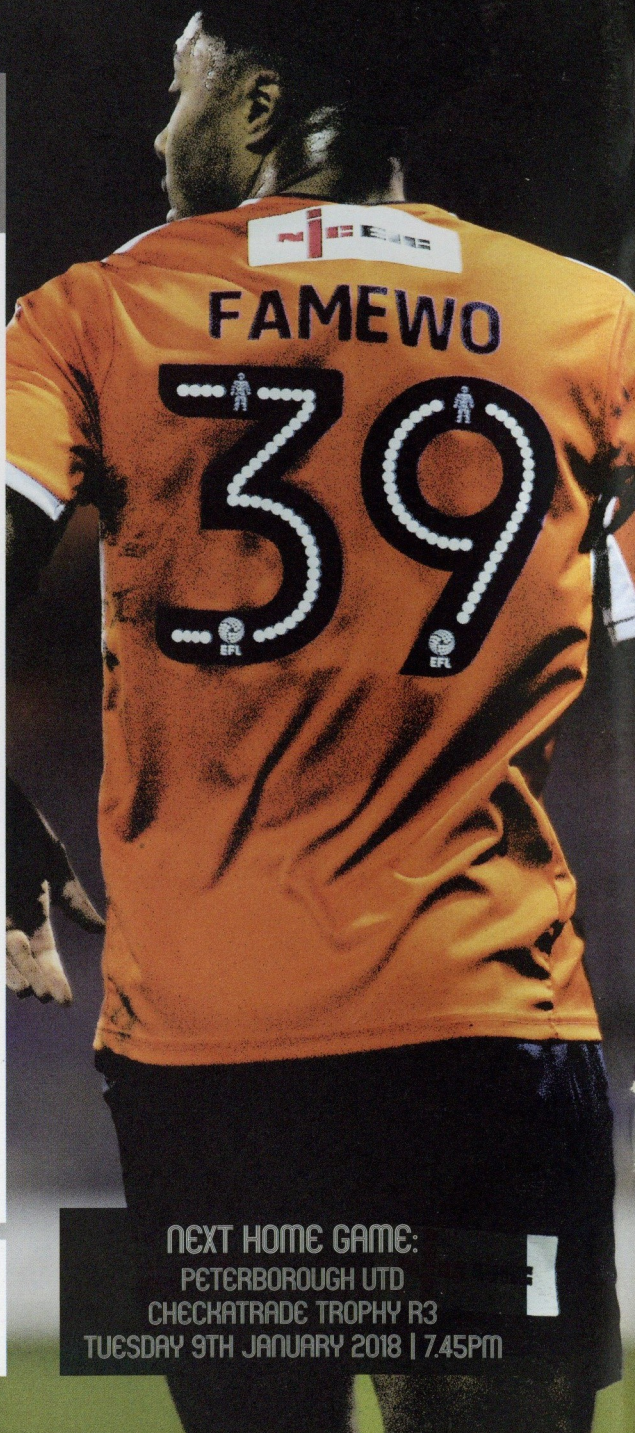
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