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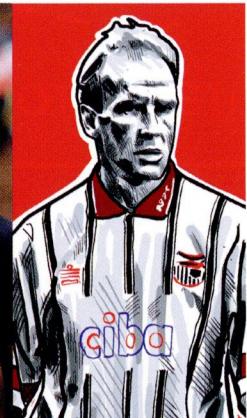
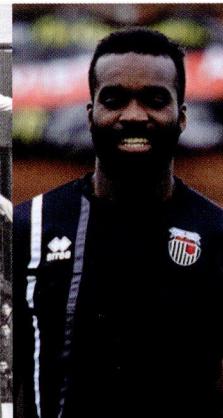
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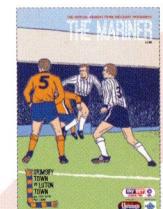
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# IN CHARGE: RUSSELL SLADE

Good afternoon everyone and welcome to today's Sky Bet League Two fixture with Luton Town here at Blundell Park.

A warm welcome goes to our visitors and I hope you all have a safe journey home down the M1 after the game.

We come into today's game on the back of a 2-1 home defeat by Newport County and a 1-1 draw at Colchester United.

Against Newport, we started brightly but we gave them the opportunity to have a strike on goal and the chance to get in front.

It gives them something to hold onto and when they get the second, we are chasing the game.

We had chances to nick a goal and eventually we got one, but we have lost the momentum when Jamille Matt was sent-off.

I don't think there was much contact with the player and it is a poor decision. We were delighted to see Jamille's ban overturned after an appeal.

We were the better side against Newport but it is about scoring goals and we didn't do things professionally enough in either box.

We had chances to score two or three goals in the game and we cannot waste those sorts of chances, if we are to get back into the form we are capable of.

Last weekend, we moved onto Colchester, a long trip that we should have got all three points from.

If we had gone in 3-0 at half-time then no one would complain, certainly not in the Colchester camp.

Credit to Colchester, they upped the tempo in the second half but the biggest decision for us was not getting a penalty.

Charles Vernam was felled in the box and it was a stone-wall penalty. It didn't look a difficult decision but none of the officials made it in our favour.

We deserved to win the game and we felt that we were denied an excellent opportunity to get all three points.

I thought that we looked composed for long periods and it's pleasing for Charles to get his first goal.

It is a real positive for him and I thought he was excellent on the afternoon.

Today we welcome a Luton side that have opened a bit of a gap at the top of the table, so we know the size of the test in front of us.

Enjoy today's game everyone and thank you for your support – please keep backing the lads.

Best wishes,  
Russell Slade

# PARK LIFE



THE  
SPORTING  
MEMORIES  
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## TODAY'S BALL BOYS



This afternoon we welcome players from The Lounge Under 13s - we hope you enjoy the experience. A big thank you to Needlers, who have provided new coats for our ball boys to wear on matchdays.

We'd also like to thank Keelby Under 13s (pictured) for being Ball Boys against Newport County a fortnight ago.

## A MEMORIES GAME EXPLAINED

The Sporting Memories Foundation memories games are designed to create an opportunity for fans to recall their favourite moments from football – to help spark that memory.

Whether that is of a favourite moment, player, or team, Sporting Memories want to highlight the importance of a footballing memory.

The work the charity does is designed to embrace those memories and it uses sport to support people living with depression, dementia and loneliness.

Co-founder of Sporting Memories Foundation, Tony Jameson-Allen, said: "I am absolutely delighted and overwhelmed by the support of Grimsby Town and Luton Town for this fixture. What is really rewarding for us, is to see the appetite from those within the game to raise awareness of the work going on to support those people living with depression, dementia and loneliness. Ultimately what we want to do is to continue to show the importance a sporting memory can have in making a difference to people's lives."

By working with the clubs to create an awareness of this work on match days, Sporting Memories wants to speak to football fans round the country if they have a family member, friend, or colleague who may want to get involved in some of the work Sporting Memories is involved in.

With over 100 groups now set up around the UK, and with a newly placed group in place at Grimsby Town, fans can get involved by volunteering and helping with a number of various initiatives.

Fans can check out some of the exciting projects and #jointhesquad by visiting [www.sportingmemoriesnetwork.com](http://www.sportingmemoriesnetwork.com)

## MARINERS MEMORIES

We asked fans to share their #MarinersMemories

Alan Burley  
@mavishir15

Replies to @officialgtfc @SportsMemNet @LutonTown

My greatest ever memory was being at Burnley in the Auto Windshield Semi Final second leg when Kevin Donovan scored that screamer.

It was that movement we knew that the dreams of so many past and present Mariners supporters of playing at Wembley was going to happen

David CooldedgeMeese  
@DPGCM88

Replies to @officialgtfc @LutonTown

On my birthday. Believe Paul was man of the match! #MarinersMemories



Paul Allen  
@PaulGymariner

Replies to @PaulGymariner @LutonTown and 3 others

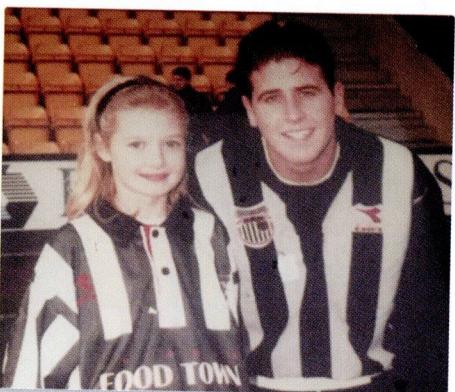
And finally (honest) me and mate wearing the retros (only mine has Tees on back though)



Amy  
@air0302

Replies to @officialgtfc @SportsMemNet

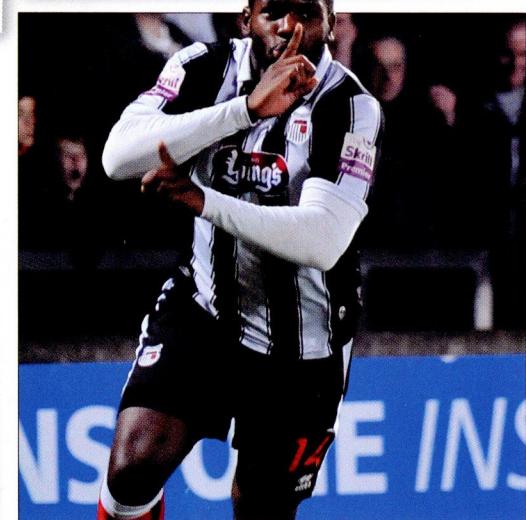
The first time I was a mascot and with my fav player....away at Norwich! I was too scared to ask for his autograph so the photographer took a photo of us instead and sent me it #MarinersMemories

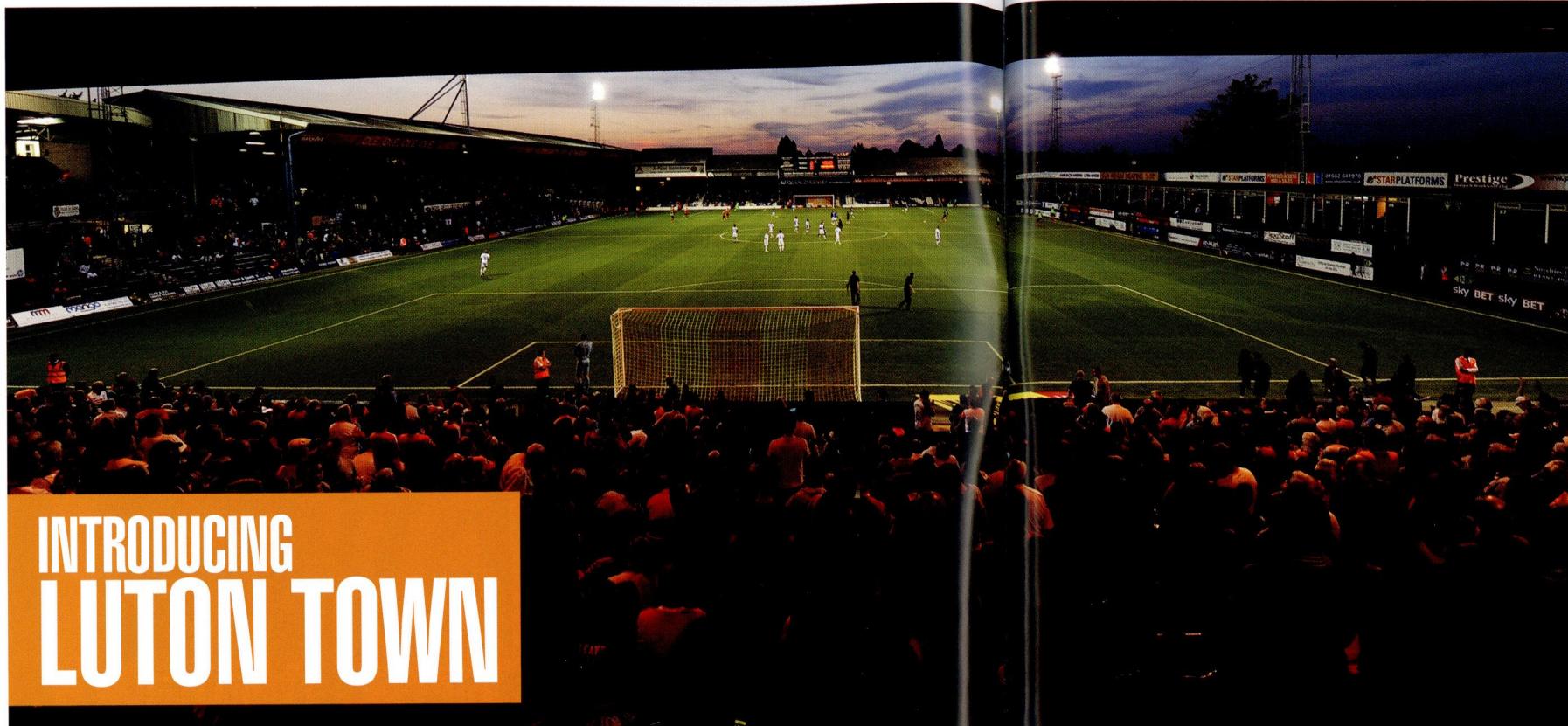


Coup  
@jackcoupland29

Replies to @officialgtfc @SportsMemNet @LutonTown

#MarinersMemories for me has to be the Scunthorpe away game in the fa cup. Starting from having to walk up the dual carriage way cause Of a blockage, to walking as soon as John-Lewis scored, electric atmosphere and then McDonald planting a bullet header to put us in front, class.





## INTRODUCING LUTON TOWN

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### NICKNAME

The Hatters

### FOUNDED

1885

### GROUND

Kenilworth Road

### CAPACITY

10,356

### MANAGER

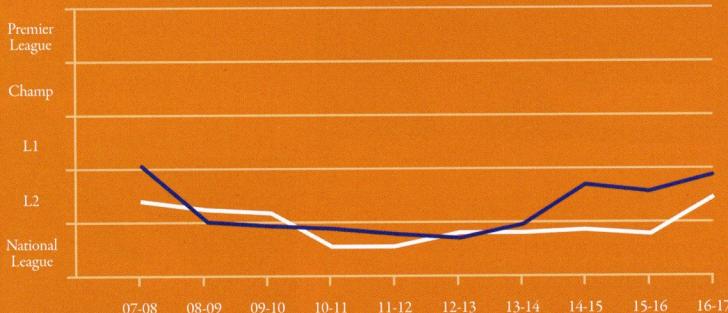
Nathan Jones

### 2016-17

League Two, 4th

LAST 10 YEARS

Key: ● Mariners ● Luton



**N**athan Jones' Luton Town side will head to Blundell Park today hoping to keep their lead at the top of League Two intact.

The early-season pacesetters in the division, the Hatters have been in the top four for the majority of the campaign so far and with just three away defeats all season, they are formidable opponents on the road.

Jones had a big clear-out at Kenilworth Road in the summer, with nine players leaving the club, although the Hatters did recoup transfer fees for both Isaac Vassell (Birmingham City) and Tyreeq Bakinson (Bristol City).

Striker Craig Mackail-Smith departed for League Two rivals Wycombe, with midfielder Jonathan Smith making the short move to Stevenage, whilst Stephen O'Donnell moved North of the Border to Kilmarnock.

Jones spent his war chest wisely. He moved quickly to secure the services of highly-rated Reading star Jack Stacey and Crawley's prolific frontman James Collins.

Other signings that commanded a fee included Bournemouth's Harry Cornick, Cambridge's attack-minded midfielder Luke Berry and Basingstoke's Aaron Jarvis.

Other new arrivals at Kenilworth Road include Alan McCormack (Brentford), Marek Stech (Sparta Prague), James Shea (AFC Wimbledon), Elliot Lee (Barnsley) and Harry Isted (Stoke City).

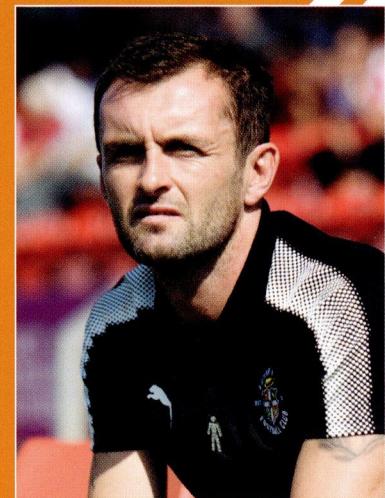
The Hatters have shown their worth in cup competitions too this season. They defeated League One opposition in the shape of Portsmouth in the FA Cup First Round, before losing to Newcastle United earlier this month in the Third Round.

They progressed through their Checkatrade Trophy Group unbeaten and beat West Ham under-21s in the Second Round, before losing on penalties to Peterborough in the Third Round.

Today's two teams met earlier in the season when the Hatters won 2-0 at Kenilworth Road thanks to goals from Berry and Collins. ■



## THE MANAGER NATHAN JONES



**F**ormer Hatters' defender Nathan Jones re-joined the Kenilworth Road club in summer 2016, 20 years after first leaving the club, to become manager after three years on the backroom team at Brighton.

The Welshman made his name with Merthyr Tydfil in the early-90s, joining Luton for £10,000 in 1995. After a season at Kenilworth Road, he joined Spanish sides Numancia and then Badajoz, before returning to England with Southend United.

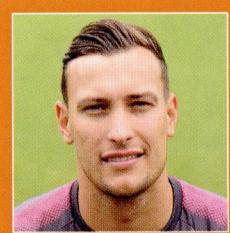
He is best remembered for lengthy spells with Brighton and Yeovil, where he racked up over 350 career appearances.

Jones was player/assistant manager with the Grovers between 2009 and 2012 and then moved to Charlton as under-21 coach for a season. He returned to Brighton in 2013 as assistant head coach to Oscar Garcia, before becoming first-team coach under Sami Hyppia.

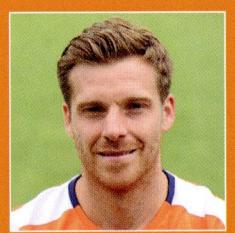
After Hyppia's dismissal in December 2014, Nathan had a short spell as caretaker manager, before resuming the roles of assistant manager and then first-team coach under new boss Chris Hughton.

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# THE SQUAD



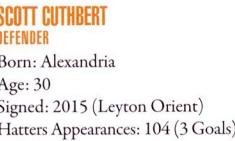
**MAREK ŠTECH**  
GOALKEEPER  
Born: Prague, Czechoslovakia  
Age: 27  
Signed: 2015 (Sparta Prague)  
Hatters Appearances: 32



**JOHNNY MULLINS**  
DEFENDER  
Born: Hampstead  
Age: 32  
Signed: 2016 (Oxford United)  
Hatters Appearances: 47 (3 Goals)



**JAMES SHEA**  
GOALKEEPER  
Born: London  
Age: 26  
Signed: 2017 (AFC Wimbledon)  
Hatters Appearances: 5



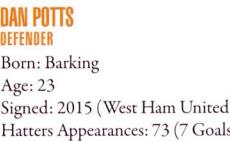
**SCOTT CUTHBERT**  
DEFENDER  
Born: Alexandria  
Age: 30  
Signed: 2015 (Leyton Orient)  
Hatters Appearances: 104 (3 Goals)



**JAMES JUSTIN**  
DEFENDER  
Born: Luton  
Age: 19  
Signed: 2015 (Youth Team)  
Hatters Appearances: 55 (3 Goals)



**JACK STACEY**  
DEFENDER  
Born: Bracknell  
Age: 21  
Signed: 2017 (Reading)  
Hatters Appearances: 28 (1 Goal)



**DAN POTTS**  
DEFENDER  
Born: Barking  
Age: 23  
Signed: 2015 (West Ham United)  
Hatters Appearances: 73 (7 Goals)



**GLEN REA**  
DEFENDER  
Born: Brighton  
Age: 23  
Signed: 2016 (Brighton & H.A.)  
Hatters Appearances: 81 (3 Goals)

## JACK SENIOR DEFENDER

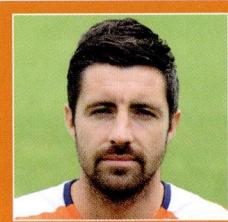
Born: Halifax  
Age: 21  
Signed: 2016 (Huddersfield Town)  
Hatters Appearances: 21

## FRANKIE MUSONDA DEFENDER

Born: Bedford  
Age: 20  
Signed: 2015 (Youth Team)  
Hatters Appearances: 12 (1 Goal)

## AKIN FAMEWO DEFENDER

Born: Lewisham  
Age: 19  
Signed: 2016 (Youth Team)  
Hatters Appearances: 13



## ALAN SHEEHAN DEFENDER

Born: Athlone, Ireland  
Age: 31  
Signed: 2016 (Bradford City)  
Hatters Appearances: 69 (5 Goals)

## ALAN McCORMACK MIDFIELDER

Born: Dublin  
Age: 34  
Signed: 2017 (Brentford)  
Hatters Appearances: 8 (1 Goal)

## OLLY LEE MIDFIELDER

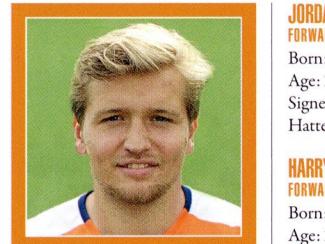
Born: Hornchurch  
Age: 26  
Signed: 2015 (Birmingham City)  
Hatters Appearances: 108 (8 Goals)

## ANDREW SHINNIE MIDFIELDER

Born: Aberdeen  
Age: 28  
Signed: 2017 (Birmingham City-Loan)  
Hatters Appearances: 26 (3 Goals)

## PELLY RODDICK MIDFIELDER

Born: Hendon  
Age: 23  
Signed: 2014 (West Ham United)  
Hatters Appearances: 142 (7 Goals)



**LUKE BERRY**  
MIDFIELDER  
Born: Cambridge  
Age: 25  
Signed: 2017 (Bournemouth)  
Hatters Appearances: 28 (4 Goals)

## LUKE GAMBIN MIDFIELDER

Born: Sutton  
Age: 24  
Signed: 2017 (Barnet)  
Hatters Appearances: 29 (3 Goals)

## LAWSON D'ATH MIDFIELDER

Born: Witney  
Age: 25  
Signed: 2017 (Northampton Town)  
Hatters Appearances: 24 (1 Goal)

## DANNY HYLTON FORWARD

Born: London  
Age: 29  
Signed: 2016 (Oxford United)  
Hatters Appearances: 76 (44 Goals)

## JORDAN COOK FORWARD

Born: Hetton-le-Hole  
Age: 27  
Signed: 2016 (Walsall)  
Hatters Appearances: 57 (5 Goals)

## HARRY CORNICK FORWARD

Born: Poole  
Age: 22  
Signed: 2017 (Bournemouth)  
Hatters Appearances: 28 (4 Goals)

## JAMES COLLINS FORWARD

Born: Coventry  
Age: 27  
Signed: 2017 (Crawley Town)  
Hatters Appearances: 28 (12 Goals)

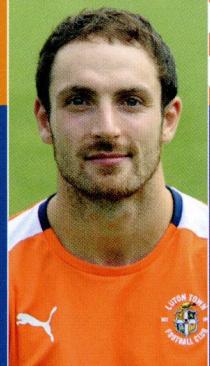
## JOSH McQUOID FORWARD

Born: Southampton  
Age: 28  
Signed: 2015 (Bournemouth)  
Hatters Appearances: 45 (8 Goals)

## ELLIOT LEE FORWARD

Born: Durham  
Age: 23  
Signed: (2017) Barnsley  
Hatters Appearances: 24 (7 Goals)

## ONE TO WATCH DANNY HYLTON



**Position:** Striker  
**DOB:** 25.02.89 | **Camden**  
**Career:** Aldershot Town, Harlow Town (L), Rotherham United, Bury (L), AFC Wimbledon (L), Oxford United, Luton Town  
**17-18 Apps:** 29 | **Goals:** 16

London-born forward who joined the Hatters in the summer of 2016 alongside Oxford United teammate Johnny Mullins, after the pair had helped the U's to promotion to League One and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final.

Hyton started his career with Aldershot Town, where he made over 200 appearances in the Conference and League Two before joining Rotherham United in 2013.

He played just one game for the then-League One club, however, and was loaned out to Bury and AFC Wimbledon prior to his move to Oxford two years ago.

While at the Kassam Stadium Hyton hit 30 goals in 84 starts, but turned down the offer of a new contract in order to pen a two-year deal at Kenilworth Road.

The club's top scorer last season with 27 goals, having passed his previous season's best tally of 16 in January, Hyton came in the top three shortlisted for the EFL League Two Player of the Year award as voted by managers in the division, was named in the PFA Team of the Season for the division and won four club player of the year accolades in a memorable campaign.

## THE ESSENTIAL LUTON TOWN

### DATES

#### 1885

The club was first founded

#### 1988

Won the League Cup, beating Arsenal 3-2

#### 2014

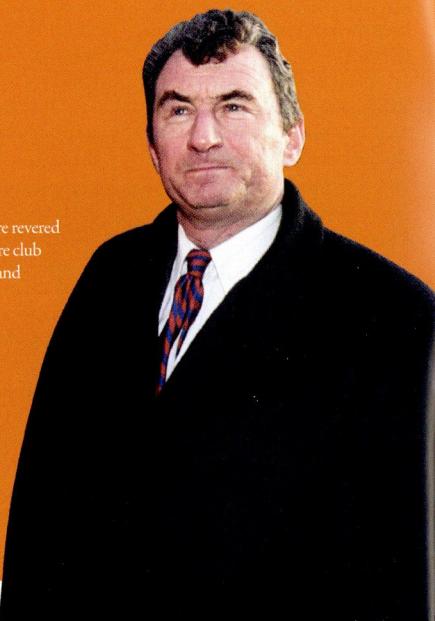
Winners of the Conference Premier and promoted back to the Football League

### MANAGER DAVID PLEAT

During the 70s and the majority of the 80s, David Pleat's Luton side were revered for their exciting brand of football. Pleat was manager of the Bedfordshire club for nine years, guiding them to promotion to the First Division in 1982 and keeping them in the top flight until his move to Spurs in 1986.

In his only full season with Spurs, he finished third in the First Division and reached the FA Cup Final but lost his job when Tottenham favourite Terry Venables became available. A stint in charge of Leicester City soon followed before another spell in charge of Luton, where he guided the Hatters to the FA Cup semi final in 1994. Pleat also managed Sheffield Wednesday in the Premier League from 1995-97 and later re-joined Tottenham as Director of Football in 1998; becoming caretaker manager on three separate occasions.

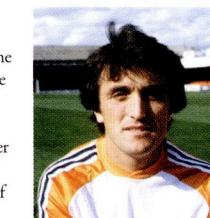
He's now one of BBC Radio 5's regular co-commentators during live broadcasts.



### GAME MANCHESTER CITY 0-1 LUTON TOWN 14 MAY 1983, FIRST DIVISION

There was huge drama at Maine Road when Raddy Antic's goal in the dying stages of the game kept the Hatters in the First Division, but also condemned Manchester City to relegation.

At the conclusion of the relegation decider, David Pleat, in an eye-catching beige suit and loafers, ran onto the pitch and celebrated in front of a crowd of more than 43,000. The moment is fondly remembered by everyone that watched the scenes unfold that day - apart from the City fans!

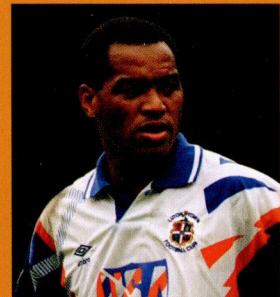


### PLAYER BRIAN STEIN

Former England international and Grimsby Assistant Manager Brian Stein enjoyed 11 action-packed years with the Hatters.

Signed from non League side Edgware Town in 1977, the Cape Town-born winger developed into a prolific striker under the tutelage of David Pleat and formed exciting strike partnerships with both Paul Walsh and Mick Harford. Stein gained an England cap in 1983 but the League Cup win of 1988 would be his finest hour; the striker scoring twice, including the late winner, against Arsenal. In total Stein appeared 388 times for Luton in those 11 years, scoring 127 times, before spells in France with Caen and Antecy.

He returned to Kenilworth Road for one final season in 1991 but couldn't prevent the Hatters from losing their top-flight status. He later played for Barnet and St Albans before moving into coaching with Luton and the Mariners as Mike Newell's assistant.





# DEFINING MOMENT

After 103 years of trying, the Hatters finally won a major trophy when lifting the Littlewoods Cup, beating Arsenal at Wembley 3-2 in 1988.

On a magical afternoon for the 35,000 Lutonians present, the game ebbed and flowed and was settled in true 'Roy of the Rovers' fashion by Brian Stein who netted the winning goal in the final seconds.

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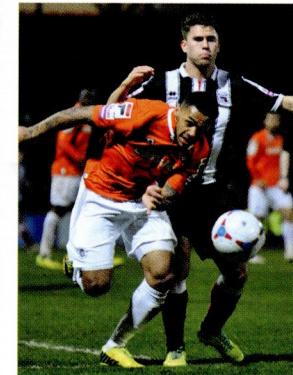
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Mariners v Hatters

### FIRST COMPETITIVE MEETING



Monday 27th December 1897 | Old Division 2 | Luton 6-0 Mariners



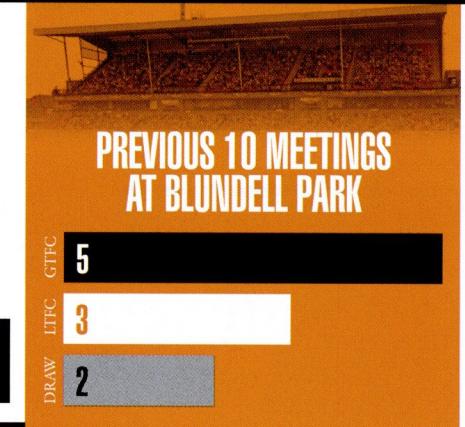
### LAST FOUR GAMES

Saturday 23rd December 2017  
Luton 2 (Luke Berry, James Collins)  
Grimsby 0

Saturday 4th February 2017  
Grimsby 1 (Chris Clements)  
Luton 1 (Isaac Vassell)

Saturday 10th September 2016  
Luton 1 (Glen Rea)  
Grimsby 2 (Omar Bogle)

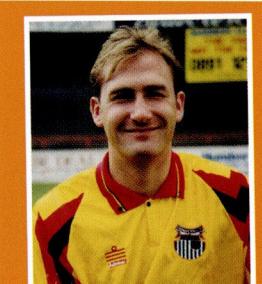
Tuesday 25th March 2014  
Grimsby 1 (Scott Neilson)  
Luton Town 2 (Matt Robinson, Paul Benson)



### LAST TIME OUT

Saturday 23rd December 2017  
League 2  
Luton 2 Grimsby 0

Luton moved four points clear at the top of the league and in doing so ended Grimsby's run of four games unbeaten ahead of the busy festive programme. Despite a number of chances for both sides and the first half appearing to be ending 0-0, a wonder strike from 25 yards into the top corner by home midfielder Luke Berry changed all that. Shortly after the interval, Jaiyesimi found Matt who was unlucky to see his effort hit the post. However, in the 61st minute the Hatters extended their lead as Sheehan's free kick was headed in by Collins beating McKeown from close range. Despite their best efforts to get something from the game, the Mariners couldn't find a consolation as the hosts ran out 2-0 winners.



### PLAYED FOR BOTH: GRAHAM RODGER

Signed from Luton Town for £135,000

Luton Appearances: 33  
Luton Goals: 2  
From: August 1989 - January 1992

Grimsby Appearances: 167  
Grimsby Goals: 12  
From: 1992 - May 1998

### HATTERS

Stech, Justin, Potts, Mullins, Rae, Sheehan, O Lee, Shinnie (Cornick), Berry, Hylton (D'Arth), Collins (E Lee)

**Subs not used:** Mpanzu, Shea, Famewo, Ruddock, Gambin

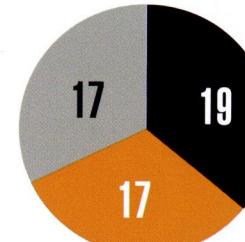
### MARINERS

McKeown, Davies, Collins, Clarke, Mills, Dembele (Woolford), Summerfield, Rose, Jaiyesimi (Hooper), Jones, Matt (Vernon)

**Subs not used:** Killip, Dixon, K Osborne, Berrett

### HEAD TO HEAD

Played 53  
● Grimsby 19  
● Luton 17  
● Draws 17



### GOALS SCORED

Includes league, FA and League Cup games

Grimsby

Luton



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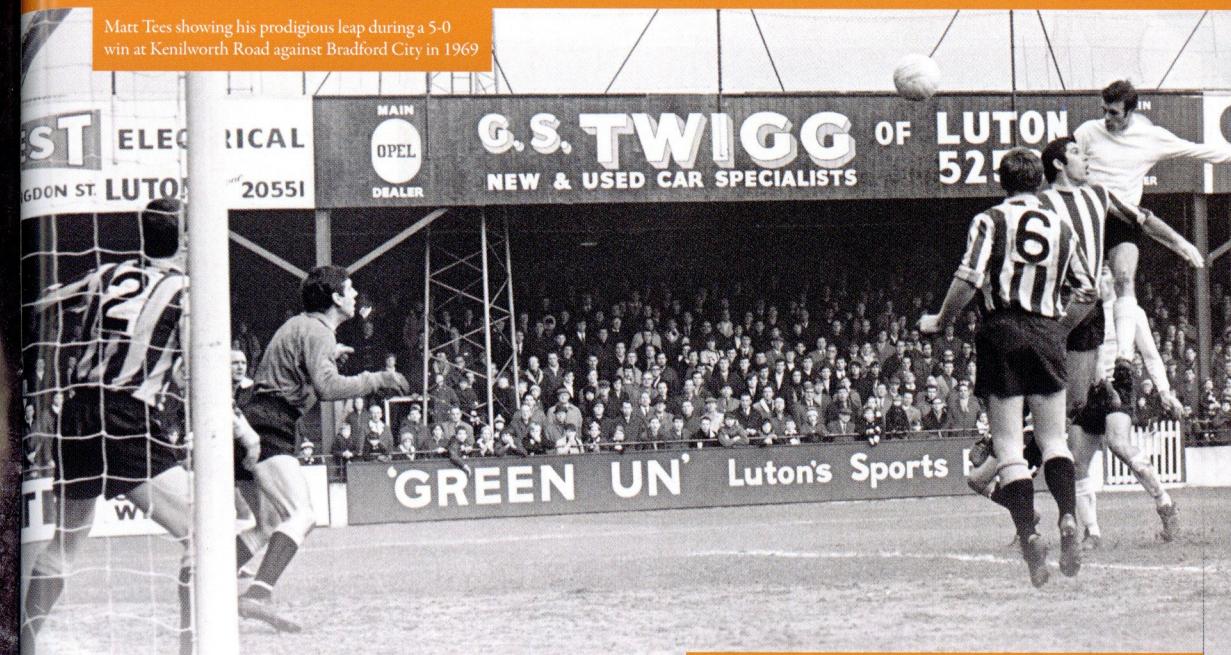


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Matt Tees showing his prodigious leap during a 5-0 win at Kenilworth Road against Bradford City in 1969



## 'MATT TEES IS A GOAL MACHINE'

My first memory of Matt Tees was seeing him score a trademark header after only 55 seconds in a League Cup replay for Charlton against Luton at the Valley in 1967. The Hatters, who included his old Grimsby strike partner Rodney Green, fought back to win 2-1 after extra-time with goals from Bruce Rioch.

When the aforementioned Rioch was sold to Aston Villa for £100,000 two years later, Luton manager Alec Stock took his time in spending the cash windfall. He firstly purchased a little known full-back from Fulham by the name of Malcolm Macdonald and then waited until the season started before spending big, bringing in centre-half Chris Nicholl from Halifax for £34,000 and then a day later Matt Tees from Charlton for £25,000.

Matt signed for Luton on 28th August 1969 at London Airport (not Heathrow

in those days) at 8.30am so that club secretary Bob Readhead could get on a plane to Blackpool to ensure both players could be registered at the Football League HQ in Lytham by the 3pm deadline for the Hatters' game at Gillingham on the following Saturday.

Making his debut in a rough, both on and off the pitch, game at Priestfield which the Hatters won 2-0, Matt received a battering but seemed to relish the challenge. He scored on his home debut the following week in a 4-0 win over Bristol Rovers and it soon became clear that he was forging a great partnership with the young Macdonald.

Grimsby Town supporters do not need telling that Matt Tees did not look like a goalscoring striker as it often appeared that a puff of wind would blow him over. He was, though, incredibly strong and brave and for a relatively short man amazingly good with his head with the rare ability to hover

in the air while defenders were on their way back down.

Matt played in 32 League games in that 1969-70 campaign, scoring 11 goals without which the Hatters would not have won promotion to Division Two (now the Championship) and I am sure that Malcolm Macdonald would not have gone on to greater things without the tutelage he enjoyed during the year he and Matt played together.

Matt played three games in the early part of the following season but then lost his place to Don Givens before returning to his spiritual home of Blundell Park where it all began for him and where he holds well deserved legendary status.

It is sad to hear that Matt has not been well of late but during his recent television appearance it was heartening to hear that he fondly remembered his time at Luton.

As the Oak Road end at Luton used to warble, 'Matt Tees is a goal machine' ■

Although Matt Tees' name is synonymous with Grimsby Town, the Scottish striker played for Charlton Athletic and Luton Town between spells at Blundell Park. Luton's Club Historian, **Roger Wash**, shares his memories of the Johnstone-born front man.

## GORDON TURNER & ALLAN BROWN

Long-serving inside-forward Gordon Turner holds Luton Town's all-time goalscoring record. Signing professional at Kenilworth Road in March 1950, he featured in Luton's 1951-52 FA Cup run and 1952-53 promotion near-miss. He was leading marksman seven times, including 1954-55 when ever-present as they won promotion to the top-flight, also representing the Football League. Netting 243 goals in 406 League outings for the Hatters, he briefly reunited with Jesse Pye at Wisbech Town in July 1964, then played for Kettering Town, Dunstable and Bletchley. He lived and worked locally until his death in December 1976.

Ex-Scotland international Allan Brown was a player and manager at Luton Town. He was a Scottish Cup finalist with East Fife shortly before joining Blackpool in December 1950, moving to Luton in February 1957. Appearing in the 1959 FA Cup final, he netted 51 goals in 151 League games, joining Portsmouth in March 1961. He helped win the Third Division title in 1961-62, then was Wigan's player-boss and Luton's manager from November 1966 until December 1968, plotting their 1967-68 Fourth Division title triumph. Later managing Torquay, Bury, Nottingham Forest, Southport and Blackpool, he died in April 2011.



# DEADLY DUOS

Football historian Leigh Edwards profiles five notable post-war Luton Town goalscoring partnerships

## MALCOLM MACDONALD & DON GIVENS

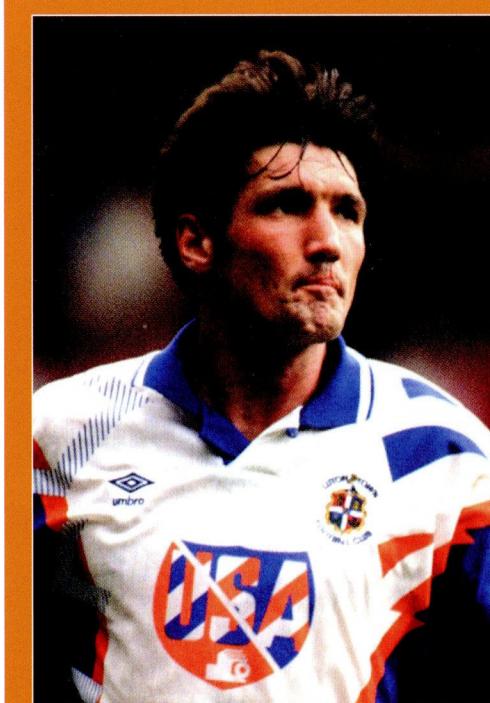
Ace marksman Malcolm Macdonald was capped 14 times by England after leaving Luton Town. Initially with Tonbridge, he joined Fulham in August 1968 and moved to Kenilworth Road in July 1969. He was Luton's top scorer in two consecutive seasons including their 1969-70 promotion success and netted 49 goals in 88 League games before being sold to Newcastle United for £180,000 in May 1971. An FA Cup finalist in 1974, he joined Arsenal for £330,000 in August 1976 and was an FA Cup finalist again in 1978 before injury ended his career. He managed Fulham and Huddersfield Town and now works in the media.

Republic of Ireland international striker Don Givens was ever-present for Luton Town in 1971-72. Starting with Manchester United, he joined Luton in April 1970 and formed a lethal partnership with Malcolm Macdonald, netting 19 goals in 83 League outings before joining QPR in July 1972. He starred as they won promotion in 1972-73, then were League Championship runners-up in 1975-76. Joining Birmingham City in August 1978, he later appeared for Sheffield United, then was player and coach with leading Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax. He had a spell as Arsenal's youth coach before managing Republic of Ireland U-21's.

## DAVID MOSS & BOB HATTON

Winger David Moss was Luton Town's top scorer in two consecutive seasons. Initially with hometown Witney, he joined Swindon Town in July 1969 and was twice leading marksman before moving to Luton for £110,000 in May 1978. He featured prominently in their 1981-82 Second Division title triumph and was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1984-85, netting 88 goals in 221 League games for the Hatters prior to rejoining Swindon in July 1985. Later with Trowbridge Town, he coached under Brian Horton at Oxford United, Manchester City and Huddersfield Town. He has since been chief scout of Liverpool's Academy.

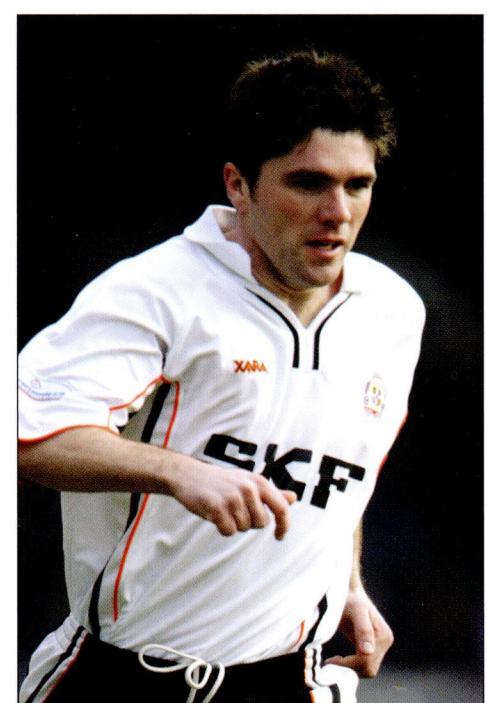
Much-travelled striker Bob Hatton missed just one match for Luton Town in two consecutive seasons. Initially with Wolves, he had spells at Bolton Wanderers and Northampton prior to joining Carlisle United in July 1969. He starred as they were League Cup semi-finalists in 1969-70, then joined Birmingham City in October 1971 and helped to clinch top-flight status that season. Moving to Blackpool in July 1976, he was leading marksman in 1977-78 and joined Luton in July 1978. He netted 29 goals in 82 League games before joining Sheffield United in July 1980, then Cardiff City, becoming director of sales for the PFA.



## BRIAN STEIN & MICK HARFORD

England international striker Brian Stein scored twice in Luton Town's 1988 League Cup final triumph. Moving to Kenilworth Road from Edgware Town in October 1977, he was leading marksman in Luton's 1981-82 Second Division success and also starred as they were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88. He joined Caen in July 1988 and moved via Annecy back to Luton in July 1991. Voted their 'Player of the Year' for the second time in 1991-92, he netted 130 goals in 427 League games overall before joining Barnet in August 1992, helping win promotion in 1992-93. His brother Mark also played for Luton.

England international striker Mick Harford played for Luton Town in two consecutive League Cup finals including their 1988 Wembley triumph. Signing professional for Lincoln City in July 1977, he had spells with Newcastle United, Bristol City and Birmingham City prior to joining Luton in December 1984. He starred as the Hatters were FA Cup semi-finalists in 1984-85 and 1987-88, moving to Derby County in January 1990 and returning to Luton in September 1991. Joining Chelsea in August 1992, he then played for Sunderland, Coventry City and Wimbledon. He has since been coach and manager back at Luton.



## STEVE HOWARD & TONY THORPE

Striker Steve Howard topped Luton Town's goalscoring charts in five successive seasons. Initially with Tow Law, he joined Hartlepool United in August 1995 and moved to Northampton Town for £120,000 in February 1999. He starred in their 1999-2000 promotion campaign, joining Luton for £50,000 in March 2001. A key figure as the Hatters won promotion in 2001-02 and League One title in 2004-05, he scored 95 goals in 212 League outings before sold to Derby County for £1,000,000 in July 2006. He helped win promotion in 2006-07 and joined Leicester for £1,500,000 in January 2008, then returned to Hartlepool.



Striker Tony Thorpe was leading marksman as Luton Town qualified for the Second Division play-offs in 1996-97. A former Leicester City trainee, he reunited with David Pleat at Luton in August 1992 and was also top scorer in 1997-98. He joined Fulham for £800,000 in February 1998 and helped them reach the play-offs that season. Sold to Bristol City for £1,000,000 in June 1998, he was top scorer three times prior to rejoining Luton in July 2002 after two loan spells. He netted 70 goals in 164 League games overall before moving to QPR in August 2003, then Swindon, Colchester, Stevenage, Grimsby and Tamworth.

**GRIMSBY TOWN** 1  
Matt

**NEWPORT COUNTY** 2  
Wilmott, Nouble

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**T**he Mariners' winless run stretched to seven matches after a 2-1 home defeat by Newport County at Blundell Park. Town fell behind on 19 minutes when Robbie Willmott fired home from the edge of the box and only a goal-line clearance by Zak Mills prevented former Mariner Padraig Amond from doubling the lead. County doubled their advantage on 56 minutes when Frank Nouble found space on the left-hand side and saw his deflected home from inside the area. Town responded with ten minutes to go when Jamille Matt bundled home from close-range but the substitute striker was sent off in the last minute to end any hope of a Mariners' comeback. ■



## THE TEAMS



33 Kean  
12 Mills  
05 Clarke  
14 Osborne  
02 Davies  
27 Dembele  
19 Summerfield  
07 Berrett  
25 Woolford  
21 Vernon  
34 Vernam



01 Day  
02 Pipe  
28 Demetriou  
06 White  
03 Butler  
08 Dolan  
04 Labadic  
17 Bennett  
10 Nouble  
09 Amond  
07 Willmott



**SUBS:** Dixon, Collins, Rose, Jones (Davies 90), Jaiyesimi (Woolford 67), Matt (Vernon 67), Killip



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10 Nouble  
09 Amond  
07 Willmott

**SUBS:** Tozer (Dolan 79), McCoulsky (Willmott 85), Reid (Labadic 84), Bittner, Shechan, Hayes, Collins

## MATCH STATS

### POSSESSION



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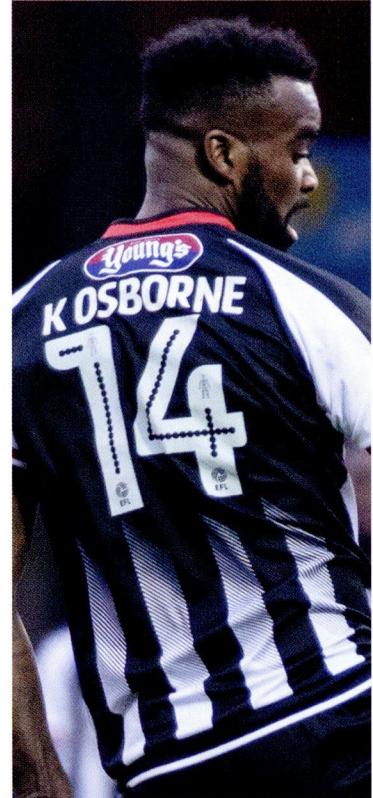
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# FEATURE INTERVIEW: KARLEIGH OSBORNE

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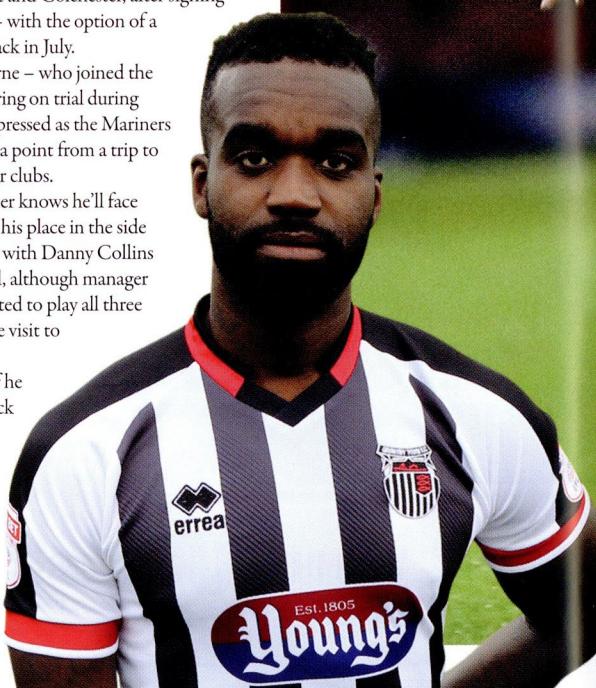
**K**arleigh Osborne is aiming to tie down a place in Grimsby Town's XI – but the defender certainly won't be found complaining if he's made to wait for his next start.

The 29-year-old made has started the previous two league games for the Mariners, against Newport and Colchester, after signing a one-year deal – with the option of a further year – back in July.

And Osborne – who joined the club after appearing on trial during pre-season – impressed as the Mariners came away with a point from a trip to one of his former clubs.

The defender knows he'll face competition for his place in the side at Blundell Park with Danny Collins also in the squad, although manager Russell Slade opted to play all three defenders for the visit to Colchester.

But, even if he finds himself back on the bench this weekend, Osborne will be ready to fully back his team mates – just as they've backed him so far.



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**WE'RE ALL THE SAME, WE'RE ALL HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS AND WE WANT TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING !!**

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"The great thing about this changing room is you know everyone is supporting each other, whether they're playing or not at any particular time," Osborne said.

"I'm no different. I want the team to do well, because then we all do well."

"It hasn't been frustrating for me so far – of course, I want to play every game, but at the same time I understand that it's a squad game."

"The last two games I was called upon, so I did what I felt was needed and tried to do whatever I could for the team."

"We're all the same, we're all hungry for success and we want to achieve something. It doesn't matter who's starting, we all want to give 100 per cent for the cause."

After his performance against Colchester though, it will certainly be difficult for Mariners boss Russell Slade to drop the former Plymouth and Bristol City defender.

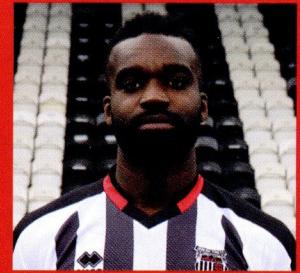
Osborne is happy with his most recent outings in the black and white shirt, and he'll be aiming for more of the same this weekend.

"I thought I did alright, I just tried to give everything I could for the team and do my bit."

"It's a squad game at the end of the day, it's not just the 11 players. Everyone has to get involved – whether it's the 11 that start on a Saturday, whoever's on the bench, and so on."

"We've got a really good changing room with some really good talent, but we've got a really good togetherness as well, and we want to go out there and achieve something this season."

Osborne also spoke of the impact that manager Russell Slade and assistant Paul Wilkinson had on his decision to join the Mariners.



**KARLEIGH OSBORNE**

**Position:**  
Defender

**DOB:**  
19.03.88 | Southall

**Career:**  
Brentford, Hayes (L), Oxford United (L), Eastbourne Borough (L), Millwall, Bristol City (2 (1L)), Colchester United (L), AFC Wimbledon (L), Plymouth Argyle, Kilmarnock, Grimsby Town

**GTFC Apps: 9 | Goals: 0**

He said: "I came up here for an initial meeting and the manager laid out his objectives to me."

"It took a couple of days to get the contract sorted but that gave me time to get to know the lads – they were brilliant and were very welcoming."

"The gaffer and Wilko were both a massive impact on me. They have a great ambition for the club and they spoke volumes of me as a player and how they could get me back to my best."

"Unfortunately my spells at Plymouth and Kilmarnock didn't work out for me but coming to Grimsby has enabled me to have a fresh start."

And the former Millwall man believes that the draw at Colchester was a good way of getting the Mariners back on track.

"I thought we deserved all three points," he declared.

"We were on top for most of the game but the main thing was to come away with something and that sets up nicely for today's game against Luton."

"It is a game everyone is looking forward to. They're doing well at the top of the league and no doubt they'll bring a big following, so no doubt they'll be a good atmosphere here, which the players like playing in front of." ■

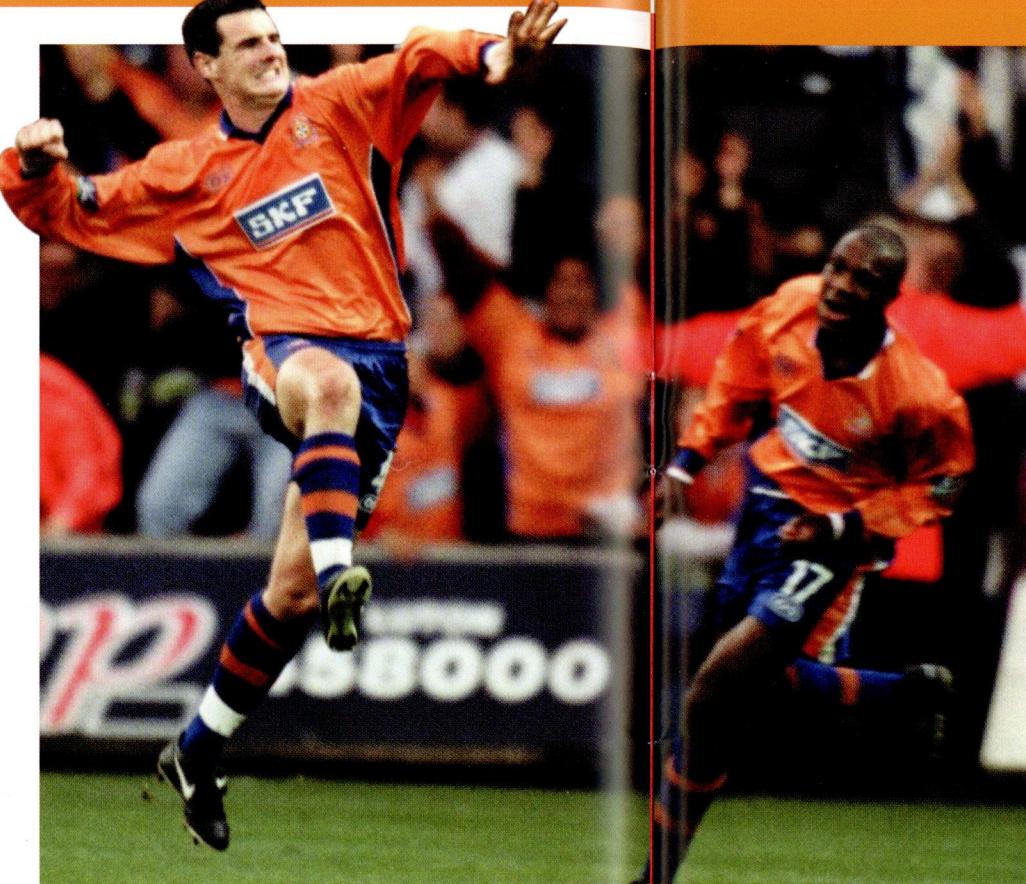
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# KITS OF LUTON TOWN

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I'm going to come clean straight away here and admit that I've been looking forward to writing about Luton's shirts. There's just so much to look at; some good, some bad but there really aren't very many bland, boring shirts.

The Hatters are one of those clubs who have changed their colours quite often over their 130-odd years. While most of us will associate Luton with orange with white trim or vice-versa, actually those colours have only been in use for a relatively short period of time. Their most used colours are actually plain white shirts with black shorts but the more recent, vivid designs tend to stick in the mind more than plain white shirts.



## BEST HOME SHIRT

I thought I knew the answer to this before I started researching Hatters' kits. I asked Luton fan Simon Holden for his thoughts on this, expecting him to confirm my choice and he instead sent me a photo of Brian Stein (who would of course join us at Town some years later) wearing the 1979-80 shirt by Adidas. Lovely isn't it? An absolutely gorgeous kit and because of this I am going to have to pick two shirts. (I can do that, I make the rules!)

My first choice is the orange Admiral design worn from 1974 to 1979. There were slight changes to the kit over this period – mainly the socks - but the basic shirt remained the same. It's also a great reason to include a picture of Mariner legend Paul Futcher, a name which will evoke memories for fans of both teams. God bless you, Futch and rest in peace.



Many thanks to Luton fan Simon Holden for his help with this article



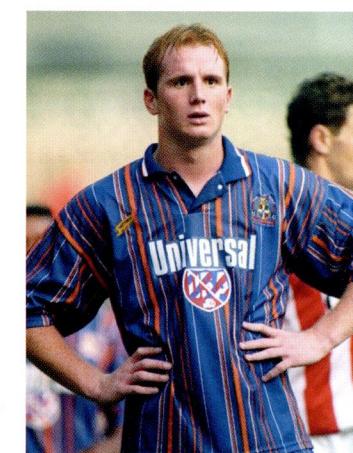
## WORST HOME SHIRT

Picking out what is Luton's worst home shirt was easy for me and when I asked Simon for his thoughts, he picked the exact same shirt. The nineties was a decade of excess when it came to kit design – unnecessary trim, fading, pinstripes, checks and patterning - and so I always check these shirts first when researching these articles. Luton's 1991-92 kit, designed by Umbro certainly doesn't disappoint, shoehorning in pretty much every idea from (what might have been, but probably wasn't) a drink and drugs-fuelled, late night brainstorming session.

Look at it! Zigzags, flashes, hatching... How did it ever look good to someone at the time? Shirt collectors might argue that the two previous seasons were even worse (they too were awful) but I'm sticking with this one.

## WORST AWAY SHIRT

The choice of the worst Luton away shirt is another one which we agreed on; the 1994-95 design by Hatter (an in-house effort I believe) was hideous. While the



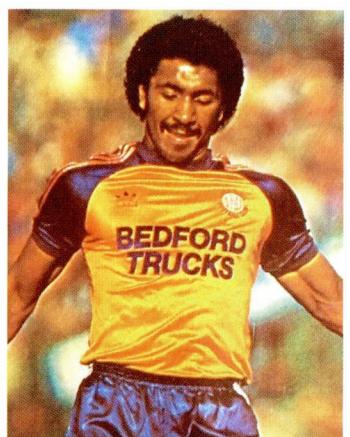
home shirt for that season was relatively inoffensive, despite pinstripes and coloured sleeves making it look a little like a baseball, the away shirt was another matter altogether.

I love striped shirts (of course) but there are some clear rules which need to be adhered to. Firstly, pinstripes are rubbish and so stripes should be uniform and quite broad, else your shirt will look like a barcode. The second rule is that the number of colours used should be kept to a minimum. Both of these rules were clearly ignored when someone drank far too much and designed this kit.

Here's John Hartson wearing the shirt, clearly upset at having to wear it and wondering whether they had one in his size (they didn't, all shirts were far too big back then).

## BEST AWAY SHIRT

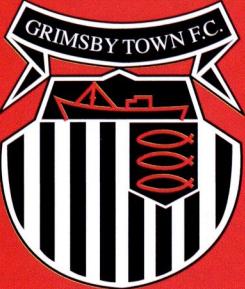
Luton have a tendency to swap their home and away colours and therefore one season's away kit can look pretty similar to a previous season's home kit. To the casual observer it's all quite confusing and again I needed to take some advice on this.



I had originally picked out the 1992-93 design by DMF, mainly because it looked so different from anything else – broad stripes matching salmon pink and plum – but the shirt which Simon suggested to me makes a lot more sense.

The 1982-83 design by Adidas is simple but effective and could easily have been used as a home shirt. This was the shirt worn as Luton won their battle against relegation from the 1st division with a late winner, away at Man City. If you were a football fan at the time, then regardless of the team you support you will remember manager David Pleat dancing across the Maine Road turf. A lovely moment. ■

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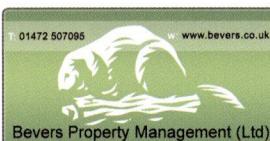
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**A**warm welcome to the travelling supporters of Luton today.

Today's game has been designated as a Sporting Memories fixture and we hope the weather forecast is kind enough to showcase a number of retro shirts from supporters of both sides.

Whilst we can't speak for Luton Town, there have been some classic Mariners kits over the years for a variety of reasons - from the 1998 double winning Wembley shirt to some of the Ciba-Geigy shirts from the 1990s.

There seems to have been a real revival in retro kits in the last couple of years and so we hope we see plenty of them on show today to support such an important cause.

This week the Mariners Trust launched its supporter survey. We've been talking about this for quite some time now because we believe that the fans have a real say in the future direction the Trust takes.

We'd encourage all supporters -

those who are Trust members as well as those who are not - to complete the survey and let us know their opinions on some of the big issues as well as how we can progress forward and improve.

Included in the survey is whether we should support the Checkatrade Trophy next season as well as asking fans to give their opinions on the Trust's place on the club's board of directors.

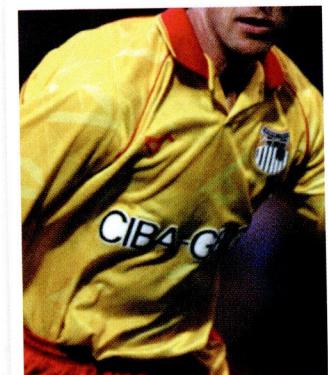
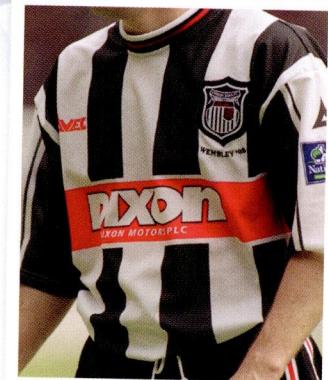
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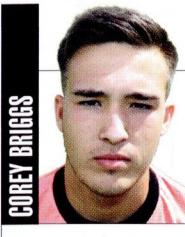
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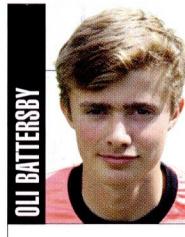
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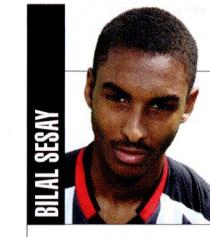
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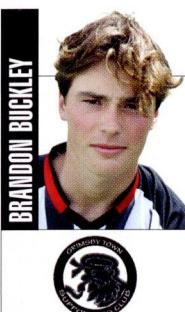
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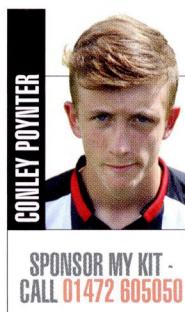
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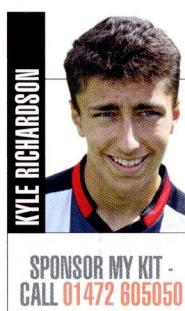


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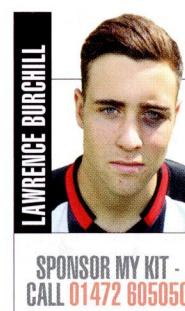
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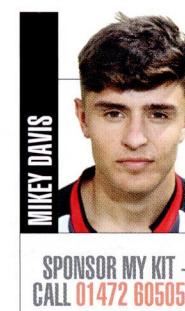
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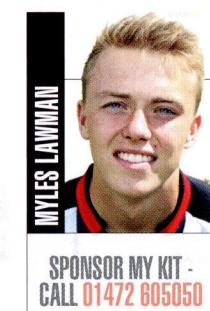
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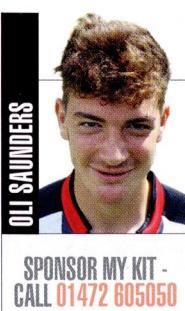
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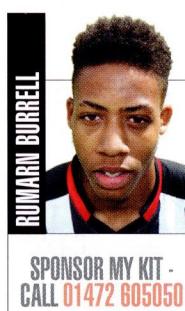
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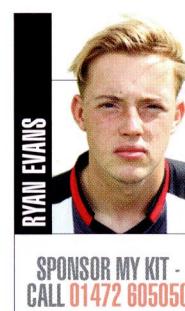
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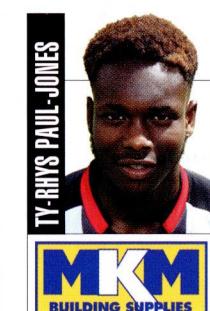
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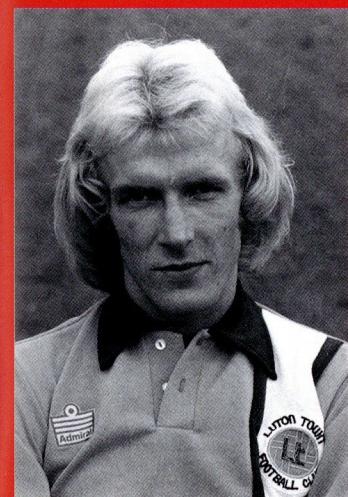
Dave Roberts writes about the late, great Paul Futcher, who's fondly remembered by both Grimsby and Luton fans.

**W**hen the Hatters won promotion back to the top flight in 1974, Luton's manager Harry

Haslam signed 17 year-old Paul Futcher from Chester City for a club record fee. The eventual fee agreed was £100,000 for the teenager who, according the Chester manager Ken Roberts, was certain to play for England.

Futcher made his debut in central defence for a struggling Hatters side at Chelsea in December 1974 where he played with a maturity which belied his tender years, stroking the ball around like a veteran. Paul was joined at Luton Town by his twin brother Ron for £25,000 and the fun then really started as all balls played out of defence by Paul seemed to home in on Ron. The Hatters almost escaped the drop that season and fans were left wondering what may have happened if the Futcher twins had been given their chance earlier in the campaign.

Hatters Chief Executive Gary Sweet remembers watching Futcher in his second season as a Luton Town supporter. "Paul was simply a class above. He joined in my second full season as a fan and became an



instant hero of mine. He was up there with the very best I've ever seen play for the Club and has remained there. Paul was a silky, rock-steady defender who had such amazing technical ability and, more than anything, a cool-head that left thousands in awe. He will live long in the memory of anyone who saw him play," he said.

Paul continued to earn rave reviews in Division Two (now the Championship) and became a regular in the England under-21 set-up. His abilities caught the eye of many scouts and in 1978 the transfer speculation ended when he signed for Manchester City for £350,000. Thirteen years later in 1991, 'Futch' was signed by Mariners boss Alan Buckley from Halifax Town for a bargain £10,000, having just sold Andy Tilson to QPR for £500,000. Most fans, including myself, thought at the time that there was no way a 35 year-old could improve us... but how wrong we were!

When Paul signed, Town were second placed in what is now League One - so it seemed a massive risk. Fans needn't have worried though, as his class and composure shone through and he quickly became a crowd favourite. He proved to be an instrumental part of the team that won promotion to Division 2 (now Championship); secured with the memorable last day victory against Exeter City.

Despite his advancing years, Futcher played some of what must have been the best football of his career the following season. There were concerns that the 36 year-old wouldn't be able to hold his own against strikers from a higher division, but Futch took the step up in his stride. His positional sense, calmness, passing ability and leadership were a joy to watch and quite rightly he is still revered by many as one of the club's best ever post-war players.

My own fondest memory is from an away game against Ipswich Town towards the end of 1991-92 season. There were just four games to go and Ipswich needed a win to secure promotion, whilst we were

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flirting with relegation. A crowd of 22,393 packed into Portman Road expecting to see a big victory but Futch had other ideas. A majestic display by him and others secured a fantastic 0-0 draw and a vital point. I remember towards the end of the 90 minutes, after sustained Ipswich pressure, Futch picked the ball up half way in their half, but rather than lose possession, he turned back and very slowly worked the ball back to Paul Reecce in goal. Town fans cheered as if we had just scored! Can you imagine what the Ipswich fans' reaction was like?

In November 2016 Paul was taken far too young but the memories for Mariners and Hatters will be treasured forever. ■



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# THE MAIN STAND

116 years old and still going strong. **Andy Freeman** examines the sights, sounds and smells you're sure to find in The Main Stand.

**T**he Mariners arrived at Blundell Park in 1899 and the opening of the Main Stand on 3rd September, 1901, coincided with their arrival in Division One. And it's still there 116 years later, the oldest wooden stand in England and probably the world.

It's still a shock to walk along Harrington Street, a long row of tidy terraced houses and suddenly find the tiny gap, no wider than the average suburban driveway that marks the main entrance to the ground.

It's here that countless players have reported for duty, signing autographs but keen to get changed and get on with the game. The very place where part-time Alec 'Ginger' Hall of the famous midfield of Buck, Betmead and Hall used to sling his bike under the stand and be out on the pitch in two minutes. Jimmy Carmichael, Tim Coleman, Joe Robson, Pat Glover... just names and photographs to me but still a part of my 'matchday experience'.

It's only two o'clock but many Main Stand regulars are early birds, waiting for kick off gives them time to re-absorb the surroundings and the occasion. They meet up with handshakes and joshing, good-natured slaps on the shoulder and smiles. They stand around in small groups either near the pitch or marking out their own third generation season ticket area.

The conversation is routine. Weather, the car, health, work, before the serious stuff starts. 'Last week's away game. The new loan player's pedigree. Injuries. Who's in and who's on the bench.'

I move right to the back of the stand and sit where the red bucket seats give way to the old wooden benches. These planks are seriously solid, still coated in shipwrights' varnish with hand-painted stencilled numbers. I'm sure the smell of Woodbines and pipe tobacco still drifts under the roof up here.

'welcome-to-blundell-park-for-the-mariners-match-against...' the antiquated tannoy system blurs into life. Tinny outdated pop music where once we

had the Borough Prize Band, Havelock Concert Brass and the Marching Mariners: 'Blaze Away', 'Colonel Bogie', and 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines'.

The Grimsby players start to walk and jog out from the dressing rooms below. Laughing and joking, teasing, chatting. They start to stretch gently, roll their shoulders and prepare.

And the Kiddy players feel the salt in the North-Easter, hear the seagulls, gaze at the stark black and white panels in the Pontoon, look at their shivering, minuscule support...and are 1-0 down already.

Then it's down to business - watching a football match with perception and insight. No singing. No chanting, jeering or even that much shouting really in the Main Stand. Just the hum of a thousand muttered comments to your companions, your brothers, your daughter and sometimes to yourself.

Passing movements are approved of as is switching the play. 'Get it on the floor!' Strong tackling is applauded. Tricky wing play praised. Not tracking back noted.



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'They've got the measure of us' a woman behind me says just before the half time whistle. There's a smattering of applause but no frustration at the 0-0 scoreline. Patience is the Number One Main Stand virtue.

Grandma unclasps an heirloom flask and pours out steaming beverages. Coffee? Tea? Surely not Bovril.

I can faintly hear from the changing rooms underneath the stand the sound of half-time team talks: the squeak of chalk as Frank Womack runs through 'system' and strategy: the clipped tones of fitness enthusiast and disciplinarian Bill Shankly: our celebrity manager, Allenby Chilton: the magic softly spoken touch of former guardsman Lawrie McMenemy: silence from the old pros as Mick Lyons makes another bizarre team change: Alan

The 1950's floodlights come on. Songs and chants from the Pontoon and the Findus are not taken up. Apart from the unique, heart-warming 'Maaa-rii-ners'. Where did that come from? The sound of a seagull? A link with work and tradition and Grim and Havelock who struggled ashore not a hundred yards from here. The reason for the town's existence. A three syllable poem.

A father and son in front of me sit silently, patiently with remarkable intensity following the ball and the players in possession. Mints of some sort pass between them every ten minutes or so. Father's in his 70's, son in his 50's. And when 'Podge' Amond finally breaks the tension with a headed goal worthy of Matt Tees, they stand and rather wonderfully shake hands.

We've grown to really like this set of players, most of whom have the talent to play at a much higher level. Will we remember them as easily as local journalist Jack Waterman who in his 1978 article in The Listener wrote about the 1933-34 team 'whose names I could , and can still, recite far better than the litany: Tweedy, Kelly and Jacobson; Hall, Betmead and Buck; Dyson, Bestall, Glover, Craven and Lewis.'

It starts to rain more heavily as the ground quickly empties and I walk back to the car. How do I feel? Euphoric? Quietly optimistic? No disrespect to the likes of Chelsea and their claim to have 400 million fans worldwide but would any one of them have gained more pleasure from a game of football than me in our 1-0 victory in the National League on a wet Saturday in that old steam trawler of a football ground, Blundell Park, and that unique Main Stand? ■



I walk down to pitch side and am surprised to realise how blustery the wind is and how strongly the rain is falling. It does help to explain the unusual lack of accuracy in Town's passing.

And of course the steaming golden rivulets gush down the metal troughs in the urinals, down into that vast subterranean reservoir near the centre of the earth. Hewitts Golden Ale had a similar colour and texture, if not taste, I was once informed.

Buckley, forceful and certain, with that grating Midlands accent: and today's honest Paul Hurst exhorting the team to 'keep us shape'.

In the away dressing room 'Dixie' Dean, Denis Compton, Tommy Lawton, Ted Drake, Stanley Matthews, Peters, Hurst and Bobby Moore and the others sip tea and perhaps draw on a medicinal Capstan Full Strength before preparing to defend the Pontoon.



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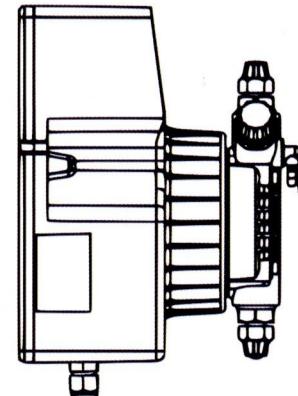
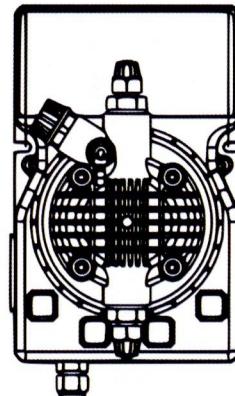
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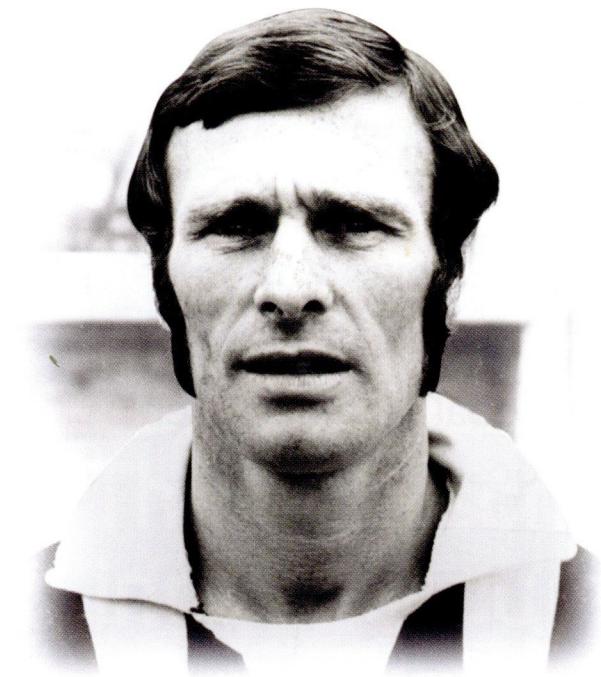
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# MATT TEES THE SECOND COMING

By Gordon Wilson

**T**he Mariners' multitude swelled from five to seven thousand to witness the return of Matt Tees to Blundell Park in November 1970. He fed them a 26th minute goal against Cambridge United that made it seem as if he had never been away. It was a goal that marked the beginning of a resurrection in the fortunes of Grimsby Town Football Club and a remarkable swansong in the career of one of the club's greatest heroes.

The return of the Redeemer made Evening Telegraph front-page news on Bonfire Night 1970 and he was feted within days for his six-yard header. "YOU MUST BELIEVE IN FAIRY TALES AFTER THIS" cried the back page of Monday's paper. A Mike Hickman nod

from a Dave Boylen cross had created the opportunity. Within half an hour of his second Town debut, Tees was part of a combination that, including Stuart Brace, would become the stuff of legend.

"I was playing well when I left and I hope to be able to knock a few in," he told the press on his return.

Chairman Paddy Hamilton said of Tees that the increased gate and the debut goal had recouped the £5,000 it cost to bring the popular Scot back from Luton Town. However exaggerated that compliment might have been, the fee was to prove both risky and inspired. Tees' ten goals in 23 appearances were to mark him as the saviour of the fortunes of a club in trouble. The Mariners narrowly avoided a second application for re-election in two years before having to go publicly, and

unsuccessfully, cap in hand to the local council for financial assistance during the close-season. And of the twenty four clubs that started the next season in Division Four, nine have since been relegated to non-league football, seven of them never to return.

The unassuming modesty of the softly spoken Scot prevents him from saying much about his part in the club's salvation. Typically he has only this to say of his return:

"The Luton Chairman said to me 'Grimsby have come in for you. They liked you up there didn't they? Would you like to go back?' I said I would. We'd always liked it up here, and the folk as well. We often used to visit friends when we played here so I was definitely interested in coming back."



Lawrie McMenemy replaced player manager Bobby Kennedy and brought about a miracle with Tees at the heart of it. McMenemy has famously spoken of his misgivings on setting eyes on Tees in the dressing room after his first training session. "I looked around for potential trouble and my eyes fell on this fellow. He was older than the others. Ten stone wet through and smoking a pipe. He had legs like pipe-cleaners and didn't look strong enough. He could hardly stand up.

Matt laughs this off to destroy the myth of that first meeting. "Ah that was just him having a joke. That's just one of his cracks for his speeches. He's a very funny man."

But if he can deny that piece of folklore he could not do the same for the rest of The Big Man's appreciation of Tees. "Matt was a bloody marvel, a great character that the crowd loved, and he repaid them in full!"

Indeed he did. Twenty-seven goals led the march to the Championship. Any initial doubts about the value of the slender Scot were dispelled as Matt spearheaded the Mariners attack in an August goal-scoring frenzy that began

with a 7-1 friendly victory over Japan in which Tees bent his knees to head a low rebound off the keeper into the net. Then in the opening league encounter he scored a hat-trick in a 4-1 drubbing of local rivals and subsequent promotion partners Scunthorpe United. A close range header in the sixth minute and a flying header at the Osmond End set him on the way to be followed by an opportunistic snatch after another had been disallowed. Four days later his soaring header was one of four conceded by Doncaster in a seven-goal League Cup thriller. A sliding goal helped Town to another 4-3 win, this time at Exeter, before Tees scored Town's only goal in a home draw with Workington. One month. 5 games. 20 goals. 7 from Tees.

One of the most exciting seasons in the history of the club was underway.

Matt acknowledges the importance of McMenemy's influence in generating excitement and interest in the club during that remarkable season. "He brought a lot of people back to Blundell Park. Taking the team into the supporters' own environment was a good thing. He would take us to supporters' meetings as far away as Brigg and Skegness where we'd listen to

the fans and talk about the game. They'd be over the moon."

"Going on to the docks and meeting folk at work was a great gesture. I wasn't very happy at being there at six o'clock in the morning, mind, but it was great public relations. He was much loved and deserved it."

Matt does not recall any particular motivational qualities that McMenemy used on him other than an occasional reminder that he'd gone a few games without a goal. "And that wasn't a problem really as we weren't losing and others were scoring goals anyway, like Mike and Bracey."

One such rare goal drought was the seven-match spell between Christmas and late February. Tees got back on target with Town's fourth of the game against Northampton, but it is the third that bring laughter and a sparkle to his eye as he recalls the events leading up to Stuart Brace's penalty conversion. "Alan Starling was the goalkeeper. He was an old mate of mine. We'd played together at Luton. Goalkeepers weren't allowed to move much then so I was standing in front of him to restrict him. 'Do you want it then?'

he said and held the ball up to my face and said, 'Have it then.' And I fell over. For a joke you know. Well, I was as surprised as anybody when the referee awarded a penalty. I was shocked. And then Bracey scored. It was a good penalty."

By 2 May 1972 when Exeter City arrived to complete a rearranged fixture Town needed a draw to clinch the Division Four Championship. Eighty five goals had been scored, more than anywhere in the Football League that season, the bulk provided by Tees, Brace and Hickman.

Matt is typically generous in acknowledging the importance of his fellow marksmen to his own tally. "Mike's [Hickman] was the hardest part. He was the ball winner, the provider, the ninety-minute runner. He took all of the knocks and I reaped the benefits of all of his hard work."

"Stuart [Brace] provided the pace. He was a mind reader who always seemed to know what I was doing. We always seemed to know what the other was doing, where we were – we anticipated each other."

Similar praise is given to Dave Boylen. "He used to keep us all ticking over. He provided all of the opportunities from midfield."

Matt is reluctant to dwell on his own special talents. While unassumingly recognising them as "heading" and "timing" he prefers to stress other factors. "A lot of the time it's luck. You have to rely on the run of the ball, the pace of the ball, the delivery of the ball and that's usually down to someone else. But it's more than this. That season the whole team built a confidence and that grew from a mutual reliance on each other."

Such confidence and mutuality brought the team to Tuesday, 2 May 1972.

The Exeter City team coach required a police escort to get to Blundell Park through the crowds of people and cars on that night. 22,484 spectators were entertained before the game by the Athol Pipe Band. Trevor Symonds flew home from Australia for the match. Town needed a point to become Champions of Division Four. Such was the setting that the opposition faced that night. Lawrie McMenemy would later claim that it was the fans that won the game, that the team merely made up the numbers.

Matt recalls, "The Exeter players were frightened by the crowd and atmosphere. Some of them said they'd never felt anything like the pressure of that night. They wondered where the crowd had come from."

"We'd played Exeter earlier in the season, on a Saturday. The fog came in and the referee abandoned the game. It was



fate. The match was put back to the last game of the season. We had to win and we knew we would. If we won we were Champions. The atmosphere that night was fantastic. When you went on to the park you could feel it. It was electric. And those supporters on the Barrett Stand roof! During the warm-up we were talking to each other and saying, 'We can't lose tonight.'

"You couldn't get that at Blundell Park again. Not 23,000 like that. For

excitement and atmosphere it was probably the greatest and most memorable game I played in." This from one who had played in glorious Blundell Park League Cup fourth round draw against European Cup Winners Cup Holders, West Ham United featuring the future World Cup Winning trio of Moore, Peters and Hurst in 1965.

"I don't recall the lead up to the game. We tried to keep calm and not think do this - do that. We tried to treat it like any other match."

Does Matt remember the goal that set everything rolling? "I can! The ball came across in the air and I jumped up and headed it in. That's it." Others remember that it was a scoop from Brace for a leaping Tees to head across the goal and into the far corner of the net. They also remember a toothless hero, arms aloft acknowledging the adulation of the masses. Exeter were overwhelmed as the anthems spilled over the roofs of the stands and into Cleethorpes streets. The turf was filled with supporters for the first time in years. And Matt the Messiah was chaired from the pitch on the shoulders of the faithful.

Hundreds remained in the Pontoon long after the game, reliving the marvels and the wonder, recalling among other

The next season was to be different. Away at Watford in January, Tees returned from a two-month injury lay-off to hammer an 82nd minute low shot across an advancing goalkeeper to win the game. It was his second of the match and it put Town on the fringe of the Third division promotion race. With sad irony, the Telegraph Sports editor Roy Line wrote, "Tees? Well what is there to add? His goals said it all. There still seems a lot of scoring life left in the lean wiry Scot." Matt would never score for Grimsby again. Further injury restricted him to only six more games. His last appearance was at home in the final game of the season when the Telegraph reported he "played with all his old fire... getting a rare old buffeting from

There have of course been other strikers to grace The Park and excite the faithful. Donovan, Drinkell, Lund, Wilkinson, Mendonca have all proved successfully creative and productive though none have been as prolific or gained the affections of the fans in the way of the man from Johnstone. And the affection is returned. "This is a good place. There are lovely people here. Even when we moved away to London we always intended coming back here sometime." Matt is modestly aware of the esteem with which he is remembered by many; and delighted and amazed to hear that there are men walking local streets who were named after him by devoted fathers.

The second coming only lasted



things the fierce and soaring Tees header that didn't find the net. The second goal, fantastically reminiscent of the first of his second coming, a Tees nod down from a Boylen cross for the great hearted Hickman to score. And Lew Chatterley's third, that fired the crowd whose cheers rent the air.

He's not really surprised that Grimsby folk still linger on the memories of that great season. "I think people should remember. People speak to me about that season, the older ones." He echoes his words to a Telegraph reporter on the night. "What a wonderful night. The crowd were fantastic. Being out there and hearing 20,000 chant 'Mariners' and 'Champions' was something we'll always remember."

the Plymouth defence." The back page bore a picture of an airborne Tees flying header, neck and leg sinews tensed, being foiled by the goalkeeper's perfect positioning.

In his end of season "Mariners Log" Line observed that a major factor in the failure to win a second successive promotion had been the frequent absence of Matt Tees through injury. The report went on to acknowledge that there would be few players capable of emulating the fears of that goal-scoring machine.

In the following week, Matt Tees was given a free transfer by Grimsby Town on the same day that Manchester United released Denis Law and Bobby Charlton played his last game for Manchester United. Such is the symmetry that history sometimes provides.

for two and a half seasons. It brought 42 goals in 80 matches. It saw the club fortunes turned around. Near desperation turned to jubilation. It led to one of the most fantastic nights that Blundell Park has ever seen. And but for a chipped anklebone, it might have witnessed a double promotion to match any other the club has achieved.

Some will remember one of Matt's greatest fans, a man who would often be seen in his greatcoat, drunkenly circuiting the terraces or wandering along the railway after the game, roaring with his deep and gravelly voice the name of the Mariners' Messiah – TEEEEEES! TEEEEEES! I can hear it still. ■

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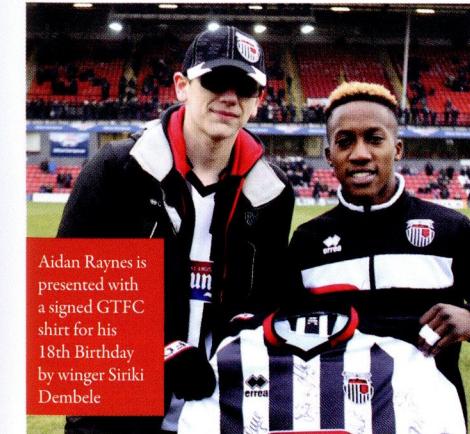
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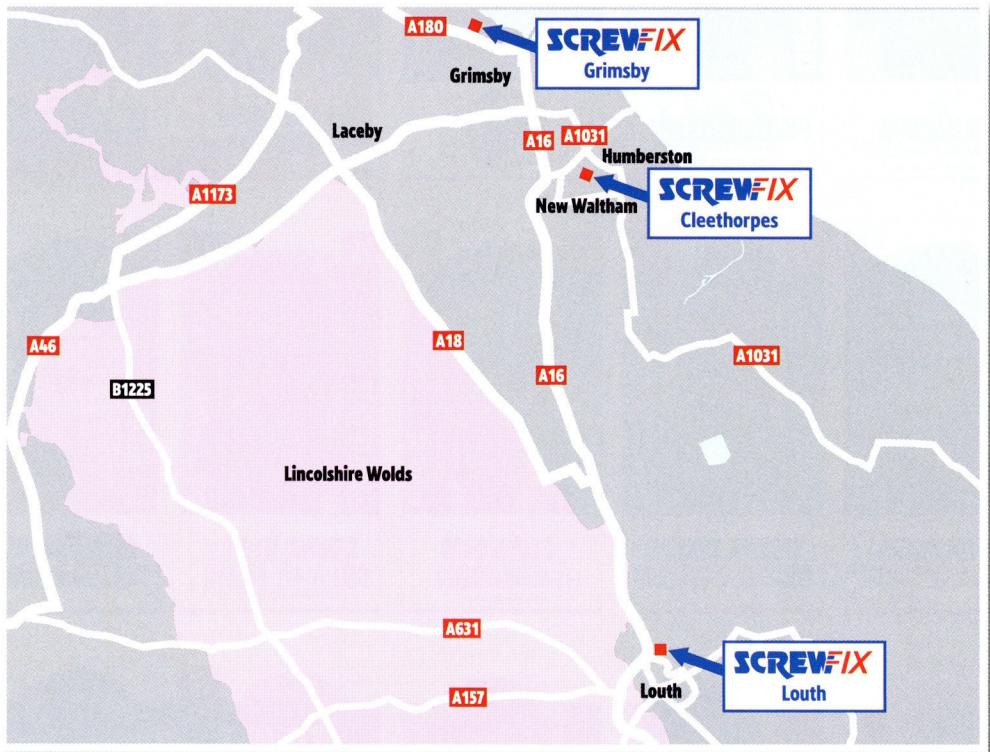
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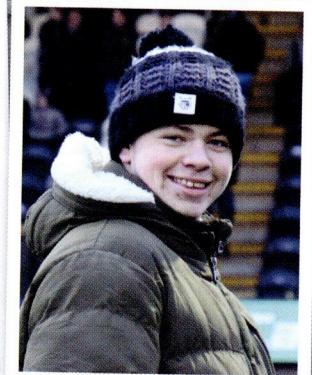
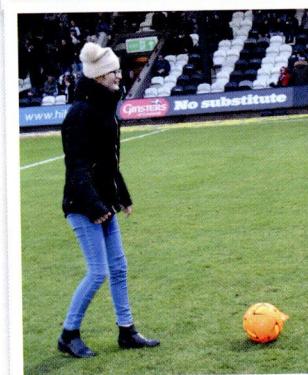


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At our last match Grimsby Town Sports and Educational Trust played host to several young people from Cambridge Park Laurus, which is a resource accessible to the mainstream school population based in the Academy's Cromwell Road campus. The Laurus offers secondary education to learners with Autistic Spectrum condition, Asperger Syndrome or Higher Function Autism.

The visitors from the Laurus had a brilliant time at the game. George Stansfield enjoyed playing on the pitch at half time and when Grimsby scored, Courtney Morgan liked meeting the players and taking penalties at half-time, Nikitia Sykes loved the football and can't wait to go again and Lewis Fletcher enjoyed the game, even though it was the refs fault we lost!

The GTSET are delighted our visitors had a good time and we look forward to seeing them at another game soon. ■



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## THE BOYS OF '98

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of our famous double-winning campaign back in 1997-98, this season we're going to feature a different player in every edition of *The Mariner*. This week we catch up with **Kevin Jobling**.

by Jonathan Byrne

**A**long-serving utility player that was part of the Mariners' double-promotion squad of 1990 and 1991, Kevin Jobling felt the 1997-98 gave him a fantastic Grimsby Town swansong.

"I was delighted to see Alan Buckley come back to the club because I thought I played my best football under him," he said.

"The 1996-97 season had been a tough one.

"I don't think I played as much as I should have done and we got relegated, so it was very disappointing all round.

"You wondered what the future might hold but Alan coming back gave us a real lift, especially the lads that had played under him before."

And Jobling spoke about how the manager was up front with him about his role in the new-look Grimsby Town squad.

"He sat me down and said about how he needed me to be an important part of the squad.

"If we were going to be successful then it was going to be a long season and he needed my versatility along the way.

"And I understood that, you had Macca (John McDermott) at right back and Macca is Macca – no one is ever going to dispute that.

"Gally (Tony Gallimore) came in for big money about 18 months prior, so he was going to be first-choice at left-back but Alan knew he could call on me when needed.

"And I had played in midfield for him and he knew we didn't have massive strength in depth there, so I was able to come in there when needed too."



Perhaps the highlight of the season for the Sunderland-born player was beating Leicester in the League Cup in October.

"Macca had been struggling with injury but when I was filling in for the midfield, Danny Butterfield came in and did well at right-back, so he got the nod for the Leicester game.

"Things weren't going well for us, they were a physical side and bullied us around a bit, so Alan

changed things around and then again at half-time – it was strange for us to go so direct.

"But the goal I scored was one of the things we used to work on all the time – the ball into the strikers and then the lay-off for a very delayed one-two.

"Kasey Keller came out really quickly but I did enough to get it past him – it was a real thrill to score against my old club."

And Kevin more than played his part in the Mariners' first trip to Wembley against Bournemouth in the Auto Windscreens Shield.

He recalled: "Again it was good management from Alan because he used his subs really well.

"We were a bit sloppy first-half and let them get in front, so he brought Kingsley Black on and moved Smudger (Dave Smith) to left-back, as we did when we were chasing games, and Livvo (Steve Livingstone) came on too.

"That left us with just one sub and they went into 90 minutes with all three available to them.

"We'd expended a lot of energy in the second-half and Wembley's pitch really saps your strength.

"So he brought me on for Lee Nogan, who had ran his socks off.

"It might seem a strange move bringing a defensive-minded player on for a striker when you're going out to win a game but there was a method to it.

"Kingsley went in behind Livvo, he could really work that hole behind the front man, and Smudger went back to the wing and I went in at left-back.

"And it was Livvo's pressing and defending from the front that got us the corner that Wayne Burnett scored from and then the rest is history."



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Fav Goal: Any by JJ Hooper!  
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Other Sport: Running  
Fascinating Fact: I appeared in a play at the Caxton Theatre



**HARRISON MOODIE**  
Age: 8  
School: Totternhoe Lower  
Fav Subject: PE  
First Game: 2011 aged two  
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